

News Release

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Waterway makes it into the plans!

The preferred route of the Bedford to Milton Keynes Waterway has been included in the latest land use plans drawn up by Mid Bedfordshire District Council. Known as the Local Development Framework the inclusion in the plans safeguards the route for the future and planning applications for new development will not be permitted to prejudice the future of the proposal.

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Notes to editor:

The Waterway is planned to go underneath the M1 via an existing "cattle creep" and over Brogborough Hill via what will constitute an innovative, high profile engineering attraction akin to (but significantly different from) the Falkirk Wheel), and across the Marston Vale through to the River Great Ouse in Kempston. Linking Milton Keynes and Bedford and the Grand Union Canal with the Eastern waterways via a series of waterway parks, it will create a permanent green/blue corridor through the heart of the growth area,



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enhancing and preserving the best of the natural environment en route.

