



Little Brickhill Parish Council

Update from your Unitary Councillor – April 2025



You now have to subscribe for additional green bin collections

In Milton Keynes, the first green bin remains free, but residents can opt-in to a paid subscription service for additional green bin collections (second or third bin) for food and garden waste, costing £55 per bin per year, starting from May 12, 2025.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Free First Bin: Your standard green bin for food and garden waste will continue to be collected for free.

Paid Subscription: If you need a second or third green bin, you'll need to subscribe to the paid service.

Subscription Cost: The annual subscription cost is £55 per bin.

Service Start Date: The service for additional green bins **starts on May 12, 2025**.

Subscription Period: The subscription runs from May 12, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

How to Sign Up: You can subscribe to the service online or by contacting the council.

Contact Information: To request additional recycling sacks or for other waste-related inquiries, contact Customer Services at 01908 252570 or email customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk
<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/subscribe-additional-green-bin-collections>

Resubmission of approved development - South Caldecotte Phase 2 (see attached files)

From: Jamie Loxley - BA(Hons) MSc MRTPI (Planning Assistant) Michael Sparks Associates

I am writing in relation to the land off Brickhill Street at South Caldecotte on behalf of my client PLP who has two reserved matters approvals, to develop either a single employment unit (ref. 22/02410/REM) or three employment units (ref. 22/02311/REM) at the site. Both approvals were granted by Milton Keynes Council in May 2023, with a standard duration of 2 years and are therefore due to lapse in May 2025. Since these approvals were granted, development has not yet commenced but discussions have been ongoing with potential occupiers. To provide certainty in respect of these ongoing discussions and to allow a quick response to provide the premises needed to meet the demand from businesses, the proposals are therefore being resubmitted to renew the reserved matters permissions.

As these applications are effectively resubmissions of already approved schemes, no changes are proposed to the proposals in respect of landscaping, appearance, layout and scale from the approved position. It remains that the applications will be for both a single unit scheme and a three-unit scheme for flexible B2 and B8 use.

For reference, I have attached the approved Site Location Plan as well as the two approved Site Context Plans which are being resubmitted with this application.

We wanted to make you aware of these proposals and to provide the opportunity to answer any queries that you may have about these resubmissions.

Should you require any further information about these proposals then please let me know.

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New service will offer a lifeline to thousands of unpaid carers

Milton Keynes City Council is preparing to launch a new service that will make it easier for thousands of unpaid carers to get practical help and support.

The city council estimates that there could be 21,000 unpaid carers in MK, including many young carers who look after family members who could not cope without their help. This may be due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction.

The city council is investing more than £2million over five years in The Carers Support Service, which will be available from May.

Delivered by Citizens Advice Milton Keynes, it combines a range of specialist assistance for unpaid carers of all ages, with face-to-face and phone support plus online help. Carers will be helped to unlock money and benefits, guided on making plans for emergencies and much more. It will also offer opportunities for carers to meet people in similar situations and form new bonds.

The Carers Support Service will be available to anyone who provides regular care for a friend or family member who lives in Milton Keynes.

Specialist organisations within the Carers Support Service will focus on young carers and young adult carers. There will also be dedicated support for those who care for older people, people with mental health conditions, with a learning disability or neurodivergence.

The City Council provides a minimum direct payment of £240 for unpaid carers alongside access to additional assistance that will vary for individuals. For further information on the support available to unpaid carers, please visit <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/adult-social-care/support-adult-social-care/carers-assessment-adult-carers>

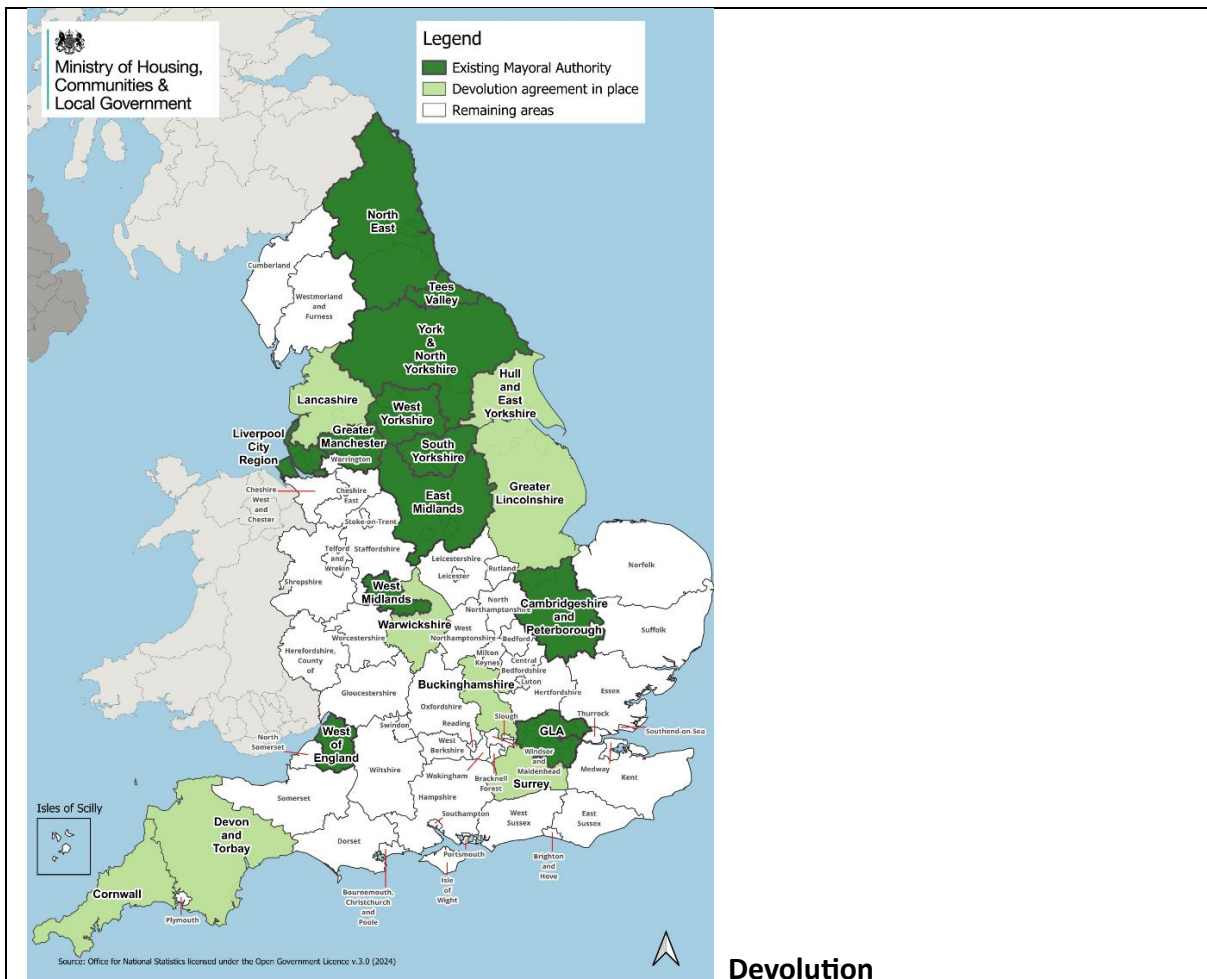


IF: Milton Keynes International Festival was founded in 2010 and takes place every two years. It is produced by The Stables, one of the UK's leading music organisations and venues, based in Milton Keynes.

Creating unique and memorable experiences, the Festival is designed to encourage residents and visitors to see a different side to Milton Keynes. Presenting a world-class, multi-arts programme the Festival includes new commissions, site-specific and community participation projects, large-scale/outdoor and family events, concerts, theatre, dance, music and visual arts installations.

Engaging over a million people in seven previous editions (2010 - 2023), the Festival takes place in locations across Milton Keynes, including parks, public squares, commercial and retail spaces, as well as in the online and digital realm.

The Festival is supported by Arts Council England and Milton Keynes Council, and also raises funds through trusts and foundations and partnerships with individuals and businesses. More at ... <https://ifmiltonkeynes.org/>



Devolution

MK won't be in the devolution priority programme

You may have heard about government plans to create more regional authorities and mayors. These do not replace the existing councils, or take any work from them, but they are able to take on roles and responsibilities delegated from national government. The Leader of Milton Keynes City Council set out our interest in being in the 'priority programme' with Luton, Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough. Another proposal from North and West Northamptonshire councils was also made, suggesting a regional authority and mayor covering their area as well as Luton, Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough and Milton Keynes.

There will be later opportunities to join the devolution programme, perhaps for a 2027 start. We remain committed to the potential that devolution brings and to working with partners to move decision-making out of Westminster and closer to local people.

There was also a press release issued, which can be found here Devolution statement: Cllr Pete Marland | Milton Keynes City Council <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/news/2025/devolution-statement-cllr-pete-marland>



Jennie Lee and the OU

At Cabinet on 4 March, I undertook to provide a written response to the questions from yourself related to the budget and potential sites for the proposed statute for Jenni Lee.

Having spoken with the relevant officer, the first R&D phase of the commission will identify location sites in CMK, alongside commissioning partners including The Open University. CMK public art funds have been identified that could potentially support the delivery of the commission, depending on the final location.

In tandem with the R&D phase, identification of prospective external funders will begin – including Arts Council England, National Lottery Heritage Fund and a number of Trusts and Foundations who have a specialist interest in this area. Once this phase is complete, a final commission Brief will go out to tender.

Councillor Shanika Mahendran

Labour & Co-operative Councillor for Loughton & Shenley ward

Cabinet Member for Planning & Placemaking

Planning, Economic Development, Sustainability, Innovation, Culture & Equalities

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Mainstream and Specialist Provision School Place Planning

MKCC has recently updated the mainstream school place planning forward view 2025 and have also developed a specialist provision place planning forward view. These documents are reviewed annually.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Mainstream%20school%20place%20planning%20forward%20view%202025-26%20final.pdf>

There's a continued need to increase the number of mainstream school places in developing areas of MK but this is still coupled with the need to simultaneously contract

places in more established areas. There's also a continued need to increase the number of specialist provision places available across Milton Keynes so that children are educated locally where appropriate and it is possible to do so.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Specialist%20Provision%20Forward%20View%202024-25%20Final.pdf>

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 .

CIF Projects awarded in Danesborough & Walton				
Parish Name	Project	Total Cost	MKCC 50%	Parish 50%
Bow Brickhill	SIDs and poles	£5,894.00	£2,947.00	£2,947.00
Wavendon	Height Protection Barrier	£6,051.11	£3,026.00	£3,025.22

East West Rail




The full set of slides from the EWR presentation of 26 March will be available soon but some highlight slides attached.

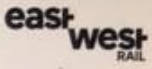
- As confirmed on 25 March, Chiltern are operating the service from Oxford to MK via Bletchley. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdjyrvw1vwo>
- They will recruit 45 Drivers and an additional 13 employees for additional admin functions.
- Questions were asked regarding the possible locations for 'railway depots' and why this had not formed part of the recent consultation. The depots are for turn around and maintenance and for staff turnover and R&R.
- It is proposed to lay superfast broadband alongside the railway, and this is a future topic for a presentation.
- There were numerous questions of a local to specific areas nature – and one regarding how the EWR PR can link to with this year's Rail 200 celebrations.

Non-statutory consultation (NSC): Next steps

- Feedback analysis is currently being carried out and being considered as part of design development, where possible.
- A **NSC summary document** is expected to be published late April to early May and will provide a summary of how we delivered the consultation, who we heard from and the emerging themes from consultation feedback.
- Outcomes from how we have considered feedback in the design will form part of a **You Said, We Did** report published at statutory consultation.



Delivery roadmap



Design fix for statutory consultation in summer 2025

Statutory consultation early 2026

DCO design complete by summer 2026

DCO submission early 2027

Key themes:



Environment	Public rights of way
Traffic modelling	Construction
Highways	Stations & wider growth opps
Active travel and transport	

Achieved only through high quality engagement with you.

Key issues for engagement

NSC is helping to sharpen our focus and steer engagement towards overcoming issues. Engagement will continue to help refine our proposals. At this stage, we can begin to outline some key issues for engagement with you in the run up to statutory consultation.




- **Environmental mitigations** – reducing and mitigating impacts in the best way including traffic, construction, protective provisions and local impact reports
- **Landowner engagement** – providing clarity and certainty with landowners and where we can make improvements
- **Active travel** – maintaining PROWs, encouraging active travel, enabling broader incentives
- **Design developments** – understanding potential changes to design in your area and seeking feedback
- **Area specific issues** – key issues needing multi-disciplinary and at times multi-stakeholder input, including highways, environment and emerging station designs. What other issues do you think require this approach?
- **Stations and localised opportunities** – understanding ways benefits can be designed in locally
- **Traffic and transport and highways** – including construction management plans
- **Your NSC feedback**



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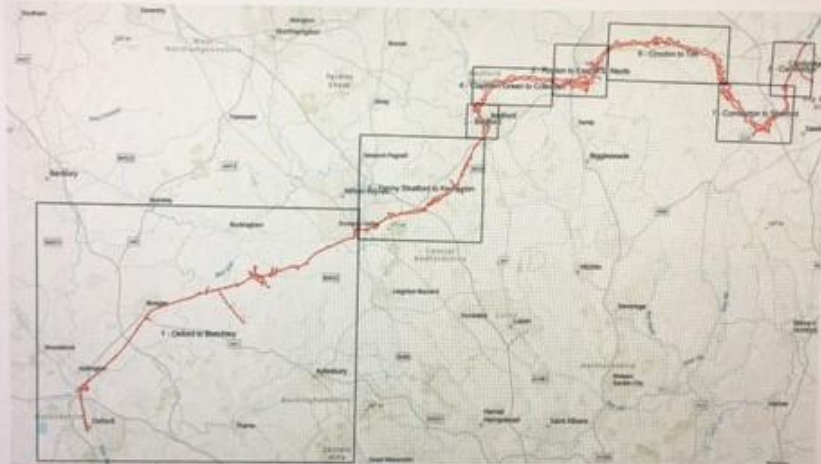
Tracking issues

We're committed to working to resolve issues as we progress the project, to ensure this informs our design, where possible, and will be seeking to reach agreement on issues as much as possible.

-  Issues will be tracked within our Stakeholder Relationship Management system. We will regularly provide visibility of our current live issues trackers within our meetings and can provide issues reports when requested.
-  We will use issues topics to determine future engagement, and this will help us to develop agendas for meetings, interactive design workshops, as well as identifying any need for further briefings or workshops.
-  Following statutory consultation in early 2026, issues trackers will be used to inform and develop Position Statements where needed with Parish Councils. Issues trackers will also help form a list of Potential Main Issues for the Examination (PMIE) which will be entered into the examination as an application document.

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LRG groups and the red line boundary



* Please note this map is not a final version - final maps will be available to view on the Community Hub in the coming days

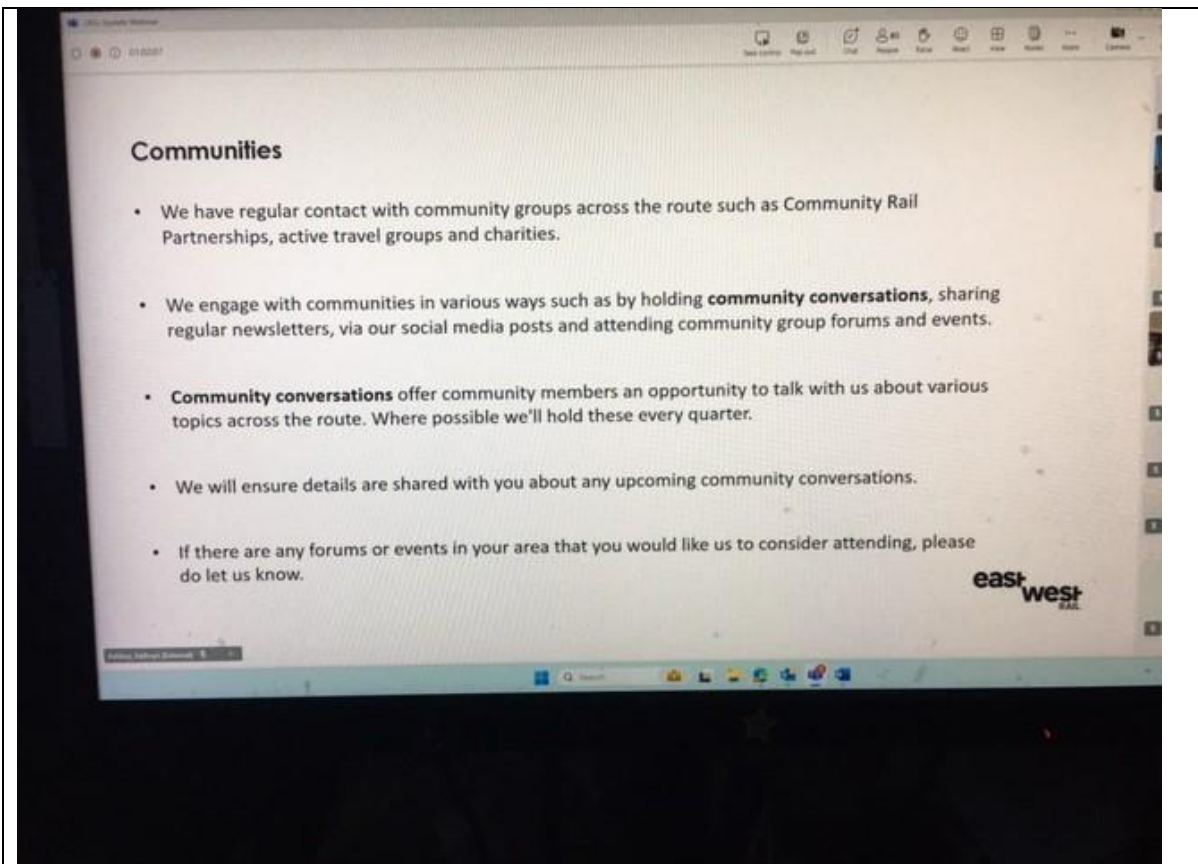
Enhanced LRGs & Community LRG

Enhanced LRGs

- The Enhanced LRGs will meet quarterly
- We are continuing to review the lists and receive feedback to ensure we have all those within the DOLB.
- The next round of meetings will be in person between the end of April - Mid June to account for some local elections in May.
- Invitations will be issued soon, and more information will follow

Community LRG

- There will be an additional two **LRG webinars** which will be open to all LRGs' and can provide an opportunity to update members on the overall project status.
- **Community Conversations** will also offer community members an opportunity to talk with us about various topics across the route. These will include targeted engagement activity, information events and topic focussed community engagement.



LGA: Artificial Intelligence Unpacked

The LGA have launched a series of short explainer videos on Artificial Intelligence (AI) designed to provide Councillors who are new to the topic with a starting point for understanding and engaging with AI concepts.

<https://www2.local.gov.uk/our-support/cyber-digital-and-technology/ai-unpacked>





The Environment & Place Scrutiny the committee examined issues connected **with flooding** as well as draft reports of the MKCC council pathway to net zero by 2030 & heat networks.

Agenda for Environment & Place Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 27th March 2025, 7.00 pm | Milton Keynes City Council

<https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=585&MIId=7399>

This report follows on from the Flood and Water Management Service scrutiny report and as per the recommendations from the meeting that took place on 27 February 2024. The report provides the following:

- High level overview of recent flood events that took place in 2024,
- Summary of 2024 flooding events, and progress on Section 19 report following September 2024 flooding,
- Flood and Water Management team's projects delivery (RAG status provided) with detailed review of the progress of Lavendon flood alleviation scheme,
- Land Drainage Enforcement,
- Statutory and non-statutory planning advice.



Climate Emergency

The MKCC Council Plan 2022-2026 sets out the aim for Milton Keynes to reach net zero by 2030 and to be a world-leading sustainable city. It also states that MKCC will refresh the Sustainability Strategy.

MKCC see that with five years to go, this is the perfect time to refresh the strategy and ensure there is focus on the actions that will help the Council achieve Net Zero 2030 for the operational emissions.

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MK Local Plan – MK 2025

MKCC is now provisionally looking at mid-September for the start of the Reg 19 consultation, so likely to close by the end of October. Following this it will need to review the responses and consider if it should propose any main modifications to be submitted alongside the plan to the Inspector for them to consider through examination (any Main Modifications the Inspector considers are necessary to make the plan sound would be subject to public consultation during the Examination).

As for timings of the examination, this is largely outside of the council's control, but at a guess they would suggest hearings during June/July 2026 following any submission in March 2026. The examination of Plan:MK, from submission to formal adoption by Full Council, took just under a year so we may have an adopted plan by early 2027.

However, recent ministerial directions and advice to PINS indicate shorter examinations will become the norm, e.g. 9 months. As I say, guesswork by MKCC at this point really.



Walton Road

The attached provided by the MKCC provider Swarco is aimed at providing information regarding the detection zone of the proposed sensors. The sensors are not solely optical, but also can detect movement using microwave detection, so they can effectively 'see' through any encroaching foliage. The angle of coverage can also be fine-tuned during the on-site calibration.



Sports Strategy (from Parishes Forum)

Thanks for listening to the Sports Strategy segment of the Parish Forum. It was great to hear interest around being a part of this piece of work.

I would be grateful if you could sign up to the Community event, as well as promoting the relevant events to residents/ clubs within your Parish and help spread the word on the benefits of being a part of the consultation workshop.

I have attached the presentation, a poster and QR codes for workshop registrations to promote 'Talk About Sport'. More information on both consultation events can be found on the Leisure & Communities webpage in the coming days.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible at the event on Wednesday 16th April 19:00-21:00 at Bletchley Leisure Centre. Please do sign up to the event as capacity at the venue is limited, therefore we recommend up to 2 people per Parish.

The links to the registration forms can be found below:

Community - <https://forms.office.com/e/jbR14ifCSD>

Clubs - <https://forms.office.com/e/LOiYrHJHSs>

Should you have any questions, please contact me via email.

Kelly Sutton - Sports Partnership Officer

To speak with me: use Microsoft Teams

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www.milton-keynes.gov.uk



Update on Local Policing from PCSN Amy Ryan

I no longer cover the area of Danesborough and Walton.

Another PCSO will take over from me. Currently PC Paige Barker, PC Matthew Phillips and PCSO Tracey Jones cover the area. Please contact them with any future queries, I will forward on any emails that you have already sent across to me.

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matthew.phillips@thamesvalley.police.uk

Tracey.Jones@thamesvalley.police.uk

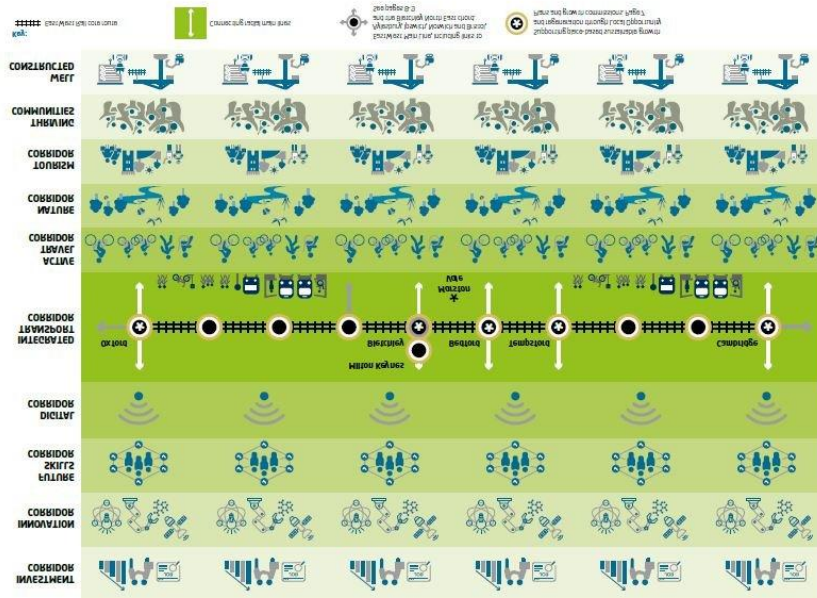
Amy RYAN C9639 - Police Community Support Officer

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EWR - Supercharging

the region's 'corridor of corridors'

The opportunity East West Rail presents is about so much more than new train services on 80-odd miles of track. It can transcend expectations of what infrastructure can unlock for our economy, environment and society: but only if we – collectively – enable this to happen.

East West Rail must be the catalyst for a far wider integrated, connected transport corridor, offering superb door-to-door connectivity to and from stations. Alongside this, the Oxford-Cambridge section can be used as the foundation for realising the Northampton-Milton Keynes-Aylesbury-High Wycombe-Old Oak Common rail corridor; <https://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/news/global-britain-rail/> and a coast-to-coast main line from Bristol through to Ipswich and Norwich. <https://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/news/oxford-swinton-bristol-rail-services/>

At the same time, there are opportunities to use delivery of East West Rail to supercharge a regional investment corridor, innovation corridor, skills corridor, nature corridor, digital corridor and so on. Creating a fully integrated 'corridor of corridors', much more than the sum of their individual parts, to realise the government's ambitions for the Oxford to Cambridge Growth Corridor.

That's why England's Economic Heartland has been working with government, local partners, East West Railway Company, the Pan Regional Partnership, Science Supercluster Board and Oxford to Cambridge Universities Group to explore how East West Rail can supercharge the ambitions of the region.

You can read more about this work in our new Maximising East West Rail prospectus, which sets out the initial programme of work being progressed by EEH and its partners (some of which is funded as part of Government's 'East West Rail legacy' funding). Agreed by our Board last week, EEH's Maximising East West Rail prospectus <https://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/our-work/maximising-east-west-rail/>

provides the framework for a bold future that puts our region's communities, lifestyle, environment and economic strengths at the forefront of what we do.

Read more here <https://eeh-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Maximising East West Rail FINAL.pdf>

Bedford to Bletchley Rail Users



BBRUA Annual General Meeting – date for your Diary.

Formal Notice of the 43rd Annual General Meeting

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held at **6.30pm on Tuesday evening, 8th April 2025 at Lidlington Church Hall**, Church Street, Lidlington, Beds. MK43 0RJ (note – not the Village Hall on the High St.). Members coming by train or rail replacement Bus if no train service running, should alight at Lidlington Station and the hall is only a short walk away. Please check times of trains/buses before travelling. Any presentations to be confirmed. The meeting is open to non-members, but only paid-up members may vote. Any paid-up members of the Association who would like to stand for election to the Committee should contact the Secretary, Peter Commons, in writing, either by letter at: 14 Bedford Road, Willington, Bedford MK44 3PS or by email to: petercommons@gmail.com



In response to numerous enquiries, we have now made our new BMKALC Councillor Induction Booklet and Glossary of Common Terms available to

download on our website in the Members Area (you must be logged in to access this area) from the dropdown Menu select Member Documents>Good Practice Notes both of these resources are intended for you to include in your new councillor induction packs should you wish to.

Both the BMKALC New Councillor Induction 18 page booklet and the Glossary of Common Terms form part of the resource materials included in our event welcome pack which all councillors attending the two upcoming in person Super Saturday Sessions in May will receive on the day.

<https://bucksalc.gov.uk/downloads/>

Orchids in Caldecotte

As a regular walker around Caldecotte lake I look forward to the bee, and common Orchids that flower each spring in the area shown in the attached photos.

Unfortunately last spring they were mown off just as they were about to flower by the council's contractors.

I have spoken with the lady who lives at 66 Monellan crescent today and she shares my concerns that they may suffer the same fate this spring.

Can you please prevent this happening by securing their verge from (a.s.a.p to seed drop around the end of June). (approximately). I have counted appx 20 orchids showing this year. When I first came across them there was only one orchid five years ago



Section 106

I know you are interested in seeing what section 106 money the community council may have to spend.

To find out what section 106 money is available follow this link.

<https://pfm.exacom.co.uk/miltonkeynes/index.php>

- This first page gives an explanation
- click on the 's106' in the menu top left of the page
- then click either parish or town on the left of the page
- and choose Walton from the drop down link on the right of the page

You should then see a list of all the funds received, spent, and available. Please note this is not all money that Walton CC can spend, for example, if it says 'primary education' then the education authority can apply on behalf of our catchment primary school but as the community council has no authority here we cannot apply for this money.

As you know it is usually out of our remit as a parish it is not money we can apply for. However, we can make requests to the relevant service, for example, where it says 'Highways' we might make requests to Highways on how money is spent in Walton

Planning

Planning Applications and Notifications

- Application Number: PLN/2025/0458 - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Location: Fir Tree Cottage, Watling Street, Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9LS

Proposal: The removal of a Conifer

Case Officer: Patrick Coll

Consultation Expiry: 2025-04-17

- Application Number: PLN/2025/0533 - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Location: THE OLD RECTORY, WOBURN ROAD, LITTLE BRICKHILL, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 9NA

Proposal: The removal to ground level of Portuguese Laurel (T1) and Ash tree (T2), and reduction all round by 7m of Sycamore tree (T3)

Case Officer: Jennifer Pfeifer

Consultation Expiry: 2025-04-21

- Application Number: PLN/2024/2565 - Householder planning permission

Location: 18 GREAT BRICKHILL LANE, LITTLE BRICKHILL, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 9NW

Proposal: To remove existing chain link fence and replace with approx. 1.3m wooden post and rail fence

Case Officer: Yu Ling Wong

Consultation Expiry: 2025-04-23



Gallery



names. We also deliver a weekly film programme featuring the best of independent cinema in partnership with Curzon. We offer schools and family activities throughout the year and our artist-designed play area is open 365 days a year.

MK Gallery works with partners locally, nationally and internationally to bring the best cultural activities into the region. The Gallery is part of the Arts Council's National Portfolio and a member of the Plus Tate network.

MK Gallery is based in the heart of Milton Keynes at the junction of Midsummer Boulevard and Marlborough Gate, beside Milton Keynes Theatre on Margaret Powell Square.

Open Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 5pm.
Discover our exhibitions, cinema screenings and events on our website: mkgallery.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/MiltonKeynesGallery
Instagram: [instagram.com/mk_gallery/](https://www.instagram.com/mk_gallery/)
X: https://x.com/MK_Gallery/

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Cllr David Hopkins - Representing Little Brickhill at MK City Council

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