

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
HANSLOPE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement – 23 October 2019

Summary

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes Council will make the Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan on 23 October 2019.

Background

Hanslope 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 9th December 2015.

The Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on 18th January, 2019. All comments received were then passed to the Examiner, John Slater, who submitted his report on the Plan in June 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 Hanslope Parish Council, accepted the examiner's recommendations on 20th June 2019 and proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 26th September 2019.

The Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 26th September 2019. 662 voted 'Yes' and 56 'No', turnout was 37.8%. 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 Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan. The Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan must still be made by the Council within 8 weeks of the referendum.

Decision

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