

***Wavendon Snippets for March 2021 – Cllr David Hopkins /  
Cllr Victoria Hopkins/Cllr Alice Jenkins***



**MK Council is restarting food and garden waste collections from Monday 15 March.** The council suspended collections last month because COVID-19 had reduced staff availability at our partner Serco. That situation has happily now improved. You can find out more online. If you live in MK, thank you for bearing with us while we manage the backlog of waste, and you can help by sharing the restart message with your neighbours, friends and family.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pressreleases/2021/mar/food-and-garden-restarts-monday-15-march-2021>

A so-called ROADMAP to create an economic boom worth £200bn a year in a region between Oxford and Cambridge has been launched.

The Government has been promoting the idea of an Oxford to Cambridge Arc for several years, which would take advantage of boom local economy, and encourage growth of the science and technology businesses in the area.

The Oxford to Cambridge Arc Spatial Framework, launched last Thursday, provides a plan for how to create an economic output of £200bn a year by 2050 in the region by building infrastructure and homes, and creating thousands of jobs

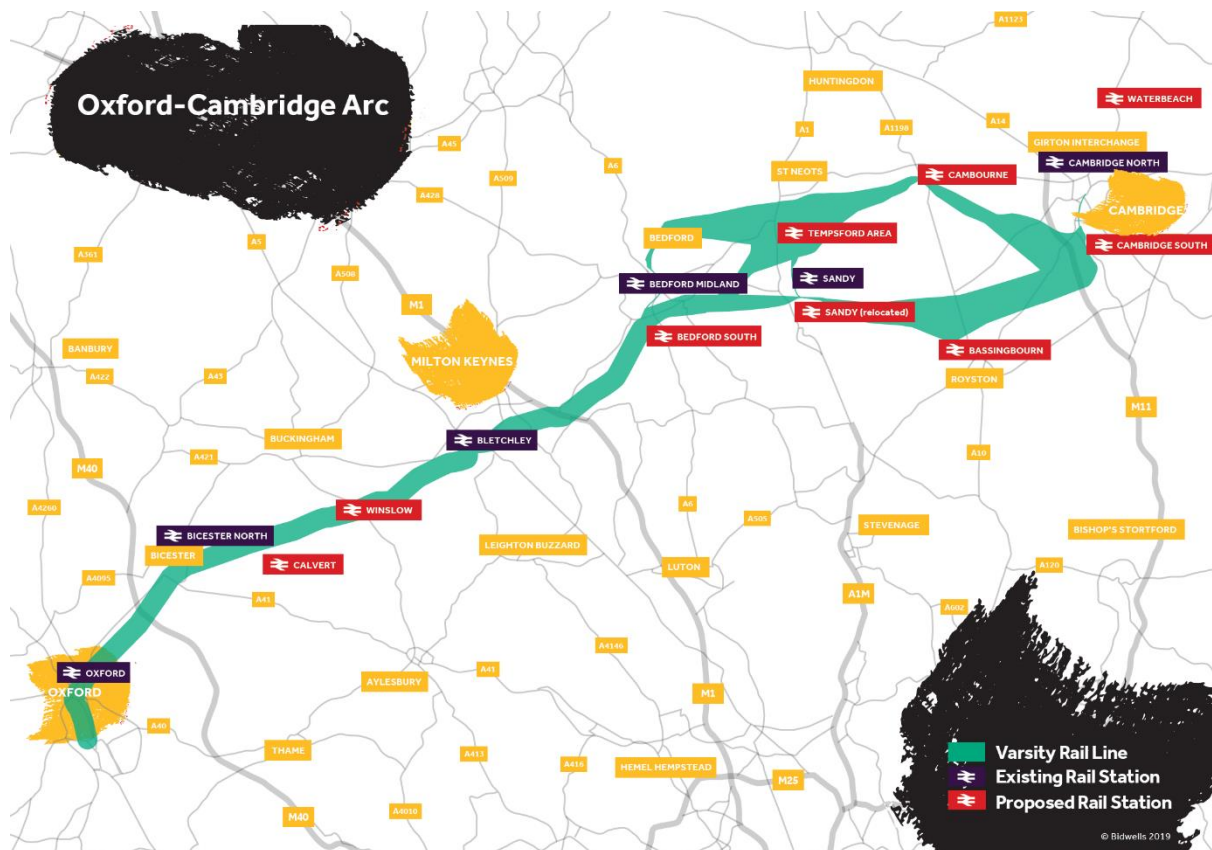
It also promises to protect the environment across the five counties which make up the Arc region: Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire

Housing Minister, Christopher Pincher said: “We want to take this region to the next phase of its renaissance by unlocking its full potential and our plans will drive investment where it is needed and ensure, as growth happens, we create well-designed, inclusive and vibrant places and communities.

**The intention to establish an Arc Growth Body will also help unleash the area’s potential as a global innovation powerhouse by promoting the Arc internationally**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-for-sustainable-growth-in-the-oxford-cambridge-arc-spatial-framework>

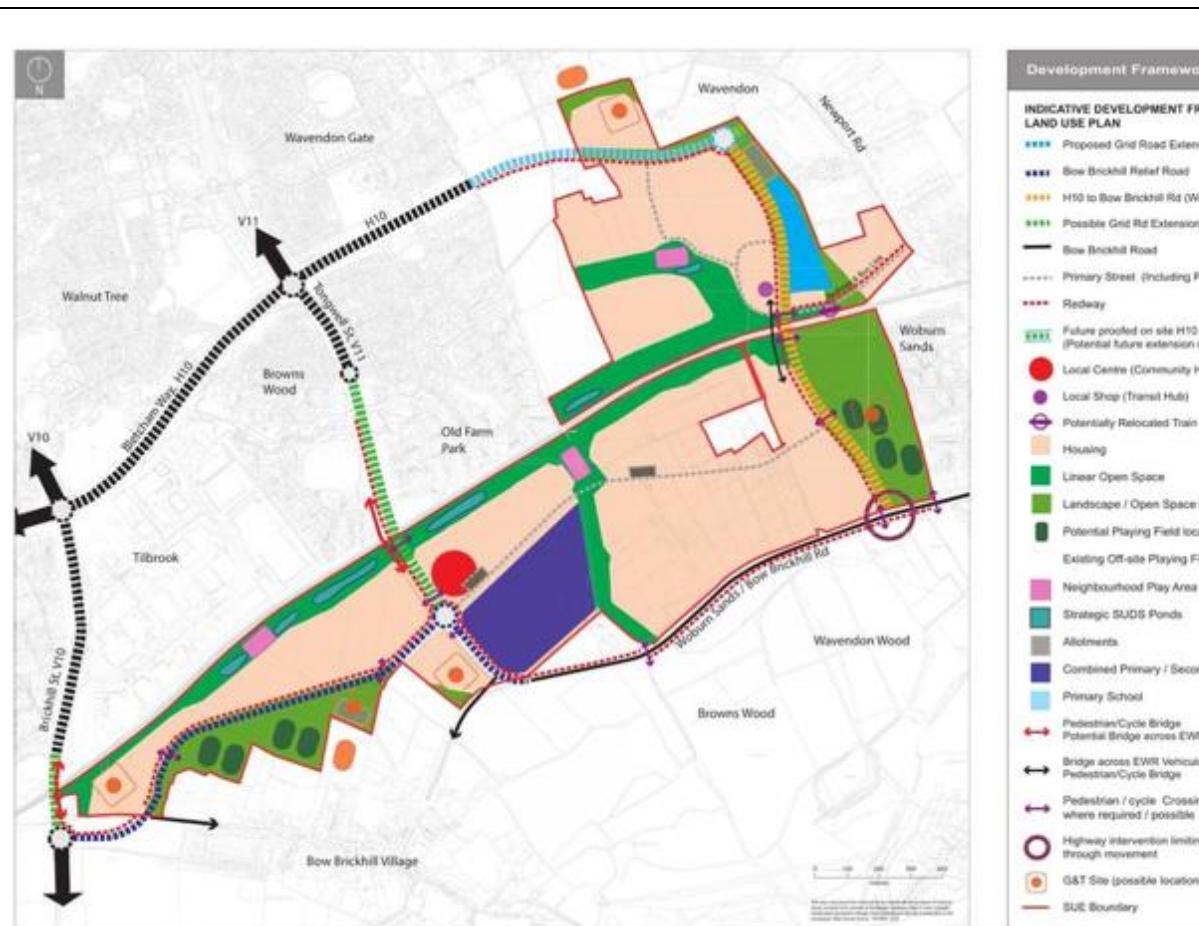




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WOBURN SANDS	Cranfield Road	08/03/21 9:30am	10/03/21 4:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Two-Way)
WOBURN SANDS	Theydon Avenue	08/03/21 9:30am	09/03/21 4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
WOBURN SANDS	STATION ROAD	20/03/21 24 Hours	22/03/21 24 Hours	ROAD CLOSURE
WOBURN SANDS	THEYDON AVENUE	08/03/21 9:30am	08/03/21 12:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
WAVENDON	A421	16/05/20 24 hours	16/11/21 24 hours	ROAD CLOSURE

### The Highways Register of Roadworks and Events in Milton Keynes





### South East Milton Keynes

Cllr Peter Marland (Leader of MK Council) launched the draft SPD (on 26 January) that will go out for 10 weeks consultation. The consultation materials will be accessed via the Development Plans Teams website from the 8th Feb.

We will be using the SEMK email address for responses [SEMK@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:SEMK@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

In terms of the consultation, we are going to go for 10 weeks, Monday to Monday, so it will start **on the 8th of February and finish on the 19th of April.**

If you are able to confirm what plans the Town and Parish Councils require for their newsletters and what format they want the images in that would be useful.

As a starting point I would suggest the Location Plan, The Redline Plan, The Concept Plan, and all the Plans from the Development Framework Section?

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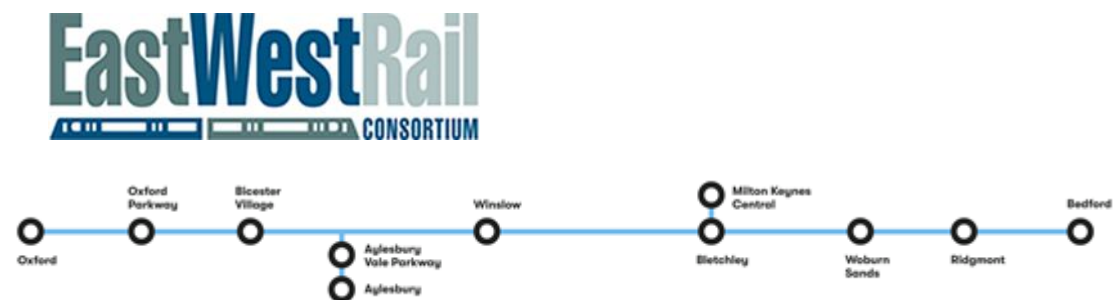
Where do I find out more about Milton Keynes Council's plans for South East Milton Keynes?

The documents are published at <https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/6696/Committee/1354/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

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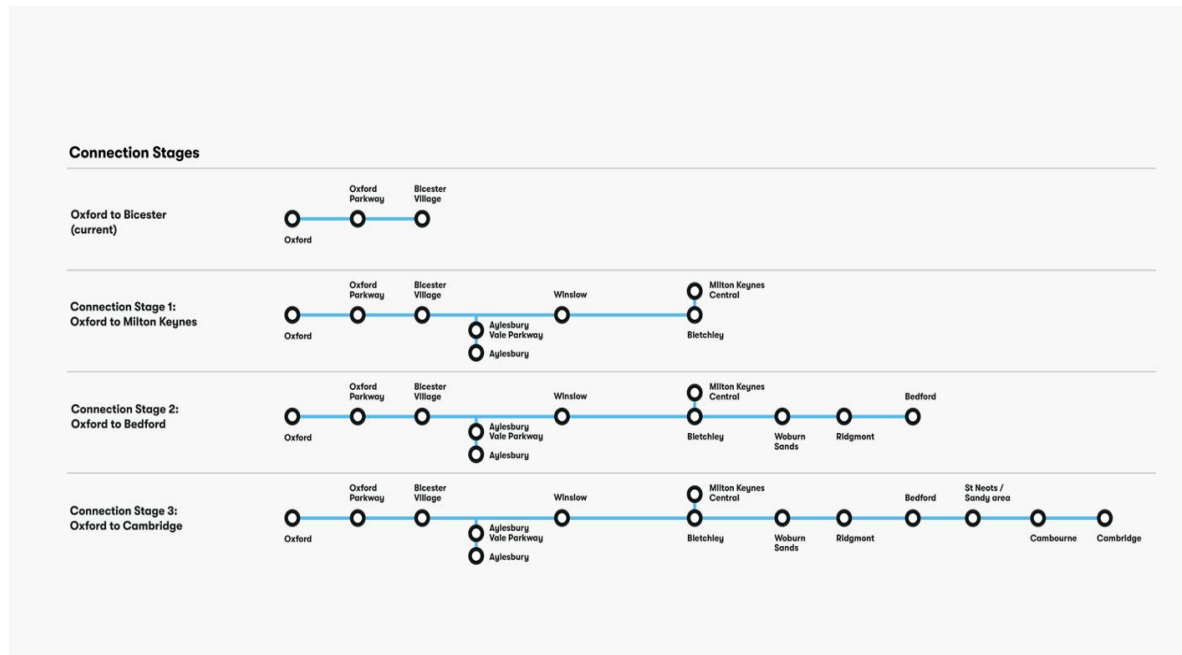
### Connection Stage 2: Oxford to Bedford ·

This Connection Stage is about creating a reliable connection for two trains an hour between Oxford and Bedford – which can then be extended to Cambridge in later Connection Stages.

Some works on this section were previously proposed and consented as part of the Western Section, but they are not sufficient to run a reliable 2 tph service to Bedford, let alone extend that service to Cambridge. EWR Co are looking at this holistically, to deliver the full Oxford-Cambridge

service, and that is going to require significantly more investment than envisaged by Network Rail for the Western Section – including the remodelling of Bedford Station.

Our ambition is to get trains up and running from Oxford to Bedford as quickly as possible, so we're looking at upgrade options, and the best way to deliver the upgrade required. We'll put forward proposals as part of the consultation in early 2021 and submit our funding bid to Government for the construction of this section of East West Rail in the 2021 Spending Review.



### Connection Stages 2 & 3:

We are cracking on with developing plans for these connection stages in detail – and that's why we will be consulting with the public in the coming months – to hear their views, and to help us refine our plans.

As we firm up those plans, we will be able to set out the timeline in more detail and we will be working with Government to unlock the next tranche of funding in this year's Spending Review.

**STAY HOME  
PROTECT  
THE NHS  
SAVE LIVES**

### Covid Statistics for Milton Keynes

**People tested positive by specimen date  
Seven days to 22 February 2021 - 13  
Rate per 100k resident population: 193.3**



# COVID-19 Snapshot

As of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 (data reported up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021)



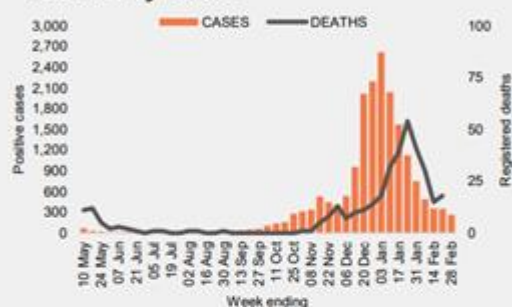
Population 269,457



Direction of travel compares current snapshot against previous snapshot

key: ↑ increasing • no change ↓ decreasing

## Number of COVID-19 cases and deaths by week



## All cases by age and gender

• FEMALE • MALE



## Last 7 days by age and gender

• FEMALE • MALE



only age groups with more than two cases will be shown

## Most affected wards in the last 7 days

	Number of cases	Rate per 1,000 population Last 7 days
Central Milton Keynes	25 •	1.5
Bletchley East	22 ↓	1.4
Bletchley Park	21 ↓	1.4
Bletchley West	20 ↓	1.4
Woughton & Fishermead	19 ↓	1.0
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	15 ↓	1.2
Shenley Brook End	14 ↓	1.0
Stony Stratford	14 ↑	1.2
Wolverton	14 ↓	0.9
Broughton	13 ↓	0.7
Loughton & Shenley	13 ↑	0.8
Stantonbury	13 ↓	0.8
Monkston	12 ↓	0.9
Bradwell	10 ↓	0.8
Danesborough & Walton	10 ↓	0.8
Newport Pagnell South	10 ↑	0.9
Tattenhoe	9 ↓	0.7
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	6 ↓	0.5
Olney	5 •	0.4

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## Hospital bed occupancy and patients with COVID-19

Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation



The maximum daily number of inpatients with COVID-19 each week with maximum percentage of all 'General & Acute' (G&A) hospital bed occupancy

## Number of weekly positive cases per 100,000 population



rates based on ONS mid year population 2019





## **20's Plenty for Us**

### **...making your place a better place to be**

SO YOU WANT ... POPULAR TRAVEL CHOICES FOR YOUR RESIDENTS see online at

[https://www.20splenty.org/20mph\\_choice](https://www.20splenty.org/20mph_choice) with graphics or the attached pdf

Residents want the freedom to choose how they travel. 20mph on our streets brings that choice. People, particularly the elderly, fear the intimidation from high speeds on residential streets and in town and village centres.

- 20mph is normal. In the UK, 21 million people (or 1 in 3 of the population) live in places where their council has decided that a blanket 30mph doesn't suit most streets. Adopting a default speed of 20mph with appropriate exceptions makes their streets better places to live, work, shop and learn.
- 20mph is popular. Seven out of 10 people consistently say they support 20mph speed limits in residential streets[1]. Once installed, 20mph schemes become even more popular and are never removed.
- 20mph is Government policy. The UK recently signed the Stockholm Declaration[2] with 130 other nations, agreeing on a default 20mph limit wherever cyclists and pedestrians mix with motor vehicles. As part of its COVID response in 2020[3], the Government stated "20mph speed limits are being more widely adopted as an appropriate speed limit for residential roads, and many through streets in built-up areas...reducing the speed limit can provide a more attractive and safer environment for walking and cycling".
- 20mph helps the older generation. 20mph is popular because it makes our streets safer, greener and fairer, especially for those with limited sight, hearing or mobility whether due to age or disability.
- 20mph is cost-effective. As well as bringing down casualties, 20mph places have seen a rise of 20% in walking and cycling. No other intervention brings such a favourable cost benefit ratio.
- 20mph is enforceable. A large majority of people want 20mph enforced. Over the past 3 years, Avon & Somerset Police issued 1,300 speeding notices monthly on 20mph streets. Don't get left behind. 20mph is the best choice for people's wellbeing. It means fewer casualties, is cost-effective and overwhelmingly popular.

Rod King MBE, Founder and Campaign Director for 20's Plenty for Us commented:

"Politicians are elected to make decisions that benefit their community. As well as being supported by the majority, 20mph is particularly helpful for the elderly, the young and the vulnerable. A 20mph speed limit is increasingly normal in our streets and in our town and village centres. Choose 20mph".

Tweet as "Councillors - 20mph is a popular choice for politicians wanting to help their voters and benefit their community. It has majority support. Make 20mph normal

[https://www.20splenty.org/20mph\\_choice](https://www.20splenty.org/20mph_choice) a @20splentyforus briefing "



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[www.20splenty.org](http://www.20splenty.org) , Follow us on Twitter @20splentyforus or @AnnaSemlyen1



### Local Contact Arrangements

The internal TVP web site is being constructed and changed. Our local contacts has had the same conversations with other councillors regarding this exact issue. His best piece of advice is not to contact officers directly as this may cause unnecessary delays to service. For example, if that individual is on annual leave or rest days. He also has to manage the workloads. He find's best practice is for persons to send e-mails direct to the MK south cluster e-mail box. This box gets reviewed daily by individuals who will then respond or pick the information/incident up. The e-mail address is:

[MKSouthNeighbourhoodCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MKSouthNeighbourhoodCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)



### MK Connect: Demand-responsive transport in Milton Keynes.

MK Connect works like a minibus that comes when you want, where you want:

When you are ready to go, book a journey straight from your phone, tablet, computer, or by calling our contact centre. You'll be picked up in minutes and dropped off steps from your destination. Once you enter your pickup and drop off addresses, we'll provide you with a 'virtual bus stop' where you will meet your driver — usually a nearby corner 150-250 metres away. This helps minimise detours and keeps things moving quickly. You'll also be able to follow your vehicle's progress in real-time, so you know exactly when to meet your driver.

Passengers with a wheelchair or disability will always be matched with a fully accessible vehicle, and the service is accessible to passengers with vision and hearing impairments, as well as those with additional needs

#### Ways to book.

1.Download the MK Connect app:

- Apple Store
- Google Play Store

2.Visit our web portal: <https://mkconnect.app.ridewithvia.com/>

3.Give us a ring: 01908 252526.

#### Service hours.

Monday-Saturday 6am-11pm, Sunday 9am-6pm, across the entire borough.



#### Popular destinations:

- ① Newport Pagnell Town Centre
- ② Wolverton Train Station
- ③ The Centre:mk
- ④ MK Central Train Station
- ⑤ MK College & Christian Centre
- ⑥ MKU Hospital
- ⑦ The Open University
- ⑧ Woburn Sands Train Station
- ⑨ Bow Brickhill Train Station
- ⑩ Fenny Stratford Train Station
- ⑪ Bletchley Train Station

#### Price.

£3.50 during peak hours (7am-9am, 4.30pm-6.30pm), £2.50 at all other times.

£1 for All in 1 MK cardholders.

Free for Older Person's and Disabled Person's bus pass holders after 9.30am on weekdays and free all day on weekends.

**Contact information.**

Booking line: 01908 252526

Live support or help with the app: 01908 410305

Customer service: [support-mkn@ridewithvia.com](mailto:support-mkn@ridewithvia.com)

More at: <https://ridewithvia.com/mk-connect/#faq-sec-1>



How we will slowly move out of lockdown

Easy Read version of:

**ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN**

**COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021: a summary**

## Latest news from your council



### **Council collaborates with local charity to support women back into work**

MK Council has partnered with Works For Us, a local charity supporting women into work whose jobs have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

MKC is investing over £26,000 in the Women and Work development programme to help women who have recently lost their job, are at risk of redundancy or are looking to get back into work after a career break.

The courses are designed to help participants find roles that suit them, with support available on CV preparation, job applications and interviews. Works For Us also provides mobile tablets and internet packages for those with limited access to devices and the web.

Those interested in applying should visit [www.worksforus.org.uk](http://www.worksforus.org.uk).

The Works For Us programme is just one of the projects in the Council's £2.25m economic recovery plan, with over 900 people and 600 businesses benefiting so far. MK Council is investing a further £223,560 in specific programmes aimed at supporting women into work who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Research suggests that women are almost twice as more likely as men to lose their jobs through the COVID-19 crisis

Cabinet Member for Economy and Culture, Cllr Carole Baume said: "This programme is just one of the ways we're helping women regain their confidence and find work that's right for them. Our economic recovery plan specifically supports people who have been badly affected by the pandemic, so they can fulfil their potential. If you feel you could benefit from this, please get in touch so we can help."

### **50% reduction in people sleeping rough in Milton Keynes**

Latest government figures show an almost 50% reduction in people sleeping rough in MK compared to this time last year.

MKC has offered every rough sleeper in Milton Keynes somewhere safe to stay throughout the pandemic as part of the 'Everyone In' programme. Despite not everyone taking up the Council's offer of support, council colleagues and partners continue to engage with rough sleepers to encourage them to come in.

MK Council is committed to ensuring that no one has to face a night outside and is investing in several preventative programmes. The council has recently partnered with charities DePaul and the Milton Keynes Homeless Partnership to offer a mediation service to prevent young people becoming homeless in the first instance.

Throughout the pandemic, MK Council has supported over 200 people sleeping rough or those who were at risk of ending up on the street.

MKC has successfully secured government funding, which will enable it to get more accommodation, including a dedicated space for women who have in almost all cases been a victim of domestic violence and need a safe place to stay.

The council has also appointed mental health specialist to support people who haven't taken up help so far as well as those currently in temporary accommodation.

And finally ....





MK Council has begun to recruit poll clerks to work at our polling stations for this year's local elections on Thursday 6 May. If you'd like to help to support democracy and earn some extra money, please click below to register your interest with Democratic Services colleagues. No prior experience required and MKC will be delivering training remotely. [Click here for more information.](#)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=APcl1dKKd0aPljbhwIL6dsl-3WyluGhJgUQw6zpFdbJUMjVNMEU4VTMzSUJZWldQOVhDMU9MNzA2Qi4u>

The pre-election period runs from 24 March until after the local elections on 7 May. It is a period of 'heightened sensitivity' ahead of elections where we should avoid proactive public engagement on any politically sensitive topics. This includes any sensitive and non-statutory consultations, which should be held until after the elections, and any launch events or major campaigns.

We do this to make sure any one political group doesn't gain an unfair electoral advantage. It also means we remain impartial, and – in case the political makeup of the council changes – we don't make significant decisions that commit future councillors to a specific course of action.

## Census 2021

This week every household in Milton Keynes will have received a flyer from Census 2021 announcing that the Census is coming.

Next week households will start to receive their information pack containing their 16-digit access code to complete the census online. The census can be completed as soon as the pack is received, as long as the person knows where they will be on 21st March.

Whilst the aim for Census 2021 is for it to be completed mainly online, we know there are some people who will find this challenging and there are a wide range of support services available that residents can be directed to. Services include:

- Help for anyone over the phone - call the national census helpline on 0800 141 2021
- Online information and webchat at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)
- Social media on Twitter @Census\_MK and @Census2021
- Online guidance and support in many languages or by calling the language helpline on 0800 587 2021
- A paper version of the questionnaire can be ordered online or by calling 0800 141 2021
- Accessible census guidance, for example, in braille, large print and easy-read

Lisa Robson, Census Engagement Manager for Milton Keynes, is happy to answer any questions you may have on [lisa.robson47@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.robson47@field.census.gov.uk) or 07452 945 967.

## Sustainability campaign launched

Residents are being asked to share their creative ideas for how MK can become even more environmentally sustainable and help achieve its carbon neutral ambitions. Sustainability and environment colleagues have been working with local community group Transition Town to launch their Imagine MK campaign, which is inviting local people to share their ideas in a creative competition running until 12 April.

Find out more online.

<https://www.transitiontownmk.org/imagine-mk-ideas-competition/>



A second round of public consultation for the redevelopment of Saxon Court has begun. The site's new owners First Base and Patron Capital received almost 1,500 responses during their initial consultation last year.

A virtual exhibition has also been launched to showcase the exciting plans for the former MKC offices. The proposals for Saxon Court, which will be retained and repurposed to deliver new flexible workspaces and modern public realm, also include the construction of homes and retail space within two landmark buildings to create an iconic new gateway to Central Milton Keynes.

#### **Census 2021 Has Finally Arrived!**

This week marked the official start of the census. Between 3rd - 12th March all households across Milton Keynes will be receiving an information pack containing their unique 16-digit access code to complete the census online and the national helpline has now opened.

Completing the census online is the most Covid-safe way to do it and by encouraging people to do it now we can prevent the need for field officers to go to homes after Census Day - 21st March. As long as you know where you will be on 21st March then you can complete the census when your pack is received, and if things change then you can always update it. If you can't complete the census online then a paper version can be ordered from the national helpline or online.

There is a wide range of support available to help complete the census, whatever the needs of local residents. Services include:

- help for anyone over the phone - call 0800 141 2021
- online information and web chat at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)
- online guidance and support in many languages ([hyperlink to https://census.gov.uk/help/languages-and-accessibility/languages](https://census.gov.uk/help/languages-and-accessibility/languages)) or by calling the language helpline on 0800 587 2021
- a paper version of the questionnaire, if you prefer, can be ordered online (<https://census.gov.uk/>) or by calling 0800 141 2021
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In Milton Keynes we also now have an official Census Support Centre being run by Great Linford Parish Council. Currently, due to Covid restrictions, they are only available to assist by telephone, but as restrictions change you should be able to visit them too. Anyone can call or email to make an appointment and they will talk you through the form as you complete it, whether you wish to do it online or have a paper version.

- To book an appointment call 01908 606613 or email [glpc@great-linford.gov.uk](mailto:glpc@great-linford.gov.uk)

- Current information about opening times and services is available on the census website here <https://census.gov.uk/en/find-a-support-centre/>

Up-to-date information about Census 2021 in Milton Keynes can be found here:

- Twitter: @Census\_MK
- <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/statistics/census>

Contact Lisa Robson, Census Engagement Manager for Milton Keynes on [Lisa.Robson47@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Robson47@field.census.gov.uk) for more information, posters, leaflets or social media images/posts.

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census 2021

## The census is coming

Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021

We'll need your help with the census, which gathers vital information to help plan services such as transport, education and healthcare.

You must complete the census by law.

**Look out for your invitation pack in the post.** It will show you how to complete your census.



For more information visit  
**[www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)**

 Your answers are protected by law and will be kept confidential.

 Office for National Statistics

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### **MK Women's Partnership free event**

A new Women's Partnership has been launched in Milton Keynes. To mark International Women's Day next week, they've organised an afternoon of free online events taking place on Sunday 7 March.

The virtual sessions will include panel discussions with local artists and activists, films focused on women and topical talks from NHS workers and other professionals.

Programme and Booking Details here: <https://communityactionmk.org/2021/02/19/womens-partnership-international-womens-day-festival-programme/>



The pandemic has left many businesses struggling. To help, we've shared grants worth £77 million with local firms so far. This week around 1,000 MK firms received their share of £3 million in top up grants without even needing to apply; we only found out about the new funding last week but could act immediately as we'd previously invested in an online system to make payments automatically. It's just one way we're supporting businesses better. More payments are in the pipeline and we've also launched a new one off £250 grant scheme for taxi license holders. Businesses can still apply, in fact around 50 do each day. All the details are at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/business](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/business).