

**LDF Implementation Plan and  
Local Investment Plan**

**Bishops Castle  
& surrounding  
area  
Place Plan**

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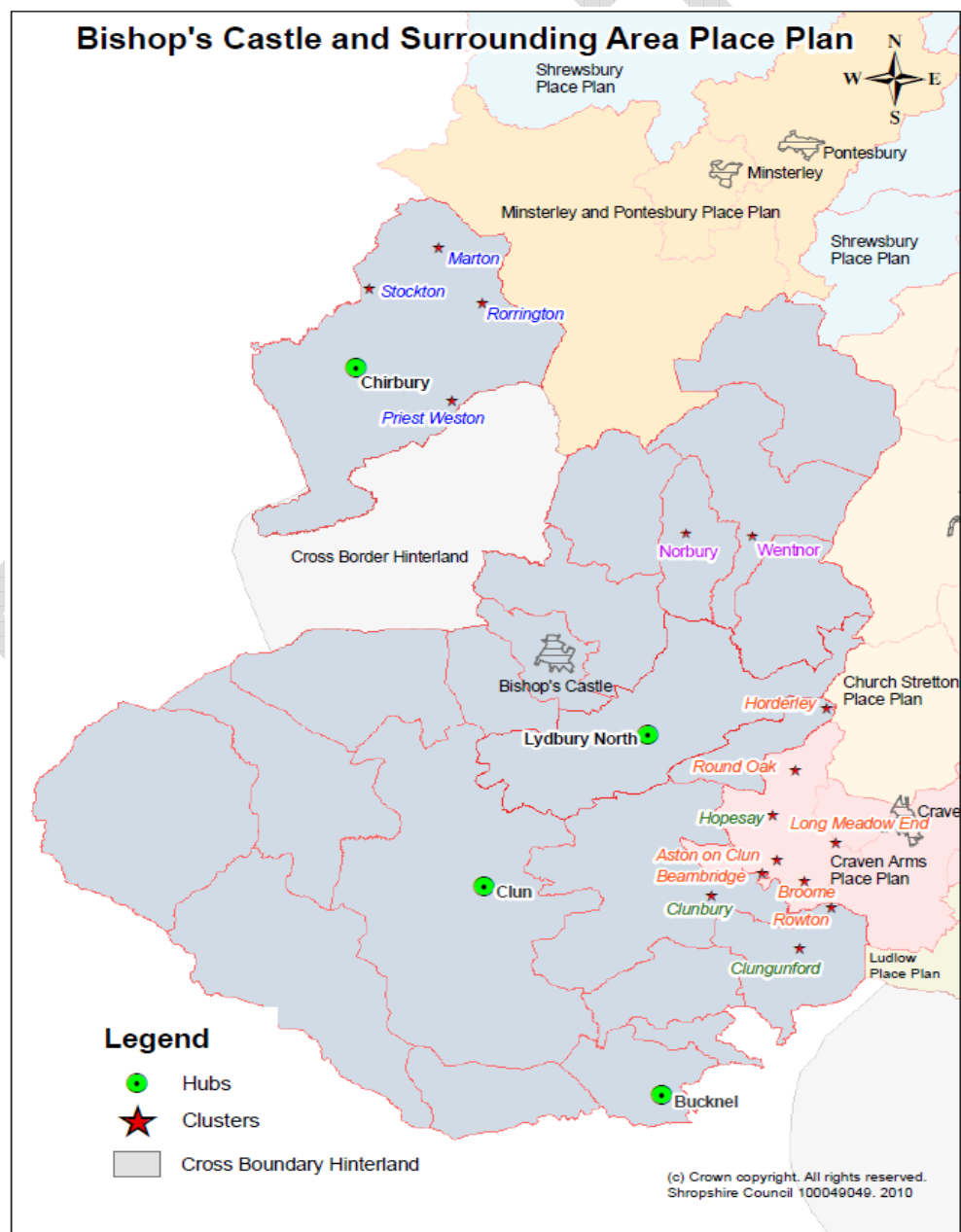
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## ***What is this document?***

- 1.1 This document is the Place Plan for *Bishops Castle and its surrounding area*. It summarises the infrastructure and investment requirements needed to deliver the community vision and aspirations for Bishops Castle, its Community Hubs, Clusters and surrounding Rural Hinterland.
- 1.2 It covers the area in the map, below, which is based on the perceived area of influence for the main settlement, Bishops Castle, as identified by Bishops Castle Town Council.



- 1.3 However, whilst this Place Plan covers the area identified, it is important to note that it does not work in isolation, but is part of a set of 18 interlinked Place Plans covering Shropshire's main settlements and their hinterlands. The above map provides an overview of the Place Plans bordering the Bishops Castle locality, in addition to the perceived cross border areas of influence, which lie outside Shropshire and provide a focus for cross border working with neighbouring local authorities and partners.
- 1.4 Within Bishops Castle and its surrounding area, a number of Community Hubs and Clusters have been put forward by the town and parish councils within the Bishops Castle locality, as part of the Local Development Framework. These are identified on the map and are defined as those settlements or collections of settlements where limited development is needed to ensure that the local community becomes more sustainable. As such, development in these settlements will be based on community benefit, such as the provision of local facilities, economic development or housing for local needs. Outside of these hubs and clusters, the surrounding area is defined as countryside, where further development will be strictly controlled and only allowed in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5 However, there is an ongoing opportunity for communities to 'opt in' as either a Hub or a Cluster at a later stage in the Local Development Framework Plan period (2006-2026), for example through a review of local parish plans. The Council will therefore continue discussions with the local community to identify the community benefits that can be delivered through development.
- 1.6 Whilst this initial version of the Bishops Castle primarily focuses on the investment requirements for Bishops Castle, work is ongoing to identify the infrastructure and investment needs for Bishops Castle's Hubs, Clusters and Rural Hinterland. Detailed discussions with parish councils within the Bishops Castle locality are therefore ongoing and will inform the updated version of the Bishops Castle Place Plan in due course.
- 1.7 The Place Plans form part of the Shropshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Implementation Plan and the Local Investment Plan. As outlined in figure 1, this package of documents is aimed at ensuring the delivery of sustainable places in Shropshire.
- 1.8 The LDF Implementation Plan outlines all the infrastructure requirements which are needed to support the level and location of development for Shropshire, as outlined in the Core Strategy. It covers physical infrastructure (transport, energy, water, waste, minerals and ICT/digital), economic infrastructure (regeneration, business growth and employment, skills training) social infrastructure (education, health

and community facilities) and green infrastructure (open spaces, recreation and sporting facilities and green public realm) requirements.

- 1.9 The Local Investment Plan (LIP) will help the Council and its partners to work together to coordinate various funding streams.
- 1.10 The 18 Place Plans provide detailed information on a place by place basis. They identify the vision for a specific place and the investment needed to deliver the vision. As such, they seek to bring together “bottom up” priorities, originating from community aspirations with “top down” schemes and actions, originating from large organisations such as Shropshire Council. They will be used to assist in prioritising which are the most important schemes within a particular place, given limited resources, and will help provide a delivery programme which will create and maintain Bishops Castle and its surrounding area as sustainable communities.

### ***How is this document structured?***

- 1.11 As the Place Plan for Bishops Castle and its surrounding area, this document identifies and divides the infrastructure and investment requirements for Bishops Castle, its Community Hubs, Clusters and Rural Hinterland, into the following themes:
  - Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities
  - Economic investment and opportunity
  - Social and community infrastructure
  - Environment and climate change
  - Transport and accessibility
- 1.12 Each infrastructure requirement has been identified according to whether it is considered to be ‘critical’, ‘priority’ or ‘key’ and colour coded according to whether there are any known barriers to its delivery.
- 1.13 Infrastructure schemes which have been coloured **red** are known to have important barriers which are preventing their delivery, such as a lack of funding. Infrastructure schemes which have been coloured **amber** are known to have some barriers to delivery such as an incomplete set of funding or no known timescale for delivery. Schemes that are coloured **green** have no known barriers to delivery and therefore have identified partners, funding and timescales for delivery.
- 1.14 Critical infrastructure is that which is fundamental to development, such as electricity, water and road access, without which development can simply not take place. Priority infrastructure is that, which for a given point in time has been identified as a particular priority, in order to meet a specific need or requirement. Key infrastructure reflects the full

range of infrastructure and investment needs that are required to create and maintain places as sustainable communities.

### ***How will this document be used to deliver sustainable places in Shropshire?***

- 1.15 Through ongoing engagement with the local community, this plan seeks to record and convey the priorities for Bishops Castle and its surrounding Community Hubs, Clusters and Rural Hinterland to partners who are in a position to invest money and deliver schemes to meet local needs.
- 1.16 The Plan will also be used to inform what contributions towards local infrastructure will be sought from development within Bishops Castle and its surrounding area, through the Community Infrastructure Levy and developer contributions, to meet community priorities.
- 1.17 In summary, this Place Plan has the following roles:

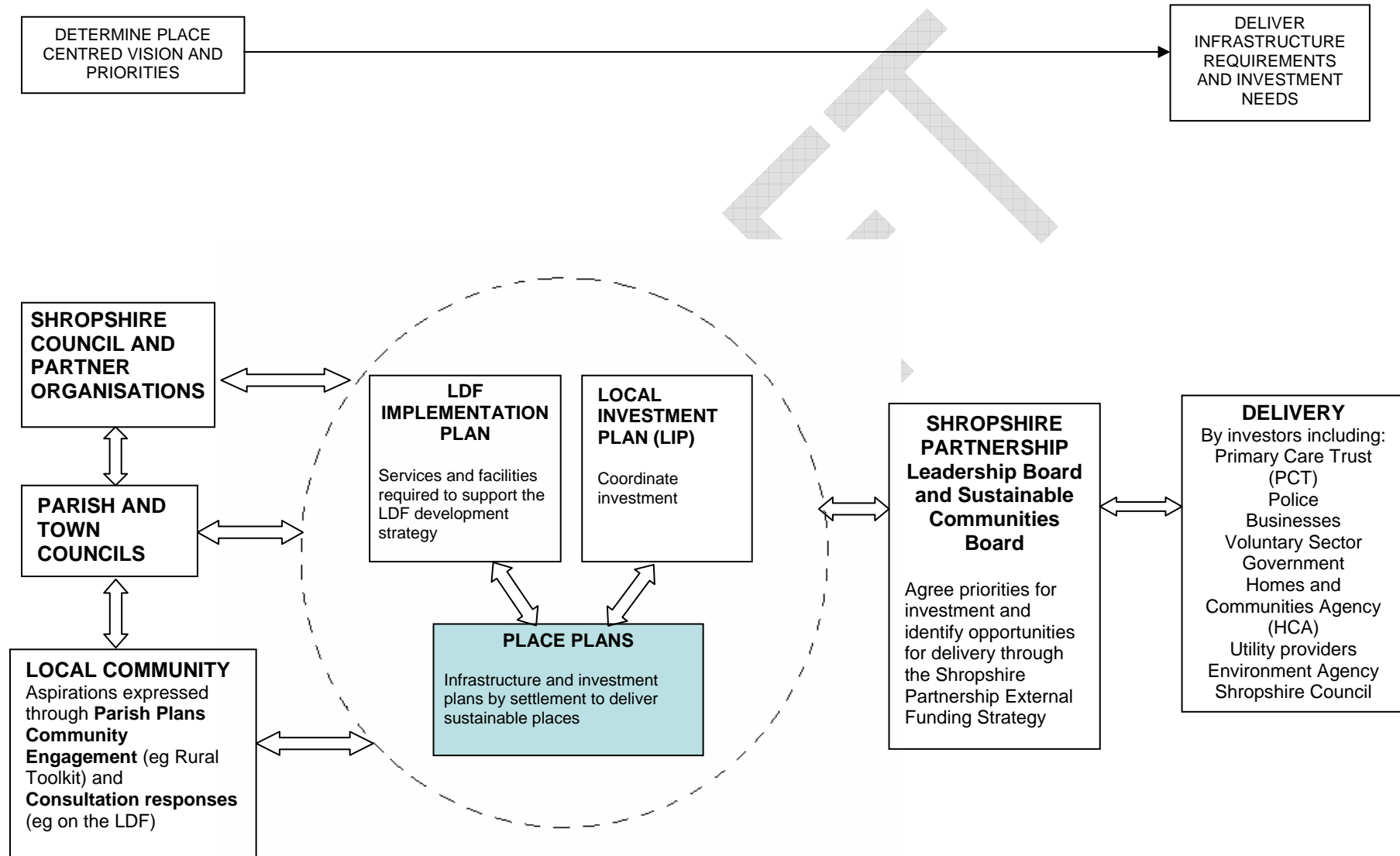
#### **DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

- Provides a mechanism for taking decisions through the appropriate channels

#### **CONTENT**

- Provides details of how the vision will be delivered in *Bishops Castle and its Community Hubs, Clusters and the Rural Hinterland*.
- Records and conveys the agreed shared priorities to partners who are in a position to invest and deliver;
- Identifies priorities for contributions towards local infrastructure from development, through the Community Infrastructure Levy / tariff and through other external funding sources.

**Figure 1: Delivering sustainable places**



## 2. BISHOPS CASTLE PLACE PLAN

### 2.1 VISION FOR BISHOPS CASTLE

The vision for *Bishops Castle* is found in the Core Strategy Policy CS3, and is as follows:

**Bishops Castle will have development that balances environmental constraints with meeting local needs**  
*Core Strategy Policy CS3*

### 2.2 BISHOPS CASTLE PROFILE

#### Population –

- Bishops Castle has a population of 1,859, due to its remote location, it is an important service centre both for its own residents and for its rural hinterland. *Source: Mid 2007 Population Estimates*
- The age profile of the Bishop's Castle population is similar to the county age profile, although the town does support a slightly proportion of those aged 45 years or more.
- 60.8% of the town's population is aged 18-64, which equates with 1,130 people who are close to working age.

#### Deprivation –

- Bishop's Castle is a relatively undeprived town. None of Bishop's Castle's population resides in the 20% most deprived areas of Shropshire.

#### Employment –

- Bishop's Castle, though small, is an important employment town, with the number of jobs it supports exceeding the number of resident workers. For a settlement of its size, employment self containment is high at 56%.
- A higher proportion of Bishop's Castle residents are employed as process, plant and machine operatives and in elementary occupations than is typical for Shropshire. In contrast, fewer residents are managers and senior officials or work in professional or associate professional and technical occupations.
- The largest employers in Bishop's Castle include Charles Ransford, Embreys Food Production and Light Food.
- The JSA claimant rate in Bishop's Castle is amongst the lowest in Shropshire, at 1.6% of the working age population. This compares with 2.9% across Shropshire. *Source: Nomis 2009 Office of National Statistics Crown Copyright.*
- Although most Bishop's Castle employees work in the service sector, manufacturing is comparatively important, accounting for 15.9% of jobs. Within the service sector, distribution, hotels and restaurants are

particularly important, accounting for 39.9% of all employee jobs. This reflects the strong tourism offer in the town.

- The proportion of employees in Bishop's Castle working in "declining sectors" stands at 35.2%. This figure is higher than the county average of 26.6% as well as regional (30.9%) and national (28%) averages.

*Source: Annual Business Inquiry 1007, Office for National Statistics (Nomis) Crown Copyright*

### **Living –**

- More people travel into Bishop's Castle to work than travel out, with a net inflow of commuters of 158.
- Just 7% of main convenience shopping is retained within Bishop's Castle. Shrewsbury is the main destination for leaked expenditure, with Church Stretton also significant.

### **Issues and Opportunities –**

- Bishop's Castle has one of the smallest populations of all market towns in Shropshire with 1,859 residents. It is, however, in a relatively remote location and serves a substantial rural hinterland and as such is an important service centre.
- There are high proportions of process, plant and machine operatives resident in the town, and proportionally low levels of managers and senior officials or those who work in professional or associate professional and technical occupations.
- In July 2009 the number of JSA claimants in Bishop's Castle was low, although the proportion of these classed as long term unemployed was higher than county, regional and national averages. *(Note: based on very small overall numbers)*
- Employment self containment is high considering the size of the town.
- There are no Bishop's Castle jobs in the construction sector
- A higher proportion of Bishop's Castle employees work in declining sectors than county, regional and national averages although to some extent this is offset by higher employment in knowledge intensive industries.
- Just 7% of main convenience shopping is retained within Bishop's Castle, meaning that most residents travel some distance to do their main grocery shopping.

## **2.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN BISHOPS CASTLE**

### **Community Led Plans**

Bishop's Castle Town Council is currently in the process of updating the 2004/05 Parish Plan. However, in the meantime the following local needs and priorities have been identified:

#### *Bishops Castle Parish Plan (2004/05)*

- Provision of affordable housing to purchase or rent
- Local employment in light engineering on existing employment sites
- Provision of premises to start up businesses
- Facilities for learning and training vocational skills
- Public transport including later bus services at the weekend and for services to fit in better with the working day, services to connect with rail links
- Better bus shelter facilities at the main town stop (is this the same as the corner of Church Street/Union Street, if not, then this needs a shelter as well).
- Dial-a-ride to be more flexible – possibly with the provision of a second bus
- Parking, congestion and speeding- provision of more off street parking and traffic calming measures
- Community safety- better access to the police
- Smaller school class sizes
- Better sixth form facilities, with more courses
- Community College should be more open to the community
- Provision of facilities for young people- café/drop in centre and a skate board facility
- Creche facilities with registered child minders
- After school clubs and holiday clubs for children
- Quality of water pressure and drainage
- Street cleanliness- dog mess and provision of litter bins
- Noise pollution
- Improvements to the Town Hall – to be developed as a community space with an exhibition area, Tourist Information Centre and Town Council office
- Improvements to the playing fields
- Small business workshops with easy-in. easy-out terms

### **Local Joint Committee**

The town of Bishops Castle is located within the Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings:

*Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee*

- Rural transport and parking
- Open space, leisure and play facilities
- Police and community safety
- Housing needs
- Highways
- Broadband

### **Other Community Consultations**

#### **Local Development Framework Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – Issues and Options Consultation (April-June 2010)**

*Bishops Castle Town Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002325/00002)

- Affordable housing
- Employment opportunities
- New businesses
- Public transport
- Education
- Improved parking and roads
- Improved services including sewerage and water
- A mix of housing sizes
- Green open spaces

#### **Investing in Shropshire's Future- Local Infrastructure and Investment Workshop with Bishops Castle Town Council (20<sup>th</sup> September 2010)**

- There is a need for affordable housing provision for young people
- There is an issue with tenancy allocation behaviour of Housing Associations particularly in light of the local needs of affordable housing.
- Concern that allotments may have to move if the Biomass generator is taken forward
- Highway access issues on Church Lane
- Additional parking is needed in the Welsh Street/Oak Meadow part of town
- Increased provision of off street parking needed
- Better route planning of traffic around the town
- Lack of Digital TV coverage and issues with mobile telephone coverage
- Slow broadband services and poor BT landline services
- Little employment base
- Shropshire Council's part of Enterprise House is underused
- Need to cater for small business by providing realistic facilities, funding and advice
- Insufficient local employment to retain young people
- More facilities for a growing retired population including addressing the under provision of ambulance services

## 2.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR BISHOPS CASTLE

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
Developer contribution for affordable housing	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services)	Parish Council?	£53,400	N/A	N/A		Developer contribution	Developer contributions in relation to The Firs Farm, Whitcott, Norbury. Funds awaited from contractors.
Affordable housing provision	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Strategy and Development)	Developers  Registered Providers  Homes & Communities Agency  Landowners  Town & Parish Councils  Bishops Castle Community Land Trust				2010/11 to 2013/14	Homes & Communities Agency Grant  Shropshire Council capital programme  Registered Providers  Developer cross-subsidy  Developer cash	33% of all new housing in Shropshire will be affordable housing, delivered through  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>appropriate % of open market housing linked to developments</li> <li>100% affordable "exceptions sites"</li> <li>better use of empty properties</li> </ul> The Wintles, Bishops Castle – 4 units of Newbuild Homebuy secured by Bromford on a mixed site. Main

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								contributions	<p>developer has gone into liquidation prior to completion of the affordable units. Additional funding may be required to resolve. The Town Council has now advised that a new developer is now in place.</p> <p>Church Street, Bishops Castle – 2 affordable rented units are being developed by the Bishops Castle and District Community Land Trust. These are being jointly funded by the Land Trust, HCA and Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Land at Castle Green, Bishops Castle – Planning permission for 6 affordable units partly cross-subsidised from an open market site within the town.</p> <p>Land at Haining Croft,</p>

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									<p>Bishops Castle – Planning Permission for 4 affordable units on this mixed planning gain site.</p> <p>Delivery in this market town area includes small scale exceptions sites in the rural hinterland, including opportunistic “build your own affordable home” sites.</p>
Housing for vulnerable people	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Housing Services)	Registered Providers/ Specialist Providers				Ongoing	Supporting People Funding/ Private investment/ Homes & Communities Agency Grant	Includes provision for the frail and those with specialist needs eg. the very elderly; people requiring supported living such as those with dementia/ health difficulties/ learning disabilities; gypsies and travellers; victims of domestic violence, prevention of homelessness, move on accommodation from supported housing, etc.

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Improving and adapting existing housing	KEY	Shropshire Council / Registered Providers / Home owners  (Community Services-Housing Services)	Keep Shropshire Warm / Developers	Countywide: £6.5 million for social housing; £951,000 for private sector; £2.6 million for disabled facilities grants			2010-2011	CLG grant / Shropshire Council budget / Regional Housing Board	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>energy efficiency to reduce carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty;</li> <li>upgrading social housing to meet the Decent Homes standard;</li> <li>adaptations to meet changing needs, including Disabled facilities grants;</li> <li>bringing empty homes back into use.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Market Towns Revitalisation Programme-Market Towns Capital Initiative Fund	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)	Local businesses, residents, investors	£0.5 million allocated across 11 designated market towns and key settlements			2010-2015	Shropshire Council capital programme. Match funding from other sources will be explored	It is expected that each town will benefit with each expected to bid around £40,000 - £50,000. The maximum support for an individual project is £50,000. 2 bids can be submitted, combined aggregate

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								including LJC funding	limit £75,000. 1 <sup>st</sup> round bids end March 2011.
Council economic development improvement programme	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)		£1 million			2010-2014	Shropshire Council capital programme	Proposed to cover all economic development workshops
Adoption programme for council owned employment sites	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)		£1 million			2010-2014	Shropshire Council capital programme	Bishops Castle Business Park will require adoption
Support for business start up and business growth	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)		£320,000 (countywide)			2009-2011	Shropshire Council capital programme	Delivered through the Shropshire Business Enterprise Grants, supports retail business start up and growth. £40,000 remains in the budget unless additional funding can be secured.
Marketing rural Shropshire as a tourism destination	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)	Destination Development Partnership, including Telford and Wrekin and Bishop's	£150,000 (countywide)			2009-2012	RDPE	Strategic support for tourism marketing and infrastructure.  The Town Council has identified the need for the renovation of the

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			Castle Tourism Community Interest Company						Town Hall.
Support to tourism industry through support to improve quality, skills, ICT and marketing	KEY	Destination Management Partnership, Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)	Telford and Wrekin Council	£110,000 (countywide)			2010-2011	AWM	This is the final year of a 3 year contract. Finishes March 2011.
Facilitation of ICT /broadband technologies	KEY	BT	Shropshire Council						The expansion of the broadband digital network is an issue throughout Shropshire because of its rural nature.
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Developer contribution for play equipment	KEY	Shropshire Council Community Services-Culture and Leisure)	Parish Council	£30,000	N/A	N/A		Developer contribution	Developer contributions in relation to land adjoining Grange Road. Funds awaited from contractor

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Developer contribution for maintenance	KEY	Shropshire Council Community Services- Culture and Leisure)	Parish Council	£20,000	N/A	N/A		Developer contribution	Developer contributions in relation to land adjoining Grange Road. Funds awaited from contractor
Extension/ improvement to existing Police Station	KEY	West Mercia Police	Shropshire Council/ developers	£125,000			5-10 years	West Mercia Police and developer contributions	Projects to be completed in conjunction with new development in Bishops Castle.  The Council's Leisure Services Team has identified the potential to develop police space with the SpArc Leisure Centre in Bishops Castle.
Improvements to Bishops Castle Town Hall improving public access to its heritage	KEY	Bishops Castle Town Council		£772,850	None			Heritage Lottery Fund	HLF application being submitted.
Review of primary educational facilities to ensure sufficient school places	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Education)	Developers	Dependent upon extent and location of development			Dependent upon outline of full planning permissions	Developer contributions, Primary Capital Programme	An initial assessment has identified that there are unfilled primary school places in this areas and that the

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
							and developer's timescales	and Building Schools for the Future	existing primary education infrastructure can also be expanded to allow for further additional provision. Beyond this, any additional housing would potentially require a new school and/or new school site. The normal position will be that an assessment of school place provision will be made before planning permission is granted to decide whether the existing school infrastructure is able to cope and whether or not developer contributions are required.
Review of secondary educational facilities to ensure sufficient school places	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council (Education)	Developers	Dependent upon extent and location of development			2015-2026	Developer contributions, Primary Capital Programme	In general, secondary schools will have more capacity to absorb additional development than primary schools, until at least 2015. However, beyond this period, consideration

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									may need to be given to the provision of extra secondary school places.'
Provision of amenity greenspace	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under supply of amenity greenspace and provision for children.
Provision for children	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under supply in
	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Reuse of Enterprise House	KEY	Town Council, Shropshire Council					ongoing		Identify potential uses for Enterprise House, which is currently underused. The Town Council has stated that the only part of Enterprise House which is underused is the part owned and run by Shropshire Council. According to the Town Council ESWS has been asking for the lease of it – so it can be re-let. The building is already a Shropshire Council “advice point” and a Broadband hotspot.
Advice Services countywide	KEY	Citizens Advice Bureau		£150,000 countywide					AWM will make funding available for Citizens Advice Service or similar to provide services
Playbuilder Grant	KEY	Shropshire Council (Community					2009-11	Shropshire Council capital programme	Lydbury North play area agreed subject to landowner consent

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
		Services-Culture and Leisure)							
Shropshire Hills Leader Programme (focus on hinterland not the market town)	KEY	AONB with Shropshire Council as accountable body	AONB Partnership	£1.32 million			2009-2013	RDPE	Supports basic services, village renewal and development, conserving/upgrading rural heritage, training and information, co-operation. Impact also on environment. Most of the funding is committed. Eligibility criteria are complex.
Various rights of way improvements including removal of stiles and enhanced signage to provide easier access for all.	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)					A survey is being carried out in 2010/11 to determine works required	Shropshire Council capital programme / LTP	Enhancement of routes to create easier access walks and promotion of 'health walks'

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Development of circular walks linking to Offa's Dyke National Trail,	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)	AONB	£45,000	£45,000	None	2010-2012	Leader	Creation and enhancement of routes to create new circular walks
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Biomass heating plant	KEY	Developer							Planning application went to DC committee in May 08 with recommendation for approval. The approved scheme was the subject of an appeal and has since been given permission. Discussions are ongoing regarding the location of the facility on the business park.
Upgrades to sewerage infrastructure	CRITICAL	Severn Trent Water					The sewer network is currently being reviewed by Severn Trent Water and	Options are currently being appraised by Severn Trent Water as part of their	There are isolated hydraulic capacity issues in this sewerage catchment, with a single isolated flooding problem to the north. Any development to the

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
							will continue to be reviewed every 6 months as part of the water company's sewer network plans to allow issues to be addressed in a timely manner	capital investment programme.	west will need to be pumped to the Wastewater Treatment Works.
Bishops Castle-Priestweston electricity interconnection	CRITICAL	Central Networks West					2010 - 2015	Central Networks Capital Funding Programme	Construction of 33kV interconnector between Bishops Castle and Priestweston (10km). Wayleaves and planning permission required.
Bishops Castle 33/11kV electricity transformer reinforcement	CRITICAL	Central Networks West					2010 - 2015	Central Networks Capital Funding Programme	Installation of an additional 6/12MVA primary transformer at Bishops Castle.

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Provision of open space	KEY	Shropshire Council, developers	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	Bishops Castle currently has an under provision of natural and semi natural open space.
METNET- Targeted business support to Environmental Technology SMEs to improve their competitiveness and productivity.	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Economic Development)	Herefordshire Council, Worcestershire Council and Telford and Wrekin (Marches LEP)	£351,531 (across partnership area including Shropshire)			Up to 31/03/2012	ERDF, AWM	The Marches Environmental Technologies Network (METNET) is a business network within the Marches LEP area. There is a particular emphasis on engagement, collaboration and innovation
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Improved bus infrastructure	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£200,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	
Develop and improve the cycle and pedestrian network in Market Towns	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and		£250,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	Projects to be identified in LTP3 under a proactive programme of improvement to footways, ramps, crossings and signals

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
		Transportation)							
Local highway improvements, traffic management, parking provision and speed and safety enhancements	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£250,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	

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### **3. COMMUNITY HUBS PLACE PLAN FOR THE BISHOPS CASTLE AREA**

#### **3.1 VISION FOR COMMUNITY HUBS**

The vision for Community Hubs is found in Core Strategy Policy CS4, and is as follows:

***Community Hubs will have development that helps to rebalance rural communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs that is of a scale appropriate to the settlement.***  
***Core Strategy Policy CS4***

Within the Bishops Castle area, the following settlements have been put forward by the local community as Community Hubs:

- Bucknell
- Chirbury
- Clun
- Lydbury North

#### **3.2 PROFILE OF COMMUNITY HUBS IN THE BISHOPS CASTLE AREA**

#### **3.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN COMMUNITY HUBS IN THE BISHOPS CASTLE AREA**

##### **Community Led Plans**

*Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan (2009)*

The following have been taken from the Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan as identified community needs and priorities:

- Support farmers in order to maintain the quality of the countryside
- Reduce litter
- Replace conifers with broadleaved trees, where possible
- Maintain and increase access to greenspace
- Reduce frequency and severity of hedge and verge cutting
- More footpath routes for less able people and people with dogs
- Create circular footpath routes
- Renovate old paths and green lanes where appropriate

- Increase awareness of landowners responsibilities to footpaths/walkways
- Keep culverts and ditches clear
- Tree planting/cutting to assist with drainage and to aid flood prevention
- Noise from military and noise/pollution from civil aircraft
- Occasional bulky waste skips wanted
- Kerbside plastic waste recycling
- Improve street lighting – either too intrusive or inadequate
- Preserve historical buildings
- Lack of revenue support for Clun Museum
- Cycle racks
- Improve notice boards
- Up date websites- more current information
- Shortage of affordable housing to buy or rent for local people
- Desire for community owned renewable energy provision
- Poor or non-existent TV and radio reception
- Lack of mobile phone coverage and some problems with landline connections
- Broadband deficiencies
- Unreliable electricity supply
- Transport to health services
- Road and traffic problems including in the Town Square and over Clun Bridge
- Police coverage
- Maintaining scheduled bus services
- Speeding
- Parking
- Pedestrian walkway improvements
- Improved community facilities including at the Memorial Hall
- More benches
- Increased work opportunities
- Improved provision for young people

*Lydbury North Parish Plan (2008)*

The following have been taken from the Lydbury North Parish Plan as identified community needs and priorities:

- Threat of closure of the Primary School- viewed as the second most important facility after the village shop
- Speeding traffic through the villages
- Housing including housing for younger people, single people and small families and affordable housing
- Ensuring local people can afford to live here
- Safe cycle routes
- Public transport including a Saturday bus service
- Church parking
- Viability of shop/post office

- The Village Hall –there is a need for a new village hall or the existing hall need to be refurbished
- Communications including broadband, mobile phone signal, TV and radio reception
- Children’s play area
- Recycling
- Buying locally produced food
- Energy saving
- Footpaths
- Old Garage
- Litter
- Dog fouling
- Out of hours access to health services
- Further education and training opportunities
- Provision of leisure activities

### **Local Joint Committee**

Bucknell, Chirbury, Clun and Lydbury North are located within the Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee Area. The needs and priorities raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings can be seen in section 2.3.

### **Other Consultations**

#### **Local Development Framework Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – Issues and Options Consultation (April-June 2010)**

*Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*  
(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002320/00001)

- Better pavements
- Improved sewage system
- Safer roads
- Preservation of open spaces.
- A new village hall

*Chirbury Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002342/00002)

- Affordable housing for families
- Improvements to the A490, the B4386 and Lower Lane
- New pavements from Wayside to the Wotherton turn

*Clun Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002350/00001)

- Improved surface water drainage at Clun Bridge
- Removal of asbestos in Hightown Community Room
- Repairs to the walls at Clun cemetery
- Affordable housing

- Keep ditches and culverts clear to reduce flooding
- Healthcare provision in the area
- Review of traffic, particularly HGV's through the town square and over Clun Bridge
- Maintenance of a regular bus service to the main market towns

*Lydbury North Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*  
(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002399/00001)

- Play area improved
- Facilities for young people e.g. youth club
- Improved Village Hall/community centre
- Enhanced shop
- Increased community use of the School

### **Clun & Chapel Lawn Community Toolkit Event – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

The following activities, facilities, services and infrastructure were considered to be the most important community assets by the event attendees:

#### Activities:

- Arts and heritage events
- Walking and rambling activities
- Children and family activities

#### Facilities:

- Café/pub/restaurant
- Community centre/village hall
- Garage

#### Services:

- Healthcare
- Post office services
- Shops

#### Infrastructure:

- Housing opportunities
- Broadband speed and connectivity
- Regular public transport

Full information and feedback from the Clun & Chapel Lawn Toolkit event is available at:

(<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/factsfigures.nsf/open/C6BE79E370240015802577760045C7C5>)

### **Lydbury North Community Toolkit Event – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

The following activities, facilities, services and infrastructure were considered to be the most important community assets by the event attendees:

#### Activities:

- Arts and heritage events
- Youth groups and clubs

- Arts and heritage clubs

Facilities:

- School
- Community centre/village hall
- Café/pub/restaurant

Services:

- Shops
- Post office services
- Healthcare

Infrastructure:

- Broadband speed and connectivity
- Walking and cycling networks
- Regular public transport

Full information and feedback from the Lydbury North Toolkit event is available at:

(<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/factsfigures.nsf/open/C6BE79E370240015802577760045C7C5>)

**A further community toolkit event took place in Worthen with Shelve on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010, feedback from this event is available in the Minsterley & Pontesbury Place Plan.**





## Clun

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
Affordable housing provision	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council	Developers Registered Providers Homes & Communities Agency Landowners Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council Bishops Castle and District Community Land Trust				ongoing	Homes & Communities Agency Grant Shropshire Council capital programme Registered Providers Developer cross-subsidy Developer contributions	The Parish Council have identified the need for increased affordable housing provision to buy and to rent.
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Improved Activities for	KEY	Clun and Chapel Lawn	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Young People		Parish Council	Memorial Hall Committee/ Clun Sports Committee, Shropshire Youth Forum/Youth Bus Scout Association/Girl Guides Association						increase the provision for young people including possible fitness class for toddlers, a club for teenagers in Hightown Community Room, a sports club for teenagers, completion of the Memorial Hall biking area, construction of a larger climbing wall, improvements to the ball court, and identification of venues for 'Teen Café' and possible Scouts/Guides .
Community educational and recreational classes	KEY	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified a need for more recreational and educational classes and identify demand for more fitness classes.
Improve Noticeboards	KEY	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the desire to improve noticeboards in the Parish.
Community safety	KEY	West Mercia							The Parish Council has

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
		Police, Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council							stated the desire for greater Police presence and better consultation between the Police and the local community
Clun Museum	KEY	Clun Museum	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for revenue support as the current income from admission charges and sales is insufficient to sustain the museum.
Broadband provision	KEY	BT, Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council	Shropshire Council (ICT Services)						The Parish Council has identified a desire to improve broadband internet connections.
Improvements to steetscene	KEY	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified provide more litter bins and benches. In addition, there is a desire to explore alternatives to sodium street lights and provide guidelines on security lighting.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Improve reliability of electricity	KEY	Central Networks	Clun and Chapel Lawn						The Parish Council has identified a desire to

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
supply			Parish Council, Shropshire Council						seek improvements to electricity supply.
Community owned renewable energy provision	KEY	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council	Sharenergy and Marches 90 Energy Agency						The Parish Council has identified a desire for community owned renewable energy provision.
Flood Risk Management	KEY	Landowners, Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council Shropshire Council	Environment Agency						The Parish Council has identified the need to keep ditches and culverts clear and requested a maintenance programme take place. They have also expressed a desire for tree cutting/planting to assist with drainage
Provision of open space	KEY	Shropshire Council (Leisure Services)	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the desire to make more open space areas accessible.
Support Farmers to maintain the quality of countryside	KEY	Natural England	AONB Partnership, Farming and Wildlife Advisory				Ongoing		The Parish Council has suggested that increased advice and help with grants and schemes should be

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
			Group, Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						provided.
Reduce frequency and severity of hedge and verge cutting	KEY	Shropshire Council	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						The Parish Council has suggested that a leaflet should be produced for landowners showing Shropshire Council hedge cutting policies
Replace conifers with broadleaf trees	KEY	Forestry Commission	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						Half of Bury Ditches and Radnor Wood are planned to be returned to native trees and Black Hill will be 95% replanted with conifers
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Improved public transport	KEY	Shropshire Council (Highways)	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to improve public transport included buses, 'wheels to work' and funded taxi/minibus.
Improved car parking	KEY	Shropshire Council (Highways)	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						The Parish Council have identified the need for improved parking potentially including parking restrictions, providing visitor parking

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
									at the Memorial Hall and improving signage to car parking locations.
Addressing Congestion in the Town Square and Clun Bridge	KEY	Shropshire Council	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council						<p>The Parish Council has identified traffic through the Town Square and over Clun Bridge to be a problem and have suggested a variety of options, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Downgrade A4888 to be a B road</li> <li>• Monitor the effect of advisory length signs</li> <li>• Make length limit signs mandatory</li> <li>• Contact sat-nav companies to identify the problem</li> <li>• Construct a Clun bypass (deemed unlikely)</li> </ul>
Improved	KEY	Clun and	Parish Paths						The Parish Council has

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
pedestrian and cycling provision		Chapel Lawn Parish Council	Partnership/ Shropshire Council  DEFRA  Shropshire Council/Parish Council						<p>identified the desire for circular routes- including potentially The Hurst to Waterloo route, renovating old paths and green lanes where appropriate.</p> <p>The Parish Council have expressed a need to increase awareness of landowner's responsibilities regarding footpaths and walkways.</p> <p>The Parish Council have identified the need to provide cycle racks, potentially on either of the two existing car parks or near Clun Bridge.</p>

## Lydbury North

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
Affordable housing	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Strategy and Development	Developers  Registered Providers  Homes & Communities Agency  Landowners  Town & Parish Councils					Homes & Communities Agency Grant  Shropshire Council capital programme  Registered Providers  Developer cross-subsidy  Developer cash contributions	The Parish Council have identified a lack of affordable housing in the Parish.
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Retention of Primary School	PRIORITY	Lydbury Parish Council	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to retain the Primary

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
									School and campaign using lobby groups, websites and petitions.
New Village Hall	KEY	Lydbury Parish Council	Village Hall Committee, Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for a new village hall.
Improved broadband	KEY	BT	Shropshire Council, Lydbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for improved broadband.
Retain Shop/Post Office	KEY	Lydbury Parish Council	Shop Committee, Post Office						The Parish Council has identified the need to support the shop and encourage more volunteers and research available grants.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Improvement to Old Garage site	KEY	Shropshire Council	Lydbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has expressed concern with the Old Garage which may be a hazard and would like the council to clean up the site
Encourage recycling	KEY	Shropshire Council	Lydbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to develop a recycling point.
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Improve car parking	KEY	Lydbury Parish Council	Parochial Church Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to improve car parking at the Church.
Improve cycle network and footpaths	KEY	Shropshire Council (Highways)	Lydbury Parish Council, Sustrans						The Parish Council has identified the need to develop new cycle routes and also improve local footpaths.
Improve public transport	KEY	Shropshire Council (Highways)	Lydbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the desire for more public transport at weekends.

## 4. COMMUNITY CLUSTERS PLACE PLAN FOR THE BISHOPS CASTLE AREA

### 4.1 VISION FOR COMMUNITY CLUSTERS

The vision for Community Hubs is found in the Core Strategy Policy CS4, and is as follows:

***Community Clusters are comprised of two or more smaller settlements, where the combined settlements offer a range of services contributing to a sustainable community. Community Clusters will have development that helps to rebalance rural communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs that is of a scale appropriate to the settlement.***

***Core Strategy Policy CS4***

Within the Bishops Castle area, the following settlements have been put forward by the local community as Community Clusters:

- Brompton, Marton, Middleton, Priest Weston, Stockton, Rorrington
- Hopesay, Clunbury, Clungunford (*Note: only Clunbury and Clungunford are covered within this Place Plan, with Hopesay covered in the Craven Arms Place Plan*)
- Aston, Hopesay, Broome, Beambridge, Long Meadow End, Rowton, Round Oak and Horderley (*Note: only Horderley is covered within this Place Plan, the remaining settlements within the Cluster are covered within the Craven Arms Place Plan*)
- Wentnor and Norbury

### 4.2 PROFILE OF COMMUNITY CLUSTERS IN THE BISHOPS CASTLE AREA

### 4.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN COMMUNITY CLUSTERS IN THE BISHOPS CASTLE AREA

#### Community Led Plans

*Clunbury Parish Plan (2009)*

The following have been taken from the Clunbury Parish Plan as identified community needs and priorities:

- Extend community spirit in the Parish
- Support for a range of activities in all village halls
- More Parish-wide events

- Support for a Village Green and sports/play facilities but unlikely to justify them at any one site
- Organised day trips
- Availability of NHS dentists
- Lack of visible Police presence and uncertainty over which community police areas cover Clunbury Parish
- Maintenance of heritage
- Preservation of ancient trees
- Tree planting
- Better routine maintenance of drainage ditches
- Litter and fly tipping in certain areas
- Improvement in the level of maintenance for footpaths and bridleways
- Invasive weeds, namely Ragwort, Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam
- Noise
- Dog Fouling
- Speed of traffic in the Parish
- HGV's using unsuitable roads
- Vital but limited bus service
- Poor verge maintenance
- Inadequate or insufficient roadside footpaths and cycle paths
- Hedges restricting visibility
- Potholes and sunken manhole covers
- Hedge cuttings not cleared up
- HGV's and farm vehicles damaging roads and verges
- Preserve the Parish character -56% of respondents against any further development, 44% in favour of limited development including barn conversions and housing extensions provided that it is- for the perceived needs of existing local people, limited to small scale affordable housing (to buy/rent) and for young families.
- Availability of information
- Patchy electronic communication coverage
- Little or no digital TV or radio coverage
- Encourage local employers to take a flexible approach to working hours wherever possible
- Demand for a youth club
- Flooding due to drainage ditches being poorly maintained/blocked

### **Local Joint Committee**

Clunbury, Clungunford, Chirbury, Myndtown, Norbury and Ratlinghope are located within the Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee Area. The needs and priorities raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings can be seen in section 2.3.

### **Other Consultations**

**Local Development Framework Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – Issues and Options Consultation (April-June 2010)**

*Chirbury Parish Council representations on the SAMDev for Brompton, Marton, Middleton, Priest Weston, Stockton, Rorrington*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002342/00002)

- More housing for local people, especially young families
- Improvements to infrastructure in Priest Weston including mains sewerage, provision of live/work units for small local businesses and a car park for the village Hall
- Improved pavements, improved street lighting in Marton
- Priest Weston - Mains sewerage, live/work units for small local businesses, car park for the village hall

*Myndtown Combined Parish Council representations on the SAMDev for Wentnor and Norbury*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/06707/00001)

- Open market housing for compulsory local use and not second homes.
- New village hall in Norbury

*Hopesay, Clunbury and Clungunford representations on the SAMDev*

- Affordable Housing
- Retention of current development boundaries
- Presumption 'for' development or conversion of redundant farm and other buildings for residential and employment purposes
- Traffic Speed Control
- Improved local Bus Services
- Facilities for young people



**Clunbury, Hopesay, Clunbury, Clungunford** (Note: only Clunbury and Clungunford are covered within this Place Plan, with Hopesay covered in the Craven Arms Place Plan)

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Set up a business directory	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council	Local businesses						The Parish Council has expressed the desire to explore the possibility of setting up a business directory and or business network.
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Improved community communication	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the need to improve communication on village hall events and greater liaison between village hall committees.
Extended mobile library service	KEY	Shropshire Council	Clunbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the desire to see the extension of the mobile library service. Including services in Kempton and Twitchen and for after school

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
									access.
Improve Rural Watch	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council	West Mercia Police, Shropshire Council						Better publicity/ increased awareness of Rural Watch
Improve the Good Neighbour Scheme	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council							Better publicity of the Good Neighbour Scheme
Improve access to NHS Dentists	KEY	PCT	Clunbury Parish Council						
Increased noticeboards	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to increase the number of notice boards in the Parish.
Enhance Parish Council communications	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the desire to set up a Parish newsletter. They also wish to consider the demand for a Parish website.
Retain public phone boxes	KEY	BT	Clunbury Parish Council, Shropshire Council,						The Parish Council has expressed the need to retain public phone boxes within the Parish.
Improve digital TV/Radio	KEY	BBC	Clunbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the lack of

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Reception									digital TV/radio coverage in the area.
Improve broadband connections	KEY	BT	Clunbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to improve the provision, speed and reliability of Broadband services.
Develop a youth club	KEY	Shropshire Council, Clunbury Parish Council							The Parish Council has expressed the desire to support and help resource a local youth group.
Develop local adult education opportunities	KEY	Shropshire Council, Clunbury Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the need to advertise more widely what is available for adult learners and highlight the demand for IT/Arts and Crafts and Languages with the LEA.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Maintain and Repair local heritage	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council,	Shropshire Council, English Heritage					Local Joint Committee	The Parish Council has identified the need to secure funding to conserve the heritage within the Parish including churches, common land, water

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
									meadows, old bridges, monuments and milestones.
Planting of new native trees	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council	Shropshire Hill AONB Partnership,						The Parish Council has expressed the desire to see the planting of new native trees.
Regular maintenance of drainage ditches	KEY	Landowners, Shropshire Council, Clunbury Parish Council	Environment Agency,						The Parish Council has expressed the need for regular maintenance of drainage ditches due to flooding of houses/gardens and roads. They have identified the need to liaise with landowners to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities regarding maintenance of ditches.
Develop a joint litter picking scheme with neighbouring Parishes.	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council	Rural Watch, Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified that litter and fly tipping are problematic in some parts of the Parish.
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Provide organised day trips	KEY	Clunbury Parish Council							The Parish Council has expressed the desire to provide organised day

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
									trips and the need to convey this information to bus companies
Improved maintenance of footpaths and bridleways	KEY	Shropshire Council	Clunbury Parish Council, Parish Warden Scheme						The Parish Council has expressed the need to improve the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved roadside paths in certain areas.</li> </ul>
Traffic Calming Measures	KEY	Shropshire Council	Clunbury Parish Council, Highways Agency						The Parish Council has identified the need for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic Calming in Clunbury Village</li> <li>A repeat of the 2006 Average Speed Review in Clunton</li> <li>Possible additional speed signage in Clunton</li> <li>Possible changes to speed limits on local roads</li> </ul>

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
									under the Rural Speed Limit Policy- identified the B4385 at Kempton and Purslow and Little Brampton crossroads as problematic.
Improved signage at strategic points	KEY	Shropshire Council	Clunbury Parish Council, Highways Agency						The Parish Council has identified the need to reduce HGV's using unsuitable roads. Shropshire Council have already introduced signage to divert HGV's before they reach the B4385.
Improve public transport links	KEY	Shropshire Council	Clunbury Parish Council,						The Parish Council has identified the need to improve the bus service links with other services





## **5. BISHOPS CASTLE'S RURAL HINTERLAND PLACE PLAN**

### **5.1 VISION FOR RURAL HINTERLAND**

The vision for the Rural Hinterland is found in the Core Strategy Policy CS5, and is as follows:

***In the open countryside, new development will be strictly controlled. Development proposals on appropriate sites which maintain and enhance countryside vitality and character will be permitted where they improve the sustainability of rural communities by bringing local economic and community benefits.***

***Core Strategy Policy CS5***

Within the Bishops Castle area, the remaining settlements are considered to form part of the Rural Hinterland.

### **5.2 PROFILE OF THE RURAL HINTERLAND IN THE BISHOPS CASTLE AREA**

### **5.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN BISHOPS CASTLE'S RURAL HINTERLAND**

#### **Community Led Plans**

*Myndtown Combined Parish Plan (2006)*

The following have been taken from the Myndtown Parish Plan as identified community needs and priorities:

- Housing and building development
- Environmental issues- litter, mud on the road, fly tipping, derelict buildings and old discarded farm machinery
- Rights of way
- Waste and recycling
- Modest increase in the number of dwellings, compatible with the existing traditional housing
- Village hall needs equipping for the twenty-first century
- Leisure activities and facilities
- Roads and transport including public transport to Bishops Castle and Shrewsbury
- Conversion of barns for business use
- Communication including mobile phone signal and TV reception
- Improved Parish communication –website and a Parish Supplement to the magazine
- Tourism

## **Local Joint Committee**

### **Other Consultations**

#### **Local Development Framework Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – Issues and Options Consultation (April-June 2010)**

*Clungunford Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/001524/00002)

- Enhancement of village hall

*Myndtown Combined Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/06707/00001)

- Some open market housing for compulsory local use and not second homes.
- New village hall

## 5.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR BISHOPS CASTLE'S RURAL HINTERLAND

### MYNDTOWN COMBINED

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
Affordable Housing	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Strategy and Development	Developers  Registered Providers  Homes & Communities Agency  Landowners  Town & Parish Councils				ongoing	Homes & Communities Agency Grant  Shropshire Council capital programme  Registered Providers  Developer cross-subsidy  Developer cash contributions	The Parish Council has identified a need for ongoing monitoring of requirements and encourage building to meet identified needs.
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Improve provision for tourists	KEY	Myndtown Parish	Shropshire Council				ongoing		The Parish Council has expressed a wish to

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
		Council							develop a policy on tourist accommodation and activities. In addition to implementing a plan for helping tourist and day visitors to understand and appreciate the area. They have also suggested costing a flyer to explain the area to visitors and day trippers.
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
New village hall	KEY	Shropshire Council	Myndtown Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified a desire to open a new village hall and ensure that appropriate leisure facilities are provided.
Enhanced Parish Communication	KEY	Myndtown Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the desire to introduce a Parish Supplement in the Parish Deanery Magazine and explore the possibility of a Parish Council website.
Improve mobile	KEY	Mobile	Myndtown						The Parish Council has

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
phone reception		phone providers	Parish Council						expressed the need for improved mobile phone coverage.
Provision of Digital TV and Radio within the Parish	KEY	BBC	Myndtown Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to campaign for digital TV and radio coverage.
Interpretation Materials within Parish	KEY	Myndtown Parish Council							The Parish Council has expressed the desire to provide interpretation materials at key points in the Parish for residents and visitors.
Improve Broadband connection	KEY	BT	Myndtown Parish Council						The Parish Council has expressed a desire to improve broadband connection in the Parish.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Establish an Environment Protection Advisory Group and strategy	KEY	Myndtown Parish Council							The Parish Council has expressed a desire to establish an Environment Protection Advisory Group to develop an Environmental Protection Strategy
Develop an environmental tidying up	KEY	Myndtown Parish Council	Path-users organisation, Ramblers,						The Parish Council has identified the need for an environmental tidying

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
programme			Bridleways Association, Cyclist, Farmers, Landowners						up programme to be established.
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Develop a local Rights of Way Group	KEY	Myndtown Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the need for a local Rights of Way Group to be established.
Develop a cycle route to Bishops Castle along the old Bishops Castle railway.	KEY	Myndtown Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has expressed support for the development of a cycle route along the old railway line.
Improve public transport	KEY	Myndtown Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has identified the need to work with public and private transport organisations to improve timely and economical transport services for specific needs- Bishops Castle and Shrewsbury.