



High Wycombe Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 3 November 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber Queen Victoria Road High Wycombe HP11 1BB

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Report to High Wycombe Community Board

Date:	2 November 2022
Title:	Response to petition to remove double yellow lines on Totteridge Road, High Wycombe
Relevant councillor(s):	Councillors Steve Guy, Imran Hussain & Julia Wassell
Author and/or contact officer:	John Pateman, Design Services Team Leader
Ward(s) affected:	Totteridge & Bowerdean
Recommendation:	That the double yellow lines introduced in July 2022 following the statutory parking consultation remain on Totteridge Road
Reason for decision:	To improve road safety for residents and all users. To support the Highway Code (rule 242 and 243):- a) to improve safety and access at the junctions with Lorraine Close, The Crescent and Denewood, b) assist sight lines between motorists and pedestrians near the bend/hill, and c) keep the pavements unobstructed of illegally parked vehicles

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report considers the points raised in the petition dated 18 July 2022 from 12 residents of Totteridge Road who would like the recently installed double yellow lines removed from Totteridge Road.

- 1.2 A review of the work of the former project engineers has been undertaken by experienced parking professionals and it is considered that the new yellow lines should remain as they are essential to support the Highway Code and road safety.

2. Content of report

- 2.1 The double yellow lines in Totteridge Road, High Wycombe were implemented in July 2022 as part of the High Wycombe Junction Protection scheme as outlined in Figure 2.1:-



Figure 2.1 - location of double yellow lines on Totteridge Road (marked by yellow line)

- 2.2 This report considers the following points raised in the petition – summarised as:-
- The yellow lines are not necessary, and the road is more dangerous with them and provides a racetrack and increases the risk of accidents involving school children, mothers with children and the elderly crossing the road.
 - That local residents have been unable to voice their concerns, that there has been a lack of correspondence from the council and the council undertook insufficient consultation before introducing the yellow lines.

- That the council has not focussed on the area further down the road where it is less safe.

2.3 The yellow lines were proposed, advertised, legal order made and implemented for the following legal reasons (statement of reasons):

For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)

For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

2.4 The new parking lines support Highway Code rules 242 and 243 to improve visibility at the junctions and accesses and prevent an obstruction of the pavements. The Highway Code is available at the following website:-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>

2.5 It is possible that traffic speeds may increase following the introduction of yellow lines where there was previously an obstruction.

2.6 The engineers have assessed that the improved safety benefit of improving visibility and accessibility, far exceeds the disbenefit to any increase in traffic speed on Totteridge Road.

2.7 The police are responsible for speed limit enforcement, but Buckinghamshire Council has prepared a webpage explaining how residents can become involved if there is a concern about speeding: -

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety/managing-speed/dealing-with-speeding/>

2.8 Residents appear to have been contacting local Councillors' asking for parking controls at this location in Totteridge Road since at least 2018 (see section 6.3).

2.9 The parking controls are part of at least three separate requests from residents (access to Lorraine Close, visibility from accesses & the bus service swerving past parked vehicles).

2.10 Totteridge Road and the junctions were added to the scope of the High Wycombe Junction Protection project following a meeting of the former High Wycombe Local Area Forum on 6 June 2019.

- 2.11 Once the project had received funding, parking engineers then assessed parking locations at all the sites within the town wide parking review and prepared drawings of where the yellow lines should go.
- 2.12 In order to implement new parking controls, it is necessary that the proposals are promoted and advertised in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. This is frequently called a "statutory" or "legal" consultation.
- 2.13 Sometimes the council also undertakes an informal consultation for proposed parking controls, but where the proposals are being put in for road safety and/or they are specific areas not to park as detailed in the Highway Code it is considered unnecessary. There was no informal consultation in Totteridge Road for this reason.
- 2.14 There is no specific legal obligation on the council to letter drop local residents in the 1996 Regulations, however, it is considered good practice and the 27 letters (Annex A) were sent to properties adjacent and close to the proposed yellow lines as shown in Figure 2.14.

Lorraine Close/Totteridge Road

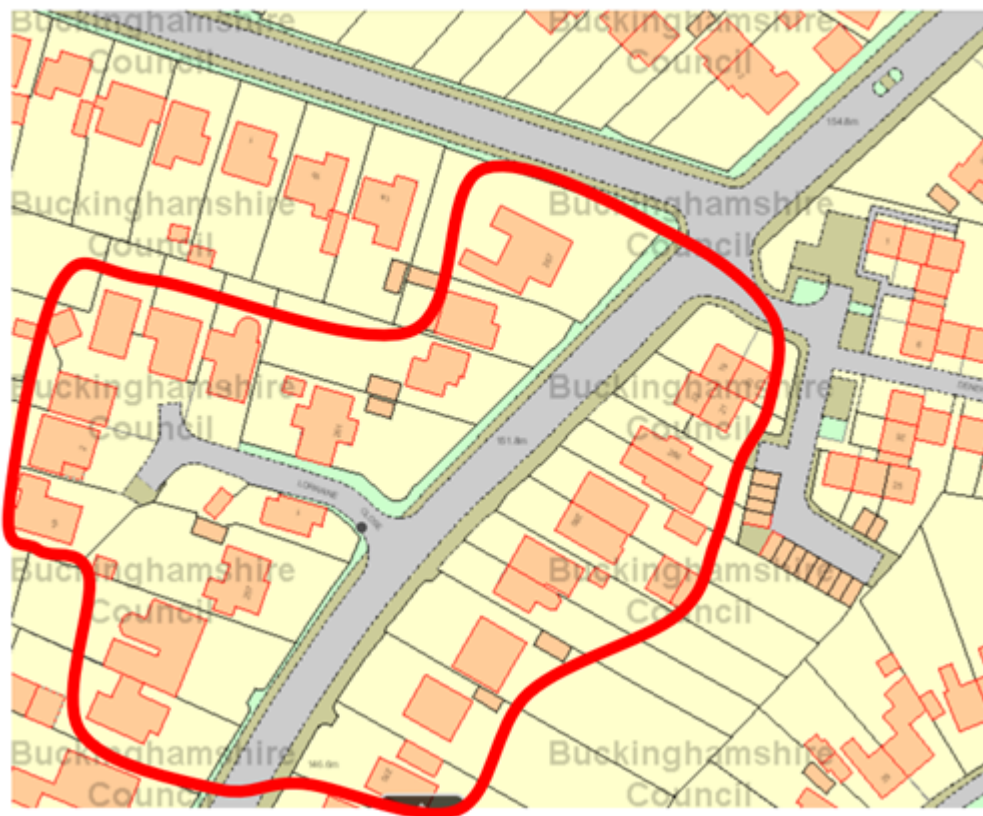


Figure 2.14 – Area of letter drop on 19 October 2021

- 2.15 The 27 letters were hand-delivered on 19 October 2021 and a summary of the responses is outlined in Table 2.15.

Formal Consultation - letter to frontages summary	
Date of Letter Drop	Tuesday 19 October 2021
Total number of properties letter dropped	27
Responses to formal consultation	4
• Objections received	1
• Support received	3
Petitioners that reside adjacent to the new yellow lines and were included within letter drop area	7
Petitioners that reside outside the area of the yellow lines and were outside the letter drop area	5
Total number of petitioners	12

Table 2.15 – summary of letter drop for statutory consultation

- 2.16 The council received four responses from the statutory consultation (Annex B).
- 2.17 To provide value for money to taxpayers it is not practicable to letter drop everyone in every road or town and so the council adopts a policy that letters will be sent to anyone who fronts new parking proposals.
- 2.18 It is noted that one objector to the consultation in October 2021 appears to reside at the same house as one of the petitioners and indicated that they were going to submit a petition at the time. There is no record of this petition being received but if residents were separately canvassed at the time there appears to be awareness of the proposals locally.
- 2.19 The council has fully complied with the legal process to implement a Traffic Regulation Order (the order behind yellow lines) and exceeded the statutory requirements. The awareness of the proposals was advertised in the local press, on two websites, through a letter drop, and the placement of street notices.
- 2.20 It is noted that the petitioners have concerns about the parking lower down the hill. These concerns can be considered by the Community Board in a future parking review or residents may submit specific concerns themselves on the following webpage:-

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/parking-control-request/>

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 In response to the petition, engineers in Design Services and Buckinghamshire Council's Parking Services have reviewed the work of the original engineers on this project to see whether the parking controls could be reduced on the section of Totteridge Road between Denewood and Lorraine Close.



Figure 3.1 - Google Streetview image looking southwest from the junction with Denewood

- 3.2 As outlined in figure 3.1, the visibility for southwest bound traffic is poor because of the brow of the hill at this location.
- 3.3 Motorists sometimes park on pavements when they feel their vehicle is likely to be at risk if fully located on the carriageway. The resulting obstruction to the pavement means that wheelchair users or those with pushchairs may have to cross the road or navigate in the main carriageway instead.
- 3.4 Totteridge Road is on the 33 and 33A Arriva bus routes and there are frequent services, up to approximately 5 services an hour at peak times in each direction.
- 3.5 All the properties along this section of Totteridge Road have off-street parking provision and parked vehicles near to the accesses present a further hazard to residents and road users as the resident accesses and egresses their drives.
- 3.6 In addition to the off-street parking available to residents there is nearby safe alternative parking. The maximum distance a motorist may have to park is typically

around 100metres away (from engineer calculations) or approximately an 80 second walk.

- 3.7 The engineers in the Transport for Buckinghamshire Design Services Team and the Buckinghamshire Council Parking Team do not feel that the yellow lines can be safely reduced at this location.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 Section 122 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) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.
- 4.2 Any further reviews or amendments to the waiting restrictions TRO would require a formal project to be initiated and further agreed funding streams.

5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 There is no disproportionate impact on any protected groups under the Equality Act and it was not considered necessary to complete an Equality Impact Assessment as part of obtaining the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 5.2 The parking controls introduced as part of the High Wycombe Junction Protection Scheme, including those on Totteridge Road are only in places where the Highway Code states motorists should not park and therefore if anything this will have a positive impact on people with protected characteristics – for example improving accessibility on pavements for disabled wheelchair users, the blind or those with sight impairments. It also improves the safety of all road users by providing better sight lines on the hill and at junctions.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 Local Councillors have engaged with some residents that have contacted them since the yellow lines have been painted.
- 6.2 Cllr Julia Wassell asked the project team (Design Services) to contact three residents about their concerns on 15 July 2022. Design Services responded to the three residents by email on 20 July 2022.

6.3 Cllr Julia Wassell makes the following comments:

“There are 2 schemes and they need separating. The original reasons given were

Lack of visibility emerging from driveways

Bus swerve around parked cars. I think Councillor Ditta nominated it earlier in 2018 and I just picked it up after his death. I was the Ryemead and Micklefield councillor 2017 to 2021

The Lorraine Close one was also the bin lorry could not get down there.

I have had compliments about the scheme”

6.4 Cllr Steve Guy makes the following comments:-

“Firstly, I can see that there was a consultation carried out and letters were delivered to residents inviting comments. I cannot see what comments were received and I think it would be really useful to know.

I reject the criticism of the response from myself and Cllr Wassell. I believe that we both tried to explain that a consultation was carried out.

My understanding is that these double yellow lines are designed to prevent parking which was already against the Highway Code: eg within 10 metres of a junction and near the brow of the hill. In other words, residents really shouldn't have been parking there anyway.

It is of note that some residents object to the double yellow lines, but others welcome them as it improves visibility when emerging onto Totteridge Road from the Crescent.

I think that on balance the double yellow lines are improvement overall. There is now less inconsiderate parking than there was before.

I am sorry that some residents are unhappy, but I think the council have done the right thing and the double yellow lines should stay”

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 In accordance with the legal procedure in making the legal Traffic Regulation Order, all respondents to the official consultation were contacted (where they had left contact details) once the final decision had been made and the legal notice of making was advertised in the local press.

- 7.2 As outlined in Section 6 above local councillors and members of the Design Services Team have been corresponding with some residents since the yellow lines were painted.

8. Next steps and review

- 8.1 Should the Community Board accept the recommendations no further action is required.
- 8.2 The Community Board may wish to consider including a further section of Totteridge Road (lower down the hill) in a future parking review to address one of the concerns of the petitioners.

9. Background papers

- 9.1 The full decision and consideration of the comments and objections to make the legal Traffic Regulation Order behind the yellow lines is available on the council's website:

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=753>

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Appendix

October 2021
Ref: HWWR211019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Statutory Consultation on the introduction of parking restrictions

We are proposing to introduce some No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) restrictions on junctions or locations of compromised visibility on various roads within High Wycombe. The restrictions are being introduced to create a safer environment for pedestrians and road users as well as encourage compliance with the Highway Code Rule 243, which prohibits parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction.

What can you do?

If this letter has been posted to you then the proposals put forward during this Statutory Consultation may be in the vicinity of your property. If you would like to view or comment on the proposals, please visit the *Your Voice Bucks* website at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/countywide-public-consultation> where you will find a link to an online survey, please complete it by the 9th November 2021. Alternatively, you can email parkingtro@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or write to us at the address at the top of this letter with your comments.

The proposals can also be viewed via an interactive map at [Buckinghamshire Public Consultation \(buckinghamshiretraffweb.uk\)](http://Buckinghamshire Public Consultation (buckinghamshiretraffweb.uk)) and then selecting Formal Consultation 006 -Static.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can see a copy of the proposed plans by visiting The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF between Monday – Thursday 8:45am – 5:15pm and Friday 8:45am – 4:45pm.

What happens next?

Following the Statutory Consultation, we may be required to provide your response to anyone who wishes to see it; but we will remove your name and any other personal information. If you have any further questions about the proposed measures, or require assistance to take part, please call our contact centre on 01296 382416.

Yours faithfully

Ricky Collymore
Technician – Design Services Team

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Responses to official consultation in Totteridge Road 2021

Respondent 1

We write this letter/email strongly objecting the proposal for introduction of no waiting at any time (double yellow lines in the proposed locations for the following reasons: 1. The purpose of these proposals being introduced is for the purposes of creating a safer environment for pedestrians, which prohibits parking opposite or within 10 metres is highly subjective conclusion and in our opinion the proposed changes will not achieve this objective. If this is the case, why are the waiting restrictions only to be applied at a small intersection and not the whole road? Where is the objective evidence that this will create the effect of creating of a safer environment? I strongly submit that it does not create a safer environment. 2. The proposals specifically target specific areas, which affects, specific families such as mine who will be adversely affected by these proposals. They appear to be targeting families from the BAME community, such as our family, which is against the Equality Act 2010. We have much larger extended families who visit regularly; this will cause many families being deprived of visiting freely. This we suggest is one of the drivers for this proposal, which is highly unsatisfactory, which has not been brought up. 3. I have two very elderly family members who need access to the road at all times, if these parking restrictions were put in place it would put them under significant hardship and for those individuals who visit them. Again we submit they are being discriminated against unfairly by these proposals. 4. My family is heavily reliant on deliveries from online groceries, such proposals would mean that delivery drivers would not be able to access our property, resulting in serious issues for our family in obtaining food, which will affect their quality of life. 5. The proposed proposals will also cause anxiety at the possibility that certain emergency vehicles/doctors visiting family members would be unable to gain access. This is unacceptable and does not create a safer environment. 6. We strongly submit that the proposal is short sighted and dangerous. We have a number of young female and child occupants who will have to walk much further away, if these proposals are accepted, particularly on their own and in the dark, we are very concerned the proposals will increase the distance they will have to walk from their cars to our home. This is causing a lot of anxiety and concern for all of us and will have the reverse effect of creating a safer environment. We have seen in the media how women have been kidnapped and murdered, our family does not feel safe with the proposed restrictions, with them walking further. 7. This is a complete waste of public funds. Street lighting is already very poor in this area and the Council has failed to place new lighting to resolve this issue, but is prepared to waste valuable resources to bring these parking proposals in place which serve no purpose for the occupants living in the affected area. 7. No such proposals have been in place before and we further object that the parking restriction proposal will create a safer environment, on the grounds that, as we submit there is no problem with the flow of traffic or public safety, and these proposals will do nothing to create a safer environment. People have parked on the areas concerned for a number of years and no serious accidents and issues of safety have occurred. For all these reasons, all of us at XXX Totteridge Road object against these proposals. We will be obtaining a signed petition to show others in the same vicinity who share a similar view objecting against this proposal.

Respondent 2

I agree with the introduction of parking restrictions on Totteridge Road.

Respondent 3

I strongly agree to have "No Waiting at Any Time (Double yellow lines)" restriction on Totteridge Road. It should be done from Denewood/The Crescent to Wingate Avenue, as visibility is getting worse every year. Neighbours on Totteridge Road are renting properties to multiple occupants, running car trade businesses from home, taxis, minibuses, which is extremely frustrating for the residents, as it creates blind spots in the residents' view of the road as they pull out of their drives. Elderly using the bus system struggle to use the pavement safely, sometimes they've to go round the pavement mounted cars by going on the road, which is extremely dangerous. Pedestrians with pushchairs struggle to use the pavement safely, which is extremely dangerous and could end up in a disaster, perhaps even resulting in a fatality. We've 3 schools in Totteridge area and school children use pavement to walk back and forth from school. Due to the amount of cars parked on either side of the road and the pavements, it's extremely dangerous for children crossing the road, and the blind spots are a major catalyst to cause an accident " the drivers cannot see the children, and the child cannot see the cars. I hope the implementation of double yellow lines will put some sense in residents mind to be considerate about the pavement users and safe road parking.

Respondent 4

Strongly agree to introduce parking restrictions on Totteridge Road, High Wycombe.



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- If you require either our stop cold calling or scam sticker packs, please email: jack.mihell@surreycc.gov.uk. To find out about other leaflets or resources we provide or information you can print yourself, please [visit our website](#).
- Residents of Buckinghamshire and Surrey can contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service to nominate themselves, a friend or relative to be part of the trueCall call-blocker scheme, on: 0808 223 1133. The device is provided free of charge to those who are vulnerable to unsolicited calls. If you would not qualify for a free device, or live outside of Buckinghamshire and Surrey, the trueCall device can be bought direct via the [trueCall website](#), or please contact your local Trading Standards. For further information or queries on trueCall, you can email us on: trading.standards@surreycc.gov.uk.
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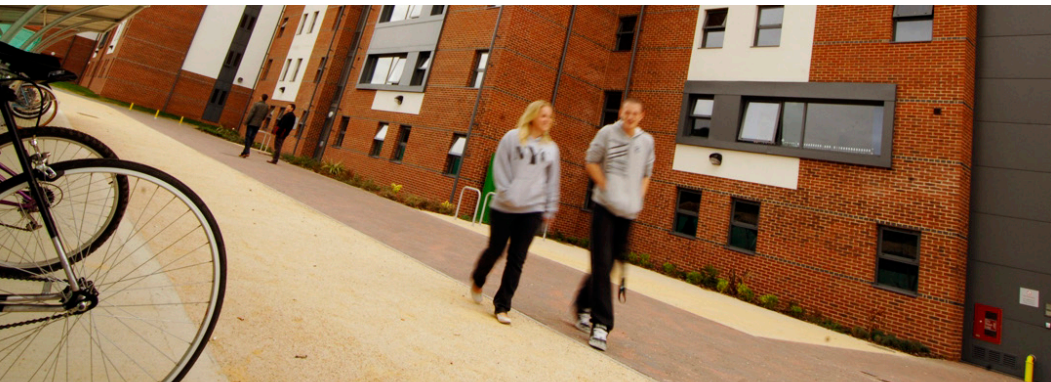
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OPPORTUNITY BUCKS – SUCCEEDING FOR ALL

A local response to Levelling Up



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1. INTRODUCTION

Buckinghamshire is a beautiful place to live and work, famous for its natural environment and its quality of life.

As the 'entrepreneurial heart of Britain' we are home to both global brands and large numbers of small and medium sized businesses which underpin our strong economy. We have robust and effective partnerships which bring together public service bodies, business leadership and the voluntary and community sector, and together we are ambitious for our communities and our residents.

Whilst the majority of our communities are thriving in the county, we know that in some areas of Buckinghamshire people are experiencing significant hardship. As partners, we want to come together with these communities and draw upon our collective resources to enhance opportunities and promote community wellbeing.



LEVELLING UP

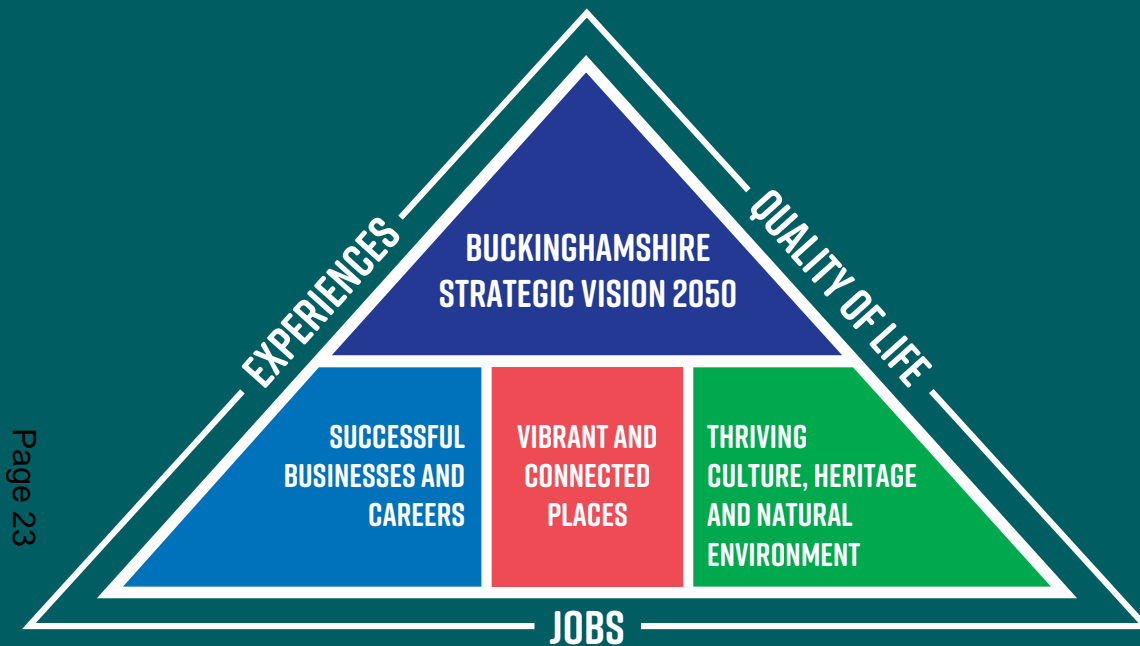
The Government has placed 'Levelling up' at the heart of its agenda to recover after the pandemic. The Levelling Up White Paper published in February 2022 sets out 12 national missions designed to spread opportunity across the whole UK and improve everyday life and life chances for people in underperforming places. These missions are grouped into four themes:

- a) Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging - with a focus on living standards, research and development, transport infrastructure and digital connectivity
- b) Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest - with a focus on education, skills, health and wellbeing
- c) Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost - with a focus on pride in place, housing, and crime
- d) Local Leadership - with a focus on devolution deals from national to local government.

"It is about improving living standards and growing the private sector, particularly where it is weak. It is about increasing and spreading opportunity, because while talent is evenly distributed, opportunity is not. It is about improving health, education and policing, particularly where they are not good enough. It is also about strengthening community and local leadership, restoring pride in place, and improving quality of life in ways that are not just about the economy"

(Boris Johnson, May 2021)

SUCCEEDING AS A PLACE, SUCCEEDING AS A COUNTRY



The Buckinghamshire Growth Board has set out a shared strategic vision for Buckinghamshire for 2050.

The vision is underpinned by three interlinked strategic ambitions that will guide a thriving, resilient, successful, connected, healthier and inclusive Buckinghamshire.

Building on the Levelling Up missions, **“Opportunity Bucks – Succeeding for All”** is aimed at spreading opportunity and promoting pride in place in Buckinghamshire. It is a partner document to the Buckinghamshire proposition **“Succeeding as a Place, Succeeding as a Country”** which focuses on our ambition for economic recovery and a devolution deal.

Change will not happen overnight and we know that this is a long term commitment.

This Framework provides a clear statement of intent by Buckinghamshire partners, together with a structure for taking action and providing accountability.

2. SUMMARY

Buckinghamshire is widely known as an affluent county with great outcomes. However, we know that this overall picture masks some significant variations in outcomes, with some areas experiencing significant hardship.

'Opportunity Bucks - Succeeding for All' provides a framework for bringing partners together to focus our collective resources on tackling those local priorities that will make a difference to the outcomes of residents.

It will focus on five themes:

- Education and Skills
- Jobs and Career Opportunities
- Quality of our Public Realm
- Standard of Living
- Health and Wellbeing

Initially, the programme will be focused on 10 wards in three areas – parts of Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham. Local action plans will be developed through engagement with the communities, led by the Community Boards.

The Buckinghamshire Growth Board will provide clear accountability for the programme.



3. THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CONTEXT



AN AFFLUENT COUNTY WITH GREAT OUTCOMES

Buckinghamshire is an affluent county and residents enjoy some of the best outcomes in the UK.



Economy

- **31,470** businesses
- **249,000** jobs
- **553,100** residents
- **£17.4bn** economy



Employment

- **Low** unemployment and **Higher** than average incomes
- **15%** higher average earnings for residents than nationally
- **2.7%** of the working age population claiming unemployment benefits, compared with **3.9%** nationally



Health

Life expectancy for both men and women is higher than the England average.



Education

- **47.5%** of residents have a degree or equivalent qualification or higher, compared to 43.5% nationally
- **66%** of children achieve grades 9-5 in GCSE English and Maths compared to 52% nationally

Data Sources:

- ONS Business Register and Employment Survey (2020)
- ONS Inter Departmental Business Register (2021)
- ONS Claimant count by sex and age (May, 2022)
- Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (2022)
- Census (2021)
- Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (LA profiles 2022)
- Department for Education (2016/17 to 2020/21 for Buckinghamshire)
- ONS annual population survey (2021)



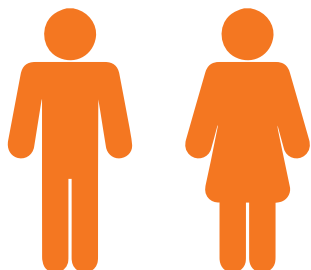
SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES

However, we know that this overall picture masks significant variations in outcomes across the county, with some areas experiencing significant hardship. Health inequalities has long been identified as a key public health challenge to tackle in the UK. The lower an individual's socio-economic position, as defined by where they live, their job, qualifications, income and wealth, the more likely they are to experience poor health. The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have mirrored, and in some cases exacerbated, existing inequalities, impacting particularly on those who are most vulnerable and putting a spotlight on underlying health and economic challenges within our communities.

Life Expectancy

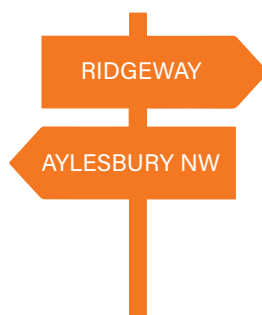
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There is a difference of 8 years for a woman and 6 years for a man depending on where you live in Buckinghamshire.

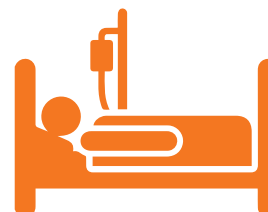
Life expectancy in North West Aylesbury is 80 years for a woman and 78 years for a man.



This contrasts with 88 years for a woman in Ridgeway East and 84 years for a man.

Hospital Admissions

Emergency hospital admissions in Aylesbury and High Wycombe are all well above the average for the county.



Urban Adversity and Financially Stretched



22%

Bucks residents are identified as 'Urban Adversity and Financially Stretched' according to Acorn household segmentation data.

Free School Meals



10,856

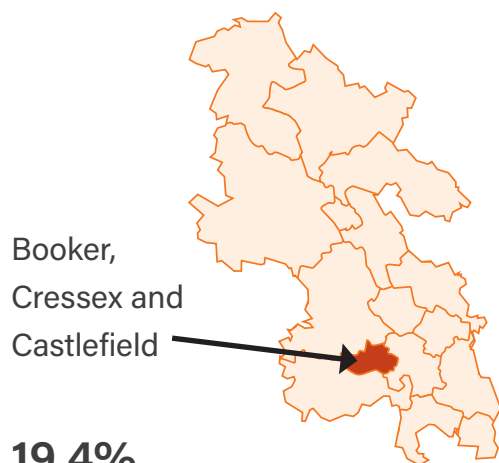
Buckinghamshire Pupils were eligible for Free School Meals (January 2022), 12.3% of all pupils. This is an increase of 1,361 pupils since January 2021.

Data Sources:

- ONS Life expectancy at birth (2019)
- NHS Hospital Activity Data (2022)
- CACI Acorn geodemographic segmentation data (2022)
- Buckinghamshire Council (free school meal data 2021)

SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES

Universal Credit



19.4% of the working population in Booker, Cressex and Castlefield claim universal credit (April 2022), compared with 5.4% in Gerrards Cross (8.9% for Buckinghamshire).

27% of residents over the age of 16 in Booker, Cressex and Castlefield have no qualifications, compared with 10% in Gerrards Cross (17% for Buckinghamshire).

House prices and rents

Experiencing hardship in an area of relative affluence brings particular challenges. Buckinghamshire has higher than average house prices and rents.



The **average** house price in Buckinghamshire was **£549k** in November 2021.

This figure disguises considerable variation, with the **average** house price in Gerrards Cross **£1.3m**



The lack of affordable housing is a key driver of **homelessness**. There is a growing gap between local housing allowance rates and private sector rents.



£925 per month is the median cost of renting a two bedroomed dwelling in Buckinghamshire, in the private sector rental market, unaffordable for anyone on benefits, including working households on low incomes.

Challenging Landscape

The landscape is becoming even more challenging for those who are struggling with the rising cost of living and fuel crisis.

In 2020, **12.6%** of households in Booker, Cressex and Castlefield experienced **fuel poverty**. We expect that this figure will have grown since then and will continue to grow.



The impact of COVID is likely to be particularly acute in these communities too. Cases of chronic disease that weren't being managed during peak waves are likely to lead to rises in ill health. Children's development and education are likely to be hardest hit in these areas too.

Data Sources

- Department for Work and Pensions; Universal Credit Claimants (May 2022)
- MHCLG Indices of Deprivation 2019
- Land Registry Average House Prices (2022)
- Buckinghamshire Council Education Attainment Measures (2019)
- BEIS Fuel Poverty (2020)
- Valuation Office Agency. Private rental market summary statistics (Table 2.4), 2019



The six food banks in Buckinghamshire have experienced significant increases in demand.

Together, they have distributed:

- **35,477 parcels in 2021**
- **26,386 parcels in 2020**
- **13,503 parcels in 2019**



The top five reasons for people being referred to the food bank (June to August 2021) are:

- **Debt (19%)**
- **Housing/homeless (14%)**
- **Benefits related issues (13%)**
- **Sickness and ill health (12%)**
- **Work-related changes such as reduced hours or loss of work (9%)**



Levels of crime impact significantly on the wellbeing of the population and satisfaction with their neighbourhood.

Areas suffering high levels of deprivation suffer disproportionately from crime. Total crime offences across Buckinghamshire is:

- **69.7 per 1,000 residents as of February 2022**
- **Abbey ward, the rate is 199 per 1,000 residents**
- **Ridgeway East, the rate is 26 per 1,000 residents**

Data Sources

- ONECAN Monthly Food Bank Reports (2022)
- Police UK - Buckinghamshire crime offence rates (2022)



SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES

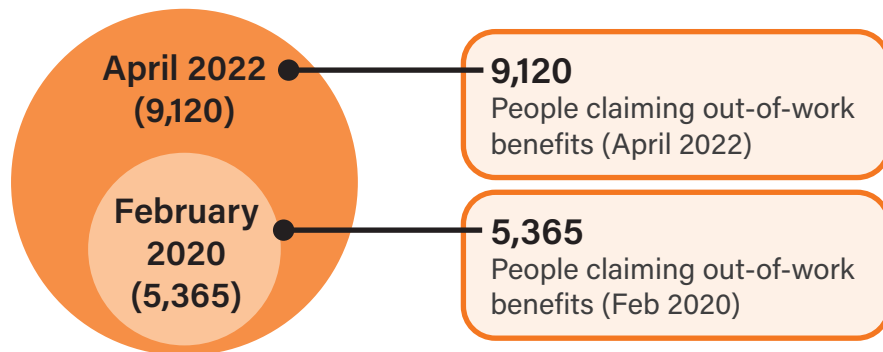
Employment

The number of claimants in Buckinghamshire is almost double that of pre-pandemic levels despite an unprecedented increase in the number of vacancies seen across the county. The high percentage of people unemployed in areas of Wycombe contrasts with the high number of vacancies: Wycombe reported the highest number of job posts in Jan-Mar 2022. In December 2021 the roles with the most postings were admin, nursing, customer service and social care roles.

These areas have high proportions of people from Ethnic Minority groups compared to the rest of the county, as well as a high proportion of people with no qualifications, lower levels of people with degrees or higher qualifications, high numbers of children receiving free school meals and high rates of children living in areas of deprivation.

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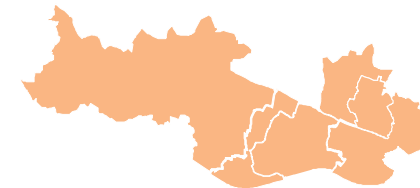
The number of unemployment benefit claimants is still much higher than pre-pandemic levels



Data Sources
• ONS Claimant count by sex and age
• Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (2022)

High number of job postings reported in High Wycombe, including in areas where unemployment is highest

Upskilling unemployed people in areas of High Wycombe could help fill job vacancies.



Number of job postings in High Wycombe as follows:

- 4,460 Oct-Dec 2019
- 5,210 Oct-Dec 2021
- Increase of 17%

Skills needed



Nursing



Business Admin

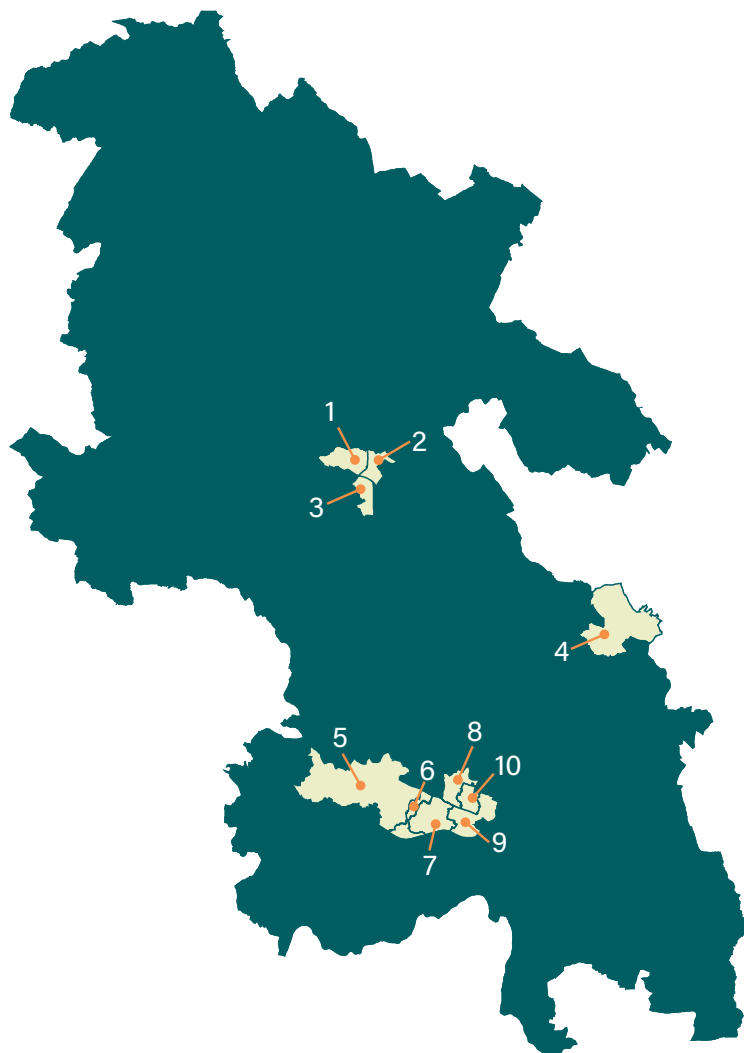


Customer Services



Social Care

SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES



Together, the mix of factors result in poorer outcomes for the individuals, pressure on public services and constraints on the growth potential of the county.

The 10 wards experiencing the poorest outcomes across multiple indicators of inequality within Buckinghamshire are:

- **High Wycombe**
 - Booker, Cressex & Castlefield
 - Totteridge & Bowerdean
 - Ryemead & Micklefield
 - Abbey
 - Terriers & Amersham Hill
 - West Wycombe
- **Aylesbury**
 - Aylesbury South West
 - Aylesbury North-West
 - Aylesbury North
- **Chesham**

Ward areas

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Aylesbury North West | 6. Booker, Cressex and Castlefield |
| 2. Aylesbury North | 7. Abbey |
| 3. Aylesbury South West | 8. Terriers and Amersham Hill |
| 4. Chesham | 9. Ryemead and Micklefield |
| 5. West Wycombe | 10. Totteridge and Bowerdean |

4. OUR AMBITION AND PRIORITIES



AMBITION

Reduce inequality whilst improving outcomes for all

Together, our public, private and voluntary sector services have played a vital role in responding to the pandemic in Buckinghamshire. Throughout this period, we have delivered at speed, working in partnership together locally to support communities.

As we turn our attention to tackling the significant challenges ahead, **we are ambitious for Buckinghamshire.**

We have an innovative recovery and growth proposition that will accelerate economic growth and prosperity for the county. Our plans will build on our distinctive and internationally recognised economic assets to deliver quality jobs, a strong talent pipeline, and quality, low carbon and connected communities for people to live and work. Through investing in regeneration schemes in our town centres, we want to create vibrant town centres that meet the needs of residents and businesses.

But we also want to ensure that nobody gets left behind. We want to reduce inequality within our communities, whilst improving outcomes for all our residents.



Everyone in Buckinghamshire should have the opportunity of achieving:

- A good quality job, that pay enough money to support a decent quality of life
- Good standard of attainment and skills
- Learning and career progression
- Good mental and physical wellbeing and independent living
- Decent, warm home and good quality food
- Involvement in shaping their community, with strong social connections
- A feeling of being safe where they live
- Pride in where they live

We want to ensure that all Buckinghamshire residents have the opportunity to succeed in life, to play their part in and share in the success of the county. But this is not the position today and we know that things will get worse if we don't come together as partners and take action.

Our ambitions of developing the local economy and reducing inequalities are intrinsically linked. By breaking the cycle of disadvantage, we will improve health outcomes and grow our economy.

The purpose of this framework is to establish a shared vision for what levelling up means in Buckinghamshire and to translate it into specific initiatives and strategies locally which will improve living standards and opportunity across the county.



OUR PRIORITIES

We will focus on five key themes:

EDUCATION AND SKILLS

- Helping the under 5s catch up post Covid-19
- Joined up skills and careers system that offers young people and adults access to quality education and training opportunities in Buckinghamshire

JOBS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Good quality positions that pay a decent salary and provide progression opportunities, combined with active support for residents to secure employment

QUALITY OF PUBLIC REALM

- Public realm improvements which will promote a sense of wellbeing in our communities

STANDARD OF LIVING

- Assistance for residents in finding sustainable solutions to difficulties with decent housing, warmth, food and debt

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Engaging communities in mental and physical health initiatives, and supporting businesses with a healthy workforce and reduced absenteeism

In tackling these priorities, we will initially focus our action on those wards where residents experience a combination of inequalities:

- **High Wycombe**
 - Booker, Cressex & Castlefield
 - Totteridge & Bowerdean
 - Ryemead & Micklefield
 - Abbey
 - Terriers & Amersham Hill
 - West Wycombe
- **Aylesbury**
 - Aylesbury South West
 - Aylesbury North-West
 - Aylesbury North
- **Chesham**

Where possible, we will draw on the initiatives and learning being developed through the Levelling Up White Paper.

5. OUR APPROACH



PLACE BASED PARTNERSHIP

Buckinghamshire is an aligned county, with a shared geography between the Council, the Local Enterprise Partnership, the Healthcare NHS Trust and Buckinghamshire Business First. Our universities, further education providers and voluntary and community sector are also closely tied in, giving us a unique ability to unite key organisations to deliver coherently for the benefit of all. This strong collaborative model means that we are able to take effective action to tackle inequalities on a place basis.

RECOGNISING LOCAL IDENTITY

Our commitment to localism is a key strength that we can draw on. We recognise that our communities are distinct places, with their own local sense of identity, and their own definitions of success. Local residents need to be at the core of what we do. In developing levelling up plans, we will work with residents at a local level to ensure that action builds on local strengths and responds to the needs, ambitions and experiences of the specific individual communities. Our Community Boards will play a critical role in this.

INNOVATION

As partners, we already have a range of services and initiatives in place in the identified communities. Many of these will be focused on responding to the result of inequality, rather than tackling the root causes. We need to take account of these but also be prepared to try new ideas that can build sustainable change. We will develop pilots that we can learn from, evaluate and, where appropriate, scale up. We will also learn from the initiatives developed nationally, as set out in the Levelling Up White Paper.

EVIDENCE BASED

We want to ensure we have a firm evidence base for developing our approach. We have a wealth of statistical information which will support us but we also want to expand our insight into the barriers experienced by the identified communities and the approaches that are most effective. We will invest in qualitative research and insight to inform our strategy. We will also use and develop this evidence base to monitor the impact of any interventions that are delivered.

6. TAKING ACTION



Working with the communities, we will identify key priorities and develop local action plans which tackle each of the five themes. In Year one, this could include:

EDUCATION AND SKILLS

- Develop localised skills plans, matched to the needs of local employers
- Develop a local version of the National Youth Guarantee concept tailored to the needs of the communities

JOB AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Expand the number of apprenticeships taken up by residents in partnership with local businesses
- Identify entry level job opportunities and paid internships that can be targeted at the communities, working with DWP restart providers
- Develop 'work readiness' programmes for residents in the communities who have limited work experience

QUALITY OF OUR PUBLIC REALM

- Develop and deliver a Regeneration plan for each of the three town centres
- Produce a delivery plan for public realm improvements in each of the communities

STANDARD OF LIVING

- Through our 'financial insecurity' partnership, roll out a scheme that provides advice and support and helps people out of debt
- Working with the Buckinghamshire Food Partnership, implement the recommendations of the 2020 Sustain report
- Review our approach to 'affordable warmth' and develop an action plan for 2022+

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Undertake public health projects targeted at the particular needs of the communities (including cardiovascular health)

By strengthening coordination across partners and collaboration with local communities, we will seek to maximise the benefit of the existing multi-agency resources already deployed in these communities. Where appropriate, we will build business cases for investment in specific projects and bid for external funding to support our objectives.

7. OVERSEEING DELIVERY



Governance

The Buckinghamshire Growth Board will be responsible for the governance of the programme, underpinned by a partnership steering group which will oversee the detailed development and delivery of our approach. This will include a lead champion for each of the five themes.

The Community Boards in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham will play a key role in overseeing the development and delivery of the local action plans.

Monitoring and Evaluating Impact

Levelling up is not going to happen overnight. This strategy requires long term and sustained commitment and it would not be appropriate to set targets at this stage. To assess progress, performance will be tracked against key metrics measured at community level in order to understand the direction of travel, including measures that evidence:

- Healthy life expectancy
- Unemployment rates
- Early Years and Primary education attainment
- GCSE performance
- Completion of skills training
- Number of children eligible for free school meals
- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Quality of the environment
- Number of people living with multiple morbidities
- People's satisfaction with their neighbourhood and community connectedness (measured through an annual survey and focus groups)

Views and feedback will also be gathered from communities and partners to evaluate impact.

Progress will be reported to the Buckinghamshire Growth Board and the Council's Cabinet on a regular basis.

OPPORTUNITY BUCKS – SUCCEEDING FOR ALL

A local response to Levelling Up



An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council Late Summer (September 2022)

**Buckinghamshire Council Update
September 2022**

Help in these difficult times

As we move into autumn there's one issue above all others that stands out and that, of course, is the current cost of living pressures, especially where energy and food bills are concerned.

This is impacting everyone; businesses, residents and particularly those who are already struggling. For some households the prospect of what winter will bring is extremely worrying. Many people are in need now and want to know what extra support is coming in the winter months.

The council is taking a range of actions to help residents with the cost of living and it's a package of support that will continue to develop over the coming months.

The community boards have a critical role to play in this, both in helping to identify areas of need and supporting the provision of help. Work is already underhand looking at how best boards where it is appropriate can help with this work.

Support available to those who need it:

Helping Hand

The council's Helping Hand team offers advice, help and information to people who need it, including financial help to cover the food and energy costs to households in crisis, as well as helping with paying for other essentials like sanitary items and nappies. The team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Our Helping Hand programme provides support to local individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship. They can call the team on 01296 531 151 or use the [online contact form](#). You can read more about the help available on the [dedicated section of our website](#).

The Helping Hand team is issuing Post Office vouchers to some 8,000 pensioners in Buckinghamshire who are in receipt of Council Tax reduction or who have previously been supported by Helping Hand; this will ensure there is support available to those who need it most.

‘Welcoming Spaces’

We will be joining forces with other organisations across Buckinghamshire to create a network of welcoming spaces this winter, to assist when the weather turns colder.

Starting with council libraries, these locations will provide a warm, welcoming and supportive space for anyone who needs it. Anyone who comes in from the cold will be welcomed and will be guaranteed respect, dignity and warmth; the aim is to offer a friendly ear and, overall, to create places that help people save on their heating bills and that also offer advice and support. This is an example of an area where community boards can play a key role in working within their communities to identify potential welcoming spaces and help set them up.

Information and advice

Our fantastic network of volunteer groups and charity organisations plays a vital role in providing community support and specialist advice and information. We have created a [‘Cost of Living’ section on our website](#) to make it easier to find advice and information. You can also search our [Family Information Service website](#) for more information on the wider support and advice available to any households that need it.

There are a number of great community projects that offer help in different ways. For example, take a look at the [‘Grow It, Cook It, Eat It’ project](#) that the council supports and we have already seen being developed through community boards. This includes a range of initiatives that help with the cost of food, ensure food isn’t wasted and has a number of health and environmental benefits. Local initiatives like this play a vital part in the overall general support available to residents who need a helping hand.

There is also the support on offer from central government this winter. This is the current package:

- Eligible residents in receipt of disability benefits will receive a £150 cost of living payment from 20 September.
- All households in Great Britain will receive a £400 discount on their electricity bills this winter, applied in six monthly instalments, automatically coming off bills, starting in October.
- In addition to this, households on means tested benefits including Universal Credit, Pension Credit and Tax Credits will receive a Cost of Living payment of £650 this year.

You can find out more about these payments on the government’s website [here](#) and access wider information about the overall support available to households via [their website](#) – this contains information on transport and childcare costs too.

In addition, the websites of the main energy providers contain valuable tips about how to save energy in the home.

Highways – a new contract and what it means for community boards

Maintaining and improving the roads in the county is one of the issues that matter most to residents and is a top priority for Buckinghamshire Council.

As you will be aware, Buckinghamshire Council will be starting new highways contracts in April next year and this will have an impact on community board projects currently in the pipeline. It is also an opportunity to build in a delivery model with community boards in mind.

The current situation

Across all the community boards there are currently about 58 projects which have been agreed and funding committed but are yet to be completed by the outgoing contractor (Transport for Bucks, TfB). The status of these approved projects is as follows:

- 22 projects are rated Green and are scheduled to be completed by the end of March next year
- 10 projects have been rated as Amber and delivered to a gateway stage ready for the new contractor to take forward eg. design, feasibility
- 26 projects are rated as Red and are under review but may not be started at all because of their complexity or the time to implement overlaps with the change in Highway's service provider.

All Amber and Red projects continue to be reviewed with TFB to determine if any can be delivered under the current contract by March 2023. Updates will be provided if the situation changes. Furthermore, the Highways service will work closely with our new service provider to determine if they are able to deliver any amber and red projects prior to the contract start date in April 2023.

There are also about 55 projects that have been proposed with PIDs drafted for which no decision to proceed has yet been taken. These projects will not be taken forward until the new contract has started to ensure that they are priced correctly by the new service provider and firm timescales can be agreed for implementation.

Boards can still reserve funding for these schemes from the current 2022/23 budget, but the final prices will need to be confirmed with our new service provider. You can also continue to discuss highways priorities and solutions.

Balfour Beatty Living Places has already been awarded the new highways maintenance contract and the new consultancy contractor will be announced in late September. The council will be working with the new contractors and outgoing contractors Ringway Jacobs

to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements under the name Buckinghamshire Highways.

Community Board Chairmen have been invited to a Highways Stakeholder Conference on 13th October.

Looking Forward

As advised already, given the changes to the highway service, Boards should not accept any additional applications highway schemes in 2022/23 and no further projects should be submitted for consideration for 2023/24. Community Boards will be consulted on the development of a new protocol and process for Highway schemes during the transition to the new contract ready for April 23, please therefore keep any new schemes on hold pending the new process for taking these forward.

The new highways working arrangement will include a community-based design delivery model for small schemes specifically for Community Boards to develop their local highway schemes. We will also provide greater clarification on which highway schemes are appropriate for Community Board to bring forward.

Additionally, and to further help support Community Boards, a 'menu of options' will be developed for small highways schemes that show the indicative prices and implementation timescales for a range of suitable small local highways schemes to better inform the Boards in decision making.

Any partners currently with a live scheme on the RAG list will continue to receive communication from the TfB/project technician and their Community Board Manager, and community boards, Highways and TfB will continue to work closely during the transition.

While we appreciate the delay to delivering schemes will be disappointing, the new approach being adopted does highlight the commitment to the work of the Boards in delivering local highway improvements in the new contract.

Support for Ukrainian guests continues across the county – further help is still needed

Arrivals from Ukraine are still coming into our county with 700 hosts now offering accommodation to over 1,200 Ukrainian guests.

We continue to work hard to make sure the families can access schooling, work, finance, practical items, English language lessons and emotional support through our Helping Hand for Ukraine scheme – further details at [A Helping Hand for Ukraine | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

We recognised the significance of Ukraine Independence Day (24 August) as everyone reflected on their personal journey and loss. The summer break also brought the challenge of keeping our younger guests occupied and this year we offered free holiday activities and food on the HAF scheme and Boredom buster bags from our partners LEAP.

We also continue to work with our voluntary sector colleagues and local community groups, now with an eye on the new challenges coming up. We also have over 150 staff in sponsor liaison roles, in addition to their day jobs, who keep regular one-to-one contact with sponsor households.

We recognise that Ukraine families living in Buckinghamshire will be concerned about what happens when their current sponsorship arrangements come to an end. This is especially a concern for those families that have settled into communities and schools. In some locations, it will be challenging to find alternative accommodation locally due to a lack of availability and high housing costs. We want to help our guests from the Ukraine as much as we can and are looking at solutions which will require all tiers of government, the private and voluntary sector to work together. Options being considered include:

1. Extend with sponsor – If both parties are happy to stay together then once agreed the guests can continue living in the same area and keep their local support network.
2. Rematch with a new sponsor – The Council will help the guests rematch with a new sponsor home or the guests can find their own rematch, although this could mean they would need to move to a different area which would impact on their support networks including schools/employment.
3. Private rental – Guests can look at renting privately if they can afford this. High rents across the south east make finding affordable housing difficult for many. Some guests may be eligible for a Local Housing Allowance to help meet rental costs and we will help them find out if this support is available to them. The Council may also be able to help with a deposit guarantee and one month's rent upfront. Again this could mean guests having to move to a different area if there is no affordable private rental accommodation locally.
4. Social housing – All guests are eligible to apply to join the Council's housing register. However, there is a very high demand for social housing in Buckinghamshire, so depending on the type and size of property they are looking for, there is likely to be a long wait for a property.

On top of the housing issue, there is the cost of living crisis hitting us all – the impact on both hosts and guests is already evident so we are working with central Government to make sure Bucks' residents' voices are heard; tangible, long-term solutions are found; and we can continue to support both our residents and our guests.

Waste and recycling missed bins and garden waste charges

Missed bins

Unfortunately, in some pockets of the former Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district areas of Buckinghamshire, disruption as a result of re-organising waste rounds continues. Although on average 99.6% of bins are being collected successfully every day since the start of the reorganisation, there are still a significant number of bin collections being missed every week.

Our contractor Veolia continues to work at bringing service levels up to the standard that we expect. The council is continuing to hold Veolia to account for delivering greater progress and meeting the required standard and is closely monitoring the service.

We continue to ask any residents experiencing pockets of poor service to report missed bins on the council website (www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/missed-bin) as soon as they can.

Garden waste charges

New garden waste subscription arrangements began on Monday 26 September. A campaign has been running to raise awareness of the change and the need to subscribe to the service to have garden waste collected from this date. The service is now a single chargeable 'opt-in' garden waste collection service, at a cost of £50 per bin per year (or reusable bags for properties not suitable for wheeled bins).

This means anyone who has previously received free collections of garden waste will now have to subscribe, paying an annual fee to continue receiving fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the council. Our household recycling sites continue to provide free disposal of garden waste for anyone not wanting to pay for the subscription service.

More information on how the service works can be found at [Buckinghamshire Council's Arrange a garden waste collection web pages](#).

New on-demand PickMeUp service for Wycombe

Described as a cross between a bus and taxi service, a new 'demand responsive' service was launched by the council and Carousel on 27 September in the High Wycombe area as part of a pilot scheme funded by the Government's Rural Mobility Fund. The trial service will run for three years, with scope to run for longer if successful, and an Aylesbury pilot is due to launch later in the autumn.

Sitting under Carousel's 'PickMeUp' brand, the Wycombe pilot will serve several communities, including Booker, Daws Hill, Wooburn Green, Wycombe Marsh, Loudwater and Downley. These either have a limited bus service or a route which only serves part of the community. The PickMeUp service will also improve access to areas with steeper gradients.

Users will be able to book one of five fully accessible minibuses to collect them either directly from their home, or from one of the 500+ pickup points in the local area. Ideal for those who may not have access to a bus stop either by their home, or a service that operates direct to their desired destination, the DRT service is quick and easy to use for commuters, students, and people with accessibility issues.

Buses can be booked in advance of a trip via an app (through which passengers can also pay for tickets and track buses in real time) or by calling 01494 296021. Buses can be booked in advance, or on the day of travel, and will run from Monday to Friday, 6am-7pm. Journeys will only cost a little more than a local bus service – between £2 and £3.50 per trip depending on distance travelled, and concessionary bus passes will be accepted for free travel.

Community boards success at county show

The county show was a fantastic success for the community boards, it was a great opportunity to reach a huge number of residents and also other organisations that we could network with in the future.

The main themes coming through were lack of activities for young people, better bus services including community buses, speeding and litter issues. In addition, we managed to sign up more residents to receive our newsletters.

In summary, it was a great event for us to attend.

Town and Parish Charter

Buckinghamshire Council's Town & Parish Charter was agreed and published on our website in July. This charter is founded on our respect for all councils in Buckinghamshire as independent, democratically accountable bodies and has one simple aim – to articulate and demonstrate our commitment to working together to serve the people of Buckinghamshire.

Community boards have a great record of working with our local councils and this charter is essential reading – you can view it at [Town and Parish Charter | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Better enforcement for moving traffic offences

Buckinghamshire Council is one of a handful of local authorities in England outside of London to have successfully applied for powers to enforce moving traffic offences (MTOs) that were previously only enforceable by the police. These offences are where drivers ignore restrictions in place at a location – for example driving through a no entry sign, making banned turns, entering a yellow box junction without a clear exit or driving on bus or taxi routes.

The new enforcement powers will make use of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology at 14 locations across Bucks. The locations were listed as part of a consultation about support for the council's plan to apply for the powers from February to April 2022; they are places where restrictions have been in place already for some time for road safety reasons or to prevent traffic congestion.

The locations where cameras will start to be installed from December will be highlighted through council communications. Signage will be erected well in advance at the camera locations to give drivers plenty of notice of the enforcement powers.

The cabinet decision can be seen at

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=17388&x=1>

Local Heritage Listings

Buckinghamshire Council is one of 22 local authorities to receive funding to develop a Local Heritage List as part of a national initiative to improve the provision and standard of locally held Lists of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHA). The list seeks to identify locally significant assets and celebrate their contribution to local identity and character.

Developing this list provides a rare opportunity for Buckinghamshire residents to nominate important assets around the county that are not currently listed but that have significant

heritage interest. By adding these heritage assets to a Local Heritage List we can ensure their local importance is recognised and taken into account in the planning process.

Once on the list, these assets become known as Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs). They differ from those sites that have statutory protection and national designations, such as Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments and Registered Parks and Gardens.

Working with a team of volunteers, we are currently assessing over 2,000 nominations ranging from mileposts, street art and open spaces to historic buildings, water mills and chapels. We intend to adopt a phase one local list this winter, with a phase two in 2023. For more information visit [Home - Buckinghamshire's Local Heritage List \(local-heritage-list.org.uk\)](http://Home-Buckinghamshire's-Local-Heritage-List-local-heritage-list.org.uk) or email localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Current and upcoming consultations

Share your community safety concerns to help us keep Buckinghamshire safe

The [Safer Buckinghamshire Board](#) is a local Community Safety Partnership that brings together experts from the police, fire service, probation, health and social care services. The board develops an annual action plan to reduce crime in Buckinghamshire and help keep it a safe place to live and work.

To develop this plan, the Safer Buckinghamshire Board is conducting an annual Community Safety survey to hear resident views on:

- The impact of crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol issues where you live or work
- Your experience of reporting crimes
- How safe or unsafe you feel in Buckinghamshire

The survey is open to anyone living or working in Buckinghamshire and is **running until Sunday 16 October**. Have your say and complete the survey below for a chance to win a £100 supermarket voucher*: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/communities/safety-2022>. The results of the survey will be combined with an analysis of all crimes that happen in the county to help Safer Bucks set priorities for the year. *Terms and Conditions apply

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.

Hazlemere Neighbourhood Plan – Publication of plan proposal – Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Hazlemere Parish Council has produced a Draft Neighbourhood Plan covering the entire parish area. The reason we are writing to you is because you have previously commented on the neighbourhood plan, or are a statutory body we need to inform.

The Neighbourhood Plan is being publicised in advance of an examination. The consultation period runs until midnight on the 10th November 2022.

The neighbourhood plan documents, comment form and further information can be found on the Your Voice Bucks website:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/hazlemere-neighbourhood-plan/>

Please note all comments must be received before midnight on 10th November 2022. Any comments received after this time will not be accepted or taken into account.