

# Wavendon Parish Council

## Chairmans Report – June 2024

- **Planning**

Thanks to Vice Chairman, Cllr Levermore for attending the planning meeting on Thursday 6 June and speaking to item Application Number: 24/00222/REMM on behalf of the Parish Council. This related to a variation of condition 1 (approved plans) seeking to change approved plans for Plot 32 to allow for minor amendments (relating to permission ref. 20/01246/FULMMA variation of condition 1 (approved plans) to update approved plans list to application 19/01268/REM (Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 198 dwellings and associated parking and open space, pursuant to outline planning consent 13/02382/OUTEIS)) at Lot 1 - Parcel A, Glebe Farm, Milton Keynes, Wavendon. Marlese will update the meeting on the outcome.

### Highways Issues meeting

An estimated 108 residents attended the Highways meeting in the Wavendon Hub on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at which Murray Woodburn and Keith Wheeler from MKCC updated residents on progress to date on a number of issues and (in some detail) progress on the Walton Road challenges. A series of options were contained in the attached slide presentation and an informal consultation leading a formal consultation on a preferred option would now follow.



Also, some people asked about where they could find the moving traffic contravention consultation so I'd be grateful if this link could also be shared in the email.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations/parking-and-moving-traffic-enforcement-consultation#:~:text=We%20would%20like%20to%20do,we%20want%20to%20take%20action.>

- **Highways Visibility and other issues from the meeting**

The Highways meeting in the Wavendon Hub on 12 June also revealed concerns regarding visibility issues on Lower End Road (junction with Wavendon House Drive) which have been reported. We will look at weight limits / width restrictions for Walton Rd

- Larger (visible) 'School' sign near the nursery on Newport Road
- The MKCC new Active Travel Officer will engage with local schools to support their Travel Plans after they start their new role at the end of July
- Keith Wheeler spoke to a local resident about the Cross End / Lower End Road junctions proposals and the resident is going to respond to the statutory consultation.
- One resident raised the issue of Towergate (Vauxhall dealership) unloading car transporters outside the KFC outlet on the double yellow lines and officers will investigate this matter.
- A resident raised the issue of Stockwell Road and the need for a completed footpath given the number of parents and children using the route from Glebe Farm to the Nursery and Wavendon Gate school
- Officers also commented that they would be very happy to look into new pedestrian crossings on Newport Road and Isaacson Drive, and Phil Jeffs will be tasked to do some initial assessments on safe locations where we might be able to put them. New crossings will also need parking restrictions either side (zig-zag markings) so that will also need to be considered when looking for appropriate locations on Newport Rd and Isaacson Drive.

Murray Woodburn comments that 'at first glance, a formal crossing on Isaacson Drive near to the Passalewe Lane junction may be a bit tricky due to the proliferation of residential driveways along that section, so it may need to go on the Wavendon Gate side of the Redway crossing - and that would involve the removal of some of the bushes there. Newport Road looks more straightforward however, but we'll get back to you once we've taken a look'.

- **Work on Stockwell Lane 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September**

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- **Lantern of Peace – D Day Memorial**



A large than expected congregation gathered in the church yard close to the war memorial at 9.10 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> June to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-day landing. I laid a wreath a lit the Lamp of Peace following which Rev Matt Trendall conducted a short service of remembrance including the International Tribute, repeated below.

### **The Tribute**

Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all nationalities - from all countries - who fought, suffered and died during the D-Day landings and six years of war.

Let us all remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and our Allies - the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.

Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the coal mines, the factories and the air raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.

- **EWR**

An update from the EWR company - following the announcement of a July General Election

Following the announcement of a General Election in July, and so that we comply with pre-election guidelines, our statutory consultation will now not be able to begin in June as originally planned. We will, of course, update you about the next steps as soon as we can.

The news about the General Election also means we have had to postpone our remaining Community Conversations events in Bletchley (23 May) and Marston Moreteyne (24 May). We will share an update on future community events when we are able to do so.

- **Bits & Pieces**

MKCC has been in touch with Rob Crowe at Crest regarding the concrete blocks across the bus only route and MKCC would hope these will be in place soon. Rob is also assisting us with the Transfer of the land for the park and play area at Elmswell Road. MKCC has been through the internal approvals processes to secure the funding but apparently the Capital Programme wasn't on the June Cabinet agenda so has to go to July to confirm the funding. Paul Van Geete will try and get the Procurement process going as soon as we he has the go ahead on the finances.

MKCC has a number of safety schemes in and around Wavendon (see list below) on the agenda for this year, and with financial resource (subject to July Cabinet). Many of these were discussed on Wednesday night but I know MKCC is hoping to progress schemes in all these locations this financial year now that the new contract is being put in place. As Murray stated at the meeting, funding is not a problem.

1. Wavendon, Cross End, Lower End Road & Cranfield Road
2. Wavendon, Newport Road
3. Wavendon, Cranfield Road
4. Brooklands, Fen Street
5. Wavendon, Walton Road
6. Magna Park, Fen Street

Regarding the new local shops a developer has been appointed by L&Q to bring forward the Glebe Farm scheme and MKCC is expecting to see an application, very much along the lines of the pre-app, in the not too distant future. There is however a 'technical' planning issue to be resolved first which is the subject of 24/01285/OUTM. The description is Variation of condition 11 (Uses) seeking to amend the condition to remove the reference to non-food retail within the local centre, to be replaced with Class E(a)(b)(c) and also seeks to clarify the condition to refer to gross internal areas (relating to permission ref. 13/02382/OUTEIS. If this

is permitted this will allow the REM application to come in which will look something like the attached.

On the Sainsbury's at Eagle Farm, Paul Van Geete has been in touch with Bhavin Solanki who is Project Manager for the scheme. He tells Paul that things are progressing toward completion in the late summer but he didn't know the detail of the agreement with the operator and when they might open. It would appear they would want to be open early to mid-October at the latest in order to be well established before the run up to Christmas. If we hear any more I will report verbally or in the July report.

- **The 450 Bus Service from the company – 'Enquiries**

The 450 service operated by Britannia Bus Company has ceased operating. It is understood that MKCC has tendered for a replacement service and that one might be in place as early as July, but we have no definite news on that matter.

- **Woburn Sands Futures**

L&Q presented to a meeting of Woburn Sands Futures (attended by myself and Steve Thomas on behalf of WPC). A hard copy of the presentation will be available at the meeting but in essence the meeting focused on the nature and design/content of the new local centre planned for SEMK. Asplands Surgery were in attendance to advise on the NHS / GP requirements of such a centre, reminding the meeting that if designed correctly and to scale, the centre could offer a range of decentralised medical services. The outline applications for the L&Q and O&H sites are due to be heard no sooner than September.

Mike Geddes comments - It is clear that a number of uncertainties surround SEMK – EWR's plans are the most obvious but the outcome of the Election could have an impact. The lack of information from EWR makes it difficult to consider the wider transport implications of the SEMK development but I am sure that we will want to discuss these with you and O&H in due course.

There was some discussion on the number of dwellings to be provided in SEMK. I have checked my files and Policy SD11 of PlanMK (Para A) states "Land is allocated at South East Milton Keynes ...for a comprehensive residential-led mixed use development of approximately 3,000 dwellings to meet the needs of Milton Keynes up to 2031 and beyond". Although it is some time since PlanMK was approved, and some things have changed (such as the promotion of EWR) I think it is fair to say that residents would feel very let down if the final SEMK scheme significantly exceeded this target. I appreciate that we do not yet know the scale of the proposals to be submitted by O&H for their land North of the railway line but I hope that you and your colleagues can bear in mind this target.

The long term aim of the Futures Panel is to ensure a comprehensive and sustainable development of the wider South East sector of Milton Keynes for the benefit of all residents, both old and new.

- **MK2050**

The draft local plan (MK2050) is scheduled for publication on 18 June and will be circulated widely on Tuesday.

- **Public Arts Funding Project(s) – Update**

The Arts officer Louise Izod has been away from the office due to sickness. She has now returned.

Whilst she was absent, she was asked to delay the procurement whilst MKCC obtains further approvals for the process. Louise has now had the funding agreed but she believes she now needs to get approval to start new projects – this affects several projects, not just Wavendon and hopefully will not create too much delay.

#### **THE ANNUAL FUN FAIR in Woburn Sands**

The Fun Fair is due to roll into town on June 24th. As usual it will be on The Recreation Ground, which will be reinstated and ready for them. This is a long-awaited event enjoyed by all ages

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CBC Local Transport Consultation

Proposed right turn bans at the junction of Lower End Road and Cross End in Wavendon (TRO-402 )

Start Date - 30 May 2024 - End Date - 20 June 2024

Contact - Paul Harrison

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### **Consultation**

Milton Keynes City Council intends to make the following named traffic regulation Order under section 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

Milton Keynes City Council (Various Roads, Wavendon) (Prohibition of Right Turn) Order 2024

The effect of the above proposed Order will be to prohibit right-turn manoeuvres at the junction of Lower End Road and Cross End in Wavendon.

The Council is now carrying out statutory consultation on the proposed Order. Any comments or objections to the above proposal, together with the grounds upon which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the Council's Traffic Regulation Order Team at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ, or by email to TROteam@milton-keynes.gov.uk quoting reference TRO-402.

The closing date for this consultation is 20 June 2024

***Cllr David Hopkins***

***Chairman – Wavendon Parish Council***