

SDB Priorities				
Major Development Proposals	Justification	Proposed Action	Resource	
To take an overview of proposed major development within the town	Bicester is identified to grow significantly to 2031. The SDB brings together relevant organisations to have an over view of the changes proposed to the town. The Board could have a particularly important role in ensuring that consideration is given to the provision of appropriate infrastructure.	SDB to receive reports analysing any emerging strategies and policy documents to identify where it supports the delivery of the Shared Vision, Bicester Masterplan or Local Plan or where there is potential conflict.SDB to consider response to the originators	Eco Bicester Project Team -	
NW Bicester Eco Development	The development of land at NW Bicester to Eco Town PPS standards is an ambitious target. The Exemplar planning permission has achieved a number of firsts nationally and locally. The ambition remains to ensure the whole NW development continues to achieve exceptional standards of sustainability.	Delivery of an exemplar sustainable development. SDB to monitor progress on the delivery of the proposed development	Eco Bicester Project Team	
Deliver the shared vision				
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<p>Encouraging local people to have a real say in the future of their town.</p>	<p>Localism and the empowerment of local people are key planks to the government's policy. Whilst the planning system still is a plan led system the role of local people in neighbourhoods, local organisations and business is essential in both in plan making and decision taking. The SDB has embraced the engagement of local people through the adoption of the engagement strategy in October 2011.</p>	<p>Encourage engagement with local people when ever practicable. Ensure that the Project Team's work includes the engagement of local people in accordance with the Engagement Strategy</p>	<p>Eco Bicester Project Team</p>	
<p>Making opportunities for local communities to own and govern local community assets.</p>	<p>Looking forward there are opportunities arising from local ownership and management. However this is unlikely to happen initially without support for the community in delivering and adapting to change. A community Land trust has been established for Cherwell District and work at NW Bicester is looking to provide the opportunity for direct local management within the development.</p>	<p>Continue to work with A2Dominion to develop proposals for a local management organisation for NW Bicester. Keep under review opportunities to work with the Community Land Trust being established. Contribute to the boundary review to ensure new development is in an appropriate town or parish</p>	<p>Eco Bicester Project Team</p>	

Residential Retro Fitting for energy efficiency	Existing homes will continue to be a significant contributor to carbon produced and inefficient homes are likely to be an increasing cost burden to occupiers. Work has commenced on retro fitting basic insulation measures but with the introduction of the Green Deal further opportunities may arise to address this and provide resilience to fuel price rises, reduce carbon and provide healthy living environment.	Promote insulation scheme until green deal. Promote Green Deal	Eco Bicester Project Team - Community Liaison Officer working with CDC Private Sector Housing Team.	
Delivering Local Infrastructure	The level and timing of infrastructure provided in connection with new development is a significant concern of local people. In the current financial climate there are challenges in the viability of new development and their ability to deliver new infrastructure, accessing grants and for all local authorities. Never the less this remains a critical matter in relation to the growth of	Contribute and encourage others to contribute to work being undertaken on infrastructure planning through the local plan process. Explore opportunities to deliver infrastructure when possible.	Eco Town Project Team - Infrastructure Officer	
		Promote work being delivered such as Town Centre scheme, reuse centre, self build housing etc	Eco Town Project Team - Strategic Engagement Officer	
Provide access to local food	Food has a high environmental and carbon footprint. Bicester is surrounded by agricultural land and local food producers.	Work with OWP on love food hate waste campaign when opportunities arise	Eco Bicester Project Team - Community Liaison Officer working	

Promote access to open space and the countryside	Although surrounded by rural area with a number of public footpaths there is no circular walk identified for Bicester. The local woodland at Stoke Wood is heavily used but relies on vehicular access for the majority of users. A high value is put on open space by residents within the town.	Promote opportunities through new development and explore opportunities to work with Oxfordshire ROW and voluntary organisations to improve access.	Eco Town Project Team - Strategic Engagement Officer	
Economy & Skills				
Deliver new employment opportunities	Growing the economy and increasing the number of jobs in the town is a significant aim of the Shared Vision. Work is underway through the LEPs, Economic Development Strategy and the work of groups such as Bicester Vision, the Chamber of Commerce and Cherwell Investment Partnership. However the SDB provides an opportunity to focus on areas not currently being delivered by others such as the opportunities arising out of new development.	Deliver the Eco Business Centre	CDC & Eco Bicester Project Team - Implementation Officer	
Provide opportunity for Skills training	New development of the scale proposed in Bicester provides the opportunity to provide training opportunities that could benefit the town.	Adopt Construction Futures model for securing skills training alongside development	LP Policy, Eco Bicester Project Team & Funding & Construction Futures	
Transport				

Deliver modal shift in journeys in the town	cars produce carbon, affect air quality and quality of the environment. Congestion can discourage access to the town.	Travel behaviour project	Eco Bicester funding & Eco Bicester Project Team - Transport Planner, Bicester Community Liaison Officer, Strategic engagement officer	
Low emission vehicles	It is recognised that a significant number of journeys will continue to be done by cars and there is not always a viable non car alternative. Therefore there is benefit in minimising the impact of these journeys. Low emission vehicles provide an opportunity to do this.	Promotion of low emission vehicles	Eco Bicester Project Team and vehicle manufacturers	
Environmental Sustainability				
Green Infrastructure	GI is important to the quality of the environment and in maintaining biodiversity. This is reflected in the government's recognition of garden city principles.	Promote opportunities through new development	Eco Bicester Project Team	
Reduced water use	Bicester is located within an area of water stress and new development increases the pressure on water resources. The ambitious target of water neutrality is sought for NW Bicester but wider measures are needed to avoid new development increasing pressure on the water environment.	Water efficiency campaign-Promote work of partners such as TWU and EA and Water wise	Eco Bicester Project Team - Community Liaison Officer	

Energy efficiency	New development will put pressure on existing energy supply without measures to address the impact. The identification of an energy strategy for the town would identify opportunities to make best use of existing infrastructure, opportunity for zero and low carbon energy generation and measures that would enable the town to benefit from 'allowable solutions.'	Town Wide Energy Strategy	Eco Town Funding for consultant	
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