

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
WALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement - 21 November 2016

1 Summary

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

2 Background

- 2.1 Walton Community 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 Walton Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 3 August, 2016.
- 2.3 Milton Keynes Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, 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, that, subject to amendments the plan could proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.
- 2.4 A parish wide residential Neighbourhood Planning Referendum was held on 17 November 2016. The turnout in the referendum was 14.63% and 88% of the votes cast were in favour.

3 Decision

- 3.1 The Council makes the Walton Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Council agrees to the decision notice and the Walton 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 notice and details on how to view the plan will be sent to the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.