Appendix

Community Plan

Covering the parishes of Dunton, Everton, Eyeworth, Potton, Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley

Community Area 9



Appendix -Feedback Form

Local character						
What we have we love.Our history, countryside and corto enhance what we have.	nmunities. We need to build, with care					
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:					
How do we get around? With more of us on our cyclewa	ays, roads, rail. How do we improve					
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:						
Where will everyone work? Supporting local business	es to grow & attracting new business.					
We need to create jobs for all.	or a ground attracting he is business.					
Please select one type of Business from the list below that you would most I in your local area: A. Industrial parks B. Business parks D. Local retail units E. Small-start-up office centres (in your chosen type of Business from above, please pin-point one specify you think there is an opportunity. Please expand below on what you would	C. High street development nnovation hubs) fic place on the map table using your lime sticker where					

Environment					
Our environment is important. It influen We need quality development.	ces how & what we create.				
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:	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:				
A. Renewable energy B. Pollution (Air) C. Pollution (Noise)					
D. Open Space - wildlife habitats E. Flood risk					
Homes					
Homes for every stage of life. A house is n lived in. We all need a home we're proud					
NO ISSUES					
Please select one of the types of Homes from the list belo	w that you consider are needed within your local area:				
A. Older generation (downsizing/sheltered) B. 9	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:					
Growth & Infrastructure					
Where to place homes & services. Support We need to plan places to grow communit	ing market towns, villages & new settlements. ies.				
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 E. Leisure facility (leisure centre, play areas etc.)	C. Retail D. Community Centres F. Utilities improvements (telecoms/electricity/gas/foul treatment)				
	Ise pin-point one specific place on the map table using your Please expand below on what you would like to see at this location:				

Appendix - Feedback Form Summary

The following data for Community Area 9 was collected at the event held on Thursday 10th November 2016 at Potton Town Cricket Club from 2:30pm until 7:30pm using questions from the feedback form illustrated on the previous page.

Feedback Form Summary							
Response	What would you most like to see protected or improvements made?	Local Character	What would you most like to see improvements made in?	Transport	Would most like to see investment in to improve business or jobs?	Jobs & Business	
No Response		0		1		8	
А	Built Heritage (e.g. ancient monuments, old buildings, memorials)	8	Vehicular	7	Industrial parks	1	
В	Landscape Heritage (e.g. historic parks, protected landscapes)	0	Bus	29.5	Business parks	5.5	
С	Open space natural (e.g. countryside, nature reserves, viewpoints)	32	Train	4.5	High street development	9	
D	Open space man- made (e.g. parks, common land, village green)	5	Cycle	6	Local retail units	10.5	
E	No improvements	1	On foot	1	Small-start-up office centres (innovation hubs)	13	
F	No F question on this theme	0	No F question on this theme	0	No F question on this theme	0	
Nothing Recorded		6		3		5	
Total		52		52		52	

What do you consider the most valuable attribute to look after for the future?	Environment	Which you consider are needed the most?	Homes	Which you consider are needed the most?	Growth & Infrastructure
	0		2		1
Renewable energy	4	Older generation (downsizing/sheltered)	15.5	Healthcare	35
Pollution (Air)	4	Single living (lifestyle/ separation)	3	Schools	4
Pollution (Noise)	0	New starter homes	6	Retail	0
Open Space - wildlife habitats	30	Family homes	4	Community Centres	3
Flood risk	9	Affordable homes	17.5	Leisure facility (leisure centre, play areas etc.)	2
No F question on this theme	0	No F question on this theme	0	Utilities improvements (telecoms/electricity/ gas/foul treatment)	3
	5		4		5
	52		52		52

Notes

The public were instructed to only tick one category for each theme. Where an individual ticked more than one category, their choices are divided evenly across the categories.

Local Character

Question: 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:

There is an ancient Packhorse Bridge and I would like to see this protected from intrusion of HGVs. Farm vehicles are acceptable as they are occasional and it's a rural area.

Recreation ground sports field and children's play area.

Keep the green spaces/countryside/fields. Avoid building large scale/big housing developments on the open land.

No change.

I could have ticked A, B and D as I feel that we need to keep character, wildlife and the heritage of the history of the village.

The town church (St Marys) is over 900 years old. There should be no development at all near its location (ie. Sutton Road/Bury Hill).

It is not just some particular buildings or places. It is the whole SMALL MARKET TOWN that is losing its identity. St Marys Church should be protected.

Bury Hill allotment fields give a beautiful view across to Potton church as you drive into Potton. This should be protected.

The existing settlement envelope needs to be vigorously protected to avoid over development. Development should be by 'infill' within the envelope.

The ford at Sutton with ancient packhorse bridge should be safeguarded. Too many huge lorries are coming through the village and eroding the surfaces around this site.

Maintain existing settlement envelope and keep existing views and spaces.

See environment.

Keep our rec safe!

Somewhere for children to play.

As you approach and view the town and church from the north this view is across the town from the top road (Sutton Road). Development here would change the nature in an appreciable way.

Protection of recreational footways between Potton and Deepdale.

I would like to see Potton's historic market square and narrow streets protected from heavy traffic caused by mass housing development and the cars that come with it.

Important for the environment and maintain the local countryside around the town.

Sutton conservation area must be protected.

Preserve green lanes.

Like to see our countryside including parks, etc. to be left as they are. Without building houses on them that is unsustainable.

Nature reserve.

Wildlife.

Encourage wildlife. Places to walk.

To maintain green space between expanding settlements.

Peg Nut Wood.

Farmland

To protect natural habitats and farmland, no development outside of the development envelope of Potton.

Nothing wrong with the space but would like to see more monitoring to stop youths from vandalising.

Rural character kept,

Potton is in severe danger of losing its rural character and distinctiveness because of excessive housing development which is unsustainable for its infrastructure and character.

Open space, rather than more houses.



Transport

Question: With your chosen type of Transport, 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:

Regular bus services for elderly people to get to Biggleswade and Potton for surgeries, shops, etc. and commuters to get to Sandy or Biggleswade - at sensible appropriate times.

More 'stops'.

Bus link to Sandy.

Less parking in roads surrounding Market Square i.e. King Street or one way system.

Bus services reduced/cut locally.
Difficult for those without cars and for the young to get around.

I would like to see an improved bus service, running regularly from Potton to Gamlingay and Biggleswade and on time!

More buses.

Improve the opportunity for cycling in to Potton to access local shops/businesses.

The whole town suffers from large vehicles transiting through, on roads designed for horses and carts.
The only solution is a bypass.
I don't have enough pink stickers!!

This SMALL MARKET TOWN has narrow streets and pathways and very little off street parking. HGV/LGV lorries such as 14 wheeler 40T vehicles should be banned from transiting through the town in general and Market Square in particular. I need a minimum of 8 pink stickers. We need a bypass.

A cycle path off road from Potton to Biggleswade.

An increase in rural bus service is required to provide links to local towns to avoid those unable to drive (all ages) becoming isolated.

Need for bus service from Potton to local railway stations for commuters.

A cycle track between Sutton and Potton so we can use bicycles in safety. The road is too fast with cars at present.

Railway station near Potton/ Gamlingay on Oxford-Cambridge line.

However, unacceptable use of language has been omitted.



Parking must be provided both for residents and visitors on any new development. Lack of parking leads to blocking of roads by on-road parking at unsuitable places.

A bus timetable that ties into the rush hour train service from Sandy and/or Biggleswade.

Trains: Please Great Northern whose website proposes 2018 timetable with no trains stopping at Sandy pre 0700 and post 2200. CBC proposing to cut 2 x buses in very rural Everton. Crucial for young, old and in between.

Concern with Great Northern 2018 timetable consultation.

Would like to see a bus service in Everton Road.

Off road cycle way to connect Potton with Biggleswade and in to green wheel infrastructure. Must be separate from vehicular traffic.

A regular bus service.

Small eco-friendly buses running at very regular intervals around Potton and to Sandy and Biggleswade to link up with trains.

With an aging population, public transport is needed to reach local towns and railways. Also for school children and other young people who do not drive.

Infrequent buses in rural areas.

Additional bus services.

More parking facilities for car and disabled people. Plus better bus service, not cuts to them.

Improvements to the bus service.

Improve local bus service.

Less potholes - put the triangle junction back.

Improved footpaths in the countryside for walks. Roads need improvement - potholes, etc.

Regular bus route connecting to Sandy station.

Safer cycle routes joining up local towns, e.g. Biggleswade - Sutton - Potton - Sandy.

Bus services under threat Gamlingay/ Potton to Biggleswade. Cycle tracks to Sandy and Biggleswade should be developed urgently.

Repair the roads.

Require more buses to outer destinations.



Question: With your chosen type of Business, 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:

There is no business from the above list which would be suitable for the area - i.e. Sutton.

Keep small local business thriving to avoid large retail coming into Potton.

There is already an ongoing development east of Biggleswade Road which should cater for this. The town is not suited to industrial or business parks due to inadequate infrastructure.

Areas that have been developed for housing within the town were for many years designated as light industrial areas. There was no "take up" by industry. Where the Biggleswade Road development is currently in progress could use start up facilities.

The land at the bottom of the new Kier development which is supposedly for light industrial units should include start up offices.

Some form of 'satellite' Post Office with retail provision is required in the village to serve those not able to get to towns.

Already designated on land east of Biggleswade Road, Potton.

The area around Bedfordshire growers could be an opportunity to expand with other businesses (small).

Small businesses would be most suitable for an area like Potton. The infrastructure would not take 'industrial' buildings.

To keep residents shopping locally.

A business park for SME's - located in the current site on Biggleswade Road supporting small start-up businesses.

In the Market Square.



Jobs & Businesses Continued

It would be good to see the proposed industrial area include facilities for "high tech" types of industry. We are in a location with good links to London, airports and the Cambridge/Silicon Fen. We should get small/set up business to capitalise on this and use staff and knowledge for this industry. Would require the broadband to be full fibre 8 high 7 300 mbps.

Small centres with opportunities for entrepreneurs.

Small start up units, not necessarily office but units that can be used for entrepreneurial purposes.

To encourage residents to shop locally. Village shop.

Would like to see money put into developing medical/dental practices, before any of the above.

Local businesses run by local people - more of them. Lots of new houses but no new jobs, healthcare, schools.

Too many housing developments in Potton putting strain on all the services, e.g. schools, health centres.

Small cheap rent, cheap business take starter units.

Ease traffic through the town centre of Potton. Additional traffic will cause problems to an already congested King Street in Potton.

Keep the shops we have and facilitate more.



Environment

Question: With your chosen type of environmental issue, 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:

Agricultural land, to be kept as such, but roadside verges to be cut regularly - for visibility.

Sandhills open space.

Concerns re: so much building already, projected roads already flood in areas. Also, so many gardens paved over rainwater has fewer places to escape.

Flooding not only affects the residents of Potton, but also the wildlife.

To maintain the open spaces here to encourage wildlife and natural habitats.

The further Potton is extended beyond the settlement envelope towards Sandy, the greater the impact on wildlife habitats in the area off the RSPB.

Keeping open spaces around the town may ensure that the town remains manageable. It will also protect our local wildlife.

All new developments in Potton should have renewable energy incorporated into the housing, e.g. solar panels.

Access to the green spaces (countryside) needs to be improved and supported.

Potton sewerage works overpowering at times.

Peg Nut Wood is a beautiful area of natural wildlife used by a lot of dog walkers.

Keep existing open spaces.

As mush as possible of he open spaces around Potton should be retained to enable walkers (with dogs!), cyclists, horse riders to be able to enjoy their activities.

To stop heavy lorries coming through the town polluting the air.

Development of a Green Wheel for Potton. Ensure that new developments support/maintain cycle paths, footpaths.

No homes. Ever Road to Potton - junction small and dangerous. Beautiful woods, dog walks, great natural beauty.

When new homes are built the developers are allowed to "not" include renewable generation in the design thus it is still carbon centric. Roof tiles should be in preparation solar PV (tesilla). Heat should use ground stored energy. Water should be reused (grey water for toilets/gardens). This will require planning law change!!!

Protect and manage local wildlife habitats close to recreational areas to encourage the continuity of wildlife corridors.

Protected, managed and improved habitat for a variety of species to promote biodiversity. Bat and wildlife corridor along Potton Brook.

Restriction of large lorries passing through the town. Improve air quality for the children.

Concerned with the flood risk increasing with all the building and roads that are being built.

Lousy Bush - make it a local nature reserve status.

There is constantly flooding at the end of cr road which means that some houses have to use sand bags. But I also think open space is important.

Keep open spaces in rural areas.

New homes built raising flood risk to existing homes.

All the new housing developments increase the flood risk. Too much concrete and not enough fields for rain to soak in.

Money been spent by RSPB in renovating moorland - this should be supported by 'development' funding.

Peg Nut Wood.

Potton already supports diverse wildlife. Do not endanger it.

Peg Nut Wood and surrounds are extremely important wildlife habitats and corridors for wildlife - barn owls, kingfisher, otter, water voles and needs to be protected and buffered from all development.

More wind turbines.

Homes

Question: With your chosen type of Home, 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:

Near Clay End crossroads, room for family developments.

1, 2 and 3 terraced homes - ideal location - next to the school.

No more big estates/mass housing. Take care of the older people in our community - bungalows.

Affordable homes for my generation so we don't have to move so far away from family when we move out.

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Availability of these types of homes within an area that already has infrastructure such as local shops, bus links, healthcare access.

With an increasing influx of residents from outside of the area, combined with an aging population, there is a serious lack of facilities for the older generation. Refer to the housing needs survey conducted by BRCC on behalf of Potton Consolidated Charity.

With the rising cost of housing, younger people getting on the "ladder" need help. Otherwise the average age of the town will continue to rise and we will become a "Dormant Town". BRCC conducted a Housing Needs Survey recently to highlight this issue. It should be CONSIDERED.

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If the development on Sandy Road happens then it should include bungalows, both for downsizing and sheltered accommodation.

Proven need for small number of <u>affordable</u> houses in the village.

We have a growing older population and there is little housing now being built for this generation. We need to keep people in their own homes as long as possible and more bungalows are very much in demand.

Building older generation houses will release houses for the 'younger' generation. These would need to be near facilities, ie. doctors, shops.

For older or younger people who find themselves on their own, only need a smaller property.

See Potton's Housing Needs Survey (1/2 bedroom dwellings).

Suitable area for new homes. Schools and infrastructure OK. Not in woods.

Need affordable housing for village youngsters.

Would like to see more affordable homes in Potton.

This area has already been passed by CBC but the housing is predominantly for max profit ... little provision for reasonable sized bungalows, etc.

Bungalow/chalet houses to be included in new developments close to amenities and a good bus service.

Single level, 2 storey with bathroom facilities downstairs or low rise flats for the over 50s, with good regular bus service to a town centre, shops, health centre and other infrastructure.

With the cost of housing in the area, there is little chance of young couples buying a home locally.

Most houses being built are unaffordable to locals.

Retirement homes for aging village population.

Again just ticking one is not enough. Need to look after the existing people of Potton not encourage others to move here when there are no facilities to accommodate them.

Affordable homes on the Old Tree Nursery.

Affordable housing on the old tree nursery.



Young people/first time buyers already struggle to afford properties - make them affordable without us needing to rely on family or the government.

All the empty houses in the area need to be developed and converted instead of building new. Make use of what you have.

Local youngsters don't want/ can't afford the 3/4/5 bed homes frequently included in new developments but need access to transport.

Affordable homes in line with the Potton Town Plan which appears to have been completely ignored during the spate of recent applications and development.

Would like to see more 2/3 bed flats that are affordable for young people to get on the property market.

There are far too few starter homes built near Biggleswade.

We already have more than our fair share of housing development and the infrastructure cannot cope.

For my children.



Appendix Unedited comments from completed Feedback Forms under each theme

Growth & Infrastructure

Question: With your chosen type of Infrastructure, 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:

Within Potton, for Sutton residents.

Expand doctors surgery at Potton.

Local doctors surgery already overstretched. Excellent service but cannot keep taking more and more people.

Doctors surgery will need to be enlarged. Funding must be found.

Improvements in internet speed and access.

The doctors surgery is already under enormous strain albeit because it cannot recruit new full-time GPs. Expansion of Potton will only make things work.

All the above are important, but healthcare is essential. Particularly with an aging population.

The land at the bottom of the Kier development on Biggleswade Road needs support to ensure the Hall for All is built

High speed broadband connectivity is required for Cockayne Hatley.

Potton Hall for All on land east of Biggleswade Road, Potton.

Another GP surgery in Potton or expand the present one. There is a 3 week wait for an appointment.

Insufficient GP and dental provision for existing need.

Potton Health Centre will not be able to cope with the increase in population in its present position. Parking is now becoming very difficult.

Need larger premises and doctors to cope with new families coming in, as there is a 4-6 week wait to see a doctor at the moment.

The local dentist needs support to offer a second chair - currently full.

Serious concern about existing situation as regards access to doctors and schools.

We want some more doctors and parking for the doctors surgery.

As part of the Biggleswade Road development by Kier land has been given for a community hall, this should include provision for indoor sports and be funded from the S106 on CIL ...!!

Improvement of existing healthcare facilities.

At the moment it takes between one month to six weeks to see a doctor or even have a blood test.

Waiting times to get an appointment with a GP is already too long before all the extra development.

Doctors surgery needed.

Again one tick is not enough, schools are important to invest in too.

Potton surgery is under great pressure now, with new developments there will be further pressure, they need to be able to expand.

Potton surgery will need to expand if there is to be further development.

Lots of new people will be moving to the area but the GP and hospitals already can't cope. Community healthcare services will also be overstretched

All the housing developments are putting pressure on the health centres and schools. Roads also are already too busy

Probably a new location to expand GP services.

Potton

Potton and Gamlingay surgeries cannot recruit doctors or deal with the current population.

More and more houses are being built but not enough room in schools to facilitate the needs of the families moving in.

The doctors surgery is already oversubscribed and a new/additional location should be sought. The town is already well served for community centres and cannot justify the expenditure on any grandiose new facilities! Sewage arrangements can't cope now and have caused pollution so no more housing.

Sewage works cannot cope with the current population it has already overflowed several times and has destroyed wildlife.

Needs to be an upper or secondary school or Potton Upper needs to take up to 16+.



Appendix - Supplementary Questions on Feedback Form

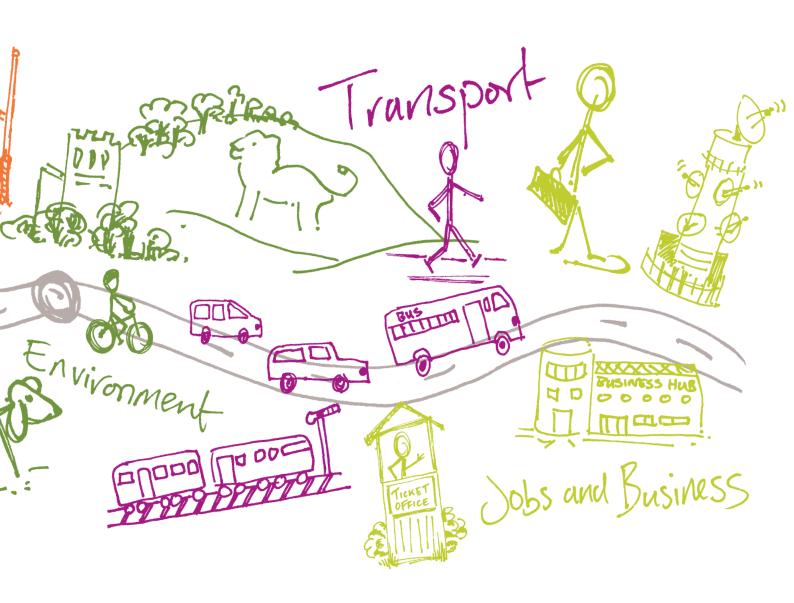
Thank you for responding to this consultation. Your views will help us to shape the Community Plan that will inform the Local Plan, influence development decisions and help direct investment where it is needed. There will also be other opportunities to comment on the Local Plan as it is developed. There 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)? ___ No Do you consider yourself to be disabled? To which of these groups do you consider you belong? 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 Address __ 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. Sign up for email updates ... www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/localplanupdates More information on the Local Plan can be found here... \delta www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/localplan

Appendix – Supplementary Questions Summary

Public Consultation Potton Attendees Record

Response	Gender	Age	Res/Cllr/Org	Disabled?	Ethnic Group
Response	Male: 15 (33.3%)	Under18: 1 (2.1%)	Resident: 42 (89.4%)	Disabled-Y: 1 (2.1%)	White British: 46 (97.9%)
	Female: 30 (66.7%)	18-25: 1 (2.1%)	Councillor: 11 (23.4%)	Disabled-N: 47 (2.1%)	Black or Black British: 0 (0.0%)
	Unknown: 0 (0.0%)	26-35: 2 (4.3%)	Organisation: 4 (8.5%)		Asian or Asian British: 0 (0.0%)
		36-45: 3 (6.4%)			Mixed: 0 (0.0%)
		46-64: 25 (53.2%)			Chinese: 0 (0.0%)
		65+: 15 (31.9%)			Other Ethnic Group: 1 (2.1%)
Nothing Recorded	7	5	5	4	5
Total	52	52	52	52	52





Central Bedfordshire

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What happens next?

Community Planning is a continuing process and this Community Plan, which collates all the information gathered at the event, is the first time this type of information has been collected. There will be a series of actions arising from the Community Plan which are likely to influence or shape planning policy in the Local Plan, decisions on planning applications, and decisions on where money arising from development should be spent. These actions are identified in total within the 'Overview Statement of Community Planning' which details how they will be dealt with. Central Bedfordshire Council will seek to work in partnership with organisations including Town and Parish Councils, developers and other agencies to deliver on these actions.

For more info on community planning...

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/community-planning

More information on the Local Plan can be found here...

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