



## Decision Statement – Riseholme 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 Riseholme Neighbourhood Development Plan submitted to them by Riseholme Parish Council.

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

In accordance with the examiner's recommendations, the Neighbourhood Plan **will** proceed to a public referendum scheduled for the **27<sup>th</sup> October 2016**, based on the Riseholme Neighbourhood Area as approved by West Lindsey District Council on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

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

In November 2015, Riseholme Parish Council submitted an application to West Lindsey District Council for the designation of the Parish of Riseholme as a Neighbourhood Area. The approval of the Neighbourhood Area Designation, for the Riseholme Neighbourhood Plan, was made on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The Parish Council completed the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Riseholme at the end of 2015. A 6 week consultation period was held ending in April 2016.

The Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan for Riseholme was completed in June 2016 and submitted to the Council; West Lindsey District Council held a 6 week consultation period on the document through June and early July 2016.

An Independent Examiner was appointed on the 3<sup>rd</sup><sup>th</sup> August to undertake the examination of the Submission version of the Riseholme Neighbourhood Plan and this was completed with the examination report sent to both the Parish Council and District Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Following a meeting with strategic management for Planning and the committee for prosperous communities on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Council has determined that the recommended modifications to the Riseholme Neighbourhood Plan meet the 'basic conditions'. It was agreed that all of the recommended modifications proposed by the independent examiner be included and revised in the original Neighbourhood Plan in order for it to proceed to public referendum. The Plan has now been modified and republished on the website.

The referendum is proposed for the **27<sup>th</sup> October 2016** and a Referendum Statement will be produced and publicised on our website and in the local press nearer to the time.

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 Riseholme to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”***