

**PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL**  
**AILSWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
**FINAL DECISION STATEMENT**

13 December 2017

**1. Summary**

- 1.1. Following a positive referendum result on 2 November 2017, Peterborough City Council has made the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan at a full Council meeting on Wednesday 13 December 2017.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. Peterborough City Council resolved to designate all of the Parish of Ailsworth as 'Ailsworth Neighbourhood Area' on 7 October 2014 in accordance with section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) (as inserted by the Localism Act (2011) and in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (as amended).
- 2.2. Following the submission of the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan to Peterborough City Council, the plan was publicised and representations were invited from the public and stakeholders. This six week consultation period ended on 26 June 2017.
- 2.3. Peterborough City Council appointed an independent examiner, David Kaiserman BA DipTP MRTPI, to review whether the plan meets the basic conditions as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) and should proceed to referendum.
- 2.4. The examiner's report concludes that, subject to a number of minor modifications, the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan meets the 'basic conditions' and other relevant statutory requirements and therefore should proceed to referendum. Peterborough City Council concurred with this conclusion and decided on 20 September 2017 that the modified plan should go to referendum.
- 2.5. This referendum was held on Thursday 2 November 2017 and 97.7% of those voting were in favour of the plan. Paragraph 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. The Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

