

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
RAVENSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement – 19 June 2019

Summary

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes Council will make the Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan on 19th June 2019.

Background

Ravenstone Parish Council, as the qualifying body, successfully applied for its area to be designated a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012). The area was designated on 12th October 2017.

The Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on 1st October, 2018. All comments received were then passed to the Examiner, Rosemary Kidd, who submitted her report on the Plan in January 2019, stating that the plan met relevant basic conditions and requirements and, subject to modifications, should proceed to referendum.

Following the examination, Milton Keynes Council, in consultation with Ravenstone Parish Council, accepted the examiner's recommendations (apart from one minor non-material change) on 4th March 2019 and proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 2nd May, 2019.

The Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 2nd May. 124 voted 'Yes' and 9 'No', turnout was 68.56%. Under the changes to Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, introduced by the Neighbourhood Planning Act, 2017, following the successful referendum the Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan. The Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan must still be made by the Council within 8 weeks of the referendum.

Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan includes a series of policies and proposals to protect and enhance the character of the village and the provision of homes, jobs and other services in the parish. It does this through a number of land-use planning policies which address specific sites and set out general planning principles and criteria to guide new development in the parish.

Decision

The Council makes the Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan. In doing so, the Council is of the opinion that the Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with all relevant European Union obligations and Convention rights, as incorporated into UK law, and is legally compliant.

The Council agrees to this decision statement and the Ravenstone 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 Ravenstone Parish Council as the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.