

# Unitary Councillor Report

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

### October 2017

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**Sad News – The clerk to Aspley Guise Parish Council has local parishes as she has just been informed that Ian Pickering (Chairman AGPC) has suddenly passed away (Friday morning – 29 September) and asked us to let you know as he has worked closely with some of you on various projects and on the Danesborough Forum .**



**Plan:MK** - At its Cabinet meeting on 3 October, Milton Keynes Council Cabinet members reversed their previous commitment which had been to impose a planning moratorium on development east of Church Farm until 2026 to allow existing permissions to be built out and their impact assessed and for the reservation of a transport corridor for the possible Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway. The Council Cabinet has instead put forward proposals for the development of approximately 3000 additional homes in this area (between Old Farm Park, Bow Brickhill and Woburn Sands). Included in the proposals for the so called South East MK development will be a 7 pitch traveller site.

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#### Walton Road – Wavendon

A 20mph speed limit along parts of Walton Road and Stockwell Lane in Wavendon will be implemented on 10 October 2017.



### 20 MPH on Walton Road

Subject	Decision	Decision Maker
Introduction of 20 MPH Speed Limits: Walton Road, Wavendon	10 October 2017 That a 20 MPH speed limit along parts of Walton Road and Stockwell Lane, Wavendon be implemented	Councillor Gowans Cabinet member for Public Realm



**Wavendon Properties** - Unfortunately the appeal decision has yet to be finalised and so we will not be in a position to issue it today.

I should also inform you that Ministers are currently considering a recovery request from Iain Stewart MP.

We'll update the parties further as soon as possible.

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**Visit to MK**



**HRH the Duke of Cambridge visited Campbell Park on Tuesday 26 September to help us celebrate MK50.** The event was another fantastic opportunity to demonstrate the great things about MK. I along with the Council, CEO (Carole Mills) escorted the Duke through a festival style area that showcased business, innovation, community and cultural groups. This included some great exhibits including a driverless pod, a Niftylift cherry-picker and a mechanical elephant, alongside stalls featuring our diverse organisations such as the MK Foodbank, Ride High and MK Snap.

HRH met members of the public and a wide range of representatives from MK organisations including some of MK's 'founders' and those from our business, charity and community sectors. The visit culminated with the unveiling of The Founders pillar and a new plaque at the MK Rose to mark our fiftieth birthday and HRH's visit.

Making a complex event like this happen requires a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes and huge thanks go out to everyone involved and to those who pitched in as volunteers to set up for the big day – particularly colleagues in Policy & Performance, Communications, Culture, Emergency Planning, Highways, Waste and our admin teams who worked with our partners from the Parks Trust, Milton Keynes Rose and Thames Valley Police to plan in detail, set up and break down the infrastructure at the site, and were on site from 6.30 am onwards on the day to ensure everything ran smoothly. Particular thanks to Sarah Gonsalves who led the overall project and liaised with Kensington Palace and the Bucks Lieutenancy office. We saw the MKC team spirit at its very best and everyone involved should feel very proud of the contribution they made. Thanks also to those who stayed back at the ranch to ensure services to citizens were not compromised.

We've received very positive feedback and MK featured in TV and radio programmes on Tuesday, many online articles and on social media.

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MK is developing a bid to become European Capital of Culture in 2023, and the dedicated website [www.miltonkeynes2023.co.uk](http://www.miltonkeynes2023.co.uk) launched this week.

Every year the EU selects one or more cities from up to three countries to become the European Capital of Culture and the city that wins goes on to hold a year-long cultural programme.

Our bid is called Different by Design and we're hoping to become the third UK city to hold the title. Our bid will be submitted on October 27 and a presentation made to the European Capital of Culture Jury at the end of November with the announcement on shortlisting being made early December 2017.

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**A new Planning Charter** has been created by Development Management. A copy is attached with this report.

Development Management plays an important role in delivering sustainable economic growth by dealing with planning applications and associated matters. The Charter sets out the Planning Service's pledge and commitment to customer service. The new document summarises how the development management process operates and details the expected standards of behaviour for MKC planning officers.

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