

**MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CRAWLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision Statement - 22 February 2023

Summary

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes City Council will make the North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes City Council Development Plan on 22nd February 2023.

Background

North Crawley 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 30th January 2018.

The North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Milton Keynes City Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on, 19th August 2022. All comments received were then passed to the Independent Examiner, Ann Skippers, who submitted her report on the Plan in November 2022, 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 North Crawley Parish Council, accepted the examiner's recommendations on 28th November 2022 and proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 26th January 2023.

The North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 26th January 2023. 253 voted 'Yes' and 35 'No', turnout was 49%. 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 North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan. The North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan must still be made by the Council within 8 weeks of the referendum.

Decision

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