

LOCAL PLAN - CABINET ADVISORY GROUP

When: 6:00 pm - Wednesday 9 December 2020

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Members

Councillor P Marland (Chair)
Councillors Bint, Ferrans, Hopkins, Legg and Trendall

Non-Voting co-opted members: Cllr Kurth (CMKTC), D Hedge (YC), C Walton (Community Action), H Chipping (SEMLEP)

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Element	Description	
Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name of the Board 	Local Plan Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG)
Aims and objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What the Board has been established to achieve (our vision) 	To advise the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport and make recommendations on the preparation and review of the Council's statutory Development Plan (Plan:MK, Site Allocations Plan, Minerals Local Plan, Waste Development Plan Document) and related Supplementary Planning Documents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How it will achieve the purpose (priorities) 	To provide effective communication with key stakeholders to ensure they are actively engaged and their views considered throughout the plan-making process. This will focus on providing advice on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation of policies in the Development Plan. The preparation and review of the Development Plan, including emerging evidence and policy approaches.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures of success 	Adoption of Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents in accordance with the programme set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Programme 	Determined by the programme for the preparation and review of Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents, as set out in the Local Development Scheme.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Responsible Officer 	Director of Growth, Economy and Culture
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Lead Cabinet Members] 	Portfolio Holder for Climate and Sustainability
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairing arrangements 	Chair: Portfolio Holder for Climate and Sustainability
Membership matters (including roles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of core members or representatives (& their organisation) Roles and responsibilities of individual members of the Board 	Cllr Jennifer Wilson-Marklew (Portfolio Holder for Climate and Sustainability)
		Cllr Mick Legg
		Cllr Jenni Ferrans
		Cllr Paul Trendall
		Cllr John Bint
		Cllr David Hopkins
		Youth Cabinet representative

		SEMLEP representative
		Community Action MK representative
		Homes England representative
		Parishes Forum representative (not an MKC Ward Cllr)
	<p>Meetings will be held at key stages throughout the preparation and review of the Development Plan or a Supplementary Planning Document. Where relevant, meetings will be held in advance of the Cabinet due to make a decision on a document so that any recommendations by the Group can be considered by the lead Cabinet Member and officers.</p>	
<p>CAG meetings will be held in public with agendas and minutes published on the Council's website.</p>		
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting arrangements 	<p>Non-binding voting is available to ascertain group consensus.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute taking and distribution arrangements 	<p>An agenda will be circulated at least one week (5 working days) in advance of a CAG meeting.</p> <p>A note of meetings and actions will be taken and circulated to CAG members within one week (5 working days) following a meeting.</p> <p>Meetings will be supported by offices from the Council's Planning Service.</p>

Notes: Voting arrangements text amended following decision at Planning CAG meeting on 11 September 2019 to have non-binding voting to ascertain group consensus.

AGENDA

1. Apologies of Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

3. Minutes

To approve, and the Chair to sign as correct records, the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Advisory Group held on 13 JULY 2020 (Item 3a) (**Pages 6 to 8**) and the Cabinet Advisory Group workshop held on 4 NOVEMBER 2020 (Item 3b) (**Pages 9 to 13**).

4. Draft South East MK Development Framework SPD

To consider Item 4 (**To follow**)

ITEM 3a

Department name: Growth, Economy and Culture

Name of meeting: Planning Cabinet Advisory Group

Date: 13/07/2020 Virtual Meeting

Attendees	<p>Membership: Cllr Jennifer Wilson-Marklew (Chair), Cllr John Bint, Cllr David Hopkins, Cllr Jenni Ferrans, Cllr Paul Trendall plus representatives from the following organisations Cllr Rebecca Kurth (Parishes Forum), Disha Hegde (Youth Cabinet), Hilary Chipping (SEMLEP)</p> <p>Substitute members: Kathryn Frazer (Youth Cabinet), Cllr David Stabler (Parishes Forum).</p> <p>Officers: Jon Palmer (JP), Andrew Turner (AT), Michael Moore (MM), Luke Gledhill, (LG), Roz Mascarenhas (RM), Sabina Kupczyk (SK), Phil Snell (PS), David Blandamer (DB)</p>
Guests:	Cllr Emily Darlington for item 3
Apologies:	Clare Walton (Community Action)
Note taker:	Michael Moore

		Action
1.	<p>Opening Matters-</p> <p>1.1 Cllr Wilson-Marklew introduced herself as the Cabinet member for Planning attending her first ever meeting of the Planning Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) as Chair. She referred to the role of the group as an advisory body, giving stakeholders an opportunity to share views, lessons and expertise on planning documents. Although the Planning CAG is not a decision-making body, its input on planning matters is valued and appreciated.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies for Absence: Clare Walton (Community Action)</p>	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting 27 February 2020 and Enclosures-	

	<p>2.1 The draft minutes from 27 February 2020 were agreed apart from the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Point 6 second bullet point Cllr Bint asked for an opportunity to input into the Parking Standards SPD - Item 5 The name for the New Local Plan. The Youth Cabinets suggested name for the new Milton Keynes Local Plan is Innovate:MK. <p>Item 2a: Schedule of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) AT introduced this item covering progress on the SPDs the Council was producing. He also mentioned that the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) had been amended as planning documents issued for public consultation by the Council could not be viewed in libraries as they were closed due to the pandemic. Cllr Bint welcomed the making of the Article 4 Direction in CMK.</p> <p>Much of the debate on this item focused around the initial concept plans for the South East Strategic Urban Extension (SE SUE) circulated as part of the agenda for this meeting. There was an extensive wide-ranging debate by several speakers (including Councillor John Baker, member for the Apsley & Woburn ward in Central Bedfordshire) on various points connected to the proposed SE SUE development including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The impact of traffic and its effect on local communities as a result of new housing and other development in the area including the SE SUE. b) The provision, timing, location and alignment of transport infrastructure including East-West rail, the Expressway, grid roads and bridging points over the Bletchley to Bedford railway line. c) How best to involve and consult with key stakeholders interested parties and the public on this proposal. <p>Officers responded that they would be scheduling a workshop within the next few weeks to discuss the concerns and points raised at the CAG meeting in greater detail and how best to progress a Development Framework SPD for the SE SUE site.</p>	<p>Note: The brief for the Parking Standards SPD was circulated to CAG in April /May and some members have commented on it and the Project Centre commission.</p> <p>Workshop to be organised.</p>
3.	<p>Biodiversity SPD & Explanatory Briefing Note - PS and SK introduced this item. Comments sought on SPD before it proceeds to public consultation and subsequently to adoption, in response to questions and comments, Officers explained the SPD provided guidance to developers on the implementation of the Council’s bio-diversity policies in Plan:MK. The SPD aimed at achieving a net gain in biodiversity, providing greater consistency in decision-making in this area and to assist in the retention and protection of valuable habitats.</p>	<p>Note: An eight-week public consultation on this SPD was subsequently held from Monday 28 September 2020 until Monday 23 November 2020.</p>

4.	<p>South Caldecotte Development Framework SPD and Explanatory Briefing Note</p> <p>4.1 David Blandamer introduced this item. Points were made by various speakers about the importance of mitigating the impact of any development at South Caldecotte on features in and around this site. In response to points made during the debate on this item, JP mentioned that a plan did exist showing the detailed layout of the proposed warehousing development on this site. That plan accompanied the outline planning application, which was refused planning permission by the Council in February. A public inquiry into this refusal was scheduled to start in August for three weeks.</p>	
5.	<p>Revised Terms of Reference for CAG</p> <p>5.1 Terms of Reference (TOR) agreed with the addition of text on inviting Councillors' from neighbouring Boroughs to meetings, when considered appropriate.</p> <p>5.2 TOR to be amended to reflect Tracy Darke's new title as Director – Planning, Strategic Transport and Placemaking instead of previous title of Director, Growth, Economy and Culture</p>	<p>TOR text to be amended to refer to inviting Councillors' from neighbouring Boroughs to meetings, when considered appropriate</p> <p>Tracy Darke's title to be amended in TOR</p>
6.	<p>Closing Matters-</p> <p>6.1 Any other Business (AOB)</p> <p>6.2 Date of next Meeting. Date of Workshop meeting on SE SUE to be advised</p>	

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING CABINET ADVISORY GROUP WORKSHOP held on WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2020 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor Marland (Chair)
Councillors Ferrans, D Hopkins and Trendall

Officers: M Clarke (Principal Urban Designer), S Kupczyk (Senior Planning Officer), J Palmer (Head of Planning), J Povey (Strategic Lead - Transport Policy and Planning), N Sainsbury (Head of Placemaking), A Turner (Development Plan and Delivery Manager), P Van Geete (Tariff Programme Manager), A Wearing (Strategic Lead - Transport) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

Also Present: Councillor J Baker (Central Bedfordshire Council), H Chipping (SEMLEP), K Fraser (Youth Cabinet), R Kurth (CMK Town Council), R Mascarenhas (Youth Cabinet) and C Walton (Community Action Group)

Apologies: Councillors Bint and Legg

CAG01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

CAG02 SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS WORKSHOP HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2020

The summary of comments received following the previous Workshop held on 28 August were tabled, which included the following:

- that the site analysis had been tabled;
- there had been a discussion around the Draft Vision;
- there had appeared to be a broad consensus regarding the proposed open space and pedestrian / cycle networks, buffers and lower density on the edge of the development; and
- the possible extension of the H10 to provide access and integration with a likely future growth to the north and east.

CAG03 PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Group received a presentation on Social Infrastructure, which included what would be delivered:

- 3,000 homes would be created as part of a Strategic Urban Extension on the South East Edge of Milton Keynes;

- two primary schools and one secondary school, with early years capacity and further nursery provision;
- two local centres with a community facility;
- a Pavilion with playing fields;
- open space including play provision for children and young people; and
- a potential location for a health facility.

The Group noted the following concerns / comments:

- whether or not commercial analysis had been carried out in relation to other sectors;
- whether or not work had been carried out to assess the impact on Woburn Sands High Street or any potential mitigation;
- how additional school provision would affect existing primary and secondary schools in Woburn Sands;
- what arrangements (if any) would be in place to work in partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council;
- the likely impact on Newport Road should the railway crossing close;
- that the buffer zone appeared to have been replaced with playing fields;
- the urgency of submitting a detailed plan outlining the proposed Travellers' Site and the importance of the Site's completion prior to commencement of the housing development;
- that the uncertainty about the future of Woburn Sands railway station made decision making difficult;
- a perception that the distance between catchment areas was too great and the impact on residents accessing local centres;
- what plans were developed, or being developed, for under 18s as part of the community facilities; and
- that it would be helpful for the slides to be shared with Parish and Town Councils.

In response to the comments / concerns raised, the following was reported:

- that developers would make arrangements to undertake an impact assessment on Woburn Sands High Street;

- it was hoped there would not be any detrimental effect on the schools in Woburn Sands and officers would communicate with Central Bedfordshire Council on this matter;
- that officers would liaise with the Schools Team to provide school places for the predicated area;
- that a public transport link would be provided to the local centres; and
- that officers engage with young people through the Youth Cabinet in regard to provisions for under 18s.

CAG04

PRESENTATION ON MOVEMENT NETWORK AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Group received a presentation on the Movement Network and Public Transport, which included the following:

- the need to provide safe public transport routes;
- that houses be no more than 400m from a bus stop;
- the transport study had been delayed;
- there were currently no clear proposals from East / West Rail regarding crossings;
- the proposed Park and Ride next to the A5 south-west and M1 Junction 13;
- that a Demand Responsive Travel (DRT) model would replace subsidised bus routes that were no longer viable;
- that, following responses received, the following scenarios were reported:

Option 1

- to include two all movement bridges to the east and west side of the allocation;
- the installation of traffic lights and right turn as Woodleys Road connects with Bow Brickhill Road;
- this would work in line with the MK 2050 Strategy as bus routes would maximise catchment along Bow Brickhill Road;

Option 2

- that the Bow Brickhill bypass become a full grid road to allow for a connected grid road into Central Milton Keynes;
- this would not work in line with the MK 2050 Strategy as there would not be an MRT route to the railway station;

Option 3

- that there would be three all movement bridges at V10, V11 and Woodleys crossing;
- this would have an impact on Newport Road but would provide the potential for a route around Woburn Sands level crossing, although this would be problematic; and
- there were financial implications for this option as there was no existing vehicular crossing on the V11 and it was likely that East / West Rail would only fund upgrades to existing vehicular crossings.

The Group noted the following concerns / comments:

- the presentation contained a large amount of detail which could not be fully considered during the Workshop;
- residents might lose their homes if the grid road was to be extended;
- the detail of what provision of public transport would serve the new developments;
- details of provision for charging electric vehicles;
- that consideration be given as to where the Park and Ride destination(s) would terminate;
- where would the DRT routes be located; and
- transport was a concern for young people.

Councillor Bint had submitted the following comments and requested that these be considered in his absence:

‘Please include explicit provisions in the SPD to cocoon existing settlements and their residents, from future nearby residential development, in the way that Willen, the Shenleys, MK Village, and many others, have been successfully cocooned and protected. This isn't simply a matter of buffer zones. With careful road measures (instead of, or as well as, buffering), better cocooning can be achieved (and with less land loss).

Please include an explicit requirement to extend H10 all the way to Newport Road (the former A5130). This is important both for the intended future residents within the area, and for the smooth movement of people and goods more widely across MK.

Please include a comprehensive definition of what we want, as a grid road: no homes or other developments (except obviously, petrol filling stations) opening onto the grid road; extensive (grade-separated) crossings for pedestrians, cyclists AND road vehicles, to ensure grid

roads achieve through-traffic connectivity without being a barrier to permeability between the estates for local traffic: this permeability makes a really important contribution to the quality of life in these neighbourhoods, as per the many examples we put forwards at one of the recent CAG meetings.'

In response to the comments / concerns raised, the following was reported:

- if there was not an option to connect to Newport Road then the H10 would need to be extended;
- the DRT would have fixed routes and operate at bus stops; and
- that discussions take place with officers who are working on the DRT model.

CAG05

NEXT STEPS

RESOLVED -

1. That officers convene further individual meetings with CAG members who need more clarification on the information presented at the Workshop.
2. That options be reviewed in light of the comments received.
3. That comments be circulated by 18 November 2020 in advance of the CAG meeting to be held on 9 December 2020.
4. It was agreed to arrange meetings with Local Stakeholder Groups before 18 November 2020 deadline for comments.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.15 PM