



**Bassetlaw**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
— North Nottinghamshire —

**Hodsock & Langold 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 Hodsock & Langold Neighbourhood Development Plan (the ‘Plan’) submitted by Hodsock & Langold 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 Hodsock & Langold Neighbourhood Area, as approved by Bassetlaw District Council on 18 December 2015.
- 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/Hodsock & Langold-neighbourhood-plan/](https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-services/neighbourhood-plans/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-bassetlaw/Hodsock_&Langold-neighbourhood-plan/)

**2 Background**

- 2.1 On 13 October 2015, Hodsock & Langold Parish Council submitted an application to Bassetlaw District Council for the designation of Hodsock & Langold 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 Hodsock & Langold Neighbourhood Plan was made available for consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations from 8 July to 23 August 2019.
- 2.3 The Parish Council formally submitted the Neighbourhood Plan to the District Council on 20 January 2020. Bassetlaw District Council held a 6-week consultation period, ending on the 2 March 2020.

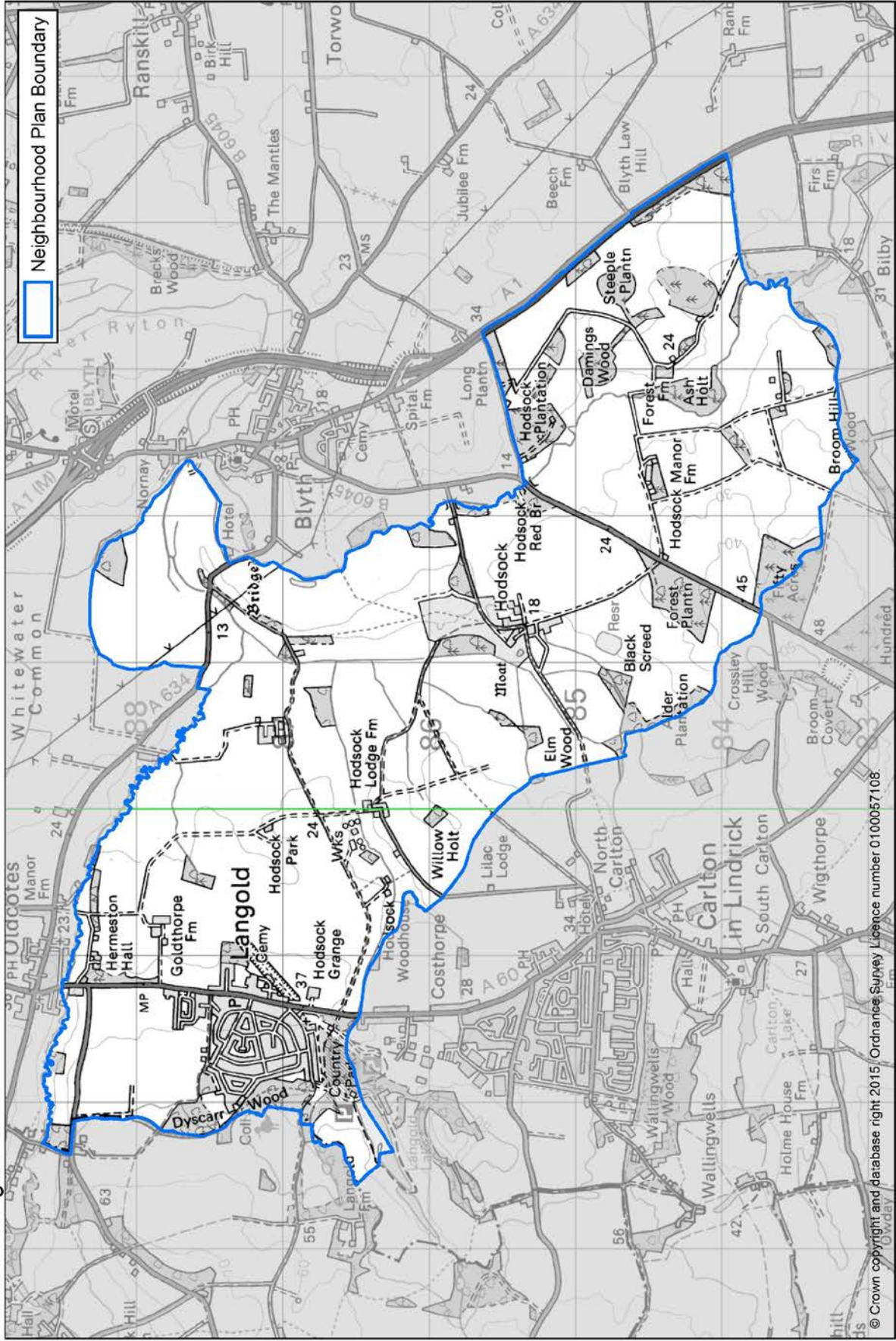
- 2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner’s Report was sent to the District Council and Hodsock & Langold Parish Council on 22 June 2020.

### **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 Hodsock & Langold to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*” will be held in the Hodsock & Langold 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 Hodsock & Langold Neighbourhood Plan will be afforded significant weight in decision making.

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