



## **Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council**

### **Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan**

#### **Regulations 19 & 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

#### **Decision Statement Regarding the Borough Council's Consideration of the 25 September 2025 Referendum result – Notice of Making of the Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017**

#### **Decision**

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council decided by delegated authority of Simon McEneny, Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with Councillor Andrew Fear – Cabinet Portfolio Holder – Strategic Planning on 26 September 2025 to make the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan under Section 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough.

#### **Reasons for decision:**

The Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan meets the 'Basic Conditions' and its promotion process is compliant with legal and procedural requirements. Paragraphs 38A(4)(a) and (6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires the Council to make a Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum have voted in favour of the Plan being used to help decide planning applications in the area, unless the Council consider that the 'making' of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). The Council is not of that opinion.

On 25 September 2025 the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan was subject to a local referendum which returned a majority vote in favour of using the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan to decide planning applications within the Audley Neighbourhood Area.

Upon declaration of this result the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

A copy of this notice will be sent to:

- The qualifying body, namely Audley Rural Parish Council; and
- To any person who asked to be notified of the decision.

A hard copy of this notice is also available for viewing (during normal opening hours) at:

- Audley Library, Hall St, Audley, ST7 8DB
- Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Offices, Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1BL

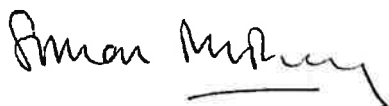
The Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan and its associated documents are available to view on the Council's website at:

[Audley rural neighbourhood plan – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council](#)

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Signed:



Simon McEneny

Deputy Chief Executive

Dated: 01 October 2025

In consultation with

Signed:



Councillor Andrew Fear,

Cabinet Portfolio Holder – Strategic Planning

Dated: 01 October 2025