

Unitary Councillor Report

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

June 2018

Snippets from Central Bedfordshire

A421 – CBC are finalising the land purchases

- Cutting back the green matter along the route starts in July
 - The data cable running along the West side of the road has to be moved to a new location to be completed in 2018
 - Work on construction of the new road to start early in 2019
 - Completion of the dualling in early summer 2019
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- Local Plan - Executive approved the submission of the LP to the Secretary State, who has appointed an Inspector
 - The Inspector will hold a public examination later this year, and subject to any amendments will give a decision within twelve months
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- Hayfield Development - CBC planners are being held up in their deliberations by Highways England who are considering the proposal
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East West Rail - Carter Jonas is carrying out the land referencing exercise along the entire route and they are required to list out the ownership of every piece of land which the scheme may impact. This particular notice refers to the parcel outlined on the map and it has been necessary to erect the notice because the required information is not available at the Land Registry.

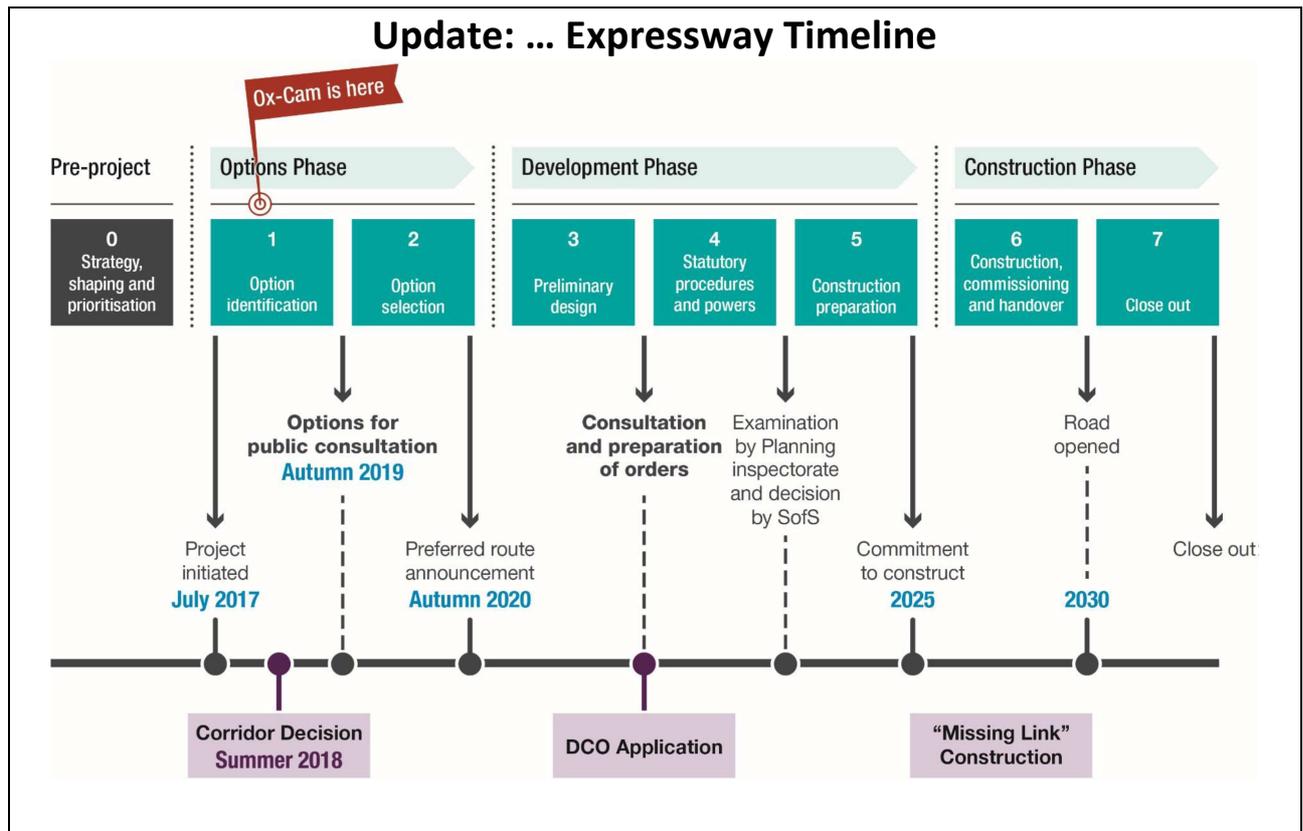
When we submit our Order application Carter Jonas have to sign an affidavit to confirm they have taken all reasonable measures to identify the ownership of all land affected by the scheme. By putting this notice up we are fulfilling our obligations of trying to ascertain the correct ownership and hope that the owner of this parcel will contact us or, alternatively, someone will contact us to disclose the correct ownership. By doing this we are fulfilling our obligations under the pre-Order actions.

I can assure you the notice is nothing more than establishing ownership of the land shown on the map.

Charles Hurst - Stakeholder Manager

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Parish Recycle Forum

We would like to invite you to attend our Parish Recycle Forum on Tuesday 3rd July 2018, from 10am to 12 noon at the MK Recycling Factory in Old Wolverton (MK12 5QD). As part of the Get Sorted MK! campaign we would like to get all the Parishes involved together to share your ideas and successes at getting local residents sort their rubbish correctly - and collect your recycling freebies for your Summer events too!

The morning will include:

- Sharing experiences and advice to other Parishes on your Get Sorted MK campaign so far
- Collect leaflets
- Take away freebies, including pens, pencils, bugs and magnets
- Recycling craft ideas for your events
- Learn how to make your own recycling table-top game

- Clarification of what items go into each recycling container so you are confident when speaking to the Public
- Tour of the Recycling Factory
- Refreshments

Booking is essential, so please email wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk for a max. of 2 persons per Parish Council

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‘Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all’ Aristotle

Tour the factory www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mrf

School resources www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolsrecycle

Nappy Info www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/realnappies

Recycling Info www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling

The Recycling Factory, Milton Keynes Council, Colts Holm Road, Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5QD



Parking – Question to Cabinet (Response)

Costings for the employment of a full time and/or part time traffic warden dedicated to patrolling only in Woburn Sands

Response from Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm):

“The Working Locally Framework identifies parking enforcement as a baseline item with the ability for town and parish councils to influence the service or enhance/top up. The headline figure for a parking enforcement officer is currently around £15 per hour but should Woburn Sands or any other local council wish to look into this further, I would encourage them to get in touch to discuss what those arrangements may look like by contacting Sarah Gonsalves (Acting Director of Policy, Insight and Communications) - sarah.gonsalves@milton-keynes.gov.uk.”



Councillor Questions

Response to Questions submitted by Councillor D Hopkins:

(a) Collection of Domestic Waste Cardboard Boxes

Response from Councillor Gowans (Cabinet member for Public Realm):

"I'd like to thank Councillor D Hopkins for the question.

The current policy is not new and dates from the commencement of the contract in 2009 and subsequently extensions.

I believe most households, including the inference in the question, have been under the impression that larger cardboard left for collection at kerbside was being collected and recycled.

Unfortunately large pieces of cardboard cannot fit in the recycling compartment of the OnePass vehicles and can make the mechanism jam and break. As such, until recently, most cardboard not placed in recycling bags was therefore being collected in the larger residual collection compartment.

The machinery at the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) which separates different recyclates cannot handle oversized materials and will reject such materials. This is regarded as contamination.

If loose cardboard has been broken small enough to fit in the recycling compartment of the collections vehicle and made it through the sorting machinery, if it has been presented loose, any moisture may have made the cardboard too wet to recycle. This is regarded as contamination.

The issue has recently required action due to the high level of reported contamination rates at the MRF with non-recyclables being placed in recycling, which along with cardboard has also included items such as cat litter and disposable nappies. Due to these levels of contamination the contractor recently indicated they would seek to police the issue more vigorously and served notice they would seek to implement financial penalties that exist within the contract for contamination and this would place a financial pressure of the budget of Milton Keynes Council.

In order to reduce and mitigate the possible issues MK Council has recently stepped up our monitoring of contaminated recycling and undertaken a public engagement exercise to

increase education and awareness of what can, and what cannot, be placed in recycling sacks in line with our waste collection contract.

In my experience the residents of Milton Keynes are on the whole keen to ensure that they play their part in recycling and most would not have known that not breaking down cardboard and placing it into recycling bags was, in fact, not resulting in the cardboard being recycled and actually had the possibility of placing a financial burden on MK Council.

Obviously it will take time for this greater emphasis on reducing recycling contamination to become custom and practice, and I will raise the issue of further public engage with the Head of Communications. I have also asked our Head of Environment to monitor the impact of the issue on litter and community impact.

Sadly, however, I am unable to recommend, due to the reasons outlined, that we return to collecting loose cardboard as this is neither an environmentally nor financially sustainable option.

I would also very much welcome any thoughts and ideas on how we can improve our communications of the issues I have highlighted and how to imbed good practice with our residents.”



Flooding update – 07/06/2018

Following the impact of the adverse weather in some parts of Milton Keynes between 27 to 28 May 2018 and damage caused to properties, the Council's Cabinet has approved a number of urgent measures to support Milton Keynes communities and residents.

Hardship Grant

An emergency Hardship Grant of £200 will be available to those who were severely affected by the floods and in immediate need of support. The fund will cover the costs of buying items such as food, clothes and laundry.

For residents who have not had insurance to cover the costs of flood damage to their property, the Council may provide further financial support to pay for items such as white goods and flooring. This will be assessed using similar criteria as those used for Council's existing Local Welfare Provision scheme. The Hardship Grant is open to all affected residents, regardless of the ownership status of the property they live in.

Council Tax Suspension

Council Tax action has been suspended for those homes affected by the floods on 27 to 28 May 2018.

Council Rent

The Council will automatically waive Council rent for two months, for council tenants who have suffered significant flooding. No council tenant will be left out of pocket if they have had to pay for temporary accommodation due to the floods.

Milton Keynes Council will commission an independent expert review into issues such as drainage, street cleaning, and flood prevention measures to address public concerns about these issues and make any recommendations as required.

For more information and frequently asked questions or to apply call 01908 252570.



Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway

Ox-Cam Strategic Objective – Example - Connectivity**Connectivity DfT Strategic Objective**

Provide an east-west strategic road link between Milton Keynes and Oxford that delivers enhanced connectivity through faster, safer and more reliable connections across the corridor in the broad arc from Oxford to Cambridge via Milton Keynes

Connectivity Intervention Objectives

- Reduce journey times
- Improve journey time reliability
- Promote resilience
- Safety performance of the project delivery
- Safety performance of the finished product

Growth

- High level ambition for transformative growth across the arc
- Expressway can support and assist in delivery of this growth
- Capacity of each corridor to facilitate expressway dependent growth is assessed
- Performance assessment of each corridor is based on current available information

Journey Time Savings

Corridor	Indicative Journey Time Savings in 2041
A	31 to 40 minutes
B1	25 to 32 minutes
B2/B3	31 to 40 minutes
C1	20 to 29 minutes
C2/C3	25 to 33 minutes
M4 J13 at Chieveley to M1 J13 at Milton Keynes	



On the borders Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015
Application no: 18/01372/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of 2 no. Outbuildings to create access and construction of 28 no. 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom residential dwellings and all ancillary works.

At: Rectory Farm Woburn Sands Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JY



Snippets for June

- **Woburn Sands / Wavendon Weight restriction** – The posts for the terminal signing have been installed, all the signs will be installed by mid -June. The Advanced direction signing for the restriction will be carried out in August/September along with the relining of Kingston roundabout.

- Lower End Road/Newport Road traffic signals S278 works – The works are still ongoing. Hopefully, the temporary traffic lights will be removed in mid-June 2018.

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- **Parklands (Woburn Sands)** Tom Jones has recently carried out a joint roads and street lighting inspection with Taylor Wimpey on Nampak phase 1 works (Parklands) and would envisage this phase being adopted by MKC highways around July of this year, subject to identified works being remediated.

Tom Jones - Senior Engineering Control Officer- Highway Adoptions

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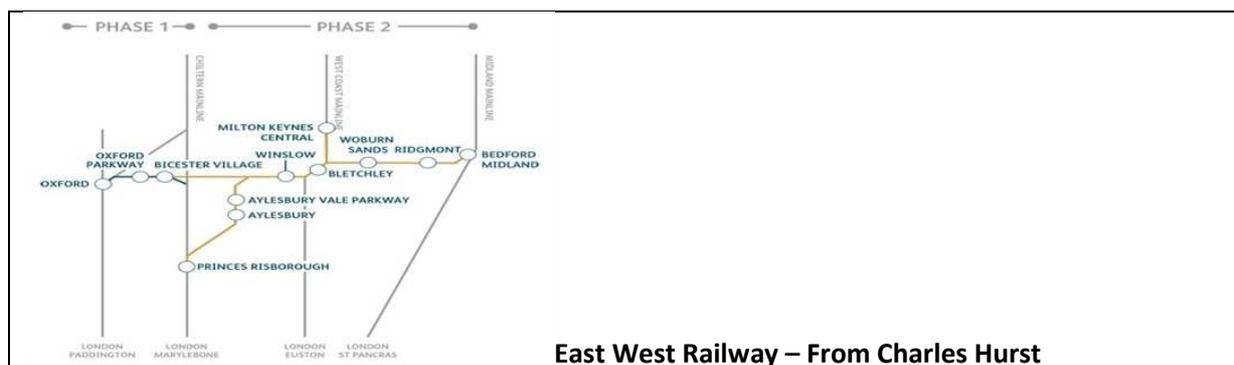
- Wavendon Village Fete – Saturday 23 June 2018
- Woburn Sands Music Festival – Saturday 7th July 2018
- Walton Summer Fayre – Saturday 7 July 2018
- Bedford River Festival – Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th July 2018

Trains ...

A request will be submitted for London Northwestern for a late evening 'Fireworks Flyer' service on the Saturday and all day Sunday service. It is hoped that the Sunday services will run through to Milton Keynes Central following the successful pilot for the 2016 Festival.

The Festival Site has been expanded to incorporate St. Mary's Gardens for 2018, thereby reducing the distance from Bedford St. Johns, and making rail travel more appealing.

A meeting was held with the Bedford Borough Council Events & Community Engagement Manager on 7th November



East West Railway – From Charles Hurst

I assume the scope of the scheme is well known but just to recap the work affecting your area: we are planning to undertake platform extensions at Woburn Sands and Ridgmont and to include a new service from Oxford to Bedford which will stop at both of these stations. Line speeds will stay as is. We have now moved into the application process so I provide an update on this aspect of the project.

The application documents are progressing well and we are working towards sign off of the complete submission document around a month before the submission date to allow enough time for printing. We will then submit our authority to submit which we need from Network Rail with a submission date of 27th July 2018. Once submitted the objection period starts immediately and the standard objection period runs for 6 weeks although we may be asked to extend this by 2 weeks as it will occur during school holidays.

Copies of all the submission documents will be available when we submit. Copies (either paper copies or USB sticks) will be provided to all statutory consultees which include local authorities and parish councils. Anyone can request a copy of a complete set of the documents or individual documents although we are entitled to charge for additional copies. In reality if a few people ask for individual copies we will probably forego the charge but if the requests become too numerous we may have to consider making a charge. Within 28 days of the end of the objection period the DfT (TWA unit) will notify us whether they intend to hold a Public Enquiry which we consider is very likely.

A public enquiry will run from around the end of February for about 6 weeks after which the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State decide whether to make the Order requested. Enabling works (or Early Works) will be limited to habitat creation on environmental mitigation sites, maintenance of existing structures, removal of unused track and vegetation clearance in line with rules on nesting birds. We do plan to set up 3 separate compounds over the next 12 months. These are at Bicester, Winslow and Newton Longville. The Winslow site will utilise the new station site and will be used during the summer of this year under Permitted Development rights. Planning approval will be required for the other two sites and these will be utilized in late 2018/early 2019.

The site at Newton Longville will include a temporary office block for site based personnel. We plan to also rent an office in Milton Keynes, near to the shopping centre and John Lewis. This will be used as an overspill for our current office in Birmingham and may only be for a few years or until site work proper starts. The main works will only be commenced once Order powers have been granted.

Charles Hurst - Stakeholder Manager

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Our Safety Vision - Everyone home safe, every day



There have been recent impacts to the scheduled refuse and recycling collections mainly centred around the collection of food and garden waste bins, the issues arose from the volume of waste being collected from residents due to the good weather. The Increase in volume meant additional trips to the food and garden waste transfer station which is based in Castlethorpe , this did unfortunately result in a number of collections over running into the following day for parts of the Borough. We would like to apologise to all residents affected but I am pleased to say that we were back to normal collections over the past two weeks.

The scheduled cleanse for the area was due today week 7 of the 8 weekly cycle, the next scheduled cleanse is now due on the 12th July, the weed treatment schedule for the area is due 15th August 2018 again dependent on the weather conditions.

Tony Brown - Waste Services Officer

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Watch our video on Recycling Your Food Waste in MK <https://youtu.be/6bQ9GaTMdV8>



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78
APPEAL MADE BY **WAVENDON PROPERTIES LIMITED** - LAND TO THE WEST OF NEWPORT ROAD AND WEST AND EAST OF CRANFIELD ROAD, WOBURN SANDS
APPLICATION REF: 16/00672/OUT

1. The Secretary of State is considering the report of the Inspector, D R Cullingford BA MPhil MRTPI, who held a public local inquiry between 11-14 and 18-19 July 2017 into the above planning appeal.
2. The Secretary of State considers that he will not be in a position to reach a decision on the above appeal by 30 May 2018, as previously notified, because of the recent ministerial changes. Therefore, in exercise of the power conferred on him by paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Secretary of State hereby gives notice that he has varied the timetable for his decision which was previously set, and he will now issue his decision **on or before 13 June 2018**. Please accept our apologies for this further delay.

Yours faithfully - Maria Stasiak



Community Speedwatch

Speeding is one of the factors that most affects the quality of life in communities. It contributes to the severity of road traffic collisions and increases the impact on the lives of people in the community.

Community speedwatch is a traffic monitoring scheme co-ordinated by Milton Keynes Council in partnership with the Thames Valley Police, but managed and run by community volunteers.

How it works:-

Speedwatch can only operate in 30mph or 40mph speed limit areas.

Community volunteers use community speedwatch equipment to identify vehicles which break the speed limit, registration numbers are written down during the roadside speedwatch session.

Registration numbers are entered onto a database by a PCSO or vetted police volunteer, this produces a letter (sent from Kidlington) informing the registered owner that their vehicle has been noted to have exceeded the speed limit.

Following the guidance in the roadside risk assessment forms, locations are chosen by local community using their local knowledge of locations and times of day when speeding is perceived to be taking place.

The equipment is quick to set up, lightweight, compact and non-confrontational. Roadside volunteers are issued with community speedwatch equipment, high visibility jackets, a roadside sign and are trained to use the equipment and record information. There needs to be a minimum of two people to undertake a community speedwatch session.

The community speedwatch equipment is available free of charge from Milton Keynes Council Road Safety Team for a one week loan.

Communities can borrow the equipment on repeat occasions, however if a community group wishes to run regular sessions, they can purchase their own equipment at a cost of £2,000 from Traffic Technology.



Milton Keynes Conservation and Archaeology Team has received the following notification from Historic England which I should like to bring to your attention.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

Wavendon War Memorial, Church of St Mary, Walton Road, Wavendon, Milton Keynes

I am writing to let you know that Historic England is considering the above war memorial for addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest ('The List'), as part of our response to the centenary of the First World War.

War memorials are among the most tangible and precious reminders of the sacrifices made by communities during the First World War, and the government is committed to seeing all the nation's memorials placed in a good state of repair by 2018. As part of this, Historic England, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and

Sport, has resolved that over the period 2014-18 it will greatly increase the number of memorials which are listed.

As the Government's statutory adviser on the historic environment with responsibility for listing, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has asked us to assess whether the memorial holds special architectural or historic interest.

We are now beginning our assessment of the memorial and will be preparing our advice for the Secretary of State. If you would like to provide information or comments about the architectural or historic interest of the memorial at this stage, please send these to me by email or post. These will be taken into account when formulating our advice.

Once we have carried out the preliminary assessment we will be in touch again to send you a copy of our consultation report. This report will set out the factual information on which we will base our recommendation. At that stage you will again be invited to make any comments you wish to about the architectural or historic interest of the memorial. We will consider all representations made before finalising our assessment and making our recommendation to the Secretary of State. We will notify you of the Secretary of State's decision in due course.

In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 01793 414725, quoting our reference 1457284. Further information can also be found on our website at www.historicengland.org.uk.

I will keep you informed as to the progress of the listing process

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David Hopkins / Victoria Hopkins / Alice Jenkins

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