ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE IN MILTON KEYNES

TO: **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY WIDE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
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A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the committee of current archaeological matters in Milton Keynes.

B. FIELDWORK BY CONTRACTORS

2. Attached is a list of excavations and watching briefs that have been undertaken in the Milton Keynes area between July and December 2000. Those marked with * are not a result of a planning condition.
3. The desk based assessment at Lathbury has revealed a number of enclosures on the raised ground to the south of the River Great Ouse and to the north east of the village.
4. The research excavation at Gordon's Lodge, Hanslope is part of a programme of training excavations being undertaken by Pat Lawrence on a medieval/Roman site that has formerly produced part of an oven/furnace.
5. A significant bronze age find was made in Milton Keynes and will be reported at the committee meeting.

C. PLANNING

6. The system of using archaeological notification maps to identify planning applications where PPG16 may be applicable has been augmented by routine scrutiny of the weekly planning list.
7. During the period from 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000 there were 969 planning applications of which 63 were commented upon in respect of PPG16. In addition there were a further 63 enquiries of which 16 were English Partnerships schemes and 11 were countryside stewardship schemes.
8. A large moated site in Sherington, known as Caves Manor, has been scheduled as an ancient monument.

D. SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1. 10 researchers have visited the Sites and Monuments Record between July and December.
2. 7 licences have been issued to archaeological contractors to use digital material from the Sites and Monuments Record.

3. The final tranche of material relating to Milton Keynes has been received from Buckinghamshire County Archaeological Service and incorporated into the systems.
4. A new "Events" database recording excavations, evaluations etc has been added to the Sites and Monuments Record.

E. PROPOSED ACTION

The Committee is asked to note this report.

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