

		Policy Name: No Sale of Land Assets (MASTER) Policy Number: BMK-PC06 Version: 1.0		
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1. Background

Prior to the demise of Milton Keynes Development Corporation, it chose to give various parcels of land to public bodies such as Parish Councils. Broughton & Milton Keynes Parish Council was the recipient of various gifts of land at that time. The land came with commuted sums of money to allow them to be able to maintain the land indefinitely. The successors to MKDC (first the Commission for New Towns, then English Partnerships and now the Housing and Communities Agency) have similarly gifted land/assets to them (such as the pavilion and most recently the new allotments and open land to the west of MK Village).

All such assets received are subject to claw back. That is, if the Parish Council disposes of the land, any financial gain must be shared with HCA for a period of fifty years. The intention behind the claw back arrangements being that land or assets given for the benefit of the public in general should be protected from disposal for short term or opportunistic gain.

2. Policy Rationale

The intention and thinking behind the gifting of land and assets to community based bodies was the preservation of these for the benefit of the public. The Parish Council has a responsibility to retain, maintain and encourage the use of the assets they have, by all parishioners and other members of the public who attend the pavilion, the sports pitches, use the village green etc. This responsibility has been given in perpetuity.

In order to discharge this responsibility Broughton & MK Parish Council formally adopted on 13th July 2009 a policy stating the non sale of land/assets and this be recorded appropriately for future councillors. Hence if approached by individuals or organisations who wish to purchase any part of any of the Parish Council's land or assets, they respond by stating that it is not the policy to do so.