

Danesborough Snippets for Little Brickhill in March 2023
Cllr David Hopkins / Cllr Victoria Hopkins / Cllr Alice Jenkins

Special bulletin



Legendary sports commentator John Motson spent his last night watching football at a Buckinghamshire pub, it has been confirmed.

The 77-year-old, who was a regular on Match of the Day where he covered 10 World Cups, 10 European Championships, and 29 FA Cup finals for BBC Sport, passed away in the early hours of Thursday, February 23.

It has been revealed that he moved to Buckinghamshire in the later years of his life, and spent his final night watching Manchester City's 1-1 draw with RB Leipzig in the Champions League, at The George Pub in Little Brickhill within the county.

Simon and Louise Babikian, who run the pub, revealed to the BBC that the much-loved commentator would visit the establishment 'three to four times a week'.

Mrs Babikian told the BBC: "Wednesday evening [February 22], the night before he passed, he came into the pub to watch his football match and sat with his mates having a beer and talking us through the game, as he would most evenings."

Mr Babikian added: "I think this was his special place.

"But what is quite funny, is many different people from different generations might not recognise him until he spoke." - *Bucks Free Press*



See attached DRAFT proposal for a Traffic Calming scheme on Church Road, Bow Brickhill.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to carry out a Road Safety Audit or Street Lighting Assessment at this time. If you can get initial views from residents that would be greatly

appreciated and then we can carry out the aforementioned Audits/Assessments if the response is mainly favourable.

If you have any queries on the proposal let me know.

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School Place Planning – Forward View 2023

Milton Keynes City Council has recently updated the school place planning forward view 2023. This document is reviewed annually.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/MKCC%20School%20Place%20Planning%20Forward%20View%202023-24.pdf>

There is a continued need to increase the number of school places in developing areas of MK but this continues to be coupled with the need to simultaneously contract places in more established areas. The 'Forward View' allows all stakeholders to see the challenges involved in MK place planning, as well as the opportunities that will be presented in the future.

Comments and feedback are welcomed and can be sent to:

sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

A diverse future for MK



On 1 March, more than 120 colleagues and partners joined us at MK Gallery for a thought-provoking event on Planning for Growth and Diversity in Milton Keynes.

MKCC Planning Policy Manager Andrew Turner and MK Futures Programme Manager Fiona Robinson had put together a range of speakers and sessions on how communities across the city are changing and how we embed diverse voices in the preparation of our New City Plan.

There were also discussions on how we create healthy places, as well as high quality and sustainable housing and economic growth.



Secondary school places announced

During the week of 1 March 2023, thousands of MK pupils found out which secondary school they'll be moving to in September. MKCC received almost 4,000 applications for secondary school places and 94% of children secured one of their top choices.

In recent years MKCC has helped to create more than 13,600 new school places by building six new schools and helping 24 more expand; we do a lot of work making sure the number of places are in line with demand, as well as a significant logistics job of matching children to their preferred schools.

People who still need a space for September can complete a late application form at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions.



As you have all been involved in trying to return trains to the Marston Vale Line, I have decided to write you with my view on behalf of the Rail Users Association, following yesterday's Stake Holder Meeting hosted by London Northwestern Railway (LNR). This may or may not frame a more general response from all with regard to the situation.

We do not accept the decision to withdraw the Class 230s in the short term. Whilst it may be difficult to obtain suitable spares and maintain the trains, we do not believe this

is impossible - they have performed latterly quite well on the line and we believe the decision to withdraw may be largely based on the cost rather than feasibility of their continued operation. Should a full service with these trains prove impossible to maintain as alluded to by LNR's Engineering Director yesterday, then a reduction to a partial service over the coming months would be more acceptable to our users than complete rail replacement.

We do accept that it may not be justifiable to retain these units in their current form long term. We are however disappointed by the return of Class 150 units. These are old, first introduced to the line over twenty years ago and we are already hearing reactions from within our committee like this is closure by stealth. However, this may be the most pragmatic medium-term solution, although we are not entirely convinced of this. Of greater concern is the lack of definitive timescale presented in by LNR yesterday. We will not rest at all easy until units actually arrive at Bletchley and driver training commences and are concerned that further slippage to timescale may occur as trains are not cascaded to schedule and driver training takes longer than anticipated.



We are concerned that we will now see decline in usage of the Marston Vale Line which will lead to its existence being once again threatened. East West Rail may be many years away, and to our users it is not viewed as a certainty, and even if it does come will mean they are faced with new challenges, including possible closure of stations with short platforms, which we would largely oppose. Against this background our preferred solution would be short term return of the Class 230s to service, medium term replacement of the 230s with alternative stock, during which the case for converting the 230s from unreliable diesel traction to battery power be examined. This may seem like a pipe dream but is still under active consideration elsewhere on the network and would see modern sustainable trains designed for the Marston Vale Line returned to service. We believe this would permit confidence in the line to be maintained and enhanced.

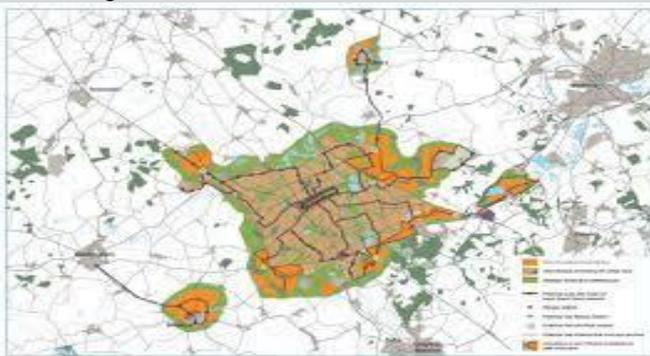
(Dr) Phil (Warner)
Chair, BBRUA.



The New City Plan will take forward Milton Keynes City Council's Strategy for 2050 which set out a bold and ambitious vision for MK over the next 28 years, including equal opportunities for all, 'lifelong' homes that suit people at all stages of their life, and a pioneering mass rapid transit system.

The role of the New City Plan is to deliver on the vision set out in the Strategy for 2050 and to do so sustainably. It will also build on the award-winning previous Plan:MK from 2019 and will plan the city's development until 2050.

Delivering on the Strategy for 2050 is also a key part of the Council Plan to build an environment that is able to thrive, is progressive and delivers a sustainable future for new and existing residents.



The City Council wants to work with local people, businesses and organisations on the New City Plan, which it intends to be ambitious and innovative with a focus on high-quality sustainable growth, genuinely affordable housing and new job opportunities.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-city-plan>



What is MK City Council doing to reduce fly tipping?

People who dump rubbish can be fined or jailed. Not only is unsightly, but it's a threat to our local wildlife too. In recent years, we've successfully prosecuted more than 30 people for fly tipping, resulting in fines of more than £25,000. Offenders can face prison sentences of up to 5 years or fines up to £50,000 for crimes like these.

Our Fly Tipping Action Plan <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-03/Fly-Tipping%20Action%20Plan%20PAA.pdf> clearly sets out what we will do in the months and years ahead to support and work with residents, businesses, partners, and communities to tackle fly-tipping. We know where the hot spots in MK are, and we use CCTV to tackle environmental crime. Council vehicles are fitted with dash cams which means we can catch people littering out of their cars and other anti-social behaviour.

We also issue fly tipping information leaflets to properties near to fly tipping hot spots. <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-10/M19226%20ECU%20-%20Flytipping%20leaflet%20Oct%202022.pdf>



Waste collection company Suez awarded contract as Milton Keynes prepares to welcome wheelie bins

Milton Keynes City Council has awarded a new contract to SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd to collect MK's waste, keep streets clean, and maintain council owned green spaces and



play areas.

<https://www.suez.co.uk/en-gb/news/press-releases/230119-suez-recycling-and-recovery-uk-named-new-contractor-for-milton-keynes-city-council-waste-and-environmental-services>

The contract starts in September 2023 alongside the vast majority of Milton Keynes 119,000 households moving to wheelie bins, following a public consultation where three quarters of those local people who responded chose wheelie bins over plastic sacks.

Introducing wheelie bins should lead to less street litter, a reduced food supply for rodents and, importantly, higher recycling rates, which will be better for the environment and saves on the production of millions of plastic sacks, the City Council says.

Milton Keynes produces around 121,000 tonnes of household waste and recycling each year, of which 52% is currently recycled.

More than 300,000 bins and accompanying waste vehicles will be manufactured and delivered to MK for summer 2023 in a massive logistical operation.

Many of the new waste and landscaping vehicles will be fully electric to reduce local carbon emissions, and the CCTV equipped fleet will include smaller and narrower vehicles, enabling SUEZ collection crews to 'pick up waste more effectively'.

Following an extensive formal tender process by the City Council, SUEZ has been appointed on a five-year contract, with the opportunity to extend the contract further.

The City Council is taking sample wheelie bins to a range of community spaces and libraries in the weeks ahead to meet residents who would like to learn more about the upcoming changes and examine the wheelie bins in person.



DRAFT NEW CITY PLAN AMBITION & OBJECTIVES

The New City Plan needs to contain a positive ambition and set of objectives to provide a focus to the plan and shape the spatial strategy and policies that will guide growth of the city to 2050. The draft ambition and objectives reflect the ambitions and recommendations set out within the Strategy for 2050.

The consultation document and further information on this consultation can be accessed on our website at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-city-plan>

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT

The New City Plan will be informed throughout its preparation by a Sustainability Appraisal. This will assess the relevant economic, social and environmental objectives. The Scoping Report identifies the scope and level of detail of information to be included in the Sustainability Appraisal.

The consultation document and further information on this consultation can be accessed on our website at: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-city-plan>

EWR Making survey enquiries on Newport Road in Wavendon.

Connectivity Option 1

7.6.111. Connectivity Option 1 comprises a new by-pass road to the west of Woburn Sands that would cross the railway on a new bridge located close to the current Woodleys Farm level crossing. This option is shown in Figure 7.31 and Figure 7.32 below.



Figure 7.31: Woburn Sands Connectivity Option 1

As displayed in the above figure, the search area for a new bridge and road at Woburn Sands extends northward from the railway line towards Newport Road.

While the Non-Intrusive Survey Access Licence covers an array of different types of survey, it is likely in this instance that our Environment Team have identified trees to the rear of 7 Newport Road, Wavendon, (MK17 8AG) as fit for survey.

I hope this information answers your query. If you do have any more questions or require any assistance with the Non-Intrusive Survey Access Licence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Marston Vale Line not expected to be reinstated until autumn

A Milton Keynes councillor has expressed 'disappointment' over the news that the Marston Vale Line might not be reinstated until autumn.

London North Western (LNW) has announced that it does not expect trains to operate on the Marston Vale Line again until the autumn.

It comes after the announcement back in December that line was being temporarily suspended until further notice.

The news followed confirmation that Vivarail had entered administration.

"Without the guarantee of effective maintenance cover for the fleet London Northwestern Railway have been left with no option but to temporarily suspend the service whilst a solution is found.

"A full rail replacement bus service (all stations and limited stop) will be provided in the meantime. All vehicles are accessible," Marston Vale Community Partnership explained.

The Marston Vale Line runs from Bletchley to Bedford.

Local Conservative Leader Cllr David Hopkins has expressed his 'disappointment' at the recent news from London North Western after the train company said it no longer anticipates seeing the return of the Class 230 engines that had been specifically adapted from former underground trains to operate on this service.

Instead, it proposes to reintroduce the class 150 engines, withdrawn from the line in 2019.

The Milton Keynes Conservative leader has also raised concerns over the limitations the replacement bus service offers.

However, Cllr Hopkins has applauded LNW for its 'openness and honesty' in admitting its failures in the operation of this service and accepts its determination to overcome these 'obstacles'.

Cllr Hopkins said : "LNW is offering stakeholders a regular briefing session and has produced a detailed Frequently Asked Questions document to be place on social media, town and parish council web sites and the like and we are grateful for this. However, questions remain as to just

LNW got into this position in the first place and just what this means for the longer-term viability of the long campaigned for East West Rail service connecting Oxford and Cambridge (via the Marston Vale line)."

Stop the Arc campaigns to reduce the over-inflated housing target that remains part of the Government's Ox-Cam Arc ambitions. They are calling for an end to the Oxford-Cambridge Arc while supporting fair, democratic and local development.

Contact Starc at: stopthearc@gmail.com

Their campaign aims are as follows:

- to challenge the concept of the Arc as an economic entity or as a basis for planning,
- to scrap the target of up to one million new houses by 2050,
- to promote a fully electrified East West Rail for both passengers and freight, with routes decided by the affected communities,
- to preserve and enhance the natural environment, and
- to involve local people in deciding their future through genuine consultation



Ward councillor/Parish Council wheelie bin walkabouts – If you had not had one of these take place in your area, do please make contact to get one booked in. They have proved to be very useful.

Public facing Bins on Tour events – There have been a large number that have taken place already and we are quite booked up over the next couple of months. To avoid disappointment, book early for any forthcoming opportunities/events on the horizon.

Please find attached the presentation we used in the information sessions that took place last night and this morning. Also attached for your use and information is the latest version of the information leaflet that we are sharing at public events.

If you would like to receive hard copies of these leaflets, please email into yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk

We will be making the leaflet available to you soon within a jpeg format for ease of use on social media channels and parish websites and we will provide some text for use in the latest round of parish newsletters.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, ask questions and provide feedback and suggestions on what could be done better – This will be reviewed and taken onboard where

possible. Many of the answers to the questions can be found on the frequently asked questions section of the website here [Frequently asked questions](#)

If you were not able attend and do still have outstanding questions, you can make direct contact, or use the website – there is a lot of information on there.

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We've received a few more images of His Majesty The King's visit to Milton Keynes last week. Mayor Amanda Marlow escorted The King during the visit and introduced him to a number of organisations and charities who represent aspects of city life such as community, heritage and the arts, as well as new residents including families from Ukraine. Also pictured is The King greeting the crowds outside the Church and preparing to speak warmly about Milton Keynes' often overlooked history and our very special city status.



Walton High School students take a new look at the city centre



In MKCC's latest work with schools to showcase Planning as an interesting career choice, we held 'an audience with' several planning colleagues and guest speakers for Year 11s to 13s, as well as holding a walking tour of central MK with Geography students from Walton High School. The tour was designed for the students, and it formed part of their core curriculum to look at how cities have changed and grown over time.



Standard response to general enquiries from the public (enquiry re works at Wavendon Gate)

The site is owned by Milton Keynes Community Foundation and is one of several sites we own and maintain across the city for the development by/or for community organisations.

The planned maintenance work is being undertaken by an experienced landscape company who are clearing scrub, whips and self-seeded saplings. As part of the scope of works with the landscapers, there is a mutual responsibility and awareness of the need to protect wildlife and avoid impact on any local mains or underground pipework. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

We are carrying out landscape work to clear vegetation that has grown up over the year so we can continue to maintain sites and ensure they remain available for community development.

As always, happy to discuss, perhaps we can catch up at the Mayor's reception this evening.

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Community Fund in 2023.

Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), has today (16/1) opened the first of two application rounds to his Community Fund in 2023.

The Community Fund, jointly managed by the PCC and the Chief Constable, helps to prevent crime and keep communities safe. Money for the scheme is created from the proceeds from the sale of items seized from criminals that cannot be returned to their rightful owners.

Matthew said: "I'm pleased to announce the first round of this year's Community Fund is now open for applications. This is a great opportunity to support community and voluntary groups in reducing crime.

"We're fortunate to have such an active community across the Thames Valley, playing a significant role in helping to tackle local issues around crime prevention and supporting vulnerable groups.

"I have been fortunate to visit some of the groups we've supported in the past, who have benefited from the funding provided to support their communities and help prevent crime across the Thames Valley.

"I look forward to receiving applications which focus on a range of areas within my Police and Criminal Justice Plan including crime prevention, modern crimes such as cybercrime and fraud, and reducing re-offending."

Organisations from across the Thames Valley can apply for grants for projects that support one or more of the PCC's 'Police and Criminal Justice Plan' priorities:

- Strong Local Policing (preventing crime & protecting communities)
- Fighting Serious Organised Crime (protecting vulnerable people)
- Fighting Fraud & Cybercrime (fighting modern crimes)
- Improving the Criminal Justice System (reducing re-offending)
- Tackling illegal encampments (reducing the impact of encampments)

Chief Constable John Campbell, said: "Using money generated from the sale of items seized from criminals that cannot be returned to their rightful owners is a great way of funding worthy projects and other work across the Thames Valley.

"This funding will play a big part in helping voluntary and community groups across the Thames Valley. It will allow them to continue to run projects that play such a big role in preventing crime and protecting our communities.

"As ever, we are particularly keen to receive bids for this money from organisations that support our priority areas."

The closing date for this round of applications is 4pm on Monday 6th February and applications will be considered jointly by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Chief Constable. Successful applicants will be invited to attend a presentation event, hosted by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, on Thursday 30 March in Reading.

Further information, including a link to the application form, can be found at: www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund.



Stopping financial scammers

MKCC is partnering with Thames Valley Police on a new initiative called Operation Intercept to tackle offenders who exploit vulnerable people for their money.

Sadly, organised networks prey on vulnerable people, befriending their victims and gaining trust before taking their money. Things to look out for include: drug activity, persistent visitors to an address, unexplained injuries and money going missing, among others.

We've already had some good success rooting out repeat offenders, convicting two people just last month who were targeting elderly victims and took £1,800 a month from one person's bank account – they would have lost their home if we hadn't stepped in. Well done to our Anti-Social Behaviour team for their work on this.

Anyone can report suspicions of abuse to us at ASB@milton-keynes.gov.uk or 01908 691691, quoting Operation Intercept.

The stock of dwellings in Milton Keynes stands at 122,227: 104,378 in the city and 17,849 in the rural area.

At the 1st January 2023 MK has:

- 16,832 permitted planning permissions (7,408 full permissions and 9,424 outline)
- 7,394 potential units on existing Local Plan sites
- 1977 windfall sites waiting for permission
- 26,203 dwellings in all.

Freedom of the City for Lioness Leah

Congratulations go to England Captain Leah Williamson who on 28 February at Special Council Meeting became the first person to receive the Freedom of the City of Milton Keynes for her achievements.

Born in Milton Keynes, Leah played for Bletchley from an early age before signing to Arsenal age 9 and representing England from 14. She led the Lionesses to victory in last year's UEFA Women's Euros, becoming the first woman to lift a major trophy for England.



The Context of the Futures Group Meeting on 22nd February 2023 in Woburn Sands

- Over the last ten years, the Library, Summerlin Centre, Sports Hall, Recreation Ground plus other initiatives have all been made possible by Woburn Sands Town Council (WSTC) applying for funding derived from the considerable growth Woburn Sands has experienced (size has increased by 50% over this period)
- WS now facing two huge challenges – East West Rail and South East Milton Keynes. The development of the former is as yet unknown whether it goes ahead and how it will affect WS.
- South East Milton Keynes (SEMK) expansion is a certainty and will present both opportunities and challenges to the community
- Outline approval for development of SEMK was incorporated in local plan (PlanMK 2016) and is a certainty which cannot be challenged. The Supplementary Planning Guidance (the SPD) for SEMK was approved by MKCC in January 2022. It sets out the principles and key infrastructure and was drafted after consultation with WSTC and other parish councils
- Key points of the SPD as far as WS is concerned;

3000 new dwellings

Green Buffer zone with sport's pitches and open space centred round the fishing lake

Primary school and combined school
Transport/traffic impact and facilities

- Over the next ten years the size of WS is set to almost double, as approx 70% of SEMK within parish of WS
- MKCC has stated that all SEMK applications should be coordinated and has established a Stakeholder Group (all local parish councils including WSTC) to monitor and try to ensure coordination. The two principal developers, which are L&Q and O&H, and others were asked to coordinate their outline plans (particularly housing) at the last Stakeholder Group meeting in November 2022.
- The next Stakeholder meeting is due shortly when joint proposals will be discussed for the main part of SEMK.
- It is important to understand the principles of the planning approval process.
- Planning decisions are the sole responsibility of MKCC; the TC has no power – only has the right to be consulted. It cannot appeal against MKCC decisions other than on legal grounds that MKCC has not followed proper procedure. Developers can appeal on planning grounds.
- **Two stages in the process which the TC and public can comment on.**
 1. Outline application – this is where we are with the main part of SEMK. This gives broad details of nature and location of housing and infrastructure; it establishes the principle of development.
 2. Detailed application – which is where we are with Swan Hill (called Reserve Matters).
- Developer contributions come under two broad headings:
 1. As part of the construction of the scheme ie roads, schools etc. This is agreed by MKCC as part of the outline approval. Hopefully this takes account of the comments from the TC and others.
 2. Secondly a cash contribution (paid under a Section 106 Agreement) signed with MKCC as part of the detailed approval. The funds are paid to MKCC and then paid out to third parties under a “bidding” process. This process has funded most of the WS developments in the last ten years
- The purpose of Section 106 funds is to compensate third parties affected by the development. The funds are allocated under specific headings (eg community projects, arts, transport etc). Funds are generally only available for specific projects not running costs, and can be used to enhance existing facilities which need expansion because of the development.
- MKCC officers negotiate the overall size and categorisation of the Section 106 contribution as part of the granting of detailed approval. Important that officers are made aware of the needs of WS which will be affected by the development.

This is what this meeting is all about.

- WS community needs to make sure that the principles and philosophy underlying SEMK will enhance the existing community as well as providing an attractive destination for new residents.

- We can do this in two ways:
 - A. Influencing the MKCC decisions made in the approval process of the initial outline application. This has already happened and is a continuous process.
 - B. Ensuring we have identified the impact of the new development on the existing WS facilities, and have a reasonably costed proposal to meet these needs so that adequate funds are included in the Section 106 Agreement.
- The purpose of the Futures process is to ensure that the views of all residents are considered when responding to the SEMK applications.
- What do you expect from the development of SEMK?
 What specific facilities do you think need to be included?
 How do you envisage links will be developed between “new” WS and “old” WS?
 What enhancements to existing facilities need to be provided?
 Essentially: What sort of community do you foresee once SEMK is completed??
- We propose to establish a small executive (say 10 – 12) committee which would meet regularly to consider these issues and report back to occasional plenary meetings to ensure that we are on the right track. Committee members would have to commit to the regular meetings and undertake specific project work from time to time; a certain amount of reading planning submissions etc would also be required.



Contact Points

Kingston Roundabout Traffic Lights

Contact point at MK Council when lights go out of sequence.

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and for waste collection and upcoming changes to bin collections ...



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If you are aware of someone who would like to apply to join the MKC Housing Register please use the following link to access the on-line application form:

<https://myhousing.milton-keynes.gov.uk>

Housing Allocations Team - T: 01908 252937 Option 4

E: housing.allocations@milton-keynes.gov.uk

FixMy

Report, view, or discuss local problems - (like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting)

Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area:

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>



Track laying from Bicester to Bletchley passes the halfway point





There was a sense of excitement in Winslow last week as the new track construction (NTC) train reached Winslow's new railway station, which marks the halfway point for track construction on Connection Stage 1 of East West Rail.

The overall stretch for this stage of East West Rail is 66km and, with 50% of track still to be laid in the area, there'll be more opportunities to catch a glimpse of the NTC train in action down the line.

Moving forward at pace

The NTC train, which is one of only two of its kind in the country, uses a rapid track laying system and works much faster than conventional methods. In fact, it carries enough railway sleepers to install up to 1.1km of track during each 10-hour shift.

To reduce any potential impact these works may have on local communities, the majority of equipment and supporting materials for track construction are delivered to site by rail. This has helped remove around 4,000 lorry journeys from local roads.



*An image of the new track construction train at Winslow
An image of the new track construction train in action at Winslow.
[Image by East West Rail Alliance/Phil Marsh]*

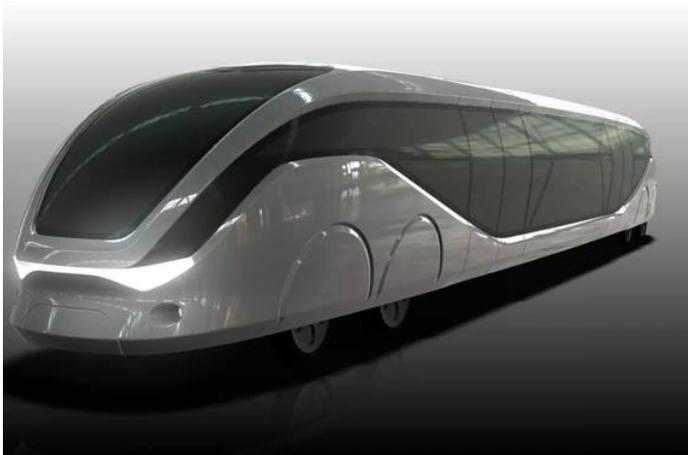
The East West Rail Alliance are really proud to have passed the halfway point for track construction on this stage of East West Rail, and as a result the project remains on target to meet its programme and facilitate a new railway service to Winslow.” – Jez Baldock, Deputy Director at East West Rail Alliance.

All infrastructure work on Connection Stage 1 is due to be completed by summer 2024.

Winslow's new station



The new station being developed at Winslow is taking shape and is due to be completed later this year. Platform construction began a year ago, with more than 500 pre-cast concrete units being lifted into position within the new railway cutting before work could begin on the station building itself.



Major boost for advanced rapid transport in MK

A high-speed, driverless transport network could transform the way people get around in Milton Keynes after the City Council successfully secured government funding to research the innovative project.

Advanced Very Rapid Transport (AVRT) is a new concept in mass transit, using automated vehicles on purpose-designed segregated pathways. The City Council secured £200,000 funding to commission a study to determine how the AVRT project could fit in with the city's current and proposed infrastructure. It also builds on the City Council's ambitions to deliver well-planned and sustainable growth through its New City Plan.

The study will look at how AVRT could provide future transport solutions and deliver fast, frequent and reliable public transport. An area of key routes around 18 miles in and around Milton Keynes will be the focus of the study.

Milton Keynes City Council already has ambitious plans to boost MK's smart city reputation through delivering a modern mass transit system. The study will analyse how the systems could be integrated and build on the City Council's innovation and sustainability ambitions.



International Women's Day Event

InvestMK are proud to be sponsoring the Protospace International Women's Day on 8th March at the Milton Keynes Gallery.

The event will be an informal evening of celebration, inspiration and connection to recognise International Women's Day and the achievements of local women in STEM. It will feature some incredible local speakers sharing their inspirational stories alongside informal networking. We'll be joined by local leaders from groups around Milton Keynes that support women in STEM so you can discover the communities that bring women together throughout the year. This is an inclusive event and open to all. Speakers to be announced very soon!

Book your free ticket now here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-womens-day-milton-keynes-celebrating-women-in-stem-tickets-538784136857>



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Milton Keynes City Council has on 28th February 2023 made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. in order to enable Anglian Water to carry out new connection works from 8th March 2023 – 14th March 2023 (24 Hours).

The effect of the above Order will be to **temporarily close part of:**

Brickhill Street, South Caldecotte (Southbound) – From its junction with Caldecotte Lake Drive to its junction with Heybridge Crescent.

Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Bletcham Way, A5 and Brickhill Road (and vice versa).

Signs will be erected in advance of the closure to inform members of the public of the forthcoming closure.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order for Anglian Water will come into effect on 6th March 2023 and remain in effect for a period of 3 month and will take effect at times during the above period only when works are required and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closures will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the TSRGD 2016 (The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016). All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to the works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.



**ROAD
CLOSURES**



All planned roadworks for MK are listed on one.network <https://one.network/>

In advance of works taking place, there should be notices to advise local residents and other road users of any closures and the dates and times. For some types of work, like resurfacing, lining or gully cleaning please do not park your vehicle in the work area.

More information for residents can be found on our Important Information for Residents Factsheet <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/Important%20information%20for%20residents.pdf>

For all routine repairs and maintenance requests
Includes: street light faults, potholes, damaged signs
Email the details to customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk or use the Report It tab on the website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk
For safety issues e.g., traffic lights out or flooding, call 01908 252353 Mon-Fri between 9-5:15 and out of hours call 01908 226699

DELEGATED DECISIONS: 2023 – Decisions coming up by the Cabinet at MK Council ...

Subject of Decision & Date of Meeting	Decision Detail	Attendees
Road Closure		
High Street - Woburn Sands	6th February 2023 9:30am 12:30pm	https://one.network/?tm=GB132579283

DELEGATED DECISIONS

Subject of Decision	14 March 2023	Sponsoring Officer and Report Author
Dementia Information and Support Service (DISS)	To consider entering into a one-year agreement with the Alzheimer's Society to deliver the DISS. Delegated Decision - Older People agnes.olagunju@milton-keynes.gov.uk	Councillor Darlington (Cabinet member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities) Officer Report None Hannah Soetendal Head of Commissioning Agnes Olagunju Lead Commissioner
Extension to Internal Fleet Supply Contract for Small Vehicles To consider approving a further	Delegated Decision Councillor Trendall (Cabinet member for Customer Services) Officer Report None	Stuart Proffitt Director - Environment and Property Nick Hannon Head of Environment and Waste Tel: 01908 252577 (Information relating to the Financial or Business Affairs of the Authority) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act

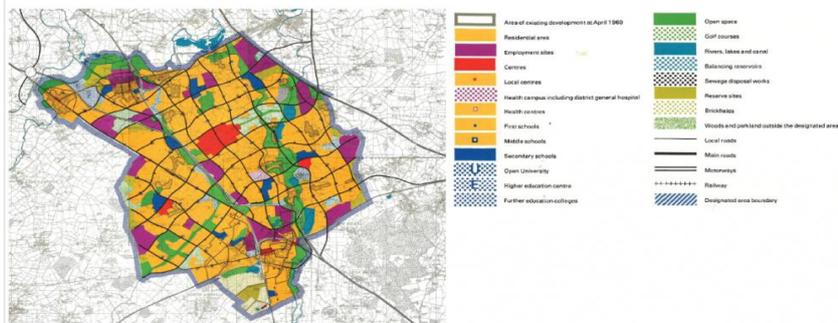


Figure 4: Master plan for Milton Keynes, 1967

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Did you know that you can now search for planning applications specifically in your parish or ward on the weekly list?

The Public Access for Planning website allows you to filter your search by a parish or ward. The list is interactive allowing you to access the details and documents relating to applications on the list by clicking on them.

Planning applications	Weekly list February 2023
Planning Buddy! Rachel Larner Planning Officer rachel.larner@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07554 338790	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bow Brickhill Parish Council Little Brickhill Parish Council
Planning Buddy! Sonia James Planning Officer sonia.james@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07775 111178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walton Community Council
Planning Buddy! Senior Planning Officer charlotte.ashby@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07795 475595	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wavendon Parish Council
Planning Buddy Katy Lycett Principal Planning Officer katy.lycett@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07795 475584	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woburn Sands Town Council
Planning Applications	
Application no: 23/00373/HOU Proposal: The conversion of the loft, the erection of a front dormer window and installation of roof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woburn Sands

lights to the rear roof slope At: 10 Drayhorse Crescent Woburn Sands Milton Keynes MK17 8GU	
Application no: 23/00356/NMA Proposal: Non-material amendment seeking to add a carport to the side of plot 1 (relating to permission ref. 20/01786/FUL for 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wavendon
Application no: 23/00409/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by conditions 10 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme), 11 (Long term Maintenance of Surface Water Drainage System), 12 (Surface Water Run-off), 14 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme and Landscape and Ecological Management Plan), 21 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) of permission ref 21/02085/OUT. At: Newport Road Woburn Sands Milton Keynes MK17 8UE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woburn Sands
Application no: 23/00378/FUL Proposal: The demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of two dwellings with two double garages, with access off Newport Road, parking, landscaping and all other associated infrastructure. At: Stokesay Cottage 75 Newport Road Wavendon Milton Keynes MK17 8U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wavendon
Application no: 23/00383/HOU Proposal: The erection of a two storey side extension, a single storey first floor extension over existing attached double garage, and a single storey rear extension with patio doors At: 3 Ketelbey Nook Old Farm Park Milton Keynes MK7 8RF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walton
Application no: 23/00491/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 17 (Energy and climate statement) of permission ref. 20/02682/FUL At: Frosts Landscape Construction Newport Road Wavendon Milton Keynes MK17 8U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wavendon
Planning Enforcement - PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ENQUIRY The Old Coach House 2B Church Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9LD Having investigated this matter, I can confirm a breach of planning control has occurred. Central Government Guidance contained within paragraph 58 of the National Planning Policy Framework ((NPPF) 2019) states that: "Effective enforcement is important to maintain public confidence in the planning system. Enforcement action is discretionary, and local planning authorities should act proportionately in responding to suspected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bow Brickhill <p>The case has been closed</p>

breaches of planning control. They should consider publishing a local enforcement plan to manage enforcement proactively, in a way that is appropriate to their area. This should set out how they will monitor the implementation of planning permissions, investigate alleged cases of unauthorised development and take action where appropriate".

As the details have now been approved and discharged subject to planning application 22/01860/DISCON as a part of the planning permission 19/00809/FUL for a new dwelling, enforcement action would not be considered expedient in this instance. I recommend that an application to vary condition (2) attached to 19/00809/FUL, to extend the timeframe from three years, to four years, is invited, to regularise the breach of planning control. Accordingly, this case has been closed.

In line with the NPPF and Council's Enforcement Plan (2020), the degree of harm that arises due to the above unauthorised development is considered to be of a limited and minor nature and as such, formal enforcement action is not considered expedient.



MK City Council is extending a contract to continue supporting former rough sleepers and ensure they don't end up back on the streets.

Its 'Housing First' programme aims to get rough sleepers into accommodation and provide support to help them work through the often complex reasons they became homeless in the first place, sometimes related to relationship breakdowns, family eviction or loss of private rented accommodation. The programme has helped more than 150 people in the last three years.

MK City Council is now making a decision to approve a six month extension of the contract on 14 November. During that time, further long-term initiatives for rough sleepers will be considered.

The City Council's provides vital services for people sleeping rough or those at risk of homelessness. Earlier this year, it opened a new shelter in Central Milton Keynes which has led to secure homes for 30 rough sleepers, with nearly 90 people using the shelter. Former rough sleepers stay for a short period before accessing further assistance.

This is the latest of multiple initiatives in recent years to support rough sleepers and help them secure a life off the streets for good. As a result, the number of people sleeping rough in the city has dropped significantly. A recent review by the team showed that 24 people were sleeping rough in Milton Keynes, which is fewer than the number of beds available through the City Council's provision, meaning everyone needing a bed could be found one. Everyone found sleeping rough is offered accommodation and support. On this occasion only one person took up the offer but the dedicated outreach team continue to make daily rounds to offer support.



Locally - PC Rob Childs – 07974 970568 or robin.childs@thamesvalley.pnn.polic.uk

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/c/2018/thames-valley-alert/>

You can sign up to **Thames Valley Alert** via email, text, or even receive voice messages about what's happening in your local area.

The service is completely tailored to you, so you can choose what sort of alerts to receive – whether you'd like:

news on local incidents, community news, to be alerted to significant or high priority messages.

When you sign up to Thames Valley Alert (a free service) you'll be given login details that allow you to change your settings at any time. There's also a business watch service and a country watch service.

If you'd like to sign up to Thames Valley Alert, you can:

join via the Thames Valley Alert website, or,

download the free Thames Valley Alert app by visiting the Apple store or Google Play store.

If you already have an Alerts account, you can sign into the app with the same login details.

Anglian Water – Drainage & Water Management Plan



Works in Woburn Sands

The traffic management has been agreed in principle for a start on Cranfield Road in late June and then a one way closure on Station Road for 3 weeks of the Summer holidays.

I am happy to meet with you and talk you through it if you would like.

No diversions will be signed through Aspley Guise but I understand the concern that vehicles may well use this as an alternative. I will be asking for additional signage to try and discourage rat running.

Permits haven't been agreed yet.

Gareth Hughes
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LGA - Social Media Guidance

Have you ever wondered if you're getting the best from social media, or how you can make sure you stay safe and don't breach your Code of Conduct? This excellent online document, created by the LGA, provides guidance and informative examples of how to use social media platforms to their many advantages whilst also navigating them safely, and handling negativity.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/leadership-workforce-and-communications/comms-hub-communications-support/social-media-0>

Don't forget that MKCC also has its social media guidance for Councillors which sits alongside our Code of Conduct.

Focus on Voter-ID

At elections on 4 May, you will not be able to vote, unless you present acceptable photographic ID.

MKCC has put together a document <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id> which has more information about the key messages, what we are / will be doing, and how Parish, Town or Community Councils and other stakeholders can help.



Cllr David Hopkins – March 2023