


NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING OFFICER DECISION			
DECISION REQUIRED <i>(please tick one box)</i>			
Designate a Neighbourhood Forum		Agree comments on a pre-submission plan	
Designate a Neighbourhood Area		Agree comments on a submitted plan	
Whether to accept and publicise a Submitted Plan		Agree the appointment of an Examiner	
Whether to decline or accept a repeat proposal		Agree actions to take following an Examiner's report	X
Whether to modify a Plan or Order			
LOCATION/ PARISH			
		Astwood and Hardmead Parish Council	
DATE RECEIVED			
		31 August 2021	
DEADLINE FOR DECISION <i>(where Regs require this)</i>			
		ASAP – Regs require decision within 5 weeks but allow for longer where discussions on the changes take place with the Parish Council	
LEAD OFFICER			
		David Blandamer	
ISSUES/COMMENTS <i>(including details of any consultations undertaken and any comments received)</i>			
<p>Following an independent examination, Milton Keynes Council has considered the report of the examiner on the Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner has found that no modifications are required and that the Plan should proceed to Referendum, on the basis that it meets all legal requirements. Following discussion with the parish council, Milton Keynes Council proposes to accept the Examiner's recommendations.</p> <p>A decision is sought to agree to the course of action outlined above and as set out in the accompanying Decision Statement.</p> <p>Arrangements are being made with Electoral Services to hold a referendum in November 2021.</p>			
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: <i>(insert hyperlink to files on L drive)</i>			
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DECISION TAKEN:			
Agree the Examiner's recommendations and proceed to referendum			
SIGNED:			
			
Paul Thomas, Director of Planning & Placemaking			
DATE: 13 September 2021			

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Examiner's recommendations		MKC comments	Recommended changes
Recommendation 1			
Para 4.2.3	The Basic Conditions Statement clearly explains how the NP responds to specific core planning principles, as set out in the NPPF and makes appropriate cross reference to specific NP policies. Given the recent revision of the NPPF as of July 2021, it would be appropriate to expressly explain that the referencing is to the 2019 version of the NPPF.	Agreed	Where NPPF is referred to in the Plan, change to NPPF (2019) .
Recommendation 2			
Para 5.2.4	I endorse the approach taken in Policy H1 and find it compliant without modification.	Noted	No change required.
Recommendation 3			
Para 5.2.6	I find Policy H2 compliant without modification.	Noted	No change required.
Recommendation 4			
Para 5.2.9	I find Policy EC1 compliant without modification.	Noted	No change required.
Recommendation 5			
Para 5.2.11	I find Policy EN1 compliant with no modification.	Noted	No change required.
Recommendation 6			
Para 5.2.14	I find Policy D1 compliant with no modification.	Noted	No change required.
Recommendation 7			
Para 5.2.17	I find Policy L1 compliant without modification.	Noted	No change required.

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Recommendation 8			
Para 5.2.20	I consider Policy L2 acceptable without modification.	Noted	No change required.
Recommendation 9			
Para 5.2.23	I find Policy C1 compliant without modification.	Noted	No change required.
Referendum Area			
Para 6.2	The Neighbourhood Area reflects the whole of the Astwood and Hardmead Parish and am content that this should also reflect the area for any forthcoming Referendum.	Agreed	