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*Good morning.*

Good morning.

*What is your name?*

My name's Guy.

*Are you over eighteen?*

I'm...in fact, I'm in my forties.

*Oh, okay. So where were you born?*

I was born in a little country called Ivory Coast on the west coast of Africa.

*So when you came here what was the first reaction for Milton Keynes?*

To be honest, before coming to England in general, I used to live in France first. I moved to France and then, before then, I came to Milton Keynes and I first visited England in the nineties, and then I came back here and I liked the place and, Milton Keynes, I move here about twelve years ago. My first impression of Milton Keynes, I thought it was a very modern town with a lot of potential, you know, for a young family. So then I move here with my wife back then and now I've got two kids, born here.

*So, as you said, you moved in the nineties. What has changed over the years from then and now?*

I've been living in Milton Keynes for twelve years – in England I first came here in the nineties – but Milton Keynes has changed a lot since I've been here and for you younger generation you wouldn't know, Xscape was built when I was here still – I was in England – and there was a massive field. And so many other building as well came up, with the shopping centre grew in front of me; it was a very small place. And there was some iconic building as well, like The Point, that it was...I was fascinated by

that building and they used to have a big light that shine in the night – I used to go there, back in the days – and there was a lot of thing for young people as well.

*What do you find most interesting about Milton Keynes?*

What I find interesting about Milton Keynes is the fact that Milton Keynes is one of the fastest growing town in the UK and I think the future of England is here in Milton Keynes; and there's a lot of young people and the city can only get better because of it will grow and, you know, it's a very interesting place. As I said, it's a good place to live.

*As you've said your positive views, what are your negative aspects for Milton Keynes?*

I think, negative...do you know what, I've not...you know, because I'm so in love with Milton Keynes I don't...have not heard a lot of bad things about it...about this town and I think, in general – let's not be hard on ourselves – it's a nice place to live. I think we're making Milton Keynes a good place and...it's a good place. It's difficult for me to find a negative thing about Milton Keynes because I love the place so much.

*So, what did you bring with you in Milton Keynes, when you..?*

Okay, do you know what, what did I bring with me in Milton Keynes? A lot of things. I brought my way of seeing, of living life and a bit of culture, you know. You know, I...food, you know, I eat different food. As I said, I live in France, I live in so many places, I was born in Africa, and I pick up a lot of cultures on my way and I'm sure my friends probably...those who are close to me will probably tell that, you know, I'm a very complex person because of all the cultural influences – which is good, you know, having a lot of culture, you know, it's good. So it made me a better person, I hope. I also brought something [unclear] I influenced other people as well, positively, but, you know, Milton Keynes, yes, it is a... I've learned a lot as well from other people. I've got friends from everywhere, you know. And here, as well, I work with the young people, the young people from different background, you know. I learn from all the young people as well, from you guys. Yes, so it's very interesting living here.

*Thank you for giving your comments about Milton Keynes.*

You're welcome.

*Have a nice day.*

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