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20th January 2022

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE to be held in the Council Chamber, The Town Hall, Chesham, on

MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2022

when the business set out below is proposed to be transacted:

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10th January 2022.
4. To receive the Notes of the Chesham & District Transport Users' Group meeting held on 4th January 2022.
5. To receive and consider planning applications received from Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting of the Committee and any planning applications and comments delegated to the Ward Members and Chairman of the Committee and to note previous planning comments submitted. **Plans are available for inspection on Buckinghamshire Council's website.**
<https://pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple>
6. To receive and consider decision notices received from Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting of the Committee.
7. Information Items.
8. Local Plan Consultation (late item).

Yours sincerely,

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Chesham Town Council

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<u>Councillor</u> <u>Circulation</u>
Councillor Alan Bacon
Councillor Joseph Baum
Councillor Qaser Chaudhry
Councillor Mohammad Fayyaz
Councillor Umar Hayyat
Councillor Francis Holly
Councillor Chasey Hood
Councillor Jane MacBean
Councillor Nick Southworth

CHESHAM & DISTRICT TRANSPORT USERS' GROUP

Notes of a Meeting held at Chesham Town Hall on Tuesday, 4th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Roderick McCulloch (Chairman), Alan Wallwork (Secretary), Nick Southworth (CTC) plus Lee Stewart, Naomi Smith (Transport for London)



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1. Lee Stewart gave an overview of Met Line operations and highlighted some of the issues giving rise to the recent delays and cancellations to services to and from Chesham.
 2. In particular, he highlighted the impact that Covid had had, in particular on driver availability. A number of them had decided to take early retirement; recruitment and training had been slowed down, with social distancing preventing two people in the cab at one time. At any one time there are usually 330 drivers available for the Met, but over the past 18 months or so, numbers had often been under 300 and with the increase in testing facilities recently, many drivers had tested positive and therefore been required to self-isolate for days on end.
 3. He highlighted operational difficulties associated with the single line between Chalfont and Chesham and the need to keep the mainline to Amersham and Aylesbury clear without Chesham trains occupying the track whilst awaiting access to the branch.
 4. Drivers also had a maximum time they were allowed to work and also had break entitlements, which meant Amersham services couldn't easily be diverted to Chesham as if these parameters were not met, they were entitled to dump the train in the nearest siding, which in turn would lead to further service delays and cancellations.
 5. Lee reported that it was therefore often easier to divert an Uxbridge service to Chesham as it led to fewer delays further down the line, as they could be short worked to Neasden, Baker Street or Moorgate and then slotted back into their original timetable.

The Meeting then turned into a Question and Answer session with both Lee and Naomi providing responses on behalf of TfL. Amongst the questions posed were:-

- Practical issues experienced in connecting at Harrow on the Hill were mentioned.
- If there are driver shortages, why can't southbound Chesham services be turned at HoH and worked back northwards?
- Lack of announcements, lack of staff and poor information displays, particularly at Chalfont late at night, when displays such as "See Front of Train" and "A Good Service is Operating" announcements are unhelpful in telling passengers exactly when the next Chesham train will arrive. Delays of 60 mins or more had been experienced.

- A general lack of information was highlighted, with station staff not being any wiser than passengers as to what was happening. [NB: Noise Abatement Orders e.g. at Baker Street often limit opportunities for announcements to be made].
- The TfL App isn't fit for purpose. [NB: A new App is in development].
- There's a need to get trains running as advertised. [NB: Outdated infrastructure such as time-expired signalling was often to blame].
- Many regular travellers pointed out that despite Covid, most of these issues have existed for the past 15-20 years or so and are therefore not Covid related.
- When will the current funding shortfall be fixed? [NB: Whilst that was outside Lee and Naomi's remit, nevertheless a short-term extension had been obtained to 4th Feb 22].
- There were demands to bring back the shuttle. [NB: The bay platform at Chalfont can only accommodate 4 coach trains and the new S stock are fixed 8 coach formations].
- Locked Waiting Rooms and Lack of Staff (especially late at night at Chalfont) were mentioned. [NB: Recently, the Waiting Room and Toilets at Chalfont had been closed due to vandalism].
- We used to be able to order taxis if the branch wasn't operating. [NB: TfL have a contract but only with a black cab company].
- What's being done to restore adequate services to the Chesham branch and when can we expect to have things back to normal? [No firm date given].

In conclusion, the Chairman reminded the Meeting that it had been organised by Chesham TUG, which holds regular meetings to discuss local rail, bus and to a lesser extent also taxi services, all at an annual membership cost of just £2.

Next meeting: Chesham Town Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th February 2022.

ACW: 6-1-22

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS 31ST JANUARY 2022

1) **PL/21/4768/FA** [REDACTED] **84 Nalers Road Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Hip to gable loft conversion with rear dormer. Two front roof lights and a window to the side elevation.

2) **PL/21/4824/FA** [REDACTED] **9 Chestnut Avenue Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Single storey side and rear extensions.

3) **PL/22/0052/NMA** [REDACTED] **33 Manor Way Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Non Material Amendment to planning permission PL/21/2867/FA (Part ground floor rear infill extension, with part first floor rear extension. Replacement/alterations of windows to the front, side and rear elevations) to allow for additional side windows and front and rear roof lights.

4) **PL/21/4839/FA** [REDACTED] **1 - 2 Reynolds Yard, Church Street Chesham** **ST MARY'S**

Description: Installation of white timber double glazed widows - 6 to front elevation and 2 to rear elevation.

5) **PL/21/4922/HB** [REDACTED] **70 Germain Street Chesham** **ST MARY'S**

Description: Listed building consent for replacement of roof and windows to existing rear single storey extension.

6) **PL/21/4819/FA** [REDACTED] **17 Chartridge Lane Chesham** **LOWNDES**

Description: Detached double garage.

7) **PL/21/4921/FA** [REDACTED] **17 Long Meadow Chesham** **VALE**

Description: Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion with 2 rear dormer windows.

8) **PL/22/0019/FA** [REDACTED] **34 Little Hivings Chesham** **RIDGEWAY**

Description: Single storey rear extension.

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9)	PL/22/0084/VRC	[REDACTED]	Land to Rear of 14-16 Frances Street Chesham	TOWNSEND
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Description: Variation of condition 10 (Approved plans) of planning permission PL/21/2882/FA (Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and landscaping) to allow for additional first floor side windows and changes to internal layout, windows and doors.

10)	PL/22/0097/SA	[REDACTED]	19 Field Close Chesham	NEWTOWN
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Description: Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed extension to existing vehicular access.

11)	PL/21/4565/KA	[REDACTED]	97 Church Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
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Description: Fell Acer - (Chesham Conservation Area).

12)	PL/22/0001/FA	[REDACTED]	118 Chartridge Lane Chesham	LOWNDES
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Description: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling.

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS 31ST JANUARY 2022

1)	PL/21/2288/TP	[REDACTED]	21 Hillcroft Road Chesham	HILLTOP
Description: Two Ash trees at the rear of 21 Hillcroft Road - Pollarding / Crown reduction - trees protected by TPO/1987/027 (W1)				
Comments: The Committee notes that this application has already been determined.				
Decision: Conditionl Permission				
2)	PL/21/2333/FA	[REDACTED]	11 Wey Lane Chesham	ST MARY'S
Description: Demolition of the exisiting single storey side and rear structures, erection of part single/part two storey side and rear extension and changes to windows and doors.				
Comments: The Committee raises its concern that the application contravenes the 45-degree rule in respect to the impact from the building on sunlight and daylight to neighbouring properties. Moreover, it would like confirmation that there are no objections from the Strategic Flood Team.				
Decision: Conditional Permission				
3)	PL/21/2284/SA	[REDACTED]	20 Brandon Mead Chesham	LOWNDES
Description: Cetificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey side /rear extension and conversion of garage to living space.				
Comments: The Committee notes that this application has already been determined.				
Decision: Part Approve/Refuse - PROPOSED- Cert of Law				
4)	PL/21/2511/FA	[REDACTED]	132 Berkeley Avenue Chesham	LOWNDES
Description: Single storey front/side extension, side door and insertion of 3 rooflights in existing flat roof.				
Comments: The Committee echoes the concern raised by neighbours, namely: the close proximity to the boundary; potential overdevelopment and over-intensification and loss of amenity for the neighbouring property.				
Decision: Conditional Permission				
5)	PL/21/2526/VRC	[REDACTED]	111 Nalders Road Chesham	HILLTOP
Description: Variation of conditions 4 (windows and doors), 5(permitted development) and 7 (approved plans) os application PL/20/3121/FA (Subdivison of plot and erection of detached dwelling and replacement garage. Changes to doors and window and demolition of conser				
Comments: The Committee raises NO OBJECTIONS to this application.				
Decision: Conditional Permission				

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6)	PL/21/2624/FA	[REDACTED]	30 The Spinney Chesham	HILLTOP
Description: Conversion of existing loft to create habitable space, addition of rear dormer window, 2 front rooflights and internal alterations.				
Comments: The Committee raises its concern on the lack of documentation and plans pertaining to this application.				
Decision: Conditional Permission				
7)	PL/21/2363/FA	[REDACTED]	122 Botley Road Chesham	TOWNSEND
Description: Demolition of existing house and erection of new house and front garden wall.				
Comments: The Committee raises NO OBJECTIONS to this application subject to the conditions set by Highways being adhered to and a sustainable drainage system being installed and any hardstanding area being of a semi permeable or permeable nature.				
Decision: Withdrawn				
8)	PL/21/2536/FA	[REDACTED]	3 Poplar Cottages, Amy Lane Chesham	ST MARY'S
Description: Single storey rear extension, enlarged front and rear dormer windows,				
Comments: The Committee raises its concern on the lack of documentation and plans pertaining to this application.				
Decision: Conditional Permission				
9)	PL/21/2499/FA	[REDACTED]	Land Rear Of 12 & 14 Upper Gladstone Road Chesham	TOWNSEND
Description: Erection of a new dwelling with new vehicular access.				
Comments: The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application on the grounds of: insufficient parking provision; over-intensification; the impact of amenity; being overlooking to the property at the rear resulting in loss of privacy and being out of keeping with the existing street scene.				
Decision: Refuse Permission				
10)	PL/21/2703/KA	[REDACTED]	Great Germaines House, 85 Fullers Hill Chesham	ST MARY'S
Description: Remove overhanging branches back to boundary with 4 Germaines Close,(Chesham Conservation Area)				
Comments: The Committee defers to the comments of the Buckinghamshire Council Tree Officer.				
Decision: TPO shall not be made				
11)	PL/21/2131/FA	[REDACTED]	64 Deansway Chesham	ASHERIDGE VALE
Description: New vehicular access, lowering of ground levels to form 2 hardstanding parking spaces, steps to front door and new porch canopy.				
Comments: The Committee raises NO OBJECTIONS to this application subject to a sustainable drainage system being installed and any hardstanding area being of a semi permeable or permeable nature.				
Decision: Conditional Permission				

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12)	PL/21/2181/FA	[REDACTED]	3 The Chase Chesham	VALE
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Description: Erection of an outbuilding for ancillary use in rear garden.

Comments: The Committee raises its concern on the bulk and scale and its subservience to the main building.

Decision: Conditional Permission

13)	PL/21/2715/FA	[REDACTED]	Lace Cottage, 97 Vale Road Chesham	VALE
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Description: Single storey rear extension.

Comments: The Committee raises NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

Decision: Conditional Permission

14)	PL/21/2631/FA	[REDACTED]	163 Sunnyside Road Chesham	TOWNSEND
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Description: Renovation and extension of an existing porch. Relocation of an existing rainwater pipe.

Comments: The Committee raises NO OBJECTIONS to this application, subject to the rainwater pipe, following relocation, being robustly sustainable.

Decision: Conditional Permission

15)	PL/21/2860/KA	[REDACTED]	37 Germain Street Chesham	ST MARY'S
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Description: Elder T1 - Polard by aprox 10 Ft (Chesham Conservation Area).

Comments: The Committee defers to the comments of the Buckinghamshire Council Tree Officer.

Decision: TPO shall not be made

16)	PL/21/2664/FA	[REDACTED]	17 Chartridge Lane Chesham	LOWNDES
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Description: Demolition of existing dwelling and erecton of new dwelling and new vehicular access.

Comments: The Committee raises NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

Decision: Conditional Permission

17)	PL/21/2683/FA	[REDACTED]	179A Chartridge Lane Chesham	LOWNDES
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Description: Part two / part single storey front extension, part two / part first floor rear extension to create a two storey house.

Comments: The Committee has no comments to make in respect of this application.

Decision: Conditional Permission

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18)	PL/21/3534/FA	[REDACTED]	4 Vale Road Chesham	VALE
Description:	Single storey rear infill extension.			
Comments:	The Committee raises NO OBJECTIONS to this application.			
Decision:	Conditional Permission			

19)	PL/21/4054/PIP	[REDACTED]	Land at, Cresswell Road Chesham	WATERSIDE
Description:	Application for permission in principle for 4 detached dwellings with driveways and landscaping.			
Comments:	The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application on the grounds of inappropriate Green Belt development; significant impact upon the biodiversity within the area; lack of appropriate drainage; being out of keeping with the existing area; being overbearing and impacting upon the local amenity. Moreover, the Committee raises concern on development within the floodplain and building on a former contaminated landfill site.			
Decision:	Withdrawn			

20)	PL/21/3777/OA	[REDACTED]	132 Bellingdon Road Chesham	TOWNSEND
Description:	Outline application for demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a two bedroom dwelling on the rear of the existing plot using existing access and parking from Higham Road. Matters to be considered - access and scale.			
Comments:	The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application on the grounds of lack of amenity space; over-intensification of the site; lack of adequate parking provision; out of keeping with the existing street scene and concerns over highway safety pertaining to the access.			
Decision:	Refuse Permission			

21)	PL/21/4442/FA	[REDACTED]	5 Lye Green Road Chesham	HILLTOP
Description:	Proposed two dormers at rear of property.			
Comments:	The Committee recommends REFUSAL of this application due to the dormer windows being overlooking on neighbouring properties.			
Decision:	Withdrawn			

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

INFORMATION SHEET FOR COUNCILLORS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 31ST JANUARY 2022

15. Prior Notification – PL/21/4929/PAPCR P and A House, Alma Road.

Prior notification under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 – Change of use of Light industrial building (Class E) to 10 dwellings (Use Class C3)

16.Consulation Adjacent Authority Area PL/22/0123/ADJ Speed Skills Runways Farm.

Consultation from Dacorum Borough Council re: Details as required by conditions 6 (management plan) and 7 (footpath and track safety measures) attached to planning inspectorate decision APP/A1910/W/17/3192066 attached to planning permission 4/03082/16/ROC and 4/02759/18/DRC (motorcycle/motor vehicle activities and associated storage/parking.) DBC Ref: 21/04773/DRC.

AGENDA ITEM NO : 8 – CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLAN

Reporting Officer: Bill Richards (01494583824)

Summary

1. To consider making a response to Buckinghamshire Council's consultation exercise in respect to the *Discovery and Exploration Phase of the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire*.

Background Information

2. The closing date for comments is Friday 11th February.

Financial Implications

3. None pertaining to this report.

Strategic Objectives

4. Accords with the Council's strategic objectives 2 – '*To encourage and promote the economic and commercial vitality of Chesham in a way that encourages sustainable employment opportunities, housing and business facilities that respect the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in which it is situated*' and 4 b – '*Consult with and respond to District Council, County Council and other Authorities on current services and planned changes, to ensure continuing improvement in services consistent with local needs.*'

Equality Act Implications

5. Non applicable.

Detailed Consideration

6. Buckinghamshire Council is preparing a new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire. As Members will know, the Local Plan sets out where new development will be located and what is required to be protected within Buckinghamshire and will ultimately shape the future of Buckinghamshire.
7. Statutory consultees such as this Council are asked to respond using the **attached** printed document or directly on-line. It is suggested that this Committee's Members consider the form over the next week; submit any comments they have to the Clerk who will then attempt to sum up the general responses and report to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party scheduled to meet on the 7th February. It is then proposed that the Working Party consider this draft response, make any necessary revisions if required and be delegated to agree a final draft for submission by the Clerk.

Recommendation

That Members give initial consideration to the draft Local Plan consultation, submit comments on it to the Clerk and agree that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party be delegated to submit the final response.



LOCAL PLAN for
Buckinghamshire
Shaping the future together



The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire: Help us plan for the future

Opens: 29 November 2021

Closes: 11 February 2022

Contact: Planning Policy Team

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Overview

Welcome to the Discovery and Exploration Phase of the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.

A Local Plan sets out where new development will be located and what we will need to protect within Buckinghamshire. It will shape the future of Buckinghamshire.

We want to involve you in the first stage of producing a new local plan for Buckinghamshire.

Find out more about the local plan on the Local Plan website at

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/local-plan-for-bucks.

We want to hear from you

Many people living and working in Buckinghamshire face real challenges, for example:

- finding new homes and jobs close by
- finding affordable homes
- key workers being able to live and work locally
- long journeys to work
- protecting what's best about our local areas and communities
- where people's children, grandchildren or elderly relatives might live

And as a county there are wider issues we must consider:

- quality of life and climate change
- the need to make the best use of land which has already been built on - **Brown Before Green**, to help protect the wildlife and countryside of Buckinghamshire
- maintaining the County's strong economy with major national employers
- the challenges from the COVID 19 pandemic

How to have your say

Please tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- complete the online survey at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>
- complete the printed survey below and
 - email it to planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk, or
 - post it to Planning Policy Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1BB

Please tell us your views by midnight on 11 February 2022

Brown before Green

Our aim will be to make the very best use of sites which have already been built on (brownfield sites). More information will be available on the Local Plan website at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/local-plan-for-bucks.

You will be able to help us by suggesting sites that have previously been built on (brownfield sites) which might be suitable for redevelopment / regeneration. This will help protect our countryside.

Keep in touch

If you want to keep in touch with Planning Policy, including the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire, please register on our online consultation database at <https://buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/register>

If you want to keep in touch it is important for you to opt in and register on the link.

What happens next

We will read and consider all comments. We will share the comments with all the Councillors in Buckinghamshire Council.

We will use your views and comments to help us understand important issues facing you and we will need to consider how to address them as we start to prepare the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.

Information about Local Plans

What is a Local Plan?

A Local Plan is a detailed document and map which sets out the future development of an area. It is drawn up by the Council in consultation with the community following a process which is set out following national guidelines.

Once in place, the local plan is used to guide decisions on whether or not planning applications should be given planning permission. It also shows where and how much future development can take place and how an area will meet its future housing needs.

Why is a Local Plan needed?

All local planning authorities have to have a Local Plan for their area. Buckinghamshire Council is a local planning authority so the new local plan will cover the whole council area.

A Local Plan aims to deliver sustainable development through:

- meeting the area's social, economic, and environmental needs
- delivering better quality places
- more comprehensive delivery of all kinds of infrastructure
- protecting the county's natural and built heritage

It will bring benefits for people who live, work, or visit Buckinghamshire, through:

- making sure there are enough of the right homes and workplaces
- getting the infrastructure in the right place at the right time
- providing new green areas and places for nature alongside new homes

It also helps the Council to:

- make prompt planning decisions
- have fewer planning appeals and so lower costs

How long will it take to prepare the Local Plan?

The Government is currently making changes to the way Local Plans will work. They take several years to prepare.

We want to start work early – by finding out what matters most to people living in Buckinghamshire so that we can listen and learn before we start working on the local plan.

Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this consultation. We will keep the information confidential and store it securely, in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#) online or contact us for a printed version.

If you have questions, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Printed survey

Place

The Local Plan will aim to protect key environmental and heritage assets in Buckinghamshire, to assist in the regeneration of town and local centres and set out how much new development will be built in Buckinghamshire and where it will be located.

1. What do you most value about where you live?

Please select your top 3 options in order of preference (where 1 is what you most value).

	Please tick one option per column		
	1	2	3
Belonging to a local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Countryside / wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good local facilities (e.g. pub, shops, GP surgery, village hall, playground)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good transport links (e.g. close to train stations or main roads, cycling or walking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic buildings / areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quiet / isolated community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have any other comments about what you value about where you live, please tell us here:

Homes

We want to hear your views on what makes a good neighbourhood, what types of locations could be suitable for new development and how the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire can help meet the needs for different types of homes. This includes homes for older people, key workers and affordable housing. In parts of Buckinghamshire, homes are very expensive and well out of the reach of young people wanting to set out in life.

About 550,000 people live in Buckinghamshire. By 2040, the county is likely to need around 55,000 more new homes (based on latest estimates). Some of these already have planning permission or are already planned for in existing Local Plans (28,000). This leaves about 27,000 to be built.

2. Do you think you will want / or need to move into a new home in the next five years?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No (go to question 5)
- I don't know (go to question 5)

3. If yes or maybe, please tell us why you will want / or need to move in the next five years: (Select all that apply)

- Buy / rent a cheaper property
- Closer to family members
- Closer to place of work
- Closer to school
- Downsizing
- Moving to accommodate a growing family
- Setting up home for the first time
- Other (please give details below):

4. If yes or maybe, what sort of property would you look for? (Select all that apply)

- Affordable homes
- Bungalows
- Caravans / mobile homes
- Family sized homes
- First homes
- Flats
- Homes for key workers
- Older Person's homes
- Other (please give details below):

Key workers

Health, education and other key services in the county are experiencing problems because many key workers can't afford to live close to where they work.

7. On a scale of 1 to 10, do you agree that the Council should make provisions to build additional new homes for key sector workers in Buckinghamshire?

Where 1 is 'No additional development to accommodate key worker housing needs' and 10 is 'Enough additional development for key worker housing to ease staffing issues across health, education, emergency services and other key sectors in Buckinghamshire'.

No additional development										Enough additional development	I don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Nature

Preparing a Local Plan is difficult. Much of Buckinghamshire is green belt, at risk of flooding or of great landscape and environmental value.

When looking at how to meet the need for new development and infrastructure we will need to acknowledge the importance of the special qualities of Buckinghamshire's towns, villages and countryside.

With the beautiful countryside, rich wildlife and historic buildings and the Green Belt in Buckinghamshire, there is much to protect.

8. What improvements to the natural environment would you like to see in your area?

(Select all that apply)

- Community orchards
- Improve air quality
- Linking pathways and natural environments
- More green spaces
- More ponds
- Noise reduction
- Sustainable building materials and designs
- Tree planting
- Other (please give details below):

Work and activity

Buckinghamshire has a strong local economy with many companies in growing businesses such as film-making, media, precision engineering and high tech manufacturing. COVID 19 has affected our shops, services and town centres.

The Local Plan will need to look at the future needs of local businesses and communities, and how we can help our town centres.

9. What are your views on supporting the local economy?

Please select your top 3 in order of preference (where 1 is your top preference).

Please tick one option per column

	1	2	3
Having employment sites which are easy to get to using public transport, walking and cycling, as well as by car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land / sites for new infrastructure like roads, utility services, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land / sites for new jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting existing employment sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Other', please give details here:

Climate change

Climate change is having an impact on everyone's life now and into the future. The new Local Plan needs to take a comprehensive approach to this and ensure that development plays its part in reaching carbon net zero targets. There are many aspects to this. Flooding is a serious problem in parts of the county, and there can be poor air quality in some towns and villages close to motorways and busier roads.

Better building design and sustainable construction techniques need to be part of this future, and we need to provide more green spaces, trees and land for wildlife. New green and blue infrastructure can have multiple benefits for local health and the environment.

There are internationally important areas in Bucks such as the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Burnham Beeches. More locally there are nature reserves, country parks and other land for wildlife.

New development needs to protect and enhance biodiversity in Buckinghamshire.

10. The policies we include in a Local Plan for Buckinghamshire could help to mitigate climate change. How important do you think each of these is to mitigate the impacts of climate change and reduce our carbon footprint?

Please select your top 3 in order of preference (where 1 is your top preference).

Please tick one option per column

	1	2	3
Better facilities for cycling and walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low carbon heating systems and energy efficiency measures in new buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More facilities for electric vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More green spaces and tree planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-site renewable energy generation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting areas from flood risk and avoiding new building in high risk flood zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable building materials and designs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tighter water efficiency standards in new buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Other', please give details here:

Infrastructure

The Local Plan will need to look at the needs for supporting infrastructure like schools, health facilities, play space and roads.

The way we travel has a major impact on health, local communities, businesses and climate change. Technological change is moving fast in transport and over the lifetime of the Local Plan we can expect an increase in electric cars and new low-carbon modes.

Better support for walking, cycling, buses and rail will be needed as well as increased capacity alongside new development. Many local roads and motorways are already congested and we need comprehensive solutions for the way we travel and to encourage changes in behaviour.

11. What sort of new infrastructure will we need to plan for?

Please select your top 3 in order of preference (where 1 is what we most need to plan for).

Please tick one option per column

	1	2	3
Cycle lanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for disabled people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power / water generation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools – primary and secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village halls / community buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Other', please give details here:

Buckinghamshire-wide strategic issues

12. Thinking about Buckinghamshire as a whole, the challenge of accommodating the need for new homes and other development, the importance of infrastructure, the challenges of climate change and the need to protect the environment, what do you think are the top three priorities we need to focus on?

Priority 1:

Priority 2:

Priority 3:

13. Should the Local Plan contain anything else?

Please tell us here:

More about you

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of understanding the attitudes, opinions and experience of local people regarding the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.

We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please visit our [Privacy Page](#).

14.If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is your organisation?

15.Where do you live?

Village, town or city.

16.What is your postcode?

We are asking this so we can understand the experience of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode but the information will help us plan and offer better services.

17.How would you describe your current working status?

- Employee in full-time / part-time job
- Full-time education at school, college or university
- Government supported training e.g. Modern Apprenticeship
- Looking after the home
- Permanently sick/disabled
- Self-employed full or part-time
- Unemployed and available for work
- Unpaid carer full or part-time
- Wholly retired from work
- Other (please give details below)
- Prefer not to say

18. Are there any children aged 0-17 in your household?

- Yes
- No

19. Which of these statements describe you?

- Am a key worker
- Elected representative in Buckinghamshire
- Live in Buckinghamshire
- Represent a Buckinghamshire business
- Represent a Buckinghamshire community group
- Work in Buckinghamshire
- Other (please give details below)

20. How would you describe your ethnicity?

White

- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background

Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background

Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Any other ethnicity (please give details below)
- Prefer not to say

21. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or have a long term health condition(s)?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

22. Which age category do you fall into?

- 16-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

End of survey

Thank you for completing the survey.

Please return your completed survey by midnight on 11 February 2022. You can:

- email it to planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- post it to Planning Policy Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1BB

Keep in touch

If you want to keep in touch with Planning Policy, including the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire, please register on our online consultation database at

<https://buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/register>