Broughton-in-Amounderness 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 Broughton-in-Amounderness Neighbourhood Development Plan (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Plan’) will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

1.2 This Decision Statement will be available on the City Council’s website, and at Preston City Council, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, upon request.

2. Background

2.1 On 10 December 2015, Broughton Parish Council submitted an application to Preston City Council for the designation of the Broughton-in-Amounderness Neighbourhood Area. The application included a submission statement and a map identifying the proposed Neighbourhood Area.

2.2 Following a period of consultation on the area application submission, between 12 January 2016 and 12 February 2016, on 17 March 2016, Preston City Council formally designated the area shown at Appendix 1 as the Broughton-in-Amounderness Neighbourhood Area.

2.3 Following submission of the first version of the Plan on 14 March 2017, the Plan was publicised for a period of six weeks, from 28 April 2017 to 12 June 2017.

2.4 Preston City Council appointed an independent Examiner, RJ Bryan BA Hons 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 on 7 September 2017, whilst recommending a number of modifications, concluded that the Plan did not meet the basic conditions and was not in general conformity with the development plan or sustainable development principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Preston City Council accepted the recommendation of the Examiner and refused the Plan. A Decision Statement, setting out the reasons for the decision made, was published on the City Council’s website.

2.6 A revised Plan was then submitted on 30 October 2017. A second six week period of publicity, from 1 November 2017 to 15 December 2017 took place.

2.7 Following this period of publicity, the City Council determined that Broughton Parish Council had not adequately demonstrated that all the statutory pre-submission consultation requirements had taken place and made recommendations to the Parish Council to rectify this. Further pre-submission consultation then took place.

2.8 The final Plan was submitted on 6 March 2018. A third six week period of publicity, from 7 March 2018 to 18 April 2018 then took place. The Plan was submitted to the independent Examiner previously referred to, for an examination as to whether the Plan met the basic conditions and whether to proceed to referendum.

2.9 The Examiner’s Report was received on 26 June 2018. The report recommended a number of further modifications so that the Plan was able to comply with the basic conditions and other relevant statutory provisions and that the Plan, as modified could proceed to referendum.

2.10 The Examiner’s Report concludes by stating:

‘I am therefore pleased to recommend that this Neighbourhood Development Plan as modified by my recommendations 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 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 Broughton-in-Amounderness Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Broughton-in-Amounderness Neighbourhood Area?’, will be
held in the area formally designated as the Broughton-in-Amounderness Neighbourhood Area.

3.4 The date on which the referendum will take place is Thursday 18 October 2018.
Appendix 1: Map of Broughton-in-Amounderness Neighbourhood Area