

## **Ward Councillor Baily's Report to BBPC's AGM**

It's a pleasure to serve you as your ward councillor. I know I'm still relatively new to the role compared to some of my colleagues — heading into my third year now — but I've thoroughly enjoyed working with many of you and attending these local meetings whenever my Civic duties allow.

Over the past year, I've engaged with several villages on specific local issues. While we don't always get the outcomes we hope for (still no magic wand from the council, sadly!), I'm always keen to help and be a voice for your concerns. If you don't already have my contact details, I'll be happy to pass out my card — just let me know.

### **Highlight of the Year: The Loop Bus Service**

One of the biggest successes this year has been the launch of the **Loop Bus Service** through Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill. After years of campaigning, it's fantastic to see this regular service up and running. While people kindly thank me, the credit really goes to the combined efforts of council officers, Cllr Hopkins, our local MP Emily Darlington, and transport provider Arriva.

A favourite story (shared by the Mayor of Woburn Sands, and now by me!) involves a group of pensioners packing lunches and riding the whole loop for fun — a truly heartwarming example of community spirit.

### **East West Rail & Universal Studios**

Many of you are keeping a close eye on the progress of the **East West Rail** project. I couldn't attend the most recent meeting due to a clash with the Woburn Sands Town Meeting. There's growing confidence that the arrival of **Universal Studios** in the area will help accelerate progress — something we've all waited a long time for!

### **South East Milton Keynes Development**

Planning approval for the South East MK expansion was granted in November. I spoke in support of the development but made it clear that I will hold the developers accountable to ensure quality, especially in light of mistakes made in areas like Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm.

While we can't stop development, we **can** work to protect the character of our villages and make sure plans are delivered properly. Construction of the **bypass road** is expected to begin next year.

### **Community Safety**

I've scheduled a meeting with the new **Ward Police Constable** to discuss how we as councillors can work more closely with our local police team and share relevant information more effectively.

### **What's On: Free Local Events**

Milton Keynes is buzzing with activities this summer — here are a few dates for your diary:

- **Art in the Park** – *Campbell Park*, Saturday 21st June
- **Midsummer Festival** – *Midsummer Boulevard*, Sunday 22nd June  
(Both events are free and family-friendly!)

- **MK International Festival** – *Late July*

Another fantastic series of free events across the city. Perfect for a day out.

- **Andy Warhol Exhibition** – *MK Gallery*

A wonderful exhibition currently running. On **Tuesdays**, MK residents can get in for just **£1** — a great excuse to take the Loop Bus and enjoy some culture!