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| **Date** | **Action**  | **Notes**  |
| 1st June 2020 to 13th July 2020 -**[3rd parties]** | Pre-submission consultation (Regulation 14) | **COMPLETE** - Local residents and statutory bodies **[3rd parties]** were consulted on the draft Plan for a 6 week period.  |
| Mid-July 2020 to Mid-September 2020 -  | Consideration of representations and modifications  | **COMPLETE** - The Steering Group undertook a careful review of all consultation comments received and made updates to the Plan and supporting documents where necessary  |
| By end of January 2021 (target)**[3rd parties]** | Submission of draft Plan to MK Council for final review and Strategic Environmental Assessment (**SEA**) Screening | **WIP** - In order for a Neighbourhood Plan to meet the basic conditions at examination, it must be compatible with EU obligations. One of these obligations relates to the effect a plan may have on the environment. To identify whether a neighbourhood plan might have ‘significant environmental effects’ and a consequential need to undertake a SEA Environmental Report, the neighbourhood plan must be ‘screened’ by the local planning authority. **[3rd parties]** |
| By end of March 2021 (estimate) **[3rd parties]** | Finalise Plan and supporting documents (consultation statement and basic conditions statement) and submission of final draft Plan to MK Council (Regulation 16) | MK Council will arrange for the publication of the Plan and the independent examination |
| Early April 2021 (estimate) **[PUBLIC]** | Publicising the Plan (Regulation 16) | The public consultation will take place for a minimum of 6 weeks. Afterwards, modifications will be made to the plan, if necessary.  |
| June 2021 (estimate) **[3rd parties]** | Submission of a plan proposal to examination (Regulation 17) | The Council will send to the independent examiner the plan and supporting information and also a copy of any comments received during the publicity period. Following the examination, the examiner will issue a report. If the plan meets the basic conditions, the examiner will recommend that the plan proceed to referendum. |
| July/August 2021 (estimate) **[PUBLIC]** | Referendum  | If the neighbourhood plan is found to be satisfactory, with modifications if necessary, then the local authority will arrange for the referendum to take place.The referendum question that will be asked is as follows: *Do you want Milton Keynes Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Astwood & Hardmead**to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?* People on the electoral register will be entitled to vote in the referendum.  |
| August/September 2021 (estimate) | Plan is ‘made’  | If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote ‘yes’, then the neighbourhood plan becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area and used to assess planning applications. |