



Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the County Council of Durham (“the Council”) hereby publishes its decision statement in relation to the Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council has resolved to ‘make’ the Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”). The Plan has been brought into legal force. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the Whorlton Neighbourhood Area which comprises the Whorlton Village part of the Whorlton & Westwick Parish Council jurisdiction. Decisions on planning applications must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Plan was submitted to the Council in December 2015. Publicity was undertaken in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, after which the Plan was submitted to a Planning Inspector for Independent Examination. The Inspector’s report following the Independent Examination of the Plan was received by the Council in March 2017. The Plan was modified in accordance with the Inspector’s recommendations and a local referendum was held in respect of the Plan on 29 June 2017. A majority of those voting were in favour of the Plan being used by the Council in making decisions on planning applications.

Reasons for Making the Plan

Section 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the Council must ‘make’ the Plan if more than half of those voting in a referendum have voted in favour of the Plan. The submission version of the Plan, as modified following Independent Examination, complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations and the Council is satisfied that all relevant procedural requirements have been complied with. In addition, the Plan has undergone independent examination and has received support from a majority of voters in a referendum.

For these reasons the Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of Durham County Council on Wednesday 19 July 2017. Decisions on planning applications in the Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Area must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed 24 hours a day on the County Council's website: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3285/Neighbourhood-Plan-submissions>

It can also be viewed at Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UQ, between the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday; and 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday. A copy will also be held by Whorlton and Westwick Parish Council.

Signed: Helen Lynch

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