



Wavendon Parish Council - Update from your Unitary Councillor – July 2025

Flooding Emergency: What Should I Do?

If it's an emergency and there is a risk to life then call the emergency services on 999, ask for the Fire and Rescue Service. The Lead Local Flood Authority at Milton Keynes City Council does not provide emergency flood help.

Find out how to get help during the flood: <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/get-help-during-a-flood> .

Use this handy five-step guide to help you in the event of a flood emergency: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/road-gullies-and-flooding/handy-five-step-guide-event-flood-emergency>

Visit Milton Keynes City Council website for details of what to do in a flood emergency: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/road-gullies-and-flooding/flooding>

Find out about Flood Alerts for your area: <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/>

Look at the Environment Agency guidance on how to prepare for a flood, where to go for help during and after flooding, find out if you are at risk, improve the protection of your property and get advice about insurance: <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding>

Reporting flooding

If your property is in imminent danger of flooding, please call Milton Keynes City Council Customer Services on 01908 252353. Their phone lines are open from 09:00 – 5:15 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and 10:00 – 5:15 on Wednesdays. Out of hours emergency telephone: 01908 226699.

If you need to report a blocked drain or waterway please use the MKCC Highways drainage report it form: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pay-report-and-apply/report-it>

There's also useful information on Flood and Water Management: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/road-gullies-and-flooding/flooding>

or Road gullies and Flooding: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/road-gullies-and-flooding/gullies-and-flooding-highway> on the Milton Keynes City Council website.

If you live in an area at risk of flooding you can create a personal flood plan to help prepare yourself in the eventuality that a flood should occur:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan)

Check the National Flood Forum advice and information on all aspects of flooding:

<https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/>



I've had a conversation with Paul Thomas (Strategic Director – Planning) on this and whilst he understands the desire for a meeting before the holidays, he's not certain that East West Rail will have established enough certainty in the next 4 weeks to make it a useful engagement for anybody.

Paul suggests that we wait for September and see what emerges then. If nothing else, we'll have the Regulation 19 version of the City Plan which could fill any gaps in EWR's plans.



Approval of details required by condition 18 (Open spaces) of permission ref. 15/02768/OUT at land north of Stables Theatre in Wavendon. Details sent by separate email.



Briefing note - MK City Plan 2050 Regulation 19 update

Prepared by Charlotte Stevens, Local Plan Team Leader

Date 15 July 2025

Update on timings for the Regulation 19 Plan Consultation

A paper was presented to Members of the Planning Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) in February setting out the progress made so far on the MK City Plan 2050 (MKCP) and the next steps. Members were advised that the preparation of the next version of the MKCP, known as the Regulation 19 Plan, would be informed by various elements including the feedback received on the Regulation 18 Plan, and updated and ongoing evidence work.

We received a considerable number of comments on the Regulation 18 Plan¹ and have continued to work with key stakeholders this year as the MKCP develops. The main reason for the delay is that we have had to check and refine the proposed strategic site allocations. The site allocations must be tested through various studies, and we are still awaiting completion of our transport modelling.

MKCP must be based on comprehensive and up to date evidence, so we cannot progress without this. We will continue to progress this work as quickly as we can and manage the overall programme carefully.

This delay means that we have had to revisit the timeline for the next steps for the Plan. The July 2025 Planning CAG will have to be rescheduled and we are working towards this taking place in early October. This would then be followed by a delegated decision before commencing a six-week consultation.

We will notify you of the new dates for the Planning CAG, delegated decision alongside Councillor, and Town and Parish Council briefings as soon as possible. Despite the delay, we are committed to achieving the overall submission date of March 2026.

Flooding



A separate paper discussed at the Town Councils Environment Committee sets out many of the background issues and responsibilities of the town and city councils. The Town Council has been interacting with residents in Hardwick Place, Vicarage Street, Aspley Hill, Downham Road and the High Street. I will refer colleagues to the reports in the paper received at Environment.

Policy

In conjunction with the Flood Investigation Protocol, Milton Keynes City Council's policy on flood investigations should be reviewed after all future flood events and following each iteration of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Flood Investigation Protocol Milton Keynes City Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has a statutory duty to investigate flooding incidents in its area, to the extent that it considers necessary or appropriate. This requirement is set out in Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

On becoming aware of a flooding incident, the LLFA must decide whether it is necessary or appropriate to investigate further in order to:

- a) identify which risk management authorities (RMAs) or individuals have flood risk management functions in respect of the flooding (it could be for example the Environment Agency if it comes from main rivers); and
- b) establish whether that authority or individual has responded or is proposing to respond to the flood.

It will not be the responsibility of the Investigating Officer to resolve the flooding, however they will investigate the cause and notify any relevant authority. In Milton Keynes, these authorities could include: Milton Keynes City Council (including the Highways Department), Anglian Water, the Environment Agency, the Internal Drainage Board, and the Parks Trust or landowners.

Upon learning of a flood event within Milton Keynes, the Investigating Officer will follow the established 'Flood Investigations Protocol' whereby it will be determined whether an investigation should be carried out, taking into account the available resources and significance of the event. It is therefore essential to determine what is 'necessary or appropriate' in the context of Milton Keynes. A formal flood investigation will be carried out if one or more of the following occurs and meets the thresholds identified:

- Flooding has affected critical infrastructure for a period in excess of three hours from the onset of flooding;
- Internal flooding of a building has been experienced on more than one occasion in the last five years;
- Internal flooding of five buildings in close proximity has been experienced during one single flood incident.

The investigation will follow the following process:

Step 1. Flood incident reported to: llfa@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Step 2. Review the information provided to determine if the incident meets the threshold for formal investigation. If the incident does not meet the threshold, then advice and guidance is provided.

Step 3. If the incident does meet the threshold, then a site meeting is arranged with the affected community and a data collection process undertaken. This will include any photos, video footage and eyewitness statements.

Step 4. A draft Flood Investigation Report (FIR) is written and shared with all relevant Flood Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) for comment and review.

Step 5. Any necessary revisions are made to the FIR and published online.

Step 6. All RMAs and the affected community are notified of the publication.

The final FIR will be published on the Milton Keynes City Council website under a dedicated section. It is important to note that this is a technical assessment and that it is for the relevant responsible body or persons to assess any recommendations in terms of their legal obligation, resource implications, priority and cost/benefit analysis of undertaking such actions. Following significant widespread flooding in Milton Keynes, where a number of incidents meet the thresholds for investigation, the investigations will be undertaken on a priority basis. This methodology includes an assessment of; the type or flooding, the impact, what was affected, duration of flooding, whether or not major roads were impassable, whether the flood water was contaminated, the depth of the flood water and the number of times the flooding has occurred.

Definition of critical infrastructure: Those infrastructure assets (physical or electronic) that are vital to the continued delivery and integrity of essential national services, the loss or compromise of which would lead to severe economic or social consequences, or to loss of life.

Definition of internal flooding: A situation in which a building (commercial or residential) has been flooded internally, i.e. water has crossed the threshold and entered the building.

This includes;

Basements and ground level floors of the building;

Garages/outbuildings if they are integral to the main occupied building. Garages adjacent or separate from the main occupied building are not included;

Occupied static caravans and park homes. Tents are not included.

Definition of proximity: Where it is reasonable to assume that the affected properties were flooded from the same source, or interaction of sources, of flooding.

The Flood Investigation Reports describe the flood incident and aim to determine any contributing factors. The reports explain the roles and responsibilities of those involved and provide recommendations for future actions.

It is for the relevant responsible body or persons to assess each recommendation in terms of the legal obligation, resource implications, priority and cost/benefit analysis of undertaking such action.

The Council will endeavour to undertake and complete a Flood Investigation Report within 6 months of receipt of a flood incident report form; however, this may not be possible following extensive flooding when significant numbers of reports of flooding are received.

Parking

MK City Council offers the following policy guidance regarding parking controls and the installation of yellow lines.

The processes now in place at MK City Council regarding the installation of yellow lines and double yellow lines information relating to parking issues and how MKCC deals with them and the process for applying for double yellow lines.

Residents have also asked if we might post the Parking Enforcement - Mini guide booklet on this site at the same time (attached to this report).

From 1 January 2024 the MK City Council changed how it accepts requests for double yellow lines.

Any requests from residents must now go through the local town or parish council, in our case, Wavendon Parish Council. Contact the Wavendon PC Clerk at Wavendon Parish Council Clerk clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.gov.uk to make such a request.

Milton Keynes has 48 parish, town and community councils. MK City Council accepts that they have a unique relationship with the local community so can gauge support for a potential scheme before submitting an application to the Highways TRO team.

By changing this process MKCC feels it is able to reduce the number of applications submitted to the council that do not have local support, streamline those applications that do, raise awareness of any potential new traffic orders and help to engage with the local community on parking and road safety issues.

SoHow to apply for double yellow lines.

If you want to apply for double yellow lines, contact Wavendon Parish Council. Details here. Wavendon Parish Council Clerk clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.gov.uk

If the Parish Council decides there is sufficient demand and grounds for applying for yellow lines to be installed following a suitable community consultation, then it will submit a formal request form template.

More on this at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/parking/double-yellow-line-requests>

In Milton Keynes, double yellow lines mean "No Parking" at any time, while single yellow lines indicate restricted parking, with times usually indicated on nearby signs. Double yellow lines are installed following a legal process including public consultation and a Traffic Regulation Order.

No Parking at Any Time:

Double yellow lines mean no parking is permitted at any time of the day or night.

Enforcement:

Milton Keynes uses civil enforcement officers to patrol and issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for parking violations on double yellow lines.

Reporting Violations:

If you see a vehicle parked on double yellow lines, you can report it to Milton Keynes Council at MKParking@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Prioritisation:

Milton Keynes Council prioritizes safety when considering locations for double yellow lines.

Traffic Regulation Order - TRO Process:

Double yellow lines are installed following a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, which includes a public consultation.



Fires controlled with buckets of water and backpacks.

They are used to operating high tech ladders, apparatus and equipment but on 25 June, simple buckets of water were the order of the day for Milton Keynes fire fighters.

In the morning, a crew from Bucks Fire Service's West Ashland station were called to a smouldering unattended campfire in woodland in Wavendon Woods on the Ridge. Firefighters used two water backpacks, buckets of water and haydrags to put it out.

Weeks of warm, dry weather have left grassland across the country brittle and highly flammable, with another rise in temperatures forecast for this week, firefighters in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are keen to highlight the heightened fire risk we face in our area and share an important reminder of the steps you can take to help keep our rural areas safe from fire.

<https://bucksfire.gov.uk/safety-hub/barbecues-2/>

<https://bucksfire.gov.uk/safety-hub/wildfire-outdoor-fire-safety/>

***The neighbourhoods in Milton Keynes where house prices are rising, by up to 12.5%, as value falls elsewhere include**



Bow Brickhill, Wavendon & Woburn Sands - 1.8%

In Bow Brickhill, Wavendon & Woburn Sands, the average house price rose by 1.8% to £447,998 during the year ending in September 2024. That was the 10th biggest percentage rise of any neighbourhood in Milton Keynes. (*MK Citizen article 17 June 2025)

Flooding Survey

National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has partnered with Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to launch a new survey designed to help parish and town councils enhance their flood resilience. The short survey will capture what information and support parish and town councils need to better plan for flooding. The results will directly shape the development of practical resources tailored to local needs, ensuring that any future resources are genuinely helpful and relevant.

Alongside ACRE, NALC are particularly keen to ensure that the voices of parish and town councils are heard so that we can provide support that addresses real on-the-ground challenges. Member council participation will help both organisations deliver meaningful action that improves community resilience.

Parish and town councils are encouraged to respond to the survey by 23:45 on 29 August 2025. To ensure a broad and representative range of input, NALC request one response per parish or town council. This initiative supports Action 20 of the Rural Flood Resilience Partnership Action Plan, which aims to help communities plan for flooding. The survey link is here. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ACRE-NALC-survey-planning-for-flood-resilience/>

The New Towns Taskforce was established quickly after the 2024 General Election with the chair and deputy chair, Sir Michael Lyons and Dame Kate Barker respectively, being announced and the government publishing a policy statement during July 2025.

The Taskforce is expected to report to the government in July with MK and/or its surrounds seeming to be a favourite site for consideration - and meanwhile the House of Lords has created a Select Committee on the issues

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/518/built-environment-committee/news/205902/new-towns-inquiry-launched-by-lords-built-environment-committee/>



Healthwatch - A statement from Maxine

Taffetani, CEO

We are deeply saddened and concerned to hear the Government intends to abolish Healthwatch England and all local Healthwatch's including Healthwatch Milton Keynes.

In his announcement, Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care said: “We are putting a megaphone to the mouths of patients so the NHS listens to them, and responds.”

Healthwatch Milton Keynes is the trusted, independent mechanism through which local patients and residents have their voices heard, and their feedback acted upon. If implemented, these Government proposals will result in the erosion of any meaningful independent patient voices in NHS services. This is devastating for patients and service users. The consequences will be far reaching, and profoundly damaging.

In place of Healthwatch Milton Keynes, 'Patients will be encouraged to leave feedback on the NHS app', using a 'star rating system'. Replacing patient conversations with star ratings will not keep patients safe. It will not improve care. It is reductive and harmful. For those who have access to smartphones and tablets, digital apps are a useful tool but they are not a solution in themselves. And what about those who are digitally excluded?

We are urging Government and our local MPs to remember the widespread systemic failures – notably the mid-Staffordshire NHS Trust scandal - that led to the creation of Healthwatch in the first place. The national inquiry that followed in 2012 is a clear reminder that when patients have no voice, when services aren't held accountable, and when there is no robust, independent scrutiny of those services, patient safety and quality of care will undoubtedly suffer.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank people for the outpouring of support we've received in the last few days. The emails, messages and phone calls mean the world to us. From NHS professionals to MK City Council, to partner organisations and residents, your support is testament to the strong collaborative relationships that have made Healthwatch Milton Keynes so effective over the past 12 years. We are truly overwhelmed and thankful.

As we understand it, these proposals are not being implemented immediately. So, for now, we would urge residents to read the upcoming Dash Report when it's published on Thursday, to understand what comes next for patient and community voices in NHS care.

For as long we remain, our small but ambitious team will continue to work with tenacity and dedication. We're still here to listen to your experiences of health and care services, to help you navigate the healthcare challenges you have, and we'll seek to influence positive change wherever we can.

Maxine Taffetani, CEO Healthwatch Milton Keynes



Following an announcement on Friday 13 June 2025, BALC understands that following the 2025 spending review, **the government has withdrawn all support for neighbourhood planning** (grant funding and new technical support requests) for 2025 onwards. This includes new applications.

This includes both the support they provide to community groups (including town and parish councils) preparing or reviewing neighbourhood plans and local authorities to cover referendum and examination costs etc.

The Society of Local Council Clerks and NALC are working on updates and further information regarding the future of neighbourhood planning support.



Planned Highways works in Wavendon & Woburn Sands 2025/26

Footway Improvements 2025-2026

Sections of the footways listed below have been prioritised as requiring surfacing works, or works to prolong the life of the footway and to keep it safe for all users. Most surfacing work is carried out over the summer months as we use hot material that cannot be applied during very cold or wet weather.

Please note this list is provisional and may be subject to change if other footways become a safety priority. All works on the highway require a permit. All approved permits are uploaded onto One.Network so you can use this website to check where and when works are taking place. It will also show any diversions and closures.

Footway Improvements

- Newport Road, Woburn Sands (from no 85 to Chandry Close)
- Theydon Avenue, Woburn Sands

Road Safety Schemes 2025-2026

Each year our Traffic and Transport team look at information from collision reports to see where we need to make changes to improve road safety.

They also consider requests from councillors, parish councils and the public for 20mph zones.

The following schemes will be carried out in 25/26 to improve road safety on the highway in Woburn Sands.

Later in 2025, we will be introducing additional enforcement measures allowing us to issue fixed penalties to drivers who are in breach of the traffic regulations. This will start with locations already identified where there is poor parking outside schools or vehicles are performing illegal manoeuvres.

Road Safety Schemes

- Walton Road, Wavendon (Tariff funded) - warning signs
- Wavendon, Newport Road - Proposed 30mph speed limit (signing and lining)

20mph Schemes 2025-2026

The schemes below have been through the Council's process to request a 20mph speed limit in an area.

Each scheme was requested by the local community through a petition presented to the Council and assessed by the Traffic and Transport team to see if it was feasible. These schemes will now be implemented following a change in the road speed limits and will include some additional signing and lining and in some locations, there may need to be additional traffic-calming features such as speed humps.

All works on the highway require a permit. All approved permits are uploaded onto One.Network so you can use this website to check where and when works are taking place. It will also show any diversions and closures.

New 20mph Zones

- Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm* (Wavendon)
- Woburn Sands extension of existing 20mph area

*These roads are largely unadopted so no scheme will be implemented until the adoption process has completed.

Gully Cleaning

The gullies in Woburn Sands area were last cleaned in September 2023 as part of the final routine gully cleaning before we moved to the asset led approach in 2024.

The Woburn Sands gullies will be on a provisional 2 year cycle and included in the programme in 2026.

Two gullies will be cleaned on a 6 month cycle in Russell Street which had high silt content, with historical flooding.

Each year the gullies in MK will be reviewed and may change priority based on performance.

MK City Council will of course respond to any ad hoc reports and if necessary clean the gullies if needed in between cycles.

Summary of Asset Led Approach for Background

This risk-based approach is supported by national guidance, such as the Highway Maintenance Efficiency Programme guidance on drainage asset management. This approach is considered best practice as it moves away from a "one-size-fits-all" approach that may be inefficient and ineffective. Factors specific to Milton Keynes, such as the relatively young age of its infrastructure and the presence of balancing lakes that naturally aid in silt reduction, also inform the cleansing program.

Historical gully cleansing data (over the last 8 years), emergency responses, identified "hotspots" (from the last 20 years), and outputs from Section 19 flood investigations are all reviewed and factored into the assessment. By applying scores to these risk factors, each gully is assigned a risk category that dictates its cleansing frequency: Critical (6 months), High (2 years), Moderate (4 years), and Low (6 years). This ensures that gullies

prone to blockages or poor performance are attended to more frequently, minimising localised flooding and reducing the burden on reactive maintenance services. The cleansing schedule is annually reviewed and re-run using data from the previous 12 months, with silt content being a primary factor for re-categorisation, to ensure continuous optimisation of resources to ensure gullies are in the best condition during events.

Road Resurfacing Works 2025-2026

Sections of the roads listed below have been prioritised as requiring resurfacing to prolong the life of the road and to keep it safe for all road users. Most surfacing work is carried out over the summer months as we use hot material that cannot be applied during very cold or wet weather.

Please note this list is provisional and may be subject to change if other roads become a priority. All works on the highway require a permit. All approved permits are uploaded onto One.Network so you can use this website to check where and when works are taking place. It will also show any diversions and closures.

Road Resurfacing 2025/2026

- Cranfield Road, Woburn Sands (from Newport Road to Vandyke Close)

National Highways
Overnight roadworks

Plan ahead



Long-running A5 roadworks set to end but five closures on M1 announced.

Long-running roadworks on the A5, which began at the end of January, are entering their last few days. The works on the A5 in both directions have been taking place between the Watling Street Roundabout and the A4146 junction for nearly five months.

Carriageway and lane closures, plus two-way traffic signals and diversion routes have been in place to allow construction improvements and upgrades to take place on behalf of National Highways.

They continued to run from 8pm to 6am nightly and were scheduled to conclude on the morning of June 28, with delays of between 10 and 30 minutes expected.

The second long-running works on the A5, scheduled until August 31, is expected to cause delays of around 10 minutes, and is taking place nightly from midnight to 6am.

Lane closures will be in place for carriageway reconstruction and renewal on the A5 **southbound at Little Brickhill**, on behalf of National Highways.

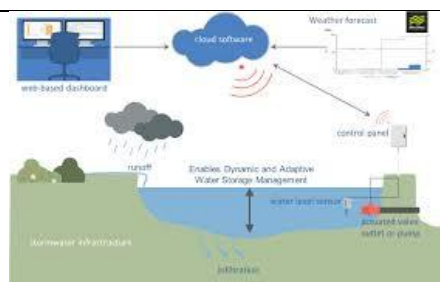
A total of five closures have been announced on the M1, with the first of these ongoing overnight from 10pm to 5am nightly through until September 1.



How to Report an E-bike or E-scooter Incident

I often receive reports from people about left e-bikes or e-scooters. If they've been dumped or damaged, you should report this to the owner so they can take action. For e-scooters, this will be either Lime or Dott. For e-bikes, this will be either Lime or Santander. However, we'd like to know if there have been any incidents involved e-bikes or e-scooters so we can continue to monitor these transport options and their use across the city.

MKCC has set up an online form so you can report this quickly on our website. Go to the A-Z of services and click the link under 'E'. <https://mycouncil.milton-keynes.gov.uk/MyServices>



Surface Water Management Group

I met in June with the Internal Drainage Board in Stewartby to discuss a plethora of local issues including Caldecotte South, SEMK and local issues in Woburn Sands (which experienced severe flooding last autumn) and the ongoing issues in Bow Brickhill.

My contact at the IDB is Trevor Skelding trevor.skelding@idbs.org.uk and I know residents are responding to his request (a request I forwarded to those who raised issues over the past few months) for more detailed information on Caldecotte South etc. The IDB has concerns over phase two of Caldecotte South and some proposals in Plan MK 2050.

We agreed that it would be very sensible (to say the least) to reinstate a meeting that went under the heading of the Surface Water Management Group and was hosted and then (for reasons I cannot fathom) discontinued by MKCC.

The meeting was attended by MKCC, The Environment Agency, Anglian Water and the Parks Trust, along with the IDB. This would enable decisions on who is responsible for

what and follow up actions rather than the buck passing that seems to prevail at the moment.

I am however pleased to report that senior officers at MKCC have agreed that it should be reinstated.

Hello Councillor Hopkins,

Thank you for the email and yes, I agree that it was a useful meeting that Councillor McPake used to chair.

I am going to raise this with the Portfolio holder for a potential reintroduction to deliver so we can look to manage and facilitate with stakeholders including:

- *Environment Agency*
- *Highways*
- *Anglian Water*
- *The Parks Trust*

I will engage with the Internal Drainage Board about their attendance also.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Best wishes,

Nicholas Hannon

Assistant Director - Environment, Waste and Commissioning

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Read the
Neighbourhood
Plan



NALC reports that it is bitterly disappointed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) decision to stop funding for the neighbourhood planning support programme.

This decision is a significant setback for localism and the highly successful neighbourhood planning initiative, which saw parish and town councils at the heart of the 2,400 communities, with more than 1,000 plans approved at referendum.

Locality, the membership organisation commissioned by MHCLG to deliver the support programme, has published the statement below and issued information to bodies receiving support.

"MHCLG has informed us that, because of the spending review, they cannot proceed with commissioning new neighbourhood planning support services for 2025 onwards. Unfortunately, this means that we cannot receive applications for new grants or technical support. We will complete all technical support packages agreed by MHCLG by the end of March 2025, and we have until the end of March 2026 to do so, depending on the timetable for each package. We want to thank you for the role you have played as a neighbourhood planning champion in promoting the value of neighbourhood planning and supporting groups in developing neighbourhood development plans or thinking about what is right for them. Neighbourhood planning is an undeniable success, with over 2,400 communities having initiated neighbourhood plans and more than 1,000 plans having been successful at referendum. We are proud to have worked with you and supported so many groups through the process. We know it will be difficult for some groups to progress their plans in light of this news, and unfortunately, we are not able to support the Champions Network and other learning and development opportunities from now on. We wish you all the best for the future and again thank you for everything you have done. If you have any more questions about this, please can you submit them via the neighbourhood planning advice service so I can then allocate out to chartered planner colleagues accordingly."

We are currently engaging with Locality and other organisations involved in supporting neighbourhood planning. We will provide further information as it becomes available and will continue making representations to the government. We are bitterly disappointed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) decision to stop funding for the neighbourhood planning support programme.



Presentations from the recent MK City Council, Parishes

Forum meeting.

1. Jo Payne, item pdf
2. MK City Plan 2050 - Andrew Turner, item pdf
3. Planning Enforcement - Pav Hira, item pdf
4. The Armed Forces Covenant - Johanna Hyrcak, item
5. S106 / Planning Obligations - James Williamson, item pdf
6. Landfill Communities Fund - Luke Gledhill, item pdf icon
7. Our Community Our vision - Eirwen Tagg, item pdf icon
8. Constitutional Changes - Cllr Wilson-Marklew, item pdf



Defra has launched a public consultation on Reforming the approach to floods funding.

As part of the government's Plan for Change, the consultation seeks views on their proposed approach to reforming their funding framework, including the partnership formula and ensuring that floods funding is distributed effectively. Defra is also opening Calls for Evidence on Alternative Sources of Funding and opportunities for English devolution to support flood resilience.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/flood-and-coastal-erosion-funding-reform?utm_source=Dynamics%20365%20Customer%20Insights%20-%20Journeys&utm_medium=email&utm_term=N%2FA&utm_campaign=Safer%20stronger%20communities%20bulletin%3A%20June%202025&utm_content=Safer%20stronger%20communities%20bulletin%3A%20June%202025#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=0d668012-868f-4d72-b6f7-12a42f3f0300

The consultation will run from Tuesday 3 June 2025 to Tuesday 29 July 2025.

Should you have any questions, you can contact the team at flood.reports@defra.gov.uk



MKCC Standards Committee is looking to fill a vacancy for a Co-opted Parish representative.

It's the Committee's job to promote and maintain high standards of conduct for elected members in Milton Keynes, and Parish Co-optees help the Committee to understand the issues faced by Parish, Town and Community Councils. The committee is particularly interested to receive applications from Parish Councillors who represent more urban areas of the City. Closing date is Monday 21st July – so be quick if you are interested!

The time requirement is 4 Committee meetings per year, with the possibility of additional working group and sub-committee dates. A co-optees allowance of £720 plus expenses is payable. More information and application form are available on the Council's website or by contacting Sian Lloyd. Sian Lloyd is at Sian.Lloyd@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Road Works

Information for Road Users - New Service Connection

nationalgrid

The power of action.

Location - Bellway (Traffic management - Road closure)

Date 21 Jul 09:30 - 25 Jul 16:00

<https://one.network/?GB144365221>



Lloyds Tour of Britain Men Returning to MK

The third stage of this year's Lloyds Tour of Britain Men will start in Milton Keynes on Thursday 4 September (ending in Ampthill, Bedfordshire). It will reportedly run through Bow Brickhill and Woburn Sands as part of the route. The Tour is Britain's biggest professional cycle race and the UK's largest free-to-spectate live sporting event. It's returning to the city for the first time 17 years. There will be special activities for schools, local clubs and spectators at the start, which will be on Midsummer Boulevard. A detailed route and other arrangements will be published shortly.

Raising the Flag for Armed Forces Week

On Monday 23 June, I attended the flag raising at MKCC. We were joined in the Civic garden by members of the Armed Forces community including the Sea Cadets, Royal Logistic Corps and military charity Walking with the Wounded to raise the official flag and mark the beginning of Armed Forces Week.

We are proud at MKCC to hold the Gold Award in the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme



Keeping MK Green and Tidy

MK City Council maintains 10 million square meters of grassland, cutting it regularly from March to October.

We put safety first and the grass is cut where it impacts road visibility. We're also boosting biodiversity by leaving some grass uncut to encourage wildflowers. Litter is collected before mowing (where safe), and sweepers will remove debris after. On our high-speed

roads, central reservations and narrow verges may not be cleared first due to safety constraints. Cutting cycles vary with weather, ground conditions, and growth rates, so timings may shift.

You can track our progress by clicking here. <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environment-parks-and-open-spaces/landscape-maintenance/grass-cutting>

For all landscaping questions contact Euan Darling, Landscaping Client Manager.
euan.darling@milton-keynes.gov.uk

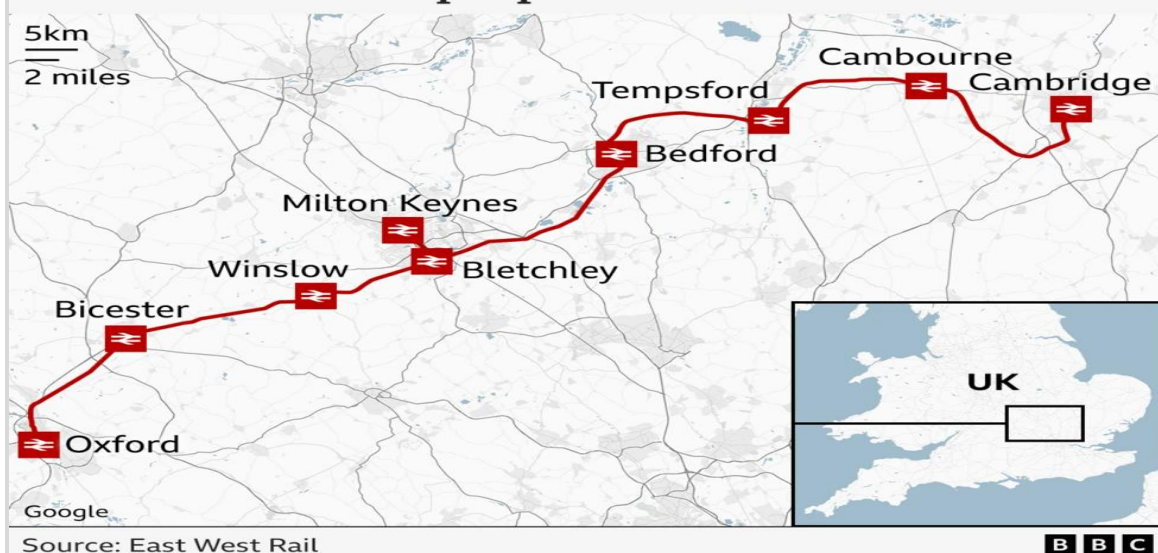
East West Rail



Infrastructure developments locally

The government and private companies have said they plan to spend billions of pounds on huge projects across the East of England.

Main stations on proposed East West Rail route



The £6bn East West Rail (EWR) project is being developed in three sections.

Trains should start running between Oxford and Milton Keynes, via Bletchley, by the end of 2025.

Work is already under way to upgrade the line between Bletchley and Bedford, which will be the second section.

Finally, a wholly new track is being planned between Bedford and Cambridge, which could see new stations at Tempsford and Cambourne.

EWR said it could take one hour and 35 minutes to travel on its route from Oxford to Cambridge, about an hour less than the current fastest service, external.

The chancellor committed £2.5bn to the project in the 2025 spending review and said she did so "to back Milton Keynes' leading tech sector". The project is also expected to unlock land for thousands of new homes.

A statutory consultation is being planned for 2026 and EWR could apply to the government for a development consent order - giving overall planning permission - in 2027.

Critics of the scheme have said it would damage the countryside between Bedford and Cambridge. Houses in Bedford could also be knocked down to make way for new tracks.

Trains could be running along the whole route by the mid-2030s.

Universal theme park



In April, the government confirmed that Universal Studios owner Comcast planned to transform the former Kempston Hardwick brickworks south of Bedford into a 476-acre (193 hectares) theme park.

The plans would create 20,000 jobs during construction and another 8,000 when the park opens.

It is thought the park could attract 8.5 million visitors in its first year and boost the economy by £50bn by 2055.

According to Universal's plans, there will be a 500-room hotel and retail complex on the site.

Two train stations could serve the theme park - one on the Thameslink line at Wixams and another on the Marston Vale Line, which is becoming East West Rail.



PDR & CGR Consultation is Open

The public consultation on our draft recommendations for both the Community Governance and Polling District / Polling Places Reviews opened last week and will run for 12 weeks from 19 June till 11 September 2025.

You can access the consultation using the links below. Please help MKCC to publicise the consultation using your notice boards, websites and any appropriate engagement you have with residents.

- Community Governance Review (CGR) consultation can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Further information on the CGR is available on our webpages including how you can respond.
- Polling District Review (PDR) consultation can be accessed clicking [here](#). Further information on the PDR is available on our webpages including how you can respond. An interactive map which allows users to compare current CGR/PDR geography and proposed changes can also be accessed here: MKCC Democracy Consultation Map at....

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Please contact electoralreviews@milton-keynes.gov.uk if you have any questions about either review.



Sir Michael Lyons Report – The New Towns Taskforce

Report from the Town & Country Planning Association

We are still waiting for this report, recently promised for publication in June. However, one of its contributing consultancies has published to the following....

New towns policy statement

The Government set out its vision for new towns in a short policy statement announcing that:

- New towns will include large new communities on greenfield land (separate from other settlements), urban extensions and urban regeneration schemes;
- A new town will contain at least 10,000 homes, though some will be considerably bigger. Collectively, new towns are expected to provide hundreds of thousands more homes;
- New towns must be well-connected, well-designed, sustainable and attractive places which include infrastructure and amenities;
- A 'New Towns Code' will ensure high standards of development are delivered including targeting 40% affordable housing with a focus on social rented homes; and
- A taskforce, chaired by Sir Michael Lyons, will advise Government on appropriate locations for new towns reporting within a year.

Source: www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-statement-on-new-towns/policy-statement-on-new-town

A new WPI Strategy report outlines the local authority districts (LADs) with the highest potential for New Town development, and advocates for a partnership approach between government and the private sector to deliver the developments.

The report identifies 12 "trailblazer" locations, in line with official plans to identify sites for 10,000 homes or more, using a unique methodology based on spatial, economic and needs-based tests. Public polling was also used to identify where acceptability for new development would be highest.

The work was authored by two former senior MHCLG economists: Paul Chamberlain and David Morris. We are also grateful for the support and expertise provided by our two sponsors for the work: Pension Insurance Corporation and the National House Building Council.

The report has been shared with government and submitted to the New Towns Taskforce to aid their own forthcoming recommendations.

Methodology:

LADs with potential for New Town development were identified using an index based on five key measurable indicators: housing supply gap, land availability, proximity to economic hubs, housing affordability, and development viability. This produced a top 20 LADs where viable new towns could be created.

This was then overlaid by an analysis of FocalData MRP polling of public attitudes to new housebuilding development in the top 20 LADs, to identify 12 LADs (see below) where support for a New Town is likely to be highest.

Key recommendations:

New Town Development Corporations (NTDCs) should be established to deliver new towns in these 12 LADs, which are ranked in order of public acceptability:

- *Milton Keynes*
- *Leeds*
- *South Gloucestershire*
- *Central Bedfordshire*
- *Wiltshire*
- *Huntingdonshire*
- *West Northamptonshire*
- *Mid Devon*
- *South Cambridgeshire*
- *Winchester*
- *East Hertfordshire, and*
- *Northumberland.*

Developing a New Town in each of these 12 areas would result in at least 120,000 new homes and substantial benefits for jobs and growth.

Based on our tests, Milton Keynes should be the 'trailblazer town' built first: it has 59% public acceptability for new development, the highest in the country.

To overcome practical barriers there should be a more flexible Growth and Skills Levy, an expansion of modular construction, and a Pipeline Fund for greater planning capacity.

We estimate the cost of building a New Town and associated infrastructure to be around £3.5 - £4bn, which should be funded primarily through a combination of government borrowing and private sector patient capital. This would then be repaid with interest from the resulting development over time.

Milton Keynes City Council is providing more than 25,000 activity sessions for children, young people and their families this summer.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2025>

The Holiday Fun and Food programme is aimed at local families with children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals.

It's designed to be a welcome boost to families who would otherwise be struggling during the extended school break.

Hundreds of different activities for all ages, ranging from music and cooking to rock climbing and outdoor adventures, will be on offer between 28 July and 21 August.



Each session includes free food and at least four hours of activities and events will run across 53 locations in Milton Keynes. <https://eequ.org/hafmiltonkeynes>

All sessions welcome children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and more than 1,000 tickets have been set aside for SEND specific activities.

Eligible families will receive an e-voucher via email on Sunday 29 June. This will enable them to book up to 16 sessions per child via the online booking system here.

<https://eequ.org/hafmiltonkeynes>

This year, the council worked with 27 local clubs, charities, schools and organisations to provide activities alongside its own Family Centres and Music Hub.



I attended this event on behalf of one of our Danesborough parishes and the slides (previously circulated) will be of interest to all local parishes.

We can now access the BMKALC Place Shaping 2025 post event page here [Conference 2025 – BMKALC](https://bucksalc.gov.uk/conference-2025-post-event/) and the available slide decks can be accessed in the speaker accordions on the page.

<https://bucksalc.gov.uk/conference-2025-post-event/>

The Speakers were;

- 'Community Safety' - Matthew Barber, (PCC) Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police
- 'Know Your Place – How heritage has shaped our settlements and can inform regeneration' - 'Eliza Alqassar, Historic and Built Environment Manager Planning, Growth and Sustainability at Buckinghamshire Council and Lucy Lawrence
- 'Regeneration of the Lakes Estate' - Will Rysdale – Head of Housing Delivery and Regeneration Milton Keynes City Council
- 'Place shaping for an ageing population: the role of age-friendly policy and practice' - Bianca Rossetti, Strategic Partnership Manager , Centre For Aging Better

- 'Neurodiversity and the Planned Environment' - Matthew Harmsworth, Principal Social Value and Town Planning Consultant Arcadis
- 'Place Shaping Through Powerful Communication' - Dan Purchase, Breakthrough Communications
- Mark Tomkins, Aubergine - 'Shaping Places, Online and Offline: Digital Tools for Modern Councils'
- 'Understanding place to plan positive change' Brendan O'Neill, Director, ONH (oneillhomer)
- 'How The Mayor's Bear is helping create the next generation of local councillors' - Cllr Jon Harvey, Town Councillor and former Mayor of Buckingham
- 'To Build A Home' - Tom Sykes, Common Works Architecture



Milton Keynes committed to combined authority with Bedfordshire after motion passed at council meeting.

Milton Keynes is committed to a combined authority with Bedford, Luton and Central Bedfordshire after a motion passed at a full council meeting.

The motion on devolution was voted through at a full council meeting on Wednesday June 18.

Under the motion, a Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Strategic Mayoral Combined Authority was agreed as Milton Keynes City Council's preferred devolution option.

It also states that the Cabinet will not enter discussions with any other combination of authorities unless the Government says so formally that a BLMK region will not be agreed.

The motion was put forward by Council leader Pete Marland who set out what he believed was "a huge opportunity" for the city in the form of a Strategic Combined Authority.

In setting out the motion Marland said that "the BLMK area comprising of Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, Luton Borough Council and Milton Keynes City Council offers the best opportunity to enable the greatest potential benefits to our city and region."

Meanwhile, in Central Beds

"It's not a choice on whether they do it - it's how they do it" Central Beds Council leader on devolution plans.

The leader of Central Bedfordshire Council has said the government appears committed to creating new mayor-led authorities — and councils will have little say over whether it happens.

Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service, councilor Adam Zerny (The Independent Alliance, Potton) said: "I do not believe the government is in any mind to give residents the opportunity to say no to the principle of mayoral strategic authorities.

"It is a question of how local authorities want to do this, and while there will likely be public consultations, residents should not be surprised if there is relatively little choice as has been the case elsewhere."

He added that while the government is currently focusing on six "priority programme" areas, the intention is clear.

"If you read carefully the consultations going on elsewhere, it is very, very clear — this isn't a choice on whether they actually do it. It's about how they do it," he said.

The government's devolution agenda involves creating larger strategic areas, often led by elected mayors. In some cases, this has gone hand-in-hand with replacing existing district councils.

While Central Bedfordshire is not yet part of one of those priority areas, it has previously been linked to a wider strategic zone that could include Bedford, Luton, Milton Keynes, and councils in Northamptonshire.

Asked about previous tensions — such as when Luton and Milton Keynes pushed to exclude Northamptonshire councils — councillor Zerny said the focus now should be on looking forward.

He said: "Whatever has gone on in the past, we are going to need to move forward as neighbouring local authorities and work out what happens next.

"I want to work not just with Bedford, Luton, Milton Keynes, but other neighbouring local authorities like Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, with whom we have much in common".

Councillor Zerny said he remains focused on securing the best outcome for residents if devolution moves forward.

"I want to make sure that whatever happens in terms of devolution in our area, we're doing this for the benefit of the residents and no one else," he said.

Meanwhile, in Luton ...

Luton council faces criticism over lack of consultation as it backs devolution plan for Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes.

A devolved strategic authority covering Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes, run by an elected mayor, "won't have a role in making decisions at a local level", according to Luton Borough Council.

The devolution White Paper was published last month, setting out details of the Labour Party's plans. Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) could be in the first wave of the new strategic authorities to be created by May 2026.

LBC's chief executive Robin Porter and Labour council leader Hazel Simmons had been criticised by the Liberal Democrat opposition group for not consulting the council first, before backing a BLMK model.

But in a statement today, the council stressed the combined authority is intended to be a strategic body, taking powers from Whitehall. This could also cover some of the surrounding area, such as Milton Keynes and parts of Northamptonshire.

"We're still very much at the beginning of this process," explained a council spokesman. "The timings set out in the Labour government's White Paper to be one of the initial authorities were very tight.

"At this stage, the four councils (LBC, Central Bedfordshire, Bedford Borough and MK) are submitting an expression of interest. Once there's a view from government on whether to proceed or not, a report will be brought to executive.

"Consultation will then happen with the public, led by central government in the Spring. Full council will be asked to make a final decision in the Autumn.

"To be clear, the combined authority is intended to be a strategic body taking powers from Whitehall and won't have a role in making decisions at a local level."

Councillor Simmons wrote in a letter to her LBC colleagues: "After careful consideration of the English devolution White Paper, the council believes we should be entering talks with the government to establish the full benefits of a strategic authority for BLMK.

"We understand our position will be challenging to some and not supported by all, for which we apologise. A BLMK footprint would seek to achieve the maximum overall benefit to our residents, with the best chance of delivering the improvements and progress they so badly need.

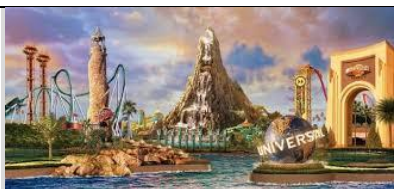
"We'll seek to work with government to devolve more powers to local people that will improve their lives. I'm therefore writing to confirm that LBC would only be prepared to take forward an expression of interest in a mayoral strategic authority on a BLMK footprint.

"BLMK is a cohesive single geographical and functional economic area, with alignment in several key business sectors, including aerospace, defence, logistics, high value engineering and advanced technology.

"The prospect of Universal Studios UK in Bedford and the expansion of London Luton Airport are huge opportunities for the regional economy, while also of national significance."

Mr Porter distributed the letter on behalf of councillor Simmons, confirming it has been shared with regional colleagues.

"Should the government decide to take BLMK forward as a priority area, there'll be a consultation through the Spring before this comes back to full council in September," he added.



Universal has formally submitted a planning permission request to the government for its first-ever UK theme park.

The company has asked the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for permission "to be granted by way of a Special Development Order (SDO)" at a site near Bedford, external.

A Universal spokesperson said the request was for "an entertainment resort complex featuring a world-class theme park with several themed lands, visitor accommodation, as well as a range of retail, dining and entertainment uses".

It added that the development would have a "transformative impact on Bedford and the UK economy" generating nearly "£50bn of economic benefit and create 28,000 jobs".

"At opening, the entertainment resort complex would be one of the largest employers in the region, with approximately 80% of employees expected to come from Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes," Universal said.

Rather than applying to the local planning authority, the company has submitted a Special Development Order directly to the government, sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

The order allows the MHCLG to be the planning decision maker, while seeking input and representations from various bodies.

Universal said it had included statements on environment, planning, and design and access in the submission.

It said the project would also "help deliver several long sought after transportation upgrades" including an expanded Wixams railway station, direct slip roads from the A421 and other local road improvements.

"The past year has enabled us to closely engage with Bedford Borough Council, neighbouring authorities, national government, transport and environmental bodies and local communities," it said.

Earlier this month, Universal launched an online form for people to register their interest in future job opportunities at the park.

It said thousands of residents had participated in its engagement in April 2024, with 92% expressing support for the plans, which, it said, "we appreciate and played a key role in us moving forward with the project".

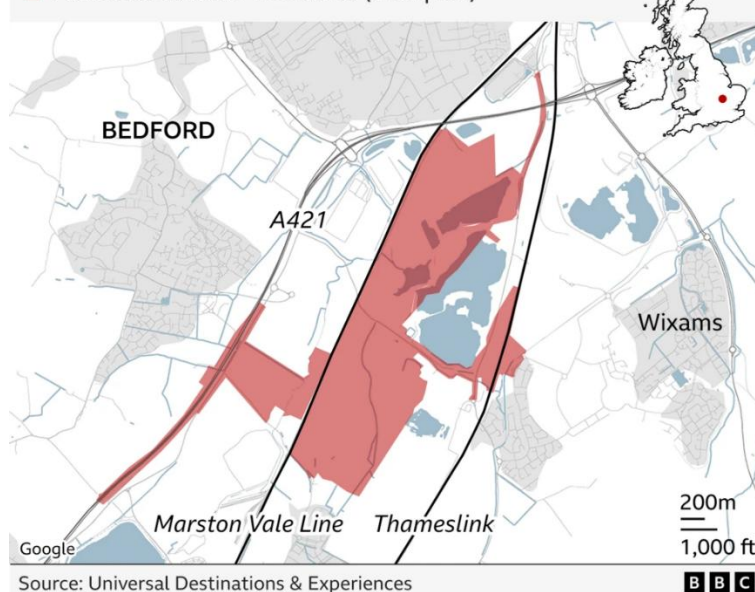
However, specific details about rides and activities will not be outlined yet, as "it is still too early in the process to know the possibilities of featured attractions and experiences", the company said.

Details of where the plans can be seen and how to make a representation would be available in due course, it added.

Subject to planning consent, Universal said it aimed to start construction in 2026.

Universal's planned Bedford development

■ Potential site size: 700 acres (2.8sq km)





The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued an amber heat-health alert for our area.

<https://ukhsa-dashboard.data.gov.uk/weather-health-alerts/heat/south-east>

Alert active: from midday on Friday 27 June until 6pm on Tuesday 1 July.

While many of us enjoy the sunshine, hot weather can pose serious health risks, especially for:

- older adults with health conditions
- babies and young children
- people taking multiple medications

How to stay safe in the heat:

- drink plenty of water and avoid excess alcohol
- keep cool with light clothing, shade, and fans
- stay indoors between 11am and 3pm where possible
- use SPF 30+ sunscreen with high UVA protection
- stay in the shade, wear a hat and loose, light clothing
- **avoid intense exercise during the hottest parts of the day**
- **keep prams shaded and well ventilated**
- **check in on vulnerable neighbours or relatives**

For official advice, visit **beat the heat (GOV.UK)**

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Amber+heat-health+alert+-+June%2fJuly+2025&es_c=964CBD7CE6844A57264241A81C8AA302&es_cl=07F939E29B02AE16E2D1E50467CABB28&es_id=p48%c2%a340

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 Bow Brickhill 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 Bow Brickhill PC 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 Bow Brickhill.



Business case outlines benefits and value for money of waterway.

A new study has today confirmed that a proposed canal linking Milton Keynes to Bedford would represent value for money.

The newly released 'Outline Business Case for the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway' says that the proposed 26 kilometre canal would deliver £2.40 in benefits for every £1 invested.

The business case sets out an economic, environmental, and social case for the new £475 million waterway. Designed to link the Grand Union Canal at Milton Keynes to the River Great Ouse at Bedford, the waterway would form a central feature of the Oxford–Cambridge Growth Corridor — one of the UK's most dynamic development areas.

The project promises to enhance local tourism, unlock leisure and active travel opportunities, and provide a missing link in Britain's historic canal network, says the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust, adding that the waterway would offer:

- A scenic walking and cycling route to support healthy lifestyles
- Enhanced biodiversity and green space
- Resilience against both flooding and drought through 21st-century water management
- Growth potential for the local hospitality and tourism sectors

The canal also complements planned regional infrastructure, including East West Rail, and the forthcoming Universal Theme Park, expected to draw millions of visitors annually.

The report, produced by consultancy AECOM and developed in line with HM Treasury's Green Book guidance, demonstrates a benefit-to-cost ratio (BCR) of 2.4, which means that every £1 spent would return £2.40 in economic and social value.

"I am more confident than ever that the waterway will play a vital role in Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes' future, putting 'Water Where It's Wanted'," said Simon Clewlow, Chair of the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust.

"As well as being a key piece of climate-resilient infrastructure, it will add a unique, complementary tourism offer to the Universal Theme Park and beyond."

The Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust was established in 1995 to promote the development of a connecting waterway park to link the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes to the River Great Ouse in Bedford through a series of purpose-built waterways connecting existing lakes along the route. For more information visit:

www.bmkwaterway.org/

Planning - Planning Applications and Notifications

Wavendon

Planning Applications and Notifications

Application Number: PLN/2025/1230 - Householder planning permission

Location: 36A, Newport Road, Wavendon, Milton Keynes, MK17 8AE

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension of existing carport with roof lining to include a garden room

Case Officer: Yu Ling Wong

Consultation Expiry: 2025-07-17

Appeals Lodged

Appeal References: PLN/2025/0299 – AP-3749 – APP/Y0435/W/25/3368543

Appeal Type: Refusal of Planning Permission

Location: Wavendon Fields, Wavendon, Milton Keynes MK17 8AF

Proposal: Construction of 5 detached dwellings, demolition of garage blocks serving existing dwellings, removal of tennis court, the erection of replacement garage blocks and a bin store, extension of access road and associated hard and soft landscaping

Case Officer: Tamlin Barton

Application Ref: PLN/2025/1488

Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 18 (Open spaces) of permission ref. 15/02768/OUT at Site South East of Elmswell Gate, Towergate, Milton Keynes

Make any comments by: 01/08/2025

The application can be viewed on our online planning register via this link:

<https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0IQH000003RyrB> or by searching under the above reference number at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-register


Any comments you wish to make should be submitted through the planning register. Any comments or concerns must be material planning considerations

Further guidance on how applications are handled and what can be considered under specific types of application is available at the above website. If you need to clarify any matters around this process, please contact the case officer by replying to this email. The email address you reply to is bespoke to this case and will take the following format: 'planning@[bespoke case code]apex.salesforce.com '. Please be assured this email is genuine and has been sent from Milton Keynes City Council.

All comments should be received by the date specified above to ensure they are considered. Should you wish for the application to be referred to the Planning Committee/Panel for a decision, an explicit request must be made in line with our Scheme of Delegation .

The case officer will make an assessment of the proposal which will be published alongside the decision notice on our online planning register. A weekly list of applications decided is also available at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-register .

Sonia James
Planning Services



We already have 29,000 new homes
due to come forward by 2050

The MK City Plan 2050 will seek to
allocate land for a further 24,000 to
34,000 new homes

MK Plan 2050

The next Planning Cabinet Advisory Group meeting has been set to be held on the 23rd July 2025 at 6pm. Next stages

- September 2025 Delegated decision to consult on the Regulation 19 plan
- September - October 2025 Six-week consultation
- March 2026 - Submission and examination

New Policies

- People Friendly and Healthy Places
- New and more ambitious policies on environmental sustainability of homes and buildings
- New Special Landscape Areas
- Opportunity areas for wind and solar
- CMK placemaking policies
- Gypsy and traveller pitches
- Biodiversity Net Gain

MK City Council assessed housing 'need'

New Local Housing Need = 50,400 homes 2022-2050 ((was 53,256 last year)

MK City Council is still aiming for 63k new dwellings but may be slightly less than Reg 18 plan including:

- 15-16k within the city,
- 13-14k as city extensions
- Plus, windfall and existing commitments

The plan still includes sites for housing growth:

- East of Wavendon - Strategic City Extension (3000 dwellings)
- South of Bow Brickhill - Strategic City Extension (1500 dwellings)
- Levante Gate (Little Brickhill) - Strategic City Extension (1250 dwellings)

Cllr David Hopkins - Representing Wavendon at MK City Council

(July 2025)