



BEACONSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2023 – 2040



Public exhibition at St Thomas' Hall, Mayflower Way, Beaconsfield

CONSULTATION STATEMENT August 2023

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Statutory requirement for this Statement

Beaconsfield Town Council is submitting its Neighbourhood Development Plan to Buckinghamshire Council for independent examination. This Consultation Statement complies with the requirements of Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations and includes the response to Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations (pre-submission statutory consultation). This document has been prepared by the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

1.2 Section 14 of the Regulations requires that:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a)publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

(i)details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii)details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii)details of how to make representations; and

(iv)the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b)consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c)send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

1.3 Section 15 (2) of the Regulations requires that:

In this regulation “consultation statement” means a document which—

(a)contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;

(b)explains how they were consulted;

(c)summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and

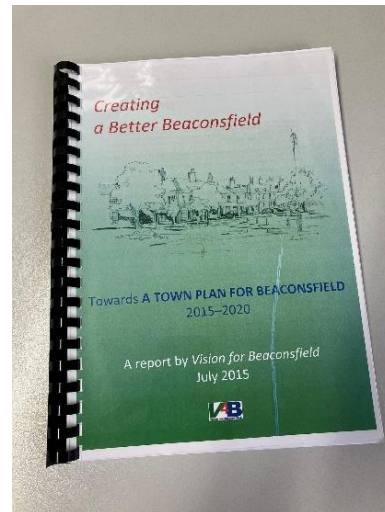
(d)describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.4 This Consultation Statement summarises all publicity, consultation and engagement undertaken with statutory and non-statutory consultees as part of the development of this Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan 2023.



1.5 Pre-Inception of the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Council periodically prepares a document called the Town Plan which summarises the work of the Town Council and the projects and outcomes it is working towards. Prior to the review of its next Town Plan (2017-2021), the Council decided to seek the views of the wider population of Beaconsfield. It worked closely with the residents through the 'Vision4Beaconsfield' initiative to develop a plan for the whole town which engaged with the community and sought the views and comments of the public. This resulted in the publication of the report titled 'Creating a Better Beaconsfield – Towards A Town Plan for Beaconsfield 2015-2020'. This document was produced by volunteers living in the town together with Town Councillors. This document highlighted various potential improvements that could be made and the need to go further to protect our town from inappropriate development and that therefore a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Beaconsfield should be considered. The subsequent Town Plan 2017-2021 included a specific aim to develop the intention to adopt a NP as soon as possible. The decision to proceed with a NP was agreed at an Extraordinary Town Council Meeting on 4 July 2019.



1.6 The Start of the Neighbourhood Plan Process

Work started on the project in July 2020. Thereafter Beaconsfield Town Council made a decision at its Full Council Meeting of the 3 September 2020 that the whole Town Council area i.e. the Parish, be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. An application for Designation

for the whole of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area was submitted to Buckinghamshire Council later that month. Buckinghamshire Council (the Planning Authority) then designated the area of Beaconsfield Town Council as a Neighbourhood Area. The setting up of Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was formally approved by the Town Council as the group driving forward the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Beaconsfield.

1.7 Recruitment of Volunteers

Initial engagement started in October 2020 with a recruitment drive for Steering Group members. The aim was to get a broad representation of the community to volunteer to help shape the future look and feel of our town. Promotion for recruitment to the Steering Group included notices being displayed on notice boards, adverts in magazines along with direct email to local community groups. In total 27 people expressed an interest to get involved. Despite unusual times, due to COVID we managed to make a start through virtual meetings. All those interested were invited to a kick off virtual meeting via zoom on 17th November 2020 to find out what a NP is and what work was required by the Steering Group. After the meeting, for those that remained interested to get actively involved, 12 people were invited to attend the Steering Group in addition to at least 3 Town Councillors. The steering group was selected to represent a cross section of our Beaconsfield community and to capture broad views and skills to build a productive team to deliver the NP, including from different age groups, backgrounds, community groups and interests such as the natural environment, historical, faith, retail/business and the 3 main areas of the town - Holtspur, Old Town & New Town. Further volunteers were selected later to form subgroups working on specific areas of interest which resulted in the following groups: Holtspur, New Town, Old Town, Open Spaces, and footfall counting.

1.8 COVID

It is noted that this project started during the COVID pandemic and therefore required different ways of working. This included fewer face-to-face meetings with due consideration given as to when would be the safest time to hold public exhibitions. Various other considerations were made to keep everyone safe including members of the public of all ages whilst still keeping them engaged in the process. As a result, many meetings were held by the various working groups of the NP predominantly on Zoom to stay connected, brainstorm, receive briefings from consultants and move the project forward. As restrictions eased, there was a mixture of face to face or Zoom meetings which continued to the end of the project.

1.9 Initial work of the Steering Group

The focus initially was to undertake research, fact-find and brainstorm ideas and issues. Communication with the public was seen as key, and a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy for the Beaconsfield NP was prepared and then implemented. The aim being to engage with the local community as soon as possible, so that the public could have input at an early stage to help shape and inform the direction of the NP before it was drafted. Our goal was to help create a vibrant and thriving community, and to provide building blocks to facilitate a greater sense of community in all areas of our town. All views received were listened to and taken on board during the making of this Neighbourhood Plan.

1.10 Fact Finding Engagement

Discussions and general correspondence were undertaken by the various NP groups to seek guidance, fact find and explore various identified opportunities or issues. This included liaison with

Buckinghamshire Council, local businesses such as Estate Agents, Chiltern Railways, Bekonscot, Waitrose.

1.11 Public Consultation

The objective was to engage with the widest possible cross section of the community within the Parish of Beaconsfield, including all age groups and the commercial sector. This was to get the broadest possible engagement and response.

2. GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2.1 Where and how to find information was key to our communication and consultation process. The tools used and general resources available to find out more and/or get involved are summarised below.

2.2 Dedicated contact

To provide a clear and direct contact the NP has its own dedicated email address for the public to use which goes directly to the Town Council Project Manager, Email: np@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

2.3 Mailing List

People are also able to be added to a mailing list, via this email which has been promoted via the website and elsewhere. People on this list are informed of up-and-coming exhibitions etc and this mailing list is used solely for this purpose.

2.4 Website support

A dedicated webpage within the Beaconsfield Town Council website announced the start of the process to develop a NP. See [Neighbourhood Plan](#) . This webpage continues to be the hub of public information on the NP, which is kept up to date. This includes

all literature and graphics, online surveys/questionnaires, pre-submission documentation, details of up-and-coming events, next steps, and a point of contact.

2.5 Promotions

Adverts, articles, posters, and questionnaires have been used extensively to promote the NP and gather local views throughout the NP project. This includes advertising to recruit members of the public onto the Steering Group and working groups of the NP. Also, how to find out more, promote exhibitions and fill in questionnaires including a video from the mayor inviting people to attend the public exhibitions which can be found on our website, see link.



Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Town Council and volunteers welcome you to come along and find out about the work we are doing across all **3 hearts** of the town, and share your views and ideas.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

17 March 3-7pm
St Thomas' Hall,
Mayflower Way, Holtspur

18 March 3-7pm
Fitzwilliams Centre,
Windsor End, Old Town

19 March 11-2pm
Town Hall, Penn Road
New Town

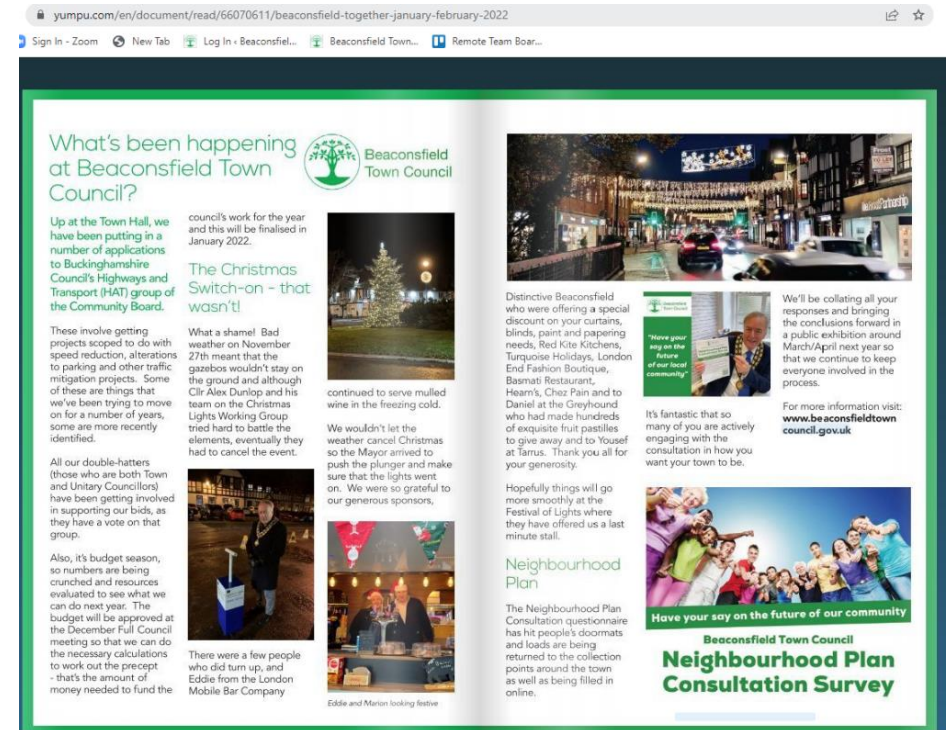
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"Have your say on the future of our local community"

Poster of first set of exhibitions

2.6 Adverts and Articles

This includes paid articles and adverts in Beaconsfield Together Magazine, which goes to all households on a bi-monthly basis. In total the NP was featured 5 times; copies of these articles can be found in the appendices.



What's been happening at Beaconsfield Town Council?

Up at the Town Hall, we have been putting in a number of applications to Buckinghamshire Council's Highways and Transport (HAT) group of the Community Board.

These involve getting projects scoped to do with speed reduction, alterations to parking and other traffic mitigation projects. Some of these are things that we've been trying to move on for a number of years, some are more recently identified.

All our double-hatters (those who are both Town and Unitary Councillors) have been getting involved in supporting our bids, as they have a vote on that group.

Also, it's budget season, so numbers are being crunched and resources evaluated to see what we can do next year. The budget will be approved at the December Full Council meeting so that we can do the necessary calculations to work out the precept - that's the amount of money needed to fund the council's work for the year and this will be finalised in January 2022.

The Christmas Switch-on - that wasn't!

What a shame! Bad weather on November 27th meant that the gazebos wouldn't stay on the ground and although Cllr Alex Dunlop and his team on the Christmas Lights Working Group tried hard to battle the elements, eventually they had to cancel the event.

We wouldn't let the weather cancel Christmas so the Mayor arrived to push the plunger and make sure that the lights went on. We were so grateful to our generous sponsors,

continued to serve mulled wine in the freezing cold.

Distinctive Beaconsfield who were offering a special discount on your curtains, blinds, paint and papering needs, Red Kite Kitchens, Turquoise Holidays, London End Fashion Boutique, Basmati Restaurant, Hearn's, Chez Pain and to Daniel at the Greyhound who had made hundreds of exquisite fruit pastilles to give away and to Yousef at Tarrus. Thank you all for your generosity.

Hopefully things will go more smoothly at the Festival of Lights where they have offered us a last minute stall.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Consultation questionnaire has hit people's doormats and loads are being returned to the collection points around the town as well as being filled in online.

We'll be collating all your responses and bringing the conclusions forward in a public exhibition around March/April next year so that we continue to keep everyone involved in the process.

For more information visit: www.beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

It's fantastic that so many of you are actively engaging with the consultation in how you want your town to be.

Have your say on the future of our community

Beaconsfield Town Council

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Survey

Eddie and Martin looking festive

Magazine article on consultation survey January 2022

2.7 Social Media

Facebook has been used to promote various initiatives of the NP, including signposting to the website, promoting up and coming events and consultation and promoting public questionnaires including paid boosting.

PRE-REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

TARGETED INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Public Questionnaires

This activity, although more than is required for the NP, was felt a useful initiative to promote the work we were undertaking and the relevance to the local community and importantly seek wider local views and insight to ensure nothing had been missed.

First Questionnaire

The initial questionnaire was leaflet dropped by Royal Mail across the whole town in November 2021 as well as being available to fill in online via the website. Paper copies were also available at the local Library. This was very well received with c.960 responses. This questionnaire was undertaken to help inform the NP process, gathering local views, concerns, and aspirations from our local community. All responses were registered digitally, either directly by the resident via our online platform, or for those filled in by hand, these were manually typed into the online form. This provided a complete picture of all views received which were captured in one place. The results can be viewed on the website via this link [Survey Results](#) titled Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey Key Themes Report. The paper questionnaire can be found in the appendices.

Questionnaire Posting Boxes

Special survey response boxes were produced and placed in each of the commercial areas of the town, we refer to as the 3 Hearts, enabling residents to easily drop off their questionnaire without posting. Boxes were at Thirst4Coffee café at Holtspur, Jackson Howes Estate Agent in the Old Town, and the library and town hall in the New Town.

The leaflet features the Beaconsfield Town Council logo at the top, which is a tree inside a circle. Below the logo, the council's name and contact information are provided: "Beaconsfield Town Council, Town Hall, Penn Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PP. Telephone: 01494 675173 Email: np@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk". The main title "Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Survey" is in large green font. Below it, a green banner lists the topics: "We want to hear YOUR views about: TRANSPORT, PARKING & TRAFFIC • GREEN & OPEN SPACES • HERITAGE SHOPPING • NEW TOWN CENTRE • FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OUR COMMUNITY • HOLTSPUR • NEW TOWN • OLD TOWN". The text of the leaflet is as follows:

Dear Residents and Beaconsfield Businesses,

Beaconsfield Town Council has been working with volunteer local residents to develop ideas for its Neighbourhood Plan - and now we want to hear from you.

The Neighbourhood Plan is all about the future of our community. We want to better understand what matters most to you as we develop our vision for the future of Beaconsfield. The Neighbourhood Plan will help develop a shared vision for our community and will also help us address issues about our local area and its future development.

We want to hear what you think about our community's heritage, the future of our town centre, local transport and green and open spaces. We also want your views on our Big Ideas for each of our town's three 'hearts' - Holtspur, New Town and the Old Town.

We will take into account your views as we progress our draft Neighbourhood Plan. This is just the first step in our consultation process and you'll get to comment again in early 2022 and ultimately vote on the final plan. Please complete the enclosed survey and return it to us at the address below.

If you prefer, you can also complete the survey online at www.beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/community/neighbourhood-plan/ or scan the QR code to the right.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call us on 01494 675173 or email np@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely


Cllr Alastair Pike
Mayor and Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Project

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Scan this code to take part online



Paper version of Survey Questionnaire November 2021

The Communications Consultant analysed 956 responses, the results of which are in the Survey Results report, see link [Survey Results](#). (A few paper questionnaires were received later and therefore were excluded from this analysis).

A summary of the first survey

A summary of this extensive piece of work was undertaken and is highlighted below.

Majority responses were:

- Circa (c.) 30% from retired couples and c. 28% from working age family with school children.
- From New Town at 58%, Old Town c. 25%, Holtspur 11%.
- Those currently working only c. 28% work in London or elsewhere. The rest work from home or in the town which includes c.38% working partly at home.

General Feedback

58% felt that Beaconsfield had deteriorated and the main reasons were all relating to the negative impacts related to cars, housing and green space. Changes wanted - less building and better controlled, less congestion, more free parking, more diversity, and equality in housing, more and improved green space and more community facilities.

Community - Modern day living cited more green space as the key at 73%, with electric vehicle charging points at 49% next most wanted. 20-minute neighbourhoods citing more parks/green spaces at 62% and more community facilities at 50% of respondents. Additional facilities wanted showed Park mentioned the most followed by pool, cinema, skate park and then youth club.

Community bus - c. 66% in support but 53% only expecting to use it rarely or never.

Environment - Key themes were congestion and to improve parking, maintain, improve, and increase green space, protect green belt and provide & improve community areas. Strong support at 97% that the green belt is very important to the town and that it should and must remain protected and in place with residents using words such as crucial, essential, vital, and very important. More high-quality maintenance of our green spaces and enhanced green spaces in the settlement area was a key theme including the high street scene with 82% support for more high street trees, and with c. 77% agreeing with more public green space within the town. To preserve our historic and character areas and strengthen that protection, 97% were in support.

Cars - Traffic congestion and parking rank highly in dissatisfaction. Notably the loss of enjoyment of the public realm through pavement parking in the Old Town. There was a desire for 1hr free parking in the new town, with also, the need for more parking in the Old Town and Holtspur.

Housing - 74% were against more housing in the new town. Circa 75% were against increased building heights. Main themes why people held this view were traffic related, amenity capacity and the need for social housing. Lack of affordable homes for starter homes or downsizers was raised numerous times.

Shopping - Showed healthy results with c.39% buying most of their purchases in the town and a further c. 44% regular use for some purchases.



Three Hearts:

Holtspur – Want improved and increased retail and shopping facilities and improved parking in those areas, A40 issues.
Market in Holtspur – 49% in support

Old Town – Want improved shops and restaurants and areas around them. Concerns of traffic congestion, parking, need to improve, keep clean, make more decorative, more shops and restaurants wanted. 97% say important to protect character re planning applications. 80% support to provide new short-term and longer-term parking and prevent parking on pavements, mentioning Windsor End, Rugby Club and Hall Barn area the most, as areas suitable for more parking.

New Town – Concern about traffic congestion, parking, pavements. Ideas of one-way traffic and pedestrianisation. Building across the railway - 24% supported it (rated 7+ out of 10). Waitrose – railway joined up car park - 52% in support (7+ out of 10). Part Pedestrianisation in new town – 53% in support (7+ out of 10). Under 7s playground - 48% in support. Community hub for new town – 66% in support, with most wanting to include firstly the library, then community centre, café, museum, cinema and then swimming pool. To view the full survey please see this link [Survey Results](#).

Public Exhibitions

Public exhibitions were identified at an early stage, that although not essential, these were a very good way to undertake stakeholder engagement with the general public and enable one to one conversations on areas of particular concern or interest. Therefore 2

sets of exhibitions were undertaken at keys stages of the NP development.

Exhibitions were promoted locally including via notice boards, social media, press releases, Beaconsfield Together magazine articles and/or leaflet drop, mailing lists.



New Town exhibition March 2022

Graphic Panels

The pull up panels were set up in the room from left to right to follow a one-way system to lead people through an information journey to help provide the visitor with greater understanding of the NP and to be able to form views, engage and be able to fully participate.

Content at the 2 sets of exhibitions included pull up graphic panels. There were also SWOT flipcharts boards for the public to fill in and blank questionnaires, plans, maps, and other supporting information

we provided. The events were manned by the NP team made up of resident volunteers and Cllrs, who were there to listen to local views and share with the public the work done so far, the purpose and process of the NP.



First Exhibition

The first exhibition took place from 17-19 March 2022. This was timed to allow analysis of the initial views received via the Questionnaire a few months prior. The exhibition presented the work undertaken to date by the NP teams. It also included the views received from the public to date. Over 100 members of the public came to find out more at these events. This was a manned public exhibition held for 3 consecutive days from 2-

7pm on a weekday and included a Saturday from 11-2pm. Each day the exhibition was situated in another part of town to ensure non car users were also able to come along. Exhibitions took place within each of the three hearts of the town namely, St Thomas’ Hall (Holtspur), Fitzwilliams Centre (Old Town) and Town Hall (New Town). Please see this short clip here to [view](#) a summary of the content shown on the day.

SWOT – STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, THREATS

This model was used at each exhibition location via a blank flipchart. Residents used post-it notes to add their thoughts to the growing picture of post-it notes. See attached appendices for the final post-it note SWOTs.

After the exhibition one of the pull up panels was displayed, along with blank questionnaires at the Beaconsfield Library for several months thereafter. Periodically these extra questionnaires were collected and reviewed.

Developing the NP Priorities and Polices

As a result of the above communication, consultation and responses gathered the steering group and working groups continued to work on gathering data, namely parking occupancy and footfall counting. Also, the 3 hearts working groups met regularly reviewing feedback and engaging with various local stakeholders to add to the knowledge and ideas/options available, together with identifying the various Policies to be included in this NP. These final policies are:

- BEACON 1 A Spatial Plan for the town
- BEACON 2 A New Town at the Heart of the Community
- BEACON 3 A Thriving Old Town
- BEACON 4 A Sustainable Holtspur
- BEACON 5 Green Infrastructure
- BEACON 6 Local Green Spaces
- BEACON 7 Zero Carbon Buildings
- BEACON 8 The Beaconsfield Design Code
- BEACON 9 Local Heritage Assets and Areas of Special Character
- BEACON 10 Walking and Cycling in the Town
- BEACON 11 Smaller Housing

REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

The draft Neighbourhood Plan was agreed by the Town Council on 21 July 2022. Various specific activities were undertaken at Regulation 14 Stage, which ran after the school holidays from Monday 5 September to Tuesday 18 October 2022.

General Promotion

General promotion for this Regulation 14 Consultation was undertaken as widely as possible including via the mailing list, posters in notice boards and at the library, website updates, paid articles in Beaconsfield Together Magazine and via Facebook.

NP Pre-Submission reports

All reports that made up the suite of documents for the NP Pre-Submission version were provided in hard copy at Beaconsfield Library and at Beaconsfield Town Council offices. Also, all the documents were available at the exhibitions and uploaded to be able to be viewed online via the dedicated website page. See link [Beaconsfield NP](#)

Second Questionnaire at Regulation 14 Survey

This was in addition to the required Regulation 14 consultation. It was also an opportunity to check that the views and feedback in the first survey and round of exhibitions were still valid, and that we had understood the responses given. Most importantly the public's view on our resulting draft policies were understood, feedback given and to gauge the level of support. This Survey was available online and ran alongside the Reg 14 consultation. This was left open for people to fill beyond the 6 weeks till 31 October 2022. The results of the online Questionnaire/survey are also able to be viewed on the website via this link [Beaconsfield-TC-Regulation-14-Survey](#) .

Second Exhibition

This took place from 22-24 September 2022. This was timed to sit in the middle of the 6-week Reg14 consultation period, which started on the 5 September 2022. This was to enable residents to have viewed all the draft documents in advance of the exhibition if they wished. As previously these were manned exhibitions set up at local village halls across the town in all 3 hearts of Beaconsfield. This was an additional part of our Regulation 14 Consultation, with over 120 members of the public attending. The aim was to seek views from all stakeholders and in particular local views on our draft policies. To view exhibition display please click [exhibition panels](#). This was also an opportunity for people to fill in a paper questionnaire, which were uploaded and added to the online survey.



September 2022 exhibitions, Holtspur

Heritage Assets List

Landowners of Heritage Assets that were identified for inclusion in the NP heritage assets list were contacted by hand delivered letters to the properties in question or emailed informing owners of their identification in this NP, a copies of which can be found in the appendices.



St Mary's Church, Windsor End



Regulation 14 Consultation Responses

Statutory Consultees

Statutory Consultees were emailed informing them of the Regulation 14 consultation with links to the supporting documents on the website by email in September 2022. A schedule of statutory consultees contacted can be found in the appendices.

Statutory Written Responses

Statutory Consultee responses were received from:

- Environment Agency
- Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks
- Natural England
- National Highways
- Icenis on behalf of Inland Homes
- Historic England
- Thames Water
- Beaconsfield Cycle Paths Action Group
- Chiltern Society
- Buckinghamshire Council
- Savills on behalf of Portman Burtley Estate
- Avison Young on behalf of National Grid

No responses were received from the remaining organisations emailed, which are listed in the schedule in the appendices.

Community Responses

The total number of individual survey responses totalled 1038. Additionally, there were a further 8 email responses from residents. Verbal contacts were on the telephone and in person at the Town

Council. These were mainly general enquiries and people dropping off filled in questionnaires or picking up blank ones. This is in addition to the two exhibitions, where there were multiple and detailed conversations with attendees.

Reg 14 Online Survey Results

This saw a total of 75 responses of which 11 were received in writing and then copied to the online form. See this link [Beaconsfield-TC-Regulation-14-Survey](#) .

In summary there was overwhelming support for all policies proposed, which we refer to as BEACONS:

- 81.9% in support for BEACON1 A spatial plan for the Town.
- 78.57% in Support of BEACON2 New Town at the Heart of the Community.
- 77.78% in support of BEACON3 A thriving Old Town.
- 97.06% in support of BEACON4 A sustainable Holtspur.
- 97.18% in support of BEACON5 Green Infrastructure & Local Green Spaces.
- 82.61% in support of BEACON6 Zero Carbon Buildings.
- 88.41% in support of BEACON7 The Beaconsfield Design Code.
- 84.29% in support of BEACON8 Local Heritage Assets.
- 88.24% in support of BEACON 9 Walking & Cycling in the Town.
- 75.36% in support of BEACON10 Smaller Housing.

Actions taken by the NP Steering group following Reg14 Consultation

All statutory and non-statutory responses were considered by the NP steering group and the relevant consultants from October 2022. A first draft was then produced in December 2022 and circulated to Cllrs. This resulted in further clarification, refinement, and

modifications made by the NP Steering Group to the draft NP submission Document.

The Neighbourhood Plan submission document was signed off at a Full Council meeting on 20 April 2023, subject to some modifications around Wilton Park and no unexpected responses regards the Minerva Way heritage asset inclusion. Final variations and inclusions of the Submission document were agreed and signed off at Full Council on 13 July 2023.

A few key comments that were raised at Reg14 consultation are summarised below along with the outcomes and decisions made by the NP Steering Group and the Town Council.

Heritage Assets List Responses

Just two responses from resident owners were received, one of which was in writing. Both expressing concern about their inclusion in the Heritage list and how that might restrict any future development on their site. After a few email exchanges it was decided to remove one private residence from the listing.

One response by email was a request to include Minerva Way as a Heritage Asset. This was considered and investigated. In reviewing the detailed responses, along with other information to hand, it was decided, on balance, at a Full Council on 13 July to not include Minerva Way as an identified Heritage Asset. It was agreed to continue to investigate this further outside the NP process though.

Environmental

Natural England commented that although the NP does not allocate any housing developments it should make reference to Burnham Beeches SAC and the need for any net new dwellings with the 5.6km

Zone of influence will require mitigation to prevent adverse impacts upon Burnham Beeches SAC. This was considered and added to the Submission document.

One property developer suggested that the NP should reconsider the green belt boundaries in pursuit of seeking to provide more land to develop. This was considered not in the remit of the NP. Also, if it were, it would go against all the local resident views received at the various consultations and would have an unacceptable significant negative impact. This was not taken forward.

Attention was drawn to protected species in the area and the request to do more to help protect them. This was considered and taken on board with the added requirement of additional bat and hedgehog holes to be incorporated.

A few comments were received relating to adding some more sites as Local Green Space designation, such as the cricket and football fields. These sites happen to be in the Green Belt already. These sites were considered and assessed and added within the Green Infrastructure Study and Local Green Space Reports. Under advisement we have not added these to the Local Green Space Designation, as they are already in the Green Belt and therefore do not need to be designated again for protection. Nonetheless to highlight these sites extra importance within the Green Belt and their added community amenity value, we have added more reference to that within the submission document and added these sites to our green infrastructure site assessment.

Numerous comments on the importance of our Green Belt needing to be preserved were received. These comments were all considered

and where appropriate strengthened throughout the submission document.



Green Belt on A355

Housing

2 developers have disagreed with the housing mix ratio sought by this NP, of new builds being of smaller dwellings, sighting the housing mix and demand for the whole of South Bucks District. This was considered but felt at odds with the evidence to hand and therefore not appropriate. For clarity more detail in the form of signposting to evidence has been included in the submission document. This evidence highlights that the district housing picture is not comparable to the housing mix of Beaconsfield and if applied would

negatively impact and further skew the current housing mix in the town. This was not taken forward.

The lack of a housing requirement figure from Buckinghamshire Council was referred to by developers. This was sought but not available.

Query by a developer as to why the Design Code does not expand to areas outside the settlement of the town, i.e., in Green Belt. This was considered and agreed not appropriate, in the main because it is in the Green Belt. Therefore, this was not taken forward.

Cultural Capital

It was suggested more reference within the document to Bekonscot and the National Film and Television School. This was considered and accepted and included in the submission document.



Bekonscot Model Village

Cycling

Requests for a map on proposed new cycle paths to be included. Work on this map started separately before the NP process by a local Not for Profit group working with Buckinghamshire Council. This work has not been finalised, so a map of potential future routes was not included in the Reg14 version. On reviewing this query, the proposed future cycle routes map is now included in the final submission document and the Supporting Reports.

Cars

Several concerns were raised regarding insufficient off-street parking and the associated negative impacts of this. This was considered and amendments made to the Design Code to ensure a minimum car parking space requirement.



CONCLUSION

This Neighbourhood Plan started during a challenging climate in the Town's history.

First, with a backdrop of starting this project during the COVID pandemic, this meant new ways of working. The Councillors and volunteers embraced these challenges from the start. Looking back at the changes we had to embrace, be it ZOOM meetings or cloud-based file sharing, these have helped the project greatly. This is in terms of time management, more people being able to make meetings and reduced environmental footprint on paper alone. We saw huge numbers of residents embrace online questionnaires which was a real help in documenting feedback and analysis and reaching more people in a more cost-effective way.

Secondly, this project was started after the Chiltern and South Bucks Draft Local Plan was withdrawn. As residents fought that Local Plan relentlessly with vast sums of money raised to fight the threat to our Green Belt, this was still very fresh in everyone's minds when we started the NP. Therefore, this posed a real challenge to explain what this project was and was not, as well as the NP had nothing to do with the up-and-coming new Local Plan from Buckinghamshire Council. Also, that we the Parish Council had no authority or decision-making power over development in the Green Belt. Communication started with putting our NP project into context, so people could distinguish between the 2 different types of plan.

Whilst applications to develop within the Green Belt around Beaconsfield are always being made and we are conscious that residents are unhappy about this, we continue to try and clarify

which issues may fall under a Neighbourhood Plan and which would fall under the Local Plan.

As well as these challenges, there were also some advantages. In 2014/15 we undertook an extensive piece of work called the Vision4Beaconsfield. This included much community consultation that we were able to draw from. Key volunteers from that project, also volunteered on our NP committees providing historical knowledge and continuity.

Several of our volunteers have specific practical and professional skills such as civil engineers and surveyors that added real value. They provided great skill in data analysis and experience in producing reports. Our volunteers also had a wide range of interests in different fields, such as environmental matters, that supplemented our own evidence and data gathering plans.

All this local knowledge, professional expertise, skill, local interest and commitment to preserving and improving the Town have helped produce our first Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan 2023 – 2040.

We are grateful for the huge response we received from the public throughout this process, be it via surveys, exhibitions etc and are especially thankful to all our volunteers.

Appendices

Questionnaire/Survey March 2022



Beaconsfield
Town Council

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SHOPPING • NEW TOWN CENTRE • FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
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Yours sincerely

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Beaconsfield's Green and Open Spaces

How important is the green countryside surrounding our town to you? This includes the woods, open views and meadows.

Would you agree with a plan to introduce high street trees and green spaces into our town centres to break up the urban environment, creating links to the surrounding countryside into the heart of the town?

Strongly disagree Strongly agree

Do you agree with the following statement: "We need more public gardens, parks, commons or other green spaces within the town."

Completely disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Strongly agree

Do you agree with the following statement: "It is important to protect our Green Belt around the Town."

Development, whether homes or other facilities, would be located within the existing town to maintain the benefits that the green belt provides such as town historic setting, open views and walking opportunities.

Completely disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Strongly agree

How often do you use each of the following parks and green spaces across Beaconsfield?

	Use once a week	A few times per month	Less regularly	Never use
Malthouse Square Playground & Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holtspur Playground & Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk Wood, off Grove Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holtspur Bank Local Nature Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holtspur Bottom Butterfly Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Davenies Piece and Meadow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearys Piece & Meadow, A40	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One Tree Meadow, New Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Hall Green, New Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
St Michael's Green, New Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oval, New Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oak Lodge Meadow, Old Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under 5s playground in Garvin Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windsor End Green, Old Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market Square Garden, Old Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Local Transport, Parking and Traffic

If you are in employment, do you work within Beaconsfield or do you commute to London or elsewhere?

I work at a location within Beaconsfield I work from home all of the time
 I work from home some of the time I commute to London or elsewhere

How do you usually travel to work from Beaconsfield?

By train By car By bus By bicycle By walking Other (please state) _____

How often do you use train services from Beaconsfield?

Every day Several times a week Several times a month A few times a year Rarely / never at all

If there are children of school age or students in your household, how do they travel to their school?

By train By car By bus By bicycle By walking By taxi Not applicable
 Other (please state) _____

Has COVID-19 impacted the way in which you use transport for leisure or for work? If so, please explain how.

Thinking about parking and traffic issues in and around Beaconsfield, do you experience problems? If so, where?

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following idea:

"Create a link between the railway car park and Waitrose car park to provide a possible option for short term parking provision. To also improve parking options for retail, leisure and visitor attractions."

Strongly disagree Strongly agree

Traffic undermines character and quality of both the new and old town. Would you support pedestrianisation in the New Town to divert through-traffic away to reduce congestion, if it was possible?

Strongly against Strongly support

Are you in support of a Community Bus to link the three hearts of the town together, providing for those less mobile or those wanting to leave their cars at home, to socialise and access community facilities?

I do not support this No particular view either way Yes, somewhat supportive Yes, very supportive

How often might you use such a Community Bus?

Every week Several times a month Less frequently Rarely or never

As the Town Council develops its ideas for a Neighbourhood Plan, are there any other comments, ideas or suggestions you would like to share with us?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please now return it to:

**Beaconsfield Town Council, Town Hall,
Penn Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PP**

Alternatively you can drop off the survey to any of these locations:

**Thirst4Coffee, 1 Holtspur Parade, Holtspur Top Lane
Jackson Howes Estate Agents, 1A London End
Beaconsfield Library, Reynolds Road**



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Exhibition Questionnaire



Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan – March 2022

Your feedback and ideas will help shape the development of our Neighbourhood Plan

About you – (tick all that apply)

Student Working Age Retired Live in: Holtspur Old Town New Town Other

	Questions	Comments
1	Environment – What do you think is missing or would improve our public areas within the town?	
2	Which of these green spaces are special to the community? (Tick those that apply)	<input type="radio"/> Candlemas Mead & Pond <input type="radio"/> Allotments, Ivins Rd <input type="radio"/> Football pitches, Wooburn Green Ln <input type="radio"/> Chesterton Green <input type="radio"/> Malthouse S. Recreation ground <input type="radio"/> Malthouse Square <input type="radio"/> Rugby pitches, Windsor End <input type="radio"/> Hyde Green <input type="radio"/> Tennis Courts, Grenfell Rd <input type="radio"/> One Tree Meadow <input type="radio"/> Holtspur Recreation ground <input type="radio"/> Hampden Hill <input type="radio"/> Nature Reserve, off Holtspur Top Ln <input type="radio"/> Town Hall Green <input type="radio"/> St Michaels Green, Warwick Rd <input type="radio"/> Davenies Strip <input type="radio"/> Market Square, Old Town <input type="radio"/> Windsor End Green <input type="radio"/> Walk Wood, off Grove Rd
3	Holtspur – What do you think about this big idea? – A regular market at either of the shopping parades.	
4	Old Town – What do you think about this big idea? – Add improvements to provide short and long term parking and improve pedestrian areas.	
5	New Town – What do you think about this big idea? – A community hub which could include the library, museum and community hall facilities.	
6	What do you think is important to include in a design code?	
7	Thinking about parking, what problems do you experience? And Where? What would be an improvement?	
8	Do you want more parking? And if so where and why?	
9	What are your thoughts on this big idea? – Link between Waitrose car park and railway car park.	
10	What do you think would help improve our high streets?	
11	What additional facilities would you like to see for children and young people?	
12	What are your thoughts on this big idea? – Part pedestrianisation in the new town between Boots and Barclays Bank improving our public realm.	
13	What are your thoughts on the big idea? – Building over the railway for a mix of either retail, commercial and/or residential.	
14	What are your thoughts on this? Commercial land on the edge of the town centre being developed for mixed use or just residential.	

Adverts and Articles

Poster to recruit NP volunteers for Steering Group October 2020



BEACONSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN RECRUITING STEERING GROUP MEMBERS

Beaconsfield Town Council is undertaking the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish and are looking for people to come forward to help shape this plan. This plan will form part of the development plan for the area.

We are looking for members of our community to volunteer and get involved. You need to be prepared to commit a couple of hours every week for the duration of the development of this Neighbourhood Plan. There will be a lot of documentation to review and evidence to gather, including seeking views from the wider community. Meetings initially are likely to be conducted online. There may also be site visits. We plan to host the kick off meeting of the steering group via virtual zoom meeting on Tuesday 17th November at 5.30pm.

The steering group will be selected to provide a cross section of our community to fully represent Beaconsfield. Not limited to, but from different age groups, backgrounds, community groups and interests such as the natural environment, historical, faith, retail/business and the 3 main areas of the town - Holtspur, Old Town & New Town.

People will be selected to enable broad views and skills to be represented to enable a productive steering group to deliver the Plan. Further volunteers may wish to assist and could form subgroups working on specific areas of interest.

Our aim and the purpose of a neighbourhood plan is to involve the local community at every stage and be inclusive - to deliver a plan with the community, that works for the community.

Not all Neighbourhood plans are exactly the same. They are tailored to the needs of the local community so the initial task will be in consultation to scope out what areas our plan should cover. This neighbourhood development plan process will take shape over many months and can take circa 1.5 to 2yrs to reach a final 'Made' plan with all its approvals in place.

To apply please email project@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk by 5pm on 9th November providing your name, address, telephone, and email. Briefly explain why you want to be involved and what skills you have and any membership of groups within the parish boundary. Skills could be anything from specific local, historic, or environmental knowledge to technical or professional skills in communications, IT or planning or other. If you do not have email or for any other queries, please call our offices on 01494 675173.

Summary Background

Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to:

- Make a neighbourhood development plan – sets out where new homes and offices should be built and how they should look
- Make a neighbourhood development order – gives the community the ability to grant planning permission
- Make a Community Right to Build order – gives permission for small-scale, site-specific developments by a community group

The process

- Buckinghamshire Council consults on the designation of Neighbourhood Areas
- The town or parish council consults on the pre-submission stage of their own neighbourhood plan
- Buckinghamshire Council holds a public consultation on the plan, and the responses are sent to an independent examiner
- If the plan passes independent examination, the local community votes on whether it supports the plan

If the plan is supported, it will be used to inform planning decisions in that neighbourhood.

Posters of exhibitions publicised in 2022:



Neighbourhood Plan Update



The Town Council and volunteers welcome you to come along and find out about the work we are doing across all **3 hearts** of the town, and share your views and ideas.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

17 March 3-7pm
St Thomas' Hall,
Mayflower Way, Holtspur

18 March 3-7pm
Fitzwilliams Centre,
Windsor End, Old Town

19 March 11-2pm
Town Hall, Penn Road
New Town



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Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation



The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan is now out for Pre-Submission public consultation. The consultation period runs from 5 September to 18 October. To find out more you can attend the public exhibition, visit our website, view documents at the library or by appointment at the Town Hall. Deadline for comments - 18 October 2022

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

22 September 4-7pm

Fitzwilliams Centre,
Windsor End, Old Town

23 September 4-7pm

St Thomas' Hall,
Mayflower Way, Holtspur

24 September 11-3pm

Town Hall, Penn Road
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Beaconsfield Town Council are proud to present

Beaconsfield Old Town Christmas Lights Switch-On Event

FATHER CHRISTMAS,
FESTIVE SHOPPING AND TASTINGS

Saturday 27th November

Join us from 4pm, Countdown at 6pm!

Join us for mulled wine, mince pies
Bar, Live music
Winter Barbeque & Christmas Market!

The Grand Switch-On will take place on the corner of
London End near St Mary's Church

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A Neighbourhood Plan for Beaconsfield

Beaconsfield Town Council started work on developing a Neighbourhood Plan last winter. The initial stage sought members of the community to volunteer to help shape the future look and feel of our town.

Thank you to all those that came forward. Despite unusual times, through virtual meetings, we managed to make a start on this long-term project which would usually take around 2 years to completion. We have made great strides on gaining an understanding of what a Neighbourhood Plan is and how it sits within the bigger Planning Policy framework.

We have been reviewing available data and relevant research and gathering further data. The bulk of our work has focused on looking at Environment & Design, Housing and the '3 hearts of the town, (Holtspur, Old Town and New Town) bringing together the three pillars of our community centres, namely Working, Shopping and Living.

We want to hear from you
In the coming weeks you will receive a questionnaire via Royal Mail from Beaconsfield Town Council.

We are now seeking views from all local residents and businesses across all areas of Beaconsfield to find out more about what a Neighbourhood Plan means for Beaconsfield and in particular, to let us know your thoughts and feedback on potential ideas.

The questionnaire will also be online for you to complete on our website so each member of your household can fill it in. For more paper copies see contact details below.

Our aim is to help create a vibrant and thriving community and also to help provide the building blocks to facilitate a greater sense of community in all areas of our town. Your participation will help shape the development of our Neighbourhood Plan and the town's future.

This is just the first stage of consultation, there will be other opportunities to find out more and express your views. In the first quarter of 2022 we expect to hold a public exhibition where you can see what progress has been made and find out the feedback so far.

Everyone can fill in the questionnaire and we urge you all to do.

This will help inform us on your views, concerns and aspirations for our local community. Please submit your responses by 31 December to help us progress our work. But please do feel free to submit comments or online forms after this date.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?
A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) puts in place a planning policy for a neighbourhood area. It is about the use and development of land and often contains a vision, aims and planning policy. It will relate to the settlement area of the community (in our case the Parish boundary) and as the Town's setting is flanked with green belt, green belt will be outside the scope of our NP. Issues that may be included in the NP are housing, employment, design, heritage and transport. If successfully adopted, the NP becomes part of the statutory development framework for the area. As such, it has more weight than a Parish or community plan. The NP should not be confused with a Local Plan which will be produced at a higher level and relates to a larger area. Importantly the two must recognise each other and in this respect, whichever is adopted first has an advantage.

To find out more or fill out the questionnaire please visit our website at www.beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/community/neighbourhood-plan/ or email np@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or post Beaconsfield Town Council, Town Hall, Penn Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PP.



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What's been happening at Beaconsfield Town Council?



Beaconsfield Town Council

Up at the Town Hall, we have been putting in a number of applications to Buckinghamshire Council's Highways and Transport (HAT) group of the Community Board.

These involve getting projects scoped to do with speed reduction, alterations to parking and other traffic mitigation projects. Some of these are things that we've been trying to move on for a number of years, some are more recently identified.

All our double-hatters (those who are both Town and Unitary Councillors) have been getting involved in supporting our bids, as they have a vote on that group.

Also, it's budget season, so numbers are being crunched and resources evaluated to see what we can do next year. The budget will be approved at the December Full Council meeting so that we can do the necessary calculations to work out the precept - that's the amount of money needed to fund the

council's work for the year and this will be finalised in January 2022.

The Christmas Switch-on - that wasn't!

What a shame! Bad weather on November 27th meant that the gazebos wouldn't stay on the ground and although Cllr Alex Dunlop and his team on the Christmas Lights Working Group tried hard to battle the elements, eventually they had to cancel the event.



There were a few people who did turn up, and Eddie from the London Mobile Bar Company



continued to serve mulled wine in the freezing cold.

We wouldn't let the weather cancel Christmas so the Mayor arrived to push the plunger and make sure that the lights went on. We were so grateful to our generous sponsors,



Eddie and Marion looking festive



Distinctive Beaconsfield who were offering a special discount on your curtains, blinds, paint and papering needs, Red Kite Kitchens, Turquoise Holidays, London End Fashion Boutique, Basmati Restaurant, Hearn's, Chez Pain and to Daniel at the Greyhound who had made hundreds of exquisite fruit pastilles to give away and to Yousef at Tarrus. Thank you all for your generosity.

Hopefully things will go more smoothly at the Festival of Lights where they have offered us a last minute stall.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Consultation questionnaire has hit people's doormats and loads are being returned to the collection points around the town as well as being filled in online.



It's fantastic that so many of you are actively engaging with the consultation in how you want your town to be.

We'll be collating all your responses and bringing the conclusions forward in a public exhibition around March/April next year so that we continue to keep everyone involved in the process.

For more information visit: www.beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk



Have your say on the future of our community

Beaconsfield Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Survey

YUMPU

Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition Update

Beaconsfield Town Council has been working with volunteer local residents to develop ideas for its Neighbourhood Plan. A Questionnaire was produced to better understand what matters most to you, our residents. From last November residents have been on our website to fill in the survey online or took advantage of the printed version sent to all households.

We now look forward to hosting our first exhibition across the three hearts of our town. We would like to welcome you to come along and find out more. We will explain what a Neighbourhood Plan is, what we have found out so far, the work we are doing and the results of our questionnaire and next steps.

Public Exhibition Dates:

Thursday 17th March 3 - 7pm
St Thomas' Hall, Mayflower Way, Holtspur

Friday 18th March 3 - 7pm
Fitzwilliams Centre, Windsor End, Old Town

Saturday 19th March 11 - 2pm
Town Hall Chamber, Town Hall, Penn Road, New Town



Roses are red...

Last year The Town Council was made aware that the Roses at the Memorial Garden in the old town of Beaconsfield were in need of replacement. The roses have been standing guard and blooming for over 25 years and were in need of a change.

The Chairman of Open Spaces, Cllr Alex Dunlop and his committee, with advice from the Town Crier, Dick Smith, set about choosing and organizing the replacement. 181 roses were ordered and have been planted.

The roses were:- At Peace, Remembrance and Captain Tom.

We would like to thank our sponsors who have contributed towards this project. The Hon Jenefer Farncombe who said, "I am delighted to contribute to this project and looking forward to seeing them bloom" and Councillor Alex Dunlop who said, "I was very honoured to serve as the Mayor of Beaconsfield felt that this was a great opportunity to give a little colour back to the town"

And many thanks to Andrew Halksworth and his team at Tendercare for kindly installing the roses.

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It's great to see the first signs of spring around the town and all the lovely bulbs planted by various community groups adding much needed colour.



Thanks to Cllr Lorna Shaw

We have been receiving quite a few complaints about parking in the old town and specifically people parking on and driving along the pavements. This really impacts pedestrian safety and accessibility for wheelchair users and buggies, as well as restricting vision and being dangerous. We hope to work with other organisations to improve this over the next few months.

Civic Service

So many things weren't able to happen during lockdown, so we were very happy that we were finally able to arrange the Mayor's Civic Service on Sunday 6th March for Cllr Alastair Pike. It was a great turnout from the town and a welcome opportunity to meet face to face.

Road to Somewhere!

On the 5th April, the Mayor

was invited to cut the ribbon to officially open the new road which is now definitely a Road to Somewhere and we hope that this will bring about improvements to the traffic movements through our town.



Cllr Zahir Mohammed (Chair Buckinghamshire Council), Stephen Wicks (CEO of Inland Homes) and Alastair Pike (Mayor of Beaconsfield).

Neighbourhood plan update

We had a huge response to our town wide Questionnaire survey with around 1000 responses.

Our Neighbourhood Plan team of volunteers and



Left to right: Cllr Jackson Ng (Deputy Mayor Beaconsfield Town Council), Cllr Zahir Mohammed (Chair Buckinghamshire Council), Cllr Alastair Pike (Mayor of Beaconsfield), Cllr Mark Roberts (Mayor of Amersham) and Cllr Richard Scott (Mayor of Marlow)

councillors held public exhibitions in each of the 3 hearts of the town (Holtspur, Old Town and New Town) from 17-19 March. Again, we had a great turnout with lots of very positive responses with around 110 people attending. We are now analysing all the feedback received to see how this shapes our next steps towards preparing the Draft Neighbourhood Plan policies and content,

before we go back to the public for the next stage of project later this year.

To keep updated on progress please visit our website at www.beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/community/neighbourhood-plan/ or email np@beaconsfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk and ask to go on the mailing list or write to Beaconsfield Town Council, Town Hall,

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Cllr Andrea Essery talking with Cllr Sandy Saunders and Rosemary Saunders

October 2022 issue (left side of centre spread)

Beaconsfield Town Council continued...

Neighbourhood plan update

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You can view the Pre Submission Neighbourhood Plan document and supporting reports on our website or ask to view a printed copy at the Town Council Offices and at Beaconsfield Library. We will also be holding public exhibitions again where you are all invited to come along and chat to those involved and find out more.

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Social Media Posts

Beaconsfield Town Council <https://www.facebook.com/BeaconsfieldTC> 15/9/22

PRESS RELEASE

Beaconsfield Neighbourhood plan

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September 2022

9 March 22

SWOT Post it notes by the public March 2022





Statutory Consultees were contacted by email, below is the list, minus personal names, emails addresses for Data protection reasons.

Consultee	Contact	Address
Local planning authority		Buckinghamshire Council Aylesbury
Neighbouring councils		Chalfont St Peter Chepping Wycombe parish Gerrards Cross Hedgerley Parish Council Burnham parish Seer Green Parish Coleshill Parish Penn Parish Wooburn Parish Taplow Parish
(d) the Homes and Communities Agency(b);	Sir/Madam	7th Floor, Maple House, 14a Tottenham Court, Road, LONDON W1T 7BU.
(e) Natural England(c);	Lead Adviser Sustainable Development Thames Solent Team Natural England	Consultation Service, Hornbeam House, Hornbeam House, Electra Way, Crewe Business Park, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6GJ.
(f) the Environment Agency(d);	Planning Specialist Sustainable Places Team Environment Agency Hertfordshire & North London	Red Kite House, Howbery Park, WALLINGFORD Oxon, OX10 8BD
(g) the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as English Heritage)(e);	Historic Environment Planning Adviser	Historic England Cannon Bridge House 25 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2YA
(h) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (company number 2904587);		Network Rail 4th Floor Davidson House Forbury Square Berkshire Reading RG1 3EU Square One, 4 Travis Street, Manchester, M1 2NY.
(i) the Highways Agency;		Wing 1A, Federated House, London Road, DORKING, Surrey, RH4 1SZ.

any person— (i) to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003; and	Mobile UK	https://www.mobileuk.org/
(ii) who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority; (l) where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area—		Openreach
(i) a Primary Care Trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service Act	Replaced in July by ICB	The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) https://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/
2006(a) or continued in existence by virtue of that section; (ii) a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989(b);	UK Power Networks	Barton Road Suffolk Bury St Edmunds IP32 7BG SSE
(iii) a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act1986(c);	Avison Young on behalf of the National Grid	Central Square South, Orchard Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3AZ
(iv) a sewerage undertaker; and (v) a water undertaker;	Affinity Water	Affinity Water, Tamblin Way Hertfordshire, Hatfield AL10 9EZ
	Thames Water Property Services	Hawker House, 5-6 Napier Court, Napier House Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8BW.
(m) voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;	Please use contact details you have	Arts society Beaconsfield Community assoc.

		<p>Chiltern Society Beaconsfield Cycle Paths Action Group Better Connected Beaconsfield 41 Club Beaconsfield musical & operatic soc. The Beaconsfield Society Beaconsfield WI Friends of Holtspur Bank Holtspur Bank Nature Reserve Beaconsfield Theatre Group Beaconsfield Twinning Association Rotary Beaconsfield branch Carers Trust Thames Curzon Centre SBucks University of the third age Beaconsfield NCT District & Beaconsfield historic soc. Holtspur park friends Sports clubs: Beaconsfield FC Beaconsfield RFC National Film and Television School Bekonscot Waitrose Beaconsfield Cricket club</p>
<p>(n) bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;</p>	<p>Please use contact details you have</p>	<p>All political parties in the town: Conservative, Green Party, LibDems, Labour.</p>

(o) bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;	Please use contact details you have	Churches: Beaconsfield URC, St Marys, St Michaels, St Thomas', St Teresa's, Hope Church
(p) bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood	South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership	Cranfield University Innovation Centre, University Way, Cranfield MK43 0BT
	Bucks Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership	Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership Claydon House,1 Edison Road, Rabans Lane Aylesbury HP19 8TE
	Buckinghamshire Business First -	No address on website
	Landowners	Hall Barn Inland Homes Portman Estates Bewley homes Berkeley Group
	Schools	Beaconsfield High School Butlers Court Holtspur School The Beaconsfield School St Marys School Davenies School High March School
	Allotment land owners on Park Lane Landowners re Minerva Way & Wilton Park Remnant Parkland	Private addresses Greenacres Portfolio Management Ltd, Empire House, 175 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9EN Colstruction Ltd, Watton Road, Colney, Norwich, NR4 7TY

	Private Address of various landowners	<p>The Chairman, BEACONSFIELD GOLF CLUB, SEER GREEN, BEACONSFIELD, HP9 2UR Golf Cottage, Amersham Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2UE Secretary of State Forestry Commission, 620 Bristol Business Park, Coldharbour, Bristol BS16 1EJ Jellybaby Ltd, 50 Seymour Street, London, W1H 7JG C.11 addresses</p>
	<p>Plus Resident responses via email Plus Consultation Survey responses Plus NP emailing list</p>	All are private address.

Landowners of Heritage Assets template letters

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16 November 2022

Dear Property Owner

PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS NOT A CIRCULAR

You have received this email because you may have an interest in the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan.

As part of our Neighbourhood Plan for the town we have identified Local Heritage Assets within our town. Your property is one of those identified as a fine example and of special local interest and a valuable reminder of its past.

The Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission documents have been out for public consultation for a period of six weeks from Monday 5 September to Tuesday 18 October 2022. All documents are available to view see details below. I draw your attention to the relevant section, which starts on page 44, of the document called 'Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission version'. Please see the extract of your property attached to this letter.

What does this mean for you?

By having your property identified in this Neighbourhood Plan, it informs Planning Officials and Developers on its importance when considering planning applications on your property and your neighbouring properties. The property being identified in planning terms can help protect the property's character and its character setting (neighbouring properties/street scene).

Please note that this is **not** seeking statutory listing of your property and the obligations of being a listed building will not apply.

You do not need to do anything, but should you wish to make any comments, so that we can consider them, you need to let us know by email or in writing **by 8th December 2022**.

Please provide us with further details on the historic aspects of your property if you feel we have missed something.

About work so far on the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan

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1. Managing facilities, our built and natural environment, infrastructure and opportunities to create a safe, inclusive community and a place you want to live. A place that will be relevant and thriving for many years to come, for all those that live and work and visit the town.
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Thank you for your support.

Kind regards
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Various responses were received from both statutory consultees and the general public. As a result of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation, the protection of Minerva Way and Remnant Parkland was suggested. Following consideration, the Town Council have decided to incorporate this site and identified it as a Local Heritage Asset. This may be of interest to you.

Below is the relevant text, which will form part of the identified Local Heritage Assets within our town and be included in Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Plan Submission version in due course. Please see the relevant text, pictures and redline aerial view of the land attached to this letter.

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