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**Extract**

### Policy CT4

#### Crossover on Redways

New Development proposals should aim to protect and enhance the existing redways in the Borough. Where development proposes to crossover or remove an existing section of a redway, a safe crossover or convenient alternative route should be provided, which safeguards the existing network and does not impede or compromise the safety of highway users.

#### Public transport

**8.31** One of the core National Planning Policy Framework principles (para 17) is to 'actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling, and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable'.

**8.32** A high quality public transport systems is essential to Plan:MK's strategy to promote sustainable travel patterns, and can reduce dependence on private cars by providing an alternative method of transportation for journeys between key destinations, such as town centres, employment sites and schools. Public transport can also reduce traffic congestion and pollution, and can also provide an important transport service in rural areas, particularly for those without other means of accessing facilities and key destinations. The council recognises the benefits of public transport which could help to maximise the capacity of the grid road network, while also helping to tackle climate change, improve access for everyone and support the regeneration of the city.

**8.33** Improvements to the accessibility and quality of public transport infrastructure are required in order to maximise its use, especially by disabled people, the elderly, young children and others for whom public transport accessibility is a barrier. Improvements to and from public transport nodes (bus stops and stations) are critical in persuading people to use buses and trains.

**8.34** Large rural areas, low density neighbourhoods in the city, and the typical complexity of urban estate networks make it difficult to provide a fast, frequent and efficient public transport network to all residents and workers. These issues are highlighted by Milton Keynes' low level of journeys using public transport. Coupled with relatively cheap car parking and the efficiency of the grid road network, the vast majority of incommuters rely on the private car to get to work.

**8.35** Mass transit routes will serve new developments as soon as new houses and other land uses are occupied. Corridors for new forms of public transport will be defined and protected, and integrated into the spatial plans for the city so that as high capacity transit becomes commonplace across the city, construction is not hampered by land use constraints.

**8.36** The city will be served by a high capacity, fast and frequent public transport network along main arterial corridors and other key corridors serving Central Milton Keynes, the hospital and other key destinations.

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**8.37** In Central Milton Keynes, existing and new modes of public transport will be encouraged so that the need for travel by private car will be reduced and public transport will better serve multi-destination journeys.

**8.38** The public transport network will be as accessible as possible for people with physical and sensory impairments, including stops, stations and vehicles, and increased flexibility in routing on rural and city estate services.

**8.39** New development proposals should contribute to the provision of a public transit hub in the retail core, and an intra-Central Milton Keynes shuttle transit network will connect all areas of CMK and Campbell Park.

**8.40** The 'Get smarter travel in Milton Keynes' improvement bid was successfully awarded funding from the Department for Transport's Sustainable Travel Transition Year fund. The project delivered five distinct sustainable travel initiatives which supported the economy with access to employment, education and training and aimed to reduce transport based CO2 emissions:

- 'Get Smarter Travel in MK website' - promotion and branding to raise awareness of smarter travel choices in MK for all residents and visitors and provide an online journey planner.
- 'Get Cycling' - behaviour change activities providing cycle training, guided rides, maintenance courses and support events to encourage people to take up cycling for every day journeys.
- 'Beat the Street' - physical activity challenge encouraging children and adults to use the Redways to explore the area and cycle or walk to school and work more often.
- 'Travel Planning' -work with schools, residents and businesses to highlight sustainable travel opportunities and the benefits of cycling and walking more often.
- Get to Work - provided access to bikes for the unemployed as well as cycle industry related qualifications.

**8.41** Development proposals will be expected to contribute towards new and improved infrastructure where appropriate, including improvements to access and where a development will lead to a cumulative increase in public transport use.

**8.42** The Council will develop the quality and capacity in public transport by:

- Working in partnership with transport providers and other stakeholders to bring forward improvements to public transport infrastructure and services in Milton Keynes, and support the development of an East West Rail link and Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.
- Improvements to the core public transport network, with Central Milton Keynes linking to other public transport hubs, serving key trip generators and to cater for specific areas and types of public transport need. New bus services will be provided to major new areas of development early in the phase of occupation of the development.
- Ensuring that the change of use of existing land used for transport or support functions will not be permitted unless there is no current or future strategic or operational need, or alternative facilities are provided that enable existing transport operations to be maintained.

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- Maximising opportunities for sustainable travel patterns by locating development close to public transport nodes and routes.
- Ensuring that development proposals will be expected to provide, or contribute to the provision of new and/or improved public transport infrastructure where the predicted number and timing of additional trips will create demand not met by existing services and facilities.
- Ensuring proposals to improve or provide new public transport infrastructure facilities will be acceptable in terms of impact on the environment, and being designed to be safe, convenient, attractive and accessible for use.

### Policy CT5

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Development proposals must be designed to meet the needs of public transport operators and users. In particular:

- i. Road layouts must include direct, convenient and safe public transport routes and be free of obstructive parking;
- ii. Public Transport priority measures must be implemented, where appropriate;
- iii. Where appropriate and necessary, all houses and most other developments must be no more than 400m from a bus stop;
- iv. Bus stops must have good pedestrian access, be open to public supervision and be sheltered where appropriate; and
- v. Specific consideration must be given to the provision of public transport services in planning new development.

#### Low Emission Vehicles

**8.43** The National Planning Policy Framework (para 35) encourages the use of sustainable transport modes, with developments incorporating facilities for charging plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles.

**8.44** We need to tackle climate change through a variety of approaches, such as: high standards of energy efficient design and construction, renewable energy schemes, efficient use of scarce resources, effective public transport and other low carbon travel options such as electric vehicles, car sharing, cycling and walking.

**8.45** Low emission vehicles offer an alternative, more sustainable form of transport, reducing the impacts of air, water, noise and light pollution, and minimising the impact on the environment by reducing energy consumption and CO2 emissions to help tackle