

Groundbreaking Updates for You

September 2025

Queensway improvements start soon



Following an update to the Town Deal Board meeting on Thursday 18 September, the Queensway Public Realm Project is expected to begin at the end of Autumn.

You'll soon see MKCC contractors clad in Hi-Viz jackets, boots and hard hats preparing to start the work which will help transform Queensway.

The Highways team at the city council has planned the work in phases, each phase taking approximately one month to complete. Ringway (the contractor carrying out the works on behalf of the city council) may adapt work patterns due to factors such as resourcing or poor weather. The project is due to finish in spring 2026.

The Town Deal team, Highways team, and Ringway will be working with shop owners and businesses in and around Queensway to ensure it's business as usual, especially around Christmas time. There will be Ringway Managers onsite each day who will have detailed daily work plans.

The changes that will help to improve and transform Queensway include

- Making Queensway a one-way street from Albert Street to Princess Way to balance the needs and safety of the different types of travel and transport.
- Building a two-way cycle path along Queensway, Albert Street to Princess Way.
- Constructing raised table crossings on Queensway and all side streets to create continuous pavements making the streets safer for pedestrians, disabled people, and people who use mobility aids.
- Adding playful street furniture to encourage dwell time.
- Creating open areas with adaptable furniture and to support markets, street performances and community gatherings.
- Installing more, and better, signage to car parks and places of interest.
- Laying new pathing designs that reflect local heritage.
- Improving the street lighting.
- Installing planters/bollards/structures to prevent pavement parking.
- Increasing the number of parking spaces on Queensway, including disabled parking spaces.
- Creating space for outdoor seating in front of cafes and restaurants.
- Relocating the bandstand on Stanier Square to make more space for events and market traders.
- Upgrading water and electricity supplies for events and market traders.
- Planting new trees, pollinator-friendly species and a mix of ground level beds and raised planters to enrich biodiversity.

You can stay informed about the work by coming to a Town Deal Drop-in Session (see this newsletter for October dates), checking the city council Facebook and X accounts, or by visiting our website [**www.groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk**](http://www.groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk)

Your Ward Cllrs, town councillors and local residents' association can also help answer Town Deal questions or direct you to a member of the Town Deal team at the city council. Our email address is [**info@groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk**](mailto:info@groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk)

More Updates: Saxon Street



As part of the Town Deal, the bus station will be improved.

The plans for the Transport Hub – Saxon Street, Princes Way, and Sherwood Drive – have been approved by Milton Keynes city council, Bletchley Town Deal Board and Network Rail.

We've added another phase to the project, so it now comprises four phases

Phase 1 Princes Way Detailed design has been completed on this phase, and we're costing the work. We aim to begin this phase early 2026.

Phase 2 Sherwood Drive roundabout Detailed design has begun.

Phase 3 Saxon Street Site investigations are underway which will inform the designs.

Phase 4 Bus Station Site investigations are underway which will inform the designs.

The Town Deal team continues to meet with Network Rail and East West Rail to discuss the plans and programme of work for the western entrance, the aspiration for an eastern entrance, and the reconstruction of the overbridge on Saxon Street north of Bletchley Railway Station.



Aylesbury Street

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Traffic calming measures have been installed on Aylesbury Street.

The public realm improvement project for Aylesbury Street is nearing completion. On Monday 6 October, contractors will be onsite to instal the imprint design on top of the raised table crossing at the side street crossings – Eden Court, Denmark Street, George Street and Church Street.

All the roads will be open apart from the side street they are working on. It will take approximately one week, starting at Eden Court, and progressing up to (and including) Church Street.

Redways

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You can cycle or walk on a new section of the Redway from the Blue Lagoon (above) to the town centre.

The Town Deal Redways project is nearing completion. With only the landscaping to Section 2 and the installation of six signs to do, we hope you're enjoying, by foot or bicycle, the new Redways that link the town centre from the Lakes Estate, Newton Leys or the Blue Lagoon.

The Brunel Centre

A Prior Approval application to demolish the Brunel Centre was submitted to the city council Planning Team on Monday 1 September. Printed notices have been put up around the building to inform residents and visitors. This notification is part of the planning process and does not mean that demolition is about to happen, but that the city council expects to complete the demolition in 2026.

The city council is working on a master plan for the site. This includes carrying out appraisals and viability studies for the development of the site.



Introducing Hello Bletchley, a public art project to create a sculpture that will be a focal point in the reinvigorated Queensway. The artwork, by artist Nick Ryan, will be a 'living' tribute to Alan Turing shaped by the community.

Underpinning this ambitious and innovative project is the method of creating the sculpture: Residents are key to the development of the artwork. They'll be invited to workshops where they can share thoughts and feelings about life in Bletchley with a futuristic conversation machine called AI. Then, by using a technical tool inspired by Turing's work, their words will be used to form the structure of the sculpture.

The free workshops will start in late October. Residents will be able to pop along to a drop-in session; schools/students can have a more formal session; and community groups can enjoy a group session .

The workshops include meeting the project team and AI, as well as taking part in hands-on sculpture-making.

- Drop-in sessions (2-10 min) – for events and festivals
- Formal workshops (1.5-2 hours) – for schools and groups
- Group sessions (1-3 hours) – for community centres

Scan the QR code to find out how you can be part of Hello Bletchley.



**Let's talk
about the
Town Deal**

In addition to our August Drop-in Sessions, we've been sharing Town Deal news and information with residents and stakeholders at various local events.



James Lancaster, Mayor from Milton Keynes City Council with Sukhi Gill, Town Deal Investment Lead.



Above left to right, Sukhi Gill, Town Deal Investment Lead with Stephanie Stacey, Founder Bletchley AI User Group.

10.9.25 Sukhi Gill, Investment Lead on the Town Deal, was the keynote speaker at Landmark properties Social Circle event, running a session on, 'Investing in Bletchley, in the Ox-Cam Corridor'. The event was well attended by businesses, entrepreneurs and investors from across the region, and the Mayor from Milton Keynes City Council.

23.9.25 The September Town Deal Monthly Business Networking event became the stage for an MK Tech Week fringe event. The guest speakers from Bletchley AI User Group, and Whitecap Consulting, shared knowledge on AI, and the Milton Keynes tech ecosystem. The sell out event included attendees from businesses as well as entrepreneurs, residents and students.

22.9.25 Many local residents took a trip down memory lane in September at the Living Archive Queensway exhibition. Photographs, newspaper cuttings and memorabilia from the past were on display. Several people shared their memories about the town with each other, some recorded their stories with a videographer, while others

scanned photos they brought with them to add to the archive.

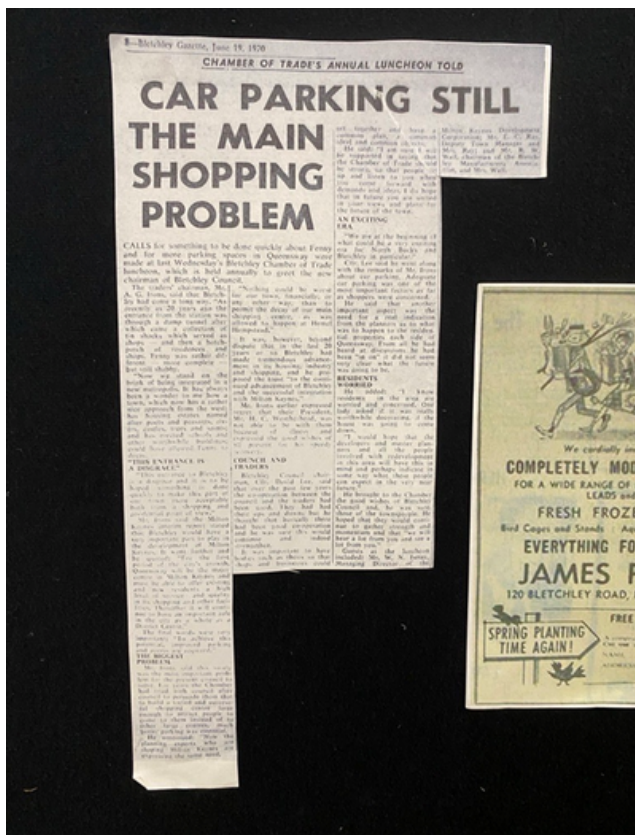
In contrast to the past, the Town Deal team invited visitors to view visuals of what Queensway and Saxon Street will look like when the Transport Hub and Public Realm Improvement projects are complete.

If you're a member of a local group that would like to know more about the Town Deal and how the projects are helping to shape the regeneration of your town, email the team.

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Left, Living Archive Down Memory Lane exhibition, in the Brunel Centre.



Left, Newspaper cutting from 1970.

October Drop-in Sessions

Come and chat to a member of the Town Deal team about the Town Deal plans.

**Monday 20
West Bletchley
Parish Council,
221 Whaddon
Way
2-4pm**

**Monday 27
Bletchley and
Fenny Stratford
Town Council
2-4pm**

Pumpkins and plans



Are you going to the pop-up pumpkin patch at Leon Rec on 31 October, 11 - 3pm?

We'll be there with our spooky lanterns lighting up the Town Deal project plans and latest news.

Stop by our stall if you dare!

For more information, click the link.

[The Patch at Leon Rec | Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council](#)

Free Monthly Business Networking Event

Join us at our next monthly business networking event on Tuesday 21 October 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](#)



Stay in the know

There's more ways than one to stay in the know about the Town Deal

- We've added more Drop-in Sessions where you can view the plans and chat to one of the team. Click [here](#) to see all the session dates, locations, and times.
- We'll be at local events throughout the year, such as the West Bletchley Carnival, and Big Street Eat so we can share the plans with you and answer any questions you may have.
- We're posting Town Deal news and information on Milton Keynes City Council's Facebook and X pages – so follow for the latest scoops.
- Check your letter box. We'll be sending you information about the upcoming works and things that matter to you such as rerouted buses and road closures.
- Visit our website www.groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk It's getting a health check, which means it will be in good shape to display the latest news and facts about the upcoming works.
- Got a question? Email us at info@groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk
- Scan our QR code to access our website.

