





# Groundbreaking Updates for You

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#### The big picture



Extract from the plans for Queensway.

The June Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal Drop-in Sessions will be the first opportunity to see all the final plans and artist's impressions for the ambitious Town Deal projects planned for Queensway, and Aylesbury Street and the Transport Hub (including Saxon Street).

At these sessions, you'll be able to meet members of the Town Deal team, ask them questions about things that are important to you and find out when the work is happening.

Since receiving the £22.7 million of Government funding in 2020, the Town Deal

Board, the Advisory Group, MK City Council officers, ward councillors, town councillors, local partners and community groups have been working hard to deliver the seven Town Deal projects for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.

John Cove, Chairman of the Town Deal Board said: 'The Town Deal funding from government was awarded to towns up and down the country to help build and transform places for the long-term.

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford needed this funding to bring positive everyday changes for people locally, and to prepare the town and its communities for wider changes and opportunities that are coming to this area such as East West Rail and Universal Studios.

'After extensive research, planning, and public consultation we are ready to complete the final two projects, which are the public realm improvements to Queensway and Aylesbury Street, and the Transport Hub.

'Whether you are a business owner, resident or work in the town, pop into a drop-in session, chat to one of the team, find out what's happening, and hopefully you'll start to see the shaping of a better, brighter Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.'

If you can't make it to a Town Deal Drop-in Session and you have a question, please send us an email <a href="mailto:info@groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk">info@groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk</a>

#### **June Drop-in Sessions**



#### **Aylesbury Street date update**

We were hoping to start the public realm improvement works on Aylesbury Street at the end of June. However, due to contractor resources and to minimise disruption, we've rescheduled the start for July. We'll keep you updated with the timetable and order of works.

#### **Blooms on Queensway**

The popular planters now have plants and Queensway is looking pretty for the Spring and Summer months.

The plants are courtesy of two local ward councillors - Cllr Hume, and Cllr Sowden - who spent money from their ward budgets to fund the planting.

The planters are a temporary measure to prevent pavement parking. The upcoming public realm improvements to Queensway includes permanent solutions to the inconsiderate parking.



### **Turing Tribute**

Milton Keynes City Council has appointed Nick Ryan Studio to deliver The Alan Turing Tribute Commission. Full details about the artwork project and how you can get involved will be shared during the summer months. There will be a chance to meet the creative team and find out more at the Bletchley Big Street Eat on Saturday 26 July. To read more about the artist and see examples of his work, **click here** 



# **Crawling over plans**

The great British weather was on our side at the Milton Keynes Arts Centre and Town Deal 'We Live Here' insect event at Leon Rec on Saturday 24 May.



Local resident, and Sam Lennon discussing the plans for Queensway

While the children found and identified local Leon Rec bugs with entomologist Rory, parents studied the plans for Queensway, Aylesbury St and the transport hub. There were many long, in-depth discussions between residents and Sam Lennon (community engagement officer for the Town Deal) about the plans and how the projects will benefit the community. It was a positive end to a week of information sharing from the Town Deal team. Thank you to everyone who joined the conversation about what's happening in the town.

As well as the Drop-in Sessions, the next public event we'll be at with our Town Deal plans is West Bletchley Carnival on Saturday 12 July.

Hope to see you there!

# Town Deal Events

Bletchley & Fenny Stratford businesses, entrepreneurs, start-ups and investors

# **Free Business Networking Event**

Join us at our next monthly business networking event on 24 June 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. Light refreshments will be provided. **Book <u>here</u>** 



Members from the local business community listening to an update from Sukhi Gill, Investment Lead on the Town Deal.

## Free business wellbeing event

Joanna Konefal, Bletchley entrepreneur and yoga teacher, will be leading a practice for the local business community on Tuesday, June 3, 6 - 7pm, at the West Bletchley Community Centre.



Joanna is a Yoga Alliance certified Yoga Teacher, Mental Health First Aider and the first facilitator of PCI-accredited yoga protocol Yoga4Health in Milton Keynes (commissioned by the NHS). She promotes Yoga for Mental Health as a complementary or alternative therapy in which students learn self-regulation tools through weekly yoga classes and community events. Her classes are based on a traditional style of Hatha Yoga with elements of Breathwork, Self-awareness, Meditation and Mindfulness alongside physical poses and bite-size psycho-education.

To book a place on the mat click <u>here</u>

#### **Keep in touch**

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