



Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Development Plan

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Lichfield District Council decided by resolution of Full Council on 17 April 2018 to make the Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.

1. Reasons for decision:

The Whittington & Fisherwick 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 22 February 2018.

2. Background:

2.1 On 07 February 2014 Whittington & Fisherwick Parish Council requested that the Whittington & Fisherwick 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 Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Area on 08 April 2014.

2.2 In January 2017 Whittington & Fisherwick Parish Council published the draft Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan for a minimum six week consultation, in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 which closed in March 2017.

2.3 The Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council in July 2017 for assessment by an Independent Examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 28 July 2017 and 08 September 2017 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). Mr Nigel McGurk BA (Hons) MCD MBA 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 Whittington & Fisherwick 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.

2.5 A referendum was held on Thursday 22 February 2018, 90% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the turnout was 19.6%. 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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