



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Planning Meeting held on 21st September 2016
At the Town Council office, Margaret Powell House,
413 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes**

Present: Andrew Thomas (Chair)
Linda Inoki
Jim McGowan
Thomas Walker (Assistant Clerk)
Jon Muncaster (Planning Advisor)

Apologies: Rebecca Kurth, Paul Cranfield

Members of the Public: None

	Notes	Actions
1	Apologies Apologies were noted from Councillor Kurth and Paul Cranfield (clerk).	
2	Declarations of Interest No additional declarations of interest were advised.	
3	Minutes The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24th August 2016, as previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4	<p>List of Minor Planning applications recently received The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The following responses to the applications were agreed:-</p> <p>16/02155/FUL Refurbishment to Building, Witan Court Support The Town Council welcomes in principle the proposals to refurbish and upgrade the development. However, to apply render to quality natural Bath Stone is not acceptable, because it is an unsuitable and unstable material. We would recommend that planning officers discuss alternatives, such as continuing the new aluminium cladding of the arch down to complete the frame, thereby achieving the same effect.</p> <p>16/02125/FUL Additional Use Class D1 (Dentist), 151 Grafton Gate Support</p> <p>16/02197/MMAM Relocation of Substation, Victoria House Support With a condition that the site of the existing substation be reinstated as classic CMK infrastructure in terms of design, function and materials.</p>	

5	<p>To consider position regarding 28 ADV applications for locations around CMK.</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>JM presented his report on the 28 applications. It was noted that it appears that all but one of the proposed signs are on new sites, not replacing existing signs.</p> <p>The location plans in the applications were considered to be too small to be useful in determining the exact location and orientation of the proposed signs. The information in the applications was also deemed to be incomplete and inconsistent, with some applications providing an image of a tape measure for scale and others not.</p> <p>The following wording was agreed in response to the combined applications:</p> <p>The Town Council finds itself having to object to the proposed digital advertisement scheme due to the lack of urban design guidance, the orientation and placing of the units, and the poor relationship within the CMK classic infrastructure grid, a non-designated heritage asset.</p> <p>We feel these matters are significant because the position of these signs is crucial to maintaining safe and easy access for pedestrians, especially the disabled and partially sighted.</p> <p>The Town Council also objects on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location plans supplied with the applications are too small to be helpful or accurate. - There is no setting out information. - The application has not applied consistent information – e.g. some applications have unhelpful photographs and some have none at all. - Most of the proposed positions of the signs are skewed relative to the orthogonal CMK grid. - There is no information supplied regarding whether the signs are in new locations or are replacing existing signs. 	
6	<p>To note response to application 16/01769/FUL, YMCA Building</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>A response received from Iain Smith (architect for the YMCA PRS scheme) was tabled at the meeting for discussion. This email addressed the main points raised in the Town Council's original submission.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Town Council would continue to hold its previous position regarding refuse collection arrangements and the loss of public parking for the proposed substations. It was further agreed that the Town Council would withdraw its concerns over alterations to the quadrants at the junction of North Seventh Street and North Row in light of the confirmation that the changes are de minimus.</p> <p>It was resolved to address the matters considered and agreed above, arising from the email representation, through a further submission to Milton Keynes Council drafted by the Assistant Clerk in consultation with Councillors Inoki and Thomas. A copy of the email received will be included for context.</p>	TW / LI / AT
7	<p>The meeting closed at 7.40 pm</p> <p>Date of next formal meeting proposed as Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 6pm</p>	