

Draft Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 18 (2) Decision Statement

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an independent examination of the plan, Westminster City Council recommends that the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan is modified as set out in Table 1 of this statement, and then proceeds to referendum.
- 1.2. The Council agree with the Examiner's recommendation that the referendum area for the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan (as modified) should be the approved Neighbourhood Area which is set out in Figure 1 of this Decision Statement for convenience.
- 1.3 The Examiner's Report, and other background documents can be viewed on the Council's website at <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/planning-building-and-environmental-regulations/planning-policy/queens-park-neighbourhood-plan>.
- 1.4 If approved at referendums, the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan and will be used alongside the Westminster City Plan and the London Plan, when determining planning applications within Queen's Park Neighbourhood Area.

2. Background

- 2.1 Queen's Park Neighbourhood Area, based on the electoral ward boundary for Queen's Park (as shown in Figure 1 of this statement), was designated by the Council on 10th January 2014 in accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Queen's Park Community Council were first elected in May 2014 and as the qualifying body for the area they began preparing a draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.2 The Queen's Park Community Council published a draft plan for Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation in October 2017. It was subsequently revised in light of comments received, before submission to the Council in November 2020. Regulation 16 consultation on the plan was then carried out from November 2020 to January 2021.
- 2.3 In February 2021, the Council, in consultation with Queen's Park Community Council, appointed Ms Jill Kingaby BSc (Econ) MSc MRTPI as independent examiner of the plan. The purpose of the examination of the plan was to determine if it met the basic conditions required by legislation, other legal requirements, and should proceed to referendum.
- 2.4 The Examiner considered that a public hearing into the plan was not required and the examination was conducted through written representations. The Examiner's report concludes that, subject to making the modifications recommended in her report, the plan meets the basic conditions set out in legislation, and should proceed

to a local referendum. It also recommended that the area for the referendum should be the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

3. Decision

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires that the local planning authority outline how it intends to respond to the Examiner's recommendations.
- 3.2 Having considered each of the recommendations made in the Examiner's report, and the reasons for them, the Council has decided to make the modifications to the draft plan set out in Table 1 of this Decision Statement. These changes are considered to be necessary to ensure that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and legal requirements.
- 3.3 The submitted plan was accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report and a Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report. None of the modifications set out in Table 1 are considered to necessitate revisiting any of these assessments.
- 3.4 Westminster City Council agrees:
 - A) That the recommendations to modify the plan as set out in Table 1 and in the Examiner's Report be accepted.
 - B) That the Examiner's recommendation that the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, proceed to referendum on the basis that the plan meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights, complies with the statutory definition of a neighbourhood development plan, and comprises provisions that can be made by such a document.
 - C) That, in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation, the referendum area be the Neighbourhood Area as designated by the Council on 10th January 2014.
 - D) That if the results of the referendum are in support of the approval of the plan, the council proceeds to formally making the plan.

Signed

Cllr Matthew Green, Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning

Date

		<p>There are few green spaces within the QPCC Neighbourhood Plan area. The evidence base (see Appendix A Annex 1, pages 66 – 71) notes that</p> <p>Policy 3 <i>Residential gardens</i></p> <p>Development which requires planning permission and would results in the significant loss of private residential gardens space will not be permitted.</p> <p>Development in the curtilage of a residential property which requires planning permission should preserve significant green space retain some outdoor garden space for use by occupiers where possible, should ensure sustainable drainage, and maintain or enhance the biodiversity. of the space.</p>
PM6	Page 25	<p>After paragraph 2.26, add:</p> <p><i>Developers are encouraged to engage with stakeholders including Thames Water ahead of the submission of applications to discuss the infrastructure requirements for development, to help ensure that development is aligned with any necessary infrastructure upgrades required.</i></p>
PM7	Page 29	<p>Policy 9 <i>Commercial development</i></p> <p>Proposals will be supported for developments that maintain or improve for new or enhanced retail and commercial uses withinwill be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals for Canal</p> <p>Justification</p> <p>2.39 This policy supportsA number of shop fronts have now been used ...remain as residential houses. New permitted development rights come into effect on 1 August 2021 which will enable the change of use from the new Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) to residential use (Class C3). However, protecting and supporting additional active frontages and uses is therefore in Queen's Park's key retail and commercial centres currently remains a key point of concern.</p>
PM8	Page 30	<p>Objectives</p> <p>2.42 Continue developingnew homes that are wand meet local housing need, and the existing housing stock is protected and enhanced.</p>
PM9	Page 34	<p>Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan Development Projects</p> <p>This section is not part of the statutory neighbourhood plan but indicates how the neighbourhood plan can be delivered.</p>

