



DECISION STATEMENT Regulation 18

BOTTESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. Following an independent examination, Melton Borough Council can now confirm that the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Neighbourhood Referendum.
- 1.2. The decision statement is available to view online on the Council's website at www.meltonplan.co.uk.

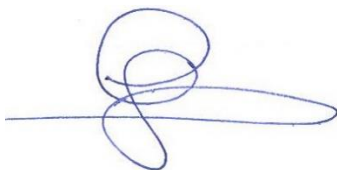
2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Bottesford Parish received formal area designation for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan the 6th November 2013. This area comprises of the whole of the Parish of Bottesford, inclusive of all four settlements, Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton as shown in Appendix 1 in this document.
- 2.2. Bottesford Parish Council – the 'qualifying body', submitted the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan, along with supporting documents, to Melton Borough Council in November 2020 for consultation, independent examination and the remaining stages of the draft Plan's preparation in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The Council conducted a 'Regulation 16', 6-week formal public consultation on the Plan, from the 14th December 2020 until 17th January 2021.
- 2.3. Following this period, Melton Borough Council appointed an independent examiner, Andrew Ashcroft, in March 2021, to examine the Plan and consider whether it should proceed to referendum.
- 2.4. The examiner's final report was issued to the Local Planning Authority on the 24th May, 2021. He concludes that subject to a series of recommended modifications set out in this report, the Bottesford Neighbourhood Development Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum.
- 2.5. Moreover, it is also recommended that the referendum should be held within the neighbourhood area (Bottesford Parish).

- 2.6. As a Chief Executive decision in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity, Melton Borough Council has approved the Plan to go to referendum, including all of the recommendations made by the Examiner and that the referendum area is appropriate.

3. DECISIONS AND REASONS

- 3.1. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulation 18 requires the local planning authority to outline what action to take in response to the recommendations of an examiner made in a report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4a to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as applied by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).
- 3.2. Having considered the examiner's recommendations and reasons for them, Melton Borough Council concurs with the examiner's view and have decided to make modifications to the draft Bottesford Plan to ensure that it meets legal requirements including the Basic Conditions as set out in the legislation.
- 3.3. The Council is satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, complies with the legal requirements and can proceed to referendum.
- 3.4. The Council also agrees with the examiner that the referendum area should reflect the extent of the parish of Bottesford.
- 3.5. The Referendum is currently being arranged by Melton Borough Council. Details of the Referendum, including the date it will be held, how people can vote and who is eligible to vote will be published in due course.



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APPENDIX 1 – Bottesford Neighbourhood Area

