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Dear friends

If the expansion of Milton Keynes around the Brickhills is important to you I urge you on behalf of our children firstly to engage and secondly mobilise others to do the same.

These are my thoughts based on first pass of the plan. Don't leave it to others!

**DRAFT**

## **Respondent Perspective (resident who invested in MK 43 years ago)!**

This representation is made from the perspective of the Community of Bow Brickhill, including residents, users of local facilities, and those directly affected by the proposed allocations and strategic direction of the MK City Plan 2050.

### **A. PRINCIPLE OF DEVELOPMENT**

The Community of Bow Brickhill does not object to growth in principle. However, it strongly objects to the form, location, sequencing, and mitigation of growth proposed under the MK City Plan 2050, and to the continued failure to address the cumulative impacts of development on Bow Brickhill in accordance with established planning policy and law.

### **B. FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE IN ADVANCE OF DEVELOPMENT**

#### **1. "Infrastructure First" in Name Only**

While the Plan repeatedly claims to be infrastructure-led, it fails to provide binding commitments, enforceable phasing, or guaranteed funding mechanisms for Bow Brickhill.

Development is therefore proposed:

- Ahead of infrastructure provision
- Without certainty of delivery
- Without safeguards to protect existing communities

This perpetuates a historic pattern whereby Bow Brickhill absorbs the impacts of growth while promised infrastructure is delayed, diluted, or never delivered.

## **C. EXISTING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE – PAVILION & COMMUNITY HUB**

### **2. Forty Years of Service, No Strategic Reinvestment**

Bow Brickhill's Community Pavilion and Hub has delivered almost 40 years of continuous service, providing essential sporting, social, youth, and community functions.

The facility now requires approximately £1 million of investment to:

- Modernise outdated design and layout
- Improve accessibility and space utilisation
- Upgrade amenities to modern standards
- Replace obsolete and inefficient heating and energy systems
- Secure long-term sustainability

Despite this clear need:

- Many millions of pounds have been taken out of Bow Brickhill and the Ward through development over time
- No proportionate reinvestment has been made into Bow Brickhill's core community infrastructure
- Funds have been diverted to facilities miles away, contrary to the principle of direct mitigation

### **3. Fundamental Conflict with the Purpose of Section 106**

This approach is contrary to the purpose and spirit of Section 106, which exists to ensure development:

- Mitigates its direct impacts

- Supports affected communities
- Delivers benefits locally and proportionately

Using Bow Brickhill’s development impacts to justify investment elsewhere represents a systemic failure of mitigation.

## **D. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – DUPLICATION AND COMPETITION**

### **4. Undermining Established Community Assets**

The Plan promotes new community facilities within proposed developments without requiring:

- Prior investment in existing facilities
- Integration or shared-use strategies
- Evidence that new provision will not undermine established hubs

This creates a real risk of:

- Direct competition with Bow Brickhill’s Community Hall and Pavilion/Hub
- Fragmentation of volunteers, funding, and participation
- Accelerated decline of facilities that have already been underfunded

This approach is inefficient, inequitable, and inconsistent with sustainable placemaking.

## **E. EDUCATION PROVISION AND SCHOOL VIABILITY**

### **5. Legitimate Concern Regarding the Existing School**

The Plan provides no clarity on:

- How new development will support Bow Brickhill’s existing school
- Whether pupil displacement may undermine its viability
- Whether consolidation elsewhere could lead to downgrading or closure

The absence of safeguards creates a legitimate fear that existing provision may be sacrificed in favour of larger, remote facilities, eroding village identity and accessibility.

## **F. ACTIVE TRAVEL – REDWAYS, BRIDLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

### **6. Connectivity Promised, Not Delivered**

Despite extensive rhetoric on active travel.

- The proposed development remains poorly connected to Bow Brickhill
- Redway, bridleway and footpath links are undefined and unfunded
- Major barriers such as the A5 and A4146 remain unresolved

This forces car dependency and directly contradicts the Plan’s sustainability objectives.

## **G. MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM – RHETORIC WITHOUT ALIGNMENT**

### **7. Growth Justified by Infrastructure That Does Not Serve It**

The MK City Plan 2050 is now being promoted as the platform for further major growth of Milton Keynes, publicly endorsed by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, with growth explicitly linked to the delivery of a Mass Transit System (MTS).

However:

- The MTS proposals are so underdeveloped that they do not meaningfully serve the Plan’s spatial strategy
- Bow Brickhill is not adequately served or connected
- Routes, funding, phasing and delivery mechanisms remain undefined

### **8. A Pattern Repeated for Over Five Decades**

For Bow Brickhill, mass transit promises are not new. Similar rhetoric has been repeated for over 50 years, while development proceeds regardless.

The Plan risks repeating a historic failure:

- Growth proceeds
- Infrastructure remains aspirational
- Communities absorb the impact

## **H. OVERALL CONCLUSION**

As drafted, the MK City Plan 2050:

- Extracts value from Bow Brickhill without delivering local mitigation
- Fails to reinvest in long-standing community infrastructure
- Undermines existing schools and community assets
- Relies on transport rhetoric unsupported by detail or funding

- Fails the test of infrastructure-led, sustainable development

In its application to Bow Brickhill, the Plan is unsound.

Yours sincerely

Alan

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Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Jan 2026, at 12:29, MK City Plan 2050 - Milton Keynes City Council  
<mk.city.plan.2050.milton.keynes.city.council@notifications.service.gov.uk> wrote:



Dear Consultee,

Due to a technical issue, some consultees did not receive an email notification at the start of the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 consultation that began on 7 November and ran until 22 December 2025.

To make sure everyone has a fair and equal opportunity to comment, all consultees will be able to take part in a further six-week consultation period, which starts today and runs until 16 February 2026. We are notifying you of this in accordance with the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

If you have already submitted comments and do not wish to add to or change them, you do not need to take any action.

If you have not already made any comments or have made comments but wish to change them, you can do so. Please make it clear if any submission replaces a previous one. All comments must be received by 5.30pm on 16 February 2026.

The Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 is an important planning document that sets out how we propose Milton Keynes will change and grow in the years ahead.

Our aim is to get the right type of development in the right places to meet the growing needs of local people and businesses. We want to make sure:

- Infrastructure is put first (such as health facilities, schools and shops).
- Developers provide what communities need to benefit local people.
- Milton Keynes grows sustainably, tackling and reducing the impact of climate change.

We previously consulted on the Draft (Regulation 18) MK City Plan 2050 from the 17 July to the 9 October 2024. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, these comments have helped shape the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050.

We are now inviting consultees to consider whether they think the plan is legally compliant and meets the tests of soundness, as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework. This is the final opportunity for communities and stakeholders to comment on the plan before our intended submission to the Secretary of State by the end of March 2026. This Regulation 19 consultation on the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050 will be open for six weeks, from the 5 January 2026 until 5.30pm on the 16 February 2026.

You can view the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050, proposed submission documents and other supporting documents on our website: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city->

[plan-2050](#). Alternatively, if you would rather view the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050 and proposed submission documents in person the Statement of Representations Procedure below sets out in detail where the documents are available for inspection across Milton Keynes.

You can submit your comments online at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050>. The Statement of Representations Procedure below also contains a link to the consultation response form, as well as setting out at which locations paper copies of the response form are available. You can email or post your comments to us using the contact details which are set out in the below Statement of Representations Procedure.

You have received this letter because you are registered on our planning policy consultation database or you have commented on the MK City Plan 2050 at previous stages in its preparation. If you no longer wish to receive notifications related to planning policy documents, please let us know by emailing [ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk), clicking unsubscribe on the link at the bottom of this email, or calling 01908 252358.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Thomas  
Director Planning and Placemaking

## **Statement of Representations Procedure**

This statement has been prepared by Milton Keynes City Council, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 19, 20, 21 and 35), as amended.

### **Title of documents**

- 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

## **Subject matter**

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.

## **Period for representations**

Representations are invited from 5 January 2026 to 5.30pm on 16 February 2026. This statement sets out where to view the documents and how to make comments.

Important Notice: In accordance with the Regulations, representations received after the deadline will be marked as late and may not be accepted by the Inspector.

## **Document availability**

The Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050, proposed submission documents and all supporting documents, including this Statement of Representations Procedure, can be downloaded and viewed online by visiting <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050>.

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

- Central Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HL
- Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2RA
- Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell, Milton Keynes, MK16 8HQ
- Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5LY
- Kingston Library, Winchester Circle, Kingston, Milton Keynes, MK10 0BA
- Westcroft Library, Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DE
- Woburn Sands Library, The Institute, High Street, Woburn Sands, MK17 8SD
- Woughton Library, Langland Road, Netherfield, Milton Keynes, MK6 4NP
- Olney Library, The Olney Centre, High Street, Olney, MK46 4EF
- Stony Stratford Library, 5-7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1BD
- Civic Offices (prior appointment to view documents) Milton Keynes City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

You can check the opening hours for libraries here:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries/library-info/library-hours>.

### **Viewing supporting documents**

Individuals may 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](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050). In the instance that you don't have access to the internet, we have public computers available at Central Library, Newport Pagnell Library, Olney Library, Wolverton Library, Stony Stratford Library, Bletchley Library and Woburn Sands Library. Library staff are available to help if required.

Additionally, individuals may request to view supporting documents, including the evidence library, in person by arranging an appointment at the Council's Civic Offices. To make an appointment, please contact the Development Plans team at [ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or by post to Development Plans, Milton Keynes City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ. When arranging an appointment please clearly specify which document(s) you wish to view and whether you wish to view or purchase a paper copy.

Paper copies of the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050, proposed submission documents and all supporting documents can be made available at a cost by contacting the Development Plans team via email at [ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk), or by post to Development Plans, Milton Keynes City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ.

If you are having trouble accessing the documents, or if you require the consultation documents in an alternative format, please contact the Development Plans team via email at [ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk).

### **What to consider when making a representation**

Please refer to the Regulation 19 response form, which sets out guidance on what to consider when making a representation, you can find the form on our webpage here: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050>

### **How to make a representation**

Representations must be made between 5 January 2026 and 16 February 2026. Your representation must be received by 5.30pm on Monday 16 February 2026.

Representations can be made:

- Online using our digital consultation platform (Urban Intelligence) which is accessed through our MK City Plan 2050 webpage here: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050>. The link to the digital consultation platform is towards the top of the page.
- By emailing a completed representation form(s) to [ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk). Representation forms are available to download at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050>
- By post to Development Plans, Milton Keynes City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

Paper copies of the representation form are available at our Civic Offices (via request) and any of our libraries across Milton Keynes.

All representations must set out clearly why, and how, it is considered that the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050, in whole or in part, is legally compliant or non-compliant; compliant or non-compliant with the Duty to Cooperate; and/or, sound or unsound.

### **Data Protection & Privacy Notice**

Please note that all submissions will be required to be made public along with the first and last name of the person making the submission, all other personal information will be kept confidential. All submissions will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local

Government and the Planning Inspectorate, alongside the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Milton Keynes City Plan 2050 and all other supporting documents after this period of representation.

The Council cannot legally accept anonymous submissions during this representation period as these cannot be considered by the Planning Inspector. Personal data will be processed in accordance with the Council's privacy notice (<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/milton-keynes-council/privacy-notices/milton-keynes-city-council-corporate-privacy-notice>).

### **Notification of the next stages of the Milton Keynes City Plan 2050**

When making your representation you will also have the option to request to be notified of the following stages of the Local Plan process:

- the submission of the Local Plan for independent Examination,
- the publication of the Inspector's recommendations following independent Examination of the Local Plan, and
- the adoption of the Local Plan.

Once the Regulation 19 representation period has closed, updates regarding the status of the Local Plan will be published on our Local Plan webpages. Any person who makes a submission during the Regulation 19 representation period will automatically be added to our consultation database and will be provided with updates on the progress of the Local Plan including when we submit our Local Plan for independent Examination, when the Planning Inspector's recommendations are published and when the Local Plan is adopted. If you wish to be removed from this database, please email [ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or call 01908 252358.

An independent Planning Inspector will then be appointed by the Secretary of State of Housing, Communities and Local

Government to undertake an independent Examination into whether the Local Plan is legally compliant, meets the duty to cooperate, and passes the tests of soundness. The Examination will include hearing sessions held by the Planning Inspector in public. If you have objected to the plan and requested a change should be made and wish to participate in relevant hearings, please make this clear in your representation.

## **Contact Us**

For assistance or further information on the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Milton Keynes City Plan 2050, or any of the supporting documents, please contact us via:

Telephone: 01908 252 358

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