



Woodplumpton 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 Decision Statement publicises the decision taken by Preston City Council to “make” the Woodplumpton 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 the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan document are 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, Rosemary Kidd MRTPI to examine whether the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan met the basic conditions as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and whether the said Plan should proceed to referendum.
- 2.2 The Examiner’s Report (received September 2023) recommended if the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan was modified in-line with the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the said Plan should proceed to referendum. The modifications proposed were accepted by the Woodplumpton Parish Council (Qualifying body) and Preston City Council.

- 2.3 The referendum held on Thursday 11th January 2024 asked the question “*Do you want Preston City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Woodplumpton 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 Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan be approved as set out below:

Yes	384
No	57
Rejected	1
TURNOUT	10.61%

3. Recommendations, Decisions and Reasons

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Full Council held on 29th February 2024, the Council resolved that the Woodplumpton 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 Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development 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 rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended.