

Milton Keynes City Plan 2050: Proposed Submission Document - Regulation 19 Consultation Guidance Note

The Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 sets out the spatial strategy and policies to guide development in Milton Keynes, over the plan period from 2022-2050. It sets out how we aim to provide more homes, and meet the growing needs of our local population, businesses whilst protecting our green spaces and rural areas.

A Regulation 19 consultation is the next stage of the Local Plan consultation process. As part of the Regulation 19 consultation, we have prepared the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 for public consultation which has been informed by the previous consultation and engagement exercises we have undertaken. We previously consulted on the Ambition and Objectives for the MK City Plan 2050, where the New City Plan Ambition and Objectives, and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, were published for consultation between the 31st of January and the 16th of March 2023. A summary of the main issues raised can be found in the Statement of Consultation for the Ambition and Objectives consultation. Comments made during the Ambition and Objectives consultation helped to shape the policies and proposals set out in the Draft Milton Keynes City Plan 2050.

The Regulation 18 Consultation on the Draft Milton Keynes City Plan 2050 was open for a period of 12 weeks from the 17th of July until 5pm on the 9th of October. During this period, we received 609 individual representations to the Plan (331 representations via our online consultation platform on Urban Intelligence, and 278 representations via email and / or letter). Overall, we received over 7500 individual responses across a range of key themes, issues and specific draft policies.

During this consultation, the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 and supporting documents will be made available for public inspection to provide any individual, group, or business the opportunity to make a representation.

This Guidance Note should be read in conjunction with the **Statement of Representation Procedure**.

Title of documents available for inspection and subject to this consultation:

- Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050
- Proposed Submission Policies Map
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health Impact Assessment
- Consultation Statement
- Duty to Cooperate Statement
- Statement of Representations Procedure

This consultation will require submissions to specifically focus on the following issues:

Is the Plan Legally Compliant?

Does the Plan comply with the relevant legislation and regulations in the way it has been prepared, and in its content?

The Planning Inspector will first check that the Local Plan meets the legal requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) (the Act) and the Regulations before moving on to consider the tests of soundness.

The Local Plan must meet the legal requirements under sections 19,20 and 24 of the Act, and duty to cooperate under section 20(5)(c) of the Act. To be legally compliant, it should:

- Be prepared in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- Be prepared in accordance with the Statement of community Involvement (SCI).
- Comply with the Regulations.
- Be supported by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report.
- Have regard to national policies and advice.
- Be in general conformity with the London Plan.

Does the Plan comply with the 'Duty to Cooperate'?

Milton Keynes City Council must have demonstrated how it engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with adjoining Local Planning Authorities and other public bodies throughout the production of the Local Plan.

Is the Plan Sound?

Has the Plan been 'positively prepared'? Is it robustly justified and evidence-led? Will it be effective in what it sets out to achieve? Is it consistent with regional and national planning policy?

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out that in order to be 'sound' a Local Plan should pass the following tests:

Be positively prepared - Providing a strategy which, as a minimum seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring authorities is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development.

Be Justified - An appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence.

Be Effective - Deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred.

Be consistent with national policy - Enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF.

How to complete the representation form

When completing the form please:

- Complete a new representation form for each representation you wish to make.
 - Clearly identify which policy or part of the Plan your representation relates to.
 - Indicate by ticking the relevant box if you wish to speak at the Examination Hearing.
- Completed form(s) can be emailed to ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk or sent by post to Development Plans, Milton Keynes City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ.

Where can I inspect the Local Plan and its supporting documents

Individuals can view all supporting documents, alongside the evidence library online at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050>

You can view paper copies of the documents listed above and/or collect a representation form(s) at our Civic Offices (via prior appointment) and at any of our libraries across Milton Keynes.

Information on Library opening times can be found at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries/library-info/library-hours>

Have your say

The consultation is open from **7 November 2025 to 5.30pm on 22 December 2025**

- Email – Please return completed representation form(s) to ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk
- Post - Complete the above representation form and return to: Development Plans, Milton Keynes City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ.

Representations must be received by **5.30pm on Monday 22nd December 2025**.

Sharing your personal details

Please be aware that, due to the process of having an Independent Examination, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. Respondent details and representations will be forwarded to the Inspector carrying out the examination of the Local Plan after the Proposed Submission period has ended. This data will be managed by a Programme Officer who acts as the point of contact between the Council and the Inspector and respondents and the Inspector.

For more information on how we use your data – please see our privacy notice by using the following link: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/milton-keynes-council/privacy-notices/milton-keynes-city-council-corporate-privacy-notice>

Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our website alongside your name. *If you are responding as an individual rather than a company or*

organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email / postal address and telephone numbers) or signatures online.

What happens next?

All representations received will be recorded and considered and the representations will be submitted to an independent Inspector. In addition, all comments will be recorded and collated within a Consultation Statement.

Thank You

We would like to thank you for your support and involvement so far as we invite you once again to comment on our Local Plan and supporting documents before we submit them to the Secretary of State for independent examination.