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Dear Sir/Madam,

Lidlington Parish Council continue to be committed to making representation on the Milton Keynes City Plan 2050 development strategy document. As a rural community within the neighbouring Central Bedfordshire Council local authority, it is vital that those considering the MK City Plan have due regard for the communities such as Lidlington, that will be significantly impacted by the proposals presented in Policy GS14, Eastern Strategic City Extension and Policy GS15, East of Wavendon Strategic City Extension. Lidlington Parish Council remain fully supportive of the representation submitted by Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor Sue Clark, and stand collectively with the local neighbouring parishes and the concerns expressed in the joint submission. In addition, the Parish Council wish to highlight specifically the concerns previously submitted by the Parish Council in October 2024, which all remain valid. What is important to note is, is as this Local Plan progressing through the planning policy process from evolving to now setting out a clear strategic direction for growth, it really does heighten the frustration of total lack of consultation in any way with neighbouring local authorities which is a key element under the clear NPPF direction relating to the duty to co-operate. The Parish Council have on numerous occasions made it clear that Milton Keynes Council really must ensure they work collaboratively with the neighbouring local authority Councils being particularly mindful to the enormous allocated strategic growth in the immediate local area around the City. This is even more important again, given that Milton Keynes have, as expected, placed development in an area that will result in many of the new inhabitants of the new community proposed in MK East to be looking for their local services away from the City, burdening already saturated and severely strained local infrastructure in Central Bedfordshire. There has been no indirect or direct communication to the inhabitants of the Marston Vale including the Lidlington community, which is poor. In light of Central Bedfordshire and this part of the Marston Vale finding itself the target for another area's planned growth, it brings enormous worry for the local residents who already cannot get a doctors appointment in a timely manner, find their local commute

and highways at a virtual standstill on a daily basis all with East West Rail increased barrier down time as trains look to increase frequency, alongside 5,000 new houses in the parish at Marston Valley at the planning permission stage, plus an international theme park confirmed along the A421 scheduled to open by 2030 due to attract several million visitors.

It continues to remain short sighted to have this congested congregation of development which will will rely on a highways network that is not able to cope currently. Therefore the Parish Council remain clear that those incepting the MK Local Plan must reconsider the selection of the MK East area for development bearing in mind the above factors and the very disappointing lack of engagement done with Lidlington residents or in any other nearby area who will be significantly impacted by Milton Keynes proposals. Literature was not shared locally to encourage engagement in the public consultation events recently held, despite previously on multiple occasions having asked for this to be a consideration to help raise awareness and increase local understanding.

In light of the Bedford Borough Council Local Plan inspection process recently undertaken, the Parish Council remain understanding that there continues to be no central government schemes or funding set aside to support development of the M1 at Junction 13, nor there being any funds available to increase NHS services. The highways proposals relating to work at Junction 13 within the Marston Valley 5,000 houses application and the granted Universal Studios remain highly inadequate. Therefore, it is even more imperative that for the volume of development within Policy 14 and 15 that there must be significant investment in highways mitigation to safeguard a community like Lidlington.

Best wishes

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Parish Clerk

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Dear Consultee,

As part of Milton Keynes City Plan 2050 (MKCP 2050) Regulation 19, we are inviting local people and organisations to give us feedback on the MKCP 2050 Proposed Submission.

The MKCP 2050 Regulation 19 consultation will run from the **7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 5:30pm** on the **22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**.

For further information, please see the attached letter and Statement of Representations Procedure.

You can view the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050, proposed submission documents and other supporting documents on our website: [MK City Plan 2050 | Milton Keynes City Council](#).

Kind Regards,

NCP Engagement

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