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Dear Sir/Madam

Local Plan Development

Please find below the response to your survey from the Marston Moreteyne Action Group (MMAG).

Though we are encouraging residents to get involved your survey is slightly problematic. The fact that some questions are hidden and then appear depending on what you choose on other questions has caused some confusion for residents. However, the major weakness of the survey and the reason we have had to cut and paste and email our response to you is question three. You cannot ask for reasons why a respondent disagrees with a statement and then dramatically limit the text they can provide. Our explanation was not lengthy at 556 characters including spaces, yet we had to advise residents to reply using 95 characters including spaces. This is hardly democracy in action...."we want to know your views....but keep it brief".

Please confirm receipt of this email and that it will be considered within the feedback from the survey.

Yours sincerely

Stewart Long
Secretary
Marston Moreteyne Action Group (MMAG)

[Submission attached](#)

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MMAG response

Q 1 The Local Plan will identify the following types of infrastructure we need, as well as considering growth.

Have we identified the right things? Please specify if we have missed anything:

Yes

Q 2

Do you agree with the broad description of growth potential of the four (A-D) areas and their characterisation?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Area A - South & West M1 corridor	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Area B - East A1 corridor	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Area C - East-West corridor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Area D - Central	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q 3 If, in question 2 you disagreed, please tick the reasons why.

- Impact on the countryside/environment
- Increased traffic
- Impact on local facilities and services
- Don't want to see changes in the area
- Other

If you have responded 'Other' please give further details

Please note the box for 'other' comments is very limited in text hence having to cut and paste your survey

Area C. Though we appreciate the acknowledgement that infrastructure is very poor in this area and cannot accommodate any further significant development; we challenge the comment that if addressed this would allow for greater scale development. This is not the case. Any significant further development will lead to coalescence of existing village communities into one long urban sprawl connecting Bedford to Milton Keynes.

Area D. The northern end of Area D could accommodate greater scale development into 'large' rather than contained at small / medium.

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Q 4 Are there other broad locations suitable for growth in Central Bedfordshire that you wish to put forward? No

Q 5 The plan will seek to allocate a range of different sizes of sites for new developments to ensure that new homes can be delivered over the next 20 years. Do you think that the Plan should include new settlements (usually at least 1,500 to 3,000 homes plus)?

Strongly Disagree

Q 6 Across Central Bedfordshire there is a list of existing highly valued environments, and opportunities for new environmental projects. The balance of what we should focus on may be different in these different areas.

In each area do you think we should prioritise on protecting and enhancing the existing features in the environment, or on delivering new environmental projects?

MMAG will not answer as the offer is an either / or scenario which is unhelpful and can be used inappropriately to imply a view not intended by the respondent.

Q7 Are you responding as a resident of Central Bedfordshire or as an organisation? An Organisation

Q 8 What kind of organisation is this? Voluntary or community organisation

Q 9 What is the name of your organisation? Marston Moreteyne Action Group (MMAG)

Q 14 Postcode MK43 0PU

Q 15 Email address Marston.moreteyne.action.group@gmail.com