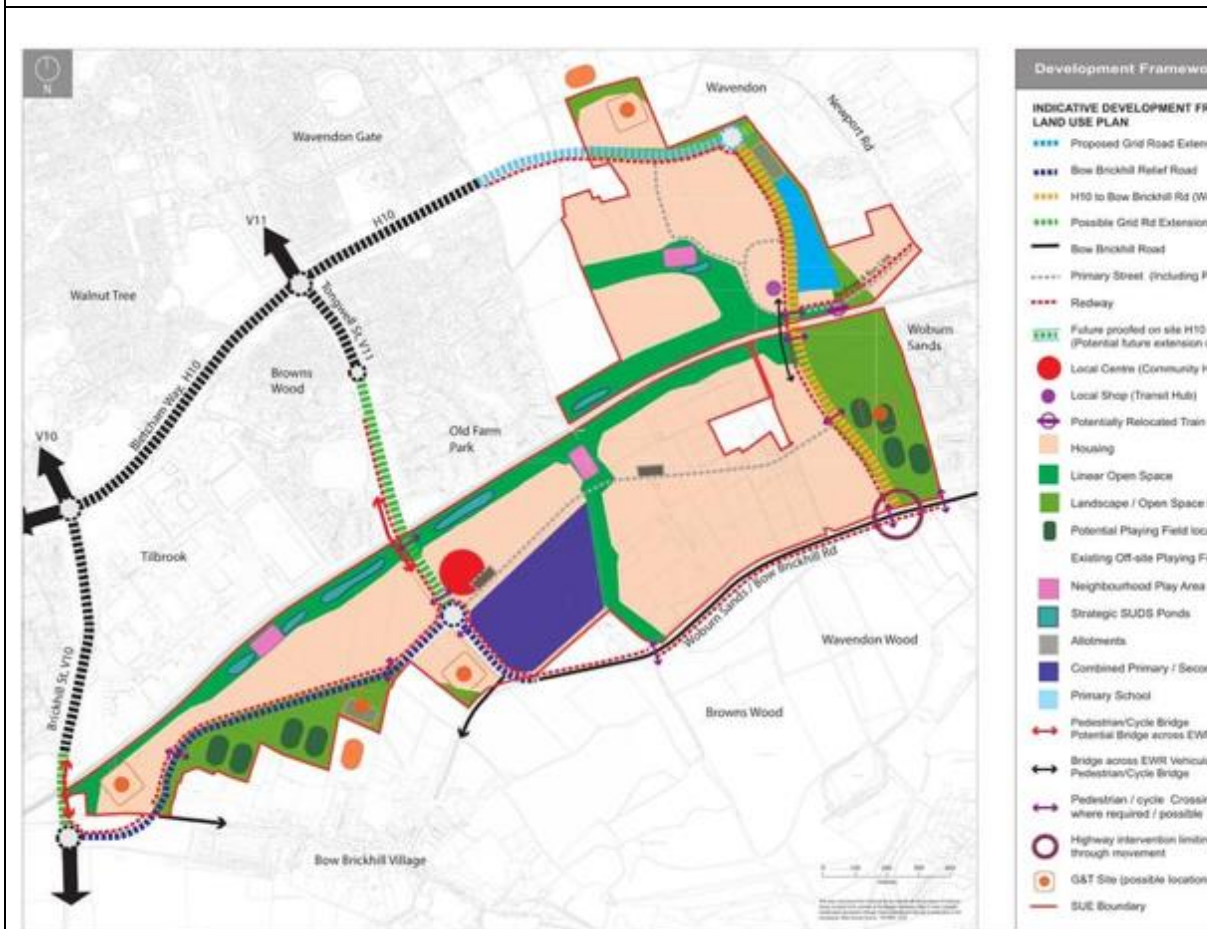


**Little Brickhill Snippets for February 2021 – Cllr David Hopkins /
Cllr Victoria Hopkins/Cllr Alice Jenkins**



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The Highways Register of Roadworks and Events in Milton Keynes



South East Milton Keynes

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

We will be using the SEMK email address for responses SEMK@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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Recently EWR sent you important updates about the new East West Rail line, including information about new funding support from Government and what this means for the next phases of East West Rail.

The funding is for a specific part of the line in your area – between Bicester, Bletchley and Milton Keynes – and is expected to provide work for 1,500 people, injecting an estimated £1.1bn pounds into the local economy.

We recognise the importance of the announcement for you and your communities and we would be delighted if you could join us at an online event to introduce you to the East West Railway Company and walk you through our plans for the months ahead, such as the non-statutory public consultation being held this year.

The event will take place on **Monday 15 February at 18.00** and will be conducted online. The event is designed for you and will provide:

- Updates on the new investment and what this means for your communities
- Opportunities to discuss the new delivery plan and the three connection stages
- Discussion on what's coming up in the months ahead, including plans for public consultation in 2021

£760m commitment to support next phase of East West Rail

**Funding for construction work breathes new life
into the new East West Rail line**

Following the Government's announcement on Saturday that they have committed £760 million in new funding to support the new East West Rail line, we're getting in touch to give you all the information you need to know about what the investment announcement means for the next phases of East West Rail and your local communities.

The funding is for part of the line between Oxford and Bletchley/Milton Keynes and means this section of East West Rail is expected to be up and running by 2025. Delivery of this stage is expected to provide work for 1,500 people, injecting an estimated £1.1bn pounds into the local economy.

Connection Stage 2 involves key work refurbishing existing railway lines between Bletchley and Bedford and major upgrades to both stations. Bedford station will be completely rebuilt and Bletchley station will be revamped.

Initial planning work has already been undertaken by Network Rail, the Department for Transport and the East West Rail Alliance. We are now looking at ways to carry out the work while minimising disruption for local communities. This includes considering completing the construction work in this section of the route in one go, rather than the two that were planned. Early indications suggest it would make the whole programme shorter, less disruptive for local communities and more cost-efficient. We will share our proposals during a public consultation in 2021.

Consultation in 2021

We're planning a non-statutory public consultation launching soon to hear your views on more detailed plans for the line between Oxford and Bedford, which we have developed in response to earlier consultation with our stakeholders and communities. The consultation will also cover proposals for the exact route of the new section of railway line that would run between Bedford and Cambridge.

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/latest-news/project-updates/consultation-in-early-2021>



**STAY HOME
PROTECT
THE NHS
SAVE LIVES**

Covid Statistics for Milton Keynes

The following figures cover the 7 days up to 21 January 2021

Total positive cases - 1343 decreased by 19%

<https://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Bow Brickhill Station car parking & Red Bull

Question to Cllr Marland at Full Council on 20 January

As Cllr Marland is aware, MKC and The Parks Trust sold land to Red Bull to enable its new campus development on Tilbrook in the Danesborough & Walton ward.

Part of the agreement was the loss of the 29 place (free) station car park at Bow Brickhill railway station - however, this was tempered by the fact that the permission subsequently approved would include over 100 new 'community car parking spaces'.

Imagine then the shock and disappointment when the car park opened last week as an £8.00 per day fixed charge car park

MKC was a party to the sale of the land and approved the planning application. What assurances were contained in either the sale of the land or the planning permission that guaranteed the retention of the station car parking, provide overspill employee car parking to relieve residents of the Caldecotte residential estate and provide access parking to the leisure facilities at Caldecotte Lake and the Greensand Ridge.

Will Cllr Marland contact Red Bull immediately to reverse this environmentally catastrophic decision?

Response: Cllr Marland agreed to write to Red Bull on the basis that this was not in the spirit of the planning permission nor the agreement for the land sale

As a separate way forward, I have contacted Red Bull to ask to meet the Head of Infrastructure at Red Bull (as ward member)

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Popular Little Brickhill Italian restaurant to close

La Collina in Little Brickhill was a huge hit with the locals, but the owners have decided to close their doors.

In a post on Facebook, La Collina's owners declared that with a heavy heart their adventure had come to an end.

The restaurant, which is currently operating as a takeaway, will close on 30th January after serving customers for 13 and half years.

After opening during the 2007 recession, it's been the home to; parties, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and many other celebrations.

Two people, called Simon and Louise, have acquired the unit and are planning on opening The George - a traditional village pub - in the Spring.

The new owners will spend the coming months renovating the site and will keep people updated with their progress on The George's social media.

Simon and Louise say they would like to offer a "warm welcome in a family-friendly environment" when the village pub opens.

They added: "We aim to offer a traditionally British menu with a slight Mediterranean twist, using seasonal quality produce. In the summer months we plan to utilise the beautiful garden, offering outdoor dining, BBQs and Hog Roasts, and of course Sunday Roasts!"

Dozens of residents have since shared their excitement about the pair's new venture, and have wished them luck ahead of the much-anticipated opening.

One local said: "Welcome to the village and good luck! Exciting news in difficult times. Looking forward to your opening."



The law and government guidance relating to what you can and cannot do as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) is constantly changing as we continue to respond to the pandemic.

Make sure you are up to date with the latest guidance at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). The guidance will be different depending on which part of the UK you are visiting.

There remains a personal responsibility for everyone to reduce the spread of Coronavirus by adhering to the government legislation, following the public health guidance around social distancing and hygiene, as well as getting tested if you have symptoms and self-isolating when alerted.

What you can and cannot do

From 5 January, the whole of England was placed into a national lockdown to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Find out what you can and cannot do during the national lockdown.

Face coverings

To help control the spread of the virus it is now the law to wear a face covering on public transport and in most public indoor settings. A full list of when and where to wear to wear a face covering can be found on Gov.uk. There are some exemptions to wearing a face covering, for example, for children under 11 or for people with certain disabilities. A list of exemptions can be found on the Government website.

The police can take measures if members of the public do not comply with this law without a valid exemption and transport operators can deny access to their public transport services if a passenger is not wearing a face covering, or direct them to wear one or leave a service.

If necessary, we can use enforcement powers including issuing a fine of at least £200. More information on fines and the enforcement of face coverings can be found on the Government website.

Business closures

To reduce social contact during the national lockdown, regulations require some businesses to close and impose restrictions on how some businesses provide goods and services.

Find out which businesses are closed and which businesses and services remain open.

What we are doing

We are patrolling and talking to people if we think they are doing something which is against the guidelines.

If there is a problem, we want to resolve it by communicating clearly and encouraging everyone to behave responsibly.

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- disperse gatherings of seven or more people who aren't from the same household
- remove a person from a gathering to their home
- close any premises which are required to be closed under the legislation
- issue a fixed penalty notice of £200 (over 18s only)
- issue a fixed penalty notice of £400 for second time offenders, doubling on each further repeat offence up to £6,400 (over 18s only)
- issue a fixed penalty of £10,000 for holding or being involved in the holding of an unlawful gathering
- issue a fixed penalty of £1000 for failing to isolate after a positive test result, or after being informed to isolate by NHS track and trace following close contact with a positive individual
- If someone does not pay their fixed penalty notice, they could go to court, where magistrates can impose an unlimited fine.

Reporting a breach of the rules

Please make sure you've read and understood what you can and cannot do before you get in touch with us.

If you wish to report a suspected Coronavirus breach to us, please report online. Please only call 101 to tell us about Coronavirus breaches if you are unable to report online. If the threat is immediate or a crime is ongoing, please call 999.

Please be mindful that this is an extremely busy time. We ask you to trust that we will target the most problematic behaviour.

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact/find-a-police-station/>

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>



Demand Responsive Transport

From April 2021, MK Council wants to introduce DRT to replace unprofitable routes. In our area, the number 8 is commercially solid and should continue (perhaps with changes to early and evening services). However, the 9, 11, 17 and 12 are less commercially viable and could be replaced with DRT.

While plans aren't finalised, DRT could save MK Council a substantial amount of bus subsidies without compromising availability or accessibility.

In the future, DRT would also feed into the proposed mass rapid transport 'MRT' network. This would be several hub 'stations' around MK where high speed buses or trams whizz people to major destinations. Imagine a DRT dropping you at Kingston then a fast ride to the town centre.

What about now?

While consultations are on-going, we'd love to hear your suggestions or concerns how this might impact or benefit you. We're talking directly with the Councillors and teams responsible and before the new year is the time to shape what we need for our area.



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As a resident of Danesborough & Walton you are in the fortunate position of also being a resident of Greensand Country.

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Some of you will be aware of this beautiful and much loved landscape of the Greensand Country which is defined by the Greensand Ridge, a band of higher ground stretching from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, which rises out of the surrounding vales to create a unique local environment.

Others of you may be completely unaware of just what is on their doorstep. The Greensand Country area contains all of Bedfordshire's remaining heathland, more than half of its woodland and 29 historic parklands. It is a landscape rich in wildlife and cultural heritage, with its own special qualities and sense of place. A 'green oasis' of peace and quiet, rolling countryside, breath-taking views and lots more.

In January 2017, a National Lottery Heritage Funded Programme was established to deliver up to 90 projects, helping to raise awareness of the heritage value of the landscape and to reverse the gradual decline in the distinct landscape character.

Led by a partnership of 24 organisations working together and co-hosted by The Greensand Trust and Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity, the vision was for Greensand Country to be a living and working landscape that is cherished by present and future generations.

The programme has achieved a number of major milestones, from creating new walking, cycling and horse riding routes, to rebuilding sandstone structures, training apprentices in heritage and landscape skills and the creation of the ever-popular Greensand Country Festival, which will return in May 2021.

The festival, like many others this year, was curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however the Greensand Country Festival 2021 is determined to come back with a bang. The month long event will be a celebration of the area, which encourages those living within the landscape to get out and explore the outstanding countryside on their doorstep.

Watch out for a comprehensive festival guide being delivered to your door. This guide not only covers the festival but the entire Greensand Country experience, giving you lots of ideas of where and what to explore for the whole of 2021.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown people have been spending more time outside and this has been a great opportunity to explore the local landscape. Greensand Country has numerous trails available to cycle, run or walk which will take you into the heart of the countryside. But there is so much more.

There are numerous hidden gems to find and explore. Use the Greensand Country interactive map (Interactive Map | Greensand Country) to plan your day out. There are places to shop, eat and drink. Why not support local businesses, by enjoying great experiences and discovering unique products in Greensand Country. Stop off at a pub or tearoom after a day of walking to enjoy locally sourced, and home cooked food. Or shop for antiques and unique handmade crafts in one of Greensand Country's picturesque villages.

For a fun day out with the kids you could visit Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway. This is one of the last survivors of 2 foot (610mm) gauge light railways built in Britain for industrial use. There is also beautiful Moggerhanger House and gardens. This grade 1 listed Georgian House is located in 33 acres of stunning park and woodlands.

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MK COVID-19 Community Champion Scheme

We are calling on people throughout Milton Keynes to help us to reach their friends, family, neighbours, colleagues and thousands of other local people, with trusted information and advice related to COVID-19.

Throughout the pandemic, we have been keeping residents informed and up-to-date with local information and the latest government and health advice. In light of increasing infection rates and changing restrictions, keeping up-to-date with the latest advice is more important than ever.

Many people have wanted to help others throughout the pandemic but were unsure as to how to go about it. Being an MK COVID-19 Community Champion is an easy way to make a massive difference, by sharing the latest information and advice with friends and families. This could be via local Facebook groups, WhatsApp groups, social organisations and clubs that people are part of.

MK COVID-19 Community Champions will be provided with the latest information to share at the click of a button – it's that simple. It won't take up a huge amount of time, but it could really help make a massive difference in helping to keep our families, friends and communities safe.

Anyone interested in becoming an MK COVID-19 Community Champion should visit

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/covid-champions

to find out more information and sign up to receive updates from us. You can also email MKC here.

Covidchampions@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/covid-19-in-milton-keynes/mk-covid-19-community-champion-scheme>



Latest news from your council



Draft budget proposals for 2021/22

MKC has published its draft budget proposals for 2021/22. Read more here www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/budget

These proposals and others will form part of our overall spending plans for the next financial year to deliver our priorities:

- Supporting the most vulnerable - including our long term goals to reduce inequality and tackle child poverty;
- Getting the basics right - by continuing to invest in our communities to tackle issues such as graffiti, fly-tipping, crime and homelessness;
- Supporting jobs and green economic recovery - by supporting business and making sure our young people and those made unemployed can train or get a job;
- Action on climate change and sustainability - ensuring that as we recover from Covid-19 we tackle climate change and invest in green, well paid jobs;
- Continuing Covid-19 support – the support and services needed to manage the impact of the pandemic and support people will be with us for some time.

MKC is consulting on any changes you might like to see. Do you agree or disagree with any of the investment proposals? Are there any services or priorities you believe are not covered? If you'd like to give feedback, please email budget@milton-keynes.gov.

Council will receive the proposals on 24 February 2020.