

**MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL****LAKES ESTATE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN****Decision Statement****1 Summary**

- 1.1 Following a referendum of all residents eligible to vote within the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan Area, Milton Keynes Council now makes the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2026, part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 Bletchley and Fenny Stratford 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 on 6 April 2012.
- 2.2 Following the submission of a draft of the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 15 July 2014.
- 2.3 Milton Keynes Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr John Slater, 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 residential Neighbourhood Planning Referendum of the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan Area was held on 17 September 2015. The turnout in the referendum was 14.93% and over 88% of the votes cast were in favour.

**3 Decision**

- 3.1 The Council makes the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2026 part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.
- 3.2 The Council agrees to the decision notice and the Lakes Estate 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.