



*Fenny Stratford & Manor Fields*  
*Residents Association*

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**Next meeting of the Association**

*Wednesday, 18 August 2010 at 7.00pm in St Martin's Vestry Hall  
(between the Church and Napoli)*

*Houses in Multiple Occupancy  
Buses and other traffic and transport matters  
Any other issues you want the Association to pursue*

**Proposal to build houses on land to the South of Penn Road** The application to

build houses on the land to the south of Penn Road has been withdrawn because of numerous defects. Surveys of protected species were incomplete, there was encroachment on to flood risk areas and there were issues with the design. It is expected



that a new application will be submitted later this year. This is one of the few open wild areas left in Fenny Stratford. At the Midsummer madness event in Leon Recreation Ground in June, many more people signed our petition against development of this site and we will continue to oppose it.



**Travellers site at Fenny Lock** Planning permission has been given by Milton Keynes Council and at a full Council meeting on 13 July, a motion calling on the Cabinet to stop all development work on the proposed site was rejected.

**Fenny Poppers 2010** This year, the 4th Fenny Poppers Festival will take place in Aylesbury Street on 22 August and promises to be just as much fun as last year. Lots of photographs of the event in previous years can be seen on the Festival website:

[www.fennyfestival.org.uk](http://www.fennyfestival.org.uk)

**Conservation and Regeneration** Milton Keynes Council is undertaking a review of all its existing Conservation Areas and have indicated that they are unlikely to have the resources to consider any new ones for a considerable time. It is possible that Fenny Stratford could achieve some of the advantages of Conservation Area status by formulating a Design Statement to guide future development.

The Town Council have been approached by an organisation called 'Community Impact Bucks' (formerly Bucks Community Action) with a view to producing a community-led plan for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. Such a plan can be 'a material consideration' when planning applications are considered. This may provide just the way to ensure that future development is in line with what residents want. The important feature of the process is the inclusion of as many people as possible in producing the plan. The Association will want to play a full part. Community Impact Bucks will have a stall at the Fenny Poppers Festival to explain more about it.

**Buses in Fenny Stratford** There has been much criticism across Milton Keynes of the changes to bus routes and timetables which were introduced a few months ago. Fenny has been affected by the changes as much as anywhere and the subject is on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Association in order to record the experiences of residents and suggestions for improvement to pass on the Arriva and the Council.

**Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HIMO)** Since April it has been necessary to make a planning application before converting a single dwelling into multiple occupancy. The new Government is already proposing a change. As part of their policy of having decisions taken more locally, they propose that this should apply only when a Council has given a direction requiring applications to be made in a given area. If this change comes to pass, we will need to be sure that Milton Keynes Council designates Fenny Stratford as an area in which planning applications are required.

The retrospective application for conversion of a house in George Street which we reported in the last newsletter was refused by the Council because the change of use had lead to more parking in the street. The applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate.



**Also in George Street ....** Work has started on the flats on the remainder of the former Braylake Motors land.