

## Unitary Councillor Report

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

**September 2020 Combined Report**



### Responding to reports

The Council's new dedicated email address, which we set up for people to share their experiences of places where COVID-19 precautions aren't being followed, has now received more than 70 reports. The Council is actively investigating places where a pattern has emerged so it can put things right where needed. If you're concerned while out and about in MK, please email [covidconcern@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:covidconcern@milton-keynes.gov.uk). All emails are confidential.

## PLANNING



**AMENDED PROPOSAL- Former Wavendon Golf Centre Lower End Road Wavendon**

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**

**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**

**Application no: 20/01841/REM**

**Proposal: Reserved matters application (access, appearance, layout and scale) for 400 dwellings and associated works, pursuant to outline planning permission 14/00350/OUTEIS (Resubmission of 19/01196/REM)**

**At: Former Wavendon Golf Centre, Lower End Road, Wavendon, Milton Keynes MK17 8DA**

I am writing to advise you that the Council has received amended drawings relating to the above application. The application, together with the amendments can be viewed via the Council's Public Access system using the link: [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/publicaccess).

I would be grateful to receive any comments you may have about the amended proposal by 23rd September 2020. If no reply is received within this period the application may be decided without your comments.

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**The Government's 'Planning for the Future': Consultations – go to;**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-for-the-future>

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system)

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-and-competition-a-call-for-evidence-on-the-data-on-land-control](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-and-competition-a-call-for-evidence-on-the-data-on-land-control)

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/section-106-planning-obligations-and-the-community-infrastructure-levy-in-england-2018-to-2019-report-of-study](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/section-106-planning-obligations-and-the-community-infrastructure-levy-in-england-2018-to-2019-report-of-study)

and see the First Homes consultation response to the proposals at

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/first-homes](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/first-homes)

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MK Council claims to have exceeded government's planning application targets for the last six months. Despite the restrictions faced by COVID-19, colleagues in Planning have also investigated more than 400 enforcement cases and worked with developers to successfully establish a sufficient supply of deliverable housing land.....



### **MK Council exceeding government planning targets**

412 enforcement cases investigated since March 2020



Planning applications processed significantly exceed government targets



MKC has established sufficient supply of deliverable housing land



[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk)





## Appeals Update

**The Planning Service is currently dealing with the following appeal of note:**

**19/01818/OUT- Land at Brickhill Street, South Caldecotte**

Planning permission was refused by the Development Control Committee on the 6th February 2020 for the development of the site for B2/B8 uses. The appeal will be dealt with by a Public Inquiry commencing on the 24th August 2020



## South East Milton Keynes Development Proposals

Please note that the presentation from recent Planning CAG workshop that took place on the 25/08/2020 and meeting notes with actions are now available on the CMIS system

<https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/6760/Committee/1386/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>.

As per the Leader of the Council's request you are invited to submit your comments to newly set up mailbox: [semk@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:semk@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

It would be appreciated if your comments could be kindly submitted by 18th September 2020 to allow officers to collate and feed back to Cllr Marland.

The long-promised workshop on Public Transport matters will be set up in due course!

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**Milton Keynes welcomes Heritage 'ReOpen' Days 11-20 September!**

Mindful of the restrictions of COVID-19, this year MK's arts and heritage community have really pulled out all the stops to find ways that we can enjoy our city's vibrant culture together in safety, following the Government Guidance to ensure Heritage Open Days takes place once again.

For some arts and heritage venues and organisations Heritage Open Days will be the first time they re-open to the public since Covid-19 and they are keen to welcome you back. Taking place over ten days from Friday 11 to Sunday 20 September, there is something for everyone as the area celebrates its fascinating heritage with guided walks, historic talks, cycle rides, workshops, craft events, open days, exhibitions and performances – all completely free to attend.

Key attractions opening their doors for free include Milton Keynes Museum, Stadium MK, Great Linford Manor Park, MK Arts Centre, Milton Keynes Theatre and the Cowper & Newton Museum in Olney.

Cllr Carole Baume, MKC Cabinet Member for Economy and Culture said: “Heritage Open Days in Milton Keynes are always popular, so it’s really exciting to welcome them back this September.

Milton Keynes has so much unique heritage to celebrate and talk about – that’s why we love it.”

This year's theme is Hidden Nature and you will find plenty of open-air opportunities and trails to get out and about to explore the natural environment across Milton Keynes and beyond. Join the Parks Trust's rangers for guided walks, walk or cycle the new Pilgrim Trail between Tattenhoe and Bradwell Abbey, explore Wolverton's green spaces and find out about the plants and animals that live alongside us – you might be surprised!

For the first time Heritage Open Days is going online, with virtual exhibitions and experiences alongside those in the physical world. Take a tour of the extensive art collection held by MK University Hospital with Arts For Health, explore the open studios at Westbury Arts Centre, join Buckinghamshire Archives for their Virtual History Festival and more. Take part in the HODs fun without leaving your armchair!

Please keep checking the Living Archive website and our social media to keep in touch with any updates to the events, as Heritage Open Days going ahead will be subject to any government guidelines that are in place at the time.

Website: [www.livingarchive.org.uk/events/category/events](http://www.livingarchive.org.uk/events/category/events)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/living.archive.7](https://www.facebook.com/living.archive.7)

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**with Woburn Sands, Wavendon and Little Brickhill**

### **Option Plans for SEMK (Strategic Urban Extension – SUE)**

Working with the members of the former *No Expressway Action Group* we shall be pressing for public meetings (as soon as it becomes safe to hold them) in each of the communities impacted so that local people have a real say in what is being planned for their local areas.



**with East West Rail – At the heart of the Transport Strategy: Transforming Journeys**

The Draft Transport Strategy's Transforming Journeys chapter (p38-43) contains a number of policies

<http://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/Documents/Draft%20Transport%20Strategy.pdf> to maximise the potential of East West Rail and use it as the catalyst for

transforming public transport right across the region. This includes improving east-west journeys in the north and south of the region, and also improving north-south connectivity.

Watch the short video guide above to find out more - and please let us know your views by taking part in the associated consultation.

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/englands-economic-heartland/transport-strategy-consultation-2020/>



### **A421 Closures**

I thought it would be useful to provide you with a short update on progress on the A421 dualling and to let you know about some weekend closures.

Overall the project is progressing well as I'm sure some of you will have seen. Cranfield Road was re-opened on 1st September. We are planning to remove the temporary utility bridge this weekend and, if this goes smoothly, we should substantially complete the scheme before the end of October which is broadly in line with the initial programme at the start of the construction.

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In order to remove the temporary utility bridge we will be closing the A421 between the Eagle Farm Roundabout up to M1 Junction 13 this weekend, from 8pm on Friday until 6am on Monday (or earlier if our works are completed). We will also need to close Cranfield Road during the removal of the bridge for safety reasons. We will use the A421 closure to undertake other works including carriageway surfacing and road markings.

We will also be closing the road from Friday 11 September at 8pm until 6am on Monday 14 September (or earlier if our works are completed). This closure will allow us to carry out works under where the temporary bridge was located together with more resurfacing works, safety barrier works and road markings.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 07903202557

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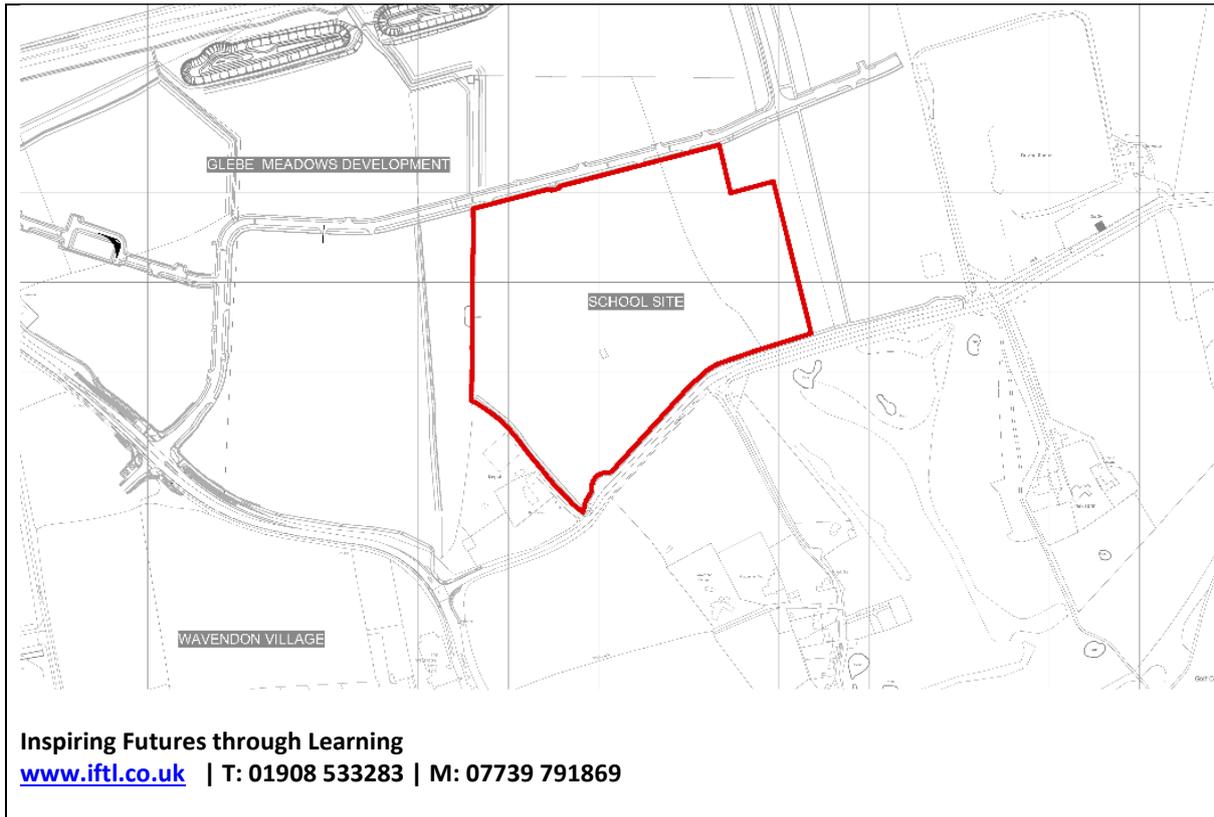


with Wavendon Glebe Farm School campus



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Through Learning





## Confused about how many people you can meet up with?

### Meeting indoors

Only **TWO** households can meet at one time  
(anyone in your support bubble counts as part of your household)



A maximum of **SIX** people can meet at a pub/restaurant from no more than of two households



### Meeting outdoors

Groups of up to **SIX** people from different households can meet



Larger groups can only meet if everyone is exclusively from **TWO** households  
(anyone in your support bubble counts as part of your household)

A maximum of **SIX** people can meet at a pub/restaurant from more than two households



You still need to socially distance from people you do not live with or who are not in your support bubble and wash your hands regularly





### With the Greensand Trust - Greensand Business Survey

As a Greensand Country supporter, we really appreciate your views on how we can help businesses like yours to make the most of being a part of this special landscape.

We'll soon be launching the Sense of Place Toolkit, a free resource designed to enhance local business' marketing efforts. We're also in the process of developing a Forward Plan for the Greensand Country Partnership, through which we aim to continue supporting local businesses in future.

With that in mind, we'd be grateful if you could complete a short questionnaire about your business. The information you provide will be used to help evaluate and guide our work with local businesses and also inform the Greensand Country Forward Plan.

The survey will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. The information you provide will be used only for the purposes mentioned above and won't be shared with any organisations beyond the Greensand Trust (the lead partner for this work) and *Countryscape* (the consultants working on the Sense of Place Toolkit and Forward Plan).

Access the survey at <http://www.countryscape.org/greensand-business-survey>

If you have any immediate questions, please don't hesitate to contact [james@countryscape.org](mailto:james@countryscape.org)



### Expressway Update - Published 28 Aug 2020

Highways England are proposing to upgrade the route between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet roundabout with a new 10-mile dual carriageway and a number of junction improvements. **The scheme will improve journeys between Milton Keynes and Cambridge**, bringing communities together and supporting long term growth in the region.

As the scheme is considered an essential infrastructure project, Highways England was given permission to continue our field work during lockdown, while following government guidelines.

Our ecological survey work and archaeological trial trenching will help us to develop our Development Consent Order (DCO), the planning application needed for this type of

infrastructure project. The DCO is due to be submitted later this year and the information we gather now will provide data for some of the required documents, such as the Environmental Impact Assessment and method statements.

Some of our surveys can only be carried out during seasonal windows, such as those that monitor bats and breeding birds, and it's important that we carry these out at the right time of year to get accurate results. The results of our surveys will determine what species exist in the scheme area and the types of mitigation that we need to put in place to protect or relocate them.

They also help us understand which areas have no archaeological features, so that we know where construction can start without any further investigative works.

By continuing with our surveys throughout lockdown, we'll be able to stick to our timeline to start construction in 2022/23.

What measures are we taking?

The ecology and archaeology teams have been following guidance from professional bodies, to allow us to continue our work as safely as possible.

Guidance from the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, Institute for Archaeology and the Federation of Archaeologists has been used to create strict working methods to keep our team, contractors and the public safe.

Some of these measures include:

- advance site risk assessments to consider COVID-19 risks
- washing or sanitising hands and equipment before travel and arrival on site, as well as at break times
- avoiding public transport unless absolutely necessary
- travelling to site by car either independently, or in bubbles where experts live in the same household
- cleaning vehicles between individual uses
- not sharing tools or Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- where possible, reducing the number of surveyors needed to meet face to face on site by using digital communication instead
- keeping two metres apart during fieldwork (within our team and from the public), except in an emergency
- avoiding site briefings by using email and moving towards online meetings wherever possible
- reducing movement of staff between sites
- not working in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained

Our working methods are reviewed regularly to ensure we are still following best practice during this period of rapid change.

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To stay updated on the scheme, we now have dedicated social media pages where you can follow our progress:

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3 Ridgeway  
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Email: [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk) General enquiries:0300 123 5000  
Facebook - @A428BlackCat

Web site: [www.gov.uk/dft](http://www.gov.uk/dft)



## Draft Planning Obligations and Health Impact Assessment SPD

### Consultation

Milton Keynes Council has published the Draft Milton Keynes Planning Obligations and Health Impact Assessment Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) for consultation and inviting comments from members of the public, organisations and other stakeholders for an eight -week period.

Consultation on both documents commenced on 5 August 2020 and comments must be received no later than **5.00pm on 30 September 2020**.

The Planning Obligations SPD is intended to give guidance on the general approach that the Council will use to identify infrastructure requirements and how those requirements feed into the consideration of planning obligations. Additionally, how planning obligations are monitored, and developer funding is managed to deliver specific projects.

The Health Impact Assessment SPD will ensure that developments of over 50 dwellings will be required to prepare a health impact assessment. This will measure the wider impact on healthy living and the demands that are placed upon the capacity of health services and facilities arising from development.

Link to Planning Obligations SPD

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/draft-planning-obligations-supplementary-planning-document-spd>

Link to Health Impact Assessment SPD

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/draft-health-impact-assessment-spd-2020>

Area	Road	From	To	Activity
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WAVENDON	STOCKWELL LANE	ROAD CLOSURE to enable Development	20/07/2020 to 06/12/2020	24 hours
WAVENDON	Stockwell Lane (New estate Road)	ROAD CLOSURE for Anglian Water	07/09/2020 to 18/09/2020	24 hours



With Wavendon – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)  
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015  
Application no: 20/01245/OUT

**Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for up to 53 dwellings, including 32% affordable dwellings, surface water attenuation, open space, landscaping and associated highway works.**

At: Lower End Road, Wavendon MK17 8AN

A housing developer has submitted plans to build 53 homes in the 'open countryside' in Milton Keynes.

Bidwells want to build the homes in Land Off Lower End Road in Wavendon, close to the A421/M1.

But the site lies outside the defined settlement boundary of Milton Keynes in the 'open countryside'.

The developer has justified the application by saying they have a belief that 'there is a lack of deliverable housing land in Milton Keynes' and that the proposal represents a 'logical extension to the urban area'.

The site will comprise of a mixture of 2-5 bedroom homes, with the final mix to be determined during a later stage of the planning process.

32%, or 17 of the houses, will be defined as affordable homes.

In addition, Bidwells are proposing a number of enhancements to the roads and footpaths nearby.



Homes England backs a new

### “healthy housing” toolkit by Design for Homes

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- Homes England will specify the new Building for a Healthy Life guidance in land sale tenders
- Guidance encourages focus on active travel, carbon reduction and mixed tenure in communities

Homes England is backing new design guidance called Building for a Healthy Life, which encourages healthier lifestyles to be planned into new housing developments. The new guidelines are published by Design for Homes and Urban Design Doctor and were officially launched this week (21 July 2020).

The design toolkit covers the priorities for creating healthier communities, including improved walking, cycling and public transport links, with reduced carbon emissions and better air quality. Master plans should be based on an assessment of local health and care needs, with the creation of integrated neighbourhoods based on ‘tenure neutral’ housing and well-defined public spaces.

The new guidance was commissioned by NHS England and NHS Improvement to update the widely used Building for Life 12 (B4L12), which Homes England requires developers to commit to using as part of the tender process for purchasing land. Reserved matter planning applications must subsequently reflect the tender proposals.

The agency has committed to using the new guidance in a similar way and is currently carrying out a review of the impact on design quality of schemes that were procured under B4L12. The new guidelines use the same 12-point structure as its predecessor, with examples of good practice that would add up to a green light and bad practice that would earn a red light. However the authors make clear the guidance is intended to prompt discussion rather than as a tick-box scoring system.

Many local authorities include reference to the B4L12 in their Local Plans, and the new guidance is designed to enable them to easily update their plans to link to the new

guidance. The new guidelines are also consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Sadie Morgan, Director of architecture firm, dRMM, and a board member of Homes England, said:

“The new design guidance is a big step forward in supporting placemaking for healthier, more integrated communities where people want to live and spend time together. We know that the existing guidance has focused developers’ attention on high-quality design and these new guidelines will build on that success.

“People’s homes and neighbourhoods have a huge impact on their wellbeing and Homes England is committing to using these new guidelines to ensure that new developments encourage and enable better health.”

David Birkbeck of Design for Homes said:

“Building for a Healthy Life works best as the starting point for getting developers, local authorities, communities and other stakeholders to agree on key aspects of a design, such as how new development will connect to existing communities and how people will be able move between the two.

“Its general focus has not changed significantly, other than to promote the idea of walking and cycling more short journeys. But the use of images helps explain the desired for outcomes and help everybody identify shared objectives.”

Dr Stefan Kruczkowski of Urban Design Doctor said:

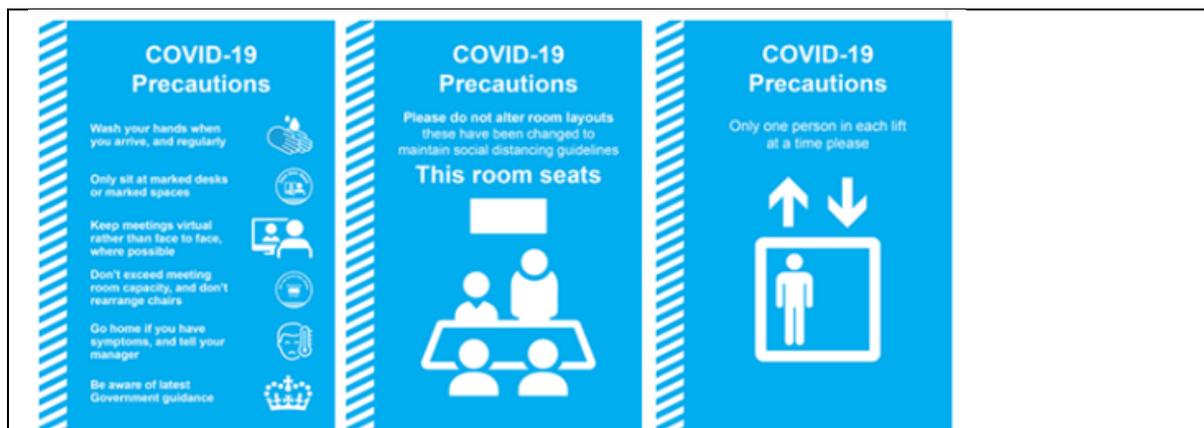
“Building for a Healthy Life is full of photographs. Everyone can see what good looks like and also what type of things we need to avoid when designing new places”.

Good design case study

Inholm is a sustainable mixed-tenure neighbourhood of 406 homes by Urban Splash that sets pioneering townscape design principles for the wider new town of Northstowe near Cambridge. The new neighbourhood, which won a Housing Design Award in 2020, was master-planned by Proctor and Matthews and is one of the first schemes from Homes England to integrate the principles of Building for Life 12 into the tender. Initiated by Homes England, Northstowe is England’s most ambitious new town project since Milton Keynes and will eventually grow to a community of 10,000 homes.



Free to use COVID-19 signage



MK council has created a page on our website at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/safety-signs](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/safety-signs) where local small businesses or groups can download free to use COVID-19 health and safety signage to inform and reassure staff and customers.

The materials have been prepared inhouse by our communications team and are an adapted version of the signs used in our own council buildings. We're sharing them to help small businesses and groups who do not have the time or resources to prepare their own. We want to make sure public health messages are spread widely across Milton Keynes.



All the artwork is ready to download and ready to print - just click on the filename under the image. If you'd like to send the artwork to a professional printer of your choice then please let us know and we will provide the artwork to you in a format they can work with.

If we can help further please let us know at [communications@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:communications@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

More at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/business/business-continuity-risk-and-resilience/help-for-sme-s-health-and-safety-signage>

Heritage Open Days will return to some of Milton Keynes' key attractions for ten days this September. The cultural programme includes free entry to MK Museum, Stadium MK, Great Linford Manor Park and the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney, among many others.

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Almost 100 free activities are on offer including guided walks and cycle rides, historic talks, workshops, exhibitions and performances. Heritage Open Days in Milton Keynes kick off on 11 September for ten days until 20 September with COVID-19 prevention measures in place. Visit [www.livingarchive.org.uk](http://www.livingarchive.org.uk) for a full list of dates, locations and activities



**With Planning Officers**

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with the Parishes ...

### Together We Can

You will recall that following consultation on the Together We Can document earlier this year, part of the agenda for the Parishes Forum on 12 March was dedicated to a workshop to discuss the document further. The workshop discussion produced some very helpful feedback that was incorporated into a revised version of the document. Since then the Parishes Advisory Group (PAG) have further reviewed the document and subsequent amendments have been made, in the main around Covid 19.

I have attached the revised draft version, which is now subject to a six-week consultation. We would be really pleased to receive any comments you may have by Wednesday 14 October 2020. If any parish is unable to meet this deadline, due to meeting cycles, please do get in touch. It is important that all P&TC's have the opportunity to consider and respond, and we are keen to maximise feedback.

Document attached to this Report

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<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/parish-and-town-councils>



With Wavendon ..... **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015

Application no: 20/01786/FUL

**Proposal: Demolition of the existing bungalow (No.36) and construction of three detached dwellings.** Works include utilising the access of No.32 and alterations to the size of the rear garden of No.32. (re-submission of 19/02943/FUL)

At: Land Incorporating 32 And 36 Newport Road, Wavendon Milton Keynes MK17 8AE

I have received the above application which can be viewed via the Council's Public Access system using the link: <https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QDYQ7IKWL3Z00> .



Useful contact for missed collections, booking space at the TIP etc

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As I'm sure you are aware the Litter Hot Spot crew that was introduced last year from the Getting the Basics Right funding, is now a permanent resource so I thought I'd drop you a line to see if you want to change any of the hot spots you asked to be in the schedule last year. If so, please let me know which hot spot you wish to change and details of the new one so I can let Serco know who will update their schedule.

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On another note, we have used some signage on litter bins for our city-wide COVID-19 campaign to try to encourage people to use litter bins and also to take their litter home if a bin is full. We are looking to order some more of these signs to use across all areas, so if you have any litter bins you would like a new signs on, please let me know the bin location and which sign you prefer. Serco will fit the signs to the bins.

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*The Stables*

The Stables: Proud to Be Part of The #SaveOurVenues Campaign



**Join us for our first live, indoor performance since March! Tickets Now on Sale.**



Due to government restrictions on indoor performances, we have had to reschedule or postpone the majority of shows at The Stables since the end of March. These restrictions

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have recently been eased and some venues around the UK are now beginning to re-open their doors for indoor performances once again... including ourselves - and we're delighted to be able to present this Sunday morning jazz concert by The Dime Notes on 13 September.

Please follow this link to read about the planning that has taken place to ensure we can provide a safe environment for all our customers, staff and artists.

We will be relocating this concert from the Mancini Forum (where it was originally scheduled to take place earlier this year in March) to the Jim Marshall Auditorium to ensure that audience groupings can be socially distanced.

We have a limited amount of seats available for the concert. For now, please just book the number of seats you require by following the booking link above. You will be allocated specific seats in advance of the concert - we will be in contact with customers in the run-up to the concert with details of these, as well as further information regarding how the concert will run on the day.

For any enquiries, please email The Stables box office at [boxoffice@stables.org](mailto:boxoffice@stables.org)

We look forward to welcoming you back to The Stables



**Do you need extra help?**

**Local Support Service**

MK has set up the Local Support Service for people who have registered with Government as 'extremely vulnerable' and who need extra help, and for other residents who are self-isolating and do not have family, friends or neighbours to support them.

They have already contacted more than 14,000 local people and made 1,500 emergency deliveries, mostly essential medication. We can take calls Monday to Friday between 9am and 5:15pm on 01908 252398. Please note, this line is for people who have no other support - if friends, family or neighbours can help you, please keep the helpline free for isolated people in need.

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**With the Woburn Sands Station Friends Groups**

I'm pleased to inform you that Bletchley to Bedford services resumed on 24 August.

Please see

<https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/2020/08/21/train-services-will-resume-on-monday-24th-august/>

Please find attached the interim timetable.

Local authority members, could you pass to your Comms Teams please?

A new timetable will be published for September onwards. **Services will be operating on Bank Holiday Monday.**

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## S106 Calculator

Education	Contribution
Total Early Years	
Primary pupils	
Secondary pupils	
Post 16 pupils	

Leisure Recreation & Sports	Provision Cost	Maintenance Cost
Playing Fields		
Local Play		
Neighbourhood Play		
Community Hall		
Local Parks		
District Parks		
Swimming Pool		
Allotments		
Sports Hall		

Social Infrastructure for a development scheme on allocated proposed employment land	Contribution
Library	
Adult continuing education	
Crematorium / Burial Grounds	
Museums & Archives	
Health Facilities	
Waste Management	
Waste Receptacles	
Social Care – Day Care	
Social Care – Older Persons Housing	
Emergency Services	
Voluntary Sector	
University for Milton Keynes	
Milton Keynes College	
Inward Investment	
Public Art & Culture – 1% (estimated)	
Carbon neutrality (estimated)	

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Transport	Contribution
Highways	
Public Transport	
Pedestrian / Cycle	
Travel Planning	

## S106 Planning Obligation Response Template

### Planning Application

Application No:		Proposal:	
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### Consultee Information

Organisation		Name	
Date Completed		Your Ref:	

### Contribution Information

Theme / Topic of contribution A separate table should be completed for each separate contribution	
Contribution Amount	
Purpose of contribution / Where Spent (define specific project/s)  <b>*Regulation 122 of CIL</b> (a) necessary to make development acceptable in planning terms: (b) directly related to the development: and © fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development	
Justification / evidence basis	
Timing of payment / trigger (if appropriate)	
Other comments	



**Roadworks** - The new interactive service allows you to

search for any planned works by area, road name, ward or parish, road type or reason. You can also see the current closures and those scheduled for the next two weeks.

Location	Street	From	To	Type
LITTLE BRICKHILL	FOOTPATH 16 LITTLE BRICKHILL	12/02/20 24 hours	12/08/20 24 hours	FOOTPATH CLOSURE (Public Right Of Way)
LITTLE BRICKHILL	Watling Street	07/09/20 9:30am	08/09/20 4:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Two-Way)
TILBROOK	BRADBOURNE DRIVE	14/04/20 24 hours	27/09/20 24 hours	ROAD CLOSURE
WAVENDON	A421	16/05/20 24 hours	16/11/21 24 hours	ROAD CLOSURE YES with diversion
TILBROOK	BRADBOURNE DRIVE	01/06/20 9:30am	27/09/20 4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
LITTLE BRICKHILL	Watling Street	04/09/20 9:30am	07/09/20 4:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)
BOW BRICKHILL	CHURCH ROAD	04/09/20 9:30am	04/09/20 12:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
BROWNS WOOD	REDWAY BD03 BROWNS WOOD	19/08/20 24 hours	18/09/20 24 hours	REDWAY CLOSURE
WOBURN SANDS	WOOD STREET	03/09/20 12:30pm	03/09/20 4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE



***David Hopkins / Victoria Hopkins / Alice Jenkins***

***MKC Senior Staff List Corporate Core - MKC Senior Team***

***2020***

***MK Council Senior Officers***

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<b>Chief Executive</b>	<b>Michael Bracey</b>	<b>01908 252200</b>
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## **CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL’S SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

Our current three directorate model plus small ‘corporate core’ was put in place four years ago. While this has helped teams share some closer practices and standards, we’re yet to achieve our ambition for fully joined up thinking and working across the whole organisation. This can be frustrating for us, for councillors and for service users.

A new senior management structure is being developed that will help us operate more effectively as one council. The proposals are:

A new Deputy Chief Executive role will lead our critical support services, as well as a number of other business areas.

Instead of the current structure of three Corporate Directors and ten Service Directors, services will be led by nine Directors, who would all be regarded as ‘chief officers’ and full members of our Corporate Leadership Team (CLT). As you may be aware Duncan Sharkey

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has left the Council and we will not be replacing either his former role (Corporate Director – Place) or the role of Corporate Director – People.

The corporate core would be replaced with a new Chief Executive’s Office, led by an Assistant Chief Executive (replacing the current role of Service Director – Policy, Insight and Communications), whose focus will be on improving organisational effectiveness and performance. Public Health will move into the Chief Executive’s Office.

Subject to political agreement, the new structure could be in place by early March. The CEO (Michael Bracey) will share full details then, including a detailed breakdown of who will be leading on specific areas.

<b>Corporate Leadership Team - March 2019</b>  Chief Executive - Michael Bracey, Head of Paid Service Director - Health and Social Care Integration - Jill Wilkinson Director - Finance and Resources - Steve Richardson Director - Law and Governance - Sharon Bridglalsingh Director – Environment and Property - Stuart Proffitt Director - Growth, Economy and Culture - Tracy Darke Director - Adult Services - Victoria Collins Director - Children’s Services - Mac Heath Director - Housing and Regeneration - Michael Kelleher Director - Strategy and Futures - Geoff Snelson Director - Policy, Insight and Communications - Sarah Gonsalves Director - Public Health - Muriel Scott
<b>Finance and Resources</b> Professional finance   Revenue and benefits   HR ICT   Customer services   LGSS   Audit and risk
<b>Environment and Property</b> Highways   Waste and Recycling   Transportation Property   Facilities   Management Regulatory services   Health and Safety
<b>Growth, Economy and Culture</b> Place Making   Planning   Economic development   Arts and Heritage   Historic environment   Leisure   Sports development
<b>Law and Governance</b> Legal services   Democratic services   Elections Civic events and mayoralty   Councillor support Governance
<b>Policy, Insight and Communications</b> Policy   Partnerships   Performance Communications   Information Governance Emergency Planning   Community safety
<b>Housing and Regeneration</b>

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Tenancy management   Repairs and maintenance Tackling homelessness   Strategic housing Regeneration and development   Private sector housing   Resident engagement and support
<b>Children's Services</b> Schools   Early years   Youth and community Special needs and disability   Safeguarding Family support   Children in care   Care Leavers
<b>Adult Services</b> Mental health   Learning disability   Physical disability   Older people's services Hospital discharge   Adult safeguarding   Commissioning
<b>Public Health</b> Health improvement   Health protection   Public health services   Needs assessment Strategy and Futures

## CIF Funding

### Cost Guidance

The following examples may be used to estimate costs for proposed schemes. Please note that these are not definitive costs but are 'ball park' figures as an aid for estimation purposes. Actual costs will vary depending on local conditions and may increase due to additional requirements such as traffic management, underlying utilities and installation costs.

### Play Areas: (The following includes some installation costs)

- Roundabout £5,000
- See-Saw £3,000
- Spring Animal £2,000
- Small Play Module (< 8 years) £8,000
- Large Play Module (older children) £12,000 plus
- New Bench Installation up to £1,200 (Depending on design of bench and base required)

### Landscaping

Landscaping schemes are delivered by our service partner, Serco. Enquiries should be made via the Serco Services for Parishes web page. <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your->

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If a parish is devolved they can self-serve.

This could include

- Pond enhancement (min costs in £1,000s)
- Removal and replacing whole beds/shrubs
- Seating area /paving works (will be in order of £1,000's depends on scope of works)

### **Gateway Features**

- 'Welcome To' signage £4,000 (based on 2 signs. This also includes installation).
- Village Gateway up to £10,000 (depending on design and cost of gateway sign selected).

### **Traffic Calming**

- Speed Cushions from £35,000 (Based on 4 speed humps, includes minor footway improvements and street lighting works also includes Traffic Regulation Order notices)
- Build-Outs / Pinch Points from £25,000 (includes two priority narrowing features at the entrance point into the village, cost for sign illumination, lighting column relocation, installation of traffic island associated road closure with Traffic

Management)

- Vehicle Activated Signs £5,000 (includes installation and a maintenance agreement)



You can see the whole “scene” on urban and village roads is changing during lockdown. As we look beyond that to how we can ensure social-distancing when restrictions are eased, we thought it useful to distribute our update on actions being taken by local authorities and governments to re-allocate space and lower speeds in communities to both reduce the spread of Covid-19 and also cope with the consequential load on the NHS. We trust that its of interest in considering “next step” decisions in your authority

[http://www.20splenty.org/cv-19\\_space\\_reallocation](http://www.20splenty.org/cv-19_space_reallocation)

We all need more space – 2m for safe social distancing during Covid-19. Leading cities are delivering more room for access on feet and slower speeds for public health, fewer

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casualties, to help us breathe, exercise and mitigate car use. If people avoid public transport in our cities then, unless walking or cycling is chosen instead of driving, urban areas may become polluted traffic jams as travel bans lift. 20mph limits are valuable, key tools for accessibility, lung health and economic recovery.

Milan in Northern Italy's plan includes significant 20mph limits and active travel measures. Space will be reallocated. The aim is less air pollution by mitigating potential rises in car use and to give space for people moving on foot and by bicycle. Traffic reduction is an urgent public health and economic issue, as cars take up excessive public space and there is no desire to return to the highly polluted pre-lockdown air quality, as toxic air quality links to Covid-19 fatality rates. 22 miles of central streets will go 20mph; coupled with experimental traffic measures to protect cyclists and walkers. The plan has temporary cycle lanes, new and widened pavements. Milan is a compact city of 1.4 million people where 55% commuted by public transport before Covid-19. With average trips of under 2.5 miles, a switch to active travel modes is achievable. Pre-lockdown public transport use levels clearly affect the urgency of car use mitigation strategies.

United Kingdom. Doctors and campaigners are calling on Government and Councils for an emergency national urban 20mph limit, filtering residential rat runs, creating emergency low traffic neighbourhoods, suspending on-street parking on major routes, installing emergency wide protected cycle lanes or car one-way systems. Where there are four lanes of motor traffic, one each way can easily be reallocated to active travel. Remaining car lanes, with fewer drivers choosing to drive, can still move quickly and efficiently. Temporary guidance from the UK's Department for Transport on 16 April offered some support to Councils to close roads more easily for social distancing. Brighton shut 2 miles of seafront to motors for space to walk and cycle on 19 April. Hammersmith & Fulham are widening shopping area pavements. The Metropolitan Police are prioritising enforcement of speeding including 20mph limits in a bid to reduce speed related casualties

Brussels, Belgium will shift to predominantly 30km/h limits by Jan 2021. The central core will go 20km/h (12mph) from 1 May. Boulder Colorado USA plans to go 20mph for most roads.

Vienna, Austria has closed 20+ streets to motorised traffic. Oakland California has created quiet streets for recreation. It will close 47+ miles of roads to motors. The New Zealand Government will fund 90% of the costs of 'pop-up' Covid transport solutions. Berlin is studying temporary closure of 30 streets. 20mph limits and more space for people get about locally are needed now. They are popular, smart moves for all politicians.

New info on the 20's Plenty site this month in The New 20's Plenty for the NHS microsite

Doctors call for 20mph limits to Lower the Baseline Load on the NHS – fewer casualties taking up NHS capacity [http://www.20splenty.org/lower\\_baseline](http://www.20splenty.org/lower_baseline)

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FAQs on emergency 20mph limit (for roads previously at 30mph) call on the Government  
[http://www.20splenty.org/nhs\\_fags](http://www.20splenty.org/nhs_fags)

Air Quality, 20mph limits and Covid-19 – 20mph is less polluting!  
[http://www.20splenty.org/air\\_quality\\_covid\\_19\\_and\\_20mph\\_limits](http://www.20splenty.org/air_quality_covid_19_and_20mph_limits)

Travel Patterns after lockdown  
[http://www.20splenty.org/travel\\_patterns\\_after\\_lockdown\\_ends](http://www.20splenty.org/travel_patterns_after_lockdown_ends)

Voxpops of people supporting 20mph limits as an emergency measure  
[http://www.20splenty.org/nhs\\_voxpops](http://www.20splenty.org/nhs_voxpops)

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**Ridgmont Station Tea Room - Take away menu**

**Afternoon tea** - £12 pp delivery, £10 pp collection  
Selection of sandwiches, Mini quiche  
Mini Victoria sandwich, Chocolate brownie, Scone with clotted cream & jam, Chocolate dipped strawberry  
Tea or coffee

**Cream tea** - £6.50 pp delivery, £5.50 pp collection  
Scone with clotted cream & jam, Chocolate dipped strawberry  
Tea or coffee

**Pies** - £8 pp delivery, £7 pp collection  
Slice of corned beef or cheese & beetroot pie, served with new potatoes, coleslaw & salad  
*\* Please note: pies will be served cold for you to heat at home \**

**Freshly baked baguettes** - £4 delivery & collection  
**Fillings:** Chicken & bacon, Egg mayo, Coronation chicken, Ham or Cheese  
Served with vegetable crisps

**Home made cakes** - Different selection each week  
One slice - £4 delivery, £3.50 collection      Whole cakes - price on request

**MINIMUM ORDER FOR DELIVERY\* IS £8; ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 3 PM THE DAY BEFORE REQUIRED**  
**PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER ONLY - CALL 07512 619162 to order**

\* LOCAL DELIVERY TO: BROGBOROUGH, RIDGMONT, ASPLEY GUISE, WOBURN SANDS, MARSTON MORETAINE & LIDLINGTON

RIDGMONT STATION  
**RIDGMONT**  
HERITAGE CENTRE

As reported, there have been no passenger services on the Line for several weeks. At the time of writing, a demand-responsive taxi service is operating for key workers and those making journeys to support vulnerable members of the community. MVCRP has been working with employers and community groups to publicise this as widely as possible.

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MVCRP has been working on Station Travel Plans under the banner of 'Stations as Places'. This is part of a West Midlands Trains programme seeking to promote local rail stations as community 'hubs', rather than simply access points onto the rail network. The first phase of this work is now complete with the production of the "Marston Vale Line Stations as Places" report. The report is accompanied by a prospectus for each station between Bedford & Bletchley, which gives an overview of links with other forms of transport, and a summary of feedback received from passenger and stakeholder surveys. Each Prospectus also identifies a number of quick wins and longer-term goals for the station concerned.

**Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre (see above)**

Unfortunately, the planned reopening of the Heritage Centre for the 2020 season on 24th March had to be postponed. It is hoped that the Heritage Centre and Tea Room can re-open in July once Government restrictions are eased. The Tea Room is offering a take away service in the meantime. Call 01525 287120 for details