

MPs fly chequered flag for MK

As the Milton Keynes-based Red Bull Formula 1 team celebrates the double in the F1 championship, the city's two MPs took to the track to prove that their city is in poll position.

Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart continued the racing theme by visiting " and getting behind the wheel themselves " at nearby Daytona.

In fact, the two politicians, who went head to head at the popular go-karting track, also used it as a chance to shout about Milton Keynes as a 'city in the fast lane'.

The respective members for Milton Keynes North and Milton Keynes South are determined to ensure it is recognised nationally for its uniqueness " not just concrete cows and roundabouts.

Mr Lancaster said: "It was brilliant to celebrate the city's motor racing prowess, after Red Bull 'did the double' last week, by having our own go around a circuit. Daytona is a fantastic facility to have on our doorsteps and I will definitely be going back. It just goes to show that Milton Keynes is about so much more than concrete cows and roundabouts. We are firmly on the map and our racing credentials are just one of the many things about which we can boast."

Mr Stewart said: "Building on the traditions of the Open University and Bletchley Park, our really strong racing industry proves that Milton Keynes is a leading centre of innovation and research. It is no wonder that Daytona is one of our top attractions, and visiting was a great way to celebrate Red Bull's double victory. Although none of us quite matched Sebastian Vettel's lap times we had an exhilarating morning."

According to Daytona Milton Keynes general manager Mike Yau: "We were delighted to host our two local MPs and their staff in a hard fought contest."