



South West Milton Keynes
Consultation

Appendix H – Media coverage

City Deal would boost MK economy, say top politicians



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MILTON Keynes is one step closer to securing a [deal](#) that will allow the city to take charge of its own destiny.

Yesterday deputy prime minister Nick Clegg named MK as one of 20 frontrunners that could benefit from the Government's City Deals programme.

The move has been welcomed by politicians throughout the city, who believe the scheme would bring more jobs and homes to MK.

City Deals accreditation means local authorities will be given more power in exchange for innovative approaches to boosting the local economy.

The idea is to encourage local authorities to make a credible case to be involved in a series of unique deals which will help deliver new homes, create jobs, improve skills, and improve infrastructure.

The long term [deal](#) will see significant growth in housing to attract and find homes for skilled workers. In the meantime the aim is to give private sector developers confidence that they can create jobs in construction and industry supply chains.

Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Councillor Andrew Geary said: "This is fantastic news – but I believe it's what Milton Keynes deserves. Now we have to get down to the real 'nitty gritty' and drill down into how we make the 'Milton Keynes Deal' work.

"Milton Keynes and a significant number of authorities within the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership area have worked hard to make this happen, and the opportunity for us to work together with our neighbours with whom we [share](#) not just a geographic boundary but also a functional economic synergy for the greater good of all of us is indeed an opportunity that must be grasped and embraced.

"Any deal should recognise that making Milton Keynes even more attractive as a business location must come with additional benefits. In particular, we want to be able to retain locally more of the financial benefit from building homes and creating more jobs so we can ensure Milton Keynes remains a high quality place for both residents and investors. We will negotiate hard with government as we will not want to strike a deal unless it delivers what we believe is best for Milton Keynes."

Milton Keynes is already on track to take more control of its local growth, after the council acquired land assets from the Homes and Communities Agency. It also took control of the Milton Keynes Tariff, a requirement of developers to pay a sum of money each time they build, which goes towards identified strategic infrastructure improvements.

MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, said: "This is really good news for the city and further confirms Milton Keynes as a major economic player in the region. I am looking forward to our success in this initiative."

And his Milton Keynes North counterpart, Mark Lancaster added: "With an already thriving and successful local economy, the news that Milton Keynes has got through to the next round of the City Deal is fantastic. I am hopeful that we will be triumphant in the next round and that the initiative will further help boost our economy."

Labour Parliamentary spokesman for Milton Keynes South, Andrew Pakes also welcomed the news.

He said: "This is welcome news that Milton Keynes has got through to the next stage of the city deal initiative. There is a cross-party consensus that devolving more powers will be good for us and the project builds on the city region partnerships that the last government initiated. There are tough negotiations ahead but this is a positive step forward."

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There are plans afoot to create a new development in SW Milton Keynes. As the proposed area borders the Whaddon Road, you may want to find out more about what is planned, and there are exhibitions scheduled for both 8th June in Newton Longville and 14th June in Bletchley (further details below).



Find out about proposals to create a new neighbourhood at South West Milton Keynes.

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Weasel Lane expansion plans to go on display



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Plans to build more than 1,800 homes near Windmill Hill golf course will go on public display next week.

The development, lead by South West Milton Keynes Consortium, is proposed for the Weasel Lane site between Tattenhoe Park and Far Bletchley.

The proposal is to build 1,855 homes, a porportion of which would be affordable. The development would also include an employment area which would bring with it around 1,500 new jobs, a health centre, schools and open areas for recreation.

Richard Astle, a spokesman for the consortium said: "The proposal site has consistently been identified in various studies over the last 20 years, as a suitable location for housing development.

"In advace of a planning application, we are keen to explain our proposals in more detail and hear the views of the community."

The first exhibition will take place on Saturday, June 8 at Longueville Hall in Newton Longville, with a follow-up exhibition on Friday, June 14 at Chepstow Community Centre in Bletchley from 2pm until 7pm.

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Beanhill could be destination estate

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Residents on an estate regularly voted the 'worst' in the city are aiming to change people's perceptions and make it a destination estate.

People living on Beanhill, fed up with negative views of them and their homes, are looking to show their community spirit by turning the estate into a place people want to visit.

Sue Smith, chairman of the Beanhill Action Group, said: "We are looking to tidy up the shops and get new signs if possible. We also want entrance signs for four entrances to the estate. We are always voted as the worst estate but we are the best for community spirit."

The action group has funding from WREN and Biffa to build a water park, with water cannons and fountains, as well as MK Council funding for allments.

Hannah O'Neill, councillor for the Woughton Ward, said: "They are an amazing bunch of people and the work they do is fantastic. People don't get to see that as you really have no reason to drive through it but in terms of making it a destination estate I think that anything is possible with these residents. I really wouldn't put it past them."

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Midsummers Eve Victorian Night

The Olde Watermill Dickensian Shopping Village

Summer is finally just around the corner and if you are looking for something different to do this Midsummers Eve on Friday 7th June from 6.30pm to 9pm then come along to the Olde Watermill Dickensian Shopping Village for one of their famous Victorian Nights. Step back in time for an evening of lively entertainment and Fun For All The Family.

Once again this promises to be a thoroughly enchanting evening with everybody dressed in Victorian costume and a host of live entertainment. The entertainment this year will range from songs from various musicals including Oliver, My Fair Lady and Les Misérables all provided by local amateur dramatic groups. It really does promise to be a fun packed night there will also be musical entertainment from The Luton Male Voice Choir and the Salvation Army Band all of this will transport you back in time along with Olde Time Music Hall Entertainment. Urchins and tinkers will mingle amongst the guest and you may bump into the old Chimney Sweep for good luck.

There will be an array of Victorian side stalls and tombolas to add to the authentic atmosphere and for those that will be feeling peckish a BBQ will be cooking up a storm with lots of tasty treats.

The Olde Watermill Dickensian Shopping Village hosts a variety of shops that will be open throughout the evening and some of these will be offering discounts throughout the night.

The Victorian evening is a ticket only night in order to maintain exclusivity for visitors and guests and tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are on sale at a cost of £3.00 per head which includes a free glass of Summer Punch. Numbers are limited and tickets are selling fast so book yours now by ringing 0845 8720507 (option 2) or 077967 199692.

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Protesters say no to Salden Chase

By **TOBY LOCK**

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More than 200 residents of Newton Longville on Saturday to say an emphatic 'no' to the Salden Chase development plans.

The South West Milton Keynes Consortium held their first public exhibition of plans they hope will see more than 1,800 homes built on land between the village and west Bletchley.

Orange 'no' badges were delivered to 1,000 homes in Newton Longville, and around 200 people attended the first meeting on Saturday.

One protester said: "This was a defiant response to this abuse of our rights to live in a village."

"Over 200 people gathered to walk in and stage a very powerful silent protest and let the badge do the talking."

Richard Astle, a spokesman for the Consortium,



SILENT PROTEST: Protesters make themselves known at the exhibition

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Two hundred give Salden Chase plans a thumbs down
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said: "The proposed site has consistently been identified, in various studies over the last 20 years, as a suitable location for housing development."

"In advance of a planning application we are keen to explain our proposals and hear the views of the community."

The next public exhibition is on Friday, June 14, at Chepstow Community Centre from 2pm-7pm.

Bletchley residents raise concerns about Salden Chase plans

Written by JESSICA DUNCAN



Local residents talk to representatives of the consortium at the public exhibition
Salden Chase development will have on doctors and roads in the area.

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As previously reported by MK NEWS, the South West Milton Keynes Consortium wants to build 1,855 homes, including affordable housing, on land between west Bletchley and Newton Longville.

There are also plans for an employment area, primary school, green spaces, including cycle ways, and a local centre, which will include retail and health facilities.

It is estimated the site would create 474 jobs during construction and 700 jobs in retail, education and 'domestic services' once built. The employment area could also create 1,470 jobs.

Alan Norman, 69, from Windmill Hill Drive in Bletchley, was among those who attended a public exhibition on the scheme at the Chepstow Community Centre today (Friday).

He said: "GPs can't cope at the moment and the hospital already has a long waiting times.

"Almost 2,000 residents will result in 1,000 to 1,500 cars.

"I support the need for houses but I think it's a bit of a cheek backing it on to our town. I think it's a shame another green space is being taken up and will buyers get priority from Milton Keynes or Aylesbury Vale?"

Marian Turner is 65 years old and lives in Court End Close, Far Bletchley, which backs on to one of the edges of the site.

She said: "I am here today to find out a bit more. I realise the plans have been halved from the original ones but I think they will probably expand anyway.

"My queries are if they are likely to open the currently closed railway.

"I live near but I don't know what affect it will have. I don't think it will keep me up worrying at night."

A spokesman for the consortium said: "Our primary message is that we recognise there is a huge need across the country, regionally and locally for houses. Our plans will relieve some of this pressure.

"With regards to affordable housing we will be working within the policy guidelines of Aylesbury Vale and include 35 per cent.

"Our second message would be for people to recognise that the land has a long history of being identified as suitable for construction."

When asked about the traffic concerns of residents, he added: "We have to find traffic solutions and address all the issues. We have to get it right otherwise the Highways Agency will say no."

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