

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL
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Members of Woburn Sands Town Council are hereby summoned to attend the Town Council Meeting of Woburn Sands on **Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Memorial Hall.**

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

DRAFT MINUTES

- 232/25 Present:** Chairman David Hopkins, Cllrs Trudie Sutton, Keith Temple, Lee George-Barnes, Alex Poppleton, Ward Councillor Tracey Bailey, Town Clerk Joanne Farrant
- One member of the public
- 233/25 Apologies:**
- 234/25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.
- 235/25 Invitation to TVP:** Will join the meeting when available. Paige and Tia will be meeting with the Town Clerk in the office on Tuesday 11th Nov. TVP are patrolling Woburn Sands on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th Nov.
- 236/25 Mayor's Announcements and Report:** Main points from report listed below. Full Report attached:
- Flooding - Meeting and outcomes of meeting with Inland Drainage Board.
 - Recruitment of new Town Clerk
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 - The South East Milton Keynes Stakeholder Group. The next meeting of the SEMK Stakeholders Group will now be held at the Wavendon Hub off Dankworth Way on Wednesday 12 November 2025 from 7pm to 8.30pm

- Woburn Sands Town Council Membership - Milton Keynes City Council has agreed the following resolution *That the Council (MKCC) agrees to increase the number of councillors in the parish from 9 to 11.*
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- Congratulations to the Friends of Woburn Sands Station who were first place Winner in the Community Garden Category in our 2025 Garden Competition - 25th August 2025
- Community Library Boxes

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Public Question Time: The time allocated is at the discretion of the Council/Chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the

discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Town Council meeting itself. A Councillor with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue may address the Council on the issue during Public Question Time subject to the Councillor leaving the room in the event of an exchange of the issue between the public and the Council during this period. 3 minutes per person if public wish to speak, or at the Chair's discretion.

238/25 Co-opting Councillors: Posters, social media posts to be published to recruit more councillors as we can

239/25 Minutes: To consider the approval of the draft minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 13th October 2025. **Approved**

240/25 Actions from previous minutes and Clerk's report:

Actions from previous Minutes:

- Lee now has his town council email address. Please can we start using that one.
- Club Lane Lanterns should be here within the next two weeks.
- Sports Hall Roof is fixed
- New water system has been installed in the Sports Hall
- We have received good feedback on the PA System from Remembrance Sunday. Revd Diana Young sent her thanks to everyone for attending.

Clerk Items

- Attended a Clerk's Induction event. Coffee arranged with Kay Petit at MKCC.
- Crimewave (CCTV) – meeting 11th at 1pm. I have invited the police to pop in at that time

241/25 Ward Councillors Reports:

a. Cllr Tracey Bailey

- Lovely remembrance Sunday service in Woburn Sands – Thank you for the invitation
- Armistice day service at MK rose on 11th November
- White Ribbon Vigil at MK Rose - Tuesday 25th November, 6pm
- MKC has announced free sustainability programmes for local businesses
- Milton Keynes Council is expanding SEND provision by creating new specialist units in mainstream schools.
- Gas Canisters – being stored in shop on high st- shop was visited happily dealt with the problem
- Tavistock Close roadworks are scheduled to be completed by the end of the financial year. However, MKC will attempt to prioritise.
- Local lady – Needs hedge trim – Any local contacts to help.

b. Cllr David Hopkins – Main points listed below and full report attached

- Reminder: MK City Plan 2050 Information

- Repairs to Tavistock Close reported to MKCC
- Local Plan Moves to next stage of 'Consultation' – MK2050
- Reports from Inland Drainage Board – they will be visiting Woburn Sands on 9th Dec
- Brickhill Street, South Caldecotte (lifts.grand.trio) In relation to PLN/2025/0681 the objection was maintained due to items being proposed within 9m namely mixed native thicket planting, standard native tree planting, a rich grassland strip, a security fence, vehicular barrier, retaining wall, and an access road.
- Church Farm, Wavendon Works in and around ditches without consent which will form part of more extensive works.
- Vehicle Crime and Tool Theft campaign launched by PCC
- Planning Application PLN/2025/0678 Objection: Land at Brickhill Street, South Caldecotte, Milton Keynes, MK17 9FE. View at: <https://www.idbs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/pln-2025-0678-brickhill-street-south-caldecotte.pdf>
- The Extension of Grid Road H10 (Bletcham Way) - Cabinet - Tuesday 4th November, 2025 6.30 pm <https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=7579> - MK City Council has approved funding for the next stage of the H10 Extension – eventually through to Newport Road.
- BBC Report on Car Parking Charges in the East of England
- Chancellors Speech (21 October) regarding the East West Corridor
- New Road Safety Officer - MKCC highways
- Electric blanket safety checks reveal 38% failure rate
- White Ribbon Vigil at MK Rose - Tuesday 25th November, 6pm
- The Community Fund (previously called the Police Property Act Fund) is created from the proceeds of sale of goods recovered by the police that cannot be returned to their original owner. In accordance with the Police Property Act Regulations (1997) all awards from the fund must be for charitable purposes.
- There is a fresh drive to boost Pension Credit take-up as new figures reveal large regional gaps in those receiving benefit worth around £4,300 a year.
- Thames Valley Police Meeting - Have Your Say Community events.
- South Central Ambulance Service - Governor Elections

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Committee Updates:

a. Staffing Committee Update:

b. Halls Committee Update:

The Memorial Hall: Stage curtain track with pulley system is broken. Quotes have been sourced to replace track – Fabrics Direct - £576 **Approved**

Sports Hall: Old hot water system removed and new hot water system installed. New system is far more efficient. The plumber has shown the clerk

the best way to programme the system. He thinks we should see a difference in the next couple of months

Paxton door codes system: After a phone call with paxton they have recommended that we purchase some new software to integrate with the Paxton system from one of their approved partners. The software packages available need to be investigated and priced. **Clerk to update council at next meeting**

Car Parking: Signs have been ordered for Summerlin Centre & Sports Hall

CCTV: Signs have been ordered to display in the halls

c. Environment Committee Update:

- Dredging the gulleys and trench on Woburn Road.
- Edgewick farm spinney gate fixed

d. Finance Committee Update:

To approve payments for November (list circulated) Approved

To approve bank statements (circulated) Approved

Approve grant applications: Contact the groups who have previously applied for grants and print posters for town noticeboards

243/25 EWR consultation/information: EWR will be present at the meeting on 12th November at Wavendon Hub 7pm-8.30pm

244/25 Street map showing benches: Ongoing

245/25 Response to MKCC Transport Strategy Consultation: Town Council to encourage residents to go online and participate. Update needed for when it will begin.

246/25 New local plan (MK2050) and date for meeting of SEMK Stakeholder Group: Meeting is 12th November at Wavendon Hub 7pm-8.30pm chaired by Paul Thomas
Reg19 consultation stage is open from 7th- 22nd December

247/25 Universal Studios: Standing Item – No updates

248/25 Youth Club: Questionnaire sent to Fulbrook. They will circulate the link in the parents bulletin Friday 7th Nov. Online responses will come directly to the Town Clerk – A few replies have come back from the questionnaire – revisit next month

249/25 Mick George Community Fund: Potentially use for Library Doors. Quotes are being sourced.

250/25 Household Support Fund: Funding has been received. Clerk to look in to different sessions from local advice groups – CAB, MK Money Lifeline / Community Foundation / Home Instead

Burlington Hall has meeting rooms available that can be used for this sort of thing.

251/25 Website: Vision ICT are assessing the website and will provide a report with their findings. **Ongoing**

- 252/25 2 Station Road:** Standing Item – Town Council Parking Space located at the rear of 2 Station Road
- 253/25 Crossing for the schools on Station Road:** Email sent to MKCC for update
- 254/25 E-Bikes & E-Scooters:** The details for reporting issues with e-bikes and e-scooters has been added to the website and Facebook page. Both operators have withdrawn back to the traffic lights at lower end and Newport road. They will eventually extend to the town but need to put docking stations in town first. Cllr DH has invited Li.me representative to attend a meeting with councillors to explain the plans for Woburn Sands.
- 255/25 Community Market:** Outside stall space and area in the library booked for market days. There is no market in January.
- 256/25 Planning Applications:**
- PLN/2025/2133: The reduction by up to 3m in height and 0.5m from sides of Holly (T1) **at** 4 STATION ROAD, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8RW <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002fZiE> **Comments by 21st Nov.**
- PLN/2025/1483: The crown reduce by 1 to 1.5m all round to previous reduction points of Field Maple trees (T1 & T2) to maintain tree health protected by Milton Keynes Council Tree Preservation Order no. PS/540/15/165 at 29 TURNPIKE COURT, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8UA <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lQH000003Rnan> **Comments by 21st Nov**
- PLN/2025/2210: The reduction of overhanging branches and ivy by 3m of Sycamores (TG1) **at** 2 STATION ROAD, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8RW <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002m3KD> **Comments by 21st Nov**
- PLN/2025/2213: Alteration of existing shop front **at** 57 HIGH STREET, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8QY <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002mS7J> **Comments by 24th Nov**
- PLN/2025/2037: Advertisement consent for the display of x2 non-illuminated fascia signs, x1 non-illuminated projecting sign and a frosted vinyl front entrance door logo at 1C, High Street, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes, MK17 8RQ <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002ZO37> **Comments by 25th Nov**
- PLN/2025/2259: Crown reduction by approx. 2m to previous pruning points of Oak (T11) and re-pollarding to approx. 2.4m of Lime trees (T14, T15) at 22 STATION ROAD, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8RW <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002ogZB> **Comments by 27th Nov**
- PLN/2025/2104: Crown reduction by 4m in height and 3m on sides, crown raise to 3m, and removal of epicormic growth on stem of Holm Oak (1), crown reduction by 3m in height and by approx. 2m from remaining crown of Holly (3), and felling to 5-6ft of Ash (2) protected by Milton Keynes Tree Preservation Order no. PS/540/15/134 **at** BURLINGTON HALL CARE HOME, 9 STATION ROAD, WOBURN

SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8RR <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002cVEX> **Comments by 28th Nov**

Notifications of decisions made by MKCC:

PLN/2025/1663: Approval of details required by condition 14 (pumping station and substation) of permission ref. 22/03005/REM at Land West of Newport Road, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes MK17 8UE - <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000001xXVd> **APPROVED**

PLN/2025/1654: The pruning to remove lower branches overhanging neighbouring property by 1.5m of an Acer (T1) and the removal of an Elder (T2) **at HOLLY LODGE, 52 WEATHERCOCK LANE, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8NY** <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000001wziU> **APPROVED**

PLN/2025/1856: The installation of solar panels to the roof of the existing carport **at CHARLEWOOD VIEW, 1A THE LEYS, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8QF** <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002D6rF> **APPROVED**

PLN/2025/1764: The felling to ground level of Ash (T3) protected by Milton Keynes Council Tree Preservation Order no. PS/540/15/110 **at** Land adjacent to 1 Hillway, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes, MK17 8UL <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS00000274Dp> **APPROVED**

PLN/2025/1942: Approval of details required by condition 4 (Replacement tree planting) of permission ref. 23/00886/TPO **at** 79 NEWPORT ROAD, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8UN <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002NaWH> **REFUSED**

PLN/2025/1941: Approval of details required by condition 4 (Replacement tree planting) of permission ref. 23/00885/TPO **at** 1 HILLWAY, WOBURN SANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 8UL <https://www.be.milton-keynes.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lWS000002NWvh> **REFUSED**

257/25 Correspondence to note:

- Emails from residents have been received regarding parking in Chapel St and Station Rd. Also an email about the white lines at the junction of Cranfield Rd/Station Rd. These have been referred to the traffic team at MKCC

258/25 Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda:

Theydon Ave – Traffic Officer should inspect – Request to be sent to MKCC

259/25 Date of next meeting: Monday 8th December 2025 – 7.30pm, Committee Room at the Memorial Hall

Meeting Ended: 8.17pm

**Signed
Chairman**

Date



Mayors (Chairs) Announcements – November 2025

- Since the October meeting I have attended meetings of

*The Poor's Coal Charity Trustees

*The Greensands Trust

*1The Inland Drainage Board

*The Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership

- ***1Flooding - Meeting and outcomes of meeting with Inland Drainage Board.** I raised the ongoing issues relating to flooding in Woburn Sands. As a result, Philip Lovesay (Operations Manager of the Inland Drainage Board) has agreed to meet with myself and the Deputy Mayor in Woburn Sands for a general walk about and inspection and the IDB will lobby partner organisations to restart regular meetings of the Water Management Board involving partner representatives from the Environment Agency, local authorities with Flood Management Responsibilities (including MK and CBC), the Parks Trust, Anglian Water and (on Invitation) Woburn Estates etc).
- **Recruitment of new Town Clerk** – I am delighted to report that our new Town Clerk Joanne Farrant is working tirelessly to modernise and reform the work of the Woburn Sands Town Council. All communication with the town council should, in the first instance be directed to clerk@woburnsandstowncouncil.gov.uk and we are on the look out for residents to join the Town Council. Contact Jo if you would like to know more.
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- **As Mayor of Woburn Sands – I was pleased to visit Burlington Hall on 17th October**

The management expressed their desire to be more involved in community activities within the town and the Town Council will be discussing the elements of their offer at its November meeting.

- **As Representative of WSTC** I attended a meeting of Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils on 25 October.

The meeting of the Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils which was held on Wednesday 29th October 2025 at the Woughton Community Council Hub, , Coffee Hall.

The lead presentation was from

- **Francesca Skelton (DEPUTY LIEUTENANT for Buckinghamshire)** who commented on her role as Chair of the Milton Keynes Honours Group and Deputy Lieutenant.

Francesca asked those present to increase the number of nominations being forwarded from parishes and towns for recognition via for recipients of honours such as

- National Honours
- King's Awards for Enterprise
- King's Awards for Voluntary Service
- Request attendance by the Lord-Lieutenant
- Attend a Garden Party

<https://www.buckslieutenancy.org/helping-you>

- **Meet the Mayor** – Town Councillors will be returning to their regular attendance on the monthly Market Day Saturday mornings offering a hour long 'come and chat' opportunity in the Town Library. Operating from 10am to 11am this is your opportunity to catch up on local planning and community events and to give your views on the issues that matter most to you.

Woburn Sands Town Councillors' Surgery

Saturday 8th November 2025

10am - 11am

Woburn Sands Library, The Institute, High Street

Come and Say 'Hello'



Have a chat and meet your mayor and other town council representatives.

Ask any question or discuss local issues.

No appointment necessary.



Town Mayor – Cllr David Hopkins



- **The South East Milton Keynes Stakeholder Group.** The next meeting of the SEMK Stakeholders Group will now be held at the Wavendon Hub off Dankworth Way on Wednesday 12 November 2025 from 7pm to 8.30pm. Presentations are expected from landowners O&H and L&Q (now part of the Urban & Civic Group – U&C). It is hoped that

East West Rail will also be in attendance.

- **East West Rail Stakeholders**

The latest news from EWR on service frequency and lowering the line speed means that some level crossings – for example at Woburn Sands and Lidlington – could still meet the appropriate safety standards and so could be retained. This would be one of the many ways to maintain local connectivity across and between communities.



The opening of the East West Rail (EWR) Oxford to Milton Keynes link is delayed, and it appears to be partly due to the ongoing union disputes over the operational model, specifically the use of "driver-only" trains. While Chiltern Railways has not officially commented on the opening date, a source suggests the delay is tied to getting an agreement with unions about how the services will operate.

Union Dispute: The primary cause of the delay seems to be a dispute between Chiltern Railways and unions over the introduction of driver-only operated trains, which unions have opposed on safety grounds.

Other Delays: The opening has been pushed back from earlier expectations, and while some sources blame the union dispute for the final delay, others suggest the entire project has been subject to delays.

Awaiting Opening Date: An official opening date has not yet been announced, and while testing is underway, passengers are not yet able to travel on the line.

Project Status: The track work was completed earlier in 2024, and freight services have already begun using the route. The plan is for passenger services to begin in December 2025 now seems to be in serious doubt.

- **Woburn Sands Town Council Membership**

Milton Keynes City Council has agreed the following resolution

That the Council (MKCC) agrees to increase the number of councillors in the parish from 9 to 11.

As such the town council will be actively recruiting new members to tackle the challenges and embrace the opportunities that the coming years offer to the town.



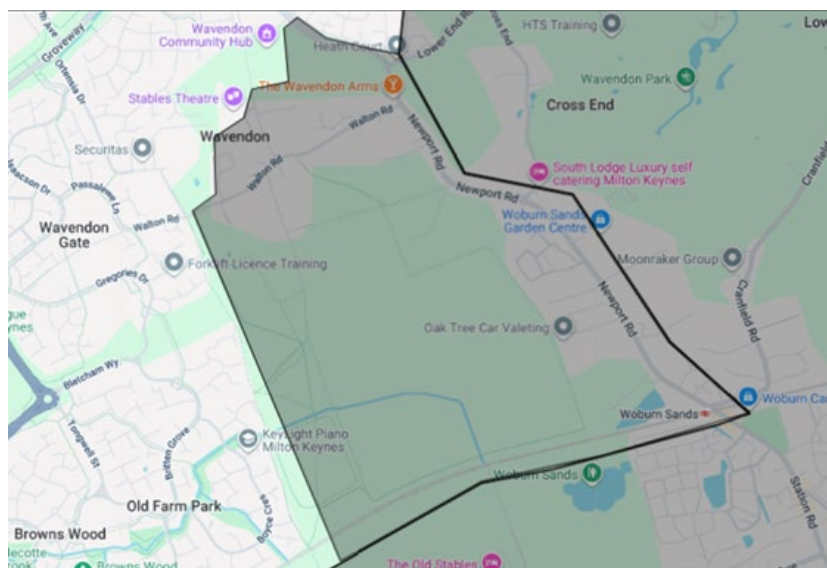
- **Arriva's Loop service reaches 100,000 journeys as Milton Keynes' newest bus route continues to grow.** - Loop, the Arriva bus service campaigned for by Woburn Sands Town Council and its ward representative at MK City Council which connects communities such as ours in the southern part of Milton Keynes, has now carried more than 100,000 passenger journeys since launching in January.

The milestone marks a major success for the route, which was introduced to improve access to key destinations across the city including healthcare, education and shopping.



- **E-bikes and scooters** – Tom Newham tom.newham@li.me from Lime bikes writes as follows 'just to confirm: our service zone no longer takes in the junction of Newport Road and Walton Road, as per Wavendon Parish Councils request. We have changed the service zone for both our bikes and our scooters. See map below

Dott do not seem to have removed Walton Road from the service area, and do not seem to have applied the new service zone to their bikes. But our understanding is that the request from Wavendon PC was to remove the part of Walton Road that runs through Wavendon itself.

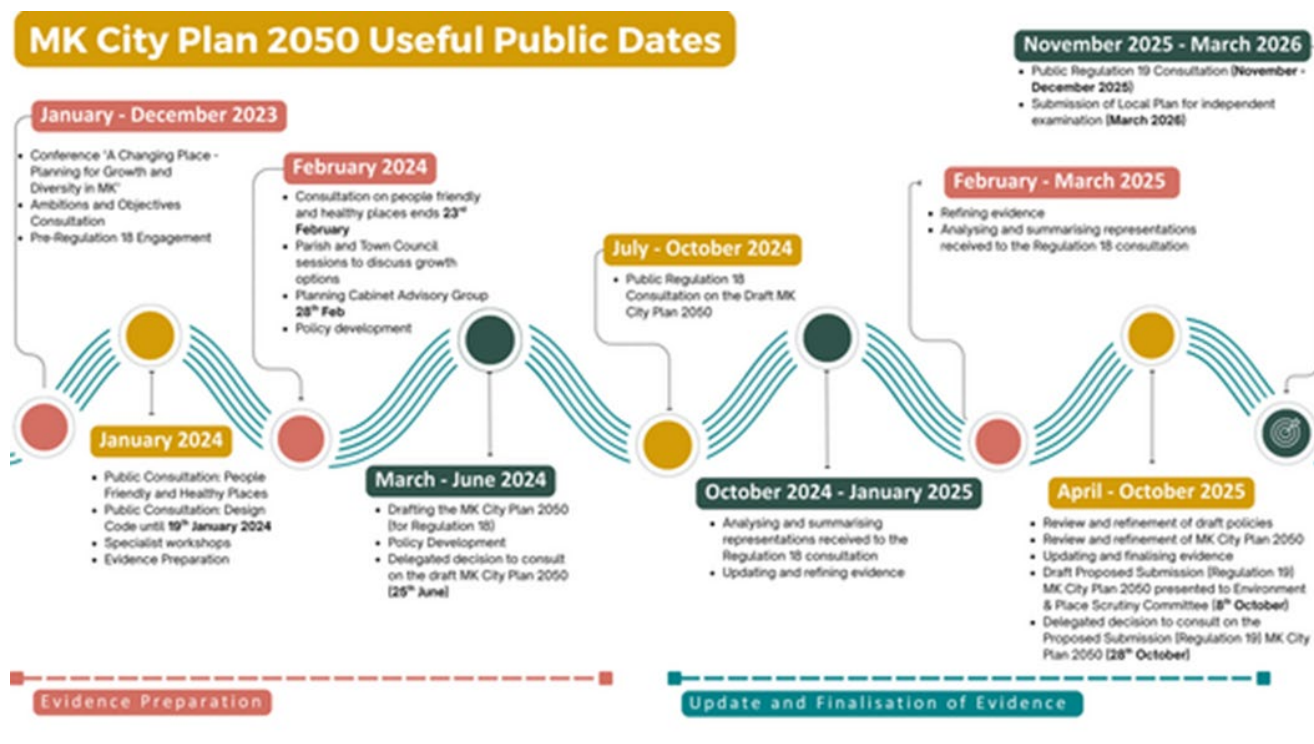


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They include the meeting minutes and summary of actions as well as a copy of the meeting slide deck. East West Rail has also contacted local landowners to agree archaeological trial trenching licences. This will apparently enable EWR to carry out important survey work on their land during the development phase of East West Rail.

- **MK2050 Local Plan** - As the representative of Woburn Sands Town Council, I attended the Parishes briefing presented by officers of MKCC at the city council

offices on 5th November on the next stage of the local plan (MK2050). The plan now moves to what is known as the Regulation 19 Consultation details of which will be posted on the town council web site and (of course) on the city council consultation pages. The land east of Newport Road remains in the plan for 2,250 dwellings plus some 2,500+ homes in and around Bow Brickhill. This is in addition to the 4000 dwellings (approx..) earmarked for SEMK contained in the current local plan, Plan MK. The timetable, moving forward, is set out below.



- **Cranfield Road** – Woburn Sands Town Council has continually lobbied for the resurfacing of Cranfield Road and that work was finally undertaken by MKCC in October. Residents remain concerned over the road's propensity to flood and the official response from MKCC Highways is set out below

'We are aware of the historical issue of localised flooding affecting the Cranfield Road area.'

In May 2021, we carried out CCTV inspections and jetting of the highway drainage system to help alleviate ponding, particularly around Turnpike Court, Newport Road, and Station Road. As part of this work, Network Rail also cleaned the drainage near the

crossing, and Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) installed new gullies to improve water flow.

In December last year, our Drainage Engineer visited the site near 1 Cranfield Road and cleared the kerb weir inlets, which had become blocked due to a significant build-up of leaf debris.

We are currently reviewing whether landowners are fulfilling their riparian responsibilities, including maintenance of ditches, culverts, and any potentially buried manhole covers that may impact drainage.

Additionally, we are investigating the impact of runoff from higher ground, which is contributing silt, sand, and other debris into the drainage system, reducing its overall capacity—particularly in catch pits.

All localised flooding issues in this area will be considered as part of a wider review. However, any future scheme will need to be prioritised alongside others to ensure the most effective use of available budget’.

- **30 MPH on Newport Road** – As Chairman of WSTC I am repeatedly being asked why there are no signs showing the speed reduction from 40 MPH to 30 MPH along the entire length of Newport Road. The official response from MKCC Highways is set out below.

‘We are still waiting for a start date for the works to cover over the roundels from Ringway, there have been other permits for this area over the last few weeks and we’ll need to ensure that any approved permit will not clash with any on an adjacent road.

For info on the repeater signs, this is now the law and if any resident wishes to find out more about this then it is covered on the Gov.uk website: The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/362/contents>

Repeater signs are not permitted on a 30mph road that has streetlights as the lights tell drivers that it is a 30mph limit. Repeater signs are permitted on roads where there are no streetlights’.

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- Come and meet your neighbourhood policing team
- Tell us about the issues that matter most to you

- Thames Valley Police (TVP) will be presenting at their Crime Prevention Stand between 10:00AM - 2:00PM on Saturday 6th December 2025 at Woburn Sands Market, Woburn Sands

More local TVP information at

<https://www.facebook.com/TVPMiltonKeynes>

- **Local Plan MK2050** As the representative of WSTC I attended a parishes briefing relating to the next stage of the local plan (MK2050) at MK City Council offices on 5 November. The plan is moving to the Regulation 19 Stage Consultation and details of how residents can respond to the consultation will be published on the Woburn sands Town Council web site and well as the MKCC consultations web pages. In brief, MKCC plans to allocate the building of 2,250 additional dwellings on land east of Newport Road as well as 2,550 around Bow Brickhill. This is in addition to the approx. 4,000 to be built in South East MK (west of Woburn Sands) which are contained in the existing local plan – Plan MK.

<https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=154&MId=7662> All the papers relating to the next 'consultation stage' of MK2050 Local plan can be found at the above address.

Congratulations to the Friends of Woburn Sands Station who were first place Winner in the Community Garden Category in our 2025 Garden Competition - 25th August 2025



Fourth consecutive award for the Station Friends in the Garden Competition for the Group supported by Marston Vale CRP. Judge's Comments "The judges appreciated the time and effort spent by the Friends of Woburn Sands Railway Station and Swallowfield Primary School's Eco Committee in brightening up Woburn Sands Railway Station with a wonderful display of baskets and planters". Additional bulb planting arranged with Swallowfield School Eco Committee on 6th November

Next Bike Docking Station at Woburn Sands



The site has been agreed with Next Bike and MKCC adjacent to the Station Hotel/Tavern. This will provide four additional docking points for rail passengers. The scheme builds on the success of the first docking station – in the top half of locations in Milton Keynes with 248 rentals and 292 returns in 2024.

'And Finally'

... And finally. Your town council has budgeted for the installation of two Community Library Boxes, similar to the one installed at the community centre in Wavendon. Community library boxes, like Little Free Libraries, benefit communities by increasing book access, which supports literacy and can help mitigate the "summer slide" in school student reading skills. They also foster social connections among neighbours, encourage a public love for reading, and promote sustainability by encouraging book sharing and reuse.

The concept behind the Free Street Library is simple: take a book, leave a book. Anyone can take a book from the library, and anyone can leave a book in the library. The idea is to encourage people to share books and promote reading within their community.



Free Street Libraries are often stocked with a variety of books, including fiction, non-fiction, children's books, and even magazines. Some libraries are themed, such as those that specialize in cookbooks or travel books.

The books in the Free Street Libraries are typically donated by individuals or organizations, and many people regularly restock their libraries with new books. The initiative has also been supported by MK City Council library and has been an enormous success in Wavendon where a second box is shortly to be installed, this time in Eagle Farm South and in Bow Brickhill where a box is also about to be unveiled.

The Library Box installed on Walton Road, Wavendon shown above.

David Hopkins

Mayor of Woburn Sands - November 2025



Unitary Councillors Report to Woburn Sands Town Council – November 2025



Reminder: MK City Plan 2050 Information

As part of Milton Keynes City Plan 2050 (MKCP 2050) Regulation 19, MK City Council is inviting local people and organisations to provide feedback on the MKCP 2050 Proposed Submission.

The MKCP 2050 Regulation 19 consultation will run from the 7th November 2025 to 5:30pm on the 22nd December 2025.

For further information, please see the attached letter and Statement of Representations Procedure.

You can view the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050, proposed submission documents and other supporting documents on our website: MK City Plan 2050 | Milton Keynes City Council. <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations>

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050>

Relevant papers at ... <https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=154&MId=7662>



Winner of the November Woburn Sands Street in need of repair is Tavistock Close. This has been reported many times to MK City Council, and I will keep reporting it until the necessary repairs are undertaken.

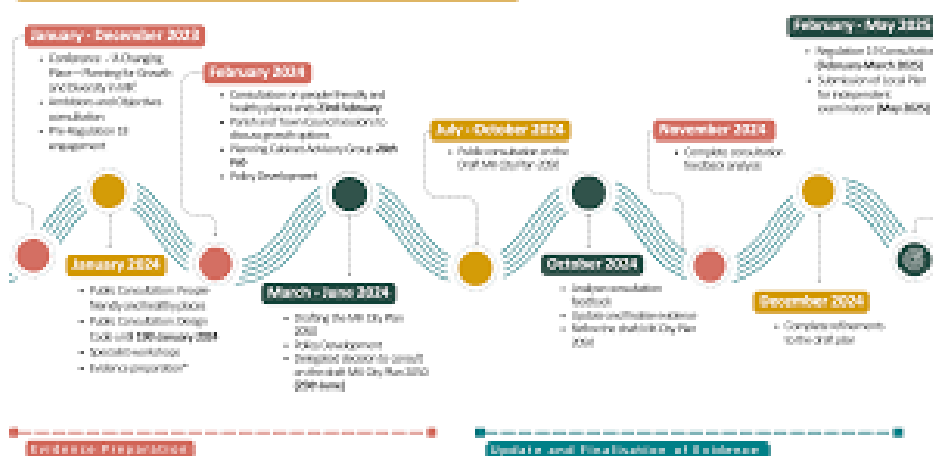


Local Plan Moves to next stage of 'Consultation' – MK2050

The relevant Cabinet Member took a delegated decision to move to the 'Regulation 19' Stage of the process on 28 October. The 'consultation' will run through November and December. the consultation is being **scheduled to commence on Friday 7th November and close on Monday 22**

December.

MK City Plan 2050 Useful Public Dates



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Newport Road Wavendon/Woburn Sands, reduced to 2,250 dwellings, Levante Gate (in Little Brickhill Parish) 1,250 dwellings and South of Bow Brickhill adjacent to Caldecotte some 1,300 dwellings remain in the plan and will now almost certainly be included in the report that passes before the Planning Inspector in the Spring of 2026 for final approval)

These reports set out the current position of the MK City Plan 2050. Public consultation on the draft (Regulation 18) MK City Plan 2050 was completed in October 2024 and the plan has subsequently been revised to take account of relevant responses, updates to evidence base studies and revised national planning policy.

Following endorsement of the proposed policy, which includes consideration by Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee on 8 October 2025, it is recommended that the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 is published for public consultation for six weeks. This consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement and an updated Local Development Scheme, which is also recommended for approval.

Following completion of the Regulation 19 consultation, the plan and all consultation responses can be submitted to the Secretary of State in March 2026. The Secretary of State will then appoint an independent Planning Inspector to hold an Examination in Public and determine whether the plan meet legal requirements and national policy and can be adopted.

See also <https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=7662&x=1>

The City Council Cabinet member resolved that the recommendations of the Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 3.13 of this report be noted and.....

- That the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050 (Annex A), incorporating the changes to the plan in Annex B, and associated documents[1] be approved for a six-week public consultation in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- That the Director of Planning and Placemaking be delegated authority to make minor typographical corrections to the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 prior to Regulation 19 consultation.
- That it be recommended to Council that:
 - (a) following the close of the Regulation 19 consultation, the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) MK City Plan 2050 is submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination, together with the Regulation 19 representations and other required documents including any addendum to the Plan; and
 - (b) that authority be delegated to Director Planning and Placemaking, to make any necessary minor amendments to the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050 and its supporting documents, including the preparation of an addendum, to address issues raised in the Regulation 19 representations, prior to submission.
 - That authority be delegated to the Director Planning and Placemaking in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Placemaking to:
 - (a) produce any supplementary information that may be required as part of the Examination process to complete the examination and address any issues relating to soundness and legal compliance including Statements of Common Ground with various organisations;
 - (b) write to the appointed Local Plan Inspector(s) to the submitted MK City Plan 2050 as may be necessary to make the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050 sound and legally compliant under Section 20(7C) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act;
 - (c) agree any Main Modifications recommended by the appointed Local Plan Inspector(s) and undertake a six-week public consultation that may arise out of the Examination process; and
 - (d) make any necessary non-material modifications to the Proposed Submission MK City Plan 2050, Policies Map and other supporting documents during the Examination;
 - That the programme of work as set out in the updated Milton Keynes Local Development Scheme (LDS) (Annex J) be approved.
 - That the Director of Planning and Placemaking be delegated authority to make minor typographical corrections to the LDS prior to its publication.

Note: In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 17 (d) (i), and 17 (i) ii) decisions 2.1 - 2.4 cannot be called in.



Walton / Wavendon Boundary Changes / Number of Woburn sands Councillors

Agreed at MKCC Full Council on 22nd October.

Walton - That the Council agrees to amend the external parish boundary with Wavendon reflecting a new boundary to the northeast of the parish, following Ortensia Drive.

Wavendon- That the Council agrees to amend the external parish boundary with Walton reflecting a new boundary to the West of the Parish, following Ortensia Drive.

Map 1 (a) showing the current northeast boundary of Walton Parish (shaded grey) with Wavendon Parish (shaded orange) and map (b) showing the proposed changed boundary

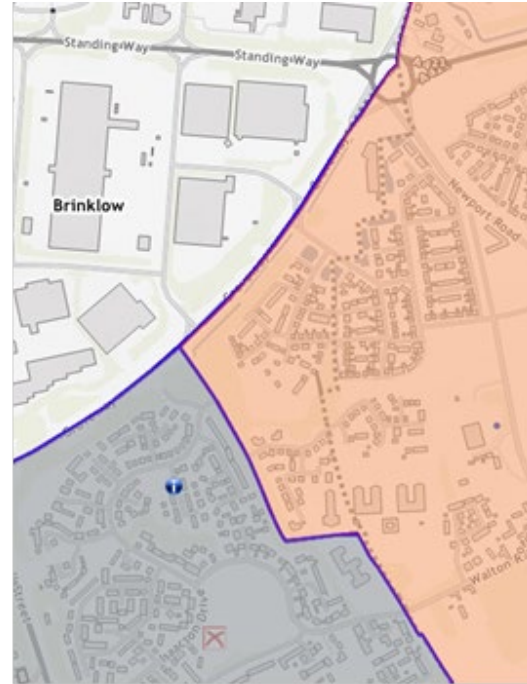
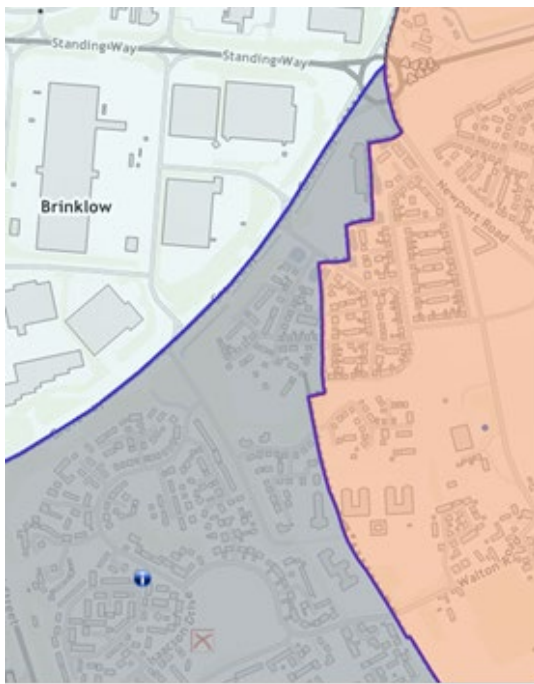
And that the number of councillors elected to Woburn Sands Town Council be increased from 9 to 11.

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**IF YOU CARE ABOUT
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

**JOIN US AND MAKE A
LOCAL CHANGE**



RESOLVED:

1. That the Final recommendations set out in Annex A of the report be approved.
2. That the summary of consultation responses set out in Annex B of the report be noted.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance to make final arrangements for the reorganisation order to be submitted, based on the final recommendations, and in accordance with Section 86 LG&PHIA 2007.



Reports from Inland Drainage Board

MILTON KEYNES - Expansion Areas

The Board's officers continue to liaise with other organisations and assess consents as necessary. Caldecotte / Walnut Tree / Browns Wood / Old Farm (cult.deeper.delay). Flood storage / attenuation areas are proposed within a blue / green corridor to provide protection downstream. These would have to be constructed by the Developer. To date there is no agreement with the Developer nor is there Planning Guidance for this to be implemented.

Without these storage / attenuation areas, the Board will be limited to restricting any future discharges from the development to reduce flood risk.

This capital project has now been closed with the Environment Agency. Initial indications were that the developer for the main site would progress their proposals based on providing the flood storage / attenuation area although no communications have been received to confirm this.

An initial approach from a consultant has been made and future meetings are anticipated.

East West Rail

Officers continue to liaise with East West Rail regarding this project. Consents for both temporary and permanent works are being received and processed.

Confirmation of the final route is still awaited. All possible routes will pass through the Board's district.

An initial meeting has taken place to confirm that the Board's officers will be consulted on the proposals once confirmed.

Brickhill Street, South Caldecotte (lifts.grand.trio)

In relation to PLN/2025/0681 the objection was maintained due to items being proposed within 9m namely mixed native thicket planting, standard native tree planting, a rich grassland strip, a security fence, vehicular barrier, retaining wall, and an access road.

However, the Applicant's Planner has been in touch with the ID Board on 06/08/25 and provided revised drawings which are now deemed acceptable. The objection remains officially as these drawings have not been included in a re-consultation

Church Farm, Wavendon

Works in and around ditches without consent which will form part of more extensive works.

Communications ongoing from May via Teams Calls and email. Advised a LDC application was required for these works and Applicant should provide us with the project profile to assess the works and issue LDC. Application should have been received in August.

Planning Application

PLN/2025/0678 **Objection:** Land at Brickhill Street, South Caldecotte, Milton Keynes, MK17 9FE.

View at: <https://www.idbs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/pln-2025-0678-brickhill-street-south-caldecotte.pdf>



Vehicle Crime and Tool Theft campaign launched by PCC

Matthew Barber (Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley) has launched a crime prevention campaign with the aim of informing residents about how to keep vehicles and tools safe from criminals

DON'T GIVE THIEVES AN EASY RIDE

HAVE YOU

- ▶ Removed your valuables such as cash, credit cards, shopping bags, sunglasses, mobile phones and any device holders?
- ▶ Parked with care in a well-lit area where possible?
- ▶ Locked your car and closed your windows?

If you see anything suspicious, please report it to Thames Valley Police

Scan for advice on how to prevent theft from a vehicle

Matthew Barber
Police & Crime Commissioner
for Thames Valley

THAMES VALLEY
POLICE

Having your vehicle stolen or something stolen from it isn't just an inconvenience, it can also result in financial loss, emotional stress and, depending on where the theft took place, security and community safety concerns.

In the 12 months to the end of August this year, there have been 3,496 vehicle thefts and 6,666 thefts from vehicles in the Thames Valley.

To help address this, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is working with Thames Valley Police and partners, retailers and hoteliers on a campaign to raise awareness of precautions residents can take to help reduce the risk.

<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/vehiclecrime/>



Government Response to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry on land value capture

Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for
Housing, Communities and Local Government
by Command of Her Majesty

November 2018
Cm 92734

The current system of land value capture, a public finance mechanism that captures developer contributions to fund public amenities such as a new GP surgery or a school, fails to deliver the full potential funding for local communities, says the cross-party Housing, Communities and Local Government (HCLG) Committee in a report published today (Tuesday).

- The Committee report comments on the cut to London's affordable housing target and raises concerns about the Government's ability to meet its 1.5 million new homes target.
- Land value capture is a public finance tool that captures increases in land value following the granting of planning permission, which is used to help fund public amenities.

- The report recommends that the Government undertake a series of land value capture reforms, including to Section 106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy, to ensure

developers make fair contributions towards community infrastructure and affordable housing, including homes for Social Rent.

- On efforts to meet the 1.5 million new homes target, the report is critical of the Government's delay in publishing its Long-Term Housing Strategy, which has, "left industry in the dark, without a clear sense of the trajectory of housing supply, and without an overarching plan as to how such an ambitious target will be achieved".
- The report recognises the need for a significant increase in housing supply in London but expresses serious concern about the prospect of reducing London's affordable housing target, insisting that a significant proportion of new homes must be affordable to local people, and concern about changes to the charging of the Community Infrastructure Levy. The report calls on the Government to provide evidence of how changes to the affordable housing target may deliver more affordable housing units and recommends the introduction of a clawback mechanism for developments which exceed pre-agreed profit benchmarks.
- On the Government's New Towns programme, the report notes the Government has not yet set out where the billions of pounds of public and private investment needed will come from. The Committee calls on the Chancellor to use the upcoming Budget to announce new funding to establish development corporations and ensure they can press ahead with land acquisition on the first New Towns sites without delay by spring 2026.
- On the recent shortlisting of potential New Town locations, the Committee also raises concern about the Government's approach. The report highlights that the Government has published detailed maps of the 12 potential New Towns sites without a planning policy to protect land value, which risks allowing speculative developers to profiteer and could jeopardise the plans for a new generation of New Towns.

The Extension of Grid Road H10 (Bletcham Way) - Cabinet - Tuesday 4th November, 2025 6.30 pm

<https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=7579>



To allow for the delivery of the South East Milton Keynes Sustainable Urban Extension (SEMK), in line with the Policy requirements of Plan:MK and the principles of the Council Plan, it is necessary to extend the H10 from its current limit into the approved Church Farm development site from where it can be extended into SEMK.

To meet the grid road standard the alignment of the current roundabout connecting Gregories Drive and Britten Grove will be amended and from there the H10 will travel through the Transport Corridor, over Byrd Crescent, returning to current ground levels before entering the Church Farm site.

The funding for the main construction works will come from the Tariff and contributions will be recovered from the Church Farm developers, Connolly Homes Limited (Connolly) and the stand alone s106 Agreement for that site. It is proposed that the contractor for the works will be

procured by means of a mini competition utilising the Midlands Highway Alliance (MHA) MSF4 Construction Medium Schemes Framework.

MK City Council has approved funding for the next stage of the H10 Extension – eventually through to Newport Road.

RESOLVED:

1.1. That funding of £14.5m (including £1.6m approved to date) for the delivery of the H10 extension, as shown on the annexed plans, be provided from the Tariff Programme.

1.2. That additional resource allocation and spend approval of £12.9m is approved in the capital programme.

1.3. That a contractor for the main works be procured through further competition utilising the Midlands Highway Alliance (MHA) MSF4 Construction Medium Schemes Framework.

1.4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Planning and Placemaking, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources, to finalise the arrangements for:

a) entering into a contract for the delivery of the main H10 extension works;
and

b) the completion of legal agreements as required with Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP), Milton Keynes Community Foundation (MKCF) and Connolly, to allow for the works to be delivered.

(b) Reasons for decisions

Recommendations adopted for the reasons given in the report.

(c) Alternative options considered

See report for any alternative options considered



Bridleway Underpass

As you will see from the plans on the MK City Council website MKCC is installing a Pegasus crossing at the bridleway. A plan is attached to this report showing the detail of this.

There were a number of factors influencing the decision to go for this solution, but the principle issue MK City Council is apparently trying to address was to get the road elevated over Byrd Crescent, but then get it back down to existing ground levels as quickly as possible before

entering the Church Farm site.

To have kept the road at a sufficiently elevated level to provide a bridge over the bridleway would have meant a significant, and in the city councils view unacceptable, level of visual and noise intrusion for properties adjacent to the existing Transport Corridor. It would have also created a

significant challenge in getting the road back down to existing ground levels in order to meet the junctions serving the two Church Farm parcels of development land.

Tunnelling under the new road to provide grade separation for the bridleway would also presented significant problems in that it may have compromised the drainage assets in the area as well as being a costly and disproportionate intervention which would also have compromised what MKCC is trying to do in creating a form of 'parkland in the balance of the Transport Corridor not being used for the highway. A picture is included above as an example of what it might have ended up looking like.

Overall MKCC think the solution we are proposing is the better one for this location and it will keep everyone safe.



BBC Report on Car Parking Charges in the East of England

In 2024-25, 20 councils in the East of England each made more than £1m in profit from charging for on street and off-street parking.

Milton Keynes Council made £10m, the highest amount in the region, while Southend-on-Sea made £6.8m.



Chancellors Speech (21 October) regarding the East West Corridor

The Oxford to Cambridge Growth Corridor is a world-leading innovation corridor in the UK. It is a vibrant and innovative hub for globally renowned science and technology firms and internationally successful start-ups, that contribute to and benefit from the rich ecosystem of talent and ambition in the region. It is anchored by two of the world's best universities,

producing world class research and generating hundreds of commercially successful spin outs.

The government is committed to realising the full potential of the Corridor by unlocking opportunities for new investors and businesses to join this ecosystem. This will better connect working people to jobs, create thriving communities and boost innovation and investment across the whole of the UK.

Deepening the links between Oxford and Cambridge, Milton Keynes, Bedford and beyond with significant investment into East West Rail, will ultimately connect a region of 3.5 million people - highly skilled, highly employable, and highly mobile.

The Oxford to Cambridge Investment Prospectus sets out some of the opportunities within the Corridor that are at the cutting edge of all that makes the UK an exciting place to invest.

Published 21 October 2025

New Road Safety Officer - MKCC highways

Highways officers report that 'We did have someone who started in the role but sadly they did not stay so the role is now vacant again. We will need to go through the recruitment process again now'.



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils

I attended the meeting of the **Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils** which was held on Wednesday 29th October 2025 at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

There were presentations from

- Francesca Skelton on the role of Chair of the Milton Keynes Honours Group and Deputy Lieutenant.
- Simon Kearey on the Arts and Heritage Alliance Milton Keynes.
- Milton Keynes Parks Trust Partnership working with Parish & Town Councils

Woburn Sands Town Council

MK City Council has agreed to increase the number of councillors in the parish from 9 to 11



Electric blanket safety checks reveal 38% failure rate



MKCC recently ran free electric blanket safety checks in Milton Keynes and 38% of blankets tested did not meet safety standards.

Faulty electric blankets can pose a serious fire risk, often because of frayed fabric or damaged

wires that cause overheating. That's why we invited residents to bring their electric blankets, heated pads and electric throws to our free testing events last month. Specialist electricians carried out the checks, and where blankets failed, we provided free replacements to help people stay safe and warm.

As the colder weather sets in, we want to remind everyone to check their electric blankets carefully. Look for signs of wear or damage, such as exposed wires, displaced heating elements or worn cords. Blankets should never be used when damp, and as a precaution, replace them after ten years. Regular professional testing every few years is also a good idea.

Please buy electric blankets only from reputable manufacturers. Avoid informal sellers offering cheap deals in places like car parks – these products are unlikely to meet safety standards and could lead to fire or burns.

Stay safe and warm this winter – and if you're ever unsure, get your blanket checked.


**WE
SPEAK UP**



White Ribbon Vigil at MK Rose - Tuesday 25th November, 6pm

Letting sexism slide puts women and girls at risk. Sexist jokes, catcalling, staring, and comments might seem harmless, but they are serious because they can lead to violence and abuse.

This White Ribbon Day, we want more men to use their voices and speak up to create a world where everyone is safe, equal and respected. Every time we ignore something that doesn't feel right, we miss a chance to set a better example. Join us, VOWMK, Milton Keynes City Council and a host of other organisations at The MK Rose for the White Ribbon Vigil.





For 2025 Milton Keynes is holding a craft exhibition at CMK shopping centre to be opened by the Mayor of Milton Keynes at 5.30pm before its Annual Vigil at MK Rose. Please come along and support and take a moment to raise awareness, reflection and action.

Find out more here. <https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/white-ribbon-day>

Group support and volunteering: support@communityactionmk.org

Networks: networks@communityactionmk.org Telephone: 01908 661623

OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

The Community Fund (previously called the Police Property Act Fund) is created from the proceeds of sale of goods recovered by the police that cannot be returned to their original owner. In accordance with the Police Property Act Regulations (1997) all awards from the fund must be for charitable purposes.

The Police and Crime Commissioner with assistance from the Chief Constable, has just dispensed £199K to 49 organisations. Looking through the list I can only see two from MK, Castlethorpe and New Bradwell PCs.

These distributions are made twice yearly. It would be good to seek applications from Danesborough town and parishes and Walton Community Council and I would be keen to support them.

The next round should be Spring 2026.

PENSION CREDIT TAKE-UP
Fresh drive to boost as new figures reveal regional gaps in those receiving benefit

There is a fresh drive to boost Pension Credit take-up as new figures reveal large regional gaps in those receiving benefit worth around £4,300 a year. A new trial to boost Pension Credit take up is underway after analysis showed significant regional disparities in pensioners claiming the benefit, which can be worth over £100 a week.

For more information on Pension Credit, eligibility and how to claim the benefit, please visit:
Pension Credit: How to claim - GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim>

... or call the Pension Credit claim line on 0800 99 1234.

Thames Valley Police Meeting - Have Your Say Community event.

The next local event planned for the following dates.

- **Crime Prevention Stand**

2:30PM - 4:00PM, Wed 26 November 2025

1A Bolebec Avenue, Eagle Farm South, Milton Keynes



- **Crime Prevention Stand**

10:00AM - 2:00PM, Sat 6 December 2025

Woburn Sands Market, Woburn Sands

More local TVP information at

<https://www.facebook.com/TVPMiltonKeynes>



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South Central Ambulance Service - Governor Elections

South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) will be holding elections for new Governors to join its Council of Governors. The election period begins in December, with applications opening on 9 December 2025 and closing on 8 January 2026.

For details on the application process and how to vote, please visit: Governor elections | South Central Ambulance Service.

<https://www.scas.nhs.uk/about-scas/council-of-governors/elections/>

Cllr David Hopkins - Representing Woburn Sands at MK City Council - November 2025