



## **Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Decision Statement**

### **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

### **Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the County Council of Durham (“the Council”) hereby publishes its decision statement in relation to the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council has resolved to ‘make’ the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) which means the Plan has been brought into legal force. It now forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Area which comprises the whole of Witton Gilbert Parish Council Area. Decisions on planning applications must now be made in accordance with policies in the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

#### Reasons for Making the Plan

The submission version of the Plan, as modified following examination, complies with legal requirements governing the making of neighbourhood development plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations, and, the Council is satisfied that all relevant procedural requirements have been met. The Plan has undergone independent examination and has received support from a majority of voters in a referendum. Section 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the Council must ‘make’ the Plan if more than half of those voting in a referendum have voted in favour of the Plan.

For these reasons the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan has been made by resolution of Durham County Council on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

A copy of this Decision Statement and the Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan can be view on the County Council’s website:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/18184/Neighbourhood-planning-what-s-happening->

The documents can also be viewed at:

- Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ between the hours of 8.30am - 5pm, Monday to Thursday (8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays)
- Coopers Hall, Witton Gilbert between the hours of:

Monday 8.30 am – 12.30pm & 1pm – 5pm

Tuesday- Thursday 8.30am – 9.30pm

Friday 8.30 am – 12 Midnight.

Signed:

Helen Lynch (Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Durham County Council)

Dated: December 2019