

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL CASTLETHORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Decision Statement – 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

Summary

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan area, the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan Review became part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan. The Milton Keynes Council will make the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan Review on 15th September 2021.

Background

Castlethorpe 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 28th May 2013.

The Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan Review was submitted to the Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on, 17th July 2020. All comments received were then passed to the Examiner, Andrew Ashcroft, who submitted his report on the Plan in January 2021, stating that the plan met relevant basic conditions and requirements and, subject to modifications, should proceed to referendum.

Following the examination, the Leader of the Council agreed on 9th March 2021 that the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions and should proceed to a referendum. This decision was 'called in' and was considered by Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Sub-committee at its 31st March 2021 meeting. The sub-committee upheld the Leader's original decision that the Plan should proceed to referendum. Milton Keynes Council proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 22nd July 2021.

The Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 22nd July 2021. 244 voted 'Yes' and 14 'No', turnout was 29.46%. 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 Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan. The Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan must still be made by the Council within 8 weeks of the referendum.

Decision

The Council makes the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan Review part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.