



Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan Development Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 38A (9) and Regulations 19 & 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

1. Summary:

- 1.1 Lichfield District Council decided by resolution of Cabinet on 8 June 2021 to make the Burntwood Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Burntwood Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.

2. Reasons for decision:

- 2.1 The Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions and its promotion process is compliant with legal and procedural requirements. Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum have voted in favour of the Plan being used to help decide planning applications in the area. The Plan was endorsed by more than the required threshold in the referendum on 6 May 2021.

3. Background:

- 3.1 On 18 December 2013 Burntwood Town Council requested that the Burntwood Neighbourhood Area be designated for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area. Following a six week consultation Lichfield District Council designated the Burntwood Neighbourhood Area on 8 April 2014.
- 3.2 In April 2018 Burntwood Town Council published the draft Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan for a minimum six week consultation, in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 which closed in June 2018.
- 3.3 The Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Town Council to Lichfield District Council in August 2019 for assessment by an Independent Examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 9 August 2019 and 20 September 2019 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). Mr Nigel McGurk BSc (Hons) MCD MBA MRTPI was appointed as the Independent Examiner and all comments received at the Local Authority publicity consultation were passed on for his consideration.

- 3.4 The Examiner's report concluded that, subject to modifications, the Burntwood Neighbourhood Plan met the necessary basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4b (8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and subject to these modifications being made it should proceed to referendum.
- 3.5 A referendum was held on Thursday 06 May 2021, 76% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended requires that the Council must make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

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