



GROWING TOGETHER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT

APRIL 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Growing Together Neighbourhood Forum, as the qualifying body, successfully applied for the Growing Together Neighbourhood Area to be designated 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 Growing Together Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the Plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and other stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 22 September 2016.
- 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 9 November 2016. The Examiner concluded that once modified to meet all relevant legal requirements the Plan should proceed to referendum. The Examiner made 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 Growing Together Neighbourhood Plan took place on 23 February 2017. The turnout was 13% and 91.47% of those votes cast were in favour.

3. NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION

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