



Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the making of the Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 25th November 2021.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

'Do you want Milton Keynes Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Astwood and Hardmead to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The Referendum area is the same as the area which has been designated as the Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan area which covers the whole of the Astwood and Hardmead Council's parish area. A map of the referendum area is attached to this Information Statement.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 25th November 2021:

- he or she is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of Milton Keynes Council whose area is in the Referendum area; and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area.

A person's qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in respect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,375.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be viewed on the Council's website at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/astwood-and-hardmead-neighbourhood-plan>

The specified documents are:

- The Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan, Referendum Version;
- The report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan;
- A summary of the representations received at the Regulation 16 stage which were submitted to the independent examiner;

- A statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

Referendum area for the Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan

