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Work begins on the ambitious masterplan for the future of Aylesbury Garden Town

Work has begun on the masterplan that will provide the framework for the future of Aylesbury Garden Town through to 2050. Following a highly competitive tender process, Alan Baxter Ltd has been selected by the Programme Team to work alongside them on the project. Alan Baxter is a design consultancy specialising in urban and conservation services and has wide-ranging experience of the government's Garden Villages, Towns and Cities programme. This includes work on Ebbsfleet Garden City and the award winning Loftus Garden Village in South Wales.

The masterplan will help define what makes Aylesbury Garden Town special, providing design guidance and also setting out how physical and social infrastructure can be delivered in an innovative way, to help create an environment that's both sustainable and desirable. Community input is crucial and the team will draw on feedback that's been received from local residents, via on-going engagement sessions and through the Aylesbury Garden Town website. They will also be working closely with key partners and agencies, such as the NHS and local business groups, to put together the framework and associated delivery plan.

Cllr Angela Macpherson, the new Chair of Aylesbury Garden Town Delivery Board said, "Receiving Garden Town Status from the government has given Aylesbury a fantastic opportunity to do something new and different. Innovations in transport, building techniques and smart technology are all being considered as we look ahead to 2050. Community ownership is also a focus for the future and we want to hear from as many people as possible about what they'd like to see. The masterplanners will then work with us to help make the vision a reality, ensuring that Aylesbury Garden Town is a great place to live, work and visit."

Clare Coats from Alan Baxter Ltd commented, "We are excited to be working with the Aylesbury Garden Town Programme Team on this important project and look forward to meeting with local stakeholders, community representatives and the wider public, to ensure the vision for the Garden Town reflects their views and aspirations."

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A draft of the masterplan is due to go to public consultation next spring, with the final version expected by the summer. More information about Aylesbury Garden Town can be found at aylesburygardentown.co.uk

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