

North Hertfordshire District Council

Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Decision statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011

Schedule 38A (9) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, 2012

North Hertfordshire District Council has “made” the Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2031 under section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on 2 April 2020. The Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the Development Plan and its policies will be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land covered by the Plan.

Decision and Reasons:

North Hertfordshire District Council as the local planning authority ‘makes’ i.e. adopts the Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for North Hertfordshire District.

The Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and its promotion process is compliant with legal and procedural requirements. Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the local planning authority to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum have voted in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the area. The plan was endorsed by more than the required threshold in the referendum held on 5th March 2020.

The decision statement can be inspected at: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/approved-neighbourhood-areas-preston>

The Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan and its associated documents are available to view on the Council’s website at: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/approved-neighbourhood-areas-preston>

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