Unitary Councillor Report

(Snippets) Report from Cllr David Hopkins, Cllr Victoria Hopkins & Cllr Alice Jenkins – Representing Wavendon at MK Council

May 2018

Update: ...The examination hearing sessions for Plan:MK are provisionally being arranged for two weeks in mid-July and one week at the end of August. MKC is currently looking for a suitable venue in which to hold them

Candidate	Description	Votes
Cockfield, David Richard	Labour Party	667
Hopkins, David George	The Conservative Party Candidate	1883 Elected
Montague, Florence	Liberal Democrats	252
Skelton, Peter William	Green Party	266
	Electorate:	9401
	Turn Out:	3072 (32.68%)
	Rejected Papers:	4

The Big Six issues

- Recycling (and cardboard recycling)
- Pot Holes
- Local Development sites
- Oxford MK Cambridge Expressway
- Newport Road A5130 declassification
- Road closures

The only thing of note recently is to remind residents that we do not collect loose waste including cardboard due to the Issues it causes with the collection vehicles and the recycling plant, Wet cardboard in particular cannot be recycled which is why we ask that all recyclable waste is placed into the sacks or large amounts/oversized cardboard boxes are taken to one of the Council's CA sites "tips" for disposal. The other piece of information I can share is that the weed treatment for the area of Bow Brickhill is due 13/08/2018, however this is largely dependent on weather conditions as periods of rain can delay the schedule. Spraying in these conditions will in essence be washing money down the drain as the treatment requires a prolonged period of dry weather to take effect approximately 3-4 hours is needed. Following the treatment it takes around 7-10 days for the treatment to take effect on the weed growth.

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Expressway

David Hopkins attended an O - MK -C briefing in MK on 16 May.

Little more to report than we already knew but I can confirm the timescales.

- Corridor decision June 2018 (but, to be honest) each of the three corridors crosses our area so we can assume we will be in the decision 'corridor')
- Three 'route options' for consultation September 2019
- Decision on the route September 2020
- Development commences 2025
- Road opening 2030

The decision on the route will be evidence based. The evidence considered under three criteria

- Connectivity (i.e. which route best fulfils the primary aim of linking the arc east to west most effectively)
- Growth (the ambition to build 1 million homes by 2050)
- Environmental the route with the least negative envibonmental impacyts accepting each route option will have (to varying degrees) negative impacts

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More to follow including a slide set and useful fly through video of the various corridors

Note: Important recent announcement - MKC Staff.

Milton Keynes Council (MKC) Chief Executive Carole Mills has announced she will be joining Derby City Council as its Chief Executive later this year.

Carole joined MKC in July 2014, and formerly held senior strategic roles at Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council and Nottingham City Council.

Carole has overseen significant transformational change and improvements at MKC, from the launch

of online services - which saw MKC named the 2018 LGC Digital Council of the Year, to the establishment of the MK Futures Commission – the driving force behind a new university for MK.

Under her leadership, MK was announced as a key part of the National Infrastructure Commission's 'UK silicon valley', the Oxford-MK-Cambridge growth corridor, and celebrated a hugely successful 50th anniversary where HRH The Duke of Cambridge visited to hear about MK's successes and aspirations.

Carole said: "I'll be very sorry to leave MK, and our council. The time is right for me to move back to the midlands to be closer to family and friends. But I'll miss working with MKC's talented and dedicated team, who are doing so much to keep MK a great place to live, work and learn. My aspirations for MK won't change and I look forward to seeing some of the longer term plans we've been working on come to fruition in the years ahead."

Mayor of MK Cllr David Hopkins said: "Thanks go to Carole for all she's done for Milton Keynes over the last four years. One of my priorities as Mayor is to make sure MK is on the map nationally and internationally, and under Carole's leadership we've celebrated MK50 around the world, shown business why we're a great place to move and create jobs, and proved MK is leading the way on smart city thinking. She has much to reflect on proudly."

MKC is starting a recruitment process for a new Chief Executive.



Oxford - MK - Cambridge Expressway

- The Oxford Cambridge Corridor Economic Growth Conference in association with Bouygues Energies & Services takes place on June 21st in Milton Keynes and will be a day of discussion and opportunity with the region's business and public sector leaders coming together to discuss and debate the key business themes and opportunities for growth.
 - The corridor represents a phenomenal opportunity for economic growth and will build on the work that has been undertaken by the National Infrastructure Commission and Economic Heartland and showcase and develop the opportunities that are being created by the proposed road and rail links that will link the two cities and unite the cities and towns between them. The long awaited East West transport links will not only improve connectivity and communication but it will provide the infrastructure to drive economic development and growth.
 - England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance is providing a single, joined up voice to Government on all the infrastructure needs, from roads and rail to broadband and utilities.
 - The National Infrastructure Commission believes the area could support a further 700,000 jobs by 2050, increasing GVA by £163bn

- A population of over 3.5 million and over 175,000 business together generate around £92.5 billion GVA. We have a 21st century economy, particularly rich in high value engineering, science, technology and research and most of these firms are small or medium sized enterprise with many based in rural or semi-rural areas
- This event is supported by The National Infrastructure Commission and England's Economic heartland and will attract in excess of 300 people that are all keen to explore the business opportunities that this corridor presents.



Scrutiny Management Committee – Road Closures Referral from SMC on 28 February 2018 Question:

That, in respect of the request from Councillor D Hopkins for a review of the scheduling of road closures which resulted in the closure of Bow Brickhill crossing and the signed diversion route in place as a result of the closure of Newport Road, Wavendon, at the same time as Newport Road, Wavendon was closed:

☑ The Corporate Director – Place be requested to clarify whether measures were now in place, or were to be put in place, to ensure that a similar issue did not arise again; and
 ☑ This matter be considered for inclusion in the work programme for 2018/19

Answer:

The new housing development in the Wavendon area has required a number of phased road/lane closures to allow new utility services to be installed. Road/Lane closures of the network have been phased and closures modified to allow maximum access where possible for residents. Unfortunately, in some instances, total road closures have been unavoidable and some quite lengthy diversions have been applied. In these instances we insisted the utility companies undertake as much work as possible during the closure minimising overall disruption.

With reference to the closure of Newport Road, unfortunately a number of members of the public ignored the diversion signs and caused issues within Wavendon. Although the signing was compliant with National standards, we believe better signing may have improved the situation. With this in mind, we have established a working group looking at improvements that can be made to signage which we will be piloting in the future.

It is our aim to ensure road closures do not conflict with one another. The Highways team works relentlessly to avoid such occurrences but occasionally this can happen. The team is more focussed under new leadership and it is not envisaged that something similar will occur.

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West Midlands Rail Franchise Competition - Bedford to Bletchley

- The contract was awarded, from December 2017 to March 2026, to West Midlands Trains
 Ltd (a joint venture between lead partner, Abellio, East Japan Railway Company and Mitsui &
 Co Ltd) on 10th August see.
- https://www.gov.uk/government/news/more-seats-for-rail-passengers-as-nearly-1-billion-is-invested-in-midlands-services
- There is a network map which details the various enhancements line by line across the West Midlands franchise http://maps.dft.gov.uk/west-midlands/ The principal benefits for the Marston Vale Line are as follows:
- More space for passengers and at-seat charging facilities
- Earlier first service and later last service between Bletchley and Bedford by December 2018 Monday to Saturday
- New hourly Sunday service from May 2021 delivering 14 services in each direction
- Increased Community Rail Partnership funding
- A service quality regime to improve the quality of stations, trains and customer service for passengers

There will also be a Bank Holiday service from December 2018 as part of a wider franchise commitment



- Woburn Sands Music Festival Saturday 7th July 2018
- Bedford River Festival Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th July 2018

Trains ...

A request will be submitted for London Northwestern for a late evening 'Fireworks Flyer' service on the Saturday and all day Sunday service. It is hoped that the Sunday services will run through to Milton Keynes Central following the successful pilot for the 2016 Festival.

The Festival Site has been expanded to incorporate St. Mary's Gardens for 2018, thereby reducing the distance from Bedford St. Johns, and making rail travel more appealing.

A meeting was held with the Bedford Borough Council Events & Community Engagement Manager on 7th November

Locally based MK Snap has won the public vote for £50k of lottery funding to boost sport and well-being activities for people with disabilities in Milton Keynes.

CEO of MK Snap, Angela Novell said: "We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who got behind us, voting and sharing our call to action. Without your support and shared love for MK Snap, we could not have dreamt to have reached so many people".

The funding will boost sport and well-being activities at MK Snap's education and learning centre in Walnut Tree. It will also see a festival of sport and activities at the Centre:MK showcasing what people with disabilities can do on Disability Awareness Day, 14 July.

The aim is to encourage greater involvement for all in sport and well-being activities across the city. "A vote for Snap to it is a vote for Milton Keynes," Angela added.



18 APRIL 2018

PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFING | DATA PROTECTION BILL

Summary

• The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) represents the first tier of local government – England's 10,000 parish and town councils, over a 1000 parish meetings, and their 100,000 councillors.

- NALC is deeply concerned about the impact of the Data Protection Bill which is due to repeal the Data Protection Act 1998 Act to ensure there are no inconsistencies with new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and to incorporate the GDPR standards into UK legislation after Brexit.
- Our main concern is the new requirement for all parish and town councils and parish meetings regardless of size or data use to appoint an external Data Protection Officer (DPO) creating a disproportionate new cost burden on local communities totalling at least £3.5 million per year.
- NALC is disappointed by the lack of consistent engagement to date on the Bill and GDPR from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. However we are keen to work with the Government to mitigate the consequences of the Bill and GDPR.
- The Government must through the passage of the Bill address the following specific concerns and issues:
- the absence of proposals to mitigate the financial impact of the Bill and GDPR on parish councils and parish meetings and ultimately local residents through the parish precept by providing funding through the new burdens doctrine;
- publishing any pre-legislative impact assessment of the Bill and GDPR on parish and town councils and parish meetings;
- clarifying and explaining the Government's statement during House of Lords Report Stage that parish council clerks are qualified and able to act as their council's Data Protection Officer; this conflicts with NALC's own legal view and advice from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO);
- considering phasing implementation of GDPR or exempting some councils such as the smallest parish councils and parish meetings from the requirement to appoint a DPO;
- during the House of Lords Stages, NALC supported amendments to place a new duty on the ICO to support smaller organisations including parish and town councils these were not supported by the Government and there remains limited and inadequate support and sector specific advice and guidance being offered by the Government and ICO;
- closer working with the sector, through NALC, and investing in a national programme including funding for the establishment of a sector-led national DPO service to provide support to help parish and town councils and parish meetings get ready for and comply with GDPR.

Background

- Parish and town councils and parish meetings councils operate within a comprehensive statutory legal framework and are already subject to statutory provisions as to what they must do and how they must operate; this includes existing accounts and audit, employment, equalities, procurement, transparency, freedom of information and data protection legislation.
- The Data Protection Bill is due to repeal the Data Protection Act 1998 Act to ensure there are no inconsistencies with new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and to incorporate the GDPR standards into UK legislation after Brexit.
- The Bill will apply to parish councils and parish meetings as the Bill adopts the definition of public authorities used in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- NALC broadly welcome the Bill's objectives and has noted the new GDPR and need for compliance. We want to work with the government to help them understand the impact of the new requirements on the sector and deliver their policy objective. While we have limited resources ourselves, we have already published a range of briefings to inform and educate our member

councils about the requirements of GDPR, held a series of training sessions and invested in the production of a sector specific toolkit.

- Nearly 1400 parish and town councils and parish meetings raise no precept (which generally suggests very limited activity and resources), another 400 raise a precept of under £1,000 a year and 7000 less than £25,000 yet all councils irrespective of size or data use will have to appoint a DPO.
- In terms of their capacity, 61% of councils employ only one clerk and 65% of councils employ a clerk for less than 15 hours per week. Therefore it is unlikely most councils will be able to assume new responsibilities.
- NALC has undertaken an analysis of what charges are being applied by a limited number of principal councils (mostly districts and unitaries) as well as commercial companies to provide a DPO service to parish and town councils, and while actual costs will vary dramatically our conservative estimate is around £350 per council per year, totaling around £3.5 million this equates to an increase in the precept (their small share of council tax) of 1%.
- While we had some welcome initial dialogue with the Government over the Bill and GDPR in the Summer last year through one telephone conference call and one face to face meeting with officials, engagement since then has been non-existent and we would have expected more.
- The Government should work closer with the sector through NALC and invest in a national programme to provide DPO and other support to parish and town councils and parish meetings.

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The Milton Keynes Council's Local Plan (Plan:MK) was submitted for examination to the Planning Inspectorate on Thursday 29 March in accordance with the requirements of Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The submitted Local Plan, and other documents required to be submitted by Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, can be found on the Council's Plan:MK Examination webpage at the following link:

https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/plan-mk

The submitted documents are also available for inspection at the Council's Civic Offices at 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ during normal office hours 9am to 5.15pm.

What happens next?

The Planning Inspectorate has appointed an independent Inspector, Mr David Spencer, to conduct an examination into the plan. Details of the date, time and place where the examination hearing sessions will be held will be publicised shortly. An independent Programme Officer, Mr Ian Kemp, has been appointed for the examination who will act as the contact for any person who has an interest in the examination and liaise between the Inspector, Council and representors.

Further details and future updates relating to the examination will be published at the above link.

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Please find attached the list of road closures for this week in order to allow Milton Keynes Council to carry out minor repair works on the carriageway.

I can confirm that the average time it takes to repair a defect is 1-2 hours. Unfortunately, I am unable to provide exact times for when the works will be carried out. However, the works will be carried out during the times shown attached. Roads will be re-opened as soon as the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

Signs will be displayed in advance of any road closure (informing drivers of the forthcoming closure) and diversion routes will be supplied during the closure (where applicable). The Council will try to minimise any inconvenience to members of the public and where possible will provide access to and from properties. Emergency access will be maintained at all times.

Some local bus services may be affected by the closures below. For details on any disruption please click on the following link: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/bus-and-taxi/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

Please find the respective closures at www.roadworks.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries relating to the information below.

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The Great Plastic Pick Up - 11th-13th May 018

Plastic littering is very much in the public's mind and I know some of you took part in the Great British Spring Clean during March and have litter-picks planned later in the year, but we have just been notified of a new campaign being run by Keep Britain Tidy, in partnership with the Daily Mail – The Great Plastic Pick-Up. It will take place over the weekend of 11th – 13th May 2018.

The aim is to inspire thousands of volunteers around the country to collect 15 million plastic bottles, plus aluminium cans and general litter. To take part in the campaign, volunteers will be provided with branded campaign bags, to collect plastic bottles and aluminium cans separately (to allow them to be recycled), in addition to collecting general litter.

I am still waiting for full details of the campaign and how to get the bags but as soon as I have more information I will send it on.

As with all of your community litter picks you can take the litter, rubbish and recycling collected to any of the 3 Community Recycling Centres (Tips) or given adequate notice we can collect the rubbish after the event. You can also leave 1 or 2 bags with your weekly household collection.

If you are interested in taking part in this event, let me know so I can focus information and messages your way and not fill up your inbox if you decide to give this one a miss!

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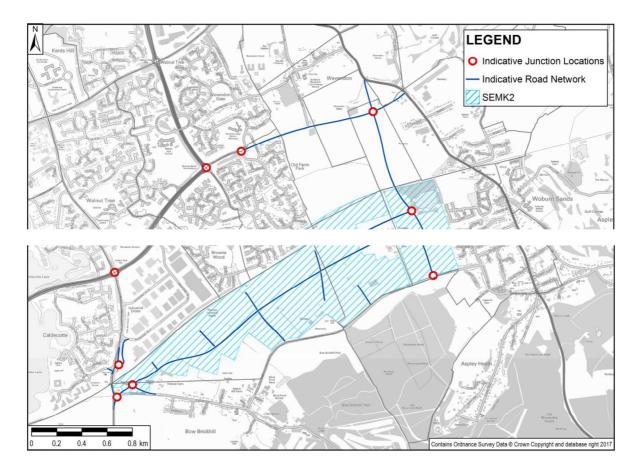
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Multi Modal Modelling



Purpose of Milton Keynes Multi Modal Model (MK MMM)

The main purpose of the model is to provide a robust means of assessing land-use options and development options to forecast network demands by various traffic modes, for now and in future years, and for the model to withstand scrutiny for Plan:MK and the revision of the Local Transport Plan (LTP).

Role of an updated and validated MK MMM - 2016 base year model to extend the forecast horizon to 2031; to accord with current planning horizons is to comply with nationally accepted Dept. for Transport (DfT) WEBTAG standards.

The main goal has been to develop a model to enable testing of Plan:MK options.

Context

Milton Keynes Council is developing a fresh development strategy known as Plan:MK. In order to ensure that the emerging development options can be efficiently assessed and prioritised and that transportation demand and impacts and associated infrastructure requirements are fully understood, it is essential that the accuracy of the base model upon which the forecast demand evidence underpinning the forecasts is confirmed as robust and fit for purpose.

The model enables options testing on development, future LTP and major transport infrastructure schemes; and provides an evidence base for future major funding bids. The model will also provide robust information that would help in assessing the relative merits of transport interventions and any impacts arising.

The model will also be required to inform bids of various kinds for transport infrastructure and other initiatives.

The MKMMM provides a vital multi-model transport analysis and testing tool for future year scenarios. Model outputs range from strategic outputs such as strategic routeing or mode choice implications of initiatives and schemes to localised impacts at the level of individual junction turning movements and directional link flows by time period.

Ref to Scenario 2a (pages 125/126)

Scenario 2a was run to assess the need for a new bridge crossing over the railway to accommodate an additional 2,000 homes south of the railway within the South East Milton Keynes Allocation (SEMK2). This assessment was run as a partial Scenario 2 that excluded the East of M1 development and new education establishment to sensitivity test impacts associated with the additional housing within the South East Milton Keynes Allocation (SEMK2). This is referred to as Scenario 2a. Scenario 2a is now considered to be the 'preferred' Plan:MK scenario and it has subsequently been compared against the Reference Case.

Following model run it has been concluded:

Scenario 2a has little impact on Bow Brickhill level crossing, in terms of flow and delay with a maximum flow circa 900 PCU using the crossing which is within an acceptable volume for the crossing to accommodate given the train service frequency assumed. Although there is significant extra housing growth, the impacts are mitigated by the new link between the H10 and Bow Brickhill Road bridging the railway line just to the west of Woburn Sands, and the additional road network linking the H10 through to the A5130, Newport Road. The impact is particularly small relative to that of the additional barrier down time caused by additional trains associated with East-West Rail.

Although not notably influenced by the Scenario 2a compared to Scenario 1, any intervention at the H10 and Brickhill Street junction is likely to increase flows on Brickhill Street and therefore worsen delays at other junctions along it. It is recommended that any intervention measures proposed in the future at this junction are tested at a local level as well as at a strategic level.

In terms of impacts over and above the Reference Case, as with Scenario 1, there are limited additional congestion issues forecast to be caused by the Plan:MK growth. There are five junctions where one or more approaches are congested in the model as a result of Scenario

2a growth and one junction where modelled congestion issues have arisen solely as a result of Scenario 2a.

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As you know, Plan:MK includes the proposed South East Strategic Urban Extension allocation for 3,000 homes within your ward, and that Plan:MK requires a Development Framework to be prepared to guide the development.

Work has been underway internally to establish MKC's project management arrangements for the Development Framework. Going forward, I will be responsible for project managing the Development Framework in conjunction with UDLA (David and Neil) who will be doing much of the technical work and preparing the document itself. Whilst we understand there are strong objections to this allocation from yourself and other local representatives and groups, we are very keen to establish a Local Stakeholder Group to ensure local representatives and groups are provided with the earliest opportunity to be involved in shaping the Development Framework alongside other technical stakeholders.

If you are happy to (and without prejudice to your position on the allocation) it would be helpful to have your input on what would be an appropriate membership for the Local Stakeholder Group, and how best to engage with them (for instance how best to make the first approach, frequency of meetings, whether it would be wise for MKC to present options on certain matters such as highways and buffers, who the best contacts are, etc.). Would you be happy to sit down with myself and David to discuss this? We want to have the arrangements for stakeholder engagement in place quite soon, so perhaps next week if you are willing?

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