

Milton Keynes Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation Response Document

Details of Respondent	Comments	Council Response
<p>Cllr McPake</p>	<p>In general, this is an excellent Flood & Water Strategy. It takes into account the new SUDS regulations and does address global warming which is of concern to residents. The key issues the Lib Dem Group would like to strengthen relate to public knowledge. Though the section of who is responsible for what is excellent it does need better maps to highlight these responsibilities.</p> <p>MAPS</p> <p>The key amendments the Lib Dems would like undertaken are better maps. We need one showing all the ditches which shows who is responsible. Another showing who is responsible for the brooks and streams. One showing the balancing lakes and who does those (some, but not all, in Anglian Water) and lastly one showing the River Great Ouse and the River Ouzel, again showing who does what. Then one on the canals showing the Grand Union but also the proposed Bedford to MK Canal. And more place names added so that residents appreciate which of the</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Figure 2-2 “<i>Main rivers and ordinary watercourses in Milton Keynes and IDB boundaries</i>” has been updated for the final Strategy. This has included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving the resolution of the map - Addition of some place names - Addition of watercourse names and other named features. <p>Figure 2-2 now contains all mapped watercourses, drainage districts, flood storage areas and lakes that were made available to us during production of the Strategy.</p>

	<p>water courses are near them.</p> <p>CANAL</p> <p>Something needs to be put in regarding the proposed Bedford to MK Canal – I know there is a dispute between where this new canal will run in MK between the IDB so possibly show as in “initial route with more discussions to be held”.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Local Flood Risk Management Objectives</p> <p>Inclusion of improving public awareness of</p>	<p>Further enlarged, detailed maps of who is responsible for each watercourse/ditch have not been provided within the Final Strategy document, instead the Council will look to add this data to its publically available GIS mapping system via developing a watercourse responsibilities layer. This will enable members of the public to view their localised area in much more detail and will allow the Council to add additional information as it becomes available, making the data as up-to-date as possible.</p> <p>This will also enable the data to be viewed alongside the Council’s asset register data once this project is complete.</p> <p>Proposed canal route is now mapped on “Main Rivers and Ordinary Watercourses in Milton Keynes and IDB boundaries” (Figure 2.2 and Figure A1) as “Milton Keynes to Bedford Canal (proposed).</p> <p>Text has also been inserted in Section 3.3.3 referring to the proposed route.</p> <p>Recommendation noted and relevant additions made to Objective 5 to incorporate suggested improvement.</p>
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	<p>flood risk in the objectives. Although much has been done in recent years to improve public awareness, this remains a key element of helping to improve individual and community actions to reduce flood risk and increase resilience to flooding. This could be incorporated within Objective 5 as “Improve public awareness of flood risk and help communities to become more resilient to flooding”, without much change to the draft document. This would link well with section 1.6 Community Engagement and Consultation, and also with Measure 5.4.</p> <p>DRAINAGE</p> <p>Somehow we have to highlight who does what in the individual drains. This would stop both councillors, parish councils and residents from having to ask all the time. Most drains are highways, some are Anglian Water – at present there is confusion on who does what and it would be good to strengthen this.</p>	<p>Milton Keynes Council is currently in the process of producing a Flood Risk Asset Register which will look to highlight the responsible bodies for differing drainage assets.</p> <p>Reference to this ongoing work has been now added under Section 2.2.5. Once completed the Register will be available alongside the final Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.</p>
<p>Mr Liam Costello (Clerk: Olney Town Council)</p>	<p>Olney Town Council’s comment on the proposed strategy is a general comment on the whole strategy.</p>	

	<p>We would like to be assured that Milton Keynes Council gives an undertaking that the action plan as set out in the strategy be fully funded, and that the strategy needs to ensure that flooding in the rural area is properly addressed.</p>	<p><u>Funding</u> As highlighted in Section 12, with limited resources and funding, it is not possible to prevent all flooding and it is not possible for the Council to directly provide funding to carry out all of the objectives and measures outlined within the action plan.</p> <p>This is why the Council must look to prioritise flood risk management work based on the measures outlined under Section 12.1.</p> <p>The Council is also continually working with its partner organisations and seeking to attract funding from available sources (a number of which are outlined within Section 12.2) to enable as much of the action plan and as many schemes to be completed as possible. For example the Council is currently working with the Environment Agency to attract Local Levy funding in the financial year 16/17 to assist a number of projects which have previously not been able to attract funding.</p> <p><u>Flooding in the Rural Area</u></p> <p>As Lead Local Flood Authority, Milton Keynes Council has local flood risk management responsibilities covering the entire Borough, not just the urban area.</p> <p>This strategy and the responsibilities outlined within are therefore also applicable to the rural area. Similarly, the prioritisation of flood risk measures, as outlined in</p>
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		<p>Section 12.1, is applicable across the whole Borough with no bias towards urban or rural areas.</p> <p>In recent years flood risk mitigation schemes funded and carried out by Milton Keynes Council have predominantly focused on settlements within the rural area whereby recent flood events have impacted upon property and infrastructure, and mitigation has been deemed a priority. This has included the development and completion of schemes at Stoke Goldington and Tathall End and ongoing works at Lavendon, all of which were affected by flooding between 2007 and 2012.</p> <p>Furthermore, ongoing work by Milton Keynes Council on a Surface Water Management Plan is also looking to help establish flooding issues across the Borough, including the rural area. This will assist in prioritising those areas which could be focused on in forthcoming years to mitigate further flood risk.</p>
<p>Mrs Debbie Mayer (Parish Clerk: Bow Brickhill Parish Council)</p>	<p>1. There appears to be no obligation on the Highways Department of MK Council to take into account potential flood risk when undertaking modifications to existing highway infrastructure. The Parish Council therefore suggest that consideration be given to this point to be added to the Strategy to avoid flood risk being created by inadvisable</p>	<p>Surface water drainage is an integral part of the any highways scheme and as such Milton Keynes Council Highways Department, as responsible body for highways drainage, are obliged to take surface water drainage into account as part of any scheme or redesign, particularly where this may result in a change of catchment area or flow direction.</p>

	<p>alternations to existing infrastructure.</p> <p>2. There does not appear to be any procedure for listening to and assessing local knowledge (such as when information is received from local residents that the flood risk is increasing due to certain factors). It is understood that the Drainage Boards used to serve this purpose as they had local farmers who know the lie of the land and provided this type of information. For example – we have a road in our Parish which is currently like a river during persistent or heavy rainfall – the water flows in waves down the hill. The drainage volume from above this road was exacerbated when a golf course was created, trees were felled and a large area cleared and mowed meaning that the water run off increased. When you add this to the Strategy’s acceptance of climate change and increased likelihood of extreme weather, the</p>	<p>The following sentence has been added to Section 2.2.2 of the Strategy, “<i>Role as Highway Authority</i>” to account for this:</p> <p>“Surface water drainage is also an integral part of any highways scheme and therefore, for any scheme for which MKC Highways are responsible, there is an obligation to take surface water drainage into account as part of any design.”</p> <p>Information provided at a local level can often prove very useful in understanding localised flood risk accurately and in more detail, and can therefore be of assistance in informing the efficient allocation of resource for future flood risk management.</p> <p>The recommendations of this comment have therefore been taken on board and a second section has been added to Measure 5.1 “Development of new communication tools”, which seeks Milton Keynes Council to look at more effective mechanisms to capture local flood information from the public.</p>
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	<p>danger of a serious flood at the bottom of this particular road is ever increasing.</p> <p>It is therefore suggested that a specific paragraph be added to the strategy which states that MK Council will listen to local intelligence and take note, otherwise it is felt that flood prevention cannot be practised in such cases.</p>	
Mrs Sue Malleson	<p>I have a couple of comments which I'd like to make about the Strategy itself.</p> <p>1. I believe there should be an obligation on the Highways Dept of MKC to take into account potential flood risk (from whatever source) when undertaking modifications to existing highway infrastructure (eg: dropping a kerb). We've had an incident in this village (Bow Brickhill) which will result in remedial action and further expenditure because this did not happen. The Strategy addresses the requirements for new build but I can't see there is anything to deal with changes (however minor, like dropped kerbs) to existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>Surface water drainage is an integral part of the any highways scheme and as such Milton Keynes Council Highways Department, as responsible body for highways drainage, are obliged to take surface water drainage into account as part of any scheme or redesign, particularly where this may result in a change of catchment area or flow direction.</p> <p>The following sentence has been added to Section 2.2.2 of the Strategy, "<i>Role as Highway Authority</i>" to account for this:</p> <p>"Surface water drainage is also an integral part of any highways scheme and therefore, for any scheme for which MKC Highways are responsible, there is an obligation to take surface water drainage into account as</p>

	<p>2. Is there anywhere in the Strategy a channel for collecting local knowledge? The various agencies have lots of data - but water doesn't necessarily do what a map might suggest. Take the Environment Agency, which works using its "bespoke maps". In my personal experience, their interpretation is not necessarily an accurate reflection of what actually happens on the ground. Local information - as I believe Stoke Goldington demonstrated - is key to flood risk mitigation.</p> <p>I'd be most grateful if you could take these two comments on board for the consultation exercise and perhaps incorporate them into the Strategy.</p>	<p>part of any design.”</p> <p>Information provided at a local level can often prove very useful in understanding localised flood risk accurately and in more detail, and can therefore be of assistance in informing the efficient allocation of resource for future flood risk management.</p> <p>The recommendations of this comment have therefore been taken on board and a second section has been added to Measure 5.1 “Development of new communication tools”, which seeks Milton Keynes Council to look at more effective mechanisms to capture local flood information from the public.</p>
<p>Mr Stephen Wheatley (Chairman: Anglian (Central) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee)</p>	<p>Overall the draft strategy is well presented and written, with good linkages to the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Strategy, the Great Ouse Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan, the Anglian Flood Risk Management Plan, the Anglian River Basin Management Plan and local planning policy.</p>	

Figure 2-2 Main Rivers and ordinary watercourses in Milton Keynes and IDB boundaries

Some location/place names would be helpful on this map. The map is not very clear, for example in distinguishing between Main River and Ordinary Watercourses. This comment also applies to figure 3.1 Surface water flood risk in Milton Keynes.

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	<p><u>2.2 Milton Keynes Council – Roles and Responsibilities</u></p> <p>It would be worth adding the responsibility described in 3.2.3 Ordinary Watercourse (fluvial) – “As LLFA, Milton Keynes Council has a responsibility to manage the risk of flooding arising from ordinary watercourses through engagement with riparian owners and enforcing maintenance responsibilities in accordance with the Land Drainage Act 1991.”</p> <p>As a Unitary Authority, does the Council not have permissive powers to undertake works to manage flood risk from Ordinary Watercourses that are not within an IDB district? If so, then this should also be added as a responsibility.</p> <p><u>2.3 The Environment Agency</u></p> <p>It would be helpful to add two other key responsibilities, namely: -</p> <p>Allocating national Flood and Coastal Risk</p>	<p>Noted and addition made to Section 2.2.</p> <p>Text added to Section 3.2.3 to clarify this point.</p> <p>Noted and recommended additions made.</p>
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	<p>Management Grant in Aid (FCRM GiA) to Risk Management Authorities for capital schemes.</p> <p>Permissive powers to undertake maintenance and capital improvement works on Main Rivers.</p> <p>Rather than saying “Managing flooding from Main Rivers.....” it would be more appropriate to say “Managing flood risk from Main Rivers...”</p> <p>It would also be helpful to mention here the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and its purpose and role. Otherwise the first mention of the RFCC is not until Table 12.1 Potential Sources of Funding on page 44.</p> <p><u>2.4 Anglian Water Services</u></p> <p>It would be helpful here to add their responsibility for some of the balancing lakes in Milton Keynes.</p> <p><u>3.2 Local Sources of Flood Risk</u></p>	<p>Noted and additional responsibility added to Section 2.4.</p> <p>Noted and additional text added under Section 3.2</p>
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	<p>Local and other sources of flood risk are described here. However, attention should be drawn to the need for all parts of the system – surface water drainage, balancing lakes, ordinary watercourses and Main River – to function properly and hence that the system needs to be considered as a whole and not just local flood risk in isolation. There is a need to consider surface water management facilities as an integrated system, which is balancing lakes, connecting watercourses and Main River (as the main outfall).</p> <p><u>Table 3.4 Milton Keynes Flood Risk and Wider Environmental Studies</u></p> <p>The Great Ouse CFMP should be dated 2010 (when it was approved by the Regional Flood Defence Committee and the EA’s Regional Director), and not 2009 as shown in this table.</p> <p><u>3.6.2 Critical Drainage Catchments in Milton Keynes</u></p> <p>The identification of Critical Drainage</p>	<p>Noted and amendment made.</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>Catchments is a good initiative.</p> <p><u>6. Objective 2: “Improve the Council’s understanding of flood risk from all sources”</u></p> <p>Given the responsibilities of Milton Keynes Council, consideration should be given to including a measure here that covers Ordinary Watercourses, such as “Improve the Council’s understanding of ordinary watercourse flood risk in the Milton Keynes borough”.</p> <p><u>Measure 6.3: Develop linkages for maintenance programmes between Environment Agency, Milton Keynes Council, Internal Drainage Board and Anglian Water Services.</u></p> <p>This is a particularly good measure which is welcomed.</p> <p><u>Appendix A. Figures</u></p> <p>Some of the maps are not very clear and hence lose value.</p>	<p>Under Objective 2 and additional measure has been added, “Measure 2.3: Improve the Councils understanding of ordinary watercourse flood risk in the Milton Keynes Borough” to cover these comments.</p> <p>This has also been added to the Action Plan with two additional associated actions 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Improvement has been made on the resolution of maps within Appendix A. It is also being investigated as to how much of this information can be made available on Milton Keynes Council’s online GiS system.</p>
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<p>Mrs Karen Goss (Clerk and Financial Officer: Emberton Parish Council)</p>	<p>I write to advise that Emberton Parish Council has digested the MK Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for consultation and has no comments to make.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Mr John Oldfield (Director of Operations: Bedford Group of IDBs)</p>	<p>The draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is a thorough document. It has benefited from MKC's early consultation with Flood Risk partners to develop this report.</p> <p>The Bedford Group of Drainage Board's supports the inclusion of local policies, such as Byelaws (Para1.4.9) and the very important MKC Drainage Strategy Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) (Para 1.5).</p> <p>For consistency and ease of reading a final proof edit would be welcome, so that organisations are all either referred to in full or acronyms (Environment Agency, Bedford Group of Drainage Boards, Anglian Water Services; or EA, DGDB/IDB, AWS...)</p> <p>the following comments relate to specific Sections:</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>1.2 / 1.3. Whilst it is appreciated that this is the 'local' strategy, it must refer to the Main Rivers and balancing lakes, as they are integral to the management of local flood risk in Milton Keynes, and have been a fundamental element of the local Strategy since the creation of the city of Milton Keynes. The Paras should refer to the ongoing working relationships between RMAs for the function of the whole system, which is essential for local assets like the River Ouzel and Willen & Caldecotte Lakes.</p> <p>Fig 1.3. Given the fundamental importance of the MK Drainage SPG, this should be included in the diagram as a 'local policy'.</p> <p>2.2.5. It should be noted as is captured elsewhere, that MKC's role for ordinary watercourses is for areas outside the IDB drainage district.</p> <p>Fig 2.1. for clarity, the regulation box should include a reference that Consenting by LLFA is for areas outside IDB drainage district.</p> <p>Fig 2-2. Given the importance of the Main Rivers system, they should be shown with more prominence on the plan. Also, the plan does not show all the flood attenuation</p>	<p>Noted and additional text added to Section 1.2</p> <p>Noted and included</p> <p>Noted and amended</p> <p>Noted and amended</p> <p>All mapped data that has been made available is included on the figures.</p> <p>The Council are looking to add all data to its publically</p>
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	reservoirs listed later in the report, such as lakes on the Loughton Brook or the expansion areas.	available GIS mapping system via developing a watercourse and drainage layer. This will enable members of the public to view their localised area in much more detail and will allow the Council to add additional information as it becomes available, making the data as up-to-date as possible. It will also enable the data to be viewed alongside the Council's flood asset register data (once complete).
Mr John Kearsley (Canal and River Trust)	<p>Thank you for this comprehensive document which I have looked through where there is reference to canals and CRT.</p> <p>Let me know if there is any follow up work you need out input for.</p>	Noted
Delia Shephard (Town Clerk: Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council)	Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council is grateful for the opportunity to comment on MK Council's draft local flood risk management strategy. The council has no specific comments to make other than to stress this council's concern that all flood mitigation measures should maintain and enhance conditions for biodiversity and wildlife.	Noted
Mr Patrick Donovan (Newport Pagnell Town Council)	The Committee received the consultation details from Milton Keynes Council which, as Lead Local Flood Authority for the Borough, has a statutory duty under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010) to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for the	

	<p>management of local flood risk. To this end, MKC and consultants AECOM, in partnership with other local flood risk management authorities and partners; specifically the Environment Agency, Bedford Group of Drainage Boards, Anglian Water Services and the Parks Trust, have prepared the Draft Milton Keynes Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) which is the subject of a 12 week public consultation period ending on 9 November 2015.</p> <p>The Committee discussed this at length and concluded that, whilst the LFRMS was a sound document from a strategic perspective, there was no cross referencing to the flood risk from the local rivers. Fallen trees across these rivers posed a particularly serious risk, which did not appear to be addressed. There needed to be a proper balance between the strategic and the operational management of local flood risk. MKC should be monitoring this to ensure that the relevant authorities were putting in place preventative and reactive measures to ensure the success of the LFRMS. There was a serious problem in persuading the relevant authorities to properly maintain the local rivers</p>	<p>Flood risk from local rivers (both ordinary watercourses and main rivers) is recognised within the Strategy and further text has been added to the final document to outline the importance of these as part of Milton Keynes' integrated drainage network and in managing local flood risk.</p> <p>With regard to the operational management of local flood risk, all the relevant Risk Management Authorities who have responsibilities across Milton Keynes are outlined in the Strategy. These authorities all form part of the Upper Ouse Lead Local Flood Authority Group which was set-up to improve partnership working between authorities.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Council now has now developed strong relationships with all these organisations which assists in responding to issues of this nature. Furthermore all of</p>
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		<p>these authorities have been involved in the preparation of this Strategy and have supported the measures and actions outlined within.</p> <p>The Strategy does however recognise the importance of improving operational and maintenance elements of flood risk management across all Risk management Authorities and as such has incorporated measures 1.2 and 6.3 and the actions associated with these.</p>
<p>Mr David Hopkins (Milton Keynes Ward Councillor representing Wavendon, Walton (part), Woburn Sands, Bow Brickhill and Little Brickhill)</p>	<p>Please accept this letter as being a response to the current flood risk consultation. My concerns relate to areas of Danesborough and Walton Ward.</p> <p>1. Bow Brickhill</p> <p>Church Road is prone to flood at the junction of Church Road and London End lane due to a poorly constructed carriageway. The drainage channels require constant clearing and the frequency of such clearing should be increased to avert the potential for flooding in extreme conditions.</p> <p>There is also a history (be it infrequent) of flooding on Station Road in Bow Brickhill due to the inadequate capacity of the drainage system throughout the village.</p>	<p>Whilst the LFRMS is a strategic document and therefore does not address, in detail, specific localised flood issues, some of the measures outlined within will look to assist, where possible, in aiding the mitigation of localised flood risk, such as the issues raised within these comments.</p> <p>Furthermore the LFRMS provides an outline of the relevant organisations and their responsibilities in relation to the day-to-day work carried out to limit the impact of these types of flooding issues.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Council is also in the process of undertaking a Surface Water Management Plan which will assist in establishing flooding issues across the Borough and prioritising, utilising the principles outlined in the LFRMS, those areas for which further, more detailed, flood risk mitigation work may be possible.</p>

	<p>2. Woburn Sands</p> <p>The drainage channels on the highways on High Street, Woburn Sands are susceptible to blockages and in extreme weather conditions sands and other debris flowing from Aspley Heath onto the High Street can quickly block drains causing the danger of serious flooding in parts of the town.</p> <p>3. Wavendon</p> <p>The failure to maintain free flowing drainage ditches in parts of the village has led to flooding issues on Lower End Road (especially the cul de sac, 6-28 Lower End Road) and at the junction of Lower End Road and Cross End Road.</p> <p>I hope these issues can be addressed in the developing strategic document.</p>	
<p>Mr Phil Bowsher (Landscape Planning and Development Manager: The Parks Trust)</p>	<p>- Insufficient discussion of SuDS</p> <p>Include in Section 1.2 a summary of existing SuDS within Milton Keynes, for example Shenley Wood; Oxley Park (shown in the photo on the front cover); Westcroft; Broughton; Broughton Gate; Magna Park;</p>	<p>Some additional text has been included within Section 1.2 to outline existing balancing lakes and also the continued development of these within newly developed or planned expansion areas.</p>

	<p>Oakgrove; and Oakridge Park and state that a number of new schemes are currently in development (2015) in the city's expansion areas, e.g. Fairfield, Whitehouse and Brooklands. Include an explanation that many of these existing and proposed schemes have or are proposed for adoption by the Milton Keynes Parks Trust because they lie or are planned in areas of parkland or other landscaped green space that the Trust specialises in maintaining. The MKPT's costs in managing and maintaining these systems is covered by a one-off commuted sum payment on adoption, which the Trust invests to generate the income required to cover the maintenance costs.</p> <p>In the Measures sections i.e. 3.2 and 3.4, expand the text to include reference to the successful model that has been employed for a number of existing SuDs set within parkland and landscape greenspaces within Milton Keynes (e.g. those listed above) that have been adopted by the MKPT together with a one-off commuted sum payment to cover the cost of future maintenance by the MKPT. The associated policy should be to continue this successful model of SuDS development and adoption by the MKPT in new growth and expansion areas.</p>	<p>Information regarding adoption, and the costs and methods of payment for maintenance of some balancing lakes, have not been incorporated, this level of detail is not appropriate to be included within the introduction section of the report.</p> <p>No changes have been made to Measure 3.2 as this is strictly related to changes to national planning policy and, Milton Keynes Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, fulfilling its new statutory duty as a Consultee to the planning system.</p> <p>Additional Text has however been included within Measure 3.4 to outline the successful model that has been used across Milton Keynes and the Council's intention to continue considering this as a preferred option in any new expansion and growth areas.</p> <p>As Lead Local Flood Authority, we are however not able</p>
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	<p>I would be happy to discuss the above points and provide more information if required.</p> <p>The relevant information and discussion as above should also be included in the supporting Annex B document.]</p> <p>- The text of Section 2.6 is inaccurate.</p> <p>Change Section 2.6 to say:</p> <p>2.6. Milton Keynes Parks Trust</p> <p>Milton Keynes Parks Trust (MKPT) is a charitable trust that owns and maintains most of the parkland in Milton Keynes, including the linear parks that run along the city's river valleys and provide valuable areas of floodplain. The Trust has the rights and responsibilities of riparian owners for the watercourses that run through its parks (see Section 2.8.2). Many of the linear parks contain the large balancing lakes such as Caldecotte, Willen and Furzton. The Trust is responsible for maintaining the land around</p>	<p>to outline this approach as policy which must be adhered to through the planning system, only provide recommendations on a preferred approach.</p> <p>Noted and amendments made</p>
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	<p>these lakes and their recreational use but it is not responsible for the flood management function of these lakes. This responsibility, and the operation and maintenance of the control structures and weirs, lies with Anglian Water. The MKPT is responsible for maintaining various local Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) within some residential and industrial estates. These SUDS include networks of ponds and ditches set within attractive landscaped green areas within the developments.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Parks Trust is responsible for:</p> <p>Riparian ownership of the watercourses through the linear parks in Milton Keynes.</p> <p>Maintaining the linear parkland in the river valleys so it can serve its purpose and functions well as river floodplain</p> <p>Managing the land around and the recreational use of the large balancing lakes in Milton Keynes.</p> <p>Managing a number of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems in some residential and commercial estates.</p>	<p>Noted and amendments made</p>
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	<p>Section 3.3.1 – add text</p> <p>Add the text shown in italics below to 3.3.1:</p> <p>The city of Milton Keynes was designed so that the majority of the natural functional and engineered floodplain is within linear parks. <i>Most of the city’s linear parks are owned and maintained by The Parks Trust although a few areas are owned and maintained by Milton Keynes Council.</i></p> <p>- Section 3.3.3 – check accuracy</p> <p>Correct spelling – Caldecotte Lake</p> <p>Check the wording where it describes the Towcester/Northamptonshire reservoirs as “situated within Milton Keynes”.</p> <p>- Objective 5.2 Measure 5.2 on page</p> <p>Add text to say that The Parks Trust already displays some interpretation information and water safety signage for some of the large balancing lakes that lie within its linear parks.</p> <p>- Section 13.2.1 Biodiversity – Requires updating</p>	<p>Noted and addition made</p> <p>Noted and amendment made</p> <p>Noted and amendment made</p> <p>Noted and addition made</p> <p>Noted and amendment made</p>
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