

## **South West Milton Keynes and Eaton Leys: Planning Applications Update**

You will recall that Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) and Milton Keynes Council (MKC) received planning applications earlier this year for two sites:

- a development of up to 1,855 homes, in Aylesbury Vale but adjoining the south-west boundary of Milton Keynes and through which access is taken (known as South West Milton Keynes); and
- a development of 1,800 homes to the east of Water Eaton and Fenny Stratford, around two thirds of which is in Aylesbury Vale and a third in Milton Keynes (known as Eaton Leys).

An update on progress with both applications is set out below:

### South West Milton Keynes (SWMK)

Following the initial briefing given to Councillors and parishes in March there has been a period of negotiation and agreement, on a without prejudice basis, between the South West MK Consortium and the three principal authorities with statutory responsibilities in relation to the planning application (AVDC, MKC and Bucks County Council). This has included discussions on a 'Planning Performance Agreement' (PPA), which has now been signed, committing the relevant parties to an agreed timetable for taking the proposals to the respective planning committees for a decision.

Although this part of the process has taken some time technical discussions have also been under way in parallel.

The latest position can be summarised as follows:

- It is proposed that MKC will make a decision on the planning application for the road access proposals and agree its response to the rest of the application, to submit to AVDC. AVDC will then make a decision on the application. To meet the agreed timetable in the PPA it is anticipated that MKC will make their decision in November or December, and AVDC will make its decision in December or January.
- Further work has been commissioned by the applicant following representations from Highways England, West Bletchley Town Council and Bucks CC. This work is in hand and it is anticipated that this will be submitted for consideration by the highway authorities in the early autumn.
- Technical discussions on school place planning, leisure, recreation, community and health facilities, landscape, ecology and sustainable drainage have been undertaken and will feed into a revised scheme on these matters;
- Revisions to the proposals are anticipated to be complete in October.

### Eaton Leys

An initial meeting has taken place between the applicant, AVDC and MKC to discuss the mechanism for taking this proposal forward to the respective planning committees for a decision. A PPA between the applicant and each

of the two local authorities will now be drafted so that a timetable can be agreed.

There was also a discussion on the consultation responses that had been received on the applications to identify the key areas that needed further technical consideration and round table discussion. These discussions will include; highways, education, landscape, urban design, and archaeology.

The applicant has also been working with Highways England (HE) to provide additional information, as HE has asked both AVDC and MKC not to make a decision on the application at the current time whilst this is being resolved.

*Notes:*

*SWMK:*

- *Application reference 15/00314/AOP: Outline application to AVDC, which includes the majority of the application site. View proposals and consultation responses through [AVDC Public Access site](#).*
- *Application reference 15/00223/CONS: This is the consultation that AVDC have issued to MKC on the above application. View consultation responses through [MKC Public Access Site](#).*
- *Application reference 15/00619/FUL: This is the part of the proposal that MKC have registered as a planning application for MKC to make a decision on. This is for the works proposed to the existing road network and new access roads proposed into the sites (which are in the District of Milton Keynes). View consultation responses through [MKC Public Access Site](#).*

*Eaton Leys:*

- *Application reference 15/02201/AOP: Outline application to AVDC. View proposals and consultation responses through [AVDC Public Access site](#)*
- *Application reference 15/01533/OUTEIS: Outline application to MKC. View consultation responses through [MKC Public Access Site](#).*
- *Application reference 15/01638/CONS: This is the consultation that AVDC have issued to MKC on their application. View consultation responses through [MKC Public Access Site](#).*