



## High Wycombe Community Board agenda

Date: Wednesday 14 July 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: MS Teams

### Membership:

A Hussain (Chairman), A Alam, M Angell, M Ayub, S Barrett, K Bates, A Baughan, L Clarke OBE, T Green, S Guy, D Hayday, O Hayday, I Hussain, M Hussain JP, M Hussain, M Hussain, M Knight, S Raja, N Rana, M Smith, N Thomas, P Turner, J Wassell and K Wood

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**Penelope Tollitt - 10 mins**

- Conservation project funded by High Wycombe Community Board - John Shaw, Chiltern Rangers - **10 mins**
- Improving the Environment projects and priorities – Ed Barlow, Buckinghamshire Council - **10 mins**

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To receive an update on Council-wide matters of interest from Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services, Nick Graham - **10 mins**

Stay Safe, Protect Bucks

Home to School Transport update

**9 COMMUNITY MATTERS (10 MINS)**

For attendees to ask any questions submitted in advance or to receive questions from those in attendance

**10 TOPICS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (TBC)**

If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

**Please note that this meeting will be recorded and will subsequently be circulated to view via the Bucks Council website.**

For further information please contact: Iram Malik on 01494 421204, email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).



# High Wycombe Community Board

## Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the High Wycombe Community Board held on Wednesday 10 February 2021 commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.04 pm**

### Members Present

K Ahmed, Z Ahmed, A Baughan, M Clarke, R Farmer, T Green, M Hashmi, D Hayday, A Hussain, M Hussain, M Hussain JP, M Knight, W Mallen, R Raja, S Raja, D Shakespeare OBE and J Wassell

### Others in Attendance

Nathaniel Plange (Children's Services) Inspector Stephen Bobbett, (Thames Valley Police), Donna Clarke, Zoe Moorhouse, Wayne Heal, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust), Gill Harding (Localities Welfare) Gemma Jones (Children's Services), Mark Stokes (LEAP), Philippa Batting (Bucks Business First)

### Officers Present

Fay Ewing, Simon Garwood, Nick Graham and Iram Malik

### 1 WELCOME

The chairman of the Board extended a warm welcome to all those present at the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

### 2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs L Clarke (OBE) and Councillor B Pearce.

### 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 November 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

### 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

## **5 MENTAL HEALTH HUB EASTON ST**

A presentation was conducted regarding the Mental Health Hub at Easton Street by Donna Clarke, Service Director at the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. Other presenters included Zoe Moorhouse and Wayne Heal.

Members were informed that transfer of their services to the new hub would be complete by July 2021. This was considered to be an important move for both patients and the public in terms of accessibility and visibility, and it was hoped that the changes would create a centre of mental health excellence.

A Member raised the question as to how excellence would be driven by the move to a new building and asked how it would be staffed and the outcomes measured. She was informed that much work had been done on recruitment and retention of staff and that feedback had indicated that being based in Bucks would be an attractive feature to staff.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted

## **6 WINTER GRANT FUNDING SCHEMES**

Gill Harding Welfare Lead Buckinghamshire Council, gave a presentation on winter grant funding schemes. This had consisted of provision of activity bags to three schools and three Year 3 groups for vulnerable children, in collaboration with the Clare Foundation and LEAP. The aim had been to engage people in taking part in physical activity and to develop a physical activity programme. Members were also informed of the care leaver's gift cards where close collaboration with the voluntary sector had taken place to provide support to care leavers between the age of 18-25 years living within their own accommodation. The gift cards were provided in the week leading up to Christmas 2020.

The presenters emphasised that the gift cards had been a very touching gesture and had been wonderfully received.

Sincere thanks were conveyed to the Board for their contribution in making this happen

Following the presentation a Member asked regarding the provision of longer term support for care leavers in terms of coping with everyday issues and general life skills. He was informed that work with Children's Services was ongoing to help provide additional support. Furthermore there was much emphasis on family connections and relationships to help guide the care leavers towards a fulfilling independent adult life.

## **7 BE YOUR OWN BOSS START UP**

Philippa Batting Managing Director, Bucks Business First, provided information to the Board on a new initiative which would provide assistance to those who wished to set up a new business or to those who were in the early throes of starting a new business. Advice would typically be provided on what was deemed to be good practice, early business planning and the basics of accountancy. This was with the intention of setting up new businesses which had a viable chance of survival and existence within a 3-4 year timeframe.

When asked about ongoing support for the businesses it was confirmed that there was continuous help and support throughout the journey and close relations were maintained with all those who had participated in the course. In addition there was a synergy in working with

Red Kite who provided similar functions and with whom they worked with collaboratively.

## **8 INTENSIVE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT**

Inspector Steve Bobbett from Thames Valley Police provided details with regard to a partnership programme which would result in an engagement problem solving initiative. This aimed to identify problems in the community of Castlefield and would continue for a period of some 40 weeks. This would involve door to door contact outreach work with the community. The area had been chosen based on one of many localities with high levels of crime, poverty, and education attainment. This it was emphasised was the launching place of the initiative and could well be extended to other areas in the future.

## **9 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL UNITARY UPDATE**

Nick Graham Director of Legal and Democratic Services informed Members that the publication of a report on the annual review of unitary progress, successes and achievements was imminent. Community Boards would subsequently have an opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the report.

It was stated that within the new Council a whole raft of new developments had been brought into effect within many service areas example, the establishment of 16 Community Boards, changes within Housing and Social Care, Public Health, the development of Local Plans and e-scooters. It was highlighted that more challenges lay ahead, but that staff had worked within the constraints of the pandemic to bring all services together and to continue with the improvement and development of all service areas.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted

## **10 COMMUNITY BOARD ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Chairman provided an overview of the work that had been undertaken over the past several months. There were some excellent projects underway with more in the pipeline. He stated that everyone had reached out to work together for the benefit of local residents and that this had fostered a deep sense of community spirit.

Attention was drawn to the Keep Britain Tidy Award which had been won by Bucks. This was contributable to the hard work put in by local residents, and voluntary groups over a long period of time.

The Chairman took the opportunity to convey his sincere thanks to all for their involvement and assistance and to those on the front line who had worked tirelessly during this very difficult time.

## **11 FUNDING UPDATE AND AGREED FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

A funding update with those applications that had been agreed were circulated for information and comments were invited.

Attention was drawn to the three different funding streams which included community area priorities, health and wellbeing and local infrastructure. Each one having different criteria for the funding application. The spreadsheet presented also showed the variety and types of applications received with a number falling under the heading of youth related matters.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted

**12 UPDATE ON SUB- GROUPS**

Reports on the sub groups had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 9 JUNE 2021**



## Report to High Wycombe Community Board

<b>Date:</b>	14 July 2021
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Petition report: Children's Play Area Maintenance, The Pine Trees</b>
<b>Author and/or contact officer:</b>	Andy Sherwood / Chris Steuart
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Abbey Ward
<b>Recommendations:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. that the Community Board notes the officer response to the Petition that the children's play areas in open spaces 7a and 7b at the Pine Trees should be maintained by and remain with the developer's management company, which will maintain other elements of the site; and,</li><li>ii. that the Community Board consider whether to (a) approve that response or (b) refer the matter to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure for consideration, who will take into account the views of the Board in considering a decision on the adoption of the play areas/open space.</li></ul>	
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	It is not financially sustainable for the Council to take on the maintenance of play areas/open spaces in new developments without a 'commuted sum' being paid by the developer to cover the associated costs. This is in line with the Council's policy as set out in its Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document.

### 1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the response to a petition received by Buckinghamshire Council in February 2021, as detailed below:-

**Title:** Childrens Play Area Maintenance , The Pine Trees

**Statement:**

We the undersigned petition the council to Reconsider its decision of denying support for the maintenance of the children's play areas on the Pine Trees estate for the safety and wellbeing of the children of this community.

**Justification:**

This is a petition for the local council to support and maintain the children's play areas on the Pine Trees estate as part of the council tax revenue they now receive from this relatively new housing area.

It has been suggested this area may be covered by a Maintenance Company, to which households already pay a fee. This may incur increased charges to all households on the estate.

A: This is not fair on households that do not use the area.

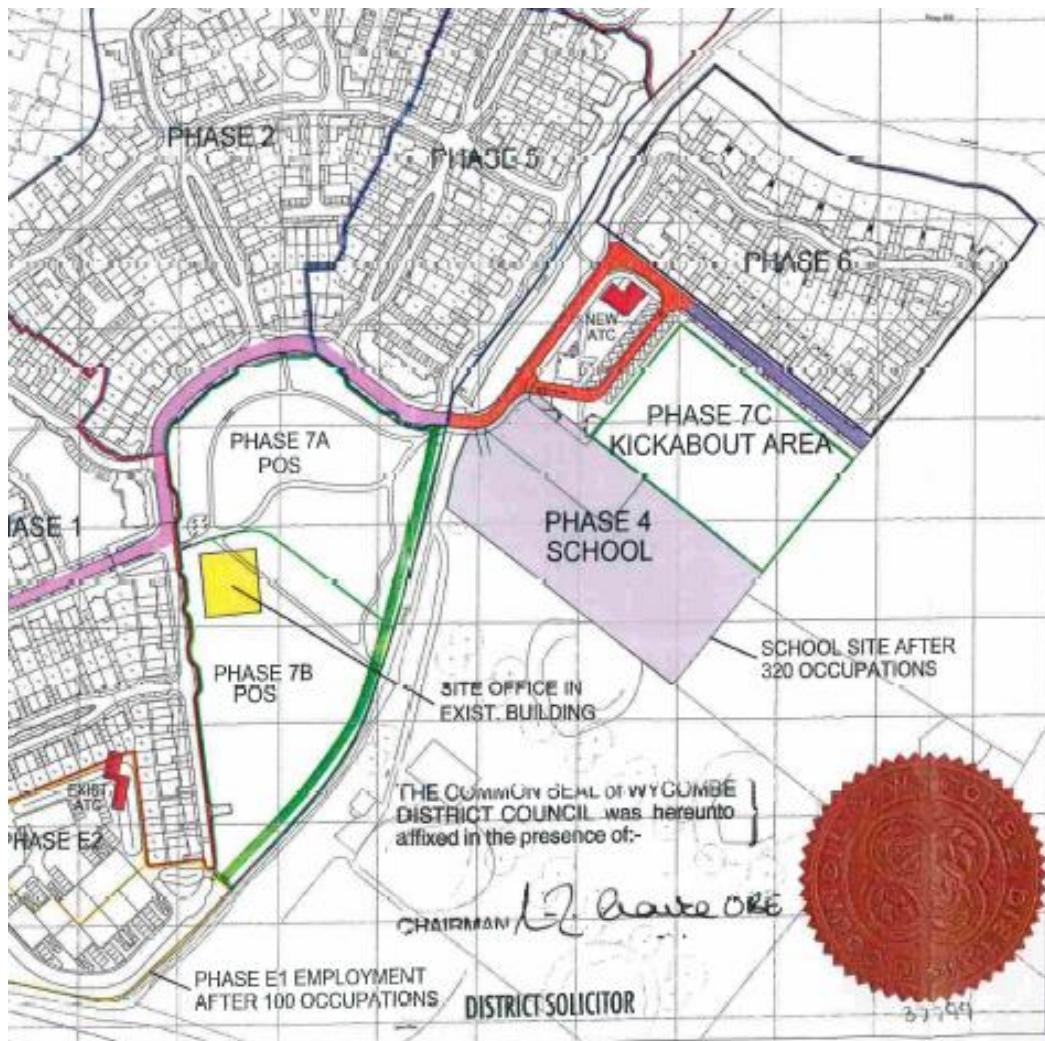
B: The areas are close to the school and open to public access, so not confined to the local residents.

C: The local council is already receiving further revenue from the council tax collections of the new estate.

## 2. Content of report

### Background

- 2.1 The RAF Daws Hill site located off Daws Hill Lane was closed as an operational defence establishment in 2007. Taylor Wimpey submitted a planning application in July 2013 (13/05799/FULEA) for a development of 441 dwellings, a community centre, a retail unit, an Air Training Corps building, nine industrial units, a primary school and public open space.
- 2.2 In November 2013, the former Wycombe District Council Planning Committee determined that the planning application should be granted permission. The site is known as the Pine Trees development.
- 2.3 A Section 106 (S106) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 agreement relating to the land at Daws Hill was agreed and signed in October 2014 between Taylor Wimpey and Wycombe District Council (*please note that Wycombe District Council, along with the other Buckinghamshire district councils and county council, was replaced by Buckinghamshire Council from 1 April 2020*).  
Amongst other things, this S106 agreement secured land at this site to be used as Open Space Land and identified as land parcels 7a, 7b and 7c on the plan below, which was included as part of the agreement. The agreement defines the children's play areas, which are located within open spaces 7a and 7b, as follows: "*Play Spaces means the areas of Open Space Land or elsewhere in the Development and the equipment erected thereon to be provided as children's play areas.*"



- 2.4 Under the S106 agreement, the Council is given the opportunity to elect whether or not it wishes to have the Open Space Land in Phase 7a, 7b and/or 7c transferred to it, but the agreement does not oblige the Council to adopt the land (including the play areas located within the land). If the Council were to elect to adopt the relevant area(s) of open space, following the transfer it would then become responsible for the management and maintenance of that open space (including any play spaces and facilities located on that open space) and all the associated costs.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> p27 of the S106 agreement describes process around the transfer of the freehold for the open space. Within 1 month of receiving the Provisional Certificate from the Council for each area of open space (the purpose of this Provisional Certificate is to confirm that the Council is satisfied that the developer has laid out and landscaped each area of open space in accordance with the approved Open Space Management Plan), Taylor Wimpey must offer for a period of 25 working days to transfer the freehold to the council free of any fees and charges (including Land Registry fees, VAT and other charges) arising from transferring that open space to the Council. Please note that this section relates to the cost for transferring the freehold rather than the costs of maintenance and management of the land.

- 2.5 The Council's published [Planning Obligation Supplementary Planning Document](#) sets out the terms under which the Council may be prepared to adopt and maintain properly laid out public open space and play areas:

**"Maintenance"**

*142. The District Council or relevant Parish or Town Council may be prepared to adopt and maintain properly laid out public open space and play areas, subject to a payment by the developer of a commuted sum. This payment should cover twenty five years' costs of maintenance. On payment of the commuted sum, and when all liabilities for construction, equipment and maintenance have been met to relevant body's satisfaction, the open space will be transferred.*

*143. The commuted sum figure is calculated using current contract prices and maintenance costs for maintaining open space. This figure is multiplied to establish a twenty five-year maintenance figure, which allows for inflation of contract prices.*

*144. Should a relevant Parish or Town Council or the District Council not be in a position to agree to the adoption, or if the developers do not intend to offer these areas for adoption, the Council will need to be satisfied that alternative arrangements have been made for their long-term maintenance and that they will be kept as public open space in perpetuity. This may be through some form of private management arrangements (such as a management company), or some other form of partnership such as a local trust."*

- 2.6 The S106 agreement for the Daws Hill site is silent with regard to any commuted sum to be paid by the developer to the Council for the open space/play areas.
- 2.7 Under the terms of the S106 agreement, there was also a requirement for the developer to provide an Open Space Management Plan, which they did. This document, dated October 2017 and approved by the local Planning Authority on 5 July 2018, states: "*The purpose of this report is to act as a briefing document to the appointed Landscape Contractor who will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the Open Spaces during the initial 12-month Maintenance / Rectification Period and subsequently The Estate Managing Agent who will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and management following handover from the Landscape Contractor once the Rectification Period is completed. The Estate Managing Agent, will be a reputable and suitably qualified professional landscape contractor appointed by The Developer (Taylor Wimpey). The Estate Managing Agent will be responsible for the successful upkeep, establishment and management of the Open Spaces on behalf of Taylor Wimpey.*"
- 2.8 The Open Space Management Plan sets out its objectives as follows, which include the play areas: "*The primary management aim for the proposed playspace and planting is the successful ongoing upkeep of the play equipment and establishment and future sustained growth of individual trees, hedges, shrubs and seeded areas*

*within the Open Space areas. This document outlines the maintenance period immediately following planting and the first 5 years of ongoing maintenance to ensure that the new plantings succeed and the play equipment continues to work as originally intended and continues to contribute to the area. A good standard of maintenance is essential to the long term sustainability of play areas.” Detailed plans for the play areas are included within the appendices.*

- 2.9 The document also states the following in relation to the maintenance:

***“SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING MAINTENANCE/ RECTIFICATION PERIOD***

***Play Equipment***

*5.7. The Estate Managing Agent shall remain responsible for the ongoing general maintenance of the specialised play equipment. The manufacturer’s guidelines for ongoing maintenance should be followed to ensure soundness and good working order.*

*5.8. Regular visual and technical inspections shall be undertaken to all play equipment and non-prescriptive play elements during routine 13 maintenance visits. Annual RoSPA Inspections (arranged by the The Estate Managing Agent should be undertaken to ensure approved safety of play equipment and RoSPA records maintained on file and issued to the client.*

*5.9. All structural supports, joints, fastenings, fixtures, ropes etc. shall be checked for soundness and wear and tear. Fixtures and fittings to be refixed where necessary to ensure good working order. Manufacturers should be consulted for any significant hazards identified or maintenance / repair / replacement requirements.*

*5.10. Any cleaning, painting, treating, adjusting shall be undertaken as necessary and as indicated by manufacturers.”*

- 2.10 In September 2020, the Buckinghamshire Council Green Spaces Team were asked by the Planning Officers to inspect the installation of the play areas for compliance with the agreed plans. Following this inspection, it was noted that the seating and litter bins provided were not the models set out on the approved plans; the team stated however that they could agree the change of models as it was not intended that the Council would manage the site.
- 2.11 In late February 2021, Buckinghamshire Council was first made aware that residents had concerns that the Pine Trees development open and play spaces would not be adopted by the Council, and that this was being presented to residents as a change in stance. Since then local Councillors have held discussions with Taylor Wimpey on behalf of local residents on this issue.
- 2.12 The petitioner asks “*the council to reconsider its decision of denying support for the maintenance of the children’s play areas on the Pine Trees estate for the safety and*

*wellbeing of the children of this community*" and suggests that council tax revenue from the new estate is used to support and maintain the children's play areas.

- 2.13 Whilst it is of course correct that there is additional council tax revenue through the new estate, this is needed to pay for a wide range of essential local services, including waste collections and recycling, roads and transport, housing, libraries, caring for people in need and more. The Council no longer receives any general funding from central government; our costs continue to rise due to inflation and we are seeing increasing demand for statutory services to protect, support and care for our vulnerable adults and children (as context, in 2021/22 the Council made additional investment in both Adults [£9.6m] and Children's Social Care [£11.4m] to address the continued increase in demand, cost and complexity in these service areas).
- 2.14 Given these wider pressures, the Council is not in a position to adopt additional open spaces and play areas linked to new housing developments without an appropriate level of financial contribution from the developers to use towards managing and maintaining these, as set out above.
- 2.15 This is a not a new position; the previous version of the Wycombe District Council Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (adopted in 2013 and therefore in force at the time of entering into the S106 agreement for the Daws Hill site) also stated, "*The District Council or relevant Parish or Town Council may be prepared to adopt and maintain properly laid out public open space and play areas, subject to a payment by the developer of a commuted sum.*"
- 2.16 In terms of the petitioner's comment on potential for increases in the management company's service charges, these presumably form part of residents' conveyancing contracts and therefore are a matter to address to Taylor Wimpey. The points around proximity of the school and potential usage of the play areas by non-residents are also noted; the Abbey View Primary Academy is set within the Pines Tree development and, given the number of new dwellings in the development, it is hoped that many pupils will be from within the local community. Open space has to be available for use by the public with unrestricted access in order to satisfy public open space planning policies.

### **3. Other options considered**

- 3.1 Other options considered:-
- a. Agree to the transfer to the Council of the play areas/open spaces without any commuted sum from the developer. As set out above, this would not be financially sustainable; it does not align with the approach set out in the Council's Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document, and risks

creating a difficult precedent/inconsistency with other developments in the local area.

- b. Agree to the transfer to the Council of the play areas/open space with a 25-year commuted lump sum. At the time of writing, the Council has not received any offer from the developer to provide such a commuted sum (and legally the Council cannot compel the developer to provide it, as there is no clause in the s106 agreement to enforce).

#### **4. Next steps**

- 4.1 The Community Board may either approve the officer response to the Petition that the children's play areas in open spaces 7a and 7b at the Pine Trees should be maintained by and remain with the developer's management company, which will maintain other elements of the site; or refer the matter to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure for consideration, who will take into account the views of the Board in considering a decision on the adoption of the play areas/open space.

#### **5. Background papers**

- 5.1 Details of the planning application 13/05799/FULEA and associated documents, including the S106 agreement and the Open Space Management Plan, are available on the Council website.

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## High Wycombe Community Board

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Response to request for Parking permits - Jubilee Road, Upper Green Street, Oakridge Road, Abercromby Avenue, High Wycombe</b>
<b>Date:</b>	26/02/2021
<b>Author:</b>	Mark Davis, Parking Manager
<b>Contact officer:</b>	Mark Davis, Parking Manager
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Booker, Cressex and Castlefield and Abbey
<b>Local members affected:</b>	Cllr Mohammed Ayub, Cllr Karen Bates Cllr Majid Hussain Cllr Arman Alam, Cllr Lesley Clarke OBE, Cllr Mahboob Hussain JP

### Summary

A petition has been submitted by the residents of Jubilee Road, Upper Green Street, Oakridge Road, Abercromby Avenue who have requested resident-only parking areas in their streets in line with many other streets within this area of High Wycombe. Since the introduction of resident parking schemes on other roads, it has increased parking on these roads. Residents especially the elderly are struggling to find parking spaces near homes and this is causing stress especially with residents with mobility issues.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that we look to fund a design and informal consultation to get a fully audited response from residents to assess interest in this scheme going further. We would advise that this consultation involves all roads surrounding this area so that any migration of parking is taken into account. A full review of all roads within A4010, A40 and A404 would fit this review and consultation as all these areas have seen an increase in parking since the increase in permit schemes, the master plan and introduction of pay and display on the Cressex trading estate. Initial designs and discussion have

started, look at using CIL funds to start this work. Members support to gain access to these funds would be welcome to drive this scheme onwards.

#### **Reason for decision:**

We have had ongoing parking issues and complaints from these roads as well as neighbouring roads which has increased due to changes within the town, as well as more residents working from home which has caused more parking congestion. If majority support is gained it would greatly allow the council to control the numbers of vehicles within these roads and hopefully push the commuter parking issues into the ample car parks within High Wycombe. Not only would this assist residents, it should reduce congestion on highways from vehicles looking for the small number of parking spaces.

#### **Legal implications**

Section 122 (for permanent orders) and section 14 (for temporary orders) of the Road Traffic Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).

#### **Other implications/issues**

Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act of 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics, and in respect to many roads should improve access.

The initial estimate to draft scheme and carry out informal consultation would be £20k

#### **Feedback from consultation, Community Boards and Local Member views (if relevant)**

Informal consultation to take place with residents and to link with Community Board schemes that are currently ongoing.

Any agreed restrictions at the informal consultation stage would then need funding secured to be put through a full public consultation in line with the local authorities' traffic orders procedure for England and Wales.

This cost would need a full PID completed when full scope is agreed at informal consultation stage.

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# Stay Safe, Protect Bucks

Key message update for Community Boards  
June/July 2021

- If you're meeting with family and friends, please continue to remember the rule of 6 or two households indoors, or up to 30 people outside
- Please continue to protect your loved ones – remember hands, face, space and fresh air to help stop the spread
- Regular testing will help us to control emerging variants. Rapid/ Lateral Flow Testing is only for people who are displaying no symptoms and can be done either at home or at a test centre
- If you have symptoms or if your LFT result is positive, you must self isolate immediately and arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible

# COVID-19 vaccination update

## Who can get the vaccine?

- All adults aged **18 and over** can now get the COVID-19 vaccine. [Book online here](#) or call free 119
- Anyone aged **18 - 39** will be offered an alternative vaccine to AstraZeneca. Currently these vaccines are Pfizer or Moderna. Anyone in this age group should expect to wait between **8-12 weeks between doses**.
- If you are aged **40 and over, or in an at risk group (cohorts 1-9)**, you will receive the **AstraZeneca vaccine** and can expect an **8 week gap between doses** unless otherwise advised by a clinician.
- You will have the **same vaccine for both doses**.

# How you can get the vaccine in Bucks?

- You can get a vaccine via your **GP, pharmacy** or at the **Mass Vaccination Centre** at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Bowls Centre. You can find out more about where you can get a vaccine on the [council webpage](#). As you know there is a huge drive now across the country to get as many people vaccinated before the 19 July. Getting fully vaccinated with both doses is really important now as variants pose a risk. The latest data shows how being vaccinated can really help lower the risk of hospitalisation and serious illness or death if you do manage to contract the virus.
- Over the next month or so **some GPs are stopping vaccinating** as they return to normal practice work. This is because they were only ever due to vaccinate those most at risk in Phase 1 of the vaccine rollout.
- **Pharmacies are going to take over vaccination** in many of these areas.
- There are also a number of **drop-in clinics** popping up across the county. These allow eligible people to just **turn up without appointment** and get vaccinated with either their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. [Bucks CCG updates webpage](#) is the best place to find out where clinics are planned and also for all other vaccine news



- Starting **Friday 2 July** **Health on the Move** vans will be rolling out 7 days a week across the Bucks, Oxon and Berks (BOB) region. They will be initially visiting key areas in the county where take up is low and to make it easier for people to access vaccines. Initially people will need to book a slot via the National Booking System, but we will swiftly be moving to a drop-in model once more established.
- You can help us by sharing the links to the webpage where the weekly van schedule will eventually sit - it will be on the [CCG webpage](#)
- The Health on the Move vans will offer other outreach health provision: Health Checks, flu vaccination etc. and the testing team will also be linking up to offer advice and support to people who come along for a vaccine.

## Other vaccine news

- Finally, the new **Vaccine Voices** training is starting next week. This is a **90-minute online training session** for anyone keen to **share the benefits of vaccination within their communities**.
- We hope to get lots of different people to sign up and act as advocates across the county and with lots of support and advice in the form of a toolkit and the training session, we hope to really build up trust and an good ear at a ground level. Please email me for more info and details on how to share.



# Home to school transport

## Changes for September 2021



Appendix

# School transport is changing

- The Council contracts bus operators to provide school buses for eligible children.
- Contracts are being renewed and we're ensuring new contracts provide best value for money to the taxpayer.
- Many Council-run bus services carry very few eligible children – in some cases none at all.
- We need to focus our resources on our obligation to carry eligible children.

# New commercial school bus routes

- Those routes that carry few or no eligible children are being taken over by bus companies as commercial school bus routes from September 2021.
- These bus companies will sell tickets directly to parents, and are responsible for setting ticket prices at a level which makes their services financially viable.
- [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/commercial-school-buses](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/commercial-school-buses)

# Changes to routes

- Remaining Council school bus services will have changed routes and pick up points to focus on travel for eligible children.
- Average journey times will remain unchanged, but individual journey times may change because of the realignment of routes.
- Timetables for September will be available on the website by 15 August.

# The Spare Seat Scheme

- We're still providing available spare seats to paying parents, though the number available is much reduced.
- Online applications are currently open, and applicants will hear the outcome by the end of July.
- All children who can no longer have a Council spare seat will be able to buy a seat on a commercial service – either one run for school children only or a public bus or train.
- [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/spare-seat-scheme](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/spare-seat-scheme)

# Further information

- Full information on home to school transport for mainstream school buses and transport for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) can be found at:
- [www.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-transport](http://www.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-transport)
- Parents can contact us via the online web form:
- [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/askclienttransport](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/askclienttransport)