

# Shaping where you live 2035

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*This Community Says...*



## Overview Statement

**of Community Planning  
in Central Bedfordshire**

July 2017

**Central  
Bedfordshire**

**A great place to live and work.**

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## Foreword

Central Bedfordshire Council's aim is to maintain and enhance the quality of the area for communities, businesses and visitors to ensure we have a vibrant area that is able to grow sustainably. Community planning is a new approach which will engage local people including residents, Town and Parish Councils and interest groups to build a picture of how everyone lives, works and travels today.

In the future we want to create communities with schools, jobs, health provision and good transport links. That means we need to plan for infrastructure and services to ensure that Central Bedfordshire continues to be a great place to live and work. This is why we are working with the local community to understand what you value about where you live, where the opportunities are and where there might be current issues that need to be addressed.

Community Planning is about identifying all of these elements and giving you the opportunity to help shape the future of your community, while adding valuable local knowledge and information to future development decisions.

**Cllr Nigel Young, Executive Member for Regeneration**

## Community Planning in Central Bedfordshire

Our vision is to start a proactive, ongoing dialogue with the local community about local needs and opportunities through community planning. By understanding the opinions of local people as to what needs improvement, along with what they love and want to keep, we can produce Community Plans which we can refer to in decisions about development in the future. These Plans will be used in a number of ways, including influencing the Local Plan which deals with the overall approach to sustainable growth for the area. Consultation and engagement are requirements of the process of developing the Local Plan. Community planning goes well beyond those requirements and in addition, we very much see that the "life" and use of community plans will extend beyond the Local Plan.



# What is a Community Plan

Community Plans will be used as evidence base for the Local Plan, but will also be used to assist Central Bedfordshire with making future planning decisions. Community Plans can also be used to feed into Neighbourhood, Parish or Town Plans.

In order to structure our Community Plans clearly, we developed six growth themes; Local Character, Environment, Transport, Jobs & Business, Growth & Infrastructure and Homes, which are outlined below.

A Community Plan captures what local people believe are the key issues or opportunities under each of the themes and identify where local people want investment to be spent to improve their Community Area. Central Bedfordshire Council believe that Community Planning will build an understanding of local needs and pressures on a particular area and to ensure that existing and new communities benefit from high quality development and targeted improvements.

## The 6 Growth Themes

### LOCAL CHARACTER

**What we have we love. Our history, countryside and communities. We need to build, with care to enhance what we have.**

How do we look after what you value about where you live? We need to balance development with protecting our villages, market towns and beautiful countryside. We want to use local character to inform development to ensure that we achieve the best we can.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Our environment is important. It influences how & what we create. We need quality development.**

How do we balance the need for growth with protecting our environment? By having quality developments that are sensitive to the environment, to climate change and to ensure growth is dealt with responsibly for the next generation.

### TRANSPORT

**How do we get around? With more of us on our cycleways, roads, rail. How do we improve & maintain our transport links?**

We need to plan growth that has good connections, not only to jobs and facilities, but also to recreation services and the countryside. We need to look at improving our existing transport networks and make the most of opportunities for new links.

### JOBS & BUSINESS

**Where will everyone work? Supporting local businesses to grow & attracting new business. We need to create jobs for all.**

How do we support the economy of your community and proposed growth in your area? We need to invest and attract business. Regenerating areas can help to attract new investment to improve job prospects.

### GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE

**Where to place homes & services. Supporting market towns, villages & new settlements. We need to plan places to grow communities.**

Where can this growth go and how do we get the best opportunities for you and your community? We need to consider not only the locations for growth, but also what other facilities, services and infrastructure these areas will need for the next generation.

### HOMES

**Homes for every stage of life. A house is not a home until it's lived in. We all need a home we're proud of.**

What type of housing does your community need? Looking at the local population, from young to old, we need to ensure that the area can accommodate changes in lifestyle, affluence or choice. Quality homes for all, for now and tomorrow.

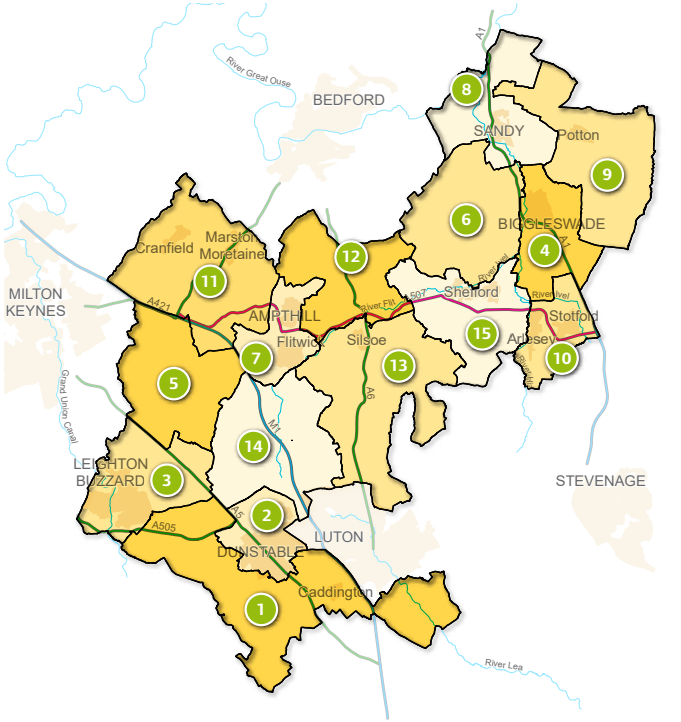
# Community Areas within Central Bedfordshire

Towns and Parishes have been grouped into 15 different community areas as shown on the plan opposite and detailed in the table below. The grouping has been based on a number of factors including:

- Natural catchment or ward areas, connections and associations amongst communities e.g. for shopping, schools, work.
- Access to services and facilities e.g. shops, post office, leisure services.
- Town and rural hinterlands.
- Shared characteristics, similar issues and opportunities.

Grouping the areas like this helps local residents to engage because they will be able to see the direct relevance to where they live and help us consider all of the local issues and opportunities.

A Community Plan has been produced for each of the 15 Community Areas.



## Town and Parish Councils within Community Areas

Community Area	Town and Parish Councils
1	Billington, Caddington, Eaton Bray, Hyde, Kensworth, Slip End, Stanbridge, Studham, Tilsworth, Totternhoe, Whipsnade
2	Dunstable, Houghton Regis
3	Battlesden, Eggington, Heath & Reach, Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard
4	Biggleswade, Edworth, Langford
5	Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Bryan, Eversholt, Husborne Crawley, Milton Bryan, Potsgrove, Woburn
6	Northill, Old Warden, Southill
7	Amphill, Flitwick, Steppingley
8	Blunham, Moggerhanger, Tempsford, Sandy
9	Dunton, Everton, Eyeworth, Potton, Sutton, Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley
10	Arlesey, Astwick, Fairfield, Stotfold
11	Cranfield, Ridgmont, Brogborough, Lidlington, Marston Moretaine, Millbrook, Hulcote & Salford
12	Clophill, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden
13	Barton-Le-Clay, Flitton & Greenfield, Gravenhurst, Pulloxhill, Shillington, Silsoe, Streatley
14	Chalgrave, Chalton, Harlington, Sundon, Tingrith, Toddington, Westoning
15	Clifton, Campton & Chicksands, Henlow, Meppershall, Shefford, Stondon



# Announcing Community Planning

Central Bedfordshire started announcing the arrival of Community Planning in July 2016.

This began with Central Bedfordshire holding a Town and Parish Council Conference on 13th July 2016 which presented an outline to the process of drafting the Local Plan, how they can engage in the Local Plan process and finally introduced Community Planning. At the end of this presentation, Town and Parish Council representatives were asked to go into initial community groups based on location and common underlying factors to help to draw out the mutual factors and issues that arise in their area. This discussion was helped by using a plan of their area and flags to identify issues including but not restricted to; housing need, education and transport issues.

The main aim for this event was to unify the groups so that they could perceive themselves as Community Areas for the purpose of Community Planning. Through this process, the majority of Town and Parish Councils were comfortable with their group arrangements, with the exception of a few who were then placed in a different group to everyone's satisfaction.

On 14th July 2016, Central Bedfordshire gave a similar presentation to key Local Plan stakeholders in terms of the process of drafting the Local Plan and introducing Community Planning.

Starting from mid-October 2016, Central Bedfordshire held a workshop event for each of the 15 community areas using interactive techniques to draw out the relevant issues and information on the growth themes of the Local Plan. In preparation, Town and Parish Councils were provided with Community Information Packs which contained posters and questionnaires so that they could advertise the upcoming workshops and prepare the local residents and other interested parties on what was needed from them and when.

Central Bedfordshire used their website to promote Community Planning and forthcoming workshops across the authority, along with their Facebook page and Twitter feeds. Posters were put up in the areas a few days before each event. Emails were also sent to Town and Parish Councils along with stakeholders and interested individuals prior to a forthcoming event in their area in order to alert as many people as possible and ensure a good turn out to each event.

Town and Parish Council Conference



Central Bedfordshire Council Website



Central Bedfordshire Council promotion of events





# Community Workshop Events

For each Community Area, a drop-in event was organised at a local venue for the public to attend to find out what they wanted to raise in their local area. The table below outlines when and where these drop-in events were held between October 2016 and March/April 2017.

The drop-in event consisted of a number of exhibition boards providing general information on community planning and a map table illustrating an Ordnance Survey plan of the Community Area.

Upon arrival, members of the public were greeted, invited to read the available exhibition boards and given a feedback form to be completed at the map table. Each feedback form was given a unique reference number. The feedback form comprised of two questions under each of the six growth themes (twelve questions in total) and included a coloured sticker for each of the themes. These stickers were numbered with the unique reference for each feedback form. For each theme, the member of the public was asked to select one category that they felt

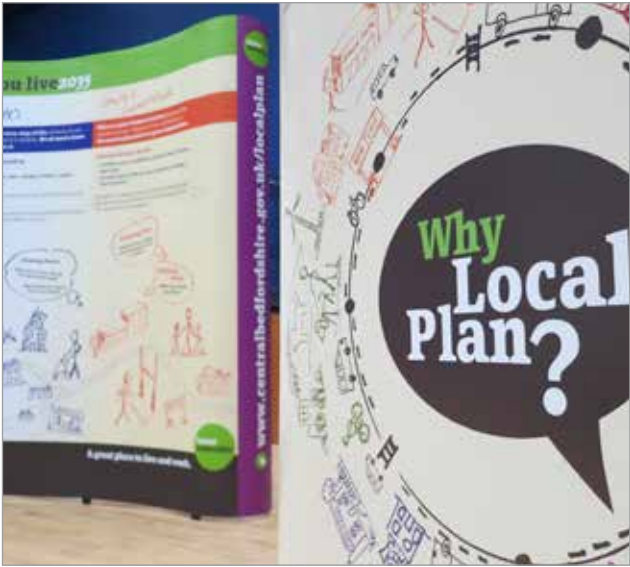
strongly about, then using the appropriate sticker, to locate this on the map and expand on why they chose this location on the feedback form. This meant that the numbered sticker on the map could be linked to the completed feedback form. Optional questions were also posed to help us understand who attended the event.

Council officers were available at every event to talk to people, discuss local issues, answer questions and listen to concerns and opportunities. At many events, local town, parish and ward councillors were also present to talk to the community. Every event was held from 2pm until 7.30pm to enable people coming home from work to attend.

## Drop-In Events for each Community Area

<p><b>Area 6: Northill</b> 20th October 2016 Northill Village Hall</p> <p><b>Area 13: Barton-le-Clay</b> 26th October 2016 Church Hall, Barton-le-Clay</p> <p><b>Area 8: Sandy</b> 3rd November 2016 Sandy Town Council Community room</p> <p><b>Area 9: Potton</b> 10th November 2016 Potton Town, Cricket Club</p> <p><b>Area 4: Biggleswade</b> 16th November 2016 Biggleswade Town Council offices</p> <p><b>Area 14: Toddington</b> 23rd November 2016 Guide Hall, Toddington</p> <p><b>Area 11: Marston Moretaine</b> 1st December 2016 Marston Moretaine, Village Hall</p> <p><b>Area 5: Woburn</b> 8th December 2016 Woburn Village Hall</p>	<p><b>Area 3: Leighton Buzzard</b> 1st February 2017 Leighton Buzzard Theatre</p> <p><b>Area 10: Stotfold</b> 9th February 2017 Greenacre Centre, Stotfold</p> <p><b>Area 12: Haynes</b> 23rd February 2017 Haynes Village Hall</p> <p><b>Area 15: Shefford</b> 2nd March 2017 Shefford Baptist Church</p> <p><b>Area 2: Houghton Regis</b> 9th March 2017 Bedford Square, Houghton Regis</p> <p><b>Area 7: Flitwick</b> 16 March 2017 The Rufus Centre, Flitwick</p> <p><b>Area 1: Studham</b> 22nd March 2017 Studham Village Hall</p>
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Community drop-in events





# Community Plan Approach

The methodology below indicates how Community Plans were prepared following the feedback received from each drop-in event by people completing feedback forms pictured opposite.

1. Analysis

The feedback for each growth theme has been analysed to understand what the community felt about their area in order to fairly represent individual responses within this Plan, as well as determining whether there was a collective voice on particular issues.

2. Interpretation

Under each theme, there is an information graphic and a plan. The graphic illustrates the percentage of people that had chosen each category based on the number of people who had responded to that particular theme. The plan shows where the community located their stickers on the map table. These are represented by coloured circles that relate to the category that had been chosen.

3. Hot Spots

Where there were multiple issues highlighted in one location on the map or lots of people highlighting the same issue at the same location these were grouped into a 'hot spot'. These are illustrated as a larger circle on the plan and (where relevant) depicted as a pie chart if more than one category was chosen for that particular area.

4. Trends

Following analysis of the data from the feedback forms and the stickers on the map, pointers regarding the themes are pulled together based on individual and collective voices that have arisen from the community. These trends identify what is important or needs improvement within the Community Area and therefore what the potential future opportunities for the area are.

- Exceptions to this process occurred which were dealt with as follows:
- Placing stickers on the map without ticking a category. Where this occurred, stickers are recorded as 'Location only'.
  - Ticking more than one category. Where this occurred, their choices are divided evenly across the categories within the analysis process.
  - No category selection or sticker but a written response provided. Where this occurred, comments were considered at the analysis and interpretation stage.
  - Sticker to represent the whole of Community Area. Where this occurred, it has been recorded in a statement box next to the map.

Feedback forms for drop-in events

Thank you for responding to this consultation.

Your views will help us to shape the Community Plan that will inform the Local Plan, influence development decisions and help direct investment where it is needed. There will also be other opportunities to comment on the Local Plan as it is developed. There will be an opportunity to express your views in more detail at the next stage.

Please answer the following questions:

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Age range: ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-64 ☐ 65+

What postcode do you live at? \_\_\_\_\_

Which town/village do you shop at most often? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am a local resident ☐ I am a Town or Parish Councillor for \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am an organisation representative please state \_\_\_\_\_

Which town/village do you work in (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? ☐ Yes ☐ No

To which of these groups do you consider you belong? ☐ White British ☐ Black or Black British ☐ Asian or Asian British ☐ Mixed ☐ Chinese ☐ Other Ethnic group (please write in): \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be informed of the arrival of the Consultation Draft of the Community Plan for your area? We can notify you of its publication.

Be assured that your personal details will not be published in any report or passed to a third party.

By ☐ post or ☐ email

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please tick if you would like to be kept informed of Local Plan Updates.

After completing this feedback form please place in box at front door.

Or post back to us at Local Plans, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

Data Protection Act 1998 Please note that your personal details supplied on this form will be held and/or computerised by Central Bedfordshire Council for the purpose of the Local Plan. The information collected may be disclosed to officers and members of the Council and its partners involved in this consultation. Summarised information from the forms may be published, but no individual details will be disclosed under these circumstances. Your personal details will be safeguarded and will not be divulged to any other individuals or organisations for any other purposes.

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Homes

Growth & Infrastructure

Transport

Environment

Local character

Jobs and Business

Please take a look around the exhibition, it will give you some background information and explain the issues and reasons as to why we're here.

There are a number of multiple choice questions within this leaflet that will need your consideration, then some questions that require some discussion around the map table, so please join us. Feel free to make notes in the leaflet with any queries you would like to ask when you join us at the map table. Or leave your filled in form with a member of staff or in the box at the door.

Thank you for helping with Community Planning in your area. Please feel free to make notes....

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☐ NO ISSUES

Please select **one** type of Local Character from the list below that you would most like to see protected or improvements made within your local area:

A. ☐ Built Heritage (e.g. ancient monuments, old buildings, memorials)

B. ☐ Landscape Heritage (e.g. historic parks, protected landscapes)

C. ☐ Open space natural (e.g. countryside, nature reserves, viewpoints)

D. ☐ Open space man-made (e.g. parks, common land, village green)

E. ☐ No improvements

With your chosen type of Local Character, please pin-point **one** specific place on the map table using your **red** sticker where you think there is an opportunity. Please expand below on what you would like to see at this location:

Environment

Our environment is important. It influences how & what we create. We need quality development.

☐ NO ISSUES

Please select **one** of the Environment types from the list below that you consider the most valuable attribute to look after for the future within your local area:

A. ☐ Renewable energy

B. ☐ Pollution (Air)

C. ☐ Pollution (Noise)

D. ☐ Open Space - wildlife habitats

E. ☐ Flood risk

With your chosen type of environmental issue from above, please pin-point **one** specific place on the map table using your **green** sticker where you think there is an opportunity. Please expand below on what you would like to see at this location:

Transport

How do we get around? With more of us on our cycleways, roads, rail. How do we improve & maintain our transport links?

☐ NO ISSUES

Please select **one** mode of travel from the list below that you would most like to see improvements made within your local area:

A. ☐ Vehicular B. ☐ Bus C. ☐ Train D. ☐ Cycle E. ☐ On foot

With your chosen type of Transport from above, please pin-point **one** specific place on the map table using your **pink** sticker where you think there is an opportunity. Please expand below on what you would like to see at this location:

Homes

Homes for every stage of life. A house is not a home until it's lived in. We all need a home we're proud of.

☐ NO ISSUES

Please select **one** of the types of Homes from the list below that you consider are needed within your local area:

A. ☐ Older generation (downsizing/sheltered) B. ☐ Single living (lifestyle/separation)

C. ☐ New starter homes D. ☐ Family homes E. ☐ Affordable homes

With your chosen type of Home from above, please pin-point **one** specific place on the map table using your **purple** sticker where you think there is an opportunity. Please expand below on what you would like to see at this location:

Jobs and Business

Where will everyone work? Supporting local businesses to grow & attracting new business. We need to create jobs for all.

☐ NO ISSUES

Please select **one** type of Business from the list below that you would most like to see investment in to improve business or jobs in your local area:

A. ☐ Industrial parks B. ☐ Business parks C. ☐ High street development

D. ☐ Local retail units E. ☐ Small-start-up office centres (innovation hubs)

With your chosen type of Business from above, please pin-point **one** specific place on the map table using your **lime** sticker where you think there is an opportunity. Please expand below on what you would like to see at this location:

Growth & Infrastructure

Where to place homes & services. Supporting market towns, villages & new settlements. We need to plan places to grow communities.

☐ NO ISSUES

Please select **one** Infrastructure facility from the list below that you consider is most needed in your local area:

A. ☐ Healthcare B. ☐ Schools C. ☐ Retail D. ☐ Community Centres

E. ☐ Leisure facility (leisure centre, play areas etc.) F. ☐ Utilities improvements (telecoms/electricity/gas/foul treatment)

With your chosen type of Infrastructure from above, please pin-point **one** specific place on the map table using your **orange** sticker where you think there is an opportunity. Please expand below on what you would like to see at this location:

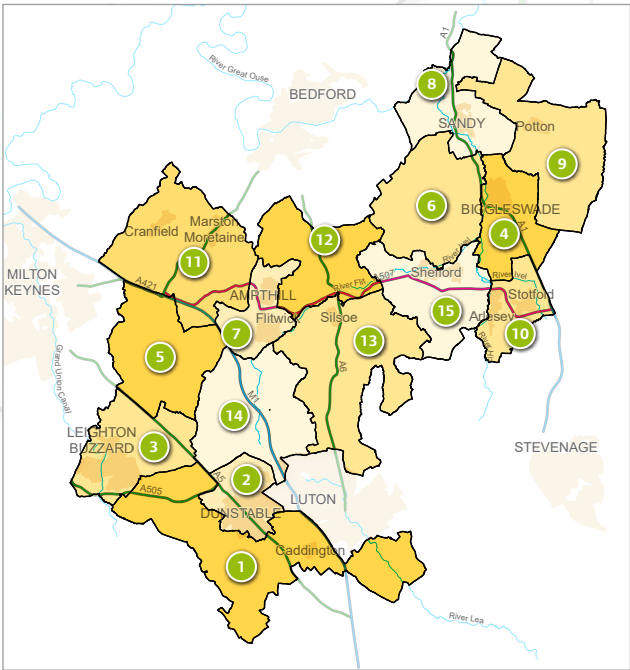
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# Results

As a result of engaging the community across Central Bedfordshire, 15 Community Plans have been drafted, consulted upon and finalised which together cover the whole of Central Bedfordshire. A feedback summary is found at the Appendix to this document which outlines the responses to the draft Community Plans and any actions. The table below indicates when each Draft Community Plan was published for consultation.

Each Community Plan is structured to introduce the Community Area it covers, summarise the feedback received under each growth theme and subsequently identifies growth theme trends that Central Bedfordshire need to address or consider.



Community Area in Central Bedfordshire

Community Plan Consultation Period		
Community Area & Event Location	Start	Finish
Area 1 Studham	19/06/2017	30/06/2017
Area 2 Houghton Regis	19/06/2017	30/06/2017
Area 3 Leighton Buzzard	24/04/2017	05/05/2017
Area 4 Biggleswade	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 5 Woburn	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 6 Northill	17/03/2017	31/03/2017
Area 7 Flitwick	19/06/2017	30/06/2017
Area 8 Sandy	24/03/2017	07/04/2017
Area 9 Potton	24/03/2017	07/04/2017
Area 10 Stotfold	24/04/2017	05/05/2017
Area 11 Marston	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 12 Haynes	24/04/2017	05/05/2017
Area 13 Barton-le-Clay	17/03/2017	31/03/2017
Area 14 Toddington	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 15 Shefford	05/05/2017	22/05/2017

Release existing family homes by providing properties that people can downsize to (e.g. bungalows) within the Area.

Area 1 Studham

Regenerate Dunstable and Houghton Regis town centres to encourage more business.

Area 2 Houghton Regis

Greater provision of small start-up office space in the Area, in Leighton Buzzard town centre, near the river/canal and by Grovebury Road Industrial Estate.

Area 3 Leighton Buzzard

People want to maintain, protect and enhance Biggleswade Market Square and associated historic buildings.

Area 4 Biggleswade

Improve flood prevention measures across the Area and avoid future development within the flood plain.

Area 5 Woburn

Improved junctions with A1 to allow better connectivity between rural areas and adjacent towns (i.e. Sandy and Biggleswade).

Area 6 Northill

To protect open spaces and wildlife habitats within the Area, particularly east of Ampthill and west of Flitwick.

Area 7 Flitwick

Provide affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.

Area 8 Sandy

High street to be promoted to encourage shops and offices in Potton.

Area 9 Potton

To maintain and protect the character of the countryside surrounding settlements within the Area.

Area 10 Stotfold

Address education provision in the Area with any further growth considered.

Area 11 Marston

Encourage small start up offices through the conversion of redundant farm buildings and other under-used existing buildings.

Area 12 Haynes

Renewable energy should be promoted.

Area 13 Flitton

Traffic calming and restrictions to HGV movements through villages.

Area 14 Toddington

There is an opportunity to provide new housing at Henlow Airfield.

Area 15 Shefford

Trends picked at random from Community Plan

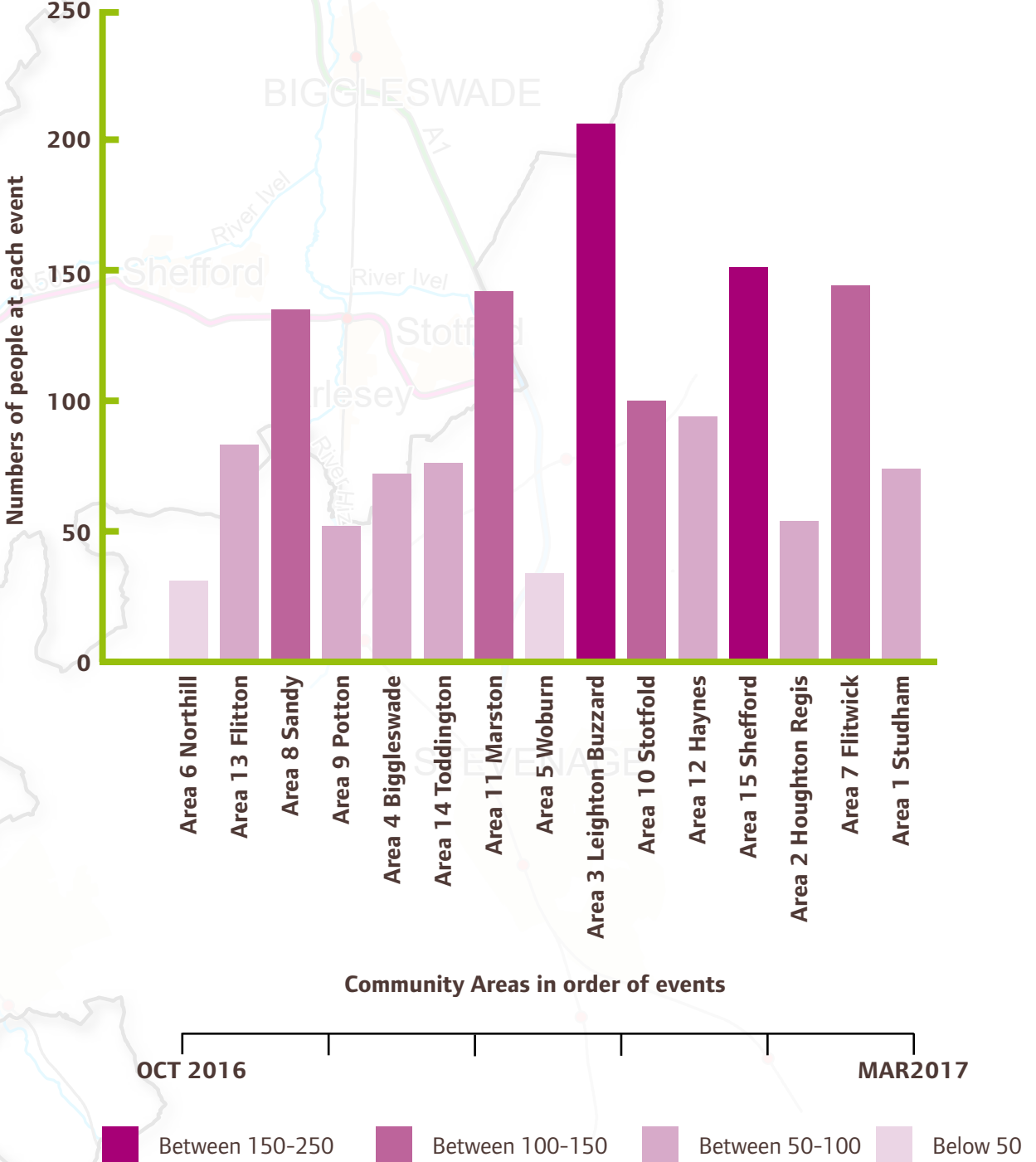
# Community Engagement Across Central Bedfordshire

## Who Contributed?

The table below outlines the overall attendance to the 15 community drop-in events across Central Bedfordshire and associated demographics. In total, 1448 people contributed towards Community Planning across Central Bedfordshire.

The bar chart below illustrates the attendance at the drop-in event for each Community Area. This illustrates that Leighton Buzzard, Shefford, Marston Moretaine, Flitwick and Sandy had the most attendance with over 100 people helping to contribute their thoughts on their local area. Northill and Woburn had the least attendance being under 50 people.

Public Consultation Attendance Overall					
Response	Gender	Age	Res/Cllr/Org	Disabled?	Ethnic Group
Response	Male: 613 (48.3%)	Under18: 13 (1.0%)	Resident: 1186 (92.0%)	Disabled-Y: 64 (4.9%)	White British: 1262 (98.4%)
	Female: 655 (51.7%)	18-25: 5 (0.4%)	Councillor: 190 (14.7%)	Disabled-N: 1234 (95.1%)	Black or Black British: 0 (0.0%)
	Unknown: 0 (0.0%)	26-35: 54 (4.2%)	Organisation: 106 (8.2%)		Asian or Asian British: 3 (0.2%)
		36-45: 134 (10.5%)			Mixed: 4 (0.3%)
		46-64: 455 (35.7%)			Chinese: 1 (0.1%)
		65+: 612 (48.1%)			Other Ethnic Group: 13 (1.0%)
Feedback Given	1268	1273	1289	1298	1283
Nothing Recorded	180	175	159	150	165
Total	1448	1448	1448	1448	1448

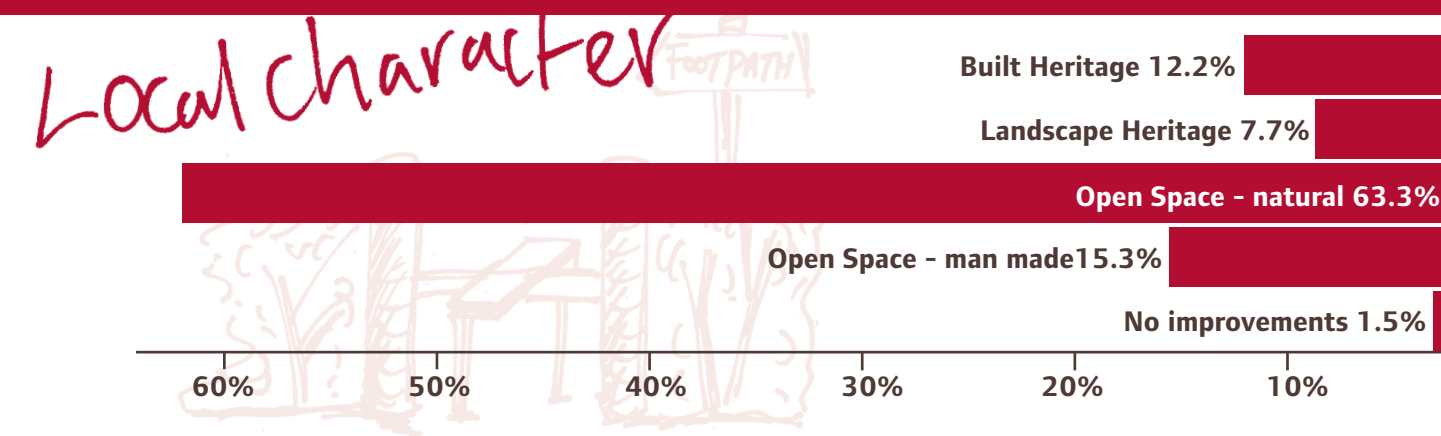




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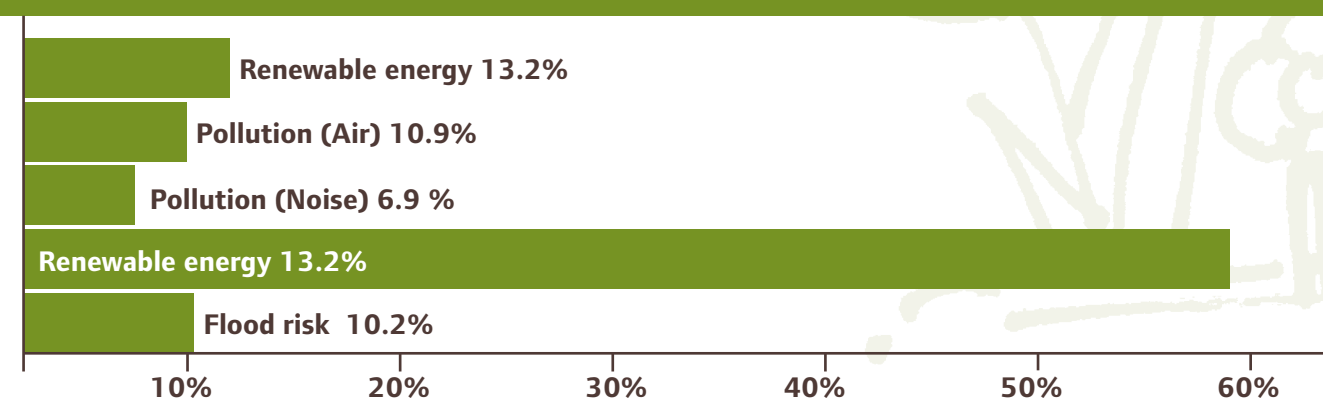
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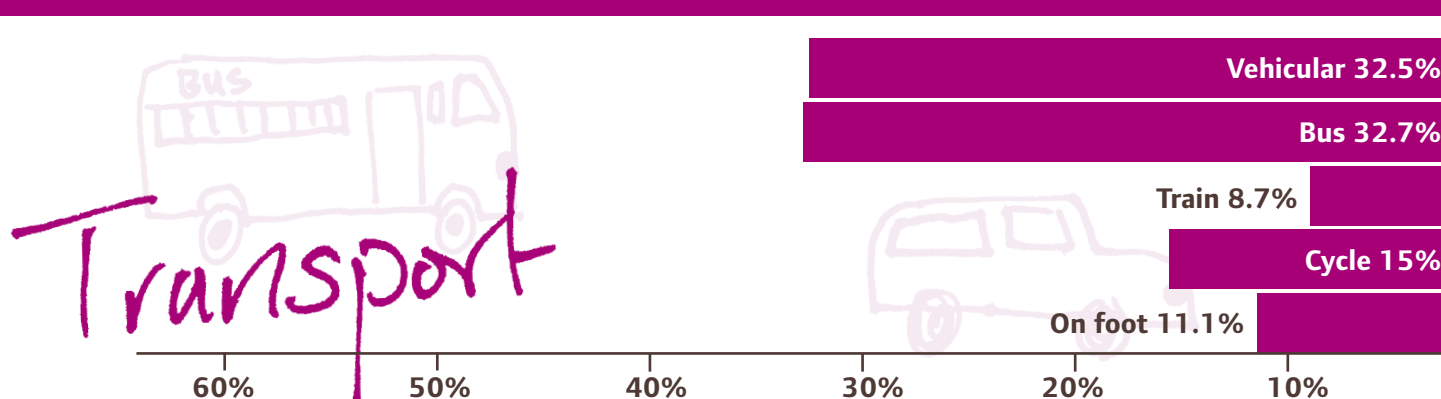


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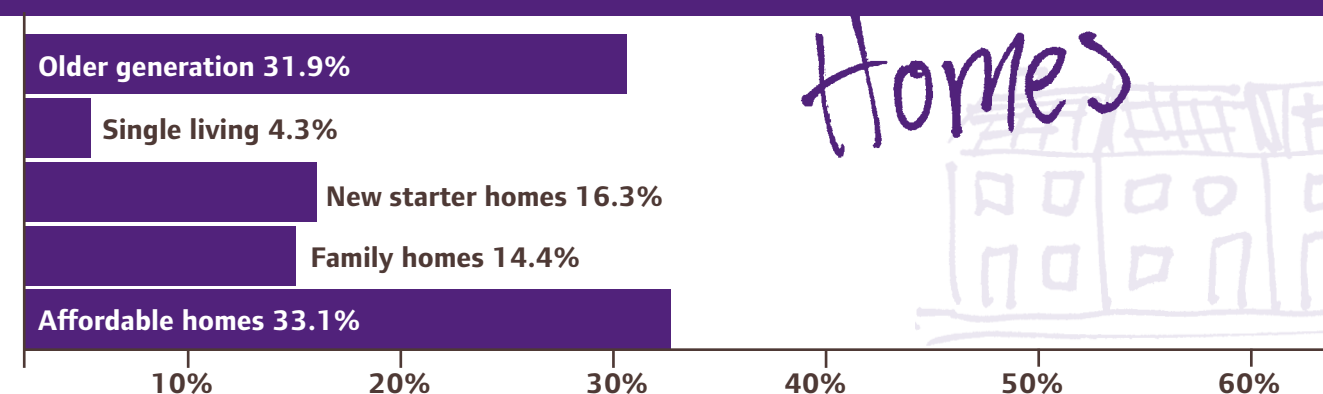
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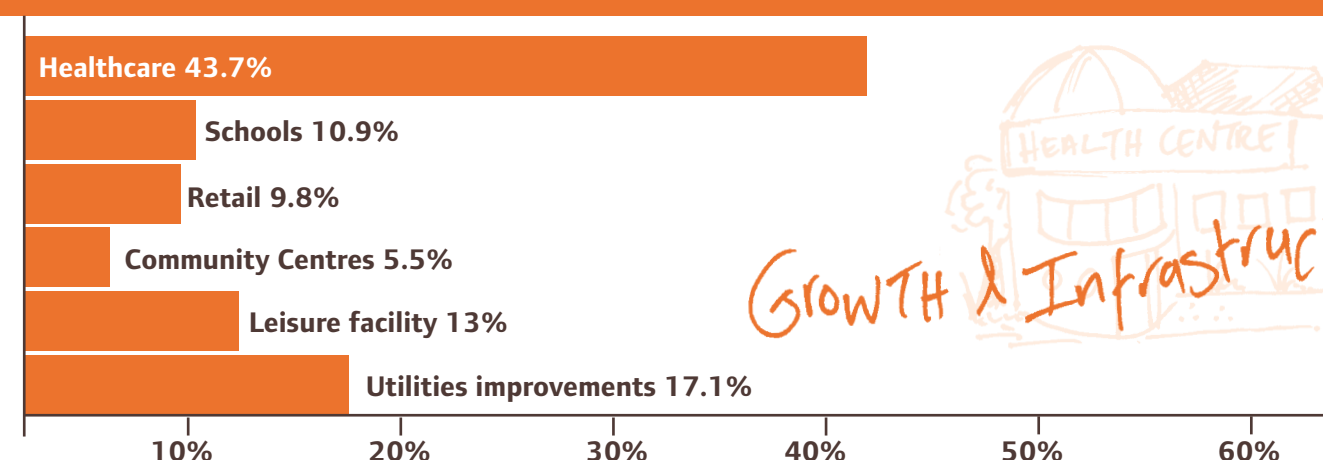
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## Central Bedfordshire's Most Used Words

The word cloud below illustrates the top 250 words people wrote in response to the open questions posed at the drop-in events across Central Bedfordshire. The size of the word reflects the number of people who wrote them.





# Central Bedfordshire's Most Used Growth Theme Words

The word clouds below illustrate the top 25 words people wrote in response to the open question for each growth theme posed at the drop-in events across Central Bedfordshire.



# Acting on Community Trends

## Action Plans

Trends from each of the 15 Community Plans have been collated into Community Area Action Matrices, which are found on the following pages. This means that the priorities, identified by residents and local groups who attended the events, can be carried forward by Central Bedfordshire Council through the most appropriate strategy or strategies, where possible. These strategies are outlined in the table below and overleaf, along with a short description of what these strategies aim to do.

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Local Plan	The Local Plan sets out how Central Bedfordshire will develop over the next 20 years
Local Transport Plan	<p>The Local Transport Plan, or LTP, as it is often known, sets out a long term framework for investment in transport across Central Bedfordshire. It establishes a strategic approach through which to deal with key transport issues, a series of objectives, and broad areas of intervention through which schemes will be identifies and improvements made to the transport network.</p> <p>The long term approach of the Plan is supported by a shorter term, three year implementation Plan, detailing specific initiatives and areas in which investment will be made.</p>
Leisure Strategy	The Leisure Strategy identifies needs and priorities for Leisure facilities across central Bedfordshire. It addresses inequalities of provision and informs investment priorities and seeks to ensure that residents of Central Bedfordshire have access to a range of recreation and sporting facilities.
Housing Strategy	<p>Our housing strategy aims to ensure we provide a comprehensive housing service. To improve the quality of life by seeking solutions to all aspects of housing needs across Central Beds.</p> <p><b>The Strategic Housing Role encompasses the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• assess and plan for current and future housing needs of the local population</li><li>• make the best use of existing housing stock</li><li>• plan and facilitate new affordable housing</li><li>• plan and commission housing support services which link homes to support and other services that people need to live in them</li><li>• have working partnerships that secure effective housing and neighbourhood management.</li><li>• address the needs of the community, in particular key workers</li><li>• improve the quality of all private sector homes, in particular those of vulnerable homeowners</li></ul>
Passenger Transport Strategy	<p><b>The new Passenger Transport Strategy aspires to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• support residents to access employment and services they need to live well through a range of passenger transport services</li><li>• ensure that residents at risk of isolation and deprivation are able to access the transport they need</li><li>• support and strengthen a mixed economy of transport services, including commercial, voluntary, community and subsidised options.</li><li>• achieve value for money for residents and council tax payers</li></ul>

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Climate Change Strategy	We adopted our first in May 2010. This document details how we are going to address the issues raised by climate change, and clarifies our ambitions and drive for action.
Business Support Strategy	This strategy sets out how we will support the economy by working with existing local business and encouraging new business into the area.
Outdoor Access Improvement Plan	The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 gave Local Authorities a statutory duty to publish and review, at least every 10 years, a Rights of Way Improvement Plan. The aim is to create greater access to the countryside while protecting the environment.
Health & Wellbeing Strategy	The Health and Wellbeing Strategy outlines our vision for improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in Central Bedfordshire.
Neighbourhood Plan	A Neighbourhood Plan outlines a vision for the area and sets planning policies for the use and development of land. It could cover where new homes, offices or shops could go and identify green spaces to be protected. Neighbourhood plans should be about local issues and focus on guiding development rather than stopping it. Once adopted, a Neighbourhood Plan becomes a statutory plan and will be used in making decisions on planning applications.
Town & Parish Council Plans	This reflects the local vision of how local residents would like to see their area change in coming years. Town/Parish Plans can be much broader than neighbourhood plans, covering more than just planning issues. This optional document is more community-led and can reflect the needs of an individual town or village and surrounding countryside.
Infrastructure Schedule	This schedule sets out the existing and future requirements for infrastructure to support sustainable development.
Economic Development Plan	The Economic Development Plan is our plan for reaching our full economic potential and sets out how we will seek to meet the challenge of creating 27,000 new jobs by 2026 to accompany planned housing growth. It is based on a consultation carried out in 2011 with local partners, residents and businesses.
Education and Skills Strategy	This is our plan to make sure that further education provides the skilled workforce employers need and helps individuals reach their full potential.
Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Under the Flood and Water Management Act (2010), Central Bedfordshire Council became a Lead Local Flood Authority. To fulfil this role we have duties and powers to enable us to manage flood risk from localised sources across Bedfordshire and a duty to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a Strategy for local flood risk management that encompasses all sources of flooding.
Parking Strategy	<p>Parking is an issue of significant concern for local residents and councillors, with members of the public often raising issues about this topic.</p> <p>A well planned and managed approach to parking can help make our towns and local communities better places to live, work and visit. As a transport authority we have a legal obligation to manage the road network appropriately, and parking is part of this.</p>



AREA 1 ACTION MATRIX

Billington, Caddington, Eaton Bray, Hyde, Kensworth, Slip End, Stanbridge, Studham, Tilsworth, Totternhoe, Whipsnade

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	Maintain and protect the countryside, including Green Belt and AONB.	•			
	Maintain green gaps between settlements.	•			
Transport	Buses - More frequent services to a broader range of destinations within the Area that link with other modes of transport.	•			
	Vehicular - Reduce traffic levels through villages and improve pedestrian and cycle safety	•	•		
	Cycleways/Footpaths - Create network of links between villages and towns.	•	•		
	Trains - Increased train service at Leighton Buzzard station with improved parking and access.	•	•		
Jobs & Business	A village shop to serve the villages of Totternhoe and Studham.				
	Create of small start up offices through the conversion of redundant farm buildings.				
Environment	Retain, improve and create new wildlife habitats within and surrounding villages in the Area.	•			
	Renewable energy should be encouraged and promoted within the Area.	•			
	Reduce noise and air pollution associated with flight paths to Luton Airport and traffic upon local roads.	•	•		
	Resolve issues associated with flooding and foul water that affect residents at Eaton Bray.				
Homes	Provide affordable and starter homes so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	•			•
	Release existing family homes by providing properties that people can downsize to (e.g. bungalows) within the Area.	•			•
Growth and Infrastructure	Broadband speeds and mobile network coverage across the Area need to be improved.	•			
	Provide a rural healthcare clinic that provides doctors and other services (such as physiotherapy) for the Community Area.				
	Resolve drainage and foul water issues associated with Eaton Bray.				
	Address the education needs for communities at Studham, Kensworth and Whipsnade.				

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# AREA 2 ACTION MATRIX

Dunstable, Houghton Regis

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	Maintain, protect and enhance parks within existing built up areas of Houghton Regis and Dunstable to prevent loss of identity.	●		●	
	Protect and invest in listed buildings and ancient monuments within the Area as potential tourist attractions.	●			
	Generally, maintain and protect the surrounding countryside of Houghton Regis and Dunstable.	●			
Transport	Reduced traffic along A5 and Houghton Road through Dunstable and Houghton Regis respectively. Improved car parking for Dunstable and Houghton Regis town centres to support local retail on high street.	●	●		
	Buses - More frequent services and a broader range of local destinations within the Area.	●			
	Network of safe, segregated footpath/cycle links between existing built up areas and local open space destinations through proposed development north of Houghton Regis.		●		
Jobs & Business	Regenerate Houghton Regis (Bedford Square) and Dunstable town centres to revitalise the High Street and attract new business.				
	Improve broadband speed to allow people to work from home.				
	Create a diverse range of employment in the proposed development areas north of Houghton Regis to create jobs for the local community.				
Environment	Reduce air and noise pollution along the A5 within Dunstable.	●	●		
	Protect Chalk Pit wildlife space from development.	●		●	
	Encourage renewable energy within the Area.	●			
	Promote Oakwell Park as a nature study centre.				
Homes	Provide affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	●			●
	Provide affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	●			●
Growth and Infrastructure	Regenerate Dunstable and Houghton Regis town centres to encourage more business.				
	Improve and expand upon existing leisure facilities within Houghton Regis.			●	
	Improve and expand healthcare facilities within the whole Area.	●			
	Provide a new community centre in Houghton Regis that can adapt for different uses.				

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AREA 3 ACTION MATRIX

Battlesden, Eggington, Heath & Reach, Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	Protect the built heritage of Leighton Buzzard.	•			
	Protect open spaces and the surrounding countryside within the Area.	•		•	
Transport	Buses - more frequent, later running times, interchange with links to the surrounding villages, stations and Luton Airport.	•			
	Vehicular - improvements in Leighton Buzzard town centre.				
	Trains - improvements to the train service including later trains as well as improved and cheaper car parking at the station.				
Jobs & Business	The south side of Leighton Buzzard High Street should be developed for retail.				
	Provision of a greater variety of shops and leisure facilities in Leighton Buzzard town centre.			•	
	Greater provision of small start-up office space in the Area, in Leighton Buzzard town centre, near the river/canal and by Grovebury Road Industrial Estate.				
Environment	Rushmere, Stockgrove and Linslade Wood, as well as other natural spaces, should be protected for their amenity and educational value.			•	
	Renewable energy should be encouraged and promoted within the Area, potentially near Heath and Reach.	•			
	Resolve issues associated with air and noise pollution, particularly from roads and quarries.	•	•		
Homes	Housing is expensive for young families and there is a need for affordable housing and/or Starter Homes to allow people to stay in the Area.	•			•
	There is a need for older generation homes in the Area including bungalows, disabled and warden assisted accommodation.	•			•
Growth and Infrastructure	Improved healthcare provision is required across the Area.	•			
	Retail provision in Leighton Buzzard town centre should be improved.				
	Leisure facilities should be improved across the Area, including a new/larger swimming pool, bowling alley, climbing wall and an athletics track.			•	

Trends taken forward in...

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AREA 4 ACTION MATRIX

Biggleswade, Edworth, Langford

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	People want to maintain, protect and enhance Biggleswade Market Square and associated historic buildings.	●			
	Generally, people want to maintain and protect the surrounding countryside of Biggleswade and Langford.	●			
Transport	More frequent bus services and a broader range of local destinations within the Area.	●			
	Increased car parking in the centre of Biggleswade to support local retail on high street and improvements to A1 roundabout to reduce congestion.				
	Increased train service at Sandy and improved disabled access.		●		
	Network of footpath/cycle links between villages and towns, along with extending Biggleswade's Green Wheel across the A1.		●		
Jobs & Business	Investment in Biggleswade town centre to revitalise the High street so that it is more attractive to retail and office businesses to ensure its long-term future for the local community.				
	Maximise the potential of Stratton Business Park through expansion and improvements to facilities.	●			
	Improved local convenience facilities in Langford to support the local community.				
Environment	Wildlife habitat associated with open countryside to be protected.	●			
	Noise pollution arising from A1 to be resolved, particularly where close to settlements.	●	●		
	Renewable energy to be promoted in the Area, but not on Biggleswade Common.	●			
	Flood risk needs to be addressed in the Area especially when considering new development.	●			
Homes	Provide homes for the elderly in the form of downsizing properties such as bungalows, sheltered accommodation and care homes near to local facilities.	●			●
	Provide affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	●			●
	Provide family homes in Langford, with affordable homes and homes for older generation, potentially on Langford Triangle.				●
Growth and Infrastructure	Improve leisure facilities within Biggleswade, particularly for families and younger people.			●	
	Improve and expand healthcare facilities within the Area				
	Provide a nursery at Langford, with improvements to pre-school and lower school provision.				

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# AREA 5 ACTION MATRIX

Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Bryan, Eversholt, Husborne Crawley, Milton Bryan, Potsgrove, Woburn

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	Open spaces and open countryside, particularly Green Belt land should be protected for its wildlife and recreational value, as well as the views it allows.	●			
	Local heritage should be protected.	●			
Transport	Improved bus services linking Woburn to surrounding towns and linking smaller settlements to the surrounding area				
	Improvements to parking at train stations.				
	Cycleways/footpaths - improved connections to Milton Keynes.				
	Vehicular - improved traffic calming, congestion and condition of roads.		●		
Jobs & Business	Opportunities for small start-up businesses and innovations hubs to diversify the types of jobs available within the Community Area.	●			
	Local shops and the post office should be supported.				
	Improved internet connection needed throughout the Community Area to encourage home working.				
Environment	Protection of opens spaces and wildlife habitats such as Mary Lane in Woburn and historic open spaces in Husborne Crawley.			●	
	Improve flood prevention measures across the Area and avoid future development within the flood plain.				
Homes	Provide affordable housing and new starter homes for the younger generation throughout the Area.	●			●
Growth and Infrastructure	Improvements to broadband speed across the Area.				
	Improvements to healthcare provision, potentially as a healthcare hub in Ampthill.				
	Increased school provision throughout the Area	●			

Trends taken forward in...

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# AREA 6 ACTION MATRIX

Northhill, Old Warden, Southill

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	To maintain and protect the rural character of the villages and surrounding countryside within the area.	•			
Transport	More frequent buses with later running times that interchange with trains/taxis in Biggleswade.		•		
	Network of safe, preferably off road cycleways and footpaths that provide links between Northhill, Ickwell, Upper Caldecote, Sandy and Biggleswade.	•	•		
	Improved junctions with A1 to allow better connectivity between rural areas and adjacent towns (i.e. Sandy and Biggleswade)	•	•		
Jobs & Business	Broadband is considered a significant constraint to enterprise within the Area and urgently needs to be addressed.	•			
	Expansion of existing commercial land use adjacent to A1.	•			
	Creation of small start up offices through the conversion of redundant farm buildings in rural areas.	•			
	A village shop to serve Northhill and Ickwell.				
Environment	To retain, improve and create new wildlife habitats within the countryside around settlements in the area.	•			
	Renewable energy should be encouraged and promoted within the area.	•			
	Resolve issues associated with flooding and foul water that affect residents.				
	Reduce noise levels associated with local traffic.				
Homes	Releasing existing family homes by providing properties that people can downsize to within the Area.	•			•
	Providing affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	•			•
Growth and Infrastructure	Wholesale improvement of broadband speeds across the Area.	•			
	Resolving foul water/sewage issues within Upper Caldecote along Biggleswade Road.				
	A play area that serves the children of Northhill and Ickwell.			•	

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AREA 7 ACTION MATRIX

Flitwick, Ampthill, Steppingley

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	To protect open spaces and the surrounding countryside within the Area, particularly east of Ampthill and west of Flitwick.	•		•	
	Protect Ampthill Park.				
	Protect the built heritage of the centre of Ampthill.	•		•	
Transport	Improvements to reduce congestion in both Ampthill and Flitwick town centres.				
	Reopen a train station in Ampthill.				
	Improve parking, access and facilities at Flitwick station.				
	Improve bus links between settlements and to Luton, Milton Keynes and Bedford.				
Jobs & Business	Increased variety of shops and small start-up businesses in both Ampthill and Flitwick high streets.				
	Increased opportunities for small start-up businesses and innovation parks focussed around existing industrial estates.				
Environment	To protect open spaces and wildlife habitats within the Area, particularly east of Ampthill and west of Flitwick.	•			
	Address congestion in Ampthill and Flitwick town centres to reduce air pollution.		•		
Homes	Providing smaller properties that members of the older generation can downsize to within the Area.	•			•
	Providing affordable housing so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	•			•
Growth and Infrastructure	Improvements to healthcare provision in both Ampthill and Flitwick.				
	Potential for Steppingley hospital to provide a greater range of healthcare facilities to release pressure on healthcare in Ampthill and Flitwick.				
	Increase leisure provision, particularly for younger people.			•	

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AREA 8 ACTION MATRIX

Blunham, Moggerhanger, Tempsford, Sandy

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	People want to maintain, protect and enhance Sand Hills to the east of Sandy for amenity and recreation.				
	Generally, people want to maintain and protect the rural character of villages and surrounding countryside within the Area.	•			
Transport	Reduce vehicle congestion through Sandy and improve A1 access from/to the town. Improve safety for residents along A603 as it passes through Moggerhanger.	•	•		
	More frequent buses and a broader range of local destinations.				
	Delivery of East – West rail link and potential affect on Sandy.	•	•		
	Network of footpath/cycle links between Sandy, Biggleswade and Tempsford.	•	•		
Jobs & Business	Investment in Sandy town centre to revitalise the area so that it is more attractive to retail, leisure and business opportunities to ensure its long-term future for the local community.				
	Small start up offices through the conversion of redundant farm buildings, such as at Moggerhanger Park.	•			
	Maximise the potential of Sunderland Industrial Park for large-scale business use.	•			
Environment	Wildlife habitat associated with land to the east of Sandy to be protected.				
	Air and noise pollution arising from A1 and A603 to be resolved where close to settlements.		•		
	Renewable energy to be promoted in the Area.	•			
	Flood risk needs to be addressed in the Area especially when considering new development.	•			
Homes	Provide homes for the elderly in the form of downsizing properties such as bungalows, sheltered accommodation and care homes.	•			•
	Provide affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	•			•
Growth and Infrastructure	Improve and expand healthcare facilities within Sandy.	•			
	Improve leisure facilities within Sandy, particularly for families and younger people.	•		•	
	Resolve water pressure and sewerage infrastructure in Moggerhanger.				
	Improve broadband speeds across the Area.	•			

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# AREA 9 ACTION MATRIX

Dunton, Everton, Eyeworth, Potton, Sutton, Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	To maintain and protect the character of the countryside surrounding settlements within the Area.	•			
	To protect the heritage of Sutton.				
	To protect open space areas for recreation in Everton.			•	
Transport	Buses - Regular bus service from Potton to Sandy and Biggleswade. More frequent and regular bus network for villages in the Area that connect to towns.				
	Cycleways/footpaths - Network of safe links between Potton and Sutton and between Sandy and Biggleswade.		•		
	Trains - Increased train service at Sandy station and the arrival of the East-West train line.	•	•		
Jobs & Business	Greater provision of office space for small-start up businesses within Potton.				
	High street to be promoted to encourage shops and offices in Potton.				
	A village shop to serve Wrestlingworth.				
Environment	Protect existing local wildlife habitats such as Peg Nut Wood and Lousy Bush.				
	Improve flood prevention measures across the Area.	•			
Homes	Provide homes for the elderly in the form of downsizing properties such as bungalows, sheltered accommodation and care homes in locations close to facilities.	•			•
	Providing affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.				•
Growth and Infrastructure	Improvements to healthcare provision in Potton.				
	Need for school expansion within Potton including the potential for an upper school.				
	Ensure that 'Hall for All' within Potton is delivered.				

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AREA 10 ACTION MATRIX

Arlesley, Astwick, Fairfield, Stotfold

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	To maintain and protect the character of the countryside surrounding settlements within the Area.	•		•	
	To protect and enhance existing public open spaces for leisure, recreation and wildlife.	•		•	
	To improve the play areas in Stotfold.			•	
Transport	Vehicular - Improve road infrastructure within the Area, particularly in Stotfold to address congestion and pedestrian safety/movement.		•		
	Buses - Regular and more frequent bus service in the Area, particularly to Arlesley station and nearby towns.				
	Cycleways/footpaths - Network of safe links across the Community Area to promote non-motorised travel.	•			
Jobs & Business	Encourage shops, cafes and restaurants to the High Street in Stotfold, whilst addressing parking needs of town.				
	Encourage business parks near the A1 and north of Stotfold to stimulate employment in the Area.				
Environment	Wildlife habitat associated with open countryside to be protected.	•			
	Flood risk needs to be resolved in the area associated with Pix Brook.				
	Renewable energy to be promoted in the Area, particularly in new developments.	•			
	Noise and air pollution arising from A1 to be resolved, particularly where close to settlements.		•		
Homes	Provide homes for the elderly in the form of downsizing properties such as bungalows, sheltered accommodation and care homes near to local facilities.	•			•
	Provide affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	•			•
	Improvements to infrastructure needed before considering any further growth within the Area.				
Growth and Infrastructure	As a priority, improve and expand healthcare facilities within the Area.				
	Address education provision in the Area with any further growth considered.				
	Improve utilities service across the Area, including drainage, foul, broadband and mains gas.	•			
	Provide leisure facilities within Stotfold.			•	

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AREA 12 ACTION MATRIX

Clophill, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	Generally, people want to maintain and protect the surrounding countryside of local settlements, particularly for amenity and wildlife, as well as preventing coalescence of neighbouring towns and villages.	•			
	People want to maintain and protect historic buildings in the Area and keep new development sympathetic to the character of the Area.	•			
Transport	Buses - More frequent services and a broader range of local destinations within the Area that coordinate with train services	•			
	Vehicular - Implement traffic calming measures across the Area and improve road infrastructure including a roundabout on the A6 junction.				
	Cycleways/Footpaths - Network of footpath/cycle links between nearby villages and towns with adequate lighting.	•	•		
Jobs & Business	Encourage local retail within larger settlements within the Area to provide for the local community.	•			
	Encourage small start up offices through the conversion of redundant farm buildings and other under-used existing buildings.	•			
	Maximise the potential of Appley Corner and Wixams for business use.				
Environment	Protect existing local wildlife habitats, particularly in close proximity to existing settlements.	•			
	Improve flood preventing measures at Haynes West End.				
	Promote renewable energy within the Area.	•			
Homes	Providing homes for the elderly in the form of downsizing properties such as bungalows, sheltered accommodation and care homes.	•			•
	Providing affordable housing (whether rent or part-purchase) so that families and young people can stay in the Area.	•			•
Growth and Infrastructure	Improve utilities infrastructure in the Community Area including power, communications and foul water treatment.	•			
	Provide healthcare facilities within the Community Area.	•			
	Improve leisure and play facilities within the Area, particularly in Maulden and Haynes.			•	

Passenger Transport Strategy	Climate Change Strategy	Business Support Strategy	Outdoor Access Improvement Plan	Health & Wellbeing Strategy	Neighbourhood Plan	Town & Parish Council Plans	Infrastructure Schedule	Economic Development Plan	Education and Skills Strategy	Flood Risk Plan	Parking Strategy
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# AREA 13 ACTION MATRIX

Barton-Le-Clay, Flitton & Greenfield, Gravenhurst, Pulloxhill, Shillington, Silsoe, Streatley

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	To retain and protect the Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.	●			
	To maintain and protect the rural character of the villages and surrounding countryside within the area.	●			
	Protection of and improvements to Barton Hills for recreation and tourism.			●	
	Thomas’s Meadow designated as an ‘Important Open Space’.			●	
Transport	Creation of an east-west bus route that links villages and ideally interchanges with trains in Harlington.	●	●		
	General improvements to trains, stations and journey times.	●	●		
	Development of a network of safe, preferably off road cycleways and footpaths that provide links between villages.		●		
	Improved junction for Wrest Park to reduce congestion in Silsoe and on the A6.		●		
Jobs & Business	Expansion of existing business parks, to offer a range of different types of employment, but particularly start-ups.	●			
	Conversion of redundant farm buildings for start-ups.	●			
	High street retail and business improvements to Shillington and Barton-le-Clay.				
Environment	Protection of open space near settlements for future generations.	●			
	Protection of Thomas’s Meadow in Shillington to prevent inappropriate development.				
	Renewable energy should be promoted.	●			
Homes	A range of different housing types to be provided to prevent locals having to move out of the area as their housing requirements change.	●			●
	Smaller developments preferred in keeping with the local area.				
Growth and Infrastructure	A range of different housing types to be provided to prevent locals having to move out of the area as their housing requirements change.	●			
	Smaller developments preferred in keeping with the local area.				●
	An increase in school places would be welcomed.	●			
	A new community centre should be provided in Shillington.				

Passenger Transport Strategy	Climate Change Strategy	Business Support Strategy	Outdoor Access Improvement Plan	Health & Wellbeing Strategy	Neighbourhood Plan	Town & Parish Council Plans	Infrastructure Schedule	Economic Development Plan	Education and Skills Strategy	Flood Risk Plan	Parking Strategy
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AREA 14 ACTION MATRIX

Chalgrave, Chalton, Harlington, Sundon, Tingrith, Toddington, Westoning

Theme	Trends	Trends taken forward in...			
		Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	Protection of the countryside around villages.	•			
	Protection of features important to the character of villages, such as village greens and other open spaces.	•		•	
	Upgrades of and enhancements to rights of way network and open spaces.	•			
	Screening of the services on the M1				
Transport	More frequent buses, particularly at weekends and to Harlington train station, Luton Airport and Milton Keynes.				
	A better cycle and footpath network, particularly between Harlington and Toddington.				
	Traffic calming and restrictions to HGV movements through villages.		•		
	Improvements to road surface quality.		•		
Jobs & Business	Improvements to the amount and variety of High Street shops and offices in Toddington.				
	Creation of small start-up offices throughout the area, alongside the discouragement of larger business development.	•			
Environment	Protection of open spaces and wildlife habitats.	•		•	
	Improved access to the surrounding landscape.	•			
	Improvements in relation to noise and air pollution from M1.		•		
Homes	Providing a range of different housing types is required to allow locals to continue living in the areas where they grew up.	•			•
	Providing older generation homes in order to free up larger homes for younger families.	•			•
	New development should be small scale and in keeping with the nature of the villages.	•			
Growth and Infrastructure	Improvements to broadband services throughout the Area.	•			
	Greater provision of leisure and community facilities.	•		•	
	Improved healthcare provision.	•			
	Improvements to utilities provision, particularly gas supply in smaller villages.	•			

Trends taken forward in...

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**Clifton, Campton & Chicksands, Henlow, Meppershall,  
Shefford, Stondon**

Clifton, Campton & Chicksands, Henlow, Meppershall, Shefford, Stondon		Trends taken forward in...			
Theme	Trends	Local Plan Policy	Local Transport Plan	Leisure Strategy	Housing Strategy
Local Character	To protect the rural character of the surrounding countryside within the Area.	●			
	To protect Nunswood, The Glebe at Campton and Henlow Millennium Field.				
Transport	Improvements to A507 to reduce congestion.		●		
	Increased traffic calming in villages.				
	To improve bus services between settlements and to Arlesey station.				
	An increased network of segregated cycleways and footpaths between settlements and to schools and local amenities.	●	●		
Jobs & Business	Introduce a greater variety of shops and businesses on Shefford High Street.	●			
	Allow small scale employment opportunities of all kinds in Mepershall, as well as retaining the village pub.				
	Potential to create an industrial park or a business park at Henlow Airfield to create local jobs.	●			
Environment	To protect the open space between Meppershall and Shefford for wildlife.	●			
	To protect Nunswood and open spaces in general from development.			●	
	To preserve The Glebe, Campton.			●	
	To increase access to open space at Henlow Airfield.	●			
Homes	Provide a mix of housing types throughout the Area, including homes for older people to downsize.	●			●
	Provide affordable housing as well as homes for older people and starter homes, similar to existing profiles.	●			●
	There is an opportunity to provide new housing at Henlow Airfield.	●			●
Growth and Infrastructure	Increase the number of doctors available.	●			
	Increase the number of school places, particularly in Shefford, Clifton and Henlow.	●			
	Increase leisure facilities in Shefford, particularly a swimming pool and football pitches.			●	
	Improve broadband speed and mobile reception in rural areas.				

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## Feedback Summary

**Community Plans  
Statement of Consultation**

July 2017



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Example of a Community Plan

# Community Planning Introduction

Central Bedfordshire Council has carried out Community Planning across its authority (as outlined within the Overview Statement) to produce 15 Community Plans for 15 Community Areas that together cover the whole of Central Bedfordshire.

Community Planning is a new venture carried out by Central Bedfordshire on a scale that has not been done before. This document reviews the responses to the draft Community Plans for each of the 15 community areas and identifies where any actions are required to amend the plans or any lessons learnt as part of this new process to engage local communities on what they think and feel about their local area so that moving forward, engagement can be improved.

# Community Planning Engagement

Consultation drafts of the Community Plans for each of the Community Areas were published for the public to provide their comments on. The table below indicates when each Community Plan was published for consultation. A feedback form (see below) was provided alongside the draft Community Plan for people to complete which was generally about how they felt towards the drop-in event, whether the Community Plan captured the opportunities or issues they raised at the event and whether the plan itself was engaging.

Community Plan Consultation Periods		
Community Area & Event Location	Start	Finish
Area 1 Studham	19/06/2017	30/06/2017
Area 2 Houghton Regis	19/06/2017	30/06/2017
Area 3 Leighton Buzzard	24/04/2017	05/05/2017
Area 4 Biggleswade	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 5 Woburn	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 6 Northill	17/03/2017	31/03/2017
Area 7 Flitwick	19/06/2017	30/06/2017
Area 8 Sandy	24/03/2017	07/04/2017
Area 9 Potton	24/03/2017	07/04/2017
Area 10 Stotfold	24/04/2017	05/05/2017
Area 11 Marston	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 12 Haynes	24/04/2017	05/05/2017
Area 13 Barton-le-Clay	17/03/2017	31/03/2017
Area 14 Toddington	31/04/2017	18/04/2017
Area 15 Shefford	05/05/2017	22/05/2017

Public consultation periods for each Community Plan

# Community Plan Engagement

The table opposite illustrates the attendance at each event. Attendees were asked at the drop-in event whether they would like to be kept informed of the arrival of the consultation draft of their respective Community Plan. The table opposite also illustrates how many people requested to be kept informed at each event. Out of those people who were informed as to the arrival of the draft Community Plans, only a small percentage of people provided any feedback as illustrated on the table opposite.

Feedback form in relation to Draft Community Plans

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Community Planning Feedback Form

The feedback you provide us goes towards our continual process of improving our engagement with communities.

Which Community Area are you?

Please indicate the Area/event you attended by ticking correct box.

<b>Northill</b> 20th October 2016 Northill Village Hall  Northill, Old Warden, Southill	<b>Barton-le-Clay</b> 26th October 2016 Church Hall Barton-le-Clay  Barton-le-Clay, Flitton & Greenfield, Cravenhurst, Pulloxhill, Shillington, Silsoe, Streetley	<b>Sandy</b> 3rd November 2016 Sandy Town Council Community room  Blunham, Mosgerhanger, Sandy, Tempsford	<b>Potton</b> 10th November 2016 Potton Town Cricket Club  Dunton, Everton, Eyeworth, Potton, Sutton, Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley	<b>Biggleswade</b> 16th November 2016 Biggleswade Town Council offices  Biggleswade, Edworth, Langford
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<b>Toddington</b> 23rd November 2016 Guide Hall, Toddington  Chalgrave, Chilton, Harlington, Sundon, Tingrith, Toddington, Westoning	<b>Marston Moretaine</b> 1st December 2016 Marston Moretaine Village Hall  Brogborough, Cranfield, Hulcote & Salford, Lidlington, Marston Moretaine, Millbrook, Ridgmont	<b>Woburn</b> 8th December 2016 Woburn Village Hall  Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Eversholt, Husbome Crawley, Milton Bryan, Potsgrove, Woburn	<b>Leighton Buzzard</b> 1st February 2017 Leighton Buzzard Theatre  Battlesden, Eggington, Heath & Reach, Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard	<b>Stotfold</b> 9th February 2017 Greenacre Centre, Stotfold  Fairfield, Arlesley, Astwick, Stotfold
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<b>Haynes</b> 23rd February 2017 Haynes Village Hall  Clophill, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden	<b>Shefford</b> 2nd March 2017 Shefford Baptist Church  Clifton, Campton & Chicksands, Henlow, Meppershall, Shefford, Standon	<b>Houghton Regis</b> 9th March 2017 Bedford Square, Houghton Regis  Dunstable, Houghton Regis	<b>Flitwick</b> 16 March 2017 The Rufus Centre, Flitwick  Amptill, Flitwick, Steppingly	<b>Studham</b> 22nd March 2017 Studham Village Hall  Billington, Caddington, Eaton Bray, Hyde, Kensworth, Slip End, Stanbridge, Studham, Tilsworth, Totternhoe, Whipsnade
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Draft Community Plans were issued to people who requested to be kept informed either by post with a hard copy of the document or by email with a link to view the plan on Central Bedfordshire’s website. Feedback forms were available in hard copy associated with plans posted to the public and on Central Bedfordshire’s website associated with those who were sent emails.

The following pages provide a summary of the feedback responses received for each draft Community Plan.

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Event experience

What was your experience of the community event you attended. Please tick any box you think applicable, and/or make comment in the box provided.

Organised ☐ Informative ☐ Approachable staff ☐ Thought provoking ☐ Worthwhile ☐

Any other comment

1) Community Plan

Do you feel the Community Plan captures the essence of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?

Agree ☐ Somewhat Agree ☐ No Opinion ☐ Somewhat Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐

Any other comment

2) Community Plan

Is the design of the Community Plan engaging and understandable?

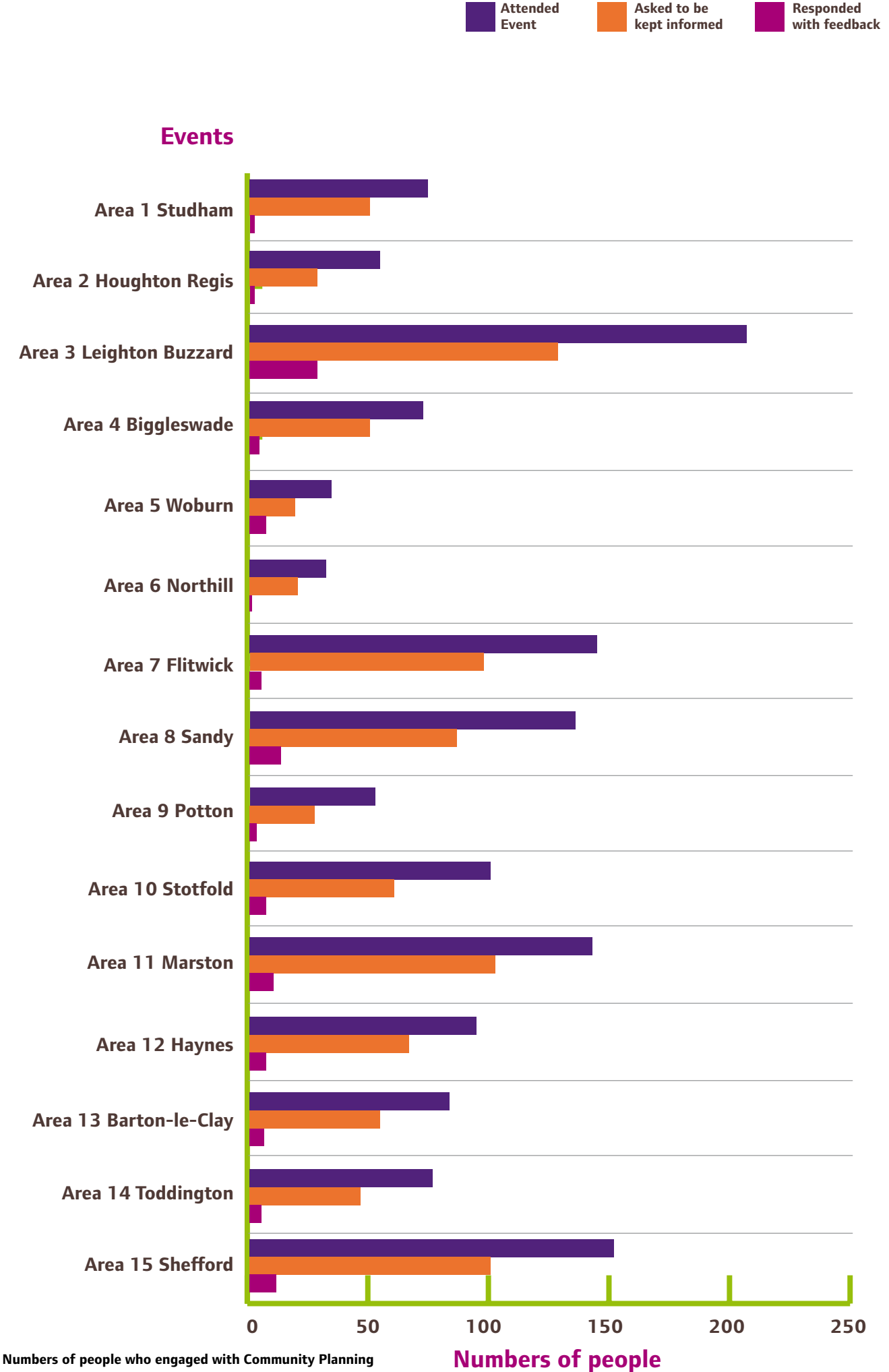
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Any other comment

Thankyou for your participation.

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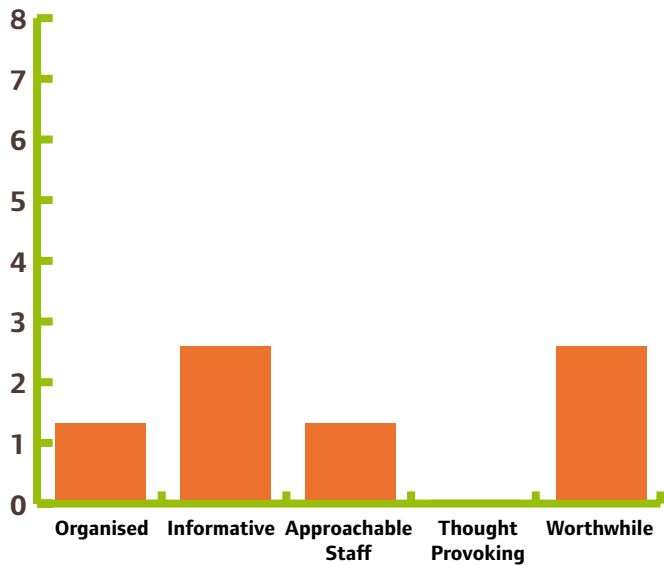
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Question 1  
What was your **experience** of the community event you attended?

Experience summary

No comments.



AREA 2 FEEDBACK

Dunstable, Houghton Regis



Question 1  
What was your **experience** of the community event you attended?

Experience summary

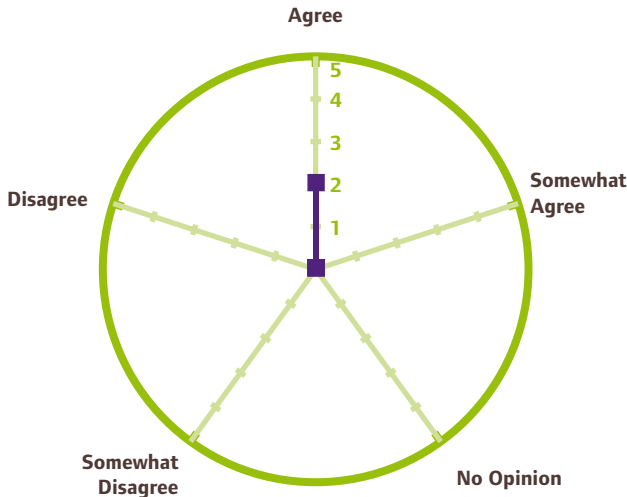
One person stated that there should have been a separate event for each of the towns of Houghton Regis and Dunstable.



Question 2  
Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?

Essence summary

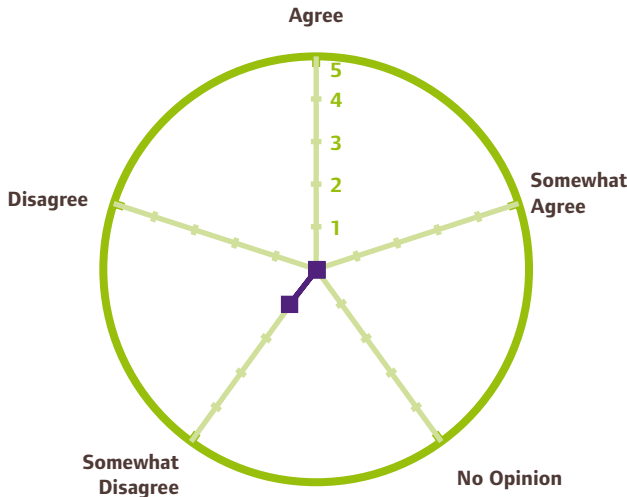
One person stated that they were waiting to discuss the need to deliver a new meeting hall with Central Bedfordshire.



Question 2  
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Essence summary

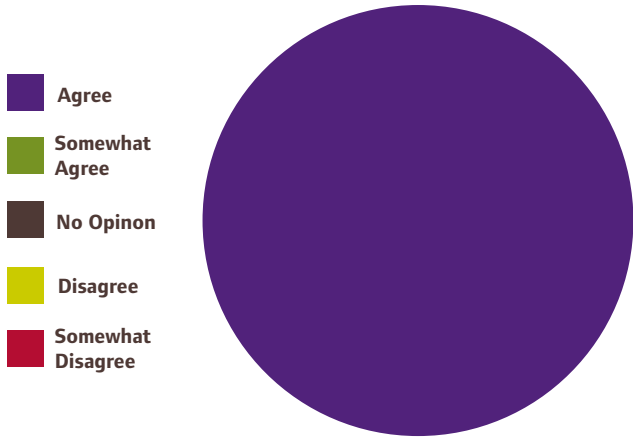
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Question 3  
Is the design of the Community Plan **engaging and understandable**?

Engaging summary

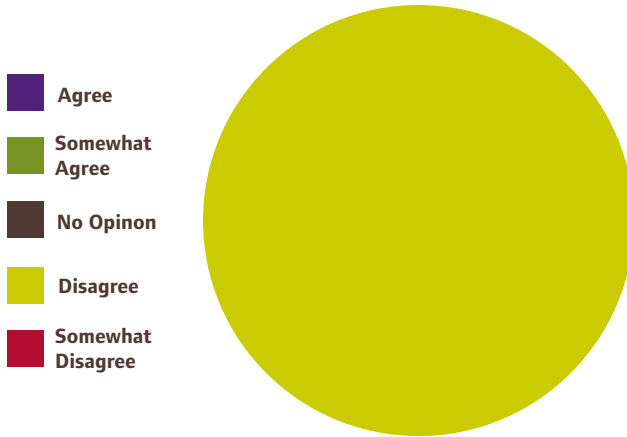
No comments.



Question 3  
Is the design of the Community Plan **engaging and understandable**?

Engaging summary

It was highlighted that there was an error in the appendices with the incorrect place name provided in the title of a table and a handful of erroneous comments under Local Character.



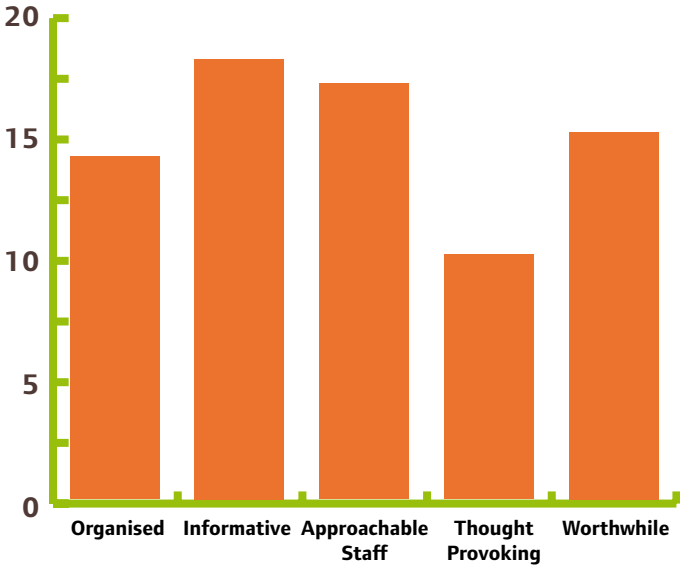
# AREA 3 FEEDBACK

Battlesden, Eggington, Heath & Reach, Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard



## Question 1

What was your **experience** of the community event you attended?



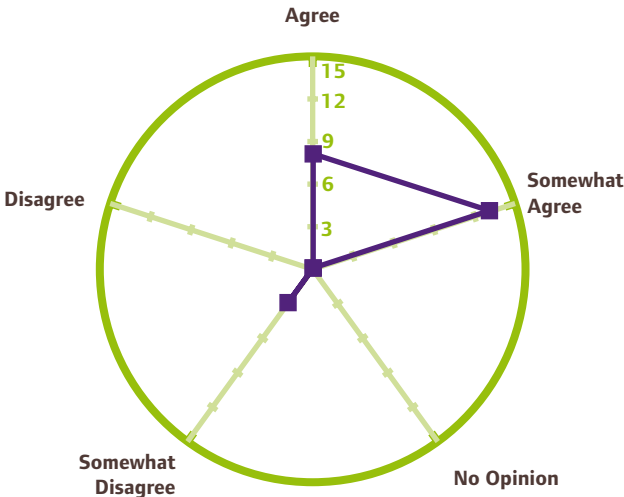
## Q1. Experience Summary

Fourteen out of the twenty-eight people who responded answered this question. In general, most comments were with regard to improvements to advertising, signage and timing of event in order to get as much of the local community involved as possible. Some people thought the event was well organised, with others commenting that the questions were limited. One person commented that

the map table got overcrowded with two others stating that the process will have been worthwhile if the trends that were captured are taken through to action.

## Question 2

Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?



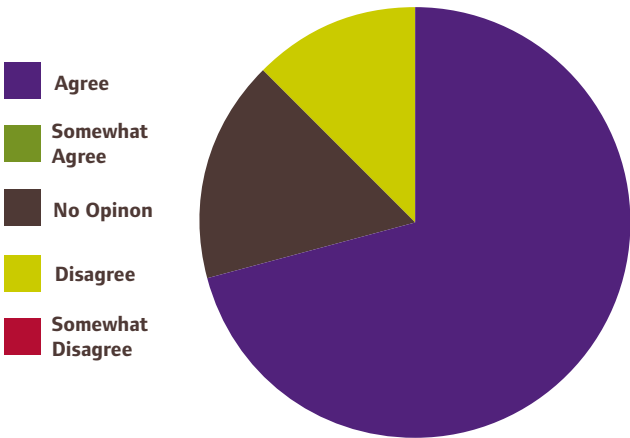
## Q2. Essence Summary

Fourteen out of the twenty-eight people who responded answered this question. There were a couple of people who objected to renewable energy, particularly at Heath and Reach. A couple of people highlighted the need to retain and invest in the Narrow Gauge Railway as a tourist attraction for the town. Two people highlighted that traffic was a major concern in Leighton Buzzard which they felt was not reflected in the plan.

Two people questioned the deliverability of the suggestions/trends put forward in the plan. One person confirmed that the plan captured the issues, but no more. Another person wanted to know more information on the 'hot spots', one person thought more weight should be given to heritage and open space, with another highlighting the need for cultural venues and activities in the town.

## Question 3

Is the design of the Community Plan **engaging and understandable**?



## Q3. Engaging Summary

Eight people answered this question out of the twenty-eight who responded. Four people felt the plan was interesting and engaging. One person thought the plan was just a wish list. Another wanted to see more plans of action for disabled people. One person wanted feedback on their suggestions regarding the Narrow Gauge Railway and one

person thought the plan was disjointed and wanted the comments in the addendum to be assigned to individuals.

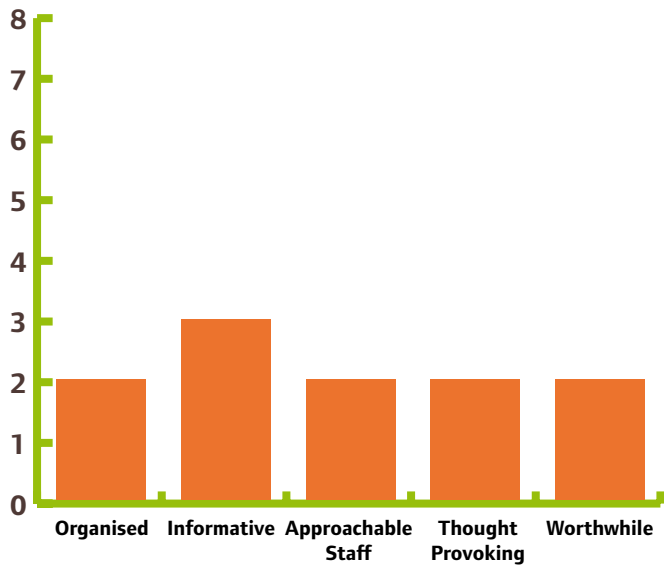
# AREA 4 FEEDBACK

Biggleswade, Edworth, Langford



## Question 1

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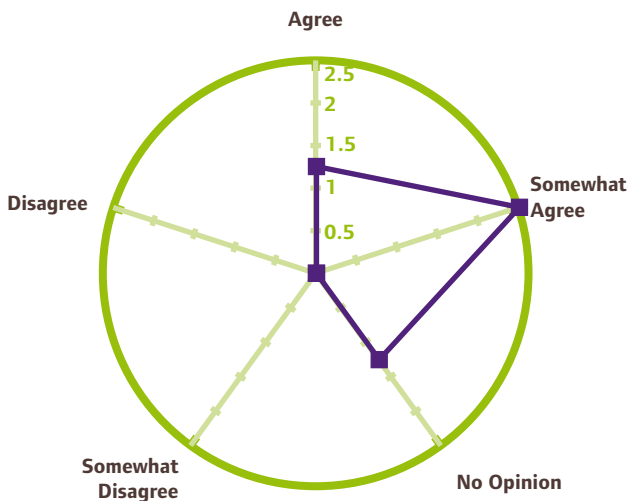


## Q1. Experience Summary

Out of the four people that responded, one commented that they felt the event steered people away from issues of housing density, lack of parking and lack of healthcare facilities.

## Question 2

Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?

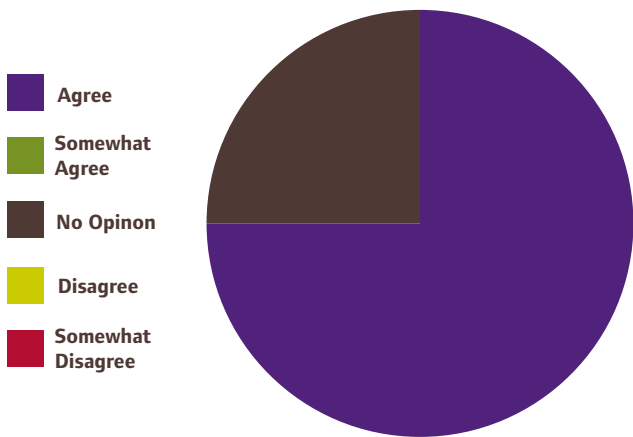


## Q2. Essence Summary

Out of the four people that responded, two people commented on the Community Plan itself. One person wanted to see a fitness trail within a park in Biggleswade (like in Potton) and the other felt the questions did not address the main concerns in the town.

## Question 3

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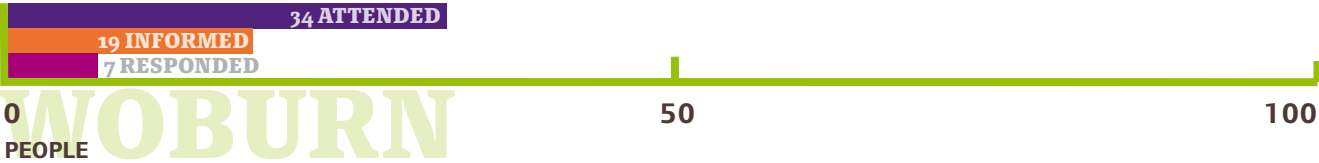


## Q3. Engaging Summary

Out of the four people that responded, two people commented on this question. One highlighted the importance of delivering road infrastructure before any further growth in Biggleswade and the other considered that the plan did not highlight anything further than they already knew.

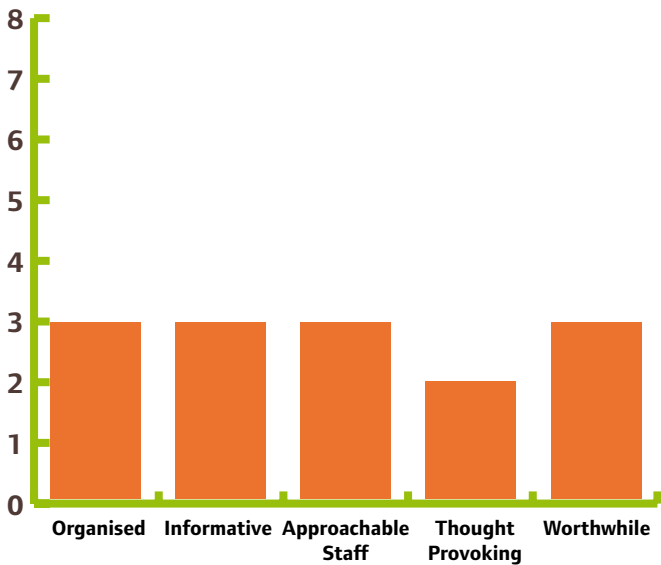
# AREA 5 FEEDBACK

Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Bryan, Eversholt, Husborne Crawley, Milton Bryan, Potsgrove, Woburn



## Question 1

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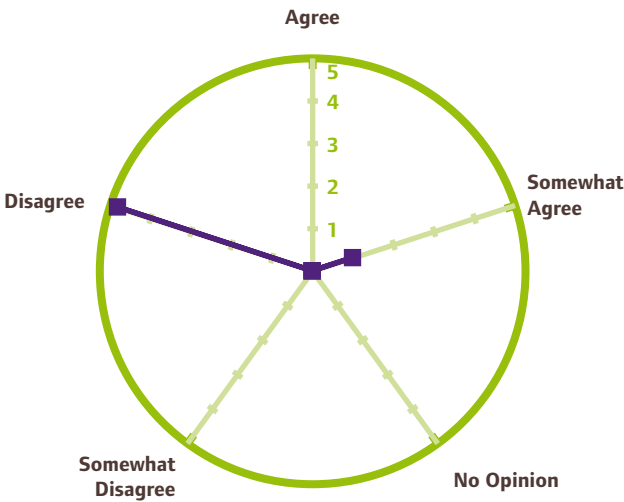


## Q1. Experience Summary

Out of the seven people that responded, two people commented on this question. One highlighted poor attendance to the drop-in event and to capture more residents’ views within the Community Plan. The second stated that they disagreed with 70 homes being built in Milton Bryan.

## Question 2

Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?



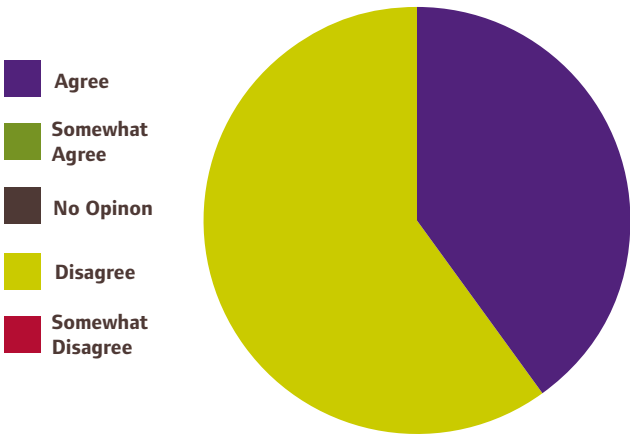
## Q2. Essence Summary

Six out of the seven people who responded commented on this question. In general, comments were objections to housing in Milton Bryan and Aspley Guise, including the suggestion by a member of the public that attended the drop-in event for affordable housing potentially being located at Leys Farm in Milton Bryan and Aspley Guise triangle under the Growth Theme of Homes. One person requested that the loss of water

supply to Milton Bryan was highlighted as an issue under Growth & Infrastructure within the Community Plan. Two people mentioned that any proposals for housing will need to be in accordance with the Milton Bryan Conservation Area document. One person highlighted the importance of maintaining open space around Eversholt, even though it was not indicated as a ‘hotspot’.

## Question 3

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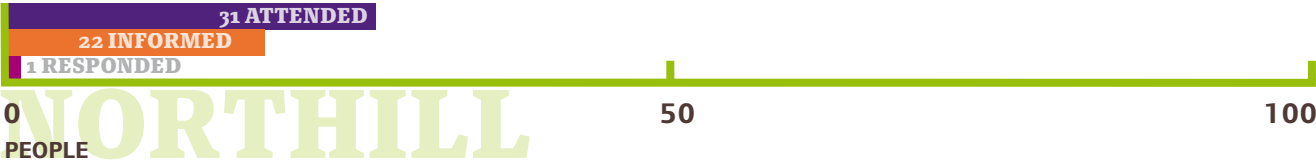
## Q3. Engaging Summary

Three out of the seven who responded on the draft plan commented on this question. One person objected to housing in Milton Bryan. Another person queried what the proposals for the ‘blobs’ were on the map under each growth them. Another person stated that the plan is not currently in accordance with Milton Bryan Conservation Area Status.



# AREA 6 FEEDBACK

Northhill, Old Warden, Southill



## Q1. Experience Summary

One person stated that event was advertised at short notice which meant that the event was not well attended

## Q2. Essence Summary

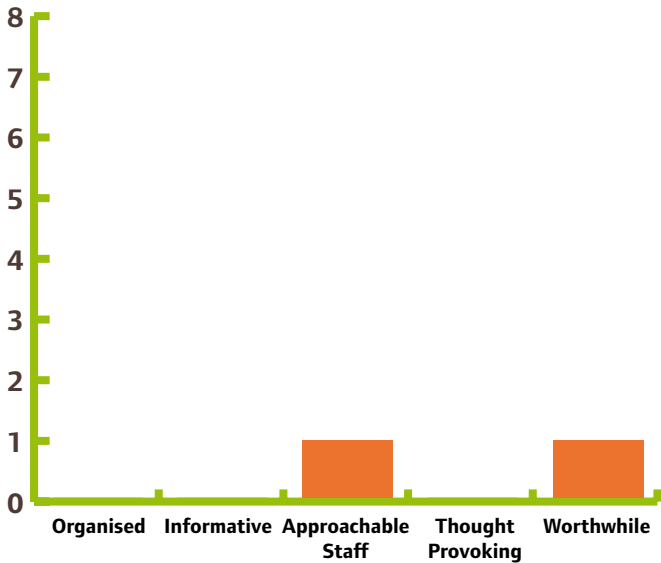
One person commented that the event was poorly attended and queried whether the plan would be robust as a result.

## Q3. Engaging Summary

One person commented that the plan was attractive but a bit confusing and queried whether graphics would be difficult to combine into one document at the end.

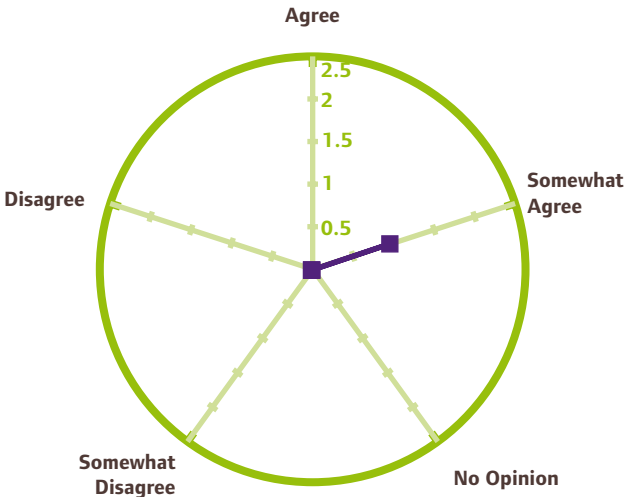
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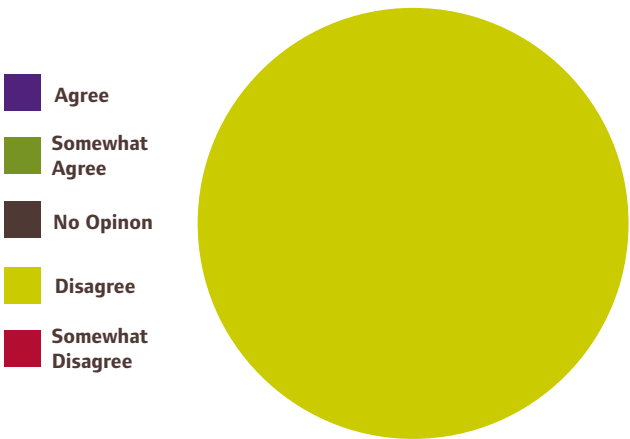
### Question 2

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### Question 3

Is the design of the Community Plan **engaging and understandable**?



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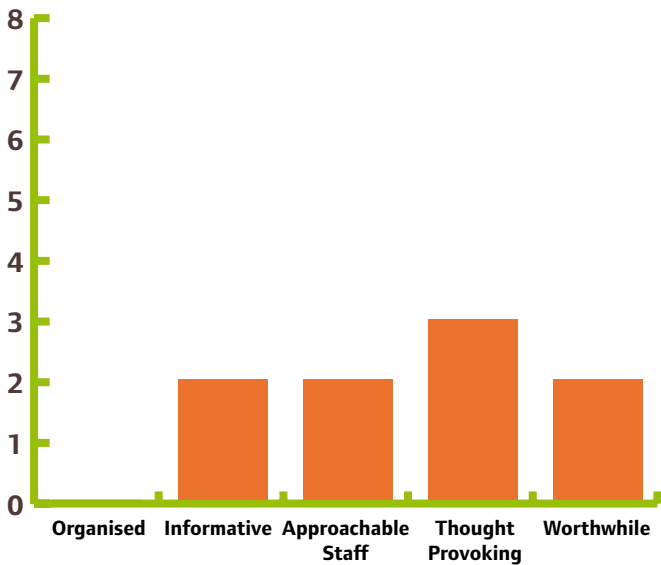
Flitwick, Ampthill, Steppingly



AREA 7 FEEDBACK

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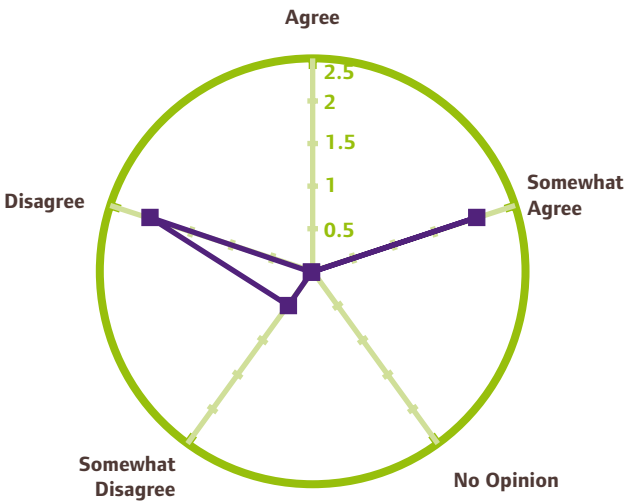


## Q1. Experience Summary

Out of the five who responded, one person answered this question stating that local councillors should have been present at the drop-in event to answer questions in relation to future plans for the local area.

## Question 2

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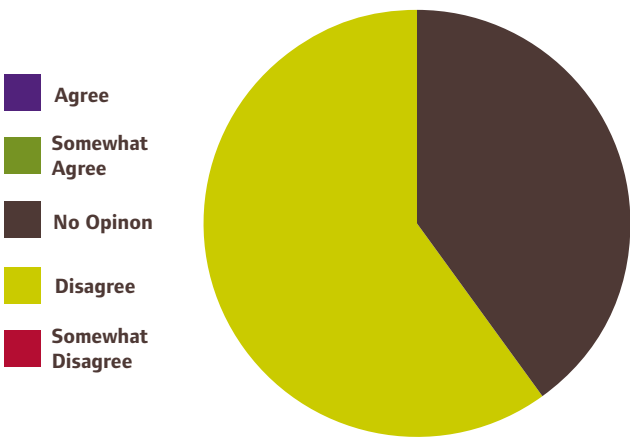


## Q2. Essence Summary

Out of the five who responded, one person answered this question stating that the Community Plan shows land between Ampthill and Maulden could be built on, even though this was not the remit of the Community Plan.

## Question 3

Is the design of the Community Plan **engaging and understandable**?

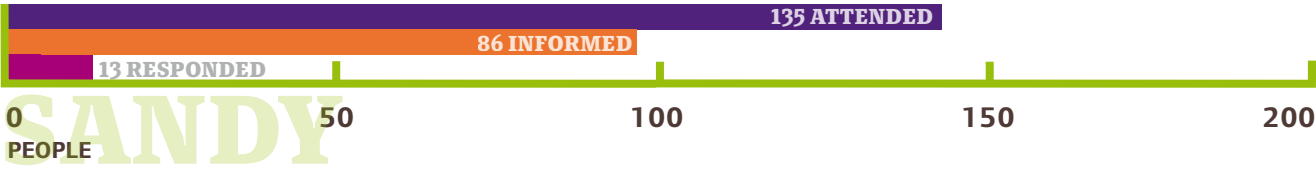


## Q3. Engaging Summary

Three people out of the five that provided feedback responded to this question. In general, people wanted to understand where proposed housing would be located in the area, which was not the remit of the Community Plan. One person answered that instead of spending money on this event and associated plans, that it should be spent on maintaining footpaths.

# AREA 8 FEEDBACK

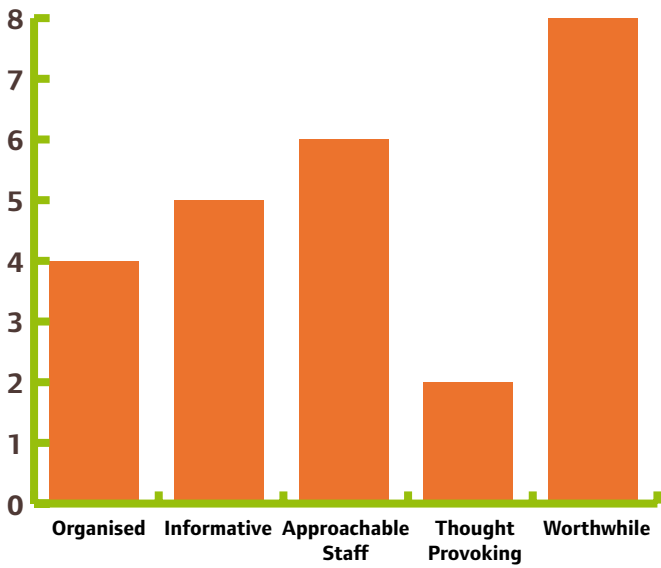
Blunham, Moggerhanger, Tempsford, Sandy



AREA 8 FEEDBACK

## Question 1

What was your **experience** of the community event you attended?



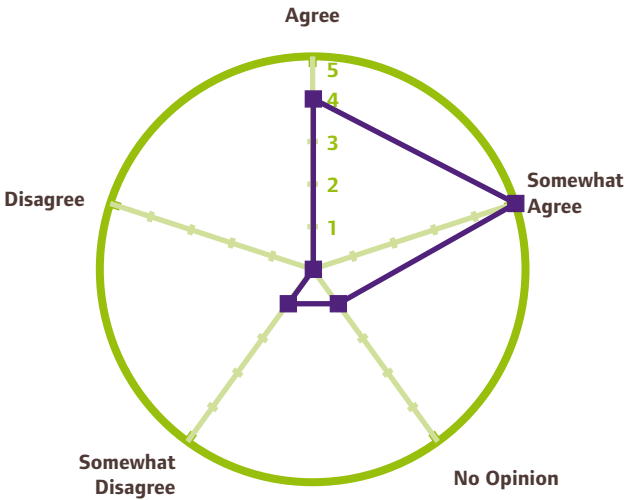
## Q1. Experience Summary

Seven out of the thirteen who provided feedback answered this question. In general, there were positive comments on the event stating that there was a good atmosphere and a reasonable turn out. Others stated that the room the event was held in was at times cramped and difficult to gain a place at the map table due to overcrowding. One person highlighted that it was a challenge to locate their sticker on a specific location on the map.

Another person queried the lack of variety of the demographic that attended the event.

## Question 2

Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?



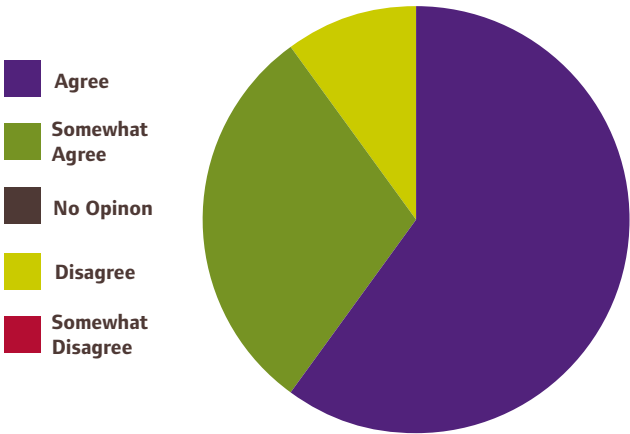
## Q2. Essence Summary

Out of the thirteen that provided feedback, nine answered this question. A couple of people highlighted that Sandy cannot be planned properly until the A1 bypass, the East-West railway and associated station are determined and therefore felt the Community Planning event was premature. One person stated that Moggerhanger and Blunham should not have been included within the same Community Area as Sandy claiming that it skewed the

results of the document. A couple of people highlighted their specific need for a pedestrian link to Potton. One person considered that the plan reflected their views and was happy with another stating that the event raised so many views that Central Bedfordshire could take whatever they want from it. One highlighted that there was an error in the appendices with the incorrect place name provided in the title of a table. Another highlighted that roads off the A603 in Moggerhanger require road safety measures.

## Question 3

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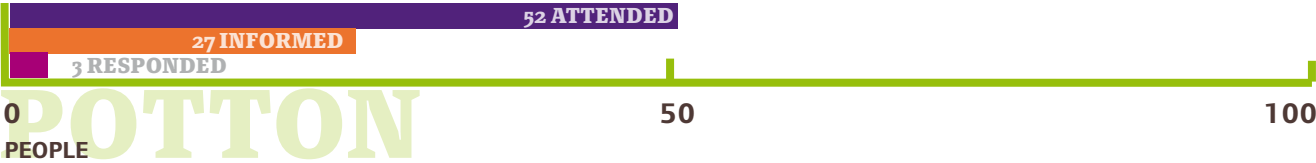
## Q3. Engaging Summary

Seven people out of the thirteen who responded answered this question. There was an even split between the responses as to the plan being a 'good piece of work' and 'easy to read' against those who felt the document was 'difficult to read the colours' and 'took a while to understand the graphics'. One person queried whether the plan answered the question as to whether Sandy is suitable for expansion, even though that was not

the remit of the exercise. Another person highlighted that the future of Sandy depends upon the A1 bypass, East-West railway and associated station and River Ivel flood risk.

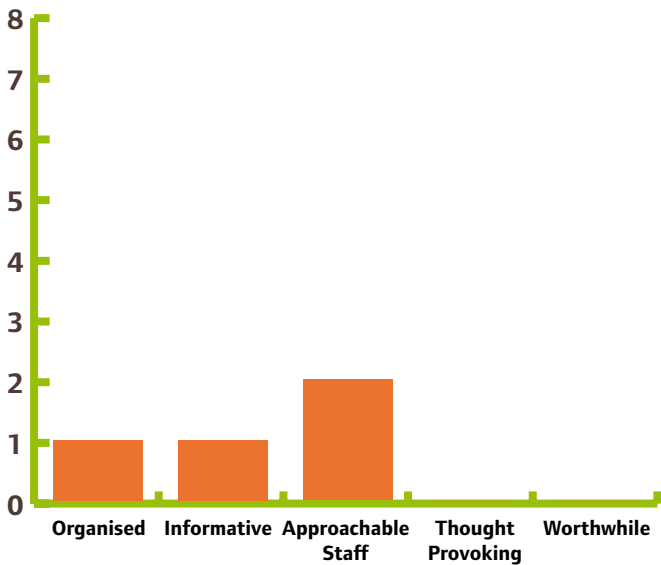
# AREA 9 FEEDBACK

Dunton, Everton, Eyeworth, Potton, Sutton, Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley



## Question 1

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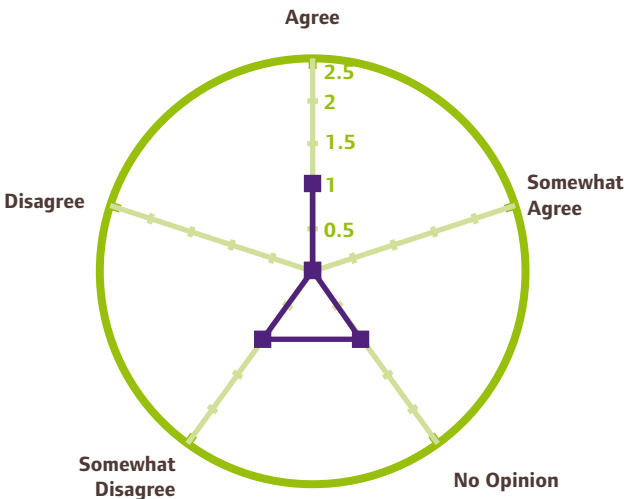


## Q1. Experience Summary

One person out of the three who provided feedback answered this question stating that they felt they were constrained as to what input they could provide at the event.

## Question 2

Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?



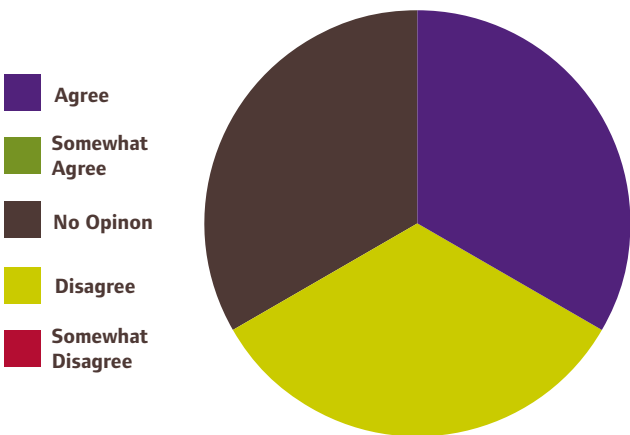
## Q2. Essence Summary

Two out of the three people who provided feedback answered this question. One person stated that they were pleased to see that there was support to deliver the 'Hall for All' at Potton that could also provide for potential start up offices. Another person considered that the event did not capture people's core concerns and suggested that there should

have been a tick box for 'other' where people could pick their own category under each theme.

## Question 3

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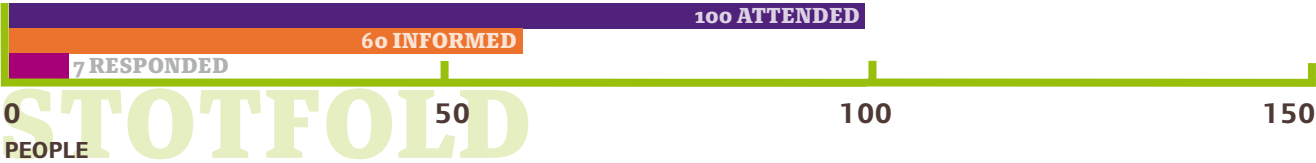
## Q3. Engaging Summary

Two people responded to this question out of the three who provided feedback. The respondents had differing opinions on the plan with one saying that it was 'on the whole clear' and 'good to see verbatim responses' against the other who felt the plan was 'Kiddie-craft'. They also queried whether the document should have been titled as a 'plan' as it does not outline actions/aims and outcomes to be able to measure success.



# AREA 10 FEEDBACK

Arlesey, Astwick, Fairfield, Stotfold



## Q1. Experience Summary

Three out of the seven people who provided feedback answered this question. Two people considered that the event was ‘well done’, with one even stating that it was the best event of this nature they had ever attended. Another person stated that there wasn’t room on the map to locate their sticker where they wanted to, it is assumed when the map started to get overcrowded.

## Q2. Essence Summary

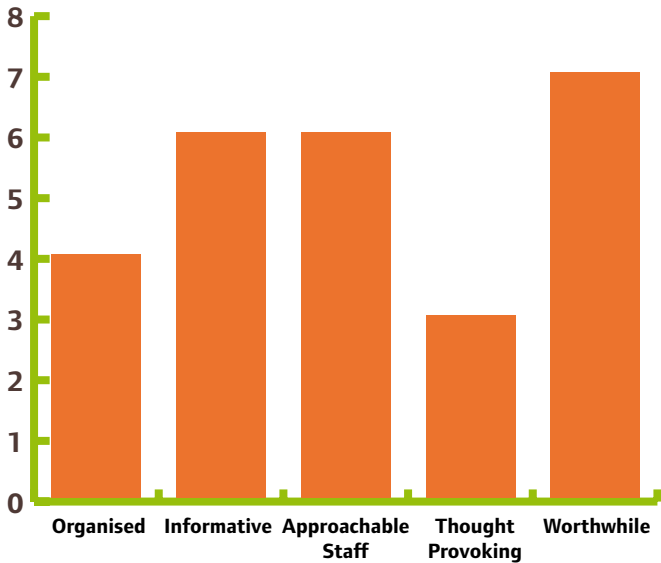
Four people answered this question out of the seven who provided feedback. Two people considered that the trends outlined in the plan, albeit worthy, would not be delivered in reality. One person agreed that the plan captured the essence of their views, but felt that there should be an option to ‘to do nothing’. Another person stated that there was a lack of information on potential developments and associated infrastructure.

## Q3. Engaging Summary

Out of seven people, four people responded to this question. One person felt that the plan was clearly presented. Another highlighted a typo error within the plan. The two other comments were not related to the question posed.

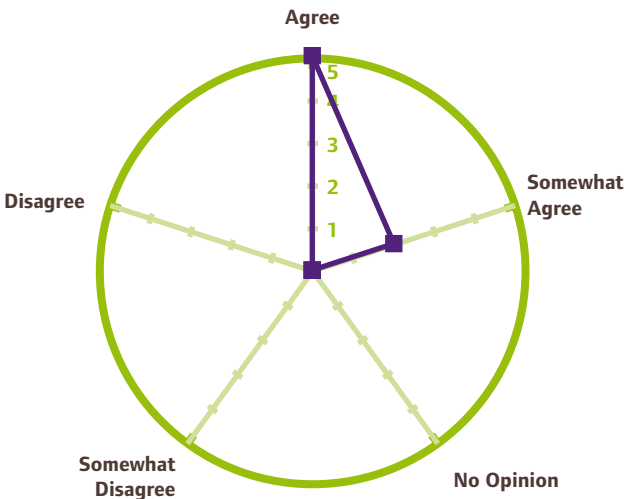
### Question 1

What was your **experience** of the community event you attended?



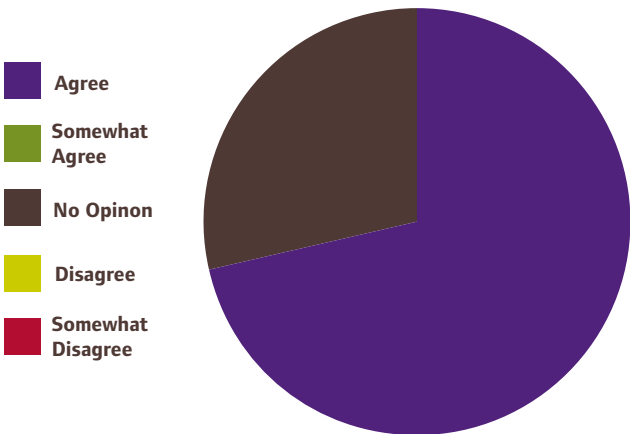
### Question 2

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### Question 3

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# AREA 11 FEEDBACK

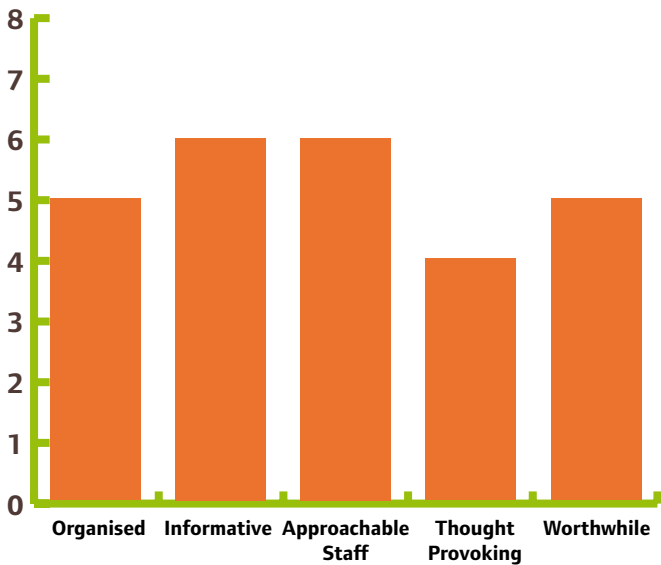
Cranfield, Ridgmont, Brogborough, Lidlington, Marston Moretaine, Millbrook, Hulcote & Salford



AREA 11 FEEDBACK

## Question 1

What was your **experience** of the community event you attended?



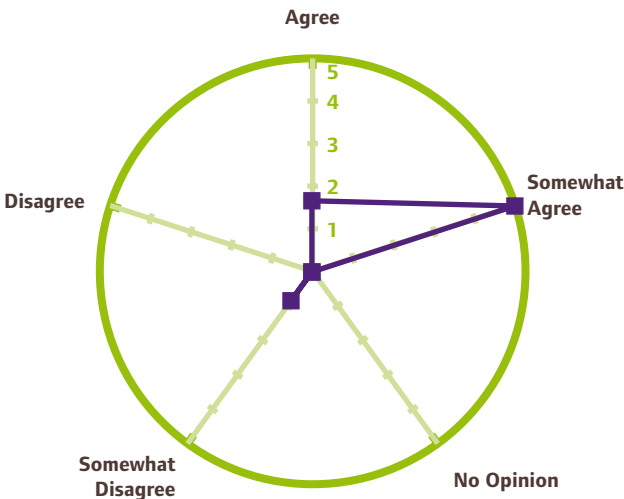
## Q1. Experience Summary

Six people out of the ten who provided feedback answered this question. Three people commented on the event saying that they felt it was a good idea and well managed, but two of them went further to say that more could have been done to promote the event to engage a broader spectrum of the population, perhaps with a later closing time. One person was concerned with Cavanta proposals returning, another

concerned with more commercial activity in the area and one wanted to learn more information on proposed schools/education strategy in the area.

## Question 2

Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?

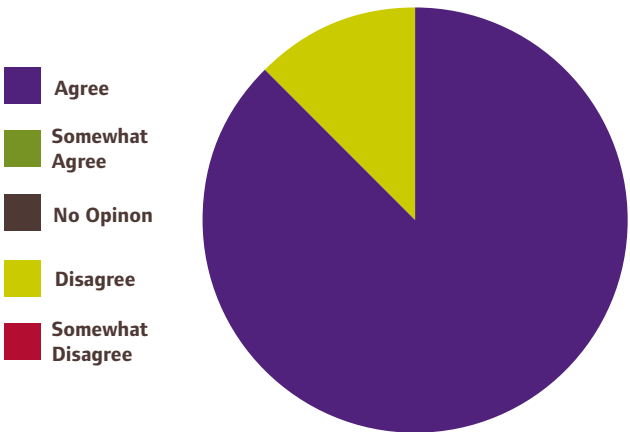


## Q2. Essence Summary

Six people out of the ten who provided feedback answered this question. Four people responded saying that they felt the plan generally captured the issues people felt about where they live, although with a couple wanting there to be more focus on housing need and schools. One person raised that there was not an option to 'do nothing' on homes. Another raised that infrastructure needs to be at the forefront of concern.

## Question 3

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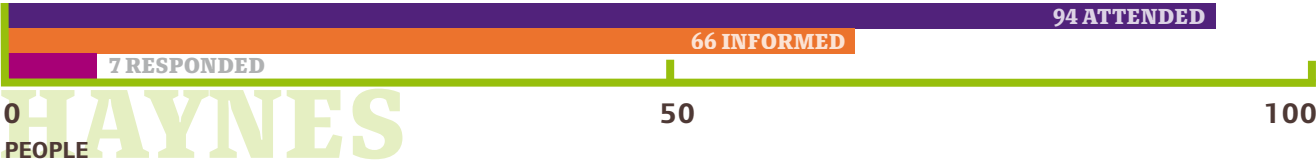
## Q3. Engaging Summary

Six people out of the ten who provided feedback answered this question. Three people thought the plan was engaging, with one person pleased to see unedited comments at the back of the plan provided at event. One person felt that Central Bedfordshire did not understand the ramifications of growth on the local area at present. Another person stated that if the trends on health care were acted upon, their area would improve.

One person questioned whether adjacent community areas were taken into account and another person warned that the plan must take care to provide transport and homes for all.

# AREA 12 FEEDBACK

Clophill, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden



## Q1. Experience Summary

Four people out of the seven who provided feedback responded to this question. Two people felt that the event should have been better advertised and at times that would encourage full-time workers to attend. One person also felt that the location meant not many people from Maulden attended. The other two people felt that the event was organised well.

## Q2. Essence Summary

Five people out of the seven who provided feedback answered this question. One person felt that the questions were too generic and required more detail to be able to cover the issues in the villages to a greater depth. Another person highlighted that they had concerns on vehicles speeding through Haynes which they felt was not reflected in the Plan. One person suggested that a household questionnaire would have been

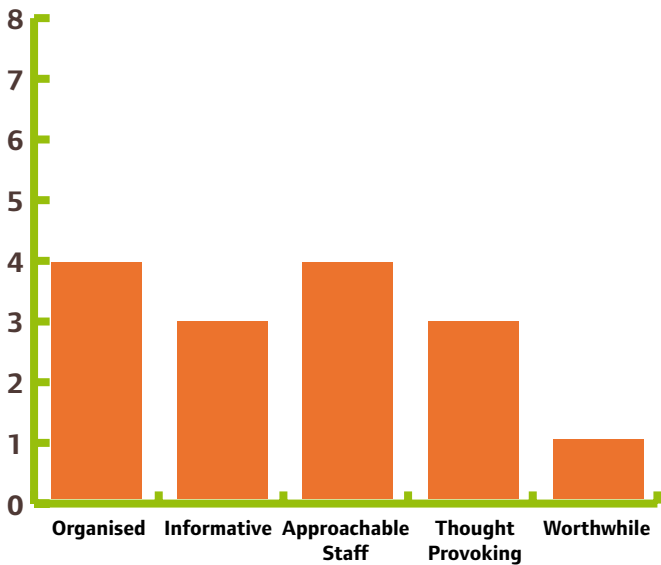
good to get more views on the local area for the community plan. Another person raised issues with the bridleways through Maulden Woods and one person felt the plan captured their views very much.

## Q3. Engaging Summary

Four people out of the seven who provided feedback answered this question. Three people felt the plan was engaging and captured the essence of the event, with another person stating that they felt the event was a tick boxing exercise.

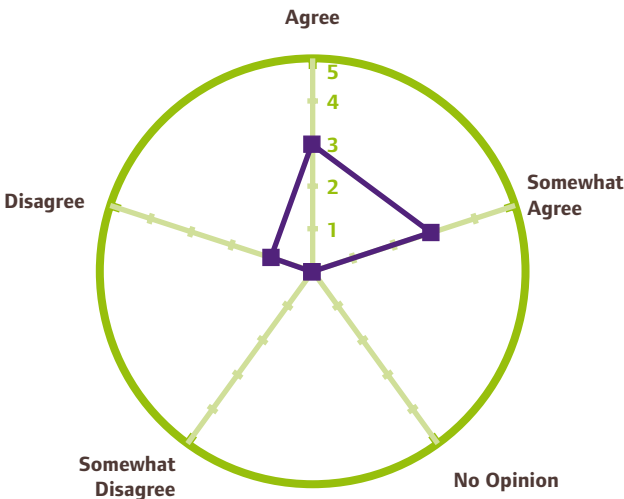
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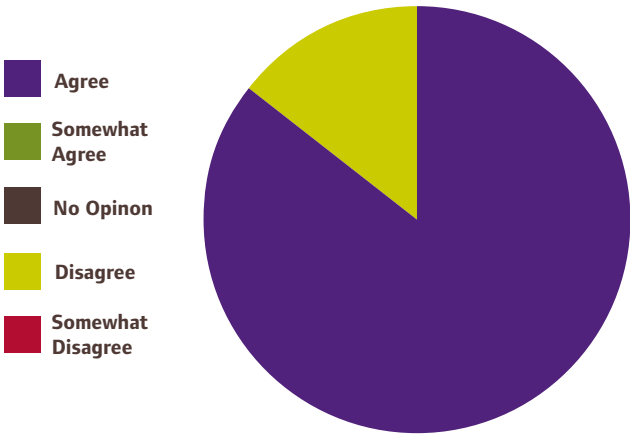
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## Question 3

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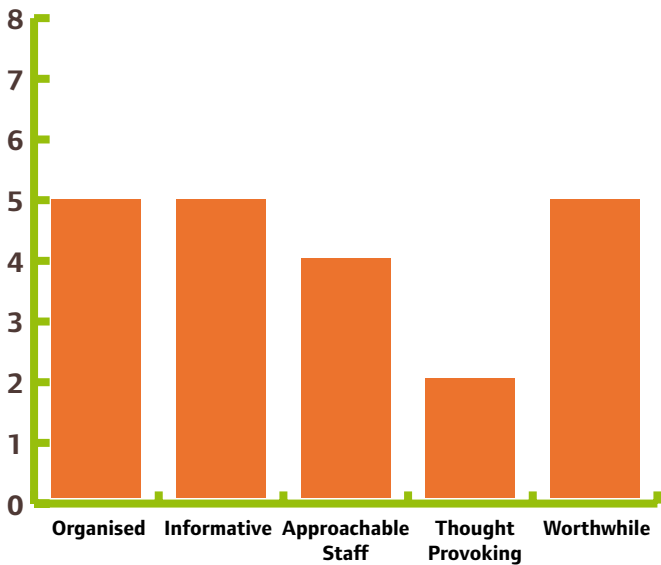
# AREA 13 FEEDBACK

Barton-Le-Clay, Flitton & Greenfield, Gravenhurst, Pulloxhill, Shillington, Silsoe, Streatley



## Question 1

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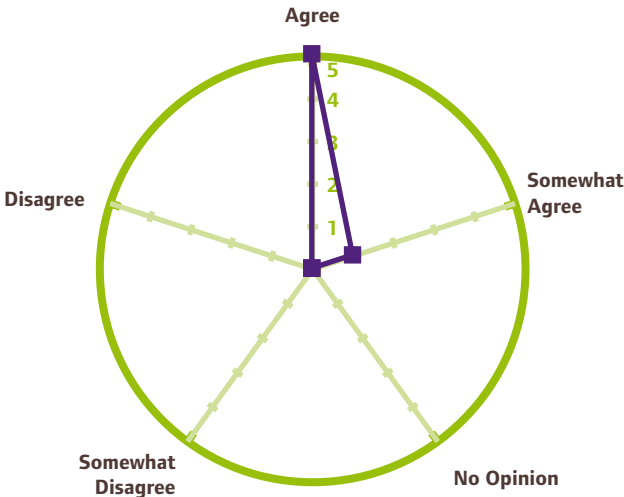


## Q1. Experience Summary

Out of the six people who provided feedback, only one person answered this question. This person said that they could not attend the event and suggests that having the event extend further into the evening or over a weekend would mean more people would be able to attend and provide their views.

## Question 2

Do you feel the Community Plan **captures the essence** of the opportunities and issues that you raised at the event for your Area?

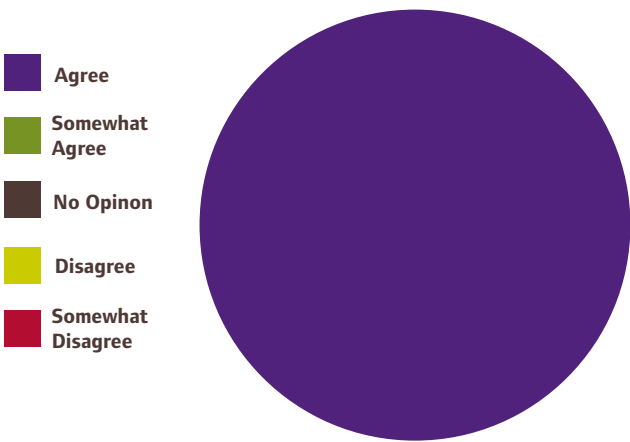


## Q2. Essence Summary

Four people out of the six who provided feedback answered this question. Three people felt that the plan reflected their views at the event, particularly with reference to Shillington. One person highlighted poor attendance and suggested extending the event into the evening to attract a wider spectrum of the local community to give their views.

## Question 3

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## Q3. Engaging Summary

No comments.



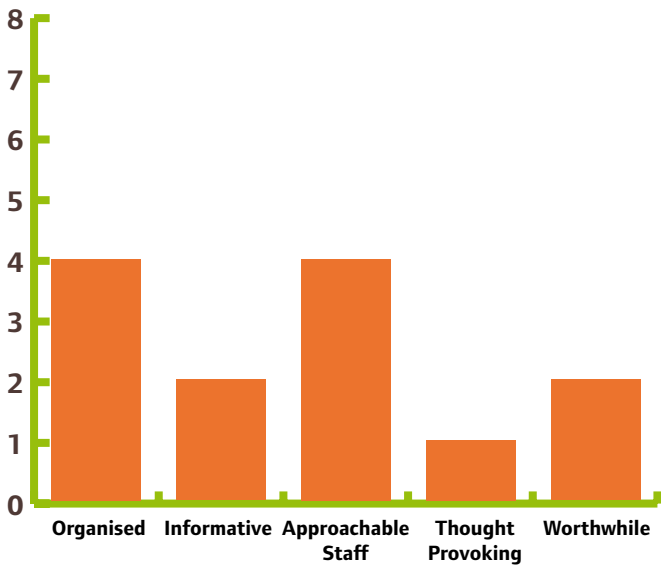
# AREA 14 FEEDBACK

Chalgrave, Chalton, Harlington, Sundon, Tingrith, Toddington, Westoning



## Question 1

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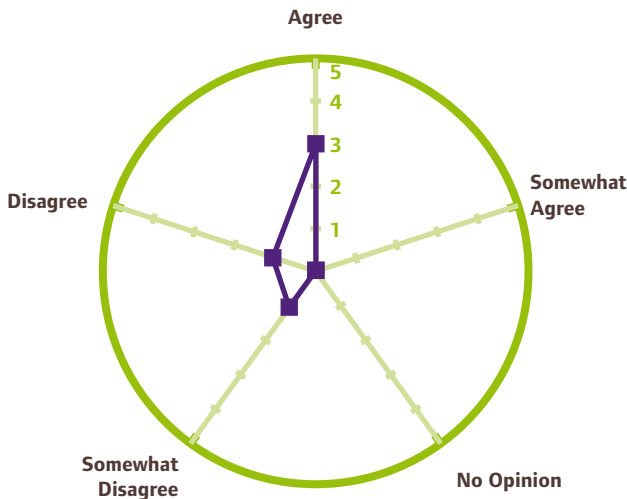


## Q1. Experience Summary

Out of the five people who provided feedback, only one person answered this question saying that the event was worthwhile to understand the challenges facing Central Bedfordshire planners.

## Question 2

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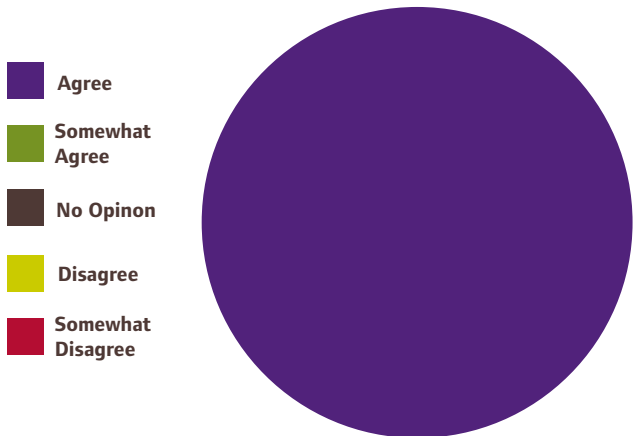


## Q2. Essence Summary

Three people answered this question out of the six who provided feedback. One person identified that the plan illustrates a need for more housing, another considered that the plan was biased towards Westoning and the third person provided detailed concerns on the validity and use of the community plan based on so few of the population being engaged that would potentially incorrectly influence the direction of the Local Plan.

## Question 3

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## Q3. Engaging Summary

Out of the six people who responded, only one person answered this question stating that the report was a good summary of people's views and thoughts.

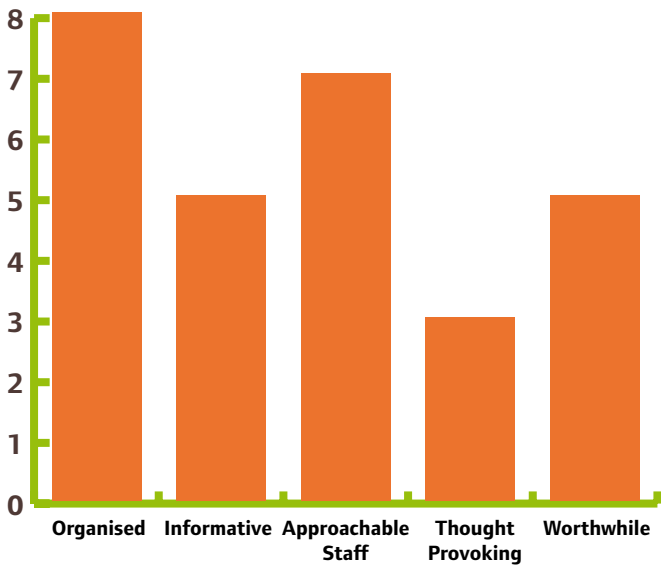
# AREA 15 FEEDBACK

Clifton, Campton & Chicksands, Henlow, Meppershall, Shefford, Stondon



## Question 1

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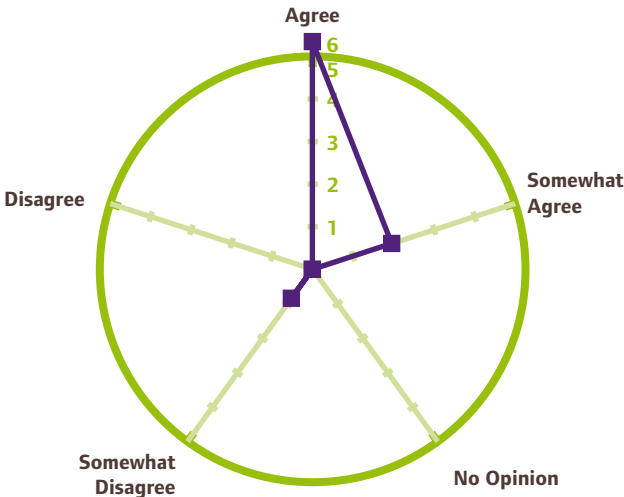
## Q1. Experience Summary

Seven people answered this question out of the eleven who responded. One person thought the event was positive in that it was a simple format with easy consultation and six solid key topics, but thought the questions needed to delve to a more detailed level. Another person raised that the event was poorly attended with less than 1% of population engaged, with another raising that the event should have been advertised

to say that it would not be site specific. One person did not want to see development at RAF Henlow and another highlighted that there was an error regarding the status of Meppershall Parish Plan. One person thought that the questions at the event were leading attendees in a certain direction.

## Question 2

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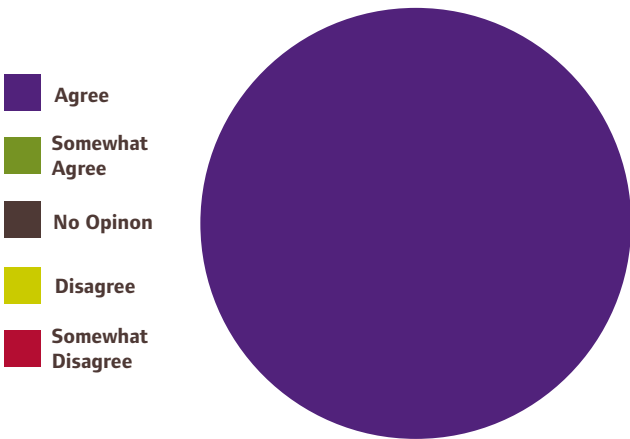


## Q2. Essence Summary

Five people answered this question out of the eleven who gave feedback. Three people thought that the plan captured their views as well as highlighting where the issues were in the area. One person highlighted concerns regarding Nunswood and its maintenance. Another person stated that there is little point to a plan if developers can locate development of any type wherever they choose. One person felt very strongly about preserving open space and countryside.

## Question 3

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## Q3. Engaging Summary

Three people answered this question out of the eleven people who provided feedback. One person questioned whether the plan was deliverable. Another raised concern about the restrictiveness of the questions used during the consultation. One person thought the plan was engaging but considered some of the colours used too similar to read well.

# Community Engagement Across Central Bedfordshire

## Overall Engagement Feedback

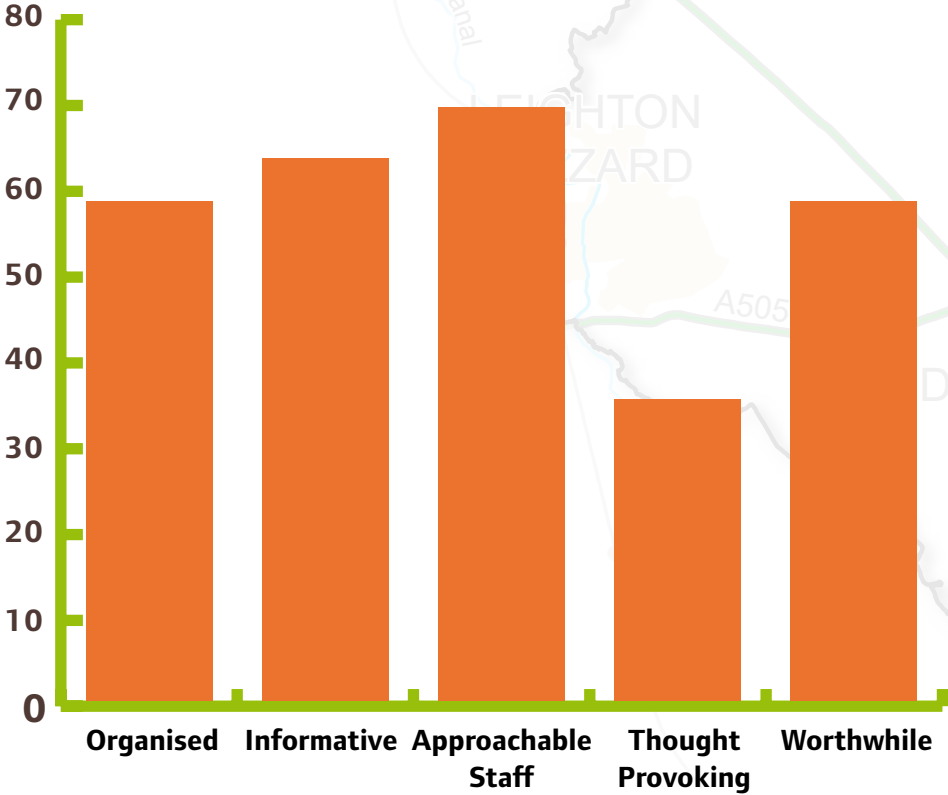
The overall feedback across all Community Plans to the multi-choice questions posed in the consultation feedback form have been collated and illustrated on this page.

Overall, feedback from the events was very positive. Only a small proportion of attendees responded which suggests that mainly attendees were content with the Community Plan documents and did not wish to respond. Many of the specific comments received were requesting to add information, however, additional information was not added to the Draft documents. This is because they were a record of the events. Some small adjustments were made to correct some minor anomalies.

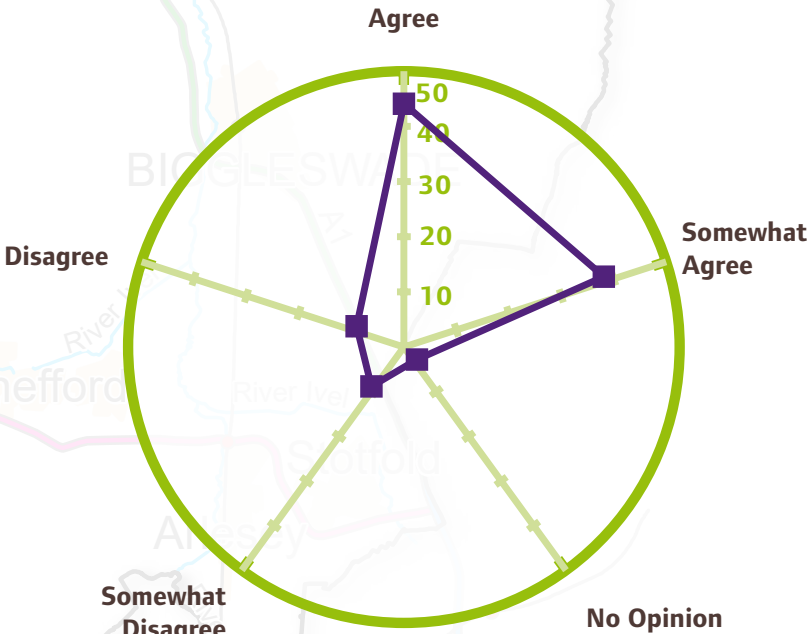
Criticism was made that there was no online opportunity to respond, however, the community planning events held on 2016/17 were part of the engagement on the Local Plan and other opportunities to respond online are available through the Local Plan process.

Some of the comments related to the times and venues of the events. Others were concerned about the lack of attendance and that the events were not publicised widely. Although it may have appeared that attendance levels were low, they are above average when compared to similar events held by CBC over the past few years. All of the issues raised have been carefully considered and will be taken into account when future consultations are held.

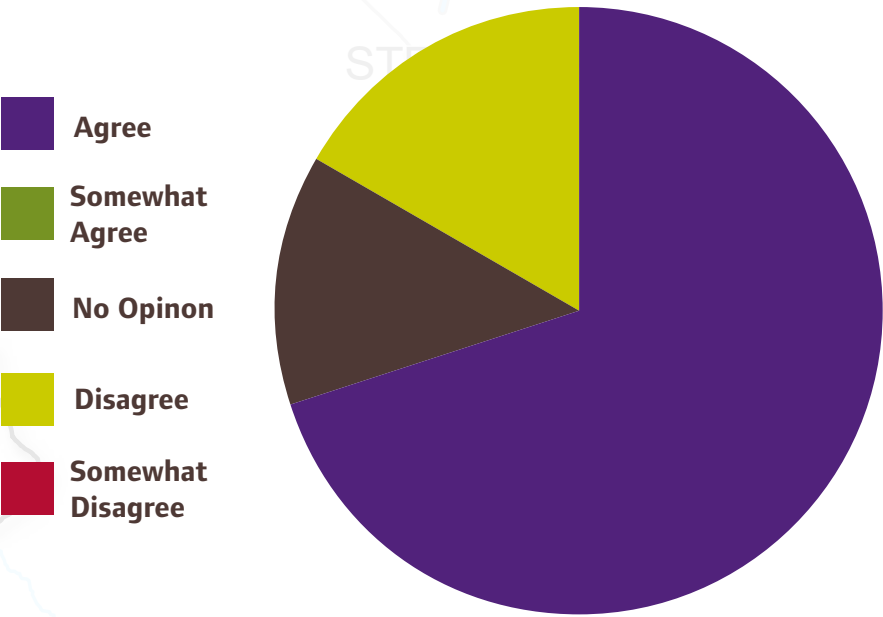
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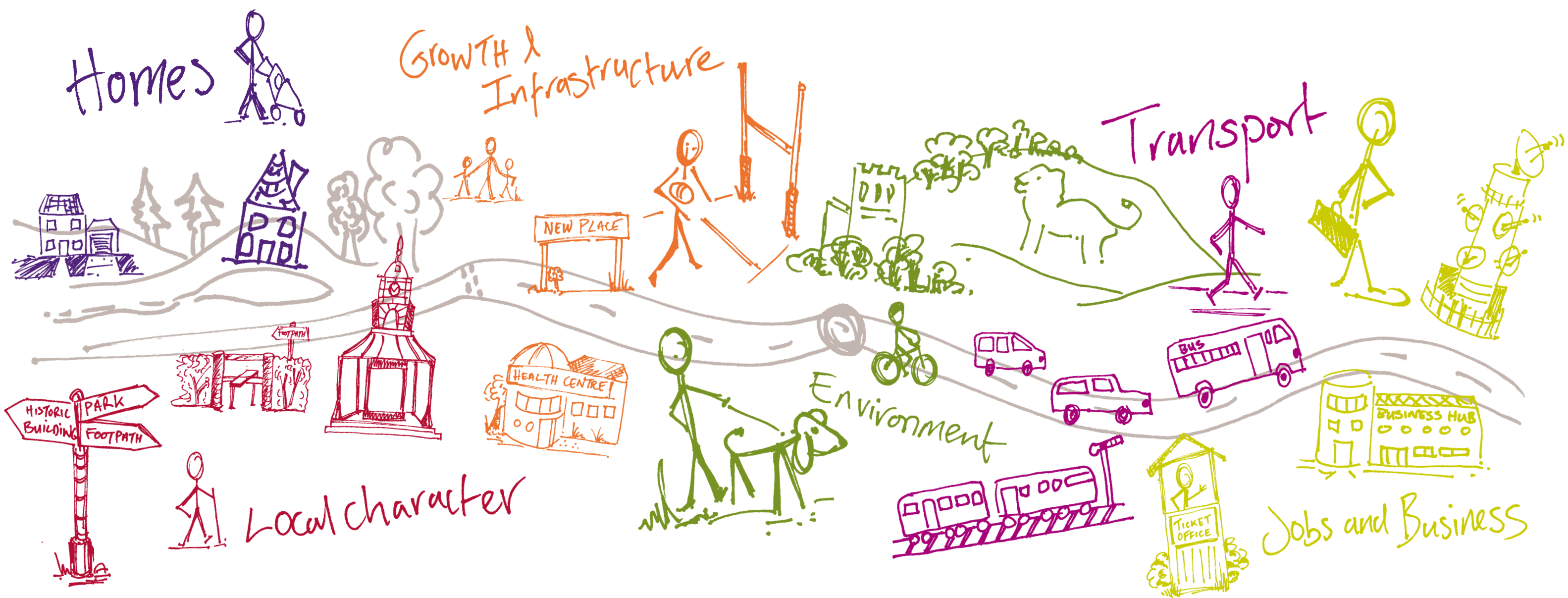


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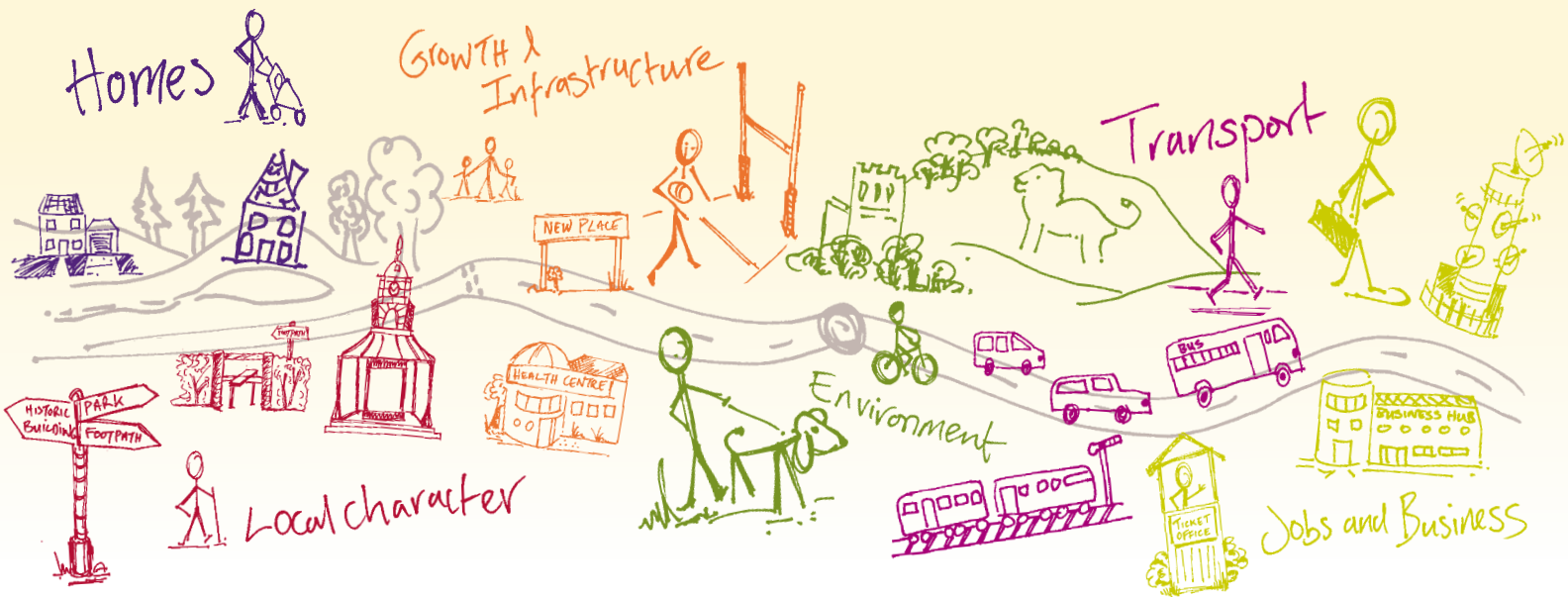


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