

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPRING BOROUGHS 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 Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Spring Boroughs Voice (the Neighbourhood Forum), as the qualifying body, successfully applied for Spring Boroughs 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 December 2013.
- 2.2 Following the submission of a draft of the Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the Plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and other stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 7 September 2015.
- 2.3 Northampton Borough Council appointed an independent Examiner, Mr Christopher Edward Collison BA (Hons) MBA MRTPI MIED MCMi IHBC, to review whether the draft Plan should proceed to Referendum. The Examiner's report was published on 18 September 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 Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan took place on 10 March 2016. The turnout was 19.5% and 93.7% of those votes cast were in favour.

3. NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION

- 3.1 The Council makes the Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan part of the Northampton Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Council agrees to the Decision Statement and the Spring Boroughs 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.