

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
NEWPORT PAGNELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement – 8th June 2016

1 Summary

- 1.1 Following a referendum of all residents eligible to vote within Newport Pagnell Parish area, Milton Keynes Council now makes the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

2 Background

- 2.1 Newport Pagnell Town Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for its area to be designated a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which came into force 6 April 2012.
- 2.2 Following the submission of a draft of the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 18th November 2015.
- 2.3 Milton Keynes Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr John Parmiter, to review whether the Draft Plan should proceed to referendum. The Examiner's report concludes that the plan is in general conformity with the adopted Core Strategy and with regard to national policies and guidance, and subject to amendments the plan could proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.
- 2.4 A parish wide residential Neighbourhood Planning Referendum was held on 5th May 2016. The turnout in the referendum was 34.41% and 83% of the votes cast were in favour.

3 Decision

- 3.1 The Council makes the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Council agrees to the decision notice and the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan being published on our website and in other manners to bring them to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area; and for the decision notice and details on how to view the plan to be sent to the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.