

# Groundbreaking Updates for You

June 2025

## The Town Deal masterplan for Bletchley town centre



*Queensway, Saxon Street and Sherwood roundabout masterplan.*

**On Wednesday 18 June, members of the Town Deal Board were presented with the masterplan for Bletchley town centre as well as an artist's impression of Aylesbury Street showing what the proposed public realm improvement will look when the project is completed.**

Members of the Board were able to see the overall scope of the remaining three projects that complete the Town Deal programme as set out in the original Town Investment Plan (TIP) submitted to the government in 2020. The TIP details the projects and initiatives to address local needs and challenges. It sets out how the Town Deal projects will support job creation, improve infrastructure, and enhance the overall quality of life in the town.

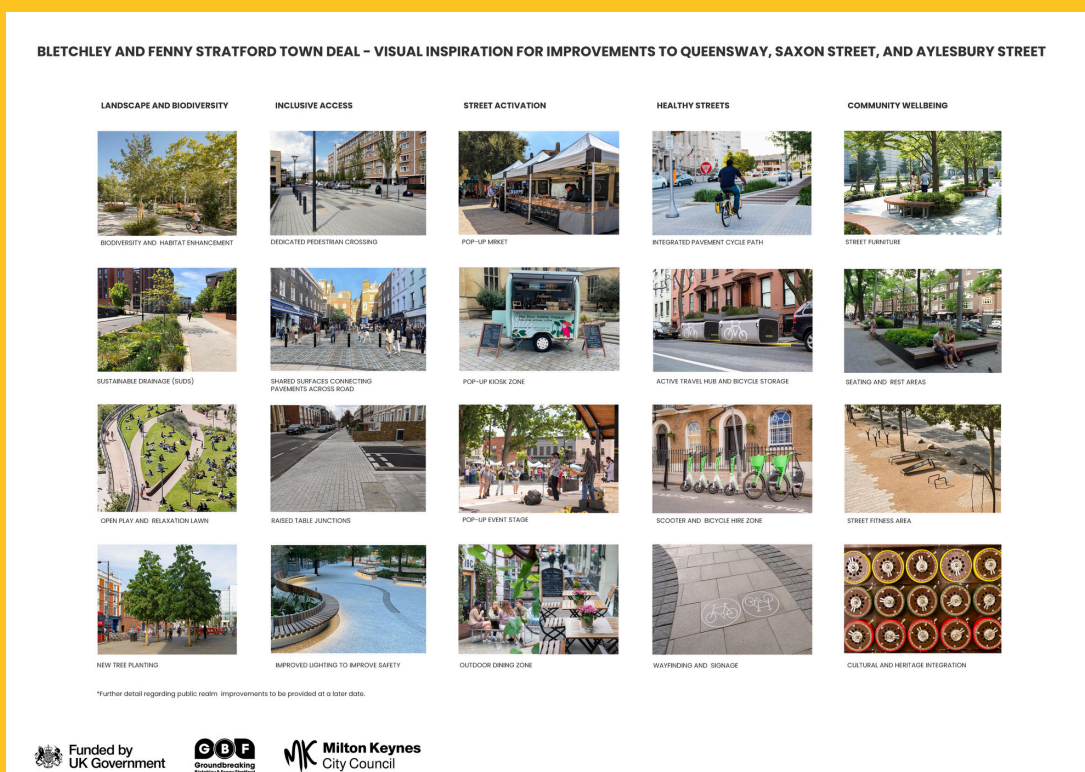
The Board scrutinised the masterplans and discussed several key points including car parks, signage, dwell time, retail offer, the Brunel Centre, Redways, East West Rail and the timings for the works.

Every area in the country that has received government Town Deal funding must have a Town Deal Board to lead and oversee the development and delivery of the Town Deal for that town. Our Board is made up of representatives from the business sector, local government, and the community. You can 'meet' our board here [The Town Deal Board](#).

To find out more about what was discussed at the meeting go to [Board Meetings](#) where you can access the minutes of the Board meetings, the agendas and supplementary papers.

## Queensway and Saxon Street

Work continues on the detailed public realm designs for Queensway and Saxon Street. The image below shows the inspirations our urban designer and landscape architects are drawing on for landscaping, inclusive access, street activities, healthy environments and community wellbeing.



The traffic modelling for Saxon Street has been completed and this will be available on [www.groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk](http://www.groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk) and at our Drop-in Sessions. The data and modelling demonstrate that the plans do not have a massive impact on existing traffic times. While there are modest increases in time to get through the network during evening peak traffic times, there is an improvement during the AM peak time flow. The modelling is based on 2031, taking into account new housing developments, increases in car use, pedestrians and cyclists.

We continue to work closely with East West Rail and Network Rail as the plans for the Oxford to Cambridge trainline progress and we aspire to secure an eastern entrance to the station. The city council and the Town Deal team understand the economic and urban benefits an eastern entrance would make to the town, as well as supporting Town Deal aims to deliver multi-modal travel opportunities and a more attractive gateway to the town.

Construction on Queensway is anticipated to begin in September/October 2025, and Saxon Street in January 2026.

### **Better, brighter Aylesbury Street**

We'll be starting work on Aylesbury Street in July. While we hoped to begin in May the July start is to ensure we have the correct level of resourcing so that the construction programme can be delivered in approximately six week (weather permitting) - thereby minimising disruption to local residents and businesses.

We're introducing what's called 'continuous pavements' which is where the level of the road surface at the junction is raised to the same height as the pavement, with gentle ramps for drivers, different surfaces, and clear road markings. These will help to make streets safer for pedestrians, disabled people, and people who use mobility aids or who find it difficult to cross the side roads. We'll use tactile paving to give warnings and guidance for blind and partially sighted people at the crossing points. Doing this will also slow the traffic and help to reduce the use of side streets as cut throughs.

Please see images overleaf for the 'before' and 'after' the improvement work.





***Aylesbury Street before the public realm improvements.***



***Aylesbury Street after the public realm improvements.***





# FAQ: What's happening with the Brunel Centre?

Milton Keynes city council is continuing to work on the exciting and transformative redevelopment of the Brunel Centre. The ambition is to secure a mixed-use development that will provide new housing and retail space. The city council is currently working with the remaining businesses to support their relocation within Bletchley, while it works towards promoting the site with potential investors.

## New business opens on Findlay Way

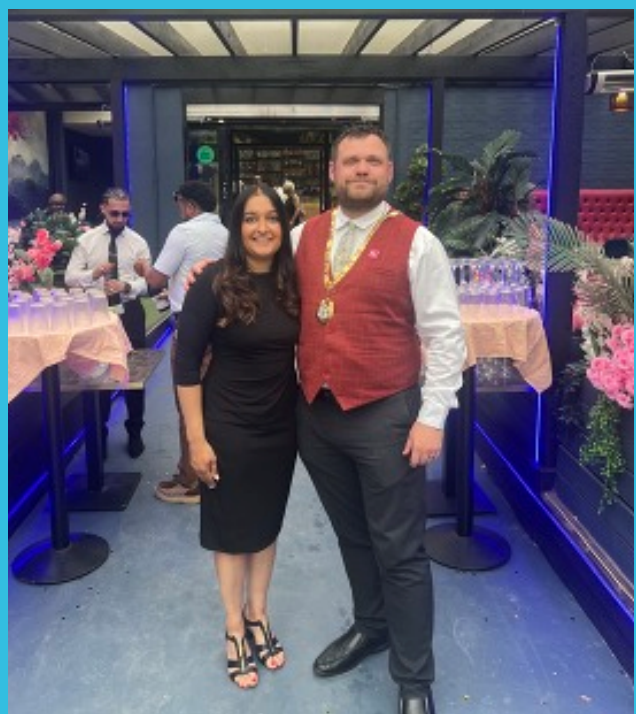
Sukhi Gill, Investment Lead on the Town Deal joined Mayor James Lancaster at the opening night of a new restaurant in down town Bletchley on Friday 18 June.

'Sora Lounge is the third restaurant from the Milton Keynes-based investors,' said Sukhi. 'As owners of the successful and popular Blossom Room in the city, it's fantastic to welcome them to Bletchley along with their passion for excellent dining in a great atmosphere.'

The Lounge blends rich flavours of pan-asian cuisine with the art of shisha. Visit Sora Lounge at 1 Findlay Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 2YZ. [Sora Lounge](#)

**Above right** Mayor James Lancaster, with owners and Cllr Waqas Ahmed, opening Sora Lounge .

**Below right** Mayor James Lancaster with Sukhi Gill, Town Deal Investment Lead.



# Let's talk about the Town Deal

**Members of the Town Deal team are out and about in the town sharing the masterplans, timelines and latest news with as many local people as possible. Please feel very welcome to come along to one of our Drop-in Sessions and talk to us about how the projects are helping to shape the regeneration of your town.**



*Sam Lennon, Town Deal Community Engagement officer answers questions from a local resident about the plans for Saxon Street and Queensway.*

## July Drop-in Sessions



We'll also be at the West Bletchley Carnival on Saturday 12 July...



and The Bletchley Big Street Eat on Saturday 26 July





## 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 15 July 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 here** [Free Monthly Business Networking Event Tickets, Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



*Sukhi Gill, Investment Lead on the Town Deal, gives an update to the local business community.*

## Keep in touch

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