

Focus



Focus # 421 on Broughton ward

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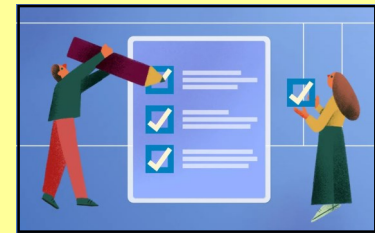
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WE WANT TO MAKE OUR AREA BETTER IN 2025

So we need to know what **YOU** think

Please help us by completing our
three question online mini-survey

www.survey.focusteamlive.co.uk



For example, here are the top concerns you've already listed:

- 1 the NHS, particularly the Brooklands Health Centre
- 2 crime reduction, including theft and anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- 3 inconsiderate pavement parking, forcing pedestrians onto the road
- 4 speeding, not just on the main roads but also within estates

A government report in December listed 3 of our area's primary schools in the top ten of MK's 114 schools.

Here's the link to the full report:

<https://shorturl.at/obVVN>



2nd



8th



10th

Last month the Government announced that MK's new house building target will remain unchanged at around 1,750 new houses per year.

The city plans to build up to 63,000 new houses by 2050 when our population will be over 400,000.

The Lib Dem *Focus* Team Working & keeping in touch all year round



An anonymous resident of Willen regularly knits these lovely designs for the top of the pillar box in Aldrich Drive. They change every couple of months with the seasons. We don't know who it is - but thank you for giving so much pleasure to so many people.

The Council's draft budget for 2025 – 26 has been published. A 5% council tax increase is proposed together with £20 million of spending cuts due to inadequate government support for local councils. The final decision will be taken in February. Meanwhile there's more here:

<https://shorturl.at/Gqpsg>

And below - the Council has carried out some restoration work at the Dell Pond in Milton Keynes Village, which had become quite overgrown. The invasive plants have been removed and it's hoped that in the spring it'll be possible to carry out surveys to see what wildlife is taking advantage of the newly restored pond.



Before



After

POSSIBLE WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

Every 12 years or so an independent national body - the Local Government Boundary Commission - reviews the size of the electoral wards in Milton Keynes to make sure they're roughly the same size. They've just published their latest draft proposals - here:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/milton-keynes>

They invite everyone to comment by **24 February**

Our area is affected because we're so big. The proposal is that we keep Broughton, Broughton Gate & Brooklands but lose Willen, our part of Willen Park, Oakgrove & Middleton. If this is agreed it will take effect in 2026.



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