

**Little Brickhill Snippets for September 2021 – Cllr David Hopkins /
Cllr Victoria Hopkins / Cllr Alice Jenkins**



Current issues include

- Aylesbury Vale Local Plan update
- Red Bull car parking issues - Meeting 30 September
- Red Bull Statue – possible iconic new artwork to be installed by February/March 2022
- Roadworks - listed
- Church Farm - Planning Application 21/02467/REM – Land South of Church Farm, Walton Road, Wavendon
- Planning Application 21/02468/REM– Land South of Church Farm, Walton Road, Wavendon
- Planning Applications – list of major applications in the area
- Glebe Farm - New School Progress Statement
- EWR - next steps
- Plan:MK 2 – MKC starts series of background meetings
- COWS – Community of Woburn Sands – residents form action group in light of SEMK, EWR and Plan:MK2 activities.
- Wavendon Hub – Wavendon Heights Pavilion
- Fulbrook School – briefing Headteacher on new school planning in MK and offering congratulations as the school moves to the next stage of Schools for the Future. .Accepted invite to visit governing body meeting.
- Traffic management issues for Woburn Sands
- Flooding in recent storm(s) – ongoing battle to get highways drains cleared and/or repaired across the ward
- 20 MPH limits – update on process (petition in Little Brickhill)
- A421 Road Closure – information
https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/55/transport_roads_and_parking/575/a421_upgrade
- Council size review – Wavendon PC growth – WPC has formally requested MKC to proceed
- Graffiti clearing kits and sign cleaning kits – call for previously supplied kits to be updated and sent to all Parish Councils
- Road issues at Wavendon– updated list
- Road issues at Cross End – request for updated information from James Williamson (106 funding manager) regarding funding the road closure
- Road issues on Hardwick Road. The Leys and Bow Brickhill Road – included in Woburn Sands traffic issues
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Church Farm

Planning Application 21/02467/REM – Land South of Church Farm, Walton Road, Wavendon (outside of the Walton area) – Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) pursuant to outline permission Ref: 14/1610/OUT for the construction of 62 dwellings (Phase 1 of residential development of up to 350 homes) (Applicant: Connelly Homes)

And

Planning Application 21/02468/REM– Land South of Church Farm, Walton Road, Wavendon (outside of the Walton area) – Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale) in respect of 288 dwellings (Phase 2) pursuant to outline permission Ref: 14/1610/OUT for the construction of a residential development of up to 350 homes with strategic access included for consideration and all other matters reserved (Applicant: Connelly Homes).

The planning applications for Church Farm development of 250 residential units is divided into two sections - North and Central/South.

Attached are the (large) PDF plans to this report but there are many more documents on the MKC portal.

For the documents on the North area:

https://npaedms.milton-keynes.gov.uk/PublicAccess_Corplive/SearchResult/RunThirdPartySearch?FileSystemId=DC&FOLDER1_REF=21/02467/REM

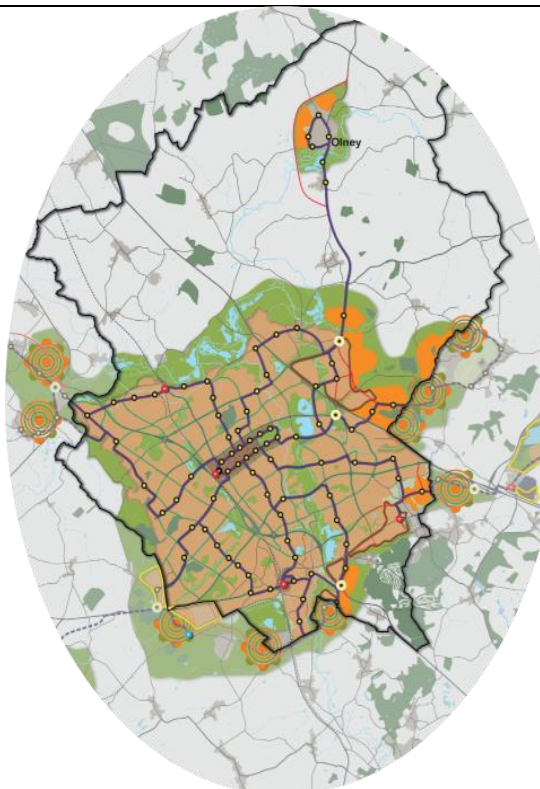
For documents on the central and south area:

https://npaedms.milton-keynes.gov.uk/PublicAccess_Corplive/SearchResult/RunThirdPartySearch?FileSystemId=DC&FOLDER1_REF=21/02468/REM

The MKC planning case officer is: Christopher.walton@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Issues include –

- **Access via Walton Road.**
- **Construction Phase**
- **Vehicular Access (when development complete)**
- **H10 extension**
- **Public Rights of Way/Pedestrian access**



Plan MK 2

September (CAG) workshop will deal with:

- What is working well and not so well under Plan:MK – includes a presentation on the Authority Monitoring Report 2020/21
- How we see Milton Keynes changing through to 2040/41 (in light of Strategy for 2050)
- Key policy areas Planning CAG want to be engaged in
- Provide a draft Engagement and Communications Strategy for discussion
- Update on technical studies
- Update on Spatial Framework for the Arc - Vision

PLANNING



The Central Beds Council (CBC) Local Plan has been approved by a Planning Inspector and was subsequently approved at July's Central Beds Council Full Council meeting. This decision paves the way for 5,000 homes at Lidlington – essentially creating a new town comprising of Lidlington and Marston Moreteyne – and 35 hectares of warehousing at Marston Gate.

One area not designated with Green Belt is the land north of Aspley Guise village (the land north of the railway line – the so called Aspley Guise trainagle). Whilst not included in this CBC local plan, this area could see development in the years to come if the Central Beds Council is directed by the Government to deliver more housing above and beyond the numbers to which have already been committed. If this happens, the area will likely become a 'strategic allocation', and planned by CBC with consultation with MK Council.



Planning Bill – Response to letter from Wavendon Parish Council (via Iain Stewart MP)

Thank you for your email of 2 August to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, on behalf of your constituent Alan Kemp of Wavendon Parish Council, regarding the 'Planning for the Future' White Paper and its implications on local planning applications. I appreciate how important these proposals are for many people across the country, and I am grateful to you for taking the time to write to us about them.

The White Paper consultation closed on 29 October. It generated enormous interest, around 44,000 replies in total, we are currently reviewing and analysing these responses and we will publish our response ahead of introducing legislation.

The White Paper proposed significant changes to both the focus and processes of planning, with important benefits in mind: to secure better outcomes in terms of land in the right places, more beautiful development and improved environmental outcomes; as well as processes which give more certainty, better engagement and swifter outcomes for communities, councils and developers. Our proposals are intended to increase community involvement in the planning process. That is why we are making plan making much more straightforward and digital, so it becomes easier for local people to influence the plan and have their say on the location and standard of new development.

Communities will continue to be consulted on the detail of proposals, for proposals that diverge from the Local Plan and for areas where planning permission continues to be required, such as in protected areas. Planning committees formed of elected members will continue to be part of the route to determining planning applications. The best place to consider the strategic use of land is

at the Local Plan stage and settling these questions at the outset will give certainty to communities, authorities and developers that development will come forward in areas best identified for growth. Communities and councillors will also be a critical part of place-shaping through engagement on local design codes. This will ensure real influence over the design of development.

There have been many views aired on different aspects of the reforms, which is why we have sought inputs from a wide range of interests, engaging with not only the development industry and local authorities, but also new and smaller players, and importantly, the communities in which development takes place.

The White Paper represents only the start of an exciting period of reform, and we will reflect very carefully on the views received in considering how best to take its vision forward. At the heart of these reforms is a need to make the planning system simpler, quicker and more accessible for all participants, including local people.

Thank you again for your email, I hope you and your constituent find this information helpful. We will publish a full Government response to the White Paper shortly.



RT HON CHRISTOPHER PINCHER MP



If you would like to apply for a 20mph speed limit or zone then please email your request to paul.harrison@milton-keynes.gov.uk

A petition is being prepared in support of a 20 MPH area zone in Little Brickhill to be presented to MK Full Council in September.

Further details can be found at the link below.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/roads-redways-and-footways/20mph-speed-limits-in-residential-areas>



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Red Bull Statue

Colleagues may recall the theft of numerous trophies from the Red Bull reception area at Stewart House – and the recovery of said trophies from a lake at a golf course some days later.

Red Bull have a scheme to commission a sculpture from the melted down metal from these trophies that could be displayed on the Red Bull Roundabout and have asked for support.....

right of way

Highways Issues in Woburn Sands

In the last few years there has been a significant increase in the volume of traffic in Woburn Sands both within the community and through traffic. This has arisen because of the increase in the number of dwellings and the lack of a strategic transport plan for the area as a whole. The number of vehicles per household also appears to have increased.

This has resulted in a significant increase in the number of vehicles parked on the roadway which, in turn, has led to increased frustration of pedestrians and safety issues at junctions. It also appears that an increasing number of drivers are parking their vehicles half on to pavements; this perhaps could be addressed with appropriate signage. In the long term the highways issues in Woburn Sands may be exacerbated once decisions are made about the railway crossing but the following notes summarise the most significant issues which need addressing in the short term. It is important that these issues are addressed in a comprehensive manner rather than piecemeal – a short term solution in one area may just create a further problem elsewhere in the town.

1. Railway Crossing

The decision to close School Crossing has meant that pedestrians are required to share the road across the railway line. There have been discussions between MKC and NR/EWR to implement additional safety provisions at the crossing and the Town Council is not aware of the outcome of these discussions or who will meet the cost of the improvements. It is essential that they be implemented as soon as possible before the Winter months.

In the medium/long term the Town Council is pressing for the introduction of a pedestrian bridge at School Crossing.

2. Proposed Additional Parking Restrictions

Prior to the COVID pandemic MKC officers had prepared a number of proposals to impose additional parking restrictions. These appear to have been prompted by complaints from individual residents and were not discussed with the Town Council beforehand. Following discussions with the TC MKC officers amended a number of their suggestions but retained a proposal that parking should be restricted at the southern end of Station Road. The Town Council remains wholly opposed to this suggestion since it would have a severely adverse impact on the High Street. The Council considers that the continued viability of the High Street is of greater importance than the inconvenience to a small number of pedestrians (which led to the proposal).

The final details of MKC's proposals were never published due to the pandemic.

3. Hardwick Road

There have always been a number of cars parked in Hardwick Road (a major access route) which has resulted in single lane traffic. However in the last couple of years the number of parked cars has grown significantly resulting in queues at both end of the road. the situation has been exacerbated during the COVID crisis because Nonnas restaurant was given temporary permission by Central Beds to convert their car park into an outside dining venue. It is understood that this permission will be rescinded shortly which may alleviate the problem. A full prohibition of parking would not be practical because some of the houses in the road do not have any alternative. Some restrictions might, however, be possible.

4. Downham Road

MKC have agreed to the principle of further restrictions at the top of Downham Road but these have not yet been published or consulted on.

5. Bow Brickhill Road

The speed of traffic entering Woburn Sands on Bow Brickhill Road is occasionally excessive and the Town Council would like to introduce a 40 mph limit.

6. Other Areas

There are a number of other areas which might benefit from some restrictions – for example the junction of Theydon Avenue and Bow Brickhill Road is occasionally blocked by parked cars which makes exiting from the Bow Brickhill Road potentially dangerous. The town could therefore benefit from a more comprehensive study which would identify problem areas and suggest solutions. However such a study would need to take account of the emerging solution for the railway crossing.

7. Temporary parking bays in High Street

These should be removed as quickly as possible following the removal of COVID restrictions.

WAVENDEN COMMUNITY PAVILION – Wavendon Heights



Borras Construction are pleased to announce that we have been appointed by Milton Keynes Council to build the Community Pavilion in the Parish of Wavendon.

The purpose of this project is to provide a new community pavilion building in the Wavendon area (East Milton Keynes) that forms part of the Strategic Land Allocation (SLA).

The new community facility will offer local residents a place to meet, participate in a broad range of physical and social activities, volunteer, coach, or simply use the building for one off celebrations. The building will provide a multi purpose hall space, changing rooms and storage for the adjacent sports pitches and associated carparking including Electric Vehicle charging points.

Works are will commence towards the end of August 2021 with completion scheduled for early summer 2022.

HIGHWAY ISSUES – September 2021 – WAVENDON

Major Projects.

Lower Traffic Neighbourhood Scheme for Walton Road.

- Waiting for Milton Keynes Council to design a scheme for consultation with Wavendon Parish Council and residents.
- Residents are now receiving verbal abuse as vehicles do not show any respect of the current 20 MPH speed limit.
- Paul VanGeete has been made aware that an approach from MKC (Highways for 106 tariff funding will be requested.

Stockwell Road Traffic Scheme.

- Waiting for Milton Keynes Council to design a scheme for consultation with Wavendon Parish Council and residents.
- Suggestion made in an email to MKC (Highways) on the 30 June 2021.
- Retain the two-way flow of traffic.
- Construct a footpath on the western side (looking down from Walton Road) of Stockwell Lane to a depth of 46" – which is the depth of the footpath. constructed partly on the eastern side and which by its construction, appears to assume pedestrians would cross at the end of the path that has been constructed in line with the new Pavilion/playing fields area. The existing paved (tarmac) path at its end point off Walton Road is only some 33" in depth but provides a refuge for pedestrians.
- Install effective street lighting.
- Without removing trees on the eastern side cut back and possibly pollard. trees and bushes on that side to improve visibility.
- Improve signage.
- Paul Van Geete has been made aware that an approach from MKC (Highways for 106 tariff funding will be requested.

Cross End closure

- Waiting for Milton Keynes Council to complete the scheme to close this road to through traffic at the junction with Lower End Road.
- Contribution of payment for the scheme from a developer has been paid to Milton Council.

Cranfield Road, Wavendon

- Date for reduced speed limit implementation required from MKC / CBC.
- Can a meeting be arranged between all parties as soon as possible?
- Wavendon Parish Council will pay for one speed indicator with the other one funded from 106 funding.

Lower End Road Speed Reduction and installation of two Speed Indicator Devices.

- This is dependant on achieving a reduced speed limit on Cranfield Road.
- Paul VanGeete has been made aware that an approach from MKC (Highways for 106 tariff funding will be requested.

Other Issues:

Safety issues on part of the Redway on Newport Road.

- MKC agreed to a site meeting when COVID lockdown measures were relaxed but unfortunately the MKC Highways Engineer that agreed to this request has now left the employment on MKC.
- Can a site meeting be held with another engineer?
- A concern has been raised that the signs on the redways are not adequate and that pedestrians are not protected enough from some cyclists.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

- Wavendon Parish Council responded to this consultation on the 28 January 2021.
- No feedback received from Milton Keynes Council on whether the projects for the village were acceptable for government funding.

Maintenance / Operational Issues.

Newport Road Lay-by.

- When planning permission was granted on planning application reference 17/03125/FUL a condition was included that two additional parking spaces must be installed. As all the five properties are occupied there is a clear breach of planning approval.
- Being investigated by planning enforcement under reference 21/00438/ENF.

Damaged Cross End Grass Verges.

- This issue has been reported to MKC and if the verges are not re-instated on completion of building work, then the problem will be reported to MKC Planning Enforcement Team by the Clerk.

Devereux Court – issues of flooding / drains / sewers / gullies / road adoption.

- Issues continue to be investigated by Milton Keynes Council and other concerns

Graffiti on Kingston Roundabout.

- Reported to MKC under reference FS3501148941.

Walton Road Pavement – (Community Centre to the junction of Newport Road)

- This was reported to MKC and they came back and stated that it does not meet the criteria yet for a repair. Cllr Hopkins advised that before the COVID-19 emergency that he was going to organise a petition for presenting to MKC and that this will be undertaken as soon as practical when further lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Moss and cracks on the pavement at St Marys Green.

- Wavendon Parish Council to report this problem to the Service Department.

Walton Road

- The state of road at Walton End leading into Wavendon Gate has been reported to MKC - It is part of National Cycle route 51 but is full of bumps, pot holes and grooves in

the road designed to throw a cyclist off. In wet weather the slits and holes fill with water and are hard to see. The new development has made it much worse. Some of the excavations for cabling have not been filled in properly so there are depressions in the road. One long in fill is separating and creating channels along the road.

Wooden Bus Shelter – Newport Road (opposite the Wavendon Arms)

- Still waiting for permission from MKC (Highways) to the Parish Council request to replace the damaged bus shelter with a another of the same type. They have also been asked to provide a quotation for installing the base that will enable the supplier to erect a new wooden shelter.
- Paul VanGeete has been made aware that an approach from MKC (Highways for 106 tariff funding will be requested.

Salt Bin sited in Bellway – this has been destroyed. See photo below.



Response from MKC

All salt bins in MK are being checked and filled over the next 4 weeks before the start of the winter season. Any damaged bins will be assessed for replacement/repair.

Still waiting to be replaced, Wavendon Parish Council to report this to the help desk.



WOBURN SANDS	The Leys	26/08/21 9:30am	01/09/21 4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
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WOBURN SANDS	THE LEYS	10/09/21 9:30am	14/09/21 4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
WAVENDON GATE	Ortensia Drive	28/08/21 9:30am	02/09/21 3:30pm	GIVE & TAKE
WAVENDON	Cross End	27/08/21 24 Hours	01/09/21 24 Hours	GIVE & TAKE
WAVENDON	Cranfield Road	31/08/21 9:30am	07/09/21 4:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)
BOW BRICKHILL	Woburn Sands Road	26/08/21 9:30am	31/08/21 4:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)

Taken from the Highways Register of Roadworks and Events in Milton Keynes



Caldecotte Car Park (Tilbrook / Red Bull)

A follow up meeting was arranged for 30 September at 1pm.

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Planning applications	
21/02270/FUL – Demolition of existing garage and the erection of 4 no. bedroom detached dwelling with garage, parking, turning and access. Creation of new access and parking for 37 Parkway at 37 Parkway, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes.	Timescales for response to MKC – 22 September 2021

<p>Link to view the planning application. https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QWMYC1K WFRY00</p>	
<p>21/02360/FUL – Alterations to the HGV access arrangements including removal of two gatehouses and replacement with a new gatehouse and associated minor development, additional inbound HGV lane, adjustments to drainage layout and changes to the external lighting at Unit 510, Harvie Card Way, Eagle Farm North, Milton Keynes, MK17 7AB. Link to view the planning application. https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QX2437KW G0H00</p>	<p>Timescales for response to MKC – 9 September 2021.</p>
<p>21/02502/FUL – Construction of one pedestrian / cycle link connecting Site A, Towergate, with the Milton Keynes Redway at Groveway and associated works at Land at Towergate A, Groveway, Milton Keynes. Link to view the planning application. https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QXROW4K WGD100</p>	<p>Timescales for response to MKC – 17 September 2021</p>
<p>21/02530/NMA – Non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 20/03029/FUL - Erection of a drive-through restaurant (Class A3/A5), with associated parking and landscaping (re-submission of 20/01983/FUL), to seek approve to include a drivers window which will only be used by delivery drivers with a canopy over to protect them from bad weather at Site 2, Elmswell Gate, Towergate, Milton Keynes. Link to view the planning application. https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QXXEYUKW 0IQ00</p>	<p>Timescales for response to MKC - Please note that this is a notification letter only.</p>
<p>Application no: 21/02360/FUL Proposal: Alterations to the HGV access arrangements including removal of two gatehouses and replacement with a new gatehouse and associated minor development, additional inbound HGV lane, adjustments to drainage layout and changes to the external lighting.</p>	<p>At: Unit 510 Harvie Card Way Eagle Farm North Milton Keynes MK17 7AB</p>
<p>Application no: 21/02607/FULMMA Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (approved drawings) of permission ref. 20/01577/FUL seeking to change the condition to take account of the slight variation to the side boundary wall and erection of a new low level wall, relating to the erection of a new single storey extension to existing double garage, removal of the existing western boundary fence and rebuilding a new brick boundary wall</p>	<p>At: 2 Quilter Meadow Old Farm Park Milton Keynes MK7 8QD</p>
<p>21/02495/DISCON Type: Discharge of Conditions Approval of details required by conditions 9 (Foul water drainage scheme) and 13 (surface and storm water drainage) of permission ref. 17/00303/OUT Land to The West of Wavendon Lodge, Lower End Road, Wavendon Dandara Northern Home Counties</p>	<p>Tamlin Barton Planning Officer</p>
<p>Planning Decision</p> <p>Refuse Permission for Construction of new dwelling and alterations to existing access (re-submission of refused application 21/00765/FUL).</p>	

At: Long Acre 38 Cranfield Road Wavendon Milton Keynes MK17 8AS



COWS

COWS (Community of Woburn Sands) a resident's centred community group has been formed and will hold its third meeting in September. COWS will meet monthly on the first Monday of each month.

East West Rail, SE MK Development proposals and Plan:MK 2 will be among the issues to be discussed.



Community Forums – contact Rob Childs | PC 5167 | Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Policing Team South | Neighbourhood Supervisor | Telephone 101 | Mobile 07974 970568
Address Thames Valley Police, Middleton NHT Police Office, Middleton Fire Station, Childs Way, Milton Keynes MK10 9AP -
Childs Robin Robin.Childs@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



A new homelessness intervention scheme that we funded and launched with Citizens Advice Bureau MK (CAMK) last year has since helped more than 160 people. Specialist advisers from CAMK have been providing free confidential advice through telephone and online consultations since the service was launched in October. Opportunities to meet an adviser in-person at the CAMK offices in the city centre are set to be introduced from September following the success of scheme and the easing of COVID restrictions. [Click here to find out more about it.](#)

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pressreleases/2021/aug/people-at-risk-of-homelessness-urged-to-get-support>



MKC is encouraging colleagues to take part in Cycle September next month for a chance to win some exciting prizes. The annual campaign organised by Love to Ride awards points to cyclists for every ten minutes that they ride during September and grants them entry into a prize draw at the end of the month. Prizes include £100 gift vouchers to spend on activities at Willen Lake. All of our individual rides are also added to our collective MK Council total as we compete against other organisations in a national league table. It's free to take part and you can sign up online here. If you'd like some local cycling inspiration or help plotting a route, make sure you visit our new Get Around MK website and download the app, where you can also find a list of our cultural routes and cycle training opportunities

<https://www.lovetoride.net/uk>

A flyer for 'Flood and water management information sessions'. The background is a blurred image of a road with a 'Flood' warning sign. The text is in white on a blue background. It includes the date 'Wednesday 8 September', the venue 'MK Professional Development Centre, Galley Hill, MK11 1PA', and two time slots: '2:00 pm - 3:30 pm' and '3:45 pm - 5:15 pm'. It also states 'Secure your preferred time slot by Friday 3 September' and provides the email 'yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk'. The Milton Keynes Council logo is in the bottom right corner.

Flood and Water Management Event - 8 September

The Council's Flood and Water Management team are hosting an information day for all ward Councillors and Parish and Town Councils on Wednesday 8 September. Taking place at the MK Professional Development Centre in Galley Hill, anybody who is interested can attend one of two available time slots (2pm-3.30pm or 3.45pm-5.15pm). The information day will also be attended by local and regional partner organisations, including the

Environment Agency, Internal Drainage Boards and Bucks Fire and Rescue, as well as Council colleagues from Highways and Emergency Planning. The floodmobile will also be on site.

Places are limited due to COVID measures, so we are asking that only a maximum of two representatives from each Parish or Town Council attends. Should demand exceed the number of places available, we will consider a future date. If you'd like to attend, please email your preferred time slot to yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk by Friday 3 September.



Focus on Parish and Town Councils

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/parish-and-town-councils/contact-your-parish-or-town-council>

<https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/11.136%20A%20Councillor%27s%20Workbook%20on%20town%20and%20parish%20councils.pdf>

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/local-service-delivery-and-place-shaping-framework-support-parish-and-town-councils>

As a unitary authority, MK is very privileged to be fully parished, having 48 Parish, Town and Community Councils. There is detailed information on the Parishes Hub part of the MKC website for and about Parish and Town Councils.

The Local Government Association (LGA) have a publication, A Councillor's Workbook on working with Town and Parish Councils, which Councillors might find helpful. The LGA also released guidance earlier this month (11 August 2021) on how upper tier authorities and Parish and Town Councils can work together to help shape place, which features a MKC case study.

Many officers across the council work closely with our Parish & Town Council partners on a range of things from planning matters to devolving services and assets, and lots in between! In addition, we have two partnership officers who are available for information and advice. Please contact – Heather Baker - Partnership Officer, Parish and Town Councils Heather.Baker@Milton-keynes.gov.uk and Kay Pettit (Programme Manager – Parish and Town Councils Kay.Pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk).

Latest news from your council



Milton Keynes Council is seeking to transform MK's former bus station into a new homelessness provision that will provide overnight accommodation. The space will include new shower and washing facilities and access to a large kitchen area.

The provision will be able to accommodate up to 18 residents who have been identified as sleeping rough, with council colleagues and partners onsite to provide essential support. The council is committed to ending rough sleeping in MK and will provide support to reconnect people to their local areas, secure homes in the private sector and assist with deposit payments. It's expected that the former bus station at Station Square will open its doors to people in need of support from November 2021.

MK Council encourages people to report anyone they think might be sleeping rough via Streetlink so support can be offered <https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>



Bedford to Bletchley Rail Users Association

This year we will be visiting Sheerness on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent along with an optional extra to ride on the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Railway.

However, please note that the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Railway have yet to confirm the Timetable for their Autumn Gala planned for the weekend of Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September – we hoping that it will go ahead.

In view of the situation with regards railway timetables and as the provision of service by heritage railways continues to be difficult to predict, we have decided to make this rail outing a 'Turn Up and Go' event, rather than our usual booking in advance.

The latest information from the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Railway Website on their Autumn Gala is as follows:-

Gala

The Railway will be holding its annual End of Season Gala Weekend on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September.

This will be Leader's last End of Season Gala for a while so this is one of the last opportunities to see both Melior and Leader running together. There will also be some diesel-hauled passenger trains.

Timetable

Trains depart frequently Sittingbourne Viaduct from 11am until 4pm. There will be passenger trains hauled by steam (Leader and Melior) or diesel (Victor) locomotives.

The timetable can be downloaded here nearer the time.

Fares

- £7.50 for adults
- £3.50 for children (3-15)
- Infants aged under 3 travel free
- £6.50 for senior citizens
- £21 for families (2 adults and 4 children)
- no compartment bookings will be available for this event

Please continue to check their website: www.sklr.net for updates. If you require any further information on booking or any assistance, please do contact Richard Butler, our Events Co-ordinator on Tel: 01525 372487.



East West Rail

The latest we have from East West Rail is that a decision on a preferred route from Bedford to Cambridge will be announced by December and then a further (Statutory) Consultation regarding the route from Bletchley to Cambridge will take place late in 2022. This leaves people 'hanging' with enormous stress caused by the uncertainty over proposed compulsory purchase of land and the possible loss of our much cherished allotments and Edgwick Farm land in Woburn Sands. Wavendon Parish Council and WSTC has opposed the ill conceived, so called by pass and new railway bridge crossing starting close to the Wavendon Arms (off Newport Road) and running past much of Woburn Sands only to emerge on Bow Brickhill Road and/or Hardwick Road. More than 190,000 individual comments were made during the 10-week East West Rail consultation.



The public consultation covered two key themes of customer experience and railway operations, and infrastructure proposals. Analysis of the responses is now being carried out. East West Rail says it is categorising comments for review by the relevant teams to ensure that every comment counts.

The consultation in numbers:

- More than 9,800 responses to the public consultation;
- More than 190,000 individual comments being analysed;
- 270,000 consultation summaries posted to residents and businesses along the East West Rail route;
- 75,000 documents downloaded from the East West Rail website;
- 51,000 visitors to the East West Rail website and 199,000 page views;
- 4,800 visits to virtual consultation rooms;
- More than 3,500 direct emails with people who asked questions during the consultation;
- More than 400 pieces of media coverage about the consultation;

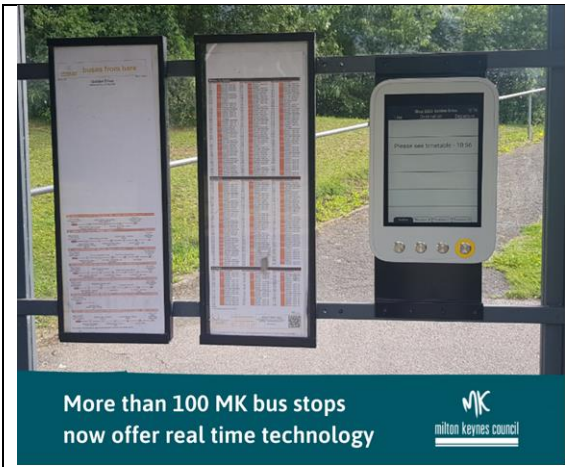
- More than 300 advertisements in media along the route;
- 64 online meetings with local MPs, councillors and parishes;
- 32 online meetings with stakeholders including industry and business groups;
- 18 online public webinars;
- 16 live chat events.

Simon Blanchflower CBE, chief executive of East West Railway Company, said: “The number of responses we’ve received, the breadth of information and level of detail they contain demonstrates the value of consulting with local people at an early stage, and the huge level of public interest in East West Rail.

East West Rail Co will publish a report summarising the consultation feedback as well as information on how the feedback has been used to inform plans for the railway.

People will then have further opportunities to comment on the proposals at the statutory consultation, which is planned for late 2022.

East West Rail Co then expects to submit a formal application for a Development Consent Order to the Secretary of State for permission to construct and operate the railway.



More than 100 MK bus stops now offer real time technology

Digital Timeout Rollout

MKC has rolled out digital timetable displays at a further ten bus stops as part of its pilot project to make public transport even easier and more reliable. More than 100 bus stops (of around 1,000 in total) in MK now offer Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) technology.

MKC launched the new digital pilot last year and have had plenty of positive feedback from passengers. As well as displaying information in larger format, the digital timetables also have a built-in speaker so they're more useful for people who need or want the information in audio.

Morgan Sindall Construction Glebe Farm Updates - <https://www.glebefarmschool.co.uk/>

Morgan Sindall are very privileged and excited to announce that we have been successful in bidding to open a brand new all-through school based in Glebe Farm, Milton Keynes. Our approach to this all through school will be both innovative and inspiring and have our learners at its heart. We understand the responsibility of opening such a provision and will work very closely with our strategic partner, 5 Dimensions Trust, and other valuable stakeholders, including parents, to provide the best possible education in this vibrant new community.

The school is due to open in September 2022. Follow our Glebe Farm Facebook page for regular updates.

Glebe Farm is located 2.6 miles from junction 13 of the M1 in Milton Keynes. For more information about the school site itself, please click here to view the press release from Morgan Sindall Construction

Site Plan of Glebe Farm School



A three-month public consultation was undertaken by Central Beds from 22 January 2020 until 15 April 2020 on proposed changes for six schools in the Woburn Sands area (known locally as the Fulbrook pyramid).

The revised plan Schools for the Future is summarised below.

Aspley Guise Lower School

For Aspley Guise Lower School:

- a change of age range from 5-9 to 5-11, from lower to primary, from 2022
- an increase to the published admission number from 27 to 30, with 1 form of entry
- an expansion of the school premises

Swallowfield Lower School

For Swallowfield Lower School:

- a change of age range from 2-9 to 2-11, from lower to primary, from 2022
- the published admission number to remain at 60, with 2 forms of entry
- an expansion of the school premises

Fulbrook Middle School

For Fulbrook Middle School:

- a change of age range to become an extended secondary school, with 4 forms of entry, aged 9-16 (Yrs5-11) in 2022.
- A change from an extended secondary to a secondary school, aged 11-16 (Yrs7-11) in 2024, by which time all of the lower schools within the Woburn Sands area will have changed to primary schools

Publication of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Inspector's Report

The Planning Inspector for the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has issued his final report to the council and it has now been published on our website. The report finds the VALP to be a sound plan, subject to the modifications he has specified. This means the modified VALP can now be considered for adoption by the council as the local plan for the former Aylesbury Vale area of Buckinghamshire.

The report can be viewed online on our VALP web pages:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-valp-2013-2033>

A hard copy of the report is available to view at the council's customer service centre at The Gateway. The opening hours are:

- Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

If you would like to request your own hard copy of the report, please contact us at Planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Charges will apply for printing and postage. By issuing his report the Inspector has completed his examination of the VALP, which began in February 2018 when the council submitted it to the government. During this examination, the Inspector held two sets of public hearing sessions, in 2018 and 2021. The council also consulted on two sets of 'Main Modifications', in 2019 and 2021. The Inspector sets out that he has considered all of the evidence and representations submitted to him in order to reach the conclusions he has set out in his report.

The next stage is for the council's Cabinet and Full Council to consider the Inspector's Report and adoption of the VALP. These meetings will happen at 10am on 13th September 2021 (Cabinet) and at 4pm on 15th September 2021 (Full Council).

We will contact you again once a decision has been made, unless you inform us that you do not wish to be contacted. If you have any queries, please contact us at Planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.