

HARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2021 - 2030)
PLANNING & COMPUSLORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 (AS AMENDED)
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (AS AMENDED)
REGULATION 19 DECISION STATEMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. This statement gives notice that City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC) has decided to make (adopt) the Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan (2021 to 2030) (the Plan) under section 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017), and under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 1.2. In accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), following a positive referendum result on 27th July 2023, the Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan (2021 to 2030) is part of the adopted Development Plan for City of Bradford Metropolitan District, and given full weight in determining planning applications within the neighbourhood area.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A formal Neighbourhood Area application was submitted to CBMDC on 26th June 2017. The application which covered the entire Harden Parish Council area was approved by the Council's Executive on 30th August 2017.
- 2.2. Since then, the Neighbourhood Plan has been subjected to extensive community consultation as well as benefiting from input and assistance from Council officers.
- 2.3. Two formal periods of community and stakeholder engagement took place under the requirements of Regulations 14 and 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The first was led by the qualifying body (Harden Village Council) and took place between 28th February and 11th April 2021, whilst the second was led by CBMDC following the submission of the draft plan, running from 20th June and 15th August 2022.
- 2.4. CBMDC engaged Andrew Freeman of Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPE) Ltd to undertake the Independent Examination of the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in line with Regulation 17 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 2.5. The final report, issued by the Examiner on 22nd February 2023 recommended that, subject to several modifications, the plan should proceed to Referendum as, when modified, it would meet the basic conditions and comply with other relevant legislation. It can be viewed at: [https://www.bradford.gov.uk/Documents/DesignatedNeighbourhoodAreas/Harden/HardenReg17//Harden%20NDP%20Examiner%20Report%20\(22.02.23\).pdf](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/Documents/DesignatedNeighbourhoodAreas/Harden/HardenReg17//Harden%20NDP%20Examiner%20Report%20(22.02.23).pdf).

- 2.6. The decision to proceed to a referendum in the approved neighbourhood area was made by CBMDC’s Executive at its meeting on 4th April 2023.
- 2.7. To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which posed the question, *“Do you want City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Harden to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”* was held in the area formally designated as the Harden Neighbourhood Area on Thursday 27th July 2023. The results of the referendum were as follows:

	Votes Recorded	Percentage
Number cast in favour of “Yes”	303	87.3%
Number cast in favour of “No”	44	12.7%

- 2.8. The declaration can be viewed on the council’s website: <https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgElectionAreaResults.aspx?ID=838&RPID=22534238>.

3. DECISION & REASONING

- 3.1. CBMDC has assessed that the plan, including its preparation, meets basic conditions, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligations or any of the Conventions rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 3.2. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by Section 3 of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017 requires that the Council must “make” the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of plan.
- 3.3. In line with the decision-making process established by CBMDC’s Executive at its meeting of 9th March 2012 (amended on 23 June 2015 and updated on 6 February 2018), the Assistant Director – Planning, Transportation and Highways in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport on 8th September 2023 agreed for the Plan to be made.

4. DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

- 4.1. Copies of this statement and the “Made” Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan and Policies Map are available on the Council’s website at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=Harden>.
- 4.2. They are also available for inspection at the following locations:
- [City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Customer Service Centre, Britannia House, Broadway, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HX](#)
 - [City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD](#)
 - [Bingley Library, 5 Rise Shopping Centre, Bingley, BD21 3SX](#)
- 4.3. This statement is also being sent to:
- The qualifying body, namely Harden Village Council

- To any person who asked to be notified of the decision.

5. MORE INFORMATION

- 5.1. For more information about the Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan, please contact the Local Plan Team on (01274) 431184 or E-mail planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk.

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