



Oakenshaw Neighbourhood Plan

Decision Statement

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the County Council of Durham ("the Council") hereby publishes its decision statement in relation to the Oakenshaw Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council has resolved to 'make' the Oakenshaw Neighbourhood Plan ("the Plan") which means the Plan has been brought into legal force. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the Oakenshaw Neighbourhood Area. Decisions on planning applications must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Reasons for Making the Plan

The submission version of the Plan, as modified following examination, complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations, and, the Council is satisfied that all relevant procedural requirements have been met. The Plan has undergone independent examination and has received support from a majority of voters in a referendum. Section 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the Council must 'make' the Plan if more than half of those voting in a referendum have voted in favour of the Plan.

For these reasons the Oakenshaw Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of Durham County Council on Wednesday 23 June 2021.

The Oakenshaw Neighbourhood Plan and associated documentation can be viewed on the County Council's website:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/18184/Neighbourhood-planning-what-s-happening->

The documents will also be able to be viewed at the following locations when they reopen:

- Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ between the hours of 8.30am - 5pm, Monday to Thursday (8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays)

- Greater Willington Town Council, 67 High Street, Willington, Crook, DL15 0PF between the hours of 9am - 3pm, Monday to Thursday (closed Friday - Sunday)

Signed: Helen Lynch

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