

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL SHERINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Decision Statement – 18 October 2017

1 Summary

- 1.1 Following a referendum of all residents eligible to vote within the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes Council made the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan on 18th October, 2017.

2 Background

- 2.1 Sherington Parish 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 Sherington Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 9 February, 2017. All comments received were then passed to the Examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, who submitted his report on the Plan in May, 2017 which stated that the plan met relevant basic conditions and requirements, subject to modifications, and should proceed to referendum.
- 2.3 The Sherington Neighbourhood Plan was modified in line with the Examiners' recommendations and a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum was held on 21 September 2017. The turnout in the referendum was 49% and 392 of the votes cast were in favour and 12 against the plan.

3 Decision

- 3.1 The Council makes the Sherington 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 Sherington 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.