



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Darlington Borough Local Plan 2016-2036

Adoption Statement

In accordance with Regulation 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), and Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, this Adoption Statement hereby gives notice that on 17 February 2022 Darlington Borough Council adopted the Darlington Borough Local Plan (2016-2036) as a development plan document.

The Darlington Borough Local Plan was the subject of an independent examination conducted by William Fieldhouse, BA(Hons) MA, MRTPI, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. In his report published in January 2022 the Inspector confirmed, subject to a number of main modifications, the Plan was sound and capable of adoption. The recommended main modifications, along with the consequential minor modifications, have been included in the adopted Darlington Borough Local Plan (2016-2036) document, which now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications and replaces the 'saved' policies of the Borough of Darlington Local Plan 1997 (updated 2001) and the Darlington Core Strategy (2011).

Any person aggrieved by the Darlington Borough Local Plan (2016-2036) may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- i. The Darlington Borough Local Plan (2016-2036) is not within the appropriate power (as defined in Section 113(9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004); or
- ii. A procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made to the High Court not later than 1 April 2022. This represents a period of six weeks for applications beginning with the day after the date on which the Local Plan was adopted.

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the 2012 Regulations the following documents have been made available:

- i. the Darlington Borough Local Plan 2016 – 2036;
- ii. this Adoption Statement; and
- iii. the Sustainability Appraisal Report.

The documents listed at (i), (ii) and (iii) above can be viewed on the Council's website at:

www.darlington.gov.uk/localplan or

Paper copies of the documents are available at the Main Council offices at Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5QT on an appointment-only basis. Please contact us on the contact details below to book an appointment.

A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to the Secretary of State.

If you require further information please email planning.policy@darlington.gov.uk or telephone 01325 406724.