



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
 Planning Meeting held on 26th August 2015  
 At the Town Council office, Margaret Powell House,  
 413 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:** Andrew Thomas (Chair)  
 Ken Baker  
 Linda Inoki (from item 3)  
 Rebecca Kurth  
 Jon Muncaster (Planning Advisor)  
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)  
 Thomas Walker (Communication Officer and Assistant Clerk)

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<p><b>Apologies &amp; Declarations of Interest</b>            No new declarations of interest were advised.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes</b>            The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 23 July 2015, as previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the following amendments:-</p> <p>Inclusion of 'Thomas Walker' in list of attendees.            Insertion of 'RK/LI' in the 'Actions' column adjacent to item 5.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding the number of councillors currently serving on the Planning Committee, which was less than permitted by Standing Order.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Planning Committee seek an additional councillor member, and that a paper be brought to the September Town Council meeting for consideration.</p> <p>The Planning Advisor noted that his action to speak to MK Council officers with regard to application 15/01238/LBC (38 Midsummer Arcade) had resulted in an email to members of the Planning Committee clarifying the position, noting that the application did not present a challenge.</p>	
3	<p><b>List of Planning applications for the last 28 days</b>            The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Planning Advisor provided an outline of his enquiries on the 'minor' applications featured, which are not subject to individual scrutiny by the entire Planning Committee. A paper outlining his opinion on each application was noted.</p> <p>The following responses to the applications were agreed upon:-</p> <p>Roundabout sponsorship applications:            15/01952/ADV South Saxon Street roundabout</p>	

	<p>15/01953/ADV South Grafton roundabout  15/01972/ADV Glebe roundabout  15/01979/ADV Green Lane roundabout  15/01954/ADV North Saxon roundabout  15/01836/ADV Midsummer roundabout  15/01900/ADV Avebury roundabout</p> <p>All applications supported</p> <p>15/01720/ADV Sign for Curry's PC World, Elder Gate  Supported</p> <p>Councillor Inoki arrived at this juncture</p> <p>15/01599/ADV 565 Lamppost Banners  The Clerk reminded councillors that this application applied to lampposts across Milton Keynes, including CMK.</p> <p>No comment, but an observation to be made that it was expected that any installation would be subject to a suitable maintenance regime.</p> <p>The Planning Advisor was requested to seek clarification on general advertising policy.</p> <p>15/01669/FUL Additional parking and AC compound at Equitable Life House  It was noted that the changes proposed on this re-submission were for the better, but there still remained issues.  The position of the Planning Committee was agreed as 'no comment', with the following observations:-  The Planning Committee supports the new layout proposals, subject to acceptance of the Landscape Architect's comments, however, previous objections to the vertical external duct are maintained.</p> <p>15/01843/ADV New signs for Marks &amp; Spencer  Supported</p> <p>15/01874/ADV New illuminated signage for Wagamama  Supported</p> <p>15/01730/ADV Signs for Hobbs at 13b Silbury Boulevard  This application is linked to 15/01958/LBC  Whilst there were issues identified from a design point of view, it was noted that the Planning Committee was not in a position to comment on internal frontages.  No comment.</p>	<p>JM</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Further Applications Received</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Additional applications had been received, the Clerk requesting consideration of how these should be addressed following the procedure agreed at the July meeting.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that items 15/2021/ADV, 15/2027/FUL and 15/2028/LBC be considered together, as they relate to the same proposal. It was noted that the proposals seek to change the character of Sunset and Acorn Walk arcades and entranceways.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors Kurth and Baker prepare a response to the</p>	<p>RK/KB/JM</p>

	<p>applications, with the support of the Planning Advisor if required. The Planning Advisor's initial comments, sent by email were noted with thanks.</p> <p>15/01966/FUL Provision of air conditioning, ventilation and new entrance doors to Ashton House</p> <p>It was agreed that this application be considered by the Planning Advisor as part of his submission to the next Planning Committee meeting. Councillor Inoki agreed to assist with consideration of this application.</p>	JM/LI
5	<p><b>Confidential Planning Discussions</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>After some concerns being expressed at the broad-ranging nature of the process agreed at the last meeting, the item was brought back for further development.</p> <p>Following some discussion it was agreed that the procedure as outlined would be adopted in instances where developers specifically requested confidential discussions. On these occasions, the Chair of Planning, the Clerk and one other member of the Planning Committee would meet developers in the first instance.</p> <p>Where such a request is not made, the discussions will be open to all councillors.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that there was not a need for a confidentiality agreement to be entered into, as councillors are bound by Code of Conduct in all their deliberations.</p>	
6	<p><b>Lloyds Court Planning Application (15/01600/FUL) Recommendations</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Some small amendments to the response were agreed, as follows:- 'Considerations' para 1 replace 'development' with 'proposal' 'Signage' 3<sup>rd</sup> line, replace 'patter' with 'pattern'</p> <p>With the above amendments the response was agreed.</p>	
7	<p><b>Confidential Item</b> The Clerk noted that no members of the public were present.</p> <p>A confidential and wide-ranging discussion ensued.</p> <p>During the discussion it was agreed that Councillor Thomas would develop a response to the recent Delegated Decision to issue a draft development brief on C3.3.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to enquire whether there is a schedule of items to be brought forward for delegated decision which councils could have access to at an earlier stage than when the agenda for the forthcoming meeting is published.</p>	AT  PC
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.10 pm</b></p> <p><b>Date of next formal meeting proposed as Wednesday 23 September 2015 at 6pm</b></p>	