

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Milton Keynes City Plan 2050

Please return by **5.30pm** on **Monday 22nd December 2025** to Development Plans, Milton Keynes City Council, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ, or via email at ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk

This form has two parts –

Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable)*

boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

Title	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Job Title (where relevant)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Organisation (where relevant)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Line 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Line 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Line 4

Post Code

Telephone Number

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: Cranfield Parish Council

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph Policy Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: (Please tick as appropriate)

4.(1) Legally compliant Yes No

4.(2) Sound Yes No

4.(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate Yes No

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Cranfield Parish Council
Milton Keynes City Plan 2050 (Regulation 19) Objection
Cranfield Parish Council supports and agrees with the objections submitted by our Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor Sue Clark. The Parish Council considers that the Milton Keynes City Plan 2050 is not sound for the reasons set out below.

1. Lack of Consultation with Cranfield Parish Council
The proposed Eastern Strategic City Extension (Policy GS14) and East of Wavendon Strategic City Extension (Policy GS15) are immediately adjacent to Central Bedfordshire and very close to Cranfield. However, Cranfield Parish Council has not been consulted at either Regulation 18 or Regulation 19 stage.

At the Regulation 18 consultation, Milton Keynes officers gave a clear commitment through our Ward Councillor, Cllr Clark, that neighbouring Central Bedfordshire communities would be consulted at Regulation 19. This has not happened. Given the scale of the proposals and the direct impacts on Cranfield, the Parish Council considers this lack of engagement unacceptable and contrary to the duty to cooperate.

2. Traffic Impacts on Cranfield and Surrounding Villages

The Parish Council is very concerned about the traffic impacts arising from the large amount of development proposed to the east of Milton Keynes. The impacts on roads in Central Bedfordshire, including those serving Cranfield, are unclear and there is no clear mitigation proposed. The Parish Council considers this does not meet the test for soundness

Information provided suggests significant increases in traffic on routes affecting Cranfield, including Crawley Road and Salford Road, and unrealistic increases on narrow rural lanes such as Folly Lane. Increased congestion on the A421 and at M1 Junctions 13 and 14 is also likely to push traffic onto local roads through Cranfield.

The cumulative and cross-boundary impacts of this growth have not been properly assessed. Any traffic assessment must include a full cross-boundary assessment agreed with Central Bedfordshire Council, with mitigation in place before development takes place.

4. Impact on the Rural Landscape and Setting of Cranfield

The Plan does not adequately recognise the rural character and setting of Cranfield. There is no clear requirement for landscape buffering or a sensitive edge of development where Milton Keynes meets Central Bedfordshire.

The Parish Council is concerned about the loss of countryside, harm to the setting of the village and the gradual urbanisation of the area. Strong landscaping and buffering measures should be required by policy if these sites are taken forward.

5. Strategic Policies GS11, GS14 and GS15

Cranfield Parish Council has specific concerns about the following policies:

- **Policy GS11** refers to development within neighbouring authorities. The Parish Council does not support Milton Keynes planning for development within Central Bedfordshire. Decisions on growth in Central Bedfordshire must remain with Central Bedfordshire Council.
- **Policy GS14** (Eastern Strategic City Extension) proposes a major development very close to Cranfield, without consultation with the Parish Council, without clear infrastructure-first requirements, without agreed cross-boundary traffic mitigation and without adequate landscape buffering.
- **Policy GS15** (East of Wavendon Strategic City Extension) also raises concerns about potential cross-boundary impacts, lack of infrastructure safeguards, traffic impacts and protection of the rural character of nearby villages.

These policies should be amended to properly reflect cross-boundary impacts and to require meaningful engagement with Cranfield Parish Council.

6. Scale of Growth and Overprovision of Housing

The Plan proposes an overprovision of housing of around 19%. The Parish Council is concerned that this level of additional growth has a disproportionate impact on neighbouring villages such as Cranfield, as the development growth in Milton Keynes is so heavily weighted to the east of the city. These impacts will be particularly felt in terms of additional traffic, pressure on our infrastructure and loss of countryside.

7. Request to Address the Planning Inspector

Given the scale of the proposals and the lack of consultation with Cranfield Parish Council, the Parish Council requests the opportunity to address the Planning Inspector at the public examination of the Milton Keynes City Plan 2050.

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

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.

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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.*

