



Thorp Arch Neighbourhood Development Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to Section 38A (9) and (10) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

1. Summary

Following a positive referendum result on the 7th December 2017, Leeds City Council is publicising its decision made by the Chief Planning Officer to 'make' the Thorp Arch Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Leeds Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Decision & Reasoning

Leeds City Council appointed an independent Examiner; Ms Rosemary Kidd DipTP MRTPI, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's Report concluded that the plan meets the Basic Conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in the report which are set out in the Thorp Arch Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement (dated 5th October 2017), the plan should proceed to a Referendum.

A referendum was held on 7th December 2017 and 92.19% 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. Leeds City 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).

The referendum held on 7th December 2017 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the Thorp Arch Neighbourhood Area and posed the question:

'Do you want Leeds City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Thorp Arch to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The count took place on 7th December 2017 and greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area. The results of the referendum were:

Response	Votes
Yes	236 (92.19%)
No	20 (7.81%)
Turnout	39.2%

3. Inspection of Decision Statement

This decision statement can be viewed on the Leeds City Council website and the Thorp Arch Parish Council website:

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Neighbourhood-planning.aspx>

<http://www.thorp-arch.org.uk/Thorp-Arch-Parish-Council/Default.aspx>

Paper copies can also be viewed at:

- Leeds City Council, City Development Department, The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HD (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.30am –5.00pm, Weds 9.30am – 5.00pm)
- Wetherby Library, 17 Westgate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL (Mon 10am – 5pm, Tues 9am – 7pm, Weds – Fri 9am – 5pm , Sat 10am – 4pm)
- Boston Spa Library, High Street, Boston Spa, Leeds, LS23 6BH (Mon, Fri, Sat 9.00 – 12.00, Weds 10.00 – 17.00)

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Signed



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