



Barton Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement

In accordance with Regulation 18(2) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an independent examination undertaken by written representations, Preston City Council now confirms that the Barton Neighbourhood Plan (hereinafter referred to as 'the Plan') will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.
- 1.2 This Decision Statement will be available to view on the City Council's website: <https://www.preston.gov.uk> and at Preston City Council, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, upon request.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Barton Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on behalf of Barton Parish Council, as the relevant qualifying body, (under Section 38A(12) of the Planning and Compensation Act 2004) for the 'Barton Neighbourhood Area' covering the Parish of Barton and designated by Preston City Council and Wyre Borough Council on 8 September 2017.
- 2.2 The June 2022 draft of the Barton Neighbourhood Plan was received by Preston City Council (lead authority) and Wyre Borough Council (by the Qualifying body, Barton Parish Council) on 25th June 2022. Barton Parish Council formally requested comments by the City Council and Wyre Borough Council for the submitted draft on 14 September 2022.
- 2.3 A revised version of the draft Barton Neighbourhood Plan was submitted (by the Qualifying body) on 22 November 2022, superseding the June 2022 draft Barton Neighbourhood plan.

- 2.4 Following the conclusion of the Regulation 16 consultation on Wednesday 1 March 2023, the Barton Neighbourhood Plan was submitted for independent examination.
- 2.5 Preston City Council appointed an independent Examiner, Peter Dickson Biggers BSc (Hons) MRTPI AIHBC to examine whether the Plan met the basic conditions as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and whether the Plan should proceed to referendum.
- 2.6 The Examiner's Report, received June 2023, proposed a number of modifications which are accepted by the Qualifying body (Barton Parish Council), Preston City Council (Lead authority) and Wyre Borough Council.
- 2.7 The Examiner's Report concludes by stating:

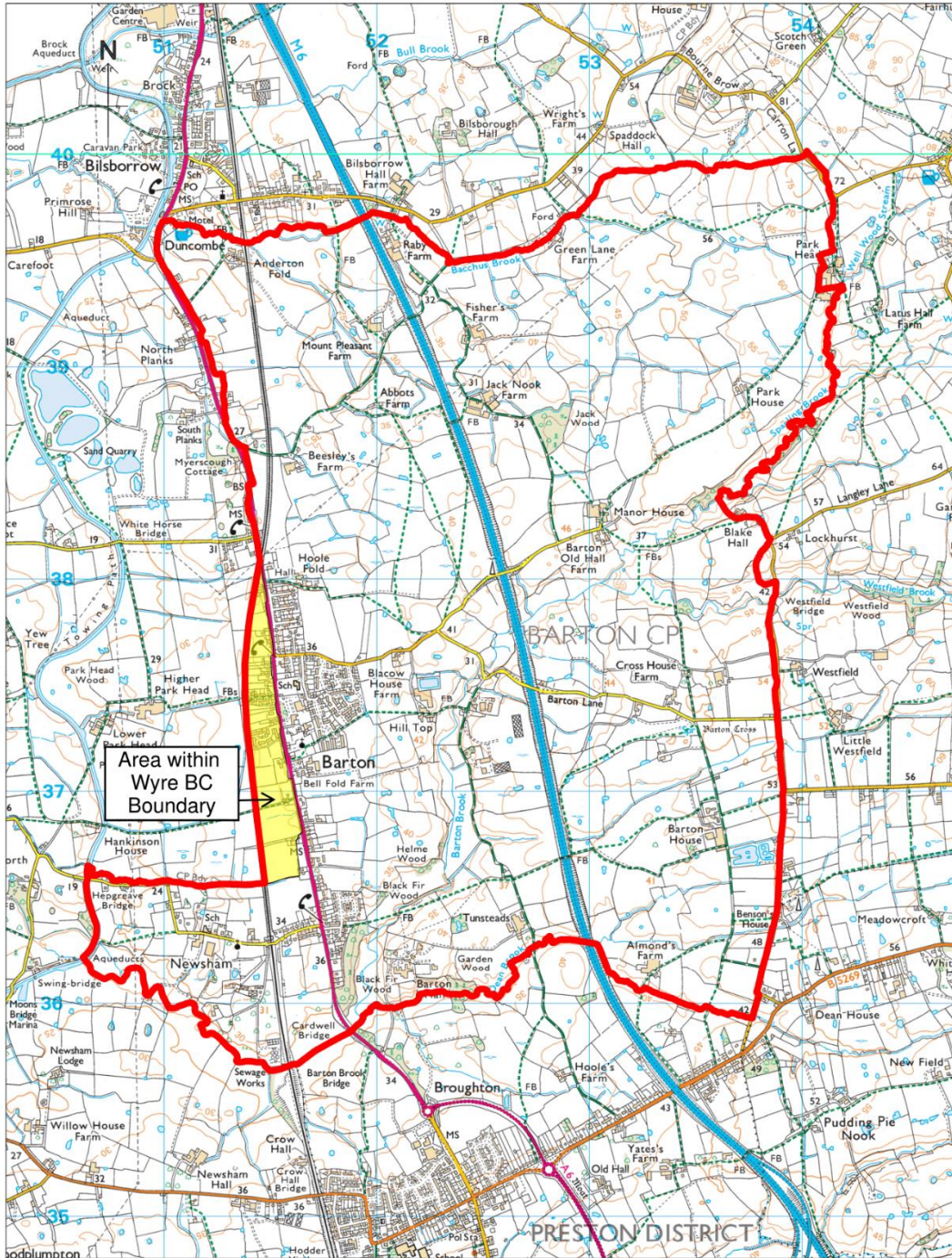
'I recommend to Preston City Council in association with Wyre Council that the Barton Neighbourhood Plan, modified as specified above, should proceed to a referendum based on the Barton Neighbourhood Area as approved by Preston City Council and Wyre Council on 8 September 2017.'

3. Recommendations, Decisions and Reasons

- 3.1 Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), requires the Local Planning Authority to outline what action to take in response to the recommendations of the Examiner made in a report under Paragraph 10 of Schedule 4A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- 3.2 Having considered the recommendations made by the Examiner, and the reasons for them, Preston City Council has agreed to accept all the modifications made to the Plan under Paragraph 12(6) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- 3.3 To meet the requirements of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Regulation 3 (a) of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012 (as amended)", a referendum which poses the question must be held; 'Do you want Preston City Council and Wyre Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Barton Neighbourhood Area to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?'
- 3.4 The date on which the referendum will take place is Thursday 9th November 2023.

Appendix 1: Map of Barton Neighbourhood Area with Area within Wyre BC Boundary

Barton Neighbourhood Plan Boundary



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