MATTER 6: STRATEGIC LAND ALLOCATION

Woburn Sands Town, whilst fully supporting the Core Strategy as presented by Milton Keynes Council wishes to emphasise the following:

1. The Strategic Land Allocation is consistent with sustainable development of the borough and adjoining areas.

2. To preserve the rural identity of the village of Wavendon to the north of Woburn Sands and of this small rural town itself, it is vital that no development is allowed south of London End Lane and east of Phoebe Lane in Wavendon.

3. Any development which risks coalescence of the urban extent of Milton Keynes with this rural south east fringe threatens the infrastructure of Woburn Sands which serves as a local centre for the town and a number of villages straddling the MKC/Central Beds borders.

4. This infrastructure is already fully stretched in terms of highways, parking in the town centre, medical provision and increasingly education. As an old town there is very limited capacity for physical expansion of any of these and the town is already seriously lacking in some adult recreational facilities.

5. Medical facilities are developed to their maximum extent on the current site, and again additional space just not available in a site suitable for easy access by the majority of residents.

6. Education is largely provided on the Central Beds side of the boundary, but secondary provision is becoming limited and a new Secondary school to serve this area in Milton Keynes is much needed. The education provision is further complicated by the contradictions of MKC’s two tier system and that of Central Beds three tier one.

7. The proposed expansion of EastWest Rail will add to the number of level crossing closures on the northern edge of the town, placing a very real constriction on expansion of traffic.

In conclusion, therefore, the Land Allocation as proposed by Milton Keynes must not be exceeded in this south east corner of Milton Keynes. The identity, viability and vitality of the existing community would be irreparably damaged if there were to be any additions to this allocation.