



**Rutland**  
County Council

## **Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022 - 2035**

### **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 Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan relates to the area that was designated by Rutland County Council as a neighbourhood area in July 2020 which designated the whole of the Parish of Whissendine as the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised, and representations were invited. The publicity period ran between Friday 16th June until 5pm on Friday 28th July 2023. Further targeted consultation took place between Monday 9th October until 5pm on Monday 30th October 2023 on the policy and Design Guidelines and Codes during the examination.
- 2.3 Mr Andrew Ashcroft BA (Hons) MA, DMS, MRTPI was appointed by Rutland County Council with the agreement of Whissendine Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Following this, the Examiner's modifications were agreed by Whissendine Parish Council and subsequently agreed by Rutland County Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Rutland County Council website.
- 2.6 On 29th February 2024, the Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan successfully passed referendum with 350 (99%) of the votes cast agreeing that the Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan can be used by Rutland County Council for the determination of planning applications.
- 2.7 On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Cabinet agreed that the Director of Places in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Property and Economic Development be authorised to

'make' the Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Rutland following a successful referendum.

**3.0 Conclusion**

- 3.1 I confirm that the Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022-2035, 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 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 Whissendine Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022-2035 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 July 2020. This means that the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are now given full weight when decision makers assess Planning applications in the parish of Whissendine.
- 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, Property and Economic Development

**Date: 18/03/24**

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