

# **Milton Keynes Draft Local Development Scheme**

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## Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout this document:

AAP	Area Action Plan
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report
DPD	Development Plan Document
EP	English Partnerships
LDF	Local Development Framework
LDD	Local Development Document
LDS	Local Development Scheme
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
MK	Milton Keynes
MKC	Milton Keynes Council
MKP	Milton Keynes Partnership
MKPC	Milton Keynes Partnership Committee
PPS	Planning Policy Statement
RPB	Regional Planning Board
RSS	Regional Spatial Strategy
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SEERA	South East England Regional Assembly
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SoS	Secretary of State
SRS	Sub-Regional Strategy (Milton Keynes and South Midlands)

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This document is the first review of the Milton Keynes Local Development Scheme under the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It contains information on the implementation of the Milton Keynes Local Development Framework, details progress made in implementing the change from the old system of plan making to the new Local Development Framework and sets out the work programme for the period 2006 – 2009.
- 1.2 The flexible nature of Local Development Frameworks (LDFs), means that new documents can be added to the LDS at regular intervals and prepared as circumstance change. This review details the new documents the Council will produce over the next 3 years.

## **2.0 Context**

- 2.1 The Government's Sustainable Communities Plan (February 2003) identified Milton Keynes as an area for continued growth to 2031. The Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Regional Strategy (March 2005) provided further guidance on how this new growth is to be delivered.
- 2.2 At the same time changes to the planning system (in the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act (2004)) require the change to a Local Development Framework system of plan making. The scale and speed of change with the new system is very significant and the Council has to continue to be realistic about the resources available to progress the preparation of new documents as well as providing the framework and responsiveness to deliver growth. The documents identified in this LDS therefore reflect the Council's priorities and provide the context within which to deliver the Government's growth agenda. The LDF also seeks to formalise the link between the Council's planning function and the priorities identified by the Local Strategic Partnership as set out in the Milton Keynes Community Strategy.
- 2.3 A programme detailing a review of the MK Community Strategy begins at the end of 2006 and the Development Plans team will work closely with the Local Strategic Partnership to ensure that the Core Strategy reflects the objectives and policies of the emerging Community Strategy.
- 2.4 The Council has responded to the challenge of the growth agenda and has undertaken a process of internal restructuring that has seen the establishment of a Spatial Planning Division and the creation of a Growth co-ordination team.
- 2.5 The new planning system places considerable emphasis on community involvement in the plan making process. The Council has submitted the Statement of Community Involvement, which details how

stakeholders and the community can expect to be engaged in the preparation of documents, to the Government for consideration.

- 2.6 The review of the Local Development Scheme will also be used to alert the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) to the programme for the preparation of Local Development Documents in Milton Keynes to allow them to allocate time for Public Examination.
- 2.7 The LDS will continue to be reviewed regularly and updated with new information relating to the introduction of new Local Development Documents as necessary.

### **3.0 The Planning Framework**

- 3.1 The old planning system of Regional Planning Guidance, Structure Plans and Local Plans has been replaced and there are now two levels of plan making – Regional and Local.
- 3.2 Each region is preparing a Regional Spatial Strategy drafted by the Regional Planning Body, in the case of MK this is the South East Plan (SEP) produced by the South East England Regional Assembly. The SEP covers Milton Keynes and the whole of the South East. The South East Plan sets out things such as how many homes are needed to meet the future needs of people in the region, policies for the location of employment, and safeguarding the environment.
- 3.3 At the local level, the Local Development Framework will be prepared by the local planning authority (Milton Keynes Council). The Local Development Framework will be a folder of documents that sets out how the local area may change over the next few years.
- 3.4 The LDF will contain:
  - A Local Development Scheme (LDS)
  - Development Plan Documents (DPDs)
  - Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)
  - A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)
- 3.5 All documents within the LDF are known as Local Development Documents.

#### **What are Local Development Documents?**

- 3.6 Local Development Documents (LDDs) set out the spatial strategy, policies and proposals for an area. They may relate to a whole district or to a smaller area. They may relate to one specific topic or theme, or to a range of issues.
- 3.7 There are two main types of LDDs:

- *Development Plan Documents* – these set out the main strategy, policies and proposals of the Council. Together with the South East Plan they will, when approved, constitute the Development Plan for Milton Keynes. All new Development Plan Documents will be the subject of an independent public examination run by a Planning Inspector, should formal objections be received during the public consultation period. In contrast to the old system, the Council must accept the recommendations of the Planning Inspector. DPDs can also take the form of *Area Action Plans* which can be used to provide the planning framework for areas where significant change or conservation is needed. A key feature of Area Action Plans will be the focus on implementation.
- *Supplementary Planning Documents* – these provide more detailed guidance to explain policies and proposals set out in *Development Plan Documents*. They may include, for instance a development brief for a site setting out in more detail how a site should be developed, or more detailed guidance on how a particular policy should be implemented. *Supplementary Planning Documents* are not subject to an independent public examination and have a simpler preparation process than *Development Plan Documents*. They must relate to a policy in the Development Plan, or in the interim a policy in the saved Local Plan (see section 3.17). They cannot be used to set policy that should be the subject of independent examination.

3.8 In addition to the two main types of documents above, there is also the *Statement of Community Involvement*. This sets out how the community can expect to be involved and consulted on the preparation of Local Development Documents and on major planning applications. Once the SCI is approved the Council must follow the approach that it outlines in the preparation of any subsequent documents and in relation to consultation on major planning applications.

## The Development Plan

3.9 The following documents make up the Development Plan for Milton Keynes. Documents lower down the hierarchy should be prepared in general conformity to those above.

**Table 1 – Development plan documents**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose of Document</b>
Regional Spatial Strategy	Prepared by SEERA and approved by the Secretary of State	Sets out a statement on development specific to regions.
Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy	Prepared by the Regional Assemblies for the South East of England, the East of England and the East Midlands and	Sets out the context for development within the MKSM sub-region.

	approved by the Secretary of State	
Development Plan Documents	Milton Keynes Council (Local Planning Authority)	Sets out local policy and specific development sites

3.10 At present the approved Regional Planning Guidance for the South East is RPG9 (2001) and covers the period to 2016. A full review of the RPG9 is underway and a draft South East Plan was submitted to the Government for consideration in March 2006. An Examination in Public will be held between November 2006 and March 2007. Once adopted the South East Plan will provide the regional context for the development of Milton Keynes to 2026 and the preparation of future Local Development Documents.

3.11 The following provides an overview of the South East Plan timetable:

#### **South East Plan Timetable**

April – June 2006	Draft South East Plan published for consultation
Nov 2006 – March 2007	Examination in Public
Summer 2007	Publication of the Panel Report
Autumn 2007	Publication of Proposed Modifications and consultation on Proposed Changes.
Spring 2008	Publication of South East Plan

3.12 For further information about the South East Plan go to <http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan/index.html>

3.13 At the sub-regional level an alteration to RPG called the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Regional Strategy was adopted in March 2005. The SRS provides guidance for the development of MK to 2021 and beyond. The SRS is available at <http://www.go-se.gov.uk/gose/news/newsarchive/mksmSRS/>

3.14 Proposed alterations to RPG have been published relating to minerals and waste - the Regional Minerals Strategy and the Regional Waste Management Strategy. A Public Examination was held in October 2004 and the final document published in June 2006.

#### **Transitional Arrangements**

3.15 It will take time for the complete set of documents in the Local Development Framework to be prepared. The Planning Act makes provision for transitional arrangements to allow for a smooth handover between the old system and the new and so that it is not necessary to replace the entire Local Plan straight away.

- 3.16 It allows for the policies and proposals in the existing Local Plan to be “saved” for a period of three years from commencement of the new Act, or the adoption of the Local Plan, whichever is the latter.

### Saved Policies and Plans

- 3.17 Milton Keynes Council has the option to ‘save’ existing planning documents under the transitional arrangements of the new system so that they can still be used in the determination of planning applications. Any ‘saved’ documents will remain of relevance in the decision making process until either:
- They are replaced by LDDs; or
  - They become redundant and withdrawn by the Council.
- 3.18 Paragraph 5.15 in Planning Policy Statement 12 sets out the criteria that needs to be referred to when saving policies and plans. The Act does allow authorities to save part or all of the Plan for a longer period providing it is still in general conformity with national and regional policy and the consent of the Secretary of State is received.
- 3.19 Table 2 shows the current set of ‘saved’ Plans in Milton Keynes. Emerging DPDs will detail the elements of the Local Plan, the Waste Local Plan or the Minerals Local Plan that will be replaced.

**Table 2 – Saved Plans**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date of Adoption</b>
Milton Keynes Local Plan	Adopted	December 2005
MK Minerals Local Plan	Adopted	April 2006
Waste Local Plan for Buckinghamshire	Adopted	March 1997

- 3.20 The transitional arrangements do not allow for the formal ‘saving’ of approved Supplementary Planning Guidance; however, the Council considers the approved SPG set out in Appendix B will remain a material consideration in the determination of planning applications until withdrawn or replaced by either Development Plan Documents or Supplementary Planning Documents. Further guidance on the status of SPG is available in PPS12.

### Milton Keynes Local Plan

- 3.21 The Milton Keynes Local Plan was formally adopted in December 2005 and has replaced the Adopted Borough of Milton Keynes Local Plan (1995) in its entirety.
- 3.22 The new Plan provides an up to date planning policy framework which has been prepared in the context of up to date Planning Policy Statements and the Regional Planning Guidance for the South East

(including amendments made by the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Regional Strategy (March 2005)).

- 3.23 Under the interim arrangements of the new Planning System all policies in the new Local Plan are saved in their entirety. After this, each emerging Development Plan Document will indicate which policies in the adopted Local Plan they will supersede or replace.

#### **Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan**

- 3.24 Milton Keynes Council became the Minerals Planning Authority in 1997. The Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan was adopted in April 2006 and replaces the Minerals Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (January 1995) in its entirety.
- 3.25 The Council will continue to monitor policies in the Minerals Local Plan and will publish a timetable for a review of this document in a future revision to the Local Development Scheme.

#### **Milton Keynes Waste Local Plan**

- 3.26 The current Waste Local Plan was adopted in 1997 by Buckinghamshire County Council, the Waste Planning Authority at that time. This Plan provides the basis for waste planning decisions made by Milton Keynes Council. The existing Plan expires in 2006 and therefore an early review of this document is required to provide the framework for decision making in Milton Keynes. The timetable for the production of the Waste DPD is detailed in Table 3.

### **4.0 Milton Keynes Development Scheme 2006 – 09**

- 4.1 The Council has considered what documents to produce over the next 3 years but will continue to monitor and review this list of documents regularly.

#### **Progress**

- 4.2 The Council submitted its first MK Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State in December 2005. The AMR detailed progress in the implementation of planning policies within Milton Keynes. The AMR and the comments from the Government Office are available to view at:  
[http://www.mkweb.co.uk/local\\_plan\\_review/documents/](http://www.mkweb.co.uk/local_plan_review/documents/)
- 4.3 The Audit commission has established a set of Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) for plan making. For the year 2005/2006 the Council achieved 6 out of 7 of the Local Development Scheme BVPI milestones. These were:

1. Local Plan – Proposed Modifications (May 2005)

2. Local Plan – Adoption (Dec 2005)
  3. Minerals Local Plan – Proposed Modifications (Nov 2005)
  4. Waste DPD – Scoping report for Sustainability Appraisal (Sept 2005)
  5. Statement of Community Involvement – consultation / participation on Draft SCI (Dec 2005)
  6. Wolverton Area Action Plan – Scoping Report for Sustainability Appraisal (March 2006).
- 4.4 The exception is the adoption of the Minerals Local Plan which was achieved in April 2006.
- 4.5 The following key stages of the LDS programme were also delivered during 2005/06:
- Consultation on Issues and Options for the Waste Development Plan Document (August 2005).
  - Commencement of the MK2031: Long Term Sustainable Growth Study (April 2005).
  - Public consultation on six ‘spatial growth options’ (November 2005).
- 4.6 Stantonbury Park Supplementary Planning Document was adopted in March 2006.
- 4.7 In addition to the above documents the Council has also adopted as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications Supplementary Guidance for all 4 expansion areas (totalling c. 11,000 dwellings with over 210ha of new employment land), a Millennium Community at Oakgrove, the city centre and the 2 major regeneration areas in the Borough (Bletchley and Wolverton). This was achieved in parallel with progressing the new Local Plan to adoption.
- 4.8 Monitoring of the Local Development Framework has also identified the need to review the Local Development Scheme to reflect:
- Core Strategy - Delays in the preparation of the MK2031 (see section 6.0) study and the need to undertake further consultation on the submission of evidence to the South East Plan process has led to minor changes being made to the previously published Core Strategy timetable. Further information is given in Appendix A.
  - Waste DPD - The requirement for additional work to be undertaken before consultation on the Preferred Options was identified during consultation on Issues and Options. The LDS timetable has been amended accordingly but with no changes to the Submission date of the document to the Secretary of State or subsequent Examination and Adoption dates.

- Statement of Community Involvement - was submitted to the Government for consideration in April 2006. The representations made on the SCI did not require a formal Examination Hearing. The SCI is set to be adopted in April 2007 however this may be sooner - based on information supplied by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).
- Wolverton Area Action Plan DPD - Amendments to the timetable and a minor change to the Submission date for the document to the Secretary of State have been made but no changes to the subsequent Examination and Adoption dates.

## **New Documents**

4.9 The AMR identified the requirement to introduce a series of new documents for inclusion within the review of the MK Local Development Scheme to progress work on the replacement Local Development Framework and provide supplementary guidance for Policies listed in the Local Plan. These are as follows:

- Allocations (Housing & Employment) Development Plan Document – to detail specific housing and employment site allocations for the future development of Milton Keynes to 2026. This document will be produced in conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy, the MKSM Sub-regional Strategy and the Core Strategy.
- Expansion Area Tariff Supplementary Planning Document – set out the planning policy basis for the Tariff in Milton Keynes to secure contributions from developers to provide key infrastructure for the development of the Expansion Areas.
- Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document – to provide supplementary guidance for the delivery of Local Plan policy D4 (sustainable construction).
- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document – to review the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing (July 2004) to assist the Council in securing contributions from developers to provide affordable housing on sites not covered by the Tariff.

4.10 The above documents have been identified by the Council as integral to the delivery the key outputs of the Local Plan and to achieve the priorities identified in the MK Community Strategy. It is considered that the Council has the necessary capacity to deliver the above documents. The Council has also identified a series of Reserve Documents that it may prepare over the next 3 years, should the Council achieve its milestones as set out in this LDS and the Development Plans team remaining fully staffed during this period (see also Risk Management - table 5).

- 4.11 Table 3 sets out a schedule for the production of the major documents to be prepared by Milton Keynes Council, together with their roles, chains of conformity and the key milestones for adoption.
- 4.12 Table 4 is a simple chart providing an overview of the project management for preparing the new documents and the timetable for their production. Appendix A provides a detailed profile for each of the documents to be prepared.

### **Joint Development Plan Documents**

- 4.13 The Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy states that the requirement for joint DPDs should be explored with Aylesbury Vale and Mid Bedfordshire District Councils to ensure that possible directions for growth outside the Milton Keynes Unitary Authority area and other cross boundary issues are fully addressed.
- 4.14 Work on the MK2031 study (see section 6.0) and subsequent submissions to the South East Plan has indicated that peripheral growth of Milton Keynes may take place on land within the administrative boundary of both Aylesbury Vale District Council and Mid Beds District Council.
- 4.15 MKC has been working with the neighbouring authorities to agree an approach to the delivery of this growth through a joint allocations DPD or joint Area Action Plans. Such documents will only be prepared if further technical work and/or the Regional Spatial Strategy identifies that land in the adjoining authorities is required to be developed to meet the growth requirements of Milton Keynes. These documents would be produced jointly with Aylesbury Vale and Mid Beds District Councils respectively.
- 4.16 A future review of this Local Development Scheme will provide further detail relating to the preparation of these documents.

**Table 3 – Schedule of Local Development Documents**

DOCUMENT	COVERAGE	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	CONFORMITY	ISSUES AND OPTIONS (REG. 25)	PREFERRED OPTION (REG. 26)	DATE FOR SUBMISSION (REG. 28)	EXAMINATION	PROPOSED ADOPTION
<b>Statement of Community Involvement</b>	Borough Wide	Non-DPD	Sets criteria for community involvement in the plan making process and in relation to major planning applications.	Must meet minimum requirements of regulations	February – May 2005	December 2005 – January 2006	April 2006	April – September 2006	April 2007
<b>Core Strategy &amp; Key Diagram</b>	Borough Wide	DPD	Strategic document setting the vision and spatial strategy for Milton Keynes, and the primary policies for achieving the vision.	Must be in general conformity with RSS & SRS.  All other LDDs to be in conformity with core strategy.	December 2006 – March 2007	September – October 2007	February 2008	September 2008	March 2009
<b>Waste DPD</b>	Borough Wide	DPD	Identifies sites for waste management facilities to meet requirements and includes detailed policies for the treatment and disposal of waste.	With Core Strategy and RSS	August – September 2005	August – September 2006	January 2007	September 2007	February 2008
<b>Wolverton Town Centre Action Plan</b>	Wolverton Town Centre	AAP	Reviews part of the Adopted Regeneration Strategy SPG in respect of part of the central core of the town.	With MKSM SRS and Local Plan Policy	April 2006	October 2006	April 2007	September 2007	March 2008

**Table 3 cont. – Schedule of Local Development Documents**

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<b>Allocations (Housing and Employment) DPD</b>	Borough Wide	DPD	Provides specific housing and employment site allocations for the future development of Milton Keynes to 2026.	Must be in general conformity with RSS & SRS and the Core Strategy.	June – August 2008	September - October 2009	May - June 2010	November – December 2010	September 2011
<b>Proposals Map</b>	Borough Wide		Illustrates the policies set out in development plan documents.	To be revised as each new development plan document is adopted.		N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Annual Monitoring Report</b>			Monitors the implementation of policies and proposals and progress towards housing delivery.			N/a	December 2006 December 2007 December 2008	N/a	N/a

**Table 4 – Programme Management**

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<sup>1</sup> No formal SCI Examination Hearing required therefore Adoption may occur in the Autumn 2006 (based on information supplied by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS)).

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Stage	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S			
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**Diagram 1 – Milton Keynes Local Development Framework**

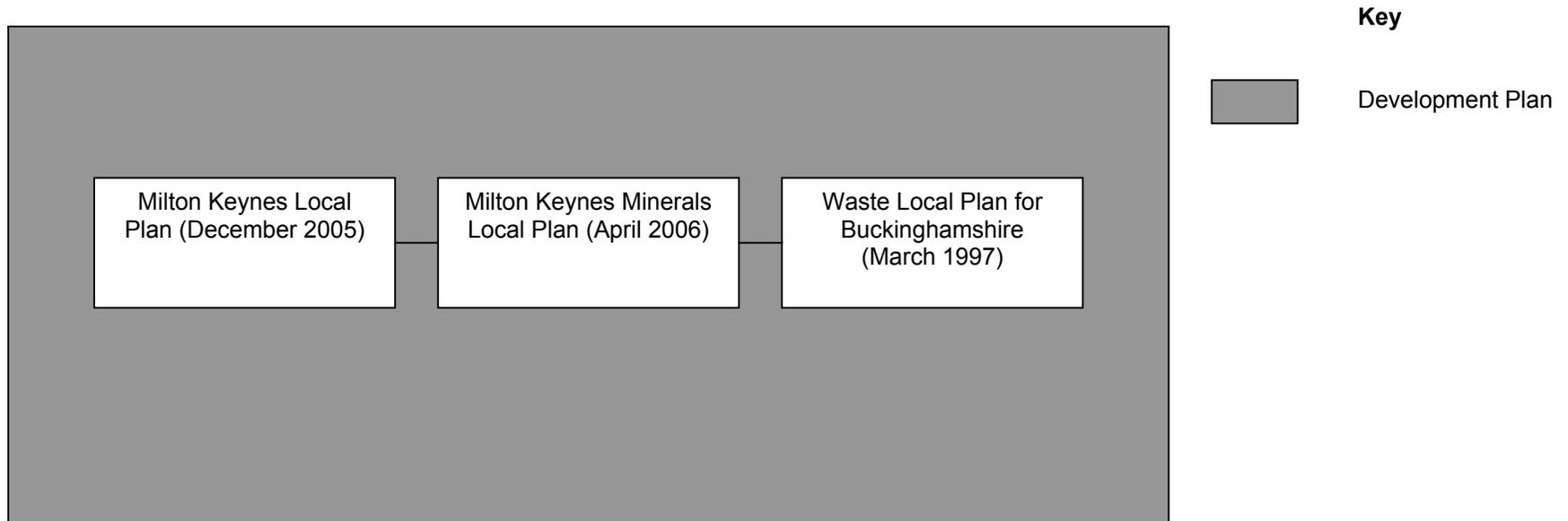
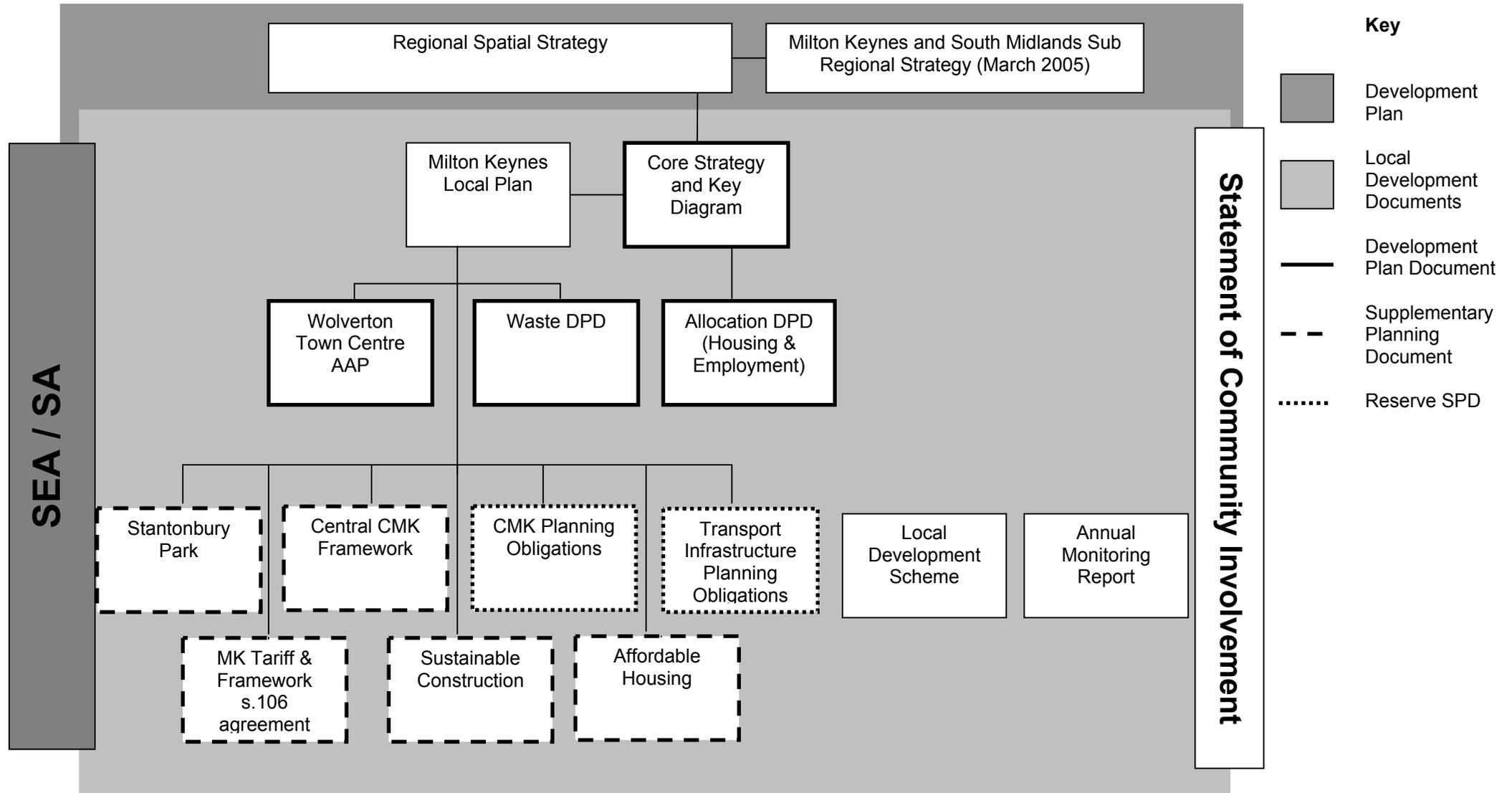


Diagram 2 – Main Documents and Hierarchy of Conformity



## **Part 2 - Supporting Statement**

### **5.0 Milton Keynes Context**

- 5.1 Milton Keynes Borough covers both the new city of Milton Keynes and a substantial rural hinterland, including the towns of Newport Pagnell, Olney and Woburn Sands, plus several villages.
- 5.2 Milton Keynes has been one of the fastest growing urban areas in the UK. In the last 30 years the population has grown from 40,000 to its current level of almost 220,000. The city benefits from its excellent location midway between London and Birmingham, and its connections to the M1 Motorway and West Coast Mainline trains service. It's position at the centre of the Oxford to Cambridge Arc offers great opportunities for the future growth of the MK economy
- 5.3 Milton Keynes was designated as a new town in 1967. A master plan was drawn up in 1970 by consultants, led by Llewelyn Davies and the plan was implemented by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation until 1992.
- 5.4 Eight million people live within an hour's drive of the city and the area has evolved into a major shopping and recreational leisure destination.
- 5.5 The government has identified Milton Keynes and the surrounding South Midlands area as the location for major new housing development as part of its Sustainable Communities Plan. The City will continue to expand with in the region of 70,000 more homes added by the year 2031 creating a vibrant city-region with a population rising to over 300,000.

### **Milton Keynes Community Strategy – A Vision for MK 2004 – 2034**

- 5.6 The Milton Keynes Community Strategy was launched in early 2005 by the Milton Keynes Local Strategic Partnership. The Community Strategy provides the vision and context in which the MK Local Development Framework is being produced.
- 5.7 The continued sustainable growth of MK is a key principle of the Community Strategy. The Milton Keynes Local Development Framework will play a key role in delivering the objectives of the Community Strategy. The LDF will have regard to and be consistent with the principles and goals in the Community Strategy.
- 5.8 The Community Strategy is set to be reviewed at the end of 2006 and the Development Plans team will work closely with the Local Strategic Partnership to ensure that the Core Strategy reflects the objectives and policies of the emerging Strategy.
- 5.9 The LSP will have an important role in engaging the community and local stakeholders with the LDF process and co-ordinating agencies that deliver services in MK.

## English Partnerships and the Milton Keynes Partnership

- 5.10 In 1992, when the Milton Keynes Development Corporation was wound up, the remaining assets of the corporation – including all undeveloped land – were transferred to the Commission for New Towns, and then in 1999 to their successor body, English Partnerships (EP).
- 5.11 Since this date EP has continued to bring sites forward to progress the balanced development of Milton Keynes. EP retain planning powers under the New Towns Act. In theory they can grant what is effectively detailed planning permission (under Section 7(2) of the Act) for development proposals on land they own, provided that the proposals are consistent with Section 7(1) consents (the equivalent of outline consents) granted to the Development Corporation by the Secretary of State prior to 1992. However, Government advice is that EP should not be using their section 7(2) powers and that determination of planning applications should be left to local planning authorities.
- 5.12 Following the publication of the government's Sustainable Communities Plan, the Milton Keynes Partnership Committee has been created as a Local Delivery Vehicle to bring forward growth and development in the new city and to determine major planning applications in the designated Urban Development Area (UDA), which covers land to the east, west and north of Milton Keynes.
- 5.13 The Milton Keynes Partnership Committee brings together representatives from English Partnerships, Milton Keynes Council, Local Strategic Partnership representatives from the health, community and business sectors, and independent representation. Further information is available at: [www.mkweb.co.uk/mkpartnership](http://www.mkweb.co.uk/mkpartnership)
- 5.14 The Partnership Committee has planning powers to determine planning applications in the defined Urban Development Area (UDA) which include:
- developments of 10 or more dwellings;
  - office, industrial and retail developments over 1000 square metres of floor space;
  - any development of a site over 1 ha.
- 5.15 Milton Keynes Council remains the plan making authority for the whole of the Borough including the UDA area.

## **6.0 Evidence Base, Monitoring & Sustainability Appraisal**

- 6.1 The Council is gathering a wide range of evidence from technical studies to provide the background to the production of the Local Development Framework (LDF).
- 6.2 It is important that a strong base of evidence underpins the preparation of Local Development Documents. This also provides important baseline information for undertaking the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Sustainability Appraisal which forms a key part of the evidence base.

### **MK2031: Long Term Sustainable Growth Study**

- 6.3 A key document that will underpin much of the preparation of LDF documents is the MK2031: Long Term Sustainable Growth Study. The Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub Regional Strategy identified the need to undertake a longer-term study to provide the context for the future growth of MK. The MK2031 work will therefore provide the context for the growth of Milton Keynes to 2031 and the preparation of the Local Development Framework.
- 6.4 The work on the Growth Study was led by the Milton Keynes Partnership with support from the Council and the neighbouring planning authorities. The Partnership Committee completed work on the MK2031 study in June 2006 and used it as the basis of their submission to the South East Plan Examination in Public.
- 6.5 It is envisaged that further work on the LDF evidence base will be required to provide clarification and test some of the assumptions emerging from work on the MK2031 study.

### **Other Documents**

- 6.6 In addition to the above documents the Council will also commission further work in support of the Core Strategy and other DPDs. Some of the documents are identified below:
  - A new landscape study is currently underway to review the basis of our local landscape designation policy and to formulate a better understanding of landscape character in the Borough.
  - Milton Keynes Partnership (with MKC) are undertaking an Employment land Study to review the MKP property portfolio. This document is likely to inform part of the production of the Allocations DPD and should be available by the Autumn 2006.
  - Milton Keynes has been experiencing rapid growth in the retail sector since the production of the Local Plan and recognises the need to keep the retail strategy under review. The Council intend to undertake a new retail study or update the existing study over the lifetime of this LDS.

## **Monitoring and Review**

- 6.7 The Council is required to regularly monitor how effective its policies and proposals are in delivering the objectives of the LDF. Progress of LDDs against the LDS are monitored annually from April to the end of March. Each December an Annual Monitoring Report will be produced to:
- Provide information on whether policies within the LDDs are being achieved
  - Provide an up-to-date list of background documents and relevant publications
  - Update the status of Local Plan policies
  - Advise whether any LDDs need reviewing ahead of schedule
  - Identify which policies are not being implemented, why this is, and what action is being taken to put things right
  - Update the LDS with timetable amendments and new projects.
- 6.8 The first MK Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report was submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2005 and is available to view at: [http://www.mkweb.co.uk/local\\_plan\\_review/documents/](http://www.mkweb.co.uk/local_plan_review/documents/)
- 6.9 Existing Development Plan policies will continue to be monitored to ascertain whether they are still working and to highlight priorities for replacement in future reviews of the LDS. The housing delivery situation will be monitored through the AMR and the LDF amended if required. The AMR includes a trajectory of forecast future housing supply against strategic housing requirements.
- 6.10 There are a number of external strategies that the Council will have regard to in the preparation of the document. An indicative list of these is set out in Appendix C.

## **Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment**

- 6.11 A key requirement of the new plan making system is to undertake a sustainability appraisal (SA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of Local Development Documents. This appraisal process is one that should shape the preparation of the documents by being undertaken at each stage when decisions are taken about the content of an LDD.
- 6.12 Key stages in the development of DPDs will be establishing baseline scenarios, developing and refining strategic options, assessing the effects of the strategy or plan, consultation on the draft strategy/plan and SA report, monitoring and implementation.

## 7.0 Project Management and Responsibilities

### Implementation

- 7.1 Responsibility for the management and the preparation of the LDF is with the MKC Development Plans Team, with the assistance of other departments as required. In addition it will be necessary for specialist consultants to be appointed from time to time to provide expert advice on specific matters. Programme management of the LDF will be the responsibility of the Development Plans Manager.
- 7.2 Other Council departments such as Development Control, Leisure, Transport Policy and the Urban Design and Landscape Architecture teams may have responsibility for the production of individual Supplementary Planning Documents.
- 7.3 On occasions, external agencies such as Milton Keynes Partnership or a developer will lead on the production of SPD but it is for the Council to adopt the document once it is satisfied that the document has been subject to the correct statutory procedures including the levels of consultation and Sustainability Appraisal etc. The Development Plans team will continue to liaise closely with these teams to ensure that documents are identified in the Local Development Scheme and are set as realistic and achievable targets.

### Council Procedures for Preparing Documents

- 7.4 The Council has reviewed its internal procedures for the preparation and approval of Local Development Documents. The following procedures will be followed for each stage of the process:
- Issues and Options are to be agreed for consultation by the Cabinet member for Transport and Planning
  - Preferred Option to be approved for consultation by Cabinet.
  - Submission Document to be approved by Full Council.

Document	Approval Mechanism	Reason
Issues and Options	Lead Cabinet member (Transport and Planning) to agree document for consultation.	This stage of the process is seeking views on a range of issues and requires no decision to be made by Cabinet.
Preferred Option	Cabinet to agree document for consultation.	Document is considered by the LDF Advisory Group and approved for consultation by Cabinet.
Submission	Full Council to agree document for submission.	The regulations require the approval of the document by Full Council before submission to the

		Government. The LDF Advisory Group will consider the document prior to Full Council.
Adoption	Full Council to agree document for adoption.	The regulations require the approval of the document by Full Council before adoption

7.5 An all-party LDF advisory group has been established to advise the Cabinet member for Transport and Planning on the content of individual Development Plan Documents (DPDs).

7.6 For Supplementary Planning Documents approval of draft documents for consultation will be delegated to the Cabinet Member of Transport and Planning. Adoption of the final document will be through a report to the Council's Cabinet. The Council will keep these procedures under review in the light of any new procedural legislation that may emerge.

### **Priorities**

7.7 The documents contained in this LDS reflect the Council's priorities having regard to the key issues in MK and the strategic and legislative context within which the LDF is prepared.

7.8 They focus on progressing the Statement of Community Involvement and the Waste DPD to adoption and commencing work on the Core Strategy and subsequently the Allocations (Housing & Employment) DPD. In addition, the Local Plan process has identified the need to undertake an early Area Action Plan for Wolverton Town Centre.

### **Reserve Documents**

7.9 The list of documents to be prepared as Supplementary Planning Documents is detailed in Appendix A, however should the Council achieve good progress against the milestones for DPD preparation and find additional resources available the Council has also identified a set of 'Reserve Documents' that the Council may introduce to the Local Development Scheme. These are Supplementary Planning Document for Transport Infrastructure and Central Milton Keynes Planning Obligations.

### **Risk Management**

7.10 Government guidance requires local planning authorities to identify the risks involved with LDD preparation in the LDS and the contingencies required to ensure the programme of document preparation remains on schedule.

7.11 Table 5 lists the main risks and mitigation measures that have been identified in relation to this 3 year programme. It must be noted that this list is not exhaustive and the suggested contingencies requiring additional resources may not be forthcoming:

**Table 5 – Risk Management**

	<b>KEY RISKS</b>	<b>ACTION AND COMMENTS</b>	<b>CONTINGENCY</b>
<b>Timescale</b>	Challenging timescales for preparing the documents identified in this LDS	Production is focussed on the preparation of key Development Plan Documents. Milton Keynes has been identified as a growth area and therefore has to balance resources between the preparation of new policy documents and delivering growth. If monitoring identifies the need for adjustment to be made to the Local Development Scheme, this will take place through regular review.	The Council has undertaken a review of the production of DPDs and amended it's decision making process. The list of documents has been prioritised and reserve documents identified should good progress be made. This situation will be kept under review.
<b>Resources</b>	Process identifies need for additional evidence / technical data	Seek to minimise need for additional evidence / technical data by providing a robust evidence base. Opportunities for jointly funded studies with partners will be explored.	If issues arise seek to appoint external consultants to undertake work should staff resource not allow and there is adequate funding available. The use of Planning Delivery Grant will be explored to fund any gaps in the Evidence Base etc.
	Loss of personnel in Development Plans team	The Development Plans team has considered the likely resources available over the lifetime of the Local Development Scheme and has prioritised the production of key DPD documents accordingly.	Should the Council achieve good progress against the milestones set out in this LDS and/or find additional resources available a series of 'Reserve Documents' have been identified that the Council may introduce to the Local Development Scheme through a partial review.
	Capacity of PINS and other agencies.	This is not within the control of the Council but publication / circulation of the LDS provides early warning of the timetable for LDDs.	Continue to keep LDS Service Level Agreement with PINS up-to-date.
<b>Procedures</b>	Ensuring 'soundness' of the documents	Document should be sound through preparing a robust evidence base, maintaining a good dialogue with stakeholders in line with the requirements of the SCI, regular liaison with SEERA / GOSE and PINS.	Council will monitor the progress of Local Authorities at more advanced stages of LDF preparation for best practice. The Council has received additional guidance from the Government Office relating to the tests of soundness and whilst it is too early for us to fully assess the implications for our LDS we will continue to keep this position under review.
	Legal challenge	Minimise risk by ensuring preparation of 'sound' documents. Risk that an Inspector's binding report could be subject of legal challenge which may delay adoption.	

**Table 5 cont. – Risk Management**

	<b>KEY RISKS</b>	<b>ACTION AND COMMENTS</b>	<b>CONTINGENCY</b>
<b>Council Procedures</b>	No clear political majority	The Council has currently no overall majority and this presents a risk for the delivery of difficult and controversial issues. The priorities and the timetable for the preparation of documents in the LDS have been reassessed in light of the current political situation.	The LDF Advisory Group provides an opportunity for all political parties to engage with LDF preparation. Officers will provide all party briefings on documents, where appropriate. Additional time for call-ins during the process has been identified in the LDS but this continues to be a risk.
	Change in political control.	As the growth of Milton Keynes continues to be controversial there is also a risk to the delivery of the MK LDF of a change of political control and a subsequent redrafting of the Council's priorities.	The LDF Advisory Group provides an opportunity for all political parties to engage with LDF preparation. Officers will provide all party briefings on documents, where appropriate.
	Cabinet decisions, may be called in <sup>2</sup> to Executive Scrutiny Panel	Cabinet decisions that are recommendations to full Council can no longer be called in to Executive Scrutiny Panel (ESP). Call in can only happen at stages in the process where full Council approval is not required. The likelihood of decisions being 'called in' is now higher as the administration does not have an overall majority.	Timetable for documents not going to full Council to include time for call in.

<sup>2</sup> 'Call in' refers to the ability of other councillors or residents of the Borough to refer decisions taken by Cabinet or individual Cabinet members for further consideration by another committee of the Council.

## Appendix A

## Document profiles

<b>STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>			
<b>What is it?</b>	<p>This document will set out the basic requirements for engaging stakeholders in the new planning process and state how the community will participate in the production of LDDs. Community involvement will be tailored to a level appropriate for each document but a minimum standard of involvement will be established in the SCI with a more comprehensive approach developed for major proposals.</p> <p>The SCI addresses consultation on major planning applications as well as to LDDs.</p>		
<b>Coverage</b>	Borough Wide.		
<b>Status</b>	Non-Development Plan Document.		
<b>Conformity</b>	Must meet the minimum requirements in the regulations and have regard to the Council and the LSP communication strategies.		
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	No, but it could build on examples of best practice established during consultation on the replacement MK Local Plan.		
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	Stakeholder and community engagement is a fundamental requirement of the planning system. It underpins all LDDs including DPDs. The way in which the community is involved in each LDD needs to be worked out in advance of any actual work on LDDs.		
<b>Arrangements for production</b>	<p>The Development Plans team will be responsible for the preparation and management of the SCI.</p> <p>The Local Strategic Partnership and Milton Keynes Partnership Committee will also be consulted during preparation.</p>		
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Regulation 25	Preparation of Issues and Options in consultation with key stakeholders	<b>February - May 2005</b>
	Regulation 26	Public participation: Preferred Options & Proposals	<b><u>Dec 2005 - Jan 2006</u></b>
	Regulation 28	Submission to SoS	<b>April 2006</b>
		Pre-examination meeting	<b><u>None</u></b>
		Examination <b><u>(no Examination hearing required)</u></b>	<b><u>April – September 2006</u></b>
		Adoption	<b><u>April 2007<sup>3</sup></u></b>
<b>Monitoring</b>	The SCI will be monitored on an annual basis and will be reviewed should monitoring highlight such a need		

<sup>3</sup> No formal Examination hearing required therefore Adoption may occur in the Autumn 2006 (based on information supplied by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS)).

**CORE STRATEGY AND KEY DIAGRAM - (Revised Timetable)**

<b>What is it?</b>	The document will provide the vision and spatial strategy for the future development of Milton Keynes to 2026 and will set out the key strategic policies that all development proposals will be assessed against. A key diagram will be produced illustrating the overall spatial strategy but will not allocate any specific sites for development.		
<b>Coverage</b>	Borough Wide.		
<b>Status</b>	Development Plan Document		
<b>Conformity</b>	DPD will be prepared in line with the emerging RSS for the South East and the MKSM SRS. It will also reflect the priorities of the MK Community Strategy.		
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	There are several strategic policies in the replacement MK Local Plan that are suitable for inclusion within the Core Strategy document. These will be identified following the adoption of the replacement Local Plan.		
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	The Core Strategy document will provide the vision, context and the basis for the preparation of all other planning documents produced in Milton Keynes.		
<b>Arrangements for production</b>	<p>The Development Plans team will project manage the development of the Core Strategy and Key Diagram. The LSP and MKPC will be consulted in the preparation of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The work undertaken as part of the MK2031 study will inform the evidence base for the production of the Core Strategy. Where prescribed through the RSS or where it is possible to work with other agencies (e.g. MKPC, EP or the LSP) joint-working opportunities will be investigated.</p>		
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Regulation 25	Preparation of Issues and Options in consultation with key stakeholders	<u>Dec 2006 to March 2007</u>
	Regulation 26	Public participation: Preferred Options & Proposals	<u>Sept – Oct 2007</u>
	Regulation 28	Submission to SoS	<u>Feb 2008</u>
		Pre-examination meeting	<u>July 2008</u>
		Examination	<u>Sept 2008</u>
		Estimated adoption	<u>March 2009</u>
<b>Monitoring</b>	The Core Strategy document will be monitored annually and reported in the annual monitoring report.		

## WASTE DPD – (Amended Timetable)

<b>What is it?</b>	This document will set out how the waste management requirements for Milton Keynes will be achieved and will identify sites for facilities to meet these requirements.		
<b>Coverage</b>	Whole authority area.		
<b>Status</b>	Development Plan Document		
<b>Conformity</b>	DPD will be prepared in line with the Regional Waste Strategy, the MK Local Plan and eventually the Core Strategy.		
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	The Waste Local Plan for Buckinghamshire contains policies to 2006 and will be reviewed through the DPD.		
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	All new waste strategy documents will be prepared in line with the Regional Waste Management Strategy, the South East Plan and the Strategic Policies in the replacement MK Local Plan, the SCI and eventually the Core Strategy.		
<b>Arrangements for production</b>	<p>The Specialist Planning Services team will project management the development of the Waste DPD in conjunction with the Council's Waste Strategy Department.</p> <p>There will be opportunities to consider options for facilities with neighbouring authorities and joint working is also required with MKPC in the urban expansion areas.</p> <p>It is anticipated consultants will be commissioned to undertake a number of studies to inform the preparation of the Waste DPD.</p>		
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Regulation 25	Preparation of Issues and Options in consultation with key stakeholders	<b><u>August – Sept 2005</u></b>
	Regulation 26	Public participation: Preferred Options & Proposals	<b><u>August – Sept 2006</u></b>
	Regulation 28	Submission to SoS	<b>January 2007</b>
		Pre-examination meeting	<b>July 2007</b>
		Examination	<b>September 2007</b>
		Estimated adoption	<b>February 2008</b>
<b>Monitoring</b>	The Waste DPD will be monitored on an annual basis and will be reviewed if monitoring highlights such a need.		

## WOLVERTON AREA ACTION PLAN – (Amended Timetable)

<b>What is it?</b>	This document will detail the strategy for key sites within Wolverton, aimed at securing investment and regeneration. It will include proposals for land use, land assembly and a timetable for implementing change. It will also offer key design guidance, with particular reference to the Conservation Area.		
<b>Coverage</b>	Key Town Centre sites		
<b>Status</b>	Development Plan Document		
<b>Conformity</b>	With the MK Local Plan, the MKSM Sub Regional Strategy and eventually the Core Strategy.		
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	The Area Action Plan will be prepared to establish detailed proposals flowing from Policy KS6 (Wolverton Development Framework Area) of the adopted MK Local Plan.		
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	The AAP will be prepared in line with the requirements of the SCI and the saved policies in the replacement MK Local Plan.		
<b>Arrangements for production</b>	Production by Development Plans and Urban Design & Landscape Architecture team, in conjunction with key stakeholders such as English Partnerships and the Wolverton Steering Group		
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Regulation 25	Preparation of Issues and Options in consultation with key stakeholders	<u>April 2006</u>
	Regulation 26	Public participation: Preferred Options & Proposals	<u>October 2006</u>
	Regulation 28	Submission to SoS	<u>April 2007</u>
		Pre-examination meeting	<u>July 2007</u>
		Examination	<u>September 2007</u>
		Estimated adoption	<u>March 2008</u>
<b>Monitoring</b>	The AAP will be monitored annually and progress reported in the Annual Monitoring Report.		

**\*New Document\*****ALLOCATIONS (HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT) DPD**

<b>What is it?</b>	The document will detail specific housing and employment site allocations for the future development of Milton Keynes to 2026.		
<b>Coverage</b>	Borough Wide (nb. DPD may also relate to land in the neighbouring districts should further technical work and / or the Regional Spatial Strategy identify that land in the adjoining authorities is required to be developed to meet the growth requirements of Milton Keynes).		
<b>Status</b>	Development Plan Document		
<b>Conformity</b>	DPD will be prepared in line with the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East and the MKSM SRS, the Core Strategy and the Key Diagram.		
<b>Does it include saved LP policies?</b>	No.		
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	The Allocations DPD will provide a detailed set of site allocations to deliver the Core Strategy and provide MK with at least a 10-year housing supply. The Allocations DPD may be supplemented by Area Action Plans covering growth in the neighbouring authorities.		
<b>Arrangements for production</b>	<p>The DP team will project manage the development of the Allocations DPD. The LSP, neighbouring authorities, key landowners and MKP will be engaged during the preparation of the document.</p> <p>The work undertaken as part of the MK2031 study will inform the evidence base for the production of the Core Strategy and the allocations DPD. In cases prescribed through the RSS or where it is possible to work with other agencies (e.g. MKP, neighbouring authorities or the LSP) joint-working opportunities will be investigated. The timetable for the Allocations DPD has been designed to dovetail with the preparation of the Core Strategy.</p>		
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Regulation 25	Preparation of Issues and Options in consultation with key stakeholders	<u>June – Aug 2008</u>
	Regulation 26	Public participation: Preferred Options & Proposals	<u>Sept - Oct 2009</u>
	Regulation 28	Submission to SoS	<u>May - June '10</u>
		Pre-examination meeting	<u>June 2010</u>
		Examination	<u>Nov - Dec 2010</u>
		Estimated adoption	<u>September 2011</u>
<b>Monitoring</b>	The Allocations DPD will be monitored annually and reported in the annual monitoring report. It is likely that the Allocations DPD will be subject to a review at least every 5 years or when monitoring indicates a need to maintain a 10 year supply of housing land.		

**CENTRAL CMK FRAMEWORK SPD – (Amended timetable)**

**(previously identified as the Heart of the City Masterplan SPD)**

<b>What is it?</b>	Framework detailing the principles for the future development in the Central area of Central Milton Keynes.	
<b>Coverage</b>	The area of Central Milton Keynes broadly identified as the City Core and the Enterprise & Knowledge Quarters in the MK Local Plan. The SPD covers the area up to and adjacent Saxon Street (V7) and Marlborough Street (V8) and Portway (H5) and Childs Way (H6).	
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	
<b>Conformity</b>	The MK Local Plan, the CMK Development Framework and eventually the Core Strategy	
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	This SPD document will sit alongside other SPG/SPD for parts of CMK. It will help to ensure the provision and delivery of necessary infrastructure and facilities within CMK	
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	With the CMK development framework and CMK policies from the Local Plan.	
<b>Arrangements for Production.</b>	The CMK Team at Milton Keynes Partnership will manage the production of this document.	
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Preparation	<b>March 2005</b>
	Public participation on draft SPD	<b><u>March 2006</u></b>
	Estimated adoption	<b><u>October 2006</u></b>
<b>Monitoring</b>	As required.	

**\*New Document\***

**MK TARIFF & FRAMEWORK SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS SPD**

<b>What is it?</b>	This document will set out the planning policy basis for the Tariff in Milton Keynes and detail the general principles for Framework Section 106 Agreements (legal agreements that developers in the Urban Development Area will need to sign to make their Tariff contribution).	
<b>Coverage</b>	The Eastern & Western Expansion Areas, the Strategic Reserve Areas south of the A421 (Eagle Farm, Glebe Farm, and Church Farm), Kingsmead South, and Tattenhoe Park.	
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	
<b>Conformity</b>	With policies from the planning obligations and City Expansion Area and Key Sites chapters of the replacement MK Local Plan and eventually the Core Strategy.	
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	See above.	
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	DPD will compliment guidance detailed in the Local Plan and existing Supplementary Guidance on planning obligations for sites outside of the expansion areas.	
<b>Arrangements for Production.</b>	The Development Plans team at MKC in consultation with Milton Keynes Partnership MKP will manage the production of this document.	
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Preparation	<b>March-August 2006</b>
	Public participation on draft SPD	<b>September-November 2006</b>
	Estimated adoption	<b>March 2007</b>
<b>Monitoring</b>	Will be by the Council on a regular basis.	

**\*New Document\*****SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION SPD**

<b>What is it?</b>	This document will provide supplementary guidance for the delivery of Local Plan policy D4 (sustainable construction).	
<b>Coverage</b>	Borough Wide	
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	
<b>Conformity</b>	With Local Plan policy D4 and policies from the planning obligations, transport, housing and Expansion Area chapters of the replacement MK Local Plan and eventually the Core Strategy.	
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	See above.	
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	DPD will compliment the Local Plan and supplementary guidance on planning obligations.	
<b>Arrangements for Production.</b>	The Development Plans Team at MKC will manage the production of this document.	
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Preparation	<b>December 2005</b>
	Public participation on draft SPD	<b>October 2006</b>
	Estimated adoption	<b>February 2006</b>
<b>Monitoring</b>	Will be by the Council on a regular basis.	

**\*New Document\*****AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPD** (review of existing SPG)

<b>What is it?</b>	This document will provide the mechanism to secure contributions from developers to provide affordable housing.	
<b>Coverage</b>	Borough Wide	
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	
<b>Conformity</b>	With policies from the housing and planning obligations chapters of the MK Local Plan and eventually the Core Strategy.	
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	See above.	
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	The document will provide guidance on how the type of affordable housing tenure the Council will seek and how affordable housing will be delivered in new developments. The document will update and replace the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing (July 2004).	
<b>Arrangements for Production.</b>	The Development Plans team in consultation with the Housing Strategy and Needs Section of Milton Keynes Council.	
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Preparation	<b>Aug 2006</b>
	Public participation on draft SPD	<b>October – November 2006</b>
	Estimated adoption	<b>March 2007</b>
<b>Monitoring</b>	As required.	

## RESERVE DOCUMENTS

The following items have been identified as ‘reserve documents’ that the Council will introduce to the Local Development Scheme should it achieve good progress against the milestones for DPD preparation set out in this Local Development Scheme.

The timetable for the preparation of these documents will be confirmed and introduced through a partial review of this Local Development Scheme.

<b>*RESERVE DOCUMENT*</b>		
<b>TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SPD – <u>(Amended timetable)</u></b>		
<b>What is it?</b>	This document will provide the mechanism to secure contributions from developers to provide highway and transport infrastructure.	
<b>Coverage</b>	Borough Wide (excluding Tariff areas).	
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	
<b>Conformity</b>	With policies from the planning obligations, transport, housing and Expansion Area chapters of the replacement MK Local Plan and eventually the Core Strategy.	
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	See above.	
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	Will compliment the local plan and supplementary guidance on planning obligations.	
<b>Arrangements for Production.</b>	The Development Plans team, in consultation with the Highways Development Control Team, will manage the production of this document.	
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Preparation	<u>Tbc</u>
	Public participation on draft SPD	<u>Tbc</u>
	Estimated adoption	<u>Tbc</u>
<b>Monitoring</b>	Monitoring and availability of resources will determine when the document will be introduced into the Council’s Local Development Scheme.	

**\*RESERVE DOCUMENT\***

**CMK PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SPD - (review of existing SPG)**

<b>What is it?</b>	This document will detail the planning obligations being sought by the Council for new development within CMK.	
<b>Coverage</b>	CMK is defined as the area between the West Coast Railway line, the Grand Union Canal and H5 Portway and H6 Childs Way, it includes Campbell Park.	
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	
<b>Conformity</b>	With policy CC10 of the MK Local Plan and eventually the Core Strategy. This document will be a review of the existing supplementary planning guidance on CMK Planning Obligations (July 2003).	
<b>Does it include saved Local Plan policies?</b>	See above	
<b>Relationship with other DPDs</b>	This SPD document will sit alongside other SPG/SPD for parts of CMK. It will help to ensure the provision and delivery of necessary infrastructure and facilities within CMK	
<b>Arrangements for Production.</b>	The Development Plans team will manage the production of this document together with MK Partnerships.	
<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Preparation	<u>Tbc</u>
	Public Participation on draft SPD	<u>Tbc</u>
	Adoption	<u>Tbc</u>
<b>Monitoring</b>	Monitoring and availability of resources will determine when the document will be introduced into the Council's Local Development Scheme.	

## Appendix B Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

The following documents have been adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents for the use in the determination of planning applications and form part of the planning framework for Milton Keynes.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS	DATE OF ADOPTION	LP POLICIES
Planning Obligations: Social Infrastructure	Autumn 2005	PO1 – 4
Stantonbury Park	April 2006	EA1; EA2; EA7

Although not technically part of the Local Development Framework, the Council has a number of adopted SPG prepared in support of the adopted Local Plan. This Supplementary Planning Guidance will continue to be an important material consideration in the determination of planning applications until replaced by SPD or withdrawn.

SPG / DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK	DATE OF ADOPTION	LP POLICIES
Kingsmead North Development Brief	1999	
CMK Development Framework	October 2001	CC3
CMK Planning Obligations	July 2003	PO1-4
NAMPAK Site Development Brief	April 2004	WS1
Oxley Park Development Framework	May 2004	H1
Northern Expansion Area Development Framework	May 2004	S3; EA1; EA2; EA6
Development and Flood Risk	May 2004	S13
Bletchley Regeneration Strategy	July 2004	S6
Oakgrove Development Framework	September 2004	H1
Wolverton Regeneration Strategy	September 2004	KS6
Wolverton West End Development Framework	September 2004	KS6
Planning Obligations: Affordable Housing	July 2004	PO2, H3, H4
Eastern Expansion Area Development Framework	March 2005	S3; EA1- 3
Western Expansion Area Development Framework	June 2005	S3; EA1; EA2; EA5
Parking Standards	January 2004	T15
Planning Obligations: Education	December 2004	PO1 - 4
Campbell Park	2003	CC4; D4
Sustainable Residential Quarter	September 2003	CC8; CC9; CC12; D4
Bletchley Park Area Development Framework	December 2001	KS5
Planning Obligations: Leisure & Recreation	January 2005	L3; PO1 – 4
Telecommunications Systems Policy	May 2005	D6; D7

## Appendix C                      Related Strategies

The references listed below provide valuable sources of information. The list is not exhaustive.

- Buckinghamshire County Council (1996). Buckinghamshire County Structure Plan: 1991-2011, BCC.
- Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy (March 2005)
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## Appendix D

## Glossary

<b>Allocations</b>	Sites specifically identified on the Proposals Map for development.
<b>Core Strategy</b>	The long-term spatial vision and strategy for the area, including the key strategic policies and proposals to deliver that vision.
<b>Designations</b>	Areas on the Proposals Map to which specific policies apply.
<b>Development Plan</b>	Under the Planning Acts, this is the prime consideration in determination of planning applications. Under the new system it consists of all Development Plan Documents and the Regional Spatial Strategy.
<b>Development Plan Documents (DPDs)</b>	Spatial planning documents that will be subject to independent public examination. They can cover a range of issues, and will set out the main spatial strategy, policies and proposals of the Council.
<b>Local Development Documents (LDDs)</b>	Documents that can be included in the Local Development Framework. Comprises Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents and the Statement of Community Involvement.
<b>Local Development Framework (LDF)</b>	A portfolio of Local Development Documents that provides the framework for delivering the spatial strategy of the area.
<b>Local Development Scheme (LDS)</b>	Rolling 3 year project plan for the preparation of Local Development Documents.
<b>Local Plan</b>	Part of the Development Plan under the old system. Statutory district-wide document, setting out land use policies and proposals for the area.
<b>Planning Policy Guidance (PPG)</b>	Statements of government policy under the old system.
<b>Planning Policy Statement (PPS)</b>	Statements of government policy, replacing PPGs.
<b>Proposals Map</b>	Illustrates policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents.
<b>Regional Planning Guidance (RPG)</b>	Non-statutory guidance under the old system, approved by the government setting out regional planning policy. Being replaced by Regional Spatial Strategies.
<b>Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)</b>	A statutory document under the new system that replaces Regional Planning Guidance setting out regional spatial strategy and policies. New Local Development Documents have to conform with the RSS.
<b>Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</b>	Sets out the approach of the authority to involving the community in the preparation, alteration and review of Local Development Documents and in the consideration of significant planning applications.
<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</b>	Environmental assessment of policies, plans and programmes required under the European SEA Directive 2001/42/EC
<b>Structure Plan</b>	Part of the Development Plan under the old system. Statutory document setting out countywide land use strategy and policies.
<b>Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)</b>	Non-statutory documents that expand upon policies or proposals in Development Plan Documents. They are intended to replace SPG.
<b>Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)</b>	Non-statutory guidance prepared under the old system to expand upon policies and proposals in the Local Plan or Structure Plan.
<b>Sustainability Appraisal (SA)</b>	A social, economic and environmental appraisal of strategy, policies and proposals – required for the Regional Spatial Strategy, all Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents. To be undertaken jointly with Strategic Environmental Assessment.