

Clifford Neighbourhood Development Plan

Final Decision Statement published pursuant to Section 38A (9) and (10) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

1. Summary

Following a positive referendum result on the 26th January 2017, Leeds City Council is publicising its decision made on 22nd March 2017 by Executive Board to 'make' the Clifford Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Leeds Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Background

Clifford Parish Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for the parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012). Following the submission of the Clifford Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 6th June 2016.

3. Decision & Reasoning

Leeds City Council appointed an independent Examiner; Ms Rosemary Kidd, Dip TP, MRTIP, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's Report concluded that the plan meets the Basic Conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in the report and which are set out in the Clifford Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement (December 2016), the plan should proceed to a Referendum.

A referendum was held on 26th January 2017 and 91.77% of those who voted were in favour of the plan. 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. Leeds City 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).

The referendum held on 26th January 2017 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the parish of Clifford and posed the question:

'Do you want Leeds City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Clifford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'?

The count took place on the 26th January 2017 and greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area. The results of the referendum were:

Response	Votes recorded (percentage)
Yes	290 (91.77%)
No	26 (8.23%)
Turnout	23.81%

4. Inspection of Decision Statement

This decision statement can be viewed on the Leeds City Council website and the Clifford Parish Council website:

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Neighbourhood-planning.aspx>

<http://www.clifford-pc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

Paper copies can also be viewed at:

- Leeds City Council, City Development Department, The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HD (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.30am –5pm, Weds 9.30am – 5pm)
- Clifford Village Hall, Albion St, Clifford, Wetherby LS23 6HY (during opening hours)
- The Albion, Chapel Lane, Clifford LS23 6HU (during opening hours)
- Boston Spa Library, High Street, Boston Spa, Leeds. LS23 6BH (Mon, Fri and Sat 9am – 12pm, Weds 10am – 5pm)
- Wetherby Library, 17 Westgate, Wetherby LS22 6LL (Mon 10am-5pm. Tue 9am-7pm, Wed- Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm)

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