



Barton Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement

In accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Regulation 19 and 20: Decision on a Plan Proposal and Publicising a Neighbourhood Development Plan

1. Summary

- 1.1 This Statement publicises the decision taken by Preston City Council to “make” the Barton Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of Preston City Council’s Development Plan, in accordance with Regulation 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 1.2 This Decision Statement and Neighbourhood Plan document is be available to view on the City Council’s website: <https://www.preston.gov.uk>
- 1.3 Paper copies are available to view upon request at: Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL

2. Background

- 2.1 Preston City Council appointed an independent Examiner, Mr 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.
- 2.2 The Examiner’s Report (received June 2023) recommended if the Neighbourhood Plan was modified in-line with the modifications proposed by the Examiner the Barton Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum. The modifications proposed were accepted by the Qualifying body (Barton Parish Council), Preston City Council (Lead authority) and Wyre Borough Council.

- 2.3 The referendum held on Thursday 9th November 2023 asked the question “*Do you want Preston City Council and Wyre Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Barton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*”
- 2.4 Neighbourhood plans are required to gain a majority of 50% plus one in favour at a local referendum in order to be made by the local planning authority. The result was that the plan be approved as set out below:

Yes	335
No	19
Rejected	1
TURNOUT	26.75%

3. Recommendations, Decisions and Reasons

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 14th December 2023, the City Council resolved that the Barton Neighbourhood Development Plan be formerly “made”, confirming its status as part of the development plan for Preston, and that it can be used in the determination of planning applications within the designated neighbourhood area.
- 3.2 With the Examiner’s recommended modifications, the Barton Neighbourhood Plan meets the “basic conditions” set out in paragraph 8(2) of the Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention 2 rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended.