



Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party 31 May 2011

Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Issues consultation summary

Summary

1. At its meeting on 5 January 2011, the Working Party received a narrative on the process for preparing the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 document and suggestions for engaging local people in the process.
2. The initial public engagement events took place between 2 February and 30 April 2011. A wide variety of consultation methods were used that conformed to the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement for the preparation of the Local Development Framework (LDF).
3. The local community and stakeholders were invited to submit their views on the issues in Bury St Edmunds and their vision for the future of the town. In addition, developers of the five large strategic growth areas around the town engaged the public and statutory undertakers on the issues for consideration in the future development of these areas.
4. A summary of the events which took place during the consultation period is attached to this report for information as **Appendix A**. A summary of the comments received during the consultation period (except the developer's reports of consultation which are available on the website) is attached to this report as **Appendix B** and the Panel is asked to note comments.
5. The Working Party is **recommended** to note the consultation comments.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Working Party of the outcomes of the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 Issues consultation.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council prepared a vision document for the whole of St Edmundsbury in 2005 called Vision 2025. It was designed to give a clear and shared vision of 'How we see the beautiful and successful area of St Edmundsbury in 20 years' time'. It was prepared after talking to a range of partner organisations and the local community to identify the main challenges that needed dealing with by 2025. Vision 2025 now needs looking at again to see what has changed and to extend the period that it covers. The Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 will do this.
- 2.2 Vision 2031 is a new project to create a community-led shared vision for each part of the Borough for the next 20 years. It considers the whole of each area and what makes it function, as well as what new development will be needed to meet the future needs. This wide ranging exercise will take over a year to complete and covers all the service issues that need to be addressed by 2031. The first step in the process was to consult the community on issues and what their vision is for their area.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 5 January 2011, the Working Party received a narrative on the process for preparing the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 document. On 18 January 2011 the Sustainable Development Working Party recommended to Cabinet that the Issues consultation on Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 commence. This recommendation was endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting on 19 January and consultation took place between 2 February and 30 April 2011.
- 2.4 The consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement for the preparation of Local Development Framework documents, as adopted by the Council on 26 February 2008 following examination by a Government Planning Inspector.

3. Issues Consultation Events

- 3.1 Set out below is a summary of the advertising and publicity which has taken place for the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 issues consultation:-
 - (a) launch event at The Apex on 2 February 2011 which was followed by a number of consultation drop in events across the town (Listed in Appendix A), including a Vision 2031 Roadshow at Bury St Edmunds market on 20 April 2011;
 - (b) dedicated website which contains links to background information and fact sheets by town area and theme;
 - (c) Freepost Postcards distributed across the town, at consultation events and via the dedicated website to allow people to highlight the big issues in the town and their vision for Bury St Edmunds in 2031;
 - (d) Freepost fact finding questionnaires distributed across the town, at consultation events, and via the dedicated website to gather information on how people use and live in the town;

- (e) LDF Newsletter advertising all consultations sent by email to 1,700 people/organisations;
- (f) letter to statutory consultees informing of consultation dates in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement;
- (g) details of all events given to Town/Parish Councils for distribution in local newsletters/magazines where possible;
- (h) advertising of consultation drop in events in the Members' Bulletin (27 January and 11 February 2011);
- (i) Theme of the Week updates on the St Edmundsbury Twitter site to stimulate interest and link through to the Vision 2031 websites;
- (j) advertising of events in local newspapers;
- (k) posters advertising drop in events put in strategic locations around the town;
- (l) use of external parties websites/Twitter sites to link to the Vision 2031 websites including Homelink, the Theatre Royal and the Art Gallery;
- (m) packs of questionnaires, postcards and a poster provided at each Polling Station on election day for display; and
- (n) engagement with County Upper and King Edward's Schools and Horringer Court Middle School (the latter two arranged and still to take place).

4. Consultation results

- 4.1 Whilst consultation postcards and questionnaires are still being submitted as a result of the publicity on election day, to date a total of 78 Freepost postcard responses have been received in relation to the consultation. 11 of these were received via the Council's dedicated web-site. A summary of the responses received is attached at Appendix B to this paper.
- 4.2 A total of 139 fact finding questionnaires have been received in response to the consultation. 115 were received by post and 24 were received online via the website. These will be analysed over the next few weeks and the information used to assist us in the provision of services during the next stage of the Vision 2031 project.

5. Strategic Growth Area consultation

- 5.1 The developers of the five strategic growth areas around Bury St Edmunds were invited by the Council to set up and run drop in events and workshops to consult neighbouring communities on potential issues which would effect the future development of the site. To ensure that the requirements of the Statement of Community Involvement were met, the developers were asked to undertake a variety of methods to consult in and around the growth areas. These methods were principally to:-

- (a) provide the Council with a Consultation Plan for approval prior to the commencement of the consultation;
 - (b) undertake public exhibitions in the town (listed in Appendix A) and in any nearby villages presenting baseline information which had been agreed with the Council;
 - (c) using a database provided by the Council to do a direct mail shot to homes most likely to be affected by the proposals (all mail shots covered in excess of 1,000 homes);
 - (d) undertake local advertising as appropriate;
 - (e) put up posters and site notices advertising the drop in sessions and workshops;
 - (f) run a workshop to tease out and develop issues raised at the exhibitions; and
 - (g) attend a meeting with statutory organisations on 1 April 2011 to present findings to date and discuss outstanding issues.
- 5.2 A consultation summary has been provided by each of the five developers which sets out in detail the methods of consultation used and summarises the comments received from the local communities. Due to the size of these summaries they have not been attached to this report. Officers will summarise the conclusions from the developer led consultations in a presentation to the Working Party. In addition, these consultation summaries will be made available by early June on the Council's Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 web site www.buryvision.org.uk/planning
- 5.3 Using the results of the consultation, developers are now working with the Council to produce options for draft Concept Statements for the sites which will identify site boundaries, the location of major roads, local facilities and identify where the housing will be located within each site. These Concept Statements will sit within the next draft of the Vision 2031 document which will be subject to further public consultation in late Summer.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1 Taking into consideration the comments received in relation to this Issues consultation, Officers are currently working up the draft document for consideration by the Working Party with a view to a period of public consultation taking place in late Summer. Officers will make a presentation to the Working Party outlining the process, timeline and the next steps of the project.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 It is recommended that the outcomes from the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 Issues consultation as contained in Appendix B to Report C8, are noted.

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Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 events**Council run events**

Date/Time	Venue	Approximate number of attendees
Wednesday 2 February	Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 launch event, The apex, Bury St Edmunds	79 attendees
Saturday 5 February 10am – 4pm	The apex	30 attendees
Monday 14 February 2pm – 5pm	West Suffolk House, Western Way	20 attendees
Monday 28 February 4pm – 7pm	Moreton Hall Community Centre	12 attendees
Wednesday 9 March 2pm – 5pm	Bury St Edmunds Library	12 attendees
Wednesday 20 April All day	Bury St Edmunds Market	In excess of 240 attendees

Bury St Edmunds developer run growth area consultation events**Moreton Hall drop-in Sessions**

Thursday 10 February Rougham Village Hall 2pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 12 February Moreton Hall Community Centre 1pm – 5pm

Moreton Hall workshop

Saturday 12 March Moreton Hall Community Centre

Westley drop-in sessions

Monday 14 February Westbury Community Centre 3pm – 8pm

Tuesday 15 February Westley Club 3pm – 8pm

Westley workshop

Monday 7 March Westbury Community Centre

Fornham drop-in sessions

Thursday 17 February Fornham All Saints Community Centre 2.30pm – 6pm

Friday 18 February Anselm Community Centre 2.30pm – 6pm

Saturday 19 February Fornham All Saints Community Centre 9am – 1pm

Fornham workshops

Wednesday 9 March Anselm Community Centre

Wednesday 9 March Suffolk Golf Hotel

Compiegne Way drop-in sessions

Friday 18 February Great Barton Village Hall 10.30am – 7pm

Saturday 19 February Great Barton Village Hall 10.30am – 1pm

Tuesday 1 March British Sugar Social Club 10.30am – 8.30pm

Compiegne Way Workshop

Saturday 12 March Great Barton Village Hall

South-east Bury St Edmunds drop-in sessions

Monday 14 February Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club 3pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 15 February Rougham Sports Hall 3pm – 7.30pm

South-east Bury St Edmunds workshops

Tuesday 1 March Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club

Friday 4 March Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club

Bury St Edmunds 'Issues' Vision 2031 launch event feedback

Introduction

Initial feedback was obtained from delegates at the Bury Vision 2031 launch event on 2 February 2011. Invited delegates included statutory providers, local businesses and those actively involved in the community.

Issues raised have been summarised by theme as follows:

The number of people who agreed/disagreed with each issue is indicated in brackets after each sentence and these issues have been ordered from most popular to least popular.

Theme – Homes and Community	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Need in town for housing schemes including care (3 agree)	Energy efficient homes (4 agree)
More affordable housing & hostels for all ages (2 agree)	More parking provision in new homes (4 agree/1 disagrees)
Better design in new builds/more contemporary design/more variety (2 agree)	Do not over-develop on plots (2 agree)
Complete Moreton Hall- secondary school/infrastructure needed (1 agrees)	Affordable new homes (2 agree)
Single person households with space for visitors/affordable rents (1 agrees)	Develop jobs near homes (to reduce carbon footprint) (1 agrees)
Designing out crime- lighting/open spaces	Retain and develop community identity (1 agrees)
Early delivery of new homes/communities	Provision for ageing population- parking/garages for mobility, leisure facilities, adapted housing (fewer steps, wet rooms, wide doorways) (1 agrees)
	More variety & originality in new-builds (1 agrees)
	Retain and incorporate green space into new developments
	"New Town" approach to future development rather than insertion of multiple groups of houses/businesses ad hoc where space
	More residents needed to back resident associations
	Provision for young people who are estranged from parents- housing/training facilities
	Sustainable construction (locally sourced materials)
	Take into account requirement of churches and faith groups

Theme – Jobs	
Current Issues	Future Issues
More local careers advice (link with businesses and schools) (4 agree)	Attract/support (small) businesses-marketing (6 agree)
Creation of full-time (local) jobs (4 agree)	Employment close to housing (4 agree)
Jobcentre is undesirable experience for school leavers/those made redundant (2 agree)	Provide higher value/higher skill jobs to promote desirable lifestyle (to attract young families) (4 agree)
Support for new businesses/start-up advice (1 agrees)	Providing suitable business units (3 agree)
More jobs for over 50's (1 agrees)	Build on relationship with Cambridge (1 agrees)
Insufficient provision of jobs for vulnerable adults (1 agrees)	Job provision for people in surrounding villages as well as Bury
Do not wish to attract 'lifestyle' businesses	Create mini science park at Suffolk Business Park
Better work experience opportunities	
Intervention to support basic skills e.g. numeracy and literacy	
Quota for number of young people employed in organisation	
Good work/life balance	

Theme – Travel	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Park and ride service needed (less parking in town/need more crossing points as only on north of A14) (8 agree)	More safe cycle routes/storage (5 agree)
Relieve peak time rush hour (traffic lights worsen situation/Tesco roundabout bad) (7 agree)	Segregate cycle routes from road (5 agree)
Investment in infrastructure to relieve A14 interchanges (3 agree)	Increase all public transport (including to rural areas) to discourage car use (in town centre) (5 agree)
Improve cycling in Bury including routing (2 agree)	More provision for elderly and electric vehicles (3 agree)
Small free vehicles to shuttle between market and car park (2 agree)	Bypass around Great Barton (3 agree)
Station underused, maximise potential use, improve bus service to town (2 agree)	Cheaper/free public transport (1 agrees)
No reduction in parking space in town (1 agrees/1 disagrees)	Traffic model to predict need for infrastructure (1 agrees)
Train fares need reducing (1 agrees)	Reduce need to travel- more local facilities/broadband
Road damage by heavy lorries	Minimise travel to work miles
Rural bus service inadequate	Electrification of Ipswich to Ely railway
Rail to serve commercial sites, future	Keep through-traffic out of town-

hospital, 'hopper service' around town	western bypass to link A-roads to Sudbury/Haverhill/Mildenhall to A14?
More container traffic put on railway to relieve A14	
Multiple use car schemes	
Appropriate transport to encourage use and access	

Theme – Sustainability and Climate Change	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Price of heating oil for rural homes (1 agrees)	Energy generation in all buildings taking account of environment (3 agree) (by solar panels (3 agree), not windfarms (4 disagree), major not micro generation)
Decentralised waste strategies e.g. community composting to reduce waste miles (1 agrees)	Water collection systems in new houses (1 agrees)
Affordable alternative waste reduction/energy alterations	More recycling sites in rural areas (1 agrees)
Water efficiency in new & existing homes/commercial development	Strive towards 'exemplar' standards of sustainability of new developments beyond the required
Building regulator rather than planning system to ensure high building standards	Travel demand management at source-jobs close to homes (encourage walking/cycling)
Household waste recycling centre	Encourage bus use where most achievable (in town, not rural areas)
Opportunity to segregate more waste at home	Retain recycling system
Wheelie bins be replaced by bags, central system (1 disagrees)	Recycling system in line with neighbouring councils
	Invest in insulation to reduce carbon impact
	Central heat generation (perhaps as by-product) for homes/businesses distributed locally
	Eliminate waste
	Waste/recycling helpline
	Underground refuse collection
	Preserve energy (lower the heat rather than opening windows- old people's homes)
	Building regulator rather than planning system to ensure high building standards

Theme – Crime and Safety	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Speeding in town centre (2 agree) /villages (Fornham St Martin/Gt Barton) (2 agree) /A143 (5 agree)	Neighbourhood watch etc. important/needs volunteers
Police Community Support Officers are important (3 agree)	More policing needed (PCSO have lack of powers)

Keep image of Bury as safe place to encourage business (3 agree)	Vulnerable people become target for hate crime if no longer eligible for support
Police good but need to increase police visibility (3 agree)	More funding for community safety groups
Positive engagement with young people in communities (1 agrees)	Street lighting/speed control in villages
Street lighting on Howard Estate	
Vandalism possible problem/school projects to reduce litter	
Community service opportunities for young offenders	
Police should attend Parish Council meets	
Review of police levels needed with increased population	
Use technology to reduce crime e.g. online banking to prevent fraud	

Theme – Infrastructure and Services	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Need to resolve school re-organisation issues (4 agree)	Broadband in all rural areas (7 agree) /new developments
Improve access at A14 junctions (2 jobs)	Adequate parking on all developments (4 agree)
Improve broadband (fibre optic to replace copper cable) (1 agrees)	Keep local libraries as a priority (2 agree)
Drainage infrastructure critical	Consider climate change when considering building on flood plains (2 agree)
New southern bypass/A14 widened	Hopper buses for the town to reduce cars/congestion (2 agree)
Remove 90% of junction traffic lights to speed up traffic	Look at existing community facilities to see how they can be used as community hubs providing a range of services (2 agree)
Safe and easy cycling into town centre (restrict cars)	Moreton Hall Middle School Urgent (1 disagrees)
Need to engage with needs of church/faith groups	New water/sewage system needed
	Site for high school near existing schools needed
	Improve cycling in town
	When streets are dug up, ensure ducts for future use are included
	Bypass around Great Barton
	Work with partners on Community Infrastructure Levy

Theme – Leisure and Recreation	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Improve cycling in town & surroundings (4 agree), good route from Gt Barton to Bury, encourage use (1 agrees)	Encourage sport- more use of village hall for keep-fit activities, computer training etc (4 agree)/link with Olympics (more facilities for increase in popularity of sport) (4 agree) /indoor tennis centre with realistic prices/ upgrade school sports facilities and open for community use
Leisure for elderly population (4 agree)	Leisure for elderly population (5 agree), volunteer/PT activities needed
Increased provision for older children e.g. basketball, games areas (4 agree)	Increase access to facilities with better infrastructure (1 agrees)/working with major land owners
Ongoing/growing need for allotments (3 agree)	More places for young people (13-17) not youth clubs
Theatre Royal returning repeat visitors away (2 agree/1 disagrees), change the seats (1 agrees)	More seating in town
Improve/maintain sport/leisure/recreation facilities in communities (1 agrees)	Extend Lark Valley footpath through to Sicklesmere Road
Footpaths around town away from roads	Leisure facilities near population growth
Optimise the River Lark, perhaps restore navigation	Get bigger acts into the Apex
Protect/improve access to forests	Alternative leisure provision to include relaxation and holistic health facilities
	Youth clubs (1 disagrees)
	Redesign the Theatre Royal by removing seating to re-attract customers (3 disagree)

Theme – Health	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Maintain/improve support for the elderly (3 agree)/keep them active (2 agree) /support to enable them to remain in own homes i.e. day centres etc (7 agree/1 disagrees)	New hospital on different site/rebuild in phases on existing site (save green sites) (3 agree/2 disagree), build on green site & sell old site for prime building (1 agrees) / cheaper car parking needed (1 agrees)
Social services need more resources/need to be more pro-active (1 agrees)	Regular affordable transport for elderly to day centres/new hospital (4 agree)
Daily/frequent exercise in schools (up to age 18)	Support in homes for the elderly (3 agree)
More info to residents in Parishes	Promote physical activity using existing resources/by increasing access (1 agrees)/prevention of need for health

Theme – Health	
Current Issues	Future Issues
	services
Improved health provisions for people with learning disabilities (lack of community nurses, speech & language therapists, AA therapists etc)	Dentist provision
	Clinics for advice and health monitoring/ Pro-active simple '4 point' health checks
	Increased education around social services to those that are vulnerable
	Look at alternative therapies and relaxation facilities to promote health and wellbeing

Theme – Education and Skills	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Quality apprenticeships to reduce skills shortages (2 agree) /Suffolk works website	Apprenticeship opportunities (5 agree)
Keep successful Middle Schools (2 agree)	Lack of job security (3 agree)
Uncertainty regarding school structures (free schools/SOR (needs to go ahead) (1 agrees)	Practical/general/flexible skills (3 agree) /skills for volunteers
Two systems in one town for age 11 onwards	Student accommodation in Bury (2 agree)
Low literacy and numeracy standards evident when go to HE/FE	Loss of higher education experience
On the job training	School education- financial studies/positive aspects of work/stricter teacher training to improve standards/ need to plan education to cater for future demographics
Access to good local education (HE)	More pre-schools and early years investment to prevent under-education
Children centres- very positive influence	More schools: impact of School Organisation Review- new sites available for development?/build a sixth-form college or use un-used schools/4 th secondary school (need two sites/space for St Benedicts & County Upper- one might need to move)
Review cost of HE	Adult education- opportunities for retraining, lifelong learning
	Increase community use of schools to improve access to services including library use

Theme – Historic and Natural Environment	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Magna Carta/medieval trail/teach history of the town (6 agree)	Bury and Beyond 'The Hinterland', things do not stop at town centre (4 agree)
Development vs. conservation/expansion of protection of heritage environment, more conservation areas/ internal management plan for Abbey Gardens and precinct (1 agrees)	Remove car parking from Angel Hill, pedestrian only, grass & flower beds (4 agree/2 disagree)/but make accessible to those with mobility problems (free minibus?) (2 agree)
Guildhall	Better communication between groups, new approach to groups working together (2 agree)
Joining up the groups	More underground parking to restore visual appeal (2 agree)
More excavation	Maintain existing links in natural/historic environment (1 agrees) /Improve links within the town i.e. town centre/Nowton/Mildenhall
Ensure the Tourist Information Centre remains on Angel Hill but make it more attractive	Respect and enhance distinctive qualities in historic Bury/preserve all the Abbey Gardens cartilage (2 disagree)/ conservation of Abbey ruins (1 agrees)/ cost of maintaining historic buildings/ how to maintain woodland and green sites during financial hardship (1 agrees) / research effects of increasing population, climate change etc on historic buildings & take radical steps to protect them
	Prior negotiations with amenity societies for planning applications
	Ensure, monitor and enforce public access to forests post forestry commission

Theme – Any Other Issues	
Current Issues	Future Issues
Community service opportunities for offenders (1 agrees)	Non-absorption of adjacent villages into Bury (6 agree)
Burial Ground (1 agrees)	Perceived/actual 'neglect' of small rural communities near Bury (1 agrees)
Cornhill Walk	Opportunities to develop (and sell) local crafts
Faith communities	
Thurston should be identified on map showing 5 growth areas	

Conclusion

It is apparent that a wide range of issues for Bury St Edmunds have been identified by delegates over the next 20 years. These issues will be used to develop a range of options which will be consulted on for the way Bury St Edmunds will be developed in the future.

Bury St Edmunds 'Issues' Vision 2031 public consultation feedback

Introduction

St Edmundsbury Borough Council have been consulting people on what they feel the main issues facing Bury St Edmunds are over the next 20 years as part of the Bury Vision 2031 exercise. These have been collected in the format of 'postcards' asking for peoples top three issues. In total, 72 postcards have been received to date and the issues raised have been summarised by theme as follows:

The number of people who raised each issue is indicated in brackets after each sentence and issues have been ordered from most common to least common.

Homes and Communities

- There is concern that the town will be over-developed and that crowded housing will result (9)
- There is a need for more affordable housing and better access to affordable housing including more 1 bed council bungalows (7)
- There is a worry about expansion of the town and the impact it may have in fringe areas on surrounding villages (3)
- A poor standard of planning and house-building should be avoided by careful development planning (3)

Jobs & Economy

- There is a high level of current unemployment and too few suitable jobs available (4)
- There is a need to attract and promote new businesses and industry in the town (3)
- There is a need to support and promote the local economy in the current economic climate (2)
- Jobs for young people (under 25's) are a particular issue (1)

Travel

- There is a need for better traffic management to deal with the congestion in town especially in the town centre, at rush hour and on the Moreton Hall estate (13)
- Parking is an issue in town and is too expensive/scarce which could be solved by the introduction of a permanent park and ride service (10)
- There is a need to improve public transport links including services to/from rural villages (6)
- There is a lack of cycle paths in the town (3)
- Improve bus services particularly at night (3)
- Reduce train fares as currently too expensive and electrify the railway which would also create jobs (2)
- Pedestrianisation of the historic centre should take place to protect it and encourage visitors (2)

Sustainability and Climate Change

- Need to address energy needs by way of new technology (1)
- Pressure caused by expanding population (1)

Crime and Community Safety

- There are too many big groups including groups of teenagers and fighting and late-night drinking (3)
- Speeding is an issue, particularly on Northgate Street (2)
- More policing and a greater police presence is needed (1)
- A traffic-warden service separate to the Police should be established which could be paid for out of penalties (1)

Infrastructure and Services

- Independent shops in town are closing down and support is needed for small independent retailers to prevent the empty feel of the town centre (8)
- Infrastructure in town to provide links to the A14 and the provision of adequate infrastructure in new developments is necessary (3)
- Roads are in poor condition and more road repairs are required (3)
- There is a need for better services in villages and better infrastructure between the town and villages (2)
- There are inadequate facilities for homeless people (2)
- The infrastructure around Moreton Hall needs improving (1)
- The increase of supermarkets in town is an issue (1)
- There is a need for more public toilets (1)

Leisure and Recreation

- A need for increased night-time activities and gigs (4)
- More leisure and recreational facilities are needed for all ages but young people in particular, which need to be affordable (3)
- Need to develop visual arts/museums (2)
- Wish to keep the market (2)
- A need to encourage tourism and visitors (1)

Health

- Concerns were raised over the capacity of the current hospital site due to the increasing population and where/how a potential new hospital would be located (4)

Education and Skills

- There were a few concerns regarding schools including the maintenance of them, availability of equipment, the effect of the Schools Organisation Review and oversubscription (6)
- There is a lack of skills training and a need for more apprenticeships to teach practical skills to youths (3)
- Higher Education was mentioned as an issue but not expanded upon (1)

Historic and Natural Environment

- Fear of losing individuality/character by the closure of small shops, the loss of historic features and pressure from more people/development (10)
- There is concern about the loss of green spaces and the need to preserve them and develop them by installing green seating areas, developing on brownfield sites instead of Greenfield (4)
- Wish to protect and maintain the Abbey Gardens (1)

Conclusion

It is apparent that a wide range of issues for Bury St Edmunds have been identified by local residents over the next 20 years. These issues will be used to develop a range of options which will be consulted on for the way Bury St Edmunds will be developed in the future.