



NAGAS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNANCE ADVISORY SERVICES

NAGAS CONFERENCE 2025

THURSDAY 9
OCTOBER 2025

9.30 AM - 4.45 PM

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Conference Programme 2025

9.30 am	Arrival Coffee, Breakfast and Networking	
10.15 am	Welcome and Introductions <i>Fiona Collier, NAGAS Chair</i>	
10.25 am	Sustainable Governance: Five Strategic Levers for long-term impact <i>Su Turner, Chief Executive, Shaping Governance</i>	
11.10 am	Coffee Break and Networking	
11.30am	Statutory Governance Panels: Taking the Pain out of Panels <i>John Walker, Partner, PHP Law LLP</i>	
12.15 pm	Insight from the NGA <i>Emma Balchin – Chief Executive, National Governance Association</i>	
12.45 pm	Lunch and Networking	
1.45 pm	Be Human First – Key Note Speech <i>Jaz Ampaw-Farr, Be Human First, TEDX and Key Note Speaker</i>	
2.45 pm	Coffee Break and Networking	
3.00 pm	Facilitated Workshop <i>Jaz Ampaw-Farr, Be Human First, TEDX and Key Note Speaker</i>	
3.45 pm	Reflections on the day and introduction of networking topics <i>Fiona Collier, NAGAS Chair</i>	
4.00 pm	Refreshments and Networking (until 4.45 pm)	

Speaker Biographies

Jaz Ampaw-Farr: Be Human First – Key Note Speech **Founder, Be Human First, TEDx and Key Note Speaker**

As CEO of Be Human First Limited, Jaz helps leaders who want to influence, inspire and motivate their teams with greater engagement in order to grow their businesses and leave a lifelong legacy. Jaz combines lessons learned from a challenging and often brutal childhood with those from her rise to TV presenter, TEDx Speaker, stand-up comedian and Z-list reality TV star! With all these accolades, we would be remiss if we didn't mention that Jaz is also a school governor! Her authentic honesty and humour consistently empower people to think differently about leading themselves and others.

Su Turner: Sustainable Governance: Five Strategic Levers for long-term impact **Founder and Chief Executive, Shaping Governance**

In a system where governance expectations are growing but time and capacity are not, sustainability isn't a nice-to-have; it's essential. In this interactive workshop, Su will explore five strategic levers that heads of governance services and service leads can use to support boards to not just function, but thrive. Drawing on Su's insight and national practice working with Trusts, local authorities, and boards across the country, this session offers high-level strategies to support strength-based recruitment, meaningful retention, workload management, wellbeing and Succession planning. Su has over 25 years of experience in senior governance roles and has a proven track record for improvement. She holds many governance and non-executive positions. Su is a Governance Associate for the Local Governance Association and a National Leader of Governance for the Department for Education, until the programme ended, helping boards facing additional challenges. Su is regularly called upon to review governance structures, impact, and governance capacity. Su has also been Director of the local Chamber of Commerce, supporting local businesses and a Non-Executive Director of a GP Federation, improving access to healthcare services. During her career, Su has authored over 13 publications on governance, scrutiny, and the impact of getting it right.

John Walker: Statutory Panels and the Workload of Strategic Leaders **Partner and Data Protection Officer, PHP Law LLP**

We ask a lot of our governors. Never more so than now. Exclusions, complaints and disciplinary panels are a big ask and a big task. Getting the structure, content and expectations clear makes a real difference to all involved. This session takes a pragmatic look at how we can all make the process less painful. John Walker has been around for a long time working with schools and trusts, he began with school admissions back in 1998 and has never looked back. As both a solicitor and also as a governor, John has worked across a whole spectrum of issues. He is currently spending most of his working week on complaints, SEN issues, exclusions and Data Protection. He has a core commitment to trying to make the law and Guidance accessible and manageable for everyone on the front line in day to day practice.

Emma Balchin: Insight from the NGA **Chief Executive of the National Governance Association**

Emma has been the National Governance Association (NGA) Chief Executive since September 2023. In this role she leads the charity with a focus on improving educational standards and the wellbeing of young people. Working under the direction of NGA's board of trustees, Emma guides the organisation in achieving its mission while representing the interests of the school governance community at a national level. With over 25 years of experience in education, leadership, and school improvement, Emma has a deep understanding of both maintained schools and academy governance. She has served on Interim Executive Boards (IEBs), has mentored others in governance roles, and is currently serving as a governor in a Multi-Academy Trust. Emma's expertise extends to supporting NGA's broader membership and identifying opportunities for new projects and partnerships, ensuring that the organisation adapts to emerging sector needs and continues to enhance governance standards across the education system.

**SPEAKER
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ABOUT JAZ

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- Human-First Leadership
- 10% Braver
- Make. It. Happen.
- The Power of Everyday Heroes



Jaz takes audiences from laughter to tears and back again in the space of two sentences!



For media and speaking inquiries, email Abbie on hello@behumanfirst.co

Conference Information

The day delegate rate for NAGAS Members is **£110** per person and **£150** for non-members. To book your place please complete the **MSForm**.

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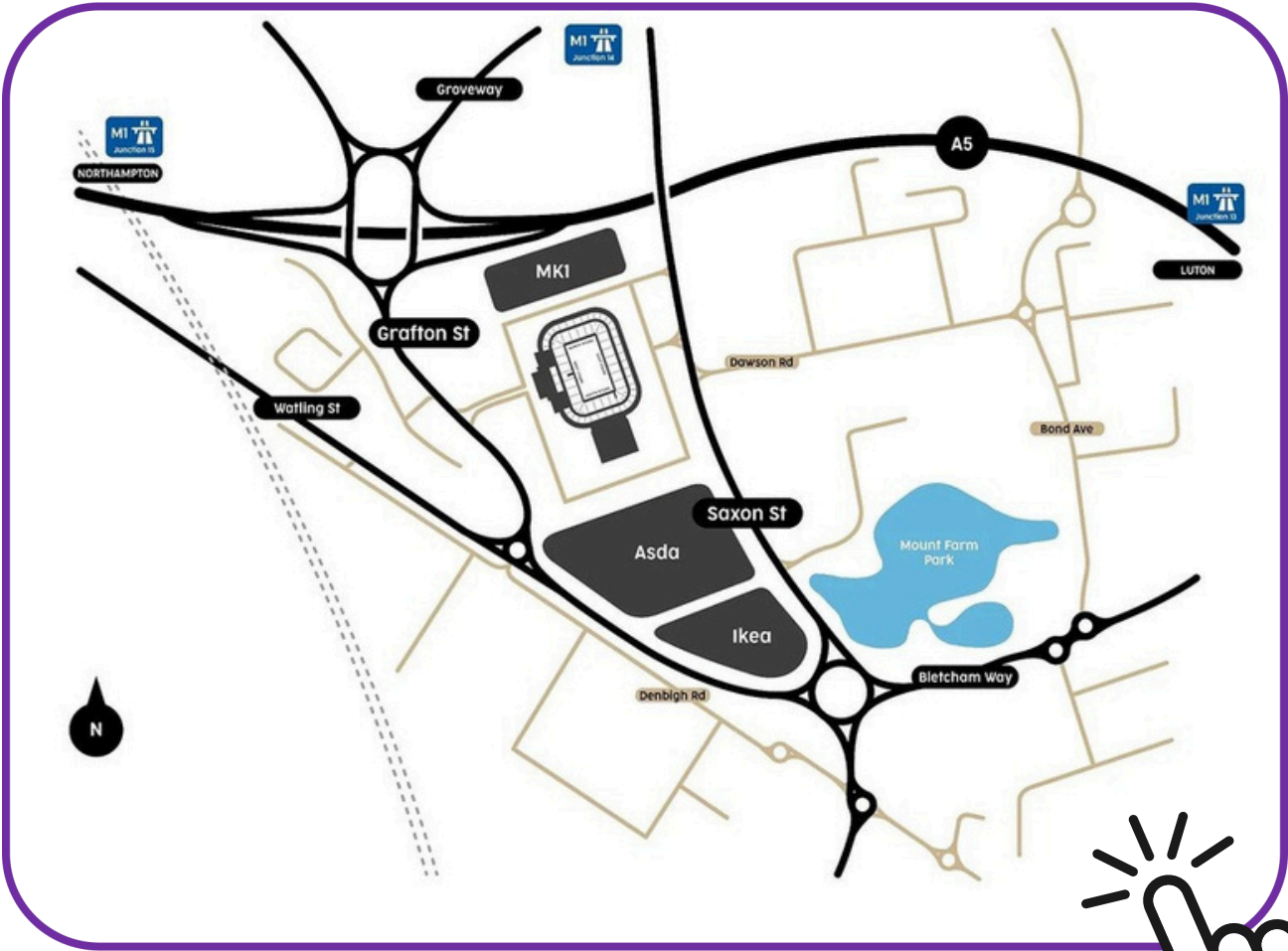
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As places are limited, bookings will be made on a first come, first served basis.

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To guarantee your place on the conference, please make your booking by no later than 1 October 2025.

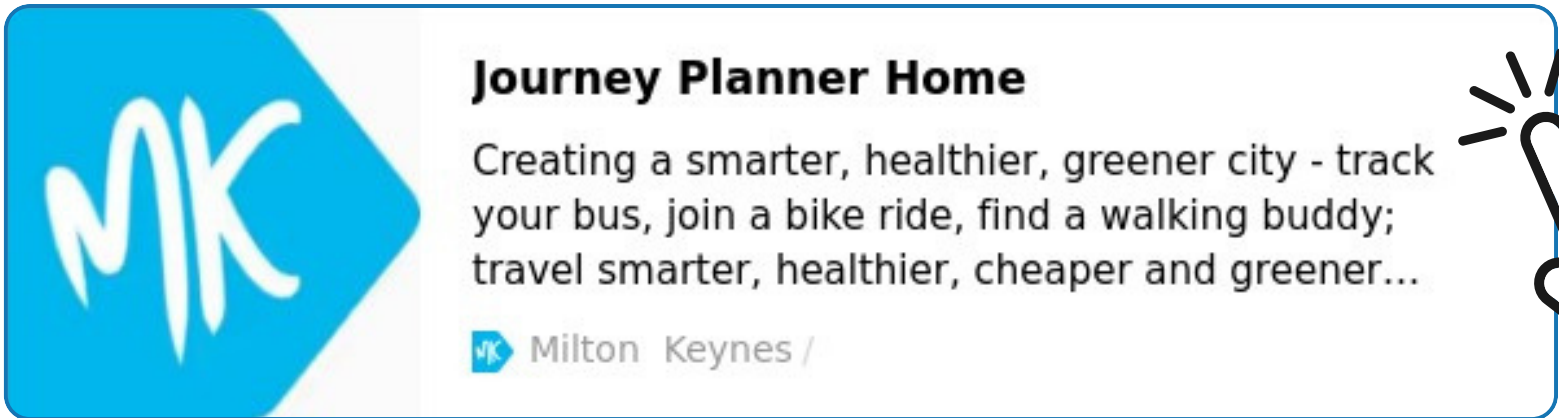
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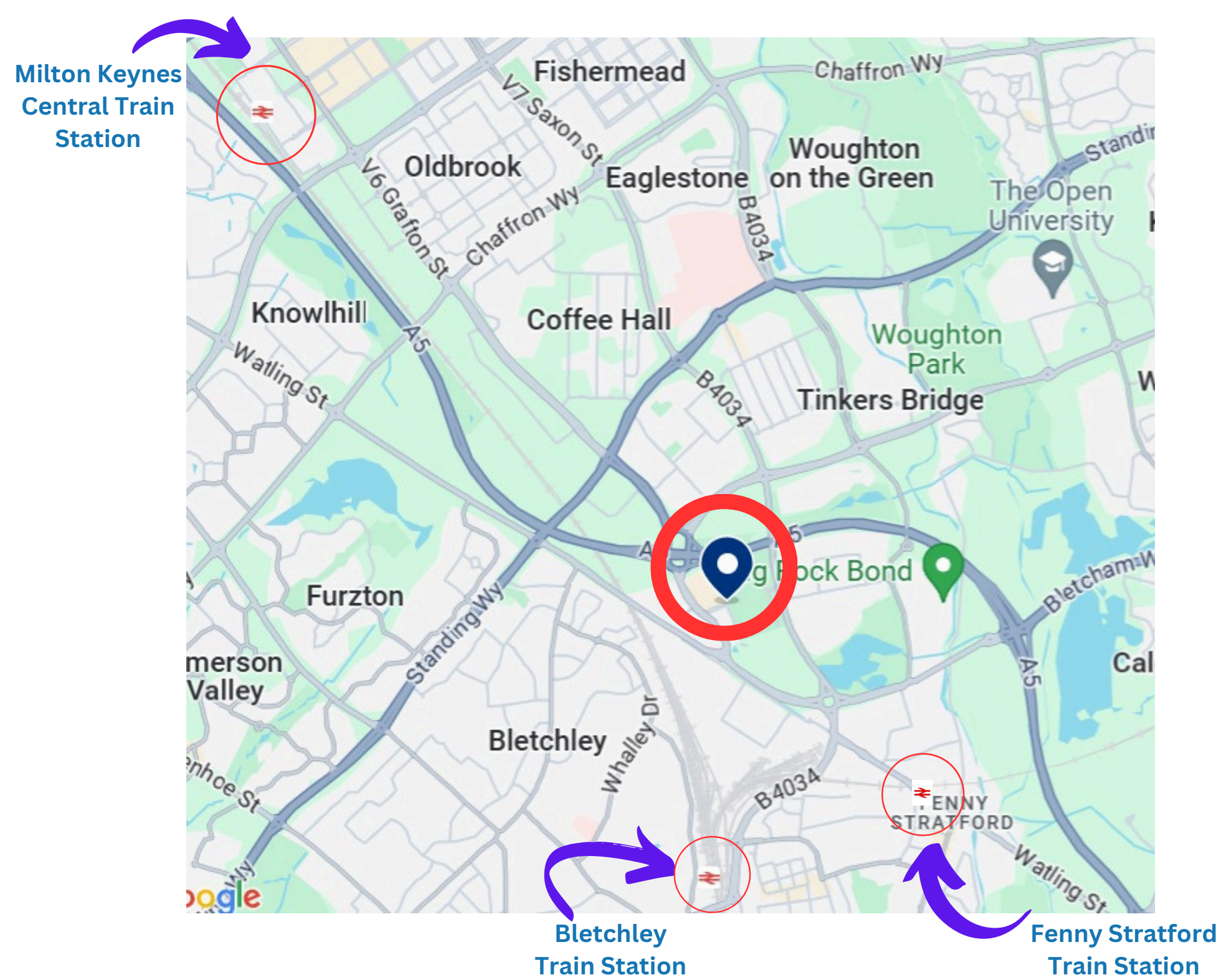
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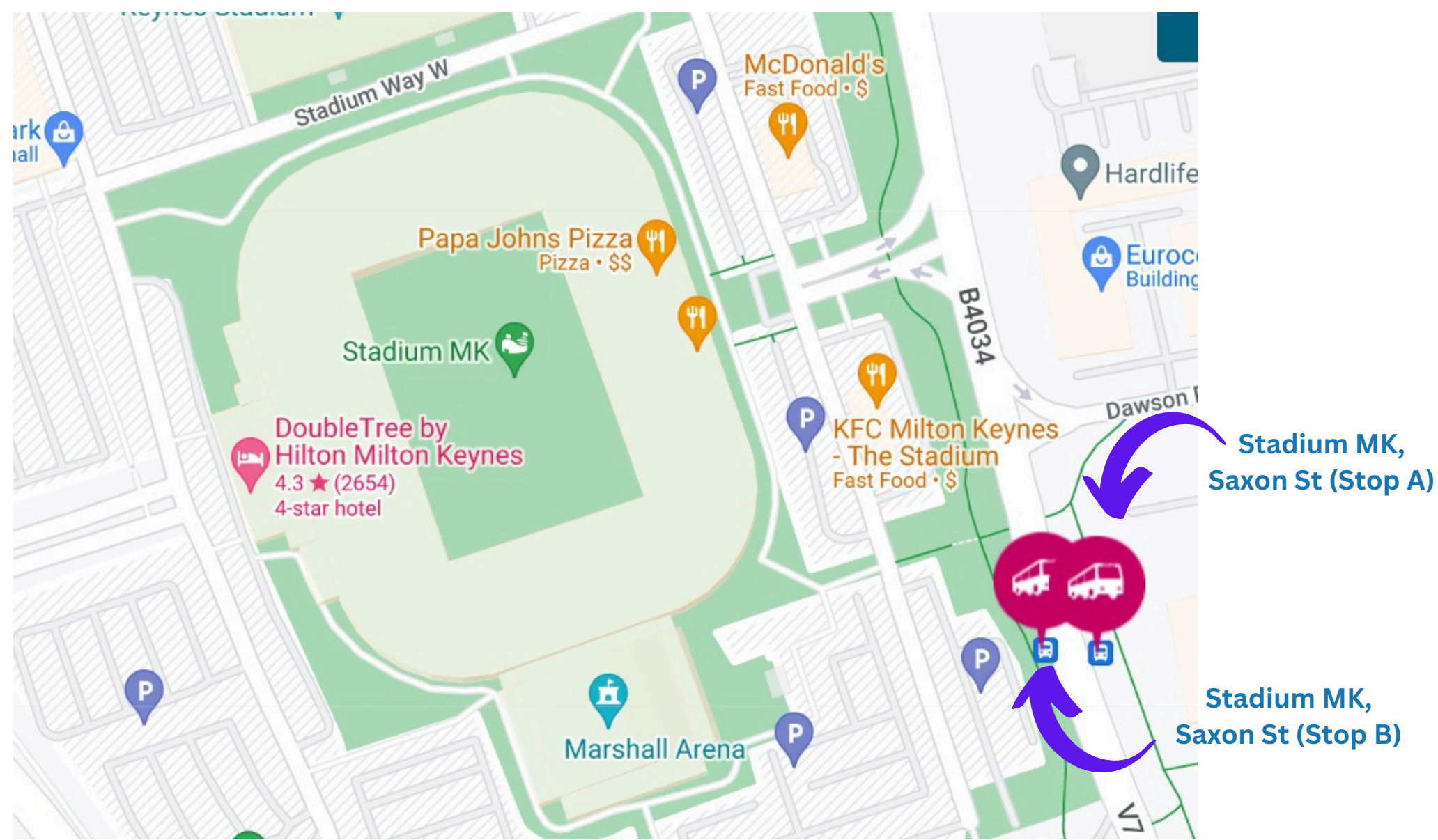
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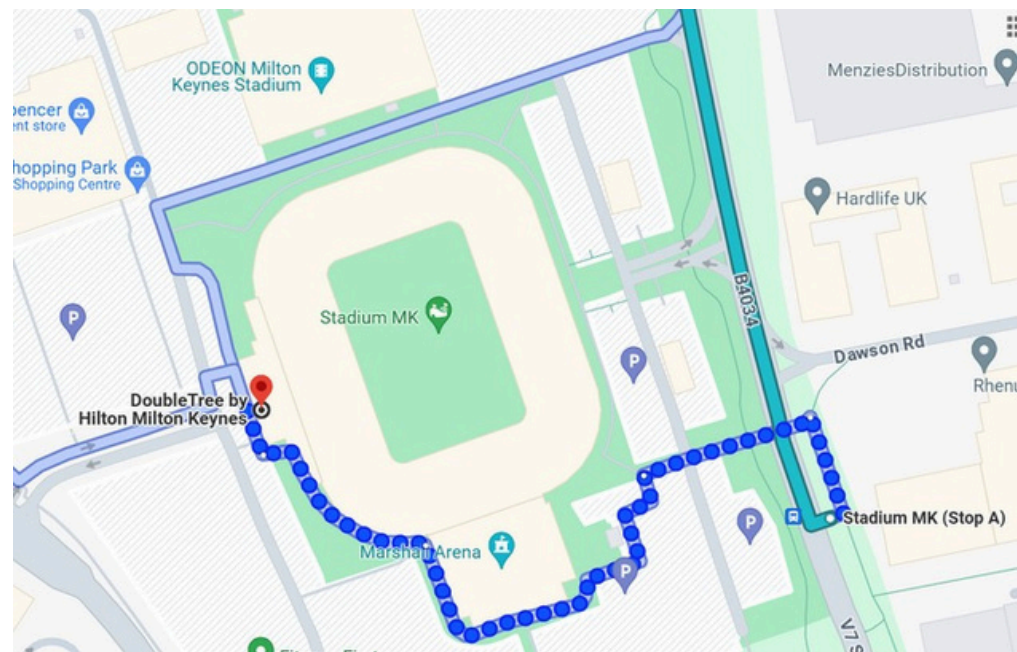
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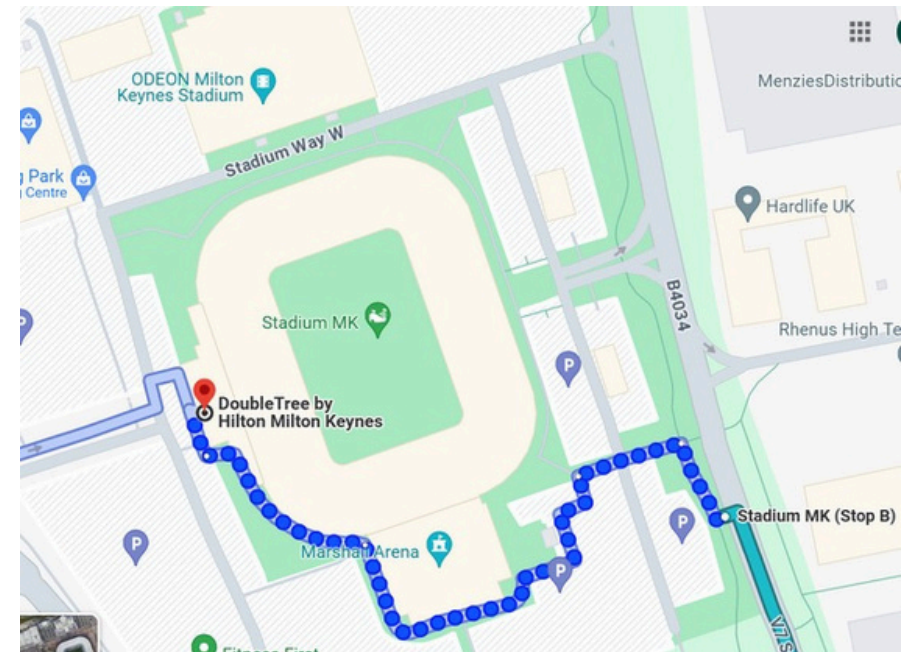
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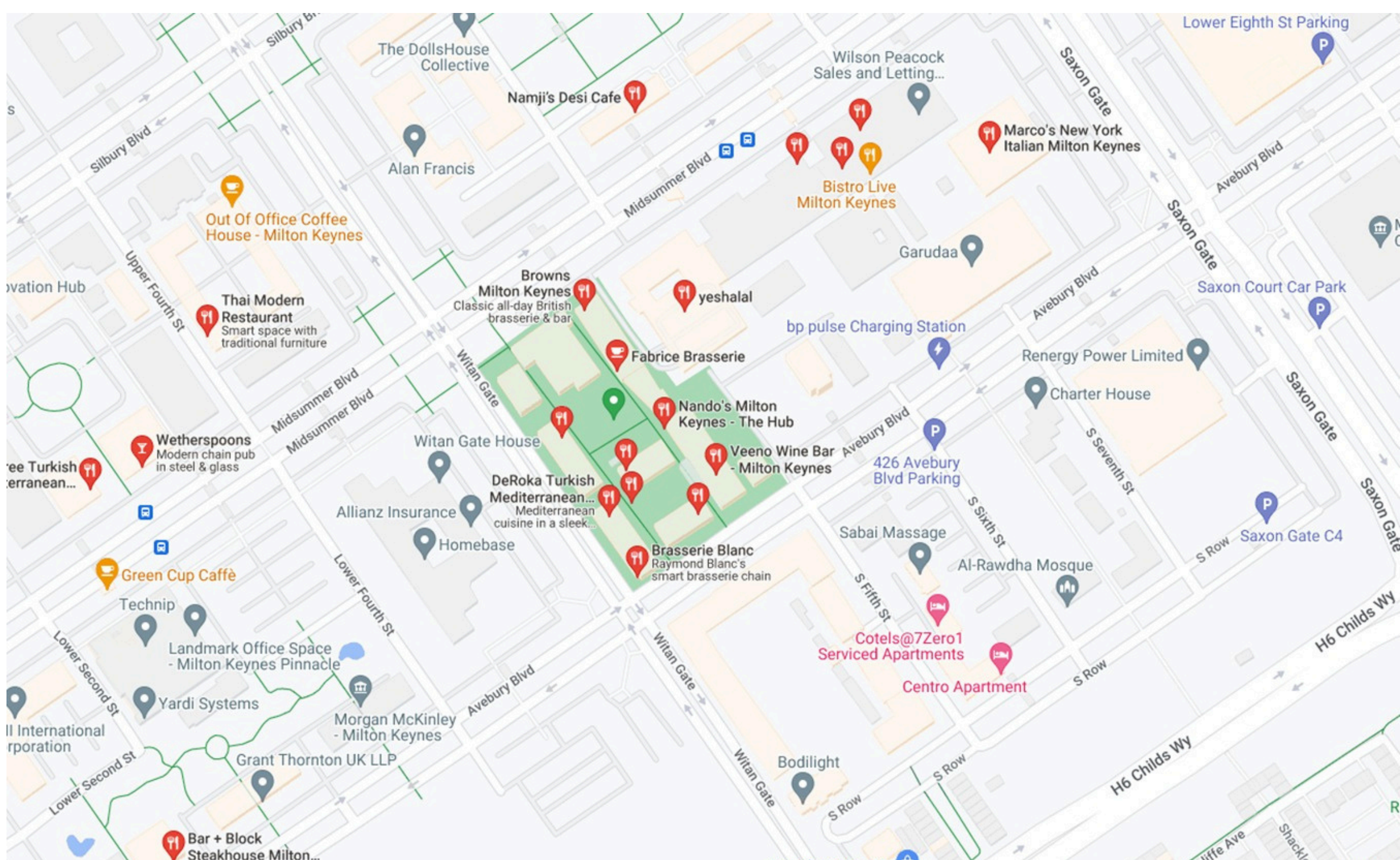
From bus stop B
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Hotels

The conference is being held at Stadium MK which has a hotel within (Double Tree by Hilton). You don't have to stay in the conference hotel as there are many places to stay in Milton Keynes which are either a short walk or bus journey away.



Places to eat





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