

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
OLNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement – 11 July 2017

1 Summary

- 1.1 Following a referendum of all residents eligible to vote within the Olney Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes Council will make the Olney Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

2 Background

- 2.1 Olney Town Council, as the qualifying body, successfully applied for its area to be designated a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which came into force on 6 April 2012.
- 2.2 Following the submission of a draft of the Olney Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 8 March 2017.
- 2.3 Milton Keynes Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr John Slater, to review whether the Draft Plan should proceed to referendum. The Examiner's report concludes that the plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan and national planning policies and guidance, and that, subject to amendments, the plan should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.
- 2.4 A Neighbourhood Planning Referendum was held on 6 July 2017. The turnout in the referendum was 38% and 991 of the votes cast were in favour and 968 against the plan.

3 Decision

- 3.1 The Council makes the Olney Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan. In doing so, the Council is of the opinion that the Plan is compatible with all relevant European Union obligations, as incorporated into UK law, and is legally compliant.
- 3.2 The Council agrees to this decision statement and the Olney Neighbourhood Plan being published on the Milton Keynes Council website and in other ways to bring them to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area. The decision statement and details of how to view the plan will be sent to the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.