

Bicester SDB survey data

Role and Function. In this set of questions, we are keen to understand how the SDB is perceived and suggestions for improvements.Q4. Please describe your current perception of the SDB in three words (below)			Please describe how you think the SDB should be perceived in three words (below)			Thinking about the difference between your answers to the two previous questions, please explain what changes, if any, you would like to see implemented by the SDB.	Q5. Are there any changes that you would like to see to the SDB meetings? Think about:		
1	2	3	4	5	6	Open-Ended Response	timing	location / virtual	frequency
Irrelevant?	Potential...	Discursive	Relevant	Influential	Strategic	The board should have a clear role and fulfil that role. It needs to have a place in the spectrum and a place which is valued. The Board should be reviewing and challenging the garden town programme and overseeing delivery as well as providing support and removing any blockages	Could be up to 2 hours if needed	Virtual	quarterly or even bi-monthly if necessary
Drift	Wide	Ok	Strategic	Effective	Focused		No preference	Virtual is fine	Quarterly
wide ranging	worthy	Wordy	focused	concise	galvanising	more focus on fewer issues, outcomes driven	no	virtual	as is
Inform	Listen	Gather	Inform	Listen	Gather	No differences	Does deter working members from attending	No problem with either attending in person or virtual	Probably just right
A necessary review	Useful Agenda	Lacks enough detail	A necessary review	A thought receiver	potential decision maker	It either needs to be longer to cover questions on presentation details fully, or these details be voted on later at an appropriate time . E.G nearly two years ago a paper was presented to the SDB on Bicester parking to be reviewed by SDB the following November, this never happened and the presently used system was a fait accompli. E.G. What is the point of that presentation	No timing will suit everyone	The present location is ok for virtual but it does not encourage anyone who is not already "in the know"	If it was more frequent as it used to be then it has the potential to become more useful.
Strategy	leadership	Oversight	Leadership	Engaging	Innovative	More communicative with community, outward facing	the timing is good	if physical needs to remain in Bicester	frequency is good
						Perceived by who ? Not sure how either interested organisations, or general public, see the role of the Board alongside other bodies.	O.K.	Prefer 'location' but work well under current virtual arrangements	O.K.
Strategic	Questioning	Answerable				SB usually fulfills these!	Fine	Actual....after current crisis!	As current
Useful	Professional	Informative	Relevant	Capable	Responsive	I haven't been a member for long enough to form a view on this matter.	I haven't been a member for long enough to form a view on this matter.	Live is better than virtual.	I haven't been a member for long enough to form a view on this matter.

		Capability and Resources This set of questions seek to find out your thoughts on the current priorities and membership of the SDB. The overarching purpose of the SDB is to oversee and promote consistency of approach in the development of proposals for all strategic developments in and immediately adjacent to the town, so that they progress in a logical and coherent manner to the ultimate benefit of the town.	The SDB membership is currently made up of: Q7. Please indicate below whether you think that the membership is appropriate for the SDB:	Where you have answered 'no' or 'some amendments required', please explain what changes you would like to see:	Process and Structure This set of questions seeks to find out your thoughts on governance structure, production of reports and schedule of meetings.Q8. Have you attended an SDB meeting before?	If yes, how many times?
how the meetings work	other	Q6. Taking in to account the purpose of th	Response	Open-Ended Response	Response	Response
Focussed and business like	Enable contributions from a wider group of people but keep it focussed!	Startegy and programme oversight - helping to shape the agenda but ensure that the programme is delivering what is required.	Some amendments required	I think further discussion needs to take please - form will follow function and I think the SDB needs to clarify it function better - at the moment it is trying to be all things to all men/women.	Yes	10+
Less is more	Focus on strategic delivery	Securing garden town objectives.	Some amendments required	Less members from the council's. Chamber and vision is doubling up.	Yes	10+
don't overburden the agenda		town centre regeneration, sustainable transport, links to rural hinterland	Yes		Yes	1 - 5
Good spread of information, although sometimes we miss items because of running out of time.	Maybe not all agenda items are relevant	We need to look at the town as a whole, sometimes I feel we get off track. Infrastructure is important with all the new building going on.	Yes		Yes	10+
		Environmental Issues?			Yes	1 - 5
As the layout is at present they do not encourage public participation.and it has become a talking shop	as above	There is no reason to restrict the coverage of the SDB	Yes		Yes	10+
meeting with pre-meet works well	could be more public involvement	traffic capacity/movement; town centre viability; ensuring place shaping & services are developed appropriate for a growing population including employment, leisure, healthcare and community space (including green infrastructure)	Some amendments required	IF CDC Lead Members were from outside of Bicester, additional local member(s) from CDC	Yes	10+
Perhaps more input / updates from organisations, e.g. LEP and Growth Board	1. Prefer resumption of 'private' pre-meet to raise more 'sensitive' issues. 2. very irritated that 'non board members' continually act as they are part of the board. This has been very bad during the 'local' meetings, and continues under virtual system.	Disappointed that the Board sometimes focusses on primarily on 'new' developments, taking little account of long-term residents needs. However I welcome the 'Healthy Town' focus, but has to be for all residents. Could be stronger in supporting some issues - Health village being proposed as an out-of-town facility.	Some amendments required	Suggest 3 elected members from each of the three local authority, and leave to respective leaders as to who those should be. Would also support representation from 'young people' and the 'voluntary sector.	Yes	10+
More discussion/questioning.....less speaking to written reports			Yes		Yes	10+
I haven't been a member for long enough to form a view on this matter.	I haven't been a member for long enough to form a view on this matter.	I haven't been a member for long enough to form a view on this matter.	Yes		Yes	1 - 5

Communication This section seeks to find out your thoughts on the SDB's communication methods. Q9. Do you feel that you are getting sufficient information in good time before the SDB meeting?		Further commentsQ10. Please use the space below to provide any other comments that haven't been covered by this survey.	Q11. We are keen to understand your thoughts and views and the best format for this may be through a short interview. If you would like to give additional feedback (via MS Teams), please indicate below and leave your contact details.	
Response	If no, what can be done to make you feel	Open-Ended Response	Response	
No	Needs to be supplied in a more timely manner - are there too many papers?	Welceom the opportunity to review the SDB	Yes	
Yes		Agendas are too full.	Yes	
Yes			No	
No	I feel we need the Agenda's at least a week before the meeting.		No	
Yes		I've only attended the last 2 meetings and although interesting they have not covered issues within our remit.		
Yes		While this is not for the SDB; there is a case for re-scheduling meetings which cover both Bicester and Banbury Business		
Yes		There should be more easily accessed information for the public including in advance of the meeting	Yes	
Yes			No	
Yes	Members could be asked to 'suggest' agenda items.....I have done so and have been pleased to have mine take-up!	Officers of the three Councils should obviously speak and answer to their reports, but not 'act' as a Board Member.	Yes	
Yes			Yes	