

Having removed the areas of duplication (District plans, government policy, HCC/EHDC strategic plans/policies) we have agreed the following the 5 key areas of focus and the broad content:

1. **Town Centre;** to include

- Community facilities, including access, toilet facilities ;
- Preservation of Cultural Heritage, including shopfront design;
- Town Centre regeneration, including building design standards and protecting and enhancing the public realm;
- Air Quality;
- Walking & Cycling;
- Enhancement of the river corridor and towpath, including the repair of the footbridge;
- Traffic Congestion and car parking;
- Enhancement and improvement of broadband and Wi-Fi provision; and
- Provision of flexible work hubs for SMEs etc
- Tourism

2. **Sustainable Transport;** to include

- Traffic Sensitive Streets': within both the Town Centre and Outer Ware e.g.
  - traffic congested streets / junctions;
  - footway parking;
  - air quality;
  - parking outside schools; and
  - 'intrusive HGV parking / deliveries.
- 'Cycling Facilities' - including any Sustrans proposals to amend their existing designated routes within Ware, plus:
  - existing and proposed designated cycle routes;
  - existing local 'informal' cycle routes (e.g. linking schools and residential areas); and
  - existing and proposed cycle parking spaces;
- 'Green Pedestrian Routes': existing and proposed footways / footpaths linking green spaces, parks, residential areas, schools, and the Town Centre;
- 'Road Traffic Accidents': data from Herts CC indicating the location of highway Personal Injury Accidents within Ware

3. **Housing;** to include:

- The proportion of new homes which should be affordable;
- 'Living over the Shops' type policy, whereby conversion of Town Centre buildings (e.g. the former High Street Nat West bank building) should only be converted to residential use on the upper floors, and the ground floor (and street frontage) be retained for appropriate shop / office/ commercial / community use;
- Provision of retired living developments that meet HAPPI (Housing our Ageing Population Panel for Innovation) principles; and
- Good, energy efficient, housing design standards (e.g. green insulation standards, grey water recycling, good space standards etc) and use of appropriate materials that respects the surrounding vernacular architecture.

(Note: EHC already specific Secure By Design as a requirement)

4. **Economic Development;** to include:

- opportunities to increase economic activity
- existing employment areas;
- potential community facilities that could provide facilities to assist new/start up SMEs; and
- potential locations for small workshops.
- protection and enhancement of existing employment sites, including work experience opportunities;
- provision for new and SMEs, including business start-ups and small community projects;
- provision for new small workshops;
- support for home- based businesses, working near home, local business hubs; and
- improved broadband and Wi-Fi provision.

5. **Leisure, Culture Environment and Community;** to include:

- location of existing formal green open spaces, including existing designated playing fields and sports facilities;
- location of key existing informal green open spaces, e.g. allotments;
- location of existing Community buildings, e.g. Scouts, Youth Groups and Church Halls;
- location of existing Community Cultural buildings
- designation of local green spaces (as shown on the aforementioned plans) – development would not be supported on any of these existing formal and informal green spaces;
- protection of pedestrian and cycle links and corridors between the local green spaces;
- protection of areas of local landscape and heritage value, e.g. the river corridor;
- protection of existing Community infrastructure, including community and cultural buildings and associated ancillary facilities; and
- protection of allotments.
- protecting and enhancing the river corridor;
- protecting existing biodiversity and habitats;
- enhancement of the local environment – e.g. new developments should include good quality outdoor space, including provision for new trees and other planting to encourage biodiversity.