



## **Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan – Decision Statement**

### Summary

This Statement publicises the decision taken by Charnwood Borough Council to “make” the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan as part of Charnwood Borough Council’s Development Plan, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

### Background

On the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Charnwood Borough Council designated Thurcaston and Cropston Parish as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The qualifying body, Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council, invited representations on a draft Neighbourhood Plan from the 11th January to the 21st February 2016. The draft Neighbourhood Plan was formally submitted to the Borough Council on the 31st May 2016. Following confirmation by the Borough Council that all the necessary material had been submitted, a further 6 week statutory consultation on the submission documents was undertaken by the Borough Council from the 15th June to the 27th July 2016.

After consultation with the Parish Council, the Borough Council appointed an independent Examiner, Mr Nigel McGurk, to carry out an examination of the plan. The Examiner’s report was published on the 24th August 2016. This determined that the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions against which it was examined, subject to a number of proposed modifications, and recommended that the plan should proceed to referendum.

These modifications were agreed with the Parish Council and the Borough Council held the referendum in Thurcaston and Cropston parish on Thursday 24th November 2016. The referendum presented a single question upon which anybody registered to vote in the parish could answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to the following:

*Do you want Charnwood Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Thurcaston and Cropston to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*

All neighbourhood plans are required to gain a majority of 50% plus one in favour at a local referendum in order to be made by the local planning authority. A total of 36.85% of registered electors recorded votes. 612 votes were cast in favour of “Yes”; 22 votes were cast in favour of “No”. It was declared by the Counting Officer that more than half of those voting had voted in favour of the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan.

### Decision and Reasons

At the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 it was advised that as the number of votes in the Referendum cast in favour of a “Yes” constituted more than half of those voting, 50% plus 1, it is now for the Borough Council to make the neighbourhood plan so that it formally becomes part of the development plan for Charnwood.

Therefore, the Borough Council resolved on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 that the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan be formerly “made”, forming part of the development plan, and can be used in the determination of planning applications in the parish of Thurcaston and Cropston.

With the Examiner’s recommended modifications, the Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan meets the “basic conditions” set out in paragraph 8(2) of the Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended.

### Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan

The Thurcaston and Cropston Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents are available to view on the Borough Council’s website at:

<http://www.localplan.charnwood.gov.uk/content/index.php?id=132>

Paper copies are also available to view at:

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