

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Making of Moulton Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 38A (9) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Moulton Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.1 Work on the Moulton Neighbourhood Plan began in 2013, led by a Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Council. Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan has involved extensive community consultation throughout, with support provided by Cheshire West and Chester Council and planning consultancy Urban Imprint.
- 1.2 The Moulton Neighbourhood Area is the same as the parish boundary and was approved and designated on 6 March 2013.
- 1.3 The Plan includes policies relating to six topic areas and objectives including local character and heritage, the natural environment, sustainable economic development, traffic and transport, housing provision, services and amenities. The Plan's vision is for Moulton to:

"Moulton Parish aims to have a thriving and prosperous community which delivers a high quality lifestyle for all its residents. The parish supports a strong local economy that has a positive relationship with the natural environment, promotes sustainable development that meets the needs of local people, and incorporates high quality standards to mitigate flood risks and climate change impacts."

- 1.4 The draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents were formally submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council in September 2018. Following a six week period of publicity, an examiner was appointed with the agreement of the qualifying body (Moulton Parish Council). The plan was then subject to examination and the independent examiner's report was received on 14 March 2019. The report concluded that, subject to a number of modifications, the plan met the required 'basic conditions' and could proceed to referendum.
- 1.5 On 18 April 2019, the Council's Cabinet Member agreed to accept the examiner's recommendations and confirmed that the plan should proceed to referendum.
- 1.6 At the referendum held on 4 July 2019, voters were asked to say 'yes' or 'no' to the prescribed question:

“Do you want Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Moulton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

- 1.7 90.7% of those who voted said ‘yes’ to the plan. The outcome was as follows:

Response	Votes
Yes	361
No	35
Turnout	18.6%

Making of the Plan

- 2.1 Preparation of the Moulton Neighbourhood Plan has now progressed through the prescribed stages set out in the regulations with a positive outcome at both independent examination and referendum. The plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for the area. The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are to be congratulated on a significant achievement in reaching this stage, which would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication.
- 2.2 The final stage of the preparation process is for the Council to ‘make’ the Plan. At the meeting of the Council’s Cabinet on 11 October 2017 it was agreed that the decision to make a neighbourhood plan be discharged to the Senior Manager – Planning and Strategic Transport. The full report and minutes can be read at <http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Clid=983&MId=5184&Ver=4>

Decision

- 3.1 That the Moulton Neighbourhood Plan be formally made.
- 3.2 The reason for this decision is that the Moulton Neighbourhood Plan has progressed through the prescribed stages set out in the regulations with a positive outcome at both independent examination and referendum. The Council is now required to make the plan and no reasons exist as to why this should not happen.
- 3.3 The Senior Manager - Planning and Strategic Transport hereby exercises their delegated authority to make the plan.
- 3.4 A copy of this note will be sent to Moulton Parish Council and anyone who asked to be notified of the decision. The note will also be sent to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Growth and the local ward councillors.

- 3.5 In accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2012 Regulations, the Council has published the following on its website at:
www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning
- This statement which sets out the decision to make the plan and reasons for it;
 - Details of where the decision document can be inspected.
- 3.6 The final version of the plan and associated documents has also been published on the website.
- 3.7 The documents can be viewed online on computer screens in the following Customer Service Centres during opening hours – please check the Council's website for details:
- The Forum, Chester, CH1 2HS;
 - Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH;
 - Northwich Customer Service Centre, 1 The Arcade, Northwich, CW9 5AS;
 - Neston Library, Parkgate Road, Neston, CH64 6QE;
 - Ellesmere Port Customer Service Centre, First Floor, Ellesmere Port Library, CH65 0BG; and
 - Frodsham Library and Integrated Services, Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX;
- 3.8 A paper copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is also available to view at:
- Customer Service Centre, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 1AH.



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