**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST**

**HIGHAMS PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Section 38A (4) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

**FINAL DECISION STATEMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST (LBWF)** has decided to

make (adopt) the Highams Park Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) under Section 38A(4)(a) of the

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning

Act 2017), and under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations

2012 (as amended).

In accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations

2012 (as amended), following a positive referendum result on 5 March 2020 the Highams Park

Neighbourhood Plan is part of the adopted Development Plan for LBWF.

**Background**

The Plan was submitted to LBWF for examination on 14 November 2018. The Plan was published for consultation by LBWF for six weeks between 18 February 2019 and 30 March 2019. The Plan was examined by an independent Examiner in June 2019 and who in his report of the 7 June 2019 recommended that subject to modification the Plan meets the required Basic Conditions (as set out in Schedule 4b (8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1900, as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and should proceed to a referendum. The referendum was held in 5 March 2020 where more than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the Council must make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

**Reason for this Decision**

LBFW considers that the Plan does not breach, nor is incompatible with, EU obligations or any of the Convention rights within the means of the Human Rights Act 1998 (Section 61E (80 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 38A (8) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Act, as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions and its promotion process is compliant with legal and procedural requirements.

The decision statement confirms that LBWF on 23 April 2020 LBWF resolved that the Plan will be made.

The decision statement and the Plan are available to view on the Council’s website at <https://walthamforest.gov.uk/content/highams-park-neighbourhood-plan>.

Hard copies of the decision statement and Plan are available at:

- Reception, The Magistrates, Town Hall complex, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4 JF.

- Walthamstow Library, High Street, Walthamstow E17 7JN

- Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park E4 9QD