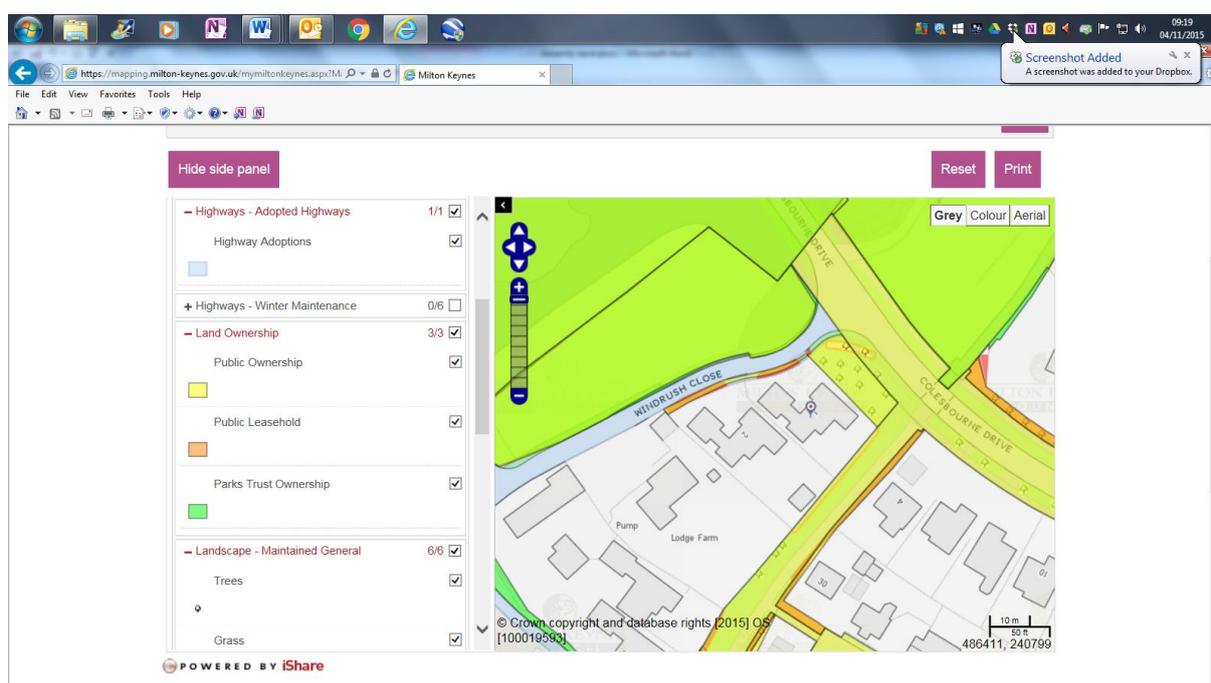


## GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING POLICY GUIDE AMENITY LAND

Applications are sometimes made either directly or as a consequence of a proposed extension to a dwelling, for a change of use of amenity land on which the extension is built, or to enclose the land as part of a private garden.

Where it can be established that the land is owned by MK Council or the Parks Trust GLPC has consistently opposed the application for the disposal of amenity land. Or where transfer is appropriate that MKC should receive an agreed payment for the sale of the public land.

It is possible to establish the status of the land by using the 'My MK' link on the MK Council web site. Typing in the address will bring up a map and the side panel check boxes enable the various uses to be seen. Adopted Highways, Land ownership –MKC or Parks Trust, maintained landscape.



Example of land ownership map.

### RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

#### PROTECTION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND EXISTING FACILITIES

POLICY L2 of Milton Keynes Local Plan 2001 – 2011

#### PROPOSALS FOR THE CHANGE OF USE OF AMENITY OPEN SPACE

##### APPENDIX L2 of Milton Keynes Local Plan 2001 – 2011

Planning permission will only be granted for the change of use of amenity open space, including the incorporation of such areas into private garden land, if:

1. The land does not now or is unlikely in the future to fulfil a useful purpose in terms of its appearance, landscaping, recreational use or wildlife value.
2. The loss of amenity open space would not set a precedent for other similar proposals which cumulatively would have an adverse effect on the locality.
3. The continued maintenance of the land for public amenity purposes would be impractical or unduly onerous.

In certain cases, the loss of amenity open space may be acceptable if it is adequately compensated by proposals for improvements to the quality of landscaping and appearance of amenity space elsewhere in the locality.