

Milton Keynes Local Access Forum
18.30, 1st June 2023, MK Council Civic Offices Room 1.01

Item		Action
1.0	<p><u>Present:</u> Steve Crowther (SC), Suzanne Martin (SM), Deborah Cooper (DC), Gail Dunn (GD), Mike Bowley (MB), Stephen Hobbs (SH), John Franklin (JF), Geraint Green (GG)</p> <p><u>MKCC LAF support:</u> James Walsh (JW) Rosie Armstrong- (RA)</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Terry Smith</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>3.1 DC asked for an update about the redways and public footpath at the Bletchley landfill site. JW explained how they will run along adjacent to each other, with the footpath having just a grass surface. The presence of a redway will also offer benefits to the public footpath in terms of highway infrastructure as safe road crossing points will be provided.</p> <p>3.2 GD asked for an update on the Broughton Grounds DMMO claim. JW explained that Central Beds council are looking into the claim on their side of the border.</p> <p>3.3 A discussion was had about encouraging younger people to become involved with the LAF. JF mentioned that the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme could offer some potential possibilities involving volunteering and presenting to the LAF.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Rights of Way Section Report</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>ROWIP</u> RA gave an update on the RoWIP – that it has been taken before the Environmental Services Project Board for discussion, and that the board were happy for the Plan to now be taken forward for Delegated Decision and formal adoption. DD is to take place on 20th June.</p> <p>The LAF wished to record their congratulations on achieving this.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Petsoe</u> RA outlined the latest for the Petsoe DMMO case and the details of the interim report received by Sue Rumfitt. RA explained that the case had thrown up complications regarding Foot and Mouth in 2001 as it fell within the claimed 20 year period with implications re interruption of use during those 20 years, and also that other supporting documentary evidence including the Enclosure Awards appeared to have inconsistencies within them.</p>	

4.3	<p><u>MK East update</u></p> <p>JW presented the different phasings of the development and highway works and their predicted timeframes. Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed by 2030 and there are 6 phases in total so it will be a very long-term project. He explained how recent revised plans concerning the highway infrastructure impacted on timeframes for delivery of the development, and how this will impact on the order in which the PRow team undertake diversion applications for the site.</p> <p>A discussion was had about the potential issues of having a long, straight section of Bridleway along the eastern boundary of the site as this may cause danger due to speeds of cyclists – potential conflicts with pedestrians and horse riders. Consideration will be given to this.</p> <p>JW to share phasing details with LAF.</p>	JW
5.0 5.1	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>JW shared details of the Shenley Park new development which sits within the Aylesbury Vale boundary but will significantly impact MK. A new grid road will be built extending from Kingsmead into the new development and will cross the North Bucks Way. JW spoke about various options for crossing NBW such as either an underpass or Pegasus crossing. A discussion was had about the preferences for underpasses for road safety reasons.</p> <p>JW will continue to have dialogue with colleagues in Bucks council re the development.</p>	
6.0 6.1 6.2	<p><u>Members Items</u></p> <p><u>Media Representation</u></p> <p>SC reminded members that the forum was an impartial non-aligned organisation. Discussion was had regarding being aware of the settings members may find themselves in and politicians potentially using well-meaning meetings for their promotional ends.</p> <p><u>Linford Lakes Planning Appeal (21/02533/OUTEIS)</u></p> <p>The council has rejected a planning application for the above site and has given ten reasons for their refusal. The matter will be heard as a public inquiry at MKCC in September.</p> <p>JW gave details about how part of the application involved proposals to stop-up the public highway road which travels through the site. The route carries a long-distance promoted route. JW had responded to the planning</p>	LAF

	application to suggest alternatives including to create the route as a BW. The applicant has conceded and will now only stop-up vehicular rights.	
7.0	<u>AOB</u>	
7.1	<p>MB informed the LAF that in recent media briefings the East West Rail Project are now looking at keeping some at-grade level crossings that they had originally planned to remove. Relevant crossings potentially affected by this scheme include those at Bow Brickhill, Fenny Stratford and Woburn Sands (Pony crossing).</p> <p>JW took the opportunity to explain to the LAF an innovative modern new bridge being pioneered by Network Rail called Flow Bridges.</p>	
7.2	JF asked for an update on the Blue Bridge DMMO adjacent to an old section of the defunct 'Newport Nobby' railway line. JW explained that instructions have been sent to our legal department and an Order should soon be made and advertised for it. JF also advised about a maintenance issue on a Towpath near Blue Bridge/Wolverton which JW outlined would be investigated.	
	Meeting closed at 8.52pm	
	<u>Next meeting</u> – 6.30pm, Thursday 7th September 2023, Civic Offices.	

These minutes are a true record of the event.

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