



DECISION STATEMENT Regulation 19

BOTTESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Summary

This statement publicises the decision taken by the Melton Borough Council to 'make' the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Melton Borough Council's Development Plan, in accordance with regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Background

Bottesford Parish received formal area designation for the purposes of preparing a NP 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.

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.

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. The examiner's final report was issued to the Local Planning Authority on the 25th May, 2021. He concluded that the Plan met the basic conditions against which it was examined, subject to a number of proposed modifications, and recommended that the plan should proceed to referendum.

These modifications were agreed, and the Borough Council held the referendum in Bottesford parish on 2nd September 2021. The referendum presented a single question upon which anybody registered to vote in the parish could answer 'yes' or 'no' to the following:

Do you want Melton Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Bottesford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

All neighbourhood plans are required to gain a majority of 50% plus one in favour at a local referendum in order to be made by the local planning authority. 502 votes were cast in favour of 'Yes'; 100 votes were cast in favour of 'No'. It was declared by the Counting Officer that more than half of those voting had voted in favour of the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan.

Decision and Reasons

With the Examiner's recommended modifications, the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan meets the "basic conditions" set out in paragraph 8(2) of the Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended.

Melton Borough Council decided (Chief Executive decision in consultation with the Portfolio Holder) to formally 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan on 14th October 2021, allowing the Neighbourhood Plan to form part of the development plan and to be used in the determination of planning applications in the parish of Bottesford.

Additional details

A copy of the Decision Statement is being sent to:

- The qualifying body, namely Bottesford Parish Council; and
- to any person who asked to be notified of the decision.

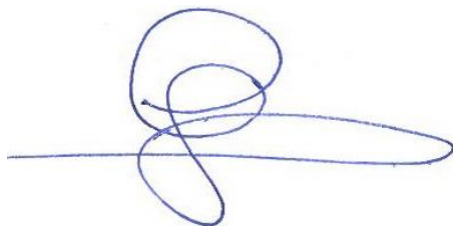
The Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan and its associated documents are available to view on the Council's website at: <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk/bottesford>. Paper copies of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available to view during normal office hours at: Melton Borough Council, Parkside, Station Approach, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GH¹.

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