



Elford Neighbourhood Plan Development Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 38A (9) and Regulations 19 & 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

1. Summary:

- 1.1 Lichfield District Council decided by resolution of Cabinet on **15/01/2019** to make the Elford Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Elford Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.

2. Reasons for decision:

- 2.1 The Elford Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions and its promotion process is compliant with legal and procedural requirements. Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum have voted in favour of the Plan being used to help decide planning applications in the area. The Plan was endorsed by more than the required threshold in the referendum on 29 November 2018.

3. Background:

- 3.1 On 11 May 2015 Elford Parish Council requested that the Elford Neighbourhood Area be designated for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area. Following a six week consultation Lichfield District Council designated the Elford Neighbourhood Area on 14 August 2015.
- 3.2 In September 2017 Elford Parish Council published the draft Elford Neighbourhood Plan for a minimum six week consultation, in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 which closed in October 2017.
- 3.3 The Elford Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council in May 2018 for assessment by an Independent Examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 8 May 2018 and 19 June 2018 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). Mr Andrew Ashcroft BA (Hons) MA DMS MRTPI was appointed as the Independent Examiner and all comments received at the Local Authority publicity consultation were passed on for his consideration.

- 3.4 The Examiner's report concluded that, subject to modifications, the Elford Neighbourhood Plan met the necessary basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4b (8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and subject to these modifications being made it should proceed to referendum.
- 3.5 A referendum was held on Thursday 29 November 2018, 75.9% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the turnout was 31.7%. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended requires that the Council must make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

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