

## **MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CONSERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM**

**For Bucks Historic Environment Forum, September 2016**

### **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Conservation & Archaeology Team received 478 planning consultations during the first half of 2016, 252 of which were for the Senior Archaeological Officer. Overall team performance for the period was on target with 81% of consultations returned within the 21 day window (target is 80%). Performance in relation to archaeological consultations was 95% and 63% for conservation consultations. The lower Conservation performance was caused by a lack of capacity due to a vacant conservation officer post, now filled by Christopher Hooper.

### **FIELDWORK**

Ten development-related fieldwork projects were undertaken in Milton Keynes borough between January and June 2016, see attached list.

### **BUILDING CONSERVATION**

In January, two sculptures: Octo (1978-79) by Wendy Taylor; and 2MS Series No.1 by Bernard Schottlander (1970) were listed at Grade II as a consequence of the Historic England project 'Post-War Public Art: Sculpture (1945-1985)'. It is also worth noting that Octo was listed after a request for a review of the decision to not list the adjacent and contemporary Norfolk and Ashton House. Conversely, in April a Certificate of Immunity (COI) was issued for the now largely unoccupied Food Centre (1986) in Central Milton Keynes. This should grant it protection from designation until 2021.

The team will shortly be tendering for the first phase of a rolling programme of conservation area reviews.

### **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD**

In March the Historic England sponsored revisit of the 2011 HER Audit was completed and an HER Action Plan for 2016 – 2019 produced and adopted. The plan includes a number of targets and activities including the drafting or revision of a number of policies and enhancement to incorporate key elements of post-1967 New Town heritage.

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