

**Representation to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan
Further Main Modifications consultation**

Shenley Park additional allocation

Kingsmead Residents Group (32794)

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This representation is submitted by Impact Planning Services Limited (IPS) (VALP ref 32793) on behalf of the Kingsmead Residents Group (KRG) (VALP ref 32974) who comprise a non-elected community group of people who live in the Kingsmead area in the west side of Milton Keynes. At the outset it is again with regret that the Resident's Group have to explain that no consultation was directed to them, nor the Shenley Brooke End and Tattenhoe Parish Council despite a request they be kept informed at the previous stage of consultation. This failure to communicate with stakeholders is a serious concern that has been going on throughout this Plan's preparation.
- 1.2 This representation is against the Further Modification **FMM058**.
- 1.3 As this representation makes clear there is no new justification for the selection of the additional allocation for housing at Shenley Park (Main Modifications 070 New Policy '*D2 Delivering site allocations in the rest of the district*' and accompanying pre-amble' and MM071,075 and 076 New Site Policy *D-WHA001 Shenley Park*' for at least 1,150 dwellings) and the decision to allocate it remains unfounded.
- 1.4 The Further Main Modification FMM058 goes some way to recognise the shortcomings in this incorrect allocation by referring to additional work being necessary, but as explained below this should be the basis for rejecting this site and allocating Eaton Leys.

2.0 Background to the VALP

- 2.1 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has a poor record of plan making. It failed to adopt a Core Strategy in 2010 when the Secretary of State announced¹ that Regional Spatial Strategies (the South East Plan for Aylesbury Vale) were revoked. In a report dated 8th September 2010 to the Council it was advised that the Core Strategy did not address in sufficient detail: sustainable development, employment targets nor energy. In addition, the report suggested that with the revocation of housing figures from the South East Plan, the Council could plan for a reduced number of new dwellings. On

¹ Revocation of Regional Strategies first announced by Secretary of State 6th July 2010

the 5th October 2010, the Secretary of State issued a Direction withdrawing this Plan.

- 2.2 Following this AVDC embarked on another plan- the Vale of Aylesbury Strategy which was submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in August 2013. On 7th January 2014 the Inspector, Kevin Ward wrote to the AVDC and in paragraph 27 of that letter he states '*There are particular issues concerning the relationship of Aylesbury Vale to Milton Keynes and its future growth. These issues have been left unresolved. The Council has been aware of these issues from early in the plan preparation process, if not before*'.
- 2.3 The Inspector concluded that AVDC had failed to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. This together with other failings including the insufficient overall provision for housing and jobs, the fact that the Plan had not been positively prepared, the fact that it was not justified nor effective and it was not consistent with national policy, led the AVDC to withdraw this Plan on 5th February 2014.
- 2.4 The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan is the third attempt by AVDC to prepare a sound plan. Previous Local Plan Inspectors have made reference to development in this location and these are highlighted later. The sequence of events and timeline associated with this latest Plan is even more convoluted than was expressed in the representation made to the Main Modification by Kingsmead Residents Group.
- 2.5 The Scoping for the Plan was carried out in the Spring of 2014 together with a Call for Sites. This was followed by the Issues and Options stage in October 2015 (which included 'extension to Milton Keynes/Bletchley' in five of the nine options but no plans in chapter 5), with accompanying evidence studies. The Consultation Plan was publicised in the Summer of 2016. The July 2016 VALP had the Shenley Park site depicted on a map and was the subject of an allocation together with Salden Chase. Subsequently, there was consultation on the Proposed Submission Plan from 2nd November 2017 to 14th December 2017. The November 2017 Submission VALP omitted the Shenley Park site.
- 2.6 Since then, we have seen the Shenley Park site introduced by the Main Modifications over a year ago and now further refinements are being made despite the clear and strong arguments that Eaton Leys is a preferable site.

3.0 Details of objections to Further Modifications FMM058

- 3.1 The key documents published in relation to this latest stage in the preparation of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan are the Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum December 2020 by AECOM (ED246), the Proposed Further Modifications to the VALP Policies Map (ED245) and the Schedule of Council's responses to representations made to the proposed main modifications consultation (2019) by Buckinghamshire Council (ED263).

Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum December 2020 by AECOM (ED246)

- 3.2 The Proposed Further Modification FMM O58 introduces landscape and green infrastructure requirements and adds more detail about the need for detailed traffic modelling. All of these elements were included in this Group's original objection to the Main Modifications as robust and clear reasons why the site should be removed from the Plan and a far more suitable site at Eaton Leys be allocated.
- 3.3 In the SA report this specific Further Modification is referenced at paragraphs 9.2.2, 9.5.2, 9.11.1 and 9.12.3. At 9.11.1 under the heading '*Pollution*' the report only refers to water and sewerage issues. There is no mention of air pollution as identified by this Group in their submission to the Main Modifications and therefore the SA is incomplete. Whilst the report then goes on to refer to the need for more traffic modelling at paragraph 9.12.3, the impact of additional queueing traffic recognised in this Group's previous representation has been ignored. This is yet another flaw in the plan making process.

Proposed Further Modifications to the VALP Policies Map (ED245)

- 3.4 This map illustrates an indicative line for dualling of the A421. This Group objects to this modification. The environmental impacts of this have not been identified and this together with the comments that follow all combine to show that the land the Council propose to allocate will have a much-reduced area to the degree it will not deliver the number of homes proposed.

Schedule of Council's responses to representations made to the proposed main modifications consultation (2019) by Buckinghamshire Council (ED263).

- 3.5 This document lists all the representations made to the Main Modifications and because of the large number and wide range of objections to the Shenley Park allocation it has its representations listed in a separate table (referenced as Table 2 at the beginning of this report but it is actually in Table 3).
- 3.6 The Kingsmead Residents Group are given the reference RES012.
- 3.7 Table 1 lists the representations to the Main Modifications and it is notable that the significant number of responses against Shenley park is the highest of all the modifications - 99 objections out of a total of 786.
- 3.8 In table 3 the Council response to the Group's objections on the duty to cooperate are poor. The duty is a legal requirement and it is unacceptable to conduct informal meetings that are not minuted. Consultation is not cooperation and there are clearly no outcomes from the claimed cooperation to identify. It must be concluded that the Council has failed in this legal duty. It is acknowledged that the Plan is far from the original submission but nevertheless the duty has failed at that time and it is clearly failing again.
- 3.9 The quote in the Bucks Report that there were no cross-border issues prior to submission is wrong.
- 3.10 At point 22 in this table the Council refer to the MK2050 Strategic Growth Study but this is a circular argument. If you go to the report on the MK2050 consultation it absolves all responsibility for the statutory plan making process and says that it is merely copying what the latest version of local plans were when it was being prepared.
- 3.11 It cannot be used to justify what is in the VALP.
- 3.12 It is also relevant to note the decision of Milton Keynes Council made on 20th January 2021. A copy of the draft minutes agreed is set out in full in Appendix A. The amendment of note states: *'That the words 'Milton Keynes Council has expressed its concern with the detail of recent proposals for development just beyond the borough boundary at Shenley Park and Salden Chase, including the potential impact on the city's infrastructure and the need for proper integration with existing communities.'* Be added as a footnote to page 11'. The full draft minutes in Appendix A include the above quote under decision item CL82 STRATEGY FOR 2050.

- 3.13 Point 37 deals with the drainage matter, but the Council do not concede that this will reduce the land available for development. This is another factor reducing the suitability of the site.
- 3.14 At point 39 the Council make a curious statement about 'rounding off development'. It merely states this is not '*a relevant basis for assessing the suitability of sites*' and is discounted. This is wrong. The defensible boundaries for the Eaton Leys site are the point. They exist now and are unlikely to change. The solution for Buckinghamshire Council to the criticism of no defensible boundary for Shenley Park is to plant a new one! That can be done at any rural site. Eaton Leys is separated from the nearby landscape by dual carriageways. Roads and railways can provide defensible boundaries. It is nonsense to dismiss this by the statement that roads go through development in this context. This objection comment also applies to point 82.
- 3.15 In point 46 the Council accepts that the Shenley Park allocation will increase congestion in Milton Keynes. Later at point 67 the Council refer to a new link road. This confirms the objections raised at the Main Modifications stage. The linear park in Kingsmead should remain as a key open space. It is wholly unsuitable for a new link road. The principle of this new road is opposed.
- 3.16 Point 58 accepts the lack of rail connection for Shenley Park but the Council's solution to run public transport links to Bletchley Station can equally apply to Eaton Leys except Eaton Leys is just over a mile away from the station.
- 3.17 At point 82 there is reference to woodlands and hedgerows in the Shenley park site. Again, there is no comment about the impact the protection of such areas will have on the developable area of the site. There is no need to create a new defensible boundary when clear boundaries already exist around Eaton Leys. Furthermore, the northern half of the site in Milton Keynes is progressing well in its development.
- 3.18 The Council accept the landscape value of Shenley Park in point 84 of Table 3 on page 175 of the ED263 document. The Council then propose a landscape-led approach. If this was the case then the site would not be allocated and Eaton Leys would be preferable because it is enclosed by major roads from the nearby landscape. If the landscape areas are properly protected then this will clearly have more impact on the land left for development. This coupled with the need for flood mitigation, open space to the standard expected by Milton Keynes Council all lead to a much-reduced area left for development.

- 3.19 Point 94 repeats the matter of the new link road and the Residents Group totally oppose the principle of any road never mind a grid road running through the linear park. The traffic modelling is still insufficient and the Group maintain their objections and insist that a more detailed transport assessment is required before the decision about the site can be made.
- 3.20 It is clear the Council accepts Eaton Leys is the best performing option at point 106. At points 124 b) the Council accepts Eaton Leys is better connected to the centre of Milton Keynes and is the best performing site. Point 124 d) confirms the Council agrees that in terms of heritage Shenley Park is unsuitable and at 124 k) it confirms the Council accept that Shenley Park performs less well in educational terms than Eaton Leys.
- 3.21 Finally, at point 155 the East West Expressway is dismissed. Whilst the political position about this road has changed, if it is to be discounted then the traffic modelling needs to be recast not just for the VALP but also the Salden Chase sites. Without this strategic connection the case for extending Milton Keynes in this direction is undermined further when a far more suitable site exists at Eaton Leys.

Appendix A

Draft Minutes of Milton Keynes Council meeting 21st January 2021

25 November 2020

Minutes of the MEETING OF MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY

20 January 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor A Geary (Mayor) Councillors Akter, Alexander, Baume, Bint, Bowyer, Brackenbury, K Bradburn, M Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Cannon, Carr, Crooks, Darlington, Exon, Ferrans, P Geary, Gilbert, Gowans, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Jenkins, Khan, Lancaster, Legg, Long, Marland, Marlow, McCall, McLean, McPake, Middleton, Miles, Minns, Montague, Nazir, Nolan, O'Neill, Petchey, Priestley, Raja, Rankine, Reilly, Trendall, Townsend, Wales, Walker, Wallis, Williams, C Wilson-Marklew and J Wilson-Marklew Alderman Bartlett

Apologies: Councillor Baines and Cryer-Whitehead and Aldermen Beeley, Bristow, Coventry, Henderson, Howell and McKenzie and Alderwomen Henderson, Irons, Lloyd and Saunders

Also Present: 95 members of the public

CL76 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 November 2020 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

CL77 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillors R Bradburn and Montague, as members of the Audit Committee, disclosed Personal Interests in Item 5(b)(ii) (Blakelands Warehouse Development - Motion submitted under Council Procedure Rule 15 to Rescind the Resolution of the Audit Committee [1 December 2020]).

Councillors Legg, Minns, Petchey and Wales, as members of the Audit Committee, indicated that they did not consider that they had an interest in Item 5(b)(ii) (Blakelands Warehouse Development -

3.22 Motion submitted under Council Procedure Rule 15 to Rescind the Resolution of the

Audit Committee [1 December 2020]) and that if they were to take part in the discussion on the motion they would not be predetermined should the matter be referred back to the Audit Committee, but in the interest of transparency they would not participate in the debate or voting on the motion.

Councillors Gilbert, Lancaster and Rankine indicated that in respect of Item 5(b)(ii) (Blakelands Warehouse Development – Motion submitted under Council Procedure Rule 15 to Rescind the Resolution of the Audit Committee [1 December 2020]), as members of the Audit Committee, they did not have an interest and were not predetermined so would take part in the debate on the motion with an open mind.

CL78 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made announcements in respect of:

- (a) the flooding that occurred in parts of the Borough on the 23, 24 and 25 December and commended the response of Milton Keynes Council officers and those from partner organisations;
- (b) the death of two waste collection colleagues from the Serco team from Covid-19;
- (c) the death of Ken Baker;
- (d) the inauguration of Dr Wei Yang as the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute;
- (e) Alan Oddie (co founder of the Ride High Equestrian Centre in Loughton) and Fiona Copeland (Chair of the Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia) who received New Year's Honours from the Queen; and
- (f) the Mayors inaugural virtual Christmas Quiz which raised almost £5,000 for the Mayor's charities.

CL79 ADDRESS OF THE NEW LORD-LIEUTENANT FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The Council received an address from the new Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire, Countess Howe.

CL80 PETITIONS

The Council received a petition from Wavendon residents, presented by Councillor D Hopkins, which requested that Walton Road, Wavendon be considered as a pilot route

for the establishment of a low traffic neighbourhood

Councillor J Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet member for Climate and Sustainability) indicated that she would discuss with the transport and highways departments and residents about how this could be progressed.

CL81 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(a) Question from Alan Francis to Councillor J Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet member for Climate and Sustainability) Alan Francis, referring to the question he asked at last month's Cabinet meeting in relation to the status of many of the recommendations from Climate Change Task and Finish Group, asked Councillor J Wilson-Marklew whether the recommendations from the Task and Finish Group included in the Activity Stage of the Sustainability Action Plan had been adopted as Council Policy, or were still recommendations from the Task and Finish Group and so not a commitment by the Council at this stage. Alan Francis also asked when those Actions would be allocated a timescale and funding.

Councillor JWilson-Marklew indicated that all the recommendations from the Task and Finish Group had been included in the action plan. Officers were currently working through the list to assign each one a timescale. This work was due to be completed by the 15 February 2021 and the Cabinet member undertook to provide Mr Francis with an update when it was available.

(b) Question from Alderman Bartlett to Councillor Darlington (Cabinet Member for Public Realm) Alderman Bartlett, referring to his understanding that there was concern about the approach taken by the Council to those seeking Council and other social housing in Milton Keynes, particularly for those applying online, asked Councillor Darlington if there could be a review of the response and approach shown by the Council to social housing applicants that understands and reflects their needs, points them in the direction of other social housing providers, with contact information, and also considers the possibility of the Council establishing a working housing partnership with other providers similar to that operated by Northampton Borough Council.

Councillor Darlington indicated that the process for applying for Council housing was to first go through a complex housing needs assessment to allow officers to understand the needs and financial situation of the family. Once an assessment had been completed, officers would do their best to find an appropriate house, whether this was one owned by the Council or provide a nomination to a social housing provider.

As a supplementary question Alderman Bartlett, referring to two fire-damaged vacant properties in Stony Stratford, asked Councillor Darlington why it had taken so long to return these properties to a state that would allow them to be rented again.

Councillor Darlington indicated that if the Alderman had specific concerns about how a void property was being dealt with, that he should write to the Council who would investigate the matter.

CL82 STRATEGY FOR 2050

Councillor P Geary, Chair of the Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee advised Council that the Committee had scrutinised the Strategy for 2050 at its meeting on 13 January 2021 and had made a number of recommendations that had been accepted as part of the amendment to be proposed by Councillor Walker. The Committee would also be making a number of recommendations on the Strategy to Cabinet and the Scrutiny Management Committee.

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) moved the recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 June 2020, which was seconded by Councillor McCall:

Councillor Walker moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor McCall and accepted by Councillor Marland as mover of the motion:

“That additional clauses 1.2 (iii) – (xxvii) be added after clause 1.2 (ii):

(iii) That the words ‘Milton Keynes Council has expressed its concern with the detail of recent proposals for development just beyond the borough boundary at Shenley Park and Salden Chase, including the potential impact on the city’s infrastructure and the need for proper integration with existing communities.’ Be added as a footnote to page 11.

(iv) That a new sentence ‘The requirement to improve sustainability must be balanced against the urgent need to provide homes that are affordable to buy or rent and to live in’ is added at the end of the third paragraph on page 22.

(v) That the words ‘as well as ensuring residents in our existing communities have excellent access to high quality open spaces near to their homes’ are inserted at the end of the third paragraph in the second column on page 26, such that the paragraph reads: ‘We will also improve connections in the existing networks, such as linking the

Blue Lagoon to Waterhall Park, and fixing missing public rights of way to improve footpaths and bridleways to neighbouring settlements and new developments, as well as ensuring residents in our existing communities have excellent access to high quality open spaces near to their homes.'

(vi) That the sentence 'We will continue with this approach and make improvements where new development within the city puts pressure on the existing water management networks' at the end of the fourth paragraph on page 27 be deleted and replaced with the sentence 'We will continue to plan for water management at a city-wide level for existing areas as well as for future development areas, using our green and blue infrastructure network. The frequency of high rainfall events is changing so we need to prioritise work to identify our flooding and drainage requirements as well as explore potential solutions, which may include new balancing lakes, local wet/dry ponds, and strategic river maintenance and management. We also appreciate that in some of the older parts of Milton Keynes, the drainage networks can lack the capacity needed to be resilient against the climate changing and future growth, so we also need to assess requirements and solutions for those systems as a priority.'

(vii) That the words '...social and affordable rent, private' be inserted into the final sentence of the second paragraph after the word 'for' on page 31 such that it reads 'This means we don't have enough decent homes for social and affordable rent, private rent or purchase at prices that many of our residents can afford.'

3.23 (viii) That the words '...or on a shared-ownership basis' be added at the end of the second sentence of the third paragraph on page 31 such that it reads 'Affordable homes are often built by housing developers, transferred to housing associations and then rented to households on waiting lists or sold with a discount through schemes like 'Help to Buy' or on a sharedownership basis.' and that the words '...as well as opportunities for households to build equity in their homes' be added to the end of the last sentence such that it reads 'We will also encourage other housing providers, which could include community land trust or co-housing co-operatives, to increase their delivery of homes at affordable prices, as well as opportunities for households to build equity in their homes.'

(ix) That the sentence 'We will also encourage pupils to consider applying to university and the Council will show leadership by providing apprenticeships and other opportunities for young people to train and gain work experience' be added to the end

of the second paragraph on page 37.

(x) That the words 'promoting inward investment and the growth of existing businesses' which make up the third bullet point in the list on page 38 be deleted and replaced with 'promote the growth of existing businesses together with national and international inward investment, building the reputation of Milton Keynes as a leading European business city'.

(xi) That the words '....and the increasing use of electric cars will mean a reduced impact on the environment' be inserted to the second sentence of the second paragraph after the word 'future' on page 41 such that it reads 'For many people, cars will be the 'go-to' option for the foreseeable future and the increasing use of electric cars will mean a reduced impact on the environment, but our approach is to change the balance and make 'active travel' through walking and cycling more attractive....'

(xii) That the sentence 'Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) is one of a mixed economy of innovative mobility services that is emerging in Milton Keynes' be added at the beginning of the third paragraph on page 47.

3.24 (xiii) That the first sentence of the third paragraph on page 48 be deleted and replaced with 'We must address our road safety challenges as there was an average of 68 people killed or seriously injured each year on our roads between 2013 and 2019' and that the words 'Underpasses have been an important asset for our grid network. We will give critical consideration to grade separation and road crossings as our road network expands and as we design new neighbourhoods.' are added to the end of the paragraph.

(xiv) That the words 'The impacts of COVID-19 will take many years to be fully revealed. The detailed actions and policies that will deliver this Strategy for 2050 will be set through future Local Plans and other council strategies. As these are developed it will be important that they pay due regard to the impacts of Covid-19 as these are understood at the time' be inserted at the beginning of the fifth paragraph on page 73.

(xv) That the word 'invented' be deleted from the penultimate sentence in the final paragraph of page 6 and replaced with the word 'pioneered' such that it reads 'Back then we didn't know that the way we lived would contribute to climate change or how computers (pioneered at Bletchley Park) would change the way we earn a living, communicate, shop and travel.'

(xvi) That Figure Three be replaced with a clearer map with better colour definition and a legend that includes all symbols used (i.e. the greyed-out development symbol used in Figure Eight).

(xvii) That the words ‘... especially some of the early areas built by Milton Keynes Development Corporation...’ in the first paragraph of page 32, be deleted and replaced with ‘...including some of the earliest areas built as part of the New Town....’ Such that it reads ‘Many of our existing homes and estates, including some of the earliest areas built as part of the New Town, need major investment to bring them up to a decent standard for our residents.’

(xviii) That the words ‘that reflect changes in the diversity, age, composition and lifestyle preferences of our communities...’ be added to the third paragraph of page 32 after the word ‘designs’ such that it reads ‘We wish to see a wider variety of designs that reflect changes in the diversity, age, composition and lifestyle preferences of our communities than the relatively standard homes built in recent years...’

3.25 (xix) That the words ‘early childhood intervention and’ are added to the last sentence on page 36 after the word ‘through’ such that it reads ‘Our council regeneration policy will help people in our most deprived neighbourhoods to improve their life chances through early childhood intervention and skills development.’

(xx) That the words ‘and to encourage investment in our Local Centres by their landlords’ are added to the end of the last sentence of the fourth paragraph on page 54 such that it reads ‘We want to maintain this community spirit and to encourage investment in our Local Centres by their landlords.’

(xxi) That the word ‘underpasses’ is added to the fourth paragraph on page 58 after the word ‘crossings’ such that it reads ‘We will make sure that paths, road crossings, underpasses and places where people gather are overlooked, well-lit and well maintained.’

(xxii) That the word ‘reducing’ is deleted and replaced with the words ‘working with Thames Valley Police to reduce’ in the first paragraph on page 59 such that it reads ‘This will be supported by working with Thames Valley Police to reduce road speeds within developments and having excellent paths and Redways that link to our wider mobility network.’

(xxiii) That the word ‘Eid’, be deleted and replaced with the words ‘cultural and

religious' in the second paragraph of page 61 such that it reads 'This ranges from attending events at our theatre, gallery and music venues through to big community celebrations at our World Picnic, Pride and cultural and religious festivals and our thriving independent dance scene.'

(xxiv) That the word 'controlled' be replaced with the word 'led' in the second paragraph of page 69, such that it reads 'One option being considered is to establish a new locally led development corporation financed by government.'

(xxv) That a new sentence 'We will work closely with Town and Parish Councils across Milton Keynes in delivering our Strategy for 2050, to ensure there is local involvement at all stages.' Be added at the end of the fourth paragraph on page 73.

(xxvi) That the word 'greater' be capitalised in the final sentence on page 73 such that it reads 'Working across Greater Milton Keynes with our partners, stakeholders, investors and local communities, we can deliver the promise of our Seven Big Ambitions and make our Great City Greater.'

(xxvii) That the words 'For more information about the role and the work of The Parks Trust go to www.theparkstrust.com' be added as a reference to the work of the Parks Trust on page 78 under Other Links relating to Chapter Three – A Sustainable and Green City.

On being put to the vote the recommendation, as amended, was declared carried, with 42 councillors voting in favour, 4 voting against and 6 abstaining from voting. Councillors P Geary, Hosking and McLean requested that their votes against the recommendation be recorded.

RESOLVED –

1. That Council agree that the Strategy for 2050 becomes an Annex to the Council Plan, making it a Policy Framework document.

2. That Council approves the Strategy for 2050 with the following amendments:

(i) That the words 'and cultural' be added to the second of the Seven Big ambitions after the word 'green' on page 8, such that it reads; 'make Milton Keynes a leading green and cultural city - by global standards'.

(ii) That the sentence 'The network could also accommodate smaller, connected and autonomous vehicles as such solutions emerge' be added to the end of second

paragraph of the section on A Mass Rapid Transit network, on page 43.

(iii) That the words 'Milton Keynes Council has expressed its concern with the detail of recent proposals for development just beyond the borough boundary at Shenley Park and Salden Chase, including the potential impact on the city's infrastructure and the need for proper integration with existing communities.' Be added as a footnote to page 11.

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network expands and as we design new neighbourhoods.’ are added to the end of the paragraph.

3.28 (xiv) That the words ‘The impacts of COVID-19 will take many years to be fully revealed. The detailed actions and policies that will deliver this Strategy for 2050 will be set through future Local Plans and other council strategies. As these are developed it will be important that they pay due regard to the impacts of Covid-19 as these are understood at the time’ be inserted at the beginning of the fifth paragraph on page 73.

(xv) That the word ‘invented’ be deleted from the penultimate sentence in the final paragraph of page 6 and replaced with the word ‘pioneered’ such that it reads ‘Back then we didn’t know that the way we lived would contribute to climate change or how computers (pioneered at Bletchley Park) would change the way we earn a living, communicate, shop and travel.’

(xvi) That Figure Three be replaced with a clearer map with better colour definition and a legend that includes all symbols used (i.e. the greyed-out development symbol used in Figure Eight).

(xvii) That the words ‘... especially some of the early areas built by Milton Keynes Development Corporation...’ in the first paragraph of page 32, be deleted and replaced with ‘...including some of the earliest areas built as part of the New Town....’ such that it reads ‘Many of our existing homes and estates, including some of the earliest areas built as part of the New Town, need major investment to bring them up to a decent standard for our residents.’

(xviii) That the words ‘that reflect changes in the diversity, age, composition and lifestyle preferences of our communities...’ be added to the third paragraph of page 32 after the word ‘designs’ such that it reads ‘We wish to see a wider variety of designs that reflect changes in the diversity, age, composition and lifestyle preferences of our communities than the relatively standard homes built in recent years...’

(xix) That the words ‘early childhood intervention and’ are added to the last sentence on page 36 after the word ‘through’ such that it reads ‘Our council regeneration policy will help people in our most deprived neighbourhoods to improve their life chances through early childhood intervention and skills development.’

(xx) That the words ‘and to encourage investment in our Local Centres by their landlords’ are added to the end of the last sentence of the fourth paragraph on page

54 such that it reads 'We want to maintain this community spirit and to encourage investment in our Local Centres by their landlords.'

(xxi) That the word 'underpasses' is added to the fourth paragraph on page 58 after the word 'crossings' such that it reads 'We will make sure that paths, road crossings, underpasses and places where people gather are overlooked, well-lit and well-maintained.'

(xxii) That the word 'reducing' is deleted and replaced with the words 'working with Thames Valley Police to reduce' in the first paragraph on page 59 such that it reads 'This will be supported by working with Thames Valley Police to reduce road speeds within developments and having excellent paths and Redways that link to our wider mobility network.'

(xxiii) That the word 'Eid', be deleted and replaced with the words 'cultural and religious' in the second paragraph of page 61 such that it reads 'This ranges from attending events at our theatre, gallery and music venues through to big community celebrations at our World Picnic, Pride and cultural and religious festivals and our thriving independent dance scene.'

(xxiv) That the word 'controlled' be replaced with the word 'led' in the second paragraph of page 69, such that it reads 'One option being considered is to establish a new locally led development corporation financed by government.'

(xxv) That a new sentence 'We will work closely with Town and Parish Councils across Milton Keynes in delivering our Strategy for 2050, to ensure there is local involvement at all stages.' be added at the end of the fourth paragraph on page 73.

(xxvi) That the word 'greater' be capitalised in the final sentence on page 73 such that it reads 'Working across Greater Milton Keynes with our partners, stakeholders, investors and local communities, we can deliver the promise of our Seven Big Ambitions and make our Great City Greater.'

(xxvii) That the words 'For more information about the role and the work of The Parks Trust go to www.theparkstrust.com' be added as a reference to the work of the Parks Trust on page 78 under Other Links relating to Chapter Three – A Sustainable and Green City.