

Workshop 1: Infrastructure for Sustainable Communities

Neighbourhood Area / Parish = Old Town and Lawn

Infrastructure Strengths	Infrastructure Weaknesses	Suggested Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted as a general point at the start of the discussion that existing developments in this area are already making contributions to improving infrastructure facilities through 106 agreements. • Green spaces were highlighted as a positive strength in the area serving the residents well and providing good links for wildlife in the area as well. • The area was also indicated to be well served by leisure shopping / district centre facilities. • There was discussion regard the areas cultural assets and the role that they play, although it was highlighted that the proposal is to concentrate upon the cultural quarter in the town centre. There could however be links towards this area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport links in the area are generally congested and constrain movement with and through the area. • Parking for the many employment uses in the area was highlighted as an issue. <p><i>Borough wide issue</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst applicable to this neighbourhood it is something that was highlighted as an issue throughout the whole borough – the provision of Fire and Rescue Services. There are going to be major challenges to provide the same level of service for the additional 100,000 people and 1,000 jobs. • The existing three stations are at full stretch and more are going to be needed. This is currently anticipated to be at least one in connection with the EDA and possible and additional facility to the north. This detailed assessment of this is currently being worked through, but closer dialogue is required with the planning authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group suggested that the area was currently high in density with not many gaps or areas for infill on brownfield or greenfield land. • Improvements to the connectivity, which it is understood is currently being examined as part of the transport strategy. • Suggested expansion of park and ride facilities in and around the area to remove the need for cars to travel that last mile in to the town centre. • Higher density parking for employment uses in the area was mooted as a potential way to create development space. • Possible need to identify areas of deficit and service needs for the fire and rescue service. A consultant has already been employed with regard to this and discussions need to be ongoing. • Possible greater emphasis upon the fire and rescue service within the levy and tariff system that is already in place.

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Neighbourhood Area / Parish = Highworth

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area was described by the group as a small town and community. Rising ground levels around so opportunities for expansion of the area were considered to be limited. • The services and facilities were understood to good • The schools were also highlighted as being good, although many pupils take busses over longer distances to attend them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the major weaknesses of the area, even though it is surrounded by countryside was access to green spaces as the urban area is such high density. • The area does not have a police station of presence and as a result there are issues of antisocial behaviour in the area. A school has been burn down and there are issues of general crime. • There is also a general issue of Fire and Rescue access and the time that it takes to access this area, which highlights transport linkages and highlights the general comments made with regard to Old Town. A life has recently been lost to fire potentially as a result. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential agreements of rights to access the surrounding countryside. • Possible redevelopments to include wider open space provision. • The issues of crime and fire safety were discussed and there were a number of suggestions for improvements or infrastructure that is required to resolve this issue. These were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A drop in centre • Satellite centre or arm of the police and fire and rescue • Multi agency community approach joined up thinking • Improving emergency access to the area

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group briefly discussed the Parish of Inglesham, however it was considered by the group that there were few issues to highlight.• They described the Parish as rural hinterland, with little development potential. The area is largely a through route and is located within the flood plain.• It was noted that there is a good restaurant in the village.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None identified.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="188 571 792 743">• The group identified that area as rural hinterland, which is situated in the AONB. The group suggested that Liddington was a country village, although was reasonably well catered for with shops.<li data-bbox="188 785 792 919">• The group suggested that the area has low development potential, although some development may arise as a result of the EDA to the north.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="817 571 1422 743">• The only real weakness that was identified was the future development of the EDA to the north which may place added pressure on area for services, shops and recreational purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1444 571 1697 600">• None identified.

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Neighbourhood Area / Parish = Stanton Fitzwarren

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group identified the Parish as being formed of a small rural village together with a country park, hotel, crematorium and part of an industrial park.• The area has good transport links, although walking and cycling to the area was highlighted as a weakness.• Open space and woodland area is well provided, although there are issues of accessibility and links between them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a lack of a pedestrian link and cycle link to the main urban area, which is also made more difficult by the barrier of the A417.• Links and access to the Country Park were also criticised, including bus services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The development of footpath and cycle access to the Parish was highlighted. Linking this through the Country Park was also suggested to improve links in the area.• Linking the areas of semi-natural woodland in the area, to develop wildlife and species links.