



## **BLABY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT**

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1. Following a positive referendum result (on Thursday 01 February 2018), Blaby District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan part of Blaby District's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1. Blaby Parish Council (as the qualifying body) applied for Blaby Parish, in its entirety, to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 20 September 2013. Following a six week consultation on the application, Blaby District Council designated Blaby Parish as a Neighbourhood Area on 20 February 2014.
- 2.2. The Blaby Neighbourhood Plan submission version was submitted to the District Council who undertook the statutory consultation, in accordance with Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, between 27 April and 8 June 2017.
- 2.3. The District Council, with the agreement of Blaby Parish Council, appointed an Independent Examiner (Janet Cheesley) to assess whether the plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation; and whether it should proceed to referendum.
- 2.4. The examination into the Plan was carried out by written representations and the Examiner's report was issued on 6 November 2017. The report concluded that the Plan met the basic conditions and, subject to proposed modifications, that the Plan should proceed to referendum.

### **3. Decision and Reasons**

- 3.1. The referendum held on 1 February 2018 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It returned a 'yes' majority of 94.9%, to the question: 'do you want Blaby District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Blaby to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

3.2. The results of the referendum were:

<b>Description</b>		<b>Number</b>
Ballot Papers Issued		<b>1322</b>
Number cast in favour of a 'Yes'		<b>1255</b>
Number cast in favour of a 'No'		<b>66</b>
The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	(a) want of official mark	<b>0</b>
	(b) voting for more than one answer	<b>1</b>
	(c) writing or mark by which voter could be identified	<b>0</b>
	(d) being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	<b>0</b>
		<b>Turnout: 26.11%</b>

3.3. Following the positive referendum outcome, the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' by Blaby District Council (at a meeting of Council) on 22 February 2018.

3.4. It is considered that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; complies with the provision made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and is compatible with EU obligations and Convention obligations (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3.5. The Plan now forms part of the development plan for the Blaby Parish Area. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications in Blaby Parish will need to be made in accordance with the development plan (i.e. saved policies of the 1999 Local Plan, the adopted Core Strategy and the Blaby Neighbourhood Plan), unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

#### **4. Where to view this Decision Notice**

4.1. The decision notice may be viewed at: Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicestershire, LE19 2EP.

Opening hours: Monday & Tuesday 8.45am – 5.15pm; Wednesday 9.30am – 5.15pm; Thursday 8.45am – 5.15pm; Friday 8.45am – 4.45pm.