



Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development 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 Woodplumpton 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>. Copies of the documents can also be inspected at the Contact Centre, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on behalf of Woodplumpton Parish Council, as the relevant qualifying body, (under Section 38A(12) of the Planning and Compensation Act 2004) for the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Area' covering the Parish of Woodplumpton and designated by Preston City Council on 8 September 2017.
- 2.2 The draft of the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan was received by Preston City Council in July 2021. A revised version of the draft Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan was submitted in November 2022, superseding the July 2021 draft neighbourhood plan.
- 2.3 Following the conclusion of the Regulation 16 consultation on Wednesday 22 March 2023, the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted for independent examination.

- 2.4 Preston City Council appointed an independent Examiner, Rosemary Kidd MRTPI 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.
- 2.5 The Examiner's Report, received September 2023, proposed a number of modifications which are accepted by the Qualifying body (Woodplumpton Parish Council) and Preston City Council.
- 2.6 The Examiner's Report concludes by stating:

'Subject to the recommended modifications being made to the Neighbourhood Plan, I am able to confirm that I am satisfied that the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan satisfies the Basic Conditions and that the Plan should proceed to referendum.'

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's Report, 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 the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which poses the question; 'Do you want Preston City Council to use the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Area?', will be held in the area formally designated as the Woodplumpton.
- 3.4 The date on which the referendum will take place is Thursday 11th January 2024.

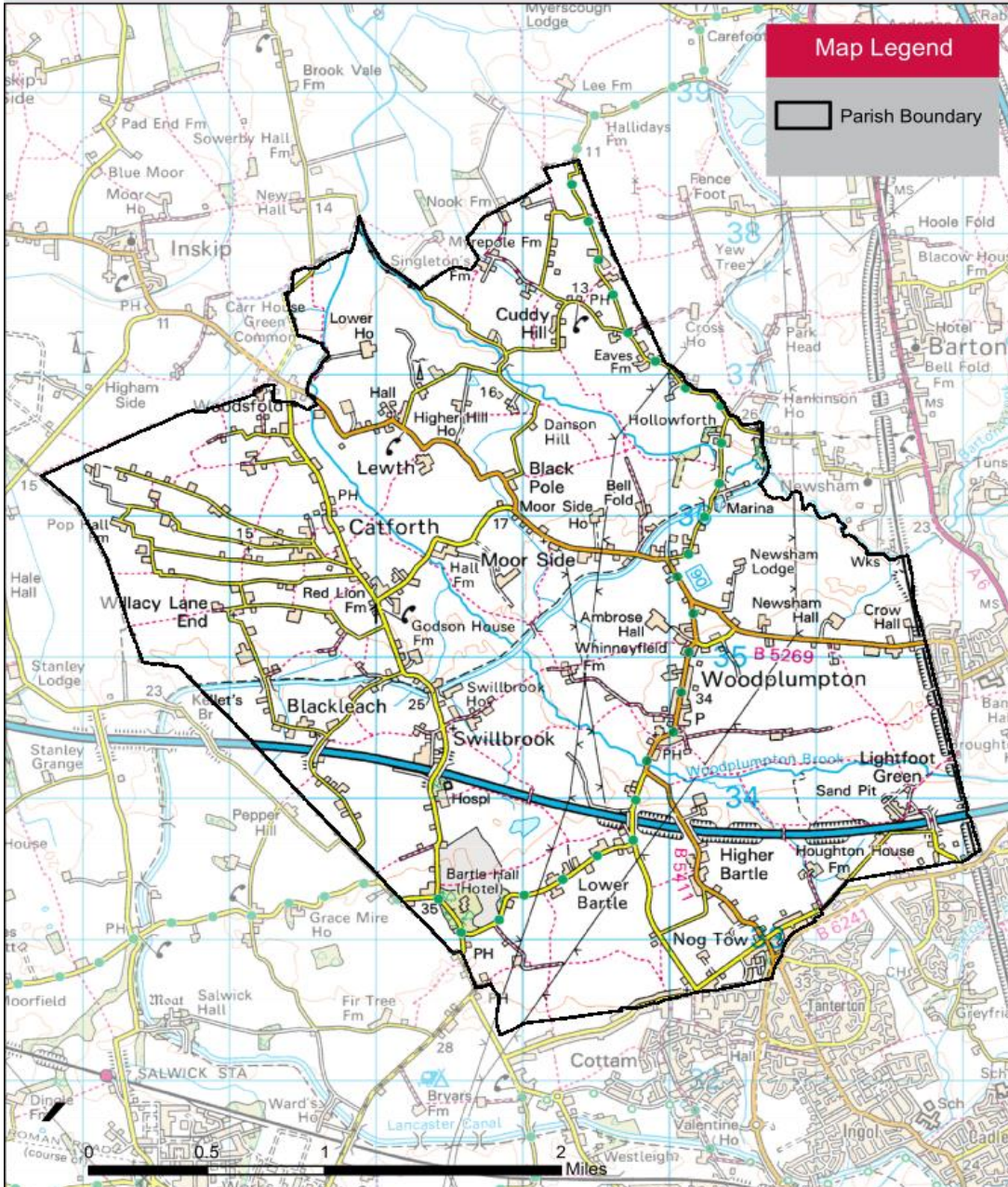
Appendix 1: Map of Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Area with Area

Woodplumpton



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Map scale : 1:35,000



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