

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE WHITEHOUSE TOWN CENTRE AND
WHITEHOUSE SOUTH (AREA 10) DESIGN CODES**

The Developer has submitted revisions to the Design Code submission for Whitehouse Town Centre and Whitehouse South (Area 10), under planning obligation requirements, together with a summary of comments so far.

The Council has been invited to comment or make any observations on the revised revisions, initially by 14 November 2023, but the deadline for comment has been extended to Monday 20 November to allow the proposals to come before the Whitehouse Council meeting on 16 November.

Councillors have already been provided with the comments and revised design codes and all the documents are available on Milton Keynes City Council's planning portal under the original application reference 05/00291/MKPCO.

Councillor Julian Thomas made the following observations:

There is no mention of play area provision in the Whitehouse South design code. Given the size of the parcel, and its distance from existing play areas, there is an expectation to see one/more play areas included. Would planned play provision be included on the design guide or would this happen at a later stage in the planning process?

There's no key to the map (disappointingly), but the orange icon may be meant to signify a play area:



But on the detailed plan for Whitehouse South Green there's no mention of play equipment:



There has been plenty of feedback from residents about the perceived under-provision of play areas / quantity of equipment so far, so any chance to fix this for future parcels would be welcome. I note there is a lot of open space / parkland around this parcel, so there should be ample opportunity for play areas.

MKCC are discussing this query with the applicant, but no response has yet been received.