

Unitary Councillor Report



April 2020



Please note a letter attached to this report confirms that a decision will be issued in respect of the Wavendon Properties (Storey Homes) appeal on or before the 26th June 2020.

Sarah Hine shall update in due course as further information is received.

Sarah Hine - Development Management Manager

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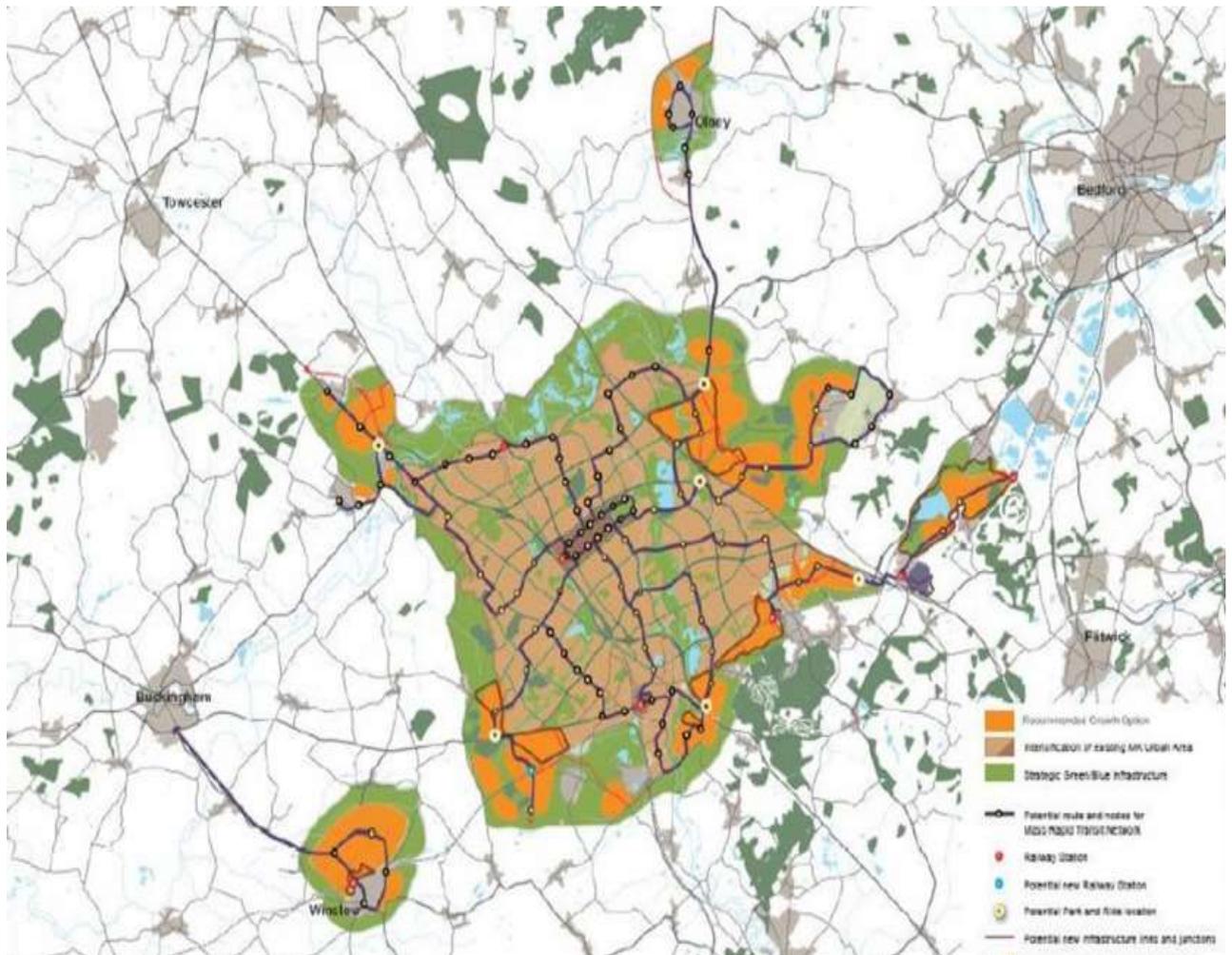
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COVID-19

A SILVER Incident Management Team (IMT) has been set up at **Milton Keynes Council** to respond to this incident. The IMT is made up of various Heads of Service and Managers and is being chaired by an Incident Director. Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) is operating as GOLD to provide strategic support.

The Local Resilience Forum (LRF) has established its command and control procedures to provide national updates, identify issues and to report back to government. The emergency planning unit is participating in these meetings.

MK 2050



MK 2050 Response to consultation Advice from Geoff Snelson at MK Council

We've taken the view that getting back to 'normal' will potentially be a very long time so we need to make alternative arrangements rather than just stop.

We've extended the deadline to 1st May to allow more time for responses and plan to take through for decision in the Autumn.

We're happy to support remote presentations and discussions. Will shortly post an on-line version of the presentation with spoken commentary and are happy to do bespoke Q&A around that. We've lined some up already.

So I'd advise the town and parish councils to develop a response for the new deadline and let us know if an online event would be helpful – or they might want to work from the online presentation.

Geoff Snelson



Just a reminder on the coordinated action being led by MK Council.

Requests for help need to be made by phone

- ***Phone number is 01908 691691***
- *Basic details taken*

A senior MK Council Manager will lead a team co-ordinating MKC colleague and councillor volunteers.

Contact though the following email: special@milton-keynes.gov.uk

- ***MKC will partner with some of our Parish Councils and larger charities voluntary and community organisations. The 'make contact and offer support' organisations should email lss@milton-keynes.gov.uk***

Responses though Foodbank Xtra

Partnership between MK Foodbank and MKC to enhance the Foodbank MK service in anticipation of increased demand. In addition to the main referral route, home deliveries can be requested by the local support service. Contact though the following email: special@milton-keynes.gov.uk

A bit more on Foodbank Xtra

In partnership with Foodbank MK, MK Council is setting up a larger temporary storage and distribution centre at Saxon Court in Central Milton Keynes. The Council will be using the knowledge and expertise of Foodbank MK as it works to create an enhanced service, which will run to the end of June.

- ***There will be a new way for people wanting help to be assessed. This will be done on the telephone from one of the Council's Children's Centres (and not through agencies as is usual). Food parcels will be delivered to Children's Centres for collection. If a family in need is self-isolating the council will try to deliver to the home.***

- **Community Action: MK provides the strategic support and coordination of groups across Milton Keynes to enable them to provide safe and well organised support at neighbourhood level.**

Local people who want to get involved should be directed to Community Action: MK, bearing in mind they might be more needed in the recovery phase. The contact email is info@communityactionmk.org

Special appeal for people who want to donate

- Started with £100K from Community Foundation and MK Council
- Full details at www.mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk

COVID-19 MK Emergency Appeal Fund - Special fund for community groups, charities and not for profits to relieve hardship caused by Covid-19. The fund can also support organisations with services to support the informal or formal effort to respond to local need



Food Bank Xtra

Milton Keynes Council and MK Food Bank have teamed up to offer more help to local people in crisis.

How to donate:

The latest Government rules state you should remain at home unless shopping for food, medicine or traveling for essential work. Please follow these rules when considering when and how to donate, and follow national guidance on social distancing when donating your items. If you already have a social media group set up among your neighbours, with a rota for shopping, you may even want to pool ideas on how to donate.

You can donate at:

- **Supermarkets.** Most supermarkets have an official Food Bank collection bin. These include ASDA, the Co-op, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco's and Waitrose.
- **Saxon Court Food** can also be dropped off at the main reception at Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS between 10:00am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday. There is no need to call in advance. If you need to arrange a specific time to drop off donations, or would like to donate a large amount of food, please call 01908 322800.

Food Bank Xtra is in need of:

- **Long life cartons:** milk - whole or semi-skimmed, fruit juice.
- **Tinned:** spaghetti, custard, rice pudding, fruit, vegetables, baked beans, pulses, meat, fish, tomatoes, soup .

- Jars: spread (jam, peanut butter, marmite etc.) and pasta sauce.
- Packets: soup, noodles, dried pasta, pulses and rice (500g or smaller), biscuits.
- Breakfast cereal or porridge oats (500g packets or smaller).
- Tea bags.
- Sugar.
- Nappies, sanitary towels, baby formula, toilet rolls and soap.
- We can't accept anything fresh, so please do not donate these items.

If you can't donate food but would still like to help, you can make a financial donation.

To Get Help:

Food Bank Xtra is specifically for people who receive benefits, free school meals for their children, who are in severe debt or crisis, are unemployed, homeless, or at risk of homelessness and other similar vulnerable situations.

- Call Food Bank Xtra on 01908 565852 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday, to discuss your situation in confidence with experienced staff.
- Visit a Service Centre, where social distancing will be followed:
 - Melrose Centre, Bletchley – 9:00am – 11:00am (Mon-Fri)
 - Milton Keynes Christian Centre, Oldbrook – 11:00am – 1:00pm (Mon-Fri)
 - King's Community Centre, Wolverton – 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Mon-Fri)
 - More centres will be added shortly

You will need to bring ID to the Serving Centre for every family member. If someone is collecting on your behalf, they will need to bring your ID. You will also be required to provide evidence of eligibility.



THE STABLES - Land North and West of Wavendon Business Park, Ortensia Drive - 134 dwellings at land adjacent to The Stables

Report attached to this note from Elizabeth Verdegem (Team Leader – West Team Development Management - 01908 252462

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This briefing note sets out the current position regarding the above site in respect of the outstanding pre-commencement condition for a deed of easement in respect of noise, and whether-or-not the applicant has commenced works at the site.



Parish Halls & Playgrounds

The new legislation Health Protection ((Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020) requires ‘playgrounds, sports courts and outdoor gyms’ to close and ‘a person who is responsible for a community centre must ensure that, during the emergency period, the community centre is closed except where it is used to provide essential voluntary activities or urgent public support services (including the provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people, blood donation sessions or support in an emergency).’

Therefore, I would largely expect playgrounds and village halls to be closed.

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TVP Update on Situation

We understand that the new Government measures will undoubtedly have a major impact on you all and whilst this is difficult, it is a necessary adjustment. This is about protecting yourselves, each other and the emergency services working hard to keep you safe.

We ask you all to please take notice of the new direction from government and stay at home to help the national effort to stop the spread of the virus.

Thames Valley Police will, as always, police with respect and engagement and we will continue our day to day policing and we will be working with our communities so they understand the importance of complying with the government direction.

We continue to follow government, Public health England and the National Police Chief's Council's direction in the fight against Coronavirus.

We have tried and tested contingency plans in operation to enable us to continue to protect the most vulnerable in society and respond to where the need is most.

All precautions are being taken in order to protect our officers and staff so that we continue to police the Thames Valley.

Thank you for your support.

We will continue to share updates on social media and through Thames Valley Alerts. For more information on Coronavirus, you may want to visit the following sites:

- NHS advice - How to avoid catching or spreading germs and when to seek medical help
- PHE advice - Daily updates, signs and symptoms, current risk level
- Government updates - Daily updates on the outbreak

Message Sent By - Emma Tarry (Police, Communications Officer, Thames Valley)



Decked parking at Caldecotte

The decked parking solutions are incredibly expensive (ones we looked at for CMK were about £6M – it's ALMOST cheaper to buy a permanent MSCP) so I feel it is unlikely, with parking being free, that this would be a viable option. They would also still need planning permission as it would be significantly increasing the no of spaces which would be contrary to various sustainability policies, so I think PP would likely be refused. Also, the layout isn't ideal for these structures.

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Project update from Highways England web site, 12 March 2020

The Oxford-Cambridge Arc is already home to some of the most productive towns and cities in the country. The Government's ambition is for further growth within the Arc that will help make it a world class economic hub, and delivering the right infrastructure is vital to support this.

The Government has investigated the potential for a new high-quality link road between the M1 and M40 which could support this growth and examined the costs and benefits of a range of options, taking account of the views of local authorities and residents in the Arc.

We are now pausing further development of the scheme while we undertake further work on other potential road projects that could support the Government's ambition for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, and benefit people who live and work there, including exploring opportunities to alleviate congestion around the Arc's major economic centres such as Milton Keynes.

We will work with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and local partners on the proposed Spatial Framework to identify the role transport can play alongside the proposed economic and housing growth ambitions for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.

<https://www.veday75.org/get-involved/>



Many local councils were planning to get involved in national events and celebrations such as Great British Spring Clean and **VE Day 75**, these have been postponed. The national commemorations to mark VE Day 75 on 8 May are being scaled back and the government is working on new plans to ensure the nation can still thank the Second World War generation on VE Day in May and provide the fitting tribute they deserve. Local councils are instead being encouraged to support local digital solutions for celebrations. Once this immediate crisis abates, communities may also be encouraged to turn their attention to planning for VJ day on 15 August. The Great British Spring Clean has also decided to postpone its annual event and relaunch later in the year, with the postponed campaign hoping to take place between 11 and 27 September 2020. For these and other events, local councils should check the relevant event website for the latest information and updates.

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-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/parish-and-town-councils/information-for-parish-and-town-councils/serco-services-for-parishes>

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)