

Headington Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement (Regulation 18(2))

Summary

1. Following an independent examination undertaken by written representations, Oxford City Council now confirms that the Headington Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.
2. This decision statement will be available on the city council's internet page and main offices. The Decision Statement will also be available in Bury Knowle Library, Headington, Oxford.

Background

3. On 23 April 2014, Oxford City Council formally designated the area shown at Appendix 1 as the Headington Neighbourhood Area. On 10 September 2014, Oxford City Council formally designated the Headington Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the previously designated neighbourhood area.
4. Following the submission of the Headington Neighbourhood Plan to Oxford City Council the plan was publicised and representations were invited. The publicity period ended on 7th October 2016.
5. The City Council appointed an independent Examiner, John Slater BA (Hons), DMS, MRTPI to examine whether the Headington Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and whether the Headington Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a referendum.
6. The Examiner's Report recommended a number of modifications so that the Headington Neighbourhood Plan is able to comply with the 'basic conditions' and other relevant statutory provisions, and that the draft plan as modified can be submitted for referendum.
7. The Examiner's Report (January 2017) concludes by stating:

"I am therefore delighted to recommend to Oxford City Council that the Headington Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified by my recommendations, should now proceed to referendum"

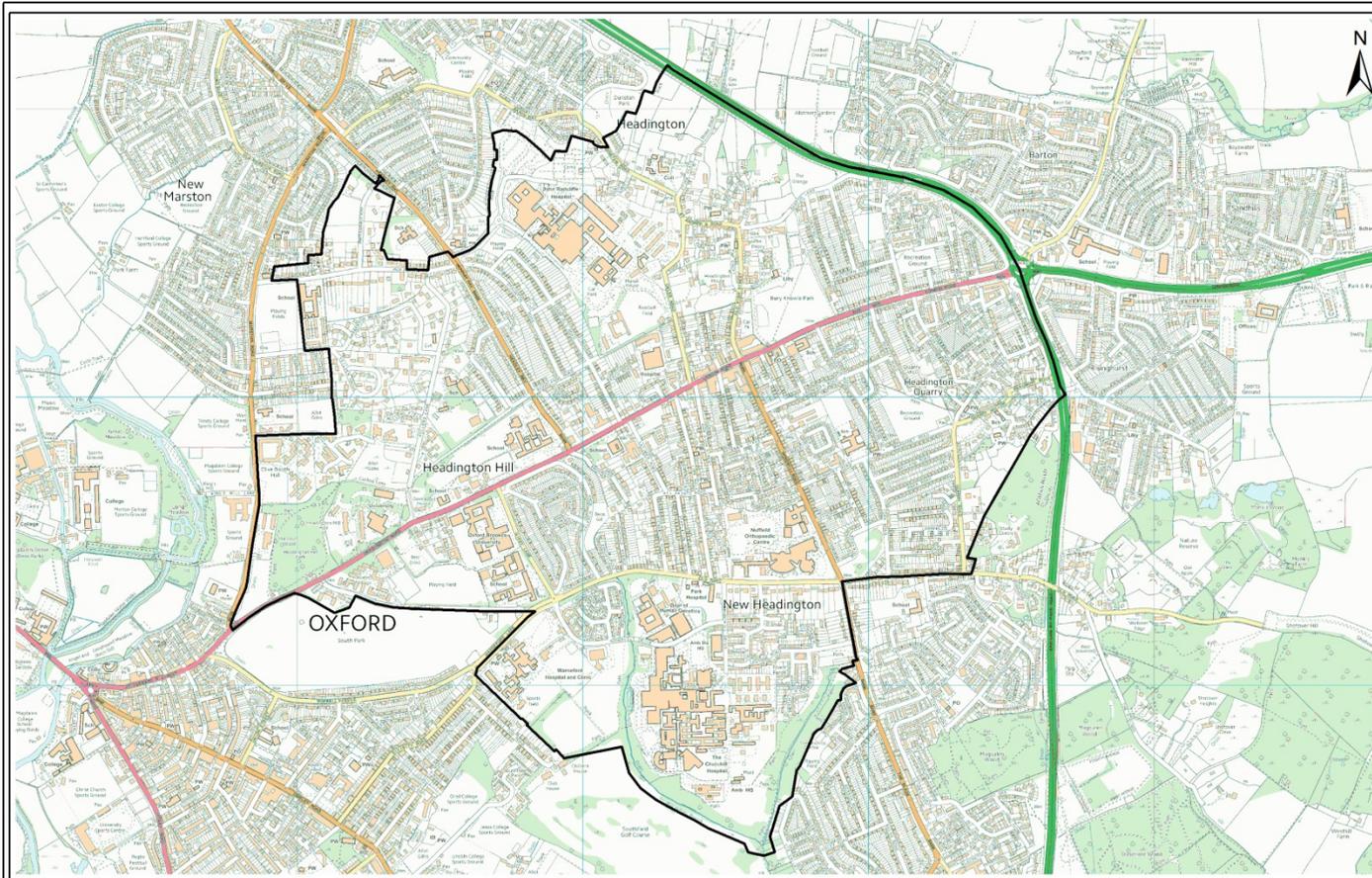
Recommendations, Decisions and Reasons

8. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Regulation 18 requires the local planning authority to outline what action to take in response to the recommendations of an examiner made in a report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4a to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as applied by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

9. Having considered the recommendations made by the examiner's report, and the reasons for them, Oxford City Council has agreed to accept the modifications made to the draft plan under paragraph 12(6) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in response to the Examiner's recommendations/ modifications.
10. To meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 a referendum which poses the question, 'Do you want Oxford City Council to use the Headington Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Headington Neighbourhood Area¹?' will be held in the area formally designated as the Headington Neighbourhood Area.
11. The date on which the referendum will take place is Thursday 4th May 2017.

¹ Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012 (As amended)

Appendix 1: Map of Headington Neighbourhood Area



Headington Neighbourhood Area

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