

CONSULTATIONS

Milton Keynes Parish Boundary Consultation – a three month consultation is taking place to find out your opinions about proposed plans to change parish boundaries. The review could mean that some homes will come under different parishes. Consultation began on 30th April and concludes on 31st July 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council – Parish Boundary Consultation](#)

Children and Young People's Plan 2009 – 2010 – Make a Difference - is the main policy document regarding all services relating to children and young people. It is a three year plan and is now out for review. Consultation began on 24th June and concludes on 31st July 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council - Children and Young People's Plan 2009/2010 - Make a Difference](#)

Draft Brief for Carrying Out a Strategic Housing Market Assessment in Milton Keynes (SHMA) from 2010 onwards - the first part of the process is putting together a Draft Brief for carrying out the work. As per Government Guidance the Council are giving stakeholders the opportunity to express their views on the current proposal for carrying out a SHMA for Milton Keynes. Consultation started on 02nd June and concludes on 25th August 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council – Strategic Housing Market Assessment in Milton Keynes](#)

Early Years Funding Consultation - Local authorities will be required to use a single local formula for funding the early year's free entitlement in the maintained, private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sectors from April 2010. This consultation is to get your opinions on the single pupil count and the single funding formula that is being developed in Milton Keynes. Consultation started on 26th June and concludes on 30th September 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council - Early Years Funding Consultation](#)

Gambling Licensing Policy 2010 – 2013 Consultation - Milton Keynes Council as the Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 has undertaken an extensive review of its current policy that has been in place for nearly 3 years. The Council is now in the position to grant a Large Casino Premises Licence and this has required a new section to be incorporated. Consultation began on 01st July and concludes on 30th September 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council - Gambling Licensing Policy](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Milton Keynes Contemporary WHITEWALL – Ima Pico

The exhibition entitled 'Overflow' started on 23rd May and finishes on 19th July 2009, inspired by the visual clutter and media saturation of our busy world. 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.

Discover Milton Keynes Transport and Travel Exhibition - 5th June - 15th July

A multimedia exhibition about travelling in and around Milton Keynes, in the past, present and future. See films, photographs, plans and exhibits, with material drawn from local archive collections and local authority transport and travel departments. For more information see: [Discover Milton Keynes](#)

thecentre:mk Middleton Hall (by John Lewis)

Simply Summer – 02nd July 2009 to 05th July 2009

Find information on exciting activities, things to do and fun days out. For more information see: [thecentre:mk - Simply Summer](#)

Let's Go Green Eco Show - 16th July 2009 – 19th July 2009 – Find out from exhibitors how making changes to our homes and lifestyles can make a difference on the impact to our environment. For more information see: [thecentre:mk - Let's Go Green Eco Show](#)

Captain Jack's Undersea Adventure - 22nd July 2009 – 02nd September 2009 - to celebrate thecentre:mk's 30th birthday you're invited to a Pirates seaside adventure. Discover a wrecked pirate galleon, meet Captain Jack who will take you on a 3D undersea adventure and enjoy the sandy beach with palm trees to climb, a carousel, Punch and Judy shows and a lighthouse helter skelter. For more information see: [thecentremk: Captains Jack's Undersea Adventure](#) or to book now for the 3D show by visiting www.wishticket.com

Milton Keynes Gallery – Quiet Revolution-A Hayward Exhibition/Lyndall Phelps: The Pigeon Archive 4th July – 30th August 2009

Two exhibitions have recently opened at Milton Keynes Gallery; 'Quiet Revolution: A Hayward Touring exhibition' which is an international group exhibition featuring a series of lo-tech sculptural experiments. The other exhibition is 'Lyndall Phelps: *The Pigeon Archive*', which documents pigeon manoeuvres undertaken during both World Wars through photography, video and sculpture. To coincide with the Pigeon Archive, there will be a special pigeon race in Campbell Park on Sunday 19th July 2009 starting at 11am. As part of the race Lyndall Phelps will release pigeons with video cameras strapped to their bodies to document the race they will fly back to their individual lofts with the winner being the one that gets home first. The pigeons are all owned by members of a Nottingham based pigeon racing club. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Gallery](#)

The MK Family Festival – Big Moo 3 - Saturday 11th July and Sunday 12th July 2009

Two days crammed full of fantastic events with loads of free activities as well as Mascot Mayhem with footballing mascots (on Saturday only) from around the country, great bands from London and beyond plus local singing and music talent, world record holder Dan Magness will be holding workshops to teach anyone how to perform amazing tricks with a football, Emmett's fun fair plus MK Dons, MK Lions and various other sporting groups. For more information see: [Big Moo 3](#) go to the Road Works and Parking changes section to find out which roads will be closed for the event.

MusiK4U: Beach Life 24th, 25th & 26th July 2009 at Station Square, Central Milton Keynes

This free summer festival returns and this time the Beach is bigger! The main stage will see 100's of performers and bands, the Station Square will host local skateboarders pulling off cunning tricks and stunts, and volleyball matches and beach sports will takeover the beach, the International OXDOX Film Festival will be screening Extreme Sports films and documentaries from around the Globe in the Blackout tent plus loads more! For more information see: [Mad - Make a Difference](#)

MIDNIGHT MOO PARADE IS COMING

1,000 women will meet in Midsummer Place at midnight on Saturday 18th July 2009 to take part in the [MK Midnight Moo](#) to raise money for Willen Hospice. The 10k walk will start and finish at the shopping centre, which is being kindly catered for by Absolutely Souper.

Parks Trust Summer Sports Sessions

On the 20th to 24th July 2009 the Parks Trust are running five different taster sessions designed for teenagers covering free-running, Korfbal, Basketball Football and Urban Dance. One session is £5 or five sessions is £18 to book your place contact 01908 255379. For more information see: www.theparkstrust.com

Campbell Park Hosts Open-Air Shakespeare Theatre Production

On 24th July 2009 enjoy the first open-air production of the summer, see A Midsummer Night's Dream performed by the Llyria Theatre Company. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £5 for children to book call The Parks Trust on 01908 233600.

FringeMK (Fringe Festival of the Arts)

FRINGEMK Project Space at Midsummer Place is currently showing 'Infrastructure' by Jason Smith. For more information see: [FringeMK](#)

Milton Keynes Theatre

The second stage of auditions for **MK's Top Talent** takes place on Sunday 19th July 2009 - it's free to attend and watch all the fun and laughter. Join over 160 contestants on their step to stardom, the day starts at 10am audience seats are allocated on a first come first served basis.

As **Milton Keynes Theatre** prepares to celebrate their 10th birthday the Autumn programme brings some great performances including **The Rocky Horror Show** also productions from the **National Theatre**, **Glyndebourne on Tour** and **Northern Ballet Theatre** and three weeks of **Connie Fisher** in **The Sound of Music**. There will also be a week of birthday celebrations which include the brand new talent show **MK's Top Talent** and an evening of entertainment in a specially commissioned **Gala Concert**. For details of the new autumn season and birthday celebrations visit www.ambasadortickets.com/miltonkeynes or book your tickets by calling the Box office on **0844 871 7652** (booking fee applies)

OUT AND ABOUT IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

Free Growth Bus Tours 2009

The Bus Tours are in full swing, to book a place and learn more about the growth of the city call 01908 253535 or book a place online: [Milton Keynes Council - Growth Bus Tours](#). New for 2009, special family

bus tours in August and October half term will be run, organised by the Council in partnership with the City Discovery Centre.

Milton Keynes Council – Public Meeting to discuss the performance of London Midland Train Services

On 16th July 2009 Milton Keynes Council External Scrutiny Panel is holding a public meeting from 7:30pm at Christ the Cornerstone Church to discuss the performance of London Midland Train Services. The panel will consider the improvements to the service since the public meeting held in March 2009.

MK Forum

On 16th July 2009 at Acorn House on Midsummer Boulevard, guest speakers Dr Mark Clapson (Reader In History, University of Westminster) and Professor Stephen Potter (Professor of Transport Strategy, Open University) will consider how we should build upon the features that make Milton Keynes unique. For non members entrance is £2.00 for more information or queries contact miltonkeynesforum@googlemail.com

Midsummer Place Manager Awarded

The Centre Manager at Midsummer Place, Martin Hindson, was recognised for his commitment to the Milton Keynes shopping centre at the national Sceptre Awards, London. Held at The Dorchester, Martin Hindson was awarded runner up in the 'Manager of the Year - at a large shopping centre' category, after being shortlisted from hundreds of entries.

Midsummer Place is now available on facebook – become a friend and keep up to date with what's on, what's hot and what's not...

US Fashion Giant Is Coming To Midsummer

Top US fashion brand Hollister is to move into the former Zavvi location in Midsummer Place. The retailer is expected to open its new shop in late summer. For more information see:

www.hollisterco.com

CMK Open Market to be Upgraded

Milton Keynes Partnership has renewed their five year contract with Bray Associates. Over the next three months the look of the CMK Open Market will be improved with roller shutters, new colour matched awnings for the stalls and the addition of purpose made overhangs to give protection from bad weather. The layout will be improved allowing clear and unobstructed aisles with the area being lit 24 hours to enable clear pedestrian routes through the market.

Free Peak Travel for 60+ and Disabled Persons

On Monday 6th July 2009 Milton Keynes Council discontinued the charge of the 35p flat fare for holders of concessionary bus passes when travelling before 9:30am during the week within Milton Keynes borough. Pass holders will be able to use their existing passes to benefit from the free peak time travel there is no need to obtain a new pass. If you have any questions contact the bus card section at the Council on 01908 252558 or for more information see: [Milton Keynes Council - Free Peak Travel](#)

The Oak Tree – Midsummer Place

Experts have advised that there is still a chance that the oak tree could survive, plans are now in place to chop 40% of the tree down later this year in the hope it will stimulate growth.

Invest Milton Keynes (IMK)

Since April the city's inward investment agency, Invest Milton Keynes (IMK), has recorded 16 investment successes (new companies arriving or expansions by existing Milton Keynes companies), which have created 24 new jobs and safeguarded 84 jobs. Another international company has been added to the city's growing list; an American financial services company. For more information see:

www.investmiltonkeynes.com

Thames Valley Police are running a series of discussion surgeries until the end of September. You are invited to go along and talk about any issues or concerns that you have within Milton Keynes. For more information see: [Thames Valley Police Surgeries](#) or the posters on the Development Information Sites at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and Milton Keynes Central Train Station.

ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES

Closures for Big Moo Event

Restrictions will be take place from 05.00 hours on Saturday 11th July 2009 to 23.59 hours on Sunday 12th July 2009 and will be as follows:

1. Avebury Boulevard will be closed from its junction with Lower Twelfth Street to its junction with Marlborough Gate (the part outside Xscape). Whilst the roads are closed the alternative route will be via Secklow Gate, Silbury Boulevard and Marlborough Gate and vice versa
2. The temporary closure of the service road that runs parallel to Avebury Boulevard on the north eastern side between Lower Twelfth Street and Theatre Walk.
3. The suspension of 55 parking spaces either side of the service road that runs parallel to Avebury Boulevard on the north eastern side between Lower Twelfth Street and Theatre Walk.
4. The suspension of 26 parking spaces on the eastern side and the 9 parking spaces on the western side of Lower Twelfth Street starting from a point approximately 60 metres from its junction with Avebury Boulevard, near the Iceland Store.

Parking at Marks & Spencers

Construction of the CMK Redway is now complete and many cyclists and pedestrians are now benefiting from the improved access. The scheme also provided MKC the opportunity to improve the traffic flow outside M&S, as well as adding more Disabled bays. MKC are progressing the Traffic Orders that will make the drop off and collection area better, as well as providing new taxi bays for customers. The final phase of work will see a new seating area and landscaping around the oak tree. Works are expected to be completed by the end of August 2009.

Pay by Phone Parking is available across CMK on all red premium and blue long stay bays. Nearly 2,000 people have signed up since the launch on 5th May and are enjoying the benefits of paying for topping up parking by phone or by text. If you haven't registered yet call 01908 918918 or go to www.verrus.com. Once you have registered you can either pay by calling 01908 918918 or by sending a text to 65565 [Milton Keynes Council - Transport](http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport)

Passenger Transport and CMK Parking Proposals

Consultation closed on 27th May 2009. 958 responses were received, MKC are currently developing final scheme proposals taking into account the comments received. These will be consulted on again in Autumn 2009.

DEVELOPMENTS

Our four Development Information Sites located at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and CMK Railway Station, help 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: [MKCCM: City Centre Development Information Sites](http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/mkccm)

PinnacleMK (Midsummer Boulevard Office Development)

The office building located on Midsummer Boulevard has been developed by Hampton Brook. During May business advisory firm Delioottes moved into the new building with Denton Wilde Sapte due to move in during July 2009. It is anticipated the 2,000 employees will work in the building. For more information and to see the new 3D animated Walk Through go to: [Pinnaclemk.com - 3D Animated Flythrough](http://Pinnaclemk.com)

Xscape Expansion

Following the recent MKC Cabinet meeting held on 02nd June 2009, it was agreed that further work regarding Retail Impact, Parking Standards and the MK Tall Buildings Policy needs to be undertaken by the Council's Planning Department. The application is anticipated to return to MKC Cabinet for further consideration late July 2009.

Sainsbury's Residential

Vizion at the Sainsbury's development located on the eastern side of Witan Gate and south of Avebury Boulevard is set to release Pearl House, the final part of the development in mid-July which consists of 36 units a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. For more information on what is available for sale visit: www.barratthomes.co.uk or [Sainsbury Development](http://www.sainsburydevelopment.co.uk)

Network Rail National Centre (on the Hockey Stadium Site)

Network Rail has now appointed their dedicated design team for the project and GMW have been appointed as the Architects and are aiming to submit a planning application to MKC in December 2009 with the Centre ready for occupation in 2012. It is anticipated that over 3,000 employees will work in the Centre. Network Rail plans to start bringing staff to Milton Keynes prior to 2011 and is working with Invest Milton Keynes and the Milton Keynes Partnership (MKP) Project Team to identify temporary office facilities in the city centre.

Campbell Park – Phase 1 Residential Campbell Square

Phase two Field Court (anticipated completion Autumn 2009), has sold well with only 3 – 1 beds and 3 town houses remaining for sale of the 22 units released. They are also in the process of building and releasing phase 3 – Bronze Court which consists of 12 – 2 beds and 7 townhouses all have buyers. You can visit the sales office between 10am and 5:30pm for details, now released for sale. For more information see: [George Wimpey](#) / [CMKP: Campbell Square](#)

Other Developments:

Queen's Court Re-development - The site currently has hoarding in place and is being developed by PRUPIM, on behalf of owners Hermes Real Estate and Prudential. For more information on the development please see: [thecentre:mk Queens Court Redevelopment](#)

Leisure Plaza - Currently home to Planet Ice and Megabowl, the site will be developed by Abbeygate Developments, for more information see: [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 Group can look at it for you. For more information on our Operations Group and Centre Management role please see www.mkccm.co.uk.

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