

## LEARNING DISABILITY HOUSING AND SUPPORT STRATEGY

Dear Parent/Carer

There is currently a consultation about the housing that people with disabilities would like to access in the future. However, one group whose voice does not always get heard is that of young people at school or leaving school.

Professionally I work as an Advocate, assisting young people with learning difficulties in ensuring their views and opinions are heard, but privately I am the mother of a young man in the Post 16 at The Redway School and as such I take a great interest in decisions that will affect his future.





However, please do not ignore the attached questionnaire even if there are no plans for your young person to leave home in the near future or if your child is very young. Housing takes a long time to build and this is one chance for you to make your wishes known.

I have invited Sheila Taylor, the Joint Commissioning Manager for Milton Keynes Council to speak to parents/carers and any young people who are interested in the future of housing, but because of school holidays this will happen in September. If you are a parent whose young person is leaving this year, but want to attend the meeting or keep in touch with any other consultations which will be taking place, please email me at [PKWeldon@btinternet.com](mailto:PKWeldon@btinternet.com) or send me your contact details via school bag post and I will let you know what is happening as and when I find out.

Milton Keynes' expansion could be a great opportunity for our kids but it is only an opportunity if we make our voices heard on their behalf. Issues about housing are one thing, but has anyone had thoughts about why a specialist college does not seem to be planned? Please, please, please complete and return the enclosed questionnaire and let me know what you think.

One more thing, please complete the questionnaire from your child's point of view and please return it to me, via the school, before the end of the summer term.

Many thanks  
Karen Weldon

	<b>REDWAY SCHOOL HOUSING CONSULTATION</b>
 A map of Central Milton Keynes showing a grid of streets and various colored areas representing different zones or developments. A red dot is marked on the map.	Where in Milton Keynes would you most like to live?
 A line drawing of four people sitting around a table, engaged in conversation. They are holding drinks and appear to be in a social setting.	Why would you like to live in that part of Milton Keynes (is it to be nearer friends family etc)?
 A stylized line drawing of a house with a gabled roof, a chimney, and a front door. There are some decorative elements like flowers in pots.	What sort of property would you like to live in?
 A simple line drawing of a person's head and shoulders. The person has a thoughtful expression, with one hand raised to their chin.	Do you think you will need Residential Care (staff there all the time) or Supported Living (staff there when you need them)?

	<p>Would you want to share your home with anyone else?</p>
	<p>Do you have any suggestions/ideas about housing in Milton Keynes?</p>
	<p>When do you think you would want to leave home (what year) and how old would you be?</p>
	<p>What help would you require to live independently i.e. wheel chair ramps.</p>
	<p>Is there anything else you want to tell us?</p>

