



## Beeches Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Beeches Community Board held on Tuesday 3 October 2023  
Via MS Teams commencing at 18.05pm and concluding at 19.22pm.

**BC Councillors Present:** D Anthony, N Naylor, K Ashman, P Kelly, R Bagge and T Egleton.

**Town/Parish Councils and other Organisations Present:** F Greenfield, G Street, J Lovell, Mrs Waugh, H Joy and D Roberts, L Hayday, C Linton, J Carey, J Dax, M Bassi and R Senior.

**Officers Present:** G White, M Devlin, M Bergh, D Hulme, N O`Leary and V Nash.

### **1 Chairman's Welcome**

David Anthony (DA) welcomed everyone to the meeting. DA confirmed that Andy Chapman (Community Board Manager) remained unwell but Graham White would now be covering his position until his return. DA said the Board would now be more visible and active.

### **2 Apologies**

Andy Chapman (Community Board Manager) and Richard Ambrose (Service Director)

### **3 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### **4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **5 Guest Speakers**

##### **Presentation – Youth: Monica Bergh (MB)**

MB introduced herself and said she worked in the Family Support Service as the Youth Community Co-Ordinator. Her job was to support youth work and develop it in the voluntary and community sector across Buckinghamshire.

There were various ongoing projects, one of which was at Burnham Youth Club because their full time Youth Worker was unwell. MB stated that the team attended sessions, led the youth work and also supported repairs to the building.

MB stated that they did not know the issues for young people in Burnham, so Community Youth Rangers would be conducting a survey in the area with young people. She confirmed they were working with the Family Hub group to find out if there was any community work or collaborative projects we could work together on. Andy Chapman had been looking into running a round table in Burnham to discuss with those that delivered youth work. This could for example be with the Scouts, Brownies or lunch clubs. MB said this was on hold for the moment but was in the future plan.

MB introduced her colleague Debbie Hulme, and said she would like to organise young people and ambassadors to represent the Community Board to ensure it was speaking with young people as well.

MB said her team was happy to support and develop any initiative or answer any questions. If the Community Board felt something was needed to resolve an issue, MB said she would be happy to discuss a proposal. For example, detached projects were being run in towns where youth engagement was difficult and they were also helping to run First Aid programmes (which could be rolled out in Burnham) to teach young people on what to do if there was a knife crime incident or if someone had taken drugs and was feeling unwell and/or struggling.

Questions:

John Carey (JC) stated that when Community Boards started it was mooted there would be a Youth Council for the area, and that he and Councillor Dillon had actively started working on this. However, it did not come to fruition. JC said he had been involved in youth work all his life and had been a school governor. He understood that a young persons voice was very important and asked how we could serve young people if we didn't know what they desired. JC requested that the idea of a Youth Council be reinvigorated. Louise Hayday (the Burnham Parish Council Clerk) was also keen for this so JC asked what the views of others were.

MB reported that her colleague, Krissie Hutton, was trying to raise Ambassadors in each town, so even if there wasn't a Youth Council, they could sit on Buckinghamshire Council's to represent their areas. MB suggested that she meet with JC separately to discuss this further – Action 01 (JC/MB).

Manjit Kaur Bassi (MKB) said that MB had mentioned the youth support in Burnham and asked if this was something that could be replicated in Stoke Poges - for example, the setting up of a youth club etc. MB stated this was a countrywide initiative and her team would be happy to develop. She advised that they didn't run these sorts of clubs, but would be able to identify people that could bring this together. MB suggested they meet to discuss further – Action 02 (MKB/MB)

Carol Linton (CL) asked MB how the Youth Council could be progressed. MB requested Makyla Devlin (MD) introduce her by email to CL and JC and anybody else who was interested – Action 03 (MD/MB).

Presentation - Buckinghamshire Council Domestic Resource Efficiency Service – The Energy Doctor – Victoria Nash (VN)

VN gave a presentation on the Energy Doctor scheme – see slides attached.

VN confirmed that this scheme provided home energy visits for residents, to educate them on how to reduce their fuel bills by installing physical measures as well as low cost measures, and also to help reduce our impact on the environment through climate change.

Questions:

Gita Street (GS) introduced herself as a retired teacher of Dropmore Infant School. In terms of connecting with people, GS asked if it would include schools as they would have families who they could potentially refer. VN thought this was a good idea and not something they had done before. She felt it might be better to include in a school's newsletter or for the school to make direct referrals.

GS enquired if this scheme applied to homeowners or just rented properties. VN confirmed that it was owner occupiers and private rented housing. However, she recommended that anyone in whatever circumstances they found themselves in should contact "Better Housing Better Health" as there were a range of support schemes available. Even if they didn't qualify, there could be some other form of help.

VN stated there was an information leaflet which could be circulated. MD said this would be circulated with the minutes – see Action 03 (GW).

Presentation - Make Every Contact Count – Graham White (GW)

GW gave a presentation on the "Make Every Contact County" scheme – see slides attached.

This scheme, run by Public Health in Buckinghamshire, encouraged people to have healthy conversations to help them consider what they might be able to do in their own lifestyles, to make healthy decisions and make positive changes to their health and wellbeing.

## **6 Service Director Update**

GW presented the Corporate Update – see attached.

## **7 Funding, Applications and Projects Update**

As stated by the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting, the Community Board had been without a manager for some time due to sickness. MD informed the Board that she had been trying over a period of months to find a caretaker to cover, and that we had been very fortunate in securing Graham White for a couple of days per week. She hoped this would increase until Andy was well enough to return. MD wished Andy a speedy recovery and wanted him back as soon as possible.

MD presented the Funding Summary report up to 30th September 2023 – see attached.

As a trustee of The Well @ Lent Rise, JC thanked the Community Board for their contribution to his project (The Meeting Place Parasol) which had really helped people.

MD affirmed that the Board were looking for these sorts of community projects as it wanted to make itself more visible over the coming months. She confirmed that the criteria was on the Council's web pages as well the priorities for the Board.

Danielle Roberts (DR) wondered what the new application process was now the new highways contractor was in place. MD stated there was a new toolkit which Members were aware of. In terms of financial support for a highways application, the Community Board could fund up to £15,000. DR enquired if the toolkit was online. MD was unsure but said it could be shared if not. She added that Highways projects were very costly and sometimes a non engineered solution was all that was required. This could simply be around education, so each application was reviewed on a case by case basis.

If someone wanted to make an application, DR asked who they should contact in the first instance. MD confirmed that all applications, whether it be for highways, a general project or small grant, go through the Community Board Manager (Graham White for this Board) to have those initial conversations and to steer the applicant appropriately in terms of funding and funding avenues. If large amounts of funding were required, the Boards can look to collaborate with other organisations to make the money go further.

Ruth Senior (RS), the Clerk from Taplow and Dorney Parish Council said she had spoken to Andy earlier in the year about a project in Taplow, and that he'd agreed that it was something they could potentially apply for. MD requested that RS contact GW to discuss her application and the conversations already had with Andy as we were not privy to that. RS said she would email MD with the application information – Action 04 (RS/GW/MD)

As money was tight for highways schemes, CL stated that the Parish Council did not want bollards put up in Church Street as the delivery lorries would not be able to access the public house that was located there. In addition, she wondered when the bypass that was blocked during covid could be reopened.

## **8 Action Group Updates**

DA confirmed that George Sandy was standing down as the Chair for wellbeing action group and that Trevor Egleton had kindly agreed to take over. There had been no recent meetings but DA said they would re-commence going forward.

MD informed the Board that there were three actions groups – Infrastructure, Highways and Improving our Environment and Wellbeing.

MD then presented a visual slide which provided an overview of how the Community Board worked in partnership with the local community and how it could help.

## **9 Community Matters – Public Questions, Consultations and Petitions e-Petition – Dropmore Infant School**

Gita Street (GS) reiterated that she was the retired headteacher of the school and was part of Littleworth Community Road Safety Group who were with her as part of the call. GS introduced Heather Joy, a parent at the school, Judith Lovell, a local resident, Fiona Greenfield, a governor at the school and local resident, Kevin (surname unknow) a parent, Mrs Waugh, the current headteacher and Danielle Roberts (who was on a separate call).

GS stated that the group were addressing Littleworth Road's safety issues – these were as follows:

- High volume and speeding vehicles.
- No safe pedestrian road crossing/
- No safe pavements.
- Poor parking control.
- Poor road signage.

GS said that the Community Board had been made very aware of these issues for several years. In her six years as headteacher, GS had seen it as her duty of care to ensure that the children had a safe route into the school, and had reported the need for road safety improvements with the Community Board on several occasions.

GS confirmed that there was a huge volume of high speed traffic, there was no pedestrian road crossing, no safe pavements, poor parking control and poor road signage. GS asked the Board if this was good enough for children of a school in our area.

GS added that where there were no safe pavements, children had to walk on the road with high speed cars. There was no way to cross the road safely. There was poor parking control and the road signage was not very obvious, so families had to use the road and drivers were not aware of the potential dangers they were causing.

These issues had resulted in the e-petition being raised where 639 votes of support were received. GS believed this demonstrated the huge support of the local community and the extended local community.

GS said that the Board were asked to comment on the e-petition on 19th May 2023, so she presumed that it had been read and understood. In summary, GW advised that the e-petition was requesting safe pavements, a dedicated safe crossing, additional signage and speed reduction. GS understood that Neil O'Leary (NOL) was going to summarise the report, but she wanted to make very clear that their requests were non-negotiable. Now, after several years, the group were asking for the Board's commitment to move this forward as soon as possible, and to conduct a feasibility study, with a view of implementing all the recommendations and all the conclusions.

GS added that safe pavements and a Pelican Crossing with lights were required from the infant school to the Montessori nursery as there were small children walking that road. Where the Montessori was located, a safe pavement from the pelican crossing to the Jolly Woodman was required so that parents could park and the roads were safe – this was also non-negotiable.

Furthermore, GS requested the unanimous support for the findings of the report and said that the group had some questions but would wait until NOL had shared the report. However, she wanted to make sure that young children walking to and from school had a safe journey and that currently they did not.

DA handed over to NOL who presented his report – see attached.

NOL advised that it was difficult to speak with total authority across the whole Council but advised the Board of the following:

The policy followed was outlined in the report. The Highways Authority report on injury collisions across the county every year. NOL said he reviewed annual and identified approximately 6,070 locations where people had been injured, which was his first port of call. So, where there was budget available, a detailed analysis would be carried out to determine whether or not behaviour could be influenced.

If the Authority can reduce the severity or frequency of collisions, they will do this through a number of ways, some are physical measures (as outlined in the petition) and some are educational means where campaigns are run or training was provided.

In terms of this particular site and the policy, Dropmore Infant School did not meet the criteria for intervention. The report therefore has identified other means to signpost other potential opportunities for funding and a detailed understanding of

the work or the duration of the measures that had been requested.

•NOL summarised the five recommendations in the report and requested the Community Board consider them, and if they were minded to, to move them forward. The recommendations were as follows:

1. Commission a signage review to enable the installation of additional warning signs. Wigwags were identified in the petition, but NOL said it was a bigger piece of work as it was to determine that the current signage was appropriate and met current sign regulations and legislation.

2. To commission a feasibility study to determine the construction costs of the footway which was described in the petition to facilitate the safe crossing along Littleworth Road to Montessori School.

3. To continue to monitor speeds recorded through Community Speed Watch and Thames Valley Police (TVP) who have set up a mobile enforcement site. NOL credited the residents and stakeholders involved as this was something that didn't happen very often. NOL understood that TVP had visited the site three times in the past month which he thought was exceptional. NOL said he had tried to obtain some of the detail and wasn't able to in advance of this meeting. Danielle Roberts added that a vehicle was reported doing 70mph along the road and that TVP informed the head of this. She also received an email to confirm that drivers were doing over 50mph.

4. To investigate avenues of funding. NOL said that he spoke to Section 106 colleagues in Development Management and any directorate that may have funding available. Currently there were no proposed developments that could contribute to the funding. It was recommended that NOL make contact with Slough as they may have something in the area that could be used.

5. To ensure these concerns were recorded in the Burnham Parish Neighbourhood Plan because it had been stated that this had been an ongoing issue for some time, and recording these outlines the recommendations and aspirations in a document of this nature which was useful.

GS stressed that this matter was not about when funding was available and said that the Community Board had known about these issues long enough to have the funding available today to start a feasibility study. GS said that they wanted a commitment today from the Board in that they were going to fund this. Everyone had received the report and a commitment was now required.

If funding needed to be made available and the Community Board couldn't commit, GS asked who she should address to request this funding as everyone had had enough of being pushed aside.

DA enquired if a formal application had been made to the Community Board for this

assessment. GS said an application had been made for a feasibility study. DA confirmed that he could not recollect a formal application being received.

CL did recall an application coming forward but felt there were other places that also had demands. She confirmed that safety measures were expensive but was very sympathetic and felt that something should be done as 70mph around those corners was not acceptable. However, CL wasn't sure how the money could be spread.

GS asked if we had to wait for the death of a child because the criteria then would be met and the Board would do something about it.

CL stated that this was the same for other schools. GS believed that no other schools were on a road where the traffic was consistently travelling at 50mph with no pavement and no safe crossing. These were basic provisions that a Council had to provide for a school. GS stated there were historic changes that were affecting the traffic coming through, for example, a motorway, a service station and Sat Nav changes. She added that this school has been suffering from an ongoing increase in traffic at high speeds, unlike schools in residential areas who did not have these same problems. GS said she could not think of a time that the Community Board had spent money on Littleworth Common and that it was their turn to be seen and to be supported financially.

DA confirmed that the Community Board was operating on a very limited budget of £98,000. A financial evaluation of the cost was required but DA thought it unlikely that the Board could make a substantial contribution. GS believed that a feasibility study was well within budget.

DA asked MD if she could liaise with GS to make a formal application for a feasibility study. MD said it would be no problem and that the recommendations and costings would be reviewed. However, the petition report was only received last week so it hadn't been circulated to other Members of the Community Board, only the Lead Petitioner had received a copy. In-line with standard procedures, MD said it would be circulated to Members of the Board to give them an opportunity to read it, together with a copy of the minutes which would be formally published on Buckinghamshire Council's website so that it was open and transparent. Normally, the report would have been circulated prior to the meeting, but because it was late, MD advised that there wasn't the opportunity to do this.

MD referred to DA's statement that highway projects were very expensive but appreciated how important this matter was to the group, as well as many other schools, as also alluded by CL.

There are 16 Community Boards and all reviewed their proposals at local level to agree what was feasible with the budget available, including other sources of funding which may be presented MD stressed that the Board did not want to make false promises on what was possible to achieve from the five recommendations, but aimed to look at the most serious ones based on the data available.



GS enquired what the timescales would be as not all schools in the County had the same issues as Dropmore Infant School and thought it was unique. GS felt that this matter had been delayed for too long and wanted to see immediate action with the Community Board committing to spending money for the feasibility study for their road safety improvements. MD said she appreciated the passion and that we were conversing over the safety of children. She reiterated that she would review the recommendations and costings and that any scheme would have to go through a due diligence process including Buckinghamshire Highways. Therefore, no commitment could be made immediately.

GS highlighted that this had been brought to the Boards attention many years ago and yet nothing had been done to try and secure the funding required. MD confirmed that Community Boards had not been in place for years and only started three years ago. GS advised that she understood this but emphasised this was a Buckinghamshire Council issue, and if the Community Board could not deal with this she would go back to Buckinghamshire Council, even though this matter did not currently meet the criteria because they had been fortunate enough not to have any fatalities. MD stated that the Board was part of the Council and that it had not said it wouldn't support it. The Board just required the time to look at the recommendations and costings and then it would be in a position to respond.

GS asked NOL if she could have a direct line of communication concerning the report as she had further questions. NOL advised that he was happy to discuss any aspect of the report, but the recommendations were unfunded so it was a case of MD determining the costs and investigating avenues of funding which he could not help with.

GS queried who she could contact about funding. MD said the Community Board would review as part of the recommendations and costings.

Jill Dax (JD) from Dorney Parish Council offered her support to GS and understood all of her justifiable concerns and frustrations. She appreciated the Community Board was limited to certain projects and that it was understandable that a scheme like this was going to be financially draining. JD didn't though understand that as this was a school that the funding was not coming directly from Buckinghamshire Council. JD asked GS how much publicity she had done through the press and suggested she forward this to main government and push as far as she could. GS confirmed that if their non-negotiables were not met they would be contacting the press as they had in the past. GS referred to the press coverage that followed their walk to school week and thought the press would be keen to follow up their story and to hear that no further progress had been made. JD also recommended contacting the local MP.

DA felt it was unfair to say that no progress had been made as NOL had prepared and presented his report. He stated that the Board had limited resources so did not accept the comments made.

Danielle Roberts (DR) asked NOL what happened to the speed data collected as it didn't appear in the report. NOL confirmed that the data was received too late for it to be included in the report but said he would compare that with the police enforcement data. As the Lead Petitioner and lead of the Community Speed Watch team, DR said she would be interested to know what speed data NOL had collected. NOL said he would share – Action 05 (NOL).

**10 Any Other Business**

There was no further business to discuss

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6h February 2024. It will be on Teams. Once the weather improves the Community Board will resume in person meetings.



# Beeches Community Board Meeting

Chairman Cllr David Anthony  
Vice Chairman Cllr Nick Naylor  
3 October 2023  
MS Teams



# Agenda

Chairman's Welcome

Apologies for absence

Declarations of Interest

Notes of Last Meeting

Presentation – Monica Bergh – Youth Voluntary Services Co-Ordinator, Buckinghamshire Council

Presentation – The Energy Doctor – Victoria Nash, Better Homes, Better Health – Buckinghamshire Council

Presentation – Making Every Contact Count– Graham White – Buckinghamshire Council

## Community Matters:

Petition – Dropmore School traffic calming Petition – Petitioner Danielle Roberts (Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator and Dropmore Infant School Governor) and Neil O'Leary – Network Safety Team Leader – Buckinghamshire Highways

Funding update – Makyla Devlin – Senior Community Board Manager

Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update – Graham White – Buckinghamshire Council

Public questions received in advance – to be presented by the Chairman

Any Other Business

Date of the next meeting – 4 February via MS Teams – 1800 hrs



# Youth

Monica Bergh – Youth Voluntary Services Co-Ordinator  
Buckinghamshire Council





# The Energy Doctor

Vicki Nash – Better Homes, Better Health  
Buckinghamshire Council



Buckinghamshire  
Council Domestic  
Resource Efficiency  
Service



# UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

A new 'Energy Doctor' scheme (Domestic Resource Efficiency Service) was approved by [Cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> January](#) £1,957,841 has been allocated to support the scheme until the end of March 2025 from the Council's allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

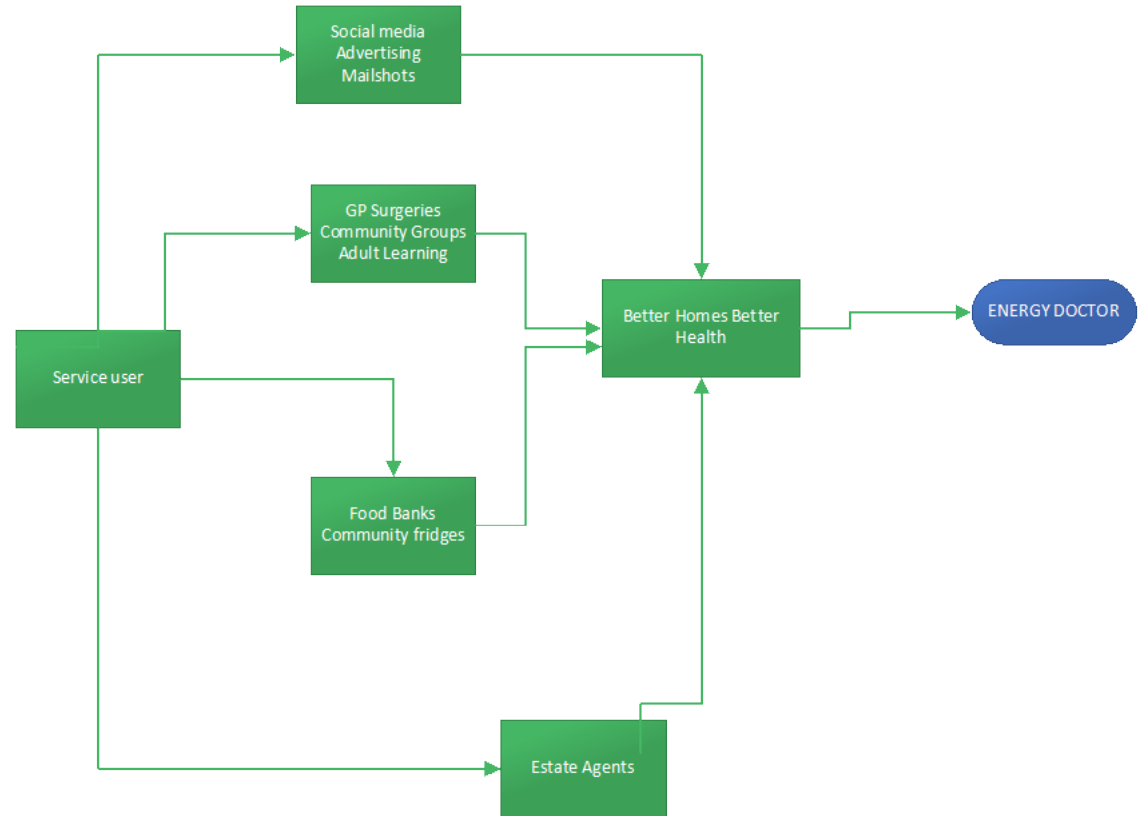
- It is forecast that 230 household visits can be conducted by March 2023. This number of visits is forecast to achieve the following annual savings for residents:
  - Around 214,000 KWHs of energy consumption saved
  - 45 tonnes CO2 saved
  - Fuel cost savings (across the 230 households) of £34,000 (average saving of £148 per household per year)



- **The qualifying criteria for an Energy Doctor visit are:**
  - household income £30,000 or less (before any deductions); OR the household is in receipt of means tested benefits; OR a member of the household is disabled
  - AND
  - the domestic property has an energy performance certificate rating of D, E, F, or G
  - AND
  - you are an owner occupier or you rent the property via a private rental agreement
- Visits will prioritised for those who meet these eligibility criteria and live in [Opportunity Bucks](#) areas.

# Referral process

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# LCERRE Measures

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reflective radiator panels

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LED lightbulbs

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door, window, and chimney draught proofing

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secondary glazing film

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hot water cylinder insulation jackets

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solar generators

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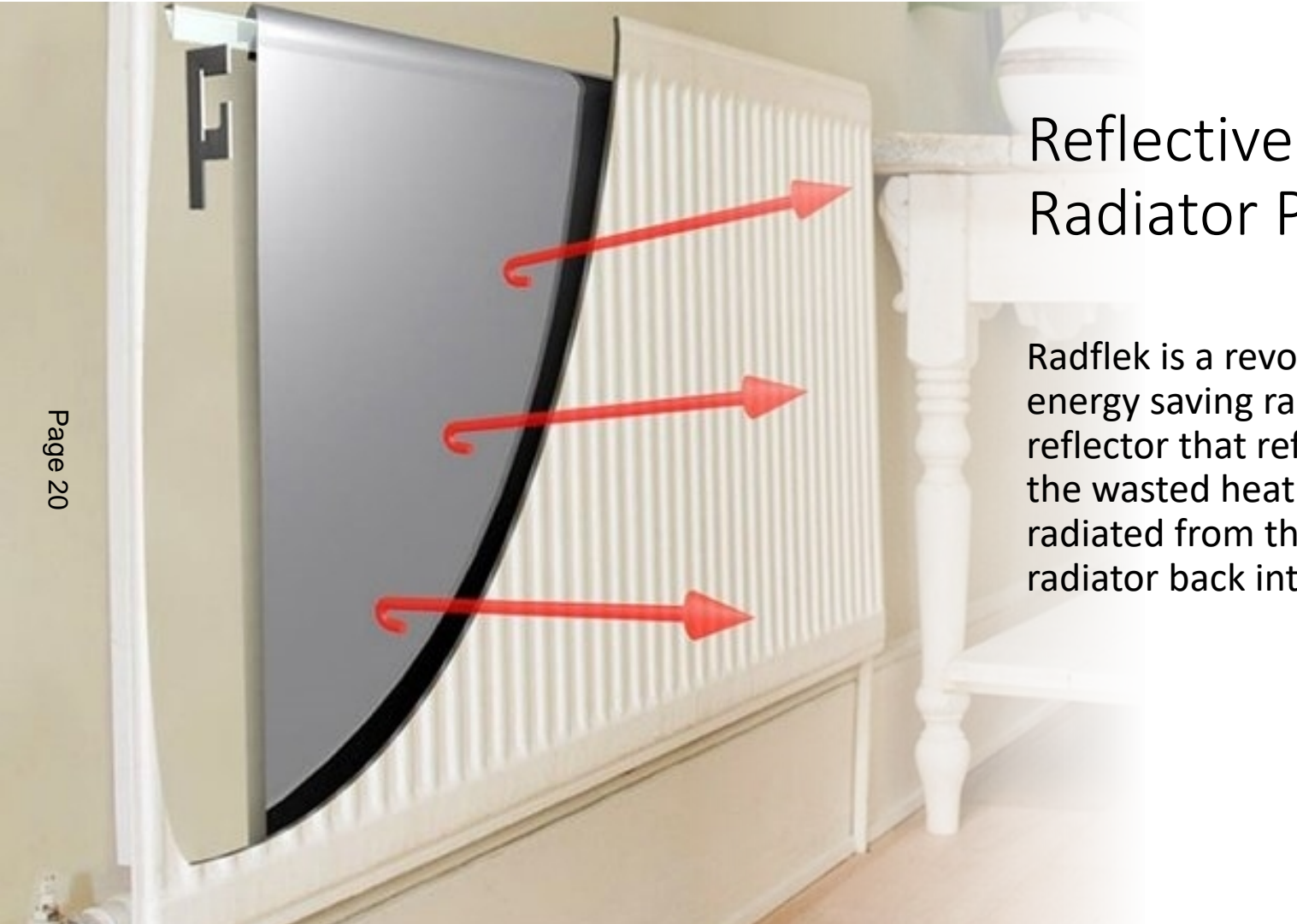
electricity consumption monitors

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Heated blankets

## Reflective Radiator Panels

Radflek is a revolutionary energy saving radiator reflector that reflects 95% of the wasted heat energy radiated from the rear of a radiator back into your room



## Heated Throws



Cylinder jackets

## Electricity consumption monitors



LED Lightbulbs





# Draft proofing measures





# Solar Generator



# Providing advice to encourage behavioural change

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Turning down the thermostat by 1°C can reduce your heating costs by up to 8%

**You can save around 5-10% on your gas bill if you turn the 'pre-heat' off on your combi boiler**

You can save around £55 (45kgCO<sub>2</sub>e) a year just by remembering to turn your appliances off standby mode.

Reducing shower time by 1 minute  
Could save £45 on metered water supply  
Up to £52 on energy costs

Turning appliances off at the socket could save you up to £70 a year

Washing clothes at a lower temperature could save you up to £40 a year

Using your tumble dryer less could save you £70 a year

Closing all your curtains and blinds at night



# HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL

Please contact Better Housing Better Health in the first instance who can assess eligibility for an Energy Doctor visit and other services.

Better Housing Better Health

Tel: 0800 107 0044

Website: [Make a Referral - Better Housing Better Health \(bhbh.org.uk\)](https://www.bhbh.org.uk)

If the customer has no working heating and you have concerns for their health, please email the Domestic Resource Efficiency Service directly: [energydoctor@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:energydoctor@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) (Please note the service is available from Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm excluding bank holidays.)

## Do you want to cut your energy bills?

Our friendly energy doctors are here to help!



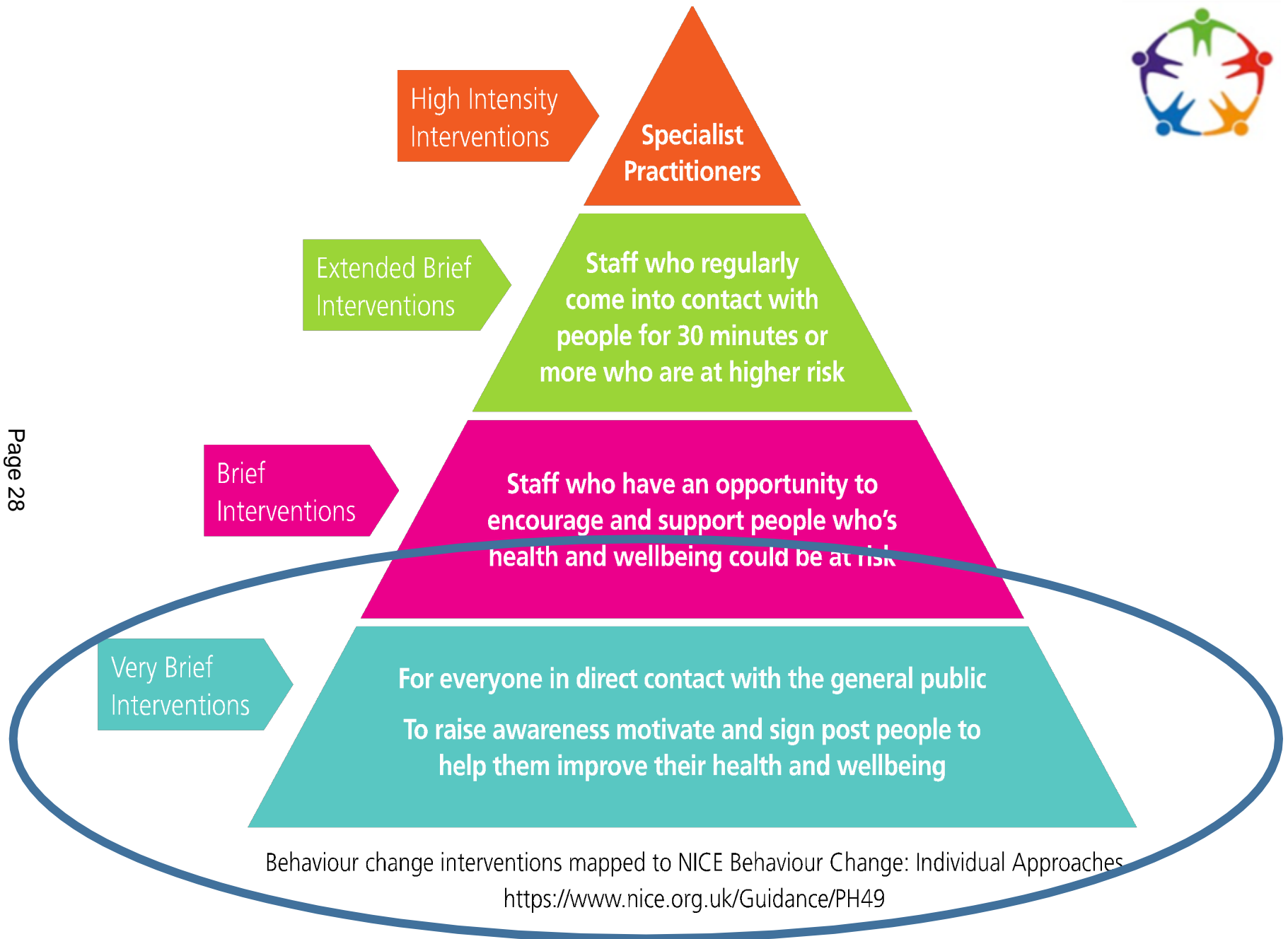


# Making Every Contact Count

Graham White

Buckinghamshire Council





# Health profile for Buckinghamshire

(Total population 543,128)



## Smoking

1 in 10 smoke



## Alcohol

3 in 10 drink over 14 units of alcohol a week



## Physical Activity



Almost 4 in 10 adults not doing enough physical activity



## Diet



6 in 10 adults overweight or obese



# Wider Determinants of health



1

Life expectancy isn't the same across Buckinghamshire.

In some areas, people die up to a decade earlier than they should.



2

If people are less well off, they are more likely to experience poor health outcomes from a young age.



3

The cost-of-living crisis is making this worse



4

You can make a difference wherever you work or interact with other people.



# Having a short conversation



Planting seeds of  
change

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Support them to reflect,  
think about benefits,  
identify solutions and  
make a plan



Ask open questions ,  
encourage, positively  
reflect and signpost



Put yourself in their shoes –  
try to understand their  
priorities, be sensitive and  
non-judgemental



Picking up on the  
clues and cues

# Thank you!



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it’s the only thing that ever has” Margaret Mead







# Community Matters

*Petition – Dropmore School traffic calming petition*

*Funding Update – Makyla Devlin, Senior Community Board Manager*

*Buckinghamshire Council Corporate update – Makyla Devlin, Senior Community Board Manager*

*Public Questions – received in advance – Chairman Cllr David Anthony.*



## Littleworth Common Road Safety Issues

- High volume & speeding vehicles
- No safe pedestrian road crossing
- No safe pavements
- Poor parking control
- Poor road signage



SPEED LIMIT 30MPH  
MAX. SPEED 54MPH  
AVG. SPEED 38MPH  
AVG. OFFENDERS / HOUR 25.5\*  
**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.**  
Before it's too late.

\*one-way



# KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!



## Sign the e-Petition



Lack of safe pavements and a dedicated crossing, insufficient signage and speeding motorists means the community is at high-risk of a serious accident involving the children (ages 2-7) of Dropmore Infant School, Burnham Montessori School and the local residents of Littleworth Common, Burnham. We need YOUR help to ensure ACTION.

For more information and to support us: please scan the QR code to the left, or visit the link below, and sign our petition. Thank-you.

<https://bit.ly/3WbcBSE>

**Dropmore Campaign  
for Safer Travel**





# Corporate Update

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*Graham White*

*Interim Community Board Manager*





# Funding Update

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*Makyla Devlin*

*Senior Community Board Manager*



**Funding Summary Report  
Beeches Community Board  
30 September 2023**

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received, considered or in the pipeline for your information.

The table below details the current budget position for Beeches Community Board.

Community Board Fund 23/24	Spend to date (30/09/2023)	Allocated or potential projects to date (30/09/2023)	Remaining budget as of 30/09/2023
£95,369	£822.00	£8,700	£86,669

Funding applications that have been received by Beeches Community Board and their current status are detailed in the below table.

Funding applications received 2023/2024				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from the Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
The Well @ Lent Rise	The Meeting Place Parasol	£822.00	N/A	£822.00

Potential Schemes subject to internal due diligence				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from the Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Burnham Parish Council	Burnham Rocks (SG)	£700.00	N/A	
Dorney Playground Management	Timber snake swing	£8,000	TBC	TBC

Highways Schemes				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from the Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
None for 2023/2024				



## Community Board Beeches

- The Community Board Manager aspires to link in with the local community groups and locations on a regular basis
- Working towards increased visibility within the Board area.
- Engaging with community groups through their localised events
- Continuing the development of the Community Board Facebook page to increase the reach
- The creation of a Board newsletter will be a focus for Q4
- During 2023 so far, Beeches Community Board has funded 1 small grant projects with 2 in the pipeline.
- 2023/2024 budget is £95,369
- There are 3 action groups, Infrastructure and Highways, Improving Our Environment and Wellbeing. Look at reinvigorating the action groups in order to generate discussion around the Board priorities and generate appropriate projects. Everyone is welcome to attend the action groups. For further details, please contact [beechescb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:beechescb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)





# Community Board Beeches





# Any Other Business?





# Date of Next Meeting

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The Beeches Community Board next Meeting will be on:  
4 February 2024 – 1800hrs via MS Teams



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## Report to Beeches Community Board

<b>Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023
<b>Title:</b>	<b>ePetition - Dropmore speed reduction and road safety</b>
<b>Relevant councillor(s):</b>	Councillor David Anthony, Councillor Dev Dhillon, Councillor Nick Naylor.
<b>Author and/or contact officer:</b>	Neil O'Leary
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Farnham Common and Burnham Beeches
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commission a signing review to enable the installation of additional school warning signs (including "Wig Wag" type illuminated signs).</li> <li>2. Commission a feasibility and construction cost estimate for a footway to "facilitate safe crossing and walking along Littleworth Road to the Burnham Montessori School".</li> <li>3. Continue to monitor speeds recorded through Community Speed Watch/ TVP mobile speed enforcement – to determine the affect and identify additional enforcement if required.</li> <li>4. Contact Slough BC to determine if there are any proposed developments in the local area which could contribute to appropriate measures outlined in the presented Recommendations</li> <li>5. Include the issues identified in the Petition are recorded in the to be completed – Burnham Parish Neighbourhood Plan</li> </ol>

## **1. Instruction to Community Board**

- 1.1 Based on the Beeches Community Board's agreed priorities consider the Recommendations presented in this report.
- 1.2 Where appropriate and subject to meeting agreed Community Board way of working and availability of funding, determine, with the support of the relevant Council Directorate(s) and appropriate parties e.g. Parish Councils, the feasibility of progressing with any number of the Recommendations made.

## **2. Executive summary**

The petitioners request

- *speed reduction measures / physical traffic calming and pavements, on Littleworth Road at the commencement of the 30mph limit, and improve traffic signage on all the converging roads leading to Dropmore Infant School and Burnham Montessori School to make it safer for the school community and local residents.*
- *As a minimum we would ask the council to implement a 20mph speed zone at key times of the day with accompanying high visibility school safety zone signage on the road. This would mean the school community could enter and exit the school premises in a safer environment.*
- *In addition, we would like an extension of the current pavement to facilitate safe crossing and walking along Littleworth Road to the Burnham Montessori School.*

- 2.2 The petition attracted 639 signatures.
- 2.3 Based on Buckinghamshire's Network Safety Policy, detailed in Section 6, the requests outlined in the ePetition cannot be funded from the capital Network Safety Budget.
- 2.4 This ePetition ran from 15/05/2023 to 12/06/2023.
- 2.5 This report has devised a number of outline recommendations which, subject to meeting the Beeches CB priorities and with the appropriate support, could be developed into deliverable measures.
- 2.6 Thames Valley Police have incorporated Littleworth Common into their programme of mobile speed enforcement.

### 3. Content of report

- 3.1 The general environment, properties, low density development set back from Littleworth Road, presents Littleworth Common as a low-density rural settlement.
- 3.2 The approaches to Littleworth Common along Dropmore Road and Wooburn Common Road are predominately rural in nature with residential properties and low density development, bounded by hedgerows and grass verges.
- 3.3 The road network on the approaches to Littleworth Common on Wooburn Common Road, Boveney Wood Lane and south west approach on Littleworth Road are subject to the National Speed limit, changing to 30mph.
- 3.4 The approaches to Littleworth Comon on Dorney Wood Road and Dropmore Road are subject to 40mph speed limits.
- 3.5 There is a short section of footway linking a rear access to the school grounds on Wooburn Common Road to Littleworth Road.
- 3.6 A section of footway is present on Littleworth Road between the junction of Wooburn Common Road and the access to Public Footpath BUH/17/1.
- 3.7 The Buckinghamshire Council policy, section 6 below, outlines our process with its aim of reducing the number of injuries incurred by those using Buckinghamshire's road network.
- 3.8 Littleworth Road has recently been adopted as a mobile enforcement site by TVP, at the time of writing no information is available on frequency/number of enforcement visits or number of violations, which could indicate the effectiveness of the presence / enforcement.
- 3.9 The measures requested, would require to be developed from an initial design through to detailed design and buildability review.
- 3.10 The following outlines some of the design and construction considerations associated with the specific requests made by the petitioners, this does not constitute an exhaustive list:
  - i. *speed reduction measures / physical traffic calming and pavements, on Littleworth Road at the commencement of the 30mph limit, and improve traffic signage on all the converging roads leading to Dropmore Infant School and Burnham Montessori School to make it safer for the school community and local residents.*
    - Speed reduction measures can take different forms including but not limited to signage and road markings – the most effective sign strategies will highlight the relevant hazard but will not over overload road users with too much information which can increase risk to road users; adding

additional signs without reviewing the existing signs, locations and purpose can result in road users not reacting as intended to warning signs.

- Physical traffic calming often takes the form of vertical (e.g. road humps) or horizontal (e.g. priority give way) features. Dimensions and locations are dictated by legislation and design standards. When considered for rural areas the underlying condition and construction of the carriageway must be of a sufficient standard to withstand the forces traffic exert on the carriageway as features are negotiated. The provision of a suitable power supply would be required to enable the features to be illuminated where applicable.
- Pavements/footway where designed should be to current design standards, of appropriate width and accessible to all expected users. The provision of a standard (c.2m) “pavement, on Littleworth Road at the commencement of the 30mph limit” would require confirmation of land ownership adjacent to the highway as some land take, alterations to drainage, relocation of services may be necessary.

*II. As a minimum we would ask the council to implement a 20mph speed zone at key times of the day with accompanying high visibility school safety zone signage on the road. This would mean the school community could enter and exit the school premises in a safer environment. Any relevant signage would have to be considered as part of the overall signage strategy as requested in I. to ensure clarity of message and compliance with relevant legislation and design standards.*

- Part time 20mph Zones have not been implemented by Buckinghamshire Council previously. This would be a policy decision for Cabinet and is outside the scope of this report.

*III. In addition, we would like an extension of the current pavement to facilitate safe crossing and walking along Littleworth Road to the Burnham Montessori School.*

- Pavements/footway where designed should be to current design standards, of appropriate width and accessible to all expected users. in order to provide a standard (c.2m) “pavement, on Littleworth Road at the commencement of the 30mph limit” would require confirmation of land ownership adjacent to the highway as some land take, alterations to drainage, relocation of services may be necessary.



#### **4. Other options considered**

4.1 None at this time.

#### **5. Legal and financial implications**

5.1 Unable to comment in full due to lack of detail on scope of potential works involved.

5.2 Changes to speed limits are subject to statutory public consultation.

5.3 Installation of traffic calming measures can be subject to statutory public consultation.

5.4 Highway boundaries must be determined before any feasibility work is commissioned.

#### **6. Corporate implications**

6.1 At this stage there appear to be no corporate implications.

#### **7. Policy Context (local and national)**

7.1 Buckinghamshire Council's Network Safety Team are responsible for the delivery of statutory obligation under the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 39. Generally:

- promoting road safety by disseminating information or advice relating to the use of roads.
- prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety

7.2 Under the Road Traffic Act each Local Authority must:

- I. carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles
- II. in the light of those studies, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents, including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of (roads for the maintenance of which they are responsible) and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads
- III. In constructing new roads, must take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use

7.3 By completing I. above we determine emerging patterns across the county thereby identifying our most vulnerable road users and developing trends. This information informs our Education, Training, Publicity (ETP) work. From this same analysis we

identify locations across the county where injury collisions have been reported, this output satisfies II. above.

- 7.4 The 3rd obligation is covered through the completion of Road Safety Audits in line with the current Buckinghamshire Council Road Safety Audit policy.
- 7.5 Once this analysis has taken place the cluster list and route list will be reordered to account for those locations satisfying 2. above.
- 7.6 In order to make fair and reasonable comparisons across the network, clusters are defined as an occurrence of 5 injury incidents within 50m in a 5 year period. Route/road sections are generated from a table of populated by roads/routes which have witnessed injury collisions over the same 5 year period. The severity of the incident is classified as Slight, Serious or fatal and the list is ranked based on the These reordered lists, with outline mitigation measures, are passed to designers to develop the detailed designs.
- 7.7 The available Network Safety budget is allocated to the design and implementation of these identified Local Safety Schemes.
- 7.8 For FY 23/24 the Network Safety Team have identified approximately 60 cluster sites and 20 route sections which meet these criteria.
- 7.9 Based on the personal injury records made available by Thames Valley Police, the roads immediately approaching Littleworth Common do not appear on either route or cluster list and as such would not be subject to a capital funded local safety scheme.
- 7.10 No national policy for the identification of potential Road Safety intervention works currently exists.
- 7.11 No national targets for casualty reduction exist.

## **8. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

- 8.1 Local Buckinghamshire Council Members and Community Board Members were invited to provide comments on the petitioners request via email on 19/05/2023.

## **9. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

- 9.1 Contact was made with Thames Valley Police on receipt of the petition to determine if they were aware of the issues outlined in the petition.
- 9.2 Contact was made with Buckinghamshire Councils Development Management, S106 Management and Transport Strategy groups to determine if there are proposed works in programme which would alter or provide the means to alter the highway environment. At the time of writing there are no planned works within

Buckinghamshire which would provide funding from the aforementioned groups to alter the highway environment.

## **10. Background papers**

- 10.1 Network Safety Policy: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/policies/highway-policies/network-safety-policy/>
- 10.2 Criteria for Road Safety Improvement works within Buckinghamshire: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety/road-traffic-collisions/>
- 10.3 [Burnham Parish Council Neighbourhood plan development page](#)
- 10.4 Dealing with speed: Dealing with speeding | Buckinghamshire Council
- 10.5 TVP JOU Speed Enforcement – Position Paper Version 1 2022
- 10.6 [The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016](#)
- 10.7 [Department for Transport LTN 1/07 traffic calming](#)

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September 2023 Update from BC for CBs

## Share your views and 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 and anti-social behaviour in Buckinghamshire and help keep it a safe place to live and work.

To help develop this plan, we want to hear from local residents to understand:

- the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour in their local area
- their experience of reporting crimes
- how safe or unsafe they feel in Buckinghamshire

[The survey](#) is open to anyone living, working and/or studying in Buckinghamshire and will be open from 11 September until 29 October.

The results of the survey will be combined with an analysis of all crimes that happen in the county to help develop partnership activities for the following year.

Residents can complete the survey on [Your Voice Bucks](#) and enter into our prize draw to win one of three £100 leisure vouchers\*.

A communications toolkit including newsletter copy, social media copy/graphics and a digital poster will be provided before the survey launches so you can share with your local communities.

\*Terms and Conditions apply

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## Local Plan – progress and next steps

The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B) provides a major opportunity to shape the growth of Buckinghamshire over the next 15 years and beyond. It will identify areas for new housing and employment, while also designating areas for protection and enhancement, such as our valued landscapes, natural habitats and heritage.

Earlier this year we carried out a public engagement survey on the draft vision and objectives for the LP4B. We received about 700 responses to the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Vision and Objectives which we are in the process of analysing and considering.

We have now published an [interactive map and basic details](#) of the 1,000 or so sites which were submitted in response to our two Calls for Brownfield Sites and our Wider Call for Sites. We are assessing these sites for their suitability, availability and achievability

(including viability) to accommodate development. This work will help us to shape the first Buckinghamshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

Our next local plan public engagement work is likely to take place in early 2024, subject to Cabinet approval. This will be on possible high-level growth scenarios for the spatial distribution of new development to meet assessed levels of housing and employment need.

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## **Cost of Living update**

### **Community Food Chain Campaign**

The Helping Hand team has recently launched the Community Food Chain Campaign which aims to increase public food bank donations and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities available at local food support organisations. You can find out more here – <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/community-food-chain/>

If you would be interested in finding out how you can support this campaign please contact Hannah Tomlin, Food Lead Co-ordinator, Helping Hand Team – [hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **Welcoming Spaces**

There are locations throughout the county, including Buckinghamshire libraries and community venues such as churches and halls, that have continued to offer a Welcoming Space to residents throughout the summer months.

Now that we are moving into autumn we are looking at ways in which Welcoming Spaces can again offer residents warm and friendly places to go and meet with others this coming winter. More information on resources and guidance for setting up a Welcoming Space will be available shortly.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Laura Davies, Operations Manager, [laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.davies@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### **Revenues and Benefits**

Council tax collection remains on target despite obvious pressures in the community and as a result additional funding is being made available to the discretionary housing payment fund to support residents who may have one-off difficulties preventing them paying their rent.

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## **Have your say on council spending**

Our budget consultation is now open and residents and organisations throughout Buckinghamshire are invited to take part.

As with councils across the country, our budgets are under immense pressure, particularly with more and more people needing social care. As a result, some difficult decisions will have to be made.

So it's essential that residents and organisations have their say on where their council tax is spent. The survey is at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/money-matters-consultation](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/money-matters-consultation). We would also really appreciate your support in sharing this message with people and organisations throughout all our local communities.

The consultation closes at 11.59pm on Sunday 15 October.

### **Buckinghamshire Council consultations**

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

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