



Action & Delivery Plan

Aylesbury Regeneration



Introduction

The purpose of this updated action plan is to set out the key projects that Buckinghamshire Council and its partners are undertaking, to deliver the priorities of the Aylesbury Garden Town Masterplan.

This updated Action Plan does not replace the action plan contained within the Aylesbury Garden Town Masterplan but seeks to ensure that the priorities remain relevant and timely.

The action plan sets out which of the Masterplan principles each the project seeks to achieve.

It will be updated as projects are completed and will be reviewed annually.





An innovation and investment hub Aylesbury will be a prime location for investment and job creation in Buckinghamshire. It will capitalise on its strategic location to grow jobs and businesses, attracting investment due to its high-quality business and living environment.



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<p>Economic Sectors and Specialisms Study An economic sectors specialism study is recommended to better understand sectors likely to expand in Aylesbury, and how the Garden Town can best plan to accommodate them. This should explore how future economic strengths can be harnessed to create jobs growth in the Garden Town.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
<p>Innovative Employment Space Innovative employment spaces will be created through exploring opportunities for flexible town centre working space; leveraging the Enterprise Zone status and associated benefits, such as retention of business rates, to help forward fund infrastructure /create a development platform to build momentum behind creating employment clusters.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>Meanwhile Use Strategy To improve occupancy rates in Aylesbury, we will work in collaboration with providers to consider the strategic promotion of meanwhile uses, both in the short/medium term on development sites, and in the longer term within the wider public realm.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						





In 2033 Aylesbury Town Centre will be a thriving community and commercial heart. It will be a destination, a place to live and a place of exchange, commerce, and leisure, that goes beyond just retail.

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<p>Kingsbury and Market Square Kingsbury and Market Squares are set to have multi million pound investment which will make these two historic squares greener, more attractive and accessible. Works are programmed to commence in late 2023. This scheme is the catalyst for other regeneration in Aylesbury.</p>		☑	☑	☑				☑
<p>Town Centre Regeneration Framework The Aylesbury Regeneration Framework sets the context for regeneration to transform Aylesbury. The town centre will evolve to meet the demands of a modern market town, to accommodate its growing number of residents as well as bringing forward homes and jobs for local people.</p>		☑	☑	☑				☑
<p>Regeneration projects The service will commence regeneration projects for council owned assets outlined in the town centre regeneration framework as they become ready to take forward.</p>		☑					☑	
<p>Town centre transport modelling Scenario based modelling study to explore opportunities to downgrade the inner ring-road once the outer link-road network has been completed.</p>		☑			☑			☑



In 2033 Aylesbury Garden Town will support the highest quality of life for its diverse population, through the provision of accessible local centres and neighbourhood hubs with community facilities that meet the needs of all.



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<p>Local Centres Study This proposed study will allow the assessment of the existing local centres in Aylesbury and how they are served by local transport links, also, where are the gaps in local services that prevent us from making a highest quality of life for all. How do they connect, how are people getting there?</p>			☑			☑		☑
<p>Welcoming spaces Welcoming Spaces are warm, free, safe and supportive spaces that you can visit during the winter. They offer somewhere to keep warm and save money on your heating; look after your physical and mental health and get access to support, advice and Wi-Fi. They are run by the council and other local organisations.</p>			☑					
<p>Play Streets Initiative that enables residents in Aylesbury and the county to apply to temporarily close their local road so children can play safely together on their doorstep and adults can chat and interact, bringing communities together.</p>			☑	☑				
<p>Grow it, Cook it, Eat it Grow it Cook it Eat is a community food growing and cooking project, bringing communities in Aylesbury and the county together. This project brings together communities who may experience financial hardship or have challenges accessing fresh fruit and vegetables together to provide spaces to use for your own growing and provide opportunities to improve your cooking skills and knowledge.</p>			☑	☑		☑		





A web of green and blue infrastructure provides the ‘garden’ in Garden Town. As a result of the Garden Town project, Aylesbury’s communities are better connected to the countryside and the Chiltern Hills. The town’s waterways have been revealed and naturalised, streets are greener and outdoor spaces are more accessible, biodiverse and active.



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<p>The Gardenway A 20km orbital park encircling Aylesbury, knitting together existing and emerging housing sites. Making it enjoyable, attractive and preferable to walk, wheel and cycle the Gardenway will help achieve a shift in the number of short local journeys made by sustainable modes. Deliverable in nine separate phases, some are proposed to come forward through third party partnerships and some phases will require external funding mechanisms.</p>			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
<p>Encouraging small scale community initiatives Several public health projects are ongoing or have been successfully initiated such as ‘Community food growing’ which sees local communities in Aylesbury coming together around food growing and gardening. The ‘Simply walk’ initiative is designed to increase activity levels and walking amongst residents.</p>			☑	☑		☑		
<p>Bucks Tree Mission (ongoing) Buckinghamshire Council’s pledge to plant over 543,000 trees, one for every resident in Bucks is a commitment to creating a greener, cleaner future for everyone in the county. For Aylesbury this means several community/roadside tree planting projects and expansion of the creation of woodland around Aylesbury, The council was recently successful in securing funding from the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund (WCAF)</p>			☑	☑				





In 2033 people choose to walk, cycle, or use public transport for everyday journeys within Aylesbury, because it is easy to navigate and has an integrated and inclusive transport system. Residents benefit from active lifestyles and streets are people-friendly places. By 2050 at least 50% of trips originating in the Garden Town will be made by sustainable modes.



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<p>Aylesbury Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan (LCWIP) This is a refresh of the 2018 Aylesbury LCWIP to include progress made such as the development of the Gardenway, the Buckinghamshire Greenway and improved national cycleway standards. The updated LCWIP will sit alongside the Buckinghamshire-wide LCWIP and under the Local Transport Plan 5. It will set the structure for building a fit for purpose, town-wide cycleway network for Aylesbury.</p>		☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	
<p>Buckinghamshire Greenway Part of the wider Sustrans national cycleway network comes through Aylesbury north to south and will help improve sustainable connectivity through the town.</p>		☑	☑	☑	☑			
<p>Transport Interchange Bus services are crucial to the sustainable transport network. The council has had a long-term ambition to improve the bus station facilities in Aylesbury. A Transport Interchange feasibility study has been completed to determine the future location and scale of a transport hub, facilitating better connections between all modes of transport.</p>	☑	☑			☑		☑	☑





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<p>Demand Responsive Transport Arriva Click Demand Responsive Transport pilot service in Aylesbury started in the autumn 2022. This is a flexibly routed bus service - picking people up from their location and taking them directly to their destination, offering a sustainable option of travel in (especially rural) areas that have few or no bus services. The pilot will run for two years before being evaluated.</p>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>E-scooter pilot /E-bikes Following a very successful initial one-year pilot, this has been extended to 2024. Depending on evaluation and continued success the ambition is to make e-scooters a permanent feature of the sustainable transport network in Aylesbury.</p>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>HIF programme In 2019 the Council was awarded £172,323,426 by Homes England to enable the facilitation of nearly 16,000 new homes in Aylesbury through the delivery of key infrastructure projects including roads, active travel routes and schools, but also upgrades to the national grid. A complete orbital link road network will enable the creation of a thriving, less congested and less polluted town centre by re-routing traffic out of town.</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		





Aylesbury will be a showcase for new approaches to housing delivery and design. Garden communities, each with a distinctive design character, will provide varied, beautiful neighbourhoods that Aylesbury's residents are proud to call home.

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<p>Aylesbury Vale Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Will provide design guidance in relation to residential new build, extensions and commercial development. It will include additional guidance in relation to Aylesbury Garden Town.</p>			☑			☑	☑	
<p>Design Review Panel There is an ambition to establish a design review panel. Design review can be a highly effective process which provides constructive criticism and challenge to project designs by peer review to support the Aylesbury masterplan and Design SPD. It should include an expert in relation to inclusion.</p>			☑			☑	☑	
<p>Officer design training To build capacity amongst decision makers and those involved in the delivery of development in Aylesbury, design training could be provided internally or by consultants focused on how the Design SPD and the guidance contained within the Masterplan should be applied.</p>			☑			☑	☑	
<p>AGT1 Site Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Supplementary Planning Document to guide landowners, developers, the public and the local planning authority in respect of environmental, social, economic and design objectives for this key for the Aylesbury Garden Town site.</p>			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑





In 2033 technology will be used to help make Aylesbury a better, more resilient and sustainable place. By 2050 Aylesbury’s integrated data services will make life easier for residents and ensure access to local and strategic services.



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<p>Project Gigabit – ultra-fast broadband</p> <p>Project Gigabit is a £5bn investment into improving the UK’s digital infrastructure, primarily targeting rural areas and those often deemed ‘hard-to-reach’. Roughly 7,000 of the 30,000 premises will be situated in Aylesbury Vale, which demonstrates significant investment in the area, offering thousands of residents and businesses the opportunity to upgrade their digital services. Contracts are anticipated to be awarded by Summer/Autumn 2023 with the initial building works commencing the following year.</p>	✓		✓				✓	
<p>Small Cells</p> <p>The digital infrastructure programme is exploring opportunities for rolling out 4G/5G boosters to public areas through using council-owned street furniture such as lighting columns. This could provide improved connectivity to Aylesbury town centre through enabling greater demand by working in collaboration with mobile network operators (O2, EE, Vodafone, etc.) who can make available more capacity in higher usage areas</p>	✓						✓	
<p>Smart Towns & Rural</p> <p>The digital infrastructure programme aims to commission a feasibility study into whether there is scope for smart towns and/or rural projects to be delivered in Aylesbury. This could include but isn’t limited to public wi-fi hotspots, digital advertising using street furniture, EV charging points, generation through kinetics (smart roads or pavements) and smarter agriculture in nearby villages</p>	✓						✓	





Aylesbury will be delivered with long-term ambition and sustained partnerships between the community, public and private sectors. Expectations placed upon delivery partners will be increased, but the returns will be greater. Aylesbury Garden Town will be an aspirational place to develop, work and live.



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<p>Explore opportunities for active community involvement in the management of assets across Aylesbury Garden Town</p> <p>A model for long term stewardship and management arrangements may be required to ensure the upkeep and care for Aylesbury's green and open space in perpetuity. The process of identifying the right stewardship model for Aylesbury is in its infancy.</p>			☑	☑		☑		☑
<p>Aylesbury Train Station</p> <p>Officers and Chiltern Railways are working together to deliver the re-design of the flower beds to create a welcoming arrival to the town by rail. Going forward, a community group, Friends of Aylesbury Station, has been set up to oversee the ongoing maintenance of the beds in line with the Government's Community Rail Strategy, which encourages the community stewardship of station land and promotion of sustainable travel.</p>		☑		☑				☑

