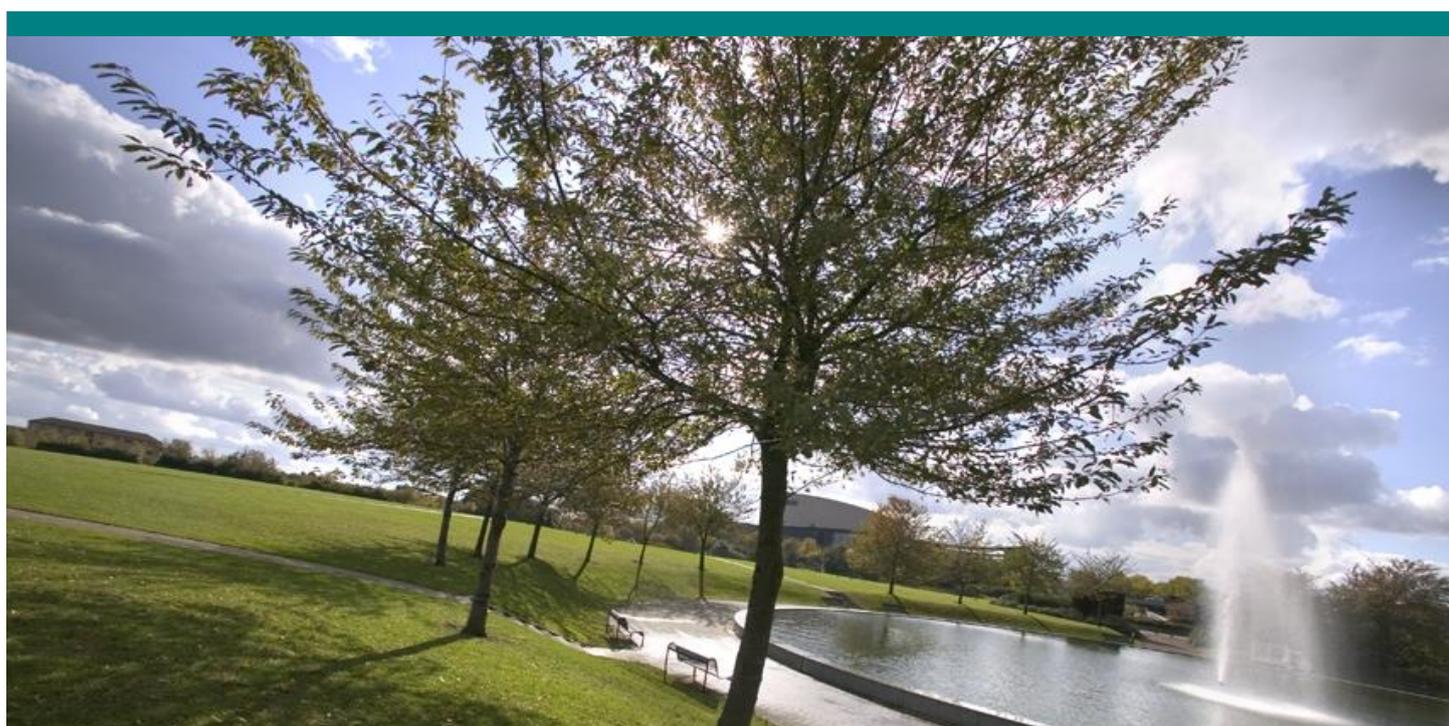


# SaferMK – 2016 Survey Interim Report – July 2016



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## SaferMK Survey 2016 – Mid-point analysis

The 2016 SaferMK Survey was published in the first week of May. MK Council policy recommends that such public consultations should be open for 12 weeks. The survey will therefore close in the first week of August, after which time, a detailed analytical report will be provided to the SaferMK Partnership.

### About the survey

The 2016 SaferMK Survey contains as many as 30 questions (depending on how respondents answer). It was designed to take no more than 10 minutes to complete in order to capture the largest possible response rate from MK residents.

Although the survey is largely quantitative, there are two free-text sections, which allow residents to give detailed qualitative responses regarding their concerns and experiences of crime and community safety issues.

The survey cover 6 general themes: demographics; perceptions of crime; experience of crime; domestic abuse; substance misuse; and fire safety.

### Responses

At this stage, 557 individuals have responded to the survey. 94% are residents. A further 5% and 1% of respondents are Business related and visitors to the borough respectively.

There is a 47% to 53% split between male and female respondents.

At present, older people are disproportionately represented in the sample – with the age range 41-80 accounting for 80% of respondents.

Similarly, 78% of respondents at this point are home owners. The SaferMK support team has contacted various housing trusts operating in Milton Keynes in an effort to capture greater representation from those in the rental and council housing sector. P3 charity have also agreed to encourage service users to take the survey. It is hoped that these contributions will allow the survey to capture options representative of the wider Milton Keynes population.

The link to the online survey will be provided to the SaferMK Partnership following the meeting, and any efforts which can be made to encourage response through partner networks would be appreciated.

In the first of the two qualitative questions, respondents were asked: *‘So that SaferMK can prioritise our work, please tell us: What (if any), are the issues in your neighbourhood or the area where you work that cause you concern?’*

The below word-cloud displays the themes and phrases which occurred most frequently, with the words in the largest size those most common. Burglary, Parking/ Road issues and Anti-Social Behaviour are emerging as common concerns.



Respondents are asked to rate their level of concern about various types of crime. The categories with the highest response rate of 'Fairly Concerned'/'Very Concerned' are Burglary (48% and 21% respectively) and Cyber Crime (43% and 15.43% respectively).

Respondents tend to feel fairly safe in Milton Keynes. 84% stated that they feel either 'very safe' or 'fairly safe' alone in public during the daytime.

Respondents are asked if they have experienced various categories of crime in the last year. 77% stated that they had not been the victim of any crime during the period.

Regarding Domestic Abuse, 17% reported having experienced domestic abuse at some point in their lives.

Respondents are provided with a list of substances, and asked which – if any - they feel are a problem in their community. With 82%, alcohol is by far the most common concern, with Cannabis in a distant second at 51%.

38% report not having an evacuation plan in the event of fire. Furthermore, 12% do not have a working smoke alarm on each level of their home.

Finally, respondents are given the opportunity to feedback any further issues, insights and opinions regarding their experiences of crime and community safety issues in MK. At this stage, issues around road safety such as speeding; the use of mobile phones while driving; and parking are all emerging as particular concerns for respondents.

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