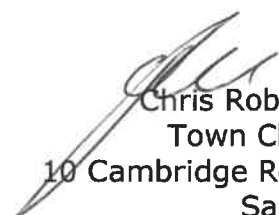


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To: Cllrs P N Aldis, P Blaine, T Cole, A M Hill, W Jackson, T Knagg, G Leach, C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott, D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow, S Sutton and N Thompson

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 12 March 2018 commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the items of business below



Chris Robson
Town Clerk
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6th March 2018

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.)

*This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable personal interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.*

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests*
- ii) Non Pecuniary Interests*
- iii) Dispensations*

3 22 (Sandy) Squadron Air Cadets

To hear from Civilian Instructor Jeffery Henshaw on a recent award presented to him by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire Helen Nellis for his work with the 22 (Sandy) Squadron Air Cadets.

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4 **Public Participation Session**

To receive questions and representations from members of the public.

5 **Minutes of previous Town Council meetings**

To consider the Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 29th January 2018 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

6 **Minutes of committees and recommendations therein**

To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the following committees and sub-committees and (if applicable) to approve recommendations therein which do not arise elsewhere.

- i) Development Scrutiny Committee held on 19 February 2018
- ii) Community Services and Environment Committee held on 19 February 2018

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the Town Council hosts the Barclays Bank pop-up service on a long-term basis, free of charge for the first three months, and that the Clerk continues organising this with representatives of the bank.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the amendment to the Lease for the Pinnacle land be approved and renew the Lease, and that a meeting is arranged with the Landlord to discuss sharing maintenance and clean-up costs related to the site.

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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that a series of six monthly talks on the lead up to the WW1 Centenary be approved and that a fee of £2.50 be charged for tickets and that the service groups be offered to provide refreshments on the evenings first, before any other local groups.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the Community Engagement Strategy be adopted.

- iii) Policy, Finance and Resources Committee held on 26 February 2018

7 **Financial Matters**

- i) To note a summary statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date (previously circulated and scrutinised at a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources

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Committee on 26 February 2018).

- ii) To note a list of payments made since the last Town Council meeting (previously circulated and scrutinised at a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on 26 February 2018)

8 Reports from Central Bedfordshire Councillors

To receive reports from Sandy's Central Bedfordshire Councillors. Members have already received Central Bedfordshire Council's briefing notes.

9 Action List

To receive any updates and note the action report.

APPENDIX II

10 Bedford Road Fencing

To receive a report from the Clerk on Bedford Road Park fencing.

APPENDIX III

11 Community Plan

To receive and consider the draft Community Plan.

APPENDIX IV

12 Council Risk Assessment

To review the Council's Risk Assessment policy.

APPENDIX V

13 Community Grant Budget Underspend

To consider a request to earmark a £249 underspend in the 2017/18 grants budget for expenditure in the 2018/19 financial year.

14 Councillor Surgeries

To receive a verbal report on issues raised by members of the public at the Councillor surgery held on 10th March 2018.

15 Reports from Representatives

To receive reports from Council representatives on outside organisations. - No reports to present.

16 Consultations

To note that the Town Council is a statutory consultee on the Northill Neighbourhood plan and to consider if a response is needed. The plan can be viewed online by visiting; www.northillneighbourhoodplan.org.

17 Crime and Policing

- i) To note CCTV reports detail one recorded incident, linked to an alarm activation during February 2018. Police attended the incident. No download requests were made in February.

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ii) To receive the latest crime figures for Sandy.

APPENDIX VI

18 News Release

19 Chairman's Items

20 Date of Next Meeting: 16 April 2018

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(1) FRANCIS JONATHAN PYM

and

(2) SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

LEASE

of the Pinnacle Sand Lane Sandy

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The Brampton
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 0QW**

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THIS LEASE is dated

PARTIES

- (1) **FRANCIS JONATHAN PYM** of 53 Ridgway Place, London SW19 4SP (**Landlord**); and
- (2) **SANDY TOWN COUNCIL** of 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy SG19 1JE (**Tenant**).

BACKGROUND

- (A) The Landlord is the freehold owner of the Property.
- (B) The residue of the term of the Existing Lease is vested in the Tenant.
- (C) The Landlord has agreed to grant a new lease of the Property to the Tenant on the terms set out in this lease.

1. INTERPRETATION

The following definitions and rules of interpretation apply in this lease.

1.1 Definitions:

- Annual Rent:** rent at the rate of One pound £1.00 per annum
- Term:** a term of Ninety-nine (99) years commencing on and including 25 March 2018 (subject to the provisions for earlier termination contained in this Lease)
- Excluded Terms:** any terms, requirements, covenants or conditions contained in the Existing Lease to the extent that they are inconsistent with, specifically excluded or substituted by, the terms of this lease.
- Existing Lease:** the leases by virtue of which the Tenant holds the Property, being:
 - (a) Lease dated 2 August 1919 and made between Francis Pym (1) Sandy Parish Council (2); and
 - (b) Lease dated 28 September 1973 and made between Francis Leslie Pym (1) Sandy Urban District Council (2).
- Incorporated Terms:** with the exception of the Excluded Terms, all of the terms, requirements, covenants and conditions contained in the Existing Lease with such modifications as are necessary to make them applicable to this lease and the parties to this lease including:

- (a) the definitions and rules of interpretation in the Existing Lease;
- (b) the agreements and declarations contained in the Existing Lease;
- (c) the rights granted and reserved by the Existing Lease (including the right of re-entry and forfeiture); and
- (d) the third party rights, restrictions and covenants affecting the Property.

Landlord's Covenants: the obligations in this lease, which include the obligations contained in the Incorporated Terms, to be observed by the Landlord.

LTA 1954: Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

Property: the property known as 'The Pinnacle' comprising land at Sand Lane, Sandy, Bedfordshire as described in the Existing Lease.

Tenant's Covenants: the obligations in this lease, which include the obligations contained in the Incorporated Terms, to be observed by the Tenant.

VAT: value added tax chargeable under the Value Added Tax Act 1994 and any similar replacement and any similar additional tax.

1.2 References to the landlord and tenant (or 'Lessor' and 'Council') in the Existing Lease shall be read as references to the Landlord and Tenant in this lease.

2. GRANT

2.1 The Landlord lets with full title guarantee the Property to the Tenant for the Term at the rents reserved.

2.2 This grant is made on the terms of this lease which include the Incorporated Terms as if they were set out in full in this lease.

2.3 The Tenant covenants with the Landlord that it will comply with the Tenant's Covenants.

2.4 The Landlord covenants with the Tenant that it will comply with the Landlord's Covenants.

2.5 The grant is made with the Tenant paying the following as rent to the Landlord:

- (a) the Annual Rent and all VAT in respect of it; and
- (b) any other sums due under this lease.

3. THE ANNUAL RENT

3.1 The Tenant shall pay the Annual Rent and any VAT in respect of it in advance on the Term commencement date and upon each anniversary thereof arising during the Term

4. EXCLUSION OF SECTIONS 24-28 OF THE LTA 1954

4.1 The parties confirm that:

- (a) the Landlord served a notice on the Tenant, as required by section 38A(3)(a) of the LTA 1954, applying to the tenancy created by this lease, [not less than 14 days] before this lease was entered into;
- (b) [] who was duly authorised by the Tenant to do so made a [statutory] declaration dated [] in accordance with the requirements of section 38A(3)(b) of the LTA 1954; and
- (c) there is no agreement for lease to which this lease gives effect.

4.2 The parties agree that the provisions of sections 24 to 28 of the LTA 1954 are excluded in relation to the tenancy created by this lease.

5. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

5.1 This lease and the documents annexed to it constitute the whole agreement between the parties and supersede all previous discussions, correspondence, negotiations, arrangements, understandings and agreements between them relating to their subject matter.

5.2 Each party acknowledges that in entering into this lease it does not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any representation or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently).

5.3 Nothing in this lease constitutes or shall constitute a representation or warranty that the Property or any common parts over which the Tenant has rights under this lease may lawfully be used for any purpose allowed by this lease.

6. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

A person who is not a party to this lease shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this lease.

7. GOVERNING LAW

This lease and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

8. JURISDICTION

Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this lease or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

9. BREAK OPTION

This Lease may be determined early by either party upon any anniversary of the Term commencement date by serving written notice to that effect upon the other party at least six months prior to that anniversary of the Term commencement date.

This document has been executed as a deed and is delivered and takes effect on the date stated at the beginning of it.

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Town Council - Action list

Subject	Action to be taken		Response/ Agenda no.
	Minute	Action	
Meeting 9/11/15			
East West Rail Link	(89-15/16)	Town Council strongly support the East West rail link coming through Sandy and to lobby the relevant authorities.	No further information. Clerk wrote to NIC following Councils review of the NIC report. Supported NIC recommendations. Cllrs Pettitt and Scott attended transport seminar on 6 th March 2018. Feedback report to be provided.
Meeting 7/3/16			
Road Investment Strategy A1	(130-15/16)	To respond to Cllr M Russell and write to the local Member of Parliament and the Under Secretary for Department of Transport outlining the points made.	A Burt's office investigating meeting with the DfT. Update received on 5/3/18 – A Burt's office pushing officials for meeting still and hope to have a date soon.
Meeting 29/1/18			
Council Owned Car Park	(147-17/18)	RESOLVED that research is made into charging, zone parking, short-term parking, overnight parking and parking by residents.	Report to go to CSE committee on 26.3.18

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 12th March 2018
AUTHOR: Town Clerk
SUBJECT: Bedford Road Fencing

1. Summary

- 1.1 Sandy Town Council is responsible for the majority of perimeter fencing around Bedford Road recreation ground. This fencing includes boundary fencing with properties on Foster Grove. A section of fencing has become dilapidated and requires replacement.
- 1.2 Quotes have been obtained for the replacing of the relevant section of fencing and the Chairman of Policy, Finance and Resources has asked that the matter be considered by Full Council as no agreed budget is in place to cover the works.

2. Information

- 2.1 Sandy Town Council has historically maintained boundary fencing between Bedford Road recreation ground and properties adjacent to the back of the land. This has included treating fencing in past years and carrying out repairs.
- 2.2 The Town Council is responsible for fencing between the recreation ground and the land that bounds on Swansholme Gardens, Foster Grove and Filland Court. Existing fencing is concrete post and close board fencing.
- 2.3 The boundary fencing along Bedford Road and Albion Court is galvanised palecade security fencing. The Council is not responsible for the fencing and walls that are on the boundary of the recreation ground and the land that bounds on The Avenue and Cedar Gardens.
- 2.4 The section of fencing in need of replacement has had repair work carried out in previous years. However, the fencing has suffered in recent weather and the concrete posts have weakened and become unstable.
- 2.5 Quotes have been obtained for the replacement of the fencing. Members may wish to consider the future maintenance of the boundary fencing and whether the Council wishes to obtain any advice on its responsibility and whether alternative fencing, such as in other areas of the park could be erected.

3 Quotes

- 3.1 Quotes have been obtained for the removal and disposal of approximately 31m close boarded fencing and the supply and erection of replacement fencing. All quotes included removal and disposal of existing fencing.

Company A
Supply and erect 10no of 1.8 mt high 7no. of 1.65mt high Close boarded panels complete with 600mm high concrete gravel boards. Concrete slotted posts set in concrete foundations at 1.878mt centres with panels and gravel boards fitted between. Overall hight of fence = 1.8mt.
£4,986 (Exclusive of VAT)

Company B
Supply and erect 10no 5' x 5'6" 7no 6' x 6' close boarded panels on 3.0m long slotted concrete posts 44 no. 150 x 50mm concrete gravel boards. New fence line erected on outside of the exisiting fence line.
£5,178.41 (Exclusive of VAT)

Company C
Supply and erect 10no of 6X6 closeboard panels 7no 5'6x6 closeboard panels To be erected on 6 inc concrete gravel boards and concrete slotted posts
£4,986 (Exclusive of VAT)





SANDY
Town Council



A Vision for Sandy

Sandy's Community Plan



February 2018

The Community plan builds on the work of the 2011 Town Plan

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Introduction

Welcome to the Community Plan for Sandy. This Plan presents the results of an information gathering exercise, designed to discover what the people of Sandy think about the area in which they live. The Plan highlights the positives of the Town and its potential as well as identifying areas that need to be developed over the next few years.

In 2011 the Town Council and community partners consulted on and produced a Town Plan. This Community Plan represents a step on from the Town Plan, while still incorporating its findings, aims and themes it reviews and builds on these to produce a new comprehensive Plan for Sandy's short and long term future.

The Community Plan, through consultation with the community, prioritises the actions most urgently needed, over a maximum 5-year period, and points out where, and by whom, we would expect action to be taken- including action by members of the community. The plan will identify key requirements for Sandy which should form part of sc106 and grant funding discussions.

The Community Plan will play a vital role in guiding and shaping the work of the Town Council and its interaction with Central Bedfordshire Council. The Plan is evidence of the Council's commitment to collaboration over the future of the area. The Plan will be used to inform local and regional authorities and government bodies about the wishes and expectations of the community.

An Action Plan will accompany this document, providing a means to influence

Central Bedfordshire Council Local Planning Authority and service providers. The Plan can also provide essential evidence to submit appropriate grant applicants to external funders, which if successful would provide significant additional funds to bring long term projects to completion.

To build on and complement the 2011 Plan, this plan sets out to propose priorities for the five years from 2018. Using this plan, partners can work together to concentrate efforts and accelerate progress in the six important categories.

Sandy Town Council is aware of its legal limitations to effect change as a body in its own right. The Town Council will successfully carry out those functions which it can as an autonomous body to help improve the town, but will also work in partnership with other bodies and community organisations to ensure that the best possible provision for Sandy's residents and its future are made, the Community Plan embodies this working together ethos.



A Brief History of Sandy

Sandy is a small town in East Bedfordshire which takes its name from the Sand Hills of its distinctive rural setting. Located on the Great North Road (A1) Sandy has the benefit of easy access to the main commercial centres of London (only 45 minutes by train), Stevenage, Bedford and Cambridge. The population of the town is currently c 12,000 based on approximately 5,000 dwellings. The town is surrounded by the pleasant landscape of East Bedfordshire with its market gardening heritage and variety of villages, woods, heathlands rivers and brooks.

Sandy's long and fascinating history commences some thousands of years before the arrival of the Romans, yet it is this event which is perhaps the most significant as the story unfolds. The Roman invaders left the town early in the fifth century and in early English times, Sandy formed part of the Kingdom of Mercia. The Manor of Sandeia is recorded in the Domesday Book, as being the area that we now know as Sandy.

The present day parish of Sandy, excluding Beeston, still traces the same area as the original 4,000 acre Manor. By 1290 it had split into three smaller estates: a smaller Sandy Manor still under the Beauchamps and two under local monasteries: Hasells under Chicksands Priory and Girtford under Cauldwell Priory, Bedford.

Although there are remains of an earlier church, it is the thirteenth century that gives the earliest formal record of a religious building being in existence. In 1240, William de Beauchamp is recorded as granting a church in the town to Cauldwell Priory. Almost a century later a chantry was

established. Records give the date of 1332 as being when the chapel was endowed for the chanting of masses. Sandy Manor descended to the Catlin family and then by marriage to Lord Spencer, whose son was created Earl of Sunderland.

In 1670 it was acquired by Sir Humphrey Monoux of Wootton, a descendant of a former Lord Mayor of London and one of the Justices who committed John Bunyan to prison in Bedford.

His grandson Humphrey rebuilt the mansion - now the site of a middle school, while another grandson built the rectory in 1731, demolished in 1964. Ownership of Sandye Place passed through several names in the 19th Century including Brandreth, Foster and Edgecumb.

Girtford and Hasells Manors had passed to the Crown at the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539 under Henry VIII. The King gave Girtford to John Burgoyne in 1541 and Hasells to Francis Pygott in 1542. Hassells or as now spelt "Hazells" Hall, which stands in a wooded park north east of Sandy, dates back to 1660 but was enlarged extensively twice during the 18th century after passing into the Kingsley family and then in 1748 by marriage to the Pym's. Hasells Hall was saved from demolition in 1979 and has since been converted to 12 houses and flats. Sir William Peel, a son of Sir Robert the former Prime Minister and founder of the Police Service, bought the estate in 1851 and his brother Arthur Wellesley Peel built The Lodge, a fine residence standing in over 200 acres in 1870. This imposing property is now the headquarters of the RSPB.

Beeston, mentioned in the Domesday Book, is now in Sandy parish but was originally part of Northill. The manorial rights have been held over the centuries by several private individuals, notably in recent times by Godfrey Thornton of Moggerhanger House, Allen Jeeves, Albert George Jeeves and now Sandy Town Council, as successors in title to Sandy Urban District Council, which acquired the freehold of The Green in 1956.

A new Turnpike Trust set up in 1725 brought improvements to the Great North Road and in 1758 came the completion of the Ivel Navigation Scheme, taking coal lighters from Tempsford through Biggleswade to Shefford. This was followed a century later by the building of the Great Northern Railway and afterwards the Sandy to Potton Railway built privately by Captain William Peel. The line was later taken over by the Bedford and Cambridge Railway, eventually linking Oxford to Cambridge. At that time, Sandy had three stations: two on the existing site, one for each railway, and one at Girtford on the Bedford line. Each had its own station master.

The explosion in communications throughout the two centuries allowed Sandy to fully exploit its best asset, the acres of rich farming land surrounding the town. Market gardening thrived as growers were able to transport produce quickly from the fields to the town and on down the Great North Road and later on the railway to the London markets. During the late 18th century almost all the land cultivated in Sandy was in open fields with names such as Austred, Belland, Chester, Down, Low, Kenwick, Mead and Middle - from where the present-day Middlefield Industrial Estate in Sunderland Road takes its name.

By the turn of this century, many of the town's present landmarks were in evidence: Potton Road cemetery was opened in 1891; the Conservative Club was built the same year and enlarged in 1897 to include a large concert hall and facilities to house the town's lending library. The Town Hall, interestingly never used as a town hall, now the Roundabout Club, was built in 1906 and by 1920 three schools were listed.

The population of Sandy grew steadily from 1,115 in 1801 to 2,118 in 1861 and 3,110 in 1901. Sandy Parish Council was created in 1894 and its first meeting was held in the new Council Chamber on the first floor of the recently constructed Fire Station in Cambridge Road. In 1927 Sandy Urban District Council was formed conferring "town" status on Sandy. Local Government Reorganisation in 1974 saw the demise of UDCs and the formation of a new Sandy Parish Council which later that year changed its name to Sandy Town Council.

During the lifetime of the Town Council Sandy has continued to evolve whilst retaining its distinctive setting in a rural environment. The expansion of the town which began in earnest after the second World War included the development of a London "overspill" housing scheme between Sunderland Road and St Neots Road and continued in the 90s with the creation of new housing at Fallowfield and Ivel Park. During the 21st century housing development has been on a smaller scale, with more infill developments but the potential of Sandy as a commuter town for workers in London, Cambridge, Bedford, Stevenage and Peterborough remains thanks to the A1 and the railway links.

Beeston is a delightful hamlet which sits within the parish of Sandy and is half a mile to the south of Sandy town centre. The development of the Great North Road over the centuries means that Beeston is now bisected by the A1. This contributes to its separation

from Sandy and a strong local sense of being an independent community. In the heart of Beeston is an attractive 13-acre traditional village green which is surrounded by several ancient buildings.



Beeston Village Green



View of Sandy from The Pinnacle

Sandy Today

Today sandy is one of Central Bedfordshire's main towns, growing over the years the town has developed a strong community with mixed needs and ambitions.

Sandy is governed by two tiers of local government: the town council, and the Unitary Authority of Central Bedfordshire. It is within the Parliamentary constituency of North East Bedfordshire.

The town is around 50 miles (69 km) north of Central London with the county town of Bedford 8 miles (13 km) to the west. St Neots, the largest town in Cambridgeshire, lies 7 miles (11 km) to the north with Biggleswade lying 3 miles (4.8 km) to the south. The town sits with in the Greensands Country and the land surrounding the town is dominated by a range of low hills known as the Sand Hills with the River Ivel running through the town.

The town's train station is located on the East Coast Main Line and provides half-hourly trains south to London King's Cross and north to Peterborough. Journey times to London King's Cross typically range from 45 minutes to one hour. The station is managed and served by Thameslink and Great Northern.



Sandy High Street

Town Assets

In 2017 Sandy Town Council published its 'Planning Concept Statement' which outlined how the Town Council thought the future development of Sandy should be managed. A copy of the statement is available in the appendices of this document. The statement outlined Sandy's assets which can be used as the foundation for future development, enhancement and improvements when planning for Sandy's future;

1. Social and Cultural Assets

People who live and / or work in Sandy, adding to its varied community, are one of its greatest assets and the wide range of community groups and other organisations can help shape the future of Sandy and must be consulted with and listened to if we are to achieve a shared vision for the future of Sandy.

2. Physical/Environmental

Sandy has numerous physical and environmental assets which need to be protected, enhanced and used to create an environment to support and provide enjoyment for the community.

- The town includes a central market place and high street which is used for annual community events, although due to the need for road closures use for more regular events is limited.
- Useable formal and informal public green spaces, particularly The Riddy nature reserve and The

Pinnacle not only provide the community with valuable outdoor space they also provide opportunities for visitor attraction.

- Sandy is well placed for transport connections, with the A1 and rail line, both of which could be enhanced or changed for the benefit of the town and future growth.

3. Economic

- The town has a mix of employment, but this could be enhanced if properly planned and linked with East West Rail development. Enhancing growth in local employment through extension/relocation is

important. skills and physical premises

- There is a variety of eating and drinking establishments, as well as independent retailers in the town, the core of the town centre should be protected and enhanced.
- Tourism is a recognised asset for any town and Sandy's link with the RSPB and proximity to regional cycling routes must be encouraged and supported.
- The town has areas of designated industrial use which support national and local businesses.

Sandy in Numbers



The 2011 census put Sandy's population at 11,657, an increase of 770 from the 2001 census. In 2013 the estimated population of Sandy was 13,100.



In 2015 the number of dwellings in Sandy stood at 5,620



Sandy is served by 4 lower schools, 1 Middle School and 1 Upper School



2 doctor's surgeries'



2 Chemists



2 Dentists



1 Post office



1 Library



4 Churches



5 Public Houses



5 Restaurants



3 Cafes



3 Supermarkets/National food stores



5 Take Aways



Newsagents/
Convenience
stores



1 Car Park (Free)



1 Petrol Station



1 Hotel



2 Nursing Homes



4 Sheltered Accommodation



1 Sports Centre/Hall



1 All-Weather Pitch



6 Play Parks/Recreation



1 Nature Reserve



1 Village Green



1 Village Hall



2 Social Clubs



1 Train Station



The Community Plan Process

A Community Plan aims to assess both needs and aspirations of a community including how it sees itself developing over both the short term and long term. A Community Plan should conclude with a clear vision of the Town Priority needs and an action plan. A Community Plan should provide a vehicle for communities to articulate their needs and aspirations in a structured form, with an evidence base.

Community led planning should work on a step by step basis that enables local people and organisations to participate in, and collectively contribute to improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of their local area.

This approach to community engagement originated in the late 1970's and has been developed over the years since. The need for community plans is because of the gradual withdrawing of public sector services and the increasing need for communities to take more active a role in looking after a communities' affairs. Over the years, community led plans have taken on different names including village appraisals, Town Plans, market town action plans and more recently via the Localism Act 2012 neighbourhood plans, which have concentrated solely on land use.

A vision for Sandy – Sandy's Community Plan Process

In the summer of 2009 the Sandy & Beeston Town Plan Steering Group (TPSG) was formed from residents of Sandy and Beeston. This group was independent of,

but supported by Sandy Town Council. The aim of the group was to find out what local people thought about their community and to produce a plan based on those views which would look to influence future development in Sandy.

The steering group then began a series of consultation events in the community and a questionnaire which was circulated to every house in Sandy, in total over 1000 questionnaires were completed and returned. In 2011, following the analysis of all the information and opinions received, the Town Council published the Sandy & Beeston Town Plan.

Since the publication of the Town Plan various changes in planning law and the pressure on planning authorities to produce Local Plans has resulted in changes to the documentation local planning authorities use and respond to. As a result community plans, have emerged as the next step from town and parish plans in helping shape the future of communities.

In 2017 Sandy Town Council set up a working group to look at developing a community plan as a step on from the existing Town Plan. The plan will build on the Town Plan's results and proposals with an aim to produce a comprehensive document that clearly defines the needs of future development in Sandy. Sandy's community plan will be a tool Central Bedfordshire Council can use when it is negotiating with developers and shaping the town's future via its Local Plan.

Arts and Culture

Introduction

This section explores the current picture in terms of the arts and culture on offer in Sandy and considers how cultural facilities/activities can be improved to help enhance the town and the cultural opportunities open to residents and visitors.

Arts and culture is important to help improve the vitality of the town. It is recognised that it is important to provide venues for all members of the community to meet and celebrate. It is also important to provide areas for the creation and experience of art and culture.

In 2017 survey participants identified a lack of available community spaces for workshops, community entertainment and music within Sandy.

53% of people surveyed rated the town's cultural and arts offering as negative

54% of people surveyed indicated they would not recommend a visit to Sandy

Source: People and Places 2017 Benchmarking Report

Issues Identified in the 2011 Town Plan

Issue	Is this still relevant ?
Provision of a Town Museum	Yes
Demand for additional community groups or clubs	The Council holds and publicises a complete list of Community Groups and clubs in Sandy. Several new groups have opened since the 2011 plan (Sandy Guild, Friendship Group, Woman's Institute)

Issues Identified through Arts and Culture Focus Group

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	In next 5 years	Long Term
Demand for venues with storage for use by community groups	Work with existing venues to open up availability	Open up dialogue with Sandy Upper School regarding use of school for community groups.	STC	✓	
		Identify current venues and space available.	STC	✓	
	Identify new community venues as a key need for CIL and Section 106 negotiations	Consult with community groups about their needs.	STC	✓	
		Identify a new venue, including building specifications as part of a CIL/Section 106 wish list.	STC		✓

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	In next 5 years	Long Term
Provision of a Town Museum	Identify potential vacant buildings	Complete a review of town centre to identify suitable buildings	STC SHRG	✓	
		Compile landlord details for all town centre buildings.	STC	✓	
	Identify need for a purpose built museum as a part of CIL and Section 106 negotiations	Identify a new venue, including building specifications as part of a CIL/Section 106 wish list.	STC		✓
Lack of awareness around existing cultural and entertainment opportunities	Greater shared publishing/ advertising between organisations and groups	Contact all community groups and organisations to remind them of ability to advertise with the Council and push events through social media	STC	✓	



Between 2016 and 2018 the Town Council worked with Central Bedfordshire Council on the Story in Stone Project. Which saw the creation and installation of public art.

The project provided hands on workshops and long-lasting mosaics within the town.



Environment, Health and Wellbeing

Introduction

This section explores the current picture in terms of issues around health and wellbeing in Sandy and outlines priorities for the Town Council and community to help improve outcomes for the people of Sandy.

In a 2017 consultation carried out by Central Bedfordshire Council participants identified the following key environmental concerns;

- Protection of Wildlife habitat associated with land to the east of Sandy
- Air and noise pollution from the A1 and A603 and gridlock through the town
- Greater promotion of renewable energy in the area
- Addressing flood risk and drainage issues, especially if new development is to occur in the town. There should be no further development on flood plains

During the same consultation 59% of participants rated Health Care as the priority for infrastructure improvements in the area. The need for an additional surgery or a health care hub was identified by the majority of consultation participants, with particular reference to the need for a surgery to the north of Sandy.

The consultation also identified several other key factors that participants rate as important for individual and community wellbeing.

Open space was identified as a premium factor for quality of life and the protection and enhancement of Sandy's green spaces was important to the majority of participants.

Protection and enhancement of the river Ivel. Concerns were expressed about the level of work carried out by the Environmental agency.

Protect The Pinnacle area from any future development and enhance the nature reserve and green areas around Sandy.

Source: Central Bedfordshire Council Community Plan for Blunham, Moggerhanger, Sandy and Tempsford 2017

Issues Identified in the 2011 Town Plan

Environmental Issue	Is this still relevant ?
Campaign to reduce general litter	Litter has not been identified as an issue in recent consultation.
Campaign to reduce dog fouling	Yes
Improve maintenance of overgrown hedges	Yes
Fly tipping	Yes
Improvements to footpaths and bridleways	Yes
Provision of more allotments	Yes

Better access for wheelchairs/pushchairs	Not identified as an issue in recent consultation.
Green infrastructure issues	Yes
Extensions and improvements to community parklands	Yes

Health	
Issue	Is this still relevant ?
Residents' experiences of using the doctors' surgeries in the Town	Yes
Residents' experiences of using the dentist's surgeries in the Town	Yes
Residents' experiences of using the pharmacies	Not identified as an issue in recent consultation.
Demand for Good Neighbour Scheme	Yes

Issues Identified through Environment, Health and Wellbeing Consultation

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	In the next 5 years	Long Term
Insufficient healthcare provision for Sandy	Creation of a new surgery or health care hub	Ensure need is identified clearly for Section 106 deliberations	STC CBC NHS CCG		✓
		Identify suitable areas of land and put bid forward to NHS to encourage health care development			
Effect of pollution from the A1 and the Sandy A1 Roundabout	Investigate ways to mitigate the effect of pollution	Open up dialogue with Environmental Agency	STC EA HE CBC	✓	
		Town Council to have survey on pollution commissioned			
	A1 to be relocated	Open up dialogue with Highways Agency	STC HE		✓
Protection of The Pinnacle from future development	Secure a renewed long-term lease from the landowner	Negotiate with landowner to secure lease by May 2018	STC Landowner	✓	

Protection of green space surrounding Sandy	Enhance and safeguard green space surrounding Sandy	Work with BRCC on Green Wheel and identify future funding streams	STC BRCC RSPB Tarmac CBC	✓	✓
Enhancement of existing green spaces	Identify ways to improve existing green spaces	Consult with residents to identify improvements	STC	✓	✓
		Set up working group meetings with BRCC	STC BRCC	✓	
	Greater relationship between organisations and the RSPB	Establish communication with the RSPB and understanding of their priorities for surrounding landscape	STC RSPB	✓	
Protection and enhancement of the River Ivel	Identify areas in need of improvements and lobby for work to be carried out by Environment Agency	Working group to work with local groups to identify areas of concern	STC CBC IPA	✓	
		Open up dialogue with Environment Agency	STC EA	✓	
Council allotment provision	Secure site at Beeston	Continue to work with CBC to transfer land to STC	STC CBC	✓	
		Work with BRCC and the Allotment Association on the set up of new allotments	STC CBC SDLGAA	✓	
	Identify site for a bigger allotment site	Negotiate with landowners	STC		✓
		Ensure allotment provision is negotiated as part of Section	STC CBC		✓

		106 for any new developments			
Flood risk	Investigate ways to mitigate the effects of flooding	Discuss with Environment Agency	STC EA	✓	✓
Promotion of renewable energy	Town Council to lead by example on all buildings and projects	Research conversion to LED street lighting	STC	✓	
		Ensure all Council office building lighting is LED	STC	✓	
		Research solar panels for Council depot	STC	✓	

Sports and Leisure

This section explores the sports and leisure offering in Sandy and considers the needs and desires of local sporting groups and the towns leisure facilities. The results of a 2016 consultation carried out by People and Places have been used as an evidence base for this section, along with the results of the Central Bedfordshire Council 2017 Local Plan consultation.

What you said Sandy needs to in terms of sports and leisure;

- Both the People and Places survey and Central Bedfordshire Local Plan consultation showed that residents would like to see increased leisure facilities for families and young people, with a swimming pool coming out as the most desired facility.
- The Local Plan Consultation highlighted a need for a purpose-built community centre for use by many of Sandy's existing clubs and groups.
- Feedback has identified that the continued growth and success of all football teams would benefit from a purpose built or designated football facility in place of the existing facility.

Issues Identified in the 2011 Town Plan

Issue	Is this still relevant ?
Skate Park Improvements and extra Lighting	YES
Increased Youth Facilities	YES
Provision of new multi-use leisure facilities	YES
Additional Sports Facilities	YES

Issues Identified through Sports and Leisure Consultation

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	In the next five years	Long term
Skate Park Improvements	Re-establish evidence for skate park need to include within CBC Leisure Strategy as part of any future multi use sporting provision	Carry out further consultations with users of the skate park regarding improvements needed	STC CBC SSA	✓	✓

Provision of new multi-use leisure facilities	Investigate whether Sandy could support a swimming pool, cinema, bowling alley or soft play centre	Liaise with CBC on perceived need for Swimming facility and its inclusion within CBC leisure strategy	STC CBC		✓
Additional Sports Facilities (Need for football facility highlighted)	Identify need for a football facility similar to adjacent towns to CBC. Include specifics on what the facility should incorporate.	Include within Central Bedfordshire Council's Leisure Strategy for consideration during Section 106 discussions	CBC STC		✓
		Get joined up support from football clubs with evidence demonstrating the need for the facility	STC Football Clubs	✓	
Creation of destination park and gardens	Creation of a destination park and garden if a purpose-built football facility is created and the Bedford Road football ground relocated	Include long term ambition within Central Bedfordshire Council's Leisure Strategy for consideration during Section 106 discussions	STC CBC		✓
Improvement of the Jenkins Pavilion Sports ground offering	Commit Section 106 sports funds to the enhancement of the Jenkins Pavilion and area.	Liaise with CBC on a feasibility study on Sunderland Road improvements	STC CBC	✓	
		Work with CBC and sports clubs to consider improvements and funding streams	STC CBC Sports Clubs		✓

Housing

This section explores the housing need in Sandy and your views on residential development. The results of a 2016 consultation carried out by the Town Council have been used as an evidence base for this section, along with the results of the Central Bedfordshire Council 2017 Local Plan consultation.

What you said Sandy needs in terms of housing development;

- 41% of respondents favoured mixed development
- 22% of respondents felt that there needed to be more starter homes in Sandy
- 35% of respondents identifying a need for help to buy schemes and another 35% identifying a need for more housing association homes.
- 37% feel that any future housing should be to the north of the town, while 41% felt it should be to the east

33% of respondents to the Town Councils survey did not indicate a need for more housing

The results of the Central Bedfordshire 2017 consultation showed 37% of participants felt Sandy needed more affordable homes and 33% felt there was a need for more older generation dwellings.

Many respondents commented that there was a need for more bungalows and that provision of more accommodation for older people would result in the opportunity to downsize while remaining in the area.

Source: Central Bedfordshire Council's Community Plan for Blunham, Moggerhanger, Sandy & Tempsford 2017

Participants in both the Town Council survey and the Central Bedfordshire Consultation highlighted that any housing development would impact heavily on infrastructure that was already stretched and there was a preference for no further development in Sandy until improvements were made to existing infrastructure and services.

Issues Identified in the 2011 Town Plan

Issue	Is this still relevant ?
Represent residents' views regarding types and tenure of housing they would prefer to see in any future development	Yes
The impact of housing development on the Town	Yes
Location of future development	Yes – Consultation resulted in a preference for the North or East of Sandy

Issues Identified through Housing Consultation

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	Next five years	Long term
Concerns over unsustainable growth of Sandy	Support and encourage a CBC Local Plan which does not allocate large numbers of residential dwellings to Sandy	Continue to push the STC Planning Concept document and respond to CBC Local Plan Consultations	STC CBC	✓	
Concerns over inadequate infrastructure to support growing number of residents	Identify areas of concern via the local plan and ensure the Planning Authority is aware and responds to the need for improved services/infrastructure via the Section 106/CIL process	Continue to push the STC Planning Concept document and respond to CBC Local Plan Consultations	STC CBC		✓
Reflect identified need for mixed housing in any development for which permission is granted	Identify need for mixed housing as part of discussions and negotiations on any development which may come forward. Push for up to 35% of new development housing to be affordable housing	Communicate public desire for mixed housing including affordable housing to CBC at early stage of any planning application received.	STC CBC		✓
Need for more dwellings suitable for the elderly include an increased number of bungalows	Highlight need for more elderly residential care and suitable dwellings to CBC and ensure consideration is duly given during negotiations with developers and any housing allocation given to sandy within the Local Plan	Communicate need for more dwellings suitable for the elderly, particularly bungalows to CBC at early stage of any planning application received	STC CBC		✓
Location of future development	Highlight desired location with perceived benefits to form part of CBC Local Plan	Continue to push the STC Planning Concept document and respond to CBC Local Plan Consultations			✓

Town Centre Economic Activity

This section explores economic activity specifically within Sandy Town Centre and considers issues identified by the 2017 Benchmarking survey commissioned by Sandy Town Council and the input of a town centre focus group. The focus group included representatives from a variety of town centre businesses.

The focus group highlighted that lack of passing footfall was an issue and that they would like to see a greater number of one off and community events to bring people into the town centre. The group commented that there is a shift in Sandy's offering from traditional retail to food and drink and that a greater variety of establishments need to be encouraged.

What you said Sandy needs to focus on;

- An improved retail offer was a key concern for residents. You would like to see a greater variety of shops, including nationally recognised names and a greater number of retail shops.
- A greater variety in the choice of restaurants.
- You felt the town centre needed investment to make it a more visually appealing place to stop and spend time.
- More parking was needed for visitors to the town centre.
- New businesses should be supported by lower business rates.
- Introduction of specialised markets that are prominently located.
- Leisure facilities, such as a cinema located within the town centre.
- More flowers and plants to encourage people to spend time in the area.
- Encourage new traders into the town.

74% felt the potential of local customers was a positive for Sandy

39% felt the physical appearance of Sandy was a positive

54% felt car parking was a negative aspect of Sandy's town centre

The results of the Central Bedfordshire 2017 consultation echoed the results of the Town Councils Benchmark study, with a call for an improved high street offering, a greater variety of shops, more investment in the town centre and support for new businesses starting up.

The consultation also highlights the need to improve links with the RSPB and town centre.

Source: Central Bedfordshire Council's Community Plan for Blunham, Moggerhanger, Sandy & Tempsford 2017

Issues Identified in the 2011 Town Plan

Issue	Is this still relevant ?
Insufficient range of shops in Sandy	Yes
Location of weekly markets	No longer a market in Sandy
Demand for a large supermarket / food store in Sandy	No – Tesco came to Town after a need was shown for a supermarket.

Issues Identified through Town Centre Economic Focus Group and Consultation

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	In the next 5 years	Long Term
Improved retail offer and greater variety of outlets	Invite required retail outlets to occupy vacant premises in Sandy	Identify outlets that Sandy is lacking in. Contact companies offering those outlets and negotiate for them to open in Sandy	STC	✓	✓
Reduction in vacant units	Match vacant units to desired retailers and encourage them to consider units	Identify all vacant units in Sandy and consider their best usage. Write to all relevant retailers	STC	✓	✓
Improvement and investment into the town centre's appearance	Identify areas for improvement within the town centre	Use the CBC Market Match fund to make improvements to town's appearance	STC CBC	✓	
Greater encouragement and support for new business	Reduction in business rates and rent to encourage new shop holders.	Negotiate a reduction in business rates and rent with landlords and local authority.	STC Landlords CBC	✓	✓

	Provide access to a retail consultant via joint fund with CBC.	Explore possibility of joint funding a retail consultant with CBC.	STC CBC	✓	
Community events and markets to bring more footfall into the town centre	Identify community events that would encourage footfall to the town centre	Create a working group to identify and hold/organise suitable town centre events	STC Retailers STC	✓	
	Run seasonal markets	Identify appropriate markets and resources to run them	STC Volunteers	✓	
Improved town centre car parking	Identify and instigate ways to improve town centre car parking	Review the results of CBC's parking survey for Sandy and consider possible solutions to be brought forward in the CBC parking strategy	STC CBC Local businesses Local land owners	✓	✓
		Survey the Town Centre car park possible improvements based upon the results			
Reduction of High Street Banking Facilities	Support existing facilities and push for more facilities within the town	Continue to support Barclays Pop up Bank	STC	✓	✓
		Write to banking providers to encourage them to open a branch in town			

Reduction of High Street Banking Facilities		Investigate other community banking schemes			
Demise of Chamber of Trade	Encourage the development of the Chamber of trade or existence of a new business group for the town	Explore possibility of joint funding a retail consultant with CBC	STC CBC	✓	✓

Transport

This section explores the current picture in terms of issues around transport and related infrastructure in and around Sandy.

In a 2017 consultation carried out by Central Bedfordshire Council 89% of participants indicated there was a need for transport improvements, with 49% wishing to see vehicular improvements and 20% focusing on improvements to bus services. Participants highlighted two main areas of concern;

- Sandy's proximity and connection to the A1
- Traffic flow through Sandy

During the same consultation participants also identified;

- the proposed East West rail link as a valuable opportunity for Sandy which should be pushed
- Upgrading of A1 or a new bypass
- Poor access to the Sunderland Road industrial estate and resulting impact on Fallowfield area
- Concern over HGVs travelling through town
- Town centre gridlock at peak hours
- Cycle/pedestrian link between Sandy, Potton and Biggleswade

Source Central Bedfordshire Council's Community Plan for Blunham, Moggerhanger, Sandy & Tempsford

Issues Identified in the 2011 Town Plan

Issue	Is this still relevant ?
Support improved facilities for Sandy train station	YES
Frequency of trains stopping and departing from train station	YES
Parking at Sandy train station	YES
Support for East-West Rail Link going through Sandy	YES
Improvements to bus service	Not identified as an issue in recent consultation
Increase promotion of existing bus services	In part. Real time information has been installed in stops
Demand for cycle routes	YES
Pedestrian access across the A1 from Bedford Road	YES
Concerns regarding pavement and road surface condition and overgrown vegetation and hedges	YES
Lack of availability off-street parking in residential areas	YES

Concern regarding dangerous parking near junctions	Not identified as an issue in recent consultation
Increase reporting of any problems with street lights	No – people are aware now of how to report problems with streetlights
Street light conversion to LED	YES
Demand for a zebra crossing near St Swithun's school and at Sunderland Road	YES
Concern about the volume of HGVs passing through the Town	YES
Speeding	NO

Action on 2011 Issues

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	In next 5 years	Long Term
Parking at Sandy Station	Identify additional areas for more parking	Survey of town to identify possible areas and bring them forward to CBC/Network Rail	STC NR CBC	✓	
	Consider additional controls and locations for on street parking	Parking survey of town and streets near to station		✓	
	Pilot a scheme where residents rent out driveways to regular users	Research similar schemes and carryout consultation to see how many houses may take part	STC	✓	
Customer service at Train Station	Extended office hours and reliability of ticket machines	Contact National Rail to discuss	STC Network Rail	✓	
Supporting East West Rail link through Sandy	Vocally support a East West Rail link route which will incorporate Sandy	Liaise with Network rail and CBC to push for a route which will benefit Sandy	STC CBC NR		✓

Increase promotion of existing bus services	Work with bus companies and other organisations to timetable information is widely available	Identify places for the publication of timetables and ensure the information is available to the public	STC CBC IS Stagecoach	✓	
Pedestrian Access across the A1 from Bedford Road	Lobby for a safe crossing point for walkers and cyclists across the A1 near the Sandy Bedford Road roundabout	Write to CBC, HA and the local MP to outline the need for a crossing point and ensure it is considered during any future Section 106 developments	STC CBC HE MP		✓
Demand for a zebra crossing near; St Swithun's School Sunderland Road Near the station	Support installation of zebra crossings on the High Street, Sunderland Road and near the station	STC to submit scheme under Rural match fund to establish if CBC would support a crossing and approximate cost	STC CBC	✓	
HGV routes through town centre	Improve directional signage	Identify problem areas and establish what signage is required	STC	✓	
		Lobby CBC for installation of directional signage at agreed locations	STC CBC	✓	
	Gather evidence of HGV levels passing through town to support need for improvements	Conduct traffic counts over a series of weeks to demonstrate level of HGVs	STC SG19	✓	

Street Light Conversion to LED	Currently converting on a small scale. STC to get pursue funding for complete conversion.	STC to continue to convert to LED on a light be light basis and pursue funding for conversion of complete lighting stock	STC	✓	
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Issues Identified through Transport Consultation

Issue	Solution	Action	Who	In next 5 years	Long Term
Upgrading of the A1 and addressing issues around the Sandy roundabout	Vocally support and encourage improvements to the A1 and lobby for a solution to the Sandy roundabout	Working with other groups to lobby Highways Agency and Local MP	STC HE SG19 MP		✓
Bypass for Sandy	Vocally support and encourage the need for a bypass for Sandy	Working with other groups to lobby Highways Agency and Local MP	STC HE SG19 MP		✓
A1 connection to north of Sandy and routes to industrial areas	Vocally support and encourage the need for improvements between the A1 and industrial area.	Gather evidence to support need for improvements	STC	✓	
		Lobby Highways Agency	STC HE		✓
	Any future development to the north of Sandy to include improvements to A1 access	Work with CBC and any prospective developer that might be granted planning permission to include improvements within 106 negotiations	STC CBC		✓

Lack of cycle/pedestrian connectivity between Sandy, Potton and Biggleswade	Identify areas of possible connectivity	Review of route between towns to highlight areas or possible improvement	STC	✓	
	Work with CBC to increase connectivity on specific areas identified	Liaise with CBC to get agreement specified areas for improvement and establish timeframe and action	STC CBC	✓	
Improved links between the Sandy Green Wheel	Town Council to continue to support BRCC on development of the Wheel	Council providing Funding for 2018/19. BRCC to summarise anticipated achievements by 2019.	STC BRCC	✓	
	Identify funding streams to ensure continued work to the Wheel	BRCC to identify areas of grant funding, including Section 106	BRCC STC	✓	
Lack of use of cycle paths to Potton and the north	Advertise cycle routes	Advertise cycle routes on website and Facebook	STC	✓	
Lack of town centre parking	Identify ways to improve car parking in town centre	Survey existing parking and identify areas of possible improvement	STC CBC Local businesses Local land owners	✓	
		Review town centre and consider any possible areas for new parking	STC CBC	✓	

Clean up of A1 signage 'clutter'	Request to Highways England for the removal of redundant signage	Liaise with SG19 to identify signage issues to take forward to HE	STC SLL CBC HE	✓	
Improvement of issues on stretch of A1 passing Sandy	Highways England to 'tidy up' A1 and more small-scale improvements	Liaise with SG19 to identify issues to take forward.	STC SG19 HE	✓	
Lack of Taxi Service providers within the town	Create a directory of taxi service providers	Publish directory of CBC Council approved taxi service providers on our website	STC CBC	✓	
Need for a footpath and streetlighting along New Road	Support a new footpath & streetlighting along New Road	Lobby CBC for a new footpath with streetlighting along New Road	STC CBC	✓	✓
Unsafe road conditions due to HGVs loading along New Road	Introduction and enforcement of loading restrictions	Lobby CBC to enforce parking restrictions along New Road	STC CBC	✓	
Lack of parking capacity in and around Winchester Road Estate	Scheme to increase parking spaces by using redundant garages and planters	Pursue funding for improvements and proposed design with CBC	CBC Aragon	✓	

Sandy's Long-Term Requirements

It is essential that we get Sandy's long-term priorities right and clearly communicate them to Central Bedfordshire Council and any potential developers. The Community Plan has identified a need for infrastructure or improvements which are outside Town Council's current capacity or resources. The investment for many of the projects or infrastructure identified would need to come forward as a result of developer contributions or grant funding. As such this document seeks to identify a Sandy

community 'vision' which clearly identifies those projects.

The following list will be submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council to be included in their long-term strategies and Section 106 deliberations. The list will also be used by the Town Council when entering into any discussions with developers or the Planning Authority over section 106. The list will also be used by the Council when any opportunity for grant funding arises.

Sandy's Community Vision

What we need

Vision/Requirement	Reasoning
Arts & Culture	
New adaptable multipurpose culture hub to host the Sandy Museum collection amongst other things	Long term issue over no where to hold cultural events and to house the Sandy collection
Health & Wellbeing	
Creation of a new surgery or health care hub	Health care is stretched and unable to meet growing demand. Well planned Health Care solution is required
Housing	
Increased number of bungalows	Lack of suitable housing for older generations
Increased number of dwellings for elderly	Lack of suitable housing for older generations
Increased number of dwellings for affordable housing	Lack of affordable housing for younger generations
Environment	
Completion of the Sandy Green Wheel	Increased usable greenspace and protection of existing areas
Provision of allotment site	Long term need for allotment provision to meet demand in Sandy

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Creation of a destination park and garden if a purpose-built football facility results in freeing up Bedford Road.	Sandy does not have a traditional town centre park with flowerbeds and recreation areas. Lack of available space but shift in Bedford Road football could create an opportunity
Sports and Leisure	
Sports & Leisure Multi use skatepark/BMX facility	Consultation showed desire for skate park. Facility would be more feasible if multi use.
Sports & Leisure Purpose built football facility for all Sandy based clubs	Lack of quality football facility to meet needs of all Sandy's clubs
Sports & Leisure Improve existing sporting facility at the Jenkins Pavilion	Current pavilion does not function as well as it might. Investment into enlargement and improvement could benefit several clubs
Town Centre	
Town Centre Purpose built multi-functional community centre	Lack of central community space in Sandy of sufficient size.
Town Centre Additional car park	Lack of sufficient parking in Sandy
Transport	
Creation of public toilets at the train station	Long needed improvement for customers
East West Rail connection via Sandy	Town Council supports the long-term ambition to bring the rail line through Sandy and the economic and social benefits this could result in
Pedestrian Access across the A1 from Bedford Road	No safe way to cross the A1 or connect Sandy for pedestrian use
Upgrading of the A1 and addressing issues around the Sandy roundabout	Roundabout results in pollution and congestion in Sandy
Creation of a Bypass for Sandy	Relieve traffic and pollution for Sandy and create and improved A1
Improvements to A1 connection to north of Sandy and routes to industrial areas	Reduce HGV traffic through residential areas

Creation of pavement along New Road, connecting Beeston and Sandy	Address long term safety concern and create pedestrian link between Sandy station and Beeston
Creation of a zebra crossing on High Street near St Swithun's School	Insufficient safe crossing space for children at St Swithuns school
Directional signage for HGVs at Fallowfield and Cambridge Road	Address long term issues of HGVs in residential spaces

The Way Forward

The key to success for Sandy's Community Plan will be ensuring that it is realistic, achievable and sustainable, building on the achievements brought forward under the 2011 Town Plan. Sandy Town Council will be the guardians and drivers of this vision, but it will only be implemented successfully with the help of partners.


Importantly the Town Council has started on a process where it is establishing what the priorities are for Sandy from the ground up. As pressure on housing stock continues and Central Bedfordshire Council continues to review its own Local Plan, it will be crucial to ensure key decision-making authorities and all other organisations are aware of what Sandy needs both now and in its future should it continue to develop in a well thought and sustainable way.

The Community Plan will provide a useful vehicle for the Town Council to prioritise its own work and budgets as well as providing a tool to have its voice heard within Central Bedfordshire.

APPENDIX 1

Glossary of Terms

BRCC	Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
CBC	Central Bedfordshire Council
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
EA	Environmental Agency
HE	Highways England
IPA	Ivel Protection Association
IS	Ivel Sprinter
NHS	National Health Service
NR	Network Rail
MP	Minister of Parliament
RSPB	Royal Society for Protection of Birds
SDLGAA	Sandy and District Leisure Gardens and Allotments Association
SG19	Local transport focused group
SSA	Sandy Skating Association
STC	Sandy Town Council

		Sandy Town Council			Council Risk Assessment		Adopted by Town Council on 27 February 2017	
Area	Subject	Risk(s) identified	H/M/L score	Management/control of risk	Review/Assess/Revise	Verified by		
Finance	Precept	Adequacy of precept in order for the Council to carry out its Statutory duties	L	To determine the precept amount required, the Council regularly receives budget update information at every PFR Committee meeting. At the Town Council meeting to discuss and agree the Precept and at the PFR committees ahead of that meeting that Council receives a budget report, including actual position and projected position to the end of year and indicative figures and costings obtained by the Clerk. With this information the Council considers individual budget codes and projects to ensure each is adequately budgeted for.	Existing procedure adequate	Council RFO/Clerk Accountant		
	Bank and Banking Financial controls and Records	Inadequate checks Banks mistakes Loss Charges Inadequate records Financial irregularities	L	The Council has Financial Regulations which set out banking requirements. Monthly reconciliation of accounts is carried when statements arrive by the accountant. The Council has financial regulations in place which set out requirements. Financial transactions are recorded by the	Existing procedure adequate. Review financial regulations when necessary. Review bank signatories as necessary. Monitor bank statements monthly. Existing procedure adequate. Review financial regulations when necessary.	RFO/Clerk External Auditor Internal Auditor RFO/Clerk External Auditor		

				accountant monthly. An independent audit checks the records on an annual basis to ensure the Council is compliant. Yearend accounts submitted with annual return.				Internal Auditor
Reporting and auditing	Information Communication	L		Financial information is reported to every Policy, Finance and Resources Committee meeting every six weeks.			Existing procedure adequate	Council RFO/Clerk External Auditor Internal Auditor
Direct Costs	Goods not supplied but billed Incorrect invoicing Cheque incorrect	L		The Council has financial regulations in place which set out requirements. A list of payments for each monthly is reviewed by Council at P,F&R. Two Members' signatures required for all cheques. The Council has minimal stock, which is regularly checked by the Clerk and maintenance team.			Existing procedures adequate. Monitored by Council.	RFO/Clerk Accountant
Best Value accountability	Work awarded incorrectly. Overspend on services.	L/M		Financial Regulations set out contract levels and tendering process. If problems are encountered with a contract the Clerk will investigate and report to the Council.			Existing procedure is adequate and included in financial regulations. Monitored by Town Clerk Schedule of contracts held by Council. To be reported to Council annually.	Councillors RFO/Clerk

Salaries and associated costs	Salary paid incorrectly. Unpaid Tax to Inland Revenue	L	Payroll contracted out to Bedfordshire Borough Council. Payroll checked by admin team leader and payroll on a monthly basis.	Adequate. Contract with Beds Borough Council to be monitored by Clerk.	RFO/Clerk Accountant
Employees	Fraud by staff Loss of key personnel Health and Safety	L	Requirements of Fidelity Guarantee insurance adhered to with regards to fraud. All employees provided with adequate direction and safety equipment needed to undertake their roles.	Adequate. Monitored by Clerk and Human Resources Committee.	Councillors Clerk
Town Clerk	Improper conduct	L	Appraisals carried out annually Clerk's performance and appraisal overseen by Human Resources Committee and Clerks Management Committee. Clerk to be provided with relevant training, reference books, access to professional and legal advice required to undertake the role.	Monitored by Human Resources Committee	Councillors
Election Costs	Risk of election cost	L/M	Risk is higher in an election year. When an election is due the Clerk will obtain an estimate of costs from Central Bedfordshire Council for a full election and an uncontested election. There are no measures which can be adopted to minimise the risk of having a contested election as this is a democratic process and should not	Existing procedure is adequate	Councillors Clerk/RFO

					be stifled. An annual budget is set aside with this in mind.			
VAT	Re-claiming/charging	L			The Council has Financial Regulations that set out the requirements. The accountant regularly checks and claims all VAT owed.		Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk/RFO Accountant
Annual Return	Submit within time limits	L			Annual Return is completed and signed by the Council, submitted to the internal auditor for completion and signing then sent to the external auditor within time limit.		Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk/RFO Accountant
Legal Powers	Illegal activity	L			All activity and payments within the powers of Town Council to be resolved and minuted at PFR or Town Council meetings.		Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Councillors
Insurance	Adequacy Cost Compliance	L/M			An annual review is undertaken (before the time of policy renewal) of all insurance agreements in place.		Existing procedure is adequate. Review insurance provision annually, Review of compliance.	Clerk Councillors
Complying with Employment law	Failure to comply with law	L			Membership of various national bodies and contract with Human Resources provider. Town Clerk is a member of SLCC and the Council is a member of BATPC		Existing procedure is adequate.	Clerk Human Resources Committee
Safety of staff and visitors	Injury	M			Employees are provided with adequate health and safety training and direction in equipment needed to undertake their roles. Health and safety policy in place. Secured doors to personnel area. Panic button in reception. Lone work policy in place.		Existing procedure is adequate.	Clerk Human Resources Committee
Employer Liability								

	Pension requirements	Comply with statutory duties	L	Payroll and pension contributions managed by Bedford Borough Council. Adequate budget allowed for employer contributions is reviewed annually.	Existing procedure is adequate.	Clerk Human Resources Committee
Legal Liability	Acting within legal powers	Failure to ensure activities are within the legal powers of a council	L	All activity and payments within the powers of Town Council to be resolved and minuted at PFR or Town Council meetings.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Auditors
	Proper reporting of Minutes/Age ndas/Notices/ Statutory Documents	Failure to meet requirements	M	Minutes and agendas are produced in the prescribed manner by the Clerk or administration team leader and adhere to the legal requirements. Minutes are approved and signed at the next Council/Committee meetings. Agendas are displayed according to legal requirements.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Auditors
	Computers	Loss of Council data	L	Regular back up of important data. Virus protection renewed. IT management contract in place. All computers are included on insurance policy with adequate cover.	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk
	Legal Documents	Lose or damage	M	Leases and legal documents kept in safe at Council officers	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Auditor
Councillors	Declarations of Interest	Interest not declared	M	Code of conduct sets down declaration of interest guidelines. Clerk to advise a Councillor when there is uncertainty. Declarations are included in each agenda before the discussion items.	Existing procedure is adequate	

Assets	Protection of Physical Assets	Damage to property	M	Buildings insured and reviewed annually. Increase in line with RPI. Annual Health and Safety inspection of all property by outside company. (THSP)	Existing procedure is adequate	Clerk Councillors
	Maintenance of buildings	Lack of upkeep	M	Buildings maintained on adhoc basis.	Reviewed by Grounds team leader and recommendations made to Clerk for action if required.	Clerk Grounds Team
	Security of buildings, equipment	Theft, damage	H	Regular checks by staff and reports from public investigated. Alarm system at Council offices and depot. CCTV at Sunderland Road and Bedford Road Recreation Grounds. Annual fire safety testing. Weekly fire alarm and sensor checks.	Existing procedure adequate.	Clerk Councillors

Reviewed by Policy, Finance and Resources Committee on 9th January 2017
Received, reviewed and adopted by Town Council on 27th February 2017
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The following statistics are for Members information. The information is received from Central Bedfordshire Council and can be viewed online at <https://www.police.uk/bedfordshire/68/crime/>. Anti-social behaviour is not included in the data provided.

January 2018

The January reporting period is for 32 days from 1st January to 30th January inclusive

January 2018	OFFENCE CLASS DESCRIPTION	COMMITTED	ADDRESS
Sandy Ivel			
	INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE	03/1/2018 12:00	GOSFORTH CLOSE SANDY
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE – OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)	05/1/2018 09:00	HIGH ROAD SEDDINGTON SANDY
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO OTHER BUILDINGS	08/1/2018 07:00	GEORGETOWN ROAD SANDY
	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	08/1/2018 16:00	HIGH STREET SANDY
	SENDING LETTERS ETC WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS OR ANXIETY	10/1/2018 14:57	UNDISCLOSED
	ATT. BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL (GARAGE/SHED/VACANT PROPERTY)	11/1/2018 12:00	STATION ROAD SANDY
	BLACKMAIL	12/1/2018 22:15	UNDISCLOSED
	HARRASSMENT	16/1/2018 10:00	UNDISCLOSED
	DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	20/1/2018 09:00	UNDISCLOSED
	AFFRAY	20/1/2018 09:05	COOPERS CLOSE SANDY

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THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		20/1/2018 15:55	GIRTFORD BRIDGE SANDY & HIGH STREET SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		20/1/2018 19:02	GIRTFORD BRIDGE SANDY
ROBBERY OF BUSINESS PROPERTY		29/1/2018 21:40	HIGH STREET SANDY
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		30/1/2018 04:00	GREAT NORTH ROAD SEDDINGTON SANDY
Sandy Pinnacle			
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)		01/1/2018 01:00	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES		01/1/2018 10:00	WYNNEFIELD WALK SANDY
ENQUIRIES CONFIRM NO CRIME HAVING AN ARTICLE WITH A BLADE OR POINT IN A PUBLIC PLACE		01/1/2018 20:57	MIDLAND ROAD SANDY MIDLAND ROAD SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)		02/1/2018 13:30	COLLEGE ROAD SANDY
BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL – (GARAGE/SHED/VACANT PROPERTY/COMMUNAL)		05/1/2018 08:00	POTTON ROAD SANDY
HARASSMENT – SINGLE INCIDENT ONLY		05/1/2018 10:30	UNDISCLOSED
BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY		06/1/2018 14:14	EVERTON ROAD SANDY
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT		07/1/2018 12:29	UNDISCLOSED
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT		08/1/2018 09:40	UNDISCLOSED
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)		08/1/2018 11:15	ENGAYNE AVENUE SANDY
AFFRAY		09/1/2018 09:15	CAMBRIDGE ROAD SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)		10/1/2018 00:00	STIRLING CLOSE SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		10/1/2018 18:10	MARKET SQUARE SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE – OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)		11/1/2018 10:30	COLLEGE ROAD SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES		13/1/2018 11:30	BELAM WAY SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)		13/1/2018 21:59	ST. SWITHUNS WAY SANDY UNDISCLOSED
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT			UNDISCLOSED
BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY		16/1/2018 06:15	THE HEATH GAMLINGAY SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		17/1/2018 17:29	MARKET SQUARE SANDY
SEXUAL		18/1/2018 19:00	UNDISCLOSED

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SENDING LETTERS ETC WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS OR ANXIETY	18/1/2018 22:04	UNDISCLOSED
COMMON ASSAULT	19/1/2018 15:30	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE – OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)	21/1/2018 08:00	POTTON ROAD SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	21/1/2018 22:10	BEAMISH CLOSE SANDY
BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY	22/1/2018 05:00	THE HEATH GAMLINGAY SANDY
BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY	22/1/2018 08:10	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT	22/1/2018 09:35	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	22/1/2018 15:23	COLLEGE ROAD SANDY
BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY	22/1/2018 20:00	ENGAYNE AVENUE SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT	23/1/2018 15:40	SUNDERLAND ROAD SANDY
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL – DWELLING	23/1/2018 20:45	DAPIFER DRIVE SANDY
PUBLIC ORDER – FEAR OR PROVOCATION OF VIOLENCE (POA 1986 S.4)	25/1/2018 12:25	MARKET SQUARE SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	25/1/2018 15:30	GREAT NORTH ROAD SANDY
SENDING LETTERS ETC WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS OR ANXIETY	26/1/2018 02:30	UNDISCLOSED
PUBLIC ORDER – FEAR OR PROVOCATION OF VIOLENCE (POA 1986 S.4)	27/1/2018 15:30	BELAM WAY SANDY
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	28/1/2018 10:09	UNDISCLOSED

February 2018

The February reporting period is for 32 days from 31st January to 27th February inclusive

February 2018	OFFENCE CLASS DESCRIPTION	COMMITTED	ADDRESS
Sandy Ivel			
SEXUAL		02/2/2018 04:02	Blank
CRIMINAL DAMAGE – TO VEHICLES		02/2/2018 09:10	WEST ROAD SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS		06/2/2018 18:36	NEW ROAD SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)		08/2/2018 21:27	ROBERT HUNT GARDENS
CRIMINAL DAMAGE – OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)			SANDY

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DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	11/2/2018 20:40	THE GREEN BEESTON SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	13/2/2018 14:16	GIRTFORD BRIDGE SANDY
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	13/2/2018 14:29	GEORGETOWN ROAD SANDY
SEXUAL COMMUNICATIONS	13/2/2018 18:55	Blank
HARASSMENT – (PFHA SECTION (5)) BREACH OF A RESTRAINING ORDER	14/2/2018 12:00	Blank
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	14/2/2018 14:02	NEW ROAD SANDY
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	16/2/2018 19:00	Blank
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	18/2/2018 16:15	BEDFORD ROAD SANDY
INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE	21/2/2018 08:30	LONDON ROAD SANDY
THEFT FROM SHOPS AND STALLS	24/2/2018 22:38	NEW ROAD SANDY
Sandy Pinnacle		
SEXUAL	01/2/2018 14:34	Blank
INTERFERENCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE	01/2/2018 22:45	WAVERLEY AVENUE SANDY
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	02/2/2018 14:45	Blank
BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY	02/2/2018 22:05	POTTON ROAD SANDY
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	04/2/2018 12:00	SUNDERLAND ROAD SANDY
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLES	05/2/2018 03:00	ST NEOTS ROAD SANDY
COMMON ASSAULT	05/2/2018 16:00	LARKS RISE SANDY
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	05/2/2018 16:04	Blank
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	08/2/2018 08:00	ST NEOTS ROAD SANDY
BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL - DWELLING	08/2/2018 14:45	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	10/2/2018 15:05	Blank
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	12/2/2018 20:26	EAST ROAD SANDY
BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL - DWELLING	14/2/2018 17:50	WINCHESTER ROAD SANDY
DOMESTIC DISPUTE/INCIDENT	20/2/2018 23:55	Blank
CRIMINAL DAMAGE – OTHER PROPERTY (NOT BUILDINGS)	21/2/2018 20:40	POTTON ROAD SANDY
SENDING LETTERS ETC WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS OR ANXIETY	31/2/2018 13:00	Blank