



# Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Consortium Update

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# A-Z Project Delivery Plan

## Package A: Securing the B&MK Waterway in Local Plans

- MKC Corporate Plan:
  - *‘Support the project to deliver the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway’* (Priority under ‘Living in MK’ Theme)
- Emerging Core Strategy:
  - *‘Safeguard the proposed alignment of the Bedford to Milton Keynes waterway’* (Development Strategy for the EEA, SLA and Policy CS5)
- Strategic Land Allocation Development Framework
  - Route safeguarded

# A-Z Project Delivery Plan

## Package A: Securing the B&MK Waterway in Local Plans



- MKC Local Investment Plan
  - A-Z Project stages reflected in the emerging LIP (not just a single project line as previously)
  - Separate project entry for the A421 crossing
- Planning consent
  - Renewed by MKC and HCA for another 5 years
  - Approached Cranfield and Bedford universities to seek voluntary technical work to address environmental planning conditions.

# Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Package B1 & B2: Grand Union to Willen Lake



- Feasibility Study being commissioned by MK Parks Trust for this first phase of the link.



# Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Package C: Willen Lake to Broughton Brook



- New Option C3 being investigated with developers:
  - Exit via North Lake at Willen, route north of Pineham and joining up with Broughton Brook.



# Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Package D: Broughton



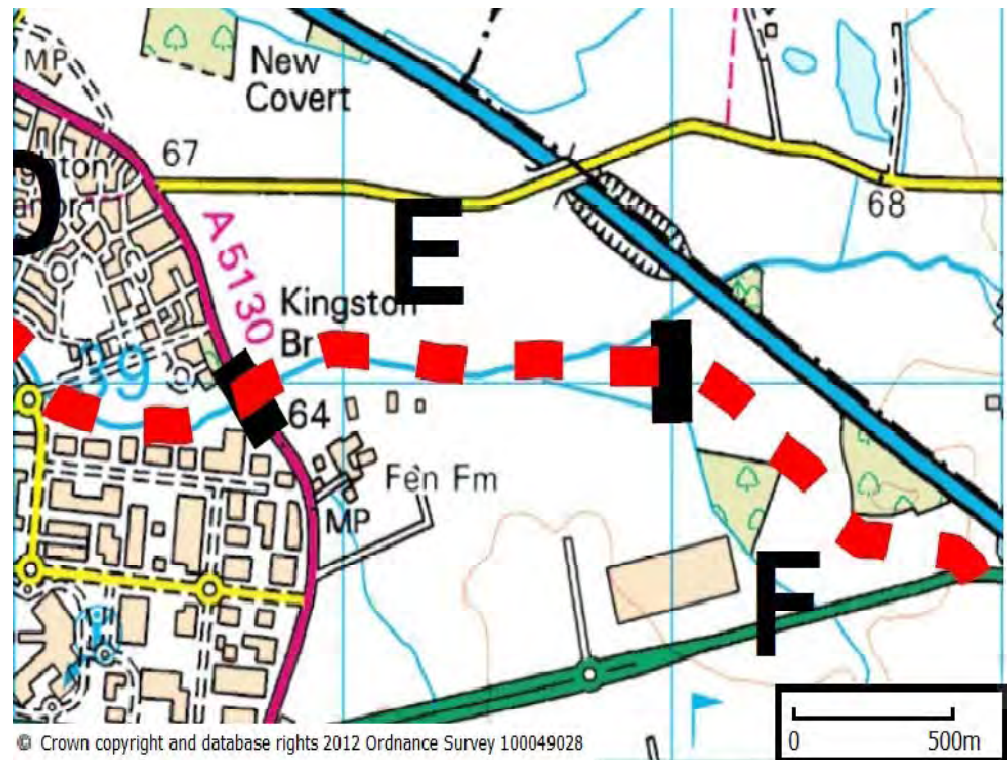
- MKC funding feasibility work to look at flood and navigation impact on Broughton Brook, in consultation with the IDB.



# Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Package F: Broughton Brook to MKC/ Central Beds Boundary



- SLA Development Framework consulted on with route included along the M1.
- Pre-application discussions with developers on Eagle Farm North site, including route of the waterway.
- Crossing of A421



## Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Conclusion

- Progress being made
- Slow but continuous
- Need to think back from time to time to appreciate it
- Thank you from Nick and me