



Bassetlaw
DISTRICT COUNCIL
— North Nottinghamshire —

Walkeringham Neighbourhood Development Plan – Decision Statement

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 Walkeringham Neighbourhood Development Plan (the ‘Plan’) submitted by Walkeringham 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, and the Coronavirus Act 2020, the Plan will proceed to a public referendum scheduled for the 6 May 2021, based on the Walkeringham Neighbourhood Area, as approved by Bassetlaw District Council on 30 June 2016.
- 1.4 This Decision Statement, along with the Independent Examiner’s report, can also be viewed on the Bassetlaw District Council website:

Bassetlaw District Council website –

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

2 Background

- 2.1 On 17 February 2016, Walkeringham Parish Council submitted an application to Bassetlaw District Council for the designation of Walkeringham Parish as a Neighbourhood Area. On 30 June 2016, Bassetlaw District Council approved the Neighbourhood Area Designation following a statutory four-week consultation period (10 March – 7 April 2016).
- 2.2 The Pre-Submission Draft Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan was made available for consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations from 22 February to 20 April 2019.
- 2.3 The Parish Council formally submitted the Neighbourhood Plan to the District Council on 15 November 2019. Bassetlaw District Council held an 8-week consultation period, ending on the 13 January 2020.

- 2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner’s Report was sent to the District Council and Walkeringham Parish Council on 21 April 2020.

3 Decisions and Reasons

- 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 Walkeringham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*” will be held in the Walkeringham Neighbourhood Area on 6 May 2021.
- 3.3 The date for the referendum is significantly later than would customarily be the case. This arrangement reflects regulations linked to the Coronavirus Act 2020, which prevent the holding of referendums until 6 May 2021 in order to uphold social distancing protocol. In the interim, the Walkeringham Neighbourhood Plan will be afforded significant weight in decision making.

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