

# **MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL LAVENDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **Decision Statement – 18 March 2020**

### **Summary**

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes Council will make the Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### **Background**

Lavendon 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. All comments received were then passed to the Examiner, Rosemary Kidd, who submitted her report on the Plan in October 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 Lavendon Parish Council, accepted the examiner's recommendations on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

The Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. 440 voted 'Yes' and 31 'No', turnout was 44.8%. 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 Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan. The Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan must still be made by the Council within 8 weeks of the referendum.

### **Decision**

The Council makes the Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan. In doing so, the Council is of the opinion that the Lavendon 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 Lavendon 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 Lavendon Parish Council as the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.