

Beeches Booths and Barr (3Bs) Neighbourhood Plan

Final Decision Statement published pursuant to Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Summary

Following a referendum on the 28th October 2021, in which more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the neighbourhood plan, Birmingham City Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”), has decided to make the 3Bs Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2031 part of the Birmingham Development Plan 2031 (Adopted 2017). This statement sets out this decision and the reasons for the Council making this decision.

Background

The 3Bs Neighbourhood Area and Forum were formally designated as a ‘Neighbourhood Forum’ in January 2017 under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) hereinafter referred to as “the 2012 Regulations”. The 3Bs Neighbourhood Forum then formally submitted the Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, in line with Regulation 15 of the 2012 Regulations. The Council invited representations on the Neighbourhood Plan, in line with Regulation 16 of the 2012 Regulations, during an eight-week consultation period from 18th December 2020 to 12th February 2021. A total of eighteen representations on the Neighbourhood Plan were received during this period.

The Council undertook a screening assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan under the Environmental Assessments of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was not required. Statutory consultees concurred with this determination.

In December 2020, a Cabinet Member Report titled: 3Bs Neighbourhood Plan: Publicity, Examination and Referendum, was signed by the Leader of Birmingham City Council. It approved the ‘making’ (adoption) of the 3Bs Neighbourhood Plan by the Council as part of its Local Development Framework if the outcome of the referendum was positive.

The Council appointed an independent examiner to assess whether the Neighbourhood Plan was deemed to meet the basic conditions and whether it could proceed to referendum. The examiner’s report was received on 2nd August 2021. It concluded that, subject to a series of modifications, the Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions and other legal requirements and could proceed to referendum.

On the 17th October 2021, the Council published a Decision Statement under regulation 18 of the 2012 Regulations confirming that all the modifications recommended by the examiner had been accepted and that the Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, met the basic conditions and should proceed to a public referendum. A copy of the Decision Statement published on the 17th October 2021 can be viewed on the Council’s website at: [Beeches Booths and Barr 3bs neighbourhood plan](#)

A referendum relating to the 3Bs Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2031 was held on Thursday 28th October 2021. The referendum posed the question: 'Do you want Birmingham City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for 3Bs to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires that the Council must make a neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

Reasons for the Decision

The 3Bs Neighbourhood Plan complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions previously referred to in this statement. It has also been subject to a referendum, and more than half of those who voted were in favour of the plan. As such it can now be formally 'made' by the Council and become part of the statutory development plan for deciding planning applications in the designated neighbourhood area.

Where the Decision Statement can be inspected

This decision statement, along with the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents, can be viewed online on the Council's website at: [Beeches Booths and Barr 3bs neighbourhood plan](#)

Hard copies can be inspected at Woodcock Street, Birmingham, B7 4BL at the following times:

- Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 5.15pm
- Friday 8.45am to 4.15pm

A copy of the decision statement has been sent to the qualifying body (3Bs Neighbourhood Forum), and all persons who asked to be notified of the decision.

If you require a hard copy of this statement or would like any further information, please contact the North West Planning Team by email: planningandregenerationenquiries@birmingham.co.uk or by phone: 07517 536 426

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