DECISION STATEMENT

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended) The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Southwell Town Council submitted a Neighbourhood Development Plan Proposal (the plan proposal) to Newark & Sherwood District Council on 2nd November 2015. Having assessed the plan proposal against the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Schedule 4B para 6, Schedule 38 A & B the District Council finds as follows:

- 1. The plan proposal relates solely to the parish of Southwell and therefore Southwell Town Council is the relevant body and authorised to act in submitting the proposal.
- 2a. The proposal and accompanying documents comply with the rules for submission set out in Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, in that they include:
 - i. A map identifying the area to which the plan relates.
 - ii. The consultation statement which contains details of those consulted, how they were consulted, summaries of the main issues and concerns and how they have been considered and, where relevant addresses in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan.
 - iii. The proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)
- b. The plan proposal meets the definition of a NDP in that it sets out policies in relation to the development use and of land in the whole of the neighbourhood plan area specified in the plan.
- c. The plan proposal meets the scope of NDP provisions in that it:
 - i. Specifies it is to have effect from 2015-2026.
 - ii. Does not contain provision about 'excluded development'
 - iii. Relates to one neighbourhood area and does not repeat an existing planning permission.
- 3. The Town Council has undertaken the correct procedures in relation to consultation and publicity by carrying out public consultation on the Draft Southwell Neighbourhood Plan in February/March 2015.

In light of the above the District Council is satisfied that the plan proposal submission meets the requirements set out in the 1990 Act and therefore complies with the criteria for a neighbourhood plan.

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