

Core Strategy Production Timeline

The table below sets out the timeline for the events that have created and shaped the content of the Milton Keynes Submission Core Strategy. Details of all Core Strategy and MK 2031 consultation periods are contained within the [Submission Consultation Statement](#). The LDF sections of [Annual Monitoring Reports](#) should be read for a more descriptive coverage of the Core Strategy creation process.

Month	Year	Core Strategy & Sustainability Appraisal	MK 2031 & South East Plan	Evidence Base	Council Member Meetings & Decisions
December	2004		MK 2031 Project Brief: Shaping Milton Keynes Future published		
January	2005				
February	2005				
March	2005		Milton Keynes & South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy published		
April	2005				
May	2005				
June	2005	Core Strategy pre production commences	MK 2031 Consultation “Where and how MK could grow”		
July	2005				
August	2005				
September	2005		MK 2031 Draft Directions Papers published		
October	2005				
November	2005		MK 2031 Options for Growth Consultation on 6 options for growth		
December	2005	Milton Keynes Local Plan adopted		2004/05 Annual Monitoring Report	
January	2006				
February	2006		MK 2031 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report produced		
March	2006		Draft South East Plan published for consultation		
April	2006	Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan adopted			
May	2006				
June	2006	Consultation on the draft MK Growth Strategy by Milton Keynes Council	MK 2031 Strategy for Growth published (June)		Cabinet 27/06/06 – Approves consultation period on MK 2031 Growth Strategy
July	2006		MK 2031 Sustainability Appraisal published		
August	2006				
September	2006			A Strategic Plan for the Green Estate (Parks Trust)	

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October	2006	SA Scoping Report issued for 5 week consultation period		MK Local Housing Assessment (ORS) Regional Economic Strategy (SEEDA) Local Landscape Designations Study	
November	2006			Retail Needs Assessment (MKP)	Cabinet Member Delegated Decision 10/11/06 – Approve Core Strategy for Issues and Options Consultation
December	2006	Core Strategy Issues and Options – 13 week consultation period from 07/12/06 to 08/03/07		2005/06 Annual Monitoring Report Statement of Community Involvement adopted	
January	2007		South East Plan Examination in Public	Review of MK Long Term Growth Strategy – by Colin Buchanan on behalf of Aylesbury Vale DC and Buckinghamshire CC.	Local Development Framework (LDF) Advisory Group (AG) 29/01/07 Update on Issues & Options (I&O) and role of group in drafting document
February	2007			Critique of the Buchanan Study – relating to their review of the Milton Keynes Long Term Growth Strategy (GVA Grimley)	Council 13/02/07 Discussion of future Growth in Milton Keynes
March	2007			Draft Landscape Character Assessment	
April	2007	Appropriate Assessment Screening Report – examines potential impacts and effects of growth strategy on Natura 2000 sites. Concludes that there is no need for a full assessment		Landscape Character Technical Background Paper	
May	2007			Employment Land Study (GVA Grimley)	
June	2007	Confirmation letters from Environment Agency and Natural England that there is no need for a full Appropriate Assessment		Housing Land Supply & Delivery (MK City) Technical Background Paper Rural Area Spatial Options Technical Background Paper	LDF AG 20/06/07 Summary of I&O consultation responses Preferred Options (PO) report considered Cabinet 26/06/07 Summary of I&O consultation responses PO report approved
July	2007				
August	2007		South East Plan Examination in Public Inspectors Report		

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September	2007	Core Strategy Preferred Options – 6 week consultation period from 27/09/07 to 08/11/07 Sustainability Appraisal Report & Technical Documents 1 to 3 issued as part of Preferred Options consultation (using MK2031 SA for appraisal of Growth Options)			LDF AG 12/09/07 Considered a report on the Employment Land Study and decided to accept study as part of the evidence base.
October	2007				
November	2007				
December	2007			2006/07 Annual Monitoring Report	
January	2008				
February	2008	Milton Keynes Waste DPD adopted			
March	2008				
April	2008			Strategic Development Areas Study following South East Plan Inspectors Report (GVA Grimley)	
May	2008				
June	2008			Milton Keynes Partnership Business Plan 2008-2013	
July	2008		Secretary of States Proposed Changes consultation Milton Keynes responds to the Secretary of States Proposed Changes – opposes	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Report (Impetus) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Halcrow)	
August	2008		imposition of higher housing target and		
September	2008		third Strategic Development Area east of the M1.		LDF AG 18/09/08 Impetus Study and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment considered
October	2008			Milton Keynes Economic Vision Refresh (MK Economic & Learning Partnership)	LDF AG 23/10/08 Considered the Retail Capacity Study and that it should be issued for consultation.
November	2008				LDF AG 13/11/08 Findings of the draft SHMA 2008 noted. Water Cycle Study adopted as evidence base

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December	2008	Planning Inspectorate (PINS) advisory visit – Roy Foster		Draft Retail Study (Roger Tym & Partners) Outline Strategy Water Cycle Study (Scott Wilson) 2007/08 Annual Monitoring Report	LDF AG 15/12/08 Draft SHLAA methodology considered
January	2009				LDF AG 29/01/09 CS update including changes to the document structure
February	2009				LDF AG 18/02/09 Spatial strategy, joint working and draft supporting policies considered
March	2009			2008 Strategic Housing Market Assessment (ORS) finalised	LDF AG 04/03/09 Considered draft supporting policies LDF AG 18/03/09 Considered draft submission CS
April	2009				LDF AG 20/04/08 Draft CS in light of GOSE visit and members views
May	2009		Final South East Plan Adopted		LDF AG 06/05/09 Summary of Member comments and make changes to elements of the strategy accordingly
June	2009	Draft Publication Core Strategy created for Cabinet approval but never issued for publication period. Meeting with GoSE 11 June 2009		Milton Keynes Partnerships (MKP) Local Investment Plan 2009-2011	Cabinet 02/06/09 Cabinet stated that the Core Strategy would not be approved for publication. Instead take action based on comments at LDF AG on 18/6/09 LDF AG 18/06/09 Considered comments from Cabinet relating to: cross-boundary issues; policy wording; core strategy vision; local distinctiveness; housing strategy; and transport
July	2009	PINS advisory visit – David Vickery		Transport Modelling Report into the MK Core Strategy	LDF AG 08/07/09 Retail Capacity Study SHLAA Update

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August	2009				LDF AG 19/08/09 Changes since 18 June and PINS visit. Reasons for restructuring
September	2009				LDF AG 03/09/09 LDF AG 10/09/09, LDF AG 17/09/09, LDF AG 23/09/09, LDF AG 29/09/09 Significant changes made to CS following Member comments in September meetings
October	2009	Planning Officers Society Enterprises (POSe) 'critical friend' independent review - Stephen Olivant Workshop 13 October			
November	2009			Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment finalised	LDF AG 17/11/09 Consideration of feedback from POSe visit. Consideration of further member comments. Produce a forward for CS document.
December	2009			2008/09 Annual Monitoring Report 2009-2014 5 Year Land Supply Report	LDF AG 15/12/09 & LDF AG 23/12/09 Two LDF AG meetings relating to further changes to the CS document and agreeing to convene Cabinet meetings in January to approve CS.
January	2010				Cabinet 5/1/10 & Cabinet 7/1/10 Two special cabinet meetings to agree final changes to the Core Strategy prior to submission. Additional minor wording changes made. 5/1: 6pm to 11.25pm 7/1 10am to 8.30pm – 15 hours Full Council 12/1/10 Approval of Core Strategy for publication prior to submission.
February	2010	Core Strategy Pre-submission version Publication – 6 weeks from 17/02/10 to 31/03/10		Finalised Retail & Leisure Study (Roger Tym & Partners)	

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March	2010	Submission Sustainability Appraisal & Technical Document 4 – Documents issued reflect changes made to the Core Strategy since Preferred Options		Draft Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2009 Update	
April	2010				
May	2010		Secretary of State announces his intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS) letter to council leaders 27 May 2010		
June	2010			MKP Local Investment Plan 2009-2011 (2010 Update)	Full Council 8/6/10 Decision taken to postpone work on submission of Core Strategy until further govt announcements.
July	2010		Secretary of State revokes all RSS's with immediate effect. 6 July -Guidance states that local planning authorities should continue to prepare their LDF.		
August	2010			Reports taken to LDF Advisory Groups relating to revising the South East Plan influenced elements of the Core Strategy.	LDF AG 5/8/10 Discussion of options for taking forward the Core Strategy including revised and realistic housing targets. LDF AG 26/8/10 Members present the initial revised wording of the Core Strategy.
September	2010	Revised Proposed Submission Core Strategy Publication - 6 weeks from 06/10/10 to 17/11/10 Sustainability Appraisal Addendum issued as part of publication documents. It appraises changes made to the Core Strategy since the February 2010 publication.		Further reports taken to LDF Advisory Group concerning revisions to the Core Strategy.	LDF AG 9/9/10 Members discuss proposed revised housing targets and growth strategy. Full Council 14/9/10 Approves Revised Core Strategy for Publication
October	2010	POSe workshop 2 - Stephen Olivant (28 October)		Milton Keynes Multi Modal Model Draft Local Model Validation Report	

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November	2010	10 th 10 th	Cala Homes decision in the High Court effectively reinstates Regional Spatial Strategies as part of the development plan. Letter to Chief Planning Officers from DCLG states that it is still the government's intention to revoke RSSs and that this intention should be treated as a material consideration in planning decisions. Cala Homes seek a judicial review of this letter and ministerial statement.		LDF AG 25/11/10 Discussion surrounding 1:1.5 new homes:jobs ratio in Core Strategy.
December	2010			2009/10 Annual Monitoring Report 2011-2016 5 Year Land Supply Report 14 December Localism Bill published	
January	2011	Sustainability Appraisal of Reasonable Alternative Sites – information supporting revised growth figures in Revised Proposed Submission Core Strategy		Milton Keynes: Local Economic Assessment	LDF AG 5/1/11 Members discuss submission of document in light of Cala Homes decision and Localism Bill . Discussion of consultation responses from publication period. Members made comments on Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and Reasonable Alternative Sites and agree to continue with submission .
February	2011		Cala Homes lose judicial review on the letter to Chief Planning Officers. This means that the government's intention to revoke Regional Spatial Strategies through the Localism Bill stands as a material consideration in planning decisions.	Housing Technical Paper Employment Technical Paper	Delegated decision 11/2/11 Minor changes to update and clarify – Annex to report LDF AG 16/2/11 Report on responses to Pre Sub CS and Revised Prop Sub CS – before sending to Inspector. Timetable: submit Core Strategy end of February 2011
March	2011	Revised Proposed Submission Core Strategy – submitted 1 March Inspector Mary Travers announces appointment 7 March		25 March Forest Heath Council judgment- further consideration on SA of reasonable alternatives	

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April	2011	Inspector's note ID1 14 April- <i>couple of matters: 1 conformity with SE Plan and 2 High court judgement F Heath: has council complied with SEA Directive</i>			
May	2011	Inspector's matters and issues ID 2 plus guidance note ID 3 for hearing Further note ID 4 – 3 May <i>detailed points:</i> 1 Intro/addendum to explain SEplan 2 Up to date affordable housing data 3 Need for gypsies and travellers 4 5 year land supply 5 clarity over employment figures 6 minor changes-full text before hearings 7 pop projections- when ready? Council response MKC 1 and 1a to ID1 - 12 May Inspector note and letter 24 May ID5 <i>Council needs to undertake SA of reasonable alternatives and public consultation- defer hearings- no need for exploratory meeting</i>			
June	2011	Council response MKC 2a to ID4 Council response MKC 2c to ID4 <i>Inspector's note ID6 -3 June in light of Cala Homes judgment S E Plan conformity- changes or conformity statement? Need for 15 year plan period?</i> Council response MKC 3a to ID6 Council publishes deferral statement 7 June		Milton Keynes Economic Development Strategy approved.	Cabinet meeting 14 June agree consultation on SA of reasonable alternatives http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=32890

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July	2011	Council response MKC 2b –changes as at 8 July Council response MKC 3b to ID6 – conformity with SE Plan		25 July Draft NPPF published	
August	2011			Retail Capacity Update (Roger Tym & Partners)	
September	2011	Inspector's note ID 7 – revised allocation needs 6 weeks consultation with SA addendum Localism Bill, final NPPF and Stevenage cross boundary case Revised programme after consultation on revised allocation Consultation on post Submission change to allocation, Sustainability Appraisal Addendum (2) and Strategic Site Selection Report 28 September to 9 November		Milton Keynes Multi Modal Model Draft Traffic Forecast Report	6 September Cabinet agree to continue with submission to examination and a change to strategic allocation http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=33328 Decision confirmed at Council meeting 13 Sept http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=9696
October	2011			Government consults on SEA of revocation of RS 20 October to 20 January 2012	
November	2011	Consultation closes 9 November		15 November Localism Act given Royal Assent	
December	2011	Council response MK4 to ID7		Highways Agency validate Local Model Validation Report and 2009 Base Year Model	
January	2012	12 January Inspector's letter ID8 confirms consultation taken place and responses published with summary (MKC 5) and MKC			Council respond to say earliest date for hearings is May 2012 (anticipate SoS makes Order to revoke RS by then)

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February	2012	Inspector's letter: <i>programme & list of matters to be published soon. Updates needed for Housing and Employment papers</i> ID9 23 February. Hearings to open 10 July			
March	2012			NPPF published 27 March	
April	2012	Inspector's revised matters and programme ID2A. Hearings to run 10 -12 July and 17-19 July ID3A revised guidance note replaces ID3		Housing Technical Paper Update	
May	2012			Employment Technical Paper Update Milton Keynes Multi Modal Model Final Traffic Forecast Report Non-Technical Summary	
June	2012	MKC statements for matters published. Inspector requests a paper on the adequacy of the sustainability appraisal process. Council respond to Inspector on SA process			
July	2012	Update to LDS agreed			Delegated decision 3/7/12 http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=10218