

CONSULTATIONS

Milton Keynes Council

Parking Standards Review – consultation began on 21st January 2009 and concludes on 06th March 2009. For further information see: [Milton Keynes Council Parking Standards Review](#)

School Term & Holiday Dates 2010/11 – consultation began on 24th February 2009 and concludes on 20th March 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council School Term & Holiday Dates 2010/11](#)

Station Square Consultation – consultation began on 02nd March 2009 and concludes on 27th April 2009. A display of the options is available to view at Milton Keynes Central Rail Station and will be staffed by Milton Keynes Council officers between 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm from Monday 9 March 2009 to Friday 13 March 2009 inclusive. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council Station Square Consultation](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Events Calendar for 2009, giving details of events being held in and around Milton Keynes for more information see: [CMKP: Events Calendar 2009](#). If you would like to include your event please email me at carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org.

Milton Keynes Community Development Network

Are you a volunteer or involved in a community group? Does your job involve working in communities? To celebrate the launch of the web based Community Development Toolkit and to take part in MK "Question Time", this FREE event will take place on **Monday 9th March from 9.15 to 1.00pm** at the Conference Suite, Acorn House. If you are interested please contact: May or Clare on 661623 places are limited.

FringeMK (Fringe Festival of the Arts)

FRINGEMK Project Space is currently showing 'Hope' which finishes on 04th March, an exhibition of work by Women staying in the Milton Keynes Women's Aid.

On 9th March a series of new works by the Painter Annabelle Shelton [Rebecca Hossack Gallery] themed around the voyeurism of tourism can be viewed, a private viewing will take place in conjunction with the Milton Keynes Contemporary Whitewall space on the 26th March 6-8pm. For more information see: [FringeMK](#) or to see a short film called 'The Escape of Freedom Fighters' see www.youtube.com/user/fringemk

thecentre:mk – Middleton Hall (by John Lewis)

Strictly Tea Dancing – 03rd March

Ross Mitchell and his band are back on 03rd March from 1pm till 3pm with their selection of dance hall classics. Admission is £3 and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information see: [thecentre:mk - Strictly Tea Dancing](#)

Lexus Exhibition – 05th / 08th March

Discover more about Lexus cars and see the IS 250 SE-L Compact Sports Saloon on display. For more information see: [thecentre:mk - Lexus Exhibition](#)

Craft & Gift Fayre – 19th/22nd March, for more information see: [thecentre:mk - Craft & Gift Fayre](#)

Garden Show – 27th/29th March for more information see: [thecentre:mk - Garden Show](#)

Milton Keynes Contemporary WHITEWALL – Zoe Childerley

The exhibition entitled 'In a Different Light' finishes on 15th March 2009, detailing a series of ten magical images that are familiar and strange. For more information see: www.miltonkeynescontemporary.co.uk or to see the exhibition go to the Contemporary White Wall found on Midsummer Arcade (adjacent to John Lewis) at thecentre:mk.

Midsummer Place

Love Your Body Road show is on 21st March at Midsummer Place from 10am till 4pm, for more information see: [Midsummer Place](#)

Milton Keynes Gallery

Polly Apfelbaum: Anything Can Happen In A Horse Race Exhibition finishes on 22nd March, she has created a series of installations utilising reflective and sequined fabric. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Gallery](#)

Milton Keynes Theatre

Offering a variety of productions. To book or for more information call the Box office on **0870 060 6652** (booking fee) or visit [Milton Keynes Theatre](#)

Discover Milton Keynes (open 10am - 6pm, Monday – Saturday)

Located at 672 Silbury Boulevard (on the outside of thecentre:mk by Burger King)

Designer City – 2nd March – 31st March

An exhibition showcasing the achievements of the designers and planners of Central Milton Keynes. For more information see [Discover Milton Keynes](#)

OUT AND ABOUT IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

Transport Road Show

The Transport Road Show run by Milton Keynes Council will be held on the 26th and 27th March on Midsummer Arcade outside MacDonalDs at thecentre:mk. There will be information detailing CARSHARE MK, iTRACE, Arriva, the station travel plan, cycling and walking as well as representatives on hand to answer your queries.

Milton Keynes Gallery

The Gallery has announced the appointment of its new Director, Anthony Spira. He joins Milton Keynes Gallery in early May 2009, from his current post as Curator at the Whitechapel Gallery, London. He succeeds Michael Stanley, who left Milton Keynes Gallery in December 2008 to take up his appointment as Director of Modern Art Oxford.

Launch of new Platform 6 at MK Central Station

The £200 million project will increase capacity and reliability at the station, the improvements include five services an hour to London, more 12-car trains running during peak times and improved weekend services. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council](#)

Real Time Passenger Information

Milton Keynes Partnership has now announced they are a step closer to bringing passengers up to the minute information on bus arrivals after works take place to install new equipment. Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) will help passengers to plan their journeys by providing real arrival times. Starting this month three line signs will be installed at the most used bus stops with large screens displaying the information at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place and Xscape as well as Bletchley and Milton Keynes Hospital. For more information please see: [Milton Keynes Partnership](#)

Invest Milton Keynes (IMK)

At 31st January Invest Milton Keynes (IMK) had logged a total of 70 investment successes for the current financial year, compared to 64 at the same time in 2008. These successes account for a total of 863 new and 1644 safeguarded jobs. Enquiries were 12.5% up on January 2008. For further information on IMK please visit [Invest Milton Keynes](#)

Remain Vigilant

Please continue to remove all valuable property from your vehicles as car criminals are on the look out. Items they will look at are valuables such as Sat Navs, DVD players, stereo equipment but they will also look for evidence of these such as holders or sucker marks on windows.

ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES

Proposed changes to Parking Charges in CMK

Milton Keynes Council (MKC) have produced a guide on the proposed changes which can be seen at [Milton Keynes Council - Guide to Proposed Parking Changes](#) or on the Development Information Sites at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and Milton Keynes Central Station .

Avebury Boulevard and Witan Gate Closure

Witan Gate is now open. Avebury Boulevard is now only closed east of Witan Gate on the eastbound carriageway. It is hoped that the works on this stretch of road will be completed by 13th March. The closure is required to facilitate the installation for an electricity supply and district heating mains.

Lower Second Street and Lower Third Street

Work continues on the Pinnacle Development. To ensure safety, the temporary closure of the footway, highway and parking bays on the land adjacent to Grafton Park between Lower Second Street and Lower Third Street will need to be extended until the site is completed in June 2009.

Temporary Car Parking Availability:

Milton Keynes Council have an online map detailing car parking availability during the week, to find out where car parking spaces are see: [Milton Keynes Council - Car Parking Availability Map](#)

- ◆ Theatre multi-storey car park has an average of 300 unused spaces per day parking cost is £2 per visit but permits and scratch-card holders may use the parking without the need to make further payment.
- ◆ South Second Street car park is currently occupied between 50 – 75% daily, standard tariff pay and display applies to this area. For parking tariffs see: [Milton Keynes Council - Parking Tariffs](#)
- ◆ Car park off Avebury Boulevard / Secklow Gate is currently occupied approx. 10% of the time midweek this is a premium rate pay and display area.

DEVELOPMENTS:

We have four Development Information Sites located at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and CMK Railway Station, managed by us to keep you up to date on the proposed and current developments within CMK. They contain details and illustrations of all the developments listed below and more. This information is also now available via our website at: [CMKP: City Centre Development Information Sites](#)

Queen's Court re-development

The hoardings are up and the enabling works have begun, with pieces of art being removed to safety. The delivery of a tower crane for use in Queens Court is anticipated over the weekend Friday 27th to Monday 30th March 2009, should there happen to be windy weather that weekend, delivery will take place on the following weekend Friday 3rd April to Monday 6th April 2009. Parking bays from the turning towards Marks and Spencers down to Waterstones on Silbury Boulevard will be effected for a short time. The re-development is anticipated to finish Spring 2010. For more information see: [CMKP: thecentre:mk Queens Court Redevelopment](#)

Campbell Park – Phase 1 Residential Campbell Square

The sales centre has now released 5 - 4 bedroom townhouses and 17 - 1 / 2 bed apartments within Field Court for sale to date 6 sales have been recorded; you can visit the sales office between 10am and 5:30pm for details. The total development will include 280 apartments, town houses (including 30% affordable housing) and a small amount of retail space. Construction of the remaining blocks is on hold currently. For more information see: [George Wimpey / CMKP: Campbell Square](#)

Pinnacle – Central Milton Keynes – (Midsummer Boulevard Office Development)

The Pinnacle development by Hampton Brook is due for completion this June. For more information see the new dedicated website: [Pinnacle MK - Hampton Brook](#) or [CMKP: Pinnacle MK](#)

Sainsbury's Residential

Vizion at the Sainsbury's development achieved 30 sales from December to February and a further 25 1/2 bedroom apartments released for sale. For more info on what is available for sale visit: [www.barratthomes.co.uk](#) or [Sainsbury Development](#)

Infrastructure projects in Milton Keynes include:

Improvements to Junction 14 of the M1 – Major road works are now complete with final checks being done. The final phase is the landscaping will be carried out as the planting season begins, during this period cones may appear.

Other Developments:

- **Xscape Expansion** - [CMKP: Xscape Redevelopment](#)
- **Leisure Plaza** - [CMKP: Leisure Plaza](#)

Is there information that you would like to hear about that we currently do not cover either in our e-Newsletter, Website and the Development Information Sites. Please contact me with suggestions. Also, if you see anything operational within CMK that you feel needs addressing let us know and our Operations Sub-Group can look at it for you. For more information on our Operations Sub-Group and Centre Management role please see [CMKP](#).

Whilst every care has been taken in putting together this e-newsletter any errors of fact or omissions are the author's. Please forward any corrections, suggestions and additional names and e-mail addresses to me for anyone interested in receiving a copy.

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