



## Longridge Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 19 (Final) Decision Statement

Statement published May 2019, pursuant to Section 38A(9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Ribble Valley Borough Council decided by resolution of Full Council on 30/4/19 to make the Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Ribble Valley District.

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 This document is the Decision Statement required to be prepared under section 38A(9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012 (As amended). It sets out the Council's considerations and formal decision in bringing the Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan into legal force.
- 1.2 Following an independent Examination and positive referendum, held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Ribble Valley Borough Council decided to make the Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan under section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ('the Act').

### 2. Decision and Reasons

- 2.1 With the Examiner's recommended modifications the Longridge Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (As amended).
- 2.2 A local referendum was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to decide whether the local community were in favour of the Longridge Neighbourhood Plan. From the votes recorded, of those who voted, 92.87% were in favour of the plan. The turnout of electors was 17.97%.
- 2.3 Section 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (As amended) requires that the Council must 'make' the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

- 2.4 Ribble Valley Borough Council has assessed that the plan, including its preparation, does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 2.5 In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (As amended), Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan is 'made' and planning applications in the designated area must be considered against the Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as existing planning policy, such as the Local Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2.6 The details of the modifications were set out in the Examiners report which was published together with the draft plan and decision statement on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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