Milton Keynes Council Response to AP36 of Action Points arising from Stage One Plan:MK Examination Hearing Discussions (MK/EXAM/015)

Note on CMK Renaissance

The Council previously described its approach to the CMK Renaissance in its letter of 3 June to the Inspector (INS1a).

The <u>Prospectus for CMK</u>, has now been considered by the Council's Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee, which fully supported and endorsed the draft document and its aim of increasing the quality, pace and quantity of investment and development in CMK. The Prospectus is being considered by the Council's Cabinet on the 4th September 2018, prior to an anticipated formal launch and publication later this year.

The first phase of the CMK Renaissance project to re-purpose Midsummer Boulevard is currently awaiting investment and development decisions by local private landowners. A number of options for public investment exist and it is important that the use of public funds to deliver planned public realm improvements will also help to lever the maximum amount of private sector investment. It is anticipated that these investment decisions will be taken in the near future which will increase certainty and allow the initial phase of the Midsummer Boulevard project to move ahead.

The Milton Keynes Development Partnership recently initiated a survey of CMK residents and employees to establish their views on the future of the Station Square gateway. The survey closed on 5th August 2018 and it is anticipated that the results of this work will help to inform a future development framework for this site. Several private sector developments are currently being established in CMK including the Grainger private rental building on the corner of North Twelfth Street and Silbury Boulevard, the new office site at 100 Avebury Boulevard and the creation of the new Hotel LaTour near to the Shopping Centre on Midsummer Boulevard.