

## **WS NEIGHBOURHOD PLAN – Amendments to April 2013 version**

The plan circulated for comment was dated April 2013. During the summer a number of events occurred which have been reflected in the November 2013 version which is the one being considered at the examination. The changes are all minor in nature; no changes have been made to the Policies set out in the Plan.

### **MK Core Strategy**

The Core Strategy was finally approved in July 2013. Accordingly the word “draft” before the references to the Core Strategy in the April version has been deleted in the November version. There are no changes to the housing or employment targets for the rural area in the final Strategy.

### **Planning Changes**

A number of planning approvals were granted between April and November and the text has been amended to reflect those approvals. Details are as follows:

- Parklands. Approval has been given for Phase 4 (95 dwellings) and outline approval for the Sports Hall. The application for Phase 5 (employment units and a few remaining dwellings) has been withdrawn and will be re-submitted shortly.
- Greens. A revised application has been approved. This provides for a mixed development of 35 flats and houses for the over-55s rather than a nursing home and close care units.
- Sandymount. Approval was given for the construction of 6 detached houses and conversion of the existing building into 4 flats

These numbers are also reflected in the schedule headed Housing numbers which has already been circulated.

### **Railway Crossing**

Network Rail has published a more detailed timetable for the development of the railway. The text in para 6.10.2 has been amended to reflect this. No proposals for changes to the railway crossing have yet been put forward and are not expected before mid-2014.

### **Vision Statement**

Following responses to the April version and minor changes to the MK Core Strategy the proposed Vision Statement has been slightly amended to read as follows:

*Woburn Sands will retain and enhance its character and identity as a small old town in rural Milton Keynes, and will remain an attractive and sustainable location which meets the aspiration of residents, the wider Woburn Sands community and all those who use the town's facilities*