



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
 Planning Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015  
 At the Town Council office, Margaret Powell House,  
 413 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:** Linda Inoki (Chair)  
 Ken Baker  
 Rebecca Kurth  
 Jon Muncaster (Planning Advisor)  
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Andrew Thomas

**Present:** Jim McGowan

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<p><b>Apologies &amp; Declarations of Interest</b>            No new declarations of interest were advised.</p> <p>The Clerk sought nominations for chair of the meeting in the absence of Councillor Thomas.</p> <p>Councillor Inoki was nominated by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Kurth and took the chair.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes</b>            The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 June 2015, as previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.</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:            15/01437/ADV Bankfield roundabout            15/01445/ADV Enmore roundabout            15/01453/ADV Skeldon roundabout            15/01444/ADV Campbell Park roundabout</p> <p>All applications supported</p> <p>15/01238/LBC 38 Midsummer Arcade            The Planning Advisor was requested to speak to the Conservation Officer and Case Officer to clarify why the application was required, given that the</p>	JM

	<p>travertine flooring was not being impinged upon by the proposals. It was felt important that the applicants be requested to ensure that when the frontage is 'flipped' the travertine impacted by this is relocated or reinstated as necessary.</p> <p>It was agreed that a form of words be circulated by the Planning Advisor following his discussions for agreement by the Planning Committee for insertion on the planning portal.</p> <p>It was agreed that by having dialogue with officers prior to a meeting of the Planning Committee the Planning Advisor would be better able to provide guidance to the committee which will eliminate speculative discussion.</p> <p>15/01379/FUL Installation of safety rail on roof of Station House No comment.</p> <p>15/01364/ADV 'Lloyds No.1' rebranded as 'David Garrick' in Theatre District No comment. However, concerns were expressed at the obstructive and untidy nature of the colonnade seating area.</p> <p>15/01571/FUL Change of use of part of 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Food Centre to' Laser Planet Ltd' Support. The application is consistent with the CMK Neighbourhood Plan requirement for mixed-use development.</p> <p>15/01591/ADV Advertising consent for Santander, Midsummer Place Support.</p>	
4	<p><b>Proposal for the use of 'writers' to assist with planning application submissions</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Kurth explained the background to the proposal, noting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Council approved a budget for the Planning Committee to utilise on external support to assist in the preparation of planning application responses.</li> <li>• Professional consultants had proven to be too expensive to use extensively going forward.</li> <li>• Councillors were spending a great deal of time developing application responses.</li> <li>• As the current position was not felt to be tenable an alternative proposal to identify local 'writers' who would be engaged on a 'work for hire' basis to work with councillors to draft responses had been developed.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Baker expressed concern that the proposed hourly rate of £25 was too high. This view was not shared, and the point was made that a 'writer' would be engaged to work on an application for a determined number of hours and it was strongly felt that the Planning Committee would get value for money.</p> <p>A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that work be undertaken to develop the model as outlined in the paper.</p>	
5	<p><b>Lloyds Court- application 15/01600/FUL</b> The Clerk advised that he had received notification of the lodgement of the planning application for the Lloyds Court area on the portal.</p>	

	<p>He noted that he would be collecting hard copies of the application for the office.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors Inoki and Kurth undertake the initial assessment of the application, working with a 'writer' if such can be identified in time.</p> <p>The standard consultation expiry date for the application is 12 August.</p>	
6	<p><b>Pre-application submissions</b> The Clerk advised that he had received notice of a pre-application submission for comment upon.</p> <p>Following discussion on the process of undertaking scrutiny of pre-applications, which are both very useful but, by their very nature, highly confidential, it was agreed that the Chair and one further member of the Planning Committee, with the support of the Clerk, should consider such applications without reference to other members of the Planning Committee or Town Council. This would ensure that confidentiality is maintained, which will be essential to the credibility of the Planning Committee going forward. When the full planning application comes forward this will, of course, be considered by the full Planning Committee.</p>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 6.58 pm</b></p> <p><b>Date of next formal meeting proposed as Wednesday 26 August 2015 at 6pm</b></p>	