



## **Decision Statement – Dunholme Neighbourhood Plan**

In line with Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, West Lindsey District Council have produced this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Dunholme Neighbourhood Development Plan submitted to them by Dunholme Parish Council.

1.2 Following an independent examination of written representations, West Lindsey District Council now confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum.

1.3 In accordance with the examiner's recommendation, the Neighbourhood Plan **will** proceed to a public referendum scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, based on the Dunholme Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

1.4 The decision statement and examiners report are posted on the District Council's website [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans)

### **Background**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013 Dunholme Parish Council submitted an application to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Dunholme as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Dunholme Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

2.2 The Parish Council completed the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Dunholme in the summer of 2016. A 6 week consultation period was held ending in July 2016.

2.3 The Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan for Submission was completed in September 2016 and submitted to the Council; West Lindsey District Council held a 6 week consultation period was held in September 2016.

2.4 An Independent Examiner was appointed on the 1st November to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Dunholme Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the examination report sent to both the Town Council and District Council on the 30th November 2016.

Following a meeting with strategic management for Planning and the cabinet member for planning on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Council has determined that the recommended modifications to the Dunholme Neighbourhood Plan meet the 'basic conditions'. It was agreed that all of the recommended modifications made by the independent examiner be included and revised in the original Neighbourhood Plan in order for it to proceed to public referendum.

Therefore, to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which poses the question:

***“Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Dunholme to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”***

The referendum is proposed for the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and a Referendum Statement will be produced and publicised on our website and in the local press nearer to the time.