

Annual meeting



The meeting with Callum Anderson and others will take place in the **Auditorium at Bletchley Park**. This was the location for the Government's AI Safety Summit in November 2023 as well as recent BPARA meetings.

The actual meeting will be between **6.30 and 8.30 pm**. As it is close to the BPARA year end on 31 March, it will also serve as the **BPARA Annual Meeting**. There is a car park close to the access-friendly building, and refreshments will be served from 6pm. *If you have not already responded, please let us know if you wish to attend by emailing info@bpara.co.uk, or calling 01908 382922.*

The theme of the meeting is **"Bletchley today and in the years ahead..."**, and topics to be covered are:

- Town Deal update on Queensway & Saxon Street changes – Sam Lennon & Darrel Canvin, MKCC
- Bletchley Investment Task Force to attract businesses to Bletchley and efforts to obtain Bletchley Station Eastern Entrance funding – Callum Anderson, MP
- East West Rail update, including proposed new depot – East West Rail will attend and hope to bring along their model of the proposed Eastern Entrance for Bletchley Station.
- Turin Memorial Project – Mathilda Taylor (see below)
- Bletchley Park update
- Parking Consultation
- Other news.

Whilst refreshments are served between 6pm and 6.30pm, Mathilda will be present to talk to you about the **Turing Memorial Project** and obtain input from you. The meeting will be strictly non-political, and members of other local resident associations have also been invited to attend.

In the meantime, for more information about the Town Deal's Queensway and Saxon Street projects, please go to <https://bit.ly/gbf-latestnews>



PARKING SCHEME SURVEY

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West Bletchley Parking Scheme Survey

IMPORTANT!

Parking by non-residents is an issue for many of our members, particularly those closest to the station and to the College. Action to address this depends on at least 50% of households completing the survey, so please respond to make your views heard.

MKCC carried out the West Bletchley On-Street Parking Study at the request of West Bletchley Council in 2025. This confirmed that there are a number of external vehicles parking in the residential streets around the rail station for extended periods and reducing opportunities for residents to park near their homes. Residents can now decide how this problem should be addressed as advised in the West Bletchley Council (WBC) letter delivered to all affected households.

To view the information, including an area map, and complete the survey, please go to <https://bit.ly/wb-parking-survey> or scan the QR code. Paper copies are available on request at the WBC offices at 221 Whaddon Way and the Frank Moran Centre on Melrose Avenue.

For those without internet access, there are four available options:



1. Resident Parking Zone - the only option that allows for protected parking for residents only. To enable parking enforcement officers to identify if a vehicle belongs to a resident, a **resident permit scheme** would need to be introduced. Parking would be exclusively allocated to residents only, with any external vehicles subject to a penalty charge notice (a parking ticket). In addition, this scheme would implement new short sections of double yellow lines to prevent parking in unsafe locations - near to junctions/crossings, or where width/visibility is restricted, to ensure access for refuse/emergency vehicles. The permit would be digital, with residents' vehicle registration numbers added to a permit database which is checked by parking officers on hand-held devices. There would be a simple visitor permit process to add their vehicle registration number to the database to ensure that they are authorised to park and are not ticketed. To cover the administration costs of a permit system, there is an

annual charge of £25 per resident vehicle. A 24-hour visitor permit can be purchased for £1.

2. Daytime Parking Restrictions - to prevent all day/commuter parking by introducing parking restrictions for part of the day. For instance, between noon and 2pm, with yellow lines and signs indicating the time that the restriction applies. Residents would also be subject to the same parking restrictions when they apply, and if at home all day, would need to move their car and park it elsewhere during the time that the parking restrictions apply. Otherwise, they could be ticketed along with any other vehicles parked during the restricted times as parking enforcement officers cannot tell which vehicles belong to residents, the parking restrictions would apply to all vehicles in the area. As with Option 1, new short sections of double yellow lines to prevent parking in unsafe locations would be implemented.

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Zone A

The map below shows BPARA's understanding of the area covered by Zone A in the West Bletchley Parking Scheme Survey. It is not clear whether Wilkinson Close and the surrounding houses in Buckingham Road are included. Please refer to West Bletchley Council.



West Bletchley Parking Scheme Survey (continued)

3. Junction and Access Restrictions

Only - add short sections of parking restrictions (double yellow lines) at junctions and other key locations across residential streets near to the rail station, to ensure safety and visibility. This is also included with Options 1 and 2 above but **includes only these new restrictions and no other parking controls**. It would allow vehicles parked on double yellow lines to be ticketed, and ensure access is maintained for refuse and emergency vehicles. However, external vehicles could still park in the remaining areas of on-street parking, along with residents. This is therefore a 'do-minimum' solution which only addresses unsafe parking around junctions and where visibility or width is restricted on streets in the area and introduces no other restrictions. Parking enforcement officers can issue tickets to vehicles parked on double yellows to act as a deterrent.

4. Do Nothing - introduce no new restrictions or yellow lines (either single or double) anywhere in the area

There are three areas where measures could be introduced - **Zones A, B and C** - on a map produced by MKCC. As the map is hard to read, we have asked for a document to be added to the consultation website which lists all roads and the relevant zones. BPARA understands that **Zone A (where the parking study was undertaken) covers roads** in the area bounded

by Sherwood Drive to Whalley Drive junction, Westminster Drive junction to Rickley Lane, Rickley Lane to Lord Grey School, Church Green Road up to Shenley Road and Craigmere Avenue. **Zones B and C** cover other roads which may be affected by nuisance parking and where residents have the option to take part or not – see MKCC website.

Residents living in unadopted roads can take part in the consultation but MKCC cannot introduce parking restrictions and enforce them unless they have the permission of the landowner to do so.

Whilst residents living in roads with existing residential parking schemes such as Downing Close or Fitzwilliam Street, etc. can complete the consultation it would not change their existing schemes, be these operated by their management companies or MKCC.

The informal consultation runs from **Monday 23 February until 5 April 2026**. **Drop-in sessions** for you to view the map and ask questions will be held at West Bletchley Council Offices, 221 Whaddon Way on **Tuesday, 17 March from 2 to 4pm** and on **Thursday, 19 March from 6pm to 8pm**, and at the Frank Moran Centre, Melrose Avenue, on **Saturday, 21 March from 10am to noon**. **MKCC requires at least 50% of households notified in each zone to respond, including any Option 4 responses, to proceed to the next stage**. Each zone will be treated as three separate consultation exercises for each area. **If the required response is not achieved, MKCC will assume you do not want them to act.**

Community Speedwatch UK Scheme

At the BPARA meeting last August, some BPARA members indicated they would like to take part in a Speedwatch scheme. Fellow residents associations are already part of a scheme, and they work together and share equipment.

- Online training is required – topics are in an easy-to-understand eLearning format with quiz at the end (can be retaken until all questions answered correctly).
- Speeding drivers are identified and contacted, initially with letter explaining risks and consequences of dangerous behaviour.
- Repeat offenders visited by the police, irrespective of where they live as Community Speedwatch (CSW) Online operates nationally. Enforcement and criminal prosecution for persistent offenders.

Speedwatch areas are agreed with Thames Valley Police, and sessions arranged to suit volunteers. BPARA will be in touch with those who have already volunteered – anyone else who is interested or would like information, please email info@bpara.co.uk. Please note that non-BPARA members are eligible to take part.

West Bletchley Community Forum

The last Forum meeting was held on Saturday, 31 January, and dates have been agreed for future meetings, please see <https://bit.ly/wb-comm-forum-310126>

BPARA Membership

Your BPARA membership renewal for the year starting 1 April 2026 is approaching. Membership remains at £5 pa per household – to renew, please respond to the email sent from our membership system or go to <https://bit.ly/bpara-signin>

If you do not use the internet, please call 01908 382922 to arrange collection.

Bletchley Park Area Residents' Association

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