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WCC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Residents

Among the activities and events of the past quarter, we celebrate the effectiveness of people power on shaping our environment and protecting our amenities. Your voices objecting to the development proposed for the MK Community Foundation Land bounded by Gregories drive and Byrd Crescent were loud and clear. WCC was instrumental in channelling your views to MKCF, the result of which was the decision by MKCF to reject the application for the siting of the DBMK place of worship and community centre on this land, on the basis that the DBMK community is not large enough to warrant their being allocated the site. However, we should remember that this land is privately owned and it remains possible that other applications for its purchase and development may be proposed in future. Many of you expressed your wishes to keep this land as green space. We welcome your involvement and any suggestions and as to how we could achieve this aim.



The Church Farm Stakeholder meetings resumed in June 2013 after being held in abeyance for several months due to the inspection and revision of the Development Core Strategy. One of the key changes is the inclusion of Towergate in the Strategic Land Allocation for development (SLA). The Core Strategy will be taken to MK Council for adoption on 10 July 2013. Consequently, the MK Draft Development Framework, having already undergone consultation, will be revised in the light of the Core Strategy changes and be subject to a further period of consultation with a view to adoption by MK Council in October 2013. The developers for Church Farm have now presented their draft master plan for public exhibition and consultation. Your views as residents will be important in the shaping certain aspects of this development and we encourage you to actively participate in the consultation. Where appropriate please copy our WCC Clerk on your consultation responses as this will enable us to make further representations on your behalf. Subsequently, formal planning applications are expected during August 2013 for consideration and approval by the end of 2013. WCC and other local community representatives will continue to participate in all future Stakeholder meetings to ensure that residents are kept informed and that concerns are properly addressed.

Neighbourhood Plans are a new government initiative under the Localism bill designed to give local people the voice in deciding the look and feel of the development in their area, provided that this remains within the framework of MK and Central Government policies. Significant effort and costs are involved in the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore

WCC has sought specialist advice on the need, feasibility and process for creating such a plan. WCC will consider this advice together with any views from our Community. Should WCC decide that it is in the interests of our Community to proceed with this project, local residents would be invited to volunteer their support in constructing the plan.

For further information on any of the above matters, please contact: clerk@waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk or write to: The Clerk, Walton Community Council, PO Box 7558, Milton Keynes, MK11 9FT.

Mario Toto

Chair WCC Planning and Development Committee
Vice Chair Walton Community Council

COMMUNITY GRANTS

If you are a local voluntary organisation or charity that wishes to apply for a grant from Walton Community Council, please go to our website and download our grants application form, or contact our clerk who will send you out a form, we would also like to encourage you to attend our meeting to explain your request.

Eligibility:

The group must be a charity, voluntary or community organisation operating within the borders of Walton Community and formally constituted.

The group must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Community Council will benefit Walton Community residents

Exclusions:

Individuals, businesses, religious groups, political parties and lobbying groups.

Multiple applications in any 12 month period.

Any grant applications made retrospectively.

Grant award does not constitute a commitment for annual repeat.

Application process

Forms and supporting documentation as requested.

Right of WCC to request further financial information from applicant

Grant applications deadlines for submission for consideration:

1 March; 1 June; 1 September and 1 December in any year.

WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE DETAILS AND MEMBERSHIP



ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE has responsibility for controlling the budgets & making decisions for Allotments, Dog bins, Youth services, Third Age & environmental services. The committee are also responsible for managing any projects that fall under their mandate.

Present committee members: Councillors Tamagnini-Barbosa (Chair), Boulton (Vice Chair), Chapman, East & Newland.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE has responsibility for inspecting planning applications and agreeing comments to be lodged with Milton Keynes Council planning department. Currently they are conducting a feasibility study into whether it would be in the Community's interest to put together a Neighbourhood plan and finding external funding to cover costs.

Present committee members: Councillors Toto (Chair), East (Vice Chair), Cooper-Drake, Reynolds.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE has responsibility for overseeing all the Council's finances, assist with sourcing external funding for projects and making decisions on spending money against the budgets for any administrative and staff costs as well as any costs that may arise from the Community Asset Transfer program currently underway.

Present committee members: Councillors Newland (Chair), Taylor (Vice Chair), Tamagnini-Barbosa, Reynolds & Toto.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP (CEG)

WCC have been working towards finding ways of bringing our residents something special, an event that brings us all together! The CEG have suggested that we have our own village fair known as "Walfest" and we are inviting our residents to come and join us in developing the group and help to organise these community events.

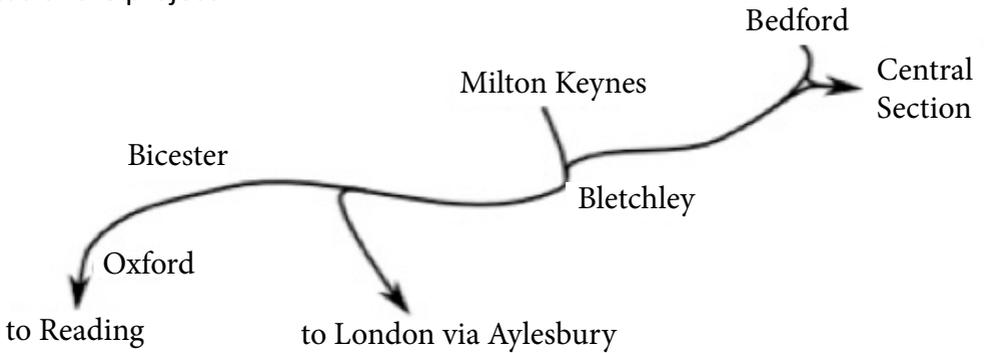
We welcome all our residents with different skills, most importantly the time to commit to this; we aim to have regular monthly meetings approximately 2 hours long starting at 7/7.30pm at Wavendon Gate Pavilion. If you feel you have the time and enthusiasm to help then we would like to hear from you!

For more information please email: clerk@waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Or write to: **The Clerk, Walton Community Council, P O Box 7558, Milton Keynes, MK11 9FT.**

EAST WEST RAIL LINK UPDATE

The Council recently attended a meeting at which an update was provided on the status of the project.



Below is a summary of the main points raised :-

1. The upgrade has been approved. Work will start shortly.
2. The service will be up and running by end 2017 between Oxford and Bedford.
3. The line from Bletchley to Bedford will be electrified from 2017 onwards.
4. There are 8 councils including Milton Keynes Council who will contribute £50m over 10 years to the £500m project.
5. The line will also be opened up from Aylesbury to Bicester
6. As there is an existing running line from Bletchley to Bedford, there will not be a requirement for planning permission to electrify the line
7. As the electrification approval is new to the proposed scheme, there has been no studies completed on the impact on crossing points and stations of running a high speed service
8. The project should create 12000 new jobs along the route and generate tax revenue of £70m with GDP of £38m. It is expected that the line should pay for itself in 10 years.
9. There will be a new station at Winslow

Web site is www.eastwestrail.org.uk

WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR WALNUT TREE WARD
APPLICATIONS OPEN 1 JULY 2013

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for co-option & serving your community, you must be able to attend evening meetings at least twice a month, have a genuine desire to become involved in local decision making and feel you would like to represent the views of the community on the Council as well as outside bodies. To apply for consideration, please send ONE of the following:

1. Application form (available from Clerk or download one from the website)
2. Personal statement
3. Latest Curriculum vitae

to the Clerk by 27th July 2013. Interviews are likely to be held during September

Information on eligibility, the role of a Community Council, Walton Council's schedule of meetings or the "Good Councillor Guide", may be obtained from the Clerk.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend any of the July Council or committee meetings as observers to see what goes on. For a one-on-one chat about the role and the Council feel free to contact Karen Hill (Clerk) on 01908 465 445 or the Chair (Terry) on 07774 265147.

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BROADBAND UPDATE FOR WCC AREA

The fibre ('Superfast broadband') rollout in MK is coming to its conclusion. As some parts of our area are still not served, we thought an update by estate would be helpful.

First, let's cut through the jargon. There are 2 types of fibre broadband. FTTC upgrades lines from exchanges to the roadside cabinets ("cabs") and gives 'up to' 40mbps. FTTP is fibre all the way from the exchange to your house and gives 'up to' 100mbps. Plain old ADSL in MK typically offers 2 to 10mbps by comparison.

Caldecotte – FTTC available across the estate, most cabs enabled.

Browns Wood and Old Farm Park – FTTC available, most cabs enabled.

Walton Grange – no fibre – just ADSL. Fibre should go in – if the MK Council BDUK bid is successful.

Walton Park / Walnut Tree – FTTC available in majority of cabs. FTTP available on a limited basis as part of a trial but no new FTTP orders being taken.

Wavendon Gate –ADSL with some people unable to receive service. WG "North" (of the cricket pitch) should get FTTC by Spring 2014 and WG "South", off Gregories Drive isn't due until 2017.

As a note when your exchange is fibre enabled, it doesn't mean you can get fibre to your home. You must have your local cab enabled too. In any estate, some roads and houses will be fibre capable, and others not.

The MK Council BDUK bid will attempt to get access to a national pot of money earmarked for fibre upgrades where it's commercially uneconomic to do so. BDUK Investment is not guaranteed and MK Council has teamed with Central Bedfordshire to make this happen.

Let us know if you're struggling with fibre. MK Broadband Action Group (www.mkbag.org) has the most up-to-date information available.

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER – SUMMER UPDATE

Milton Keynes Council project to transfer community assets from across MK to local organisations is now progressing. The 39 properties identified in phase 1 are grouped into 8 tranches and 21 have now been offered to eligible groups to acquire for just £1. The terms of a transfer will ensure that all assets continue as community facilities.

Within Walton we have been working for many months with the Trustee Directors of Wavendon Gate Pavilion, Britten Grove Community Centre and Heronsbrook Meeting Place to agree a plan to acquire and manage these community assets including Browns Wood Playing Fields most effectively under WCC ownership. All of these acquired assets will inevitably continue, as now, to require some on-going financial support to ensure that they remain accessible to all, but the goal is to minimise this wherever possible.

The first of the Walton assets opened for application was Wavendon Gate Pavilion & Sports Ground (WGP) in February 2013. WCC has now successfully completed the stage 1 application process, and we have been invited to submit a final stage 2 application in June 2013 which hopefully will also be successful. We also hope to successfully complete the stage 1 application for the Brownswood Sports Ground in July 2013, and if successful submit a stage 2 application in September 2013.

Overall WCC remains committed to acquiring these assets and those of Britten Grove Community Centre over the next 12 months, with Heronsbrook Meeting Place joining our portfolio sometime in 2014/2015. WCC firmly believes that it is able to deliver better value for tax payers and an improved service to the local user community through better facilities management.

When as we hope these transfers are complete WCC will become the freeholder of all these properties, but our intention is to contract with a single local charity to manage the facilities on a day to day basis. WCC's preferred partner to become the facilities manager of WGP, Browns Wood Sports Ground and eventually all other assets is WGP Ltd. WGP Ltd is the registered charity that has managed WGP successfully since 1996, and we believe it will have the skills and experience to take on the facilities management of all of the WCC assets acquired through the MKC Community Asset Transfer programme.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the transition of ownership from MKC to WCC will be as smooth as possible, but there will inevitably be some changes as WCC and WGP Ltd takes steps to ensure that all the assets are managed as efficiently as possible, leveraging economies of scale and using a common set of best practice methods.

If you wish to know more please contact our Clerk or myself.

Cllr Terry Reynolds - Chair



ENVIRONMENTAL AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Walnut Tree Skate Park:

A detailed site survey has been completed by Milton Keynes Council and passed back to Walton Council. The next step is for further consultation with Hertsmere who manage the playing fields. Once complete, a formal public consultation will be held. The delays have been caused by the location of the gas main which runs underneath the playing fields.



Third Age:

Walton Council is working with MK Age UK to identify opportunities that the council can sponsor to provide services. So far the council have provided funding to allow 40 FREE home safety checks. This year the council aims to identify opportunities and create budgets for the next financial year. If you have any ideas or opportunities then please contact the clerk.

Allotments:

Walton Council has decided to move the annual renewal date from April to September which will take affect this year. The council is also reviewing the Allotment Contract to bring it in line with Allotment Association best practice. These will be posted shortly to all tenants. The council has also taken action to reallocate plots when the rental has not been paid and where the plots are not being worked properly. The council has also decided to uphold the rules on who can hold an allotment. From October 2013 only residents who live within the Walton Parish boundaries will be eligible to hold a plot. The council is also working to obtain inexpensive 3rd party liability insurance for the plot holders. This will be put in place for the next renewal in October this year.

Youth Club:

The youth Club has recently changed location and provider. The club is no longer run by Milton Keynes Council Youth services in Britten Grove community centre. It is now been re-branded as a Youth Café and is being held at Wavendon Gate School on a Tuesday afternoon by the group that runs the successful Youth Café in Great Brickhill.

Ian Boulden - Vice Chair of the Environment & Recreation Committee

Newsletter:

Every effort has been made to ensure that information & news is accurate at the time of going to press. No liability for any errors, omissions or inaccuracies in the general information & guidance contained herein, or loss, consequential or inconsequential is accepted. Information contained within this newsletter does not constitute legal or professional advice & is not necessarily endorsed by Walton Community Council.

ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY OFFICE SUMMER UPDATE

Walton Parish Council was created approx. 23 years ago, and from 2011 has been known as Walton Community Council. For many years we have aspired to better connect and serve our residents by establishing our first Community Office in a location that would provide a valuable and visible local presence. When established the Community Office would provide:

A local base for our Clerk, and other future staff

A drop in service to advise and assist residents

A meeting room for Committees and Working Parties

A venue for Councillor surgeries

A way of raising the public profile of WALTON and the services it can provide to residents

Overall it will enable WCC to provide a better service, by building closer ties to residents

Since 2012 we have raised the priority of this objective and have been searching hard for suitable premises in those parts of Walton where we could reasonably expect residents to easily access when they need face to face contact with their local Council representatives.

To date we have considered space that could be created in Caldecotte, Walnut Tree, Wavendon Gate and at the more distant Kingston District Centre but none of these options for a mix of reasons has come to fruition. We therefore welcome any suggestions from residents on potential premises.

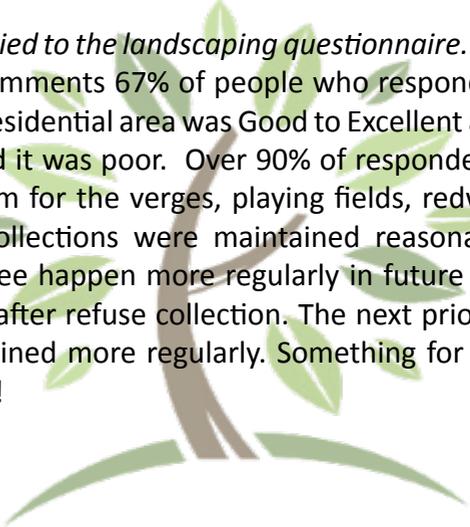
If you wish to know more or discuss your ideas please contact our Clerk or myself.

Cllr Terry Reynolds - Chair

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LANDSCAPING QUESTIONNAIRE REPORT BACK

A big thank you to all the residents who replied to the landscaping questionnaire. We received 43 replies and judging by your comments 67% of people who responded said they thought the landscaping in their residential area was Good to Excellent and 28 % rated theirs average and only 9% said it was poor. Over 90% of respondents were happy with the maintenance program for the verges, playing fields, redway and pathway vegetation and felt litter collections were maintained reasonably regularly. Asked what you would like to see happen more regularly in future the overwhelming response was litter picking after refuse collection. The next priority was vegetation on pathways being maintained more regularly. Something for the Council to look into but no promises made!



HALL AND VENUE HIRE

Holding a party, function, meeting or other activity? The parish area has 4 venues for hire on either a regular or one-off basis. For information or *to book please contact the venue directly*. Walton Community council is *not* responsible for bookings at these venues.

Wavendon Gate Pavilion

Isaacson Drive, Wavendon Gate, Milton Keynes MK7 7RZ
www.wavendongatepavilion.com Tel. 01908 584860 (24hr answerphone)

Britten Grove Community Centre

76 Holst Crescent
Old Farm Park
Milton Keynes MK7 8QU
Tel: 01908 375442

Héronsbrook Meeting Place

Walnut Tree, 5 Wadesmill Lane,
Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes MK7 7ED
Tel. 07752 684081

MK SNAP

MK Snap has facilities to hire.
Please contact Jackie Holland
for details

MK SNAP

20 Bourton Low, Walnut Tree,
Milton Keynes MK7 7DE
Telephone: 01908 690330

NEW COUNCILLOR AT WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The Council was pleased to welcome back to the ranks ADAM CHAPMAN – who served as a Councillor and Chairman from 2011 to 2012. Adam took a break due to work commitments but has organised a schedule to allow him to re-join the Council – who gains his extensive commercial experience as well as Parish Council experience.

Adam is a local resident with a passion for serving his community. He has owned his home in Wavendon Gate for 19 years and lived in Milton Keynes for 24 years. After living here so long, he understands the needs of the area - as someone who uses both private and public transport, the local amenities and shops.

In his spare time he's a keen allotment gardener and cook, plus helps friends and colleagues set up and improve their own businesses. These hobbies help Adam understand what we can do to build a better community together.

AT A LOSS WITH WHAT TO DO DURING SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS??

SUMMER ACTIVITY SESSIONS !!



MILTON KEYNES PLAY ASSOCIATION will be running fun filled activity days sponsored by Walton Community Council. Activities are aimed at 4-14 year olds, but everyone is welcome to join in particularly as younger children might need help from a parent/carer. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Sessions run whatever the weather, and generally include a bouncy castle, crafts, sports and team games. Some activities may involve paint or glue, so please dress accordingly.

WHEN:

Wednesday mornings 10am until 12.30pm

WHERE:

Heronsgate school field:

24th July, 7th August, 21 August,

Wavendon Gate Pavilion:

31st July, 14 August, 28th August.



LOOK AT THE NOTICEBOARDS FOR DETAILS OF ANY OTHER SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Walton Community Council will be paying for 40 Home Safety checks to be carried out in **WALTON PARISH** to help prevent accidents in the home.

Local charity Age UK Milton Keynes will visit the homes of qualifying residents to identify trip hazards and other potential dangers.

To sign up for one of these **FREE** checks please ring them on 01908 557885.

To find out more about the other services and support provided by Age UK Milton Keynes:



01908 550700

Or call into :

The Peartree Centre, 1 Chadds Lane,
Peartree Bridge, MK6 3EB
Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm.

PULSE! Wavendon Gate Youth Cafe

We are now into our second term at the all new Wavendon Gate Youth Cafe. Every Tuesday evening at Wavendon Gate School we have seen young people from the community and surrounding areas coming along to hang out together and get involved in some great activities.

Each week there is an exciting range of games consoles, crafts and free snacks for everyone. If you are in *secondary school* and between the *ages of 11 - 17* then why not come and check out this great new drop in centre, *for just 50p per entry*.

Over this coming term we will be hosting a number of exciting competitions for everyone to get involved in, such as our *"Fifa Tournament"*, *"Just Dance Off"*, or *"5 A Side Football"*. We are also hoping to put on some great activity days over the summer holidays, in partnership with the Walton Community Council. Drop in on a **TUESDAY** to find out more.

The Youth Cafe runs from 6pm - 8pm, every Tuesday evening during school term time, at Wavendon Gate School. For more info contact Pulse on 07845 580331, or drop in to your local Youth Cafe.



WALTON'S LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM ARE RECRUITING!

Local football club Southside United FC are very much an integral part of the Walton community and draw players and volunteers predominantly from Browns Wood, Caldecotte, Old Farm Park, Walton, Walton Hall, Walton Park, Walnut Tree and Wavendon Gate, as well as Woburn Sands and Monkston.

The club offers a friendly football experience for children of all abilities between the ages of 4 and 17 (Foundation school year through to year 12). Our coaches, who all have F.A. coaching qualifications, help the players develop football skills, as well as team work and social skills. Maybe our country's next star striker is in the making! Southside has teams in the Milton Keynes District Development League (under 6's to under 11's) and the Milton Keynes Border Counties Youth League (under 12's to under 17's).

As a not-for-profit organisation, the club are always on the lookout for volunteers to help with managing and coaching individual teams or assistance with running the club generally. Equally Southside are always on the search for new players at all age groups and are currently in the process of establishing a new adult team.

If you know a player interested in joining us, or if you would like to get involved in helping a fantastic local community club, or if you interested in sponsoring one of the Southside teams, they would love to hear from you.

Please contact Club Chairman Gary Singleton on 07814 147748 or Head of Communications, Mike Perry, on 07971 931291. Alternatively you can find out more information at www.southsideunitedfc.com.





Walton Community Council's

PROPOSED OUTDOOR

GYM TRAIL FOR
CALDECOTTE LAKE

In partnership with

THE PARK'S TRUST

SPONSOR PARTNERSHIPS SOUGHT WITH WALTON PARISH BUSINESSES IN

Old Farm Park, Browns Wood, Towergate, Walnut Tree, Walton Hall,
Walton Park and Wavendon Gate

TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF MILTON
KEYNES OLYMPIANS AND WITH AN
UNDERSTANDING THAT A FIT WORKFORCE IS
A PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE, WALTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAVE NEGOTIATED
WITH THE PARKS TRUST TO ERECT AN
OUTDOOR GYM TRAIL AROUND THE SOUTH
LAKE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF
CALDECOTTE'S USERS.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO
SPONSOR A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT WILL
BECOME PART OF THE LEGACY OF THE
LAKESIDE LANDSCAPE AND BE OF BENEFIT TO
YOUR WORKFORCE

EACH FULL PIECE OF
EQUIPMENT CAN BE
SPONSORED FOR **£1000**, PART
SPONSORSHIP OF **£500** IS ALSO
WELCOMED.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE
RECOGNISED BY A PLAQUE
DEDICATED TO YOUR COMPANY TO
HONOUR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE
COMMUNITY



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COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

Currently there are 9 councillors representing your community. To contact any one of them please do so using the following Email format: firstname.surname@waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk (hyphenated surnames are typed as one).

Terry Reynolds (Council Chair) **Mario Toto (Council Vice Chair)**
Mandy Taylor **Justine Cooper-Drake**
David Newland **Jamie Tamagnini-Barbosa**
Ian Boulden **Paul East**
Adam Chapman



DATES OF MEETINGS

(Monthly for full council and committees except August)

FULL COUNCIL: 1st Wednesday of the month (excluding public holidays)

COMMITTEE'S MEET ON TUESDAYS ONCE A MONTH IN THE WEEKS AFTER FULL COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

2013: 11/6; 9/7; 10/09; 8/10; 12/11; 10/12: 2014: 14/01; 11/02; 11/03; 8/04; 13/05

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

2013: 18/6; 16/7; 17/09; 15/10; 19/11; 17/12; 2014: 21/01; 18/02; 18/03; 15/04; 20/05

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

2013: 25/6; 23/7; 24/09; 22/10; 26/11; 24/12; 2014: 28/01; 25/02; 25/03; 22/04; 27/05

***Burning issue to communicate with us on?
Want to find out what's happening in the local area ?***

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