

**Milton Keynes Council**  
**Central Milton Keynes (CMK) Business Neighbourhood Development**  
**Plan**  
**Decision Statement, 10 June 2015**

**1. Summary**

1.1 Following referendums of all residents and businesses in the borough, Milton Keynes Council now makes the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 CMK Town 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 CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 18 September 2013.

2.3 Milton Keynes Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr J Edge, 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 borough wide business and residential Neighbourhood Planning Referendum was held on 7 May 2015. The turnout in the business referendum was 63.8% and 88% of the votes cast were in favour. The turnout in the residential referendum was 61% and 84% of the votes cast were in favour.

**3. Decision**

3.1 The Council makes the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

3.2 The Council agrees to the decision notice and the CMK Business 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.