

## HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

### SCRAPTOFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

#### 1. Summary

1.1 Following an Independent Examination, Harborough District Council now confirms that the Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

1.2 This decision statement can be viewed at:

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#### 2. Background

2.1 In July 2012 Scraftoft Parish Council, as the qualifying body, applied for Scraftoft Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood Area application was approved by Harborough District Council (the Council) on 29 October 2012 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012)

2.2 Following the submission of the Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

2.3 The Council, with the agreement of Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan Group, appointed an independent examiner, Dr Angus Kennedy, to review whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and should proceed to referendum.

2.4 The Examiner's Report concludes that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.

#### 3. Decision and Reasons

3.1 At its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Council agreed that the Examiner's recommended modifications should be accepted and that the amended

Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum (see Council resolution at Appendix 1).

- 3.2 The District Council has made the modifications, proposed by the examiner, to secure that the draft plan meets the basic conditions. Appendix 2 sets out these modifications and the action to be taken in respect of each of them.
- 3.3 The Council agrees with the Examiner's recommendation that there is no reason to extend the Neighbourhood Plan area (Scraptoft Parish) for the purpose of holding the referendum.
- 3.4 The Examiner has concluded that with the specified modifications the Plan meets the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirements. The Council concurs with this view. Therefore to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 a referendum which poses the question '**Do you want Harborough District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Scraptoft to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?**' will be held in the Parish of Scraptoft.
- 3.5 The date on which the referendum will take place is agreed as **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

**Appendix 1: Council Resolution in respect of Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

*Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan Proposal Decision*

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Council accepts the Independent Examiner's recommended changes to the Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan as set out in schedule at Appendix A and notes the recommendation that the amended Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a Referendum of voters within the Parish of Scraftoft.;
- (ii) The Council approves the holding of a Referendum for the Scraftoft, Neighbourhood Plan to include the Parish of Scraftoft provisionally on Thursday 11th February 2016.

## Appendix 2: Schedule of Modifications Recommended in the Examiner's Report

Page in Examination Plan	Examiners Recommendation	Reason
7	A larger scale map is used to identify the NP area	For clarity
9	Amend the title page to delete reference to 'submission' and insert 2015 – 2028.	The final document will no longer be for submission
9	Insert a contents page	For clarity
10	A monitoring section should be included, confirming that the Plan will be reviewed when the Local Plan is adopted	To ensure the Plan remains up to date and takes account of any changes in District Policy for Scraftoft through the adoption of the Local Plan.
11	A table is produced identifying the 12 core principles in the NPPF, and how these are addressed by the Plan.	The Basic Conditions Statement does not directly relate to the 12 core planning principles of para 17 of the NPPF
14	The SEA Screening Report should be appended to the Plan	To improve transparency
17	Consultation Statement 5.15 should be amended to read 'Scraftoft Parish'	To replace a typing error
20	The objectives in the Plan should be outlined	For clarity and to expand on the Vision
20	Non land use planning matters should be identified as aspirations	Some objectives are aspirational only, not land use planning matters, and may be difficult for the Plan to deliver
20	Limits to Development on the Policy Map should be amended to include the permission for the reserve site	For clarity
21	The Housing Commitments Plan requires updating, with a larger scale used and Local Green Spaces identified together with the conservation area and wildlife corridors	For clarity
28	Further justification is required for LGS allocations, and these should be clearly identified and listed	Insufficient detail at present to identify and justify each LGS site proposed
30	Infrastructure Policy S14 to be amended to add 'subject to confirmation from the Local Education Authority'	Additional development may lead to a need of additional school places
31	Policy S17 Travel packs to be deleted, but the text retained as	Not a land use development policy

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	a Parish aspiration	