Further Joint submission by Aylesbury Vale and Central Bedfordshire Council regarding MKC 34 and the Milton Keynes revised wording to AD1 referenced MKC 21A

MKC 34
In the MKC note regarding changes to Policy CS1 the following amendment has been made:

*In addition to the Strategic Reserve Areas, other sites will be considered for development through the Site Allocations DPD to provide short term flexibility and contingency ahead of a full review of this Core Strategy in Plan MK (See policy AD/1). The Council’s approach to major development proposals adjoining the city, but within the area of a neighbouring local authority, is set out in Policy CS 6 ‘Place-shaping Principles for Sustainable Urban Extensions in Adjacent Local Authorities’.*

Both Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) have objected to the inclusion of policy CS6 in previous representations.

This particular objection was not discussed in detail through the course of the examination but the impression was given that the policy would be replaced by additional wording about the duty to co-operate. Both AVDC and CBC had said that if retained it should be within the supporting text.

MKC response to questions at the examination suggested there would be sufficient sites adjacent to the existing urban boundary which would be given priority. In addition document MKC 36 in response to matter 6 and future proofing also makes it clear that although the proposed revision in AD1 takes the South East Plan (SEP) as the starting point it does not mean that the Plan : MK should automatically identify a strategic direction for growth beyond the SLA’s and effectively reinstate development to the SE and SW as this would pre judge the outcome of the review. Policy CS 6 does not therefore serve any purpose in the Core Strategy as it stands.

In light of this AVDC and CBC request that the wording referring to CS6 and the policy itself should be replaced with text setting out how the authorities will work to plan strategically for infrastructure and population growth through the duty to cooperate.

MKC21A
AVDC and CBC accept that the revised wording goes some way to addressing the concerns in our joint submission to AD1, however, the concern still remains that retaining the spatial approach of the SEP would still give greater weight the directions for growth set out in that plan and could prejudice the outcome of the review in the Plan : MK.

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