



Minutes of the meeting of the LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ADVISORY GROUP held on 6 May 2009 at 5.30 pm

**Present:** Councillor D McCall (Chair),  
Councillors Ferrans, Galloway, Hopkins, A Morris and Turnbull  
(substituting for Councillor White)

**Officers:** I Haynes (Chief Spatial Planner), B Wilson (Development Plans Manager) M Moore (Senior Planning Officer), M Harris (Planning Officer) and L Sung (Senior Committee Manager).

**Also Present:** Councillors Bint and Tunney

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**LDF24 CORE STRATEGY: DRAFT SUBMISSION DOCUMENT**

The Group considered the draft core strategy submission document which was to be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 2 June 2009. Following the meeting of the Cabinet, the document would undergo a 6 week consultation period prior to submission to the secretary of state.

The Development Plans Manager reported on a number of amendments made to the document in view of comments made at previous meetings and produced a schedule of comments for Members to consider.

The Group considered the core strategy document and made the following comments:

- A general statement should be included about the link between the quality of housing and the general health of the population
- Text should be included about the connectivity/security balance linking this to paragraph 9.14 on safer communities
- A vision for MK to be included in the introductory part of the document.
- We should consider a peer review of the draft document, to improve its consistency and identify anything that is missing.
- The document should make a stronger case for a multi-modal transport interchange in the South East Strategic Development Area

- A stronger policy is needed on the South West Strategic Development Area that deals with the impact of this development on the city in general and Bletchley in particular
- The document should include issues around the provision of student accommodation, facilities required within student areas and the role of MK College as well as the new university
- The document should emphasise who we would want to attract to Milton Keynes as part of a vision statement
- Include issues around the 'green infrastructure', not only at the strategic level of linear parks, but in terms of the local environment such as private gardens and the streetscene
- The document should give an indication of what is good about Milton Keynes:
  - Leading edge technology
  - Redways
  - Significant projects
  - Houses with gardens that are affordable
  - Free flowing traffic
  - Trees
  - Public transport

The Development Plans Manager reported that Milton Keynes should aim to produce a joint position statement on the South West Strategic Development Area with Aylesbury Vale, to ensure that the Planning Inspectorate would have the benefit of a single view of the area and could look at the impact for the proposed development irrespective of local authority boundaries.

The Chair thanked the Officers for the work undertaken on the core strategy and thanked the Group for their contributions and dedication to providing the best possible document prior to consultation.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Development Plans Manager takes into the account the views of the Group when producing the draft core strategy document to be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting on 2 June 2009.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.25pm.**