

Unitary Councillor Report

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

November 2017



Wavendon Properties - From Planning Inspectorate

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Your Ref: 16/00672/OUT - Our Ref: APP/Y0435/W/17/3169314 - 31 October 2017

Dear Development Management,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeal by Wavendon Properties Ltd

Site Address: Land to the west of Newport Road and west and east of Cranfield

Road, Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire, MK17 8UH (nearest)

Although under the Town and Country Planning (Determination of Appeals by Appointed Persons)(Prescribed Classes) Regulations 1997, the appeal was to have been decided by an Inspector, the Secretary of State considers that he should determine it himself.

Accordingly, in exercise of his powers under section 79 and paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Secretary of State hereby directs that he shall determine this appeal instead of an Inspector. This means that instead of writing a decision, the Inspector will prepare a report and recommendation, which will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The reason for this direction is that the appeal involves proposals for residential development of over 150 units or on sites of over 5 hectares, which would significantly impact on the Government's objective to secure a better balance between housing demand and supply and create high quality, sustainable, mixed and inclusive communities.

This direction is being served on the Inspector (if appointed), the appellant (or their representative) and the local planning authority.

The guidelines for 'recovering' appeals are to be found in House of Commons Hansard Ministerial Statement of 30 June 2008 (as amended). We will send you a copy of the appropriate extracts if you ask for them or you can get them from GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-applications-called-in-decisionsand-recovered-appeals#recovered-planning-appeals>

Yours sincerely,

Mark Boulton

Authorised to sign on behalf of the Secretary of State

Where applicable, you can use the internet to submit documents, to see information and to check the progress of cases through the Planning Portal. The address of our search page is - [www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/search)appeals/online/search



Site Allocations Plan Proposed Submission Draft

The Site Allocations Plan is being prepared to boost housing land supply in Milton Keynes. From Wednesday 26th October, Milton Keynes Council will be consulting for a period of 8 weeks on its Proposed Submission Draft for the Site Allocations Plan, until 5pm Wednesday 21st December 2016. The Site Allocations Plan now consists of 21 sites and this consultation invites feedback on its 'soundness' and compliance with legal requirements only, prior to its submission to the Secretary of State. A guidance note available on the Council website at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/site-allocations-plan provides guidance on how to make representations to ensure that your comments can be considered as fully as possible.

The consultation documents and downloadable response form, along with all the documents from the previous stages of plan-preparation, are available to view on our website at <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/site-allocations-plan>. The consultation documents are also available in all libraries across the Borough as well as at Civic Offices.

Comments must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 21st December 2016. You can respond via email (siteallocations@milton-keynes.gov.uk), online (https://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/dev_plans/sap) or via post:

Milton Keynes Council, Development Plans

Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East

Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

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<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy>

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Following its approval at the Milton Keynes Council meeting on 18 October, I am writing to give you advance notice of the publication of the Proposed Submission version of Plan:MK (the new strategic development plan for the Borough) for public consultation. This is the version of the plan which the Council intends to submit to the Government in spring 2018 for independent examination.

The consultation period during which you may submit comments on the plan will be from 8 November until no later than 5.00pm on 20 December.

The plan and its main supporting documents are already available on our website here. The technical studies and evidence which supports the plan are available here. These documents will be added to between now and 8 November.

The policies maps which identify the site-specific allocations included in the plan and any existing policy designations which are proposed to be changed are available here.

The consultation at this stage of the plan's preparation will focus on whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and whether it is 'sound'. Government planning policy states that a sound local plan is one that is:

- Positively prepared – the plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- Justified – the plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;

- Effective – the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities; and
- Consistent with national policy – the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Formal notification of the consultation will be sent to everyone on our consultation database on or shortly before 8 November. All comments which are submitted by 20 December will be considered not by Milton Keynes Council but by the independent Planning Inspector appointed to examine the plan.

As part of the consultation process, we shall staff an exhibition on Plan:MK in the Central Library in Central Milton Keynes from 7 – 10 November. This exhibition could be made available (unstaffed) to other libraries or venues in the Borough. We are also open to attending your parish meetings to explain the proposals in Plan:MK.

Please let us know if you wish to suggest any additional venues for the exhibition or to request our attendance at a parish council meeting. We shall do our best to accommodate any requests.

Statement of Representations Procedure

The following details accompany the publication of the Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 as required by The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Regulations 17, 19, 20 and 35.

Milton Keynes Council has prepared the Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 and proposes to submit it to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The title of the plan which Milton Keynes Council proposes to submit to the Secretary of State:

“Plan:MK 2016-2031”

The subject matter of, and the area covered by, the Plan:

1. The Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 sets out proposals for the use of land and policies to guide future development in Milton Keynes up to 2031. It sets out:
 - a. The vision and strategic objectives for Milton Keynes.
 - b. An approach that promotes the principle of sustainable development.
 - c. The strategy for growth in the settlements within Milton Keynes.

- d. A housing target, and allocations and policies to deliver the housing target.
 - e. Policies and allocations for delivering employment and retail growth to meet identified needs.
 - f. Strategic allocation for new higher and further education facilities.
 - g. The approach for securing infrastructure delivery to support growth.
 - h. Thematic policies on the economy and retail; transport and connectivity; homes and neighbourhoods; education and health; flood risk; the environment, biodiversity and geodiversity; heritage; open space, leisure and recreation; design; sustainable construction and design; and culture and community.
 - i. The approach to implementation and monitoring of Plan:MK.
2. The Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 is supported by a number of appendices and a set of Policies Maps and Inset Maps.
 3. Plan:MK covers the whole administrative area of Milton Keynes Council.

The period within which representations on the Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 must be received by Milton Keynes Council:

From Wednesday 8 November 2017 until 5pm on Wednesday 20 December 2017

Address to which representations about the Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017 must be sent:

Representations may be submitted in writing or by way of electronic communication either:

- online via the Council's consultation portal:
<http://miltonkeynes.objective.co.uk/portal/>
- by e-mail to: planmk@milton-keynes.gov.uk
- by post to: Development Plans, Growth, Economy and Culture, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- i. When Plan:MK 2016-2031 has been submitted for independent examination,
- ii. When the Inspectors Report on Plan:MK 2016-2031 is published, and
- iii. Adoption of Plan:MK 2016-2031

Inspection of the Proposed Submission documents:

From 8 November 2017 the following documents, together with other background documents, will be available to view and download from the Council's website:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/plan-mk>

- Proposed Submission Plan:MK October 2017;
- Policies Map;
- Sustainability Appraisal Report;
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Report;
- Statement of Consultation;
- Statement of Representations Procedure;
- Guidance Note for Respondents,

Reference copies of the documents listed above will be available for inspection at the following locations during normal opening times as indicated below:

The Principal Locations

Civic Offices, Milton Keynes: 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday (09:00 – 17:15); Saturday and Sunday (closed)

Saxon Court Offices: 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday (09:00 – 17:15); Saturday and Sunday (closed)



Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway

Recent response from National Infrastructure Commission

“Thank you for your email to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, in relation to the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. It has been transferred to the Department for Transport and I have been asked to reply.

As you know we are currently conducting a strategic study into developing an expressway between Oxford and Cambridge to improve east-west connectivity within the region and support future housing requirements. I have provided a link to the most recent report on the strategic study, which you may find useful in providing you with more details on the potential corridor options along with reasoning behind the study.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571353/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-stage-3-report.pdf

The study is still in its early stages, and we are currently examining three potential broad corridors: corridor A, the southernmost option, corridor B, the central option and corridor C the northernmost option. Both Highways England and the Department for Transport are working together to examine these options and engaging with local stakeholders on a regular basis. We also note that the National Infrastructure Commission has been doing work in this area, and will take interest in their findings.

I thank you for raising your concerns, and will ensure that they are fed back into the decision making process. However I would like to stress that the study into the Expressway is still at a very early stage and we are yet to identify a preferred high level corridor, let alone route.

The expressway is likely to be considered as a nationally significant infrastructure project under the Planning Act 2008. There are well defined requirements under this regime, which include an examination by inspectors appointed by the Planning Inspectorate. I can also assure you that the project will follow the standard Highways England development approach, which does include a public consultation in addition to other technical work. This means that both yourself and others in your community will get the opportunity to express their views during the development process.”



Capital of Culture Bid

Milton Keynes submitted its bid to become European Capital of Culture 2023. The bid is called **Different by Design** and if successful, Milton Keynes will be the first ever European new town to be

designated as a European Capital of Culture. The competition recognises places that aspire to and have a plan for greater cultural development and transformation, rather than to reward places that are already known as being culturally rich.

A send-off was held by the leader of the council; Pete Marland, the European Capital of Culture steering group chair Ann Limb and other MK representatives at Station Square. Two Milton Keynes 2023 branded electric cars, called Sid and Elsie, were driven to London to deliver the Different by Design bid books to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. Milton Keynes' title and concept is Different by Design, which explores how the city is completely different in concept and design to any other city in the UK.

It tells a different story about British culture, not one steeped in Victoriana, ancient monuments, high art and tradition, but one about Britain when it thinks about the future. It highlights the unexpected Milton Keynes, asking people to look again at a place they may think they know, but don't. Judges will be asked to consider the variety and vibrancy of Milton Keynes' communities and our green landscape, which includes millions of trees.

Finally it commits to a grass roots plan to embed culture into the very fabric of the city, creating a year-long celebration that is shaped and curated by the people of Milton Keynes. Milton Keynes has a bid budget of £150k for the first stage application. Leeds, Nottingham, Dundee and jointly Belfast and Derry also submitted bids for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023. The shortlist will be announced at the end of the year.

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