



Haddenham focus

*If you don't know where you're going,
you'll probably end up somewhere else*
(Lewis Carroll)

*The Parish Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Haddenham;
a community-led framework for guiding the future development,
regeneration and conservation of the village.*

A beehive: active and dynamic with shared purpose and direction

The plan will contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area, potentially providing new facilities, and allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development, as well as dealing with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues such as housing, employment, heritage and transport.

To inform the Plan, a Vision Workshop was held in August to start a conversation about what we value about the village as well what changes we fear and opportunities we welcome. This document presents some of the findings of the Workshop including thinking about Haddenham "now" and an "ideal" Haddenham in 2030.



Whilst impossible to tell the future, there are a number of trends that are generally held to be likely, such as the UK's population continuing to grow and get older. There are many more things that we understand less well, such as the future balance the age groups, the cost of living, what kinds of jobs our children and grandchildren will have. But by discussing these "uncertainties" in the context of the more likely trends we can

begin to gain some insight into what is most important to us as a community and begin to get an idea about some of the decisions that we can take now that will help us develop the characteristics we value. To inform the debate, please contact the Neighbourhood Plan team.

Opportunities from now to 2030

As the village grows and changes, there are opportunities to improve a range of areas of interest and concern such as: the local business environment; housing stock; the shops and services supporting the community; and to create jobs. Initiatives to help the village achieve the preferred characteristics of a 2030 Haddenham may include:

The Hub - Redevelop the community centre of the village to create a high quality, well-designed, and user friendly "hub" that combines essential village services for all ages and a platform for the many volunteer groups. Flexible use of space will help foster a vibrant, connected village and promote the strong community spirit that is so valued by residents. Community bus to link edges of village to centre and public transportation.

Enterprise kick-start - Roll out high speed, fibre optic broadband across the village; encourage mentoring opportunities for knowledge and skills exchange from young to old and old to young and across different disciplines to develop stronger and more innovative businesses; self-sustaining opportunities for local craftsmen and business people including shared space/ services and support for home-working.

Housing - A broader range of property types, configurations and ownership options and improved choice for those wishing to downsize and remain in the village. Housing that is high quality, varied, and low/zero carbon, with a good mix of "green and blue" spaces.

A Centre for the Arts – develop and promote Haddenham as a centre for the arts, building on the large number of participants in the Bucks Open Studios initiative.

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VISION STATEMENT

The most compelling metaphor for 2030 Haddenham that was proposed at the workshop is that of a beehive – a busy, well-designed, productive and strong community. This resonates strongly with the village's history and with that of the UK more widely.

Strengths

Haddenham is valued as a beautiful, friendly and historic village with a range of housing stock and good transportation links supporting access to good employment opportunities. It has a strong community spirit with a multitude of volunteer groups active across all ages and a range of activities. It has good infrastructure but it is a quiet village with lots of trees and green open spaces; it is welcoming to new-comers with relatively low crime. In addition to the visual appeal of the village's rich heritage community initiatives have raised the profile and reputation of the village make it a destination rather than a thoroughfare village.

Weaknesses

However, there was also a feeling that Haddenham was becoming a "dormitory"/ commuter village and that there were insufficient employment opportunities in the village. Similarly, key facilities are too scattered or located at the outskirts of Haddenham and many are overstretched. There are not enough opportunities for downsizing housing, a host of transportation problems from the (recent) significant limitation of the main bus service to poor road conditions and long-standing parking problems near the train station, and to a lack of safe cycling routes beyond the village boundaries.

Strategic Vision A beehive: active and dynamic with shared purpose and direction. A pleasant and vibrant place to live	A village spirit	Retain a village focus	Sustainable development	A zero carbon village	Opportunities for all ages and abilities	Maximise the benefits of technology
Village Profile	Mixed and varied population, age and incomes. Become a centre of excellence for something that draws people into the village.	Redevelop the Village Hall and old Medical centre site to provide a thriving village hub. Encourage redevelopment of Banks Parade area.	Development within the village bounds and commutable through a range of transport means and routes between residential and community sites	Discourage development of a 'dormitory' village	Promote and empower individuals and groups of people to benefit the village and its population (library, fish scheme, gardening or decorating scheme)	Encourage media-enabled community facilities (i.e. booking a meeting space on line, finding out what's on and maximising intra-village communication)
Housing and Development	Mixed homes with good architectural design and character. Discourage bungalow conversions and plot sub-division.	Ensure new development(s) support the "character" of the village, have a connection to the village centre and meet defined principles of development	Meet Vale of Aylesbury Plan requirement (100 new homes) and village priorities (inc burial space)	Update village facilities to minimise energy consumption. Demand high specification / low impact housing stock; retain green and blue space.	Encourage housing development for all ages including starter, family & retirement housing	Tech provision to facilitate supported and independent living for an ageing population
Retail, Business and Jobs	Support employment in existing industrial / commercial 'hub' areas. Investigate a village currency.	Encourage local shops and businesses. Redevelop the village "hub" to offer retail space and increase attractiveness.	Encourage jobs for village people and the exploitation of existing micro (home-based) businesses.	Encourage car sharing and alternative transport for business travellers. Demand high environmental standards from village businesses	Develop mentoring schemes and facilities for start-up businesses	Support high-speed broadband provision
Sports, Recreation and Leisure	Develop a plan for coherent sport and recreation provision between the playing field and airfield sites	Village hall site to remain and utilised to the full. Include community facilities / art and display facilities in a redeveloped village hub	Develop and support clubs, amenities and facilities to meet an evolving population. Evolve as a focus / centre of excellence for the Arts.	Extend sport, recreation and leisure in the village to minimise commuting to clubs and organisations	Explore commercial opportunities to extend sports and leisure facilities (swimming pool and/or gym)	Maximise access to community computer and internet facilities.
Transport and Getting Around	Investigate opportunities for a community bus	Access to village facilities through a range of transport means	Develop cycle and walking routes in the area – inc linking community and recreational facilities	Review traffic management and options for multi-use areas, limiting speeding and reducing congestion	Support bus routes / maintain bus stops	Maximise technology utilisation to reduce travel requirements
Health, wellbeing and Social Care	Support village activities (fete, beer festivals, Vale Harvest, café plus etc) to engender a community spirit	Encourage use of village medical and dental facilities. Support development of a health 'hub' and spiritual hub.	Encourage opportunities to follow a healthy and active lifestyle, inc safe walking and cycling, trim trail, and local fresh produce.	Maximise availability of social and health facilities in the village. Day Centre, visiting practitioners	Encourage opportunities for development of physical wellbeing and spiritual health	Encourage electronic management of community facilities to facilitate coordinated and efficient use
Children and Young People, Education and Schools	Develop a plan for development of children's play areas around the village	Encourage development of an efficient education infrastructure in the village centre	Ensure that there is sufficient high quality school and extra-curricular provision to meet the needs of village children	Work with the schools to manage drop-off / pick-up times and places. Encourage car-sharing non-car drop off schemes.	Support opportunities for an ageing population, inc U3A, WEA	Support engagement of young people in village activity through social media.