

**Milton Keynes Council
Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Development Plan
Decision Statement**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum, Milton Keynes Council now makes the Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Woburn Sands Parish Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for their area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which came into force 6 April 2012.
- 2.2 Following the submission of a draft of the Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 30 October 2013.
- 2.3 Milton Keynes Council appointed an independent examiner; Mr P Biggers to review whether the Draft Plan should proceed to referendum. The Examiner's report concludes that the plan is in general conformity with the adopted Core Strategy and with regard to national policies and guidance, and subject to amendments the plan could proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.
- 2.4 A Neighbourhood Planning Referendum was held on 22 May 2014 with a turn out rate of 42%.
- 2.5 90% of the votes cast were in support of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Decision

- 3.1 The Council makes the Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Council agree to the decision notice and the Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Plan being published on our website and in other manners to bring them to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area; and for the decision notice and details on how to view the plan to be sent to the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.