

Wavendon (and Danesborough) Snippets for November 2021 – Cllr David Hopkins / Cllr Victoria Hopkins / Cllr Alice Jenkins

Special bulletin



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- Please be advised that the annual SaferMK Community Safety Survey is now live and can be accessed on the following link: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations/662>
The Community Safety Survey 2021/22 allows residents, employees and visitors to provide feedback on anti-social behaviour and crime concerns across all of Milton Keynes. The survey also provides the opportunity to have your say on the recommended priorities for the Community Safety Strategy for the next 3-5 years. The survey will close on 3rd January 2022. Contact - Emma Nash - Community Safety Officer Telephone: 07867 151465
- Red Bull Statue – possible iconic new artwork to be installed before 2022 UK Grand Prix
- Red Bull – follow up visit regrading car parking took place on 14th October at 1 pm.
- Roadworks - listed
- Planning Applications – list of major applications in the area (from 29 October)
- EWR – next steps
- Plan:MK 2 – MKC continues its series of background meetings in December including with a plan to publish in 2025
- Wavendon Hub Pavilion Progress and Community Land
- Chasing traffic management issues on Hardwick Road and Bow Brickhill Road – letters and registered Highways request for slow down zone on BB Road, new SID (heading west out of WS and double yellow lines and other safety improvements on part of Hardwick Road
- Drain clearance – chasing Newport Road (Wavendon) in particular with question at MK Council
- South Caldecotte – latest developer consultation
- Site visit undertaken in Woburn Sands & Wavendon by New Head of Highways with new parking arrangements now forwarded
- Revised traffic management (double yellow line) proposals for Woburn Sands
- Parish Council size review – Wavendon PC growth – passed through Full Council 20th October
- Graffiti clearing kits and sign cleaning kits – repeated call for previously supplied kits to be updated and sent to all Parish Councils
- Cllr David Hopkins question at Full Council – Lack of any evidence regarding potential impacts on existing Highways of the SEMK SPD (see full text in this bulletin)
- Road issues across Wavendon – Head of Highways (Graham Cox) attended Wavendon PC meeting on 18 October – was well received and provided what he sees as a way forward
- TVP – PC Rob Childs attending Wavendon PC meeting on 15 November – reports of van break in in nearby Aspley Guise (Beds Police) much reported on social media
- Cllr David Hopkins continues campaign for a fibre network in Wavendon to a company called “Fibre First” who are looking for suitable investment opportunities in and around MK and will advise if they get back to me – Martyn Smith at MK Council
- Revisit calls for Silent Track to be installed on EWR
- Cllr David Hopkins submitted paragraph for the bid team working towards city status for MK - Milton Keynes will be submitting a bid to Her Majesty The Queen to become a city

- Having completed the Steel Frame and PCP (Pre-Cast Planks) works at Glebe Farm School, IFtL held a Topping Out opening event, on 21st October 2021
- MK Connect - 6 months Review on 6 October at 6pm – still waiting for the notes and outcomes

SEMK – Delegated Decision Meeting where there is an opportunity to ask questions of Peter Marland (Council Leader – 30th November) - <https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/6833/Committee/1399/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

- **Delegated Decision to adopt SEMK SPD 30 November at 5.30 pm**
papers on CMIS on 22 November - <https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Home.aspx>

Covid Update

Cases and hospital admissions have risen significantly in MK since mid-September. Whilst overall infection levels have come down recently, they remain very high and winter is likely to remain challenging. The Director of Public Health is advocating a ‘vaccine plus’ strategy: vaccination, testing, and face coverings. Click here for a full briefing.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKMK/2021/11/12/file_attachments/1994022/Cllr%20Covid%20Update%20Update.pdf

MK Borough Councillors are reminded that they can attend meetings of MK Council remotely if they are not a member of the relevant committee / body. For example, Ward Councillors speaking or asking questions at Delegated Decisions, Cabinet, DCC etc. When moving around secure areas of Civic, and not seated, face masks remain mandatory



Highways (Forthcoming closures etc)

**Traffic Management undertaken by: Centurion Traffic Management
Working on behalf of: Network Rail Ltd Bletchley LNW**

We are writing to advise you of essential works that are due to be carried out at Woburn Sands LC on the following times/dates:

**START DATE/TIME
13/11/2021 23:00:00**

**END DATE/TIME
14/11/2021 06:00:00**

A full road closure with vehicular and pedestrian diversion will be installed for the safety of the workforce.

South East Milton Keynes (Masterplan – Supplementary Planning Document)

Milton Keynes Council has amended its proposals for the so-called South East Milton Keynes Development area (the land identified for up to 3000 new houses plus associated infrastructure) in the land between Woburn Sands, Wavendon, Bow Brickhill and Wavendon Gate/Old Farm Park. This follows the consultation held earlier in 2021.

The masterplan (SPD) is due to be adopted as a Delegated Decision by Cllr Pete Marland (Leader of MK Council) on 30th November 2021. Go to <https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Home.aspx> for the latest details.

In brief the proposed changes can be summarised as being;

- One main option for crossing the Bedford to Bletchley railway at V10 (Brickhill Street) rather than V11 through Old Farm Park and Browns Wood
- Relocated primary school closer to Wavendon
- Gypsy & Traveller site proposed now to be located at the far western end of the SEMK site close to Bow Brickhill railway station
- Widened buffer area around Wavendon
- Playing fields preferred on Woburn Sands (eastern end) of the site offering more buffer between the Groves and the new development areas
- Open space network added along Bow Brickhill Road
- Future linear park off Caldecotte Brook Linear Park, extending along Phoebe Lane (Wavendon) and passing along southern edge of Wavendon and connection to potential future growth areas to the *east of Newport Road (*to be decided in the Plan:MK2 review due to be published in 2025)
- Removed V11 (Tongwell Street) future proofed corridor south of railway line but retain open space network
- Stronger vision landscape led approach
- Focal open space provided adjacent to Spine Street
- Extended interconnected open space network

A copy of the presentation prepared by MK Council Planning Officers showing the changes can be found on the Milton Keynes Council web site <https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/6993/Committee/1422/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx> or on the Wavendon Parish Council web site at <https://www.wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, with the consent of Central Bedfordshire Council, intends to make an Order under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 for the purpose of preventing obstruction in various roads within areas of Milton Keynes whilst the annual Remembrance Day parades take place. The effect of this is that no vehicles shall be permitted to enter or proceed along the following roads or parts of roads within the following areas in Milton Keynes on Sunday 14th November 2021 during the times stated below:-

WOBURN SANDS

- From 10.30 am to 10.50 am – Church Road From its junction with High Street to a point level with St Michael’s Church.

- From 10.30 am to 11.30 am – High Street from its junction with Hardwick Road to its junction with Russell Street.

The alternative route will be via Aspley Hill, Weathercock Lane and Russell Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles. The proposed Order will affect all classes of vehicle.

Warning signs shall be erected at the entrances to those lengths of road to be closed, subject to the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Any breach of the said Order could render a person liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000).

The Remembrance Day Parades and local diversion routes can be viewed at www.roadworks.org



Milton Keynes Council and partners invite you to join a low carbon interactive conference on the 10 November 2021 at Saxon Court, Central Milton Keynes. Planned to coincide with COP26, the conference will bring together key people working on reducing carbon in Milton Keynes. The event is sponsored by the INTENSIFY Project, a five year project funded by the EU's Interreg Europe Programme. Each of the eight INTENSIFY partners have a local action plan to reduce carbon emissions greater than business as usual.

Lunch and refreshments will be served.

To book a ticket, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/milton-keynes-low-carbon-conference-2021-tickets-198797186737>

Reminder – Review of Parish Council Allowances

The Independent Remuneration Panel will meet to consider Parish Allowances on the morning on 18 November. Councillors / Clerks wishing to meet with the Panel should contact Clive Parker directly, on clive.parker@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Although the allowance survey has now closed, written submissions can still be made to the Panel until 5pm on the 17 November and should be sent directly to Clive Parker

Gully Cleaning

The additional gully tanker has been in use throughout October, cleaning gullies in Stony Stratford, Far Bletchley, Enfield Park, Granby, The Bowl, Coffee Hall and Furzton Lake areas. During November the tanker will be in Old Bletchley, Winterhill, Bancroft Park, Enfield Park, Denbigh and Olney.

The tanker removes any blockages from the gully using a pressured water jet and sucks any debris out which is stored in the tanker and disposed of at the Bleak Hall depot using a purpose-built area. Surface level debris around the gully cover is removed by hand such as dead leaves, litter and other items.

The schedule for the rest of the year until March 2022 can be viewed in the Drains and Gullies section at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub

These areas were identified by the highways team as being prone to localised flooding and needed some extra cleaning in additional to the cyclical cleaning programme

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Planning applications	Weekly list 24 September
Planning buddy! Rachel Larner Planning Officer rachel.larner@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07554 338790	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bow Brickhill Parish Council • Little Brickhill Parish Council
Planning Buddy! Sonia James Planning Officer sonia.james@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07775 111178	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walton Community Council
Planning Buddy! Senior Planning Officer charlotte.ashby@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07795 475595	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wavendon Parish Council
Planning Buddy Katy Lycett Principal Planning Officer katy.lycett@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07795 475584	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woburn Sands Town Council
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 Application no: 21/03269/FUL	Proposal: The construction of Anglers Car Park, widening of existing pedestrian access for vehicular access and retrospective permission for areas of 2.4 metre fencing around the site (resubmission of 18/01508/FUL) At: Land Adjacent To Greensand View Land To The West of Eastaff Croft Woburn Sands Milton Keynes MK17 8GR
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)	Proposal: Erection of a detached teaching block and new sports hall, remodelling works to the existing school, car parking, landscaping

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015
Application no: 21/03372/CONS

and associated infrastructure (Central Bedfordshire Application Reference CB/21/04325/REG3)
At: Fulbrook Middle School Weathercock Lane Aspley Guise Milton Keynes MK17 8NP

LGA Survey on the Return to In-Person Meetings

The LGA has recently circulated a survey to all Councils on the impact of the return to in person meetings on democracy. The LGA has asked that one response is submitted by each Council, and the Director of law and Governance will do so in consultation with Group Leaders. However, specific views of individual Councillors or Groups can be shared directly with Jessica.Norman@local.gov.uk and a copy of the survey is available for information here.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKMK/2021/10/29/file_attachments/1980626/LGA%20survey%20questions%20-%20return%20to%20in%20person%20meetings%20.pdf

From the Developer of the Warehouse Development at South Caldecotte – land between Bow Brickhill railway crossing and McDonalds Roundabout of the A5

Peel Logistics Property (PLP) is holding a fresh consultation on specific proposals for part of the 'land at Brickhill Street' development site in South Caldecotte, which is located adjacent to Little Brickhill Parish.

Plans for the site have been progressing and I wanted to keep you informed as these proposals move forward.

As you are probably aware, despite numerous, detailed local objections, the site was allocated in Milton Keynes Council's Local Plan and already has outline planning permission for employment uses. PLP is now preparing a detailed planning application for part of the site (Phase 2) to provide new, bespoke premises to apparently meet the needs of a specific occupier operating in the logistics and distribution market. The occupier has custom specifications that need to be accommodated through the submission of a new detailed planning application, which will be tailored to its requirements.

The proposals are for a single warehouse / logistics unit, which will incorporate a number of internal floors for the handling and processing of goods and packages. The proposals will create a significant number of high-quality jobs and deliver substantial economic benefits for the local area.

The consultation

Ahead of submitting the planning application on these proposals for Phase 2, PLP is holding a pre-application public consultation.

The consultation dates are Thursday 4 to Thursday 18 November.

The applicants have prepared a leaflet that they are distributing approximately 1,300 addresses surrounding the proposed site, which is apparently scheduled to arrive as the consultation begins. The leaflet contains more information about the proposals, how people can get involved and where to find out more. Email me for a copy david.hopkins@milton-keynes.gov.uk

The leaflet also contains an illustrative masterplan for the site, which shows the Phase 2 site. It's worth noting that this consultation is specifically regarding the Phase 2 proposals, rather than the principle of employment/logistics development on this site, which regrettably has already been agreed.

The applicants have set up a consultation website, which will go live ahead of the consultation. It will sit at www.landatbrickhillstreet.co.uk. The website will contain more detailed information and plans showing the development site. The feedback form on the website will be the main method of responding to the consultation, however our team can also be reached by email, telephone and post (using details outlined in the leaflet).

If you have any questions contact the applicants by email atconsultation@landatbrickhillstreet.co.uk or by calling them on 07850 796 401.



MK Council has reached the summit in the construction of our new sustainably-built Glebe Farm 'all through' School in Wavendon. We hosted a 'topping out' ceremony on the roof last week with representatives from the school's leadership team, local partners and the construction company to celebrate reaching the project's tallest point. We expect to open Glebe Farm School in September 2022 to serve students living in Glebe Farm, Eagle Farm, Woburn Sands and Wavendon Village. The new school is being developed 'gas free' with the latest heating technology, onsite solar panels and generators. Click below to find out more about the milestone



A brand new fleet of fully electric buses will be coming to MK after the Chancellor announced in the autumn statement that MK Council had been successful in its bid.

During the Budget today it was confirmed that a £16m bid by MK Council in partnership with Arriva has been successful and will lead to nearly 60 brand new electric buses and an upgraded overnight charging depot facility, with some of the new vehicles arriving in 2022. Another £16m will be available through a special finance arrangements that will be offered to MK.

Earlier this year, the Department for Transport announced its Zero Emission Bus Regional Access (ZEBRA) scheme and invited local authorities to submit their localised electric bus proposals for a share of £120m government investment. The scheme is backed by private investment as well as government grant funding, which will help MK towards achieving the city's 2030 carbon neutral target. The announcement comes just a week ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) next week.

Cllr Pete Marland, Leader of MK Council said: "We're happy with this announcement which is a very important step in achieving our climate targets. We've shown that MK is fully invested in becoming even cleaner and greener, and that we have the partnerships in place to move quickly to a zero-carbon future with electric buses."



Same day bookings introduced for MK tips

Milton Keynes Council has made it even easier for MK residents to book a trip to the tip with the launch of same-day appointment booking.

Since the booking system was introduced in May 2020 to help protect local people during the pandemic, more than 300,000 visits have been made to MK's household waste recycling centres. Until now, bookings could only be made more than a day in advance. The Council has listened to customer feedback and introduced new and flexible options to book same-day slots as well as to cancel and reschedule bookings online. Also changing is the need to provide a registration number in advance if you're using a hire car to visit a tip.

It's quick and easy to book a slot at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/hwrc although residents can always call if they need extra help. MK's tips are open seven days a week. Managing the flow of visitors to the tips has stopped historic traffic queues that would occasionally reach a main grid road – causing potential safety issues for motorists. It's also meant the Council can crack down on people from outside MK, including businesses, using the borough's tips. The Council estimates that as many as one in five people using the tips before the booking system lived outside MK, which was a significant drain on resources. Around £220,000 has been saved as a result of introducing the system and stopping misuse.

Cllr Lauren Townsend, Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, said: "We're pleased to be able to add extra flexibility to the booking system as we know some residents aren't in a position to know exactly when they'll be ready to take their waste and recycling to the tip, and for them a same-day option is especially helpful. We want everyone to have a safer and better experience using the tips in Milton Keynes, and that includes no queues and no worries when they get to the site."



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What's On?

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/halloween-woollen-woods> Halloween Woollen Woods

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/make-your-own-walking-stick> Make your own Walking Stick

<https://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/woodland-management-workshop> Woodland Management Workshop

Question from Cllr David Hopkins to Leader and Strategic Planning Spokesperson at Cabinet 2 November 2021

The CAG met on 13 October to consider the SPD (masterplan) for SEMK and that it is intended that you take a delegated decision on 30 November to adopt said SPD as policy.

You will recall from the discussion and the questions that I raised at the CAG with the Strategic Lead Officer for Transport Policy and Planning, that no traffic data associated with this site has yet been obtained, despite the undertaking in Plan:MK that (and I quote) 'a comprehensive transport strategy shall be established through the development framework process, informed by transport modelling and stakeholder engagement' undertaken by the Council. The said officer claimed MKC decided not to undertake this work because the EWR Company offered to do it – but then EWR failed to commission the study so the liability and commitment falls back on MKC.

We are always taught that all Planning - strategic or local - should be evidence based otherwise permissions or policy approvals cannot be granted.

As no such work has been undertaken for the SEMK Growth Allocation, MKC has failed to live up to its own policies and commitments and thus the SPD cannot be approved in its current form.

When is it now intended to carry out this work? I know from first-hand experience on the ground that local people affected by this major development proposal will rightly want and have the right to know!

Supplementary

I understand that MK Council has signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement with East West Rail regarding proposals developments associated with the link between Bletchley and Bedford. Is this the case and if so why as the local community needs to be kept abreast of discussions and agreements the council may be reaching with the East West rail Company behind closed doors?



Decrease in fly-tipping since MK Council brings CCTV to hotspots

Figures released last week by MK Council show fly-tipping has dropped by as much as a fifth following the introduction of CCTV cameras in hotspots. In September, fly-tipping incidences were down 19% year to year.

The Council has invested in CCTV cameras, which alongside dashcam footage provided by members of the public can help it take more action against people dumping waste.

Over the last year, Milton Keynes Council has issued 129 Fixed Penalty Notices for waste crimes including 53 for fly-tipping.

Milton Keynes magistrates have heard five fly-tipping cases with ten more awaiting prosecution. They've issued penalties adding up to £5,000 as well as ordering one offender to work for 120 hours as "community payback".

In September, the Council set aside an extra £200,000 to to clamp down even harder on fly-tipping, publicise how to get rid of waste legally, and to boost its environmental enforcement team to seven people The team also has legal powers to combat:

- littering
- those who don't clean up after their dogs
- those who graffiti
- and those who abandon cars



Growth in numbers of Parish Councillors

Wavendon Parish Council are supportive of the request to increase the number of Councillors and the very demonstrable development in that area is a strong justification. Wavendon parish is currently unwarded and there is no known stakeholder desire to change this, although future reviews may revisit this subject when development is complete.

First of two Milton Keynes Community Charging Hubs opens

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MK Council has opened one of two new planned electric car charging community hubs at Saxon Gate in Central Milton Keynes with rapid charging spots.

The hub is designed for electric vehicle owners and businesses who don't have available off street charging. A second hub located in Stony Stratford will open at a later date.

Three 7kW charge posts can serve up to six vehicles in dedicated parking bays. The hub also provides three new 50kW rapid chargers, each with its own bay where users can charge at rapid speeds. Next year wireless charging will also be added.

The hub at Saxon Court is one of two new planned hubs and is part of the Milton Keynes Go Ultra Low City Scheme (GULCS), created using funding from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). The scheme also set up the Electric Vehicle Experience Centre in Centre:MK.

The Saxon Gate Community Hub will also host an electric vehicle car club operated by Enterprise Car Club with five new Nissan Leafs based at the hub. The car club will provide electric vehicles that can be rented by the hour or day, with 24/7 access 365 days of the year.

Members can see the live state of charge and mileage range on every Enterprise Car Club electric vehicle when they book on the website. This means that they can be certain the vehicle will have enough power for the journey they are planning to make, bringing extra peace of mind.

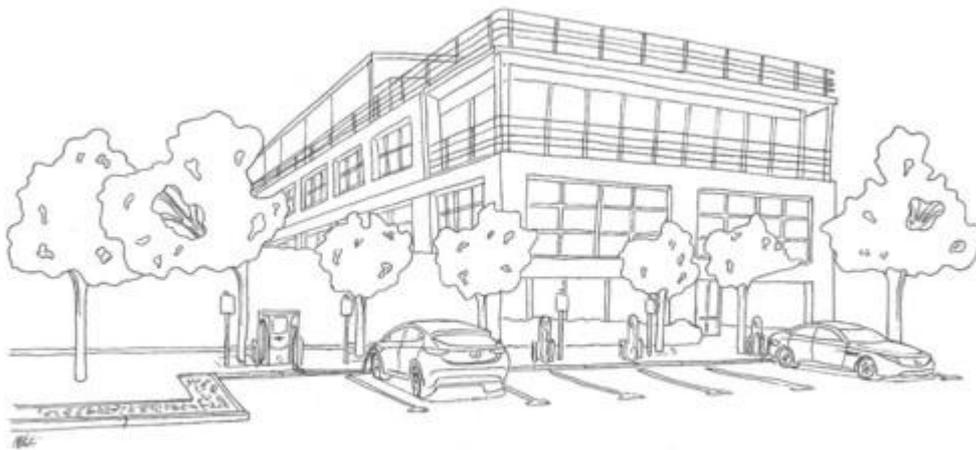
Users who sign up to become a member of Enterprise Car Club in Milton Keynes will also have access to more than 1,400 vehicles located in 180 towns, cities and communities across the UK.

The hubs are being set up for MK Council by an eFIS led consortium which includes BP Pulse, Enterprise Car Club, University of Warwick and Arup.

Dan Gursel, Managing Director of Enterprise Car Club, said: "We are delighted to be part of the first Milton Keynes Community Charging Hub. The hub means users can rest assured that they can recharge vehicles quickly when they need to and be confident driving an electric vehicle."

Professor Richard McMahon of Warwick University, said: "We look forward to a practical demonstration of wireless charging at the Milton Keynes hubs to help understand the potential benefits to mobility impaired drivers."

Professor John Miles Managing Director of eFIS, said: "We are delighted to play a part in the creation of these new community charging hubs which complement the existing electric vehicle charge posts in Milton Keynes and extend the opportunity to embrace electric mobility to a wider group of residents."



Safety, Health & Wellbeing Guide for Councillors – attached

This guide provides information and advice for councillors to help protect and promote their health, safety and wellbeing. The role of a Councillor is rewarding, complex and challenging. It is important that Councillors have the right training, guidance and support.

It is structured in sections that cover the main activities of Councillor's so the information is easy to access.

The H&S Team are here to support you – get in touch with us via:

CHST@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Simon Blanchflower to retire as EWR enters next phase of development

Simon Blanchflower has announced that he will retire from his post as CEO of East West Railway Company (EWR Co) in March 2022, having led significant growth in the organisation, and secured nearly a billion pounds of funding for the programme.

Simon joined East West Rail in 2018, having previously overseen the completion of Thameslink as Programme Director. Under Simon's leadership, EWR Co has increased in size more than five-fold, established a new base in Milton Keynes, and won awards for its ground-breaking use of technology to protect the local environment. During Simon's tenure, the first phase of East West Rail progressed into construction, having secured £760m of funding at the last Spending Review, and EWR also featured prominently in the National Infrastructure Strategy announced by the Government last Autumn. Most recently, the company held a public consultation on the route choices between Bedford and Cambridge and has awarded key Development Phase Partner contracts.

The company is due to announce the Preferred Route Alignment for the Bedford to Cambridge section by early 2022.

Simon Blanchflower CBE said, "It has been an amazing few years at East West Rail. When I joined, the whole team could almost fit in one meeting room. Since then, the programme has created more than 1000 jobs, and funding for the first phase is secure. By March next year, we will have banked our first year of construction, and have chosen the alignment to complete the route from Oxford to Cambridge.

"It has been a privilege to serve as the first CEO of East West Rail. Now that the programme is moving into its next stage of development, it is the best time for me to make a smooth handover to a successor who will see that through to conclusion. I am very proud of the team I've built at EWR, I am hugely grateful for their hard work, and I know they will achieve great things in the future."

Neil Sachdev, Chair of EWR Co, said, "Simon brought a wealth of know-how, past experience and most of all his values to enable East West Rail to be in a great place and ready to move to the next stage. We are grateful for his experience and dedication in getting us to where we are now, so we can look to the future with confidence. Simon can take immense pride not only in what he has achieved at EWR, but also in his contribution to the rail industry over a lifetime of service. Simon's values and industry knowledge have allowed EWR to accelerate its way to where it is now. Though he is retiring, I am sure the industry will continue to benefit from his experience and insight."



Should a Parish or a group of residents decide to call in a decision of the Executive (for example over SEMK) the following process is evoked...

16. Call-in

(a) When a decision is made by the Cabinet, an individual Cabinet member or committee of the Cabinet, or a key decision is made by an Officer with delegated authority from the Cabinet or under joint arrangements, the decision shall be published, including by electronic means, and shall be available at the Civic Offices normally within two days of being made. Members of all scrutiny committees will be sent copies of the records of all such decisions within the same timescale, by the person responsible for publishing the decision.

(b) That notice will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless it is called in.

(c) During that period, the Director Law and Governance shall call-in a decision for scrutiny by a sub-committee of the appropriate scrutiny committee if so requested in writing by any 2 Members of the Council, the chair or clerk of any Parish or Town Council, on behalf of the Parish or Town Council, or any 20 residents of the Borough, and shall then notify the decision taker of the call-in. In submitting the request to the Director Law and Governance for a decision to be called-in, the requester must specify a reason/reasons for calling in the decision. The Director Law and Governance shall call a meeting of the sub-committee on such a date as he/she may determine, where possible, after consultation with the chair of the committee, and in any case within ten days of the decision to call-in.

Notes:

(a) A recommendation to the Council is not an Executive decision and therefore cannot be called in [Council – 12 April 2005 – Minute CL114(b)].

(b) A councillor requesting that a decision be called-in cannot sit as a member of the scrutiny committee when the item is being considered [Council - 14 June 2005 – Minute CL21(b)(iii)].

(d) Where as a result of any mediation meeting the decision maker, or where the decision maker is the Cabinet, the responsible Cabinet member, gives an undertaking in writing that the decision will be reviewed and not implemented until completion of the review ***the person calling in the decision for review confirms their agreement in writing prior to the meeting of the scrutiny sub-committee, the Chair, in consultation with the Vice-Chair will cancel the meeting, with a report on the outcome of the call-in being reported to the next meeting of the committee.***

(e) If, having considered the decision, the scrutiny sub-committee is still concerned about it, then it may refer it back to the decision-making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns, or refer the matter to full Council. If referred to the decision maker they shall then reconsider within a further twenty working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision.

(f) If following an objection to the decision, the scrutiny committee does not meet in the period set out above, or does meet but does not refer the matter back to the decision making person or body, the decision shall take effect on the date of the scrutiny sub-committee meeting, or the expiry of the period in which the sub-committee should have been held.

g) If the matter is referred to full Council and the Council does not object to a decision which has been made, then no further action is necessary and the decision will be effective in accordance with the provision below. However, if the Council does object, it has no authority to make decisions in respect of an executive decision unless it is contrary to the policy framework, or contrary to or not wholly consistent with the 15 May 2019 budget. Unless that is the case, the Council will refer any decision to which it objects back to the decision-making person or body, together with the Council's views on the decision. That decision-making body or person may choose whether to amend the decision or not before reaching a final decision and implementing it. Where the decision was taken by the Cabinet as a whole or a committee of it, a meeting will be convened to reconsider the matter within twenty working days of the Council request. Where the decision was made by an individual, the individual will reconsider the matter within twenty working days of the Council request.

(h) If the Council does not meet, or if it does but does not refer the decision back to the decision-making body or person, the decision will become effective on the date of the Council meeting or expiry of the period in which the Council meeting should have been held, whichever is the earlier.

Exceptions

(i) In order to ensure that call-in is not abused, nor causes unreasonable delay, a decision, or decision to similar effect may only be called in once in any six month period.

Call-In and Urgency

(j) The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Cabinet is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The record of the decision, and notice by which it is made public shall state whether in the opinion of the decision-making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in. The Chair of the Scrutiny Management Committee, who before giving his/her agreement will, if possible, consult with the Vice-Chair(s), must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair(s) may agree on behalf of the Chair. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), the Chief Executive's or his/her nominee's consent shall be required. Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

(k) The operation of the provisions relating to call-in and urgency shall be monitored annually, and a report submitted to Council with proposals for review if necessary.



Attached is the latest column from **Business MK** which details the rather extraordinary story of a firm of Management Consultants which appears to have fundamentally affected the running of MKC's planning department!!!

You can see the apparently very ordinary but actually very extraordinary video from them, given the enfolding facts regarding those presenting it, which is mentioned in the column here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-epkghGeIY>

It seems that one planner has benefitted from their input so much he's apparently taken them with him to a new job!



EMERGENCY

Terror Threat Level

The current threat level is SUBSTANTIAL (changed from severe)

Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack.

LOW means an attack is highly unlikely

MODERATE means an attack is possible, but not likely

SUBSTANTIAL means an attack is likely

SEVERE means an attack is highly likely

CRITICAL means an attack is highly likely in the near future

BOW BRICKHILL CLIMATE CRISIS FORUM

The questions

What can we do if the world's governments are unable to organise themselves enough to head off the climate crisis?

What can we do to prepare our own community for the difficult times ahead?

Join us to talk about what we can do to help improve the future outlook for our children and their children.

Brief video and guest input, then small and whole group considerations about how we should best move forward from where we are.

Everyone of all ages (and stages of climate awareness) welcome.

Bow Brickhill Community Hall – Thursday November 18th @ 7pm

Use of Greenspace in Milton Keynes Study

Andrew Irving from our Ecology Team is nearing the end of his MSc in Biodiversity, Wildlife, and Ecosystem Health. As part of his studies, Andrew is researching the relationship people have with green and natural spaces, and whether access to green space can shape attitudes towards the environment and sustainability.

Milton Keynes has an abundance of green spaces which means local opinions will be very useful to Andrew's research. If you or your friends and family would like to take part, the link takes you to his survey. Andrew would be grateful if you could share this with your own local networks to help the research be as representative of our community as possible.

<https://forms.gle/48XDd93VaZrHxTnH9>

South Caldecotte Development - Peel Logistics Property (PLP) is holding a fresh consultation on specific proposals for part of the 'land at Brickhill Street' development site in South Caldecotte.

The image features a large site plan on the left side, showing a development area with several numbered units (1-10) and a large blue-shaded area labeled "PROPOSED WAREHOUSE / B8 UNIT AT PHASE 2". A smaller area is labeled "PROPOSED 10 EMPLOYMENT UNITS AT PHASE 1". To the right of the site plan is a collage of four images: a road sign pointing to Caldecotte Tilbrook and Bow Brickhill Woburn Sands; a group of four people in high-visibility jackets sitting on a wooden pallet; a woman in a blue hard hat and orange safety vest smiling; and a man and a woman in dark work clothes standing together. Below the collage is a QR code. At the bottom right, there are three icons: an envelope, a telephone handset, and a mail icon.