STOTFOLD TOWN PLAN – MONITORING SHEETS TOWN PLAN ACTION IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (IG)

Stotfold Town Plan Action Implementation Group was set by Stotfold Town Council in 2010. The Group advises and works alongside the Town Council.

NUMBERED SECTIONS CORRESPONDING WITH RECOMMENDATION TABLES/APPROPRIATE PAGES IN THE FULL TOWN PLAN. REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THIS WHEN MONITORING ACTIONS

Tick when done	ACTIONS	WHO	NOTES – to include priority/timescale, date started, progress, further action
	INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY 1.1 Invite interested residents to join task groups set up by the main Action Plan Implementation Group	STC IG	 Advertised through Stotfold News, local press, TC website. Negative response First meeting of implementation group – 25/11/10 IG/Town Council stand – Festival Fete – 25/06/11 IG info available to residents at Mill events – May/October 2012 and Festival Fete June 2012 Continued participation at Mill events 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and Festival Fete 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019. 2013 Green Wheel Survey: favourite places in Stotfold. Etonbury Green Wheel launch (19th May 2019). 2014: survey with a view to including education as a new section in the Town Plan (same survey publicised in Stotfold News, on Facebook and at Town Council offices). 2015/2016: business survey undertaken.

1.2 Invite residents with specialist knowledge to advise the Action Group/Town Council	 Implementation Group – Farmers Market 15.11.11 Ruth Featherstone – Chair of Central Beds Older Persons Ref. Group – housing issues for the elderly 02/09/14 David & Wendy Osborn (residents) to discuss issues affecting disability scooters, wheelchairs, prams, pushchairs and pedestrians 27.10.16
6. RESPONDENTS	<u>S' HOUSEHOLDS</u> – page 8
To improve Town Council's	s own communication with residents
6.1 Review use of new boards, Fairfield Park and the Land South of Stotfold	Town Council liaising with Residents Association
6.i/iii Updating of Town Council website, including News section	 STC staff Link to Central Beds car sharing website. Details published Stotfold News Jan 2012

6.4 Encourage younger residents to have a section on the Town Council website	 Town Clerk manages Town Council Facebook page New Town Council website goes live July 2019 Nicola King, Aragon Youth Participation Officer has agreed to meet with local youngsters with a view to encouraging participation in local affairs – June 2012
	Members of the Youth Parliament attached to Etonbury Academy to be invited to address the Town Council 2017
7. THE ENVIRO	<u>DNMENT</u> – pages 9 – 12
To reflect residents' high valuation of the rural ch	aracter of the town, its rivers, woodland and green spaces
7.1 Large scale developments should be restricted to brownfield sites	IG Town Plan opposes large scale developments
7.2 Conserve green spaces and open countryside	 Consideration given by IG group to G&T site nominations. Recommendations made to TC Jan/Feb 2013 Roecroft Playing Field – petition signed by 300 residents presented to Central Beds Council – Apri 2015. Ongoing discussions between CBC, Town Council and Academy of Central Bedfordshire as to future of the former Roecroft Lower School Playing
7.3 Protect areas around the River Ivel from development. Existing roads incl. Malthouse Lane (Ford Bridge) should remain as a quiet lane	Field (March 2019) • As a result of Basil Jackson, Assistant Director Highways & Transport, Central Beds Council attending a TC meeting the suggestion that in order to protect the Ford Bridge the following should be considered: - Malthouse Lane is closed either side of Ford Bridge at Centenary Wood and at the Riverside Car Parl points. - Place a Stopping Up Order for the Wrayfields to

		A1M route. Note – above recommendation to be approved by TC 1/12/10 Negotiations still taking place – funding issues 01/06/11) • Replacement Ford Bridge to reflect original design was constructed summer 2014
7.4 Green spaces and planting of trees in furplanning initiatives	ure TEASEL RGPLL Scouts Watch Group	 Tree planting for Diamond Jubilee – Jubilee Wood – Spring 2012 (Woodland Trust) – Millennium Green Community planting of poppy seeds on Millennium Green to commemorate anniversary of World War One Development of Etonbury Wood as part of Green Wheel Project As part of Green Wheel initiative, community orchards at Etonbury Academy, Common Road Allotments (with funding from Eleemosynary Charity of William Field) and at Astwick. Heritage fruit trees have been chosen (2016/2017). Heritage trees planted at Common Road Allotments and Etonbury Wood 2018/2019 Big Tree planting in Etonbury Wood as part of Etonbury Green Wheel (Nov 2016)
7.5 Eventual linking of footpaths, byways, cycle painto Public Rights of Way network	ths RGPLL TEASEL TC	 Seeking input from local cycle groups/forums and enthusiasts on priorities for provision of cycle paths 7 circular walks – website information booklets prepublication Teasel walks leaflets – launch 9 March 2013. Link on TC website Designated shared footway/cycle paths as part of town enhancement (summer 2014) See projected plans for the Etonbury Green Wheel (2017) Old Brewery footpath – application as Public Right of

		Way (Dec 2017) • Etonbury Green Wheel launched 19 th May 2019 • Etonbury Green Wheel – walk leaflet available May 2019
7.6 Recognition of 7.5 by planning officers, environmental groups and landowners		
7.7 Works programme – clearing and linking footpaths, clearer signs, information leaflets and maps. Better access for those with mobility problems		 Making kissing gates accessible to pushchairs/mobility vehicles (Rook Tree Lane, Mill Lane) Footpath Warden appointed: Cllr Mrs Jane Hyde (Jan 2012) now dormant until such time that it is required to re-commence work (May 2014) Work currently being covered by Green Wheel initiative June 2016 – Green Wheel 'Masterplan' revealed Etonbury Green Wheel Masterplan – read minutes (STC website/forward (page 5) of Etonbury Green Wheel Masterplan (2018)
7.8 Ensuring views of Stotfold residents are recognised in all planning initiatives	STC	 Ref: made to Town Plan/aspirations of residents in the TC objection to land use – N of Taylors Road – Dec 2011 Action by TC/IG group (IG meet with developers Taylor Wimpey 10.05.12) has resulted in a lower density housing area, request for playground equipment as researched by TC with local youngsters, suitable planting & consideration for wildlife (toad crossing) April/June 2012
 7.9 Explore funding for improving the environment Making public more aware of environmental issues – responsibility in schools 		 7.5 – 7.9 Stotfold Green Wheel – initial idea promoted IG meeting 02.04.13. Now known as Etonbury Green Wheel and in consultation with CB and BRCC plans to link Arlesey, Fairfield, Astwick, Radwell, Letchworth Garden City by improving footpaths, cycleways and

Resist overdevelopment	creating parkland. Regular meetings held with representatives from all towns/parishes • 7 th May 2013 – meeting with Cliff Andrews (BRCC – Countryside Access) to discuss Green Wheel initiative • Etonbury Green Wheel Consultation on Masterplan – July/Aug 2017
8. BUSINESS AND	EMPLOYMENT - page 13
Growth of small busines	s and need for units and services
8.1/8.2 Publicise small business units on Mill Lane and elsewhere	
8.3 Seek to provide facilities for small businesses	 TC have advertised meeting areas to hire within the Simpson Centre – limited uptake Local café and cake making business moves into vacated areas of Simpson Centre by way of lease (July 2018)
8.4 No new developments – except on brownfield sites	No uptake on possible new business units advertised on recent developments. IG have taken a look at businesses and employment opportunities in Stotfold. Of 657 people employed across 86 businesses who display open signage 657 people are employed, of whom 294 live in Stotfold. A further 86 businesses advertise in Stotfold News and many more use internet facilities

9. TOWN CENTRE AND SHOPS - pages 14 - 15

Creation of a more coherent shopping area

9.1 Improving area of shops near Co-op/High Street (parking, landscaping, traffic calming)	C Beds	 Discussion IG Group, involvement of Cllr Brian Collier. Attempts to meet with Hannah Pattinson (Planning Officer) Date to be set for a meeting with Paul Blellock (Coop Regional Manager (Nov 2011) Proposed 4 yr Highways Plan: High St improvements 2012 – 2013 Town Centre Improvement Scheme – carried out during summer months 2014 Stotfold Town Council have organised planters to enhance area around town centre. Scouts have taken on the task of planting and caring for the tubs around the shops on the High Street (2016.
9.2 Monitor provision of community building and shop at N. end of the Land South	BLDS	 Ongoing contact with developers and planners regarding provision of community building Community building 'Greenacre Centre' encompassing Town Council offices and halls for hire to be ready for use in August 2016 May 2017 Town Council takes ownership of Greenacre Centre and relocates its offices from the Simpson Centre to the new building. Rooms within Greenacre Centre now available to hire to the public
Seek provision of a bank Establish Farmers Market	ACI July 2010	 Discussion – Co-op Regional Managers – Nov 2011 – a Co-op Bank would conflict with arrangements made with Post Office Research started on possibility of a Farmers Market Contact/Jennie Webb (Central Beds) Meeting with Ken Pollard (Shefford) – IG Action Notes 15.11.11/Town Enhancement 23.11.11 Approach made to TC/Sunday Farmers Market in Memorial Hall. Local sourcing being researched Jan 2013 Survey of residents – use of new community hall,

			farmers market – still a popular suggestion – will review
	9.4 Retain post office		Re-sited and improved post office facilities incorporated into Co-op refurbishment (2017)
	10. <u>HOUSIN</u>	<u>√G</u> – pages	s 16 – 17
ŀ	Future development on a small scale with thought giv	en to starte	er homes and accommodation for elderly residents
	10.1 Small scale developments to retain character of town – promote conversion of existing buildings		STC Planning Committee continually emphasise the need for new builds to fit in with/enhance the current street scene - ongoing
	 Replace Hallworth House, more sheltered housing and starter homes Greater provision of affordable housing 	End 2011 & ongoing	 Discussion at Town Council meeting (01.06.11). Aragon to present their proposals in near future. Hallworth House demolished/Aragon Housing to build 9 bungalows on site. Provision on Land South/Howard Cottage Association – 2011/12
	• Greater provision of anordable housing		 Bungalows on Hallworth House site, ready for occupancy – February 2013
	10.3 Protection status for Malthouse Lane area		 As a result of Basil Jackson, Assistant Director, Highways & Transport, Central Beds Council, attending a TC meeting the suggestion that in order to protect the Ford Bridge the following should be considered: Malthouse Lane is closed either side of Ford Bridge at Centenary Wood and at the Riverside Car Park points. Place a Stopping Up Order for the Wrayfields to A1M route.

		Note – above recommendation to be approved by TC 1/12/10
10.4 Encourage greater community involvement with existing and emerging planning process		 A number of residents from Silver Birch Avenue have formed a group to oppose large scale developments in their area Despite efforts made by local groups to prevent development at the back of Silver Birch Avenue and Rook Tree Lane, Central Beds Council approved plans. Similar opposition to housing development behind Shawmer Farm (Hitchin Road)
10.5 Link 7.8 (Environment) – large scale development to be restricted to brownfield sites		
11. <u>RECREATION AND</u>	COMMUN	ITY – pages 18 – 20
Exercise in linked to good health and r		
11.1 Promote full range of current sporting facilities within the town	STC	 Advertises recreational facilities available – STC website, Stotfold News Further and up to date information available in 'What's on in Stotfold' (see page 6, 11.10)
11.2 Targeted promotion on completion of Leisure Centre		 Leisure Centre project failed due to lack of funding. Project now to relocate football club and provide outdoor community space (Jan 2015) 'Open Day' on community space – Sept 2015 Arlesey Road project – relocation of Stotfold Football Club. Work on building progressing (July 2019). Anticipated completion late autumn 2019
11.3 Confirm fitness suite/badminton court proposals for new Leisure Centre		Pendleton Sports Centre – part of Etonbury build, open to public

11.4 Promote maximu future swimming	ım use of Leisure Centre to ensure pool provision		
	popular types of play equipment ee central play areas		 Consultation started: Stotfold News, TC website, school assemblies (Cllr Mrs M Cooper) 2010 Research rec. equipment, Land South of Stotfold development. Playground open August 2014 – STC in ongoing discussions with developers to ensure safety at the site July 2011: zip wire installed – Riverside Rec Jan 2012 – Basket swing/cone climber installed Hitchin Rd Rec RPGLL investigating inclusive play equipment for Hitchin Road Recreation Ground – June 2015 Installation of x6 pieces of inclusive play equipment at Hitchin Road Recreation Ground – summer 2015 Installation of x2 pieces of play equipment at The Green – net climber and multi-use frame – July/August 2017 (S106 funded) Multi-seat 'springy' installed at The Green to replace old horse rocker (2017) Seating for adults provided (2018) Benches (x2) and score board purchased for MUGA at Pix Brook Play Area (S106 part funded) (Aug 2019) Consultation on play equipment – Stotfold News, website, Facebook, local schools and Greenacre Centre entrance hall (July/Sept 2019)
	s, publicise and promote MUGA, booking arrangements and costs	STC	 Advertising facility on STC website, Stotfold News Astro-turf side of MUGA resurfaced February 2013 Following significant vandalism and reduction in use,

			council considering future of Riverside MUGA (2019)
11.9	Investigate increasing activities for young people with particular reference to the provision of a youth club and youth shelter Arrange forum for discussion of proposals with young people – Youth Voice, transport issues	March 2010	 Youth shelter erected at Riverside Playing Field (planning assisted by CB Youth Worker, group of young people, Town Clerk & TC) Nicola King, Aragon Youth Participation Officer has agreed to meet with local youngsters with a view to encouraging participation in community affairs – June 2012 Nicola King met with IG 25.03.14 to discuss specific work carried out in Stotfold with young people Groundwork representatives met with IG to give an insight into their work with young people in Stotfold 29.04.14. Martin Goddard subsequently gave a presentation to STC Members of the Youth Parliament attached to Etonbury Academy to be invited to address the Town Council 2017 Stotfold students rep. Central Beds Youth Parliament and a Senior Youth Worker attended full TC meeting (Oct 2017) Nicola King: Youth Provision Mapping – costs met by TC (March 2018)
11.1	Review library opening hours and computer availability in line with need Review and promote range of activities and use of venues available		 Stotfold Library review (1-12.07.11) Library now houses CAB literature and computer access to recommended sites Completion of 'Whats on in Stotfold' document (compiled and checked by Wendy Craig) for Stotfold Residents Handbook, website. Regular updates Support for local library in view of possible closures across C. Beds. 2 consultations Self-service system installed at Library – January 2013 Library continues to provide a wide range of

	activities for local residents (2014) Library services has taken over former Council Chamber. Extended premises has meant increase in activities – programme for children over school holidays (2018/2019)
12. <u>HEALTH AND SC</u>	OCIAL CARE – Pages 21 – 22
Stotfold is fortunate in its provisions but la	ack of effective public transport can be a problem
12.1 Explore the facilities at the present surgery to meet the needs of a growing population	Prac. Partners • Jan 2012: application for ground floor extension and internal building works to Larksfield Surgery • January 2013 – building work commences
12.2 Highlighting the need for provision of additional services and improvement of some already provided	 Prac. Partners Provision of chiropody at Larksfield on request July 2012 – IG has registered concern over Better Care Fund Plan Health Hubs being set up. Specialist clinics at various centres. Julie Ogley (Director of Social Care, Health & Housing) met with TC (31.7.17) to discuss issues including transport (July 2017)
12.3 Promote awareness of existing transport arrangements for 'out of Stotfold appointments'	STC foyer holds selection of bus timetables for routes
12.4 Reinstate an 'Action Point' for social and personal support services	 ACI July 2010 Contact made with CAB Outreach – Jenny Hedges. Meeting with IG – 20.01.11, Simpson Centre, 2pm Possibilities of an Action Point/research required CAB literature in Library/Simpson Centre 5 residents to train to become CAB advisors for Stotfold starting September 2011

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201	1 mornings per week. Library acting as contact point
	 CAB satellite run by trained staff. Available weekly –
	Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 12.30am.
	Beds Good Neighbour & Village Care Scheme –
	meeting with BRCC (08.01.13) with a view to starting
	a group in Stotfold
	Nov 2014 CAB volunteers still coming forward to train
	2016 – CAB continues to operate a satellite service
	on two mornings. This will continue to be held in the
	Simpson Centre at the Town Council moves to the
	Greenacre Centre
	• 2017 - Update - CAB to move to the Greenacre
	Centre once Town Council has relocated
	2017 - CAB now operates its satellite service from
	the Greenacre Centre one day a week, until more
	volunteers can be found to increase to two days
	 Jan 2013 – meeting with Rosie Kind (BRCC Good)
	Neighbour Group) to discuss possibility of a Stotfold
	Group
	Dec 2013 Stotfold Good Neighbour Group launched
	Dec 2014 Stotfold Good Neighbour Group – 23
	volunteers – over 200 tasks carried out to support
	vulnerable members of the community
	 June 2016 – Stotfold Good Neighbour Group has 30
	volunteers, 116 clients are registered and 942 jobs
	recorded since starting in 2013 (141 in the last
	quarter)
	 July 2017 – Stotfold Good Neighbour Group (SGNG)
	provides help for residents around 80 times per
	month. Demand growing
	SGNG chair based exercise classes started (free-let –
	STC – room at back of Memorial Hall) (March 2018).
	Continue to support Fairfield Parish
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		SGNG 36 volunteers, 194 clients. In the year April 18/19 2297 tasks were completed (June 2019)	
13. CRIME, DISORDER	AND POLI	<u>CING</u> – Pages 23 – 24	
Stotfold is generally a safe town in which to live but increased policing is seen as highly desirable to prevent anti-social activity			
13.1/13.2 Improving communication between police and members of the public, maintaining a dedicated police office and continuation of 'surgeries'		Police surgeries taking place at the Co-op at Tesco (Fairfield Park)	
Joint actions by police and community to prevent and solve crimes	JStr & Police STC Staff	 Street Watch – groups of volunteers 'patrolling' Stotfold as a visible presence Central Beds Rogue Awareness event at Co-op 	
 13.4/13.5 Higher level of policing to reduce drunkenness, drug use and youth related vandalism Improve reporting of crimes and disorder 		Some issues being picked up by Aragon and Groundwork - 2014	
14. <u>TRAFFIC</u> – pages 25 – 27			
Stress has been placed on existing roadways by an increased number of households			

14.1/14.4 Review traffic Road and Reg	problems in The Avenue, Vaughan ent Street		
14.2 Lift access consideration	restriction to Brook Street – of a one-way system	RGPLL	 Already contacted Highways and Police with suggestions, but negative response Brook Street one-way system as part of Town Improvement works (summer 2014)
II - II	restrictions 20mph near St Mary's and it Schools		 Government intervention Inconsiderate and illegal parking monitored by Police and enforcement offices in Rook Tree Lane

 Actions to reduce parking by parents Walking Buses Queen Street – traffic issues including Queen Street/High Street junction 		20mph now compulsory across Stotfold (summer 2014)
Monitor traffic and parking issues when new Alternative Provision School provided – dropping off and picking up points		 'Academy of Central Bedfordshire' – alternative provision school – to be sited in old Roecroft School – public consultation February 2013 School opened 2013/2014 2016 – School Safety Zone installed in Rook Tree Lane, leading to and from St Mary's Academy
 Introduction of Quiet Lanes initiative – banning heavy vehicles from lanes linking the north and east of town to the A1 Ford Bridge/introduce weight restriction resist attempt to alter structure Ensure future developments provide suitable route that prevent large vehicles accessing the central area of the town 	RGPLL	 See 7.3. Matter of urgency/impending work on rail site in Hitchin and access by works traffic See 7.3. Matter of urgency/impending work on rail site in Hitchin and access by works traffic
14.7 Monitor effectiveness of the flashing signs on the Arlesey and Hitchin Roads	CB STC	 Work at Etonbury Action by police/publican at Fox & Duck, Central Beds Councillors to prevent illegal and dangerous parking Proposed zebra crossing and prohibition of waiting and stopping outside Etonbury School Town Plan also expressed general concerns about speeding in the town – Norton Rd residents expressed concerns about number of vehicles using the road, speed, unclear signage, noises – residents petition to CBC (Nov 2017). LTP application (Dec 2018) for road improvements successful (May 2019), designs being drawn up
14.8 Priority – provision of cycle paths across the town,	RGPLL	Seeking input from local cycle groups/forums and enthusiasts on priorities for provision of cycle paths

Review use of yellow lines at all road junctions			areas where felt additional yellow lines are necessary. No success, CBC refusing to provide additional lines in identified areas
15.3 Identify suitable methods to overcome cases of persistent parking offenders	Police/ STC		Police/PCSOs have been made aware of and have approached residents to move vehicles that obstruct Ongoing successful outcomes – end 2011
15.4 Identify locations where additional parking areas might be located		•	Redesigned car park at top of Brook Street and formalised parking spaces – top of Brook Street, The Haven and front of parade of shops – Town Improvement works (summer 2014) Parking restrictions outside pharmacy and shoppers car park incl. no overnight parking (Jan 2019)
16. <u>TRANSPORT</u> – pages 29 – 30			
An improved transport system is vital to the life of the community			

16.1 Promote car sharing and cycling locally	 Central Beds Car Sharing Scheme brought to attention of residents – Jan 2012 New shared footways/cyclepaths introduced as part of Town Improvement works – summer 2014 Improved cycleways as part of Green Wheel initiative – from 2015
16.2 Publicise existing bus company routes and timetables	 New bus timetable (consultations with Central Beds and surrounding towns/villages) – TC website, Stotfold News. STC foyer and Roecroft Centre holds selection of bus timetables for routes through Stotfold and beyond Concerns – recent proposals to cut bus services Improved services? Bus shelter, bus stops 90 Link bus is no longer in existence. 97 bus provides half hourly service. New 96 service –

	16.3/16.4/16.5 Seek to influence service providers to extend hours and frequency of bus service to Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Encourage special services for early	From Aug 2010	Letchworth/Arlesey links with bus to Bedford. Service now includes residents on Norton Road. CONCERN – North Herts DC have threatened to cut bus service – Sunday bus service will no longer exist August 2015 – having reinstated the Sunday bus service, it has now been withdrawn Wanderbus timetable distributed Feb 2015 to all properties via Stotfold News May 2016 – new Wanderbus timetable issued with new routes All local bus timetables updated/displayed at Greenacre Centre (incl. Wanderbus New Greensand Community Bus will access local hospitals and clinics 16.3 – 16.5 Details of transport available for 'out of Stotfold' medical appointments available at TC offices, Larksfield surgery and library. Stotfold Good Neighbour Group also available for transport
	morning and evening commuters 17 F	DUCATION	ON
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Added		uestionna	aire had been carried out. Addition approved by the BRCC
	17.1 Monitoring Pre-School opportunities	IG STC	2016 – limited places across all pre-school groups
	17.2 Lower School provision	IG STC	 2016/2017 – most 4-5 year olds given first choice places. Possible issues with late applications and families moving into the area
	17.3 Monitor Secondary School provision	IG STC	 2016 – no issues. Meetings to discuss new Pix Brook Academy (end of Summer term 2016) 2017 – provision to Middle School in chaos. Many pupils (particularly from Fairfield) having to accept places at Henlow. Also affecting Roecroft Lower

	School and St Mary's Academy. Town Council resolved to send letter to Central Beds Council to express concerns (3 rd May 2017 Town Council meeting) • 2019 Pix Brook Academy to open (September) in new buildings on the Etonbury site. Plans now in for the Pix Brook Academy buildings on the opposite side of
	the road to Etonbury (July 2019)