

## **Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Adoption Statement (Regulation 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012)**

#### **1. Summary**

1.1 Following an independent Examination and Referendum, Wycombe District Council now confirms by this Adoption Statement that the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan are therefore now given full weight when assessing planning applications in the designated Neighbourhood Area (Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish).

1.2 This Adoption Statement, the Plan and background documents can be viewed during normal office hours at :

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Queen Victoria Road

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1.3 This Adoption Statement, the Plan and background documents can also be viewed on the Council’s website: [www.wycombe.gov.uk](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk)

#### **2. Background**

2.1 In June 2015, Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council started work on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, as introduced by the Localism Act 2011. On 13 October 2015 the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Area was designated as the Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

2.2 The draft plan was formally submitted by Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council to the Council on 26 August 2016. The Council, being satisfied that the draft plan met the legal requirements as set out in paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, consulted on the submission plan for 6 weeks between 12 September and 25 October 2016, before arranging for the plan to be independently examined in November 2016.

2.3 The Examiner's report concluded that, subject to modifications, the Plan met the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements and once modified the Plan should proceed to referendum. The Council reviewed whether the plan met the Basic Conditions and published its decision statement setting out that the Plan as modified by the local authority should proceed to referendum. The referendum was held on 4 May 2017, with 81.48% voting "yes" in response to the referendum question: "Do you want Wycombe District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Bledlow-cum-Saunderton parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

### **3. Decision and Reasons**

3.1 Having found that the plan meets the Basic Conditions and other requirements as set out in paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and having had more than 50% of the voters voting "yes" during the referendum, the Council considered whether to "make" (adopt) the plan.

3.2 On 15 June 2017, the Council decided to make the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The decision takes effect on 23 June 2017.

3.3 The decision, the Plan and details of where they can be inspected have been publicised on our website. This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area.

3.4 The Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan ("the Plan") now made (i.e. adopted) forms part of the Development Plan. This means that the policies in the Plan are now given full weight when decision-makers assess planning applications in the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish area.