

## Woughton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

**Purpose:** This Annex to the Cabinet report sets out some minor changes to the supporting text of two policies in the published referendum version of the Woughton Neighbourhood Plan.

**Background:** It was recently been brought to the attention of Milton Keynes Council that, due to an administrative error, a representation from the Canal and River Trust to the submitted Woughton Neighbourhood Plan had not been forwarded to the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner.

Section 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 sets out the duty on the local planning authority for publicising the plan and at S16 (v) the date by which representations must be received, 6 weeks from the date of publication of the plan proposal.

Given that the representation from the Canal and River Trust was received within the 6 week period, it was received in compliance with the Regulations. Section 17 refers to documents being forwarded to the examiner *as soon as possible*.

Consequently the representation was forwarded to the examiner at the earliest opportunity following the discovery of this error.

The examiner, Mr Andrew Ashcroft, has considered the representation and has recommended a number of changes to the supporting text of the Neighbourhood Plan. These are set out in the following table.

These additional changes affect the supporting text rather than the policies, and are not considered to be material to the Neighbourhood Plan, but, rather, are being made to improve its clarity.

Policy	Paragraph	Changes (shown in blue)
WN6	3.22	<p>In 3.22 final sentence delete 'on'</p> <p>Insert the following additional supporting text at the end of paragraph 3.22:</p> <p>"The designation of sections of the Grand Union Canal as local green space reflect its very distinctive nature within the environment of the Plan area. It is a significant part of its built heritage. The canal and its footpaths offer extensive opportunity for recreation and accessibility both to local residents and to visitors in canal and house boats. The designation of the area as LGS is not intended to hinder the normal operational requirements of the Canal and River Trust in general, and the provision of mooring facilities, recreation facilities and general maintenance work in particular. "</p>

Policy	Paragraph	Changes ( <b>shown in blue</b> )
WN18		In the first part of the policy replace at 'Netherfield... Policies Map' with 'as set out in Appendix A.18'
WN18	3.65	<p>Include the following additional supporting text at the end of 3.65:</p> <p>The canal marina in Peartree Bridge contains a range of different uses. Some are of an operational nature and are only available to boaters using the facility in a commercial fashion. Other uses (the public house, take away and the laundry) are available both to boaters and the wider community. For clarification, this policy relates only to the public facilities within the building.</p>
Appendix	A.18	In Appendix A.18 replace the existing entry on the canal/marina with 'Marina, Peartree Bridge'