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## AYLESBURY GARDEN TOWN DRAFT MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is this all about?

Aylesbury was granted Garden Town status by the government in 2017, because it is recognised as one of the key areas for growth in the UK, with just over 16,000 new homes planned. The status provides support to better plan and develop this housing growth.

The Aylesbury Garden Town (AGT) programme is being led by a partnership of Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council, and two Local Enterprise Partnerships - Buckinghamshire and South East Midlands - with the support of government housing body, Homes England. Following lengthy engagement with local residents and businesses, along with key stakeholders, partners and community groups, we have developed a *Vision* setting out how Aylesbury will evolve as a Garden Town through to 2050. We have also drafted a Masterplan to show how the Vision can be implemented and what can potentially be achieved over the next 30 years, to ensure Aylesbury is a place we can all be proud of.

We are now asking everyone for their views on the Draft Masterplan through a public consultation.

#### Doesn't the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) include proposals for the future of Aylesbury?

Yes and the AGT Masterplan will adhere to the policies set out in the VALP.

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### **What is the difference between the VALP and the AGT Masterplan?**

The VALP is the statutory plan (required by law) for the whole of the district of Aylesbury Vale, covering the period through to 2033. It sets out how the district will accommodate national housing growth demand and encourage more investment, employment and opportunity, thus enabling Aylesbury Vale to thrive. It meets the need for 28,600 new homes in the Vale by 2033, over half of which are either already built or have planning permission. The policies in the VALP identify Aylesbury as a Garden Town and recognise the key role that the town will play as the county town for Buckinghamshire and a focus for economic growth and development.

The VALP was submitted for examination in February 2018, following extensive public consultation and involvement. Following the examination hearings in July 2018, the plan has reached the next key stage in the process during 2019, which has been to assess the public comments received on the main modifications proposed as part of the hearings. An independent planning inspector will then make a final decision and if the plan is deemed to be sound it will be adopted by the local authority.

The AGT Masterplan will provide further guidance in relation to the policies contained in the VALP and looks beyond the period of the local plan (2033), identifying further opportunities and aspirations, setting out clear ambitions and an identity for the Garden Town to 2050. The Masterplan is not a statutory plan, but will become council policy. It will therefore be used to inform wider local authority decision making on implementing the aspirations for Aylesbury and act as a promotional document for future funding bids.

### **What does the Draft Masterplan contain?**

Each chapter of the Draft Masterplan deals with a different aspect of the Vision, including green and blue infrastructure, movement, economic and social objectives, local centres, sustainability and neighbourhood design. Aims and objectives are set out for each of these topics. In addition, a range of projects are identified to help deliver these aims and objectives. The various topics (or layers) come together to create a comprehensive plan for Aylesbury Garden Town.

### **When is the public consultation?**

The public consultation will run from Monday 6 January through to 5pm, Friday 14 February, 2020.

### **Where can I get a copy of the Draft Masterplan?**

You can visit our website and download a copy of the Draft Masterplan. Hard copies of the document are also in libraries across Aylesbury Vale and in the reception area of the offices of Aylesbury Town Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council. Please follow the link to our website as follows:

[www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk/masterplan](http://www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk/masterplan)

### I have a disability – can you provide the Draft Masterplan in alternative formats?

Yes, we can supply a large print version of the Draft Masterplan, or a USB stick with the document on it. Please contact us to discuss your needs on 01296 585279, or [contactus@aylesburygardentown.co.uk](mailto:contactus@aylesburygardentown.co.uk)

### Can I speak to someone directly?

Yes, we are holding a series of roadshow events across Aylesbury throughout January.

These will be held on:

- Wednesday 8 January at Stoke Mandeville Olympic Lodge Room 3, HP21 9PP, 6pm to 8pm
- Monday 13 January at The Aylesbury Vale Academy Primary, HP18 OFG, 6pm to 8pm
- Wednesday 15 January at The Church on Fairford Leys, HP19 7HT, 6.30pm to 8pm
- Thursday 16 January at the Healthy Living Centre, HP21 8TJ, 9am to noon
- Tuesday 21 January at The Oculus at The Gateway, HP19 8FF, AVDC, 4pm to 8pm
- Thursday 23 January, Weston Turville Village Hall, HP22 5RW, 6pm to 8pm
- Monday 27 January at The Canal Side, HP20 1AP, 6pm to 8pm
- Monday 29 January at Watermead Village Hall, HP19 OFU, 6pm to 8pm

We will also be exhibiting in Hale Leys Shopping Centre, in Aylesbury, in January so keep an eye out for us!

### How do I provide feedback?

By completing the survey - this is how you let us know your thoughts and opinions. There are questions covering the aims and ambitions and a range of topics from housing, jobs and transport. You don't have to respond to every question, but please answer as many as you can. This will help us capture a clearer picture of the place that you would like Aylesbury to be in the future. The survey can be [accessed here](#).

Or you can email your comments to [contactus@aylesburygardentown.co.uk](mailto:contactus@aylesburygardentown.co.uk)

Or you can write to us at Aylesbury Garden Town, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP19 8FF.

The deadline for comments is 5pm on Friday 14 February.

