



Wendover and Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 6 October 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

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

BC Councillors:

M Collins (Chairman), R Newcombe (Vice-Chairman), M Baldwin, S Bowles, B Chapple OBE, W Raja, P Strachan and J Ward

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

Aston Clinton PC, Berton PC, Buckland PC, Drayton Beauchamp PC, Halton PC, Hulcott PC, Stoke Mandeville PC, Wendover PC

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Wendover and Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Wendover and Villages Community Board held on Thursday 14 July 2022 in MS Teams, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.41 pm.

BC Councillors present

M Collins, S Bowles, B Chapple OBE, R Newcombe, P Strachan and J Ward.

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

D Blackmore, S Bulpett, S Cotton, J Durden Moore, G Fincham, J Ingall, M Nodes, C Paternoster, K Shanahan, S Worth and P Wyatt.

Others in attendance

M Parker and C Saunders

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Collins (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies / Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor M Baldwin, and from Lesley Ronson and Tony Skeggs. There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes

An update was provided regarding Ollie's Scout Hall. There had been contact with the relevant Cabinet Member (Councillor Chilver, the Cabinet Member for Accessible Housing and Resources). Councillors Collins and Newcombe would be meeting with the Cabinet Member, further updates would be provided in due course.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2002 be approved as a correct record.

4 Buckinghamshire Council - Corporate Update

Michelle Parker, Community Board Manager, updated the meeting on the matters covered in the Corporate Update attached to the agenda. This included information on:

- Support for Ukrainian guests continues across the county – further help is still needed.
- Support with food, bills and finances – Helping Hand and Holiday Activity Fund.
- Community boards will be at the county show on 1 September.
- Update on the £150 council tax energy rebate.
- Bucks Online Directory.
- Current and upcoming consultations, although there were none that currently directly impacted on the Wendover and Villages Community Board.

The Chairman updated the meeting on a visit that morning to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church, where English language lessons had been organized for Ukrainian guests. He also updated the meeting on other work being done to organise activities for Ukrainians including a day bus trip and a tour of the High Court, Aylesbury.

5 Community Matters

No questions had been received from the public prior to the meeting.

6 Funding So Far

The Community Board Manager submitted a report with an overview of the funding that had been awarded so far in 2022/23. It also detailed the budget position to date and at Appendix 1 detailed those projects that were funded in previous years but were still in progress. A copy of the funding information is attached to the Minutes.

The meeting was informed that applications over £1k would require contributory funding however this did not have to be a 50/50 split. The small grants application process was now available at: [Apply for Community Board small grant funding | Buckinghamshire Council](#) . Contributory funding was not required for small grants applications as they are under £1k. The current budgetary position was:

Year	Budget	Allocated	Remaining Budget
2022/23	£148,957	£4,022	£121,037

The follows issues were discussed:

- That Councillors Collins, Newcombe and Bowles would be meeting next week to discuss how Ukrainian guests could be supported in the longer term.
- The CB Manager would talk to Bierton after the meeting on their small grants application on ‘Bierton Events Group’.
- James Ingall (Kingsbrook PC) stated that they could assist Halton PC with their Traffic Data Capture issue.

The report also included information on the future approach to funding. The Board had been working previously on a first come first served basis. It was now proposed to have deadlines and then subsequently meeting to discuss these applications, including the possibility of applicant(s) attend these meetings. The suggested funding cycle was as follows:

2022/23 Funding application round 1

Deadline for applications: Friday 19th August 2022

Formal decision meeting: W/C 26th September 2022

2022/23 Funding application round 2

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Formal decision meeting: W/C 28th November 2022

2022/23 Funding application round 3

Deadline for applications: Friday 25th November 2022

Formal decision meeting: W/C 9th January 2023

This would not include the small grants process which would be done via email. The meeting was informed that 1-2 other Boards were considering a similar approach to funding deadlines but this was unique to Wendover at the moment. A discussion would be needed offline on whether available was split evenly between the 3 rounds. However, there was general agreement that having funding deadlines was helpful and that organisations/individuals should submit requests ASAP.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Funding Update and current budgetary position be NOTED.**
- (2) That the future approach to funding be AGREED, as discussed at the meeting.**

7 Priorities for 2022/23

The Board discussed the main priorities for 2022/23. The following suggestions had already been received by the Community Board Manager and were considered:

- Social Isolation.
- Health and Wellbeing.
- Environment and Climate change.
- Community Safety.
- Economic Recovery.

During discussions the following points were raised:

- It was felt by some that the Council could improve communications and how they made the most vulnerable aware of the support they could access. Information was provided to the meeting on the different means used by the Council to communicate with local people.
- That Health and Wellbeing could have a wide remit and include issues such as social inclusion, economic vulnerability/recovery, support for young people and the environment/climate change.
- That it was important to let people know what the Board would not provide funding for, as well as what would be funded.
- That Community Safety was an important issue and covered children travelling to/from school.

- That priorities needed to reflect what local people wanted, and possibly have short term and long term priorities.
- That irrespective of the priorities, all applications for funding would be assessed on their individual merits.

RESOLVED –

That the Board’s priority for 2022/23 would be Health and Wellbeing, with sub themes of social inclusion, economic vulnerability/recovery, support for young people and the environment/climate change.

8 Leaky Homes - End of Project Update

The meeting was given an update and presentation from Kirsty Shanahan on the Leaky Homes – end of project. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes which included information on the project outcomes and photos of homes that had been visited. The Community Board had provided a grant of £1,210 and Buckinghamshire Community Energy had contributed at least £500 of volunteer time. £997 of the grant had been spend and it was proposed that the remaining £212 was put towards another Leaky Homes Roadshow in December. An Aston Clinton resident had requested an event and further requests were received at the meeting.

The meeting was informed that an Energy Efficiency Home Fair would be held at the The Wades Centre, Princes on 24 September, early bird tickets were £6.50 until 1 August. Details of the fair were at: <https://buckscommunityenergy.org/energy-efficient-homes-fair/>

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Kirsty Shanahan be thanked for attending and presenting to the Board.
- (2) That the Board were happy for the £212 remaining funding to be put towards another Leaky Homes Roadshow in December.

9 Petition - Buckland Wharf

The Board received a report on an Epetition (signed by 27 people) received by the Buckinghamshire Council and requesting the introduction of “effective” traffic calming measures on London Road through Buckland Wharf. Councillor Paternoster (Buckland Parish Council) and the Chairman both stated that they had not been notified or consulted on the e-petition and did not believe they were in a position to deal with it at the meeting. It was requested that Neil O’Leary contact the Buckland Parish Council to that they could then consult with local residents and feed back to the Council.

RESOLVED –

That consideration of the e-petition be deferred to be discussed at the next meeting.

10 Date of Next Meetings

The next meetings would be held on 6 October 2022 and 9 February 2023.

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Community Board
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Funding Update
Wendover and Villages Community Board
Thursday 14 July

This paper provides an overview of the funding that has been awarded so far in 22/23. It also details the budget position to date and Appendix 1 shows those projects that were funded in previous years but are still in progress.

Community Board Budget Overview 22/23

- The table below details the current budget position for Wendover and Villages Community Board for 22/23.
- Please note that applications over £1k will require contributory funding however this does not have to be a 50/50 split.
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Approved Funding Applications 22/23				
Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
Climate Action Wendover	Green Futures: Offering 10 workshops in local schools and 5 with youth groups addressing bio-diversity loss and carbon emissions and how this impacts directly in Wendover.	£2,000	£900 in kind	Approved
Buckland Parish Council	Queen's Jubilee Event: Equipment for a community event for the Queen's Jubilee and allowing the use for future events.	£2,022	£500	Delivered

Active in the Community	Youth Activities: This is a programme of sport and physical activity dedicated to children and young people. The programme will engage young people in sessions that support their physical, mental and social wellbeing, and encourage young people to live an active, healthier and therefore happier life.	£23,778	£2,642	Approved
Aston Clinton Parish Council	Queen's Jubilee Event: Supporting the event of various fun activities, bouncy castle, magic show, dog show.	£805	£4,707.96	Delivered
UK Astronomy	Inflatable Planetarium: A contribution towards an inflatable planetarium to teach residents and schools about the sky	£120	£26,500 and £12,500 requested across 8 CBs	Approved

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding	Funding decision status
BUDs	Buddy Tours: Tours, each around 10 people, would be held over a period of six months as soon as infection levels drop to a safe level. There would be regular tours into each of the 20 town and larger village centres in Bucks, offering many convenient opportunities to attend. Tours would be arranged in partnership with local community transport projects who use accessible minibuses, ensuring inclusion and avoiding potentially high costs around transport hire.	£2,424 (£35,602 in total split across all 16 Boards)	£0	On hold, waiting for BUDs response.
Aston Clinton Parish Council	Equipment Storage: The current storage facility for the local community groups, football club and parish council is in disrepair and needs replacing.	£13,150.83	£2,500	On hold, requested to see if the Parish Council could put forward more

				contributory funding
Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	White Village Gates – Installation of village gates into the parish	£5,803.90	£5,800	On hold until further information received in regards the Highways contract.

Applications Received

The following application have been received and is going through our due diligence process however, as yet they have not been circulated to the Community Board for their views.

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB	Contributory funding
Weston Turville Parish Council	Anchor and Electricity for Christmas Tree: Installation of a ground anchor with power for a Christmas tree to be located at the village hall.	£3,500	£2,000

Small grants applications received

Organisation	Project title and description	Funding requested from CB
Aston Clinton Bowls Club	Accessibility: Corner steps to be installed to allow disabled access to the green.	£966.28
Halton Parish Council	Traffic Data Capture: The purchase of the laptop to help assist in recording and analysing the MVAS data to ensure safety of the residents within the area.	£525
Bierton Events Group	Events: To help support the delivery of local events within the Bierton parish and help reduce social isolation.	£805
Halton Parish Council	Wild Verge: The planting of wildflower seeds, plaque from British Legion, Trees, Dog Wood Shrubs, Native Wildflower Plugs.	£758.50

Future Funding Approach

This year, there will be a new approach to funding for our Community Board, due to the smaller budget. We have been working previously on a first come first served basis so we now providing an opportunity to have deadlines and then subsequently a meeting to discuss these applications, including the possibility of the applicant to attend these meetings.

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Appendix 1

Projects Funded 20/21

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Status
CLLr Crisis Fund Projects	Various	£6,325	Delivered
20mph Speed Limitation (Green End)	Aston Clinton PC	£21,602	In progress
Waiting Restrictions (London Road)	Aston Clinton PC	£10,987	In progress
Weston Turville Speed Calming - Rumble Strips	Weston Turville PC	£3,927	Delivered
Perch Bridge Halton Repairs	Halton PC	£3,757	Delivered
Speed Indicator Device for Kingsbrook	Bierton PC	£2,500	In progress
Bierton Community Care Package	Bierton PC	£440	In progress
Lindengate Nature Based 13-18yr old Programme	Lindengate Charity	£26,540	In progress
Halton Village Hall Refurbishment	Halton PC	£5,000	Delivered

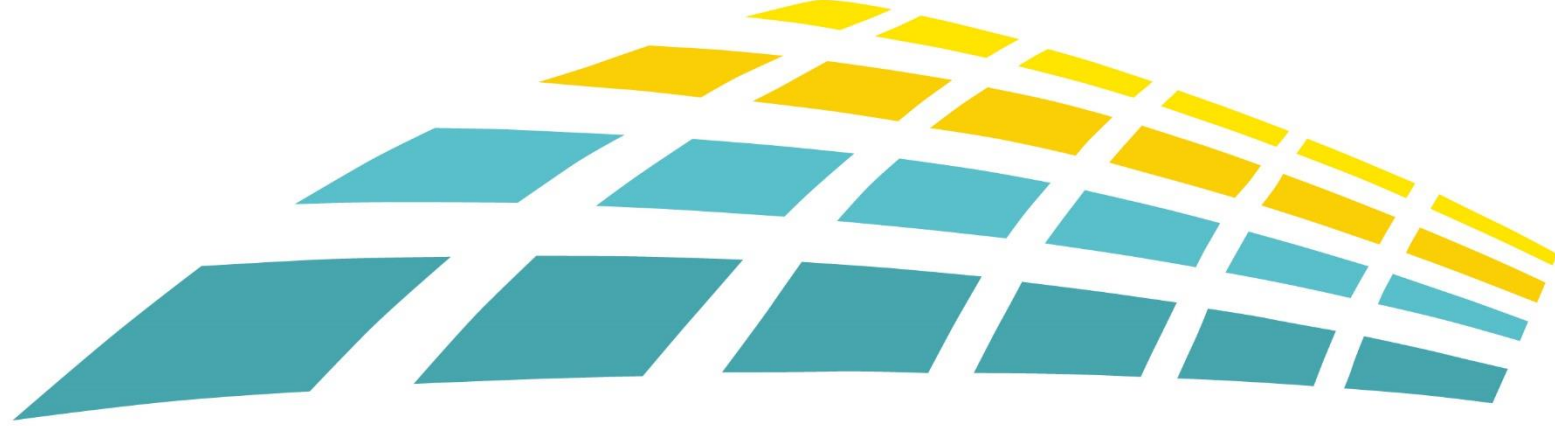
Projects Funded 21/22

Scheme Funded	Organisation	Amount Awarded	Project Status
Youth Activities: Sessions in Wendover for young people aged 10-17 years old during the half term in Wendover. Giving young people free and fun activities including street football, dodgeball, table tennis to enjoy with friends.	Wendover Youth Programme	£887.50	Delivered – Evaluation report received
Action4Youth Mentoring Scheme: A 12-month pilot 1:1 mentoring project aged 11-17 years from the Aylesbury Vale area.	Action4Youth	£8,389.50	In progress
Halton Community Equipment for Events: These events will be aimed at the whole community. We would like to actively engage with everyone in our community, to strengthen and build the community bond in this small village.	Halton Parish Council	£1,800	Delivered
War Memorial Restoration	Buckland Parish Council	£800	Delivered
Lunch Equipment – to provide a hot meal to the community at the Monday lunch club.	Rhubard Café	£250	Delivered
Wildbelt Project - aims to improve biodiversity in the Chilterns by facilitating a	Chiltern Society	£30,000	In progress.

sustainable approach to nature recovery in a way that; engages the community at Parish Council level; is volunteer led and; drives strategic improvements at a local level, in line with Government Policy.			
MVAS Halton: This is required for speeding traffic within the Conservation Area of Halton Village. To warn drivers of their excess speeds and provide accurate data on the number of cars using the route and speeds	Halton Parish Council	£4,075	Delivered
Buckland Community Orchard - Buckland has no public open space to be enjoyed by residents and the Parish Council purchased just under 2 acres of agricultural land to create a Community Orchard. For this Community Orchard the Parish will receive most of the trees to be planted by donations, however the planting and delivery needs to be funded. The land is to be used as a Community Green Space to benefit residents and walkers alike.	Buckland Parish Council	£1,750	Delivered
Leaky Homes: homeowners will receive photographs showing heat loss from their roofs, front, back and side walls, and an analysis of the photos and advice on how to insulate their homes from the Bucks Community Energy team.	Bucks Community Energy	£1,210	Delivered
TfB Scheme: Burcott Lane installation of double yellow lines	Bierton Parish Council	£6,152.74	In progress
TfB Scheme: Bollards and Chevron sign	Buckland Parish Council	£12,930	In progress
TfB Scheme: Lower Ickneild Way Traffic Calming	Buckland Parish Council	£5,368	In progress
TfB Scheme: Stablebridge Road – 30mph Speed Zone	Aston Clinton Parish Council	£19,727	In progress
Bucks Mind Mental Health First Aider: A first aid course for mental health first aider – 1 space allocated to John Colet	Bucks MIND	£495	In progress
Wendover Skatepark: Design a bespoke, accessible skate park in Wendover on Ashbrook Park which is owned by the Parish Council. It will be suitable for all ages, and suitable for all wheeled sports, scootering, rollerblading and BMXing.	Wendover Parish Council	£25,000	Not started
Canal Path Upgrade: 90 metres upgrade into Halton Parish	Wendover Canal Arm Trust	£25,000	Not started

Respite Care: To provide respite care for 2 families within the Community Board area.	CHAT Children's Respite Charity	£1,600	Not started
Ecological Survey for Community Orchard: Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Habitat Management Brief and Data searches	Weston Turville Parish Council	£1,876	In progress
Electricity for Christmas Lighting: To provide electricity to allow lightning to a Christmas tree for parish.	Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	£1,950	In progress
Grown @ Kingsbrook – Community Orchard: To develop a Community Garden within the area to allow those who are unable to obtain an allotment and for the use of the school and community groups	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£5,000	In progress
Litter Bins: Over the last 18 months there has been an increase of visitors into the green spaces and have identified a need for 10 additional bins	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£2,855	In progress
Wendover EV On Street Parking Pilot:	Climate Action Wendover	£22,931	This is being progressed within the Council
Outdoor Activity Equipment: Installing activity equipment with the green areas of the parish to encourage healthy lifestyles and utilising outdoor space.	Kingsbrook Parish Council	£10,000	In progress
Energy Efficiency Drive: 5 home energy efficiency reports (different house styles within the area) to then produce surveys to show how residents can improve their energy efficiency.	Climate Action Weston Turville	£3,504	In progress
BEE Squared: Wildflower seeds (a 1 sq mtr amount in small envelope with a window sticker) is delivered to each house in Wendover (option1) and some of the surrounding villages (option2) to be planted by residents.	Climate Action Wendover	£5,575	Delivered – Evaluation report received
ENGAGE – Youth Festival and Workshops: 2 festivals for the young people in and surrounding Wendover. Identifying needs and support, encouraging socialising, activities and hobbies and subsequently encouraging them to attend workshops to increase activity.	Wendover Youth Centre	£10,000	In progress

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Buckinghamshire Community Energy

Owning our carbon neutral future

Leaky Homes Roadshow

In association with the Wendover and Villages Community Board

Leaky Homes Roadshow

- Wendover Part 1 – 9 homes
- Aston Clinton – 2 homes
- Weston Turville – 1 home
- Wendover Part 2 – 6 homes



Feedback from homeowners

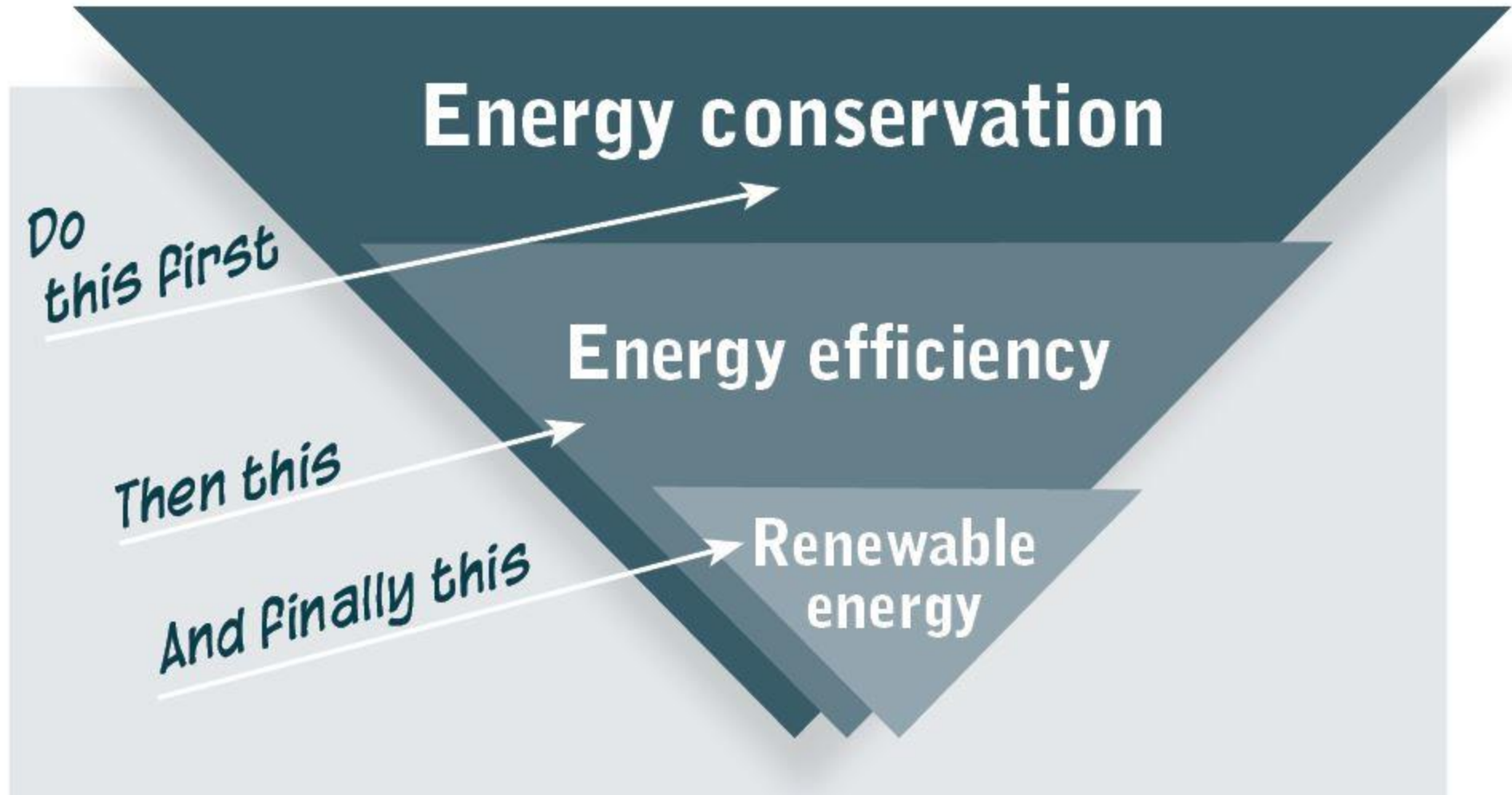


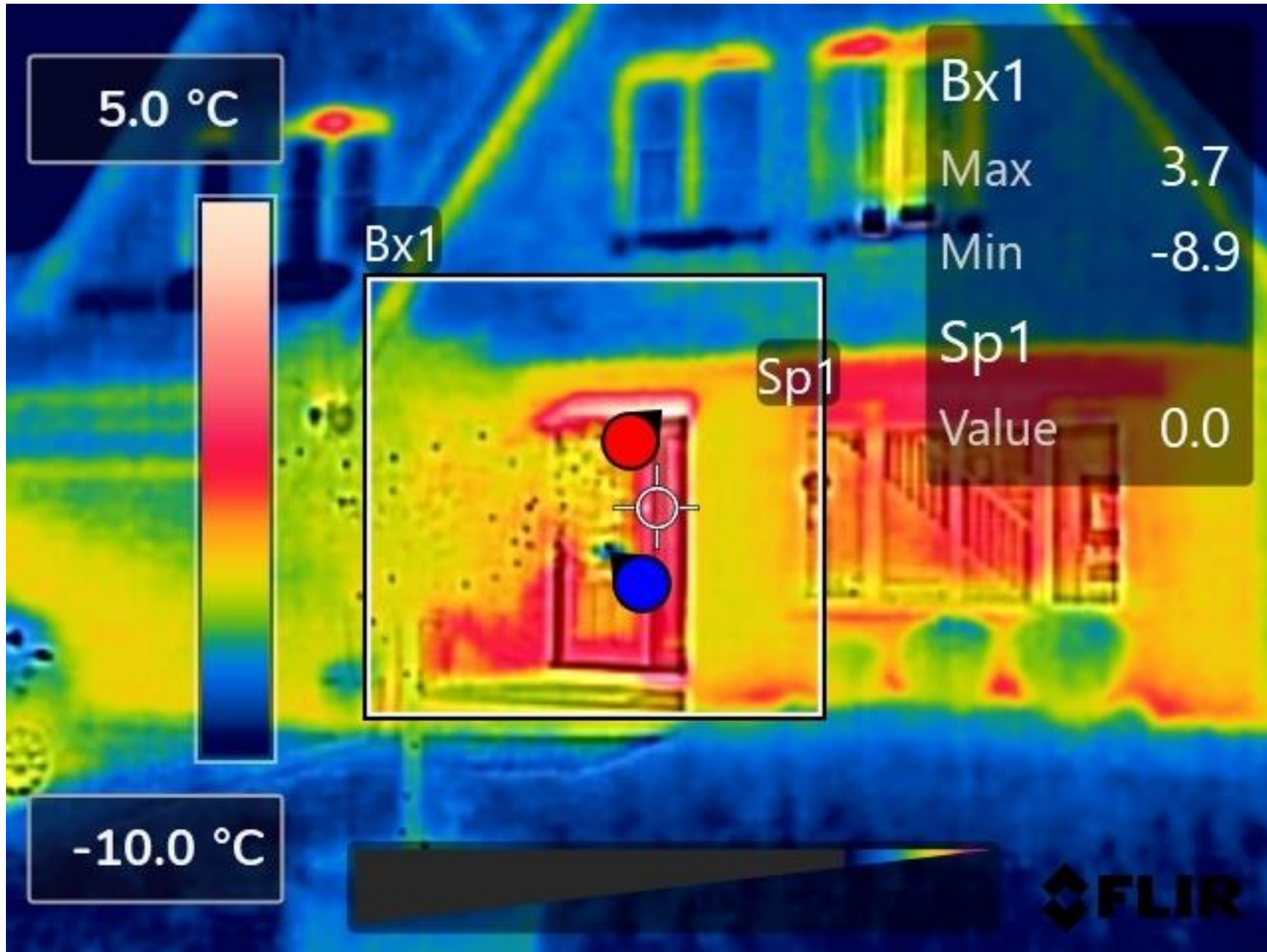
"...just to say many thanks for the very comprehensive report following your visit to our Home. Now we have it I can see just how much work has been involved.

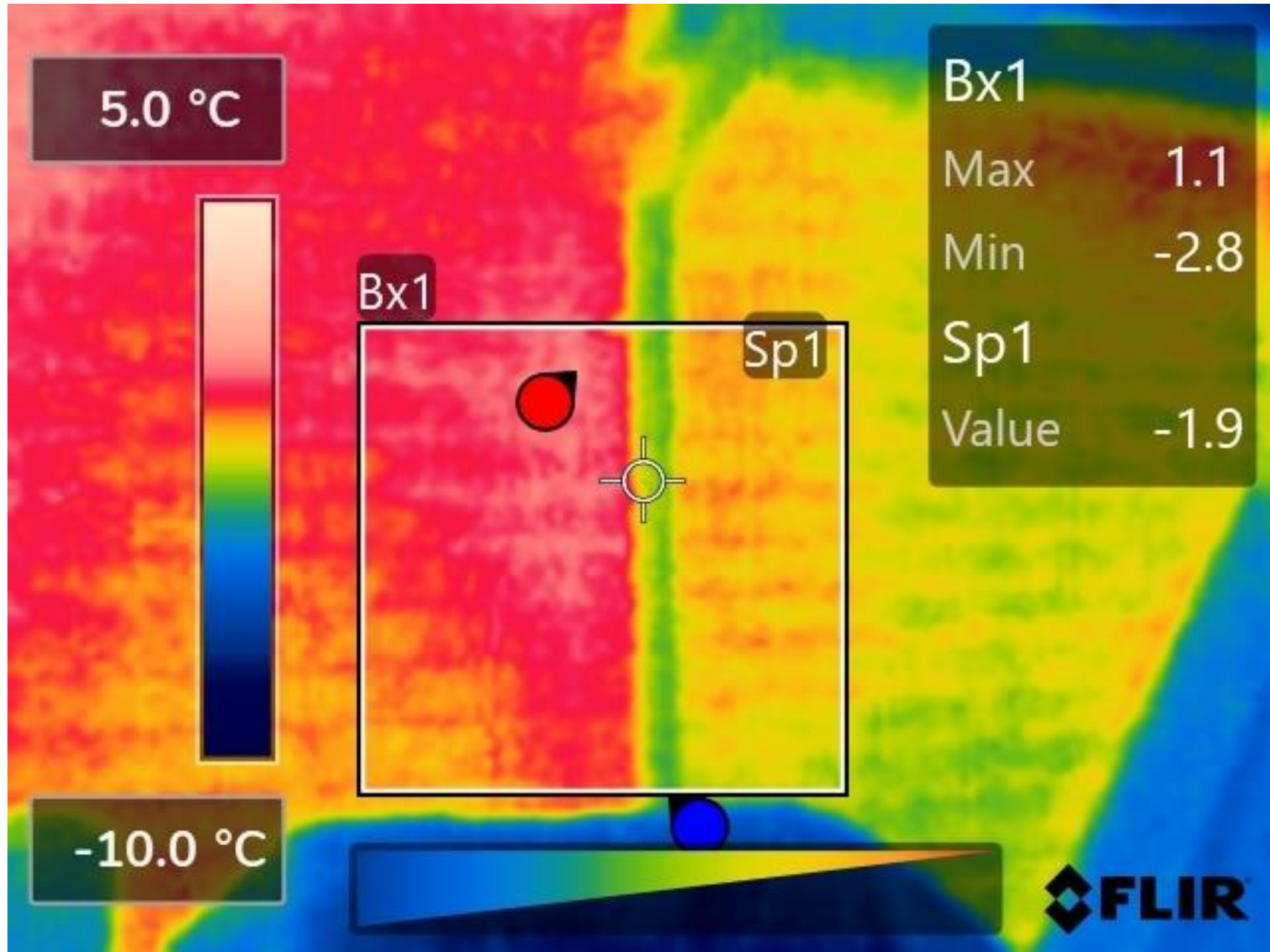
We have someone coming on Thursday to have a look at some of the issues raised by it and hopefully they can be fixed, or at least improved."

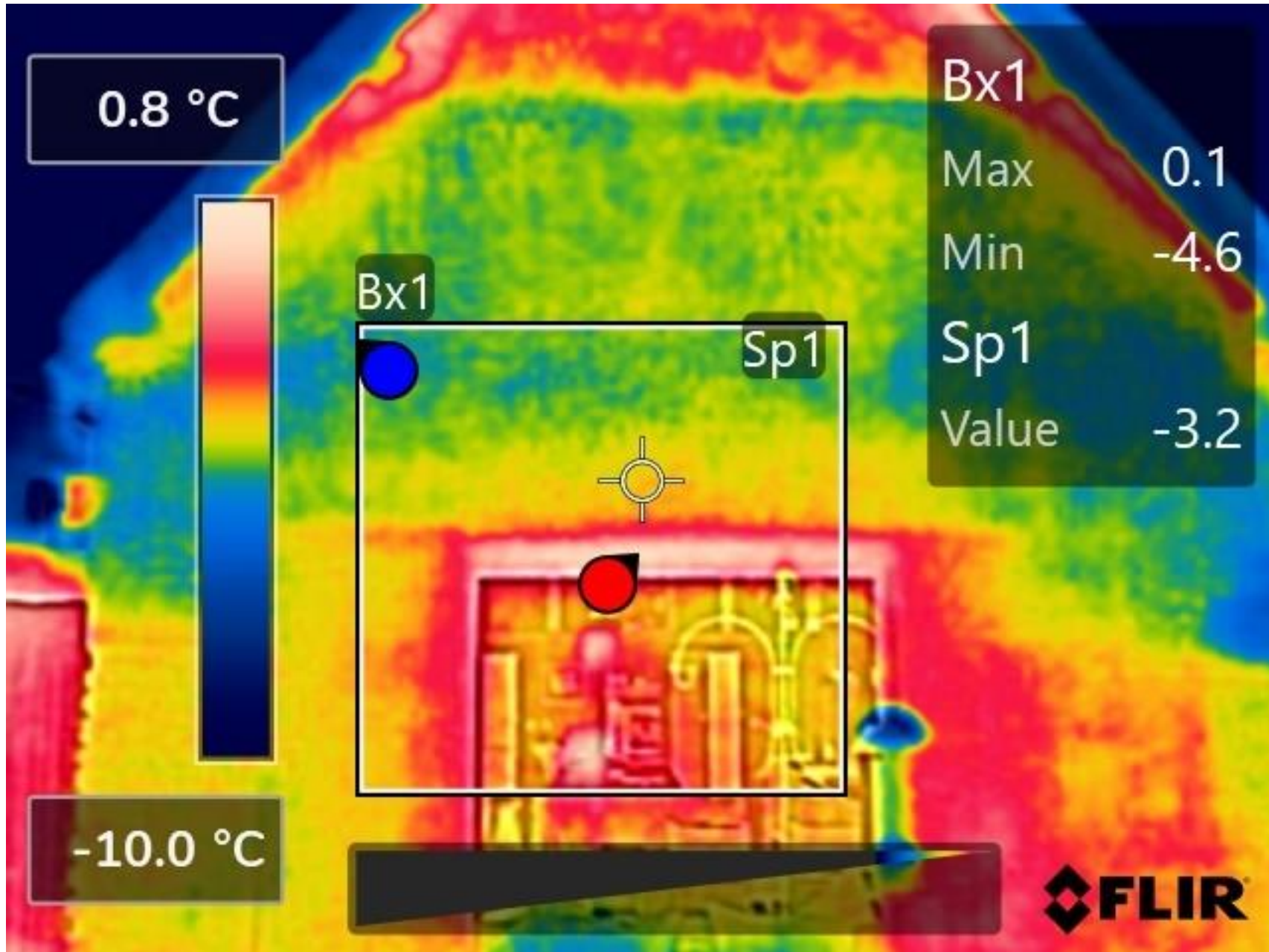
"We really enjoyed your visit yesterday (I understand that wasn't the goal of your visit - but we haven't been out much lately), and it alleviated all of our concerns.

...Many thanks for your visit, especially for taking the time to image the dry underfloor heating in our kitchen/diner floor - again, I'd fully expected a far worse outcome with expensive mitigation."

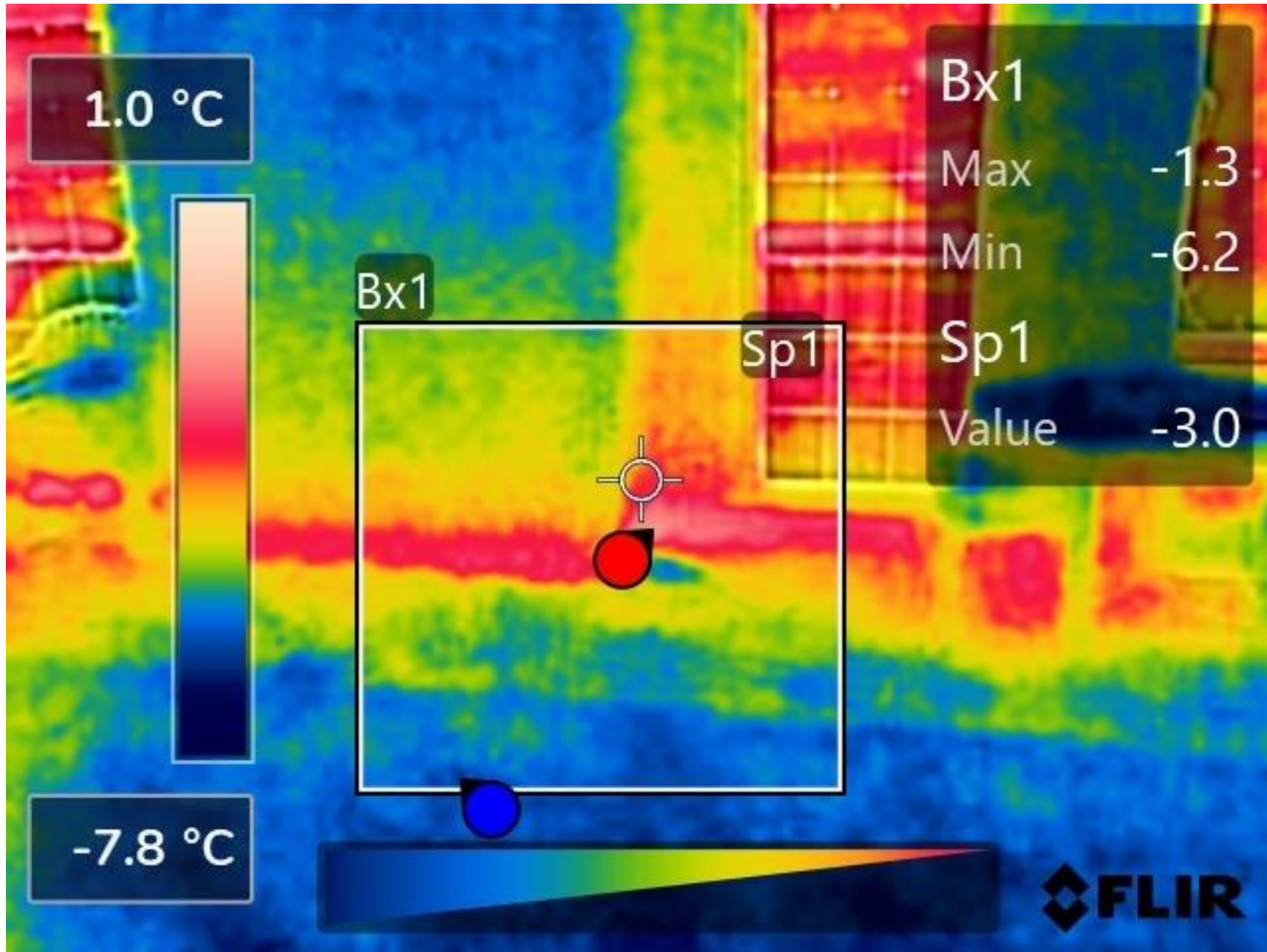


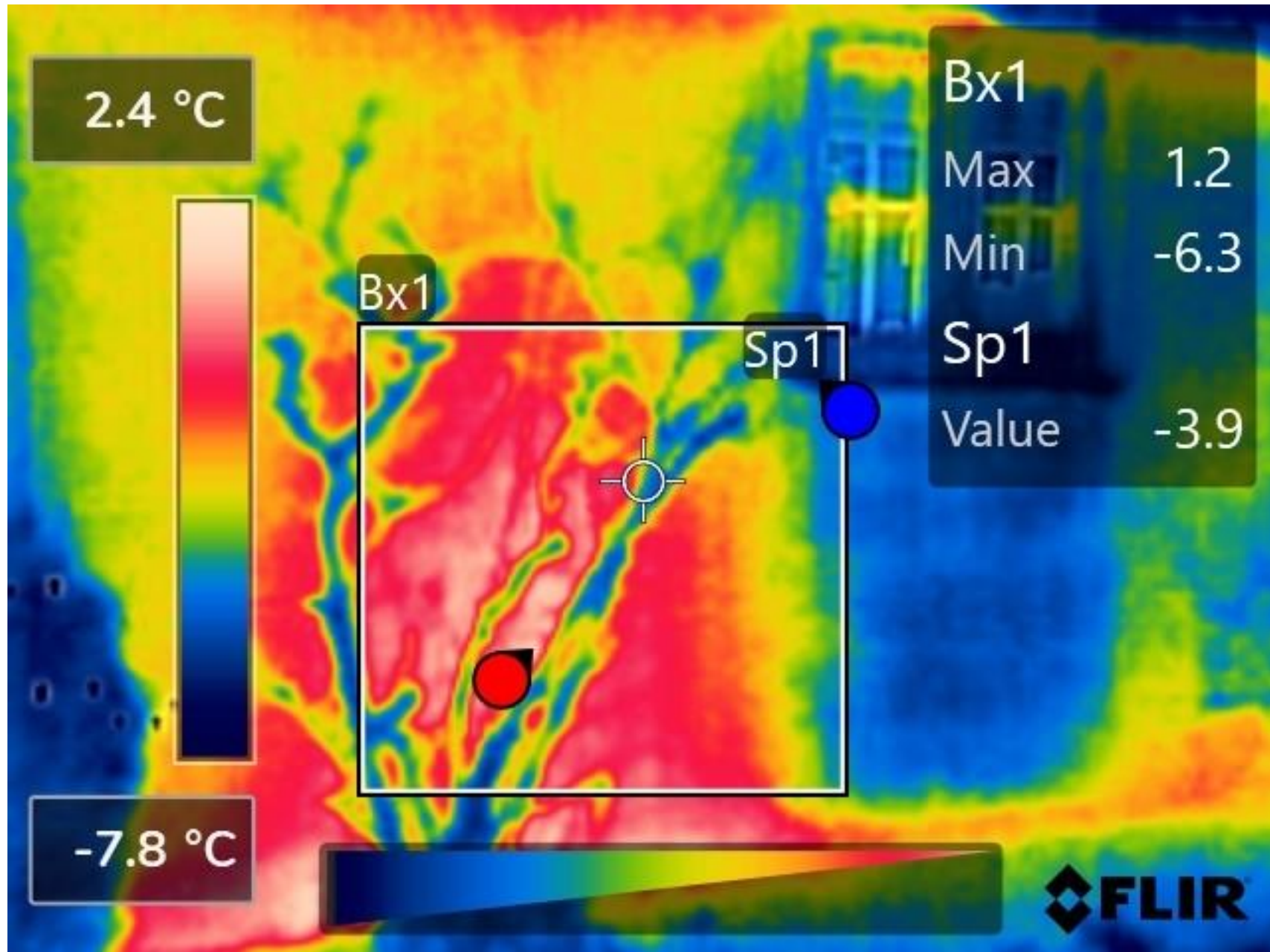


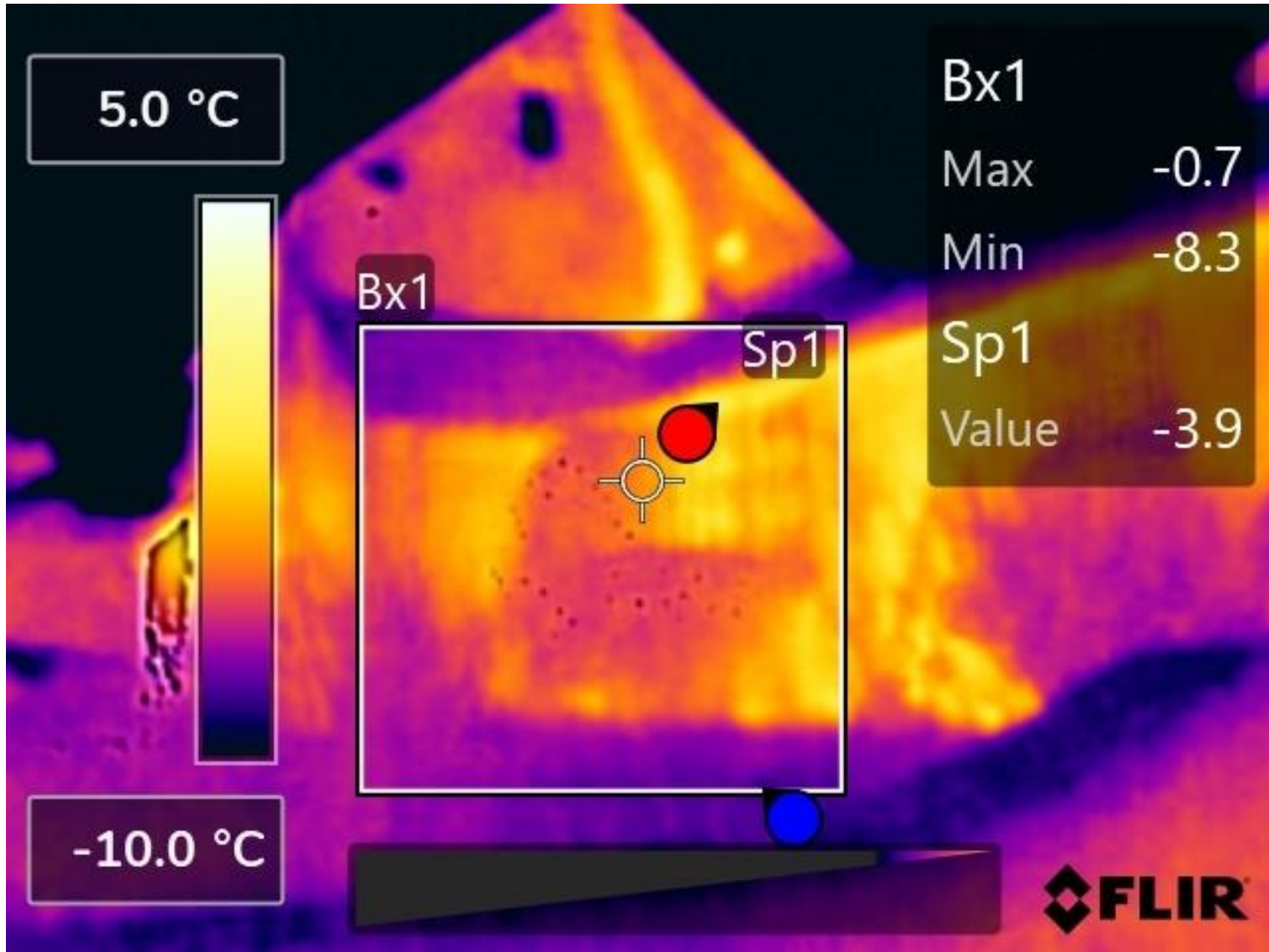














Outcomes

- Homeowners now have a bit more information
- Can think about what to do and who to contact to do it
- Feel more in control of their energy use
- Have started the conversation about energy efficiency
- Can share it with friends and family

Grant funding from the CB

- The grant was for £1,210
- BCE contributed at least £500 of volunteer time
- £997 of the grant was spent
- BCE proposes to put the remaining £212 into another Leaky Homes Roadshow in December
- Aston Clinton resident has requested an event
- Or BCE can repay the surplus back to the Community Board

Thank you!



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Buckinghamshire Community Energy



Report to Wendover and Villages Community Board

Date:	6/10/2022
Reference number:	for cabinet member decisions only
Title:	Report in response to Petition - Thorne Way, Buckland, Aylesbury received in response to Buckland Wharf Traffic Calming statutory public consultation
Relevant councillor(s):	Bill Chapple OBE / Michael Collins / Julie Ward
Author and/or contact officer:	Neil O'Leary Network Safety Team Leader, TfB
Ward(s) affected:	Aston Clinton and Bierton
Recommendations:	<p>(i) That the received petition is considered as a formal response to the statutory consultation and included in all resultant reports, where appropriate, relating to the Statutory Consultation on the S106 funded traffic calming scheme.</p> <p>(ii) Those traffic calming elements included in the initial S106 proposal, but currently unfunded, are considered for implementation when funding is identified.</p>
Reason for decision:	It is not financially viable for the Council to fund extensive traffic calming schemes on the network where there is not a demonstrable road safety issue resulting in injury.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council have received a Petition from residents of Thorne Way, Buckland Wharf, signed by in response to statutory consultation of the Aston Clinton Traffic Calming measures, requesting the introduction of Zone 4 and Zone 5 traffic calming features, previously developed as part of the initial outline design, but were

not developed and included in the statutory consultation of proposed traffic calming measures on London Road through Buckland Wharf signed by 27 people.

2. Content of report

Background

- 2.1 TfB receive many requests to introduce additional traffic calming measures on sections of roads and/or junctions of public concern throughout the county on a regular basis. Our policy is to direct the available funding for this type of work towards those sites which have a demonstrable personal injury collision record meeting an agreed intervention level. This supports our work to reduce the frequency and severity of injuries across Buckinghamshire. This policy has been adopted so that the casualty data provided by Thames Valley Police (TVP) can be analysed in detail to ensure that schemes are designed to address the particular factors that have been attributed to the recorded collisions at those locations.
- 2.2 At present we work with 2 intervention levels. For defined sites e.g. junctions, isolated bends etc our intervention level is 5 injury incidents within 50m within a 5 year period. For routes or sections of road we analysis the injury data provided by TVP and produce a ranked table accounting for the number of injury collisions along each route and calculate the number of injuries per kilometre. This ranked table generally identifies in excess of 75 individual sections/routes which warrant further investigation.
- 2.3 During the period 01/07/2017 – 30/06/2022 there were no injury incidents recorded on Thorne Way, it's junction with Buckland Road or the section of London Road between Buckland Road and Wenwell Close. This section of London Road has not been identified as an area warranting further investigation during the most recent route analysis exercise.
- 2.4 As this section of London Road or Thorne Way does not meet the intervention levels stated Buckinghamshire Council would not approve Network Safety capital expenditure to install traffic calming measures.
- 2.5 S106 money has been secured to develop outline traffic calming measure along London Road through Buckland Wharf and Aston Clinton. The initial outline design has, in consultation with Aston Clinton Parish Council and local members, been amended to suit the available S106 contribution to facilitate delivery. The traffic calming measures which are unlikely to progress, at this time, are generally on the section of London Road which is the subject of this ePetition.
- 2.6 The exact extents of the amended scheme are not yet finalised as the scheme is progressing to Statutory Consultation later this month. Once the Statutory

Consultation period is complete the final design can progress which will define the extents of the scheme.

- 2.7 The installation of the proposed traffic calming scheme is likely to effect traffic volume and speeds on the section of London Road subject to this Petition, the magnitude of which can only be determined once construction is complete and a 3-6 month “bedding in” period has elapsed. This is likely to be late Summer 2023.
- 2.8 The currently unfunded elements of the initial traffic calming proposal, Zones 4 & 5 should be considered for implementation should funding become available, such as relevant S106 agreements

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 N/A.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 All reports will need to include the legal and financial implications and will need to be cleared by a named officer by the monitoring officer (for direct legal implications) and section 151 officer (financial implications affecting the budget). Early engagement is recommended to ensure option appraisal includes legal and financial considerations.

5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 This section will need to include the relevant corporate plan priority relating to this report and make reference to any other implication that need to be taken into account such as:-
 - a) Property
 - b) HR
 - c) Climate change
 - d) Sustainability
 - e) Equality (does this decision require an equality impact assessment)
 - f) Data (does this decision require a data protection impact assessment)
 - g) Value for money

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 If you require a key decision, please ensure you have consulted with relevant local Councillors and you may also need to consult the relevant Community Boards. If any consultation has been carried out with local Councillors or Community Boards, please refer to it here. Please ensure you include details of what the feedback received has been (from local councillors and community boards).

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 If any further consultation or engagement has been carried out you need to refer to it here. If relevant, this must also include feedback from select committees which will need to be taken into account before the decision is made.
- 7.2 It would also be helpful to make reference to any communication plans in relation to your decision.

8. Next steps and review

- 8.1 What action will be taken following the decision being made and will the decision be reviewed, if so what is the timescale?

9. Background papers

- 9.1 Details of the planning application and associated documents relating to the proposed traffic calming scheme, including the S106 agreement, are available on the Council website.
- 9.2 Buckinghamshire road safety policy: [Road traffic collisions | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone [] or email []



An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council Late Summer (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.

For meetings w/c 26 September only (Hadd & Wadd)

Claim your council tax energy rebate – don't miss out

The council has contacted everyone who was eligible for their £150 rebate and for those people who pay by Direct Debit, 100% of these have now been paid. Other people are claiming their rebate via vouchers we've sent out; anyone who has not yet cashed in their voucher should **make sure to do so before the cut-off date of Friday 30 September**. Further information can be found on the Council Tax pages of the council website.

This message arrived about mid-way through the last round of meetings, so remains here (with updates) for those boards who missed it previously

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.

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?MIId=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 \(local-heritage-list.org.uk\)](https://www.local-heritage-list.org.uk) or email localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

For Vale of Aylesbury only

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan – next steps

Public consultation is under way (running until 26 October) on three Supplementary Planning Documents that give detailed guidance to aid decision making on planning applications in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan area. Each document provides in-depth information on a particular policy area of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, which was adopted by Buckinghamshire Council in September 2021.

- Aylesbury Garden Town AGT1 - South Aylesbury Masterplan

Guidance for the development of the South Aylesbury area of the Aylesbury Garden Town, situated within Stoke Mandeville civil parish.

- Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Guidance on how affordable housing policy should be applied to proposals for residential development in the Aylesbury Vale area.

- Design Supplementary Planning Document

Guidance to ensure that new development across Aylesbury Vale is of the highest quality, is in context with its location, and is inclusive and sustainable.

Find out more about these planning documents and take part in our consultation via our web page www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/spd

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.