



**Bassetlaw**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
— North Nottinghamshire —

**HUGS Neighbourhood Development Plan – Decision Statement**

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 In line with Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Bassetlaw District Council have produced this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham (HUGS) Neighbourhood Development Plan (the 'Plan') submitted to them by the Parish Council.
- 1.2 Following an independent examination of written representations, Bassetlaw District Council now confirms that the Plan will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum.
- 1.3 In accordance with the examiner's recommendations, the Plan will proceed to a public referendum scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018, based on the HUGS Neighbourhood Area as approved by Bassetlaw District Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 1.4 As well as being posted on Bassetlaw District Council's web site, this Decision Statement, along with the independent examiners report can also be viewed on the BDC Neighbourhood Plan website

**Bassetlaw District Council website –**

<http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/planning-building/neighbourhood-plans/submitted-neighbourhood-plans/hugs-neighbourhood-plan.aspx>

**2 Background**

- 2.1 On the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Parish Council submitted an application to Bassetlaw District Council for the designation of HUGS as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the HUGS Neighbourhood Plan, was confirmed on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 2.2 The Parish Council completed the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for HUGS in Autumn 2017.
- 2.3 The Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan was completed in March 2018 and submitted to the Council; Bassetlaw District Council held a 6-week consultation period on the document until the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
- 2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the examination report sent to both the Parish Council and District Council in early June 2018.

### **3 Decisions and Reasons**

- 3.1 Following the approval of Full Council, the Head of Economic Development, in consultation with the Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Development has determined that all the recommended modifications set out in the Examiners Report will be undertaken to ensure that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions.
- 3.2 The Examiner has concluded that, with the specified modifications, the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other relevant legal requirements. The Council concurs with this view. Therefore, to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which poses the question ***“Do you want Bassetlaw District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”*** will be held in the HUGS Neighbourhood Area on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Headon cum Upton, Grove & Stokeham

