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SUCCESS !

Uroy's pictured at the last 200 metres of Fen Street to be built before it's through from the Northfield roundabout to the A421.

We've been pressing for a zebra crossing there from Westergate to the c.450 houses still to be built on the other side of the road.

Now the Council and Places for People have agreed to **a fully signalised junction** to be ready at the same time the road is completed later this year.

Thank you to all the residents on Fen Street who have never given up campaigning for a safer road.



FLOODING IN WILLEN

Thank you to Tom Birch of Anglian Water who has met a number of Willen Village residents to explain that work to replace the penstock valve will start in around two weeks and will take about a month to finish.

He will also be speaking to the Council Drains department and the Parks Trust next week about work that they need to carry out to stop the flooding. And he'll return when the river water level drops to look at a closed flat valve that can't be accessed at the moment.

Tom Birch is the Local Area Manager for Anglian Water covering an area that runs from Buckingham down to Letchworth, so this is a really high-level intervention on their part.



The Council has put aside money in the next financial year to resurface the area on Countess Way around the new installed pedestrian crossing. Contact Uroy for more information:

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OAKGROVE DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations to the Parish Council for alerting us to this proposed development.

A huge problem is access on which Sam has met the Council. It's unlikely now that the Council will recommend entry through Tyhurst but Far Holme remains a live option turning right as soon as you enter with the water feature lying between cars and the houses.

What do **you** think? Let us know on:

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If you know of anyone who is vulnerable or in need of help at the moment please contact the Council's COVID-19 help line **01908 252398**.

MK EAST

Kerrie & Sam had a briefing from the Berkeley (St James) Group earlier this week. They will shortly be sending out a brochure on their proposals to c. 11,500 houses in the area who will be affected. This obviously includes Willen but we've asked them to send it to Brooklands and Broughton as well because of the impact on Junction 14. Subject to COVID-19 restrictions they will also be available for meetings.

They hope to submit their planning application to the Council in the spring for a decision around October. If approved work on the infrastructure will start in the summer of 2022 and the first houses will be occupied in 2025.



DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT (DRT)



The Council has appointed an Enforcement Officer to investigate who was responsible for cutting back the trees and shrubs above on the Newport Road. Thank you to the residents who pressed for this to happen.

Given local concern about why trees are being thinned out, the Parks Trust have published a comprehensive statement on their policies for tree and woodland management, their action on biodiversity, and how they tackle carbon sequestration & storage.

If you would like a copy, email or text Uroy on:

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As from 1 April this year all bus services **through** the Oakgrove estate will cease, although Vale Travel 11/12 and Uno C1 & C11 will continue to operate on Brickhill Street.

In Broughton, Broughton Gate and Brooklands Z & S Transport 24/25 will cease from the same date but Vale Travel 11/12 will continue, as well as Arriva 1, 2, 8 and 300.



These services will be replaced by a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) system, using buses more like taxis via a phone app.

For more information about DRT contact Kerrie on:

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We aim to reply to mails, text or calls within 48 hours. Texting's usually fastest. If we don't, please get in touch again in case we've missed your message.

Thank you !