



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
 Planning Meeting held on 28th January 2015
 At the Town Council office, Margaret Powell House,
 413 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes**

Present: Andrew Thomas (Chair)
 Ken Baker
 Linda Inoki
 Jon Muncaster (Planning Advisor)
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Rebecca Kurth

	Notes	Actions
1	Apologies & Declarations of Interest The Chair noted the apology and welcomed those present to the meeting. No new declarations of interest were noted.	
2	Minutes The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 January 2015, as previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.	
3	List of Planning applications for the last 28 days The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The Planning Advisor provided an outline of his enquiries on the 'minor' applications featured, which are not subject to individual scrutiny. Additional items were tabled which had been recorded subsequent to the papers being issued. Application 15/00007/FUL- Change of use building on corner of Avebury Bvd and Lower 9th Street.- The recommendation to support the application was supported, but concerns about the internal works to be conveyed. Application 15/00039/FUL- Change of use from offices to 14 residential units, Brickhill House. Concerns were expressed that this was only one of a number of initiatives to convert office buildings to apartments, which was undermining the integrity of the design of CMK. Clarification to be sought whether the plans are for residential units or an aparthotel. The Planning Advisor to research the application in the usual way. Councillor Baker to investigate the current regulatory position with regard to conversion of units to aparthotels.	 PC JM/KB
4	Theatre District Hotel application- 14/02498/FUL. The submission made to MKCouncil was noted by the Planning Committee. The Clerk advised that the application was not scheduled for consideration at the next DCC meeting. The aesthetics of the scheme were discussed in some detail and it was felt	

	<p>that there were a number of fundamental issues with the building, in terms of its orientation, relationship to porte cocheres etc. It was agreed that when the application came before DCC the Chair would seek to speak, noting that much of the detail which is now felt to be wrong with the application could have been addressed effectively at pre-application stage. It was also agreed that a deferment of consideration of the application be granted to enable the detail to be considered further.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Planning Advisor draft a letter to Anna Rose requesting a meeting and pointing to the benefit of engaging the Town Council at an early stage in such applications to provide a pragmatic view from an architectural stance which would then be complemented by the Urban Design team. The letter to be amended by the Chair prior to being sent.</p> <p>The Planning Committee agreed that they were 'neutral' on the application in its entirety but noted that with some small amendments to the design to enable the building to relate to its immediate environment they could fully support it.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>JM</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 6.50 pm</p> <p>Date of next formal meeting proposed as Wednesday 25 February at 6pm</p>	