

**AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

**GREAT HORWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DECISION STATEMENT MARCH 2015**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Following an Independent Examination and Referendum, Aylesbury Vale District Council now confirms that the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan will therefore now be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land covered by the Plan.
- 1.2 This decision statement and the Plan can be viewed at:

**Great Horwood Village Hall**

High Street  
Great Horwood MK17 0QL

Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am  
Fridays 9.30-11.30am

**St James Church**

High Street  
Great Horwood  
MK17 0QL

Any normal daytime hours

**AVDC**, The Gateway,  
Gatehouse Road  
Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

Monday - Thursday 8:45am – 5:15pm  
Friday 8:45am – 4:45pm  
Saturday and Sunday Closed

**2. Background**

- 2.1 In May 2012 Great Horwood Parish Council, as the relevant body, applied to AVDC for Great Horwood Parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood Area application was approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council (the Council) on 10 September 2012 in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Plan to the Council in July 2014, the Plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period closed on 8 September 2014.
- 2.3 The Council, with the agreement of Great Horwood Parish Council, appointed an independent examiner, Mr Julian Jackson, to review whether the Plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation and should proceed to referendum. Neighbourhood plans should be examined where possible by written representations only, however the examiner decided for Great Horwood a public hearing was necessary and this was held on 27 November 2014.

2.4 The Examiner's Report concluded that, subject to making the modifications proposed by the Examiner, the Plan met the Basic Conditions set out in the legislation and should proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning referendum.

### **3. Decision and Reasons**

3.1 On 16 January 2015 the Forward Plans Manager made the delegated decision for the Council to accept and act upon the Examiner's report and that the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan (as modified by the Examiner's Report) should proceed to referendum. The District Council made the modifications proposed by the Examiner to ensure that the draft plan met the Basic Conditions.

3.2 A referendum took place on Thursday 5 March 2015. In total, 447 people voted 'yes' and 44 voted 'no'. The turnout was 60.2%. 91% of those voting voted in favour of the plan.

3.3 On 16 March 2015 the Forward Plans Manager made the delegated decision, pursuant to section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to 'make' the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan as more than half of those voting voted in favour of the Plan. This decision statement, the Plan and details of where they can both be inspected have been published on our website. This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area.