

Introduction

Background

Central Bedfordshire Council plans to redevelop a key 1.46 hectare site in Houghton Regis town centre as part of the ambition to enhance the look and feel of the town as well as promote long, healthy lives and Independent Living. The landmark development fronting both the High Street and The Green opens up the potential for some 170 new Independent Living apartments for older people, as well as new community amenities and retail units to serve the whole community.

The Council wants to work with the local community to create a vision for the new development and its relationship with the town centre. JTP – a practice of architects, masterplanners and placemakers – has been appointed to organise community planning on behalf of the Council.

What to expect at the Community Planning Weekend

The Community Planning Weekend is an opportunity to share local knowledge and contribute to shaping the plans through workshops, walkabouts and hands-on planning groups. This exhibition explains some background information on the site and the project.

Participation is on a drop-in basis – there is no need to pre-register – and you can stay for a short while, a few hours or the whole event if you are able to. Team members will be on hand to answer questions.

Workshops for the Community Planning Weekend are being held at the Bedford Square Community Centre (next to the library) on:

- Friday, 27 November 2015, 2.00pm to 7.00pm
- Saturday, 28 November 2015, 9.15am to 2.00pm

The site



JTP's approach to the Community Planning Weekend

We listen.



We debate.



We draw together.



We create new places and breathe life into old ones.



Proposed project timeline

