

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICE IN MILTON KEYNES

To: Buckinghamshire Historic Environment Forum

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A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Association of recent archaeological matters in Milton Keynes.

B. FIELDWORK PROJECTS

2. Attached is a list of fieldwork projects (Events) that have been undertaken in the Milton Keynes area between January and June 2008

C. PLANNING

3. Between 1st January and 30th June 2008 there were 92 consultations in respect of archaeology as a direct result of planning applications, pre-development enquiries, schemes by English Partnerships, DEFRA, Anglian Water, and Eastern Electricity.
4. The Archaeological Officer assisted Martin Ellison, Conservation Officer with the production of the Broughton Conservation Area Review during March and April.

D. HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

5. The Historic Environment Record was visited by researchers 5 times between January and June
6. 1 Licence was issued to archaeological Contractors to use digital material from the Historic Environment Record
7. The intensive urban survey of Milton Keynes New Town, now known as The City Development Atlas, is now available to consult on the MKi website at <http://www.mkiobservatory.org.uk>
8. The HER search room was closed for part of February and March whilst the Design & Conservation Team moved from the first to the second floor of the Civic Offices. The HER search room also moved to the second floor and incorporates the Council's Environmental Protection Public Records. Although larger in area, the new room is

narrow and can only accommodate a maximum of 2 researchers at one time

9. The Portable Antiquity Scheme data for Milton Keynes has now been incorporated into the HER

E OUTREACH

10. The Archaeological Officer is organising Milton Keynes Archaeology Day (MKAD). A free event to be held in MK central library on Saturday 15th November 2008. MKAD will comprise a series of presentations focussing on recent development-related archaeological work in the authority. Further details will be released once all participants are confirmed.

F PROPOSED ACTION

10. The Forum is asked to note this report.