

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
WOLVERTON TOWN CENTRE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Decision Statement

1 Summary

- 1.1 Following referendums of all residents eligible to vote within Wolverton and Greenleys Parish area, Milton Keynes Council now makes the Wolverton Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

2 Background

- 2.1 Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for their area to be designated as 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 Wolverton Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 18 February 2015.
- 2.3 Milton Keynes Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr Chris Collison, 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 30 July 2015. The turnout in the referendum was 16.74% and 90.2% of the votes cast were in favour.

3 Decision

- 3.1 The Council makes the Wolverton Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Council agrees to the decision notice and the Wolverton Town Centre 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.