

Danesborough Snippets for January 2022 – Cllr David Hopkins / Cllr Victoria Hopkins / Cllr Alice Jenkins

Special bulletin



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- Following work with the Senior Highways Officer (Graham Cox) the road closures on Newport Road and Vranfield Road in Woburn Sands have been (to some extent) amended to coincide with school holidays
- A new scheduled bus service is in sight for Woburn Sands. The operator is Britannia Bus Ltd and they can be contacted at passenger.services@britanniabus.co.uk and they are hoping to hear from as many people as possible to gauge the level of support locally
- Delegated decision – extension of H10 (25 January)
- Delegated Decision – Transfer of Play Area at Hinhead Knoll (8 February).
- Planning Applications – list of major applications in the area (from 22 December)
- EWR – next steps
- Plan:MK 2 – MKC continues its series of background meetings in January moving towards a plan being published in 2025
- Street Lighting has been installed on Walton Road, Wavendon close to the junction with Newport Road
- SEMK return for decision following call in (11 January)
- Drain clearance –Newport Road (Wavendon) has now been cleared by developers of Hayfield Developments
- Bin collection dates for January
- 20 MPH for Ruseeel Street
- Parish Council size review – Wavendon PC growth – passed through Full Council 20th October
- Platinum Jubilee information
- Free Lateral Flow Tests at MK Library
- Cllr David Hopkins continues campaign for a fibre network in Wavendon to a company called “Fibre First” who are looking for suitable investment opportunities in and around MK and will advise if they get back to me – Martyn Smith at MK Council
- Revisit calls for Silent Track to be installed on EWR
- Cllr David Hopkins submitted paragraph for the bid team working towards city status for MK - Milton Keynes will be submitting a bid to Her Majesty The Queen to become a city
- Dementia Neighbourhoods
- City Status Bid submitted
- Information regarding MKDP
- Central Bletchley SPD
- Inequalities Vaccinations Grants
- Bletchley to Bedford rail line (martson vale 175 th Anniversary)



DELEGATED DECISIONS: 25 JANUARY 2022

Subject of Decision			Sponsoring Officer and Report Author
Extension of the H10 Grid Road outside of the South East Milton Keynes Supplementary Planning Document	To consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing detailed plans for the extension of the H10, Bletcham Way, into the South East Milton Keynes Strategic Urban Extension; and • options for wider connectivity within the local highway network. 	Delegated Decision Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) Officer Report and Annexes (if applicable) Plan:MK Draft South East Milton Keynes Supplementary Planning Document	Paul Thomas Director - Planning and Placemaking Paul Van Geete Tariff Programme Manager Tel: 01908 254114

DELEGATED DECISIONS: 8 FEBRUARY 2022

Subject of Decision			Sponsoring Officer and Report Author	
Devolution of Assets To consider the transfer of the play area at Hindhead Knoll, Walnut Tree, to Walton Community Council	Delegated Decision Councillor Carr (Cabinet member for Tackling Inequalities and Child Poverty)	(Devolution of Assets and Services - an Approach)	Neil Hanley Community Solutions Programme Manager Tel: 01908 253632 and Sarah Gonsalves Director - Customer and Community Services	Officer Report Delegated Decision

South East Milton Keynes

SEM Plan - Call-in and Mediation (11 January 2022)
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<https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/6951/Committee/1407/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

The original decision of 30 November was subsequently called-in by two parties (Councillors David and Victoria Hopkins, and Bow Brickhill Parish Council), but further to informal mediation, the outcomes of which are set out at Annex D, both parties withdrew their call-in.

There were a variety of mediation outcomes, including that the decision to adopt the SPD be retaken by the Leader of the Council on 11 January 2022. A further key outcome was that an additional paragraph be inserted into the SPD making it clear that any change of location shown for Woburn Sands Railway Station is indicative only and that it in no way provides the EWR Company with the opportunity to maintain that this is the Council's final position and should not therefore be open to further debate in the upcoming EWR Statutory Consultation. A revised SEMK SPD for adoption is set out in Annex A, whilst a tracked changes version is set out at Annex B. Other mediation outcomes are reflected in decisions 1.7 and 1.8 are required by mediation outcomes.



I thought I should update you regarding some slightly better news on the proposed road closures on Newport Road and Cranfield Road planned for 2022 by Anglian Water

Working with MK Council Highways officers, I can provide an update on the ongoing negotiations with Anglian Water regarding the proposed road closures on Newport Road and Cranfield Road and I can report that Anglian Water now propose to do the work in two sections.

The Cranfield Road closure is now planned to happen first, starting at February half term and running for four weeks. During the period of that work, Newport Road would remain open but obviously Cranfield Road would be closed for the duration of that part of the project. MK Council Highways would also take the opportunity of that closure to construct the new footpath on the south side of Cranfield Road.

The Newport Road closure would now be from the end of July (2022) and would run for 6 weeks.

You will note that both closures correspond (to a great extent) with the school holidays in an attempt to minimise the disruption.

Emergency Services access would be guaranteed and (safe) pedestrian and cycle access also enabled, although cyclists would have to dismount to follow the route prepared for that access. Residents living within the construction zones would obviously have guaranteed access to and from their properties.

It would have assisted the situation if Network Rail had agreed to suspend all services on the Marston Vale line for the period of closure as it is largely this aspect that means the full road closure has to be put in place. Network Rail are adamant they would not budge. That is unfortunate as the vast majority of the rail services are (and have been for the past many months) bus replacement services so closing the line for this work would have seemed easily achieved and sensible. Given we have reached (at least in principal) agreement that closures would be during school/college holiday periods then students would have been impacted far less severely. Both myself and MKC Highways will continue to pursue that point with Network Rail!

Remember, Anglian Water have highways closure powers that trump those of MK Council so the council cannot 'block' this work. Cllr David Hopkins, the Woburn Sands Town Council and Wavendon Parish Councillors (working with MK Council Highways Officers) will continue to work with Anglian Water and Network Rail to do all we can to minimise the disruption this major work programme will cause to our communities



Woburn Sands Bus Services

Loyal MK Councillors have been lobbying for a hybrid solution to the inadequate DRT (Demand Response Transport) solution that MK Council imposed upon the town. By hybrid I mean a mixture of a much wanted scheduled bus service together with access to DRT. For those who have found that service of use on occasions.

Working with transport officers, I have been attempting to find an bus service operator (other than those who previously operated services subsidised by MK Council).

All being well one has emerged and hopes to start a regular service in the new year.

The operator is Britannia Bus Ltd and they can be contacted at passenger.services@britanniabus.co.uk and they are hoping to hear from as many people as possible to gauge the level of support locally. This is where you come in.

Please spread the word, report back to those you know would want to use the system and email Britannia with that positive message. We want a regular, timetabled service in Woburn Sands.

So far the response from interested parties has been very positive and the MD of Britannia (Derek Taylor) is quite looking forward to starting Woburn Sands and a few other routes. They have quite a bit of experience of routes designed for the expected demographic and their South Northants 86, 89, 90 will be celebrating its third year of operation in just over a month; these routes were a mixture of closed routes that they reinstated and one (the 89), which was barely used when Britannia took it over and that prior to Covid, was building up quite nicely. In addition, they have been operating an intense service in Northampton for just over 15 years.

Britannia is really concerned that the bus service industry has not had a good reputation for engaging with local stakeholders, especially locally elected representatives and, more especially, passengers themselves. They firmly believe that they need to be a commercially

dynamic, passenger focused industry and further believe that Milton Keynes is the type of City that, despite being the 'City of the car' is actually one that could work quite nicely for bus services, if the industry thought more carefully.

To give you an idea of the timescale, Britannia is hoping to set the service running either late January or mid-February and they have to send their final draft of route and timetable to the Traffic Commissioner not less than six weeks beforehand; I only mention that in case anyone wishes to take this opportunity make suggestions/ requests regarding route and times.

If you have any questions or comments in the meantime, please do let Britannia know by email. The operator is really enthusiastic about this service and they hope they can grow it; for them it represents not only a new geographical area but also it is an opportunity to demonstrate to the local community- and the legacy bus companies- that one can operate these types of service fully commercially, providing an important public service and still not be a drain on public finances.

Planning applications	Weekly list 24 September
Planning buddy! Rachel Larner Planning Officer rachel.larner@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07554 338790	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bow Brickhill Parish Council • Little Brickhill Parish Council
Planning Buddy! Sonia James Planning Officer sonia.james@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07775 111178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walton Community Council
Planning Buddy! Senior Planning Officer charlotte.ashby@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07795 475595	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wavendon Parish Council
Planning Buddy Katy Lycett Principal Planning Officer katy.lycett@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07795 475584	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woburn Sands Town Council
Planning Applications	
Application no: 21/03844/CLUE Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use for the existing loft conversion with dormer extension to rear roofslope and rooflights to front roofslope.	At: 4A Taverner Close Old Farm Park Milton Keynes MK7 8PJ
Application no: 21/03830/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 4	14 High Street Woburn Sands Milton Keynes MK17 8RL

(arboricultural method statement) of permission ref. 21/02814/FUL	
Application no: 21/03764/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 4 (foul and surface water drainage scheme) of permission ref. 19/01583/FUL	Caldecotte Lake Business Park Caldecotte Lake Drive Caldecotte Milton Keynes MK7 8JT
Application no: 21/03753/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition 14 (Archaeology) of permission ref. 19/01818/OUT	Land At Brickhill Street South Caldecotte Milton Keynes MK17 9FE
Application no: 21/03785/FUL Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear extension, new ground floor window to side elevation and relocation of garage door.	16 Holst Crescent Old Farm Park Milton Keynes MK7 8QW
Application no: 21/03748/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 7 (Highway Works) of permission ref. 17/02328/OUT	Land South of Wavendon Manor Cross End Wavendon
Application no: 21/03771/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by conditions 7 (Terms & Cons of License), 8 (Delivery Partner) and 9 (GCN Mitigation Principles) of permission ref. 21/01891/FUL	Land To The West of 6 And 8 Cross End Cross End Wavendon



Where and when to put your bins out

- Place waste and recycling on the boundary of your property closest to where the collection vehicle passes by 7am on your collection day. Don't put out your recycling earlier than 5pm the day before your collection day.
- Don't pile up your bags with the neighbours in your street.
- Tie up all rubbish and recycling bags.
- Rinse out any food and drink containers before you put them into the clear sacks.
- Breakdown cardboard and place it inside the clear recycling sack. If it is too big please take to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.
- Don't put loose items, e.g. large cardboard boxes out with your recycling; it won't be collected.
- If your recycling bags, box or wheeled bin contain the wrong items it may not be collected or emptied.

If you think your rubbish has been missed by Serco please use the councils missed bin reporting form. <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-recycling/report-or-request-it/report-a-missed-collection>

New Year's Week

Normal Collection Day

Monday 03/01/2022
Tuesday 04/01/2022
Wednesday 05/01/2022
Thursday 06/01/2022
Friday 07/01/2022

Revised Collection day

Thursday 06/01/2022
Friday 07/01/2022
Saturday 08/01/2022
Monday 10/01/2022
Tuesday 11/01/2022

2nd Week of January

Normal Collection Day

Monday 10/01/2022
Tuesday 11/01/2022
Wednesday 12/01/2022
Thursday 13/01/2022
Friday 14/01/2022

Revised Collection Day

Wednesday 12/01/2022
Thursday 13/01/2022
Friday 14/01/2022
Saturday 15/01/2022
Monday 17/01/2022

3rd Week of January

Normal Collection Day

Monday 17/01/2022
Tuesday 18/01/2022
Wednesday 19/01/2022
Thursday 20/01/2022
Friday 21/01/2022

Revised Collection Day

Tuesday 18/01/2022
Wednesday 19/01/2022
Thursday 20/01/2022
Friday 21/01/2022
Saturday 22/01/2022



Funding for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As we encourage Parish, Town and Community Councils to celebrate the Jubilee and get involved with the Mayor's Jubilee themed display contest, we wanted to let you know that funding is now available from the Government to help communities celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

New programmes and activity from The National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England, Sport England and the BFI, made possible by over £22million of National Lottery funding, will support communities to develop activities that bring people together to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Read more here

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2021-11-17/over-22million-the-queens-platinum-jubilee>



20 MPH Limit on Russell Street

Please be advised that on 7th December 2021 the Council made the following traffic regulation Orders:

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS IN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS) (20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2021

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS) (20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ZONES) ORDER 2021

A traffic regulation Order (TRO) is a legal Order, which allows the Highways Authority to restrict the road and traffic movements, which is enforceable by law.

The Council has now completed statutory consultation for the above two traffic regulation Orders.

As the Highway Authority, Milton Keynes Council is satisfied that the introduction of the above 20mph speed limits and zones will encourage a safer environment for all highway users and in particular for pedestrians and cyclists.

The general effect of the above two traffic regulation Orders will be to introduce the following 20mph Speed limits and 20mph speed zones:

20mph Speed Limits to be introduced through the above traffic regulation Order titled "The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads in Milton Keynes and Surrounding Areas) (20 mph Speed Restriction) Order 2021":

Russell Street, Woburn Sands (its entire length)

The made traffic Orders will come into effect on 31st December 2021.

Please be advised the new 20mph speed limit and zonal signs and 20mph roundel road markings are scheduled to be introduced in January 2022.

For more information contact - Paul Harrison - Senior Traffic Regulations Officer

M: 07745128206

E: Paul.harrison@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Collect free lateral flow tests (LFTs) from Central MK Library
it's contact free and there's no need to book or register

Help Control COVID-19

Milton Keynes Council

One in three people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms so it's important to test yourself regularly regardless of how you feel. Rapid testing detects cases quickly and could stop you passing the virus to others.

You can collect your lateral flow tests from Central MK Library (MK9 3HL).

It's contact free and there's no need to book or register. Opening time below.

Tuesday 4 Jan 9am – 6pm

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



Workers at Flagship MKDP Scheme

Discounted Rents for Key and Essential

Man Global Privat Markets (Man GPM) has purchased 79 apartments at MKDP and Crest Nicholson's Campbell Wharf development.

The homes will be offered at discounted rent and with a focus on key and essential workers, ensuring they have access to high quality housing within easy reach of their workplaces.

More details can be found here on the MKDP website <https://www.mkdp.org.uk/>

What Do You Know About Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP)?

You probably know that Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) is owned by Milton Keynes Council (MKC) and that it uses and develops its land assets to help the city become a better place to live, socialise and work.

You may know that MKDP's professional team reports to a board comprising an independent chair, independent members, local councillors and MKC's Chief Executive. But do you know what they have achieved since MKDP was established in 2013? MKDP has prepared an infographic to summarise its successes in both commercial and residential development.

You can see it here. <https://www.mkdp.org.uk/what-do-you-know-about-milton-keynes-mkdp/>



Locally - PC Rob Childs – 07974 970568 or robin.childs@thamesvalley.pnn.polic.uk

MK Council launches consultation on design framework proposals for Central Bletchley



MK Council is asking local people to share their views on how to make the most of the once-in-a-generation opportunities expected from East-West Rail in Central Bletchley. The Council has produced a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to set out its design expectations for the area. The SPD provides guidance on key development opportunities in Central Bletchley, so that everyone can have more certainty on what future development will be.

The SPD also considers the impact of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal projects, which include improvements to the town centre and the delivery of transport and innovation hubs.

A formal public consultation on the draft SPD will run from 20 December to 31 January, giving the local community and other stakeholders a chance to share their thoughts on what's proposed.

Leader of MK Council, Cllr Pete Marland said: "We want to make the most of these opportunities, which will benefit Bletchley residents and businesses. Growth plans are only successful when the local community is involved from the outset. Everyone's been brilliant at giving feedback on the proposals so far and we hope to get plenty more comments from local people on this SPD."

The draft SPD is available to read in full online at: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/centralbletchleyspd2021



Latest Information at <https://www.greensandcountry.com/>

What's On?

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/halloween-woollen-woods> Halloween Woollen Woods

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/make-your-own-walking-stick> Make your own Walking Stick

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/woodland-management-workshop> Woodland Management Workshop



Safety, Health & Wellbeing Guide for Councillors–

This guide provides information and advice for councillors to help protect and promote their health, safety and wellbeing. The role of a Councillor is rewarding, complex and challenging. It is important that Councillors have the right training, guidance and support.

It is structured in sections that cover the main activities of Councillor's so the information is easy to access.

The H&S Team are here to support you – get in touch with us via:

CHST@milton-keynes.gov.uk



The East West Railway Company (EWR Co) is inviting local communities between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge to identify and map their favourite local natural green spaces in a new online tool launched on the East West Rail Community Hub.

The interactive web application invites local residents to chart their neighbourhoods' favourite public green spaces and highlight how to access them. The tool also encourages users to share the stories behind their favourite green spaces and why they cherish them, which will help paint a picture of which natural public green spaces along the route are the perfect places to run, walk the dog, explore or meet family and friends.

These local user-generated insights, alongside technical mapping information, will be used by EWR Co to launch a fresh Oxford to Cambridge greenspaces map for communities to use in Spring 2022, which will coincide with more people increasingly looking to access outdoor spaces as the weather improves. The map will promote the use of natural green spaces locally and help people discover local hidden gems of accessible green space, all built on insights from local communities.

The greenspaces map will support local ambitions to increase physical activity and improve public health outcomes. EWR Co is calling on some of the more urban communities along the route to submit the natural green spaces in their neighbourhoods, as there is less accessible green space close to residential areas. These insights will help support local partners with their own public health initiatives, while also providing valuable insights for EWR Co as it looks to deliver social value for local communities. <https://communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk/green-space-central>

Community Governance Review (CGR) Consultation Reminder – Wavendon

The CGR 12 week consultation on draft recommendations for the above three Parish and Town Council areas will finish at 5pm on Monday 17 January 2022. Please encourage residents, ward and parish councillors to respond to the consultation if they haven't already done so.

Consultees can respond in three ways either via the online survey, or by e-mailing the cgr@milton-keynes.gov.uk mailbox or by post. The online survey is the easiest way to respond as it is quick and simple and should not take longer than 5 minutes.

For any queries on the CGR, please e-mail CGR@milton-keynes.gov.uk for Peter Taylor, Electoral Services Manager or Heather Baker, Partnership Officer - Parish and Town Councils.

COVID-19 Inequalities Vaccination Grants

Milton Keynes Council is offering grants (£250 - £5,000) to local groups, companies or organisations to increase vaccine uptake. This funding is available to address lower uptake of the Covid-19 vaccines amongst hard to reach groups.

These grants present an opportunity for applicants to develop activities that can benefit their communities and it will be a rolling grant from Monday 20th December 2021 until 21st of Feb. 2022. For more information contact Victoria Bola-Okerinde .

Victoria.BolaOkerinde@bedford.gov.uk



MK Council is set to become one of the first planning authorities to introduce a development framework to ensure new homes and communities are built to 'dementia friendly' standards. As part of its commitment to make MK a 'dementia friendly city', the Council has produced a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to set out strict guidelines for developers, to ensure that they build new homes and communities that meet the needs of people living with dementia in the city.

MK Council is set to make a decision on 21 December to launch an eight-week public consultation on the draft SPD, and is encouraging local people, organisations and partners to have their say. Some of the features of a 'dementia friendly' neighbourhood include accessible housing schemes within a short distance of local amenities and public transport, streets and footpaths that are easy to navigate, as well as clear signage and sensory public gardens.

The Council has worked closely with local partners to put together the document including the Dementia Pathway Improvement Group, which involves representatives from the Alzheimer's Society, the NHS and CCG, as well as commissioners and providers of local dementia services. More than 1,600 people are currently living with dementia in Milton Keynes, and that figure is expected to rise to more than 4,000 by 2030. As part of its 'dementia friendly' efforts, the Council recently signed a partnership agreement with the Alzheimer's Society to deliver a range of grassroots community projects and initiatives. It's also recruited two Admiral Nurses from Dementia UK to provide specialist support to families and professionals in MK looking after a loved one with dementia.

Milton Keynes has officially submitted a bid to be granted formal city status.



Milton Keynes Council has bought together more than 50 knowledgeable people and organisations to develop the bid, which is received by The Queen and her senior advisors.

There's also been a wealth of public support with hundreds of residents submitting photographs of their favourite local places.

The Council also ran a competition with local pupils to design a 'flag for MK'. A design created by 12-year-old Thea Callaghan from St Paul's Catholic School was chosen as the winner.

Thea's flag has now been made into a real flag that can be seen flying in the city centre.

The bid was covered in vellum produced by WG Cowley of Newport Pagnell - the last parchment and vellum works in the country, who still provide the vellum for declarations of royal births – and was sent in an autonomous delivery robot from Starship Technologies.

The Milton Keynes bid starts with the compelling reasons it should be granted city status, including:

- It's home to great diversity, with more than 140 languages spoken in its schools and a far younger population than the national average: important voices to be heard. Per head, more caring citizens volunteer in MK than in any other place in the UK.
- It has a surprising amount of significant heritage, much with royal connections: Wolverton is the home of the Royal Train, Edward V (one of the Princes in the Tower) was captured in Stony Stratford, the world's oldest Shrove Tuesday pancake race takes place in Olney, and Bletchley Park saw amazing achievements during World War II.
- Our 'city in the forest' has more biodiversity in modern MK than in the agricultural land it replaced, with one of the highest amounts of green space per resident in the UK.
- It's a trailblazing place of firsts and innovation, and the base for 14,000 businesses. MK is a living laboratory for sustainable smart city projects, giving other cities a glimpse into the future.
- It's the only bidding city whose modern centre was established and designed to grow during Her Majesty's reign. Today it's a regional destination for millions of people, with nationally significant attractions and hosting major sporting and cultural events.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/milton-keynes-bids-to-become-a-city-in-celebration-of-her-majesty-the-queen-s-platinum-jubilee>

Cllr David Hopkins – January 2022

175th anniversary celebrations

Guests detrain from London Northwestern 230004 at Ridgmont on November 17, to mark the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Marston Vale Line.

Running between Bedford and Bletchley, it was the first section to open (in 1846) of what became known as the Varsity Line linking Cambridge and Oxford. Having survived the Beeching closures of the 1960s, the Marston Vale Line is now destined to form part of the East West Rail project to restore the through route between the

university cities that was lost in 1968.

Anniversary celebrations at Ridgmont included lunch in the tearooms at the restored station, guided tours of the heritage centre, and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by former Network SouthEast Managing Director Chris Green.

A family fun day also took place on November 20 at Bletchley Masonic Centre, with model rail displays, local photographs, and children's face painting and balloon modelling.

RICHARD CRANE.

