



**Daventry District Council**

**Spratton Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**Decision Statement**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, Daventry District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Spratton Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of Daventry District's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Spratton Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Spratton to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 20th July 2012. Following consultation on the application the District Council designated Spratton parish as a Neighbourhood Area on the 6th December 2012.
- 2.2 The draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published by Spratton Parish Council for public consultation on 3rd November 2014 and closed on the 15th December 2014.
- 2.3 Following submission of the Spratton Neighbourhood Development plan to the District Council on 21st April 2015 the plan was subsequently published for consultation by the District Council. The consultation period ran from Friday 1st May 2015 to Friday 12th June 2015.
- 2.4 Following the submission consultation, Daventry District Council, with the agreement of the Parish Council, appointed an independent Examiner, Janet Cheesley BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI, to review whether the plan met the Basic Conditions required by the legislation and should proceed to a referendum
- 2.5 Following the examination, which was dealt with through written representations, the Examiner's report was completed in February 2016 and made available on the Council's website. The report concludes that subject to the making of the modifications recommended in her report the plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in legislation and should proceed to a referendum. At it's meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Daventry District Council considered a report on the Spratton Neighbourhood Development Plan. Having considered that report, Council resolved that:

- 1) That the significant progress in making the neighbourhood development plan (NDP) by the Spratton community be noted and welcomed.
- 2) That the Examiner's recommended modifications in respect of the Spratton NDP are accepted.
- 3) That the Examiner's recommendation that the NDP as modified in accordance with recommendation (2) should proceed to a referendum of voters within the Parish of Spratton be accepted.
- 4) That the costs of the referendum be met from the earmarked reserve for neighbourhood planning.
- 5) That following the referendum:
  - a. if more than half of those voting in the referendum vote in favour that the NDP; and
  - b. if the Business Manager is satisfied that making the NDP would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligationsthe NDP be formally made and form part of the Development Plan for Daventry District.
- 6) That if the NDP is made in accordance with (5) then this should be as soon as practicable after the referendum result is announced by the returning officer.
- 7) That subject to items (2) to (5) inclusive the proposed Decision Statement set out at Appendix 1 be approved.

### **3. Decision and Reasons**

- 3.1 With the Examiner's recommended modifications the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph (8) (2) of 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 Sections 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.
- 3.2 A referendum into the Plan was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Those voting were asked the following question:

*'Do you want Daventry District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Spratton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'*
- 3.3 The count took place on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016, the result of the referendum was as follows:

Response	Number of Votes	Percentage of Total
Yes	192	57.49%
No	141	42.21%
Turnout : 34.79%		

3.4 The regulations require that a majority of those voting vote in favour for the plan to be made. **This requirement is therefore satisfied.**

3.5 Part 6 of the Council resolution also requires that the Business Manager be satisfied that making the NDP would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations before formally making the plan. This was the case at the time of considering the report on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016, and nothing has transpired since that date that would suggest any such contravention would occur. This requirement is met and it is possible for the plan to now be made.

**Upon the signing of this document by the Business Manager, the Spratton Neighbourhood Development Plan is made and planning applications in the Spratton Neighbourhood Area must be considered against the Spratton Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as existing planning policy.**

I certify that the above statements are true.

Signed:

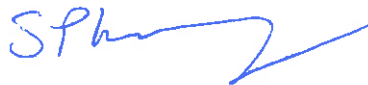


Tom James, Principal Policy Officer (Planning)

Date... 22/07/16 .....

I certify that I am satisfied that the making the WH NDP would not contravene Convention rights or European Union obligations.

Signed:



Simon Bowers, Business Manager

Date... 22/07/2016 .....

