

## **Southampton City Council**

### **Bassett Neighbourhood Plan – Final Decision Statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 38A (9) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

#### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 Following a positive referendum result, Southampton City Council has ‘made’ the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan part of the Local Development Plan for Southampton at a meeting of the Council on 21 July 2016.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Bassett Neighbourhood Forum and Bassett Neighbourhood Area were formally designated by Southampton City Council in December 2013 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the purposes of bringing forward a neighbourhood plan for the Bassett area.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The publicity period closed on 24 March 2015.
- 2.3 Southampton City Council appointed an Independent Examiner, Graham Self MA MSc FRTPI, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether it should proceed to referendum.
- 2.4 The Examiner’s report concluded that subject to the modifications proposed in his report, the plan met the basic conditions and should proceed to a referendum. The decision to proceed to referendum was made under delegated authority and set out in the Decision Statement published on 18 January 2016.
- 2.5 A referendum was held on 25th February 2016, 93.6% 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.
- 2.6 The 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).

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

- 3.1 With the Examiner’s recommended modifications, the Bassett 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 Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.
- 3.2 The referendum held on 25th February met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the Bassett ward and asked the following question: *‘Do you want Southampton City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bassett to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood area?’*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>% of votes cast</b>
<b>Yes</b>	1,936	93.6
<b>No</b>	128	6.4
<b>Turnout = 21.4%</b>		
<b>Electorate total</b>	9,666	

#### **4. Decision**

- 4.1 Southampton City Council has assessed that the plan including its preparation does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible, with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 4.2 The Council has decided at a meeting of the Council on 21 July 2016 to 'make' the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan part of the Local Development Plan for Southampton. All planning applications in the area must now be considered against the Bassett Neighbourhood Plan, as well as against Southampton City Council's existing Local Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance.