

**Wards Affected:**

Linford North, Linford South, Campbell Park, Bradwell, Stantonbury, Hanslope Park, Newport Pagnell North, Newport Pagnell South, Sherington

**GREAT LINFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA APPLICATION**

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**Executive Summary:**

In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, Great Linford Parish Council submitted an application to designate the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Area, which was advertised for six weeks of public consultation between 5 December 2012 and 23 January 2013. One response was received and considered by the Parish Council.

This report recommends that the proposed Neighbourhood Area is approved as originally submitted.

**1. Recommendation(s)**

- 1.1 That the Neighbourhood Area application for Great Linford, as shown in the ANNEX, be approved in accordance with Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended).

**2. Issues**

- 2.1 Great Linford Parish Council submitted an application to Milton Keynes Council on 15 November 2012, to designate the parish of Great Linford as a Neighbourhood Area. This area is shown in the ANNEX. This application was made in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, which requires a Parish Council submitting an area application to include:

(a) a map which shows the area to be designated;

(b) a statement explaining why the Parish Council considers the area to be appropriate for designation; and

(c) confirmation that the Parish Council concerned is the relevant body for the purpose of neighbourhood planning for that area.

- 2.2 In accordance with Regulation 6 of those regulations, Milton Keynes Council published the area application, and held a six week public consultation period between 5 December 2012 and 23 January 2013. This was advertised in the MK News, on the Council's website, and through information circulated to all Members and Town and Parish Councils.

2.3 One consultation response was received from a Milton Keynes resident, supporting the principle of the plan and the designation of the proposed area. Taking account of the response, it is considered that it is appropriate to designate the Great Linford Neighbourhood Area as originally proposed by the Parish Council, and shown in the ANNEX. This conclusion has been supported by Great Linford Parish Council.

### 3. Options

3.1 Once a Neighbourhood Area application is submitted, the 2012 Regulations require the Council to come to a view on the proposed area and publicise that decision. This report recommends that the area originally proposed by the Parish Council is approved as a Neighbourhood Area. However, if it is considered that this recommendation is not appropriate, the Neighbourhood Area application could be refused. Great Linford Parish Council could then choose to submit a revised application to Milton Keynes Council, which will then be subject to further advertisement and consultation.

### 4. Implications

#### 4.1 Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out that Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan. Neighbourhood Plans should reflect these policies and neighbourhoods should plan positively to support them. Neighbourhood Plans and Development Orders should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies. In Milton Keynes, the strategic policies are set out in the adopted Milton Keynes Local Plan and the emerging Core Strategy.

Once a Neighbourhood Plan has successfully passed all of the stages of preparation, including an examination and referendum, it is 'adopted' by the local planning authority, forms part of the authority's Development Plan and is a material consideration when considering development proposals. In terms of the planning policy hierarchy, a Neighbourhood Plan, once adopted, carries more weight than a Supplementary Planning Document.

#### 4.2 Resources and Risk

The Localism Act and the 2012 Regulations place new duties on local planning authorities in relation to Neighbourhood Planning. These new duties have implications for staff resources as the Council has a duty to support Parish Councils wishing to undertake Neighbourhood Planning. Staff resources to support Neighbourhood Planning will come from the existing staff within the Development Plans team. Decisions on any significant resource issues for the Council, as a result of officer involvement in Neighbourhood Planning, will be taken separately, as necessary.

N	Capital	N	Revenue	N	Accommodation
N	IT	N	Medium Term Plan	N	Asset Management

#### 4.3 Carbon and Energy Management

The proposal does not impact on carbon and energy management.

#### 4.4 Legal

Neighbourhood planning is part of the Government's initiative to empower local communities to take forward planning proposals at a local level, as outlined in Section 116 of the Localism Act, 2011. The Act and the subsequent 2012 Regulations confer specific functions on local planning authorities in relation to neighbourhood planning.

At its meeting of 25 July 2012, Cabinet agreed the decisions in the Neighbourhood Planning process that would be delegated to the Cabinet Member responsible for Strategic Planning. This scheme of delegation included the decision of whether to accept and designate a Neighbourhood Area, as is recommended in this report.

#### 4.5 Other Implications

Stakeholders:

The proposed Neighbourhood Area application has been the subject of consultation for six weeks and the views of stakeholders are reported in this report.

Consultation and involvement of stakeholders is an important part of the neighbourhood planning process and will ultimately be tested by a single issue referendum at the end of the process.

N	Equalities/Diversity	N	Sustainability	N	Human Rights
N	E-Government	Y	Stakeholders	N	Crime and Disorder

### **Annex – Great Linford Proposed Neighbourhood Area**