



## **Oakham & Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 - 2036**

### **The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 – Regulation 20: Neighbourhood Plan Adoption Statement**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Rutland County Council (RCC) has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders and to take plans through a process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 Chapter 3) sets out the Local Planning Authority's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Oakham & Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan relates to the area that was designated by Rutland County Council as a neighbourhood area in April 2016 which designated the whole of the Oakham and Barleythorpe Parishes and a small part of Egleton Parish area as an Oakham Neighbourhood Area.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and representations were invited. The publicity period ended on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- 2.3 Mr Andrew Ashcroft BA (Hons) MA, DMS, MRTPI was appointed by Rutland County Council with the agreement of Oakham Town Council and Barleythorpe Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Oakham & Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination.
- 2.4 Following significant recommended modifications put forward by the Examiner, which took account of Rutland County Council's decision to withdraw the Local Plan from Examination in September 2021, in addition, the National Planning Policy Framework was updated in July 2021, a further public consultation was undertaken by the Council from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022, for 6 weeks during which interested parties were invited to make representations on the significant modifications
- 2.5 The examiner's report concluded that subject to making the modifications recommended by the examiner, the Plan met the basic conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.
- 2.6 Following this, the Examiner's modifications were agreed by Oakham Town Council and subsequently agreed by Rutland County Council on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Rutland County Council website.
- 2.7 On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan successfully passed referendum with 987 (76.3%) of the votes cast agreeing that the

Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan can be used by Rutland County Council for the determination of planning applications.

- 2.8 On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Cabinet agreed the Director of Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways and Transport be authorised to ‘make’ the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Rutland following a successful referendum.

**3.0 Conclusion**

- 3.1 I confirm, that the Oakham & Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 - 2036, Submission Plan (incorporating the Examiners modifications as per the RCC Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and as a result of the Cabinet resolution 2021 has been ‘made’ with immediate effect. The Decision, Neighbourhood Plan and details where these documents can be inspected are published on the Rutland County Council Website. This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work and carry out businesses in the Neighbourhood Plan area.
- 3.2 I confirm that the Oakham & Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 - 2036 is part of the Development Plan of the Rutland County Council Local Planning Authority Area as defined at Area Designation by Rutland County Council in April 2016. This means that the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are now given full weight when decision makers assess Planning applications in the parishes of Oakham and Barleythorpe.
- 3.3 I am taking the above mentioned decision as I concur with the advice contained in the above report under the 1990 Act in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 3.4 I declare that I have no personal or prejudicial interest in respect of this decision.

**Signed:**



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Strategic Director for Places, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways & Transport

**Date: 24 June 2022**

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