

ADOPTION STATEMENT – PIMLICO NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Regulation 19 Decision Statement

Summary

- 1.1 Following an independent examination of the draft Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan, Westminster City Council recommended that the draft Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 16 submission version) was modified as set out in the [Decision Statement \(20 June 2022\)](#), and then proceeded to local referendum.
- 1.2 The council agreed with the Examiner's recommendation that the referendum area for the Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan (as modified) should be the approved Pimlico Neighbourhood Area which is set out in the [Decision Statement \(20 June 2022\)](#).
- 1.3 In accordance with the [Decision Statement \(20 June 2022\)](#), this Adoption Statement sets out that the Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the statutory [Development Plan](#) and will be used alongside Westminster City Plan 2019-2040, and the London Plan 2021, when determining planning applications within the Pimlico Neighbourhood Area.

Background

- 1.4 The Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan was subject to a referendum on 22 September 2022. The referendum held met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the Pimlico Neighbourhood Area and posed the question: **Do you want Westminster City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Pimlico to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?**
- 1.5 The plan was successfully approved by 92.94% of voters who took part in the referendum.
- 1.6 Section 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires that the council must 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the Plan, unless (under Section 38A(6)) this would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with an EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 1.7 Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the council should declare if it decides to make (i.e. adopt) the plan within 8 weeks of the referendum result.
- 1.8 Prior to the adoption of the Plan, the Council and the Pimlico Neighbourhood Forum agreed to make a number of minor non-material changes to the Plan (as voted on). By error, a small number of changes agreed during the Examination of the Plan were not incorporated into the 'referendum version' of the Plan. The amendments are as follows:
 - modification of PIM1F so that it now reads *"Proposals within the ~~town-centre which make up the~~ town centre hierarchy must ensure that alterations to buildings and their appearance...;*
 - modification of PIM3 so that it now reads *"c – ensure they are subordinate to the main building by being clearly set back behind the parapet ~~and not being of excessive height d – not being of excessive height~~...;*

- modification of PIM4 E so that it now reads “Where the principle of conversion to residential use is acceptable, and where no characteristic shopfronts and railings exist at ground floor level, an alternative design for a residential frontage may ~~will~~ be permitted at ground floor and basement level, provided it...;”
- modification of PIM15A so that it now reads “Proposals for the refurbishment of existing hotels ~~in Pimlico~~ are encouraged”;
- modification of Map 2 to remove two odd units painted in blue north of St George’s Drive and Appendix 3 to clarify that the Tachbrook Street commercial units are part of the Pimlico Local Centre and not a Pimlico Parade.
- rectification of minor typographical errors.

Decision

- 1.9 The council considers that the Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan meets the ‘basic conditions’ (set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended), its promotion process was compliant with legal and procedural requirements and it does not breach the legislation (set out in Section 38A(6)) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).
- 1.10 In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and Section 38A (4) and (5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, notice is hereby given that Westminster City Council adopted the Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan on 7 December 2022.
- 1.11 In accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the 2012 Regulations, the following documents have been made available on the council’s website and can be inspected at City Hall (64 Victoria Street) upon request¹:
- i. Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan; and
 - ii. This Adoption Statement.

A copy of the documents listed can be viewed on the council’s website at <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/planning-building-and-environmental-regulations/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas-forums-and-plans/pimlico-neighbourhood-plan>

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