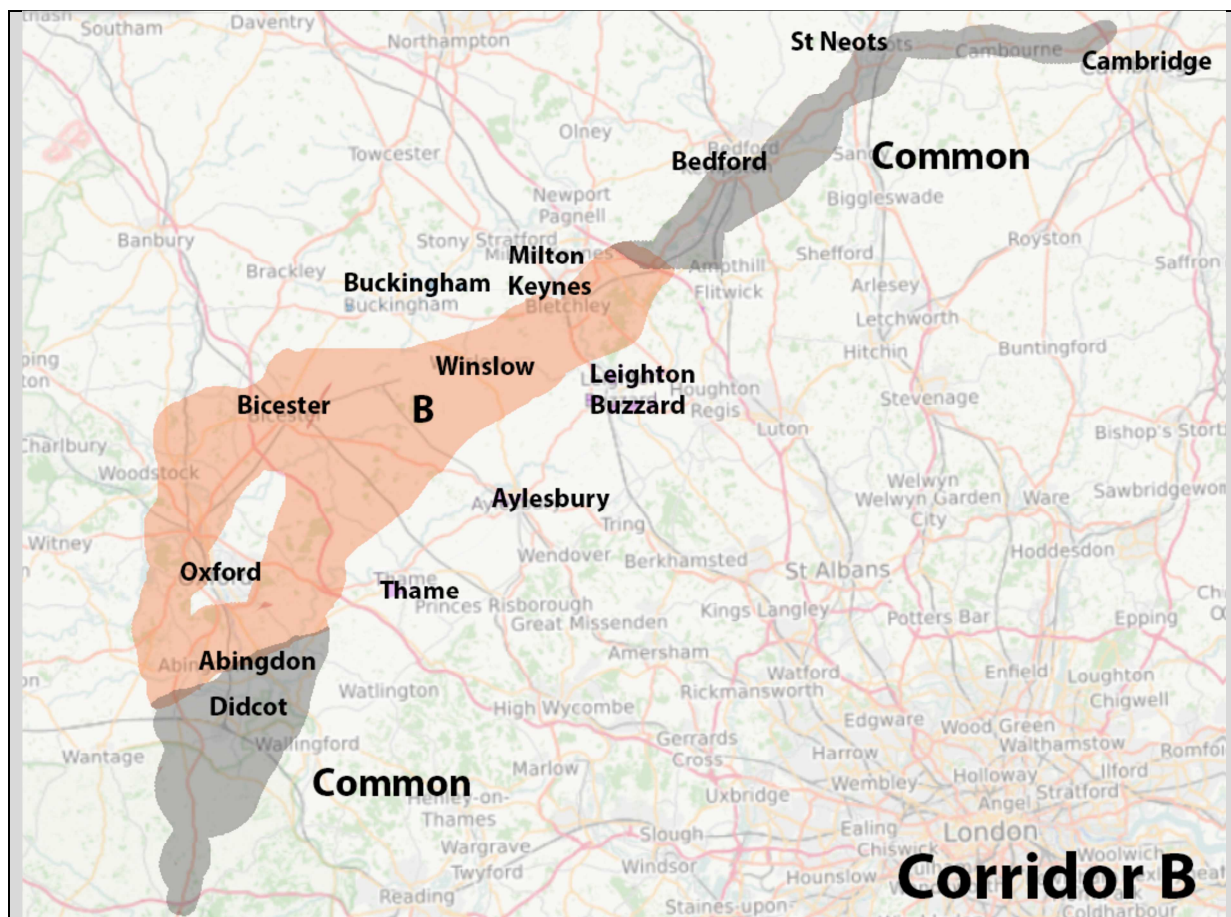


Unitary Councillor Report

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

April 2018



MK Council appear to favour (at this stage) Corridor Route B for the Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway. They maintain this is in line with their previous decision to follow road route B in December 2016.

Development Control Committee – 12 April

Land at Caldecotte Site C is one of the sites that transferred from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to the Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP). MKDP is required to initiate the preparation of a Development Brief prior to marketing or disposing of any of its larger sites.

- The Council has adopted a protocol for the preparation of development briefs, which sets out a process for stakeholder engagement. The protocol includes the Development Control

Committee as a consultee at the formal consultation stage.

- The formal consultation period for this Development Brief runs from 5 March to 27 April.
- The aim of this report is to summarise the key content contained within the draft Brief



Recent changes to Neighbourhood Planning regulations and guidance: (see attached)

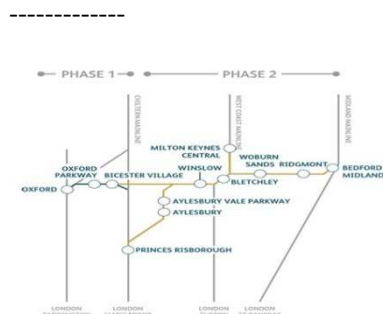
1. Notification of planning applications
2. Updating/ Revising a Neighbourhood Plan
3. Draft NPPF and draft NPPG, March 2018
4. New Neighbourhood Planning funding arrangements

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The Mayor and Mayoress of Milton Keynes joined forces with Woburn Sands Rotarians by putting on their wellies for a tree-mendous challenge earlier this week. Woburn Sands Rotarians were determined to do their bit to help meet a worldwide Rotary goal, set by Rotary International President Ian Riseley, under which every Rotary member plants at least one tree each and change the environment for the better by Earth Day on April 22, 2018. They planted a variety of native species to form a new hedgerow at the Spinney, part of the community owned, Edgewick Farm in the town. To help this challenge, Rotary has secured the valuable help of its good friends at the Woodland Trust, the UK's largest conservation charity. The charity has supported Rotary by supplying trees and advice to make sure the saplings have the best chance of survival. If all Rotary members here in

Great Britain take part, over 47,000 trees will be planted. That's the equivalent of a forest the size of a hundred football pitches springing up!

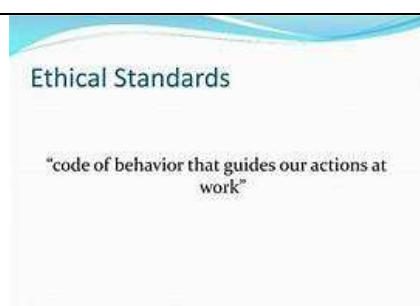


East West Rail - Application documents (East West Rail Western Section Phase 2 TWAO)

The TWAO documents will be substantial in volume (estimates indicate there will be over 30 folders weighing in excess of 80kg). The costs of printing and despatch are considerable. Under Rule 13 of the Applications Rules, we must serve one copy of the TWAO documents to all Schedule 5 consultees unless the Schedule 5 consultee has confirmed in writing (this includes email) to Network Rail that they do not wish to be served a copy. A copy of the TWAO documents in electronic form (for example on a USB device or via a file sharing link) can be requested as an alternative. There is an opportunity for the consultee to request a paper copy of all or any part (eg a detailed plan or document) within 7 days of receiving the documents electronically.

Action required: please confirm in writing by 30 March 2018 either by email to ewrconsultation@networkrail.co.uk or by post to FREEPOST EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION whether you prefer to receive the TWAO application documents electronically or in paper form (please provide a full postal address and not a PO Box address).

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Survey into Local Government Ethical Standards

The Committee on Standards in Public Life is undertaking a review of local government ethical standards.

Robust standards arrangements are needed to safeguard local democracy, maintain high standards of conduct, and to protect ethical practice in local government.

The terms of reference for the review are to:

- examine the structures, processes and practices in local government in England for: •maintaining

codes of conduct for local councillors

- investigating alleged breaches fairly and with due process
- enforcing codes and imposing sanctions for misconduct
- declaring interests and managing conflicts of interest
- whistleblowing
- assess whether the existing structures, processes and practices are conducive to high standards of conduct in local government
- make any recommendations for how they can be improved
- note any evidence of intimidation of councillors, and make recommendations for any measures that could be put in place to prevent and address such intimidation

The review will consider all levels of local government in England, including town and parish councils, principal authorities, combined authorities (including Metro Mayors) and the Greater London Authority (including the Mayor of London).



MKC has been working with colleagues at Serco to develop an Access Framework, where Parish and Town councils can contact Serco to obtain prices / quotes for undertaking extra services / topping up services

From early conversations with Serco, we were anticipating that they may be able to come up with a 'shopping basket approach' with prices and a pick and mix, but given the differences in parishes, and the level of detail that would be required to be loaded on to the web area, this hasn't been possible. Furthermore, there were some concerns from Serco about detailing specific prices for elements of services (around commercial sensitivity) given that this is a public website.

The link below takes you to the services that Serco offer to parishes, together with a contact form for you to obtain a quote direct

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/parish-and-town-councils/serco-services-for-parishes>

Many parishes currently top up services in a variety of ways. The Draft Framework for Local Councils to have an Increased Role in Service Delivery – link below - details these different ways of enhancing / topping up, but I have also recreated the part of the Draft framework that notes this for ease of reference

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Update on the Arc

The Oxford Cambridge Corridor Economic Growth Conference in association with Bouygues Energies & Services takes place on June 21st in Milton Keynes and will be a day of discussion and opportunity with the region's business and public sector leaders coming together to discuss and debate the key business themes and opportunities for growth.

The corridor represents a phenomenal opportunity for economic growth and will build on the work that has been undertaken by the National Infrastructure Commission and Economic Heartland and showcase and develop the opportunities that are being created by the proposed road and rail links that will link the two cities and unite the cities and towns between them. The long awaited East West transport links will not only improve connectivity and communication but it will provide the infrastructure to drive economic development and growth.

- England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance is providing a single, joined up voice to Government on all the infrastructure needs, from roads and rail to broadband and utilities.
- The National Infrastructure Commission believes the area could support a further 700,000 jobs by 2050, increasing GVA by £163bn
- A population of over 3.5 million and over 175,000 business together generate around £92.5 billion GVA. We have a 21st century economy, particularly rich in high value engineering, science, technology and research and most of these firms are small or medium sized enterprise with many based in rural or semi-rural areas

This event is supported by The National Infrastructure Commission and England's Economic heartland and will attract in excess of 300 people that are all keen to explore the business opportunities that this corridor presents.

The conference will include various networking periods, keynotes from influential business leaders, panel discussions on the key topics the ensure opportunities are highlighted and various workshops.

We'll be looking at:

- Industrial Strategy – how do we build a Britain that is fit for the future, and how do we utilise new technologies to ensure that we capitalise on the opportunities the ARC Corridor will bring?
 - Skills – how do we develop the skills for the future to ensure the economy can grow, and what skills are they?
 - Housing – how do we deliver housing targets and free up more space?
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- Infrastructure – what is the transport strategy and how do we develop it to drive economic growth whilst becoming more energy efficient?
- Economy – how will we deliver the Strategic Economic Plan and grow the economy around the corridor through the improved connectivity?

Date: June 21 Time: 0745hrs - 1645hrs

Cost: £60 - £150 Venue: MK Dons Stadium

<https://www.built-environment-networking.com/event/oxford-cambridge-corridor-economic-growth-conference-2018/#content-programme>



Street Lighting Night scouting of lighting was resumed at the end of January 2018. Wavendon was 'scouted' on 8 March, which means that in most instances repairs should occur within 28 days of the survey.

With regards to disused sign posts we have a two pronged approach:

- a. If a post is damaged in a road traffic accident, then Our Contractor returns within 7 days to remove any remaining posts. This was instructed a number of months ago and should be occurring as a matter of course.
- b. When carrying out works of a non-routine nature such as resurfacing, bridge works or small improvement, all street furniture will be reviewed to see if it is still required. If not required then it will be removed. If it needs to remain then consideration will be taken as to whether it should be repaired or replaced. I have only recently instructed this approach so it will be some time until you start seeing this occurring.

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The Plan:MK Documentation was submitted to The Planning Inspectorate on 4 April 2017.



Council extends highways contract with Ringway - Contract will now run up to 2022 with possibility of extending to 2024

Ringway is the service provider for all highway work in MK

The contract between Ringway Infrastructure Services (RIS) and MK Council has been extended by another year following a unanimous decision at full council on 6 March 2018.

Ringway are the service provider for all highway work across the MK borough – the contract is potentially worth up to £200m over the maximum period of 10 years.

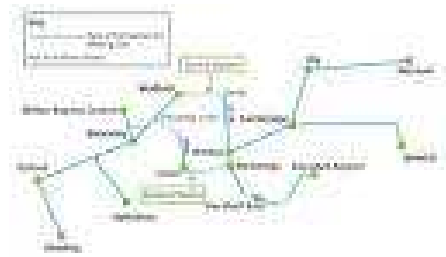
The original contract was awarded to Ringway after a tender process and began in April 2014 for seven years with the possibility of extending this to a maximum of 10 years after a review.

This one year extension has been awarded based on the high level of satisfaction with the maintenance of the road network, gritting services, street lighting and other works that Ringway carry out on behalf of the council.

The successful partnership with MK Council was acknowledged recently by BSi (British Standards Institution) who awarded Ringway the ISO 44001 Collaborative Business Relationship Management Systems accreditation. This award recognises very high standards of working practices between a service provider and a client.

Duncan Sharkey, Director of Place at MK Council said, “The working relationship between Ringway and MK Council has gone from strength to strength so I’m delighted that the contract has been extended by another year up to 2022.”

John Nicholson, Regional Director at Ringway added, “Ringway are extremely proud of the MK contract, the success is about the commitment to perform to a very high standard an approach that fully supports the communication and culture approach to all stakeholders in Milton Keynes”.



Quarterly Meeting with Network Rail

David Hopkins (plus others) met Charles Hurst on 16 March for an East West rail update. Matters are grinding along slowly but, in a number of areas, details will remain unclear until the route of the expressway is finalised. We are told that the “corridor” will be announced later this summer, and the actual route within the corridor within the next couple of years. Until that happens neither PlanMK nor the Central Beds Plan can be finalised in this area.

Network rail are planning to submit their proposals on the upgrading of the line in June/July. These proposals will ultimately be incorporated in a Transport and Works Act once they have been considered and approved by an Inspector. Effectively this process is the same as used for any major planning application. Once approved under the Act the proposals have the force of planning approval and Network Rail can get on with the work. Their target is to have the first new trains operational in 2023/2024. The Secretary of State will make the Order when he/she has considered the inspector’s report

As you will know the current proposals do not include a foot bridge to replace the crossing to the Recreation Ground but suggests that pedestrians should walk to the main railway crossing. We will have the opportunity of objecting to this, and requesting the reinstatement of the new footbridge at the Inquiry.

Current Network rail proposals do not include a road bridge at Bow Brickhill; NR’s interest is in the safety and operational efficiency of the crossing rather than the road traffic implications. However we are all agreed that, when the Caldicotte area is developed the traffic situation will be intolerable. A road bridge will then become the only solution but will need funding (presumably from the developers). Network rail will be happy to cooperate but leadership is required from MKC! In responding to the draft Development Framework for the area we should emphasise the need for a bridge. However nothing can really be decided until we know the route of the expressway – it may well run through this area so a comprehensive redesign of the traffic system will be necessary anyway.

Network Rail have had some preliminary discussions with regard to other road crossings between WS and BB (such as at Woodleys Farm) but these cannot proceed further until the route of the expressway is known.

The crossing at Berry Lane, Aspley Guise will be closed and Network Rail have agreed alternative proposals with the local residents affected. However this scheme may have to be

altered when the expressway route is agreed and final decisions are made by Central Beds on the proposals for new housing in that area.

I asked Charles to arrange for Network Rail to object more strongly to the proposed development of industrial units by John Bradley and he will talk to the appropriate NR office.

Network Rail will also need to talk to Taylor Wimpey (and MKC) regarding the practical arrangements to extend the WS platform. This will affect the rear gardens of the houses which Taylor Wimpey are building alongside the railway track. I was unable to give Charles any timescale but Taylor Wimpey will obviously want to start construction fairly soon; the platform extension cannot start until the Transport and Works Act is in force so coordination will be necessary.



Funding to unlock new homes and jobs in MK one step closer

Thousands of new homes could be built in Milton Keynes on a site east of the M1 and within the emerging Cambridge – MK – Oxford growth corridor.

Milton Keynes Council has reached the next stage of a significant funding bid which if successful would see almost £76 million invested in a new bridge over the M1 and unlock other infrastructure, such as schools and GP surgeries, that would make it feasible to build new homes in the area.

The Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) is government capital grant programme of up to up to £4.1 billion to deliver over 400,000 new homes. Funding will be awarded to local authorities on a highly competitive basis.

Milton Keynes Council has been successful in reaching the second stage of the bid. MK's proposals will now be worked on in detail, including the number and location of new homes that could be built, to allow ministers to make a final decision on which areas to support.

The possible expansion area east of the M1 (Milton Keynes East Sustainable Urban Extension area) is referenced in Plan:MK, the borough's development strategy which outlines how MK will grow in the coming years to meet population growth. The development of the site hinges on a successful funding bid.

Last year the National Infrastructure Commission set out its vision for the Cambridge-MK-Oxford Arc, including MK's growth and the creation of more high tech jobs, fulfilling an important role as 'Britain's Silicon Valley'. Their report suggests that MK should grow to at least 500,000 people by 2050.



The East West Rail Alliance's Social Value Manager's work includes visiting primary and secondary schools, colleges, universities and prisons, to teach rail safety and science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) skills, while inspiring young people to choose a career in the industry and offering local job opportunities and apprenticeships.

He is also promoting supply chain opportunities to local businesses.

The Consortium, whose membership is made up of councils with responsibility for education, community work and economic development, is working with Danny to identify opportunities, particularly how his work can benefit our hard-to-reach and disadvantaged residents.

Danny would welcome suggestions from interested parties about future opportunities. You can contact him by email: Danny.Miller@networkrail.co.uk



A421

A vital road upgrade, supported by £22.5 million in government funding, will ease traffic in and around Milton Keynes as well as unlocking thousands of jobs and new homes.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling visited Bedfordshire today (22 March 2018) to meet Iain Stewart MP and Nadine Dorries MP and to reveal the new investment in the A421, which will enable the last stretch between Milton Keynes and the M1 to be turned into a dual carriageway.

Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes councils are also providing £4.6 million for the project, with a further £1 million coming from South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).

When the scheme is complete, motorists will benefit from faster and safer journeys. Currently there are nearly 30,000 vehicles using the road every day – more than double its capacity.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said:

“Better transport facilities don’t just help people get around, they help them get on – connecting them to jobs, opportunities and supporting economic growth.

“This important project will complete the dualling of the A421 between the M1 and Milton Keynes, improving journeys for residents and opening up opportunities for businesses, employment, housing and leisure activities in the area.”

The upgrade will also support the delivery of 2,900 new homes and up to 2,500 jobs, while existing businesses will benefit from better links to the M1 and the rest of the country.

Councillor James Jamieson, the Leader of Central Bedfordshire Council, said:

“We are delighted to receive the confirmation of this government funding. The upgraded A421 road will provide future and existing residents with improved infrastructure that will open up opportunities for leisure activities, housing and employment. It will also help take traffic away from local parishes, increase safety, and benefit businesses and commuters.” In total, 3 kilometres of carriageway will be widened, including 2.5 kilometres in Central Bedfordshire, and 500 metres in Milton Keynes, linking Junction 13 of the M1 with the distribution site at Magna Park. This is the third and final part of large-scale project to improve roads between the Kingston roundabout and the M1.

Hilary Chipping, Acting Chief Executive of SEMLEP said: “Dualling the A421 from Eagle Farm in Milton Keynes to Junction 13 on the M1 will improve a key piece of the east-west infrastructure, critical to the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Growth Corridor. It will open up more housing and employment growth opportunities in Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes.

“I am delighted that this project has finally been approved by the Department for Transport. This is the result of strong partnership working between Central Bedfordshire Council, Milton Keynes Council and SEMLEP.”

Works are due to start within weeks and the scheme is due to be completed in autumn 2019.



Royal Visit marks 25 years at MK Snap

MK Snap were given the Royal seal of approval after His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent visited the centre in Walnut Tree. The Dukes visit celebrated the 25 year history of our charity and recognised the support given by local community members, businesses and funders whose support allows us to deliver the quality of service that you see today

During his time at MK Snap The Duke was treated to a tour of our building where he met the staff and learners who showcased the amazing work that happens at MK Snap every day. This included the catering team who had produced a wonderful buffet for invited guests, the sports group who demonstrated boccia, the canvas artists and the work training table who showed how real work in a supportive setting helps the learners develop skills for life.

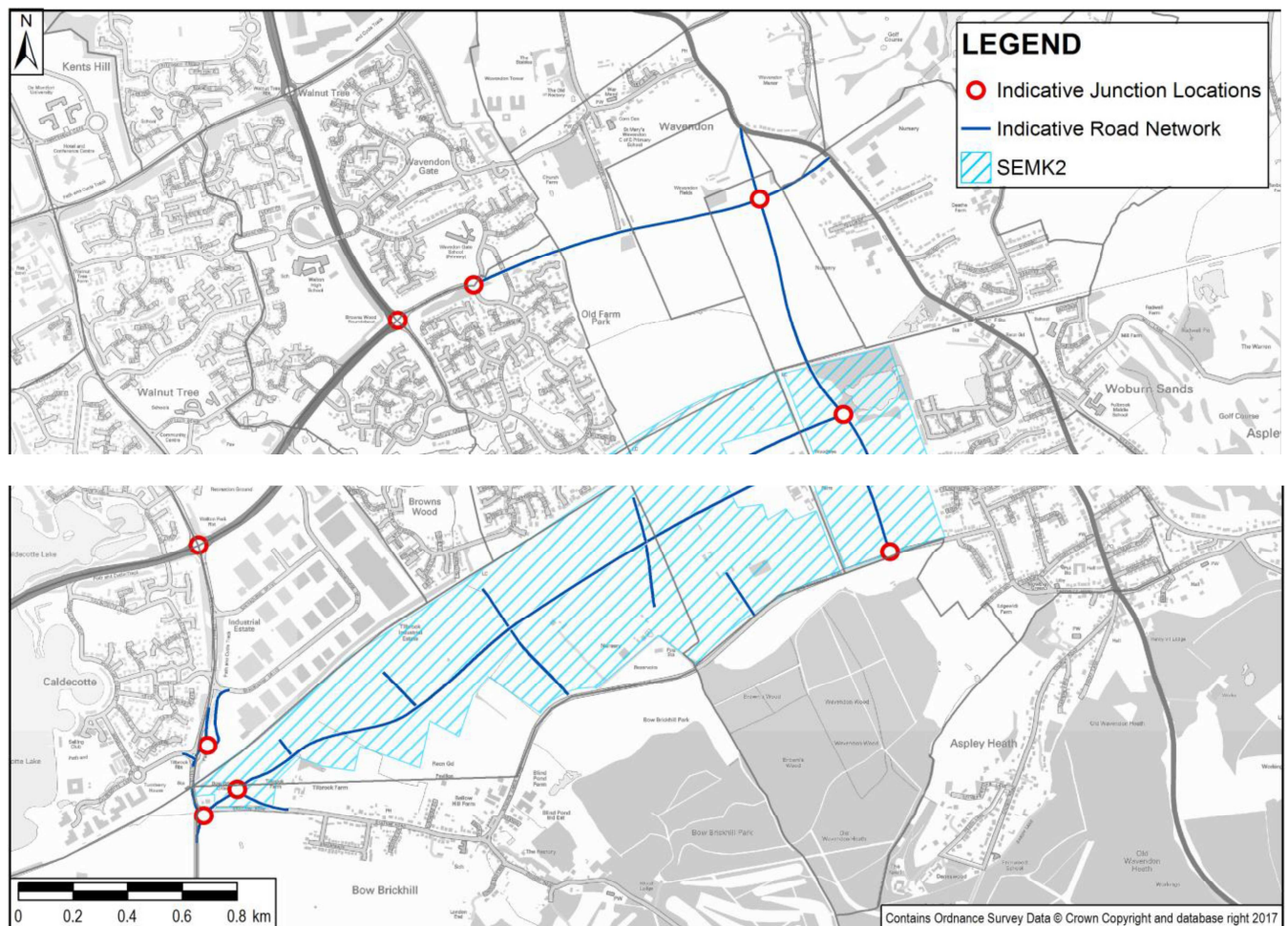


A new university for MK, currently called MK:U will open in 2023, specialising in high tech topics including cyber-technology and artificial intelligence.

Details of Cranfield University winning the contract to oversee the development of MK:U were announced a couple of weeks ago, and MK has been getting some high profile media coverage for MK and the university since then.

Here's a few links to media articles talking about its importance:

- Times Higher Education blog <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/blog/milton-keynes-will-redefine-civic-university-21st-century>
- BBC website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-43487612>
- ITV News website <http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2018-03-21/new-university-to-be-built-in-milton-keynes/>



Plan MK Submission (part)

It is proposed that the larger South East Milton Keynes allocation (SEMK 1 and SEMK 2) together is served by an additional road network as shown above. This includes extending H10 as a single carriageway across to the Newport Road. There is also a connection included between the A5130 Newport Road and Bow Brickhill Road, which intersects the H10 extension and bridges the railway line. In addition there is a development spine road to the south of the railway line through SEMK2.

Following further discussion the junction arrangement on Brickhill Street north of the railway crossing was modified such that the only revision was the addition of a fourth arm at the Caldecotte Lake Drive roundabout.

David Hopkins / Victoria Hopkins / Alice Jenkins

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