



North West Chilterns Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 7 February 2023

Time: 6.30 pm (please register at 6.15 pm)

Venue: via MS Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#)

BC Councillors:

M Walsh (Chairman), S Adoh, M Angell, S Broadbent, R Carington, D Carroll, C Etholen (Vice-Chairman), G Hall, C Harriss, D Hayday, O Hayday, M Hussain, M Smith, A Turner and P Turner

Representatives of the following town and parish councils:

Bledlow-cum-Saunderton, Bradenham, Downley, Ellesborough, Great and Little Hampden, Great and Little Kimble, Hughenden, Lacey Green, Longwick-cum-Ilmer, Piddington and Wheeler End, Princes Risborough, Radnage, Stokenchurch and West Wycombe.

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Questions for the Chairman

If you have any questions, please email or phone Jackie, see contact details above, by Thursday 2nd February 2023. This will allow our Chairman, Matthew Walsh, time to prepare.

We look forward to seeing you at our Community Board meeting.

Item No	Item	Time	Page No
1	The Chairman's Welcome	18:30	
2	Apologies for Absence		
3	Declarations of Interest		
4	Notes of the last meeting To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022.	18:35	5 - 10
5	Presentation from Thames Valley Police A presentation will be provided by Sergeant Oliver Brixey regarding North West Chilterns.	18:40	
6	Presentation from Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS) A presentation will be provided by Stuart Grosse, Group Commander Response South on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BFRS summer pressures 2022• National Fire Chiefs Council 2023 campaigns• Local community campaigns	19:05	

<p>7</p>	<p>Community Board Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Groups Briefing Reports (attached) – to be presented by the Chairman, Councillor Matthew Walsh. • Funding applications and 2022/23 budget – to be presented by Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager. • Priorities 2023/24 - to be presented by Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager, see public health report for information regarding our board area - Local Profiles (healthandwellbeingbucks.org). • Buckinghamshire Council Update (attached) – to be presented by Sophie Payne, Community Board Champion/Service Director, Culture, Sport and Leisure. 	<p>19:30</p>	<p>11 - 20</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Community Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question time: to respond to questions received. • For information purposes: <p>Live countywide and local Consultations, go to Your Voice Bucks website Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space</p>	<p>19:50</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Date of the next meeting 27 July 2023 – to be confirmed.</p>	<p>20:00</p>	

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North West Chilterns Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the North West Chilterns Community Board held on Tuesday 6 December 2022 in The Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough, HP27 ODP, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 7.59 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Walsh (Chairman), S Broadbent, R Carington, C Etholen (Vice-Chairman), G Hall, M Smith and A Turner

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

Cllr S Breese and Cllr N Cox (Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council), Cllr H Holman (Ellesborough Parish Council), Cllr J Armshaw (Hughenden Parish Council), Cllr C Davies (Lacey Green Parish Council), Cllr V McPherson (Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council), S Henson (West Wycombe Parish Council Clerk), Cllr V Smith (West Wycombe Parish Council).

Others in attendance

J Binning, M Devlin, S Payne and S Taylor (Buckinghamshire Council)
R Westley and C der Heijer (BCS Utilities), D Burton and D Gaughan (JSM), J Stevens

Agenda Item

1 The Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Matthew Walsh, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for attending.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors Shade Adoh, David Carrol, Clive Harriss and Paul Turner; Councillor Catherine Campbell (Princes Risborough Town Council), Councillor Stan Jones (Hughenden Parish Council), Councillor Jane Rogers (Longwick cum Ilmer Parish Council), John McGownan (Ellesborough Parish Council Parish Clerk), Giles Tandy (Downley Parish Council, Parish Clerk), Councillor James Cripps (Great and Little Kimble Parish Council), Councillor Josephine Biss (Princes Risborough Town Council), Councillor Simon Cope (West Wycombe Parish Council), Peter Spence (Hughenden Valley Residents Association), Hilda Stearn (Hughenden Street Association) and Rob Mills (JSM).

4 Notes of the last meeting

Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager, confirmed that all the actions had been carried out. It was noted that an amendment was required to item 9, Community Matters, Former Molins Site, Haw Lane, Saunderton. The text *'and part was due to High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) rail works'* would be removed and the first sentence now read: *'Sharon Henson, clerk, and Councillor Vicki Smith, West Wycombe PC, raised the issue regarding the volume of traffic passing through West Wycombe High Street, much of which was related to the former Molins site demolition works.'*

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2022 were **agreed** as accurate record, subject to the amendment being made.

5 The former Molins site in Saunderton

Rees Westley and Chris den Heijer, BCS Utilities and Dave Burton and David Gaughan, JSM Group, attended the meeting to increase stakeholder engagement, answer any questions, discuss the route to be taken off site and mitigate as much disruption as possible. A presentation was provided, appended to the minutes. Rees explained that BCS were managing the project and JSM were the principal contractor.

The following key points were raised during the presentation/answered by the team:

- It was confirmed that no houses would be built on the site; it would be a technological centre which had planning consent and the site was almost ready for construction.
- The power requirement was 120 MVA but this would be rationalised and possibly reduced.
- The Data Centre would not take precedence over residents during a power outage as it would be completely separate.
- The power would be supplied from the National Grid Amersham Substation rather than from Longwick as the Longwick site could not provide enough power.
- In response to a query on whether there would be any background noise; it was confirmed that acoustic surveys had been carried out at the site and there was a requirement to meet certain parameters which were set out in the planning conditions and were publicly available. The acoustic level was based on normal operational use; it would be a highly efficient sub-station, and less noisy than an older sub-station.
- Avalon DC Ltd had commissioned JSM to design and build the sub-station. JSM were a privately owned, accredited company, with extensive knowledge of this type of work and had a good reputation.
- The length of the cable route was 16.4 km, running from Mop End to Saunderton. It was agreed that a list of the roads affected would be supplied and circulated.

Action: Dave Gaughan/Jackie Binning

- There would be a dedicated site management team. An in-house engineering team would manage and co-ordinate the electrical and civil engineering activities.
- The trench for the cable would measure approximately one metre wide x 1.4 metre deep.
- It was anticipated that there would be approximately 10 HGV movements from the Haw Lane site per day.
- Two 'Special Engineering Difficulties' had been identified – Valley Road, Hughenden and Haw Lane Bridge, Saunderton.
- A third party traffic management company would be used, approved by the Local Authority.
- Variable Messaging Signs (VSMs) would be in place four weeks before the start date.
- The start date was confirmed as 3 January 2023; the cabling work would start in January 2024 and would commence in five different locations. There was an energisation date of August 2024 and the site would be cleared by September 2024.
- In response to a question on whether night time working would be undertaken on major routes such as the A4010; it was confirmed that night works were not being contemplated and that traffic lights would be used.
- The fibre installation would be carried out in conjunction with the cabling works on Wycombe Road.
- The biggest risks/difficulties were the two SEDs.
- Communication was key and it was suggested that all affected residents needed to be notified, not just the houses along the actual route. Public meetings would be arranged where required.
- The cabling works in Hughenden Valley would not affect the GP surgery.
- It was agreed that an increased number of VSMs should be in place rather than just on the A roads. The whole route would be under traffic management and an emergency number would be available; the ambulance service would also be made aware. The majority of the route would be controlled by two-way traffic lights. Some buses would need to be suspended, but the situation would be communicated to residents. The [One Network](#) website would include works happening in the area including the cabling works.
- It was confirmed that an Environmental Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was publicly available on the planning portal.
- The ambient noise in the area formed the baseline for the noise level and the requirement was to achieve a level five decibels below the current baseline.
- It was recommended that publicity material for residents included an explanation of what a data centre was i.e., a technical hub for storing data to facilitate the current way of working and that it was part of the economic regeneration plan.
- The work programme would be driven by the information received from the Highways Team. Traffic lights were not allowed within two miles of each other on an A road.

- Route maps would be supplied to the HGV drivers to prevent travel via West Wycombe High Street.
- Cllr Simon Breese highlighted the problem of traffic lights under Haw Lane rail bridge and offered to work with them to discuss the options.

Action: Rees Westley/Cllr Breese

- It was acknowledged that there would be disruption but the aim of the traffic plan was to minimise disruption. It was confirmed that the Street Works Team were aware of this forthcoming work.
- The letter drop, with contact details, would be undertaken two weeks before starting work on an affected route; side roads would also be included.
- 80% of the ducts were completed and it was estimated that there would be another 18 articulated lorry deliveries to come; they would not be travelling through Bledlow Ridge.
- The Vice-Chairman asked if Members could be notified to enable them to circulate to the parish councils and via the community board. Dave Gaughan reiterated that the information would be on One Network but would not be specified as cabling work; however, Dave offered to provide a schedule of works to Jackie Binning for circulation; project updates would also be circulated.

Action: Dave Gaughan/Jackie Binning

- It was also suggested that a dedicated website be set up; Dave Gaughan offered to look into whether this was possible.

Action: Dave Gaughan

- The site had not been sold so there was no tenant to share any information on.

The Chairman thanked Rees, Chris, Dave and David for attending.

6 Community Board Updates

Action Groups Briefing Reports

The Chairman advised that the briefing reports had been circulated with the agenda pack. Jim Stevens, Chairman of the Transport and Road Issue Action Group, added that the report only provided a snapshot of what was actually being carried out. The Chairman stated that he had received excellent feedback on the work of the action groups at a recent meeting with the Community Board Service Director.

The following key points were raised in discussion:

- In response to a request for an update on the 'County Lines' in Buckinghamshire, Councillor Valerie McPherson, Chairman of the Community Resilience Action Group, explained that the group had been concentrating on knife crime as County Lines was not such a big problem as in other areas of the Thames Valley region, although there was a problem in High Wycombe. Jackie Binning added that the knife crime project dealt with children and young people who became involved with County Lines. Last year, the Transitions UK project had interlinked with the knife crime project and County Lines; it had been successful and shared across whole of

Buckinghamshire.

- It was agreed that a wild verge scheme would be discussed at the next Environmental and Climate Change Action Group meeting.

Action: Cllr Carington

Funding update

Jackie Binning, Community Board Manager, advised that the funding summary report included in the agenda pack stated that £55,192 remained in the budget; however, two Project Initiation Documents had been withdrawn and the allocated funding had been returned to the pot. Other projects had since been approved and there were several pending applications amounting to approximately £26,000. There were also some pre-application conversations taking place, also amounting to approximately £26,000, which, if progressed, would mean that the budget would be spent. If anyone knew of any other projects, let Jackie know as they could be considered for next year's budget.

The [North West Chilterns Community Board action plan](#) was available on the Buckinghamshire Council website.

7 Community Matters

Sophie Payne, local resident and Community Board champion, highlighted the following from the Buckinghamshire Council update in the agenda pack:

- A [comprehensive package](#), provided by the Council, was available to help residents with the rising cost of living. The Helping Hands team at BC was the key point of contact for any residents who were struggling financially.
- The Council libraries would be acting as welcoming spaces to provide a warm, welcoming, supportive place for anyone in need of one. A toolkit and guidance were available for other venues who were interested in opening up as a welcoming space.
- Two new Highways contracts had been awarded; Atkins (consultancy contractor) and Balfour Beatty who would replace Transport for Bucks). The general message was that there would be further communications with the community boards.
- Some hosts were coming to the end of their arrangement with Ukrainian guests and work was being undertaken with the Housing Team to support the guests. Work was also continuing to support asylum seekers.
- There had been an improvement in the waste collection service; however, any issues should be logged <http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/missed-bin>.
- The garden waste charges scheme launched in September and had received a good response with approximately 26,000 households having signed up.
- There was a new on-demand PickMeUp bus service in High Wycombe. The pilot scheme had received good feedback and was designed to help people in areas not well served with bus routes. Buses could be booked in advance via an app or by phoning 01494 296021.
- The County Show was very successful with the community boards being well

represented.

- There was a new [Town and Parish Charter](#).
- Funding had been received to develop a Local Heritage listing and nominations were being assessed.
- There was a library service survey available on the BC website – ‘Help Shape the Buckinghamshire Libraries’ Vision and Strategy for 2023 to 2028 <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/communities/libraries-vision-and-strategy/>. Libraries carried out a huge amount of partnership work e.g., to reduce social isolation, cultural participation opportunity, health and wellbeing as well as traditional activities.
- The [Buckinghamshire Film Office](#) launched last week. Anyone could register their property on their database as an opportunity for filming. The CB members were asked to promote the webpage to residents to maximise investment for Buckinghamshire.

The following key points were raised in discussion:

- Cllr Steve Broadbent suggested that in areas where moving traffic offences were an issue e.g., parking on zig zag lines, that a recommendation be submitted for inclusion on the list for monitoring by camera.
- The Council had been successful in a bid for providing [EV charging points](#) in the council car parks; the EV charging points would be provided by BP Pulse.
- A traffic flow problem was raised at George Road in Stokenchurch and a number of suggestions were made. Cllr Carl Etholen offered to discuss the situation with the parish council/residents.

Action: Cllr Etholen

The Chairman thanked the residents, parish councils, BC officers and BC councillors for their work over the past year.

- 8 Date of the next meeting**
Tuesday 7 February 2023

**North West Chilterns Community Board
Community Resilience Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 7th February 2023**

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 6 December 2022.

Priority Objectives: The group continue to look at the viewpoints of young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour themes and maintain their focus on:

- Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).
- Drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.
- Matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.
- Solutions around coms and scams.
- Matters around rural crime. Farms or small holdings having machinery or fuel stolen.
- Training and educating young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.
- Issues around social isolation and loneliness.
- Issues for young children from deprived families.
- Any ad hoc funding application in relation to Community Resilience.

Action Group – works carried out: Meetings are held every two to three months, the last one was held on 7th November 2022. The next meeting will be held on 20th February 2023 but work has been continuing and the group will be discussing the progress on a number of project initiatives which are as follows:

- **Projects around disability:** As confirmed during the last meeting, a site visit was made by the Chair of this Action Group and the Community Board Manager (CBM) with Hughenden Manor on 19th October 2022 to discuss the groups proposals for walking in the countryside during the different seasons, which could be enjoyed by young and older people, especially those who suffer with loneliness or vulnerability. Hughenden Manor were extremely interested in our proposals and we are meeting again in February 2023 (date to be finalised) to put a proposed project plan in place.
- **Community Garden:** As stated in previous reports, Orchard View Farm have agreed that the Community Board can have a piece of land to grow fruit and vegetables. This initiative is to grow food to give to families in hardship and food banks etc. and to sell some of the produce to put back in the land to make it sustainable.

A meeting was held on 4th November 2022 with the Chair, CBM and the owner of Orchard View Farm. It was agreed that their pigs will be put on the land to eat the overgrown vegetation. We have a further meeting arranged with Orchard View Farm on 9th February 2023 to discuss next steps.

In the meantime, we have arranged a meeting with the Managing Director of Briants in Longwick on 3rd February 2023 to discuss the community garden and the various items we require such as stock wire fencing to keep the rabbits out of eating the crops, fence posts, wood to make raised beds, tools such as forks ,spades, trowels, rakes, bushes, watering cans and seeds etc. in order to be able to start planting in March with our Volunteer Gardeners.

We are also arranging a meeting with Penn's Nursery in Longwick with the joint owner to supply us with a variety of seeds.

- Bench project: The aim of this project is to celebrate the work of care workers during the Covid period. The Community Board have now approved the project and funding and the order has been placed with the supplier (TDP Limited).
- Horse Therapy: The Chairman of this action group has contacted the Horses Trust in Speen regarding therapy for those individuals that require help and understanding, where they will get involved in activities with horses to promote human physical and mental health.

We are trying to arrange a meeting with The Horse Trust in Speen with the Chief Executive on 9th February 2023 at 3.30pm to discuss how we can move forward on this project.

- North West Chilterns Community Board – Annual Event - Party in the Park: Meetings continue to be held by the Task and Finish group to organise this event. Note: this event will take place on 24th June 2023 at Wades Park, Princes Risborough.

Various community organisation's (including local dance groups, singers etc.), our local Police and Fire and Rescue Teams, plus local businesses have been contacted and invited to have a stand. "Save the Date" invitations have also been sent.

Furthermore, schools in the North West Chilterns have been invited to design a theme for our event. The closing date is 5pm on 31st January 2023. The winning design will be placed on our posters and banners which will be used as part of our comms campaign to promote the event and the Community Board.

Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM

North West Chilterns Community Board
Environmental and Climate Change Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 7th February 2023

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 27th July 2022.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group's priority objectives are to seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage. Additionally, the Action Group seeks to help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

Action Group: The Action Group continues to aim to meet bi-monthly; the last meeting was held on 2nd November 2022, with the next planned for the 30th January 2023. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, many of which have been delegated to the group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the group.

Recent work has included:

- Continuing to identify suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's for tree planting in streets and public spaces.
- Continuing to link in with Buckinghamshire Community Energy (BCE) on a number of projects.
- Supporting Stokenchurch Scout and Guide HQ and the Princes Centre in their projects to install solar panels.
- Encouraging schemes looking at Wildflower planting in meadows and brownfield sites
- Continue to look at options to install Electric Vehicle charging points in public areas.
- Supporting joint community planning and community resilience through planned education programmes.

Projects planned and actions going forward

- Liaising with the Chiltern Society on the restoration work of the Whiteleaf Cross and car park.
- Now looking expanding this potential joint project with Wycombe CB to implement Bee Squared to a number of neighboring community boards. A meeting is scheduled with community boards and other interested partners to discuss ways forward.
- Will invite the chair of the Transport and Road Issues Action Group to our December meeting to look at a combined work on verge cutting and wildflower planting
- The Chiltern Society hedgerow project has been prepared and we are now waiting on the funding application.

- Compiled a spreadsheet of potential areas and objectives where it was felt the subgroup could encourage applications in. This has led to conversations with organisations such as the Bucks Fungus group and BBOWT.
- Using the BCE as our preferred partner we prepared a proposed Public Awareness Energy Efficiency Campaign for the North West Chilterns after liaising with Buckinghamshire Council. Energy Efficient Homes Clinic planned to be held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on 11th March. The roadshow will also go to Stokenchurch and Aston Clinton.
- Continuing work on Bee Squared with an application expected from Princes Risborough Town Council.

Chairman: Cllr Robert Carington

North West Chilterns Community Board
Economic Regeneration Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 7th February 2023

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 6th December 2022.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group continue with their objectives which are as follows:

- To seek schemes and initiatives that support local businesses (urban and rural).
- To prioritise schemes and initiatives that help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.
- To consider any adhoc application in regards to Economic Regeneration.

Action Group: The last meeting was on 10th November 2022 and meets every quarter (approximately). The next meeting is on 9th March 2023.

Progress on actions since the last Community Board meeting are as follows:

- **Visit Buckinghamshire (VB) – Marketing and Promoting “Local”:** As confirmed in my previous report, the project is now complete. A draft of the end of project evaluation has been submitted from VB, but we are waiting for an update on the case studies carried out with two of the businesses involved in the scheme. We hope to receive this soon.
- As also detailed in the last CB report, due to the shortage of skilled labour and staff, the action group would like to arrange a seminar where local businesses and schools can attend to discuss their issues and concerns and to signpost them to tools and resources where help can be found.

Jacqueline Ford from the Economic Development team has been invited to the group meeting in March to discuss this item further. It is hoped that next steps can then be agreed.

- The action group will continue to explore other sources of data that evidence the needs of local business, organisations and individuals and research other possible project opportunities.

Chairman: Cllr Matthew Walsh

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**Community Board – North West Chilterns
Transport and Road Issues Action Group
Briefing Report for the Community Board – 7 February 2023**

Purpose: This report provides a very brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the 6th December Community Board Meeting.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group has ten priority objectives and all are discussed at each meeting in the context of specific local transport/road issues or broader transport policy matters.

Outputs from the Action Group: Most, if not all, of the outputs from the Action Group's discussions require action and/or input from Buckinghamshire Council. The Group remains very concerned that its voice is not being heard by Buckinghamshire Council.

Snapshot of recent work: The Action Group has only met once since the last Community Board meeting in December. At that meeting the following was discussed:

- The Group decided to refer its concerns that its voice is not being heard, to the Chairman of the Community Board.
- The Group received information on an informal consultation on residents permit parking in five roads in Princes Risborough and also the possibility of air quality monitoring in the Princes Risborough area.
- The Group discussed the results of a speed survey carried out on Main Road Lacey Green and decided they would support a speed limit reduction on the Naphill approach to Lacey Green village and have referred this to BC's Cabinet Member for Transport.

Actions going forward:

- For January 2023 - consult the NWC Community Board members on the Actions Group's aspirations for better cycling and walking provision in the NWC area.

Chairman: Jim Stevens

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An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 1 2023 – January 2023)

Local Heritage Listing

Using government funding, the council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important heritage sites in the county that contribute to the local character of Buckinghamshire.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial buildings), archaeological sites (upstanding earthwork remains and buried sites), formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art, monuments and street furniture.

Sites were nominated by local communities and council staff and evaluated by the council's heritage and archaeology team with volunteers also working on the project.

The Local Heritage List is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g. Grade I, II and II* Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, and Registered Parks and Gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Assets on the Local Heritage List will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications, helping to protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy.

There have been more than 2,653 nominations for inclusion on the list and 771 of these sites are now being brought forward for adoption in Phase 1, with the rest being assessed for Phase 2.

To view a list of nominated sites, please visit the [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).

ORCS funding for EV charge locations

After successfully securing £407k from the [Office for Zero Emission Vehicles](#) (OZEV) via their [On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme](#) (ORCS), the council will now be installing 128 new EV parking bays in 16 of its car parks across the county – with work being completed by April 2023.

We are now looking for other opportunities to broaden the public charging network in local town and village community car parks in Buckinghamshire.

Our aim is to submit a combined bid to the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) in March 2023, to provide the funding for this initiative. We will work alongside town and parish councils to assess what type of chargepoint might be suitable for each site, calculate the cost of installation and the power connection costs, and liaise with EV chargepoint

suppliers on behalf of town and parish councils. We can also help to procure and manage the installation.

Find out more about [Buckinghamshire Council's 5-year Action Plan](#) to support the transition of the county to EVs.

Local Plan update – sites to be published following call for sites

Following the 'Wider' call for sites last year, over 700 sites have been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. Our previous calls for brownfield sites resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these has now been published at [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

A list of other sites which have been submitted as part of our wider call for sites will be available in the coming weeks. Officers have now started the process of evaluating each of the sites against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability and deliverability over the plan period to 2040.

Work has commenced on an Employment and Retail Evidence Study and a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (we expect to consult with the relevant statutory bodies on this shortly). We are in the process of appointing consultants for several other studies which are needed to inform the plan.

We are currently working to set out the overarching vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire which will shape our work going forwards. In accordance with good practice on community engagement, the team is working on a forthcoming public consultation which will enable people to comment and give feedback on the draft Vision and Objectives.

Current and upcoming consultations

As well as the Tourism Survey, take a look here to view other current consultations:

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

Current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.