

## Bardsey-cum-Rigton Neighbourhood Development Plan

# Decision Statement published pursuant to Section 38A (9) and (10) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

## 1. Summary

Following a positive referendum result on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Leeds City Council is publicising its decision made on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 by the Chief Planning Officer to 'make' the Bardsey-cum-Rigton (hereafter Bardsey) Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Leeds Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

#### 2. Decision & Reasoning

Leeds City Council appointed an independent Examiner; Mr Nigel McGurk, BSc(Hons) MCD MBA MRTPI, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's Report concluded that the plan meets the Basic Conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in the report which are set out in the Bardsey Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement (dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017), the plan should proceed to a Referendum.

A referendum was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and 93.82% of those who voted were in favour of the plan. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended requires that the Council must make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan. Leeds City Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

The referendum held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the Bardsey Neighbourhood Area and posed the question:

# 'Do you want Leeds City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bardsey-cum-Rigton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area'?

The count took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and greater than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area. The results of the referendum were:

Response	Votes
Yes	745 (93.82%)
No	49 (6.18%)
Turnout	40.12%

#### **3.** Inspection of Decision Statement

This decision statement can be viewed on the Leeds City Council website and the Bardsey Parish Council website:

http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Neighbourhood-planning.aspx

http://bardseyvillage.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2/

Paper copies can also be viewed at:

- Leeds City Council, City Development Department, The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HD (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.30am – 5pm, Weds 9.30am – 5pm)
- Wetherby Library, 17 Westgate, Wetherby LS22 6LL (Mon 10am-5pm. Tue 9am-7pm, Wed- Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm)
- Bardsey Village Hall, Woodacre Lane, Leeds, LS17 9DG (during opening hours)

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6<sup>th</sup> November 2017