

Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs P N Aldis, J Ali, P Blaine, T Cole, A M Hill, W Jackson, G Leach, C Osborne, M Pettitt, D Quick, M Scott, D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow, and S Sutton

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 9 November 2015 commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the items of business below

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3 November 2015

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence

2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.)

*This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable personal interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.*

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests*
- ii) Non Disclosable Interests*
- iii) Dispensations*

3 Public Participation Session

To receive questions and representations from members of the public.

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4 Minutes of previous Town Council meetings

To consider the Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 28 September 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

5 Police Matters

To receive a report from PCSO Ann Jeeves on policing in Sandy.

Appendix I

6 Minutes of committees and recommendations therein

To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the following committees and sub-committees and (if applicable) to approve recommendations therein which do not arise elsewhere

- i) Development Scrutiny Committees held on 5 October 2015 and 26 October 2015
- ii) Community Services & Environment Committee held on 5 October 2015
- iii) Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on 12 October 2015

7 Financial Matters

- i) To note a summary statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date (previously circulated).
- ii) To note a list of payments made since the last Town Council meeting (previously circulated)

8 Planning Application

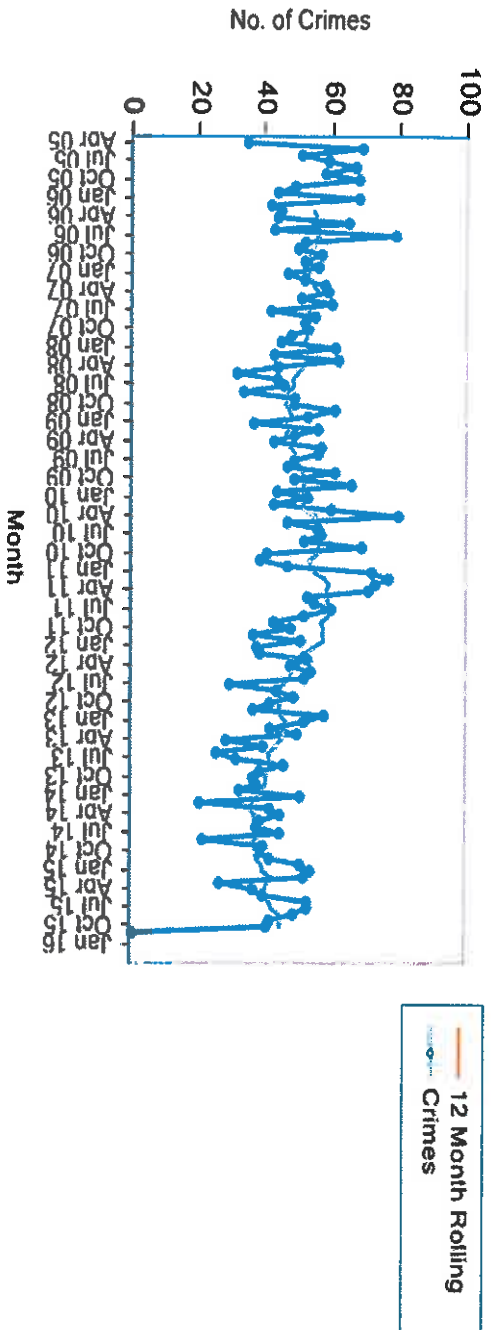
To consider the following application submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council.

22.10.15	CB/15/03937/OUT Mr Stephen Doyle Templeview Developments Ltd, Kitchen End House, Kitchen End, Silsoe, Bedfordshire MK45 4QT.	Proposal - Outline planning application on the Land West of Sandy (Girtford Bridge) for up to 216 residential dwellings, 8 self build plots, 138-bed Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) and approximately 15,000sqft B1 (Office) development with all matters reserved, except access. Location - Land West of Sandy between A1 and River Ivel, North of Girtford Bridge
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- 9 Local Council Award Scheme** Appendix II
That this Council confirms it has all policies and procedures on the Council's website as per the local Council award scheme, foundation level.
- 10 Bedford Road Recreation Ground – Outdoor Equipment**
To receive an update from Cllr Martin Pettitt regarding the possibility of installing outdoor gym equipment on Bedford Road Recreation Ground.
- 11 Surgery** Appendix III
To receive and ratify recommendations on proposed parking arrangements.
- 12 Talk of the Town Community Bus Service.** Appendix IV
To receive a report on a request made by Sandy and Beeston Good Neighbours.
- 13 East West Rail Link** Appendix V
To receive a report from the Town clerk.
- 14 Cemetery Burial Fee Request** Appendix VI
To receive a request for reduced burial fees from a member of the public.
- 15 News Release**
- 16 Chairman's Items**
- 17 Date of Next Meeting: 21 December 2015**

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Crime Type Breakdown in last 12 months

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	37	40	53	53	49	42	41	42	51	54	52	27	315	45.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	45	39	38	45	22	40	39	42	51	54	52	27	494	41.17
Financial Year: 2013/2014	29	40	26	32	46	39	37	38	33	51	21	42	434	36.17
Financial Year: 2012/2013	48	54	52	30	44	49	42	37	58	52	42	50	558	46.50
Financial Year: 2011/2012	71	53	55	60	52	43	48	37	51	38	39	53	600	50.00
Financial Year: 2010/2011	80	47	56	57	52	69	41	39	47	72	77	73	710	59.17
Financial Year: 2009/2010	43	57	56	49	47	61	49	66	44	53	43	60	628	52.33
Financial Year: 2008/2009	44	32	44	46	34	49	49	61	53	37	56	49	554	46.17
Financial Year: 2007/2008	59	51	60	42	55	52	53	48	45	61	43	62	631	52.58

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Burglary Dwelling.

Financial Year		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016		0	1	4	0	0	2	2						9	1.29
Financial Year: 2014/2015		1	2	3	1	0	4	6	2	4	6	5	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2013/2014		2	4	1	1	4	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	23	1.92
Financial Year: 2012/2013		3	2	2	1	3	4	4	3	10	16	4	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012		4	3	10	1	7	6	8	5	8	1	1	2	56	4.67
Financial Year: 2010/2011		7	1	3	5	2	5	6	3	3	7	6	7	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2009/2010		1	3	3	1	4	4	2	8	3	7	1	2	39	3.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009		1	1	2	0	2	4	2	5	9	5	3	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2007/2008		0	2	5	0	2	7	5	3	7	0	1	1	33	2.75
Financial Year: 2006/2007		3	1	4	9	3	4	1	1	4	2	10	3	45	3.75
Financial Year: 2005/2006		1	1	5	8	3	9	6	2	3	5	4	5	52	4.33

Burglary other.

Financial Year		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016		2	1	1	3	1	2	4						14	2.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015		2	2	3	8	3	1	1	4	0	2	2	3	31	2.58
Financial Year: 2013/2014		3	3	1	3	5	0	2	0	3	8	1	1	30	2.50
Financial Year: 2012/2013		8	7	6	0	3	5	5	6	7	3	2	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012		12	5	3	9	2	3	5	1	2	2	4	4	52	4.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011		20	7	3	6	6	6	5	3	3	8	14	7	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2009/2010		2	4	11	8	4	6	6	3	5	6	2	6	63	5.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009		6	2	8	3	5	3	12	4	5	4	2	4	58	4.83
Financial Year: 2007/2008		11	4	4	2	4	5	3	5	4	5	5	7	59	4.92
Financial Year: 2006/2007		1	6	4	7	3	4	6	2	6	2	4	10	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2005/2006		3	6	5	7	2	5	4	4	1	3	1	4	45	3.75

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Vehicle Crime.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	2	4	5	9	5	13	7						45	6.43
Financial Year: 2014/2015	8	12	6	5	1	9	4	3	3	6	3	1	61	5.08
Financial Year: 2013/2014	3	8	3	2	5	3	8	6	4	10	2	9	63	5.25
Financial Year: 2012/2013	5	9	9	3	12	9	3	5	13	5	6	5	84	7.00
Financial Year: 2011/2012	8	6	2	10	8	5	5	4	12	9	7	12	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	4	3	7	6	6	4	1	3	6	8	8	5	61	5.08
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	6	6	7	7	9	11	8	6	6	5	3	84	7.00
Financial Year: 2008/2009	5	4	7	10	6	2	4	11	8	5	6	9	77	6.42
Financial Year: 2007/2008	6	6	5	3	13	6	9	5	9	6	5	15	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2006/2007	5	11	3	6	3	8	14	10	6	4	5	10	85	7.08
Financial Year: 2005/2006	7	17	7	8	9	14	16	4	7	15	5	9	118	9.83

Violence against person.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	8	16	13	17	14	3	6						77	11.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	12	6	11	11	4	6	6	6	8	11	7	10	98	8.17
Financial Year: 2013/2014	4	5	5	9	3	7	6	6	4	8	4	7	68	5.67
Financial Year: 2012/2013	10	4	6	6	7	6	6	2	3	6	2	4	62	5.17
Financial Year: 2011/2012	10	6	10	8	7	7	5	6	3	2	5	7	76	6.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	12	6	8	6	2	11	6	7	13	10	5	8	94	7.83
Financial Year: 2009/2010	4	8	7	5	4	10	0	6	5	8	4	7	68	5.67
Financial Year: 2008/2009	6	5	5	4	5	5	8	6	6	5	8	6	69	5.75
Financial Year: 2007/2008	8	8	11	5	7	9	7	14	4	7	15	4	99	8.25
Financial Year: 2006/2007	6	13	12	8	8	5	9	3	7	6	2	8	87	7.25
Financial Year: 2005/2006	5	8	4	5	8	8	11	7	9	8	1	7	81	6.75

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Criminal Damage.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	9	11	18	6	5	3	8						60	8.57
Financial Year: 2014/2015	9	5	3	8	5	10	9	16	23	16	10	3	117	9.75
Financial Year: 2013/2014	5	5	9	11	4	3	7	9	7	5	4	9	78	6.50
Financial Year: 2012/2013	13	14	11	6	6	11	9	9	12	7	8	6	112	9.33
Financial Year: 2011/2012	19	11	12	14	9	8	12	10	12	7	6	9	129	10.75
Financial Year: 2010/2011	14	10	4	15	13	14	11	12	14	22	20	26	175	14.58
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	23	11	15	12	14	11	22	11	11	12	17	169	14.08
Financial Year: 2008/2009	9	12	12	17	10	17	9	20	15	9	23	8	161	13.42
Financial Year: 2007/2008	25	7	14	12	13	15	12	14	5	18	4	18	157	13.08
Financial Year: 2006/2007	19	19	6	24	16	16	11	15	17	19	12	17	191	15.92
Financial Year: 2005/2006	4	17	11	18	16	9	11	12	10	17	13	10	148	12.33

Crime Type	Recorded Crime		Solved Crimes	
	21/09/14 to 01/11/14	21/09/15 to 01/11/15	21/09/14 to 01/11/14	21/09/15 to 01/11/15
Violence against the Person	11	11	1	1
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Domestic Burglary	9	2	0	0
Burglary Other	2	4	0	0
Vehicle Crime	8	8	1	0
Other Theft	10	13	1	3
Criminal Damage	11	10	2	2
Drugs	4	0	4	1
Other Notifiable Offences	0	3	0	0
Total	55	51	9	7

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Domestic Burglary.

Winchester Road: on 14/10/15 at 16.23hrs; an unknown offender/s have gained entry to the property via an insecure back door, the offender/s have possibly unhooked the gate giving them access to the back door, various items have been taken.

Swift Close: on 23/10/15 between 20.55-21.00hrs; access was gained via the front door; the owners were upstairs when they have heard noises coming from downstairs, they have gone downstairs to investigate, when they have noticed the front door wide open and then has seen an unknown male run out from the living room and out of the property through the front door, owner run out to chase the male, when they have noticed the male getting into their vehicles, another male was sitting in the driver's seat of the vehicle, both males have made off from the location in their vehicle. Police had been contacted as well as the tracker company for the vehicle; the vehicle was located within 20 minutes. No damage had been caused to the vehicle and the vehicle has been recovered for forensic examination. There doesn't seem to be anything else that has been removed from the property.

Burglary Other.

Stratford Road: the council ground man's building was secure and alarmed; access was gained by opening the bathroom window, the unknown offender/s have then kicked through the stud partition wall into the main building and conducted a search, the alarm has then been activated and the unknown offender/s have made off.

The Baulk Beeston: between 23/10/15 at 23.30hrs and 24/10/15 at 19.00hrs, unknown offender/s using an unknown implement has forced the lock on the shed, removing the brackets in order to gain entry, once entry gained, offender/s has removed the bike and fishing bag.

Newton Way: on 27/10/15 between 22.30-22.43hrs, unknown offender/s have attempted to force entry by breaking padlock to the front of the garage, they have then been disturbed and left location by unknown means.

St.Neots Road: on 28/10/15 between 16.50hrs-17.10hrs; the garage door was wide open whilst the washing dryer was on, unknown offender/s have approached and walked into the garage through the wide open front garage door and have removed and stolen a garden petrol powered tool which was hanging on the wall and also stolen the power tools attachments which were sat on some brackets on the wall, unknown offender/s made off unseen.

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Vehicle Crime.

South Road; on 07/10/15 during the night; unknown offender has entered rear garden by unknown means and cut away the exhaust and link pipe from the motorbike before making off in unknown direction.

Georgetown; between 10/08/15- 02/10/15 whilst a vehicle was in storage the vehicle was entered and items taken from the boot.

Orchard Road Beeston; on 13/10/15 through the night; unknown offender/s have approached the vehicle and have removed and stolen by unknown means the front panel consisting of the Citroen badge and amber flashing lights from the front of the vehicle causing slight damage to the panels clips, no attempt to gain entry to the vehicle.

Tempstorfs Road; on 14/10/15 at 20.06hrs; owner rang to state his company vehicle had been broken into and a specialised piece of equipment worth £2500 stolen.

Dapifer Drive; unknown offender/s have approached the owners vehicle and by unknown means, have removed both front and rear index plates, offender/s have made off from location.

Winchester Road; unknown offender/s have approached the owners motorcycle that was parked locked and secure at the front of his house, by unknown means, offender/s have removed the motorcycle from location.

Wesley Road; offender/s have then removed a moped removing the index plate off it and making off in a unknown direction.

McMurdo Court; unknown offender/s have approached the owners vehicle which was locked and secured, offender/s have gained access to the vehicle by unknown means and has made off, the vehicle was later recovered along another road in Sandy.

Other theft.

Six were shoplifting offences.

There was one; Theft of a card wallet in a store car park.

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One was removal of keys without permission.

Two were making off without payments.

One was threats; when a large amount of tarmac was given to the victim and then calls wanting payment.

One was theft of cycle.

Violence against the person.

7 domestic related incidents,

1 incident at a football game,

1 in relation to a very intoxicated male,

1 was verbal communication.

1 was a male; randomly kicked in his leg.

Criminal Damage.

These included 2 vehicle damages, 2 civil disputes over land, domestic related, cycling over a front garden and damage to a gate lock, fence and wall.

Other notable crimes.

2 Public order; 13year olds being threatening and a domestic related.

1 was; Preventing the cause of Justice which was within the family.



The council confirms by resolution at a full council meeting that it publishes online:

Criteria	Meet criteria?	Where are these published online?
Its standing orders and financial regulations	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/how-we-work/meetings http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/finance/financial-regulations
Its Code of Conduct and a link to councillors' registers of interests	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/how-we-work/code-of-conduct
Its publication scheme	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/downloads/policies FOI Publication Scheme
Its last annual return	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/finance/annual-report-
Transparent information about council payments	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/finance/accounts
A calendar of all meetings including the annual meeting of electors	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/how-we-work/meetings
Minutes for at least one year of full council meetings and (if relevant) all committee and sub-committee meetings	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/downloads/meeting-minutes
Current agendas	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/downloads/meeting-agendas
The budget and precept information for the current or next financial year	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/finance/budget
Its complaints procedure	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/how-we-work/communicating-with-the-council
Council contact details and councillor information in line with the Transparency Code	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/councillors/your-councillors
Evidence of consulting the community	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/sandy-diary-news
Publicity advertising council activities	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/sandy-diary-news
Evidence of participating in town and country planning	YES	http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/the-council/what-we-do/planning http://www.sandytowncouncil.gov.uk/downloads/meeting-agendas

APPENDIX II

The council also confirms by resolution at a full council meeting that it has:

Criteria	Do you meet these criteria?	Where are these published? Can they be provided electronically?
A risk management scheme	YES	A scheme is in place. Work to be done in future to format as a risk management register.
A register of assets	YES	In place and reviewed by internal auditor.
Contracts for all members of staff	YES	Signed and in place for all employees
Disciplinary and grievance procedures	YES	Agreed in April 2013. Forms part of employee handbook.
A policy for training new staff and councillors	YES	Training Statement of intent Agreed in September 2009, Reviewed in August 2014
A record of all training undertaken by staff and councillors in the last year	YES	Record of training undertaken over the last year has been compiled by the office.
A clerk who has achieved 12 CPD points in the last year	YES	5 Cilca module courses - 20 one full day conference – 2.5 Local Councils Explained – 4 6 Additions of 'The Clerk' - 3

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Full Council

DATE: 9 November 2015

OFFICER: Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Shannon Court/Kings Road Surgery Planning Application

Background

At a meeting of the Development Scrutiny committee on 26 October 2015 it was resolved to make no objection and to welcome the application to relocate the Kings Road surgery to Shannon Court.

Members noted that there were on-going discussions with the applicant regarding parking and agreed that a summary should be put before Town Council for ratification.

Information

The Town Clerk has continued discussions with Dr. J. Graffey from the surgery. The surgery do not want to disrupt arrangements for others coming to the centre of Sandy, but hope it will be possible to revise the car park layout a little to help the disabled and provide a facility for emergency vehicles.

Dr. Graffey stated that from the surgery's point of view, the most important thing is to have the town council's support for the scheme - which they believe will bring significant benefits to the town. They do however hope it will be possible to find ways to make it easy for people to access the facility and minimise disruption for others.

Request changes to the car parking layout

1) Emergency Vehicle Space

One space reserved for ambulances close to the surgery entrance

There is a disabled bay adjacent to Shannon court which could be adapted for emergency vehicle use without needing to adjust the measurements of the space. See picture below.



2) Disabled Bays

Increase the number of disabled bays to a total of six

There are currently three disabled bays; however one would be lost when converted to an emergency vehicle space. The surgery believes it may be a good idea to add further spaces at the Shannon Court end of the car park.

The proposed bays would be for general use, not for patient use.

A disabled bay is approximately 1.5 the size of a standard parking bay. The line of 6 standard parking bays in the picture below could be converted to 4 disabled bays. This would be the best location as wheel chair and mobility scooter users can access Shannon Court and the High Street without the need to pass through parked cars.



3) Reserved Spaces for Doctors

Four parking bays close to the entrance to the surgery to be reserved

The surgery are not seeking staff parking but would like four parking bays specifically for doctors. They are often called out to patients and need to ensure quick access to their vehicles.

4) Cross-hatching at the entrance to Shannon Court

Cross-hatch the area in front of the entrance for pedestrian safety

The area at the entrance to Shannon Court is quite narrow and the surgery note that there is a risk this may get congested, as it is the only way in and out of the market square end of the car park.

Implications for the Town Council

Current number of public parking Spaces: 147 (inc. 3 disabled bays)

Proposed number of public parking spaces: 140 (inc 6 disabled bays)

The current line markings would need to be burnt off and new markings painted out, include 'Reserved' markings for the doctor's spaces. The Town Clerk has arranged for estimated costs which will be available by 9th November and will be reported to members at the meeting of the Full Council.

For Councillors information previous line marking work carried out in 2010 cost approximately £1,600.

At this stage it appears unlikely NHS funding would be available towards external work, as they would take the view that they could only provide funding for parking or other works that were part of the property that they were reimbursing rent for. However, Dr. Graffey is seeking clarification and will report back to the clerk.

It is **recommended** that the Council agree the above changes in principle, dependant on the costs involved and that the Town Clerk continue to work with Dr. Graffey to identify possible alternative funding.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Full Council

DATE: 9 November 2015

OFFICER: Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Sandy Community Transport Bus – (TOTT bus)

Request

Sandy Town Council has received a request from the Sandy and Beeston Good Neighbours group to consider allowing the Talk of the Town community bus to be registered at the Town Council address on vehicle the log book.

The vehicle would remain in the ownership of, and registered to Talk of the Town and the Council would not be responsible for the bus, its drivers or any costs.

Background

The 'Talk of the Town' (TOTT) community bus is run entirely by volunteers and can be hired by groups or individuals, with or without drivers, to transport local people, (particularly the elderly) to various places, such as outings and social events. The service has been running since 1982.

The TOTT was recently taken over by Sandy and Beeston Good Neighbours as the original committee could no longer run the bus for a variety of reasons (lack of volunteer drivers and time etc)

The bus is registered with the DVLA in the name of TOTT, but with the address on the log book registered at one of the committee members addresses. This has caused problems as the log book often has to be returned to the DVLA to be re-registered every time volunteers leave the committee. Therefore having the bus registered at the Council address emerged as a possible solution.

For members information past users of the service have included Ivel Stroke Club, carers in Bedfordshire, Sandy Lunch Club, and residents of Handley Court, Stonecroft, Copelands, Jakes Court and Taymer Nursing homes. Other community groups such as Great Barford Good Companions, Sandy Townswomen's Guild and Sandy Historical Society also use the bus.

All drivers are volunteers and are covered by the group's public liability insurance. Drivers need to be under the age of 70 and have a D1 qualification on their licence.

The current bus carries carry 13 passengers or up to 3 wheelchairs if some seats are removed.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Full Council
DATE: 9 November 2015
OFFICER: Town Clerk
SUBJECT: East West Rail Link

Background

On the 1st October 2015 Network Rail held a consultation event on the proposed East West Rail Link. The consultation focused on proposals for the East West Rail (EWR) Western Section Phase 2, which involves sections of the line between Bedford-Bicester and Milton Keynes.

The EWR aims to establish a strategic railway connecting East Anglia with Central, Southern and Western England. The proposed route can be broken down into three sections, Western, Central and Eastern. The section of the route which may come via Sandy is the Central Section.

The purpose of this report is to gather any information that is currently available on the Central section of the rail link, of which a route via Sandy is a possible option.

Information

Following the consultation contact was made with Caryl Jones, Communications Manager of the East West Rail Consortium. Mrs Jones has stated that there is not a lot of information available in regards the implications of a route via Sandy at present.

The following information was provided;

- Work is continuing on identifying a single preferred route to extend the western section eastwards to Cambridge.
- At present, two preferred 'corridors' have emerged as offering the best value for money when considering the potential benefits the line could yield, and the costs involved.
- The corridors are fairly broad and only once a preferred corridor has been identified will two or three potential routes within this corridor be considered in far greater detail.
- The East West Rail Consortium is aiming to have a single preferred route identified by September 2016. This will be when the 'Initial Industry Plan' is published by Network Rail and will include potential schemes for future investment.

- Thus, at this stage the East West Rail Consortium cannot give any further detail on the likely route should the 'via Sandy' corridor emerge as offering the best benefit to cost ratio and value for money.
- There may be further information in spring 2016 regarding the corridor selection process. At present it is still a work in progress and without a proposed option and supporting evidence there is nothing to consult on.

Network Rail has not provided any additional information. A conditional output statement is available on the website; this is 140 pages long and has not been attached to this report. A diagram of the Central section corridor options is attached.

The conditional output statement was commissioned in October 2013 to determine a business case of a new rail route from Cambridge to Bedford. Further detail on feasibility, deliverability and adoption of specific routes where new infrastructure may be required will be explored as the current development of a business case.

There were initially 7 possible corridors considered for the rail link. In July 2015 it was reported this had been narrowed to two, Sandy and Hitchin, which offer best value for money at that point of development, and both corridors would be considered further.

The link between Bedford, Sandy and Cambridge has been identified as the most difficult and costly part of the route to reinstate, due to land along the previous route been sold and developed.

Network Rail is in the process of evaluating these two corridors to identify a preferred corridor, the routes within that corridor will then be considered. A development team are producing a detailed analysis of the merits or otherwise of each option. The criteria used to determine route preference will include:

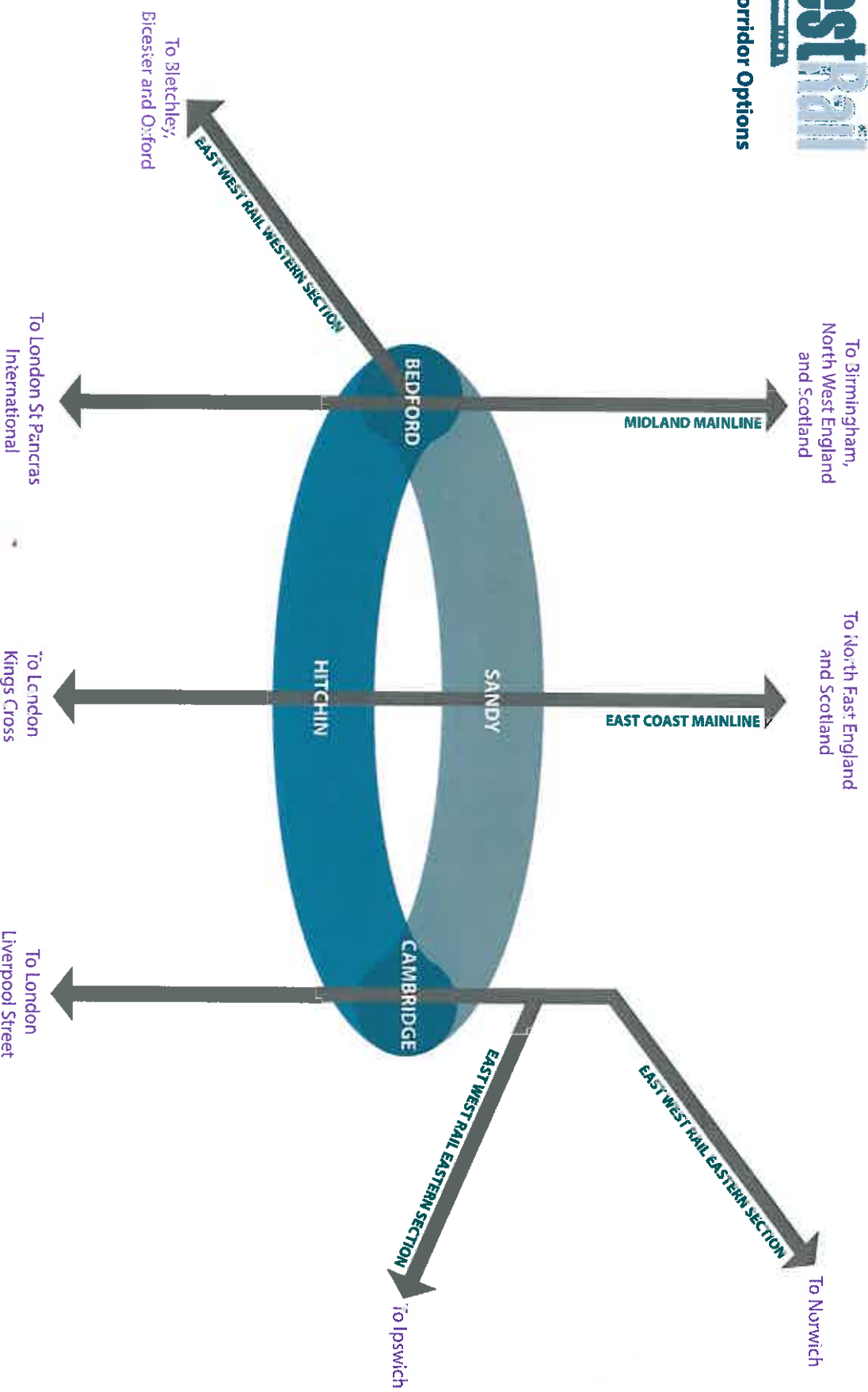
- Journey time between major centres
- Size of newly-served population/market
- Development potential
- Affordability
- Buildability
- Operational cost between centres
- Environment impacts
- Benefits versus Costs

A more detailed progress report will be updated after the analysis has taken place. It is currently unknown when this will be.

The Town Clerk will keep regular contact with Network Rail and Caryl Jones and report back any updates to Members.

East West Rail

Central Section Corridor Options



Work is ongoing to identify a single preferred route for the East West Rail Central Section within one of these two broad corridors.

- Bedford to Cambridge via Sandy
- Bedford to Cambridge via Hitchin

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20th October 2015

Mr Chris Robson
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Council Offices
10 Cambridge Road
Sandy
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Dear Mr Robson,

Re.: Mrs Carole Lilian Hounslow

Thank you for your time on Friday 16th October and for seeing me without an appointment. Your advice in consideration of the non-resident fees for burial in Sandy Parish was very helpful.

Enclosed with this letter is a summary of Carole's involvement in the Parish and links to the Sandy community over the past 50 years since 1964.

I understand how many might identify Sandy as a pretty, quiet resting place, although have limited or no links to the Parish. In my wife's case, I hope the Council will consider this not to be so and make a recommendation that resident fees should apply.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this matter.
Yours sincerely,



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Carole Hounslow - A life working and supporting Sandy

Many families might identify Sandy as a pretty, quiet resting place for their loved ones, even though they have limited or no links to the Parish. In my wife's case, I hope the Council will consider this not to be so and make a recommendation that resident fees should apply.

Home and Family

It is now over 50 years since my late wife Carole and I moved out from London following our wedding, to Glebe Road, Sandy in 1965. Our first home together was part of a new development and saw the then small market garden town of just 4000 residents grow significantly. Our first connection to Sandy was with Cllr Weston in 1964 on the newly laid out Glebe Road – still a muddy field with the houses yet to be built!

Carole, always keen to support local businesses arranged our mortgage with Sandy Building Society. Our bank account remains linked to the Sandy branch of Lloyds to this day and even after we moved to Eaton Ford Carole maintained long established links to Sandy businesses she had come to trust including Alders the optician, Gunns the Bakery and Gilbeys.

Our daughter, Suzanne, was born in 1971 was christened at St Swithun's parish church. Carole and Suzanne were active members of the congregation while she was young with Suzanne subsequently attending St Swithun's Church of England Primary school at the old site and Sunday school at St Swithun's under Reverend Warren and Reverend Rowlands.

Career □

After a successful career in London as a shoe buyer it was the main body of Carole's career that is linked to Sandy. The work outlined below covers the period between 1965 and 2000. Carole retired as Registrar at The Physics department of The University of Cambridge in 2005.

Sandy Town Council

Still looking after a young family Carole worked for Sandy Town Council supporting William Hanford, the then Town Clerk. At a time before "flexible hours" for working parents had been invented as a phrase, her role at the Council enabled Carole to maintain her career balanced with the needs of her family. This job also included a uniquely Sandy tradition whereby on a recognized day each year, the Town Clerk, the Vicar of St Swithun's and Carole went out onto glebe land behind Robert Peel School to a point colloquially known as "Amen corner", where the Vicar blessed the land and prayers were said, followed by the assembled saying "Amen". The Town Clerk then paid a "fee" of a silver coin to the Church. Carole's handwriting will also be found in the Parish archives as she maintained the record book for burials on behalf of the Town Clerk.

RSPB

The RSPB afforded new opportunities for both work and leisure. As the popularity of conservation and the importance of awareness and preservation of natural habitats grew in the 1970s, Carole promoted this both locally and within her own family. Suzanne grew up as a member of the RSPB and Carole continued her own support of

the RSPB until 2013, where she worked as a volunteer taking knowledge of birds into primary schools and encouraging young people to look after the habitats that encourage birds into gardens and engage with the natural world.

Jordans

Work at Jordan's Mill in the 1980s brought Carole close to two areas that informed how our home was run – natural foods produced locally.

Harvey's Garage

Once Suzanne moved on to Junior School Carole chose to go back to work full time, but wanted to stay local to home in Sandy. Working for Lawrence Harvey at his garage throughout the 1980s and into the 90s Carole enjoyed her role at the heart of this bustling busy local business. Ann Harvey remembers Carole well from those days, and while the garage itself has gone, a new car business remains on the site.

Banks of Sandy

As PA to Michael and Richard Banks and John Rowlands, Carole's work at Banks of Sandy was a busy full-time role which drew on links back to local farming families Carole recalled from our earliest days in Sandy. Farmers she met at the Council offices while working for William Hanford. As Suzanne by now was at Senior School and subsequently moved away to London to University, Banks afforded a career opportunity to further develop skills acquired over a number of years. Even after we moved to Eaton Ford, Carole continued to commute to Sandy for this role until she moved to Cambridge University – the role she held for 6 years until her retirement in 2005

Charity □

Sandy Rotary and Inner wheel was a big part of Carole's life since the 1990s where both my wife and I chose to retain our links to Sandy through long established friendships and the Rotary Club.

As a member of Inner Wheel Carole's social life in retirement included bi weekly catch ups in Sandy. Beyond the day to day business of support for Inner Wheel, it was these friendships over fund raisers, social evenings and "knit and natter" that maintained Carole's links back to Sandy.

Carole wasn't just a member of Inner Wheel – she served as Treasurer and Charities Secretary on numerous occasions and also as President three times between 1990 and 2015. Her last Presidency only ended in late May follow her diagnosis with Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma and her recent death from cancer in June.

Carole had a strong belief in supporting those in need close to home and as a consequence chose Keech House as her nominated charity while as President. Additionally Sandy Inner Wheel have recently notified me that they are making a donation to Keech House in her memory.