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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email regarding the future of Milton Keynes and its development. As someone who has moved from London, I am particularly fond of the greenery and openness in Milton Keynes however the one thing that I find seems to be greatly lacking is the lack of shops, both independent and not, as well as the inability to walk to places around the city. The unique layout limits pedestrians to the city centre and those without a car are often stuck.

After speaking to many people who live here, everyone agrees that Milton Keynes would greatly benefit from a high street with a plethora of shops, cafes and restaurants for people to wander around rather than being restricted to centre MK. With so much open space available, I feel as though this would be easy to accomplish. Although Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford do offer small high streets, as a young woman, I feel as though the shops are a little outdated with not much to offer unfortunately. Shops like Oliver Bonas, Daunt books, independent gift shops and many many others would bring in a lot more people from a range of other cities. Wolverton is another example of a historical area that has so much potential but has unfortunately been quite neglected. Updating the high street and offering a range of independent shops would be fantastic for the local community.

This would also break up the traffic that has seemed to build up in the centre over the last year due to the rapid growing population. People are limited in where they can go and so on the weekends, the city centre is bursting with people, which doesn't make shopping there a particularly nice experience. I think offering and promoting more local business would really boost the Cities economy and overall appeal. I, along with many friends and family members here spend the weekends exploring other towns and cities like Cambridge, Oxford, Hitchin and St Albans because of the rich culture, history and shopping available. Why can't Milton Keynes offer the same amenities and become the next (better) London?

Please consider this in the cities future development. I think it is extremely important and I know everyone I have spoken to agrees. Building more cafes, book shops, gifts shops and restaurants located all around the city would really do Milton Keynes wonders.

Thank-you so much for taking the time to read this email and I hope to hear back from you soon.

Kindest Regards, Yasmin