

**MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL
EMBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement - 17 January 2024

Summary

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes City Council will make the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes City Council Development Plan on 17 January 2024.

Background

Emberton 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 21st July 2016.

The Emberton Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Milton Keynes City Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on 20 June 2023. All comments received were then passed to the Independent Examiner, Louise Brooke-Smith, who submitted her report on the Plan in September 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 Emberton Parish Council, accepted the examiner's recommendations on 7 September 2023 and proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 23 November 2023.

The Emberton Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 23 November 2023. 117 voted 'Yes' and 60 'No', turnout was 34.5%. 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 Emberton Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan. The Emberton Neighbourhood Plan must still be made by the Council within 8 weeks of the referendum.

Decision

The Council makes the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes City Council Development Plan.