



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MARPLE 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 Marple Neighbourhood Plan ("the Plan") and formally adopt the said Plan to form part of the Council's Development Plan for the Borough of Stockport. The policies in the Plan are therefore now given full weight when assessing planning applications in the Marple Neighbourhood Area ("MNA").

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 processes 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.

This Adoption Statement, the Plan and Appendices can be viewed on the Council's website at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/development-plan/adopted-neighbourhood-plans>, by scanning the QR code opposite, and at the following locations on deposit during staffed hours:

- Marple Library, Memorial Park, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6BA
- High Lane Library, Buxton Road, High Lane, Stockport, SK6 8DX
- Hazel Grove Library, Beech Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4QP
- Stopford House Reception, Piccadilly, Stockport, SK1 3XE



Background

The MNA was approved on 30th June 2016. On 1st December 2016, the Marple Neighbourhood Forum ("the Forum") was designated as the qualifying body and was later re-designated on 18th November 2021. The Plan relates to the MNA and no other neighbourhood area.

The Forum held a Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation from 20th November 2021 to 8th January 2022, before submitting the Plan to the Council in January 2023. The Council subsequently ran a Regulation 16 Consultation from 8th February 2023 to 26th March 2023.

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 26th October 2023 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 11th January 2024, 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 referendum was held in the MNA on 21st March 2024, in which 78.15% 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.

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