

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING OFFICER DECISION			
DECISION REQUIRED (please tick one box)			
Designate a Neighbourhood Forum		Agree comments on a pre-submission plan	
Designate a Neighbourhood Area	X	Agree comments on a submitted plan	
Whether to accept and publicise a Submitted Plan		Agree the appointment of an Examiner	
Whether to decline or accept a repeat proposal		Agree actions to take following an Examiner's report	
Whether to modify a Plan or Order			
LOCATION/ PARISH	Emberton Parish Council		
DATE RECEIVED	7 June 2016		
DEADLINE FOR DECISION (where Regs require this)	17th August, 2016		
LEAD OFFICER	Diane Webber		
ISSUES/COMMENTS (including details of any consultations undertaken and any comments received)			
<p>Emberton Parish Council has submitted an application to Milton Keynes Council to designate their parish area as a Neighbourhood Area. The application has been made in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>In accordance with Regulation 6 of those Regulations (as amended by Regulation 2 of the <i>Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</i>), Milton Keynes Council published the area application, and held a four week public consultation period between 22nd June and 20th July, 2016. The application was advertised on the Council's website and consultation finder, and through direct emails to all Ward Councillors, all Parish and Town Councils, and affected neighbouring Local Planning Authorities.</p> <p>No responses were received to the consultation.</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance advises that a local planning authority must designate a neighbourhood area if it receives a valid application and some or all of the area has not yet been designated.</p> <p>In reaching its decision on a neighbourhood area application a local planning authority should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the statement accompanying the application, • the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish as a neighbourhood area, • any representations received during the consultation period and, • whether it is appropriate to define the area as a business area under Section 			

61H of the Act.

In parished areas, the legislation recognises that the parish council's administrative boundaries will form logical boundaries for neighbourhood planning unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

The proposed neighbourhood area for Emberton covers the area for which Emberton Parish Council is the elected body and the relevant body for the purposes of neighbourhood planning under the Act and the 2012 Regulations.

The Parish Council is seeking the designation of the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Area in order to provide a holistic, all-inclusive and sustainable neighbourhood plan which covers all the features and environment of Emberton. There are no other neighbourhood plans or areas already in existence that would overlap with this proposed area.

Two comments were received during the publicity period, including one from adjoining Olney Town Council, both of which are supportive of the area designation.

Given the predominantly residential nature of the parish it is not appropriate to define the area as a business area under Section 61H of the Act.

On the basis of the above, it is considered appropriate to designate the neighbourhood area as originally proposed by the Parish Council.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: *(insert hyperlink to files on L drive)*

Neighbourhood Area application details: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/emberton-neighbourhood-plan>

DECISION TAKEN:

SIGNED:



Anna Rose, Service Director Planning & Transport

DATE: 21 July 2016