



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

# TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

## Report to Development Committee

<b>Report Author</b>	Colin Hill, Project Manager
<b>Tel No</b>	07933713958
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:projectmanager@todmorden-tc.gov.uk">projectmanager@todmorden-tc.gov.uk</a>
<b>Date</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024
<b>Subject</b>	Neighbourhood Plan

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To receive and consider the proposed final version of the Neighbourhood Plan – Appendix 1
2. To recommend to Full Council to approve and submit to Calderdale MBC for Regulation 15 Consultation.
3. To inform Members that if approved at Referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan will be monitored every five years to assess the effectiveness of its policies.

### BACKGROUND

4. The Neighbourhood Plan has been in preparation since 2017 and following early progress was delayed in 2019 pending Calderdale MBC taking forward the Local Plan, which was finally adopted in March 2023.
5. The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee was reconvened in February 2023 to review the draft version in light of the then emerging Local Plan, since when several changes have been made to strengthen policy or following consultation amends and additions made.
6. During this period of preparation there have been several committee Member changes since the draft version was initially prepared, and therefore to aid Committees understanding of the Plan content now to then, a comparison is attached – see Appendix 2.
7. Accompanying the plan is another key document that helps adds local influence the Design Handbook that is to be considered by way of separate report.
8. In terms of process we have to evidence the extent of consultation that has taken place. A Statement of Consultation has been produced which will be considered by way of separate report.

9. Included within the Neighbourhood Plan is a list of Non- Designated Heritage Assets which this Committee has already reviewed and following every property owned on the list being written to, has been amended to remove those requesting non-inclusion.
10. Included within the Neighbourhood Plan is a list of Local Green Spaces. For more detail on this see Appendix 3.
11. Accompanying the Neighbourhood Plan, Design Handbook and Statement of Consultation will be: -
  - a. Register of Non- Designated Heritage Assets – previously reviewed - Appendix 4
  - b. AECOM Housing Needs Assessment (as supporting evidence) - Appendix 5
12. Once submitted to Calderdale MBC, for Regulation 15 Consultation they will progress through the next stages of Independent Examination, Modification and Referendum.
13. Once approved by Full Council for submission to Calderdale MBC, the Project Officer and Assistant Town Clerk will work on a process for how these policies will be applied practically for when this Committee considers future planning applications and a record maintained as to their effectiveness.

#### **FINANCIAL**

14. The extent of Project Office time to compete all of the required elements in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan Planning Consultant has been extensive and is reflected in a higher than anticipated spend than established at the start of the year.
15. Substantial support has also been provided from within the office in preparation of the NDA Register, Consultation and Committee work.
16. In total it is estimated that direct costs of c£30k have been incurred since 2017 of which £15k was grant funded.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

17. That Members receive and consider the proposed final version of the Neighbourhood Plan.
18. That if in agreement the Development Committee makes a recommendation to Full Council to approve the Neighbourhood Plan for submission to Calderdale MBC for Regulation 15 Consultation.

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

19. Development Committee is tasked to oversee production and completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

20. Todmorden Town Council has resolved to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:**

21. None arising directly out of this report.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE:**

22. None arising directly out of this report.

### **IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT**

23. None arising directly out of this report.

### **SUPPORTING PAPERS:**

Appendix 1- Neighbourhood Plan

Appendix 2 – Comparison of Policy Amends /Additions

Appendix 3 – Green Spaces – Process and Considerations

Appendix 4 – Non- Designated Assets Register

Appendix 5 – Housing Needs Assessment

**FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill**