

# HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
September 2024 at 12.00 at the Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

## MINUTES

### Present:

D Courtman (Chairman)

R Simpkins

E Price

R Wallond

A Andrew

Clerk: G Merry

Members of Public: 1 (remotely)

**Amendment to the MOTION:** Cllr Andrew requested via the chair, an amendment to the motion as follows: 'To agree a response to the Draft Consultation document for the MKCC New City Plan'. The amendment was PROPOSED by Cllr Andrew SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED

**24.105 Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Flatley. Cllrs Moore, Pacheco and Geary were absent.

Mrs J Cass attended as a member of the public but with specific knowledge of the Hanslope area and as a member of Hanslope's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. Cllr Courtman invited her to take part in the discussion.

**24.106 Declarations of Interest:** None

**24.107 Public Participation:** None

**24.108 MKCC New City Plan – To agree a response to the Draft Consultation document for the MKCC New City Plan:**

Q9 - Hanslope Park: Cllr Andrew raised concerns re. Policy GS8 and the proposed redesignation of land at Hanslope Park from 'Open Countryside' to 'Key Employment' through a Local Development Order. This would make it significantly easier for the site to expand and the surrounding land to be used for new development. As well as a parish council response, she urged everyone to complete the consultation as individuals. It was discussed and agreed that the PC would **object** to this policy on the following grounds:

- The recent flooding has proven the land and infrastructure is unsuitable and cannot sustain further development, traffic and expansion. The land adjacent to Hanslope Park is particularly susceptible to flooding and climate change will increasingly be a factor in increased rainfall.
- With 12 miles to the closest junction of the M1, private cars are and will continue to be, the main mode of transport for employees of Hanslope Park.
- The narrowness of local roads makes it unsafe for cycling and there is no bus service other than the Park's own shuttle bus which currently uses the local narrow, twisty roads. There is no detail regarding a sustainable transport plan.
- All adjacent sites had already been assessed by the Planning Authority as unsuitable for development due to road access.

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Cllr Price advised on the process for implementing Local Development Orders. The requirement to submit planning applications may not be required, once outside of the time limit - currently an uncertain limit. This would result in no scrutiny of any plans.

Question 60 – ‘Supporting a Diverse Rural Economy’: Cllr Andrew proposed objecting to the change from 12 to 6 months, for an applicant to wait before marketing a commercial property as residential. This could include Hanslope Park. Cllr Andrew proposed objecting on the grounds that the period should remain 12 months and to state that the rural north-west infrastructure cannot support more housing. It was discussed and agreed to **object** to this policy.

Question 35: Re. Affordable Homes: Whilst Hanslope and environs was not designated for more housing, designated areas would now be required to have 40% social housing for new developments. One of the designated areas (land to the East of Newport Pagnell and the M1) was rural and it had been noted in Hanslope, that removing people out to rural areas, takes them away from families, public transport availability and support/health services. It was discussed and agreed to **comment** that 40% is too high and this policy should also be concentrated in the CMK area only.

Designated Areas for Development: It was discussed and agreed to comment **in support** of the rejection of Hanslope as an area for more housing. This will give further opportunity to stress that the infrastructure in the rural north-west cannot cope with any more strain.

**MOTION:** ‘To agree a response to the Draft Consultation document on the MKCC New City Plan’ – AS ABOVE. This was PROPOSED by Cllr Andrew SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

Cllr Wallond pointed out the need for evidence to support objections e.g. Flood data from w/c 22/9/24 and the fact that Hanslope was close to being completely cut off. SID data on speeding – Cllr Wallond will work on this, and any pothole data.

**Mrs. Cass will write the objection comments re. policy GS8 with input from Cllr Andrew. Cllr Andrew will write the objections to Q60 and 35. These will be circulated for comment and then submitted via the clerk.**

SIGNED: ..... *D.J. Kaustman* .....

DATE: ..... *14th Oct. 2024* .....

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