



## Amersham & Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 20 October 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: MS Teams

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## Amersham & Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Amersham & Villages Community Board held on Thursday 28 July 2022 in MS Teams, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm.

### **BC Councillors present**

M Dormer (Chairman), M Flys, G Harris, R Matthews and J Waters, S Bowles, M Harker, C Jackson

### **Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present**

A Vyas, B Hudson, C Simons, Cllr R Dineley, Di, Cllr D Pinkney, G Allison, G Whitehead, Cllr J Barnes, J Kenny, Cllr L Winrow, Cllr L Daly, N Magrath, O O'Neill, Cllr M Roberts, R Newall, P Carroll, P Matza, R Funk, R Owen, Cllr P Milliner

### **Others in attendance**

L Wright and K Farooqi

### Agenda Item

#### **1 Chair's Welcome including Appointment of Vice-Chair**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

The Chair confirmed Cllr Mark Flys had been appointed as Vice-Chair of the Community Board.

Lizzie Wright was the Community Board Manager.

It was highlighted that community board meetings were not recorded.

#### **2 Apologies/Declarations of Interest**

Apologies were received from Patrick Clarke (Friends of Amersham Health Centre), Diane Rutter (Chiltern Foodbank), Alan Polding (Chiltern Foodbank), David Atkinson (DCGS), Ted Cooper (Local Resident), Peter Lawson (Local Resident), Cllr Caroline Jones (Buckinghamshire Council) and Cllr Martin Tett (Buckinghamshire Council).

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the meeting held 26 April 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

#### **3 Community Matters**

Lizzie Wright, Community Board Manager highlighted the focus to increase access to local sports facilities for young people. Discussions were ongoing with interested parties and Everyone Active to secure regular sports sessions at a reduced cost. The Community Board Manager was liaising with James Sexton, General Manager for Everyone Active and members were encouraged to get in touch if they were interested in assisting.

A member advised the outside areas of Chilterns Lifestyle Centre were not being maintained. It was noted rubbish had accumulated, vegetation was not watered and weeding was required. It was confirmed the outside area was weeded the day before and the general maintenance had been raised with John O'Connor the contractor. They would attend weekly for weeding and a couple of times a week to water shrubs and newly planted trees. The cabinet member for leisure Cllr Clive Harriss would be notified.

The Community Board Manager highlighted a local theatre company were in need of a premise at least 11,000 square feet in Amersham. The group were well established and provided activities for young people. Members were asked to contact the Community Board Manager for any venue suggestions. It was commented St John's Church in Amersham could be suitable.

It was highlighted the WhizzFizzFest events were held at libraries across the county. The event at Amersham library was held on 29<sup>th</sup> July and featured activities included a spy show, craft workshop and a trail around the town.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding issues with parking at Sycamore Road, Amersham. The payment machines were unable to accept cash and the RingGo cashless system was either not working or defaulting to charging extra fees to receive confirmation of parking texts. It was noted not all residents have access to smartphones and there were instances of residents not being able to pay to park thus risking a fine. The issues had been raised with the parking services team at Buckinghamshire Council and the Leader of the Council. It was highlighted the machines would be updated to include all payment options including contactless, cash and RingGo. Engineers had been booked to fix the current machines across Amersham and Chesham.

The Chair provided an update on community matters the presentation was appended to these minutes. There was a successful event for Ukrainian families held at the Beech House at the end of June. 28 families attended and received advice from family services and Citizens' Advice Bureau. A WhatsApp group had been set up for residents. There was a request for help with English language and Bucks Adult Learning were in the process of assisting with tutoring and a language café would be set up. Amersham Youth Club had hoped to host an event on 18<sup>th</sup> July however, due to lack of interest this would be rescheduled for a later date. Restore Hope Latimer held events on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August for families to take part in activities.

The Community Board Manager reiterated the four priorities of the Board including

health wellbeing, supporting our young people, improving our environment and enabling a safe and thriving community. Following the success of last year's projects, the board were tracking progress and attending local events to raise awareness about how projects were delivered and developed.

#### **4 Project updates**

The Chair advised there would be a dementia café set up in Amersham. The Community Board provided funding for the Little Chalfont dementia café which had proved very successful.

- There had been several venues suggested for the café and it was hoped the model for the Little Chalfont café would be replicated.
- There was an appeal for volunteers to assist with various roles for the Amersham cafe including help with games, local choirs, presentations and providing refreshments. Members were requested to spread the word about the café to all in the community including carers.
- Roger Funk from the Little Chalfont café highlighted the process had started to create a charity which would cover any dementia café set up across the Board area.
- Members were advised to contact Lizzie Wright with any venue suggestions or offers of help. It was anticipated the café would be launched in September 2022.

The Community Board Manager provided an update on the Grow to Give project. The following points were highlighted:

- The task and finish group had met with Linda, the main lead and were in the process of contacting allotment sites to recruit champion growers who would co-ordinate the collection of produce from allotment holders.
- Hannah Tomlin was the Community Support Lead Food Co-ordinator from Buckinghamshire Council who was researching premises to act as produce collection and distribution centres. Members were asked to get in contact if they wanted to volunteer or if they could recommend any sites suitable.
- A Member highlighted the importance of setting up a distribution hub as traditional food banks tended not to accept fresh produce.
- The Chair highlighted the challenges local families faced due to the cost of living crisis. Once the produce distribution centre had been set up it would act as a blueprint for other Community Boards to replicate the model. The aim was to reach as many families as possible and have regular produce collections from growers.

The Chair advised the Queen's jubilee commemorative benches had been ordered and should be installed by mid-September. A metal bench would be installed at Amersham Hill by October, the delays were due to supply issues. The initial idea came from a little girl who requested more benches to sit on when walking with her grandmother.

A Member suggested fresh produce would be useful for the community cookery classes. It was highlighted any produce not distributed at the end of the day could go

to the cookery project.

Oli O'Neill from Treehouse Project Amersham provided an update on defibrillators. The following points were highlighted:

- Funding from the Community Board would be used to install defibrillators in the area. Sessions would be run to educate young people from local schools and the community on how to use them.
- The project was in the first stages of identifying locations for the equipment. Locations already earmarked included Amersham Free Church, Amersham Common and Village Hall and Westwood Park in Little Chalfont. An area in Coleshill was yet to be identified, members were requested to feedback suggestions of locations.
- The second phase of the project would be to inform residents of the locations of the defibrillators and add details to the British Heart Foundation database. The equipment would need to be available at all hours of the day.
- The third phase would include training residents to use the equipment. School pupils would develop lifesaving skills including cpr and mental health first aid training. It was hoped all final year primary school children would be trained so they can attend secondary school with these key skills.
- A Member queried if there was a plan for maintenance of the defibrillators. It was advised as part of the responsibility agreement with organisations they would fund the upkeep of the equipment. There would be first year servicing available, quarterly testing and batteries would be changed after five years.

Catherine Simons from Cue34 Theatre Company gave a presentation on the not for profit theatre company for Bucks residents.

- The current project was In-tune a tragic comedic play which was written during lockdown about navigating loneliness after grief. A previously successful project was the Beatrix Potter Tea Party which debuted at Amersham Festival of Arts in 2018.
- The group were seeking additional funding from the Board to host a Tea and Tales event aimed at over 60s in the community. The event would be a safe space for interaction consisting of community workshop crafts, musical performances and refreshments. The Chiltern Lifestyles Centre was highlighted as a potential venue and after further networking the event would be advertised in the upcoming weeks.
- The play In-tune would be developed at workshops with audiences providing feedback. It was hoped the play would be toured alongside local groups and in care homes. A local giving grant had been applied for. A condensed version of the Beatrix Potter Tea Party play was on at the Chiltern Open Air Museum with all proceeds going to the In-tune project.
- There was a request for a venue with ample space and a lighting rig to research and develop the project. The Chiltern Lifestyles Centre was unavailable.

There was a presentation from Briony Hudson, Museum Director at Amersham Museum. The slides were appended to these minutes.

- Briony introduced herself as the new Museum Director and provided details of a recent project run by the museum called Amersham before Plastic. The project worked in conjunction with Sustainable Amersham and researched how people shopped before plastic.
- The project involved discussing memories with older residents, exploring the museum collections, taking visual records of shopping now, exhibitions in the museum and mobile museum, issuing challenge packs for residents, developing and delivering outreach programmes for primary school children and measuring the museums carbon footprint with a view to create more sustainable practices.
- The pandemic meant certain activities had to be called back however, a substantial amount of research was undertaken. Interviews with older people about shopping taken at Sycamore Road were available to watch on YouTube. Donations of old shopping items were taken at the museum and 620 photos of local shops today were taken to be archived. There were 280 people contacted for views and 73 people provided interviews at the mobile exhibition in Amersham. Change and pledge cards were issued to inspire local residents to reduce their carbon footprint. Over 300 school children from four local schools were educated about plastics.
- The museum was reviewing their practices in order to become more sustainable. The mobile museum was an ongoing project and funding was available for one more school session with a view to integrate this into primary schools permanently. The partnership with Sustainable Amersham had proved invaluable and had allowed the museum to assess its own sustainability.

The Chair provided the following update on highways projects.

- The Coleshill speed assessment was completed by Transport for Bucks. The limit was not reduced to 30mph as hoped by residents however, research was underway to see if further signage could be erected.
- St George's Primary School in Amersham was in consultation with Transport for Bucks to implement bollards outside the school to deter parking.
- Dr Challoners had submitted a funding application to the Board to improve road safety. This was on hold whilst the application to HS2 for a road safety grant was processed.

Road safety on Roughwood Lane was being investigated by this Board and Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts Community Board in conjunction with the relevant Parish Councils.

## **5 Funding applications**

The Vice-Chair Cllr Mark Flys provided an update on funding applications made to the Board. The following points were highlighted:

- Funding of £1160 had been approved by the Board.
- Funding for WhizzFizzFest the literary and arts festival was approved by the Board.
- Funding for Scannappeal was approved, funds would be used to purchase hand held devices for the nursing team to monitor and detect chronic

diseases. Scannappeal had 26 volunteers local to Amersham.

- Applications to the value of £3071.50 had been received and were currently being review by the Board. This included Stoney Dean School inspiration programme a pilot scheme for new students joining in September. The Amersham hospital were seeking to update a second garden for patients and colleagues to use. St Michael's Church community engagement event for older people on 4<sup>th</sup> October.
- Over the 2021-2022 period 34 projects were supported by the Board, including Amersham youth day, sports centres, Coleshill wildlife project, various school projects including St Mary's pond refurbishment.

The Chair advised the process for funding applications under £1000 had been streamlined and were expedited within a few days. The aim for this year was for the Board to deliver 50 projects and it was highlighted projects costing a few hundred pounds could help a number of residents.

## **6 Petitions**

The Community Board Manager referred to the report attached to the agenda regarding parking on the High Street/Whielden Street, Old Amersham. The report included a petition received by parking services at Buckinghamshire Council. The Board was requested to note the report and to consider whether they supported the petition. There was a lengthy discussion with residents advising difficulties parking near homes and there were concerned cars were parked for the purpose of selling. It was highlighted there was a need to protect the High Street by encouraging shoppers whilst ensuring residents had adequate spaces to park. The Board noted the response from Parking Services and would make further contact to discuss solutions drawing on their experience of parking issues around the county. An update would be provided at the next Board meeting.

A member of the Board highlighted there was a lack of signage to advise of the car park at the end of the High Street. The Chair advised the Board would ask the parking services team at the Council to determine solutions to the parking issues and the Cabinet Member for Transport Steve Broadbent would be notified.

Another petition included in the agenda pack was to tarmac Hyrons Close in Amersham. This was raised by residents and would be considered at Council later on in the year. The area had been inspected by Councillors and the local area technician who would review the roads scheduled for resurfacing in September. It was anticipated this road would be completed in the next few years.

## **7 Other matters**

Lizzie Wright, Community Board Manager provided an update on Buckinghamshire Council matters, the slides were appended to these minutes. Members were reminded that current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council were available to view on the webpage: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

The task and finish groups were focusing on projects including give to grow and the



dementia café. Members were encouraged to contact Lizzie Wright for involvement or ideas for projects.

**8 Date of the next meeting**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm via MS Teams

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## 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.

## **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**

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](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/missed-bin)) as soon as they can.

## **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://local-heritage-list.org.uk) or email [localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:localheritagelist@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **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.

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