

Report for Wavendon PC - May 2024



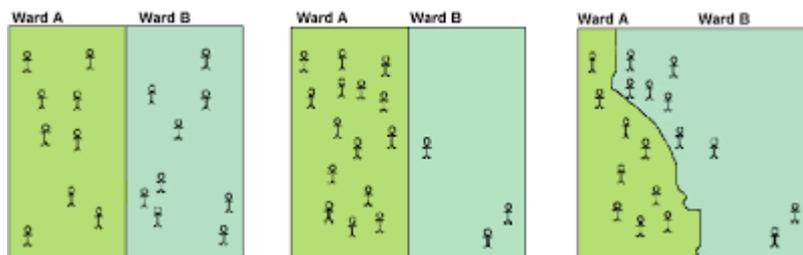
WS Futures Meeting (O&H – L&Q in June) & EWR



Resume of the latest meeting.

- Pippa Cheetham (O&H employed consultant) representing O&H and Natalie Dewhurst from the Parks Trust and Paul Van Geete from MKCC.
- Purpose of meeting was to exchange views on the objectives and design of the Buffer Zone, also known as the Woburn Sands Park (not Country Park; too pretentious!). this title is suggested since the area is located in the centre of the Woburn Sands parish and it will become the principal recreational centre of the parish. We are not going to discuss any other aspect of SEMK.
- Before moving on to a detailed discussion PVG helpfully summarised the current planning situation.
- Following MKCC's designation of SEMK in PlanMK O&H (and L&Q) submitted outline planning permission for their respective areas in mid-2023. Various comments were made, and a revised application was submitted by O&H in late 2023. To date MKCC has not formally considered either application but understood that this will be done in the Autumn.
- A key reason for the delay is the lack of any substantive proposals from EWR which, in turn, has delayed O&H plans for the northern part of their site since final proposals in respect of transport matters cannot yet be considered. It is understood that EWR will publish their proposals in June but yet to be seen.....It would obviously be advantageous for MKCC to consider applications covering the whole of SEMK at the same time.
- In the meantime, there have been various local discussions about the Buffer Zone and it would clearly be useful for all parties if we could exchange views before any formal decisions are made.

- Before opening up the meeting for wider contributions Mike G made a few contextual comments
 - As already mentioned, the Buffer Zone is a key site within the parish of Woburn Sands. It lies at the centre of the parish and will provide much needed recreational facilities for all parish residents both existing and new. For that reason, he asked 'it is appropriate to designate the zone as the Woburn Sands Park'?
 - The Park needs to be linked with the green space in Parklands which overlooks the lakes, and with the proposed wildlife corridor along the railway line. Section 106 funds could be used to enhance the Parklands space to the benefit of all. The footpaths need to link with the redway system. In effect the Park needs full integration with the wider area.
 - The Park needs to serve the needs of all sectors of the population. The older generation must be encouraged just as much as the younger generation.
 - Notwithstanding the importance of the Park to Woburn Sands residents the facilities must take account of the other facilities elsewhere in SEMK and the neighbouring parishes. Football provision provides a simple example of this - the provision of a new combined school in the centre of SEMK will provide the opportunity of providing additional sporting facilities available to the wider community, and the existing excellent provision of football facilities in Wavendon and Bow Brickhill.
 - Access – both pedestrian and vehicular – is an important consideration.
 - Finally, MG felt the meeting should be aware of the challenges of the need for proper long-term management and maintenance of 'the park'. The precise arrangements will be a matter for the statutory bodies (i.e., Woburn Sands Town Council, Milton Keynes City Council, and the Parks Trust) which he concluded were not for discussion at that meeting but were needed to ensure long term managerial sustainability.



Boundary ward changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on our electoral review of Milton Keynes. The review will agree new ward boundaries across the council.

- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities, such as shops and leisure activities?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?

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Marston Vale Line update – EWR

During the last series of community events in November, people told us they'd like to learn more about the Development Consent Order (DCO) process and how they could get involved. These drop-in events aim to explain what the different stages of the DCO application are and how that process works.

We'll be explaining how and when you can get involved, so that you and your community are well informed before the launch of the first stage of statutory consultation in the summer.

These sessions are information-only events so that communities are up to speed ahead of statutory consultation and not formal consultation events. However, further details will be made available during statutory consultation which is your opportunity to provide feedback on our proposals.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at an event in your local area and sharing more information about the DCO process.

Everyone is welcome at these events. If you have any questions at all, or any access requirements that would enable you to participate in this event then please contact us by phone: 0330 134 0067, by post: Freepost EAST WEST RAIL or by email: contact@eastwestrail.co.uk

Marston Moreteyne on 24 May 2024 - 14:00-19:00

Marston Moreteyne Community Centre, Great Linns, Marston Moreteyne, MK43 0DD

Or

Bletchley, 23 May 2024 - 14:00-19:00

Bletchley Masonic Centre, 263 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2BZ

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



Wood Street Resurfacing & Russell Street Repairs & Car

Park entrance pothole(s)

- I will be asking a question of the relevant Cabinet member at MKCC asking if Wood Street can be urgently resurfaced, Russell Street repaired and the pot hole on the entrance to the car park sorted as a matter of urgency.



Newport Road - Road Closures

- Notes from Gareth Hughes (MKCC)

Please be aware that after meeting with Redrow on site last week there will be a requirement for traffic lights for their works to build the two accesses into the development.

So as soon as SGN are finished installing the gas they will remove their lights and Redrow will install theirs. There will therefore be lights on Newport Road until 7th June.

Then works on Cranfield Road for National Grid will begin.

I appreciate road works are causing frustration in the area but we are doing all we can for coordinate them all effectively.

Gareth Hughes - Streetworks Manager (M: 07586543565

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As roadworks are now showing on one.network for the next 3 months I felt it prudent to make contact with you all regarding the need to close Newport Road in relation to the development.

Anglian Water require a road closure to undertake a road crossing for water connections into Redrow development week commencing 22nd – 26th July 24/7.

I appreciate this is likely to be unpopular. I have informed Frosts and I am happy to do so for others affected.

The bottom line is it is not safe to undertake the works without a road closure.

I will be working with AW over the coming months to generate a signage plan suitable for this closure and to agree on the best time of day to put in place.

If you have any queries please do let me know. The signage schedule attached will be added to with special signs in due course.

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Level Crossing after accident. The accident happened on Friday 3rd May and trains were cancelled from 16:47 ex Bedford until the end of the day due to a vehicle hitting the barriers at Woburn Sands.

Resumption of Full Marston Vale Line Service

A full Marston Vale Line timetable has resumed - an hourly service Monday – Saturday & Bank Holidays. Please visit <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/#times> to download the timetable.

Alternatively, copies are available from Bletchley Station, local libraries and Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre or contact Stephen for a copy to be sent to you.

Rail Replacement Buses will continue to cover any cancelled train services. Please report any issues with Rail Replacement Buses to London Northwestern Railway via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/contact-us/customer-relations>

A special ticket offer is running to celebrate the resumption of the full service. A single journey between any two Marston Vale Line stations is just £1 for adults and 50p for children. Railcard discounts apply. The offer has been extended until 19th August.

Please purchase rail tickets from the conductor on the train by cash or card. Tickets can also be purchased from any staffed rail station by cash or card or the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at each Marston Vale Line station (card only). Tickets purchased online can be collected at any staffed station or any TVM.

Refunds for delayed journeys of 15 minutes or more can be claimed from the London Northwestern Railway Delay Repay Scheme - <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/about-us/delay-repay>



Deep Clean?

Following the residents' comments at the Annual Meeting I have asked the Head of Environment and Waste Services if a Deep Clean for Woburn Sands might be a possibility.



MK2050 – Review of the Local Plan

As promised; this is the high-level timeline (borrowed from an email from Paul Thomas, who looks after the programme):

- Following public consultation earlier this year (additional, non-statutory), the team are utilising responses alongside evidence to develop policies for the draft plan. You can see details on engagement and a timeline here: [Track the Project Timeline - Milton Keynes New City Plan \(commonplace.is\)](https://www.commonplace.is)

- The team are working towards end of June Delegated Decision for the Reg 18 (**approval to consult on the draft plan during July, August and September**)
- During consultations, public representations will be received and summarised and responded to. This will inform the final plan document that will be prepared to go to DD in January 25, followed by Reg 19 / consultation on the final plan commencing February 25
- June 2025 is the hard deadline for submitting the final plan by, other local authorities need to meet this deadline too as there will be changes introduced after that point.



The 450 Bus

Update from Derek

Hello. As promised, an update on the 450 and future plans.

Through a good turn of events in Northants, we have agreed to reinstate our 89, albeit in a much more efficient route (now the inefficient part is joined with the X91). This dovetails perfectly with the 450 between CMK and Woburn Sands.

On the basis that Deanshanger - CMK // CMK - Woburn Sands is what I was trying to do in the first place, I have no hesitation now in increasing the service to full day, Monday - Saturday as per attached timetable.

Our licence is up for renewal next week and as we've complied with instructions, I foresee no problems.

I am more than happy that between the 89 (to be re-numbered 400) and the 450 there are enough passengers to justify one bus for an 11 hour day, giving 6 departures from each end. It should provide a basic service for commuters to CMK as well as social/ shoppers, including people going to Woburn Sands. It is only every 2 hours I'm afraid but that's the best level I feel comfortable with at the moment. I am going to try and really push this hard and if it proves popular then making it hourly and/ or extending the timetable to earlier/ later/ Sunday is possible.

I discussed possibly connecting it with the Marston Vale line at WS, but it's not possible at the moment to arrive before the train departs and to pick up afterwards, but if it moves to hourly or better in the future then that makes it a little more viable.

I have currently shown the combined route as Deanshanger, Old Stratford, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, CMK // CMK, MK Hospital, Kingston, Woburn Sands. However, depending on feedback it might be possible to include CMK Railway Station, but that would likely mean losing the hospital.

Any thoughts welcome? I know this route has had a rough time for one reason or another which is largely responsible for operating it with the OLD 89, but the new 89 is a much, much more efficient route (and as the

X91 has taken over the rest, nobody loses their bus) and that will make a massive difference operationally and financially. Through tickets will be available and we'll be sticking to our usual low fares approach no matter what happens with the Gov's fare cap. I will need to give a minimum of 10 weeks notice to change the timetable, which brings us to the end of July, so probably the middle of August in order to settle it in for the busy time which traditionally starts the beginning of September. This will be heavily marketed this time, with full quality timetables printed and distributed etc.

NB the intermediate times for stops are indicative and may move around a few minutes, but the material times will be the same. Any feedback welcome please before I send to MKCC/WNC Officers.

Kind regards

Derek - Britannia Bus

THREE PARISHES
MAY COACH TRIP TO
LEAMINGTON SPA

WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2024
FARE £14.50*

PICK UP TIME: 9:30 AM

<u>WAVENDON</u>	<u>WOBURN SANDS</u>	<u>BOW BRICKHILL</u>
WAVENDON PAVILION WAVENDON GATE	RECREATION GROUND	GREENWAYS
WAVENDON COMMUNITY CENTRE	TESCO	
PARKWAY/BELLWAY	THE LEYS	

DEPARTING FOR HOME AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 PM

AVAILABLE TO ALL PARISHIONERS OVER 60 RESIDING IN THE THREE PARISHES

***If you live outside of the Woburn Sands, Wavendon or Bow Brickhill areas and/or are under 60, you are welcome to join us at a cost of £16. Please contact us on one of the following numbers for availability & booking.**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

WOBURN SANDS	SAM	01908 585368
WAVENDON	MONICA	01908 281424
BOW BRICKHILL	BRENDA	01908 375151

Cllr. David Hopkins

MK City Councillor for Wavendon