

STEETON WITH EASTBURN AND SILSDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2020 - 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 Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden Neighbourhood Development Plan (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, following a positive referendum result on 6th May 2021, the Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden Neighbourhood Development Plan is part of the adopted Development Plan for City of Bradford Metropolitan District (CBMDC), and given full weight in determining planning applications within the neighbourhood area.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The formal Neighbourhood Area application was submitted to the CBMDC on 11th June 2014. The application which covered the entire Parish and Town Council areas was approved by CBMDC's Executive on 2nd December 2014. Since then the Neighbourhood Plan has been subjected to extensive community consultation as well as benefiting from input and assistance from Council officers.
- 2.2 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 (Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden Parish Council) and took place between 3rd February and 17th March 2018, whilst the second was led by CBMDC following the submission of the draft plan, running from 17th September and 28th October 2019.
- 2.3 CBMDC engaged Robert Bryan to undertake the Independent Examination of the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan as per Regulation 17 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 2.4 The final report, issued by the Examiner on 30th November 2020 recommended that, subject to a number of 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/Steeton-with-Eastburn%20and%20Silsden/SESReg17//Examiner's%20Report.pdf>
- 2.5 The decision to proceed to a referendum was made by CBMDC's Executive at its meeting on 5th January 2021.

2.6 However, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Government introduced new guidance and regulations regarding neighbourhood plan referendums. In line with the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, all neighbourhood plan referendums that were/are scheduled to take place between 16 March 2020 and 5 May 2021 were postponed until 6 May 2021.

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 Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”* was held in the area formally designated as the Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden Neighbourhood Area on Thursday 6th May 2021. The results of the referendum were as follows:

	Votes Recorded	Percentage
Number cast in favour of “Yes”	3,603	81.81%
Number cast in favour of “No”	801	18.19%

2.8 The declaration can be viewed on the council’s website:

<https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgElectionAreaResults.aspx?ID=698&RPID=14547935>

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 February 2018, the Assistant Director – Planning, Transportation and Highways in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport on 7th June 2021 agreed for the Plan to be made.

4 DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

4.1 Copies of this statement and the “Made” Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden Neighbourhood Development Plan are available on the Council’s website at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=Steeton-with-Eastburn+and+Silsden>

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
- Keighley Town Hall, Bow Street, Keighley, BD21 3PA

- 4.3. Please note that the above locations are currently operating on an appointment only basis. Please contact 01274 432772 to arrange an appointment.
- 4.4. Copies are also held by Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council at Steeton HUB, Skipton Road, Steeton, BD20 6FE and are available to view by appointment. Please contact the Parish Clerk via email clerk@steeton-with-eastburnparishcouncil.gov.uk to arrange access. In addition, copies are available to view at Silsden Library, Silsden Town Hall, Kirkgate, Silsden, BD20 0AJ. Information about opening hours and contact details are available on the [Silsden Library](#) website.
- 4.3 This statement is also being sent to:
- The qualifying body, namely Steeton with Eastburn Parish and Silsden Town Council; and
 - To any person who asked to be notified of the decision.

5 More Information

- 5.1 For more information about the Steeton with Eastburn and Silsden Neighbourhood Development Plan, please contact Iain Cunningham (Tel: 01274 431184; E-mail: iain.cunningham@bradford.gov.uk)

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