**Treswell with Cottam Neighbourhood Plan (Review):** Statement of Extent and Nature of Review

18 February 2024

**1. Overview**

The Treswell with Cottam Neighbourhood Plan was originally ‘made’ following a public referendum on 21 February 2019. Soon after adoption, in Spring 2019, the Parish Council decided to pursue a focussed review of the Neighbourhood Plan, to reflect anticipated changes to the local planning landscape proposed in the emerging Bassetlaw Local Plan. Specifically, the Local Plan proposed repositioning the Parish from a no-growth strategy, as per the 2011 Core Strategy, to one where a limited amount of growth would be supported. This statement details the extent of the proposed modifications to the Plan, and the views of the Qualifying Body and District Council on the nature of the changes.

**2. Proposed Amendments**

The proposed amendments to the existing Neighbourhood Plan can be summarised as follows:

* Addition of policies 1 to 4, which each address a site-specific residential allocation in Treswell village.
* Addition of Policy 5, addressing additional residential development within the Treswell development boundary.

In addition to the above, consequential changes have also been made throughout the Plan for consistency, clarity, and to ensure that references to other documents and legislation are up-to-date, particularly the emerging Bassetlaw Local Plan and the recently revised NPPF.

**3. Judgement on Scope and Scale of the Review**

Once ‘made’, neighbourhood plans can be reviewed as required in order to correct errors, or to respond to changes in their geographical or legislative context. National Planning Policy Guidance[[1]](#footnote-1) clarifies that there are three classes of review that can be undertaken in respect to a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan, each with its own procedure for enactment, as follows:

| **Typology** | **Definition** | **Procedure** |
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| Non-material amendment | Correcting a minor error that will not materially change the way that a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan functions. | The changes can be made to the plan, subject to the approval of both the qualifying body (e.g. parish council) and BDC Full Council. |
| Minor material amendment | Making small-scale changes that may have a material impact on the way that a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan functions. The decision as to whether the changes alter the nature of the plan will be determined by the examiner. | As above, but the modified plan should be subject to public / statutory consultation (Reg 14 and Reg 16), and independent examination, before seeking BDC Full Council approval to adopt. |
| Significant material amendment | Making more substantial changes that will materially alter the way that a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan functions. | As above, but a public referendum will be required subsequent to BDC Full Council approval in order to ‘make’ / adopt the plan. |

With reference to the table above, both the Qualifying Body and the District Council are of the view that the proposed changes constitute a significant material amendment to the Plan. The reasons for this are as follows:

* The overall approach to residential development in the Neighbourhood Area has changed, moving from a stance of no growth to one of support for new development subject to criteria.

In accordance with this judgement, the amendments to the Plan have been subject to public consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Consultation in accordance with Regulation 16 of the same regulation is due to commence imminently, followed by independent examination.

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1. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#updating-neighbourhood-plan> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)