

The History of Milton Keynes IN 100 Objects... ...the first 15

Living Archive

John 'Jock' Campbell



The Right Honourable the Lord Campbell of Eskan



The fields where Central Milton Keynes would be built, 1974



The headquarters of Milton Keynes Development Corporation, Wavendon Tower

'Jock Campbell was the man who could fix anything.'

He was a visionary – a prime reason that Milton Keynes has got the quality it's got.'

David Hartley, MKDC Architect, 1973-79

John 'Jock' Middleton Campbell, raised 'with a silver sugar spoon in my mouth', was sent to British Guyana to see how his family's fortune was made. What he saw shocked him to the core. Educated in Eton and Oxford, loving fast cars and 'fancy-free ways', he witnessed the poverty on which his life of plenty was based. His subsequent leadership of the sugar industry saw pricing restructured and workers' quality of life transformed.

The Right Honourable the Lord Campbell of Eskan 1912–1994:

- Pioneered the Open University, securing its home in Milton Keynes.
- The first Chairman of Milton Keynes Development Corporation, 1967–87, enabling the City to be created
- The UK's first urban park for 50 years named after him.
- The first Freeman of the City of Milton Keynes.

'If you seek his memorial, look around.'

(Inscription on Campbell Park's fountain)



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