



## **DECISION STATEMENT: 2021-2036 STANTON & THORNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**DETERMINATION UNDER PARAGRAPH 8 OF SCHEDULE 4B TO THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 AS APPLIED TO NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS BY SECTION 38A OF THE PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 AND THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

### **SUMMARY**

This Decision Statement confirms that, following an independent examination of the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan, Middlesbrough Council accepts the Examiner's recommendation that, subject to modifications, the Neighbourhood Plan can proceed to a Referendum.

This Decision Statement, Examiner's Report, submission version of the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents are available to view on the Council's website at: [Stainton and Thornton Neighbourhood Plan | Middlesbrough Council](#)

### **BACKGROUND**

Stainton & Thornton Parish Council as the qualifying body has prepared the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan and once adopted will form part of the Council's Statutory Development Plan, against which future-planning applications within the designated Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Area will be determined.

With the agreement of the qualifying body, the Council appointed an independent examiner to conduct the examination of the submitted 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan. The examination is required to test whether the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions, and other matters set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), as applied to Neighbourhood Plans by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

### **EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Examiner's report was received on 14 December 2021. In his report, the Examiner recommended a number of modifications to the proposed policies within the Neighbourhood Plan in order that the Plan and its policies met the 'basic conditions'.

Additional minor modifications were also recommended to improve clarity. Full details of the 'basic conditions' against which the Plan was examined, the

recommended modifications and reasons for these can be found in the Examiner's Report.

The report concluded that, subject to the recommended modifications, the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions and could proceed to a Referendum.

### **COUNCIL'S DECISION**

As required under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Council must consider each of the Examiner's recommendations and the reasons for them and decide what action to take in response to each.

Having considered the Examiner's report, the Council accepts the recommended modifications and the reasons given for these.

The Council considers that the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan, meets the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and that the Plan complies with provisions made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Accordingly, the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan, incorporating the Examiner's recommended modifications, may proceed to a Referendum.

A referendum will be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the publication of this Decision Statement. In the interim, the issuing of this Decision Statement enables the 2021-2036 Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan to be afforded significant weight in the determination of future planning applications within the designated Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Area, until the referendum can take place.

It is a requirement that notification of the referendum will be publically announced 25 working days before it can take place.

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