

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING OFFICER DECISION
FOR
Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan**

DECISION REQUIRED *(please tick one box)*

Designate a Neighbourhood Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree comments on a pre-submission plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designate a Neighbourhood Area	X	Agree comments on a submitted plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whether to accept and publicise a Submitted Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree the appointment of an Examiner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whether to decline or accept a repeat proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree actions to take following an Examiner's report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whether to modify a Plan or Order	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

LOCATION/ PARISH

Hanslope

DATE RECEIVED

30 October 2015

DEADLINE FOR DECISION *(where Regs require this)*

4 January 2016

ISSUES/COMMENTS

Hanslope Parish Council has submitted an application to Milton Keynes Council to designate their parish area as a Neighbourhood Area. The application has been made in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of those Regulations (as amended by Regulation 2 of the *Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015*), Milton Keynes Council published the area application, and held a four week public consultation period between 9 November and 7 December 2015. The application was advertised on the Council's website and consultation finder, in the Council's internal Councillors News communication, and through direct emails to all Ward Councillors, all Parish and Town Councils, and affected neighbouring Local Planning Authorities.

No responses were received to the consultation.

National Planning Practice Guidance advises that a local planning authority must designate a neighbourhood area if it receives a valid application and some or all of the area has not yet been designated.

In reaching its decision on a neighbourhood area application a local planning authority should consider:

- the statement accompanying the application,
- the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a parish as a neighbourhood area,
- any representations received during the consultation period and,
- whether it is appropriate to define the area as a business area under Section 61H of the Act.

In parished areas, the legislation recognises that the parish council's administrative boundaries will form logical boundaries for neighbourhood planning unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

The proposed neighbourhood area for Hanslope covers the area for which Hanslope Parish Council is the elected body and the relevant body for the purposes of neighbourhood planning under the Act and the 2012 Regulations.

The Parish Council is seeking the designation of the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Area in order to provide a holistic, all-inclusive and sustainable neighbourhood plan which covers all the features and environment of Hanslope and allows for the identification of land use allocations as well as policies. There are no other neighbourhood plans or areas already in existence that would overlap with this proposed area.

Given the predominantly residential nature of the parish it is not appropriate to define the area as a business area under Section 61H of the Act.

On the basis of the above, it is considered appropriate to designate the neighbourhood area as originally proposed by the Parish Council.

DECISION TAKEN: To approve the Neighbourhood Area for Hanslope, as proposed by Hanslope Parish Council, in accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended).

SIGNED:



Anna Rose, Service Director Planning & Transport

DATE: 9 December 2015