

Young Planners' Conference 2022 Utopia or Dystopia?

## Milton Keynes : Approach to Future Mobility

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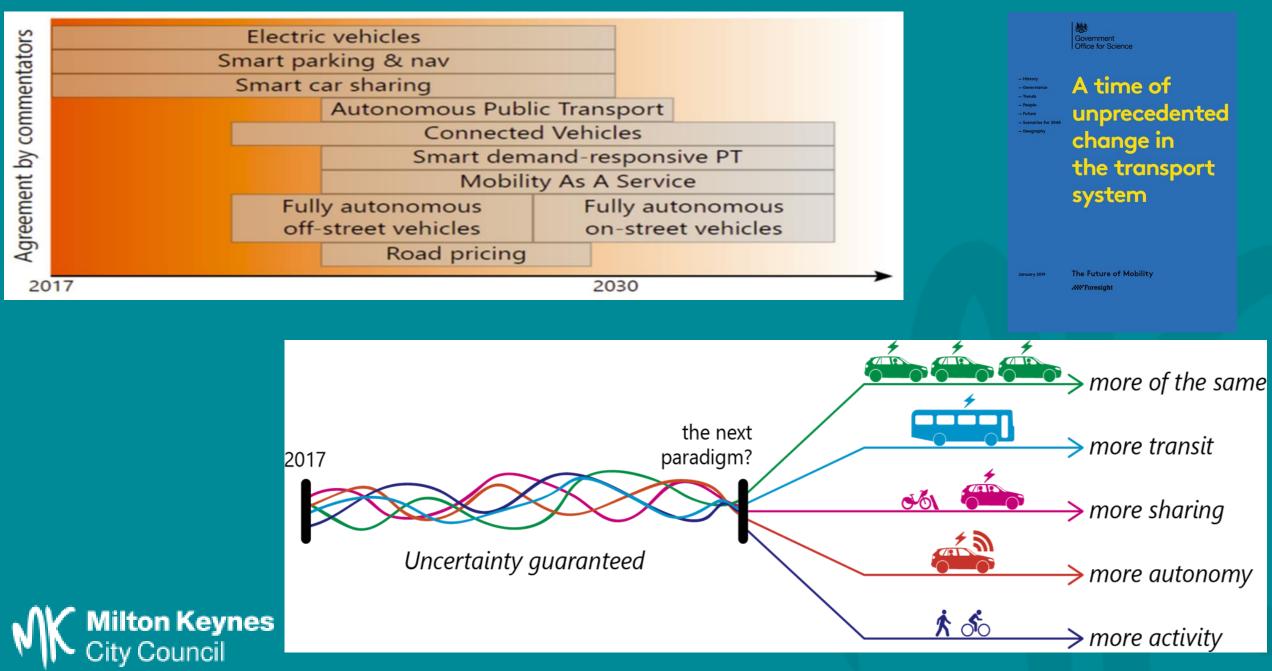








## The Future of Mobility for MK



#### **Approach – Urban Laboratory**



**EV Charging** 



**City Standalone 5G** 



**Driverless Shuttle** 



**Driverless pods** 



Wireless Charging



Logistics - robot delivery service



**E** scooters only multi operator

## Adapted transport to fit the urban form?







## Why Vehicle Automation ?



**Driverless pods** 



Connected and Autonomous Vehicles

#### **Priorities – Objective Driven**

- Safety
- Capacity
- Mobility /Service for all
- Productivity



Logistics - robot delivery service

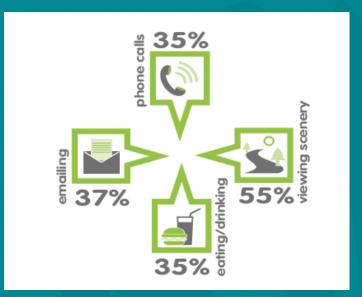


**Connected Services** 

Deployed in MK to better understand opportunities and drawbacks

## **Public Attitudes**





#### How would you use a Self Driving Vehicle?



"... ..as they become familiar and capable, trust seems to develop"





## **Starship Robots**

- 200 devices
- Serving 50,000 homes
- 1,000,000 miles
- 265,000 kg carbon saved
- 70% reported to be replacing car trips
- Creating jobs in locality
- Supported Covid response
- Very Popular
  Launched now in Northampton,
  Cambridge with others to follow

https://youtu.be/AbQN-a2d1s0

#### **Business Case?**





#### Popular with users

Around 30,000 journeys per day in central MK in scope Tech works but...

- Requires Safety controller
- Security of connections

#### Means

- Speeds are very low
- Labour intensive

#### No real business case until these issues solved

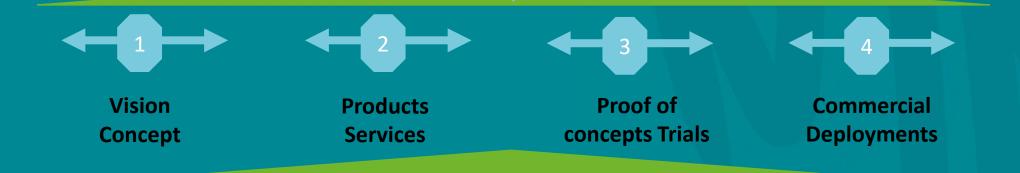






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#### **5G – Supporting Advanced Mobility**



**Council Leader Pete Marland** 

"This is another important step in Milton Keynes' journey as a modern, sustainable and forward-looking city for the future. Smart city projects like ours can do a lot to inspire and empower other major venues around the world to create better, greener experiences for visitors and staff, and boost their efficiency. Yet again Milton Keynes will be leading the way."



# Thank You

