

**MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL  
NEWPORT PAGNELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Decision Statement – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Summary**

Following a referendum of residents eligible to vote within the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan area, Milton Keynes City Council will make the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan part of the Milton Keynes City Council Development Plan on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Background**

Newport Pagnell Town 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013.

The Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Milton Keynes City Council for examination and was subsequently publicised for a six-week period, ending on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. All comments received were then passed to the Independent Examiner, Andrew Ashcroft, who submitted his report on the Plan in August 2024, 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 Newport Pagnell Town Council, accepted the examiner's recommendations on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and proceeded to make arrangements for a referendum to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan was successful at the referendum held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. 2353 voted 'Yes' and 294 'No', turnout was 22.9%. 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 Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan came into force as part of the Milton Keynes statutory development plan.

**Decision**

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