



## The Central Milton Keynes (CMK) Business Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

**Referendum date: 7 May 2015**

A business neighbourhood plan referendum will be held for the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan on **Thursday, 7 May 2015**. There will be a referendum of residents and a separate referendum of businesses in the borough of Milton Keynes.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

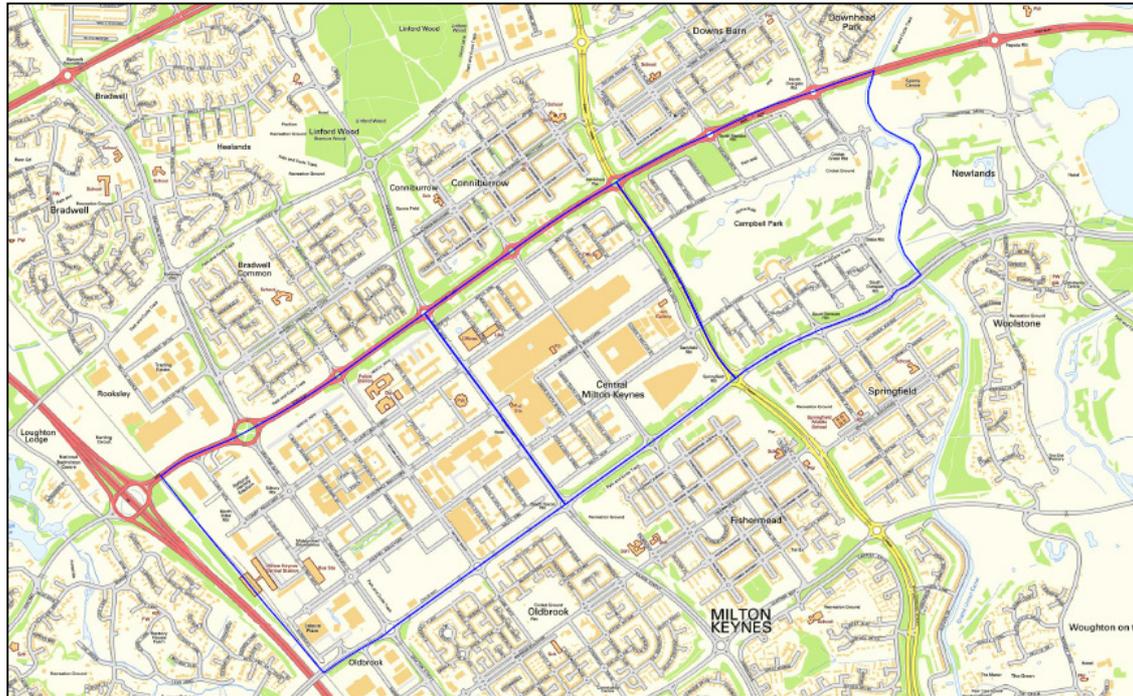
**“Do you want Milton Keynes Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Central Milton Keynes to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

### **The Referendum Area**

The referendum area for both the residential and business referendums covers the whole of the borough of Milton Keynes (see map below).



The referendum area is different from the area which has been designated as the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan area. The designated Plan area is shown in blue on the map below.



### **Residential Referendum**

A person is entitled to vote in the Residential Referendum if, on 7 May 2015,

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person's qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in respect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

### **Business Referendum**

A person is entitled to vote in the Business Referendum if

- he or she is registered on the business voting register on 7 May, 2015.

A person is entitled to be registered on the business voting register if, on the day of their application to be so registered, they are a non-domestic ratepayer in the referendum area.

Where, in respect of a hereditament, more than one person is liable for a non-domestic rate as partners or trustees, the business vote holder is the partners or trustees jointly.

Each business vote holder has one vote in the business referendum, irrespective of the number of hereditaments within the referendum area in respect of which he or she is liable for a non-domestic rate.

### **Referendum expenses**

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply to the Referendum is **£13,503.92**.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been set is 181,934 for the residential referendum and 6,914 for the business referendum.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

### **Specified documents**

The specified documents are:

- The CMK Alliance Business Neighbourhood Plan, updated to include the changes recommended by the independent examiner;
- The report of the independent examiner into the business neighbourhood plan;
- A summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A statement by Milton Keynes Council that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation;
- A statement that sets out general information about Town and Country Planning, including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (information for voters);

A copy of the specified documents may be viewed as follows:

Online at: [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CMKBusinessNeighbourhoodPlan](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CMKBusinessNeighbourhoodPlan)

In person at the following deposit points:

- Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ between 9am and 5.15pm.
- All libraries in Milton Keynes borough area. Details of each of the branches and opening times can be found here: [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries)