

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Making of Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan

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

Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.1 Work on the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan began in 2015, 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.
- 1.2 The Tarvin Neighbourhood Area is part of the area covered by Tarvin Parish Council (as revised under the Community Governance Review 2015). It includes the settlements of Tarvin and Oscroft, and is located within the wider Tarvin and Kelsall Ward.
- 1.3 The Neighbourhood Area excludes Bruen Stapleford, which now falls within the Tarvin Parish Council area but prior to the Community Governance Review of 2015 had no active parish council. Bruen Stapleford is included within the Huxley and Foulk Stapleford Neighbourhood Area which was designated on 7th October 2013. As Bruen Stapleford is already included within a designated neighbourhood area it was not included within the Tarvin Neighbourhood Area.
- 1.4 The Tarvin Parish Council area also includes a small area around Common Farm which has been transferred from Kelsall Parish to Tarvin as part of the Community Governance Review 2015. This area is included within the Kelsall Neighbourhood Area, which was designated on 26 November 2013. As such, this area is excluded from the Tarvin Neighbourhood Area.
- 1.5 The Plan includes policies relating to seven topic areas and objectives covering general policies, housing growth, leisure, landscape and environment, transport, economic development and health provision.

The Plan's vision statement is:

"Retain and enhance the character of Tarvin by ensuring that any further additional housing beyond the minimum specified in the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan, is appropriate and must not compromise the existing and proposed infrastructure needs of the community".

- 1.6 The draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents were formally submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council in January 2019. Following a six week period of publicity, an examiner was appointed with the agreement of the qualifying body (Tarvin Parish Council). The plan was then subject to

examination and the independent examiner's report was received on 26 April 2019. 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 20 June 2019, 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 5 September 2019, 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 Tarvin to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

- 1.7 94% of those who voted said 'yes' to the plan. The outcome was as follows:

Response	Votes
Yes	526
No	34
Turnout	22.8%

Making of the Plan

- 2.1 Preparation of the Tarvin 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 (now Head of Planning). 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 Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan be formally made.
- 3.2 The reason for this decision is that the Tarvin 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 Tarvin Parish Council and anyone who asked to be notified of the decision. The note will also be sent to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Growth 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:
- The Forum, Chester, CH1 2HS



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