



Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Development Plan – Final Decision Statement

1. Summary

1.1 Following a positive referendum result, on Thursday 23 September 2021 Doncaster Council's Full Council adopted 'made' the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Development Plan and now forms part of the Development Plan for Doncaster in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

2. Background

2.1 Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for a boundary within the Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) (as amended) on 20 September 2016. Following a request made on the 2 August 2018 and a period of public consultation a change to the initial boundary was confirmed on 11 December 2018.

2.2 Following the submission of the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Plan to the Council on 10 August 2020, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period for this closed on 7 October 2020.

2.3 The Council appointed an independent Examiner; Peter Biggers BSc Hons MRTPI in December 2020 to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

2.4 The Examiner's Report concluded that the plan met the basic conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in his report of which are set out in the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement published in June 2020 and the plan should proceed to a Referendum.

2.5 A referendum was held on the 15 July 2020.

2.6 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.

2.7 The Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3. Decision and Reasoning

3.1 The referendum held on 15 July 2021 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the boundary of the Sprotbrough Plan and posed the question:

'Do you want Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sprotbrough to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'.

3.2 Following the Count, the results were that greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area.

3.3 The results of the referendum were:

Number of votes cast:

'Yes' = 633

'No' = 138

Spoilt = 2

Votes cast - 773

Electorate - 6042

Turnout – 12.79%

3.3 The Council has assessed that the plan including its preparation does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible, with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

3.4 In accordance with the Regulations and the Council procedure the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Development Plan was presented to Full Council on Thursday 23 September 2021 and was 'made' (adopted). Planning applications in the area must be considered against the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Development Plan and all other Development Plan policies.

The Plan and more information is available on their website: [Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Plan](#)