

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

18 OCTOBER 2017

AMENDMENTS

Item 4(a) Approval of Proposed Submission Version of Plan:MK

1. Amendment from Councillor O'Neill

Councillor O'Neill to move:

"That the Cabinet recommendation be amended by the addition of the words 'subject to the Submission Version of Plan:MK being amended by the additional changes put forward by the Plan:MK Working Group (attached)'".

2. Amendment from Councillor A Geary (1)

Councillor A Geary to move:

"That the following additional clause be added to the recommendation from the Cabinet:

'That the Council recognising the pledges and assurances given by Cabinet of a Planning Moratorium in South East Milton Keynes, reaffirms its commitment to such and agrees that any proposed buffer included in this area will not be brought forward before 2026, so allowing the routes of the Oxford - MK - Cambridge Expressway and East - West rail to be determined and housing planned strategically around them.'"

3. Amendment from Councillor A Geary (2) (Subject to the amendment from Councillor O'Neill being accepted or carried)

Councillor A Geary to move:

"That the words 'this figure will be dependent on the amount of land which would be available should the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Expressway route impact upon this site' be deleted from the second sentence of Paragraph 4.17 on page 5 of the 'Additional Changes put Forward by the Plan:MK Working Group' and replaced with the words 'with the aspiration and desire to actively encourage the inclusion and facilitation of the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Expressway, which will provide a much needed infrastructure upgrade for both local residents and the regional economy, Plan:MK recognises that the figure of 9.7% is likely to be somewhat reduced.'"

4. Amendment from Councillor Ferrans (1)

Councillor Ferrans to move:

"That the following additional clauses be added to the recommendation from the Cabinet:

- '1. That this Council notes with concern that legislation, in particular the viability test, prevents the Council requiring the % of affordable housing that the Strategic Housing Market Assessment indicates is needed in Plan:MK.
2. That the Council also notes that some developers on some sites are able, and in some cases proactively willing, to offer more.
3. That the Council therefore amends the proposed Submission version of Plan:MK, Paragraphs A and C (as corrected by Cabinet) of Policy HN2, and item 11 of table 24 (Monitoring framework) to substitute "at least 31%" instead of "31%"."

5. Amendment from Councillor Ferrans (2)

Councillor Ferrans to move:

"That the following additional clauses be added to the recommendation from the Cabinet:

- '1. That the Council notes that while endorsing the submission version of Plan:MK together with such amendments as are approved at this meeting, it remains concerned that Government restrictions on planning law prevent the Council planning formally for the number of affordable homes actually required.
2. That Council notes that the numbers requiring affordable housing are continuing to rise, so that the reality is that more affordable accommodation than the plan requirement will, in practice, be needed unless there are radical changes in legislation.
3. That the Council therefore welcomes the initiatives already outlined by the Administration and calls on Cabinet to continue to progress all avenues available to it to encourage developers, and to use Council and Milton Keynes Development Partnership land, to increase the supply of affordable housing beyond the requirements in Plan:MK
4. That the Council requests the Chief Executive to write again to the Department for Communities and Local Government drawing attention to the restricting effect that current legislation, particularly the "one-size-fits-all" nature of the viability test, and current restrictions on Council borrowing for council housing, are having on the Council's ability to meet known demand in this area, and urging the Government to reconsider its policies in relation to planning and financing affordable housing.
5. The Council requests the Chief Executive to write to our MPs to ask for their support in this matter, and to relay their response back to Councillors."

6. Amendment from Councillor Ferrans (3)

Councillor Ferrans to move:

“That the following additional clauses be added to the recommendation from the Cabinet:

- ‘1. That this Council notes the Government’s project to build an expressway through the Oxford-Cambridge arc, and welcomes and endorses Plan:MK’s wish to exploit Milton Keynes’ central position in this arc for the benefit of our residents.
2. That the Council notes with concern that other authorities are now actively exploring routes for the expressway through the surrounding area, and that there is therefore a danger that a route will be chosen that does not bring the maximum benefit to Milton Keynes.
3. That the Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to step up work assessing possible routes for both the expressway and the links between it and the existing strategic highway network, and railways in and close to Milton Keynes Borough with options given to, and input from, the Plan:MK Working Group, which advises the Cabinet Member for Place, and bring forward a desired route as quickly as possible.’”

7. Amendment from Councillor Ferrans (4)

Councillor Ferrans to move:

“That the following additional clause be added to the recommendation from the Cabinet:

‘That this Council notes that the logic for Policy L7 on the siting of noisy sports is incorrect, and amends it to:

“Planning permission will only be permitted for noisy sports provided there is no unacceptable disturbance to farm livestock and wildlife and where:

- (a) the ambient noise level of the area is already high, and the noise generated by the new activity will not be dominant; and/ or
- (b) the noise experienced at nearby noise sensitive development, or public rights of way and other areas of informal countryside recreation would not be significantly increased; and/ or
- (c) there is a need to facilitate sports to ensure that people have the opportunity to play as part of regularly maintaining a healthy lifestyle and noise levels can be effectively reduced by siting and screening.’”

Item 5(b)(1) Urban Capacity Study

Amendment from Councillor Ferrans (as set out in the Council Agenda and including a change to Clause 1.1 and 6[6])

Councillor Ferrans to move:

1. That in clause 1 of the motion the words ‘the recent Urban Capacity Study which unhelpfully raises again the concept of development on many green open spaces within the built up environment of Milton Keynes’ be deleted and replaced with **‘both the content and process for the recent Urban Capacity Study which:**
 - (a) **was published without any reference to the Plan:MK Working Group;**
 - (b) **assessed** many green open spaces within the built up environment of Milton Keynes **as developable, ignoring responses to the previous consultation and more recent use of the sites; and**
 - (c) **caused alarm by suggesting development on current sheltered housing sites such as Springfield Court.**and the clause renumbered 3.
2. That in clause 2 of the motion the words ‘responses from residents to the previous consultations on some of these sites and the’ be added after the word ‘the’ and the words ‘not exclude numerous’ be replaced by the words ‘exclude the’.
3. That in clause 3 the words ‘notes and’ be deleted, the words ‘in its 50th year be added after the word ‘Keynes’, the words ‘supporting expansion in line with housing need and’ be added after the word ‘including’, all of the words after the word ‘spaces’ be deleted and the clause renumbered 1.
4. That in clause 4 all of the words after ‘the’ in the second line be replaced by the words ‘removal of all of these sites from development’ and the clause renumbered 9.
5. That in clause 5 the word ‘asks’ be replaced by the words ‘calls on the’, the word voluntary be replaced by the words ‘apply to’, the words ‘and the play area and buffer space of the Springfield Boulevard 1 Site (UCS075) be added after ‘(UCS107), all of the words after ‘15(8)’ be deleted and the clause renumbered 11.
6. That the following clauses be added:
 - ‘4 affirms the role of locally led consultation and decision-making on when sites should be considered for either development or additional protections, primarily through the neighbourhood planning process;
 - 5 reaffirms its commitment to saving five of the spaces, and part of the sixth, namely the two sites in Woolstone (UCS072 and UCS073), one site in Springfield (UCS074), one site in Stantonbury (UCS100) and one site in Bletchley (UCS107) and the land incorporating the popular play area from the Springfield 1 site (UCS075);

6. ~~welcomes the more accurate recent Strategic Housing Land Assessment that has graded four of the sites as unsuitable for development and one not to be developed at this time~~ **decision not to include five of these sites as housing sites in the proposed submission version of Plan:MK;**
7. welcomes the reassurance that the Leader gave at Full Council on 21 June 2017 in respect of the Woolstone and two Springfield sites and previous Cabinet member assurances in respect of the remaining sites;
8. regrets the decision of Campbell Park Parish Council to propose the whole of the Springfield Boulevard 1 site for development, contradicting both their own proposed Neighbourhood Plan policies and those of Milton Keynes Council;
10. calls upon Campbell Park Parish Council to modify the boundaries of the proposed developable area at Springfield Boulevard 1 (UCS075) to exclude the play area and its surrounding buffer space; and”

Item 5(b)(3) Street Homelessness

Councillor Walker to move:

“That the following new Clauses 2 and 3 be added to the motion and the remaining Clauses renumbered:

- ‘2. That Council further notes, notwithstanding these difficulties, that the Labour Administration:
 - (a) chose to remove funding from third party providers of hostels for the street homeless in the first 2 years of its administration;
 - (b) wasted this money, and considerably more, on substandard expensive Bed and Breakfast accommodation, casting aside better solutions;
 - (c) removed funding for homelessness prevention;
 - (e) failed to bid for Government funds earmarked for councils to provide accommodation and support for homeless people, especially street homeless;
 - (e) whilst this was happening, embarked on the practice of building up considerable reserves, from tax payers money, in the housing revenue account and the general fund; and
 - (f) allowed considerable suffering of homeless people on a large and growing scale whilst building up these reserves, preferring to blame Central Government for all the Administration’s woes.

3. That the Council welcomes the proposed investment in the restructure of the Housing and Regeneration Teams elsewhere on this agenda, but puts on record that this has come too late and that it exposes the ineptitude of the Labour Administration.”

Item 5(b)(4) Plan:MK

Councillor A Geary to move:

“That all of the words after the word ‘therefore’ in the introductory sentence to Clause 2 be deleted and replaced with the words ‘agrees to’.”

The new introduction would then read:

"That the Council therefore agrees to:"