

Coronavirus update for Development Management

- During the Coronavirus outbreak, Milton Keynes Council is continuing to provide essential services for all our service users. However, there are some areas of the planning service that have inevitably been affected. We are continually reviewing the situation and are taking steps in accordance with government guidance. Where possible, we are endeavour to consider all planning applications in a safe, timely and professional manner.

Development requiring press notices

- At this time we are unable to produce press notices in the local printed newspaper. As such, we are seeking further guidance from government and will provide an update in due course. Those applications that will require a press notice prior to their determination are currently being displayed on the council's website - <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-apply-pay-view/newspaper-planning-advert-list>

Meetings

- During this time we will not be offering any face to face meetings, but are available for online virtual meetings or discussions by telephone. Case officers are all still contactable via email and their council mobile phone number.

Site Visits

- Council colleagues are only conducting site visits where it is considered safe to do. If you should see a council officer out on site please remain a minimum distance of 2 metres from them at all times. For application sites that cannot be viewed from public areas (for example rear extensions) applicants are asked to submit a comprehensive photographic record of the site and its surroundings (using videos and photos).

Site Notices

- To minimise the risk to council officers, applicants will be sent copies of site notices to display on site. Notices will need to be posted prior to the date on the notice and a dated photographic record submitted to the case officer. Failure to submit this information will result in a delay in the determination of the application.

Development Control Committee/ Development Control Panel

- The arrangements for Development Control Committee and Development Control Panel are currently under review and an update will be provided on our website soon.

Extensions of Permission

- We recognise that applicants will be concerned by this. We are awaiting further guidance and will publish this on our website as soon as it becomes available.

Should you wish to discuss any matters relating to the planning department please do not hesitate to contact DM_Team@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

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