

Unitary Councillor Report

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

November 2018



Wavendon World Champion

Joe Turney 17, (from Cranfield Road) was competing in October at Le Mans and in a maiden visit to the circuit he emerged Senior World Champion!!

In a seven race day event against a field of 144 of the world's best go kart drivers he took victory!

This title adds to his list of impressive titles in 2018 including British Champion and Champion of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg amongst others

Note: Joe Turney is a 17 year old kart racing driver who is the 2018 lame World Champion, 2018 British Champion, 2018 BNL Champion, 2018 Kartmasters Champion, was the 2017 MSA British Senior Vice Champion, the 2016 British Junior Rotax Champion and the 2016 BNL (Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg) Champion and was seeded 5th in the UK in Rotax Minimax in 2015



Lavente Gate (Little Brickhill) Public Consultation Event Invitation

Unfortunately, further to my previous email I am writing to inform you that the consultation event on the proposed development at Lavente Gate on Tuesday 30th October (4-8pm at the Campanile Hotel) has been CANCELLED.

This is due to circumstances beyond our control and unfortunately could not be avoided. We would like to apologise for any confusion or inconvenience caused.

We will be sure to keep you informed of a new date for any future consultation event for Lavente Gate in due course. Clarke Heron
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You may have seen in the news that Government has decided a new unitary authority will cover Buckinghamshire. The proposed changes will mean that Bucks County Council, Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, Wycombe and South Buckinghamshire district councils will become a single unitary authority from 2020.

MK Council will not be affected by this proposal – MK is its own borough and we’ll remain a separate unitary authority. We’ll be working over that period to make sure our partnerships and any joint working arrangements are protected.



MKC has now published the revised draft of PlanMK following the outcome of the Inquiry. Attached is a copy of the proposed version of policy SD123 which covers the development of the area between WS and BB. I think that this version is probably as good an outcome as we could have hoped for but we can discuss it at the next TC meeting. Comments need to be submitted by 1 December.

Elsewhere in the draft MKC have provided a table of expected housing completions over the plan period. The targets for this area are as follows:

2023/24	50
2024/25	250
2025/26	350
2026/27	450
2027/28	500
2028/29	500
2029/30	450
2030/31	450
 Total	 3000

Two caveats – the actual start date for construction will depend upon the final agreement on the route of the expressway. And secondly the target of 3000 is provisional pending the

finalisation of the Development Framework for the area; as you can see it is described as “approximately 3000” in the draft policy.

MKC officers have held a preliminary meeting with Danesborough Forum members with a view to establishing those members as the Stakeholder Group responsible for advising MKC on the wording of the Development Framework.



Wavendon Golf Club

I have been investigating this matter and confirm that there are no legal closures on this footpath. I have therefore written to the landowner to make them aware that a public footpath crosses the site, and the footpath must remain open and accessible at all times. I have also informed them that it is an offence to erect signage that would deter the public from using the route and have requested that any such signage be removed, in particular the words "Keep Out" should not be used. I will inspect the site in two weeks' time to ensure this has been done.

Rosie Armstrong - Rights of Way Officer

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Last week MK achieved a world first - becoming the first place where residents can have commercial packages delivered to their front door by autonomous robots. The robots have been designed and developed by Starship, an MK-based tech company. You may have seen the nippy robots out and about in MK over the last couple of years as they've been mapping our paths and redways in preparation. The service is available through an app downloaded onto iOS and Android smartphone devices. Yet another exciting achievement for MK!

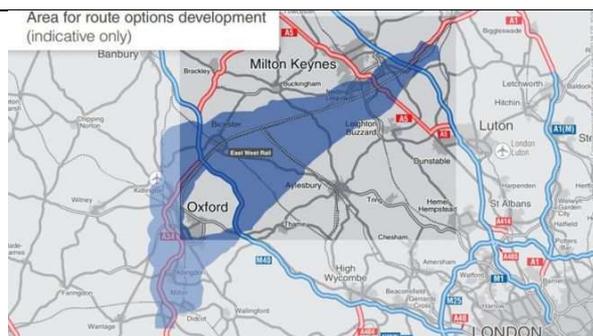


At present I have had no complaints within the Woburn Sands area.

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Government response to 'Partnering for Prosperity: a new deal for the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford Arc'

Recommendation 1a: Government should progress work on East West Rail, the Expressway and new settlements through a single co-ordinated delivery programme, with cross-government ministerial commitment and oversight. The aim of this programme should be to unlock opportunities for transformational housing growth through the creation of well-connected new communities. As part of this programme Government should commit:

- £1 billion to deliver the infrastructure necessary for a high quality and resilient rail commuter service between Bicester and Bedford, accelerating delivery of this section of

East West Rail to a target date of 2023

- to accelerate work on the development of the new East West Rail line between Bedford and Cambridge, and commit to open the line by 2030
- to deliver the 'missing link' of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, accelerating development work to deliver a clearly-defined and agreed route by 2025, enabling construction to begin as part of the next Road Investment Strategy (RIS 2) and be complete by 2030

Key milestones and decision points in the development of East West Rail and the Expressway should be subject to "in principle" agreement to the development of significantly more ambitious proposals for housing growth in the arc, including major new settlements and urban extensions, and subsequently, progress in identifying, evaluating and designating sites. "In principle" agreement should be provided within 12 months. The schemes should be future proofed to ensure the potential for expansion and improvement is not permanently and prematurely closed.

Recommendation 1b: Government should seek to introduce fast, direct services to London to enable growth in the arc between Bicester and Bletchley and improve connectivity between London and Aylesbury. Any such improvements should be contingent on local authorities' commitment to major development between Bicester and Bletchley and around existing settlements. While East West Rail will unlock major settlement opportunities across the arc, targeted rail investments can play a key role in unlocking and accelerating local housing development in the short term. Small scale interventions, aligned to wider plans for East West Rail, could reduce stress on the existing rail network enabling immediate opportunities for growth.

Recommendation 1c: Government should work with the private sector and the relevant local authorities to agree funding packages and progress schemes to support housing and employment growth now. These should include:

- essential works required to enable passenger services between Oxford and Cowley no later than 2019
- the acceleration of East West Rail phase 3 works around south Cambridge to enable the delivery of a Cambridge South station in 2022 as part of Control Period 6

Substantial private sector and local contributions, reflecting the benefits that these parties gain, will be required to enable the delivery of these schemes.

Recommendation 2a: Government and local authorities should work together, through a robust and transparent process, to designate locations for new and expanded settlements by 2020. This should involve:

- commissioning formal studies to identify and assess options for new settlements required, and potential locations for these settlements
- consultation with communities, statutory agencies, infrastructure providers, wider stakeholders and public examination of proposed sites
- formal designation of sites and the publication of such assessments as legally required

The Commission is optimistic that Government and local authorities will reach agreement on the scale and location of new settlements in the national interest. However, if agreement cannot ultimately be reached, the Secretary of State should designate these new settlements.

Recommendation 2b: Government should:

- work with local authorities to establish appropriate delivery vehicles for new and expanded settlements across the arc, considering the role that can be played by locally accountable Development Corporations, Mayoral Development Corporations, the Homes and Communities Agency and Urban Development Corporations
- establish New Town Development Corporations to deliver larger new and expanded settlements. In so doing, it should:
 - work with local authorities to define and agree the objectives, membership and reporting arrangements for new development corporations
 - provide a clear remit to support the economic success of large new settlements as centres of employment, and assist the development corporation by using wider policy levers to support local economic growth

explore the full range of options for funding development corporations' programme of land acquisition, including providing public funding with a view to unlocking substantial private investment, and balancing considerations of short-term affordability and long-term value for money

Recommendation 3: Government should work with local authorities to:

- put in place an independent design panel for East-West Rail, the Expressway and new and expanded settlements across the Arc by April 2018. This panel should work in concert with existing infrastructure design panels and new development corporations to specify, scrutinise and challenge settlement designs, plans and delivery, with a view to:
 - making most efficient use of new and existing infrastructure (including transport and utilities)
 - supporting positive social outcomes (including better mental and physical health)
 - achieving net gains in biodiversity and natural capital across the arc
 - improving quality of life for existing and future residents
 - establish arrangements for the long-term stewardship of valued community assets in each new or expanded settlement, placing responsibility and resources in the hands of the community – learning from both the Parks Trust in Milton Keynes and the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation
 - ensure that strategic infrastructure, including new elements of East West Rail and the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, are planned and developed to achieve net gains in biodiversity and natural capital across the arc

Recommendation 4: Government and local authorities should implement measures to increase certainty on the delivery of growth enabling infrastructure.

- Government should work with local authorities to establish an indicative, long-term pipeline of strategic national and local infrastructure investments, conditional upon specific housing delivery milestones, and with firm financial commitments made at the beginning of the relevant spending review, road investment or rail industry control period. This pipeline should be established and agreed by 2020.
- Local authorities should work with LEPs, local business groups, educational institutions and other key partners to formally agree robust and credible transport plans to enable the development of the arc's key towns and cities. These should be agreed locally by April 2019. These plans should provide a firm basis for long-term growth and investment, and include

plans for significantly upgrading public transport, integrating transport hubs and providing safe cycling infrastructure.

- Following agreement of these long-term transport plans, Government should develop deals, bespoke to this region, with local authorities in Oxfordshire and the central section of the arc. These deals should extend powers over bus franchising, the introduction of smart ticketing, and give greater long-term certainty over future funding which authorities can use to fund, and unlock finance for, city-regional infrastructure improvements. Powers and resources should be devolved no later than April 2020.

Recommendation 5: Government should, through bespoke deals with local areas, make changes to the operation and application of CIL and s106 agreements across the arc that will:

- give groups of local authorities, working together through appropriate governance structures, the power to levy a city-regional CIL
- remove restrictions on the pooling of section 106 revenues and on the forward funding of infrastructure against future receipts. These changes should be agreed by 2020

Recommendation 6: Government should consider the need for agreements extending flexibilities in the application of five-year land supply requirements. These agreements should only be considered in cases where local authorities agree deals to accommodate significantly higher levels of housing growth. Flexibilities should:

- help ensure that local areas are not exposed to increased risk of speculative development as a result of their commitment to additional growth
- be kept under review and made subject to local areas demonstrating progress in the delivery of major housing growth

In all cases, agreement must preserve the requirement for local authorities to maintain a supply of land sufficient to enable house building at the rate that would have been required in the absence of any deal to support additional housing growth.

Recommendation 7: Government should work with local authorities across the arc to secure agreement that:

- representatives of each of the arc's defined sub-regions will work together at the arc-wide level, and with Government, to develop an ambitious spatial vision covering the whole arc area up to 2050, identifying locations for growth and investment and enabling infrastructure requirements. This work should be completed no later than summer 2019. This vision should be supported by a set of arc-wide economic plans and an Arc-wide plan for strategic infrastructure
- local planning and transport authorities will work together, in defined sub-regions, to prepare statutory strategic spatial plans and submit these for inspection by April 2020. These should be underpinned by a clear investment strategy and a phased delivery plan, and shaped by the requirements of a robust integrated appraisal framework. Local Enterprise Partnerships and utilities providers should be included in the development of these strategic spatial plans

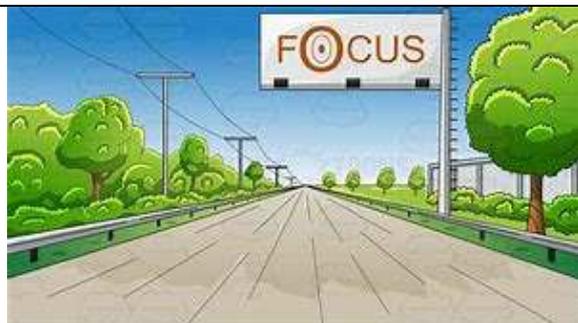
Local authorities and LEPs should work collectively and seek to agree a definition for sub-regional planning areas by April 2018. If agreement cannot be reached by this date, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government should define the sub-regions based on consideration of the best areas for joined-up economic, transport and land-use

planning.

Recommendation 8: Government should work with local authorities to put in place robust subregional and arc-wide governance arrangements. This will include:

- reconstituting the Oxfordshire Growth Board as a planning joint committee by April 2018, ensuring it is empowered to take decisions on the development, adoption and delivery of a strategic statutory spatial plan
- establishing growth board arrangements for defined planning areas in the central section of the arc by April 2018, ensuring these are constituted as planning joint committees and empowered to take decisions on the development, adoption and delivery of a strategic statutory spatial plan(s)
- supporting the continued development of new and existing growth boards, with a view to their being constituted as statutory combined authorities, or mayoral combined authorities, as soon as possible and no later than 2022
- working with representatives of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Oxfordshire Growth Board and other growth board(s) across the arc to establish an arc-wide 'Strategic Partnership Board' by Summer 2018. This should include recruiting an independent chair to convene the board and provide a clear link to Government, and agreeing this appointment with local partners

Recommendation 9: Government should work with local authorities and any new delivery bodies from across the arc to prepare and publish a six-monthly update, with the first being published in April 2018, enabling the Commission to assess the progress achieved in delivering the recommendations set out in this report.



MK Council has been approached by a major TV production company who want to make a new series focusing on the work of a local council. They'll be around in two weeks' time to do some recording – which won't be broadcasted but will be used to see if we're the kind of council they're looking for. Keep your fingers crossed – it would be great to be able to showcase the important work te council does to support our local community.



CityFibre

Since March, CityFibre have been forging ahead with building full fibre infrastructure for the residents of Milton Keynes. The £40m build, bringing ultra-fast connectivity to almost every home in Milton Keynes, is in partnership with Vodafone, with the overall build scheduled to last approximately 30 months.

Initially building across the North of the city; Bancroft, Bradville, New Bradwell, Stantonbury and Great Linford, CityFibre has more recently also been building in the South of the city in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. This Southern area is expected to be the focus for the remainder of 2018*

The majority of the build to date has been a physical dig, however CityFibre have trialed DPA (duct and pole access) in Blue Bridge, where it has been possible to share existing infrastructure. This has meant less disruption and a quicker build time for residents. Following on from this, CityFibre is now surveying other areas of MK for possible DPA, such as Two Mile Ash, Loughton, Crownhill, Shenley CE, Medbourne, Grange Farm and Willen.

In six months, CityFibre have built over 80km of additional network in the city, bringing the current total of the Gigabit City footprint to over 250km. Vodafone services are now live and available to the first build areas; Bancroft, Stantonbury and Bradville, with other areas soon to follow.

CityFibre is working closely with MK Council and Highways, meeting regularly. Residents have many opportunities to engage with the build; door knockers, leaflets and meet & greet events are provided to make information readily accessible. Jean Gowin, the MK City Development Manager has also met with many Ward Councillors and presented to Parish Councils. She will make contact as your ward/parish is near to build stage, however happy to meet/answer questions at any time.

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*Build plans may be subject to change.



ROAD CLOSURES



A421 Weekend Closure

The A421 will be closed from 8pm on Friday 16 November, to 6am on Monday 19 November.

The closure will be in place from the Eagle Farm roundabout to Junction 13 of the M1. The

closure will allow our team to carry out key utility works; move lampposts; and remove trees and hedgerows as part of the initial work, ahead of completing the dual carriageway. We try to limit any road closures to during the least busy times. However, at certain key stages of the road improvements we will need to close the road for the safety of our workers and the public.

The M1 road will be open, or visit our website for diversion details. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, and we thank you for your patience during the roadworks.



Update: ... Expressway

Councillors (Borough and up to two reps per Parish Council) attended a drop-in session on the preferred corridor option for the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Expressway. The session was run by Highways England who will discuss the next steps of the project, answer questions and gather any feedback.

The session was held in the Council Chamber at Civic Offices, from 5pm to 7pm, Wednesday 7 November.

If you'd like to find out more about the expressway, please visit

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway/>

or take a look at the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway - The preferred corridor booklet (attached to last month's UC Report) which shows a map of the corridor and summarises the background to the decision.

If you haven't already confirmed your attendance please RSVP to

transport.policy@milton-keynes.gov.uk



The Mayor of Milton Keynes Carol Service will take place on Wednesday, 12 December at 6.15pm at Church of Christ the Cornerstone





NPPF 2018 Presentation

18:00pm to 19:30pm Tuesday 11th December 2018

Milton Keynes Council, Council Chamber, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

In light of the recently published NPPF 2018, officers have prepared a presentation for parish councillors for **Tuesday 11th December 2018 between 18:00pm to 19:30pm.**

Please send confirmation of attendance to Claire.storey@milton-keynes.gov.uk

The topics to be discussed relate to the following key changes:

- The standardised methodology and Housing delivery test
- Neighbourhood planning
- Use of design policies as a key for boosting house building
- Viability
- Affordable housing
- Agent of change principle
- The promotion of sustainable transport
- Utilization of land
- Town Centres



Claire Poulton

Programme Manager

Greensand Country Landscape Partnership

After a massive amount of work from a large number of people we are delighted to let you know our LEADER bid has been submitted.

Both Jon and I agreed that with the four projects it was like submitting four LEADER bids! Firstly I would like to thank Ali, Gill and Anne and the rest of the Communications and Marketing sub group of the Board and the Website Task and Finish group for all the amount of thought they put into the web site design and concept. Alan Ferguson has given us a lot of support too. I would like to give a massive thanks to Anne for her work in putting the tender together, getting it out and organizing the interviews and to Gill for taking it over after the interviews.

I would like to thank the same people for supporting me with the same process for the Sense of Place toolkit. Then there are the 29 organizations and businesses that signed the charter and the just under 20 people that wrote us letters of support. Thank you to all of you.

With the village gateways I would like to thank Caroline Mauldin, Seb Kindersley and David Hopkins who as councillors helped us make things happen and to Richard Woodcock and Paul Middleton who did the work on the ground. Then to the 15 villages who got their funding agreements signed so quickly, 50% within 24 hours. We have applied for 49 gateways and 55 signs in 15 villages. Fantastic community support, so thank you to all of you.

Then the Rights of Way. To the GSCLP project managers for each assessing the amounts of signs needed, contractors who helped me increase my knowledge, to the councils- Cambridgeshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes and CBC for writing their letters of support and to the walking groups for their support, can I say thank you.

An incredible amount of thanks needs to go to Andy Knight who in the last few weeks has totally pulled the Rights of Way project together and has sorted the procurement process for supply and erecting the signs and has just made that project happen. Thank you so much Andy.

Then lastly to Gill and Jon who in the last few weeks have pulled it together and written the bid.

And lastly to my team for bearing with us whilst we were involved in this process. Thank you Eloise, Sarah, Anne, Lindsay and Sam for your support and for soldiering on with the Landscape Partnership work.

Finally I apologize to everyone for my pestering, but we got there in the end. I would just like to say a massive thank you and now we just need to cross our fingers.



The Boundary Commission for England submitted their final report to the Government on 5 September and this was laid before Parliament on 10 September. This must now be voted on and if approved will be in place for the next General Election.

What does this mean for Milton Keynes?

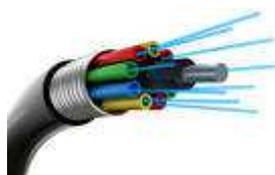
Two Milton Keynes wards (Stony Stratford and Wolverton) will now come under the Buckingham and Milton Keynes West Constituency. The rest of Milton Keynes will be divided into two constituencies, Milton Keynes North East and Milton Keynes South. The wards will be divided between the two constituencies as follows-

- Milton Keynes South

Bletchley East, Bletchley Park, Bletchley West, Bradwell, Loughton & Shenley, Stantonbury, Stony Stratford and Tattenhoe.

- **Milton Keynes North East**

Broughton, Campbell Park & Old Woughton, Central Milton Keynes, **Danesborough & Walton**, Monkston, Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope, Newport Pagnell South, Olney, and Woughton.



Government consultation on Gigabit connections for new developments

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-build-developments-delivering-gigabit-capable-connections>

Please see consultation document via link above. The Government is running this consultation until 21 December 2018. The main proposals are:

- Developers and network operators share the cost of connecting new build sites to gigabit-capable networks.
- Introducing a 'duty to connect' provision upon network operators.
- Amending Building Regulations Approved Document Part R: (Physical infrastructure for high-speed electronic communications networks). This will mean all new build sites will be built with the necessary infrastructure in place to support gigabit-capable networks.

I have been asked to coordinate responses on behalf of Milton Keynes Council. If you wish to comment on these proposals I would be grateful if you would send me your contributions by Monday 17 December.

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If you have commented on a previous stage of preparation of Milton Keynes Council's Plan:MK or you are registered to receive planning policy updates.

Plan:MK was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in March 2018. Inspector David Spencer was appointed to conduct the examination and he held hearings in July and August 2018.

Following the close of the public examination hearings, the Council were invited by the Inspector to submit, for his consideration, a schedule of proposed Main Modifications to the plan. These modifications are considered to be necessary to make Plan:MK sound.

Following further correspondence with the Inspector to finalise the schedule of modifications, he has now requested that the schedules be subject to public consultation.

We are therefore holding a six-week period of public consultation to provide an opportunity for you to comment on the schedule of proposed Main Modifications to the emerging local plan. The consultation is only on the following areas of the plan, and not on any other aspect:

- Main Modifications and policies map; and
- The Sustainability Appraisal addendum report.

This consultation will commence on Wednesday 31 October and comments must be received no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 12 December 2018.

Following the close of the consultation, all representations received will be sent to the Inspector for his consideration and to assist his final conclusions in preparing his report on the examination.

The Council's Plan:MK examination page <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/plan-mk-examination> allows you to submit your comments online, providing links to:

- The proposed Schedule of Main Modifications consultation document, and supporting documents; and
 - The Council's Objective portal, which is the simplest and preferred method of submitting any comments that you may have.
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Hard copies of the documents are also available at all libraries across Milton Keynes and within the Civic Office in Central Milton Keynes. If you are unable to use the online portal you can also respond via:

Email: planmk@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Or Post: Milton Keynes Council

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