

Designer City

Innovation and development in Milton Keynes

Energy World



The **Energy Park** was a 300 acre site comprising housing, employment, parkland and a range of community facilities spanning Shenley Lodge and Knowlhill. Designated in 1985, the Energy Park was planned as an international demonstration project of energy efficiency. All buildings constructed in the Energy Park were required to demonstrate high levels of energy efficiency. To ensure this, in housing areas all designs had to meet an energy performance standard using the Milton Keynes Energy Cost Index (MKECI) developed by the Open University in partnership with the Milton Keynes Development Corporation.



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The Energy Park was launched in 1985 by a show village called **Energy World**, containing 50 dwellings. A wide range of developers were involved, including local and volume house builders, foreign companies and organisations closely associated with energy. The homes varied in size from large detached houses down to small starter homes and one-bedroom flats.