

**Unitary Councillor Report****(Snippets) Report from Cllr David Hopkins, Cllr Victoria Hopkins & Cllr Alice Jenkins – Representing Bow Brickhill at MK Council****October 2018****Contact details - Debbie Taylor-Bond  
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| Chesney Wold | Milton Keynes | MK6 1LY****Policy SD13****SOUTH EAST MILTON KEYNES STRATEGIC URBAN EXTENSION**

Land is allocated at South East Milton Keynes - as shown on the Key Diagram and Policies Map - for a comprehensive residential-led mixed use development of approximately 3,000 dwellings to meet the needs of Milton Keynes up to 2031 and beyond. Planning permission for housing and associated uses will not be permitted until 2019/20, once the detailed alignment of the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford Expressway is known. A site to accommodate 7 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers shall be provided as part of this development.

Development will be well connected and integrated with the established MK grid squares to its north and west. The urban extension will respect and reinforce the distinct character of the surrounding settlements of Wavendon, Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill through providing new or reinforced green buffers, thereby protecting existing settlement character.

A comprehensive development framework for the site will be prepared in accordance with policies SD1, SD11, SD12 and INF1 and approved by the Council prior to planning applications being submitted.

The initial housing completions are currently forecast to take place in 2023/24. There is no timescale for the construction of the seven travellers' pitches – their provision as part of the residential development was contested by the promoters of the site during the recent

public examination hearings and the Planning Inspector has not specifically commented or pronounced on this, or other participants', objections.

### Indicative timeline for future work needed to adopt Plan:MK

Date	Milestone
14 August 2018	Planning Inspector's interim findings on the examination received
29/30 August 2018	Final examination hearing sessions including an 'administration session' with MKC alone on the potential modifications which the Inspector considers are needed to ensure that the plan is 'sound'
September/October 2018	Plan redrafted, Sustainability Appraisal report updated and consultation documents compiled
November – December 2018	6-week public consultation on Plan:MK modifications – all representations to be considered by the Inspector
January 2019	Inspector's report received from the Planning <b>Inspectorate</b>
March 2019	Adoption of Plan:MK agreed at Cabinet and Council meetings

Plan:MK examination website: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/plan-mk-examination>

### New School for Wavendon & Woburn Sands



New school building – update

Those who have travelled along the A421 recently may have seen the start of our new school build already. The steelworks are now under construction and should be completed in the next couple of weeks. I have been fortunate to visit the site, and even from the beginning of a week to the end changes are apparent.

Below is an image of St Mary's Wavendon CE Primary School at the Eagle Farm development – I thought you might be interested in these.

Whilst there are still some conversations needed with the Local Authority, it is likely that classes for next year will be single year groups. This is a positive step to ensure that the transition of increasing pupil numbers will be as smooth as possible, and allow for local families to access places for their children too.

I will keep you informed of progress and dates about the new build wherever possible.

Next definite event: Burying of the time capsule at some point in the Spring Term 2019.

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015

Application no: 18/02403/FUL

Proposal: Erection of drive-through restaurant (Class A3/A5) and 90-bed hotel (Class C1), with associated parking and landscaping

At: Land To NE of Elmswell Gate Towergate Milton Keynes

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As a whole we will be moving into a busy period from next month where Serco will begin the task of leaf removal from across the Borough, this is huge undertaking requiring a number of resources to remove. The leaves are hanging on this year due to the mild weather conditions so looks like we have our work cut out in the coming months. I've had a chat with my colleague Greg who covers Little Brickhill and he advises of no major Issues, a couple of missed collections reported that we are monitoring with Serco but other than that nothing else to report. There are currently no Issues to report in the other areas below regarding refuse and recycling collections and I've not received any Issues to suggest

otherwise, we have however had a few reports advising that residents have had some difficulty in arranging additional supplies of recycling sacks with the new ordering system. The first deliveries of the new recycling sack ordering system commenced on 3 August 2018. Since that time we have received over 6600 requests for recycling sacks. We have received some reports of failed deliveries for a number of reasons (approx. 3%) but given the total number of requests we do not feel this is a widespread problem. We are working on a number of improvements namely ensuring that the online form and website stipulates 10 working days for receipt rather than next collection day which was fuelling some of the misplaced expectation. Introducing the agreed “general limit” of 180 sacks (which will hopefully regulate flow of deliveries), automatically assigning deliveries to rounds / crews (currently we are having to manually intervene which creates the opportunity for delay and user error) and looking to implement a new form to allow smoother escalation of non-deliveries which will allow for better performance management. What has become clear is the apparent level of abuse and misuse of sacks especially from Civic offices. Almost 40,000 rolls (20,000 via Civic) were given out in the Aug/Sep 2017 and with only a few days left in September we have received requests for 6,600 – 80% reduction.

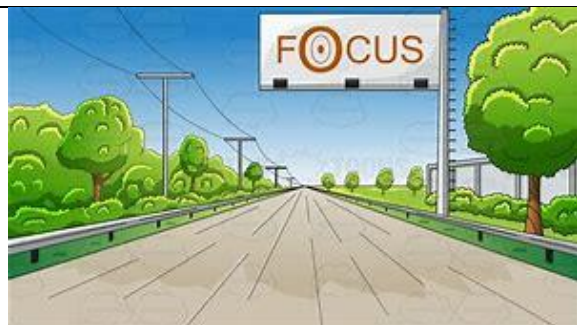
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## A421

Central Bedfordshire Council Highways tell us there will be some upcoming weekend closure of the A421...

We need to close the road to ensure the safety of the workers and the public. The closures will take place from the Eagle Farm roundabout to M1 Junction 13 in order to allow our team to carry out utility works and remove trees and hedgerows as part of the initial work ahead of completing the dual carriageway. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.”



Further to the notification issued on 18 September we would like to formally invite a

representative from each local parish and town council to attend a Transport Infrastructure Delivery Plan stakeholder workshop. Details of the workshop are attached to this email, including details on how you can confirm who will be attending on your council's behalf. Please note the earlier start time (12.00) than was included in the original notification and in Councillor News. If someone would like to attend from your council please let us know by 10 October.

As previously explained this is part of a study to prioritise the transport infrastructure improvements required in the next 15 years. This is to support delivery of the Council's recently adopted Mobility Strategy 2018-2036. In addition to the physical improvements required the study will also guide other initiatives and policies which will support the delivery of the strategy. This is a very important piece of work which will guide where millions of pounds will be spent to improve mobility within the borough. It will consider a range of different infrastructure for all modes of transport.

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### **Dogs in Brickhill Woods (Maurice Barnes**

**reports)**

An update on the below, I have spoken to a colleague at Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the signage. I have been informed that they have asked the Greensand Trust to review the wording relating to dogs as it gives a misleading meaning. The dog control orders only apply to the CBC part of the woods, not MKC and not specifically to dogs on leads. The landowner (Bedford Estates) requested that dogs should be kept on leads as an amendment to the suggested signage from the user group in March as this was consistent with their policy across all of their land.

The area of Aspley Woods under the access agreement is with the permission of the Woburn Estate (landowner) and in partnership with Central Bedford Council and the Greensand Trust (managing agent). As part of the agreement there is a clause on the correct control of dogs on the permissive routes within the woods.

#### **13. Dogs to be under control**

No person shall cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the Woods unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control and be effectively restrained from causing annoyance to any person and from worrying or disturbing any

animal or water fowl

The Countryside Code applies to all parts of the countryside in England and Wales. It aims to help everyone respect, protect and enjoy the outdoors and the above is intended to reinforce this code which is quite clear that dogs should be kept on a lead in the first instance.

### **Keep dogs under effective control**

When you take your dog into the outdoors, always ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under effective control. This means that you:

- keep your dog on a lead, or
- keep it in sight at all times, be aware of what it's doing and be confident it will return to you promptly on command
- ensure it does not stray off the path or area where you have a right of access

As the woods are not "open" it is easy to lose sight of a dog off the lead which may cause a nuisance to other users, the site being popular with cyclists and horse riders and wildlife. Users are not allowed to freely roam in the woods and must stay on the marked permissive or definitive right of way routes, as you would when crossing a field and this applies to an accompanying dog as well. I understand that there was some older "Dogs on Lead" signage in the woods but this required updating along with information to ensure that users were aware of the restrictions and access management following a number of incidents, not just dog related. The signage was designed and installed by the Greensand Trust at various access point around the woods to ensure that users were using the correctly the marked routes (some are cycle or horse users by permit only) and to reinforce the access policy.

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I am the Case Officer for the proposed development for a mixed industrial use scheme at the site, land to the south of Caldecotte Lake (location plan attached).

The Developers and Milton Keynes Council would like to invite you to a project briefing meeting for the Ward Councillors and Parish Council. At the meeting an overview of the scheme and its progression will be presented and there will be an opportunity for a discussion on any key concerns or comments that you may have.

This meeting is being held prior to the submission of a planning application and a wider, public consultation event will be held later, likely in November.

This meeting is proposed to take place at 2pm and finish at 3.30pm on Thursday 18th October at the Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices, in room 1.02.

Please confirm whether you are able to attend.

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See attached map .....



**Application in Woburn Sands on proposed SEMK Expansion**

**area**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015

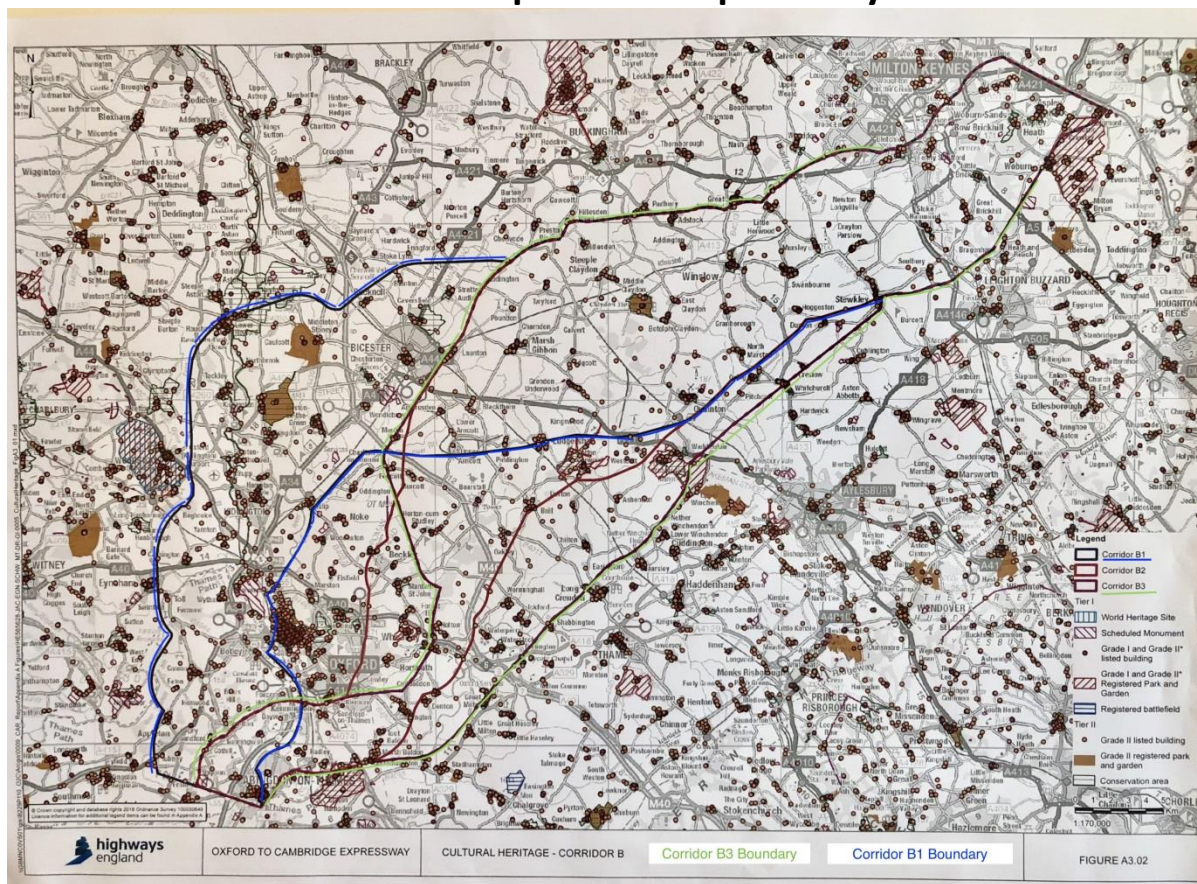
Application no: 18/02254/EIASCR

Proposal: Screening opinion for residential development of 124 dwellings together with associated parking and landscaping. The scheme comprises a mix of detached and semi-detached dwellings including 30% affordable units

At: Land of Newport Road Woburn Sands Milton Keynes MK17 8UN



## Update: ... Expressway



The Government have announced that the preferred corridor for the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway will be corridor 'B'. This is the corridor that aligns most closely with the East-West Rail route and was the Council's preferred corridor, chosen in order to maximise potential growth in the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Arc.

This corridor will pass through Milton Keynes Borough and Highways England will now commence the process of designing a specific route, involving extensive further consultation with local people to find the best options. The Council will work with Highways England to ensure this consultation is transparent and comprehensive.

The road is scheduled to be open to traffic by 2030.

The full announcement from the Transport Minister is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-road-scheme-update>

### Progress report from Highways England

*We were asked to explore the case for a fast, high-quality road link to better*



*connect Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge. This included filling the missing link, a 30 mile gap in the network between the M1 at Milton Keynes and the M40 at Oxford, including the development of new capacity at Oxford to relieve pressure on the A34.*

*We have been working with stakeholders and partners on the first phase of the project, using analytical and evidence-based reviews to understand which of the proposed corridors should be taken forward for further development.*

*Following technical analysis and stakeholder engagement, Corridor B has been identified as the best performing option. This will deliver better benefits for the region as it out-performs Corridor A and C in supporting strategic transformational growth, regeneration and redevelopment.*

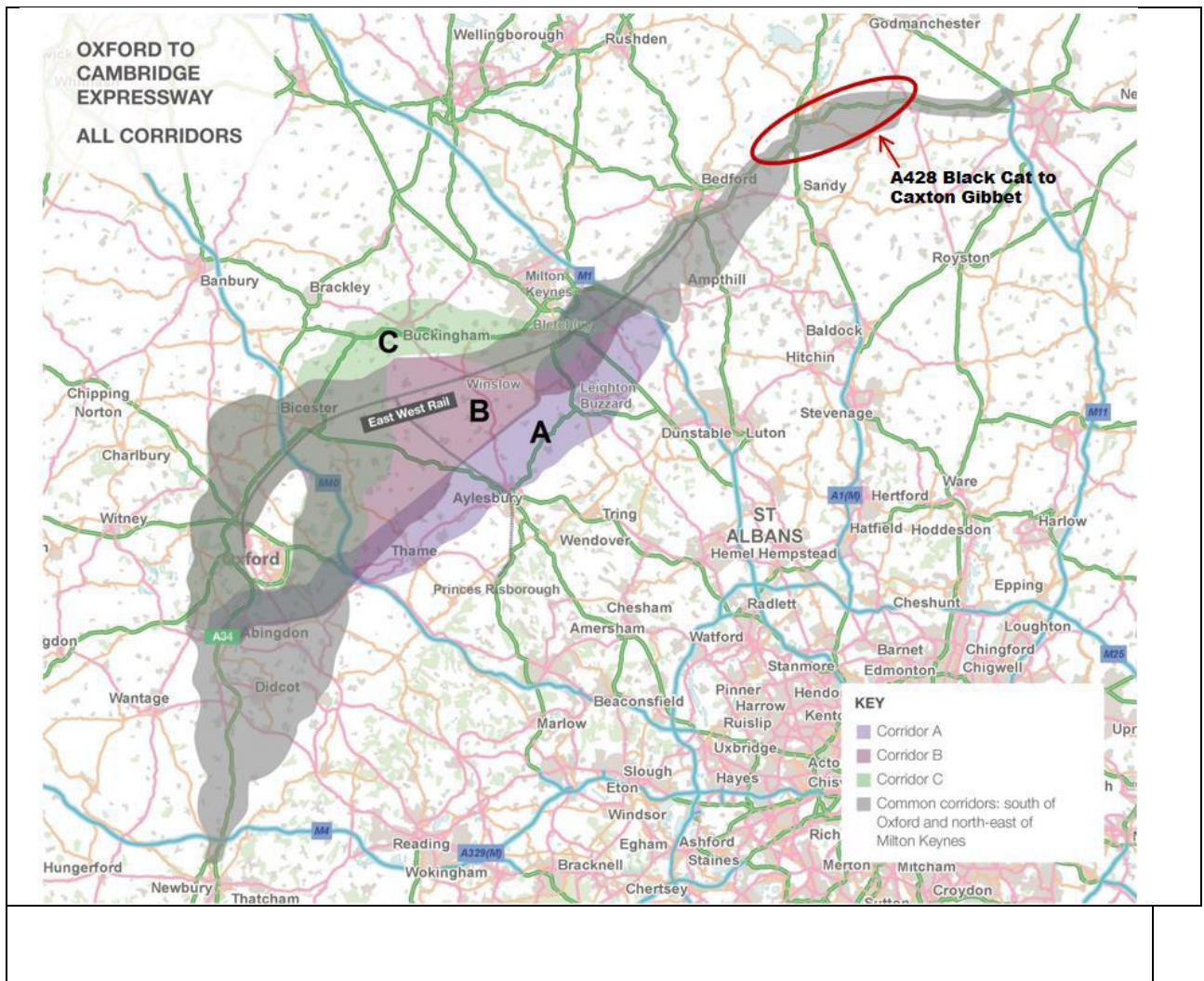
*We have rejected Corridor B2, whilst it offers similar benefits at a similar predicted cost to B3, the environmental impacts around the Horspath and Wheatley areas are substantially more difficult to overcome.*

*There are also a number of significant constraints as the corridor heads north toward Bicester, including Otmoor Nature Reserve.*

*We will be developing viable route options for Corridor B1 and B3 (see description below) for public consultation next year:*

- Corridor B1 – a central corridor broadly aligned with the proposed East-West Rail route from Abingdon to south Milton Keynes via Winslow. This option passes to the west of Oxford*
- Corridor B3 – a central corridor broadly aligned with the proposed East-West Rail route from Abingdon to south Milton Keynes via Winslow. This option passes to the south east of Oxford.*

*You can find out more information about our findings and assessment in our Oxford to Cambridge Overview booklet (attached).*



**Claire Poulton**

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Just to remind you that Nicholas Hannon, Head of Environment and Waste, will be requiring your final commitment regarding your councils intentions (in respect of the opportunity to deliver your own landscaping services from 2020) by 31 October 2018.

By way of a reminder, following the workshop held on 20 December 2018 for those councils interested, I have detailed below dates of emails (from me / on behalf of Nicholas Hannon) that have included information that assists you with your decision making

I am sure that most of you are already aware that there are currently 6 parish and town councils who have successfully been delivering their own landscaping services since 2014. These are

- Stony Stratford Town Council
- Olney Town Council
- Woughton Community Council
- West Bletchley Council
- Ravenstone Parish Council
- Weston Underwood Parish Council

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### Parklands Adoption

One piece of information with regards to Parklands, Taylor Wimpey site, Woburn Sands.

The remedial works to Phase One are scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks and I would expect that the roads under this phase will become adopted by the end of October 2018, subject to a satisfactory final inspection by myself on the roads and a satisfactory inspection on the sewers by Anglian Water Authority.

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### From MK Citizen

Little Brickhill residents have won their battle to prevent 500 new homes being built in open countryside near their village. MK Council's Development Control Committee has voted against the proposed development at Levante Gate, adjacent to the A5 'McDonald's' roundabout.

The site was not included in any of the council's strategic plans and is designated as an Area of Attractive Landscape for future generations. Protesters claim the developers hoped to take advantage of the council's perceived shortfall in five year land supply to get its proposal through. Paul Simpson, chair of BRAID (Brickhill Residents Against Inappropriate Development), said 'This decision shows that MK councillors, after serious deliberation, value good planning in the interest of existing and future residents. The Guinness Partnership have produced a proposal to build 500 much needed homes including 40 per cent affordable housing which we would urge them to build on an allocated site where the infrastructure can accommodate the development.' Councillor David Hopkins said: "I am delighted that good planning considerations won the day and the hard work of MK's

strategic planners prevailed.” The site is in the corridor of the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Expressway and there was concern that development could compromise this. The Levante Gate development had been recommended for approval by Milton Keynes Council Planning officers. But development control councillors rejected the application by six votes to two. Their reasons were that the land is classed open countryside and lies within a designated area of attractive landscape. Planning officers admitted the scheme “would represent an intrusive form of development” in the rural area,

The Guinness Partnership lodged the application for the 75 acre plot in December 2017. BRAID’s Paul Simpson said: “The recognition of the importance of the countryside surrounding Milton Keynes and the context it provides contributing to our quality of life is true to the vision of the original planners.” More than 90 residents attended the meeting.

***David Hopkins / Victoria Hopkins / Alice Jenkins***

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