

Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Development Plan Review - Decision Statement published pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 Schedule 38A(9) and Regulations 19 & 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Lichfield District Council decided by Cabinet Member decision on 10/09/2025 to make the Shenstone Neighbourhood Development Plan Review under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Shenstone Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.

1. Reasons for decision

The Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions and its promotion process is compliant with legal and procedural requirements.

The examination of the Neighbourhood Plan has now concluded, and the independent examiner issued their final report on 10 July 2025. The independent examiner determined that the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan involves material modifications that do not change the nature of the made plan. As such, the modifications required examination but not a referendum. The report recommended that subject to the modifications outlined in the report that the neighbourhood plan meets the 'basic conditions' and as such should be made.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan was originally made on 13 December 2016. In 2023, Shenstone Parish Council commenced a review on the made Neighbourhood Plan. The plan review was submitted to Lichfield District Council on 22 August 2024.
- 2.2 On 2 September 2024 Shenstone Parish Council published the draft Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan for a six week consultation, in line with regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The closing date was extended to 8 November 2024 to encourage additional responses.

- 2.3 The Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan was submitted by the Parish Council to Lichfield District Council on 31 March 2025 for assessment by an independent examiner. The Plan (and associated documents) was publicised for consultation by Lichfield District Council for six weeks between 9 April 2025 and 21 May 2025 (the Local Authority publicity consultation). Mr Chris Collison of Planning and Management Ltd was appointed as the Independent Examiner and all comments received at the Local Authority publicity consultation were passed on for his consideration.
- 2.4 The Examiner's report concluded that the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan involves material modifications which do not change the nature of the made plan and therefore require examination but not a referendum. The report recommended that subject to modifications, the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan met the necessary basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4b (8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and that the plan should be made by the district council.

This decision statement can be viewed online on the Lichfield District Council website at: https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plans/shenstone-neighbourhood-plan. It can also be viewed in hard copy at:

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