

# DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PANEL

**21 JUNE 2018**

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APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	REQUESTS TO SPEAK IN OBJECTION	TIME ALLOCATED	RIGHT OF REPLY OR SPEAKERS IN FAVOUR	TIME ALLOCATED
<b>01 - 18/00737/FUL</b>	1 The Beeches, Bletchley, Milton Keynes	Ms A Dunncliffe	3 Mins	Ms S Pirie (Applicant)	9 Mins
		Mr R Woodward	3 Mins		
		Mr B Speedie	3 Mins		
<b>03 - 17/02419/FUL</b>	4 Glendurgan Court, Westcroft, Milton Keynes	Cllr C Williams (Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council)	3 Mins	Mr A Hall (Applicant)	6 Mins
		Cllr G Morla (Ward Councillor)	3 Mins		
<b>04 - 18/00320/FUL</b>	Sunshine Sure Start Centre, Merebrook Infant School, Dulverton Drive, Furzton Milton Keynes			Cllr C Williams (Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council)	3 Mins



**APP 03 - 17 02419 FUL - 4 Glendurgan Court, Westcroft, Milton Keynes**

**From:** Morla, Geetha

**Sent:** 19 June 2018 22:50

**To:** Imbimbo, Dino; McLean, Keith

**Cc:** Chris Williams; Democratic Services Development Control Committee; Edith Bald; Kevin Geaney (SBE PC); Small, Gerald; Brown, Anthony (Councillor)

**Subject:** Re: [EXT] Request for Site Inspection - 17/02419/FUL

Hi Dino and Chair,

I totally agree with the site inspection as the members of the panel need to see the site in order to understand the situation.

Thanks,

Cllr Geetha Morla,

Tattenhoe Ward.

Sent from my iPad

On 19 Jun 2018, at 16:47, Chris Williams <

> wrote:

Dear Dino & Keith,

**Request for Site Inspection - 17/02419/FUL**

**Change of use of amenity land at 4 Glendurgan Court, Westcroft MK4 4GN**

I am e-mailing you to inform you that Ward Councillor Geetha Morla and I, on behalf of Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council, request that the above application is NOT determined at the Development Control Panel (DCP) meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 – but, rather, a site inspection is undertaken by the DCP at a time to be arranged.

Our planning reason for requesting the site inspection is that neither the applicant nor MK Council have produced a “Secure by Design” statement to provide evidence that, should the application be granted, the much-narrowed pathway and adjacent amenity land would be safe for use by residents. It is our opinion that, amongst other items, the granting of this application would make the pathway unsafe and a potential unobserved area with the prospect of increased anti-social behaviour.

Regards,

Cllr Chris Williams

Vice-chair, Shenley Brook End

& Tattenhoe Parish Council



## DCC 24 JUNE 2018 UPDATE PAPER – ITEM 4

**Application Number:** 18/00320/FUL

**Description** Variation of condition 9 (change of hours of working from 9.30am-2.15pm and 3.45pm-6pm to be open continuously from 9.30am-6.00pm attached to planning permission 09/01094/MKCOD3.

**AT** Sunshine Sure Start Centre, Merebrook Infant School, Dulverton Drive, Furzton, Milton Keynes, MK4 1EZ

**FOR** Councillor Chris Williams

**Target:** 9 April 2018

**Extension of Time:** Yes (28.06.2018)

**Ward:** Shenley Brook End

**Parish:** Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe PC

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### **Matters of clarification**

**Comments from Cllr Williams – to rectify an omission in the original report and provide detailed comment on the representation from Cllr Williams.**

In the email dated 9 April 2018, Cllr Williams stated:

“I refer to your recent e-mails and our subsequent telephone conversation. As discussed, please find below my rationale for supporting Sunshine Children’s Centre Planning Application for a Variation of the Hours of Working.

When Milton Keynes Council was granted planning permission, in 2009, to construct the Sunshine Children’s Centre (the Centre) adjacent to the grounds of Merebrook School, North Furzton, a number of planning conditions were attached to the permission thus granted. Amongst these, Condition 9 was enacted as a precaution against children being collected simultaneously from both the Centre and Merebrook School. The condition was proposed to prevent the possibility that, if children were collected at both venues at the same time, it might be possible for ‘bottlenecks’ to occur in the joint external car park – thus creating a source of tension for parents and carers. This was never proven and no traffic and transport studies were undertaken to

determine whether or not there would actually be any problems if the two establishments did have collection times that coincided.

Since 2009, the population of the four estates that form the 'catchment area' of the Centre has increased and the needs of parents has become better understood by Milton Keynes Council, the staff of the Centre and the Advisory Board – thus, in order to deliver the quality and level of service, with the appropriate type of offer, the time has now arrived to vary condition 9 to allow the Centre to be able to provide the types and level of service that families in the area need. It will not be possible to provide this increase in services if the restriction of 'hours of working' remains in place.

The combined number of vehicles that arrive at the external car park to collect children from both venues is not considered by Merebrook School, the Centre nor myself to be even close to 'saturation point' for the capacity of the car park. Discussions have taken place between the School and the Centre and there is general agreement that there should not be any serious issues if Condition 9 was varied to allow the Centre to open continuously from 9:30am to 6:00pm. In addition, the Sunshine Children's Centre Advisory Board has also discussed the need to expand the offer of services to parents, carers and their children – and, again, has arrived at the conclusion that a) in order to meet the needs of local families, it is necessary to increase the service offer, b) it is necessary, therefore, to increase the hours that the Centre is open and c) there appears to be, if the variation is granted, little prospect of creating parking / collection issues as a result. I would also point out that Merebrook School is represented on the Advisory Board and, therefore, has had the opportunity to contribute to the discussions that have taken place.

In conclusion:

- ✓ The original condition was included as a precaution – but without any traffic and transport analysis having taken place to understand whether or not it was even necessary to add such a condition.
- ✓ The Children's Centre desires to increase its service offer, to meet the increasing needs of local parents and their children.
- ✓ Neither Merebrook School nor the Centre are of the opinion that removing the restriction / varying the original condition 9 will cause any difficulties for parents and carers collecting their children.
- ✓ The Advisory Board, which includes representation from Merebrook School, is in full support of the aims of the Centre – and, therefore, endorses the proposed variation to Condition 9
- ✓ I, as a Ward Councillor, am in total agreement that in order to for the Centre to provide a full and varied offer to meet the needs of local families, the Centre must have the capacity to be open from 9:30am continuously to 6:00pm – and, therefore, I support this proposal of the Variation of Condition 9 and ask you to recommend to the relevant Development Control Panel that they grant this planning application”.



In response:

It is acknowledged that the original condition was not based on any surveys and that the School and the Centre are in support of removing the condition, as they do not experience any difficulties. These matters are addressed in sections 5.1 to 5.3 of the DCP report. The DCP report concludes that it is appropriate to remove the condition, given the above.