

Public Questions – Cabinet (2 November 2021)

Item 5 Public Questions

1) Paul Green (28/10/21 – 14.06)

“What measures will be taken to prevent the vastly increased number of vehicles in the locality from choosing Station Road, Bow Brickhill as a cut-through thoroughfare instead of a bypass?”

2) Julie Godden (Parish Clerk, Bow Brickhill Parish Council) (28/10/21 – 15.03)

“Why has Bow Brickhill been chosen as the site for a Travellers and Gypsy site by the railway station when hardly any of the main criteria for these sites will be met? It is understood that the travelling community would prefer to have their existing sites in Calverton and Willen extended and any money would be better spent there.”

3) Lesley Sung (Council Manager, Walton Community Council (28/10/21 – 20.45)

“Considering MKC’s well-publicised planning errors made in relation to Blakelands and Hindhead Knoll, **And** given that SE:MK ties into East West Rail, the 5 year housing supply, future transport such as MRT and more - then does Councillor Marland really believe that the SE:MK SPD should be signed off by him alone as a delegated decision? Whist the Cabinet Advisory Group might have had input into the SPD, and if that input in anything like we have seen before, where planning decisions have been made by those who do not reside in the area, or have an understanding of that area or in some cases, not even having visited the area, then this could very well end up in another planning disaster. SE:MK will have a massive impact on those living in the new development and those residing in the surrounding areas. Milton Keynes residents deserve better, more open democracy so will he re-think his course of action by ensuring that the SE:MK SPD proposals are now properly scrutinised and deliberated by the Cabinet”

4) Trevor Hutton (29/10/21 – 10.26)

“In respect of SEMK SUE SPD: It is important to protect all existing residents of Wavendon village, Wavendon Fields apartments and the north side of the upcoming Church Farm development from the negative pollution/noise impact of an extended H10 grid road. We can see some additions in the new SPD which is welcome, but there is no additional buffer protection for the Wavendon Fields apartments nor the east side across the Church Farm development. Can MKC confirm that vegetation/tree planting on the northern flanks of the H10 corridors will be of a sufficient scale to provide green buffering for these areas both in the short term as a single-carriageway 40mph road and also in the medium/longer term if H10 becomes a more major road carrying higher volumes and faster traffic?”

5) Julian Price (Chairman, Bow Brickhill Parish Council) (29/10/21 – 11.27)

“What noise and pollution reduction measures are to be taken in order to reduce the environmental impact of a grid road standard relief road in Bow Brickhill?”

6) Yogini Thakker (29/10/21 – 11.28)

“What are MKC’s plans for undertaking a comprehensive traffic modelling review and in particular considering these two major aspects a) completing the overdue phase 2 modelling study for assessing the impact on the volume of traffic along the existing roads in Wavendon b) the outcome of the East /West Railway line consultation?”

As it is the ongoing growth in the area, is having an impact on the volume of traffic on our existing roads and we would like to know what MKC’s plans are to mitigate against further increases .”

7) Beverley Thompson (29/10/21 – 12.05)

“One of the reasons given for the proposed location of the Gypsy and Travellers site is that it is “in close proximity to Bow Brickhill Rail Station.” Why is this considered to be an advantage given that the station is more than likely to close once East-West Rail is completed, whereas Woburn Sands station will definitely remain open?”

8) Roger Penfound (29/10/21 – 13.01)

“In respect of SEMK SUE SPD: Residents of Wavendon are pleased to see the significant addition to the ‘Indicative concept plan’ of ‘potential wider linear open space network’ through the village, which will go some way towards compensation for lost environmental open space within the SUE. However as it lies outside the SEMK SUE can the Council clarify how this can be carried forward as a positive plan for delivery.

9) Philip Ball (29/10/21 – 17.57)

“Who is paying for the improvements required to the section of the V10 between the A5 roundabout and Bow Brickhill station?”