

KNOWING MY MILTON KEYNES QUESTIONNAIRE



Knowing My Milton Keynes



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1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes? Yes No

If yes:

- Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- When did you arrive? 1985
- What was your first impression? So different!
- What reasons prompted your move? Work.

2) What would make you proud to live in a place? Heritage, connection

- Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes? Yes.
- What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? Others having more pride in it.

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- Internally with its residents? Yes
- Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? - I was in Israel recently and met someone who knew of it!

Marrakech!

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation?

Not knowing it - assumptions are made.

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?

More people, more houses. The theatre

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

~~Fast~~ The layout is modern but encompasses ancient settlements

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?

If Yes:

- Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones?
- Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why?
- Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? No.
- Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage?

Strong.

Some of the national connections

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8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes?

The Saxon graveyard in MK Village - subsumed in All Saints churchyard

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

Small retail units - greater individuality

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

Cock + Bell story

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?

a. What is special about this place?

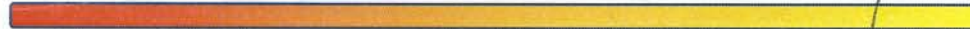
Stony Stratford - history (Richard III)

b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?

Negative

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Positive

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a. Can you explain your rating?

Positive experience of living here.

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

Balanced

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

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If yes:

- a. Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- b. Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- a. When did you arrive? *1999*
- b. What was your first impression? *modern, clean*
- c. What reasons prompted your move? *work*

2) What would make you proud to live in a place? *community spirit*

- a. Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes?
- b. What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes?

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- a. Internally with its residents? *Yes, for many*
- b. Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? *No generally. But statistically low levels of crime*

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation?

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?

growth - people, houses

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?

If Yes:

- a. Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? *concrete cows Elizabeth Woodville*
- b. Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why?
- c. Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? *No*
- d. Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage? *Some*

but would like to know more

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brick kilns

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?

a. What is special about this place?

concrete cows, Stony Stratford, Xscape

b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?

Negative

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Positive

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isolating.

a. Can you explain your rating?

other than my church I don't have a strong sense of community which I would like. Neighbours too busy to chat

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?

worst - commercial. So much is intended to encourage people to spend money. Not having 'a centre' other than shops. Too big to

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

selfish, cold

write all residents as one community

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

best - green areas parks

loved hearing your stories. challenged my own negative perception - we need more people to want to know our heritage!

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If yes:

- a. Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction? *NO*
b. Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons? *YES - busy - some were new.*

If no:

- a. When did you arrive?
b. What was your first impression?
c. What reasons prompted your move?

2) What would make you proud to live in a place?

- a. Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes?
b. What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes?

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- a. Internally with its residents?
b. Externally/Nationally, or Internationally?

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation?

the people.

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?

There has been so many new places being built.

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?

If Yes:

- a. Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? *NO*
b. Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? *YES*
c. Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? *NO*
d. Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage? *NO*

a bit as I volunteer at MK museum.

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mk museum / blerbury park.

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

concreat cows.

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

NO.

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes? *XSCAPE*

a. What is special about this place? *popular*

b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you? *?*

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?



a. Can you explain your rating?

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?

places to walk around. / so bozy.

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

lovely.

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If yes:

- a. Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- b. Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- a. When did you arrive? AUG 1979
- b. What was your first impression? LIKE LIVING IN THE FUTURE
- c. What reasons prompted your move? TO BE CLOSER TO FAMILY

2) What would make you proud to live in a place?

- a. Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes? EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS OF TASTEFUL DIFFERENT STYLES OF HOUSES
- b. What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? CLEANER STREETS AND HOUSING ESTATES.

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation? YES.

- a. Internally with its residents?
- b. Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? SOMETIMES EXCEPT FOR COMMENTS ON ROUNDABOUTS AND CONCRETE COWS

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation?

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there? LOSING SOME OF ITS (FIRST OF A KIND FEELING) NOW BUILDING FAR TOO MANY HOUSES AND NEGLECTING SCHOOLS + HOSPITAL

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

THE POINT, CABBELL PARK, CONCRETE COWS

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?

If Yes:

- a. Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? NO
- b. Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? YES about the story of poaching connected to henford
- c. Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? wood NO
- d. Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage?

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8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes?

BLETCHLEY PARK
MUSEUM M.K.
BANCROFT ROMAN VILLA
BRADWELL WINDMILL

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

ALL ABOVE

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?

- a. What is special about this place? WILLEN LAKE PEACE PAGODA
b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?

USE TO SEE THE MONKS WALK BAREFOOT THROUGH CONNIBURROW
ON ROUTE TO HOME

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?

Negative

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Positive

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- a. Can you explain your rating? I FEEL SENSE OF BELONGING
HAVING BEEN BORN PRE MILTON KEYNES CENTRE

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes? PARKS, TREES, AMENITIES
BAD-LITTER, CARS TOO MANY, TRAFFIC LIGHTS

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

BEAUTY

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

HOME

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- 1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes? Yes No SS
If yes:
a. Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
b. Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?
If no:
a. When did you arrive? 1999
b. What was your first impression? Preferred Stour to MK
c. What reasons prompted your move? Move in Stour
- 2) What would make you proud to live in a place? *Historical value*
a. Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes? *Only in Stour + original villages*
b. What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? *A greater sense of a coherent centre in MK*
- 3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?
a. Internally with its residents? *Probably yes*
b. Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? *- Every one heard of it - mainly concrete cars + roundabouts - numerous views*
- 4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation? *media*
- 5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there? *- It is starting to become a sprawl in it expands.*
- 6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique? *Trees + ability to move around easily + Redways.*
- 7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?
If Yes:
a. Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? *mainly Stour ones*
b. Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? *Didn't know about Galley Hill*
c. Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? *yes*
d. Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage? *Not strong*

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8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes?

Only Stony ones

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

Heritage takes time & I feel changing like removing the boat - it won't have one.

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?

a. What is special about this place?

Stony

b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?

All the historical stories

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?

Negative

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Positive

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a. Can you explain your rating?

*MK
Feel very much part of Stony but still don't really know areas of MK other than Centre for facilities*

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?

Trees + easy movement including Redways

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

- Clinical,

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

*~~In great detail~~
Functional.*

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1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes? Yes No

Yes No

SS

If yes:

- a. Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- b. Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- a. When did you arrive? *1999*
- b. What was your first impression? *loved it then, love it still.*
- c. What reasons prompted your move? *- Stony Stratford and its music.*

But watched it "emerge" over the years on train and car journey

2) What would make you proud to live in a place?

- a. Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes? *The sense of community. Yes - on a more local level, though.*
- b. What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? *If "we" manage to keep it green!*

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- a. Internally with its residents? *Yes*
- b. Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? *NO - so some.*

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation?

- the Parkland a green area, the creativity, the buildings.

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?

Level of crime, and numbers of rough sleepers.

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

NO - sure how unique it is - every place has its "stories". (Not necessarily connected...)

See answer to 4)

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance? *yes*

If Yes:

- a. Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? *yes/half?*
- b. Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? *yes -*
- c. Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? *yes*
- d. Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage?

Poor! (Until now!)

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- 8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes?
- 9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?
- 10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?
- 11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?
 - a. What is special about this place?
 - b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?
- 12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?



- a. Can you explain your rating?
- 13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?
- 14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.
- 15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

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1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes? Yes No

If yes:

- Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- When did you arrive? 1996
- What was your first impression? The large number of trees when driving along the quiet roads
- What reasons prompted your move? - New Job in Knowlhill

2) What would make you proud to live in a place? - Sense of Community

- Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes? yes.
- What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? - City Status

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- Internally with its residents? - yes
- Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? - most people are ambivalent, but the mainstream press/media is still negative.

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation? Bad press and pre-conceived ideas.

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there? - more houses people & traffic

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

easy ~~for~~ transport on quiet roads and redways for safe cycling

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?

If Yes:

- Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? - the roundabouts & the coffee cups
- Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? - I had never heard these stories before - probably because there is no other outlet for them.
- Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? yes
- Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage? medium?

- probably more than the average MK resident.


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- 8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes? *Blatchley Park, New Greenwell Windmill, Stomystonland, MK Museum, Wolverton Works,*
- 9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time? *More prominent ~~and~~ Museum. What about an MK Heritage trail?*
- 10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them? *No The joke of 'no culture' is prevalent.*
- 11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes? *Blatchley park.*
- a. What is special about this place? *- Its importance in WWII*
- b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you? *- No*
- 12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?
- Negative 0  Positive 10
- a. Can you explain your rating? *8*
I'm happy to live here and to raise a family
- 13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?
Best - lots of open space & trees, red wings and good local communities
- 14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.
Pride & independence.
- 15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?
Progressive.

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1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes?

Yes No

If yes:

- Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- When did you arrive? 2006
- What was your first impression?
- What reasons prompted your move?

2) What would make you proud to live in a place?

- Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes?
- What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes?

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- Internally with its residents? Yes
- Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? NO

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation? Roundabouts

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?

Large business + shopping centre

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?

If Yes:

- Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? NO
- Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? Yes, the mixed old history prior to the new town
- Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? NO
- Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage?

Poor


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- 8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes?
sculpture
- 9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?
Arts
- 10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?
NO
- 11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?
a. What is special about this place? *Samphell Park I like it*
b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you? *NO*
- 12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?
- Negative 0  10 Positive
- a. Can you explain your rating? *It's my home & I feel happy in MK*
- 13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?
Some buildings look dated
- 14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.
Intelligent, Artistic
- 15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?
Multicultural

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S.D

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If yes:

- Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- When did you arrive? 2015
- What was your first impression? noisy, estates are like small towns
- What reasons prompted your move? work

2) What would make you proud to live in a place?

- Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes?
- What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes?

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- Internally with its residents? young people no
- Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? NO, people believe MK is boring.

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation?

Limited knowledge, people don't come to visit and get proven wrong.

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?

Not much but I only moved here 3 years ago.

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique?

Parks, events

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance? Yes

If Yes:

- Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? tram story
- Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? Yes, it was very interesting
- Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? No.
- Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage? Medium

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8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes?

Bletchley park
A trail in the city

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

No.

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?

our parks and lakes

a. What is special about this place?

Many other cities have not

b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?

not that any parks.

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?

Negative

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Positive

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a. Can you explain your rating?

I like living in MK.

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?

⊕ many events, lots of green space
⊖ bus service could be better

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

active, interesting, likes the outdoors

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

Enjoyable

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1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes? Yes No

If yes:

- Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?

If no:

- When did you arrive? 2002
- What was your first impression? Picturesque, green.
- What reasons prompted your move? Work.

2) What would make you proud to live in a place? Community, Care of the environment.

- Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes?
- What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? ~~More~~ Less waste.

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation? YES

- Internally with its residents? YES
- Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? NO.

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation? You study Milton Keynes as a new city at school. Through this education affects people from 7 years ago.

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there? Becoming too big - Traffic increase.

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique? It's green spaces.

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance? YES.

If Yes:

- Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? YES.
- Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? YES - Double headed battle axe symbol.
- Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? YES.
- Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage? Poor.

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- 8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes? ~~noted~~
Some in Stags Stratford
- 9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?
- 10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

- 11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes? Green spaces / pubs / shopping
- a. What is special about this place? Green spaces
- b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you? Cole + Bull str.

- 12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?



- a. Can you explain your rating? I love living here. It is very functional, lots green + relatively clean.

- 13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?
We're in a bowl, air pollution can be quite bad.

- 14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

- 15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

Awesome.

KNOWING MY MILTON KEYNES QUESTIONNAIRE



Knowing My Milton Keynes



Loughborough University

1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes? Yes No

If yes:

- a. Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
- b. Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons? NO.

If no:

- a. When did you arrive? I WAS BORN HERE
- b. What was your first impression?
- c. What reasons prompted your move?

2) What would make you proud to live in a place? *Having a sense of place & heritage*

- a. Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes? YES
- b. What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? *architecture*

3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?

- a. Internally with its residents? YES
- b. Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? *Bit of a laughing stock in modern media*

4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation? *Neeness*

5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?

Grown larger

6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique? *Its neeness, openness*

greeness

7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance?

If Yes: *NO - apart from this one*

a. Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones? YES

b. Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why? YES - that the place is ~~so~~ was just as quiet in the past as today

c. Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before? YES

d. Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage?

poor story

The gypsy & the wall.

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Knowing My Milton Keynes



Loughborough University

8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes? *yes - lots*

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

It needs to keep its heritage such as Wolverton Works. Needs to value green places too.

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

I know family stories

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes? *Story Street*

a. What is special about this place?

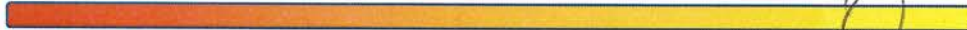
Its history, culture sense of community

b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?

Negative

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Positive

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a. Can you explain your rating?

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?

Also getting very large.

Best: Newness - greenness. Worst: Neueness - greenness.

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

A bit del boy - flash but well meaning.

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

diverse

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Knowing My Milton Keynes



Loughborough University

- 1) Have you always lived in Milton Keynes? Yes No
- If yes:
- Do you recall the area either before, or in the early stages of, construction?
 - Have you ever wanted to live elsewhere and for what reasons?
- If no:
- When did you arrive? 1983
 - What was your first impression? space, newness, greenery
 - What reasons prompted your move? bigger house for expanding family, and good transport links
- 2) What would make you proud to live in a place? a strong sense of community
- Do you experience some of these elements in living in Milton Keynes? yes
 - What could improve your pride in living in Milton Keynes? a habitus map for it to change its mind re Brexit
- 3) Do you think Milton Keynes has a good reputation?
- Internally with its residents? yes
 - Externally/Nationally, or Internationally? not really better I think
- 4) What effects Milton Keynes' reputation? hearsay and comedians' jokes!
its economic success
- 5) What do you feel has changed the most in Milton Keynes while you have lived there?
More choice in retail, entertainment & culture.
- 6) What, if any, qualities make Milton Keynes unique? Its constant expansion and change
- 7) Did you attend any of the *Knowing My Milton Keynes* storytelling performance? no
- If Yes:
- Were you aware of any of the stories shared prior to the performance? Which ones?
 - Did you find any of the stories tell you something about Milton Keynes you did not previously know? Why?
 - Have you ever attended a storytelling performance before?
 - Do you regard yourself as having a strong or poor knowledge of Milton Keynes' heritage?

KNOWING MY MILTON KEYNES QUESTIONNAIRE



Knowing My Milton Keynes



Loughborough University

8) Can you identify any heritage or historical elements in Milton Keynes? *the old towns, particularly Wolverton & Stony - Bradwell Abbey*

9) What heritage elements do you think Milton Keynes needs, or will value in 50 years' time?

I think that theatre, galleries and museums are expanding and hopefully will continue to do so.

10) Do you know any stories, jokes, or urban myths about Milton Keynes? Can you share them?

no

11) If a friend or relative from out of town is coming to visit you, which is the first place that you would show them in Milton Keynes?

a. What is special about this place?

b. Is there any story connected to this place whether personal, fictional or historical that makes it particularly meaningful/important to you?

I would take them for a walk around Stony Stratford.

no

12) Sense of place is a term to describe the relationship we have with a place, how we feel about it. Would you say you have a positive or negative sense of place?



a. Can you explain your rating?

When I am in Stony I feel a totally different sense of place from when I'm in central MK where I lived for a number of years previously. I love both but feel they are very different.

13) What are the best and worst qualities about Milton Keynes?

best - exciting sense of growth & expansion

worst - some of the original vision has been lost

14) If Milton Keynes was a person what emotional qualities would you give them.

split personality, ??

15) If you could sum Milton Keynes up in one word what would it be?

exciting