

## **TEXT OF E-UPDATE SENT TO SCSG MEMBERS ON 7 APRIL 2020**

### **The Lakes Regeneration –Update**

Hello everyone,

I hope you; your family and friends are well at this difficult time.

Today/ tomorrow would have been the date of the April SCSG meeting. As the meeting can't go ahead, I have asked Anne to produce a project update.

Here are the main headlines:

- The planning application has been submitted and is awaiting validation by the planning department at Milton Keynes Council.
  
- Validation means that the planners will confirm that everything that needs to be submitted to enable the application to be “valid”, has been submitted.
  
- Due to the large size of the application validation could take anything between 1-3 weeks (this is a normal part of the process and to be expected)
  
- Once it is validated it will be given a planning reference number and it will appear on the Planning Portal on Milton Keynes Council website.
  
- This link explains more about validation: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-apply-pay-view/what-is-the-planning-process#2>
  
- Once it appears on the planning portal there will be a 21-day opportunity for people to make comments either in support of the application or otherwise.
  
- Anne Bircham shall email Danielle as soon as it appears on the planning portal with a link to the appropriate section on the MKC website for anyone to make comments. Anne will also inform the Residents Association and the Parish and Town Council. Comments will appear on the website and names and addresses are attached to the comments. This is part of a national protocol for planning applications.

- Impact of Coronavirus:

- o MKC's Regeneration team in the Lakes Estate is remaining active.
- o Some initiatives across Milton Keynes are being postponed to avoid face-to-face contact, as recommended.
- o We are however, continuing to work on procurement and delivery arrangements for The Lakes regeneration.
- o The team can still be reached online, by telephone and email for any queries.

- Anne has been making referrals for families on the Lakes who would like a weekly food parcel delivered to their door. Bletchley and FSTC are doing some great work with Fare Share and the church. If you know of anyone in need who would like this service don't hesitate to let Anne know and she can get in contact with them. So far, they are delivering to at least 40 families. They deliver about 15 tins/packets and about 5 items of fruit or veg. to the doorstep. Anne.Bircham@milton-keynes.gov.uk 07702 899615

- Also,

Food Bank Xtra is specifically for people who receive benefits, free school meals for their children, who are in severe debt or crisis, are unemployed, homeless, or at risk of homelessness and other similar vulnerable situations.

Call Food Bank Xtra on 01908 565852 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday, to discuss your situation in confidence with experienced staff.

A colleague will then advise you of your nearest collection point. You will need to bring ID to the Serving Centre for every family member. If someone is collecting on your behalf, they will need to bring your ID. You will also be required to provide evidence of eligibility.

- Latest update on MK Council arrangements for services:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/coronavirus-changes-to-council-services>

If you have any questions, please contact Anne, Kevin or myself.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Danielle Slaymaker

Chair of SCSG