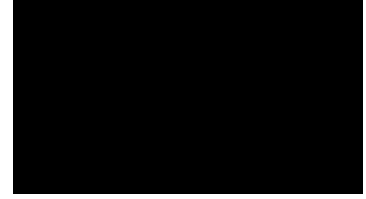


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Further to previous communication (Regulation 18) regarding large areas of land offered for development in Northern Milton Keynes, I would like to add the following comments (Regulation 19)

I agree with Policy **GS1 Our spatial strategy** (Shown Below Fig 1) in that the open countryside should be protected from Development. It is important to preserve the identity of this unique rural neighbourhood for current and future generations. It is good that the development team have made a realistic assessment of this area and recognise the long-term benefits in protecting the open countryside.

I'm aware of other parts of the country, where Councils have expanded their **Green Belt** Land to protect against the future merger of adjacent urban areas. Morpeth Town Council in Northumberland is a defined example where the Green Belts protection has been expanded. There is a local concern that northern Milton Keynes could expand and joint up with Northampton. Could the Inspector and Council consider implementing a **Green Belt** in this area?

I am happy to make representation/speak at any subsequent hearing by the planning Inspector.

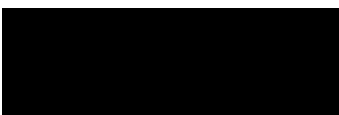
Our spatial strategy

- 23 This strategy seeks to protect the character of our villages and rural communities, which are principally located to the north of the city, and direct development to the City of Milton Keynes, both within and adjoining it, as a highly sustainable location for growth. In rural locations the MK City Plan 2050 does not allocate standalone sites or extensions to rural settlements to provide strategic development. As noted above, we expect relevant Town and Parish Councils to identify opportunities to deliver the growth their communities need through a locally prepared Neighbourhood Plan.

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| Policy GS1 Our spatial strategy |
| Policy type: Strategic |
| Objectives: all |
| Site/sub-area: n/a |
| A. Development within Milton Keynes up to 2050 will be directed toward locations in accordance with the following settlement hierarchy: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tier 1 – the City of Milton Keynes, as shown on the Policies Map, will be where the majority of development to meet our identified needs will be provided;2. Tier 2 – development located within the defined settlement boundaries of Olney and villages beyond the City of Milton Keynes should focus on meeting local needs, including locations identified in relevant made Neighbourhood Plans. |

Fig 1.

Yours faithfully



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