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## **Strategic Development Directions Consultation Responses**

Following the public consultation period for the Strategic Development Directions document, held between 13 January and 6 April 2016, all the responses received were uploaded to the Council's online portal and made publicly available.

All the responses received can be viewed at: [SDD Consultation Responses](#)

## **Strategic Development Directions Consultation - 13 January-6 April 2016**

Following the decision by Executive Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 2nd December, Milton Keynes Council published the 'Plan:MK Strategic Development Directions' document for a formal 12 week public consultation period.

The consultation document sought feedback on indicative development directions that emerged as part of the Plan:MK workshops held in Spring 2015. A number of questions were posed to provide an opportunity for the public to tell us their thoughts on these development directions or suggest other ideas as to how and where Milton Keynes should grow in the future. Input in this consultation will assist in preparing a vision and development strategy for Plan:MK.

The consultation document along with the associated Plan:MK Vision Workshops Report can be viewed by using the following links:

[Plan:MK Strategic Development Directions Consultation Document, Jan - April 2016 \(PDF, 2.8MB\)](#)

[Plan:MK Vision Workshops Report \(PDF, 18.4MB\)](#)

Copies of the documents were also made available to view in Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices and in all libraries across Milton Keynes.

## **Consultation Events**

During the consultation period a number of drop-in sessions and other consultation events were held where officers from the Development Plans Team were available to discuss the consultation. Details of all the events held are as follows:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event Format</b>
Castlethorpe	Castlethorpe Village Hall	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January (6:30pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Bow Brickhill	The Pavilion, Rushmere Close	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February (6:30pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Aspley Guise	Aspley Guise Village Hall	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February (7pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Kingston	Tesco (entrance of food store), Kingston	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February (10am – 2pm)  Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February (2pm – 7pm)	Public display and drop-in session
Cranfield/Salford	Holywell School, Red Lion Close, Cranfield, MK43 0JA	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (7pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Hanslope	Hanslope School, Main Hall	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February (6:30pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Olney	Olney Centre	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February (3pm – 8pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Wavendon	Wavendon Community Centre	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March (6:30pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Newton Longville	Longueville Hall, Whaddon Road, Newton Longville, MK17 0AT	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March (6pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Newport Pagnell	United Reform Church Hall, High Street	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March (3:30pm – 8pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Astwood	Village Hall, Main Road, Astwood, MK16 9JS	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March (7:30pm – 9:00pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Woburn Sands	Summerlin Centre	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March (6:30pm – 9pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Bletchley	Bletchley Community Centre, George Street	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March (6pm – 8pm)	Presentation, Q&A, and drop-in session
Wolverton	The Old Bath House, 205 Stratford Road, Wolverton	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March (4pm – 8pm)	Drop-in session and Q&A
Westcroft	Westcroft Library	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March (1:30pm – 6:30pm)	Drop-in session and Q&A

Whaddon	Whaddon Village Hall	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (6pm – 9pm)	2 X Presentation (6:30pm and 8pm), Q&A and drop-in session
Central Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes Library	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March (3pm – 7:45pm)	2 X Presentations (4:30pm and 6:30pm), Q&A and drop-in session
Woughton	Woughton Community Council Offices, 31 Farthing Grove, Netherfield)	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (6pm – 8pm)	Q&A and drop-in session

A copy of the presentation given by officers at the consultation events can be viewed at: [Strategic Development Directions presentation \(PDF, 3.8MB\)](#)

### **December 2015 - Update**

Following the call-in of the decision to consult on the Plan:MK Strategic Development Options (SDO) document by several Parish Councils and groups of members of the public, the [Executive Scrutiny Committee](#) considered the [Cabinet Decision](#) at their meeting of 2nd December.

At this meeting, the Committee [resolved](#) that the consultation on the SDO document should go ahead, but that further engagement should take place urgently with rural Parish Councils about their strategic direction for the Vision for Milton Keynes in parallel with the consultation and that greater communication takes place with Ward Councillors and Parish Councils in neighbouring authorities. It was also proposed that some changes were made to the consultation document to remove reference to specific villages or locations identified for satellite settlements in the rural area.

Following this decision, consultation commenced on the amended SDO document early in 2016.

### **November 2015 - Update**

At their meeting of 9th November 2015, the Cabinet [agreed to publish](#) the Strategic Development Options document for a period of 12 weeks consultation. However, this decision was subsequently 'called in'. This means, the decision had to be considered by the Executive Scrutiny Committee.

Consultation on the next stage of Plan:MK, which was due to start on 25th November, was delayed.

### **29th October 2015 - Update**

Using the outputs of a series of Vision Workshops in March and June 2015, the Council prepared a consultation document to ask for views on a series of Strategic Development Options for the future development of the Borough. The options shown in the document were prepared by collating and consolidating the many different suggestions that were raised at those workshops.

Milton Keynes Council Cabinet considered the draft document at their meeting on 9th November 2015, with the recommendation that the Strategic Development Options document be published for a 12-week consultation period. The report for Cabinet and associated documents can be viewed at: [Cabinet Papers 9 November 2015](#)

On the 29 October 2015 a number of briefing sessions were held with all Town and Parish Councillors and Ward Councillors from Milton Keynes and neighbouring authorities to explain the upcoming Cabinet decision on the 9<sup>th</sup> November and subsequent consultation due to start at the end of November. The presentation that was given at these sessions can be viewed at: [PlanMK Briefing on Strategic Development Options Presentation \(PDF, 5.2MB\)](#)

At this stage, the Council had not made any decision about which, if any, of the options it favours. The responses received through the consultation were to be part of the decision-making process, so it was important that everyone got involved and had their say once the consultation document was formally published at the end of November

### **Plan:MK Vision Workshops - August 2015**

The first consultation stage for Plan:MK asked stakeholders to explore the various issues that the plan would need to consider through a series of Topic Papers. We received lots of interesting and useful comments in response to those papers, which are all [available to view online](#).

Over the last few months we have been talking to a wide range of stakeholders in a series of workshops to understand what their priorities and ambitions are for the future of Milton Keynes, and to get their thoughts on how and where Milton Keynes might grow, and what it might be like in the future.

The outputs of these discussions are now being looked at, together with our evidence base and the need to work with our neighbours. A series of development options and a draft vision for the future of the Borough were subsequently prepared to be available for wider consultation and engagement towards the end of 2015.

### **Plan:MK Topic Papers Consultation - September-December 2014**

To help us understand what issues the plan should cover and what stakeholders think about how we should approach those issues, we consulted on a series of Topic Papers (which you can view and download by clicking on the links under the 'Documents' section, on the main [Plan:MK webpage](#)). These Topic Papers cover a broad range of subjects and included questions to help us understand your thoughts on how we might plan for the future of Milton Keynes.

These Topic Papers were part of a twelve-week consultation that was held between September and December 2014. Around 2,000 separate comments were made by 260 individuals and organisations in response to the Topic Papers. Many of these comments were very comprehensive and detailed.

All of the comments received are available to view through our Consultation Portal at <http://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planmk> and are summarised in a report available [here \(PDF, 2MB\)](#).

The comments we received on the Topic Papers will help us to guide the policy directions that will be included in the Preferred Options stage of Plan:MK.

### **Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report**

As one of the documents to support the preparation of the Plan:MK, we will undertake a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment) of the emerging plan, to assess the overall sustainability of the plan and the options and policies within it.

The first stage of the process is to prepare a Scoping Report, which sets out the way in which the Sustainability Appraisal will be used through the plan preparation process. We consulted on this Scoping Report alongside the Topic Papers at the end of 2014.

A copy of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report can also be viewed under the 'Documents' section of the main [Plan:MK webpage](#).

### **Letting people know about the consultation**

We will be trying to let as many people as we can know about Plan:MK, through newspaper adverts and articles, posters, handing out leaflets, talking to Town and Parish Councils and putting up displays or events in the shopping building. Please let your friends and family, or anyone you know who might be interested! The future of Milton Keynes is important for everyone who lives, works or visits and now is the perfect opportunity to get involved and have your say.