## **OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL**



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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, OLNEY**

Olney Town Council hereby applies to Milton Keynes Council for it to designate as a Neighbourhood Area all that area of land situated within the parish of Olney, which is shown edged in red on the attached map.

The Town Council considers the area shown on the map is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood area for the following reasons:-

- (i) It comprises all that land situated within the parish of Olney.
- (ii) It is the local government administrative area for the Town Council of Olney.
- (iii) It is essential for proper and effective neighbourhood planning to include the whole area of the parish.

The Town Council confirms that it is a relevant body to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan as defined by section 61G of the Town and Country Planning act 1990.

The Town Council feel that it is important to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Olney to ensure that future planning and development is supported by and is sensitive to the needs of the local community.

Within the recently adopted Milton Keynes Core Strategy, Olney is designated as a Key Settlement, along with Newport Pagnell and Woburn Sands. As such, development outside of the urban area of Milton Keynes will be concentrated on these Key Settlements, as they have the largest range of facilities and best public transport links. It is therefore important that the local community can have a say and influence over any development within the parish.

Given that Olney provides many services and facilities to residents of the surrounding area, neighbouring parishes will be key consultees in the planning process.

Yours sincerely,

Liam Costello Town Clerk