

Wavendon Snippets – July 17th 2023.

East West Rail

EWR have now published their proposals for the Milton Keynes-Cambridge section. They are proposing to reduce the frequency and maximum speed of the service which means that they will not need to close all the railway crossings. The Woburn Sands crossing is retained under these proposals and they do not therefore propose to construct a by-pass. They also see no reason to relocate the WS Station.

These proposals are now out for consultation; the Woburn Sands consultation (which I attended) was held on Friday 30 June in the Summerlin Centre.

The consultation is only the first stage of a fairly complex process. EWR hope to be able to submit their final plan (which will include a Business Plan) by the middle of next year. It will then be for central government to decide whether to provide the necessary finance.

Residents I talked with were relieved the level crossing would not be closed, by the apparent change of heart regarding moving the railway station and by the announcement of the halving of the number of trains. Estimated opening of the full route to Cambridge now put at 2033-35.

There was an MK Business Council meeting on 12 July. MK City Council attendees included Director Paul Thomas - Sophie Lloyd (Economic Development) and the Council Deputy Leader. The meeting was a little hijacked before the key note speaker from the LEP presented an update on SEMLEP and Pan Regional Partnership by asking a key question on East West Rail as to whether the Business Council were comfortable that taking into account the importance of the project and it's huge impact on MK South from both a development and community perspective - EWR,s revised proposals could be considered acceptable. The answer pretty much across all members were NO they weren't - even as originally proposed there were many who felt they did not do far enough and the council administration has huge concerns and, in their minds, this watered down version just doesn't cut it !

There was talk of the engagement with EWR on the detailed impact of travel times traffic flows and on the infrastructure issues for SEMK and the holding reply received - the outcome was to agree to make a strong representation to EWR copy to all key stakeholders - MP,s and Govt for direct discussions with them on behalf of the council and (some) businesses stating if the project is worth doing it's worth doing well or not at all a half way house is no good to anyone !!

The Deputy leader of the Council and the Strategic Director indicated that for sure these revised proposals as now tabled don't cut the mustard how that is getting back to Govt from MKCC via Council Leader Peter Marland was not disclosed -

Regarding the revised regional development structures, SEMLEP and LEP,s announcement expected on the 19th July confirming the LEP Review is concluded and that LEPS will cease operations with related funding support removed from Spring 24 and functions transferred to local authorities, the details of which are ongoing discussions with 'key government officials' with individual authorities dependant on their respective devolution positions etc !

Regarding the expected Pan Regional Government there is an expected visit from new Chair and CEO to MK to say hello shortly!

The key point as always (and it's not disputed by most Business Council members) is the almost complete lack of direct business participation in these discussions past present and maybe future and that goes for public and community participation as well - the future structure of the Central Growth Board if it survives still in detailed discussion ! We appear to be being done to rather than with (via proper consultation) and the MKCC position remains concerning.

Bin Roll Out

All of the areas in Danesborough & Walton (including Wavendon) are fitting broadly within 12 – 20 July. If the crews are ahead of schedule it could be sooner, and equally it could be slightly later if delayed.

Good progress is being made in the deliveries, so the above can be considered a good approximation.

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Grants for Defibs

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bids-invited-for-1-million-defibrillator-fund?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=5c2d334b-9041-4edc-a49d-2537b4b22481&utm_content=daily

The government is inviting community organisations to bid for funding for an automated external defibrillator (AED) for their area.

£1 million fund to increase the number of AEDs in public places where they are most needed.

Funding will provide an estimated 1000 new defibrillators in community spaces across England.



Spraying Pathway and pathway repairs

MKCC (Nick Hannon) acknowledges that pathways across Danesborough have not been sprayed and has undertaken to rectify that situation.



Thames Valley Police Structure Change (letter attached)

Further to recent consultation about force structure and local policing areas, preferred options for the structure of local policing have now been agreed.

More information is available in the attached letter from our Chief Constable Jason Hogg and a briefing note outlining our response to your feedback from our engagement earlier this year.

Anti Social Behaviour Week

<https://www.resolveuk.org.uk/asb-awareness-week/about-asb-awareness-week>

Thames Valley Police are offering to support parishes with profiling various initiatives during these upcoming series of events with the theme for 2023 being 'Know Your Rights', with a particular focus on the ASB Case Review - a powerful tool for victims of ASB that only 6% of people know about.

20 MPH Speed Limits – TVP Response

20mph limits should be self-enforcing and where necessary with signage, engineering or traffic calming measure introduced by Local Authorities. The Department for Transport guidance states 20mph limits require traffic calming measures to be effective, speed limits should not be set in isolation otherwise there is likely to be continued non-compliance.

A number of our enforcement cameras are not Home Office approved for enforcement below 30mph due to changes in technology in recent years. However, in the longer term when we upgrade and replace our cameras we will seek to purchase cameras that are approved for 20mph and above, but at this time this remains a challenge for us. Please be assured that our Roads Policing Department Traffic Management Officers continue to work closely with Local Authorities regarding the introduction of 20mph limits.

Thames Valley Police fully support Community Speedwatch in 20mph limits as this can be a highly effective tool to help tackle local speeding issues and it can often be the action needed to educate drivers and reduce speeding.

I hope this information helps.

Many Thanks

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Wheelie Bin Delivery Updates – I am chasing to get the week in which the new bins are being delivered to Wavendon confirmed.

To avoid distress to residents we will aim to make any agreed changes within two weeks of wheelie bins/sacks being delivered.

Customer Services

Should any bin deliveries be missed, or unfortunately a bin becomes damaged, please direct the resident to contact Customer Services on 01908 252570 or email at customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Customer Services will log the issue. If reported by 12 noon on Thursday, the aim is to put address the issue on Friday of the same week. If the issue is reported after 12 noon on Thursday it will be addressed on Friday the following week.

This week, we there were 48 mop up actions for Jett, the bin delivery company to address on Friday 16 June.

Wheelie bins deliveries webpage information

We are working with communications to have a page live next week that will provide a breakdown of areas delivered to within the timeframes set out above.

It will also include more detail on the week ahead – but with some caveats as we are subject to the teams working ahead of schedule, on schedule and on occasion, they could be behind schedule (very unlikely, but a consideration).

Collection day checker

This will be available from early August for anyone to use to check what the collection day will be for any given property.

Communications

Radio adverts started on MKFM early in May and will continue until the first week of September. They will be adapted as we move closer to the go-live of the new service from 4 September.

There are regular daily social media posts including the areas to be delivered to. Here is a link to a helpful information video clip which we hope you will also share on websites and across social networks <https://we.tl/t-WDm1KNHAET>

As the wheelie bins and sacks are delivered, they will have a full service leaflet and handy calendar.

Additional hard copy leaflets and calendars are available on request.

Areas already delivered to

Blakelands, Bradwell, Bradwell Common , Bradville, Bolbeck Park, Brooklands, Broughton (in part), Campbell Park (in part), CMK (in part), Cold Brayfield, Coffee Hall (in part),

Conniburrow, Downs Barn, Giffard Park, Great Linford, Heelands, Lavendon, Leadenhall (in

part) Middleton (in part), MK Village, Oakgrove, Oakridge Park, Neath Hill, New Bradwell, Newport Pagnell, Oakridge Park, Olney, Peartree Bridge, Pennyland, Redhouse Park, Stantonbury, Willen (in part), Woughton on the Green

2023 Annual Electoral Canvass Update

The Annual Canvass of the electoral register begins in July, with email communications being sent from the end of next week. Emails will be sent from an official gov.uk email address:

(milton.keynes.electoral.services@notifications.service.gov.uk)

Emails will initially be sent to households who have been successfully data matched and a response will save the Council having to subsequently send a paper communication. Please encourage residents to respond in order to minimise costs and ensure their household electoral records are up to date.

Not everyone will get an email initially, and all other properties will receive a canvass form at the end of July. We'll update Councillors' News readers as the canvass progresses over the summer.

Find Out More About New Local Health Structures

The way health and care is planned and delivered in England is changing, with NHS providers working increasingly closely with partners such as local authorities, the voluntary sector and general practitioners, to deliver services in a joined-up way and with services that meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Representatives of the NHS Integrated Care Board for Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes will be at the next meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on the 18 July, at 19.00 to brief the committee. All MKCC Councillors are welcome to join the meeting in person or online.

Contact Andrew.Clayton@milton-keynes.gov.uk for more information.

Final Parliamentary Boundaries (report attached)

This week, the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) published its final recommendations for new parliamentary constituencies in England. There were no changes proposed to the draft boundaries and ward make up of the three constituencies for Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes Council Highways team has been recently re-structured.

The Traffic area which includes all small traffic management and road safety schemes has been merged with the transport Team and the new manager is Murray.Woodburn@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Luciana.Smart@milton-keynes.gov.uk retains responsibility for Major Projects and the Development Management which includes highway development control & adoptions.



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