



Little Aston 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

Lichfield District Council decided by resolution of Full Council on 19/04/16 to make the Little Aston Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Little Aston Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.

1. Reasons for decision:

The Little Aston 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 25/02/16.

2. Background:

2.1 On 20th November 2012 Shenstone Parish Council requested that the Little Aston 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 Stonnall Neighbourhood Area on 19th February 2013.

2.2 In November and December 2014 Shenstone Parish Council published the draft Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan for a six week consultation, in line with regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2.3 The Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council on 6th March 2015 for assessment by an independent examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 13th March and 24th April 2015 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). Ms Liz Beth BA (Hons) MA Dip Design in the Built Environment MRTPI was appointed as the Independent Examiner and all comments received at the Local Authority publicity consultation were passed on for her consideration.

2.4 The Examiner's report concluded that, subject to modifications, the Little Aston 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 should proceed to referendum.

2.5 A referendum was held on Thursday 25th February 2016, 89% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the turnout was 21.5%. 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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