

### **Purpose of Park Users Liaison Group (PLUG)**

To represent the interests of park users and to provide the opportunity for people to share their views on the current and future use of the park with Milton Keynes Council.

### **Role and responsibility of the PLUG**

- To promote and encourage information and education on biodiversity and the local country park environment
- To share day to day operational issues with park manager for resolution
- To work with council officers towards maintaining and improving the park facilities now and in the future
- To listen to the representations of interest groups and park users on any future development of the park
- To provide the opportunity for park users to share and use their local knowledge to help inform the future approach to the park
- To support and encourage a volunteer base in the interests of the park and its users
- To listen to the views of local people on the impact that park users can have on local communities
- To work together to continue the focus on the park remaining sustainable, with a focus on nature and wildlife

### **Governance**

- The views of the PLUG on aspirations for future use and development of the park to be shared with the Milton Keynes Council Park Steering Group and Development Group via meeting notes for consideration
- Daily operational issues to be shared in the first instance with The Gatehouse. If unresolved, can then be considered at the monthly operational meeting for a response

### **Membership**

Chair (revolving) – Olney ward councillors; Cllr Keith McLean, Cllr Peter Geary, Cllr David Hosking

In the absence of the Chair, meetings will be chaired by an MKC representative

Portfolio Lead – Public Realm

Head of Environment and Waste

Community Engagement Manager, Environment and Waste

Emberton Park Manager

Emberton Parish Council Clerk

2 X Emberton Parish Council representatives

2 X Olney Town Council representatives

Olney Town Council Clerk

Friends of Emberton

Chair, MK Angling Association

Emberton Park Sailing Club

Grounds Cafe

2 X Static Caravan representatives

2 X Park users

Other people to be invited to meetings as appropriate

**Frequency of meetings**

Monthly from March to October

November – February, by exception as required

Meeting dates to be agreed and shared annually

Milton Keynes Council will provide the administrative support for the meetings including;

- Schedule of meetings
- Set agenda with input from Chair and group
- Collate notes and actions
- Share notes from meeting within two weeks of each meeting
- Send agenda for meetings one week in advance