

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

(Regulations 26 & 35)

## **STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN**

### **ADOPTION STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), this Adoption Statement hereby gives notice that on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council adopted the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Local Plan as a development plan document.

The Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Local Plan was the subject of an independent examination conducted by Matthew Birkinshaw, BA (Hons), Msc, MRTPI, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. In his report, published on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the Inspector confirmed that subject to a number of main modifications the Plan was sound and recommended its adoption. The recommended main modifications have been included in the adopted Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Local Plan which now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications. The full list of main modifications, made to the Plan following receipt of the Inspector's Report, can be found in the 'Schedule of Recommended Main Modifications' published as an Appendix to the Inspector's Report. A number of additional modifications have also been included as necessary technical, presentational and grammatical changes that do not materially affect the policies in the plan.

The Local Plan sets out the overall strategy and policies for the development and use of land in locations across the Borough up to 2032 and includes a Policies Map. It replaces in full the Core Strategy (2010) and saved Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan policies (1997) and Stockton on Tees Alteration Number 1 to the Adopted Local Plan policies (2006).

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

- (i) the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Local Plan;
- (ii) this Adoption Statement; and
- (iii) the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating SEA) Post Adoption Statement.

The adopted Local Plan and Policies Map, this Adoption Statement, the Sustainability Appraisal Post Adoption Statement Inspector's Report are available for inspection at the Council's principal office, which is Stockton Central Library and Customer Service Centre, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1TU or online at [www.stockton.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/localplan). All main documents are also available for inspection at all libraries in the Borough (locations and opening hours are available at [www.stockton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/libraries) or by telephoning 01642 526050). A copy of this Statement has been sent to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

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

- (a) the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Local Plan is not within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; or
- (b) a procedural requirement of the Act or associated Regulations has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made promptly and in any event no later than 6 weeks after the date on which the Local Plan was adopted, i.e. no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.