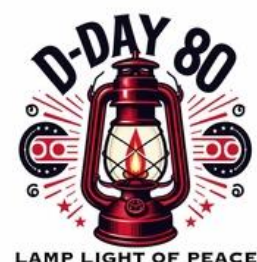
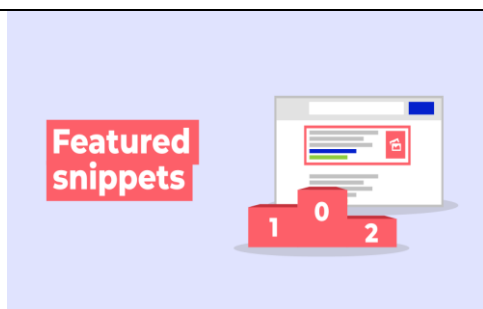


## Report for Little Brickhill - June 2024



**I note that there will be a number of events taking place across the ward during the next 4/5 weeks and these can continue. Councils and Councillors should be mindful not to demonstrate any political bias but can continue to promote the council's non-political work. Should they be supporting their local party, this must not happen at your council event or using any of your councils' resources.**

Here's an extract from our Elections Toolkit, available to members to remind you of the rules when we face an election, you may find it helpful to bear this in mind and to share with your councillors.

- Individual Councillors can generate their own publicity during this period but should not use Council events to publicise their election campaign
- Councillors can attend events organised by other organisations but mustn't use them to publicise their election campaign
- The work of the Council can go on, Councillors can attend events, but Council cannot give publicity to any Councillor's or political parties campaign
- Council staff must always be careful not to give the impression of supporting any political party or candidate
- Councils should not publish any material relating, in any way, to a candidate
- Council newsletters can be circulated as normal provided it is purely about local issues and remains a-political
- Councils should not publish anything on controversial issues or report views in a way that may identify the Council with an individual candidate or group
- No election materials, political posters or leaflets must be displayed on any Council premises or property including noticeboards.
- No Councillor is allowed to circulate any such materials before, during, or after, any meeting of the Council during this period
- Do not publish anything which may seek to influence voters

## **A5 Slip Road**

The latest update, that I am sure you will already have seen, is the narrowing of the slip road to a single lane exit by Highways England – initially using cones but with a permanent scheme proposed.

They have also requested to erect some ‘do not follow sat nav’ signage on the MKCC highway verges, but MKCC has asked for a detailed drawing of their proposals to agree first before it issues a Section 8 approval for the works to proceed.

MKCC also intends to replace the advanced directional sign just to the east of the junction with a clearer version with better reflectivity – as the previous sign was over 20 years old. MKCC does not believe (and nor does the coroner) that this sign was in any way a contributory factor to the recent incidents but as it is old with a bit of algae from the nearby trees on it, so the council has decided to replace it along with the other National Highways works planned.

The date for the inquest is 16th July, and MKCC has not been formally asked to appear, so the coroner does not think any of our signage or markings contributed to the incident under his investigation, or we would have been. However, the council will attend for its own interest. Needless to say, National Highways are named and will be required to give their formal evidence to the hearing. I suspect it may be an uncomfortable session for them.

That’s about all I can update you with prior to the issuing of the proposal drawings to MKCC by National Highways and in advance of the coroner’s inquest in July.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if any further observations of attempts at wrong way driving in this location were reported to MK City Council straight away, preferably with a date and time, and we will continue to share these with National Highways.

Finally, needless to say, MK City Council will co-operate fully with any actions arising from the coroner’s inquest to address safety in this location.

## **WS Futures Meeting (O&H – L&Q in June)**

Following the last meeting with O&H to discuss the Woburn Sands Park Mike Geddes has arranged a similar meeting with L&Q representatives to discuss the Local Centre.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June at 5.00 in the WSTC Committee Room.

- **Best contacts for the L&Q application are [Richard.Edwards@lqstates.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Edwards@lqstates.co.uk) and [Jason.Tait@planningprospects.co.uk](mailto:Jason.Tait@planningprospects.co.uk)**

**Councillor security’**

<https://www.local.gov.uk/councillors-guide-handling-harassment-abuse-and-intimidation>

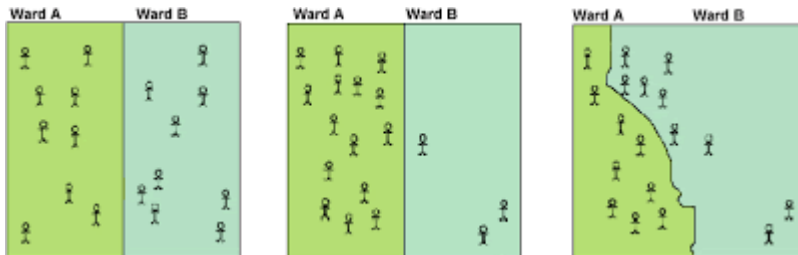


### **Resume of the May meeting.**

- Pippa Cheetham (O&H employed consultant) representing O&H and Natalie Dewhurst from the Parks Trust and Paul Van Geete from MKCC.
- Purpose of meeting was to exchange views on the objectives and design of the Buffer Zone, also known as the Woburn Sands Park (not Country Park; too pretentious!). this title is suggested since the area is located in the centre of the Woburn Sands parish and it will become the principal recreational centre of the parish. We are not going to discuss any other aspect of SEMK.
- Before moving on to a detailed discussion PVG helpfully summarised the current planning situation.
- Following MKCC's designation of SEMK in PlanMK O&H (and L&Q) submitted outline planning permission for their respective areas in mid-2023. Various comments were made, and a revised application was submitted by O&H in late 2023. To date MKCC has not formally considered either application but understood that this will be done in the Autumn.
- A key reason for the delay is the lack of any substantive proposals from EWR which, in turn, has delayed O&H plans for the northern part of their site since final proposals in respect of transport matters cannot yet be considered. It is understood that EWR will publish their proposals in June but yet to be seen.....It would obviously be advantageous for MKCC to consider applications covering the whole of SEMK at the same time.
- In the meantime, there have been various local discussions about the Buffer Zone and it would clearly be useful for all parties if we could exchange views before any formal decisions are made.
- Before opening up the meeting for wider contributions Mike G made a few contextual comments
  - As already mentioned, the Buffer Zone is a key site within the parish of Woburn Sands. It lies at the centre of the parish and will provide much needed recreational facilities for all parish residents both existing and new. For that reason, he asked 'it is appropriate to designate the zone as the Woburn Sands Park'?
  - The Park needs to be linked with the green space in Parklands which overlooks the lakes, and with the proposed wildlife corridor along the railway line. Section 106 funds could be used to enhance the Parklands space to the benefit of all. The footpaths need to link with the redway system. In effect the Park needs full integration with the wider area.
  - The Park needs to serve the needs of all sectors of the population. The older generation must be encouraged just as much as the younger generation.
  - Notwithstanding the importance of the Park to Woburn Sands residents the facilities must take account of the other facilities elsewhere in SEMK and the neighbouring parishes. Football provision provides a simple example of this - the provision of a new combined school in the centre of

SEMK will provide the opportunity of providing additional sporting facilities available to the wider community, and the existing excellent provision of football facilities in Wavendon and Bow Brickhill.

- Access – both pedestrian and vehicular – is an important consideration.
- Finally, MG felt the meeting should be aware of the challenges of the need for proper long-term management and maintenance of ‘the park’. The precise arrangements will be a matter for the statutory bodies (i.e., Woburn Sands Town Council, Milton Keynes City Council, and the Parks Trust) which he concluded were not for discussion at that meeting but were needed to ensure long term managerial sustainability.



### Boundary ward changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on our electoral review of Milton Keynes. The review will agree new ward boundaries across the council.

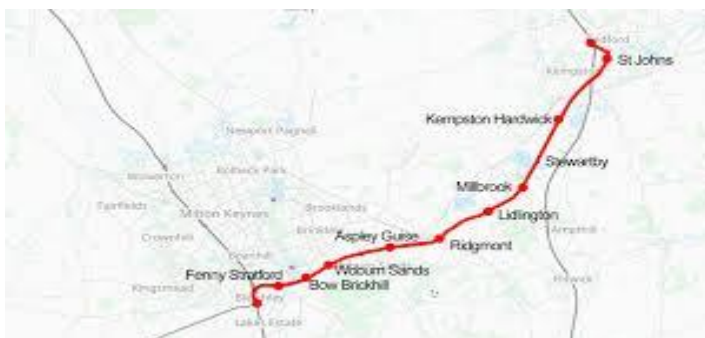
- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities, such as shops and leisure activities?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?

[reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/milton-keynes>

Consultation now open till mid-September 2024

Review Officer (Milton Keynes), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9F



Marston Vale Line update – EWR

Please see <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/news/latest-stories/community-conversation-events>

### East West Rail Business Update

<https://mailchi.mp/eastwestrail/keeping-you-connected-edition13-9510911>

We just wanted to provide you with an update about what this week’s announcement of a General Election in July means for our Statutory Consultation programme. In order that East West Rail

complies with pre-election guidelines, our Statutory Consultation won't now be able to begin in June as originally planned. We will of course update you about next steps as soon as we can. The news about the General Election, also means we have had to postpone our remaining Community Conversations events in Bletchley and Marston Moreteyne. Once again, we will provide an update on future community events when we are able to do so, but in the meantime we wanted to thank everybody who took the time to visit the events and we hope you found them useful.

In other news this week, we're pleased to announce the appointment of David Hughes as Chief Executive Officer. He will take up his new role with East West Rail on the 3rd of June. David joins us from ARUP where he has been Major Programmes Director. He has a long track record in developing and delivering the biggest transport programmes in the UK, with a career that spans serving as Director General responsible for Rail Infrastructure in the Department for Transport, Programme Director at Transport for the North, and Investment Planning Director at Transport for London.

David said, "I'm very excited to be joining the EWR team at this important moment. I've spent my career to date delivering transport connections that both make a real difference to the lives of the communities they serve and boost economic growth as well.

"I can't wait to get started, and particularly to meet local residents and businesses, to hear your views on how to best develop East West Rail for the future."



#### INFORMATION FOR ROAD USERS

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/>

#### Location A5 - Traffic management - Lane closure

Date 24 Apr 20:00 - 30 Jun 06:00

#### TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

24 Apr 21:00 - 30 Jun 07:00

#### A5 - INFORMATION FOR OPERATIONAL TEAMS

Highway Authority - National Highways

Location - EXIT SLIP LITTLE BRICKHILL S/B

#### Description

Construction - Improvement/Upgrading - A5 southbound Little Brickhill - exit slip road lane closure for construction improvement/upgrade on behalf of National Highways

Works reference - NOMS-375124

**Work status - Work in progress - RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ROAD EVENT (National Highways)**



## Newport Road Wavendon/Woburn Sands - Road Closures

Notes from Gareth Hughes (MKCC)

As you will be well aware the amount of roadworks on Newport Road have been extensive recent. There are to be considerably more to come. All of the works below will be taking place over the coming months. We have coordinated such that there will not be works on Newport Road at the same time as Cranfield Road. See below list of approved works so you are forewarned.

Newport Road lights until 1st June Redrow developer

Newport Road closure Sunday 2nd and 9th June 1630-2300 Gigaclear

Cranfield Road (CBC area) Tuesday 04th June to Sunday 09th June traffic lights National Grid

Cranfield Road closure Monday 10th – Friday 28th June National Grid in two phases either side of Jardines to allow access

Cranfield Road closure Saturday 15th – 16th June (across Jardines entrance when closed) National Grid

Lower End Road closure Monday 1st to Friday 12th July a few metres west of Wavendon Lodge News. National Grid

Cranfield Road traffic lights Saturday 29th to Friday 12th July National Grid

Newport Road traffic lights Monday 15th to Sunday 21st July traffic lights Redrow developer

Newport Road closure Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July adjacent Redrow site for water connection. Anglian Water

Newport Road traffic lights Monday 29th July for approximately 4 weeks Redrow developer

Gareth Hughes- Streetworks Manager

M: 07586543565

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### Resumption of Full Marston Vale Line Service

A full Marston Vale Line timetable has resumed - an hourly service Monday – Saturday & Bank Holidays. Please visit <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/#times> to download the timetable.

Alternatively, copies are available from Bletchley Station, local libraries and Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre or contact Stephen for a copy to be sent to you.

Rail Replacement Buses will continue to cover any cancelled train services. Please report any issues with Rail Replacement Buses to London Northwestern Railway via

<https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/contact-us/customer-relations>

A special ticket offer is running to celebrate the resumption of the full service. A single journey between any two Marston Vale Line stations is just £1 for adults and 50p for children. Railcard discounts apply. **The offer has been extended until 19th August.**

Please purchase rail tickets from the conductor on the train by cash or card. Tickets can also be purchased from any staffed rail station by cash or card or the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) at each Marston Vale Line station (card only). Tickets purchased online can be collected at any staffed station or any TVM.

Refunds for delayed journeys of 15 minutes or more can be claimed from the London Northwestern Railway Delay Repay Scheme - <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/about-us/delay-repay>



### Deep Clean?

Following the residents' comments at the Annual Meeting I have asked the Head of Environment and Waste Services if a Deep Clean for Little Brickhill might be a possibility.



### MK2050 – Review of the Local Plan

As promised; this is the high-level timeline (borrowed from an email from Paul Thomas, who looks after the programme):

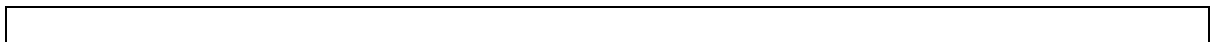
- Following public consultation earlier this year (additional, non-statutory), the team are utilising responses alongside evidence to develop policies for the draft plan. You can see details on engagement and a timeline here: [Track the Project Timeline - Milton Keynes New City Plan \(commonplace.is\)](#)
- The team are working towards end of June Delegated Decision for the Reg 18 (**approval to consult on the draft plan during July, August and September**)

- During consultations, public representations will be received and summarised and responded to. This will inform the final plan document that will be prepared to go to DD in January 25, followed by Reg 19 / consultation on the final plan commencing February 25
- June 2025 is the hard deadline for submitting the final plan by, other local authorities need to meet this deadline too as there will be changes introduced after that point.

Delegated Decisions -	25 June 2024		
Consultation on the First Draft of the MK City Plan To consider approving the commencement of a consultation on the first draft of the MK City Plan 2050, under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.	Delegated Decisions	(Leader) (Councillor Pete Marland)	Report and Annex(es) Director of Planning and Placemaking Andrew Turner, Planning Policy Manager <a href="mailto:andrew.turner@milton-keynes.gov.uk">andrew.turner@milton-keynes.gov.uk</a>



Bus Trips poster  
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**NEW BRAND  
NEW DATE**



# **VOLUNTEERS' WEEK 2024**

**Mon 3rd June - Sun 9th June**

**SAVE THE DATE: Volunteers' Week celebrates 40th anniversary this summer**

Volunteers' Week 2024 will launch on Monday 3rd June and will run through until Sunday 9th June. Volunteers' Week is an annual event which sees charities, voluntary groups, social organisations, and volunteers themselves come together to recognise the incredible impact that volunteering has in communities around the UK.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Volunteers' Week.

Volunteers' Week is all about celebrating the invaluable contribution which millions of volunteers make to society every day. Volunteering builds connections, grows skills and gives back to society. And it's been shown to be good for the wellbeing of volunteers too.

***Cllr. David Hopkins***

***MK City Councillor for Little Brickhill***