

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Making of Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to Schedule 38A (9) of the Planning Compulsory Purchase Act (as amended by the Localism Act) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.1 Work on the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan began in November 2015, led by a Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Council. Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan has involved extensive community consultation throughout. Support and assistance throughout the process has been provided by the Council.
- 1.2 The Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Area is the same as the parish boundary and was approved and designated on 14 July 2017.
- 1.3 The Neighbourhood Plan contains a vision, objectives and policies relating to the topic areas of roads/transport, housing, design, the local economy, landscape and historic environment and community facilities. The Plan's vision is that:

By 2030 Clotton Hoofield will be a vibrant rural community encouraging prosperity for both local residents and businesses alike. The Neighbourhood Plan will support sustainable development and, as a priority, encourage and support infrastructure improvements to mitigate the severe impacts of through traffic and the severance of the Parish by the A51 Trunk Road. The Plan will support policies that protect and enhance the natural and historic assets within the area. Agriculture will remain a valued feature of local life and the Plan will support good quality housing to meet local needs in keeping with the rural character of the area. The health and well-being of the community will benefit from access to local community facilities and to the surrounding countryside.

- 1.4 The draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents were formally submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council in October 2019. Following a seven week period of publicity, an examiner was appointed with the agreement of the qualifying body (Clotton Hoofield Parish Council). The plan was then subject to examination and the independent examiner's report was published on 27th March 2020. The report concluded that, subject to a number of modifications, the plan met the required 'basic conditions' and could proceed to referendum.

- 1.5 On 29th April 2020, the Council's Cabinet Member agreed to accept the examiner's recommendations and confirmed that the plan should proceed to referendum, at a date to be determined. This was postponed due to coronavirus restrictions in place which prevented the referendum taking place.
- 1.6 The referendum was held on 6 May 2021 and voters were asked to say 'yes' or 'no' to the prescribed question:

“Do you want Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Clotton Hoofield to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

- 1.7 82% of those who voted said 'yes' to the plan. The outcome was as follows:

Response	Votes
Yes	89
No	19
Turnout	33%

Making of the Plan

- 2.1 Preparation of the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan has now progressed through the prescribed stages set out in the regulations with a positive outcome at both independent examination and referendum. The plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for the area. The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are to be congratulated on a significant achievement in reaching this stage, which would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication.
- 2.2 The final stage of the preparation process is for the Council to 'make' the Plan. At the meeting of the Council's Cabinet on 11 October 2017 it was agreed that the decision to make a neighbourhood plan be discharged to the Senior Manager – Planning and Strategic Transport. The full report and minutes can be read at <http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=983&MId=5184&Ver=4>

Decision

- 3.1 That the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan be formally made.
- 3.2 The reason for this decision is that the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan has progressed through the prescribed stages set out in the regulations with a positive outcome at both independent examination and referendum. The Council is now required to make the plan and no reasons exist as to why this should not happen.

- 3.3 The Head of Planning hereby exercises their delegated authority to make the plan.
- 3.4 A copy of this note will be sent to Clotton Hoofield Parish Council and anyone who asked to be notified of the decision. The note will also be sent to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Climate Emergency and the local ward councillors.
- 3.5 In accordance with Regulation 19 of the 2012 Regulations, the Council has published the following on its website at:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning
- This statement which sets out the decision to make the plan and reasons for it;
 - Details of where the decision document can be inspected.
- 3.6 The final version of the plan and associated documents has also been published on the website.
- 3.7 The documents can be viewed online on computer screens in the following Customer Service Centres by appointment, or libraries during opening hours:
- The Forum, Chester, CH1 2HS;
 - Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH;
 - Northwich Customer Service Centre, 1 The Arcade, Northwich, CW9 5AS;
 - Ellesmere Port Customer Service Centre, First Floor, Ellesmere Port Library, CH65 0BG;
 - Frodsham Library and Integrated Services, Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX;
 - Sandiway library, Mere Lane, Cuddington, Northwich, CW8 2NS
 - Winsford Library, High Street, Winsford, CW7 2AS
- 3.8 Please check the Council's website for details prior to visiting in case any additional restrictions are in place.
- <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/libraries/find-a-library/find-a-library.aspx>
 - <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/customer-service-centres/customer-service-centres.aspx>
- 3.9 Further information is also available by contacting;
neighbourhoodplanning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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Rob Charnley
Head of Planning

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