

*Milton Keynes needs a*

**COMMON  
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COUNCIL**



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**Our plan for a Common Sense Council means saving weekly bin collections, making our communities safer, showing MK some serious TLC and protecting our green spaces and grid roads by stopping Labour and the Liberal Democrat's reckless race to build homes without infrastructure.**

## SHOWING MK SOME SERIOUS TLC

### 1 TACKLING GRAFFITI

Graffiti vandalism is causing problems for our residents. We'll double investment in anti-graffiti measures to make it harder to vandalise our communities.

### 2 POTHOLE BLITZ

Labour and Lib Dems are happy for our roads to be filled with potholes. We aren't! We will invest additional money and properly repair up to 10,000 potholes a year.

### 3 RESURFACE, REPAIR AND REPAINT OUR ROADS

We will make funding available for resurfacing badly repaired roads, replacing/repairing signs and repainting white and yellow lines on our roads.

### 4 A LIGHTER MK MEANS A SAFER MK

We will ensure that broken street lighting is fixed quicker so that streets and underpasses are kept alight and residents feel safer.

### 5 PAVEMENT POTHOLE REPAIRS

Not only are our roads in a state, but our pavements are disintegrating. We will invest in a programme to repair dangerous pavement potholes in MK.

### 6 FASTER ROAD ADOPTIONS

We will do everything we can to make road adoptions in new estates a quicker process, this will include lobbying government for extra powers.

## TACKLING LITTER AND FLY-TIPPING



### 1 WASTE AMNESTY SCHEMES TO TARGET FLY-TIPPING HOTSPOTS

We will provide temporary free bulky waste collections and community skips to reduce fly-tipping in problem areas.

### 2 ADDITIONAL LITTER PICKS AND EQUIPMENT

We will invest in additional equipment and advertisement to support community litter picks and also fund an increase in litter picks for grid road verges.

### 3 INVEST IN MORE BINS

We will invest in more bins across MK to help reduce littering and stop our green spaces being used instead. We will also call for extra litter picks from our waste collection providers.

### 4 ESTABLISH A PEST CONTROL TEAM

Our communities are suffering from rat infestations across the borough. We will create a dedicated pest control team to deal with pest problems at no cost to residents.

# A SAFER MILTON KEYNES

## 1 INVEST IN CCTV FOR EVERY WARD

We will more than double the number of mobile-CCTV units in MK to tackle anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping and other offences. Moreover, we will invest to ensure all the fixed CCTV cameras are operational.

## 2 TACKLE KNIFE CRIME

Knife crime is a serious problem. We will work with the police to get more officers on MK's streets and work with them to provide more knife amnesties.

## 3 COMBAT UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS

We will support our officers and work with them to ensure that they are using the new legislation designed to make it easier to move along travellers and deter unauthorised encampments.

## 4 BLEED CONTROL KITS FOR VENUES IN MK

We know that these aren't the answer to violent crime, but they do save lives. We would install them in venues to support victims of knife-crime.

## 5 ESTABLISH COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEMES

Speeding is a major factor in traffic deaths and injuries. Volunteers will be trained and provided with speed detection equipment and devices to combat speeding motorists.

## 6 WORKING WITH TVP POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER TO TACKLE CRIME

We have to work with our police. We'll do this to deliver more officers, more CCTV and safer streets.

# AN AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR MK'S FUTURE

## 1 STOP WASTING TAXPAYERS' MONEY ON VANITY PROJECTS

MK Council have spent £12 million on vanity projects from grass on bus shelters to a huge office HQ refurbishment. With Council Tax rising, we would focus taxpayers' money on the services residents want.

## 2 MEANWHILE USE INTERVENTIONS

We'll invest in underutilised spaces across MK, providing unused retail and industrial spaces to start up businesses, community groups and more.

## 3 SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

As part of our support package for small businesses, we will provide free advertisement on approximately 100 roundabouts to help promote their services to thousands of residents.

## 4 FREE CAR PARKING

Our city centre economy took a big hit during the pandemic. We will introduce a 2 hour free parking scheme to help boost CMK visitor numbers.

## 5 GLOBAL MILTON KEYNES

We want to attract exciting new jobs and industries to MK, which is why we will launch a "Global MK" project aimed at securing inward investment and seizing the opportunities provided by Brexit.

## 6 STOP LIB/LAB PLAN TO DOUBLE MK'S POPULATION

They are determined to grow MK at a reckless pace, crippling our roads and putting pressure on our hospital. We will put infrastructure before expansion.

# BETTER TRANSPORT AND PARKING

## 1 PROTECT OUR BUS SERVICES

We will ensure that there are no more cuts to bus services in MK and we will find the funding to reintroduce in-demand routes cut by Labour & Lib Dems.

## 2 PROTECT OUR GRID ROADS

MK's grid roads are synonymous with our city and provide great transport routes throughout MK. We promise to protect the principle of the grid road system which is constantly under attack by the Labour/Lib Dem coalition

## 3 FIX OUR REDWAYS

In addition to fixing more road potholes, we will also invest in making our redways safer to travel on by ensuring they are well-maintained and hazard-free.

## 4 END RESIDENT PERMIT CHARGES & IMPROVE ENFORCEMENTS

We will provide communities with free parking permit schemes and improve enforcement where it is needed, working with residents and not against them.





## A GREEN MK

### 1 INVEST IN FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES

We pledge to increase flood prevention measures and upgrade flood-prone infrastructure, even if the Labour and Lib Dems don't want to.

### 2 SAVE WEEKLY RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

We will reverse the Labour and Lib Dems' planned cuts to the weekly bin collections in MK and ensure that all residents can dispose of their recycling and waste on a weekly basis. Bins or bags, weekly collections are essential.

### 3 PROTECT OUR GREEN SPACES

We will protect and enhance our much-loved green spaces at every opportunity. Green spaces are one of our USP's, we can't lose it.

### 4 IMPROVED ENFORCEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

It is important that our green spaces are kept free from fly-tipping and litter. With greater enforcement, we can achieve this and keep our green spaces tidy and safe.

### 5 BUILD A COMMUNITY FOREST

We will plant more trees in the city, create a community forest and undertake an enhanced wildflower programme.

### 6 OPPOSE PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

We will lobby the government to end permitted development in MK. All developers should face the democratic process, so local people get to decide on the future growth of their areas.

## A HEALTHY MK

### 1 INVEST IN EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN

We will extend funding for mental health services for children and young people. Under Labour and the Lib Dems, not enough has been done to support our young population.

### 2 INVEST IN ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR ADULTS AND OVER 64S

MK Council presides over one of the lowest mental health spends in the country. We need to be more ambitious and as part of our plan, we will do just that.

### 3 SUPPORT OUR HOSPITAL

We will build on the investment we secured for a new children's and maternity hospital by further supporting MK Hospital to minimise waiting times and expand services to tackle the NHS backlog.

### 4 SUPPORT OUR SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

We will ensure that support is there for our social care workers by investing in focused mental health support for care workers.

### 5 CONTINUING OUR FIGHT AGAINST COVID

We will continue to support our Covid-19 vaccination programme to reduce infection rates and save lives.

### 6 TACKLE THE BACKLOG OF OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

We need to ensure that the backlog of patients waiting for non-Covid treatment is tackled.

## INVESTING IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

### 1 BOOSTING APPRENTICESHIPS

We will create new apprenticeship schemes across the different Council teams to give young people from MK new opportunities.

### 2 WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH SCHOOLS

Academies have helped transform education opportunities, but the Council is failing to work closely with them. We will change that relationship to a more positive approach.

### 3 CREATE 6 NEW YOUTH CENTRE

We pledge to fund 6 new youth centres to provide more opportunities for young people, improve their mental health and deter them from crime.

### 4 PUT YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF THE RENEWAL PROJECT

We want to see young people put at the centre of the renewal project. From new parks to helping students from disadvantaged areas go to universities.

### 5 SUPPORT FOR LEISURE AND SPORT

To support our young people's mental health, we will provide more leisure and sports facilities to deliver more programmes for young people.

### 6 BOOST CAREERS ADVICE

Alongside apprenticeships, we want to offer more routes into work for young people. That means boosting careers advice across MK.



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