

## Unitary Councillor Report

### (Snippets) Report from Cllr David Hopkins, Cllr Victoria Hopkins & Cllr Alice Jenkins – Representing Little Brickhill at MK Council

**March 2019**

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The borough and parish elections are fast approaching - MKC Borough elections are on 2 May and the count will take place on 3 May (daytime).

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**McDonalds Roundabout**

They may not have refreshed the lining recently, as I know there are plans in place to change this roundabout to a "hamburger" style roundabout, see attached document.

Highways England has approved the scheme design for Kelly's kitchen roundabout, which was submitted to them by developer of the Eaton Leys site. The design is for a Hamburger junction with the length of the A4146 between the junction and the Eaton Leys access dualled, with signals at this access. .... See attached document

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**NIC raises concerns about Oxford-Cambridge rail and road links - 25 February, 2019 By Sam Sholli**

The National Infrastructure Commission fears that the East West Rail line and the Oxford to Cambridge will be unable to unlock the full economic potential of the Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Oxford corridor.

In its 2019 Annual Monitoring Report, the NIC expressed concerns about whether the East West Rail line and the Expressway will unlock sites for new housing and transport developments in the region.

The report recommends that the government improves integration of the transport schemes and housing developments.

“There have been no requirements made of local authorities to develop long term transport strategies to complement strategic east-west connections and enable the development of the arc’s towns and cities, nor has government moved to establish pipelines of long term infrastructure projects, conditional upon housing delivery milestones,” says the report. “The Commission would welcome a clearer timeline from both central government and local partners for the decisions required to develop more housing in the arc in combination with transport schemes.”

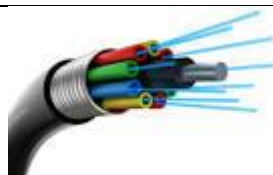
At present, the western section of the East West Rail line between Oxford and Bedford is currently under construction, and the central section from Bedford to Cambridge is currently at the public consultation stage with five route options announced last month.

In addition, the East West Rail Consortium has submitted its business case for an eastern extension of the Oxford to Cambridge route to Ipswich and Norwich. The consortium claims better rail links between Ipswich, Norwich and Oxford would unlock £17.5bn for the East Anglian economy.

The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway is set to run alongside the planned East West Rail line. Last year, the then transport minister Jesse Norman announced the expressway would be open by 2030, shaving 40 minutes off the journey time between the two cities.

#### Link

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-to-run-alongside-east-west-rail-line/10035078.article?search=https%3a%2f%2fwww.newcivilengineer.com%2fsearcharticle%3fqsearch%3d1%26keywords%3deast+west+expressway>



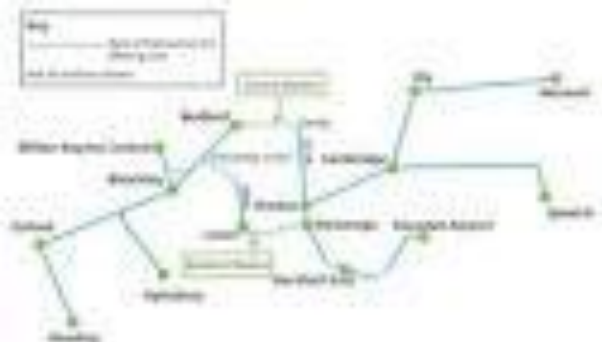
Please see attached notes from 6g internet regarding their proposed offer to provide free internet access to 20% of homes, i.e. in disadvantaged areas, once the IX wireless network is available.

I’m awaiting confirmation from Stuart Proffitt on Estates’ position in regard to this and will organise a meeting to discuss in due course.

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### East West Rail Update

Transport and Works Act 1992: Application for the Proposed Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order

The Secretary of State has appointed Martin Whitehead LLB BSc(Hons) CEng MICE to conduct an inquiry into this application.

The Inspector opened the inquiry at 10.00am on Wednesday 6 February 2019 at MK Community Foundation Conference & Training Facilities, Margaret Powell House, 433C Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3BN – it is due to run until late March / early April.

Please contact the Programme Officers at [pi@personaassociates.co.uk](mailto:pi@personaassociates.co.uk) or on 07483 133975 for any further information

#### Scope of Inquiry

The Inquiry will be into:

- the proposed Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO);
- a request for Deemed Planning Permission (DPP) for the works that would be authorised by the Order; and
- 3 applications for Listed Building Consent

All pursuant to, or in connection with, the proposed Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements).

The Department for Transport (DfT) has indicated that it has received 242 letters of objection in respect of the TWAO, 11 representations (one reclassified as Obj/242) and 413 letters of support. Of these, the DfT has received Statements of Cases from 32 parties, some of them representing more than one objection, 2 of those giving representations and 2 from those offering support.



### Clear Recycling Sacks

The recycling sacks are no longer available from Parish Council Offices, Civic Offices or shops. They now need to be ordered direct from Milton Keynes Council either by phone or online.

If you need to reorder a roll of recycling sacks or wish to find out more about why the changes have been made please go to [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sack-deliveries](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sack-deliveries) or call 01908 252570.



### Snippets – Forward Plan

<b>CABINET: 5 MARCH 2019 6.30 PM IN THE CIVIC OFFICES</b>	
<b>Speeding Reduction Action Plan</b> To consider adopting a policy and action plan to address community concerns of speeding.	Cabinet Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm)
<b>Adoption of Plan:MK</b> To consider recommending to Council that the Local Plan, Plan:MK be adopted as part of the formal Development Plan for the Borough. It will thus be afforded full weight in the determination of planning applications and appeals.	Cabinet Councillor Legg (Cabinet member for Customer Services)
<b>Highways Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22.</b> To consider approving the highway infrastructure maintenance and improvement programme for the three year period 2019/2020 to 2021/22.	Cabinet Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS: 12 March 2018</b>					
<b>South Caldecotte Development Framework Report</b> To consider authorising the undertaking of formal consultation on the draft South Caldecotte Development Framework.		Delegated Decisions Councillor Legg (Cabinet member for Customer Services)			
<b>East West Rail Central Section</b> To consider the Consultation response to the West Rail Central Section.		Delegated Decision Councillor Gowans (Cabinet Member for Public Realm)			
<b>Street Lighting Programme</b>	<b>Estate Road LED Lantern Upgrade</b>	<b>Little Brickhill</b>	<b>Replace all lanterns to LED specification and columns as required</b>	<b>Q1 2020-21</b>	<b>Q4 2020-21 Prudential Borrowing</b>



**Plan:MK given the green light by Inspector (Council Press Release)**

Green space, original MK design principles, and affordable homes underpin next chapter in MK’s growth.

Plan:MK, the local plan setting out how Milton Keynes will grow until 2031, has been found ‘sound’ by a government Inspector; a crucial milestone before the plan can be adopted.

Plan:MK shows how the borough will grow over the next few years and is how the council determines how many homes and jobs, and what kind of infrastructure is needed to 2031. By then, the population of MK is expected to rise to more than 300,000, with 31,000 new homes in Plan:MK to meet this demand - of which almost 20,000 are already in the planning pipeline.

Plan:MK sets out a vision for MK as a green and spacious place with a thriving economy and new facilities including a state-of-the-art university in the city centre.

In preparing Plan:MK, the Council has gathered ideas and comments from residents and local groups as well as independent evidence about future population growth, job creation, retail, green infrastructure and other important issues. A public examination was held during 2018, with hearings before an Inspector in the summer of 2018.

Next month MK Council's Cabinet will receive a recommendation to adopt Plan:MK as part of MK's formal Development Plan which will shape the outcome of future planning applications. Plan:MK sets out important conditions for new development which include:

- Development should be based on the original principles of Milton Keynes, to keep what makes MK distinct and special.
- Green space must be protected - and residents of new housing should have the same access to open space and parkland as current communities.
- Development that makes the most of the East-West Growth Corridor and national infrastructure projects – which will create more investment and high quality jobs in MK.
- 31% of homes to be as affordable homes, with new high-quality and sustainable homes, good schools, and the utilities people need (including high speed broadband).

Council Leader Cllr Pete Marland said: "Planning for the future is essential to get the right balance of housing and other development. We want everyone in MK to have a good home at a price they can afford, a decent job and a long and healthy life. We also want to keep what makes MK special - our green open spaces, unique design and the right infrastructure such as schools and health services. Plan:MK will help map out the growth we need.

"Our thanks go to everyone who gave their feedback as the plan was developed. You've helped shape how Milton Keynes will develop and thrive."



### Housing Department – Garages

Parking is becoming an increasingly contentious issue, as I'm sure you're aware. By way of the 19/20 budget setting process, I have been successful in securing some funding to survey all council-owned garages, both HRA and General Fund, with the aim of identifying areas where garages can be demolished to provide improved parking, new housing development, or both. We will be looking to start this work in April, and anticipate that in order to survey all garages will take us some six months. I appreciate this this isn't a quick fix but by taking a look at our garage stock overall, we will be in a better position to make best use of our stock.

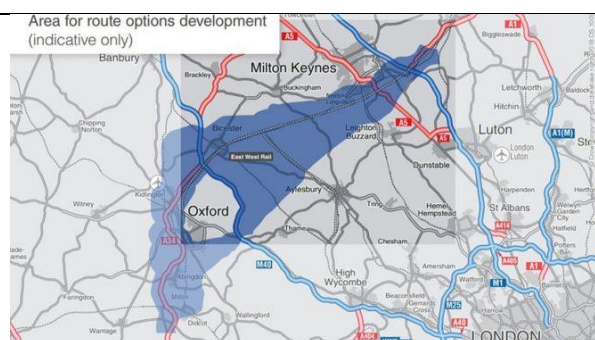
Please come back to me with anything you'd like to discuss further.

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**Expressway Timeline**

Date	Event
Autumn 2017	Commitment by the Chancellor for construction to commence on the missing link before the end of the Road Investment Strategy (RIS2) in 2025
2018	Corridor announcement
Autumn 2019	Public consultation on route options*
2020	Preferred route announcement*
2025	Construction starts*
2030	New link opens to the public

\*Indicative timetable, subject to preferred route options



### National figures endorse MK social work practice

- National data reveals the volume of court proceedings required to place children into care
- Milton Keynes compares favourably to other regions with 8.9 care proceedings per 10,000

New Government data shows social workers in Milton Keynes are better at safeguarding children without the need for court intervention than three quarters of other English councils.

The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service published the volume of court proceedings required to place children into care across local authorities in England. Milton Keynes is in the top 25% with just 8.9 care proceedings per 10,000 children, placing it ahead of cities including Leeds and Nottingham.

The low figure for Milton Keynes suggests local social workers are working closely and earlier with families to address the concerns that may lead to moving children into care.

Cllr Nolan said, “We’re extremely proud of our social workers and these figures are a reflection of the incredible work that they do in our community. We can see that very few individuals had to go to court in order to have care proceedings to start the process to bring children into care. Wherever possible, we want to keep families together. If children can remain safely at home then we believe that is the best option.

Early intervention is really important. It enables us to work with children and families when problems first arise and resolve issues before they escalate. We have social workers who are creative and flexible in how they work with families. This helps them make the changes that are needed to enable children to stay safely at home. Safeguarding children and supporting families will always remain a priority.”

The highest number of care proceedings per 10,000 was recorded in Sunderland and Blackpool with 33.2 and 36.5 respectively. Local authorities of London Harrow, Kingston-upon-Thames and Essex performed best.





## School Place Planning: Forward View 2019 and Early Years Place Planning Forward View 2019

How many new schools will we need to open in the next five years to meet the demand from the significant developing expansion areas of Milton Keynes and the growth in our population? In the past 5 years, the pupil population has increased by almost 15% which represents an additional 5,000 pupils approximately. With the population projected to increase by over 38,000 in the next 10 years, the demand for school places is expected to continue.

The Education Sufficiency Team has recently updated the School Place Planning: Forward View 2019 and the Early Years Place Planning: Forward View 2019 documents. As a result of significant demographic growth and despite substantial capital investment in numerous schemes over each of the past few years, Milton Keynes will continue to show a need for additional early years and school places in the coming years, particularly in the secondary sector. The 'Forward View' allows all stakeholders to not only see the challenges we currently face in Milton Keynes in terms of school place planning, but also the opportunities that will be presented in the future.

This document is reviewed annually. Comments and feedback about this document are welcomed and can be sent to [sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk).



### Funding Opportunities

#### Milton Keynes Community Foundation Small Grants

MKCF's Small Grants Programme awards up to £1,500 for projects that make a positive impact in Milton Keynes and benefit local people. Find out more about eligibility and applying here. <http://www.mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk/grants/apply-grant/>

#### Thomas Wall Trust

The Thomas Wall Trust was established in 1920 for the "encouragement and assistance of educational work and social service." Today, the Trust continues to assist in these areas by

providing grants to individuals and organisations. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals and registered charities. To apply you should create an account on the website and request a form. Applications can be made at any time and will be considered at Trustee meetings held twice a year usually in July and November.

Read more. <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/>

#### **UK Power Networks Power Partners**

Grants are available up to £20,000 to not-for-profit organisations and community groups in the South East, East of England and London for initiatives that combat fuel poverty, improve the energy efficiency of community spaces or support people in vulnerable circumstances with their energy use.

Read more. <https://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1356>



The Council is confident with the changes in the delivery method for sacks that they are now on top of the requests that are coming through, if however you have properties that have experienced Issues with receiving them prior to the changes last week then please let me know as I will be happy to arrange delivery of these myself.

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#### **Contacts**

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- For Tree (TPO TCA and Insurance related) enquiries contact Robert Widd.
- For Rights of Way, please contact Rosie Armstrong or James Walsh.
- For High Hedges enquiries and development related Tree issues please contact

Stephen Narborough.

- For Planning, S106, Biodiversity and Ecology issues please contact Diane Evans or Phil Snell.
- For Flood Strategy please contact Ashish Patel.

To log a new issue or enquiry, go to: <https://my.milton-keynes.gov.uk/>



### MK Gallery are seeking volunteers

MK Gallery reopens to the public on Saturday 16 March following a major development that will see double the exhibition space of the previous building, a new purpose-built auditorium that will show independent film and host live events, and a new dedicated learning studio. This week, the Gallery launches details of volunteer opportunities that will be available when the building reopens.

The range of roles include gallery invigilators, ushers for film and events, learning support and marketing opportunities



Roadworks -

LITTLE BRICKHILL	Great Brickhill Lane	23/02/19 8:00am	01/03/19 6:00pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	(Two-Way)
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This new interactive service allows you to search for any planned works by area, road name, ward or parish, road type or reason. You can also see the current closures and those scheduled for the next two weeks.

This tool will help you check what is planned for a particular route or area so you can avoid any issues that may affect your journey. The information is updated every week.

Some works may be subject to changes due to unforeseen circumstances such as a road traffic collision or incident, weather conditions or operational reasons. Check the Highways View as an

Alternatively you can view the information shown in the Highways Register through a Google map based system on [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

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### **Changes to MKC Staffing**

The CEO wrote a few weeks ago explaining some forthcoming changes to our Corporate Leadership Team. Things have now progressed and I thought you'd welcome seeing a 'work in progress' diagram, showing the new model so you know what's emerging. There are still some decisions that need to be made before the new structure is fully confirmed. MKC will share a final copy of the diagram when we've got to the end of that process.

#### **Finance and Resources**

Professional finance Revenue and benefits HR  
ICT Customer services LGSS Audit and risk

#### **Environment and Property**

Highways Waste and Recycling Transportation  
Property Facilities Management  
Regulatory services Health and Safety

#### **Growth, Economy and Culture**

Place Making Planning Economic  
development Arts and Heritage Historic  
environment Leisure Sports development

#### **Law and Governance**

Legal services Democratic services Elections  
Civic events and mayoralty Councillor support

#### **Governance**

Policy, Insight and Communications  
Policy Partnerships Performance  
Communications Information Governance  
Emergency Planning Community safety

#### **Housing and Regeneration**

Tenancy management Repairs and maintenance  
Tackling homelessness Strategic housing  
Regeneration and development Private sector  
housing Resident engagement and support

#### **Children's Services**

Schools Early years Youth and community  
Special needs and disability Safeguarding  
Family support Children in care Care Leavers  
Adult Services

Mental health Learning disability Physical  
disability Older people's services Hospital  
discharge Adult safeguarding Commissioning

#### **Public Health**

Health improvement Health protection  
Public health services Needs assessment

**Strategy and Futures**

Delivery of MK2050 Strategy Regional Local  
Enterprise Partnership Oxford to Cambridge Arc

Meanwhile, I'd like to congratulate Stuart Proffitt on being appointed Director of Environment and Property following a councillor-led interview process. Victoria Collins and Mac Heath have been confirmed as our statutory Director of Adult Services (DASS) and Director of Children's Services (DCS) respectively. The appointments panel has also recommended to Full Council in March that Steve Richardson is made our statutory Section 151 officer (Chief Financial Officer).

**Debbie Taylor-Bond, Head of Highways will be leaving us.**

***David Hopkins / Victoria Hopkins / Alice Jenkins***

## **MKC Senior Staff List Corporate Core - MKC Senior Team 2019**

<b>Chief Executive</b>	<b>Michael Bracey</b>	<b>01908 252200</b>
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