



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
 Planning Meeting held on 27th October 2014
 At the Town Council office, Margaret Powell House, 413 Midsummer
 Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes**

Present: Andrew Thomas (Chair)
 Ken Baker
 Linda Inoki
 Rebecca Kurth (ex officio)
 Jon Muncaster (Advisor)
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)
 Thomas Walker (Communications Officer)
 Clive Faine (Abbeygate Developments) to item 3

	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Apologies & Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. He noted that he was no longer secretary of MK Forum, whilst remaining a member.</p>	
2	<p>Presentation from Abbeygate Developments Clive Faine, Abbeygate Developments, gave a presentation in respect of the proposed development of a 'de Vere Village' within the leisure plaza site. He noted that the project, originally designated for the Wyevale site had come up against significant challenges and that, with the proposed casino site upon the leisure plaza complex now not required for that purpose, this development was an ideal alternative for the site.</p> <p>The model for the site was outlined. It was noted that the project will provide 350 local jobs, but it needed to progress quickly.</p> <p>Visibility from Avebury Boulevard will not be impacted, and access was not felt to be a challenge, either by way of drop off or long term parking.</p> <p>It was hoped that the project could commence by April 2015, with a one year build.</p> <p>The Planning Committee indicated its 'in principle' support for the project, noting that the site was more suited to the development than the Wyevale site.</p> <p>Clive Faine left the meeting at this juncture.</p>	
3	<p>Terms of reference The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The terms of reference for the Planning Committee were approved, subject to insertion of 'General' after 'Annual' in section 1a), with the proviso that they can be subject to review at any time should this be requested by a member of the committee.</p>	

	<p>It was noted that care needed to be taken to ensure that decisions on ‘big issues’ should not only be considered by the Planning Committee, but by the full Town Council. Any such issues could be referred from the committee back to the full Council.</p>	
4	<p>List of planning applications in last 28 days The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The process for considering applications going forward was considered. It was agreed that the new applications should be circulated to committee members on a weekly basis, with a folder also being created on the Google drive to mirror these.</p> <p>It was also agreed that if members of the committee wish to have further information provided or investigation by the Advisor of an application this should be flagged to the Chair in the first instance.</p> <p>The Clerk cautioned against pursuing too many enquiries of a minor nature, given the major applications being considered by the committee on a regular basis.</p> <p>A discussion ensued with regard to the siting of rapid charge units. It was noted that these were on highway, but concerns were expressed on the style and siting of the units.</p>	
5	<p>Multi Storey Car Park application</p> <p>i) To note the submission lodged on behalf of the Town Council The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair noted that, due to expediency requirements, work was undertaken on the submission by the Chair and Advisor. The submission was ratified by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>ii) To consider further representations on design & relationship issues The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair noted that there was little on the planning portal that referenced design issues with regard to the planning application.</p> <p>It was suggested that an executive summary should be developed which referred to the submission previously lodged and noted that the additional submission was an overlay focussing on urban design issues.</p> <p>Any issues with regard to Officers’ submissions should be approached separately and not form part of the additional submission.</p> <p>It was agreed that the paper be accepted, subject to an executive summary being drafted by Councillor Inoki.</p>	LI
6	<p>To note the response to the B3.3 North Development Brief The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the committee, in conjunction with the Clerk, needs to develop a system to ensure that submission dates are not missed.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed that the submission be amended as follows:- 5.4.4 to read- ‘Suggest change the first sentence: to conform with the CMK Alliance Plan Policy G9 (d), in that buildings are encouraged up to 8 stories,</p>	

	<p>specifically with reference to boulevard frontages.’</p> <p>The Clerk to resubmit the paper to MKCouncil highlighting this amendment to comments made.</p>	PC
7	<p>Telecom installations around centre:mk</p> <p>Jon Muncaster outlined his findings with regard to the installation of telecom kiosks in the vicinity of centre:mk, noting that the installations are not subject to planning considerations. Officers have no power to decline planning in this instance. Under legislation there is a specific power granted to Telecom to install kiosks where they consider appropriate subject, of course, to safety considerations.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the proposed meeting with Rachel Kingsley be pursued, and that, if possible Neil Sainsbury should also be invited to the same meeting. This proposal was agreed by the committee.</p>	PC
8	<p>Structure of the Committee</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Following some discussion it was agreed that the committee should meet formally on a monthly basis, with the schedule being spaced as equally as possible between scheduled meetings of the Town Council. It was agreed that a Wednesday would be appropriate and that, subject to availability of Centrecom, an alternative venue could be the Office.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to propose dates following the dates for Town Council meetings into 2015 being agreed.</p>	PC
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.42 pm</p> <p>Date of next formal meeting to be determined</p>	