

Tickhill Neighbourhood Development Plan – Final Decision Statement

1. Summary

1.1 Following a positive referendum result on the 23rd July 2015 Doncaster Council is publicising its decision to ‘make’ the Tickhill Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Development Plan for Doncaster in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

2. Background

2.1 Tickhill Town Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for the parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) (as amended) in November 2012

2.2 Following the submission of the Tickhill Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on Friday 4th August 2014.

2.3 The Council appointed an independent Examiner; Terry Raymond Heselton BA (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

2.4 The Examiner’s Report concluded that the plan met the basic conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in his report and which are set out in the Tickhill Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement published on Friday 12th June 2015, the plan should proceed to a Referendum.

2.5 A referendum was held on the 23rd July 2015, 87% of those who voted were in favour of the plan.

2.6 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.

2.7 The Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3. Decision and Reasoning

3.1 The referendum held on 23rd July 2015 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the town of Tickhill and posed the question: 'Do you want Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Tickhill to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'.

3.2 The count took place on the evening of the 24th July 2015 and greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area.

3.3 The results of the referendum were:

Number of votes cast in favour of a:

'Yes' = 1008

'No' = 151

Votes cast: 1159

Electorate: 4359

Turnout: 26.59%

3.3 The Council has assessed that the plan including its preparation does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible, with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3.4 In accordance with the Regulations and the Council's procedure the Tickhill Neighbourhood Development Plan is 'made' and planning applications in the area must be considered against the Tickhill Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as existing planning policy, such as the Doncaster Core Strategy and its successors and the National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance.