Listening to the public and supporting citizen-driven initiatives to shape the future and ease pressure on city resources

With a booming population, we need to be smart to ease the pressure on our city’s resources. All too often, smart city projects focus solely on technical solutions, failing to consider the input and impact of citizens.

MK:Smart aims to turn that on its head in Milton Keynes by seeking collective consensus and community action. We want to hear and act on what citizens believe would make our city more sustainable, helping the public shape the future.

Speaking to people at events and community action groups around the city, we’ve heard some fantastic ideas. From using technology to help people with visual impairments navigate the city centre to developing an app which can be used to easily record and report problems with the Redway system, we’re inviting the most creative of concepts. To find out what others are saying, or to join an event where you can share your thoughts, visit ourmk.org.

The Citizen Innovation Lab is our mechanism to gather the best ideas and—with funding and support—turn them into real projects, all led by Milton Keynes citizens. Several projects have already been funded. Join the discussion and submit your ideas – they may well be the ones which will become the next citizen-driven initiatives funded by MK:Smart.