

Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this consultation. We will keep the information confidential and store it securely, in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#) online or contact us for a printed version.

If you have questions, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Printed survey

Place

The Local Plan will aim to protect key environmental and heritage assets in Buckinghamshire, to assist in the regeneration of town and local centres and set out how much new development will be built in Buckinghamshire and where it will be located.

1. What do you most value about where you live?

Please select your top 3 options in order of preference (where 1 is what you most value).

	Please tick one option per column		
	1	2	3
Belonging to a local community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Countryside / wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good local facilities (e.g. pub, shops, GP surgery, village hall, playground)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good transport links (e.g. close to train stations or main roads, cycling or walking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic buildings / areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quiet / isolated community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have any other comments about what you value about where you live, please tell us here:

TAPLOW IS A DISTINCT RURAL AREA SURROUNDED BY DENSE URBAN AREAS. THIS DISTINCTION IS MOST IMPORTANT ACROSS A RANGE OF FACTORS.

Homes

We want to hear your views on what makes a good neighbourhood, what types of locations could be suitable for new development and how the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire can help meet the needs for different types of homes. This includes homes for older people, key workers and affordable housing. In parts of Buckinghamshire, homes are very expensive and well out of the reach of young people wanting to set out in life.

About 550,000 people live in Buckinghamshire. By 2040, the county is likely to need around 55,000 more new homes (based on latest estimates). Some of these already have planning permission or are already planned for in existing Local Plans (28,000). This leaves about 27,000 to be built.

2. Do you think you will want / or need to move into a new home in the next five years?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No (go to question 5)
- I don't know (go to question 5)

5. In the future we need to build many more new homes in Buckinghamshire. What do you think are the best locations for new homes?

Please select your top 3 in order of preference (where 1 is the best location).

Please tick one option per column

	1	2	3
Close to a main town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to a town / village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In new towns / villages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Land which has been previously built on (brownfield site)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within existing towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within existing villages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Other', please give details here:

Social housing

There are around 5,000 households on the Council's housing waiting list (Bucks Home Choice Register).

6. On a scale of 1 to 10, should the Council identify sufficient additional new homes to clear our housing waiting list?

Where 1 is 'No additional development to accommodate the full housing waiting list' and 10 is 'Enough additional development to meet the full housing waiting list'.

No additional development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Enough additional development	I don't know
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Key workers

Health, education and other key services in the county are experiencing problems because many key workers can't afford to live close to where they work.

7. On a scale of 1 to 10, do you agree that the Council should make provisions to build additional new homes for key sector workers in Buckinghamshire?

Where 1 is 'No additional development to accommodate key worker housing needs' and 10 is 'Enough additional development for key worker housing to ease staffing issues across health, education, emergency services and other key sectors in Buckinghamshire'.

No additional development										Enough additional development	I don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Nature

Preparing a Local Plan is difficult. Much of Buckinghamshire is green belt, at risk of flooding or of great landscape and environmental value.

When looking at how to meet the need for new development and infrastructure we will need to acknowledge the importance of the special qualities of Buckinghamshire's towns, villages and countryside.

With the beautiful countryside, rich wildlife and historic buildings and the Green Belt in Buckinghamshire, there is much to protect.

8. What improvements to the natural environment would you like to see in your area?

(Select all that apply)

- Community orchards
- Improve air quality
- Linking pathways and natural environments
- More green spaces
- More ponds
- Noise reduction
- Sustainable building materials and designs
- Tree planting
- Other (please give details below):

Work and activity

Buckinghamshire has a strong local economy with many companies in growing businesses such as film-making, media, precision engineering and high tech manufacturing. COVID 19 has affected our shops, services and town centres.

The Local Plan will need to look at the future needs of local businesses and communities, and how we can help our town centres.

9. What are your views on supporting the local economy?

Please select your top 3 in order of preference (where 1 is your top preference).

Please tick one option per column

	1	2	3
Having employment sites which are easy to get to using public transport, walking and cycling, as well as by car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land / sites for new infrastructure like roads, utility services, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Land / sites for new jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting existing employment sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Other', please give details here:

Climate change

Climate change is having an impact on everyone's life now and into the future. The new Local Plan needs to take a comprehensive approach to this and ensure that development plays its part in reaching carbon net zero targets. There are many aspects to this. Flooding is a serious problem in parts of the county, and there can be poor air quality in some towns and villages close to motorways and busier roads.

Better building design and sustainable construction techniques need to be part of this future, and we need to provide more green spaces, trees and land for wildlife. New green and blue infrastructure can have multiple benefits for local health and the environment.

There are internationally important areas in Bucks such as the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Burnham Beeches. More locally there are nature reserves, country parks and other land for wildlife.

New development needs to protect and enhance biodiversity in Buckinghamshire.

10. The policies we include in a Local Plan for Buckinghamshire could help to mitigate climate change. How important do you think each of these is to mitigate the impacts of climate change and reduce our carbon footprint?

Please select your top 3 in order of preference (where 1 is your top preference).

Please tick one option per column

	1	2	3
Better facilities for cycling and walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low carbon heating systems and energy efficiency measures in new buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
More facilities for electric vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More green spaces and tree planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-site renewable energy generation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting areas from flood risk and avoiding new building in high risk flood zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable building materials and designs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tighter water efficiency standards in new buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Other', please give details here:

Infrastructure

The Local Plan will need to look at the needs for supporting infrastructure like schools, health facilities, play space and roads.

The way we travel has a major impact on health, local communities, businesses and climate change. Technological change is moving fast in transport and over the lifetime of the Local Plan we can expect an increase in electric cars and new low-carbon modes.

Better support for walking, cycling, buses and rail will be needed as well as increased capacity alongside new development. Many local roads and motorways are already congested and we need comprehensive solutions for the way we travel and to encourage changes in behaviour.

11. What sort of new infrastructure will we need to plan for?

Please select your top 3 in order of preference (where 1 is what we most need to plan for).

	Please tick one option per column		
	1	2	3
Cycle lanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for disabled people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power / water generation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools – primary and secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Village halls / community buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If 'Other', please give details here:

--

Buckinghamshire-wide strategic issues

12. Thinking about Buckinghamshire as a whole, the challenge of accommodating the need for new homes and other development, the importance of infrastructure, the challenges of climate change and the need to protect the environment, what do you think are the top three priorities we need to focus on?

Priority 1:

ESTABLISHING REALISTIC HOUSING TARGETS

Priority 2:

RECOGNISING THE OVERLOADED ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN LIMITING DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

Priority 3:

A MORE REMIIVE COMMITMENT TO GREEN BELT PROTECTION THAN IS CURRENTLY THE CASE

13. Should the Local Plan contain anything else?

Please tell us here: