

<u>Everton Neighbourhood Development Plan – Decision Statement</u>

1 **Summary**

- 1.1 In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Bassetlaw District Council has produced this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Everton Neighbourhood Development Plan (the 'Plan') submitted by Everton Parish Council.
- 1.2 Following an independent examination, Bassetlaw District Council 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 23 April 2020, based on the Everton Neighbourhood Area, as approved by Bassetlaw District Council on 18 December 2015.
- 1.4 As well as being posted on Bassetlaw District Council's web site, this Decision Statement, along with the independent examiner's report and addendum report can also be viewed on the BDC Neighbourhood Plan website:

Bassetlaw District Council website -

https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-services/neighbourhood-plans/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-bassetlaw/everton-neighbourhood-plan/

2 Background

- 2.1 On 15th October 2015, Everton Parish Council submitted an application to Bassetlaw District Council for the designation of Everton Parish as a Neighbourhood Area. On 18 December 2015, Bassetlaw District Council approved the Neighbourhood Area Designation following a statutory six-week consultation period (15 October 26 November 2015).
- 2.2 The Pre-Submission Draft Everton Neighbourhood Plan was made available for consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations from 10 April to 5 June 2017.
- 2.3 The Parish Council formally submitted the Neighbourhood Plan to the District Council on 9 July 2018. Bassetlaw District Council held an 8-week consultation period, ending on the 27 August 2018.

2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. A public hearing was held on 10 January 2019 to address a number of issues raised during the examination. A series of amendments were proposed at the hearing, which were the subject of public consultation from 15 May to 25 June 2019. The Examiner's Report was sent to the District Council and Everton Parish Council on 28 August 2019. A subsequent Addendum to the Examiner's Report was received by the District Council on 21 December 2019, addressing queries raised by an interested party; this did not change the initial verdict of the Independent Examiner.

3 <u>Decisions and Reasons</u>

- 3.1 The Head of Regeneration, in consultation with the Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration has determined that all the recommended modifications set out in the Examiner's 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 Everton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" will be held in the Everton Neighbourhood Area on 23 April 2020.

