

**Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Priorities
Prioritised irrespective of theme**

<i>Text shaded yellow represents issues prioritised by rural parishes</i>	Aggregated score from 5 Groups	Average of Group Scores (lowest is highest priority)	Individual votes cast for this issue	Overall priority (1 highest to 57 lowest)
Chesham Town has educational attainment and income levels below the County average therefore support for families is needed from the pre-natal stage onwards (eg more support from health visitors)	7	1.4	9	1
More support is needed for older people to live in their own homes	8	1.6	10	2
Elderly and infirm are isolated in the villages. More needs to be done to encourage members of the community to support older residents and ensure they have the opportunities to participate in village life, thus helping combat rural isolation.	12	2.4	12	3
Traffic congestion in Chesham – Chesham already a bottleneck. Road infrastructure could not cope with traffic generated by more development	13	2.6	14	4
Need for improved public transport particularly for smaller communities. It is virtually non existent for villages and in the evenings – demand responsive transport could be a better solution than the rare timetabled buses	13	2.6	12	5
Current condition of roads due to poor level of road and gulley maintenance means roads are unsafe for users	14	2.8	16	6
Need to do more to raise awareness of under-age drinking eg via publicity in main shops	14	2.8	0	7
Sustainable approach to water use, urban drainages and flood prevention needs to be developed	15	3	9	8
Access to health services is poor for those who do not have their own transport. Particular concerns about access to services that are now provided from High Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville hospitals. Improvements are needed.	16	3.2	19	9

There is a lack of affordable, decent housing in the villages, particularly for young families. Also a lack of communication about the development of affordable housing schemes	16	3.2	14	10
There is a need for a visitor/tourist strategy for Chesham Town. Any such strategy needs to link to the AONB strategy for tourism e.g. cycle routes from town to countryside and work is needed to coordinate a tourism strategy with local accommodation providers	16	3.3	6	11
There is a need for investment in the revitalisation of the Town Centre. More effort needs to be put into attracting shops to the Town Centre and businesses to the area. Need to ensure the right kind of accommodation is available.	17	3.4	15	12
There are weak links with the Asian communities in the area	17	3.4	9	13
There are few places that young people can gather without being accused of anti social behaviour. Waterside and other youth projects need support	18	3.6	14	14
Youth provision in rural parishes is patchy and young people have difficulties accessing facilities outside their own parish	18	3.6	4	15
Vehicle crime, vandalism and ASB in Waterside	20	4	4	16
Elderly people in the rural communities are socially isolated and there is a lack of clear relevant signposting to relevant service provision and information (busy modern lives mean that few people get to know their neighbours so elderly people who cannot get out themselves may have no-one to check on them)	21	4.2	9	17
Unsatisfactory state of roads and pavements. Roads need rebuilding not just mending	23	4.6	7	18
Work place travel planning needs to be developed	25	5	3	19
Speeding - urban and rural roads (currently the only priority for rural Neighbourhood Action Group)	26	5.2	8	20