

The Whys and Wherefores of Planning Applications

Please explain the planning process?

The purpose of the planning system is to regulate the development and use of land in the public interest. This is achieved by requiring all proposed development (with a few exceptions) to have planning permission before work commences. Applications for planning permission are only refused if the proposed development would cause harm to the public interest. The web link illustrates the process: Validation, Site visit, Notifications, Consultation, Report, Decision.

Web link www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/development-control/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=63520

When do I need Planning Permission?

Most new buildings or major changes to existing buildings or to the local environment need consent – known as planning permission. Without a planning system everyone could construct buildings or use land in any way they wanted, no matter what effect this would have on other people who live and work in their area.

MK Council is the local planning authority is responsible for deciding whether a development – anything from an extension on a house to a new shopping centre – should go ahead

Use the Planning Portal interactive guide to find out what you need to do if you are planning any extension to your property, including: Loft conversions, Extensions, Conservatories , Outbuildings, Porches

Web link <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/>

Do all extensions require Planning permission?

An extension or addition to your house or flat may be considered to be 'Permitted Development' not requiring planning permission if certain conditions are met.

Web link www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/commonprojects/extensions/miniguide

Who is the Planning Officer dealing with my application? GLPC is in the East Team.

Web link www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/development-control/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=66320

How can I see a planning application or make comments?

PublicAccess for Planning is a constantly updated on-line service, which allows you to view details of applications being considered by the MK Council. You can currently:

- Search for application details by a variety of criteria such as address, date and type
- View and monitor the progress of applications
- View documents and plans submitted with the application
- Make comments on applications and submit them to the Council
- View public comments/representations and consultation responses
- Search the weekly list of applications received and decisions made
- See if appeals have been lodged and any appeal decisions
- See some recent planning history

Web Link

(Highlight all and control/left click or copy and paste into your browser bar)

<http://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do%3Bjsessionid%3D3033D5CC6DB84FD1B9CA82B0ECF6B5CA?action=simple&searchType=Application>