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Changes to, or withdrawal of amendments must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday 16 January 2023

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1. Taking Back Control of Planning

Councillor D Hopkins (17 November 2022)

Councillor Ferrans moves the following amendment

The motion, if amended would read:

- “1. That this Council notes plans to build a significant number of new homes in the next twenty-seven years as part of its MKFutures 2050 ambitions, and the impact this will have upon our existing residents, particularly while the development is taking place.
2. That this Council recognises its responsibility to minimise and mitigate impacts of construction, such as increased traffic disruption, noise pollution and pressure on our already stretched infrastructure, **and shall work towards minimisation of these within the constraints set by the government.**
3. That the Director of Planning and Placemaking be asked to ensure that **where the law currently allows**, the Council’s approach to the assessment of construction management plans is sufficiently robust to offer enforceable protection to existing residents, ~~and~~ to ensure that Milton Keynes remains a great place to live and work.
4. That Cabinet be asked to reiterate their commitment that Milton Keynes City Council ~~will take back control of planning by placing~~ **will, in so far as they have the power to do so, prioritise the needs of MK residents, their communities and MK businesses first, deconflicting or prioritising these needs where necessary, in each and every decision relating to draft when formulating** policies and other strategic work, relating to the new City Plan.
5. That **the Cabinet member for Planning be asked to ensure that the work of the Planning Cabinet Advisory Group is sufficient to advise development of the new City Plan, be asked to ensure their work programme is sufficient to scrutinise and assess using knowledge of** the relevant studies that will form part of the evidence base, ~~for the new City Plan~~ in a way that delivers on the Cabinet’s commitment to take back control of planning.
6. **That Cabinet and the members of the City Council continue to lobby the government, and support the call for the amendment and repatriation of planning powers back to local authorities including but not limited to, the power to make locally appropriate decisions which digress from the National Planning Policy Framework, the power to make general local development management policies that override the national Development Management policies, and to restrict the right of appeal to the government’s Planning Inspectorate so that planning appeals cease to be just another step in the planning application process.”**