

**MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL
HAVERSHAM-CUM-LITTLE LINFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement - 13 September 2023

Summary

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes City Council will make the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes City Council Development Plan on 13 September 2023.

Background

Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council, as the qualifying body, successfully applied for its area to be designated a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012). The area was designated on 8 February 2017.

The Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Milton Keynes City Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on 13 January 2023. All comments received were then passed to the Independent Examiner, Andrew Matheson, who submitted his report on the Plan in April 2023, stating that the plan met relevant basic conditions and requirements and should proceed to referendum.

Following the examination, Milton Keynes City Council, in consultation with Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council, accepted the examiner's recommendations on 16 May 2023 and proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 20 July 2023.

The Haversham- Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 20 July 2023. 249 voted 'Yes' and 33 'No', turnout was 43.78%. Under the changes to Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, introduced by the Neighbourhood Planning Act, 2017, following the successful referendum the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan. The Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan must still be made by the Council within eight weeks of the referendum.

Decision

The Council makes the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes City Council Development Plan.