

# Milton Keynes Land Availability Assessment

## Draft Methodology Consultation and 'Call for Sites'

February 2022

### What's happening?

We're at the early stages of reviewing Plan:MK and preparing a new local development plan for Milton Keynes running up to 2050.

We're producing an updated evidence base to inform the new plan. A key part of this evidence is a Land Availability Assessment (LAA).

We're consulting on a draft LAA methodology and providing an opportunity, via a 'Call for Sites', for sites to be submitted for consideration.

### Consultation details

The LAA Draft Methodology Consultation and Call for Sites runs from **Wednesday 23 February to Wednesday 20 April** (all submissions must be received by 5pm, 20 April).

Find all materials including the Draft Methodology, an online comment form and Call for Sites submission forms at:

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy)

If further information is required, please email the Development Plans Team at:

[Development.Plans@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Development.Plans@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk)

### What is a LAA and what does it do?

The Land Availability Assessment (LAA) is a technical evidence-based document which we are required under national policy to produce.

The LAA will provide a clear understanding of the land available within our area for development. It will assess a range of sites to identify a future supply of land which is suitable, available, and achievable for different types of development during the period 2022-2050. As such it will be an important source of evidence to inform plan-making.

The key objectives of the LAA are to:

- Identify sites and broad locations with potential for development;
- Assess their development potential (e.g. amount of homes or office space); and
- Assess their suitability for development and the likelihood of development coming forward.

### What does a LAA not do?

The LAA does not determine whether a site should or should not be allocated or granted planning permission for development. The new Local Plan will determine which sites best meet the needs and vision of MK.

The LAA does not give any planning weight to any of the sites included within it. The identification of a site within the LAA does not mean that we support its development nor that it will be allocated for development within the Local Plan. The allocation of sites will be done through the normal plan-making process involving extensive stakeholder engagement and public consultation, and independent examination.

The fact that a site is not included in the LAA does not preclude the possibility of planning permission for development being granted on that site in the future.

## About the LAA Draft Methodology

Our last Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) was produced in 2017 to inform the preparation of Plan:MK. This document was solely focused on land available for housing development. To align with updated planning practice guidance and to assist us in ensuring we meet all the needs of MK up to 2050, we are broadening the scope of the LAA to provide an assessment of land availability for all uses, with the exception of Minerals related development.

A draft methodology has been prepared to outline how we intend to carry out each stage of the preparation of the LAA and the processes we will undertake to identify sites and carry out the assessment of each site.

## About the Call for Sites

As well as consulting on a draft methodology, we are also undertaking an eight week Call for Sites period to enable the submission of sites to be considered for inclusion within the LAA and to assist us in proactively identifying all sites across the Borough which are available to potentially assist with delivering our growth ambitions.

The scope for the LAA covers all land uses, except for Minerals related development and, as such, we would encourage submissions relating to all uses, not just land for housing and economic development.

To submit a site for consideration, an online form must be completed in full before 5pm on 20 April 2022. Where requested, accompanying detailed information must be provided. (However, we request that any supplementary information is restricted to the technical information requested and that any marketing material is omitted.)

Find the online form at: [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy)

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