

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

DUSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this Decision Statement is to set out Northampton Borough Council's decision on the making of the Duston Neighbourhood Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Duston Parish Council, as the qualifying body, successfully applied for the civil parish of Duston to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), which came into force on 11 September 2013.
- 2.2 Following the submission of a draft of the Duston Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the Plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and other stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 14 April 2015.
- 2.3 Northampton Borough Council appointed an independent Examiner, Mr John Parmiter FRICS FRSA MRTPI, to review whether the draft Plan should proceed to Referendum. The Examiner's report was published in May 2015. The Examiner concluded that once modified to meet all relevant legal requirements the Plan should proceed to referendum. The Examiner made various recommendations to modify policies and text to ensure that making the Plan will meet the Basic Conditions and legal requirements. The Plan was modified accordingly.
- 2.4 The referendum of the Duston Neighbourhood Plan took place on 5 November 2015. The turnout was 16.6% and 85.6% of those votes cast were in favour.

3. NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION

- 3.1 The Council makes the Duston Neighbourhood Plan part of the Northampton Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Council agrees to the Decision Statement and the Duston Neighbourhood Plan being published on our website and in other manners to bring them to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area; and for the Decision Statement and details of how to view the Plan to be sent to the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision and/ or the making of the Plan.