



Hammerwich 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 on 23 December 2021 to make the Hammerwich Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Hammerwich Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.
2. Reasons for decision:
 - 2.1 The Hammerwich 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 16 December 2021.
3. Background:
 - 3.1 In October 2014 Hammerwich Parish Council requested that the Hammerwich 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 Hammerwich Neighbourhood Area on 9 December 2014.
 - 3.2 In 2019 Hammerwich Parish Council published the draft Hammerwich Neighbourhood Plan for a six week consultation, in line with regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
 - 3.3 The Hammerwich Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council in March 2021 for assessment by an independent examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 24 March and 5 May 2019 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). John Slater BA (Hons), DMS, 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 Hammerwich 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 16 December 2021, 83% 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.

This decision statement can be viewed online on the [Lichfield District Council website](#).