MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
WOUGHTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Decision Statement – 20th October 2017

1   Summary

1.1   Following a referendum of all residents eligible to vote within the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes Council will make the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan.

2   Background

2.1   Woughton 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 on 6 April 2012.

2.2   Following the submission of a draft of the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed on 10th April, 2017. All comments received were then passed to the Examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, who submitted his report on the Plan in June, 2017 which stated that the plan met relevant basic conditions and requirements, subject to modifications, and should proceed to referendum.

2.3   The Woughton Neighbourhood Plan was modified in line with the Examiners' recommendations and a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum was held on 19th October 2017. The turnout in the referendum was 13.44% and 988 of the votes cast were in favour and 147 against the plan.

3   Decision

3.1   The Council makes the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes Council Development Plan. In doing so, the Council is of the opinion that the Plan is compatible with all relevant European Union obligations, as incorporated into UK law, and is legally compliant.

3.2   The Council agrees to this decision statement and the Woughton 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 statement and details of how to view the plan will be sent to the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.