

MK: Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Deal Board

Call for initial projects for £1m capital investment
Thursday 30 July 2020



Recap

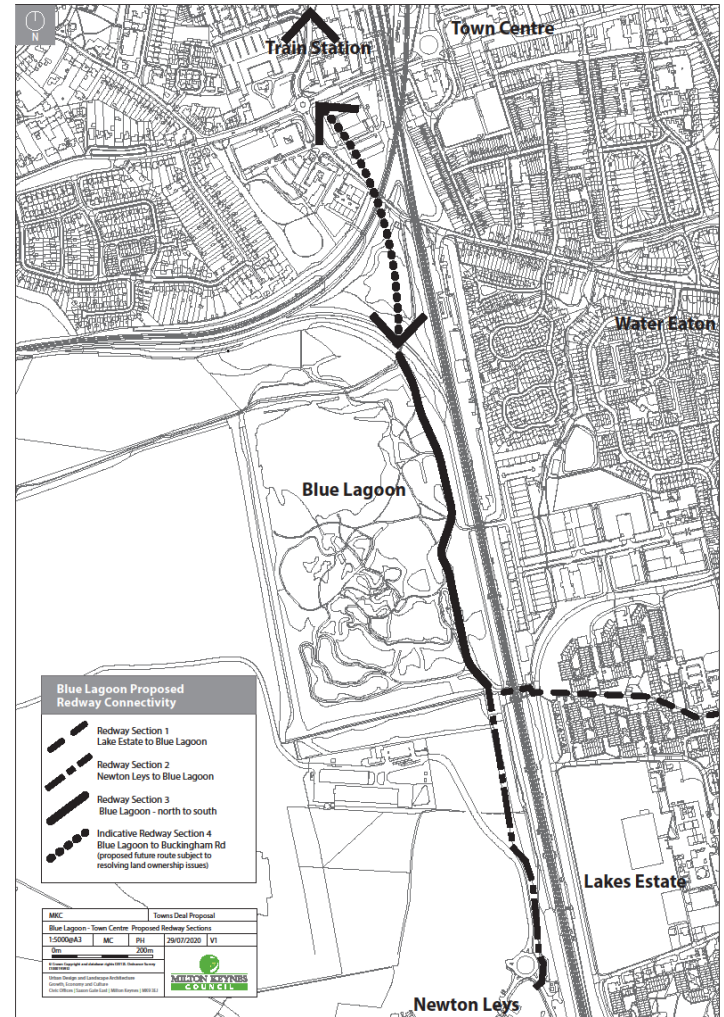
- Invitation to submit proposals for an initial £1m of capital spend received on 1 July
- The Government is particularly encouraging projects that will support towns in responding to immediate challenges, including:
 - Improvements to or new park and green spaces and sustainable transport links
 - Improvements to town centres including repurposing empty commercial properties
 - Demolition or site remediation where this will have an immediate benefit
- The Council needs to confirm with the Government, by 14 August, the projects that it proposes to spend the initial £1 million of funding on
- S151 officer that spending is in line with the Towns Fund intervention framework, will achieve good value for money and that the projects can be delivered in the 2020/21 financial year

Proposition no	Project Proposition	Description	Capital Requirement [£]	Deliverability by 31/03/21	'Fit' with MHCLG accelerated capital project funding criteria			Recommendation
					Improvements to Parks & Green Space & sustainable transport links	Town Centre improvements & repurposing empty commercial properties	Demolition or site remediation where this will have an immediate benefit	
1	Community Information Centre	Establish an information centre, readily accessible to the general public, and, possibly potential investors, to provide information/receive feedback on existing & future activities [e.g. Bletchley Campus - MK College, East-West Rail, Proposed Institute of Technology, Central Bletchley Urban Design Framework SPD]. Other stakeholders/partners to be advised.	Not specified	Low - concept stage		X		Consider as part of TIP
2	Youth Zone	Repurposing of commercial building in Bletchley town centre [e.g. former Co-op building on Queensway] to make provision for an excellent space for young people of the kind delivered by On Side Youth Zones: https://www.onsideyouthzones.org	Not specified	Low - concept stage		X		Consider as part of TIP
3	Mass Rapid Transit Connection - first leg of MRT system between Bletchley & Central Milton Keynes	Construction of the first leg of an MRT connection between Central Bletchley [V7 environs] and a terminus located next to stadium,MK	Not specified	Low - concept stage	X			Consider as part of TIP
4	Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Skills Bridging [Multi-Agency Hub] - suggested name: Bletchley Skills Hub	Development of skills and enterprise infrastructure in Bletchley town centre with a 'high street' shop-front. The Hub would bring together those agencies [e.g. Careers Sparks, National Careers Service, Job Centre Plus] who will be directly responsible for supporting individuals and communities with skills bridging activity to access sustainable employment. Skills bridging is a concept of mapping those skills developed in one industry or occupation [e.g. hospitality] and transferring them to other, in demand sectors [e.g. health and social care]. The Hub would not only serve the immediate response to economic challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic but also pave the way for a 'Brexit' skills strategy for the local community.	174,000	Medium - preliminary work indicates the scheme could be delivered by 30/03/21 assuming prompt start date in Sept '20 but delivery predicated on capitalisation of 5-year lease rent @ £225k in addition to capital requirement shown. Estimated to be operational w.e.f. Feb '21		X		Consider as part of TIP or explore as part of Covid-19 Recovery Plan
5	Former Bletchley Fire Station - site redevelopment prep/remediation/demolition/repurposing proposal	Works to prepare the former fire station site for site redevelopment/repurposing to include remediation and demolition [NB fits with Central Bletchley Prospectus vision and Plan:MK Policy SD16].	200,000	Medium - valuation notice now served on Fire Authority 'option to purchase' now triggered by MKDP.		X	X	Include in accelerated funding proposal
6	New Redway or improved walking & cycling route extending from Lakes Estate to Blue Lagoon [NB links to proposed future strategic Redway route to Central Bletchley]	Provision of new Redway or improved walking & cycling route from the Lakes Estate to the Blue Lagoon nature reserve, to include a toucan crossing across Drayton Road. Fits with MKC's Lakes Estate Regeneration Strategy and improves the connectivity of a deprived area. Links directly to proposed, future, strategic Redway link between Lakes Estate/Newton Leys and Central Bletchley.	225,000	High - subject to prompt scheme design & procurement of MKC Highway contractor.	X			Include in accelerated funding proposal
7	Newton Leys to Blue Lagoon Redway link	Provision of new Redway route linking Newton Leys to the Blue Lagoon [NB forms part of proposed, future, strategic Redway link between Lakes Estate/Newton Leys and Central Bletchley].	176,000	High - subject to prompt scheme design & procurement of MKC Highway contractor.	X			Include in accelerated funding proposal
8	Blue Lagoon Redway Link [NB form part of proposed future strategic Redway route to Central Bletchley]	Provision of new Redway route running adjacent to the Blue Lagoon [NB forms part of proposed, future, strategic Redway link between Lakes Estate/Newton Leys and Central Bletchley].	270,000	High - subject to procurement of MKC Highway contractor.	X			Include in accelerated funding proposal
9	Blue Lagoon to Central Bletchley [environs of Buckingham Road] Redway link	Provision of new Redway route [NB forms 'missing part' part of proposed, future, strategic Redway link between Lakes Estate/Newton Leys and Central Bletchley]	308,000	Low - issue with third party land ownership which are unlikely to be resolved to enable delivery by 31/3/21	X			Consider as part of TIP
10	Redway network expansion proposal	Proposal to extend existing Redway links to include provision of 'Southern Bletchley Bypass' for cyclists and other sundry links	Not specified	Low - concept stage	X			Consider as part of TIP

Shortlisted Projects

- Project 5 - Redway Link 1 - Provision of new Lakes Estate - Blue Lagoon Redway link, to include toucan crossing – MKC Lead Delivery partner
- Project 6 - Redway Link 2 - Provision of new Newton Leys - Blue Lagoon Redway Link – MKC Lead Delivery Partner
- Project 7 - Redway Link 3 - Provision of new Blue Lagoon Redway link – MKC Lead Delivery Partner
- Project 8 - Former Bletchley Fire Station - repurposing/redevelopment/remediation and demolition works – MKDP Lead Delivery Partner

Redways Sketch Plan



Next Steps

- S151 to confirm position in respect of schemes agreed by Board
- Delegated Decision to be taken on 11 August
- Response on project proposals to MHCLG by 14th August
- Confirmation of MHCLG decision required asap if projects to be delivered by March 2021
- Other submitted project proposals made to the call for project ideas to be worked into the TIP submission