

Leighton Linslade Informal Engagement Outputs	
Policy Number	COMMENTS
Centre of Town(s) Renewal Do you have any comment on this policy area?	
LL1	You have no idea how to improve the town. Improving would mean more and clean green spaces, making sure there is a good selection of shops and less houses. We don't need more houses!
LL1	You have managed to make a straightforward concept so over complicated so that it is very difficult to comprehend. Obviously written by a committee.
LL1	Whilst we should approach the opportunities with an open mind I feel very strongly that we should NOT work towards any further pedestrianisation of the High Street. The centre needs the vibrancy of access. Access from the Land south area to Church Square should be service access at best, not a through route. The current width is inadequate and to widen would require one or both of the two building bordering it be lost and both have architectural and historical value and should not be sacrificed.
LL1	We need to ensure that development includes a health centre for the growing population of the area. Consideration for flooding is also key. Plus a focus on cycling and pedestrian areas with better more connected pathways. The high street is desperate for support of local businesses
LL1	Waterborne walk has not extended anywhere so any of you actually live in Leighton?
LL1	This bit "encouraging the retention of ground floors in active commercial use and discouraging changes of use on the ground floor of main high street frontages to residential uses may be appropriate." Is entirely appropriate.
LL1	There should be no more houses, flats etc built anywhere in Leighton Linslade until we have better health infrastructure. As the local health authority won't support another doctors, there should be no more properties built as the local service is overwhelmed.
LL1	There should be no further planning for residential properties until the booming population is provided adequate access to doctors, dentists and a new police station.
LL1	The proliferation of barber shops, betting shops and vaping shops in the town centre is not my preference, and would prefer to see incentives to attract more independent shops and services across a wider variety business types. The town is growing and can hopefully support a more interesting (less "unsavoury") business types.
LL1	The Centre of Town Renewal should not at this stage rule out development of land south of the High Street for retail and community facilities -

LL1	Shops are no longer needed as everything is delivered. The population of Leighton now is changing and London and foreign people who only want to protest are invading the town. By having any open area you just giving them a place to protest and rob people.
LL1	Retain current retail units in town centre but no more needed. We have enough empty shops. Rooms for community groups to use for meetings, activities etc are desperately needed. Bridge meadow and land south of High St use for affordable homes only. No more retail units
LL1	Our town centre is no longer geared up to contain any more residential areas. What the centre of the town needs is less cars and more central amenities to attract more people into the town centre. Many banks and shops have closed in the last few years, leaving the town centre looking empty and desolate, it it wasn't for the many coffee shops and charity shops we have. Our town centre is no longer the vibrant place it once was and it's certainly not a new residential areas that will bring back such vibrancy. We need community spaces where people can gather and learn/work/play together. We need places where people feel they belong and are bound to their community through activities such as the Arts in all their forms; where people feel there's a sense of community through the town's heritage; where everyone has an opportunity to create and feel they are part of a vibrant community. We need to enliven the town because it's dying.
LL1	no point increasing commercial spaces if we don't attract businesses and make it too expensive to park. not all areas are covered by bus routes
LL1	Need to retain parking in the centre of town and discourage more residential development particularly around areas where conflict could exist with town businesses such as pubs with live music. Encourage development of vital community use space which is very under resourced in Leighton Buzzard. Retain green spaces
LL1	Leighton Buzzard used to be a lovely market town. Not any more!! Does anyone from the planing department cares about the green spaces, wildlife conservation etc? It looks like absolutely NOT. Including the Greensand Trust, what a joke and what a depressing experience it's to visit the Rushmere Country Park. So many trees has been cut apparently around 2500 for WHAT? So many wild animals dead along our roads. These poor creatures are pushed out from their natural habitat thanks to this CRAZY housing development! It is extremely important for everyone to go out and enjoy the nature, to "recharge our batteries ". There is no where to go. We are surrounded by ugly new buildings, extremely high traffic, high pollution, the electrical pylons ! Great! Who wants to live in a town like that?

LL1	Land South must be treated and dealt with as an integral whole providing through passage for vehicles and pedestrians from Lake Street to Church Square and linkage with the High Street. Consideration could then be given to pedestrianisation and very significant improvement of the High Street to provide an attractive and family friendly space to increase visitor footfall and use, as well as an attractive location for residents. Land South provides a great opportunity for an integrated community use (health, civic, meeting space etc), commercial (including office and possibly start up business space) and some residential development. Adequate parking must be provided. Bridge Meadows is a different proposition and needs development policies which will enhance its riverside setting (note the issues of flooding to be addressed) and its juxtaposition with the central area of the town. Thus building must not detract from vistas of the town from that area.
LL1	It is critical for the success of Leighton Linlade that Town Centre commercial and retail opportunities are retained and I support the intent. However I would also argue that hard and fast rules on designation of space should be allowed to flex temporarily for potential meanwhile space use for a short timescale. This may provide a useful source of activating the high streets in future.
LL1	I think the regeneration of the high street should also acknowledge the benefit of independent shops and high street services especially anticipating the visitor experience with the coming of the Universal theme park, which should mean a stronger emphasis on visitor cultural experiences and heritage protection
LL1	I agree the High Street area needs improvement but building more homes only adds to the traffic gridlock commonly experienced virtually on a daily basis. There needs to be more diversity in the High Street to draw people there. I'm old enough to remember the High Street as a busy vibrant area where you came to shop or browse. Where there were buses and parking. Stalls selling a wide variety of things. Where you could meet friends and have coffee. Visit the library. Have your hair done.
LL1	However, there's no mention of new cycling tracks to benefit those who are trying to minimise the use of cars and their impact on our environment. Can this please be included?
LL1	Coordination is the key:- with Central Bedfordshire to fully develop a south side plan to integrate shopping, cultural, housing and health facilities; with health authority to develop a TOWN CENTRE health hub fit for purpose, not a half hearted temporary fix at Bassett Road surgery.
LL1	Bridge meadow is a flood plain. Are you mad!!!
LL1	Around 2010/1 there was a major survey on the town centre and Bridge Meadow (land between the river and canal. The proposal was for a health hub with some housing. This is something the people of this town have said is needed for decades. Not a hospital but a major health hub.

LL1	Low cost parking needs to be a key part of this as places like the BLetchley retail parks and Grovebury Road Retail Park have free parking. Culture and health, and support for special needs (eg Freddi and Friends and Spectrum arts need to be a key and education training in green skills need to be a key part of the town centre. As well as arts and crafts and music facilities, there need to be places for your people where they can make music, record, learn skills and have community. Local retail and local food and cooking needs to be supported
	Design Principles Town Centre. Do you hve any comments on this policy area.
LL2	top paying money to give us useless "plans" Have open planning discussion meetings where local people can say what we want and need. Cheaper and shows tranparency!
LL2	Stop opening cafes. We do not need them. People will not bother to go to High Street with no shops
LL2	Some business changes of use such as betting shops and vape shops is not only visually damaing for the high street but also unappealing for those wanting to use the high street.
LL2	Preservation of the historical town centre should be to the fore. There are lots of old buildings which should be protected against modernisation. The High Street has always been interesting historically. You can see the different ages of buildings sitting next to each other. This adds to charm of our market town that is over 1000 years old. That should be preserved as that is what gives the town its character.
LL2	Please, please, please make it community-driven, catering for all ages and abilities. There's such great potential in our town centre to attract many more residents, particularly after the greater housing expansions of the past 5 years. If the town centre isn't redeveloped and enhanced, Leighton Linlade will remain a "dormitory" town, where people come back to sleep after their working day in the City, penalising those who stay behind, like mums and children, and the elderly (who might as well represent the majority of the local population).
LL2	It would be nice to make the high street more pedestrianised - buses only,
LL2	It is disappointing that the old HSBC building has large, illuminated, moving advertisements in all its windows which doesn't meet the towns design principles.
LL2	I have research the town centre area for over 15 years and campaigned against a lot of the retail development that was proposed because the majority was not good for the town. I basically gave up and lost heart after being attacked and pilloried by councillors local and district. And I think a lot of long term residents feel the same. But one thing that comes out of this. People need a town centre. From personal experience and surveys older people, usually the ones on their own, and others who are on their own they use the town on Tuesday and Saturday. And they were bemoaning the fact the town has lost its spark. These plans don't really jump out do they?
LL2	Economy, Vitality and Culture Heritage and Distinctiveness Sustainability and Climate Change Movement, Public Realm, Green Space, Connectivity and Accessibility Stop throwing fancy words around. They mean nothing. Just make sure there are less thugs and less barbers in town.

LL2	CBC needs to enforce the conversation requirements. Does King's Barbers have planning permission for their illuminous barbers pole and other signs?
LL2	It is really important that there is space for the wide range of activities as well as health. Spectrum Arts have had to reduce classes in LB due to lack of venues, Freddie and Friends need a permanent venue, Men in Sheds and Library of Things do not have a venue. There is nowhere for cooking lessons or sharing cooking between cultures, nowhere for any lower cost activities for arts, nowhere for heritage to be displayed. No big meeting room for organisations like the history group who meet every omnth with 120 people. This masterplan is obviously not based on talking to local people or taking account of previous surveys and consultations.
LL3	Design Principles - Waterside Corridor and Linslade Cluster. Do you have any comment son this policy area.
LL3	Waterside development can indeed be extremely attractive but care must be taken that proposals are not allowed which would detract from the views of All Saints Church and the centre of the town from the waterside area (ie heights will need to be restricted in such cases). Consideration also needs to be given to the integration of any development along Bridge Meadows with wider opportunities to create/enhance more extensive riverside pedestrian access along a longer corridor and create a visitor/resident facility of considerable value.
LL3	To develop the meadows for more new builds would be a travesty. So many be builds at the expense of nature and local infrastructure are damaging the character of the town. It would increase the already heavy traffic through town. The meadows and walkways along the river ouzel are a local attraction and should be preserved.
LL3	There neds to be a pub/restuarant on the canal front for tourism.
LL3	The watersides in Leighton-Linslade are of fantastic benefit to residents and also to local biodiversity. It is vital that they are protected, and enhanced, at every opportunity and no redevelopment should reduce of damage them.
LL3	The river is the boundary between Leighton and Linslade. Any development along both the river and the canal needs to take into consideration flooding. We keep covering our towns with concrete which gives water nowhere to go - hence flooding. There are several waterways in and around the town. Any development on the banks of these need serious flood consideration before throwing up yet more buildings with yet more concrete roads and parking. Perhaps a wet land could be included which would help with flooding, attract wildlife and would give green space for people to enjoy.

LL3	The area that could provide building space is currently a flood plane. CBC should first and foremost look into making the area safe for building so as to avoid incurring in unsafe and unpleasant circumstance for future home buyers. The function of the local shops on the eastern edge of Linslade isn't clear at all. Hopefully, the shops won't be removed for the sake of building more residential dwellings: Linslade lack infrastructures as it is, with its residents having to drive/cycle/walk down town for any kind of shopping or errand.
LL3	Ripe for development and increased usage
LL3	Opportunities should be sought to include an additional River & Canal crossing point for both foot and vehicle us to ease congestion by the single current crossing point
LL3	On street parking effectively reduces most roads in the area to a one way system. This is problematic given the volume of traffic on local roads. Parking should be restricted to resident-only, evening-only, or paid parking metres, especially given the close proximity to shops and public transportation routes.
LL3	Not too high & sensitive to their surroundings.
LL3	No mention of flood risks or flood risk elevation planning?
LL3	It's a flood plain! You are inviting disaster if you build on it!
LL3	I think given the risk of flooding design should take account of the need for adaptation in design and a recognition of the value of water meadows.
LL3	I agree with this approach

LL3	How about keeping it simple and just cleaning the ouzel from all the rubbish and making sure the walkways are free off mud. We pay enough CT to have those things cleaned!
LL3	Developments along watercourses need to take into account the changing environmental pressures as a result of climate change. More extreme weather conditions result in periods of higher rainfall and drought. Huge need to protect and improve biodiversity. Watercourses are currently a largely ignored feature of Leighton Buzzard which is a huge shame with both the river and canal running through town.
LL3	Be very sad to see such properties on the canal and riverside. Access to green spaces are essential for recreation Do not o overlook the potential for flooding
LL3	Access to the canal is poor for cyclists and pedestrians especially from the main road. There should be a riverside/canalside strategy to make this location more of an attractive place especially for visitors to town. It's a missed opportunity and bypassed by people (residents and others). The green nature of the area should not be lost. It's a shame there isn't more opportunity for cafe or waterside activity eg the canoe club is poorly situated and hidden away in school playing field. The local shops in Linslade could be developed more as creative hubs.
LL3	It is very important that the biodiversity of the river and brook corridor is enhanced, bth in allowing light between the trees, low branches for kingfishers, creating poolsin the river itself, using opportunities to make the river meander so that there is space for fish to breed and insects to survive. Biodiversity in the river and brook needs to be enhanced by reducing agricultural run off and sewage outflows. Scallops in the river bank allow for access to the water's edge. which is important to make nature accessible to all.The banks and surround areas need planting and managing for a rich range of biodiversity in flora as opposed to the present standard nettles and bramble due to the high nutrient levels. Lighting nearby needs to be controlled so that bats are not disturbed. areas where they cannot access the banks for the sake of enhancing biodiversity. The areas managed by South Beds FoE need to be incorporated into plans
	Land South of High Street. Do you have any comments about this policy area? Do you agree with the goals and objectives for the redevelopment of this site?
LL4	You can't even make sure the high street is well looked after. How about focusing on what is there instead of trying to plan more which won't be happening. We don't need more houses, we don't have the road capacity nore enough schools and shops etc. stop building !
LL4	Yes subject to no more retail units. Community space essential. Parking is essential adjacent to any residential property Yes to Improved walking & cycling connectivity
LL4	We should endeavour to protect the current volume of parking spaces available by whatever means as we need to recognise that as a smallish town its the only real method of transport.- We will never be able to develop/fund an adequate public transport scheme and people need quick easy and direct access

LL4	Traffic congestion management is a major issue which could be alleviated by encouraging superstores to give extended parking times (3 hours + free), more public parking on sites adjacent to the town centre, a park and ride scheme. No mention here of a health hub essential to a growing local community.
LL4	This plan is utterly ridiculous! People do not want pedestrianisation. They do not want private cars banned! If you are elderly, if you have small children or if it's chucking it down with rain you want to be able to drive into town. Why do you think the retail park is doing so well?.Because you can drive there and park outside!!! All that footfall could have been coming into town if the planners had used the area behind the high street. Instead they have emptied out town. Learn from your mistakes! Any residential building should be for the elderly, low cost housing or for single occupancy, something that is currently lacking, Not for high end property that local people cannot afford And definitely with adequate parking. In practice people will have cars and park them elsewhere, increasing congestion in other areas!
LL4	This land should ear-marked for community use eg health hub, community centre, enhanced shopping areas.
LL4	Please no more residential development - it is adding strain, heavy traffic, pressure on infrastructure, overcrowding on trains and taking away from beauty of the town.
LL4	Peppercorn Centre, more facilities for the youth, eg bowling alley. Rothschild Garden, multi-storey, secure cycle storage, links to High Street. Starter homes for the youth.
LL4	Option 2 - culture and community led use because it has a GP hub - if this was included in option one, I would prefer option 1
LL4	Only partially. CBC is, as always, favouring a larger residential area according to the plan and, as always, penalising the community only allocating to the latter a small area. I stand with those who have been campaigning since 2012: the Land South of the High Street doesn't need new residential buildings: the focus should be on what the community needs in order to make the High Street a vibrant and thriving place attracting, not only locals, but also residents in the surrounding villages, who would rather drive to Milton Keynes than come to our town, as entertainment offering is very poor and scattered. With all consultations and all the research CBC instructed, the recommendations still favour what the central council wants, not what the community needs.
LL4	My comment would be where are people supposed to park when visiting the town centre for pleasure or for business purposes.
LL4	Keep duncombe drive carpark.
LL4	It should be kept as a carpark or build a health centre
LL4	In general yes, but the primary aim of any redevelopment must be to open up the area for community use, with small shops and cafes, winding alleys and open green spaces, and hopefully an arts centre/museum of some sort. Some residential properties will be required in order to fund this, but they should not take centre-stage, and there should not be a reduction in the public parking available.

LL4	I see the main Post Office building is included. This should remain. Its a historic building in a historic town. We are losing post offices but they don't just do stamps. They add to the diversity of the town. The car park behind the Swan Hotel is where stall holders park. The High Street needs the stalls, they need parking. Workers in the High Street need it. Deliveries to the backs of the shops need it. The town centre needs parking. Telling shoppers they have to park in Morrisons (time limited) or Baker Street (limited spaces) or Tesco's puts them off because of the distance away.
LL4	I have argued that the town has to improve its retail offer, the shop units on a whole are small and don't really offer bigger chains the opportunity to move in. It is a challenge now with online. We are also losing our banks. Perhaps, like other towns, we could have a banking hub building because people do want to talk to a human, certainly older people do, and it is a fact the population is getting older. Personally it should be a mix of retail/food, housing and something we lack a community hall/space for entertainment, arts and crafts, music events. Coming up to 50,000 people and we have nothing of any real size. The Arc in Bury St Edmunds is a place to look at.
LL4	I favour the involvement of cultural activity space. As the population grows there will be people who expect to have the opportunity to use and visit cultural spaces. They would encourage people to come into town and stay there. There is a mass of historical material which should be displayed so that there is a context for people visiting the High Street to understand how the town grew. I no longer think that this is the right area for the Health Hub. I favour a site up Vandyke Road, which would serve the growing population. The footprint for a Health Hub should be big enough to grow as health facilities are based in the community rather than in hospitals.
LL4	I agree with this approach
LL4	I agree with the objectives but note that many draft schemes might meet that agenda. I agree car parking should be attractive and a focus on community facilities
LL4	Don't reduce car parking capacity. The plaster park is already inadequate on peak days. There is insufficient room for a service road entering Church Square. No high rise please, or massive multi-storey. Improve access to the park. Clean up the alleys to the meeting street, and get rid of the pigeon poo! Be mindful of locating housing near to pubs hosting live music. Residential development should comply with CBC parking standards.
LL4	Don't need anymore homes do joint with a Sainsbury or Asda like Dunstable have then get bowling alley cinema etc more upmarket restaurants see Apsley Paper Mill? Go to Berkhamsted High Street
LL4	Be great to encourage more active transport through this development and have a mixed usage so that there's more activity in the town after 5pm

LL4	This completely ignores all previous consultations and engagement and reports especially the 2016 GVA report. The objectives are very unambitious for the town. it gives no sense of the huge desire for a heritage centre/ museum, for an art gallery, performance space, for community arts, for Men in Sheds, Green skills etc, the need for a community hub so people can get advice, a place where people can cook together and share food and culture. The need for space for young people's activities and music and creative spaces and leisure facilities is really lost. The health hub is far from parking. There is no sense of how the running costs of a community and arts building would be funded and this all depends on the design and size of the building to make it financially sustainable. There is no approach to looking at external funding for facilities. The challenge to the town is people driving to MK and Grovebury road so low cost parking has to be key as well as good buses.
	Given its town centre location, should any future residential development aim to provide lower car parking standards through the provision of parking for car clubs, secure cycle storage and improved walking connections to local facilities, services and public transport?
LL4	Yes. The residential properties should have secure cycle storage, and definitely improved walking connections, plus parking for car clubs if appropriate (I don't know much about how they function, or how someone thinking of purchasing a property would feel about them).
LL4	Yes to lower parking standards but this must be supported by improvements in public transport & the provision of well lit pathways for pedestrians - particularly women on their own at night
LL4	Yes
LL4	We already have the residential development on the East side and the councils failed miserably on this issue even when they were told they needed to think of this and infrastructure as a whole for the town. There is nothing in LB that will attract people who have moved into the new developments. They just get in their car and go to MK.
LL4	See above! A government initiative that is totally unrealistic and counterproductive! Use your commonsense!
LL4	Not a good idea, as it will simply displace parking to adjoining residential streets. The neighbourhood plan should consider the plight of town centre residents, with shoppers, workers and visitors avoiding parking charges by parking on street. This is common practice in most large towns.
LL4	No it's a box ticking exercise, as someone who has lived and worked in Leighton Buzzard all my life it becomes very frustrating trying to park to carry out business in many parts of the town. Why. ? I am a self employed electrician trying to earn a living working for people in the town. Can't get my van in the multi storey etc. Many roads restricted to residents only which I accept is probably necessary but if the householder cannot supply a parking permit for me to visit for quoting or carrying out work I simply say sorry I can't help you.
LL4	Newhouses need ample car parking. And not cashless card machines. This has stopped me using the carpark and therefore the town.
LL4	N/A

LL4	It is going to take a huge shift in attitude to travel to get people who live in smaller towns to give up their car. In London its easier because of the availability of mass public transport. In rural towns this is just not going to happen and providing inadequate parking for residents will lead issues in local streets. As a hilly town its also unreal to expect most of the population to walk or cycle where need to realistic
LL4	Increased parking is required now for shoppers / workers in the town. Free for 1st hour to attract more shoppers, at least on market days?
LL4	In theory yes.
LL4	I don't think the town centre can take more housing. Traffic is usually cited as the main object but there are others. The infrastructure of utilities for one. When was the sewerage system last upgraded? Will this be included in the Plan? Residential houses will need gardens and parking. Do we need another housing estate in the centre of town?
LL4	Car parking is inadequate at the moment and no reduction in spaces should be considered. Free parking would help regenerate the High street shops and businesses. Car clubs are a fantasy and will not work. However all these concepts aim at victimising the motorist which seems to be the current trend.
LL4	Car clubs are a great idea for town centre residents. I would look though to see how effective the car club has been in Chamberlain Barns estate
LL4	All parking should be subsidised as all these new homes shop in Dunstable and Mk as easier to get to no tie to Leighton at all
LL4	All of that, see my previous comment.
LL4	With the lack of facilities in the town centre and the lack of good puyblic transport links cars are essential. Yes improved walking cycling, car clubs etc should be supported, but until there are more facilities in the town centre, people need cars to drive to the activities and services in other towns.
	Please use this box for any further comments
LL4	Why after 13 years are we still debating this, CBC should had purchased the plots as they came up on the open market.
LL4	There was some suggestion of having a theatre. We already have one. Underused. Rehearsal accommodation. There are plenty around the town. Both of these need parking. There was a plan for a hotel on the old sorting building. Again traffic, parking. What is needed is something to bring shoppers into the town. Perhaps something like Peacock Market - small shop units that sell unusual things like crafts. Perhaps what the town needs is a park and ride scheme particularly on market days. On Saturdays the town is gridlocked.
LL4	Residential property south of High Street will struggle if it is assumed each residence needs a car, in terms of space and access. It may be better to limit number of houses.
LL4	More consultant speak and no real substance!

LL4	I would very much like to know how much of our money is being used on this planning discussion, neighbourhood plan etc. Call it what you like but it clearly states there is no public money to build anything but how much public money is being spent on consultants etc.
LL4	I support the development of smaller houses and flats for sale or rent. I support the proposal for a "meanwhile" project in Duncombe Drive as a Art Centre with some accomodation facing the park. I am enthusiastic about the area being made more attractive with green spaces, planting etc. Maybe public art. The Rothchild Garden should be restored.
LL4	I object to more housing in this location! It will ruin the town centre further.
LL4	I have lived in the town for over 30 years and the question of what to do about south of the High Street had been talked about for the whole of that time (and more), with numerous public consultations, consultants reports and ideas. It's time that something is actually done.
LL4	I actually long to leave the town for good, hopefully in the near future. I've been living in Leighton Linlade for the past 24 years and a half, and the way the town is managed has gone from bad to worse, with poor financial and economic management, and a profound lack of amenities, particularly in the Linlade area, and community engagement. I was always told that Bedfordshire was a poor county. This town is a clear confirmation of such statement.
LL4	Full pedestrianisation of the High Street may not be a good idea, and could be very detriment to town centre businesses. The views of a vocal minority should not be a substitute for in depth discussions with local businesses.
LL4	The emphasis on housing on the CBC land is a massive backward step. The other land might not be sold and we risk just having housing in the town centre so all residents have to drive out of the town to reach activities leisure etc. This is very disappointing. It does not capture the spirit of the town which is a working town where people come in for services, advice, everyday shopping at affordable local independent shops
	Land at Bridge Meadow. Do you have any comments about this policy area?
LL5	Whilst this area is very central and, therefore, highly desirable for residential development, it is vital that any development is in keeping with the area, opens up access to the riverside (hopefully linking up with other open spaces), and is flooding-resilient (without any need to put flood defences in place which could just increase the risk of flooding further downstream.
LL5	WE need to open our eyes to how the general public view the right to own their own transport. Higher density will add to, not diminish congestion and needs for parking elsewhere. Any plans need to consider the whole site to include Connells and Jewson sites which at some stage will come up for redevelopment as part of a long term strategic plan for the area, any early development should be considered as part of this bigger picture and not treated in isolation
LL5	very limited housing, health hub or bowling alley
LL5	This area was designated at a health hub back around 2011/2 with some housing.

LL5	This area needs to be part of a policy about the river corridor in line with Green and Blue infrastructure strategy of CBC and the Blue Lens Study. It is very important that the river is accessible to people, plays a key role in increasing biodiversity through creating a corridor and through the management of the space and that the river is used to create wetlands. People frequently stop and look upstream from Leighton Road Bridge enjoying the view of a natural river. This view must be enhanced.
LL5	No building on this flood plain
LL5	I am concerned about the families that live in this area. I hope that adequate provision is made for and with them, especially if there are any school age children. A walk along the river could be made attractive, with some planting along the back of the school. I hope the plan will retain that small derelict building. I wonder whether there could be a another river crossing eg for bicycles/ pedestrians/ disability vehicles - to free up the traffic along Leighton Road. Now that the LRS is not used for patients, I wonder if better use could be made of that area, together with Bridge Meadows.
LL5	Good if you can pull it off. More should be made of waterside development which has been successful in other towns e.g. Banbury. This area should not be seen as the 'backside' of the town.
LL5	Flood mitigation. Allow access to green spaces. Build on heritage of town - river & canal Public footpath on Linslade side of river to be reinstated for public use
LL5	Again this piece of land needs serious flood consideration. Some of this would probably benefit from a wet land area. I did an online course about understand and protecting our environment run by University of Leeds and it included flood measures which was very interesting and some were simple. Buildings and more concrete is not helpful in an area that is known to be susceptible to flooding. Traffic should also be another major consideration.
	Strategic Employment Sites. Do you have any comments about this policy area?
	Should any other employment sites be recognised in this policy ?
LL6	Totally agree they should be kept as non housing areas.
LL6	The site off Chartmoor Road should be considered as future residential given the challenges applicants have had in bringing forward successful planning applications.

LL6	I think a review of the road structure and pavement access for pedestrians is more of a priority than employment areas. Those who do not drive cannot access these areas of employment, let alone commute to other local towns to retain employment! I feel strongly that the road layouts and pavements need a complete restructure, I also cannot understand why building sites are located in such close proximity to natural parks which is essentially causing pollution and destroying the natural beauty of Leighton Buzzard as a whole. It is virtually impossible for me to push my two year old son in a buggy to get to a large sized park for a picnic let alone commuting to work to the town I originally came from which is Luton on a local bus service! I feel strongly that policies and practicalness must meet in the middle in order to benefit all members of the local community and surrounding towns. I would be interested in attending one of these meetings in person to hear what the council proposes!
LL6	I agree with the areas chosen
LL6	I agree that employment locations should preferentially be kept for employment, but if there are areas which are no longer considered appropriate, or desirable for employment then I have no objections for them to be turned over for residential development.
LL6	Can't think of any other specific employment areas but think there should be more or else there will be no job opportunities for people in this town including young people. Thought should be given to locations for start up/incubator workshops and creative hubs - for people looking to expand micro businesses. There are so many creative people in this town but limited spaces to expand. The policy area should highlight the need of vibrant independent businesses in town centre and also set the context of existing employment characteristics of people in area and SWOT analysis of employment sites available. Objective should be to promote Leighton Buzzard as a place that supports enterprise, innovation and ideas in a sustainable way.
LL6	Billington Road, Chartmoor Road, Grovebury Road are already a traffic nightmare. Grovebury Road has a tailback to the shopping area all the time. Trying to get out of Billington Road onto Grovebury Road to get to the roundabout is virtually impossible which is why everyone goes on Chartmoor Road and tries to join Grovebury Road at the roundabout adding to the gridlock. I don't know what the land could be used for other than agricultural, allotments or playing fields. But not Lidl (we have enough supermarkets). Would it attract businesses?
	Brownfield Opportunities. Do you have any comments about this policy area?
LL7	These areas are already being developed with an ongoing momentum. Thought needs to be directed to better road transport links. The by-pass is already heavily congested at peak times forming a bottleneck between the A418 and A5 and needs to be upgraded to dual carriageway. Areas of housing should not be squeezed between industrial sites as e.g. Grovebury Road.
LL7	It would have been helpful to see where the brownfield were within this plan but I'm guessing from the previous it is the land off Billington Road - see LL6 for my comments.

LL7	It is essential that we reduce, and if possible eliminate, the use of green sites for future development. Therefore I am very much in favour of concentrating on using brownfield sites.
LL7	If there are only 5 sites identified and there are currently plans for them what is the point???
LL7	I agree with the approach If the need for office space declines we might look to designate brownfield for other purposes
LL7	Certainly need to encourage residential in and around the town centre.
	Housing Mix, Tenure and Type. Should the policy seek to achieve the levels of affordable housing provision set out in the HNA and Local Plan, or accept a lower percentage overall of affordable homes but with a higher discount on affordable home ownership options?
LL8	We should actively support the HNA plan and not aim to subsidise new home owners at the expense of others. We already have a high level of ownership v affordable rented property.
LL8	Stick with the current local plan.
LL8	Should go for the levels set out in HNA or higher if possible.
LL8	Should definitely more first homes! Developers will do whatever you allow them to! You are in charge!
LL8	No because they are not affordable for most families.
LL8	I agree with affordable housing as outlined above. I also think that every new build should have solar panels. This would limit the use of gas central heating. New houses need to be more 'green'.
LL8	All housing should be affordable.
LL8	A good mix is desirable. There is already some evidence of over provision of some types of property in existing sites.Is the market flooded?
LL8	>30% for 5 years to meet under delivery. Then priority should be Affordable rent or social rent homes with 100% going to local connection candidates - home ownership options are currently being heavily supported by Homes England investment so only a small % required. Shared Ownership are very popular anyway with developers and RPs and buyers so only a minority should be included in the Plan as they will be delivered anyway if the economy struggles. First Homes are no longer a requirement in the NPPF/ do not meet any real need. With the discount, we would only be looking at 1 and 2 bedroom flats. Developers tend to inflate prices to maximise income. FH potentially trap people in homes that they will be unable to sell, 1) we don't know what ongoing demand for them will be 2) any key worker/ local connection criteria makes suitable buyers scarce 3) with only equity in their 70% share they may struggle to upsize as they need. Ex home owners can actually buy them if from abroad.
LL8	We must go back to the policy of seeking to build 2 Bedroom Bungalows as part of every development to facilitate down sizing when mobility becomes an issue

LL8	We have a huge shortfall in affordable housing and provision for singletons and the elderly so the policy should reflect this! We do not need more 3 bed houses that incessant afford.
LL8	There is a need for one and two bed homes. There is also a need for social housing. There are more single people living alone than families but developments are always geared to the latter and the former are not considered.
LL8	The idea of providing mainly 3 beds with 1 and 2 beds in towns is too narrow/ restricted. We need to ensure we get the numbers we need of each size and tenure across the town. We can't risk only delivering 3 beds so young people have no support to find affordable housing. Young people are moving away from the area when they form a family as it is not affordable and but people from homelessness situations take the affordable rent homes as they get greater priority. Whilst I don't think we should stop housing ex homeless we need to think about maintaining a young workforce in the area and keeping families close by to support each other as they age. We need to require a % of accessible affordable homes, as the population ages and to home the families that require accessible future proofed homes. RPs are well placed to manage these so they are not able to be bought in the Right to Buy.
LL8	The amount of 3 bedroomed affordable rented homes should be upped but they should also be available only for local people who are in overcrowded accommodation. Since the Council changed their computer system and existing tenants had to reapply for the chance to bid for larger homes hardly any have shown in Leighton. My daughter and many others were 'off the list' for months because of this policy but the houses were and still are being built. Can you please tell the people of this town who has been allocated these houses.
LL8	Stop building. We don't need to ruin this town further or are you going for city status. My quality of life has decreased dramatically since the new developments.
LL8	Please no more ugly new build sites. Affordable housing should be top priority and houses that fit the character of the town.
LL8	Other towns with redevelopment areas in and around their town centres have opted for units above retail units usually 1-2 beds. Certainly there has to be more provision for affordable housing.
LL8	New housing should be M4(2) standard. I believe town centre housing should be 1 or 2 bed flats/houses for young people and downsizers.
LL8	Need to provide additional medical facilities WITH PARKING Also sufficient / additional local school places Traffic in town especially at peak is a nightmare. If only local school places were allocated to avoid families crossing from LB to Linslade and vice versa
LL8	Housing is being developed at pace with little evidence of any accompanying infrastructure. There needs to be greater pressure on developers to provide infrastructure at an early phase of any development.
LL8	Achieve higher level of affordable housing provision
	Local Heritage Assets.

LL9	This policy risks undermining the good work undertaken to identify and protect buildings through the listing process. The policy will create confusion and is unnecessary.
LL9	There are a number of sites where historical events took place eg the Court House where the train robbers were tried. I understand there is an area between the canal and Grovebury Road where an historic treaty was signed.
LL9	Lots of older buildings especially in High St should be preserved Also in Linslade eg on Church Rd and New Rd
LL9	If this was added, the site could be a great space for a Heritage hub.
LL9	I think this will be vital to identity a visitor offer in Leighton Buzzard
LL9	I always thought the area from the Riverside building up Bridge Street, Church Square, High Street, North Street, Lake Street and Hockliffe Street either a conservation area or had listed buildings. If it isn't/doesn't then it should as the centre of Leighton Buzzard is very old. Likewise Wing Road, Old Road, Stoke Road in Linslade. It would have been useful to know which buildings are listed or protected under conservation.
LL9	I agree with this approach
LL9	I agree that all buildings of historic, artistic or cultural importance should be catalogued and preserved, but I don't have any specific buildings in mind.
LL9	Heritage is important but plans must be flexible enough to develop heritage buildings as community assets e.g. museums and cultural centres.
LL9	Any building with Q central connections should be listed if possible . This fascinating story has yet to be told. Only Bletchley Park Code breakers ,one of its satellites has seen the light so far. Only released from Official Secrets Act a decade or so ago ,the big and small screens await .
	Local Heritage Assets. Suggest a new location
LL9	The Workhouse in Grovebury Road.
LL9	The Station.
LL9	The former Barclays bank building
LL9	N/A
LL9	Leighton buzzard main Post Office
LL9	Kingdom Hall.
LL9	Factories off Grovebury Road where factories made items for the war.
	What community facilities or buildings should we add?

LL10	There are several buildings that can be hired and used for community events, such as the Scout hall in Grovebury Road. However I totally agree that we need somewhere for a local museum and art gallery (hopefully as part of redevelopment of south of the High Street), and a larger theatre would be wonderful (as long as it doesn't negatively impact on the Library Theatre). It is also vital that Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre is maintained when the new leisure centre is built, as the town's population needs two, not one, centre.
LL10	Schools and Religious assets provide a wide range of facilities which are already available for community use and I cannot understand why they have not been included.
LL10	Our local Post Office is in an historic building and is also an important community asset. Pressure should be put on Post Office management to retain this important asset for our town.
LL10	Nothing. You can add a gallery but it's not worth it for the 5 people who visit it once. Stop wasting money. Use the White House as community building.
LL10	Is the Tactic building on the list? Is the Youth Club adjacent to Gilberts on list? Is the Children's Centre on list and the Lighthouse centre in Linslade? Is the library on the list? Is the current leisure centre listed? Also the Leighton Linslade Railway is a community asset. And also the Riverside Centre (formerly an Adult Education Centre) should be specifically mapped as a community asset. I appreciate this is now council storage but it should be brought back to proper community use. It is wasted as simply storage in central town location and the lack of town council awareness about what is happening to the building is frustrating. Maybe map location of churches and pubs and other community spaces eg Brooklands Club and location of scouts/brownies etc Also should audit where local sports grounds, skateparks etc are located including accessibility. And analysis of demand and projected growth for these and other future facilities for young people.
LL10	I think sports assets should be looked at in the plan. It is very clear that there are insufficient Astro pitches to serve the thriving football and hockey communities as just two examples. Our tennis facilities are dated and there is no indoor or Dome facility to accommodate year round tennis which impacts mainstream tennis but particularly the development of disability tennis. If the authorities are serious in relation to the health benefits of sport then a significant investment in infrastructure is required which would reap significant benefits. Currently the emphasis appears to rely on schools which is stifling development.
LL10	For a town of our size of population we are lacking a community hall which should be able to accommodate leisure such as musical performances, plays, talks and comedy alongside a display area for local arts and interests. Also rooms to rent out to groups. A cinema would be nice but difficult. A museum would be nice or even provision within a large community building. The south side would be good. It is important for the whole community and the night time economy.

LL10	Centrally located: - Music/singing hubs for rehearsal and recording - Rehearsal/table read spaces for actors and directors to also move around - Screening spaces larger than the Library Theatre - Studios for Green Screen, Lighting, Sound and Editing workshops with in-situ equipment - Safe studios for acting workshops, such as stage-fight, etc. I'm a filmmaker. There isn't a centralised space where to gather people like me where the above facilities are all available in one place. The community would also benefit from having a single heritage hub where the historical artefacts found around the area can be brought back into town, like a state-of-the-art museum for people to visit and appreciate. All of the above would certainly increase the footfall in the centre of the town.
LL10	As secretary of LBDG I hired rehearsal rooms: Scared Heart, Trinity Church, Quaker building, Hockliffe Baptist, Vandyke, Riverside, Leighton Middle, Gilbert Inglefield, Cedars. As secretary of Arts Forum we also use the library theatre and the first floor, Brooklands school. There is also Bideford community. There is no shortage of rehearsal rooms in the town.
LL10	Affordable accommodation for local voluntary groups, eg WIs, is DESPERATELY needed in the town and has been for many years. Yes there are churches which will let out a room but clearly that involves overheads, such as utilities and opening closing premises, especially in the evening
LL10	Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre
LL10	The Riverside Centre, at the entrance to Bridge Street, by the heritage wheel landmark.
	Do you have any other comments about this policy area?
LL10	The Riverside Centre is a fantastic space and would work perfectly as Art Hub. I remember it very well as I used to teach there many years ago. All the spaces and studios listed above would perfectly fit in this space, even more so as it's adjacent Leighton Middle School, and could provide extra-curricular activities for, not only the children of the above mentioned school, but for other school children as well. Instead, the building has been closed for many years and it's rotting and wasting away, thanks to CBC poor management, and to some narrow-minded people, who might not even be part of our community.
LL10	LB is fortunate in having many local voluntary organisations. With an increasing number of older people, engaging with others is vital. Also younger families & new comers to the town who work from home need somewhere to socialise
LL10	I think as a start the retention of Tiddenfoot as a community asset would be a start , closure based on the new centre opening would seem inappropriate and instead of enhancing facilities for a growing population does in fact just move the issue from one side of town to the other

LL10	We don't need another theatre. We have a perfectly adequate one. You used to be able to hire the flat floor, the bar area and the meeting room. There are 2 rooms on the first floor of the library. The bigger one used to be a cafe where art was displayed. From experience budding artists are not going to pay for studios. Riverside was suggested as a history venue but is only wheelchair accessible on the ground floor. Many years ago it was suggested that the old fire station be a heritage centre. It became a restaurant. The sensible place for a heritage centre would be the library or an old building. Through who is going to run it is anyone's guess. LB & district history and archaeological society hold talks in St Barnabas hall (now community rooms).
LL10	There is no facility to display Leighton Buzzard's history. The only facility related to heritage is Leighton Buzzard Railway - that's enough. Use the library is wantedx There are no studio or gallery spaces for the artists and places for rehearsals are limited There are limited spaces that can host 100+ people. - that's enough. No one needs space for more then 100 people There are several leisure facilities and schools that offer spaces for community meetings and activities. Although, community groups are not always aware of what is available. - google people can google those infos
LL10	There have been so many comments on this over the years without any progress
LL10	Simple really, if you don't invest in community assists then folks will go elsewhere and take the economic benefits with them.
LL10	No, apart that I'm very dispirited and wonder how much of what I wrote will be taken into consideration.
LL10	I think churches and sports clubs operate as community assets too
LL10	Agree town is lacking a town museum, art and gallery space and music provision and lacks space for meetings of 100+ people. There should also be greater consideration in local plan of provision of infrastructure and facilities and opportunities for young people to get them off their devices! This section should or separate section should explicitly cover developing facilities for young people. Hiring of school halls etc is not cost effective for small community groups due to cost of hall hire. It's impossible to set up new community initiatives such as a Library of Things despite lots of empty commercial properties in town centre. The old Westlands care home site would have been a good stop gap. The challenge and lack of options of somewhere local to start this community project is one visible example of how Leighton Buzzard completely lacks community assets and ability to start new activities. More should be done to identify "meanwhile" spaces.
	What is your favourite Green or Blue space?
LL11	We need more trees and parks and less new houses!
LL11	Walkways around the Planets estate and open green spaces.
LL11	Tiddenfoot

LL11	The Waterside park by Tiddenfoot. However, over the past four years, flooding have made the banks of the lake wider and much of its edges are now underwater, making it difficult to access the site at times of excessive rainfalls (one might like to walk in the rain, too, which is relevant with the question below. I believe that, considered the amount of housing developments over the past 5 years around our town, CBC should consider providing more allotment spaces to encourage residents to "grow their own" and become a bit more self-sustainable. But this is just wishful thinking, and a crazy idea after visiting the island of Madeira, where every nook and cranny in the land is dedicating to growing vegetables that are available to the whole of the community.
LL11	Rushmere
LL11	Linslade Wood and Rushmere Park
LL11	Linslade and Southcourt allotments. I have an allotment here which I visit and use several times a week. It is important for both my physical and mental health .
LL11	King's Wood
LL11	Clipstone Brook, the River Ouzel, the canal and Tiddenfoot waterside park are all incredibly important to me as I can walk from home to explore them. It is also wonderful to be able to walk to town through a park (Parsons Close) or via the canal.
LL11	Canal, Tiddenfoot Lake
	Is there any green or blue space you would like to visit but can't ?
LL11	Yes, there is a little space identifiable as Halfords' car park, just off North Road, where more housing is say to be threatening such place. I see a potential green area, with green walls, which could provide gathering spaces for residents of all ages to enjoy, since it's quite secluded from traffic. Again, it's quite a large space, apart from a few car parking space allocated to Halfords, that has been left unused for years. I can't visit it because it doesn't exist. But, then again, I'm an artist and I see things that not many people see.
LL11	The meadow on the other side of Clipstone brook from Parsons Close (and opposite Pulfords and Leighton Middle schools) would be wonderful to transform into a nature reserve with a designated route through to the Ouzel (ideally with a bridge to take you over to the canal foot path, and/or back along the riverside to Bridge Street.
LL11	River Ouzel from the town bridge upstream (no access).
LL11	Don't get to Tiddenfoot as often as I should. Would like to see more linear green pathways on eastern side of town going north south. Tru getting from Astral Park to Van Dyke via Pages!
	Suggest a new location
LL11	The stretch of the canal through our parish. There are numerous large trees on walkways and public areas (owned by Taylor Woodrow) but this area is being inexorably environmentally vandalised by the removal of many of these trees for unknown reasons

LL11	Planets estate. It would provide a barrier to protect the woods as well as increasing the biodiversity of the area.
LL11	Meadow on opposite side of Clipstone brook from Parsons Close. It is used by wildlife and humans alike, and it's also, by a long portion, a flood plane. Its flora is also an important asset for biodiversity and should be looked after and treasured. Additionally, the tow path is renowned to be used by cyclists and by people residing in narrow boats that moor in our parish. If anything, new trees should be planted along the tow path where old trees have fallen due to natural rotting processes.
LL11	Field off Stoke Rd next to Linslade Woods.It is a green connection between Parsons Close and the River Ouzel and canal
	Do you have any other comments about this policy area?
LL11	The whole land must be protected. Careful consideration should be given to all users of the canal and tow path as above, before making any decision around housing developments.
LL11	The more open, undeveloped areas that can be designated as green spaces / nature reserves the better for our mental and physical health, and for the good of the environment and climate.
LL11	The aforementioned trees need protection in conjunction with Taylor Woodrow.
LL11	Please adopt the country park near K Kelmsley Road and ensure there are paths through to Shenley Hill Road and Van Dyke Road
LL11	More trees. The green bit of land near the college on Chartmoor could be allotments or community farm units. It could be planted with trees to increase our carbon foot print. Or part could rewilded with bee friendly flowers. It could be a wildlife haven if done right. That people could visit, sit and enjoy the outdoors with maybe a cafe for tea and cake (include gluten free).
LL11	I agree with this approach
	Local Green Spaces . Do you have any comment on this policy area?
LL12	There is a walk by the Stud Farm that takes you through the fields to the top of the hill by the bypass and then you can walk down the tree lined path back into Linslade as shown on the map as green dots. Tiddenfoot lake is also a lovely walk and Mentmore Park and along the canal all are on the map but not the Stud Farm by Chelsea Green, could you please add it to your list. Looking up Google maps it is called Southcott and there is Southcott Promontory that has some lovely views of the Town.
LL12	There are lots of small pocket parks W LB. I wonder if biodiversity would be better served by fewer larger pocket parks with more varied land use
LL12	Southcott Stud nearest local green space to home. Easy access for recreation
LL12	Riverside walk by Sovereign way and being able to access the towpath from it
LL12	Riverside walk because it is calm and tranquil. Parsons Close is great for kids & families.

LL12	Parson's Close Rec. Park is my favourite
LL12	More green spaces and less houses!
LL12	Important that green space alongside River Ouzel protected - in particular land between canal and Corbettshill Farm - beautiful stretch of the river. Green patch of land next to Clipstone Brook alongside battery storage station - green area in built up location. Parcel of land along Stoke Road next to Linslade Wood - important buffer for wood.
LL12	I regularly walk through the green space behind Morrisons adjacent to the Clipstone Brook so that space is important including in relation to floodplain. Further down the green space running from Hockliffe Road along the brook is also valuable and a green lung. I also like and value Pages Park and the town park (and Rushmere even though it is just outside the parish boundary).
LL12	I have concerns regarding the future of Southcott Stud, As a lifetime resident of Southcott Village the area is a much loved part of my life . I am familiar with the wildlife and the impact of the By-pass when it was built. The Stud now seems un-managed which in one way is a benefit to the wildlife that inhabits it with some new species moving in now the horses are no longer there. I am concerned that this valuable green space will be lost if it gets into the hands of housebuilders. Many of the locals enjoy this area, especially families with Children and dog owners.
LL12	Favourite green spaces ... Rushmere country park and Linslade Woods
LL12	Riverside Walk needs to have a special designation and policy as it is a key area to manage flood risk and biodiversity and amenity.
	Local Green Spaces. Suggest a new Local Green Space.
LL12	Tiddenfoot Park
LL12	This is the meadow south of the old railway line path from Grovebury Road to Mentmore Gardens. It has great potential to be a natural flood plain visible from the path and offering a refuge to wildlife.
LL12	Space between Linslade Wood and Stoke Road
LL12	Southcott Stud and pastures.
LL12	Southcott and Southcott Promontory.
LL12	see above comments. Parcel of land along Stoke Road next to Linslade Wood - important buffer for wood.
LL12	Green space between Regents Street and Miles Avenue.
LL12	Field off Stoke Rd next to Linslade woods
	Do you have any other comments on this policy area?
LL12	What is happening to promise of a new country park on the eastern edge of town as marked/promised in development plans? Think it is also important to include in plans and make this a reality.

LL12	We need as much green spaces for peoples' well being as we can get. You can't plan to build on every inch of green or brown land. Its ridiculous. We need to protect the green sites. Not just for humans but wildlife, earth, the ecosystem. We are destroying so much of this planet on a much bigger scale than the size of Leighton Linlade. The small green spaces we have we need to keep. For no other reason than it is the right thing to do. Kids need space to play. Dogs need places to exercise. People need spaces to just breathe. Wildlife needs space to live - while they are still here. In this lengthy plan there is not one word of the ecosystem, flood management, tree planting or wildlife
	Chiltern Beechwoods - Do you have any comments on this policy area?
LL13	Wildlife is the under dog It feels that the only thing the council is interested in is housing and more and more housing regardless of wildlife and infrastructure
LL13	Not entirely sure how it affects the Leighton Buzzard area although Ashridge isn't that far from here.
LL13	Agree there should be a buffer zone
	Active Travel and Parking. Suggest a new location for walking and cycling.
LL14	Path between Church road and New road cuts the corner.
LL14	Heath Rd from Greenhill to Heath and Reach
LL14	Derwent Road. Derwent Road has no cycling track. And yet it could be safely used by school children and adults alike, as it links all outskirts of Linlade to each other, including the Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre and the Waterside Park, with more adjacent schools, namely Cedars Upper and Linlade Middle.
LL14	Clipstone brook / the planets / clipstone park. Although there is a newly widened pavement supposedly for cycling and walking there is no signage to keep vehicles off there or to encourage cyclists to use it. Consequently cars,vans trucks, etc use it as a car park, often parking entirely on the pavement. This makes it unsafe for both cyclists and pedestrians. The area opposite Heathwood School is particularly bad for this. If you are to encourage people to walk or cycle they must feel safe and have properly designated routes.
LL14	There is no way of walking safely from the planets estate through to the new clipstone park estate without walking along Hockliffe road which is a busy dirty road with many HGVs. There should be multiple ways to move between these areas to ensure people can quickly and safely access neighbourhood assets such as schools and shops.
LL14	Stop pavement cycling. It is not convenient for people to cycle in a lot of cases. You can't force people to cycle
LL14	Many use it to get to the train station and back as well as Linlade people walking into Town and back.
	Do you have any comments about this policy area?
LL14	work with other authorities to create safe cycle to work routes to centers of employment such as Ampthill (i would use this), Pitstone, and Hemel Hempstead

LL14	WE have seen a real experiment over the past few years with a local bus service, L1 to L6 with an initial FREE period. The update has been at best poor and there is now likely to be a major reduction in these services from June 1st due to lack of uptake by residents. People vote with their feet- and are unlikely to be willing to give up their right to use personal transport (cars) at any time in the near future when they live in a small town. Its an easier task in cities. We need to be realistic and recognise people need to travel not just locally, for which you need a car.
LL14	Too many bikes on the roads. The roads are small, there is no space for bikes who can't even stop at red lights. We need wider roads, less bike routes and better car parks. More traffic wardens who ticket parents who park at school roads with parking restrictions. Don't use busses so no comments there.
LL14	This policy carefully avoids the A406/A505 road which if properly upgraded to dual carriageway could relieve pressure on other transport routes. Is there any scope for a park and ride scheme?
LL14	There is a need to have less cars driving into the town centre. I used to use the Buzzer bus service until I couldn't. I haven't been able to use buses for years and have to be accompanied on the train the few times I've used it. Local bus services have been cut coming into the town. For instance I used to live in Hockliffe but the bus service was cut. A different kind of bus replaced it but anyone with a push chair or any kind of disabilities was unable to use it so it didn't get used and was stopped. The problem is people don't want to carry shopping home on a bus if it involves a far distance near their home. They get in a car. I suggested before that maybe a park and ride might be a way to cut down on traffic in the town centre. The land near the college on Chartmoor Road would be a good place. Another on the huge housing estate towards Hockliffe another. Not sure where in Linslade though.
LL14	There are often initiatives to encourage people to use the town by having free or cheap parking, where are these offers to encourage walkers and bus users? We are discouraged from using local buses for short journeys by the single fare being £2.50 this year. Why not say £2.50 to go all the way across town but only £1/£1.50 to go into the high street? Do the local councils lobby MPs and parliament for a better train service for residents. We still haven't had the southern service to Kensington Olympia reintroduced which was stopped after covid because no one was travelling - a farce. You should find ways to stop / discourage people from parking on pavements as this overwhelming impacts children / parents and those with disabilities and makes it less appealing to walk short distances if you cannot be sure you can do it safely or in some cases at all. .
LL14	The whole of the town needs cycling tracks, not only the western side, if we want to encourage more people to travel by bike. In order to improve walking routes, the majority of pavements also need a lot of attention: in Linslade, most pavements are damaged, with potholes and crumbling materials, like tar, that are visibly old and in desperate need of repair. Very often, it's even impossible for two people to walk on them at the same time, particularly on those along the Derwent Road stretch. Said pavements keep on being patched up every now and then, but remain badly levelled and are not comfortable to walk on.

LL14	Public transport needs to improve so that the requirement for people to drive into town is negated. Traffic does not flow through the town and as a town centre resident at certain times of day it is impossible to get anywhere without adding 20 minutes to your journey.
LL14	Parking in the centre of town needs to be reviewed Why have a multi storey car park that is closed at 7:30 and then wonder why people are not accessing the town centre for restaurants pubs and places like the British Legion
LL14	Overall traffic through town is too much - a solution is required. The A4146 also seems to encourage dangerous driving - clearer speed limits, working speed cameras and narrower lanes perhaps.
LL14	On street parking effectively reduces most roads in the town to a one way system. This is wildly problematic given the volume of traffic on local roads. Parking should be restricted to resident-only, evening-only, or paid parking metres, especially given the close proximity to shops and public transportation routes.
LL14	Leighton buzzard desperately needs more disabled parking. There are so few disabled spaces, particularly on Saturdays when the high street is closed
LL14	It is important that people who cannot drive are able to access doctors and dentists etc that are located away from the town centre without lengthy waits for busses with multiple changes. Cycle routes need to be safe for kids to use without putting pedestrians in danger. It would be useful for a policy to state how people who cycle could safely go from one side of the town to another and take this into account during any development to incrementally improve the cycling infrastructure.
LL14	Independent living is very important for all ages and abilities, so you will always need GOOD PARKING available for all to be able to use facilities in the Town. Do not trap people in their homes! We then lose the facilities because many lose the will to use them.
LL14	I have had to fill this twice as there wasn't room for all my points! So another thing would be make this box bigger!! More pedestrian crossings and lower speed limits on residential roads. Examples include Vandyke road and Hockliffe road both need a 20 mph limit and more crossing points and Appainine way needs a crossing outside Beaudesert lower school and Bumblebees pre-school
LL14	EV CHARGING POINTS REDUCE the number of parking spaces available. Additional car parks are required
LL14	Cycle routes around the town need to be joined up. At present there are big and often dangerous gaps, eg: from Fraserfields Way onto Stanbridge Rd. The cycle way runs out here. There is no safe route to cycle either to Astral Park or into town.
LL14	At the moment, road traffic congestion makes active transport and public transport less easy to do. Buses get caught in tailbacks and are delayed, walking/cycling along main roads often involves going past or being in queues of cars emitting pollution. Any new developments and community facilities need to be as connected to active and public transport routes as much as possible, so that there is a viable alternative to driving. If cycling routes were more connected, this would make cyclists feel safer and again lead to less car use.

LL14	As a former retailer and long term resident keeping the High Street open for trade is essential for the businesses there. Also car park provision in town needs to be maintained but needs to be awareness of car park charges. It can put people off.
	Infrastructure Priorities. Are the three priorities appropriate ? Should any others be considered?
LL15	Yes they are appropriate but the towns main priority should be an integrated health centre/cottage hospital.
LL15	There was only 2 priorities listed unless you include the bit at the bottom which I've already covered previously. Where would a multi purpose building be put? If in the town centre it'd need parking and would add to the already overloaded traffic congestion. Meadow Way and new estate needs a mobile phone tower as reception is horrendous. More NHS dentists.
LL15	The three suggested infrastructure priorities are appropriate but remain vague. Specific spaces are desperately needed for community purposes so that there is a centralised hub with facilities that can be used for art and heritage conservation purposes. There is an already existing thriving artistic community in town, but activities are scattered and limited to the venues that are already active on this front, mostly pubs and school premises. The plan should take into consideration all art forms present and active within the parish, from painters and sculptors, to actors and filmmakers, photographers, musicians, the list goes on! Most artists work in isolation, which isn't ideal and can result in mental health problems. Artists should be encouraged and allowed to meet up, work together and foster new connections, collaborations though networking. A good example of this is Northampton, where artists have now the luxury of a creative hub that is thriving, no matter how small.
LL15	The refurbishment of Tiddenfoot so that there are sports facilities on both sides of of the canal crossing The crossing by Tesco's is already a bottle neck and people should be able to easily access sports facilities without hampering traffic in order ti get there
LL15	Looking at the three suggested areas my comment would be: How often is there likely to be the need for a LARGE scale meeting venue and how large is large. We already have the theatre 170 seats, Cedars School theatre 250+ seats. A large venue needs a large car park how is it going to cover its costs? How often will it hold large scale meetings? A heritage/ museum location whilst proposed is unlikely to attract regular repeat visits, why not use locations such as the Narrow Gauge Railway & Library to host events? An 'arts venue' to exhibit work could be developed by repurposing the 1st floor of the library and the existing Day Centre (recently closed) and warehouse accommodation at the back of TK furniture. Studi space for upcoming artists and creatives could achieved by developing the starter unit site at Cherry Court way on the basis of fixed term affordable leases to give infant business the chance to flourish or change direction
LL15	I agree with an emphasis on cultural history
LL15	All three are appropriate.
	Infrastructure Priorities. Do you have any other comments on this policy area?
LL15	The town could benefit from an entertainment park (Grovebury Road area) - cinema, restaurants, bowling etc.

LL15	The long term strategy for Tiddenfoot after the completion of the new leisure has not been communicated. As it is highly accessible to residents on foot and public transport, as well as in close-proximity to parks/schools/allotments/the canal, it will be critical to ensure a smooth transition to its "new" purpose and not underutilised.
LL15	The improvements to various places I have no problem with. The NHS priority is regurgitating a plan that was suggested in the 90s - putting all the surgeries together on the land opposite Leighton Road surgery (which would then become the police station). It has blocks of flats on it now. LB has needed a hospital of some description for over 30 years. Surgeries aren't likely to gather in one place, they also don't want another surgery in the town. Neither are in their best interests. The big building at the Stanbridge Road exit onto the bypass would have an ideal place for a hospital/medical hub. Where would a medical hub be put now? Having clinics, testing (x-rays or MRI scans), minor operations or a walk in clinic like Milton Keynes Hospital has would be useful.
LL15	Number one priority is a Health Hub in the town centre not a half hearted scheme in Bassett Road which the trust is trying to fob us off with. Totally inadequate in Central Bedfordshire's largest town and in the wrong place. Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre is inadequate and very noisy in operation to local residents.
LL15	Integrated medical centre WITH PARKING FACILITIES long overdue. Museum space needed to display all the history of the town. See Sands of Time project
LL15	I cannot understand why community spaces/doctors surgeries/schools aren't planning conditions when these huge housing developments are built.
LL15	Healthcare facilities should be a priority
LL15	Health facilities should be first
LL15	A combined space that can be used as Arts and Heritage hub would provide space for artists to, not just express and display their art, but with a great potential to also create working and employment opportunities.
	Education. Do you have any comments about this policy area?
LL16	You need to go to 2 tier as soon as possible. Years 7 and 8 miss out under the current system because they've done SATS, and their progress no longer matters to the school. Also, a lack of specialist teachers and facilities in middle schools.
LL16	With its proximity and links to the Church I do not think that Pulford School should be included in any changes made to the educational system as it is an excellent, caring establishment and doesn't need to change.
LL16	We should also make clear that there are two ways that this may become a consideration: 1. 3 tier to 2 tier making sites redundant for educational purposes 2. The reduction in birth rate and reducing numbers which ever system is in use impacting on student numbers. This should also reflect the population drift of your families occupying the new developments whilst schools are located near older developments where families have matured and needs reduced. This results in huge movements of people around town at start at end of day.....call is school miles rather than food miles but just as big a pollution issue

LL16	The list of schools looks to be correct. Would it also be worth noting where there is any local pre-school nursery provision? If the town ever moves to a 2 tier education model, I would advocate for ensuring the playing fields and school land is retained for community use. Personally I like the 3 tier school model and think it's better for children. I think this is particularly important for the Leighton Middle School site but also Mary Bassett Lower School. It would be wrong for these sites to be converted into housing. Also, will your plan reference or model the projected number of school places envisioned in the future and if so does your plan account for any extra land for additional schooling infrastructure? Maybe also think through and map the environmental impact of travelling to schools in area and take account of more sustainable transport options. I live near Clipstone Brook School and Brooklands School and the school traffic is horrible in morning and afternoon.
LL16	Reuse of dotes may be premature given.changong demographics. Should we also include the college as well which seems inderusees
LL16	I do not believe that any school building should be repurposed as there is already a shortage of upper school places for village children to come in a join. I do not see how a County can have such a disjointed plan for three to two tier ... how can villages go two tier if two main upper schools are three tier?
LL16	Any school that gets closed the buildings need to be repurposed as much as possible and any playing fields retained.
	Renewable Energy. Do you have any comments about this policy area?
LL17	Utilise existing structures for solar energy and not open undeveloped fields
LL17	This is what is causing us to have large energy bills.
LL17	This is the future, and there is money to be made. Solar panels more than repay any investment, wind is free, and all renewables can set Britain free from foreign dependence.
LL17	Looking at the guidance from CSE the generic statements may have more force if there were more details for each technology, eh site identification for communal heating pumps, land for solar as well.as preference for solarr PV on buildings.
LL17	I'd suggest the plan to take into account what the local Buzz Community Energy group are developing in terms of renewable energy in our parish: they are definitely leading the way with fascinating and innovative ideas and proposals that will benefit the whole of Leighton Linslade.
LL17	I feel that community renewable energy projects are very important, and localised energy production is the way forward, reducing pressure on the national grid and giving control and benefits to communities. The Neighbourhood Plan should include policies that support them as long as they are for the good of the community and not damaging to nature.
LL17	Every new property should have solar panels on the roof and there should be wind farms around all new developments! Also use of recycled materials should be encouraged!
LL17	All new properties, including business and industrial buildings should have solar panels as a planning requirement.

LL17	The flooding Leighton Buzzard experienced recently is only going to get worse. My neighbour has had to put in flood defences- never used to be a problem. We just need to get on with renewable energy and stop moaning. We used the CBC scheme to get solar panels- this is the sort of thing local government should be doing. We will make money on it after a few years.
LL17	Renewal energy is needed. Houses need to be built with solar panels or air pumps as part of the build. Council buildings could have solar panels. Maybe a solar panel field could be considered on land that can't be built on. Recycling could be looked at. Are we doing enough? Is there enough places to take recycling to? Is there more we can do?
LL17	Removal of GPDO schedule 2 part 16 on any development linked to the renewable energy sector to ensure fair public consultation. This part should also be prohibited on green/blue sites to ensure the connection with being outside is not visually or physically obstructed by these form of development.
LL17	Net zero is a scam. Build more trees. Stop put solar on the town roofs, but raise the money privately, don't use the council tax for it. Like let the councils do cake sales etc let them work to raise the money for their little projects. They waste enough money for their little non realistic ideas as it is.
LL17	I am all for renewable energy but not too well versed on what can be done.
LL17	I agree with this approach