

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Making of No Mans Heath Neighbourhood Plan

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

No Mans Heath Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.1 Work on the No Mans Heath Neighbourhood Plan began in 2013, led by a Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Council. Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan has involved extensive community consultation throughout, with support provided by Cheshire West and Chester Council and an independent planning consultant.
- 1.2 The No Mans Heath Neighbourhood Area covers the whole of No Mans Heath & District Parish, and includes small parts of the parishes of Malpas and Macefen. The neighbourhood area was approved and designated on 6th June 2013.
- 1.3 The Plan is based on the following vision
‘To preserve and enhance the built, natural and historical environment of the local area and the distinctive character of Bickley, Edge, Hampton, Larkton and No Mans Heath, whilst allowing for sustainable economic and social growth and development’.

It includes policies relating to five topic areas including local economy; transport and communications; landscape and environment; housing and recreational and social infrastructure. Together these policies aim to ensure that new development in the area contribute to meeting the vision and the future sustainable development of the area.

- 1.4 The draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents were formally submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council in November 2017. Following a seven week period of publicity, an examiner was appointed with the agreement of the qualifying body (No Mans Heath & District Council). The plan was then subject to examination and the independent examiner's report was received in March 2018. 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 24 April 2018, the Council's Cabinet Member agreed to accept the examiner's recommendations and confirmed that the plan should proceed to referendum.

- 1.6 At the referendum held on 21 June 2018, 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 No Mans Heath to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

- 1.7 85% of those who voted said ‘yes’ to the plan. The outcome was as follows:

Response	Votes
Yes	186
No	30
Rejected (unmarked)	1

Making of the Plan

- 2.1 Preparation of the No Mans Heath 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 No Mans Heath Neighbourhood Plan be formally made.
- 3.2 The reason for this decision is that the No Mans Heath 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 Senior Manager - Planning and Strategic Transport hereby exercises their delegated authority to make the plan.
- 3.4 A copy of this note will be sent to No Mans Heath Parish Council and anyone who asked to be notified of the decision. The note will also be sent

to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure and the local ward councillors.

3.5 In accordance with Regulation 26 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 during opening hours – please check the Council's website for details:

- The Forum, Chester, CH1 2HS;
- Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH;
- Northwich Customer Service Centre, 1 The Arcade, Northwich, CW9 5AS;
- Neston Library, Parkgate Road, Neston, CH64 6QE;
- Ellesmere Port Customer Service Centre, First Floor, Ellesmere Port Library, CH65 0BG; and
- Frodsham Library and Integrated Services, Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX;

3.8 A paper copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is also available to view at:

- Customer Service Centre, The Forum, Chester, CH1 2HS



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