

APPENDIX C – LOCAL COMMUNITY ASSETS (POLICY LL7)

Policy LL8 seeks to ensure that valued community assets in Leighton-Linslade have proper protection of the planning system. These buildings, and the operational land within which they sit, all have a special value to the community. This appendix identifies the following buildings and spaces:

1. Leighton Buzzard Day Centre

Address: Marigold House, Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 3FF



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Leighton Buzzard Day Centre at Marigold House provides vital support for older and vulnerable residents, offering dementia-friendly, accessible facilities, social activities, and respite for carers across a wide catchment. It is a community hub that reduces isolation, strengthens social ties, and supports wellbeing for local people. Its modern, sustainable design future-proofs care provision for a growing ageing population.

2. Linslade Community Hall

Address: Waterloo Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 2NR



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Linslade Community Hall is a well-used, accessible venue that provides flexible space for local groups, events, and services. It supports a wide range of activities such as classes, meetings, performances, and social gatherings that meet everyday needs and strengthen local networks. Its central location, adaptable facilities, and affordability make it particularly valuable for community use.

3. Forster Institute

Address: 1 Waterloo Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. LU7 2NR



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The Forster Institute is an historic, centrally-located community centre serving Linslade and wider Leighton-Linslade. Built in 1890 as an adult school, it provides versatile meeting rooms, event space, and supports local groups, classes (e.g. folk dance), cultural activities, and social services.

Because it is well-used, part of the local heritage, and delivers affordable, accessible space for community organisations, its preservation is important: loss or redevelopment without equivalent replacement would reduce capacity for voluntary, cultural, and social activity.

4. Gables Masonic Hall

Address: 132 Wing Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 2NN



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The Gables Masonic Hall is a multi-use community venue and meeting place used by multiple Masonic lodges and other local groups. It offers hall space, a kitchen, parking and accessible facilities, and is hired out for events, meetings, social functions, and charitable gatherings. Because it provides one of only a few flexible, affordable shared venues in the area, supports regular community, cultural, charitable and social activity, and is well used, its retention is important.

5. The Recreation Rooms

Address: Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2NZ



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The Recreation Rooms is a flexible, well-equipped local hall serving Linslade and surrounding areas. It offers a large open space with kitchen, toilets, a reception area, free parking nearby, and can cater for events, clubs, children's parties, fitness and arts groups.

6. Linslade Memorial Pavilion

Address: Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2NZ



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Linslade Memorial Pavilion is a modest village-scale hall set within the Memorial Playing Fields & Garden of Remembrance on Mentmore Road. It includes a main function hall, a small kitchen, toilets, tables and chairs, parking, and is used by local clubs, groups and for private hire. Because it gives affordable, accessible space for small-scale gatherings, sports, memorial functions, children's use, and community events, it plays a vital role in everyday local life.

7. Community Hall, Hornbeam Close

Address: Hornbeam Close, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3FE



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The Community Hall on Hornbeam Close is a local, accessible space used for nurseries, community events, family-focused activities and social hire. It provides a hall venue in a residential area, supporting early years services (e.g. Ashbourne Day Nurseries) and hosting community gatherings. It offers affordable local facilities, reduces travel for community users, and serves everyday needs in that neighbourhood.

8. Meadow Way Community Association

Address: Meadow Way, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3XS



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Meadow Way Community Centre is a grassroots hub for the Meadow Way estate, offering space and services that address everyday local needs. It runs a café, a warm space during daytime, youth & children's groups, a Mother & Toddler group, and hires out its hall for community and educational activities. The community centre helps reduce isolation, supports vulnerable people, and strengthens community resilience.

9. Astral Park Community Centre

Address: Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 4TP



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Astral Park Sports & Community Centre is a modern, accessible facility located in the Sandhills/Astral Park area, south of Leighton Buzzard. It offers a large function hall, kitchenette, toilets, outdoor pitches, changing rooms and ample parking. It plays a vital role for sports clubs, community and private events, training, family functions, and casual gatherings. It delivers flexible, affordable space close to where people live, supports physical and social wellbeing, reduces travel, and is one of the few venues that combines indoor and outdoor provision.

10. Pages Park Pavilion

Address: Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 4RD



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Pages Park Pavilion is a refurbished, accessible community hall situated in Pages Park with surrounding open spaces, play-areas, sports courts and gardens. It has a large hall, kitchen, toilets, parking, and can be hired for private functions, by clubs, and by groups (including those working with people with SEND). It offers a well-maintained, affordable, local venue for social, recreational and cultural use; serves a wide cross-section of residents; has recently been improved with investment (new kitchen, lighting, pathways, security, car park) to enhance usability; and acts as a community hub in a large green space, and is a vital piece of local infrastructure.

11. Brooklands Club

Address: Garden Leys, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3PQ



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Brooklands Residents Club is a key local social & community venue serving the Brooklands estate and nearby neighbourhoods. It's operated by the Residents Association as a charity, providing hall / function room hire, a members' bar, regular events (live music, quizzes, etc.), and space for clubs & informal community use. It offers affordable, accessible shared space where residents can meet, socialise, hold private or community events, and is one of the few sizeable halls in this side of town. It supports social cohesion, provides valuable amenity for neighbours, and functions as a community hub.

12. Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre

Address: Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2AF



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Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre is a major facility offering a wide range of sport, fitness and wellbeing services: two swimming pools (including a 25-metre main pool and a teaching pool), a 70-station gym, group exercise studios, sports hall, squash courts and café. It serves not just as a place to exercise, but as a local hub for health, social interaction and accessible recreation and plays a vital role in the quality of life for residents across Leighton Linlade.

13. TACTIC Centre

Address: Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 1EZ



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The TACTIC Centre (Teenage Advice & Information Centre) is a specialist youth service for 12- to 19-year-olds in Leighton Buzzard, Linslade and nearby villages. It offers free advice and support on education, career guidance, relationships, sexual health, and emotional wellbeing. It also provides a drop-in social space, quiet/study areas, PCs and WiFi, and runs workshops, holiday activities, mentoring, and sessions for young people with additional needs. It is one of the few youth-specific facilities in the town centre, offering free, confidential, and accessible support and meeting space, its presence mitigates isolation, supports mental health, helps keep young people engaged and connected, and eases pressures on other services.

14. Youth Club (Gilbert Inglefield Academy)

Address: Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3FU



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Leighton Buzzard Youth Club is a dedicated drop-in facility for young people (roughly age 12-18), located next to Gilbert Inglefield Middle School. It offers structured weekly sessions, safe social space, support, recreational and educational activities, and is run by the youth support service (Children's Society) with accessibility for those with additional needs. It is one of the few free or low-cost youth-specific venues close to home, it helps young people stay engaged, offers vital peer contact and supervision, reduces risk of isolation or harmful behaviour, and supports emotional and social wellbeing.

15. Children's Centre

Address: In the Grounds of The Rushmere Park Academy, East Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1EW



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Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre serves families and children aged 0-5. It offers development and play sessions, advice & support for parents, including for those with children who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), breastfeeding advice, parenting courses, and events like second-hand uniform fairs. It is one of the few free or low-cost early years / family hubs in the area and plays a crucial role in early child development, parental support, reducing isolation, improving health outcomes, and laying foundations for later learning. The Centre is well-used, trusted, and embedded in the local community.

16. Library

Address: Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1RX



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Leighton Buzzard Library is the town's main public library, located centrally and accessible by foot, bus and car. It offers book lending, free computer access, "stay & play" for babies/toddlers, warm-spaces in winter, study areas, and community information services. The Library provides free or low-cost access to learning, literacy, information, social support, and a safe public space, especially for families, students, the elderly, and those who may be digitally excluded.

17. Riverside Centre

Address: Bridge Street, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1AL



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The Riverside Centre is a local adult education and community hub, hosting courses, meetings, drop-in sessions and partner-run activities. Its rooms are used by a range of community groups, for informal learning, social well-being, and providing vital services close to town for people who may find travel difficult. The centre delivers affordable, accessible space for lifelong learning, social connection and local support, it is centrally located and well-used and highly valued.