

Agenda item: LD 112/24 a)

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

Monday 8th January 2024

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider **Application no:** 23/01988/FUL

Proposal: Construction of a new self-contained classroom, located at the rear of the existing building.

At: Cottisloe Building, Milton Keynes College, Woughton Campus, Chaffron Way, V6 To V7 Milton Keynes, MK6 5LP.

RECOMMENDATION:

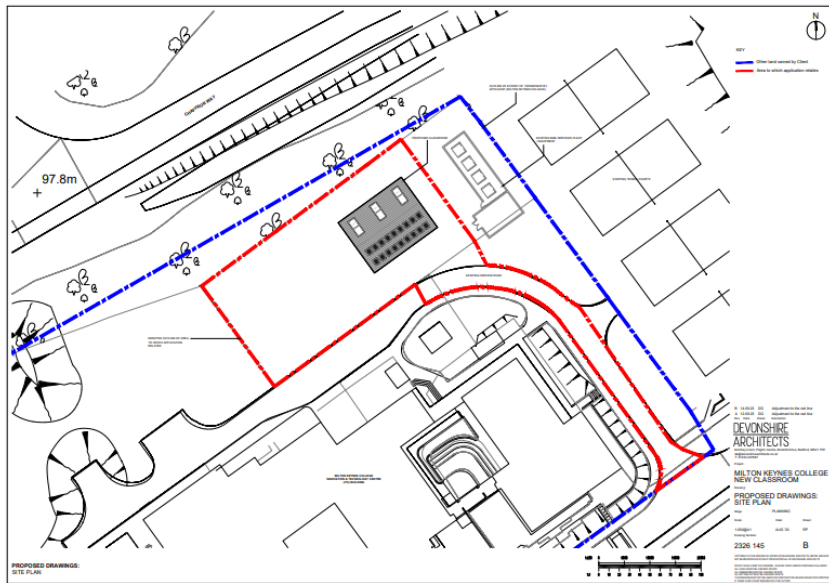
1. That the committee notes this report and associated documents.
2. That the committee offers any views on this application, considering the rules around 'material considerations' only.
3. That if the committee considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the planning authority by the Council Manager before 19th January.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

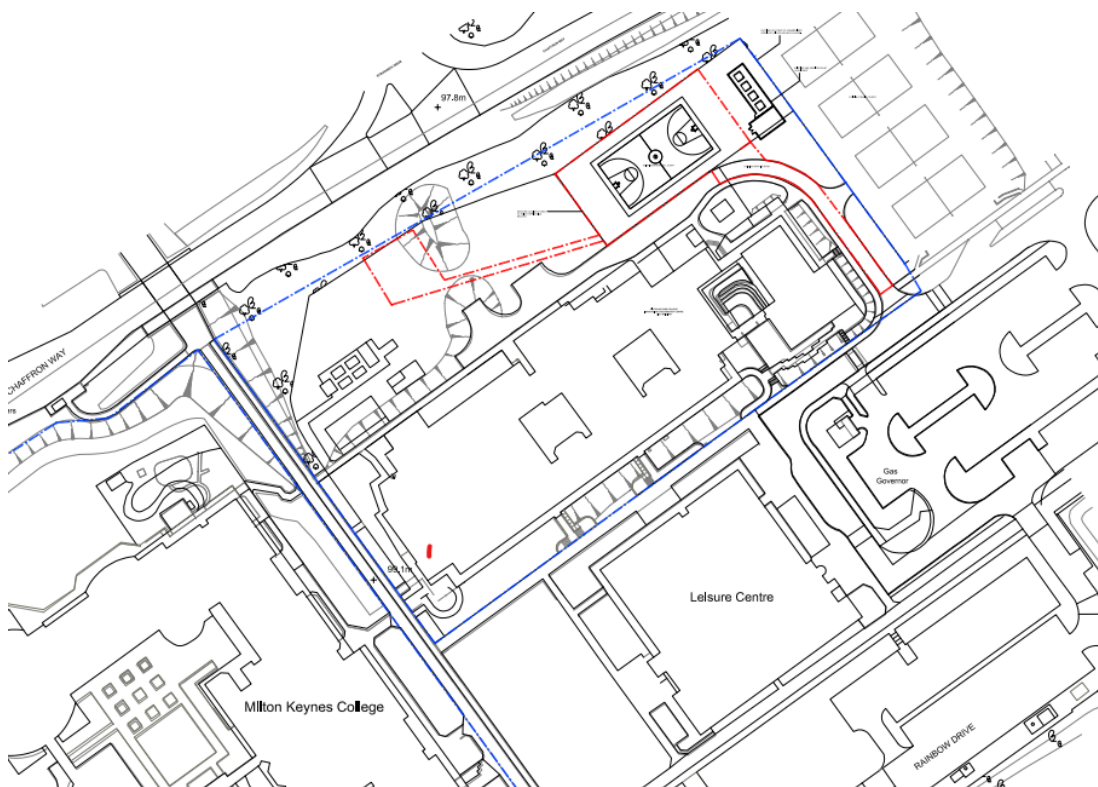
The Council Manager received an additional notification regarding the 'red line' drawing on the above application. The message was:

"I am writing to advise you that the Council has received amended or additional drawings and/or information relating to the above application."

It appears that this change is limited:



This is the previous red line drawing.



This is the new red line drawing.

It is not considered that this change will alter the response to the overall application.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

AUTHOR

Steve McNay – Council Manager

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PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider **Application no: 23/02683/DISCON**

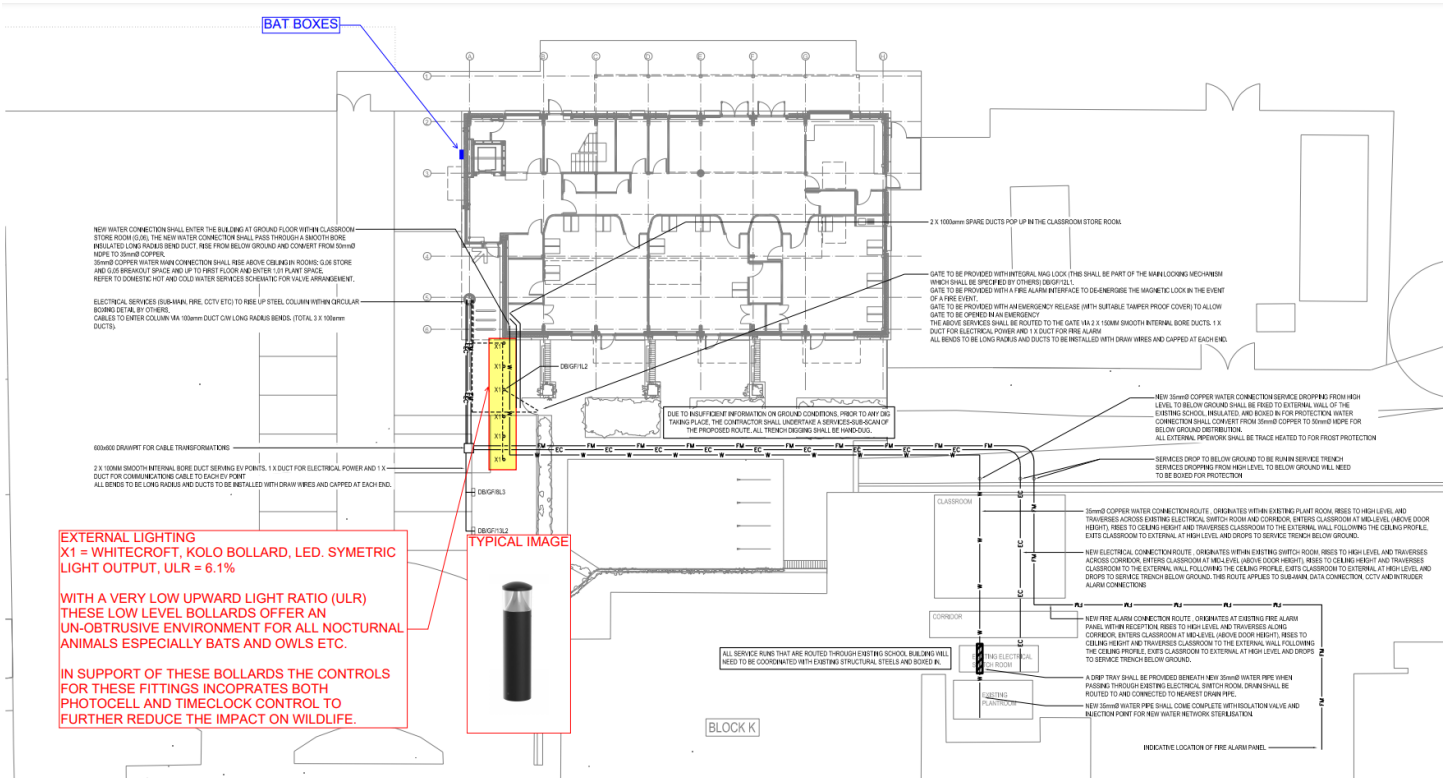
Proposal: Approval of details required by conditions 3 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) and 11 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme) and part discharge of condition 9 (Lighting Plan) of permission ref. 22/01498/FUL

At: St Pauls Catholic School, Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EN.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes this report and associated documents.
2. That the committee offers any views on this application, considering the rules around 'material considerations' only.
3. That if the committee considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the planning authority by the Council Manager before N/A – info only.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:



This is the only submission associated with this and, due to the nature of the issues in hand, it is recommended that this decision be left to the experts.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

AUTHOR

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

Monday 8th January 2024

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on decisions issued by MKCC since the last meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee notes the report.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Application no: 23/02654/NMA

Milton Keynes City Council, under their powers provided by the above legislation, **Permit** the Non-material amendment seeking amendments to the Proposed Site Layout Plan and Landscape Masterplan approved via condition 1 and the Drainage General Layout Plan approved via condition 10 (relating to permission ref. 22/03184/FULM variation of condition1 (approved plans) seeking minor amendments to permission ref. 22/00809/FUL - erection of a new radiotherapy centre)

At: Milton Keynes University Hospital, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LD

Application no: 23/02515/DISCON

Milton Keynes City Council, under their powers provided by the above legislation, **approve** the Approval of details required by condition 7 (Bicycle Parking) of permission ref. 23/00242/COU

At: Unit 3, Merton Drive, Redmoor, Milton Keynes (Tesla)

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ENQUIRY

12, Squires Close, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5HE

Thank you for contacting planning enforcement.

Having investigated this matter and undertaken a site visit I can confirm that the property has permitted development rights.

Having assessed the carport which falls under the category of Part 1, Class E, Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order, it was found that the carport is not on land forward of a wall forming the principal elevation and would not require planning permission as it is permitted development.

Accordingly no breach of planning control and this case has been closed.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ENQUIRY

Unit 1, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LA

Thank you for contacting planning enforcement.

Having investigated this matter I can confirm that the unauthorised scrap metal business has been in use since 2010 by Zimcraft at this location (for the requisite 4/10 years) and is immune from formal enforcement action.

Accordingly, in relation to S171 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, no enforcement action can be taken and this case has been closed.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

None.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

AUTHOR

Steve McNay – Council Manager

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Nathan Makwana
Senior Planning Officer (East) - Development Management
MKCC
Via Email

19th December 2023

Nathan

Re: Application no: 23/02549/FUL

**Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing store and construction of a retail unit
At: Former Milton Keynes City Council, Landscape Store, Chadds Lane, Peartree
Bridge, Milton Keynes, MK6 3EB.**

Following our Full Council meeting that took place last night, where this application was discussed, I am writing on behalf of the council to both offer feedback and to formally request committee oversight if this proposal is to be approved.

The council expressed concerns around a number of material considerations, including:

- Loss of privacy for neighbouring properties, including being overlooked with the increased height and windows associated with the new development,
- This would potentially also lead to loss of light, especially for the houses directly to the right of the development (as viewed from the road),
- The failure to provide any parking and the breach of local planning rules relating to this (the council understands that there should be five parking spaces allocated). This issue links to concerns around traffic safety (street side parking would further reduce visibility on a road that can be extremely fast, coming as it does, from a 70mph dual carriageway) and increased traffic due to the placement of the proposed development.
- Impact on local wildlife – whilst the development itself is of relatively small size, the applicant has already removed one mature tree, with further impact if approved. There are also issues with protected species – we understand that recent roofing work on properties abutting this site required significant assessments and mitigation actions.
- The lack of design elements within the application leave concerns about the visual impact of the development – there is extremely limited information within the application relating to materials, signage, etc.

Additional concerns were noted around litter, noise, deliveries, anti-social behaviour and similar. Whilst not all these are considered ‘material’, they nevertheless reflect concerns about the placement of a development of this type within this setting. As a Class E establishment, there are also concerns that a future change of use would mean a wide variety of alternative uses would be possible (everything from artists studios to tattoo parlours are included within the Class E uses).

It is considered that the application fails to comply with MKCC policies around parking standards, sustainable transport (cycle parking), suitable storage for refuse, highways (there is a suggestion within the application that a crossing will be installed across Chadds Lane – has this been agreed by Highways?) and impact on the environment.

The recent changes to the Marlborough Street junctions also mean that access to Chadds Lane has been reduced to only the southbound carriageway – this is likely to mean additional traffic using Waterside as a means of exiting the estate and, despite the installation of a 20mph zone, means safety concerns for a residential area, where access to the canal means crossing that road.

As previously stated, council have asked me to ensure that there is a committee process prior to any decision to approve, where further representations can be made if necessary.

Many thanks for your attention in this matter and your earlier responses to queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

Steve McNay
Council Manager
On behalf of Woughton Community Council

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licensing and Development Committee

Monday 8th January 2024

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider **Application no:** 23/01985/FUL

Proposal: Erection of five dwellings

At: 4, Holmfield Close, Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes, MK6 3AB

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the council notes this report and associated documents.
2. That the council offers any views on this application, considering the rules around ‘material considerations’ only.
3. That if the council considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the planning authority by the Council Manager before 11th January.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The first part of this report was submitted to Full Council in December. There is further information towards the end of this paper which updates further.

This is a further application from Milton Holmfield, who previously was given permission for a single dwelling on this site (22/01877/FUL | Erection of one new dwelling). Permission for this was granted in September 2023.

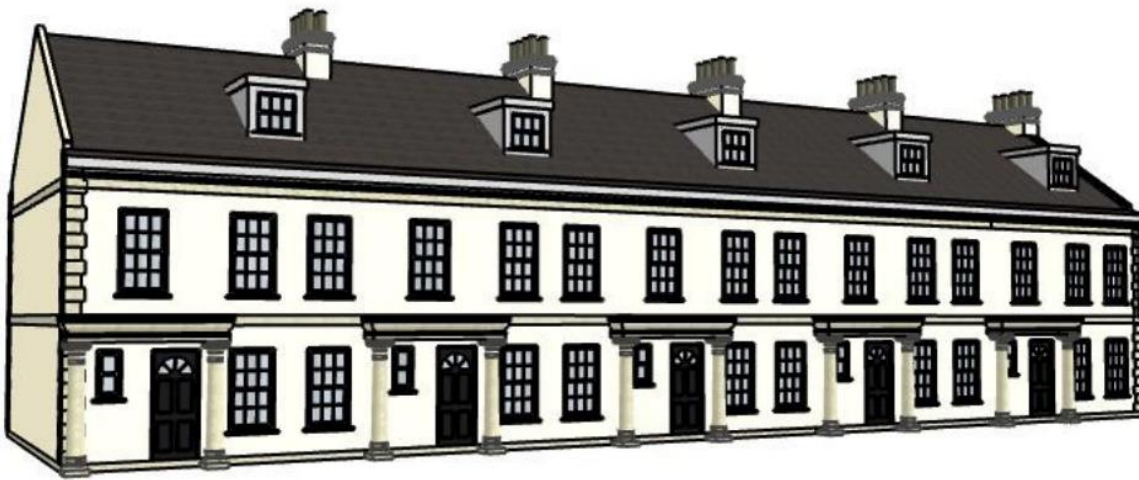
This new application takes a different approach, with a proposal for five (5) new dwellings, in a terrace, each property being two stories PLUS loft space usage, with rear balconies and a total of twelve (12) parking spaces.



Front



Rear



Concept Visual -

Front

Concept Visual -

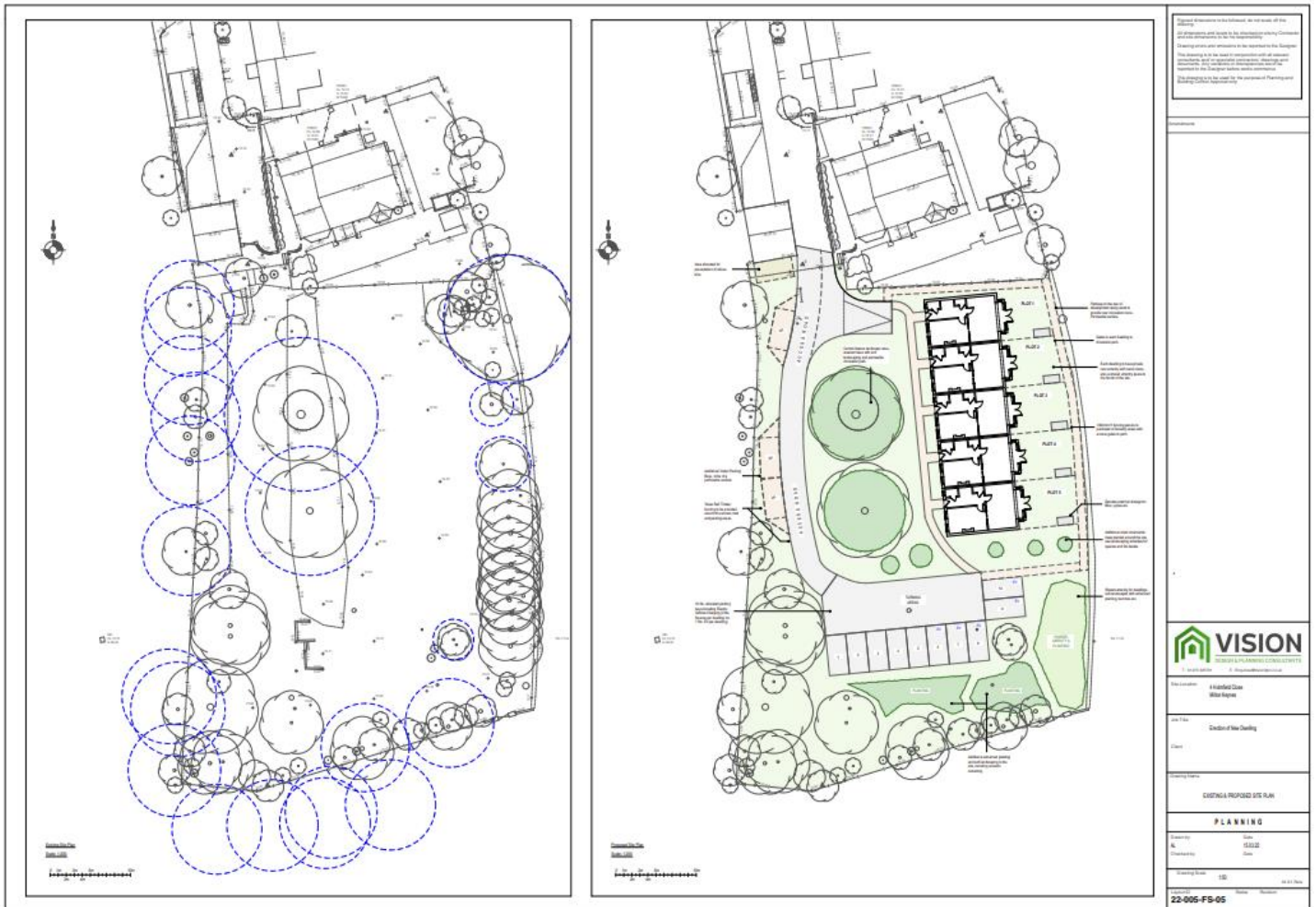
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The internal layout has also been included in the papers (see Background Papers below).

Externally, the site has been changed significantly, with further removal of trees (to enable sufficient parking), rear access from properties to the canal and to enable parking in line with the standards laid out in MKCC policy (12 spaces in total).

Whilst the full discussion and further exploration will take place at this meeting, given the significance of this application, it was felt appropriate to bring this for awareness at the earliest opportunity. Given the submission of the application in the run up to Christmas, it is also important that people have sufficient time to investigate and address any concerns. As such, the paper was first presented to Full Council in December.



From this point, additional information is included that wasn't in place at the Full Council meeting in December.

The Ecology issue is one that has consistently been of concern. The applicants own submission states that there will be a loss of habitat with this application, with a suggestion that external sites will be needed to comply with MKCC policies:

“The use of the Defra Biodiversity Metric 4.0 to calculate measures of biodiversity for the existing and proposed habitats confirm that the proposed development is likely to lead to a net loss of 0.29 habitat units, a net loss of 0.03 watercourse units and a net gain of 0.17

hedgerow units. This constitutes a net loss percentage of 9.91% for habitat units, a net loss percentage of -12.86% watercourse units and a net gain percentage of 40.85% in hedgerow units. The loss of modified grassland in good condition is the predominant reason for the loss of biodiversity, alongside the creation of artificial surfaces which provide negligible ecological value. The loss of habitat and watercourse units must be offset by enhancements delivered by third-party providers. A net-gain in biodiversity is reliant on the successful restoration and/or creation of habitats and their maintenance for the foreseeable future. It will be critical to ensure that appropriate management activities are put in place in order to achieve the desired condition of the proposed habitats. It is recommended that measures to ensure the successful creation and long-term management of proposed habitats are outlined in a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) for the Site. Other ecological features, such as bird boxes and bat boxes, are to be included within the development. Whilst not considered within the current metrics, these features will further enhance the Site for priority species and help deliver a sustainable development.”

The Planning Statements attached to the application relate to the previous application (single dwelling). The flood plan is also based upon the previous one, but with some updates that may mitigate the worst of the concerns.

The Acoustic Standards report (again, provided by the applicant), suggests that there is a ‘medium’ risk from noise for the development. It should be noted that the previous application had assessments undertaken whilst Groveway was closed. The application prior to that was refused and refused again at appeal due to concerns about noise and impact on anyone living there. This new assessment, even with the mitigation, changes to site layout and similar, remains risky. Any report from the Environmental Health Officers should be considered when decisions are made.

Issues relating to removal of trees that are protected (with formal Tree Protection Orders (TRO's) in place) remain, as do issues relating to access via a private road. The issue of refuse collection is outstanding (there is no access to the property for bin lorries, meaning that all waste would have to be moved, by hand, to the adjoining adopted highway). There were significant concerns about flood risk when there was one dwelling with four bedrooms – this proposal has five buildings, with 3 stated bedrooms each (this is 15 bedrooms) but with a fourth room that meets the space standards for an additional bedroom (increasing to 20, the total number of bedrooms).

This suggests a 5-fold increase in the number of people living in the development, with the associated increase in parking, impermeable land, loss of trees and landscaping that help reduce flood risk.

Parking standards under the MKCC SPD 2023 suggest that there should be 1 electric charging point for each dwelling (standard 2.4) and that 2.33 spaces per dwelling in total (11.65, rounded to 12 spaces needed). This is the same whether 3 or 4 bedrooms per dwelling. There does not appear to be any provision for electric charging within the application, but this may be hidden in the paperwork.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

<https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=S0I4VGKWKSR00>

AUTHOR

Steve McNay – Council Manager

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

Monday 8th January 2024

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider licensing application(s) detailed below.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes this report and any associated documents
2. That the committee offers any views on these applications, considering legislation and community concerns.
3. That if the committee considers there are any valid objections, that these are provided and passed to the licensing authority by the Council Manager before dates noted.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Street Trading Consent Renewal - Max Kebab - Trading At Barnfield Drive Netherfield – 132881.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Street Trading Consent – Renewal

We have received a renewal application on the 12/12/23

To sell: Hot takeaway food

Hours applied for

Monday – Sunday

16:30 – 22:30

If you have any observations to make, then would you please advise in writing by the 09/01/24



Street Trading Consent New - Royal Taste of Pak, Woodley Head, Peartree Bridge, ref 168740

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Street Trading Consent - New

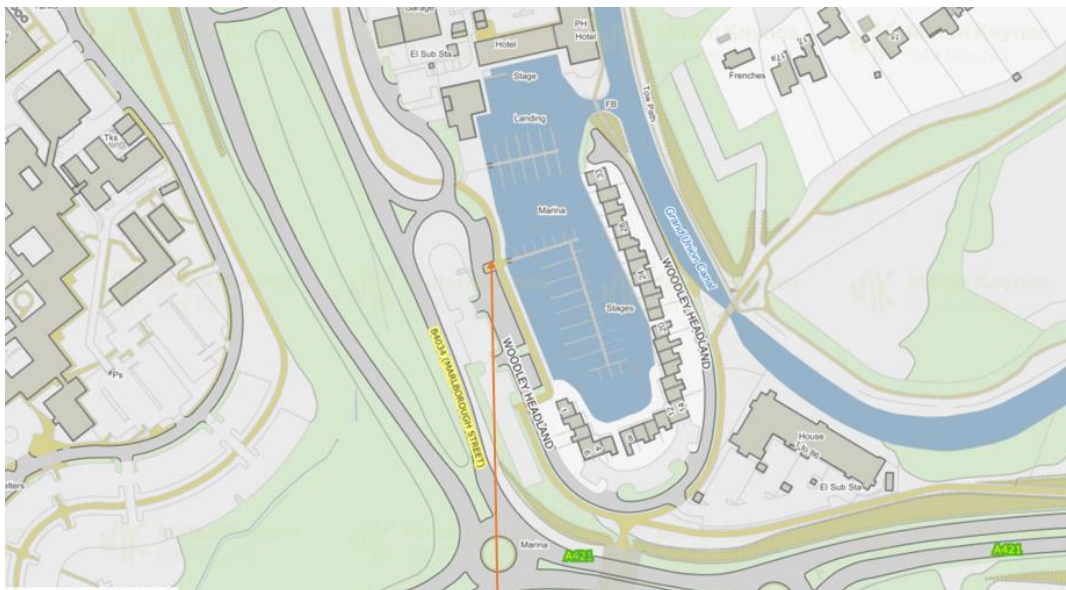
We have received an application on the 19 December 2023 from the above.

To sell: Hot takeaway food

Hours being applied for are

Monday - Sunday 17:00 – 20:00

If you have any observations to make then would you please advise in writing by the 16 January 2024.



OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

AUTHOR

Steve McNay – Council Manager

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

Monday 8th January 2024

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To offer a 'Save the Date' for Feb 29th 2024, relating to a consultation about Areas of Attractive Landscape (AAL's).

RECOMMENDATION:

That councillors who may be interested in this event put a placeholder in calendars for the relevant date and time.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Milton Keynes has historically had local landscape designations through defining boundaries of Areas of Attractive Landscape (AALs). AALs were defined within the Milton Keynes Local Plan (1995) and confirmed in the Landscape Character Study (1999). Policy S11 (Areas of Attractive Landscape) of the Milton Keynes Local Plan 2001-2011 provided protection for AALs in the Brickhills and Ouse Valley. This policy approach was reviewed in Plan:MK and was changed to a criteria-based approach for landscape protection, in line with government guidance at the time.

Our Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) (2022) was prepared as part of the evidence base for the upcoming New City Plan. This set out landscape qualities for each of the 6 identified Landscape Character Types (LCTs), as suggested in Landscape Institute guidance. In addition to the LCA 2022 we commissioned a Valued Landscape Policy Review (VLPR) study which proposed the following approach to identifying valued landscapes:

- reference in policy the landscape values expressed in the updated LCA.
- commission a local landscape designation study/update (by either refreshing AALs or commissioning a new landscape designation study).

In light of the findings of the VLPR study, we have commissioned a Review of Historic Areas of Attractive Landscape project which is being carried out by Land Use Consultants. This would allow us to consider designating new or refined AALs within the LCTs in the New City Plan. This would represent reverting to the policy approach within the old Local Plan (2005), and moving away from a solely criteria-based policy approach to landscape value and protection contained within Plan:MK.

As part of this study, Land Use Consultants are looking to arrange an online workshop to collect the views of key stakeholders around the aspects people value about MK's local landscapes. This workshop is provisionally set for the **evening of Thursday 29th February 2024**. Further information about this workshop and joining instructions will be circulated in the new year.

Kind Regards

Joanne Payne

Customer Relationship Manager – Planning Services

AUTHOR

Steve McNay – Council Manager

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

Monday 8th January 2024

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on the Neighbourhood Plan project, working group membership, and work stream proposals.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the committee notes the report and attached papers.
2. That the committee notes the current membership of the working group and the proposed days for meetings.
3. That the working group agrees to a date to meet, where Terms of Reference, Lead Roles (Chair / Vice Chair) and a meeting schedule can be agreed.
4. That the committee agree to a programme of works, including the 'technical support' programmes, as detailed in the attached papers from O'Neil Homer (ONH).

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Following the agreement to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) renewal and the confirmation of both funding and access to technical support from the Locality programme, membership of the working group to progress this work was agreed at the recent Full Council meeting (18th December 2023). It was agreed that a councillor and a representative of the resident association (RA) (where one is in place) would be the starting point. Where there is no RA in place, further consideration of a suitable community representative will be needed.

Membership currently is:

Peartree Bridge	Cllr Ruth McMillan – NB No RA in place.
Eaglestone	Cllr Liz Simpkins PLUS an RA representative
Coffee Hall	Cllr Deanna Norris - NB No RA in place
Leadenhall	Cllr Penny Glasgow PLUS an RA representative
Beanhill	Cllr Alan Williamson PLUS and RA representative
Netherfield representative)	Cllr Janette Bobey plus Eamonn Bobey (RA
Tinkers Bridge	Cllr April Rennie plus John Orr (RA representative)

In addition to the members noted above, Cllr Sue Smith (Chair of WCC, Chair of Planning) will also sit on the group. There will also be support from O'Neil Homer (ONH) and officers from Woughton Community Council.

The Council Manager would encourage the group to look outside the 'usual suspects' and try and engage wider representation from across the communities. The list above includes councillors and ex councillors only and it is felt that others would be helpful to engage to get a fuller picture. Working groups are able to appoint anyone who would be useful to the group and the group is encouraged to do so.

The new group will need to look in the first meeting at developing Term of Reference for the group, alongside appointing suitable Chair / Vice Chair roles. It is advised that these roles include at least one elected member. An annual meeting schedule should also be considered, working to develop a calendar that enables as many as possible to play a part within the group – this may include both daytime and evening sessions. It is also recommended that the group proposes any budgetary needs that they may have (e.g. travel support, refreshments, secretariat, resources, etc.) to enable this to be included in any budget creation within the council, prior to the start of the new financial year.

Looking at the attached sheets from O'Neil Homer (ONH), there is a focus on both reviewing existing and creating new policies to sit within the new plan. Some existing policies need little or no adjustment, with others needing some changes, following the review that took place earlier this year.

In terms of new policies, the suggested elements for inclusion are around communications infrastructure, and 'renewable energy' – this is an area that sits within a broader piece of work that is looking more broadly at the 'green' agenda – sustainability, environment, biodiversity and so on. Given this, it is recommended that this working group may be well placed to undertake some of the initial work around this element of the NP, returning to the NP Group with findings.

The other issue is that of technical support. As noted in the attached papers, ONH have encourage the group to access the technical support elements for two key issues - Design Coding and Housing Needs Assessment. The latter of these has already been applied for and agreed to – simply need to arrange a suitable time and date for the sessions to take place, once agreed by the working group.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

As previously noted, there will be a demand for officer support, which has become more pressing following the resignation of the CMSO. Whilst the Council Manager is eager to be involved and support where possible, it is essential that the group understands that they will be responsible for much of the day-to-day administration of the group, with support on an 'as and when' basis.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Woughton NPR brief Jan 2024

Woughton NPR Scoping session revised schedule of draft policies_Dec 23

AUTHOR

Steve McNay – Council Manager

Steve McNay
Council Manager
Woughton Community Council

BY EMAIL

Date 20th December 2023
Our Ref 4023_005

Dear Steve,

Woughton Neighbourhood Plan Review: Briefing Note and Action Plan

As promised following our recent meeting with your team, I've set out below a briefing note and proposed action plan for the modified Neighbourhood Plan (WNP2) for January – April 2023.

1. First draft WNP2

Enclosed with this note is a table detailing the proposed modifications to the existing policies within WNP1, based upon the review note prepared by the group in February 2023. Accompanying this table is a series of actions for the group which will need to be worked through over the coming weeks, should they agree with the proposals, including updates to evidence bases. In addition, there is a table listing potential new policies which had been requested to be considered in WNP2.

The Planning Committee and Steering Group are requested to consider the content of the paper and agree its content and advising if there are any other changes proposed.

2. Securing, Briefing and Overseeing the Housing Needs Assessment and Design Coding technical support packages

It is recommended that Locality technical packages for Design Coding and Housing Needs Assessment are secured as soon as possible as their outputs will inform the three studies below. Please let me know if you need any advice on making the application.

Once it has been secured, you will be able to brief the Design Code contractor (AECOM) on the emphasis you want its report to provide. We can attend that

(online) briefing and accompany its team on a site visit (that may coincide with our own work (see 3 below). It would seem that you would want to draw special attention to the suitable design and location of communications infrastructure (to inform a new policy WN22 – see below) and on tree placement, road layouts and street profiling.

The same briefing process applies to the Housing Needs Assessment package (again, normally with AECOM as the contractor). As well as providing an assessment of overall housing mix and tenure, it seems you will want the report to have a special focus on the supply of and demand for Homes of Multiple Occupation and on how WNP2 can better meet the housing needs for young people and those on low incomes.

We do not know the potential for delivering some genuinely affordable homes through community-led housing and/or almshouse models but this could be something that we explore with the group once we know in more detail the nature of the need. We anticipate it may be related to the next piece of work (see 3 below). In any event, this should be discussed with MKCC as both a major landowner as well as planning authority.

3. Local Centres, Infill and Renewable Energy Study

We set out the basis of this Study in our proposal to you. We have now looked at it further to see how we can make the best use of the 18 days set aside for the report. Although its three parts are reasonably self-contained, there will be some inevitable (and potentially valuable) crossover between them and with other workstreams (as noted above).

We propose the following scope:

a) Local Centres

- To make the most of the budget we advise a focused study concentrating on one of the Local Centres – we recommend Coffee Hall – and given the similarities between the blocks it is expected that the work will provide a template for other Local Centres.
- We will examine the potential for regeneration/renewal of the Coffee Hall Local Centre to improve its commercial and social function.
- We will also examine the layout and design of the surrounding space, including parking and landscaping around the Local Centre, to consider how to maximise its potential and functionality.
- We will undertake a constraints and opportunities workshop with your recommended stakeholders to establish the acceptable level of potential redevelopment and intensification, to identify the opportunities to create additional community support amenities and to consider how a redeveloped Local Centre may also deliver new, community-led, affordable homes (per 2 above).

We will use this feasibility work to prepare a concept design for an expansive but realistic scheme, which will provide a basis for engagement with MKCC and local

affordable housing providers to facilitate delivery. We see this work informing Policy WN15.

b) Infill

- We will review the MKCC work on 2017 on infill development potential in Netherfield and updating it and extending it to the other four mainly residential grid squares.
- We will review the current policy WN20 and supporting narrative to confirm the principles of development infill and the updated Local Green Spaces (WN6) and Play and Activity Areas (WN5) to screen out any inappropriate sites and also identify any underused green spaces which may have small scale development potential, (recognising that creating development opportunities through rationalising open spaces will be a sensitive issue and the strategy would need to be agreed.)
- We will take account of the renewable energy workstream (see below) to ensure that land that may be especially well suited to that purpose is not identified for infill development.
- We will facilitate a half-day workshop with group and other invited community reps on each of the two pairs of grid squares to identify the potential sites.
- We will use the HNA (see 1 above) to inform the infill density (and therefore capacity) by looking at preferred dwelling types, mix and likely affordable criteria.

Once all the evidence gathering has been completed and evaluated, a plan will be prepared of each grid square that will identify the potential sites and development opportunities with an overview of the key opportunities and constraints and potential dwelling capacity. We see this work informing Policy WN20.

c) Renewable Energy

The purpose of this part of the study is to consider how an WNP2 policy can promote practical renewable energy proposals that will not only enable Woughton to contribute to wider efforts to tackle climate change, but also enable the local community to capture some of the economic benefits of doing so (through asset ownership and/or energy saving/efficiency actions).

We would therefore be looking to obtain the necessary evidence which would lead to a report that will seek to identify and understand:

1. What the opportunities/options are for neighbourhood community generation projects in Woughton,
2. Where they could be located within the parish/grid squares,
3. Simple costings for each option in terms of installation and on-costs and crucially what would the various opportunities produce for the community, particularly where surplus generated can go directly back to local people and projects.

Therefore, it is suggested that the evidence gathering for this study has two distinct “phases”:

- i) Firstly, WCC convene a task group to consider undertaking a high-level assessment of the overall options with their constraints and opportunities. This work can be guided with our understanding of the spatial opportunities and constraints resulting from the other two workstreams. We can then use that assessment to shape a public engagement session to test support for potential options.
- ii) WCC could, if it wishes to develop any of the options further, then submit a grant application to the [Net Zero South East Hub](#) (current round closes 15th January but subsequent rounds throughout 2024) to fund a focused feasibility study to work up a preferred scheme, pay for basic technical assessments including grid connection, scope planning issues and the need for licences and consents and consider finance and business model development. (The Council Manager has agreed to investigate this funding stream further to understand the bidding requirements)

We have spoken with Jane Grindey at Wolverton Community Energy, who would also be happy to provide support and advice where needed.

Once the outputs from are understood from the above, we will draft a new WNP2 policy on renewable energy generation for your team to review. We see this work informing Policy WN21.

Summary

We are confident that this combination of three workstreams will add real value to the WNP2 project by completing your review work and by tackling your key priorities and finding practical ways to deliver positive change for the local communities of the Parish.

Best regards,

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Leah Coney

Planning & Development Manager

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WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

Monday 8th January 2024

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To update the committee on the yellow line request process.

RECOMMENDATION:

That committee notes the report and attached documents.

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

From 1 January 2024 we will changing how we accept requests for double yellow lines.

Each year the highways team receives a large number of requests from individuals for double yellow lines for various areas of Milton Keynes, mostly to sort out parking issues.

Before double yellow lines may be installed, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) must be enacted so that any enforcement may legally take place. The legal process to create a TRO can take several months, especially if there are objections to the proposals, and includes formal and informal consultation periods.

The proposals must also be publicised in the Public Notices section of the local newspaper which costs MKCC to advertise.

A significant number of proposals do not move past the initial informal consultation stage due to a lack of community support for a scheme. However for this stage, we still need to produce the various documents and plans for the consultation.

This is why we are changing the process so that parish, community and town councils have more input to the initial engagement process for their own areas. You have the local knowledge and community links to see if residents and businesses are in support of any proposals before any documents or plans need to be produced.

This change should not mean a large amount of extra work for any parish, town or community council. The aim of this change is to reduce the amount of administration, streamline the process so the most needed requests can be processed more quickly, and to increase community engagement through the parishes.

Support and guidance will be provided by the Highways Liaison Team and a toolkit will be available on the MKCC website including draft text for you to use to

communicate any potential scheme, and there are many online survey tools available for free.

The new process is outlined in detail on the attached documents. As this is an internal administrative process, there is no consultation period however we are happy to receive any feedback or suggestions you may wish to share.

Any existing requests for double yellow lines will be dealt with through this new process.

Information about parking enforcement including obstructive parking, double yellow lines and commercial vehicles parked in a residential area, can be found on the MKCC website here, [Parking information | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](http://milton-keynes.gov.uk)

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