

## **Wavendon Parish Council**

### **Chairmans Report – April 2024**

- **Police and Neighbourhood Watch presentation**

Come and meet your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on Sunday 21st April at 3pm at the Wavendon Community Hub, Dankworth Way, Wavendon.

- **Walton Road Closure**

17th April – 19th April 2024 at Walton Road, Wavendon – from its junction with Kings Close to its junction with Phoebe Lane. Whilst the above closure is in place the alternative route will be via Passalewe Lane, Isaacson Drive, Ortensia Drive, Groveway and Newport Road (and vice versa).

- **East West Rail Community Conversations**

A series of drop in events to explain the different stages of the Development Consent Order application and how the process works. The events are starting in Bedford on Tuesday 7th May with other sessions in Bletchley on Thursday 23rd May and Marston Moretaine on Friday 24th May. All sessions run from 2:00 – 7:00. Please see

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/news/latest-stories/community-conversation-events>

- **A421 Closure for urgent repairs**

MKCC has urgent resurfacing to undertake on A421 Kingston on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th night.

The diversion is proving to be difficult. MKCC is proposing diverting traffic through Woburn Sands for the duration.

MKCC officers appreciate that there is an environmental weight restriction through here but there isn't a viable alternative as we cannot divert ALL traffic onto M1 as some vehicles are restricted. We appreciate this may cause some noise complaints, but MKCC would appreciate your support on this occasion please. MKCC can add HGV traffic please use M1 at either end which may help.

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- **Road Closure – Railway Crossing**

20th April – 21st April 2024 (23:00 – 06:00)

Station Road, Woburn Sands – from its junction with Summerlin Drive to its junction with Turnpike Court. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Newport Road, A421, Bedford Road, Salford Road, A507, A4012, Turnpike Road and Crawley Road (vice versa).

**The 450 Bus Service from the company** – ‘Sorry, but I have decided that rather than leave people with a will it/ won't it that I have to suspend the service fully until I can commit to running it reliably. I hope people will understand that I have not done that lightly. I'm currently having to spend my time as a security guard to prevent any more site intrusions, which isn't helping.

I will let you know if and when the service resumes. At the moment I have to admit that retirement is looking as a more appealing prospect’. – MD Britannia Bus Company

## **Enquiries**

### **Fen Street Opening**

The completion of Fen Street all the way up to Brooklands has been the subject of considerable negotiation with Places for People for an extended period now. MKC officers believe that, as of December last year, MKCC now has agreement with them but as part of that agreement they are still waiting for some further information from Highways which is pending.

All things being equal, and if the spirit of cooperation continues to prevail, then I think we can look to see these completion works get on the ground in the late summer. They do also involve re-configuring the Salford Road junction so it's not quite as simple as just extending Fen Street but even so, I think there is a fighting chance of having the full road open before Christmas or more certainly by January next year.

### **Retail in Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South**

It's Sainsbury at Eagle Farm, but Glebe Farm is still at pre-app stage. There will probably be five units in total at Glebe with the food store being a standalone unit and the others forming a second block. The food store occupies about the same space as the others combined. MKCC understands that the interest in the food store there is from one well known community retailer but that is only based on conversation, there isn't at this stage anything signed up as I understand it, so probably best kept just to the PC for now.

### **Completion of Redway Link adjacent to Lower End Road**

David Wilson Homes are going to connect the redway. MKCC Highways engineers are just finalising the design. Just finalising the culvert pipe design.

Putting the redway over the reserve won't be an issue, if we ever put a road in, we will design an appropriate crossing.

Hopefully this will translate into action on site in the not-too-distant future and then we should be well on the way to having the full link along Lower End Road, probably just waiting for the former Golf Club 'clubhouse' infill to complete the whole thing.

## **Health Provision**

I think all we can say at this stage is that the SEMK development is moving from an allocation to an outline so essentially it is still principles that are being established rather than details.

However, one of those principles is that there should be a new primary healthcare provision within the development.

Colleagues will be aware that both the Integrated Care Board and the Asplands Practice are aware of the proposed development and have both expressed a wish to get involved in helping plan the new provision and then delivering the services from that. MKCC will be engaging with them on these details as the development starts to come forward.

As regards Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm and the other areas within the SLA these addresses will continue to be served from the Brooklands Health Centre

## Events

Wavendon Parish Council marks Fourth Anniversary of the first Pandemic lockdown by opening new peace and contemplation patio area at Wavendon Community Centre

The mayoress of Milton Keynes, Mandy Legg (on Saturday 23rd March) graciously attended the official marking of the fourth anniversary of the first Covid Lockdown by opening a newly refurbished patio area at Wavendon Community Centre in Wavendon village.

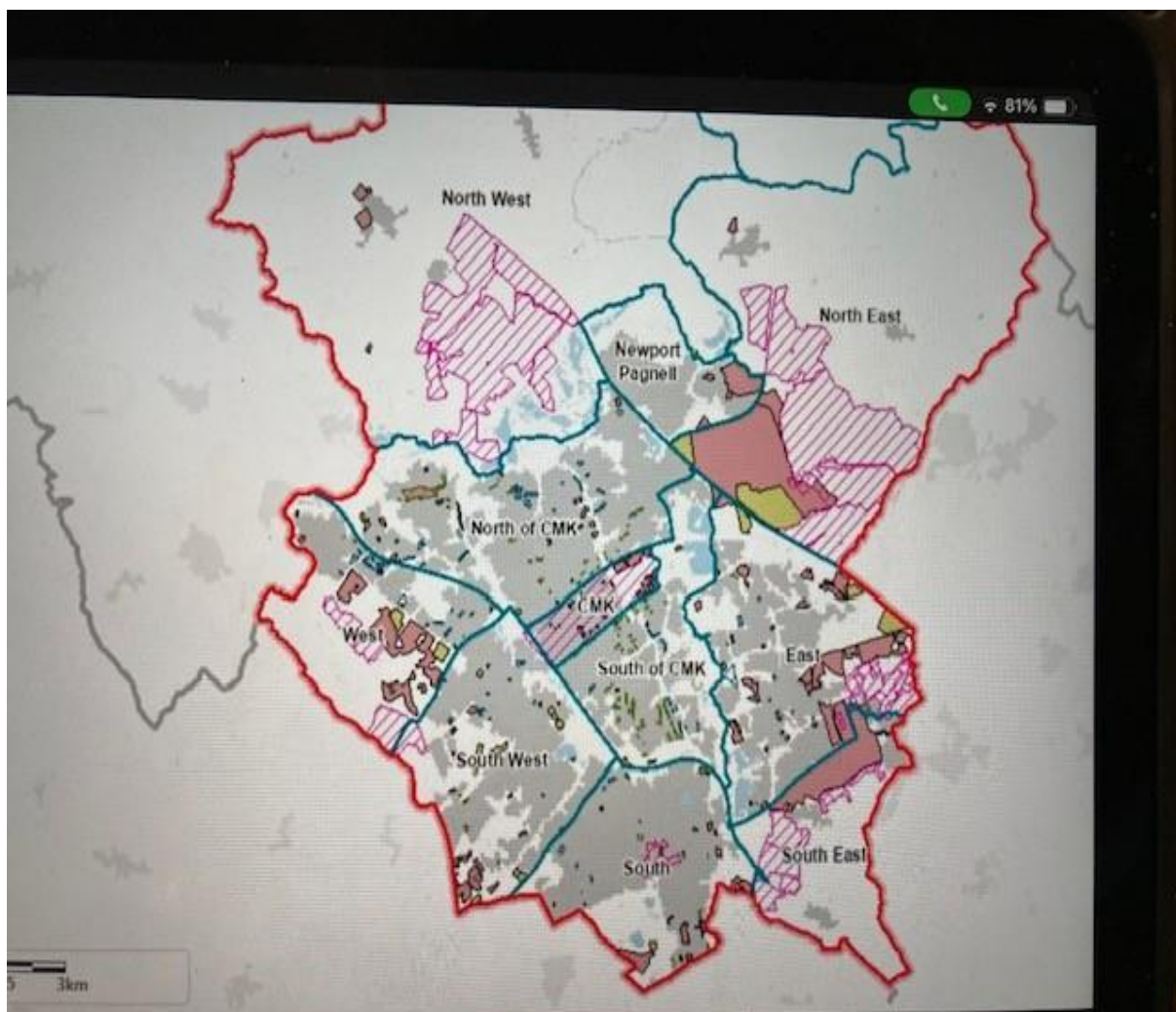


## Comment

The following slide clearly identifies the level of Growth identified for industrial /warehousing at up to 250 hectares I assume that doesn't include Life Sciences or similar and up to 643k sqm for office space i.e., three times CMK current floor space.

The Growth study put out to date is all about homes nothing about commercial sliding in another Magna Park or two and tripling the amount of office space in CMK is huge for Infrastructure as is where you put that use geographically in MK - add Pan Regional partnership ie Oxcam stuff and life sciences and university /higher Ed demand -R and D and start-ups /SME,s and you run out of land pretty damn quick even before you deal with environmental and sustainability constraints or maybe we make the place a dormitory town for London Oxford and Cambridge and forget Jobs and economic growth - only kidding but not an easy way to get the balance right nor easy to find the money to do all that Infrastructure which itself will be different dependant of quantum and type of uses for a particular location

Bid sheds next to housing really doesn't work well both visually physically and environmentally so I guess I was looking for some kind of land use concept master planning within the Growth Areas but to date it seems to be all rolled up into the Resident only Consultation paper which went to MKCC Planning CAG in Feb24



## How much growth are we planning for?

- Between 2022 – 2050.
- 63k homes, around 28% as affordable.
- Current supply of 30k homes, so we need to allocate another 33k for homes.
- Around 190-250 hectares for industrial and warehousing space (about twice the size of Magna Park).
- Between 408k to 643k square metres of office space (currently around 280k square metres in CMK today).

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*Cllr David Hopkins*

*Chairman – Wavendon Parish Council*