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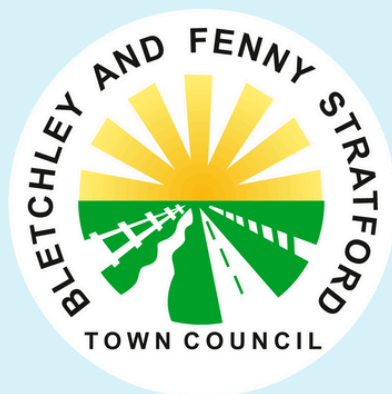


Milton Keynes
City Council

Groundbreaking Updates for You

March 2025

Town Deal team meets with Town Council Clerks



The Town Deal team recently met with Clerks from Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, and West Bletchley Parish Council to discuss the progress of Town Deal programme with a focus on the public realm designs for Queensway and Aylesbury Street.

Our meeting included sharing information about the introduction of the one-way system to Queensway and how the new layout means we can increase the number of parking spaces on Queensway, including increasing the number of accessible spaces. We also looked at the examples of playful street furniture, the placement of permanent planters, the location of utilities, and the new 'table-top' pedestrian crossings.

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The aims for the new layout and improvements to Queensway are to make the street safer, more welcoming and therefore increase dwell time; enable economic development and regeneration; and improve accessibility with better connections between the high street, the bus station, and the train station.

We expect the main construction work on Queensway to begin in late summer 2025 and be finished in spring 2026.

Aylesbury Street

We were pleased to inform the Clerks that the construction work on Aylesbury Street is expected to begin in spring 2025 and will last for approximately eight weeks.

Saxon Street

We updated the Clerks about the progress MK city council highways team is making on the revised designs for Saxon Street based on the summer consultation feedback. And we explained that a number of schemes are being explored, developed and tested and that additional traffic modelling will be undertaken to test each proposed scheme*.

The Clerks were pleased to learn that the Town Deal team has been working with East West Rail (EWR) stakeholders to ensure that our Saxon Street plans are designed to include provision for an eastern entrance to Bletchley Station should EWR have the funding to provide one.

Meanwhile, rest assured, we'll let you know all about the work on Aylesbury Street, Queensway and Saxon Street well before it starts, and we'll keep you up to date as the work progresses. So, whether you are a resident or business owner we'll keep you informed. Also, your respective town/parish councils and councillors will share details with you.

Please let your fellow Bletchley and Fenny Stratford citizens know about signing up for this newsletter, bring them to the Town Deal drop-in sessions and log onto **groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk** for more information about the programme.

** At the time of publishing, after considering the results of the testing and traffic modelling, a scheme will be presented to the Town Deal Board at an Extraordinary Board meeting on Tuesday 22 April.*

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Brunel Centre

With businesses still trading in the centre, we explained how Milton Keynes Development Partnership and MK city council (as asset manager) are in contact with the head offices of the businesses – most of which are represented by property agents – and that discussions are taking place about potential relocations if this forms part of the businesses' plans going forward.

With the leases of the retail space all coming to an end, a balance is needed to keep the existing businesses trading while preparing the site for redevelopment.

The marketing of the site to attract a potential developer is due to start in spring, with the demolition of the site expected to begin in 2026.



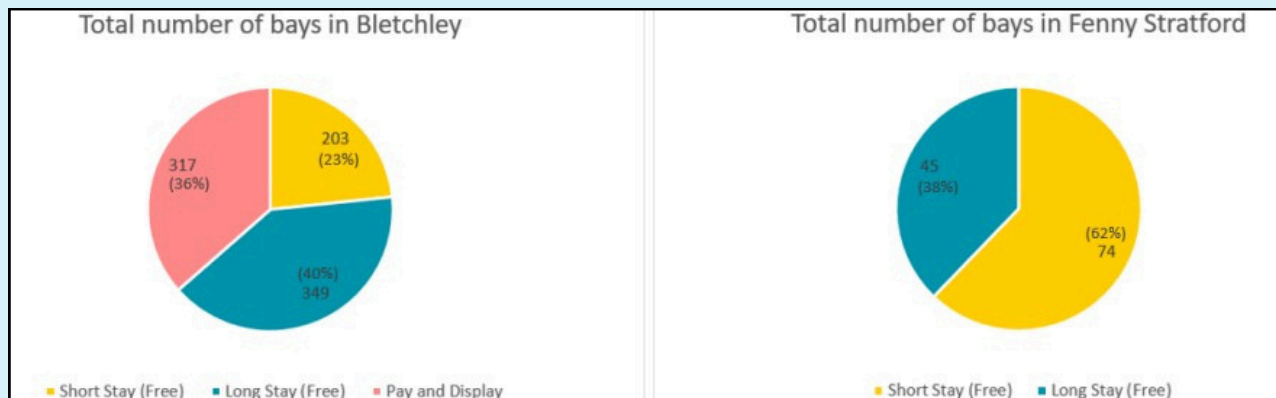
Planters provide temporary solution

In response to a considerable number of comments and complaints from the public about obstructions on the footway on Queensway, MK city council has installed planters to prevent pavement parking.

This is a temporary measure before a larger, permanent solution is installed as part of the Town Deal Queensway Public Realm Investment work which will start late summer 2025. MK city council wrapped the planters with Town Deal related graphics. Meanwhile, the parking team is looking at adding some more 'P' signs to guide people to other parking areas near Queensway. Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) will continue to visit Bletchley on a regular basis to ticket vehicles that breach restrictions.

Later this year plans will be developed to strengthen footway protection at Chandos Place.

Speaking of parking, did you know...



The composition of car parks in Bletchley Town Centre and in Fenny Stratford.

The pie chart (above left) shows that one third of parking spaces in Bletchley are paid parking spaces with more than three quarters of all Pay and Display spaces (243 out of 275) located at the Brunel Shopping Centre.

In Fenny Stratford (above right), all the car parks are free of charge. Only Denmark Street car park is a Long Stay car park which takes up over one third of spaces in Fenny Stratford. There is a small, privately-operated car park located off George Street opposite the council-operated car park. Part of the car park is residents-only parking for properties on Aylesbury Street.

Groundbreaking refresh

We've given the Groundbreaking Bletchley and Fenny branding a refresh.

The three shapes are designed to represent three areas of the town - community, history, and nature. We'll be using the newly designed bold, bright shapes as we keep you informed about the Town Deal completed projects, upcoming projects, and the future of the town.



You'll soon be seeing the new branding out and about in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford - on newsletters, posters, hoardings and vacant shop windows.

We hope the brand refresh helps to bring a revitalised look and feel to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford which will last beyond the Town Deal programme.

Events

Drop-in sessions

If you have a question about the Town Deal projects or would like to see plans of the proposed works, please feel welcome to visit our monthly drop-in sessions. It's a good opportunity to speak directly with the Milton Keynes city council Town Deal community engagement officer and to take a closer look at how Bletchley and Fenny Stratford is changing.

Tuesday 22 April
West Bletchley
Parish Council,
Whaddon Way
2-4pm

Thursday 24 April
Bletchley Library,
Westfield Road
2-7pm

Monday 28 April
Bletchley & Fenny
Stratford Town
Council,
Sycamore House
2-4pm

Monthly Business Networking Event



Join us at our next free monthly business networking event on 29 April 2025 from 5.30pm – 6.30pm at DaVinci Café on Queensway, for local Bletchley and Fenny Stratford entrepreneurs and businesses.

This is a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals. Click [here](#) to book your place, spaces are limited. Light refreshments will be provided.

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For more information on the Town Deal visit
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