This statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Regulation 4 (3) (b) (v) of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The purpose of the statement is to set out general information about town and country planning, including neighbourhood planning, and to provide general information about the referendum.

**The Planning System**

The role of the planning system is to ensure that development happens in the right place and at the right time. It identifies what type of development is needed and where and also identifies areas which need to be protected or enhanced. The planning system assesses whether proposed development is suitable.

The planning system includes plan making and managing development. Plan making involves preparing a plan or plans for an area which set out how an area will develop over time to guide future development. Managing development involves determining whether proposed development should be allowed through the granting of planning permission.

Kettering Borough Council is responsible for making decisions on whether applications for planning permission are appropriate. The starting point for decision making is the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Material considerations include National Planning Policy and Guidance.

There are a number of planning policies which cover the Broughton Neighbourhood Area:

**National Planning Policy and Guidance**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published on 24 July 2018.

**Development Plan**

The adopted Development Plan for the Broughton Neighbourhood Area currently includes:

- The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Adopted July 2016)
- Saved Local Plan Policies from the 1995 Kettering Borough Local Plan

The Council is currently preparing the Kettering Borough Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2). A consultation on the draft SSP2 took place from 22nd June 2018 to 3rd August 2018. When the SSP2 is adopted it will replace saved Local Plan policies. At present the draft SSP2 identifies a site as a potential housing allocation, however as the Neighbourhood Plan looks to identify an alternative site, when the Neighbourhood Plan is made, policies in the SSP2 that relate to the allocation of housing sites will be withdrawn.
Further information on the Development Plan is available using the following link: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20058/planning_strategies_and_policies/25/planning_policies

**Neighbourhood Planning**

Neighbourhood Planning is a relatively new area of planning introduced under the Localism Act 2011, which gives local communities the power to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which sets out a vision for their neighbourhood and which shapes the development and growth on their local neighbourhood area.

Neighbourhood Plans need to align with strategic needs and priorities for the wider local area. They are an opportunity for local communities to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community.

Neighbourhood Planning can be used to:

- Set planning policies through a neighbourhood plan that is used in determining planning applications.
- Grant planning permission through Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders for specific development which complies with the order.

Broughton Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan and a Neighbourhood Development Order. The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision and objectives and policies to achieve this vision. The Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO) is an order which grants planning permission for the development specified in the order; the NDO has been prepared for the BT Exchange site, Church Street, Broughton.

Once a neighbourhood plan has successfully passed an examination, achieved local support through a successful referendum and has been ‘made’ by the Local Planning Authority, it will form part of the statutory development plan. The development plan is used by the local planning authority in determining planning applications.

Once a neighbourhood development order has successfully passed an examination, achieved local support through a successful referendum and has been ‘made’ by the local planning authority, it will grant planning permission for the development specified in the order.

**Referendum**

If more than half (50%) of those voting in the Referendum vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order then the local planning authority must make the Neighbourhood Plan and Development Order.

Once made the Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order will be part of the statutory development plan and will be used in determining decisions on planning applications.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.
A person is entitled to vote if on 4th September 2018:

- He or she are entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of Kettering Borough Council whose area is the Referendum area; and
- His or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area.

The referendum asks you to vote ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ on one specific question in relation to the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan.

‘Do you want Kettering Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Broughton Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’

The referendum area is shown on a map attached to the Information Statement for the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan.

The referendum also asks you to vote ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ in relation to the Broughton Neighbourhood Development Order.

‘Do you want the type of development in the Neighbourhood Development Order for Broughton Parish to have planning permission?’

The area that the Broughton Neighbourhood Development Order applies to is shown on a map attached to the Information Statement for the Broughton Neighbourhood Development Order.

The specified documents as set out in both the Information Statements for both the Broughton Neighbourhood Plan and Broughton Neighbourhood Development Order are available to view here: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20058/planning_strategies_and_policies/29/neighbourhood_planning/4.

Details on where hard copies of these documents can be viewed can be found in the Information Statement.

The Information Statement as well as the Notice of Referendum and the Notice of Poll and Situation of Polling Stations can be viewed here: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20008/elections_and_voting/12303/neighbourhood_planning_referendums/2.

For more general information on Neighbourhood Plan Referendums, please visit: https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20008/elections_and_voting/12303/neighbourhood_planning_referendums