

APPENDIX 2

Spatial Objectives for Luton and South Bedfordshire Growth Area

- Ensure the requirements of the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Sub – Regional Strategy (MKSM) and the East of England Plan Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) are fully met.
- Deliver an integrated transport infrastructure to relieve congestion and reduce the need to travel locally by private vehicle, with major improvements, including road bypasses and bus priority measures.
- Deliver high quality, landmark developments, an increased leisure and cultural offer and modernised transport interchanges, supported by a range of dwelling densities, comprising an appropriate mix of well-designed dwelling types and office development within and on the edge of Luton, Dunstable, Leighton-Linslade and Houghton Regis town centres.
- Deliver a consistent and appropriate supply of attractively designed, affordable and sustainably constructed housing in ‘infrastructure-led’ urban extensions and mixed use development along key transport routes.
- Ensure that social, community and transport infrastructure is delivered in parallel with the delivery of growth area development using appropriate ‘trigger’ principles to stimulate and guide delivery.
- Protect and enhance appropriate employment land and premises where they meet current and future business needs and deliver strategic employment land and premises, which help diversify the local economy, promote more local job opportunities and reduce out commuting.
- Deliver improved green infrastructure within the urban area and from there, through the urban extensions and urban fringe to provide enhanced access and more attractive links between the urban area and countryside, notably the AONB.
- Within villages, enhance service provision to meet local needs and housing affordability, through appropriately sized new development and strict controls on the redevelopment of key facilities.

Following the Vision Statement in the ‘Issues and Options’ Paper, 2006 and consideration by the Members Steering Group of the Joint Committee

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