



WOODFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

ADOPTION STATEMENT

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("Regulations"), notice is hereby given that Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council ("the Council") has resolved to "make" the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan ("the Plan") and formally adopt the said Plan to form part of the Council's Development Plan for the Borough of Stockport.

Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to support and advise communities in the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and to take such plans through the process of examination, referendum and adoption in accordance with the Regulations. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6, Chapter 3) sets out the Local Planning Authority's responsibilities in relation to Neighbourhood Planning.

Background

The Woodford Neighbourhood Area ("WNA") and Woodford Neighbourhood Forum ("the Forum") were originally designated by Stockport Council on 17th October 2013, with the Forum re-designated on 18th October 2018. The Plan relates to the WNA and no other neighbourhood area.

The Forum held a Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation between 16th May 2018 and 30th June 2018, before submitting the Plan to the Council in September 2018. The Council subsequently ran a successful Regulation 16 Consultation between 24th October 2018 and 7th December 2018.

Following the conclusion of the aforementioned consultations, with the consent of the Forum, the Council appointed Mr Nigel McGurk as an independent Examiner to examine the Plan. The Council received the Examiner's Report on 25th March 2019 which concluded that, subject to a series of modifications, the Plan met the basic statutory conditions under the Regulations and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum. Modifications were made to the Plan in line with the Examiner's recommendations.

On 4th July 2019, the Council approved the Plan under the Regulations and determined that it could proceed to a referendum and be adopted subject to a majority vote being achieved in favour of the Plan.

A successful referendum was held on 12th September 2019, whereby 95.8% of those who voted did so in favour of the Plan. Consequently, the Plan is now formally “made” by the Council and shall be adopted as part of the Council’s Development Plan for the Borough of Stockport.

The Plan and associated documents are available to view on the Council’s website at www.stockport.gov.uk/woodford-neighbourhood-plan/woodford-overview.

If you have any questions on the SPD, please contact the Planning Policy team by telephone on 0161 474 4395 or via e-mail at planning.policy@stockport.gov.uk.