



Alrewas 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 09/10/2018 to make the Alrewas Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Alrewas Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.

2. Reasons for decision:

- 2.1 The Alrewas 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 5 September 2018.

3. Background:

- 3.1 On 13 November 2013 Alrewas Parish Council requested that the Alrewas 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 Alrewas Neighbourhood Area on 19 February 2013.
- 3.2 In May 2014 Alrewas Parish Council published the draft Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan for a minimum six week consultation, in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 which closed in July 2014.
- 3.3 The Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council in February 2015 for assessment by an independent examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 6 March and 17 April 2015 (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. He concluded that, subject to

modifications, the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan will meet 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 may proceed to referendum.

- 3.4 Following the publication of the examiner's report Alrewas Parish Council resolved to withdraw the neighbourhood plan from examination in order to undertake further work and revise the plan to try and address the examiner's concern but still meet the aspirations of the community. Alrewas Parish Council informed the District Council of the withdrawal of the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan from examination on 11 February 2016. The District Council prepared a [withdrawal statement](#) which was published on the District Council's website. The District and Parish Council agreed that a revised plan would need to be submitted and consulted upon again in line with the regulations and any further examination would be undertaken by Mr Nigel McGurk to ensure consistency.
- 3.5 Following further work the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan was re-submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council in January 2018 for assessment by an Independent Examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 5 January 2018 and 27 February 2018 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). Mr Nigel McGurk was appointed as the Independent Examiner and all comments received at the Local Authority publicity consultation were passed on for his consideration.
- 3.6 The Examiner's report concluded that, subject to modifications, the Alrewas 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.
- 3.7 A referendum was held on Wednesday 5 September 2018, 94.5% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the turnout was 26.2%. 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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