



**BEDFORD**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **WILSHAMSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

## **Final Decision Statement**

*Regulation 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and section 38A (9) and (10) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)*

As a result of the referendum on 24 November 2022, Bedford Borough Council has 'made' (brought into legal force) the Wilshamstead Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Plan will now form part of the development plan for the Bedford Borough Council area.

The Wilshamstead Neighbourhood Development Plan was examined by an Independent Examiner, who determined that subject to modifications, the Plan met the Basic Conditions and should proceed to referendum.

The referendum was held in Wilshamstead Parish, where more than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the Plan being used to help decide planning applications.

Bedford Borough Council considers that the Plan does not breach, nor is incompatible with, EU obligations or any of the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998.

This decision statement confirms that Bedford Borough Council resolved on 4 January 2023 to make the Wilshamstead Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Council's website at: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/wilshamstead-neighbourhood>

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