

Unitary Councillor Report

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

May 2017



- **Expressway –**

The Bedford office of Highways England started working on options for the detailed alignment of the possible Expressway last month and this will take about two years to complete.

- **Next stage - Plan:MK after consultation closes –**

We are working towards the next (and final) Proposed Submission version of Plan:MK being approved by Cabinet & Council before the end of 2017 for a 6-week public consultation on 'soundness'. The plan would then be submitted to the Secretary of State in spring 2018 for a public examination in the summer.

- **Cross boundary Strategic Planning issues -**

CBC propose to consult on an Issues & Options version of their new local plan in the summer. This is likely to set out their proposed approach to meeting their own and some of Luton's housing needs and include new strategic housing sites.



- Confirmation that the revised service 300 starts June 18th. Journeys are extended beyond the current terminus of the rail station to Westcroft via Winterhill. Officers have asked Arriva to supply the Town Council when available with the timetable leaflet for the revised service.
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Update from Highways

- Bus Shelter upgrades – The Council will shortly be working on projects for 17/18. If you have concerns about any of your stops in Wavendon the council would be happy to consider them for upgrade or replacement.

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Road opening - The new road which links the A5 with the M1 via a new junction in Bedfordshire, opened to traffic on May 11. The 2.8 mile dual carriageway, which will be open by 6am, will become part of the A5. The new M1 junction 11A, which will connect the new road and Central Bedfordshire Council's new Woodside Link road to the M1, will also open at the same time. The scheme includes two other new junctions and six new bridges. The M1, which has had lane restrictions during the construction of the new road, will have been restored to full capacity by that time, including the use of the hard shoulder as a traffic lane at peak times. Drivers should note that the national speed limit will apply on the new, dualled section of the A5. Drivers are urged to take extra care as the road layout has changed with the introduction of new slip roads and the new junction. With the renewed use of the hard shoulder as a traffic lane, overhead message signs on the M1 will also start displaying variable speed limit messages instead of the temporary 50 mph speed which was in place during construction. The new road replaces a section of the A5 through Dunstable which is being handed over to Central Bedfordshire Council and Hertfordshire County Council. Some minor work including the completion of new sign installation will need to take place after the new road is opened and the old section handed over to the council.



FROM MK CITIZEN – 4 May 2017

Council Forced to Think Again on Green Bin Charges

Conservative Councillors are set to demand a vote of no confidence in the Labour administration if they refuse to scrap green bin charges.

Plans to charge people £33 a year to have their green waste bins emptied have sparked political furor over past weeks.

Tories called in Labour's decision and it was to be debated again at a special meeting this week. Lib Dem Councillors have already pledged to vote to scrap the charges. When Liberal Democrats side with Tories against the green bin charge, then Labour will be well and truly outvoted. It is likely the matter will be referred back to Cabinet for a final decision – but Cabinet is entirely made up of Labour Councillors. This means Labour can ignore the protests of other parties, stick to its guns and refuse to change. "If this happens then we will ask for a vote of no confidence in this council's Labour administration," vowed Tory group leader Councillor Edith Bald.

Cllr Edith Bald, continued;

"At last night's special meeting we were successful in gaining support from the whole Council to rethink the unworkable waste strategy. Council made recommendations to the Cabinet to retain the current supply of pink sacks and to ensure that the Newport Pagnell tip remains open.

We also made it very clear if the proposed charge for green recycling bins is not reversed and resident's concerns are not listened to we will put forward a vote of no confidence in the Labour leader and his administration."



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Working in partnership to make our communities safer.

Priority:

Vehicle Crime: there have been nine offences, with four taking place in Woburn Sands, two in Wavendon Gate, two in Bow Brickhill and one in Old Farm Park. In the majority of cases Vehicles were left insecure.

Issued April, 2017

Action taken:

Please can I urge residents to check that you have locked your car doors when you leave them unattended and to remove all property from within.

Actioned April, 2017

Priority:

Burglary: This has been an ongoing Priority, there has been one Burglary Dwelling. This offence took place on Rackstraw Grove, Old Farm Park. During the offence, a vehicle was stolen, but has been located and recovered by officers.

Issued April, 2017

Action taken:

Enquiries are currently ongoing to identify those responsible.

Priority:

Making Off Without Payment: There have been nine offences of making off without payment between the Shell garage, Little Brickhill, and the BP garage at Wavendon.

Issued April, 2017

Action taken:

We take these crimes seriously and take robust action with individuals who purposefully make off from filling stations without making payment.

Actioned April, 2017



For distribution to Councillors please

B&MKALC will be hosting Demystifying Planning, a course to inform and support local councils, which will be presented by representatives from the Milton Keynes Planning Authority. If you are a Chair, a member of the Planning Committee or a councillor with an interest in the planning process you will:

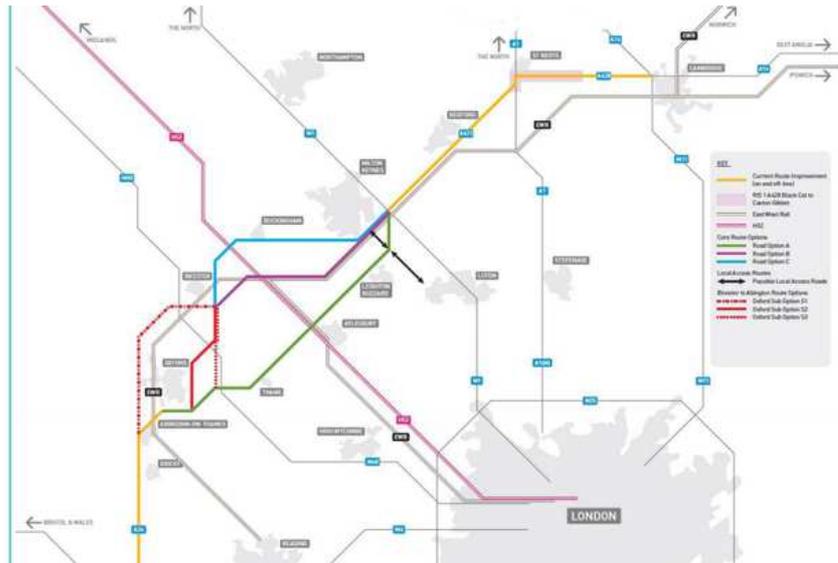
- Learn about the changes in legislation and policy, both nationally and locally with the likely impact it may have
- Understand what requires planning permission and what does not
- How to make your comments count
- Understand Enforcement - what can the Council do and what it cannot do

The course will take place on the 28th November 2017 at the Woughton Community Council Chamber. Registration and light refreshments from 9:30am. Lunch will be provided. Course starts promptly at 10:00am'. For further details and to book your place, please go to www.bucksalc.gov.uk and look for the course under training.

Mel Woof – Council Assistant

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Oxford – Cambridge (via MK) Expressway



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-national-infrastructure-commissions-interim-report-into-the-cambridge-milton-keynes-oxford-corridor>

News Report - The National Infrastructure Commission appoints Lord Adonis as its permanent Chair, Sir John Armitt as Deputy Chair, and four new Commissioners.

Lord Adonis has today (21 April 2017) been appointed as the permanent Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC), where he will provide expert and impartial advice to ensure modern Britain has the infrastructure it needs for the future.

Previously interim Chair, Lord Adonis, who served as Transport Secretary between 2009 and 2010, has successfully led the Commission since it was first established in October 2015.

The Chancellor has also appointed Sir John Armitt as Deputy Chair. He brings a wealth of experience to this role with a long and distinguished career in business and a proven track-record in delivering major infrastructure projects.

Four new Commissioners – Dame Kate Barker, Professor David Fisk, Andy Green and Julia Prescott – will also join the NIC to help boost its expertise as it develops a National Infrastructure Assessment setting out how best to meet Britain’s long-term infrastructure needs.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond, said:

“The National Infrastructure Commission plays a crucial role to help ensure the UK’s infrastructure is fit for the future. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Lord Adonis as the permanent Chair. He has great ambition, vision and energy, and brings cabinet-level experience and deep knowledge of infrastructure to this role.

“The government has a plan for Britain and is determined to make the most of the opportunities ahead. Part of this will be ensuring our infrastructure is fit for purpose to support an economy that works for everyone and ensure our outward-looking country can continue to succeed on the global stage.”

Lord Andrew Adonis said:

“I’m delighted to have been formally appointed as Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC), and to be able to build on the work that I began as interim Chair. Our infrastructure networks are central to the UK’s economy and society, but too often their planning has been piecemeal and short-term. The NIC provides the opportunity to transform this and deliver the infrastructure that the UK needs to ensure its prosperity over the coming decades.

“I’m also pleased to welcome the new Commissioners to the NIC. These Commissioners, along with our existing ones, are leading experts and ensure the NIC provides the best advice to government on the UK’s long-term infrastructure needs.”

The government has also asked the existing members – Tim Besley, Demis Hassabis, Sadie Morgan and Bridget Rosewell – to serve as Permanent Commissioners until October 2020, having been initially appointed on an interim basis.

Further information

The NIC was established in January 2017 as an executive agency to help plan, prioritise and ensure efficient investment in infrastructure. It has its own budget and is autonomous, which is set out in a charter detailing the government’s clear commitment to its operational independence.

The NIC’s new website has been launched today.

Today’s appointments of the Chair, Deputy Chair and new Commissioners follow an open competition, in line with the principles set out in the Governance Code on Public Appointments. Lord Adonis, Sir John Armit and the new Commissioners will serve 5 year terms on the Commission.

Further details on the new Commissioners:

- Dame Kate Barker is a business economist, and was a member of the Bank of England’s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) from 2001 to 2010
- David Fisk is Emeritus Professor of Systems Engineering and Innovation at the Centre for Systems Engineering and Infrastructure at Imperial College London, and a member of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
- Andy Green is a business leader. He currently chairs IG Group plc, a global leader in online trading, and the Digital Catapult, an initiative to help grow the UK digital economy
- Julia Prescott is Chief Strategy Officer at Meridiam, a leading global investor and asset manager specialising in public infrastructure



www.victims-first.org.uk

‘Victims First’ launches to support victims of crime

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfeld, has launched his ‘Victims First’ brand and website.

Victims First is the new overarching title for the PCCs work in providing support, increasing accessibility and improving services for victims of crime across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

The first initiative under ‘Victims First’ is a new online resource which has advice on what to do and how to get help if you’ve been a victim of crime, including information on what you should expect from the police and other criminal justice agencies if you report the crime.

The focal point of the website is a directory which allows victims to find relevant support to help them cope and recover from the impact of the crime. Members of the public will be able to use the website to refer themselves directly to the PCCs own support services, using the online form, or find information and contact details for other organisations. This support is available regardless of whether or not the victim has reported the crime to the police.

The website has information and advice to help people to recognise hidden crimes such as modern slavery, domestic abuse, including coercive control, and hate crime. Victims First also provides a third party reporting mechanism for hate crime so that those who don’t want to report directly to the police can either complete a reporting form on the website or call 0300 1234 148.

The PCC has undertaken extensive work to improve support for victims of crime, including commissioning new services for young victims, victims of sexual violence, a victim-led restorative justice service and a local support service to assist other victims.

Victims First encompasses all of this work and will expand over the coming year, with the PCC reviewing his services to ensure that victims continue to have appropriate support in place, are able to easily access it and that agencies, including the police, are victim-focussed.

Anthony Stansfeld, Police and Crime Commissioner said: “I recently launched my new Police and Crime Plan which reaffirmed my commitment to making sure that victims have access to the support they need to cope and recover from the impact of

crime. The launch of Victims First and the website is a key milestone in my work in this area and will allow victims to easily find information and support in one place.

“I believe it will be a valuable resource not just for victims but also for people and organisations that come into contact with victims of crime who can now use the website to find and refer people to an appropriate service.

“Victims First will continue to develop over the next year with plans to create a single referral doorway, a specialist counselling service and community signposting points with the aim of simplifying access and improving support for victims.”

Editors Notes

The website is www.victims-first.org.uk

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be available for interview. If you would like to arrange an interview please email opcc.comms@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or call 01865 541950



Street Signs - Milton Keynes Council are currently in the process of compiling a list of street name plates to be replaced for the 2017/18 financial year. Our aim is to replace units that are either missing or severely damaged & unreadable with our very limited budget which only allows for 50 street name plates per financial. We are also looking to compile data on units that are structurally sound but have any numerical or grammatical errors that need rectifying with the intention of producing vinyl stickers in-house to correct errors while also keeping costs down to a minimum.

We would like to ask you to volunteer details of any particularly problematic street name plates that you are aware of within your parish that would meet this criteria. We especially welcome any photos you might have showing any defects which can help us assess the state of name plates. Highways will continue to be responsible for surveying and delivering any new units. We believe that this approach will help to improve efficiency in the delivery of this scheme as well as ensure a proactive approach to maintaining highway apparatus within both the local and larger community.

If you have any street name plates you would like to report to us please send them (with pictures if possible) to Business.liaison@milton-keynes.gov.uk. We will use this information to help us prioritise repairs and replacements within the limited budget for this financial year.

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Street Trading Prohibited and Consent Streets

Further to the borough wide regulation of street trading in Milton Keynes in 2014, when all adopted highway and any future adopted highway (unless already a Prohibited Street – such as grid roads) were designated as Consent Streets; It was identified that a policy on street trading should be created. The policy provides new street trading conditions and acts as a guide for the Regulatory sub-Committee when making decisions such as granting or refusing applications and establishes the level of standards expected of a trader and their trading unit.

A key change was to provide a provision to regulate traders in multiple locations operating for a short period of time (i.e. ice cream vans) as there is case law stating that ice cream vans are not roundsman and therefore are not exempted from street trading provisions. Other authorities in the UK regulate ice cream vans to trade, which incurs a charge.

Some traders wish to operate from the same position every day but some businesses may wish to trade at a number of consent streets across the borough - for example ice cream vans or other similar operations may visit multiple locations each day. The Council recognises that these traders will only be in one location for a short period of time and as a result such traders will be able to apply for what we call a borough wide street trading consent, based on the maximum number of hours they wish to trade per day. For example, if they wish to trade up to 6 hours a day throughout the year, the fee charged annually would be £606 for 1 ice cream van.

Such consents will be granted on the condition that they allow no more than 20 minutes trading in any 100 metre part of any one street on any one day. This reflects the transient nature of their operation. Trading in one place for longer than this will require a specific consent for the street concerned.

If an applicant proposes to trade on streets where there is already an existing street trading consent, commercial need will be a relevant consideration when considering the application. The council will also consider restricting borough wide consents if issues develop with multiple traders visiting the same location.

The requirement for trading consent applies whether or not the trader is from Milton Keynes or not and whenever an ice cream van or any other trader for that matter is reported to be trading within Milton Keynes, the Licensing Authority can take action as unauthorised street trading is a prosecutable offence.

The Policy became live as of 1st April 2017, and all street trading consent applicants will need to comply with the Policy from that time for their application to be successful and street trading consent authorisation to remain or be granted.

The existing ice cream traders operating in Milton Keynes have therefore applied and thus you have been consulted as part of the application process. If you have concerns of ice cream vans trading on consent streets within your ward, please email

Licensing@milton-Keynes.gov.uk by the consultation deadline. A list of the current consent streets are attached via the link below.

For more information on Street Trading and the Policy (including the list of consent streets), please visit <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environmental-health-and-trading-standards/licensing/food/milton-keynes-council-street-trading>.

If you wish for a road to be designated as a Prohibited Street within your constituency, the road would firstly need to be adopted highway. The request may then be taken forward to a Regulatory Committee and will then need to be approved by the committee to go out for a public consultation, which includes public notices in a local newspaper advertising the consultation.

The results of the consultation will then need to be brought back to the next Regulatory Committee who then may approve the designation or not, or with changes. Public notices in a local newspaper would then again need to be published, and for 2 consecutive weeks, giving advanced notice of the designation of the prohibited street(s) coming into effect.

If you wish for a road to become designated as a Prohibited Street or require further information on the process, please send you inquiry to Licensing@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk

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