

Leighton-Linslade Partnership Project List

The below aspirations were adopted by Leighton-Linslade Town Council at its meeting held on 30 September 2019, or were contained within Big Plan II – the parish plan for 2011-2017, adopted by Council on 18 April 2011.

	Description	Source	Comment January 2020
Culture, Heritage & Tourism			
1	Cultural and community facility	Council resolution 30/9/2019 & Big Plan II 2010	This is a long term aspiration which might come forward in plans for future development of land south of the High Street. Big Plan II contained an aspiration for a better venue for Arts & Drama and a conference room.
2	Soft play facility	Council resolution 30/9/2019	A soft play facility of sufficient size to be useable by a wide range of age groups or needs requires a building of suitable size and height, ideally in an easily accessible location or with car parking. To date no such location has come forward.
3	Town centre and retail improvements	Big Plan II 2010	Work with partners to implement the 2012 Development Brief for the south side of the High Street and specifically, to attract retailers that the town lacks and increase local employment opportunities. LLTC has asked CBC to present an action plan for development of the south side in Feb 2020.
4	Utilise the town's waterfronts for a recreational development and support inclusion of a small canal boat marina/quay	Big Plan II 2010	2012 Development Brief for land at Bridge Meadow but land not in local authority ownership. Potential for marina development by A505.
5	Continue to promote improvements to available hotel accommodation.	Big Plan II 2010	The Swan Hotel refurbished and reopened in 2011. Possibility of hotel inclusion on land south of the High Street development.
6	Provision of a Tourist Information Centre in the town centre.	Big Plan II 2010	Interim solutions include leaflet racks at Library and multi-storey car park. Town centre free WiFi launched 2020 will provide visitors with fast and free access to information.
Social Infrastructure			
7	Improved accommodation for TACTIC	Council resolution 30/9/2019	The Hockliffe Street building, although centrally located, is suitable for limited uses.
8	Vandyke Road youth club	Council resolution 30/9/2019	This facility is owned and managed by Central Bedfordshire Council. However, the Town Council continues to review services for young people within the parish through its Teenage Advice and Information Centre.
9	Additional cemetery land	Council resolution 30/9/2019 & Big Plan II 2010	The Town Council has investigated and considered a number of options for increasing its burial capacity. Land allocated for this purpose in the planning applications for the eastern urban extension are not within the parish boundary & its suitability for this purpose is not known.

10	Ensure police resources deployed locally keep pace with the town's population.	Big Plan II 2010	Operational policing decisions rest with the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police. The Town Council's community safety budget and Operation Dodford framework agreement provide a mechanism for ongoing communications with the Police.
11	Continue to support the implementation of flood protection measures for Clipstone Brook.	Big Plan II 2010	Measures implemented by the Environment Agency and flood risk has been downgraded. Situation to be monitored, particularly given the development on land east of the town.
12	Support the provision of local school facilities	Big Plan II 2010	Central Bedfordshire Council has statutory responsibility and is developing a Schools For the Future programme. Potential change from 3-tier to 2-tier school system under consultation.
13	Ensure the Children's Centre on Vandyke Rd is expanded to cope with demand.	Big Plan II 2010	This rests with Central Bedfordshire Council. LLTC supports a number of initiatives for young children including offering subsidised facilities to the Mentmore Under Fives Playgroup and the Pages Play Café.
14	Employment land on eastern urban extension	Big Plan II 2010	Big Plan states aspirations to: a) Ensure that designated employment land on the plans for East of L-L will use local apprentices who have been unable to find work; b) secure mixed use commercial/industrial/office development; c) provide starter units for small businesses. Whilst land has been designated for employment uses, these aspirations will be dependent upon market forces and third parties.
15	Support evolution of the town library as a community facility offering a range of services	Big Plan II 2010	This rests with Central Bedfordshire Council which has responsibility for the Library service.
16	Ensure land is set aside in major developments for future community needs such as leisure & recreation.	Big Plan II 2010	Ongoing through the planning process.
17	Ensure social and community infrastructure is available in first phase of future developments.	Big Plan II 2010	S.106 developer contributions determined and trigger points set by Central Bedfordshire Council.
18	Ensure any Central Bedfordshire planning strategy incorporates many of the Big Plan requirements deemed essential for future growth.	Big Plan II 2010	LLTC continues to review and comment upon emerging Central Bedfordshire planning strategy and has made representations in respect of the draft Local Plan. Big Plan II outlines proposals for the provision of community facilities including shops, healthcare facilities, bus stops, play areas & other recreational opportunities, as well as supporting sustainability in terms of energy and transport.
Green Infrastructure, Sports & Leisure			
19	Skate park improvements	Council resolution 30/9/2019	The current skate park is nearing the end of its useful life. Being located on a flood plain, options for its replacement are limited. Demand for this facility needs to be ascertained and options explored.

20	Additional allotment land	Council resolution 30/9/2019 & Big Plan II 2010	The Town Council currently has minimal waiting lists but will assess likely future demand.
21	Leighton-Linslade Green Wheel	Council resolution 30/9/2019 & Big Plan II 2010	A long term partnership ambition through the Ouzel Valley Park Steering Group, the revised Green Wheel Masterplan is currently under consultation. LLTC purchased Peace Meadow to secure this green space.
22	Restoration of Henry Finch Memorial Fountain in Linslade Recreation Ground	Council resolution 30/9/2019	External funding was sought as part of the 2018/19 improvement programme for Linslade Recreation Ground, but was unsuccessful.
23	Secure a new leisure centre as part of the development to the East of the town	Big Plan II 2010	The Principal Authority through its Leisure Strategy is working toward the delivery of a commensurate level of appropriate facilities sufficient to meet existing and future need.
24	Provision of clubhouse and launching site for Canoe Club	Big Plan II 2010	No suitable site or funding has as yet been identified.
25	Continue to search for a suitable site for a club quality athletics track & facilities	Big Plan II 2010	The Principal Authority by way of its Leisure Strategy is aware of this aspiration. Any future leisure centre site should where possible include provision for athletics.
26	Consider potential for a woodland cemetery, adventure play area, campsite & parking at Rushmere Country Park.	Big Plan II 2010	Central Bedfordshire Council and The Greensand Trust co own and manage the site. LLTC input through Rushmere Parishes Group and Ouzel Valley Park Steering Group. Car parking extension completed and play provision continues to develop.
27	Continue to restore sand pits in and around town to public open space.	Big Plan II 2010	Central Bedfordshire Council liaises with quarry operators and land owners on this. LLTC kept advised as part of the Sandpit Steering Group which meets on a quarterly basis.
28	Continue to promote greening and wildflower planting.	Big Plan II 2010	LLTC has a service level agreement with South Bedfordshire Friends of the Earth which includes the management of several wildflower and bee friendly sites on LLTC owned land.
Sustainability			
29	Recycling of cups and glasses at events	Council resolution 30/9/2019	The Town Council will encourage traders and suppliers at its events to move towards more sustainable options in line with the Council's environmental ambitions.
30	Support development of a small wind farm close to the town to supply a proportion of local electricity needs.	Big Plan II 2010	One wind turbine established; second proposed. Solar farm now operating just outside the Parish.
31	Promote renewable energy and sustainable living to residents.	Big Plan II 2010	LLTC seeks to promote activities undertaken by local groups in respect of sustainability and in 2019 adopted a set of environmental ambitions.
32	Campaign for improvements in bus services and community transport services	Big Plan II 2010	Ongoing through groups such as the Southern development Exemplar steering group.

33	Consider a park and stride scheme for rail commuters.	Big Plan II 2010	The Strategic Transport Team at Central Bedfordshire Council is aware of the added value a park and stride facility would bring to the parish and is seeking ways to try and realise this.
34	Continued investment in the Cycling network & encouragement of increased cycling	Big Plan II 2010	The Plan contains aims such as creation of new routes, promotion of cycling, safer routes to schools, school travel plans, maintaining an up to date map of local cycle routes. Central Bedfordshire Council is now appointing a designated Cycling Officer for the area.
Health and Social Care			
35	Healthcare provision	Big Plan II 2010	The Plan outlines the wish for a community hospital and an increase in the number and capacity of GP Practices to keep apace with the town's growing population. The CBC East of Leighton Linslade Framework Plan identifies land for potential healthcare facilities and the 2015 CBC Infrastructure Plan identifies a project cost for a GP surgery. The size and location of said facility is the subject of on-going work by delivery partners. The Framework Plan also makes reference to the Big Plan and its successor document. LLTC has formed a Health Services Task and Finish Group to encourage progression of healthcare provision proposals to meet the ever-growing needs of the town and its surrounding area. Once the group has agreed its objectives, these will then be shared with the relevant delivery partners. The future provision of a healthcare facility/hub has been an agenda item on previous Partnership Committee meetings and remains a town wide priority.

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