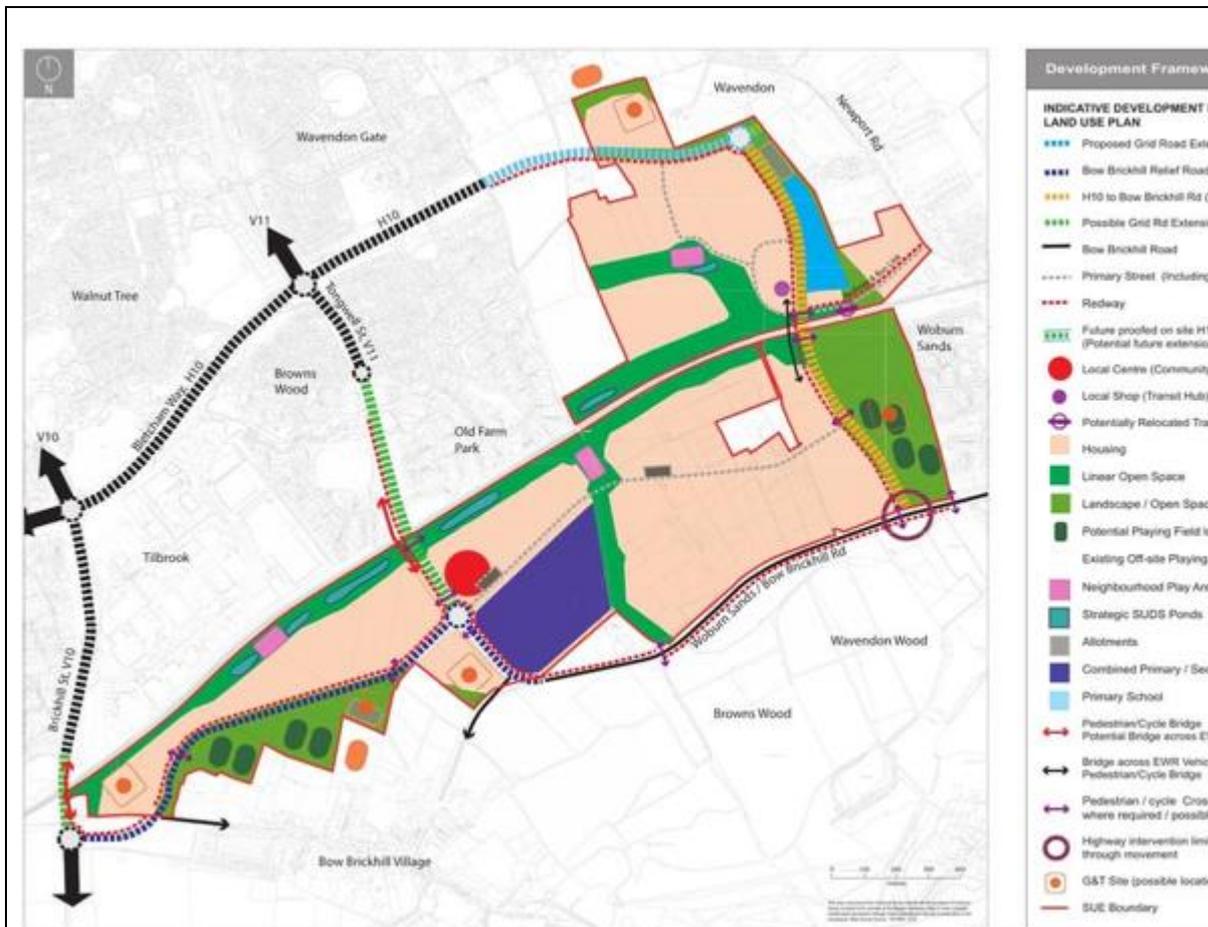


**Wavendon Snippets for December 2020 – Cllr David Hopkins /
Cllr Victoria Hopkins/Cllr Alice Jenkins**



South East Milton Keynes

Firstly, the preparation of the masterplan for the so-called South East Milton Keynes Strategic Urban Expansion (or SEMK SUE) which looks to build some 3000 additional dwellings and associated infrastructures in the valley between Old Farm Park, Browns Wood and Wavendon Gate and Wavendon Parish and Woburn Sands. Plus the land up to, surrounding and including Bow Brickhill.

It is anticipated that a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will be presented to the group that advises the leader of The Council (Cllr Pete Marland) in December 2019 with a view of taking the draft SPD for a delegated decision on consultation in January 2021 and public consultation on the draft taking place (for 12 weeks) sometime in February 2021. It is anticipated that the SPD will be adopted by MK Council in Summer 2021. I will ensure you are kept fully informed.

At the same time, it is expected that developers Connolly Homes will submit a detailed planning application for the Church Farm site (320 approx. homes). This land was in the 2001/11 Local Plan as part of the expansion sites and received planning permission in 2013 but there has been a considerable delay in submitting the final detailed plans and discharge of conditions to enable several 'strategic issues' to be resolved.

Contact Sabina Kupczyk at Sabina.Kupczyk@milton-keynes.gov.uk for more details

East West Rail Project

Also in the new year, the East West Rail Company (Consortium) will be undertaking further consultations relating to the Bletchley to Bedford part of the Cambridge to Oxford rail link. It is still anticipated that trains will be running from Bedford to Oxford by 2023. It is understood that this will be a major consultation looking at the future of some of the road, foot and bridleway crossing points, the future of some stations along the route and indeed the possible moving of some stations or creating new station stops. Again, (working with your Community Council) we shall ensure you are kept informed of this consultation and the response mechanism etc.

The East West Rail Company's website is <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/>

MK2050

The final Strategy for 2050 has now been published and is now available to download at www.MKFutures2050.com

The MK Council Administrations Strategy for 2050 attempts to set the way forward for the next era of making 'MK city even greater', with ambitions for a green and sustainable city, with many more affordable homes, a future Mass Rapid Transit system and new jobs and better skills for all.

The final Strategy for 2050 will be considered at a Cabinet meeting at MK Council on 15 December 2020 ahead of a Full Council meeting on 20 January 2021. The Council published the Strategy two weeks ahead of the Council meeting papers going online, to allow people additional time to read the document ahead of the Cabinet meeting.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch by email to

MKFutures@milton-keynes.gov.uk
www.MKFutures2050.com

and finally

October saw the launch in a blaze of publicity of 'The Oxford-Cambridge Arc Economic Prospectus' by the Arc Leaders Group (<https://www.semlep.com/oxford-cambridge-arc/>). The emphasis in this document is economic development across the Arc, but Arc connectivity (both road and rail), settlements of the future and environmental enhancements are also mentioned. Is the long-threatened Expressway really dead!

Your local Danesborough & Walton Councillors are;

And your local MP is Iain Stewart MP - Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes South
iain.stewart.mp@parliament.uk

Wednesday 9 December was day One of the CBC Hearing First Day – considers the Aspley Guise Triangle and the Expressway. See https://centralbedfordshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/528521 start the web cast and scroll up to 2 hours and 8 minutes



Make Space in Milton Keynes

From 2 December MKC's well-known Help MK Control COVID-19 messages are going into orbit.

Our new MAKE SPACE campaign reminds people to follow HANDS, FACE, SPACE when out and about in Milton Keynes. We're asking people to take a few small steps, or one giant leap if they prefer, away from others at busy destinations such as shops, restaurants and school gates.

The campaign coincides with the end of lockdown and MK's move to tier 2 restrictions. Astronaut Commander Neil Armslength is helping us share the message, which will feature on:

- 20 outdoor city-centre digital screens with a minimum of 175,000 plays, plus internal screens at intu shopping centre
- Digital advertising vans driven around Milton Keynes during launch week
- Projections onto the side of intu and centre:mk on Saturday 5 December
- Bus shelters on main routes around MK
- A high rotation radio campaign on MKFM
- Targeted online adverts which increase in frequency when a person is in a busy public place, with an expected 1.2m views
- A social media and online campaign reaching our 64,000 followers
- Controlled public appearances from Commander Neil Armslength
- A media launch on 2 December

MKC is grateful for your support sharing the make space campaign. Please repost the messages on our social channels from 2 December or contact communications@milton-keynes.gov.uk.





Police intensify activity to tackle burglary in darker evenings - Milton Keynes

Officers in Milton Keynes are asking local residents to join them in combatting burglaries this winter.

As the nights grow increasingly darker, there is a national trend of an increase in burglaries.

Burglars take advantage of more obscure places to hide un-noticed and spotting which houses are unoccupied, making them easier targets.

As a result, officers in Milton Keynes are intensifying activity to combat burglaries. They are using crime data to identify areas that are often targeted by burglars and increasing patrols in these areas to deter and disrupt those looking to commit crime.

We will be using intelligence gathered from officers and the community to identify trends and patterns and use covert patrols to catch burglars in the act. In support of this operational activity, they will also be sharing advice and raising awareness with members of the public on how to protect your home from burglars.

Detective Inspector James Horseman, of the Priority Crime Team in Milton Keynes, said: "Being burgled can be an emotional and traumatic experience for victims and I want to make sure that we do all we can to prevent residents of Milton Keynes from having to go through this.

"Burglary detectives will be working with officers from teams across Milton Keynes to pursue and disrupt burglars and I want to share advice with local residents so that they can take some simple and practical steps to reduce the risk of falling victim to a burglary and ultimately, join us in giving burglars a hard time.

"Most burglars are opportunists, so will take advantage of any moment we are seen to be letting our guard down when it comes to home security. The key things to remember are:

"Be sure to leave a light on if you leave your home unattended. A timer switch can help in giving the illusion that someone is home even if it is not the case.

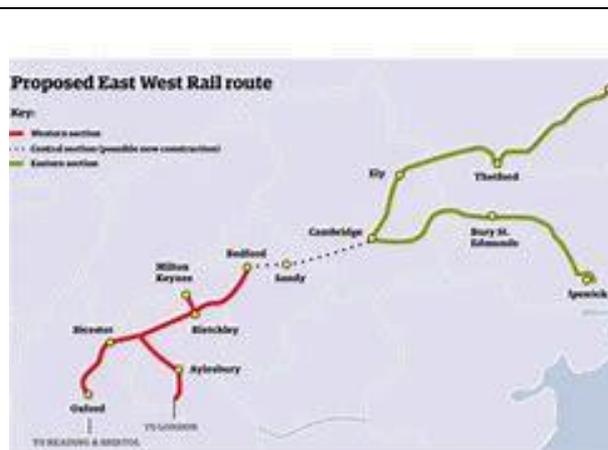
"Make sure you lock your doors and windows, even when you are inside your house. Getting into this habit means that there is never a time when you go to bed leaving the door unlocked.

"Make sure garden tools and ladders are stored away in a shed, garage or locked storage container when they aren't in use. Burglars often use the victim's own items to break into homes so make sure this opportunity is taken away from them.

“These are the key points to remember but you can find more advice in our free online Home Security Guide.

“You know your neighbourhood better than anyone and you will know when something seems out of place. Please tell us about these suspicions. Your information could be the piece of the puzzle that we need to identify a burglar and stop them from committing further crimes. You can contact us using the online form on our website or by calling 101. If you believe a crime is in progress then always call 999.”

The Milton Keynes Priority Crime and Neighbourhood teams will be running an online question and answer session on burglary and home security from 6pm on Thursday 3 December. You can join the session on the evening by visiting www.tvpengage.co.uk/mk



Link below to video of latest on East West

Rail. <https://we.tl/t-fhYRqUO9Np>

In addition, an East West Rail Community Hub has been set up. Please visit <https://communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk> to sign up.



Covid Holiday Help

MKC would like to introduce its “Covid Holiday Help” scheme which makes use of the government’s Covid Winter Grant.

This will provide supermarket e-vouchers for children entitled to Free School Meals, initially for 2 weeks at Christmas and then later for February half term.

Vouchers will be ordered online through Edenred. More information can be found here: <https://www.edenred.co.uk/dfc-freeschoolmeals-administrators/>

Schools will have access to vouchers for their specific number of entitled children (as per the October census). Schools will also receive 10% extra to address anyone who has become entitled since October or anyone who is known to be really struggling due to their specific circumstances. Each school needs to supply us with a contact name and email address so that we can create that person as a user. Users can upload the details of their cohort of children, whose families will then receive an e-voucher to redeem at a supermarket of their choice.

Please contact Karen Cheadle with the details of your contact as soon as possible. If any school is struggling to administer this scheme, please contact your Key Education Contact and we'll do what we can to help.



The Highways team at MKC prepare for winter as early as September by checking and filling up the 400 plus yellow salt bins across the borough. The purpose-built salt barn at the Bleak Hall depot is also filled up and holds up to 3,500 tonnes of rock salt, that's the same weight as 275 double decker buses!

The gritting season runs from 1 October until 1 March. During this time a small team of Highways officers work on a rota basis to provide 24-7 cover, meticulously checking the hourly weather forecasts for any changes that may affect the temperatures and conditions on the roads. They analyse the data to decide whether to salt the roads, when to grit the roads and how much rock salt is needed.

The Council's Highway service provider Ringway are also on call 24-7 with a team of lorry drivers who may be called in at a moment's notice to go on a grit run which takes around 3 hours to complete. The grit runs are done before the freezing weather hits so that the rock salt is most effective. This may be ahead of the evening rush hour or even at 2am!

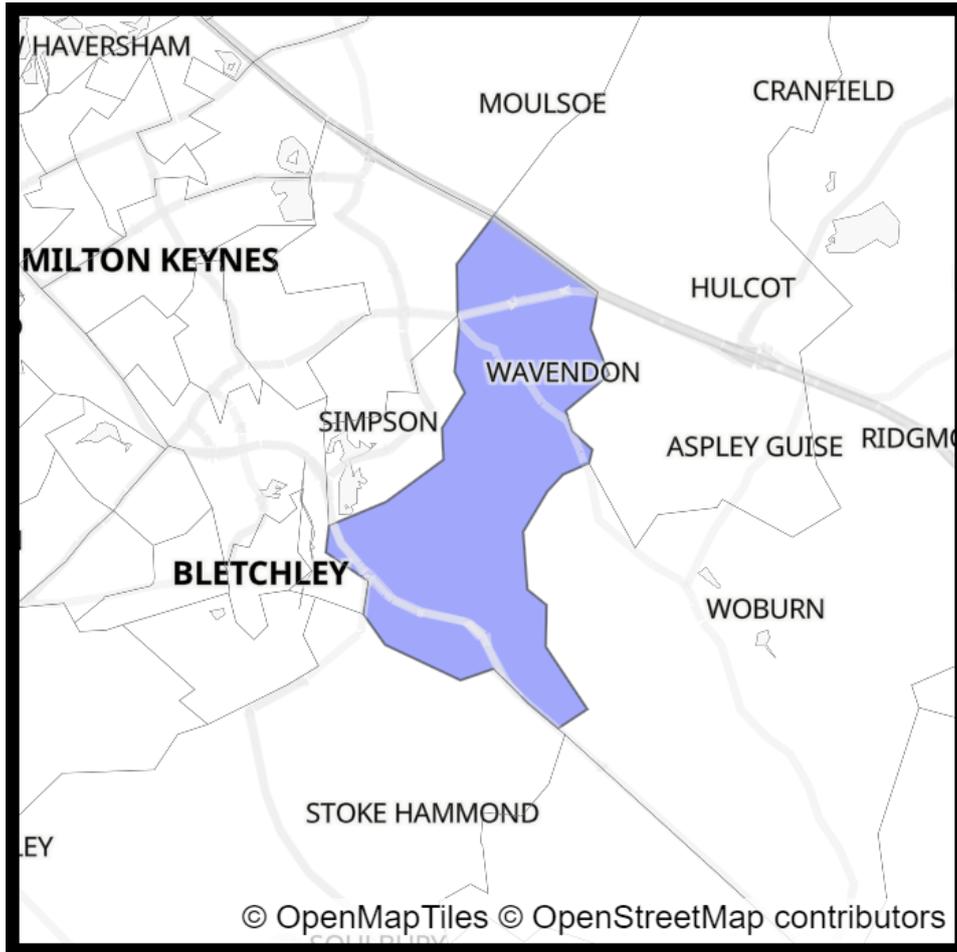
You can keep up to date with our gritting activity if you are on Twitter by following @ringway_mk. Conditions will also be highlighted on the Council's social media channels, Facebook or Twitter @MKCouncil to advise people to drive to the conditions and take extra care.

For more information about our winter services visit our website.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/highway-maintenance-hub/winter-maintenance-salting-and-salt-bins>



And finally ... www.123rf.com



Wavendon

Current alert level in Milton Keynes – VERY HIGH ALERT –

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/search?postcode=mk17+8lw>



MK COVID-19 Community Champion Scheme

We are calling on people throughout Milton Keynes to help us to reach their friends, family, neighbours, colleagues and thousands of other local people, with trusted information and advice related to COVID-19.

Throughout the pandemic, we have been keeping residents informed and up-to-date with local information and the latest government and health advice. In light of increasing infection rates and changing restrictions, keeping up-to-date with the latest advice is more important than ever.

Many people have wanted to help others throughout the pandemic but were unsure as to how to go about it. Being an MK COVID-19 Community Champion is an easy way to make a massive difference, by sharing the latest information and advice with friends and families. This could be via local Facebook groups, WhatsApp groups, social organisations and clubs that people are part of.

MK COVID-19 Community Champions will be provided with the latest information to share at the click of a button – it's that simple. It won't take up a huge amount of time, but it could really help make a massive difference in helping to keep our families, friends and communities safe.

Anyone interested in becoming an MK COVID-19 Community Champion should visit

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/covid-champions

to find out more information and sign up to receive updates from us. You can also email MKC here.

Covidchampions@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/covid-19-in-milton-keynes/mk-covid-19-community-champion-scheme>

