A New Vision for Chaulington

Report Back, 30 April 2013





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Your invitation to our Community Planning Weekend



Community Planning Weekend: Heathfield Hall Friday 26 April 2pm - 6pm Saturday 27 April 9:30am - 1pm

Followed by a Report Back presentation: Caddington Village School Tuesday 30 April 7pm

Everyone is welcome!

Please drop in for a short time, a few hours or stay for the whole event if you can.

Contact

For further information about the Community Planning | Weekend, planse with www.chaulington.co.uk

Or contact our community line on Freephone 0800 086 769 or email chaulington@ppsgroup.co.uk

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Friday 26 April

13.45 Exhibition opens

14.00 Welcome and Introduction

14.15 Workshop 1 - The GM Site Today

 What are the challenges and opportunities for developing the site?

What is the site's relationship with its surroundings including the neighbouring villages?

Workshop 2 - Young People's Workshop

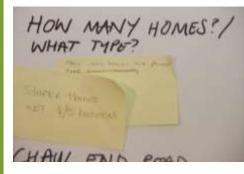
A chance for young people to talk about and draw ideas for the site

15.15 Refreshment Break

15:30 Hands-on Planning Groups and Walkabouts

Work in small, facilitated groups to consider key issues for the site and its relationship with the surrounding area and start to plan ideas for the future. Groups may choose to go on minibus tours of the site and neighbouring area to see and discuss opportunities.

- 17.15 Refreshment Break
- 17:30 Reports Back from Hands-on Planning Groups
- 18:00 Close





PROGRAMME





Saturday 27 April

- 2.30 Exhibition opens
- 10.00 Welcome & Introduction
- 10.05 Workshop 3 The Site Tomorrow
 - Housing and community facilities?
 - Open space and recreation?
 - Environment and ecology
 - Connections and accessibility?

Workshop 4 - Young People's Workshop Another opportunity for young people to think about and draw ideas for the site

- 11.15 Refreshment Break
- 11.30 Hands-on Planning Groups and Walkabouts Another opportunity to work in small, facilitated groups to plan ideas for the future. Groups may choose to go on minibus tours of the site and neighbouring area to see and discuss opportunities.
- 12.45 Reports Back

13.00 Close

Minibus tours of the site

In addition to the workshops, the community is invited to come on organised minibus tours of the vehicle storage site. Minibuses will leave at the following time from Heathfield Hall for a thirty minute tour.

Friday 1.00pm and 3.30pm Saturday 9.30am and 11.30am







PROGRAMME

Informal conversations included those with:

Young Mum and playgroup leader
Retired couple, members of Caddhist
People at Caddington & District Sports & Social Club
Proprietor of Woodside Animal Farm
Staff at Caddington Hall Residential Home
Church of St John the Baptist, Markyate
Staff at Slip End Pet Store
Young Mums at Heathfield Centre
Caddington Store and Post Office

"I've been renting for four years." I want to buy but it's impossible."









COMMUNITY ANIMATION

"It's a very desirable place to live, close to an airport, the railway, the countryside."

"Everyone drives – it's such a long way round on the buses."

"Chaul End Road is so dangerous – there's no grass verge to leap on to save yourself!"



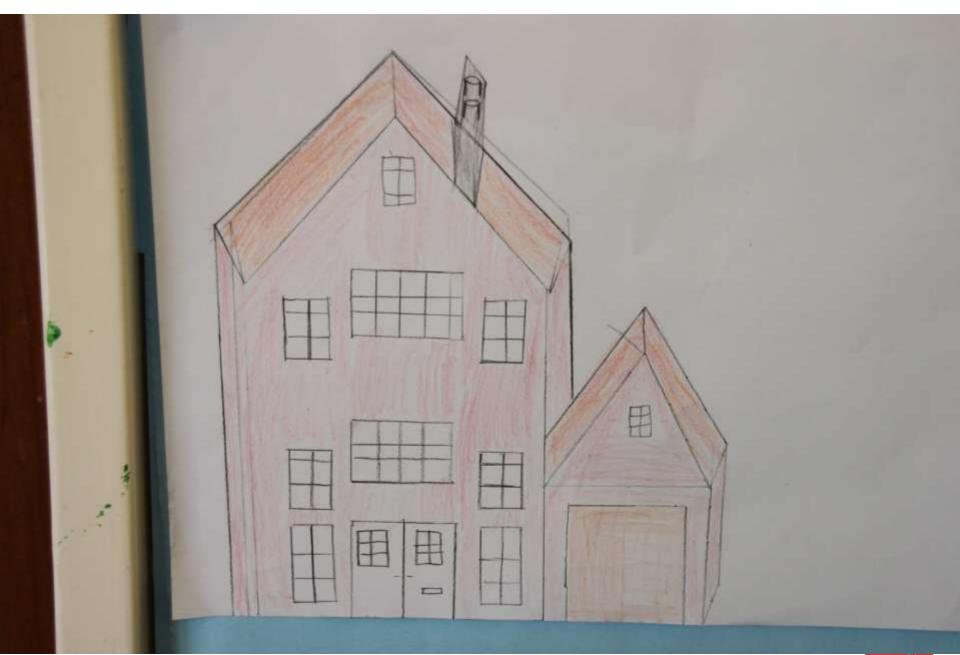


Workshop with 30 children from Year 8

Majority lived in Caddington village – others from Slip End, Markyate, Aley Green, Kensworth, Woodside and a few from Dunstable and Luton (eg Lewsey Farm, Farley Hill).

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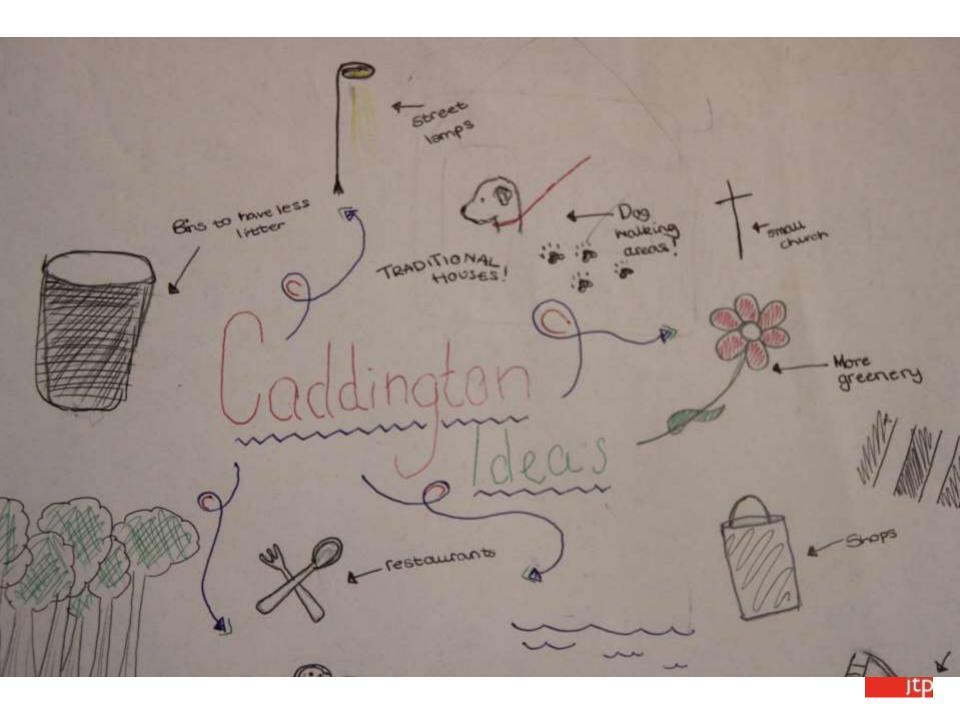


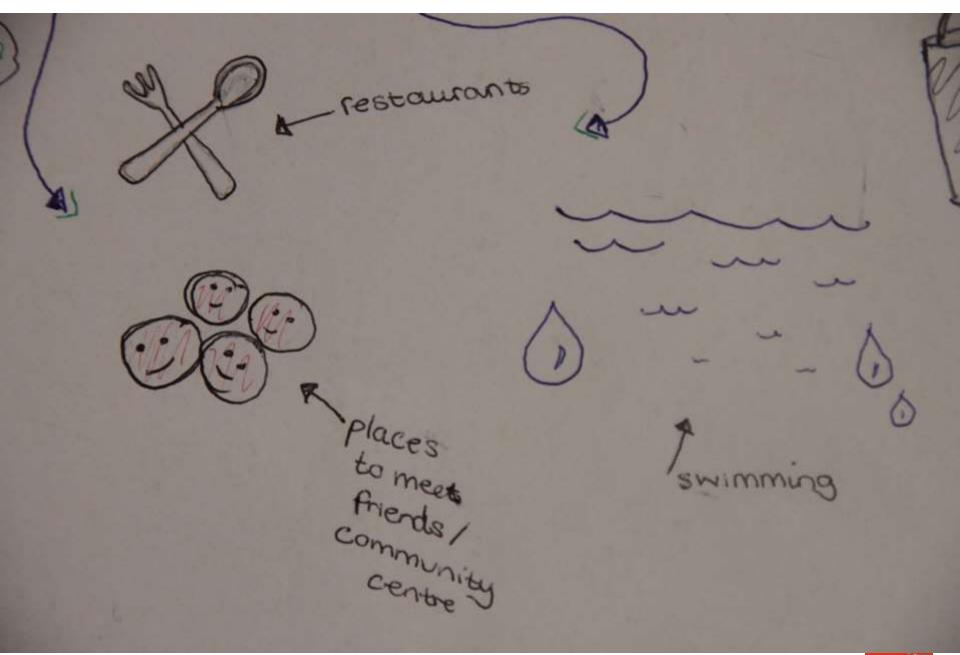












Caddington Village School: Summary

We like

- Country / rural environment views, wildlife, fields, woods and wide open spaces
- Peace and quiet not crowded
- Caddington village is compact and easy to get around walking distance (for some)from home to school, shops and friends
- Housing design: large, modern but 'cottagey'
- Friendly people and lots of good community spirit
- Popular local amenities: school with big field, small parks, shops and pubs

Caddington Village School: Summary

We don't like....

- Litter and dog poo, pot holes
- Busy roads and impact of traffic
- Difficult to get around: pavements suddenly end, lack of signage & lighting; dark alleyways (in winter); too few pedestrian crossings
- Not many dog walking places
- Poor public transport difficult to get to other places; not many buses between Slip End and Caddington
- Some intimidation by groups of older teenagers
- Boredom lack of things to do, especially at weekend
- Lack of bigger shops, restaurants and parking places
- Out of place buildings, eg flats in place of the Barn Owl pub

Caddington Village School: Summary

What about...?

- Better lighting in country lanes
- Dog walking areas & responsible dog owners
- Traffic calming to reduce speeding traffic; safe crossings
- More local facilities e.g. children's gym, sports facilities, places to meet friends
- A shop next to the park
- Traditional detached housing with pitched roof and garage, stained glass windows, steps to the front door
- Eco features solar panels etc
- A mixture of housing (cheap, middle class and expensive)



- 29th August 2012 Central Beds officers
- 29th August 2012 Ward members
- 30th August 2012 Gavin Shuker MP
- 24th October 2012 Chaul End Workshop
- 5th February Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
- 13th March Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Community Planning Weekend Friday 26-30 April 2013



Friday





TEAM SITE TOUR

































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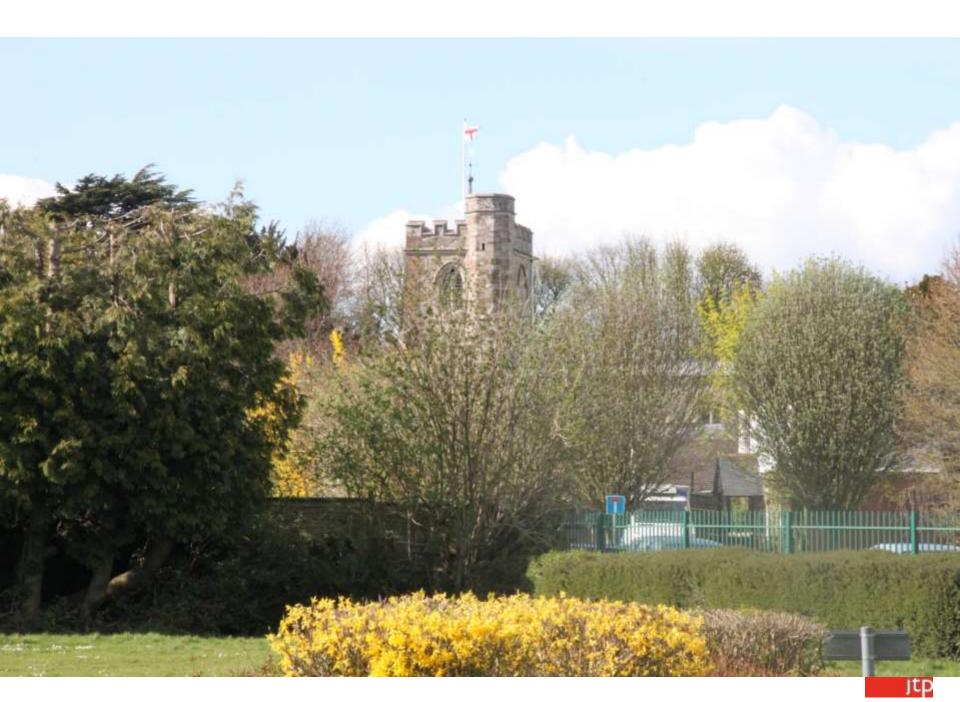
























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"It's a genuine exercise. We're still going to be neighbours. We're not aiming to make a fast buck and walk away. ..."

Julian Lyon, General Manager of GM Properties Europe







Landowner



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Planning

Architects & Community Planners

PR Consultants

BARTON WILLMORE

Landscape Architects



Transport Planners





INTRODUCTION



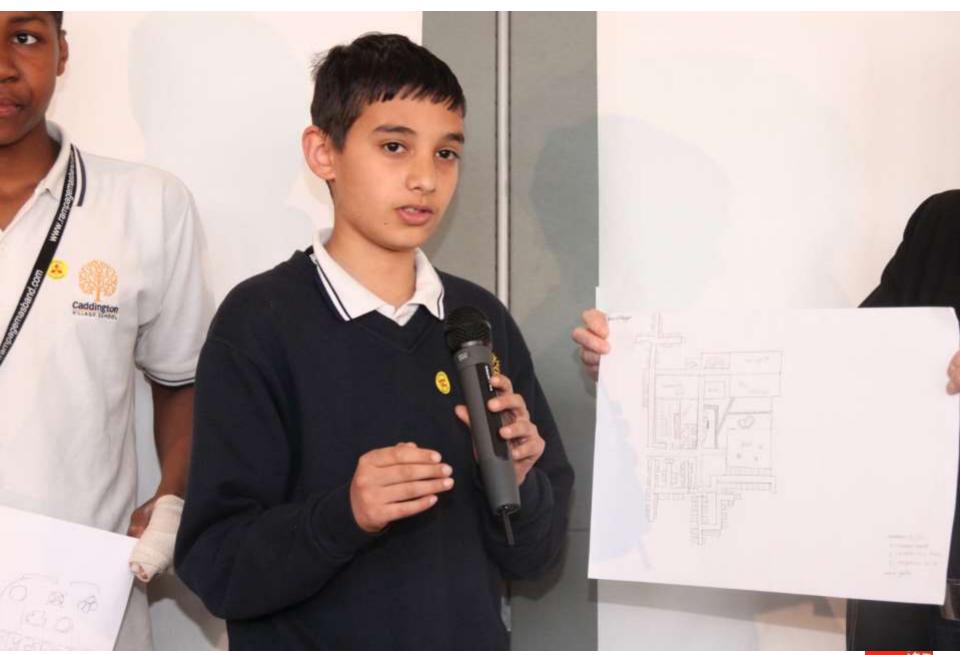


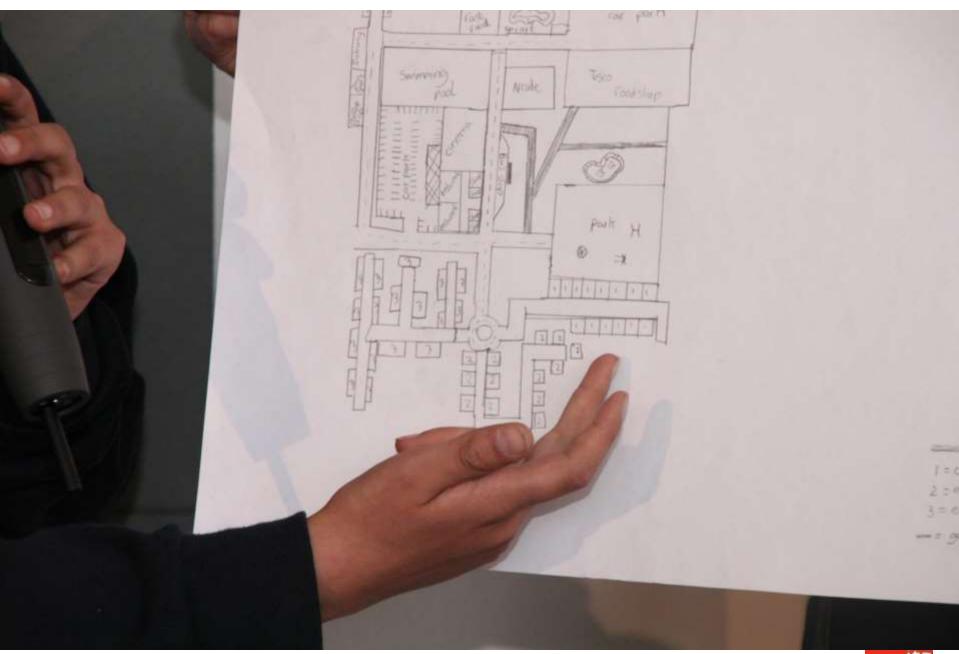


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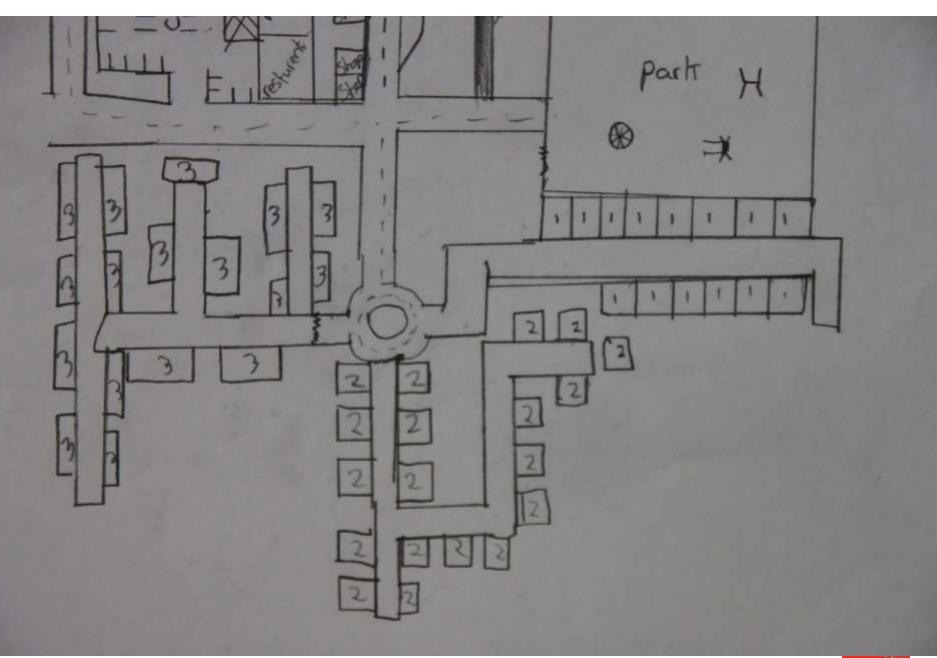








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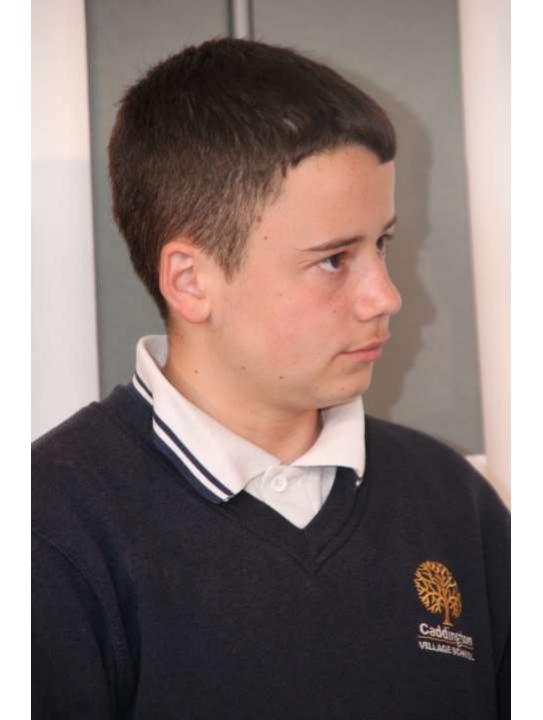


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"Caddington has an extremely good community spirit. We don't want a separate development." "There are a lot of public paths going through the fields – these should be enhanced and brought into the site and linked to Caddington."



"Create a place that is a great place to live."











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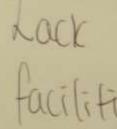
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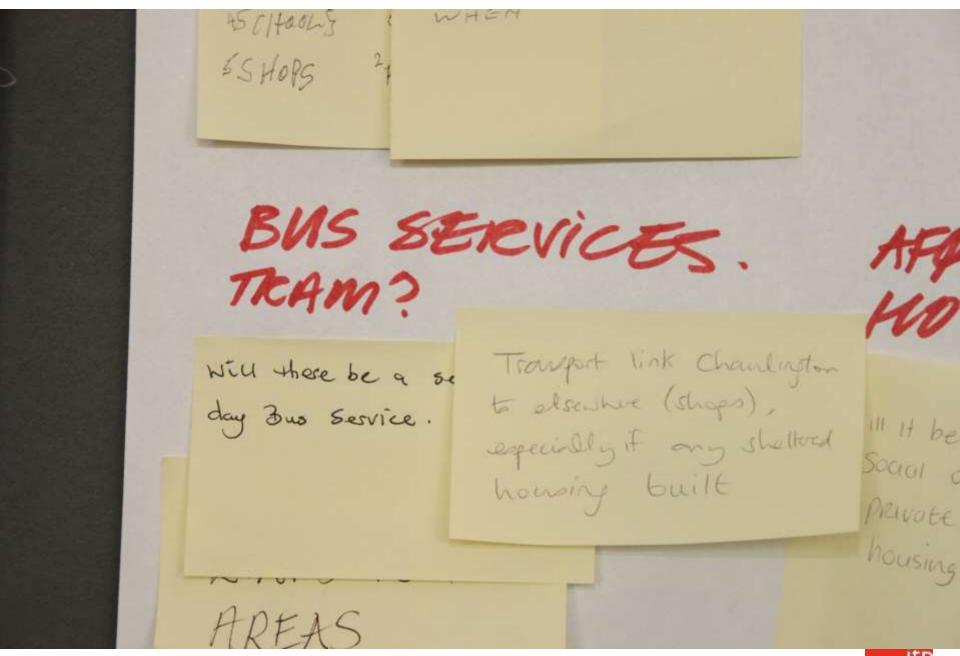
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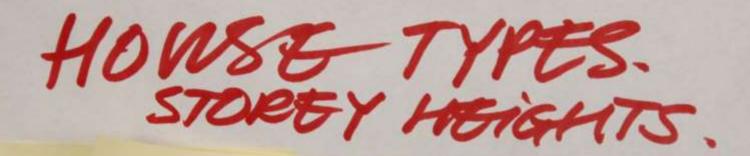


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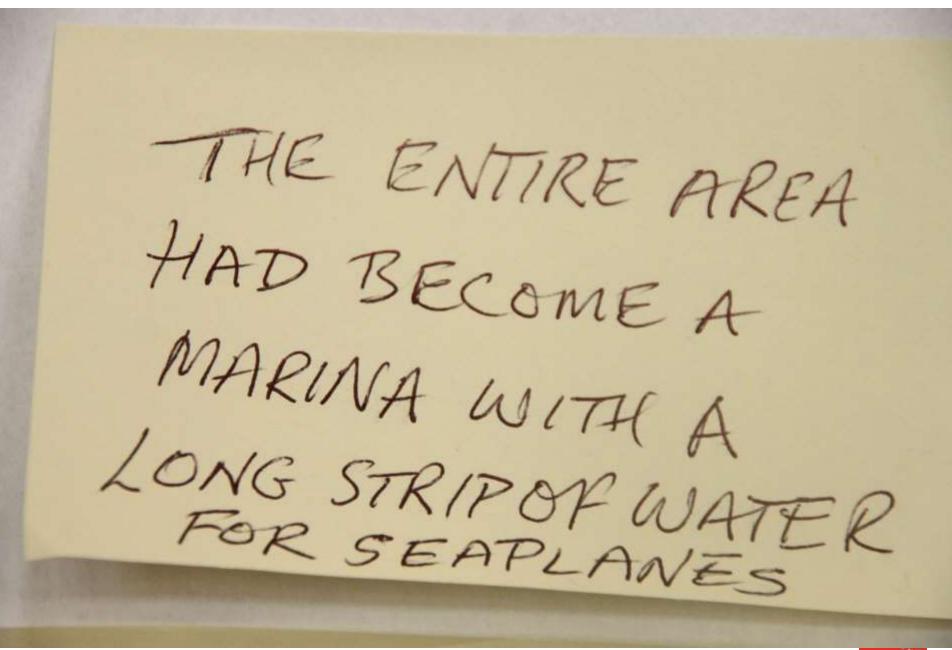
DREAM

Retirement village (boverment proposals where everything for (clinic/hotels). retired + older people is available on site Houses/flats/hospital facilities/care home fac leisue/restaurante etc. Eco-Forest Centre-like Marshon Moretain

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STAY AS IT WAS IN 1960





ISSUES

- •Cynicism: dream or reality? Just a means to get people 'on side'?
- •Fear of over development & urban sprawl
- •Impact on peaceful atmosphere of Chaul End village
- •Road infrastructure: width of Chaul End Road and lack of pavements; junction with Hatter's Way; condition (pot holes)
- Access to site
- •Impact of additional traffic on Caddington village congestion, safety
- •More children will increase traffic impact on those who live near the school

ISSUES

- •Need for better transport links to existing areas
- •Housing: design, density and tenure
- •Potential overload on local services & infrastructure: schools, doctors, policing, sewage and utilities
- •Inadequate existing services, including recreation facilities
- Potential loss of woodland
- •Identity separate or linked to other settlements?
- •Impact of construction noise, mess and inconvenience to neighbours
- •How to ensure and control quality when development is eventually built
- •State of disrepair on (GM owned) barn at Chaul End village



ACTIONS

- Preserve Rights of Way footpaths and bridle paths
- •Retain woodland around site
- •Control construction traffic during the development
- •Build high quality varied housing, including bungalows, with eco-friendly features
- Include plenty of trees, open spaces, and create village pond
 Provide good access roads and mitigate traffic problems on Chaul End Road

ACTIONS

•Image and identity: 'country style' rural development with focal point

•Create a sense of community where people work and live well together - integrate Chaulington into Caddington

 Include facilities that support community spirit – doctor, shop, pub, social activities (eg gym, bowling green, safe play facilities)

• Provide foot and cycle access path to Caddington

•There was also the suggestion of using the site to build a Retirement Village





HANDS-ON PLANNING "CONSTRAINTS & OPPORTUNITIES"

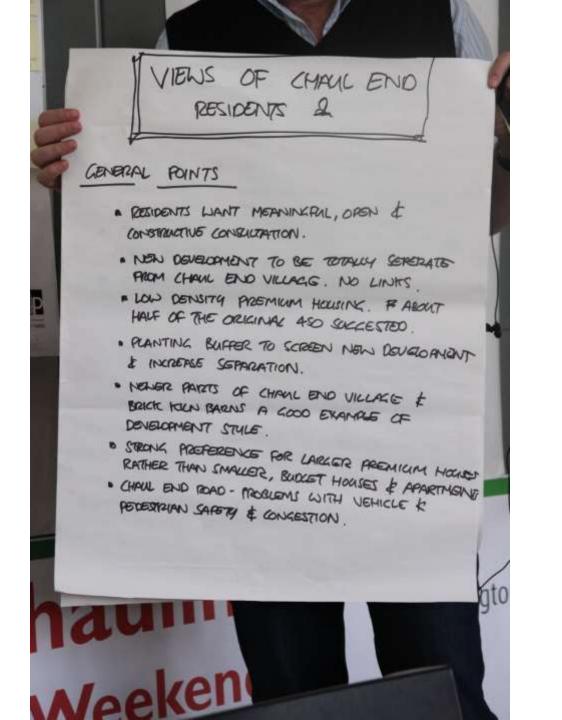


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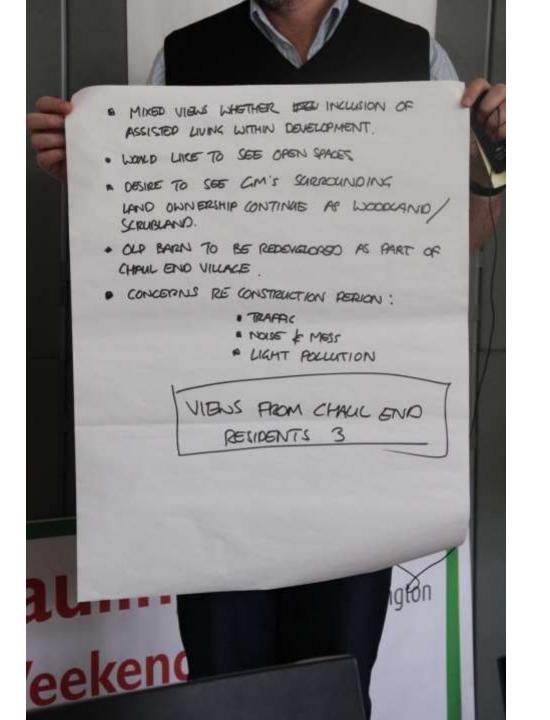
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- 6. Ponds
- 7. Bunded wooded belt and woodland
- 8. Existing footpaths
- 9. Potential footpath links
- 10. Existing vehicle access
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- 12. Chaul End Road
- 13. Chaul End hamlet
- 14. Barn at Chaul







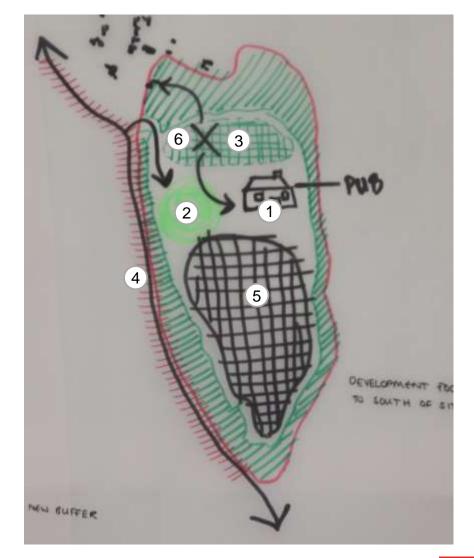




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Chaul End Resident Ideas

- 1. Pub
- 2. Open space
- 3. Landscaped buffer
- 4. Chaul End Road issues with road safety
- 5. Development focussed to the south of the site
- 6. No access between Chaul End and the site















HANDS-ON PLANNING "WHAT'S HERE TODAY"



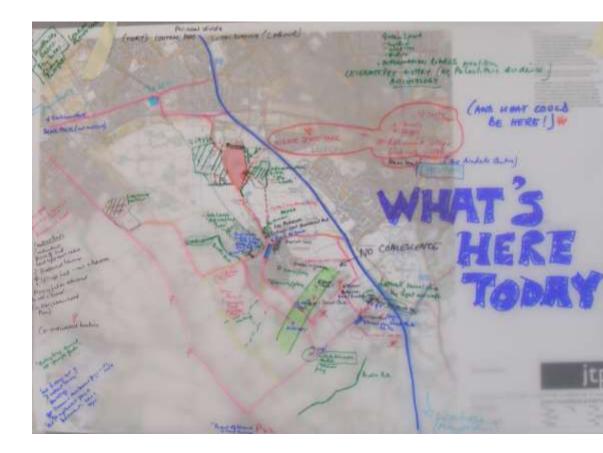




What's Here Today

Existing facilities:

- •Pubs
- Community halls
- Churches
- Schools
- •Village stores and post office
- Local businesses
- •Play areas
- Sports facilities
- Dog-walking areas
 Green spaces and links used by young people (cycling / parcour)
 Bridle paths
- •Wild Animal Park



What's Here Today

Ideas for new amenities:

- Indoor skate park for young people
- Retirement village with associated facilities, eg library and shop
- Enhanced green links for walking, cycling and horse-riding
- Information boards celebrating the rich archaeological heritage of the area



"Keep the gap between Caddington & Slip End, but make sure Chaulington is seen as part of Caddington."





HANDS-ON PLANNING "LANDSCAPE FRAMEWORK"





Landscape Framework

- Retain woodland belt surrounding the site, and create a buffer to enhance the existing habitat and visual enclosure
- Maintain green buffer to the north to avoid affecting Chaul End Village (woodland or open space)
- Use the existing ponds as part of a sustainable drainage system for the site
- 4. Create a village pond as the heart of the development
- 5. Create a blue-green network by linking the ponds within a green corridor for improved habitat and as an amenity feature

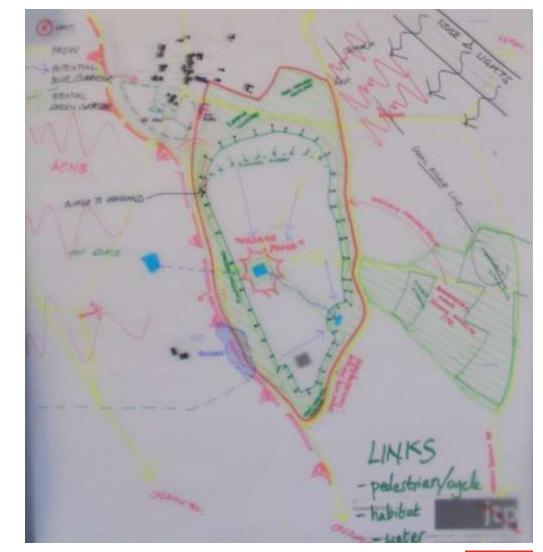


Landscape Framework

Improve pedestrian, cycle and bridal links to Caddington and connections to surrounding countryside Create an ecologically sensitive, sustainable development with a rural and woodland character Manage problems of quad and motorbike use on public footpaths and in ancient

woodland

Co-ordinate management of woodland within and around the site to relieve pressure on ancient woodland Create new pedestrian and cycle links across the site









HANDS-ON PLANNING "SEA PLANE MARINAS"



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Sea Plane Marinas

Potential movement interventions:

1.Need for a right turn and connection to guided bus stop

2.Need for improving safety of Chaul End road3.Chaul End Road through the site crossing potential footpath to create a natural centre



HANDS-ON PLANNING "DECISIONS DECISIONS"



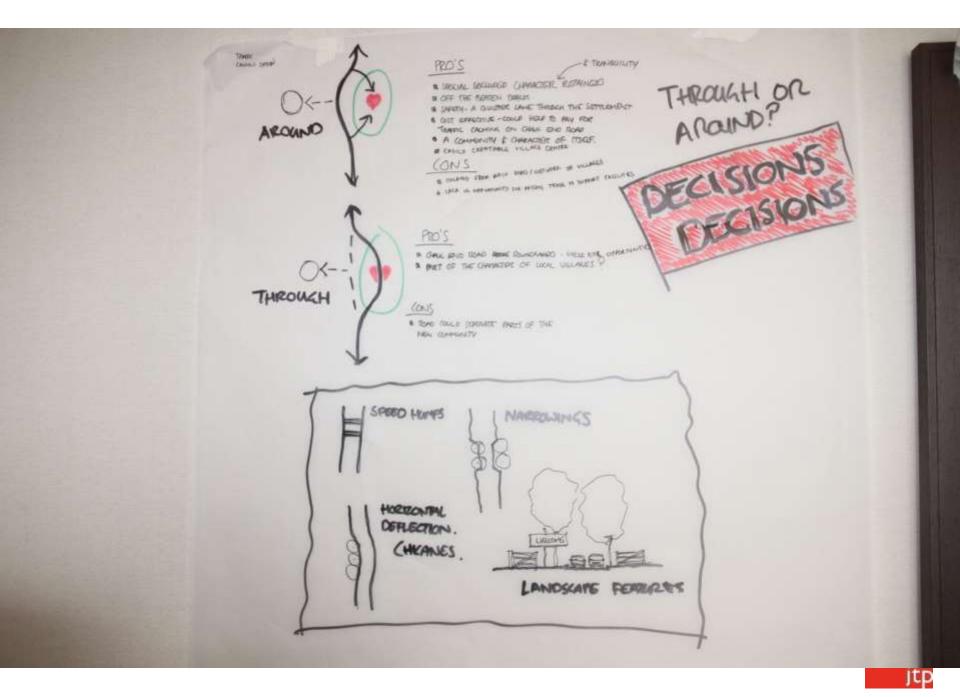


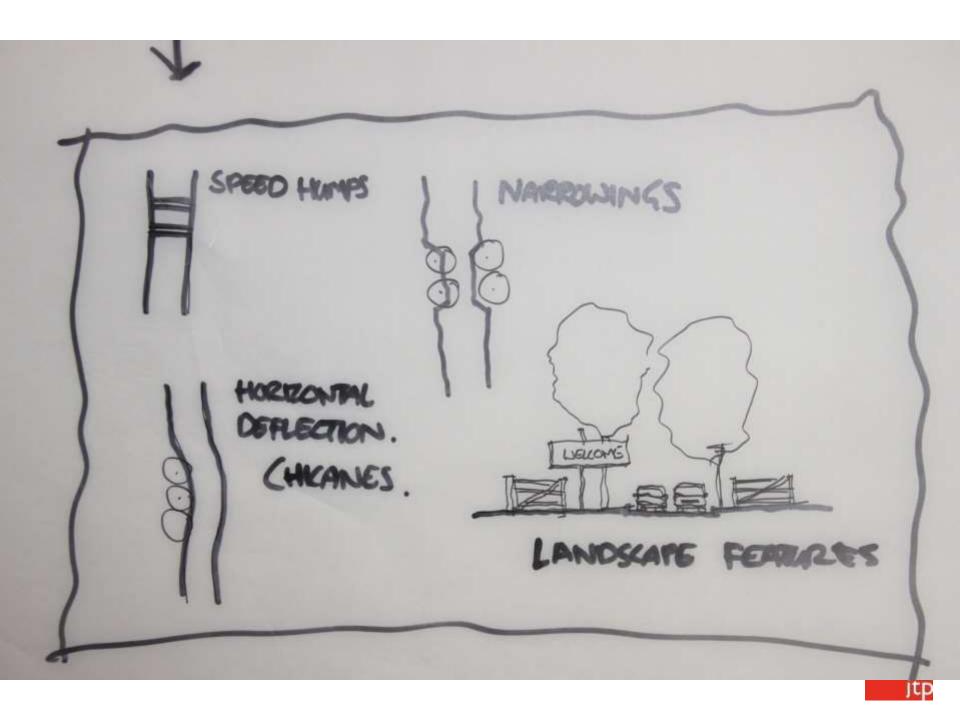


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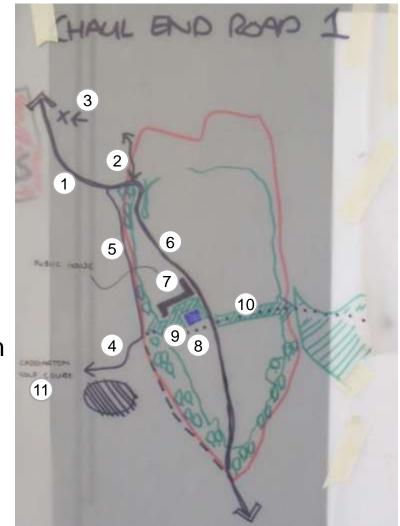




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- 2. Potential access to Chaul End hamlet?
- 3. Access from Chaul End Road to Chaul End closed?
- 4. Access to Caddington Golf Course only
- 5. Pedestrian/cycle route only
- 6. Chaul End Road redirected through the site
- 7. Multi-function community building/interpretation centre
- 8. Pond
- 9. The Common
- 10.Walking route
- 11.Caddington Golf Course

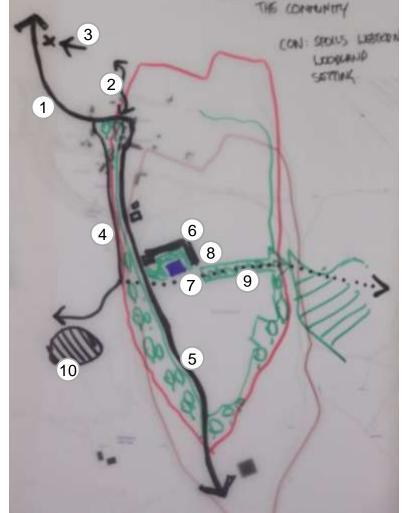




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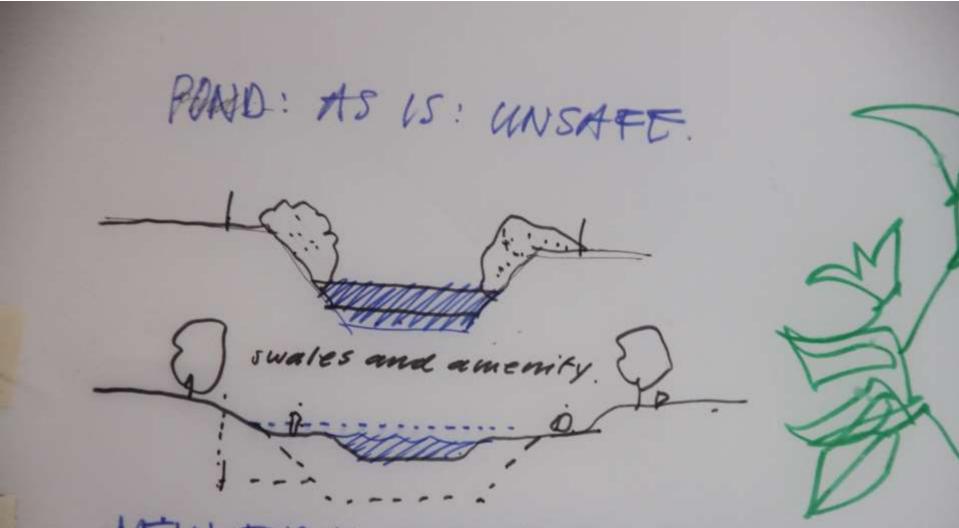
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HANDS-ON PLANNING "SPACE AND PLACE"



NEW FORM: USEABLE: SAFE EDGES

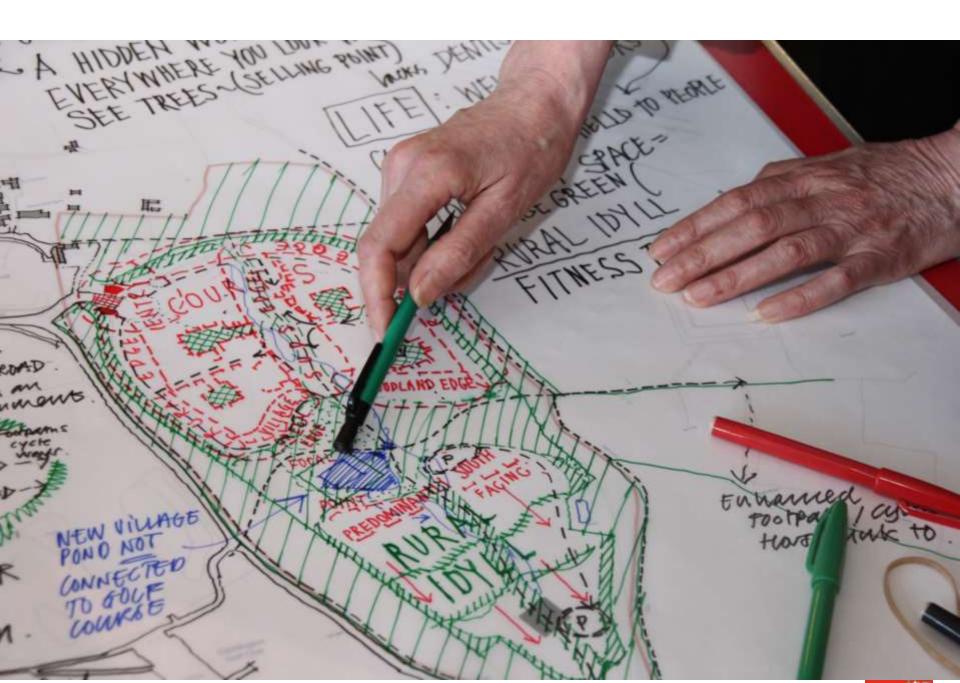


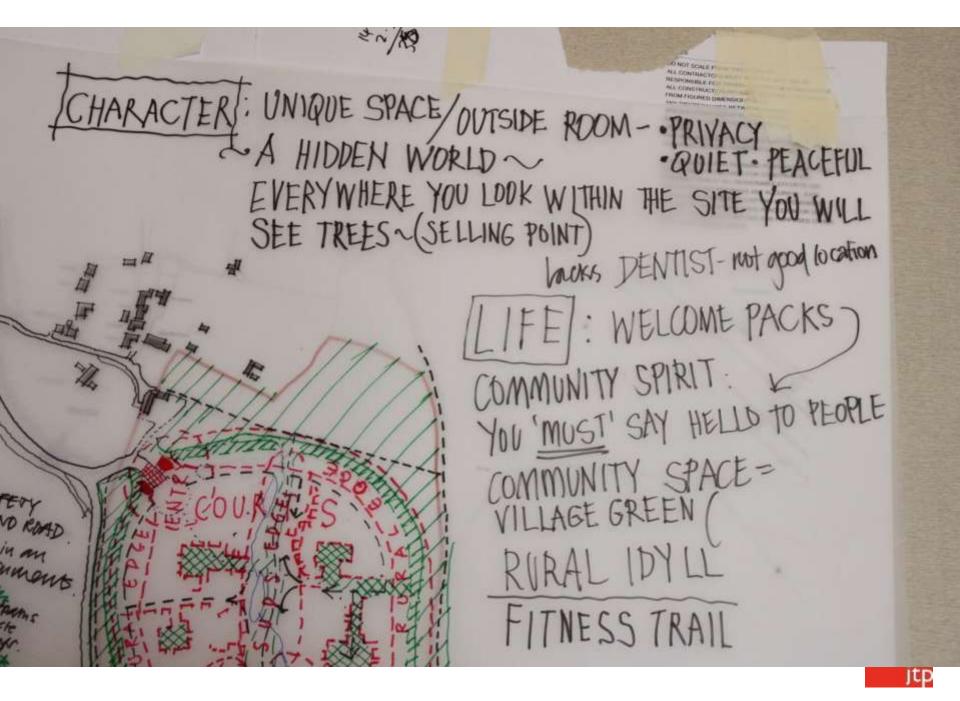










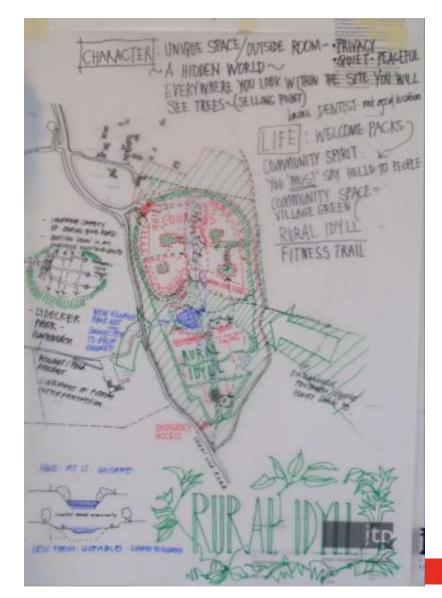




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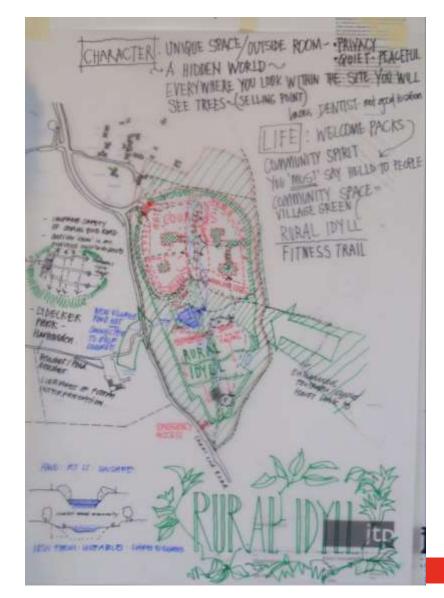
- Everywhere you look within the site you will see trees
- Improve safety along Chaul End Road
- Create an outdoor "room" in a greened environment, (like Lydecker Park in Harpenden)
- Community Spirit- Welcome packs for all new inhabitants- You must say hello to people!



Space and Place

Key Elements:

- Community Space = Village Green.
- Create a rural idyll with south facing houses separated from car parking.
- Enhance footpath and cycle links to surrounding countryside and Caddington.
- The new village pond should not be connected to the golf course (lack of summer water).



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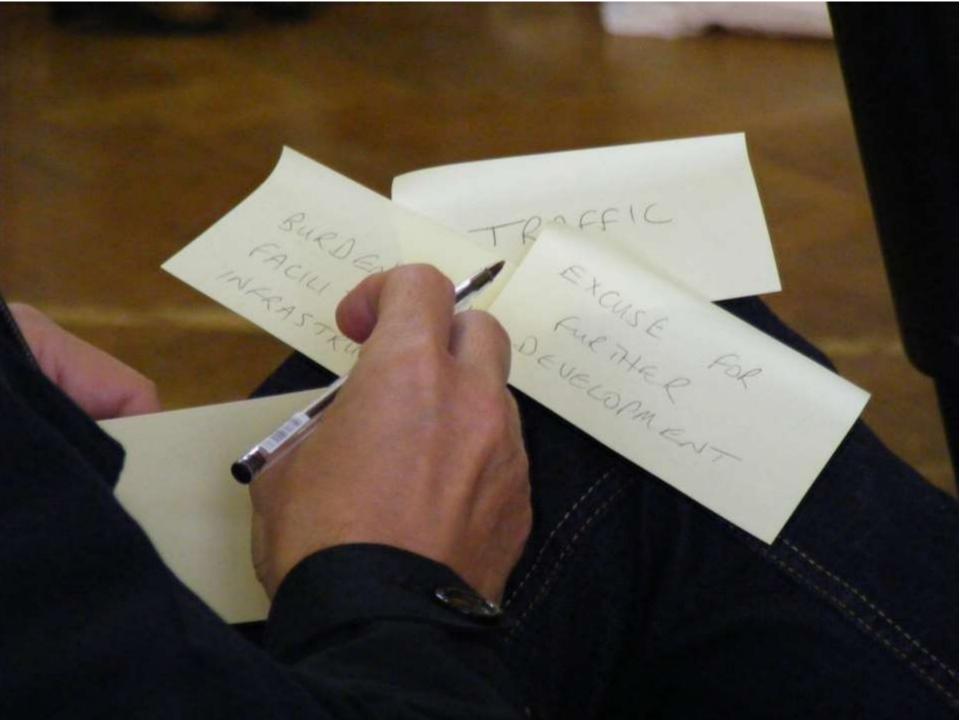






WORKSHOP











"I take my life in my hands" coming out of my cottage now – several times I've had near misses. And potentially there will be so many more cars coming up and down that road."



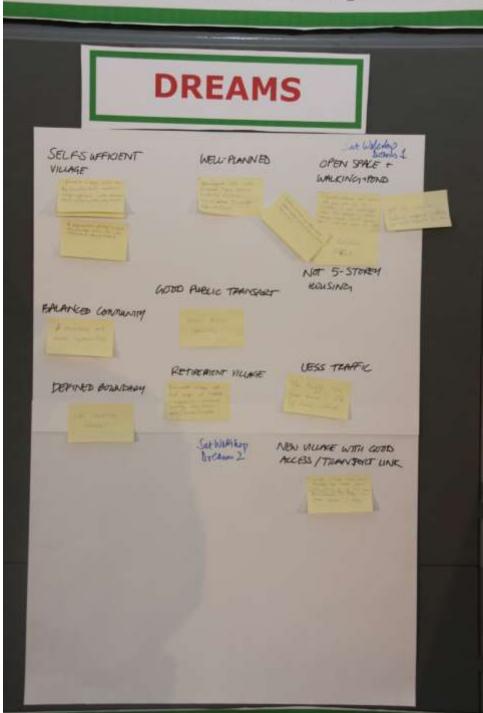
"We need to see it fitting in to the village character."

"We want 'country style."



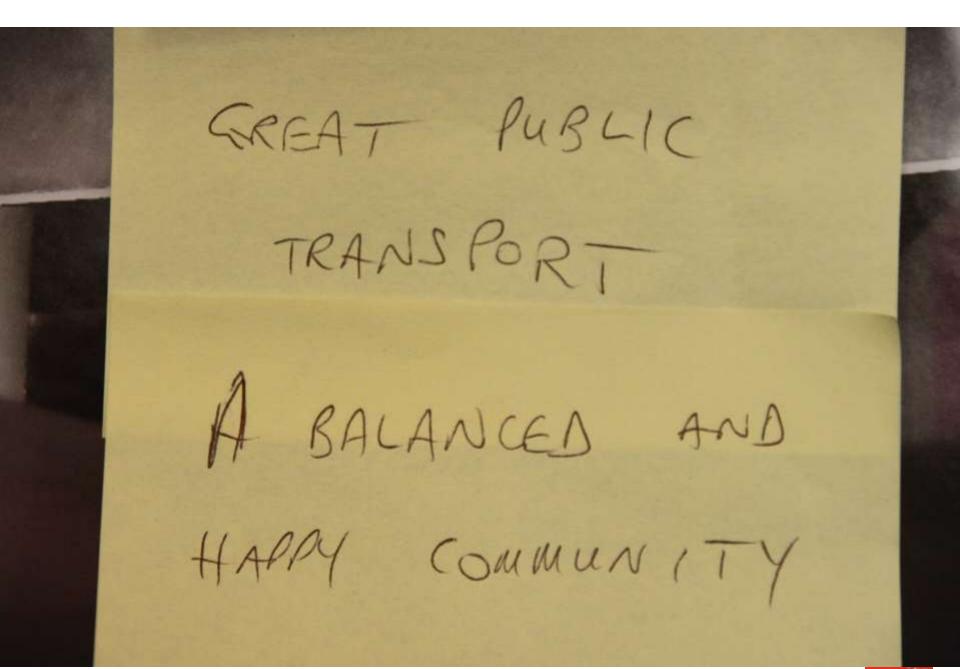




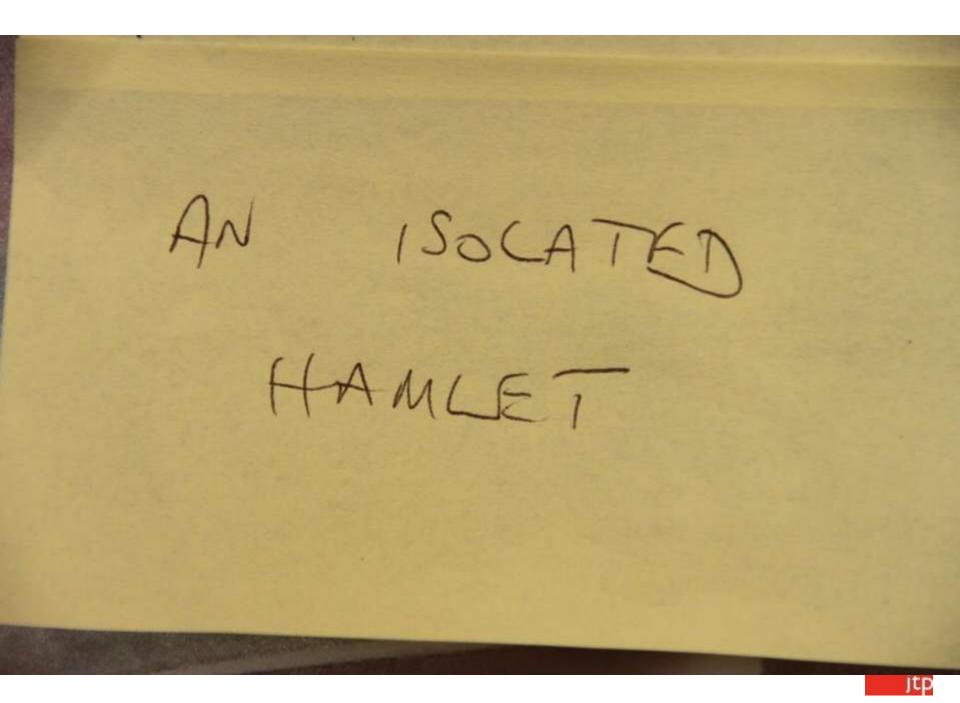




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Retirement village with full range of facilities - bungalous - shelterd housing, care home sport | social facilities



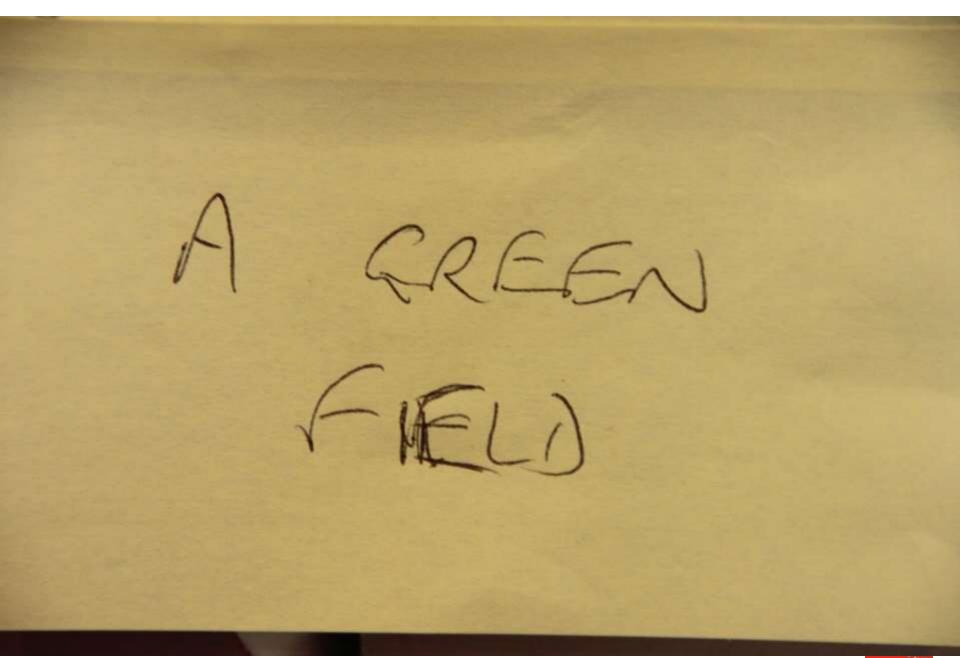


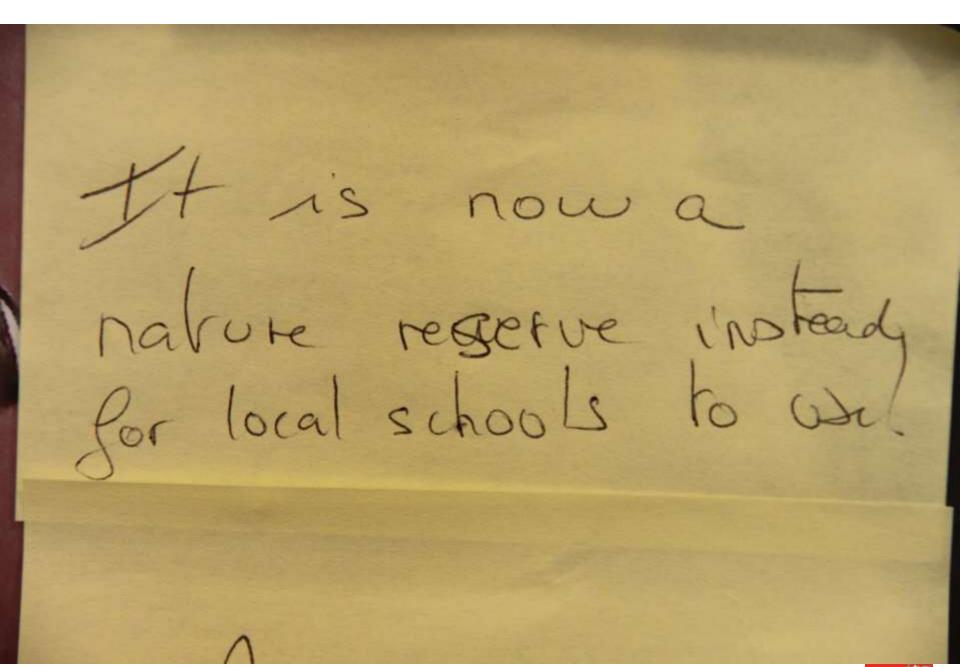
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I found plenty of open space with play areas for the children, a well landscaped area with houses in small groups - maybe 3 or 5 spaced out. Lots of areas to walk and enjoy the space

Little village with road though the middle. Cycle cycle path on eastern side. Round about onto Hatters hay. Green spaces in Village





Developed wite, well Planned .: Open spaces, park for clildsen. Some othere I would like to live

ISSUES

- •An excuse for further development phase one of Bushwood?
- •Negative impact on rural area and wild life
- •Burden on facilities and infrastructure, eg doctors, schools
- •Rubbish and fly-tipping; more people will make it worse

•Getting to and from the site with - and without - a car: extra traffic on an already difficult road

ISSUES

- •Getting around wider links
- •Traffic impact on Caddington Village: congestion, parking, speed
- •Traffic problems in roads near Caddington Village School
- •Type and tenure of accommodation
- •Time scale of development

ACTIONS

•Ensure development has a defined boundary – no excuse to sprawl

- •Encourage creation of a balanced and happy community
- •Include leisure and play areas
- Provide facilities that makes the community self sufficient

•Ensure development can be accessed safely and easily by car and bicycle

•Improve access on to Hatter's Way



ACTIONS

•Provide low density housing in clusters set in landscaped open space with green areas and pond

- •Invest in community facilities
- •Improve getting around by public transport

•Other suggestions included a Retirement Village with full range of facilities and a care home; a green field and Nature Reserve



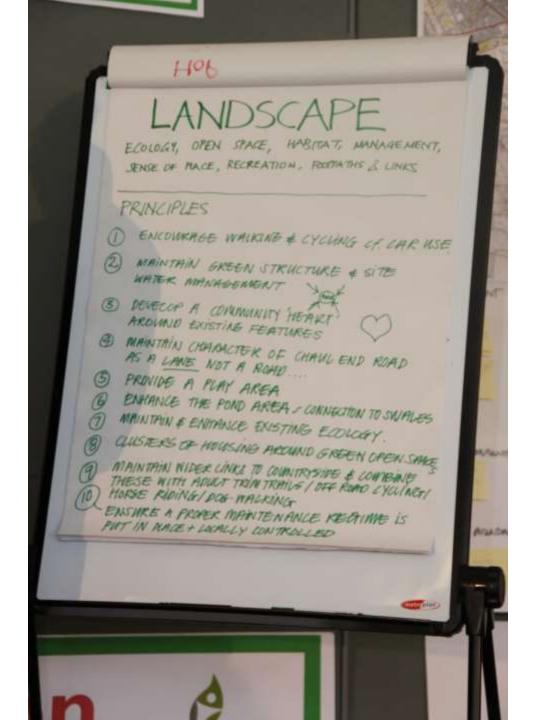
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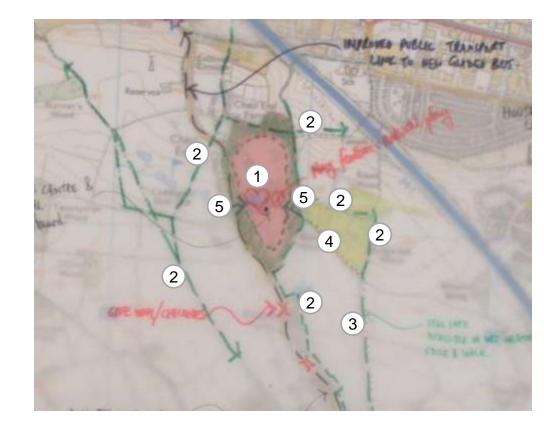






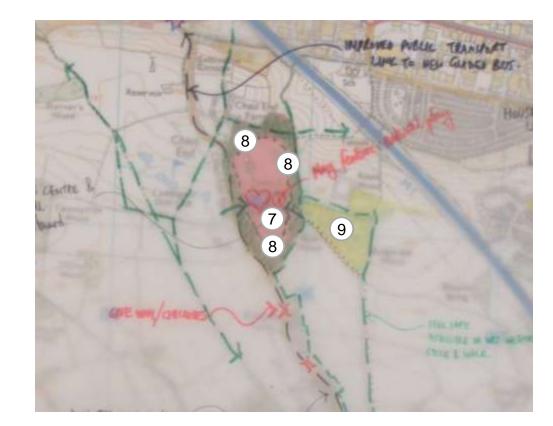
Green Assets

- 1. Heart to development focused on village pond
- 2. Existing public rights of way
- 3. Improved public right of way, with surfacing and lighting
- 4. New footpath and cycle way
- 5. New pedestrian links into the Site
- 6. Natural play features within green open space



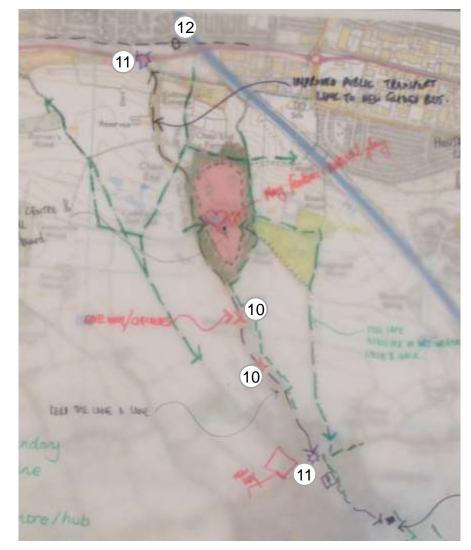
Green Assets

- Community building located at heart of development: Forest Centre with environmental interpretation, notice board, halls or rooms for hire, tea rooms
- 8. Buffer to existing woodland
- 9. Existing woodland



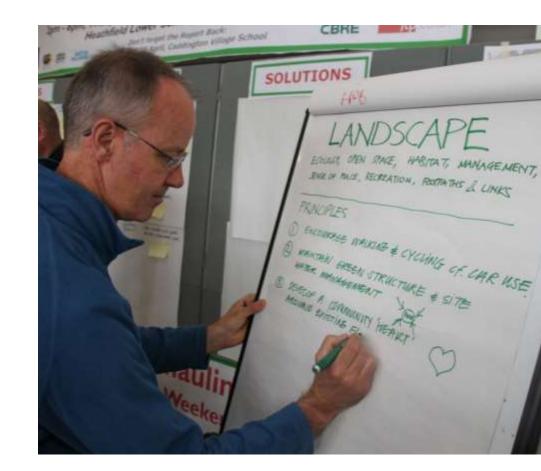
Green Assets

10. Retain lane character of Chaul End Road and increase traffic calming through landscaped chicanes
11. Junctions with traffic issues
12. Proposed guided bus stop



Landscape Principles

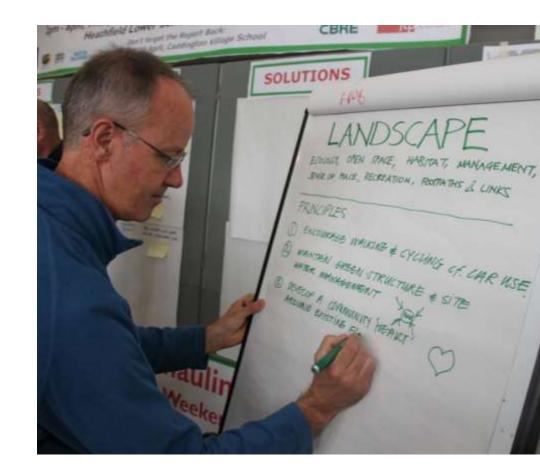
- Encourage walking and cycling to reduce car use
- Maintain green structure and site water management (to pond)
- Develop a community heart around existing features
- Maintain character of Chaul End Road as a lane, not a road
- Provide a play area
- Enhance the pond area connection to swales





Landscape Principles

- Maintain and enhance existing ecology
- Clusters of housing around green open spaces
- Maintain wider links to countryside and combine these with adult trim trails / off road cycling /horse riding / dog walking
- Ensure a proper maintenance regime is put in place and locally controlled







HANDS-ON PLANNING "HAMLETS WITH PRINCIPLES"





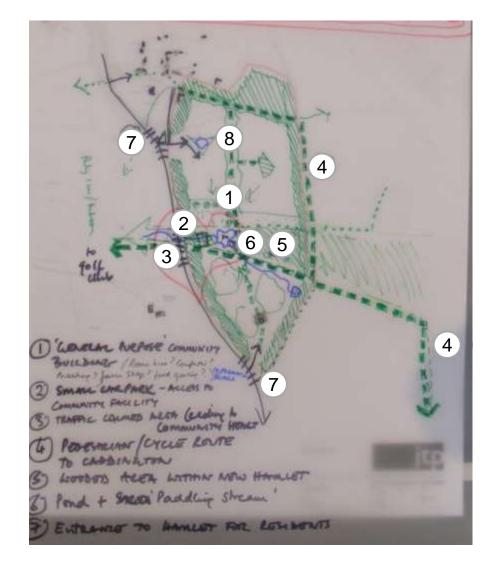




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Hamlets with Principles

- General purpose community building - room hire, internet, meeting, farm shop, interpretation
- 2. Small car park access to community building and country walks
- 3. Traffic calm Chaul End Road at junctions and crossing points
- 4. Green route to Caddington
- New wooded area between hamlets linked to Round Wood and Badger Dell Wood
- 6. Village pond
- 7. Access to hamlets
- 8. Green spine with swale







HANDS-ON PLANNING "MOVEMENT PRINCIPLES"







Movement Principles

- 1. Keep existing road alignment
- 2. Extend existing traffic calming on Chaul End Road up to site
- 3. Gateway to site hard or soft landscaping to slow traffic
- 4. Two accesses into the site but only connected for buses
- 5. Green connections east-west across the site
- 6. Potential new footpath for direct route into Caddington
- 7. Safe crossing over Chaul End Road to golf course
- 8. Add right turn to connect community bus to guided bus
- 9. Upgrade footpath to connect to primary school





Movement Principles

- 1. Bus serves Chaulington, Caddington and Slip End
- 2. Early morning and late evening connection to Railway Station
- School drop off and pick up for Primary and Secondary schools
- 4. Flexible trips to everyday facilities in Caddington and to Tescos and guided bus stop



HANDS-ON PLANNING "SAM'S VISION"







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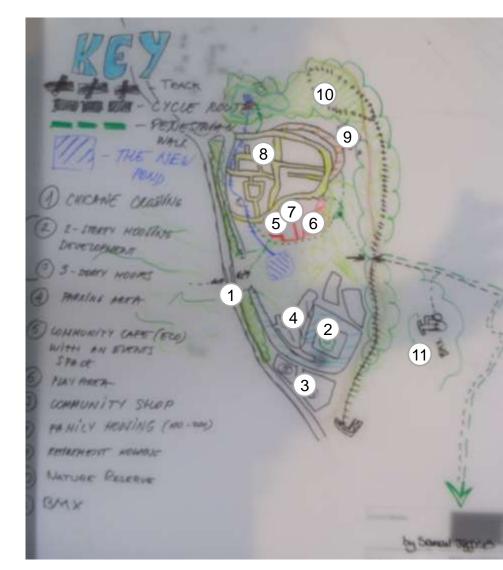
HANDS-ON PLANNING "SAM'S VISION"





Sam's Vision - Oakland

- Track
 Cycle Route
 Pedestrian Route
- New Pond
- 1. Chicane Crossing
- 2. 2 Storey Housing
- 3. 3 Storey Housing
- 4. Parking
- 5. Community Café (eco)
- 6. Play Area
- 7. Community Shop
- 8. Family Housing
- 9. Retirement Housing
- 10.Nature Reserve
- 11.BMX track











The Key Themes



Retain the village structure

The Caddington and Slip End parishes are comprised of a string of villages and hamlets. The settlement pattern has remained the same for centuries, although many residents now commute elsewhere for work. It is important that new development at Chaulington fits into this existing rural villages structure. Urban sprawl to or from Luton is inappropriate and unwelcome.

"There's a fear that housing will come marching over the hills. So not one brick closer to Luton!"

Principle of developing the site for housing

The site is currently an extensive vehicle storage area. There is recognition that the site is a suitable location for new homes, and the number has to be balanced with the cost of developing the site including putting in the necessary infrastructure and services. The existing woodland buffer creates the opportunity for a development that is physically contained and sensitive to its rural environment. The site's secluded screened setting should define the character of the new settlement, which could be developed as a series of small hamlet clusters within a wooded perimeter.

"The site has a nice idyllic setting – that's its unique selling point – it's important to keep that."



Links with Caddington

While Chaulington would not extend physically beyond the 'natural' woodland screening around the site, there is a desire that Chaulington should not be a 'stand alone' community but rather be linked with the Caddington community. This integration can be accomplished through of a network of green links, as proposed in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, and by spreading the sense of community spirit that already permeates Caddington and is valued by residents of all ages.

"Chaulington will obviously have a different look and feel but we don't want it to be a separate community."

Improvements to Chaul End Rd

Traffic along Chaul End Road needs calming and such measures should be implemented in association with the new development. Although there are road width constraints that lie outside GM's control, there is an opportunity to introduce calming measures at the entrances to Chaulington and by the Golf Course entrance, which would have the effect of reducing speeds along the whole stretch between Caddington Green and Hatter's Way (A505). Options to alter the junction with the A505 to allow right turns in the direction of Luton should be explored.

"Tame the car! Slowing down Chaul End Road would act as a deterrent to through traffic."



Invest in the 'green' movement network

A community minibus connecting to key local destinations, if viable, would be a welcome amenity. Although cars will remain the main means of getting about, there is support for investment in a network of safe 'green' links in line with proposals in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. These could be used for leisure purposes or as a viable means of accessing Caddington by foot or bicycle

"The key thing is to link it all up."



Chaulington's character and identity

At the planning weekend the concept emerged of clusters of high quality, mixed tenure homes in a landscape setting and linked by a network of safe pedestrian and cycle routes. The internal road design should discourage 'rat running'. Participants welcomed the suggestion of a 'community heart', with a multi-purpose building where people can meet and be informed about local activities and a common with a landscaped pond, providing a focus for the new development.

"Chaulington should become a new friend for the village rather than a threat"

Invest in a strong community

Caddington has a happy and well-balanced community, with people keen to see that this is replicated at Chaulington. Investment in a strong community can bring benefits and enhance what already exists. Caddington residents could benefit from the new development and also help welcome the new residents. Ongoing community involvement could perhaps lead to a structure of community management at Chaulington.

"We need to get Caddington's community spirit into Chaulington."

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Continuing community participation

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People appreciated the opportunity to participate in the creation of a Vision for the future of the GM site. It is important that good levels of communication continue to ensure that local people, including Chaul End residents, can work together with architects, planners and developers to create the optimum outcome. The community planning event underlined the fact there are a number of articulate and talented young people in Caddington whose enthusiasm and ideas should be supported and incorporated.

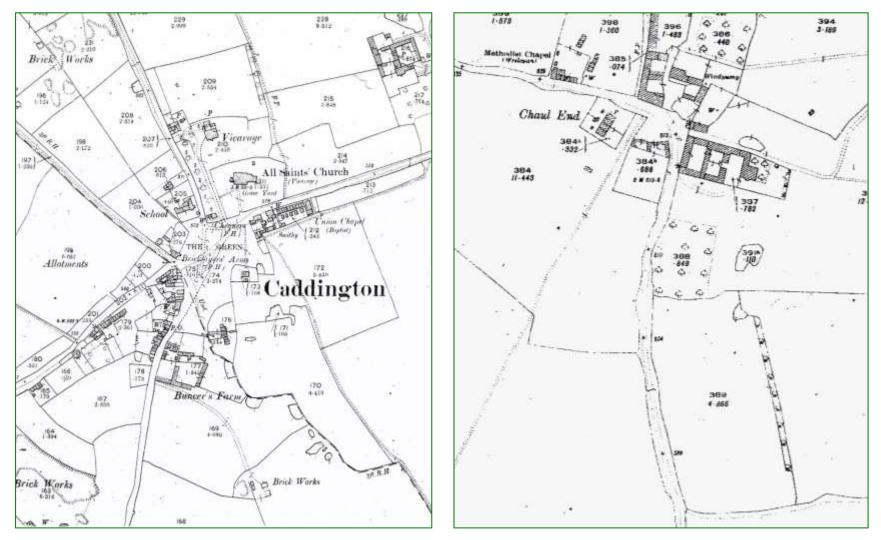
"You have given us a way to voice what we feel. I hope it will go forward with what we've said in mind."

Local History









Caddington village in 1901

Chaul End hamlet in 1925

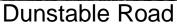


Early 20th century: Views of Caddington in the 1930s



Caddington Village School, built 1859, demolished 1960s





HISTORY



Mid 20th century

The first inter-city motorway to be completed in the UK, the M1 was inaugurated by the Minister of Transport on 24th March 1958



Between 1956 and 1959 a research and test centre was constructed by Vauxhall Motors at Chaul End. By the mid 1960s the test facilities were considered no longer adequate for the new motorway era. In 1968 a dedicated proving site was built at Millbrook, near Ampthill



In the 1990s Vauxhall invested in a programme of improvements including extensive landscaping at the former test track.



New roads may have carved through the countryside...



The M1 at Luton in the 1960s



The decision to use the former Vauxhall test track for car parking led to the creation of a new road and revised layout from Hatter's Way to the site, bypassing Chaul End Village



But the community spirit in Caddington is as strong as ever: Then....



Outside the Cricketers Pub, early 20th C



Peace celebrations, 1919



All Saints Football Club, 1911



The Hunt, 1958

HISTORY



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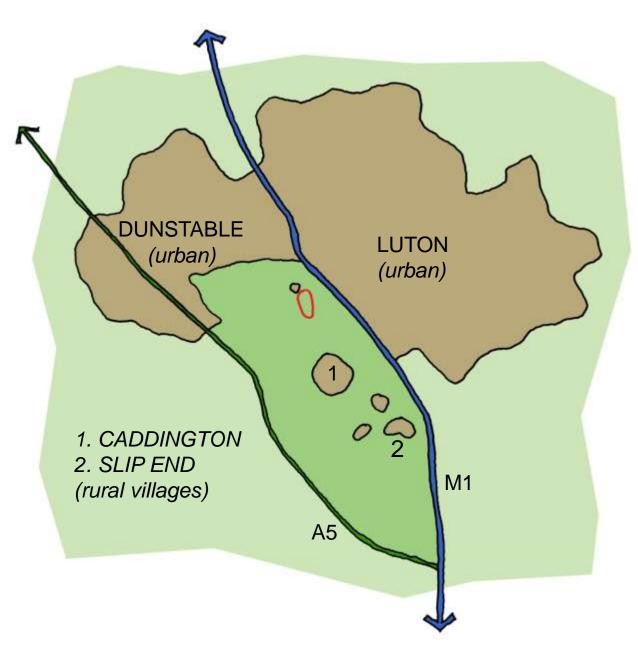


The gas emergency of Christmas 2009

....and in the future



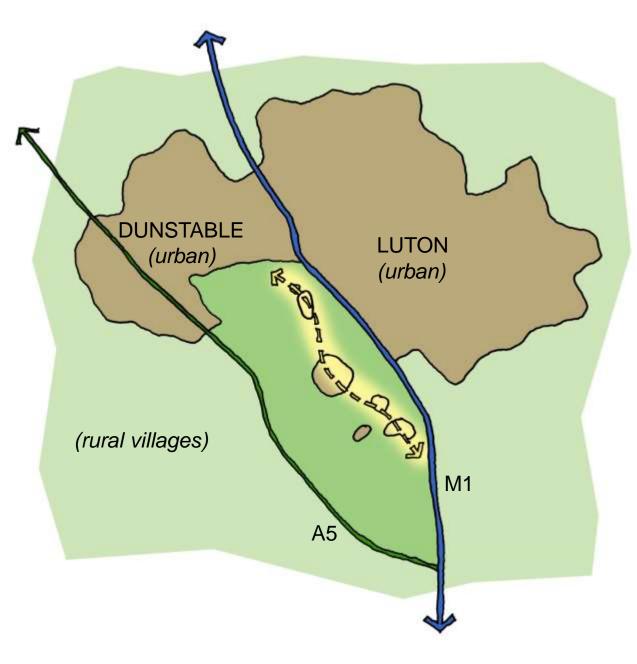




Existing context

Luton and Dunstable are urban

Caddington and Slip End are rural



String of Pearls

A series of villages along the ridgeline form a string of pearls including:

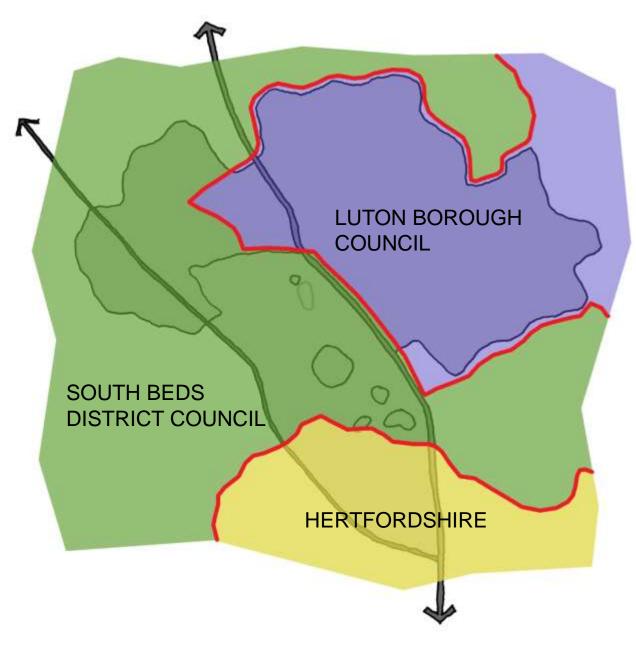
Chaul End

Brick Kiln

Caddington

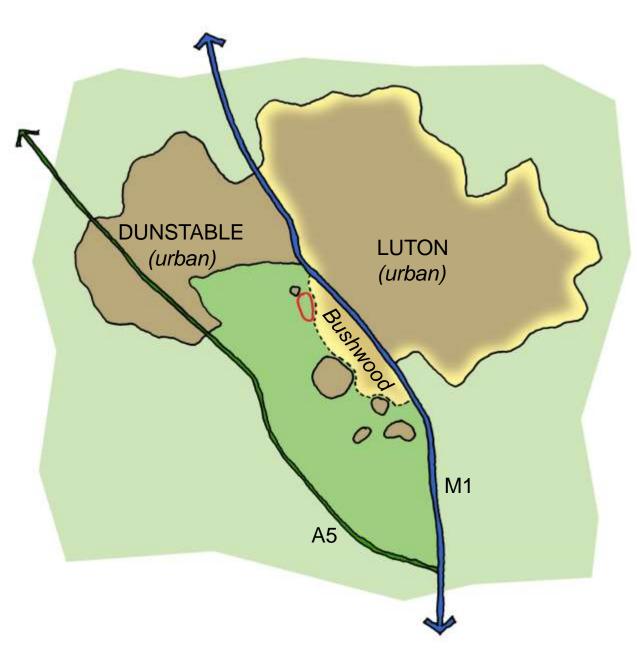
Woodside

Slip End



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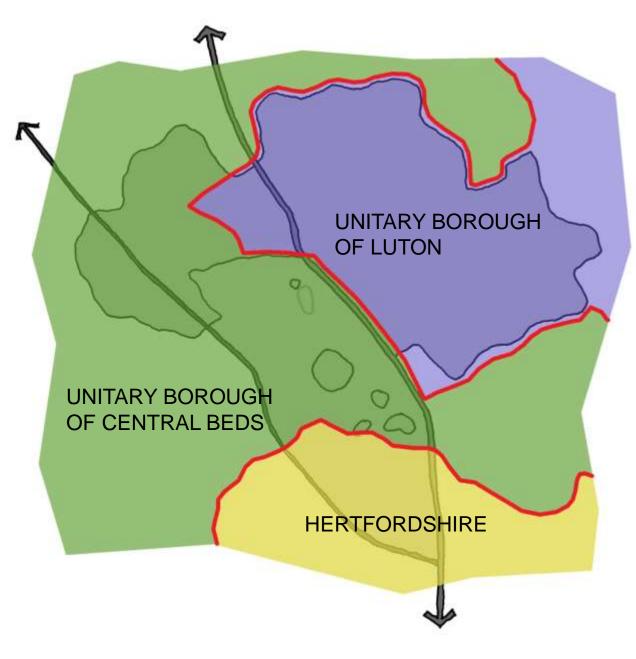
South Beds and Luton District Councils worked together to develop a Local Development Framework



Up to 2009:

As part of the Local Development Framework, Bushwood was proposed as an urban extension to Luton

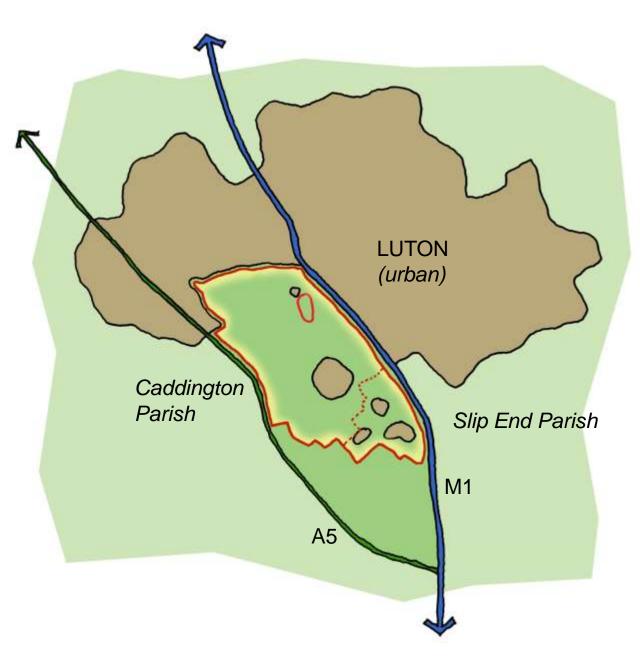
The Bushwood development sat within Caddington and Slip End Parish Councils



After 2009:

Mid Beds and South Beds formed the Unitary Borough of Central Beds

The previous joint Local Development Framework was abandoned and a Core Strategy is being developed for the whole of Central Beds

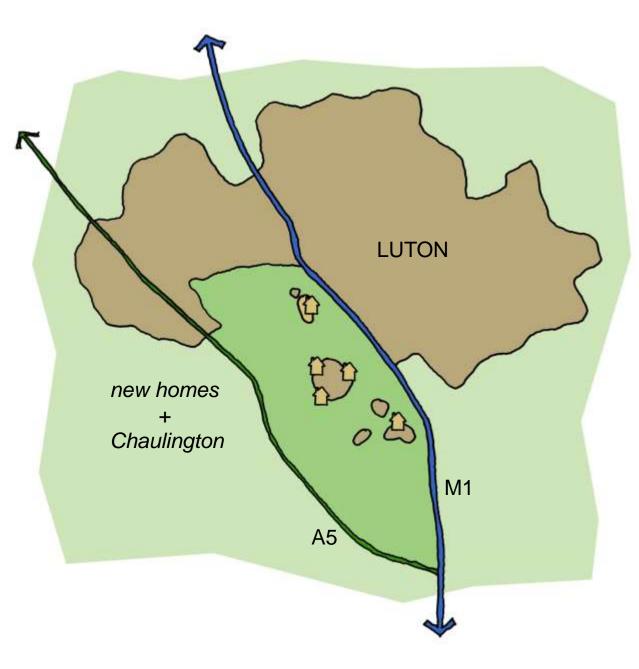


The Neighbourhood Plan:

Caddington and Slip End Parish Councils came together to develop a Neighbourhood Plan

This area consists of rural villages set within open landscape

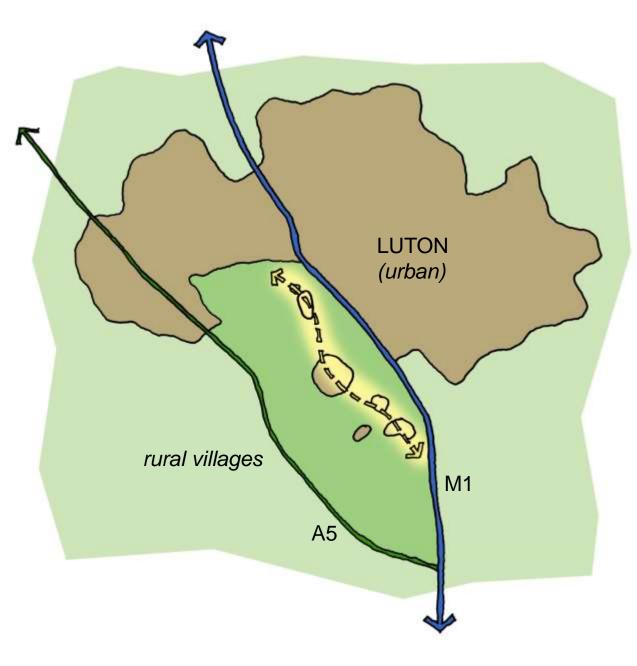
The Neighbourhood Forum are currently formulating the Neighbourhood Plan and have recently sent out a Questionnaire to local residents seeking their views



Chaulington site:

Following the Community Planning Weekend and further evidence based research, approximately **250-300 new homes** would be appropriate at Chaulington

Development at Chaulington would allow Caddington and Slip End Parishes to meet 5 year housing shortages and to grow at an organic pace



String of Pearls

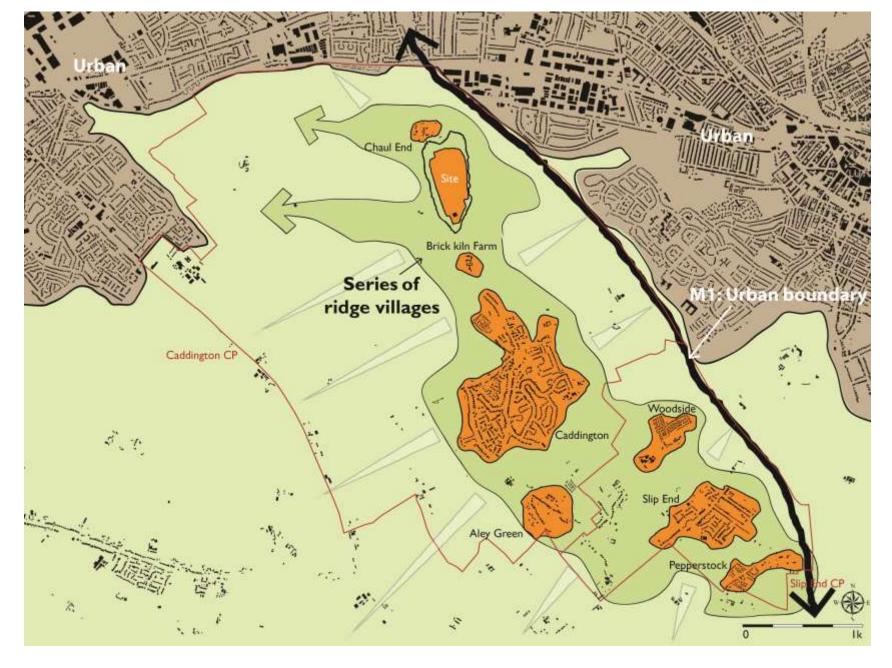
Chaulington complements the series of villages along the ridgeline forming a string of pearls. Villages and hamlets include:

Chaul End

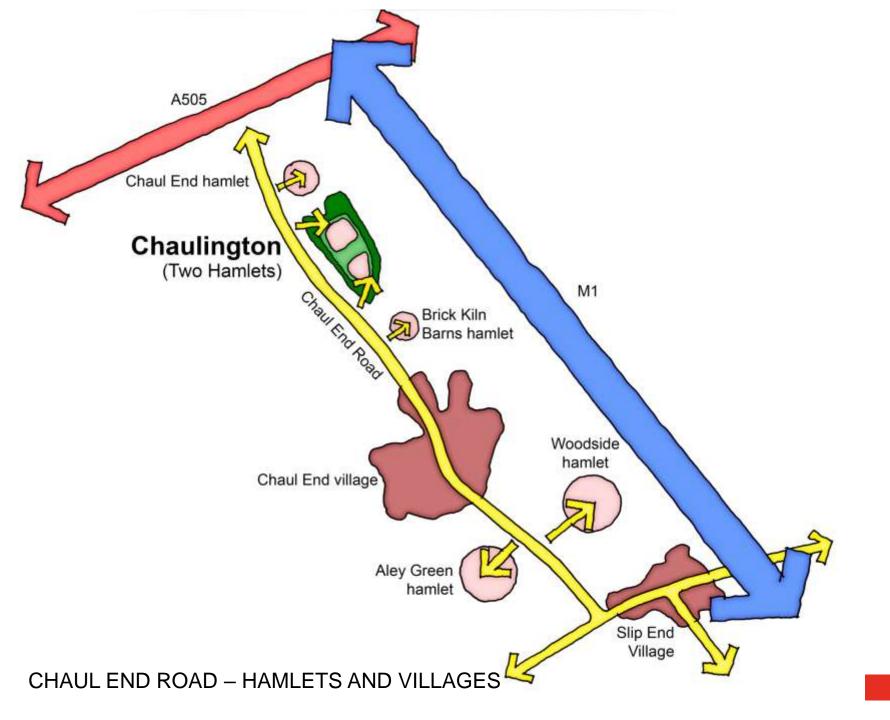
Chaulington Brick Kiln Caddington Woodside Slip End

Planning Background



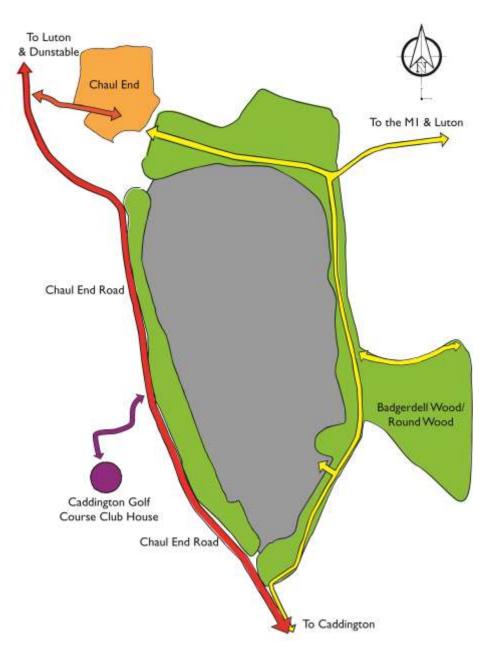


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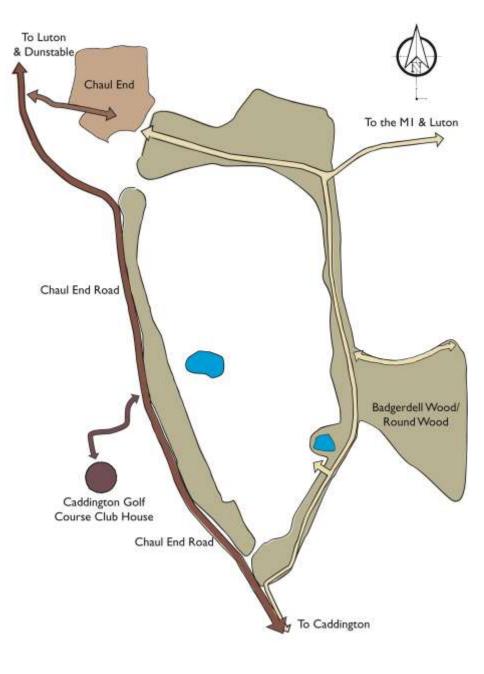
Remove area of hard standing



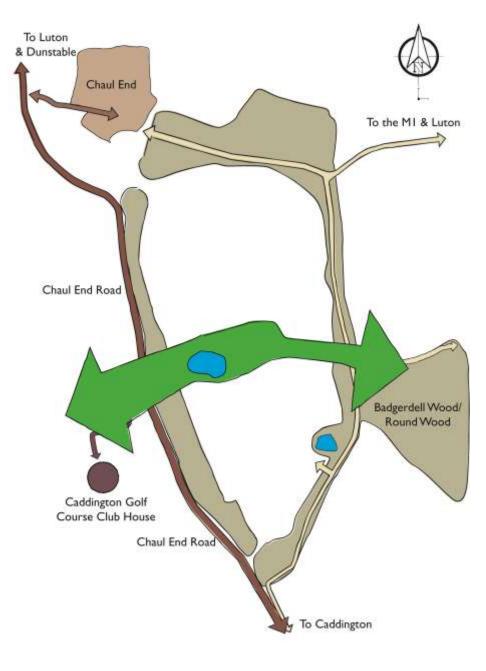


Retain existing ponds

Re-profile pond in the hard standing area

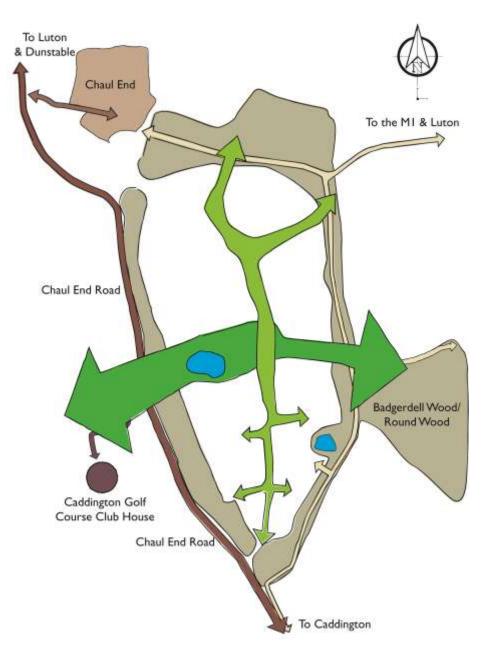


East – west green community common





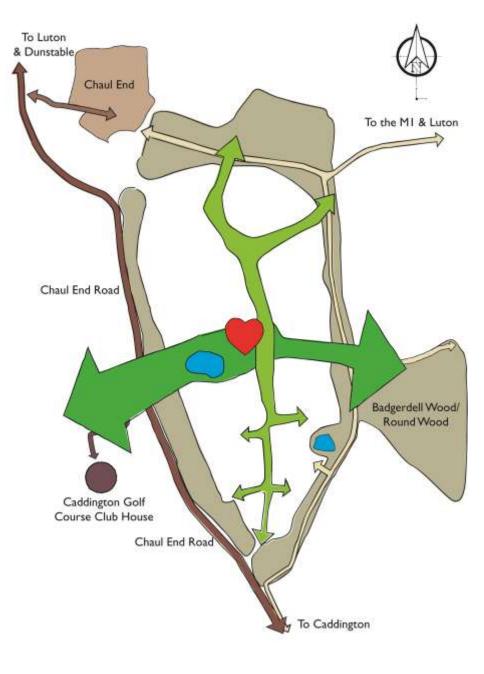
North – south green swale





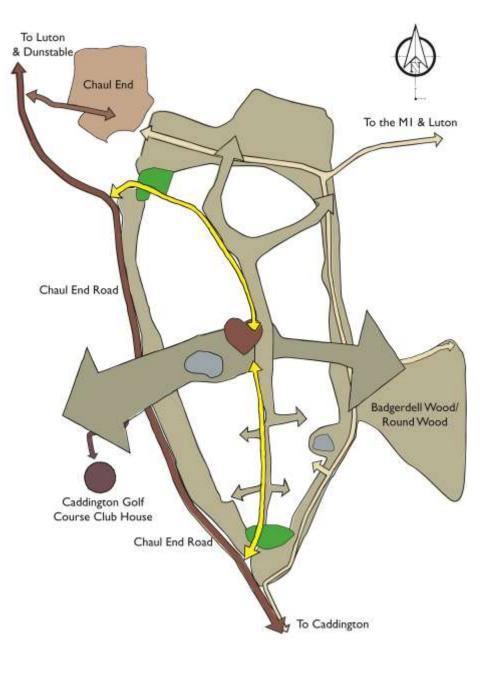
The Heart!

Interpretation centre and community space?

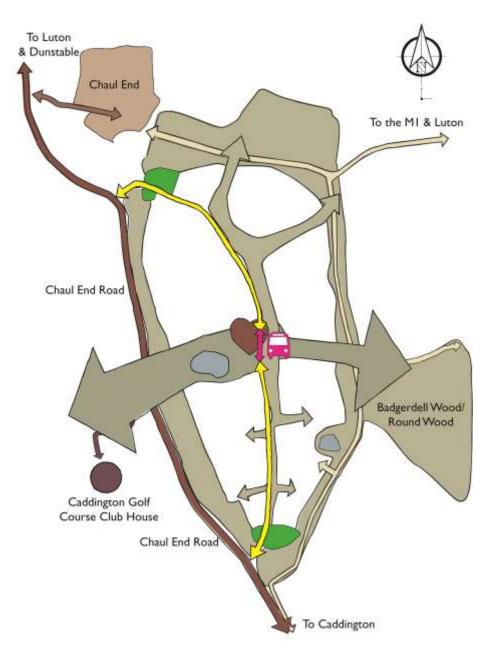




Pedestrian, cycle and community bus spine

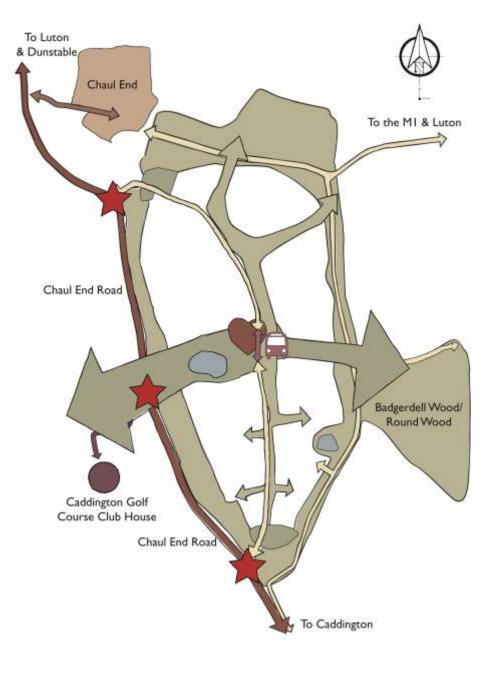


Community bus link only

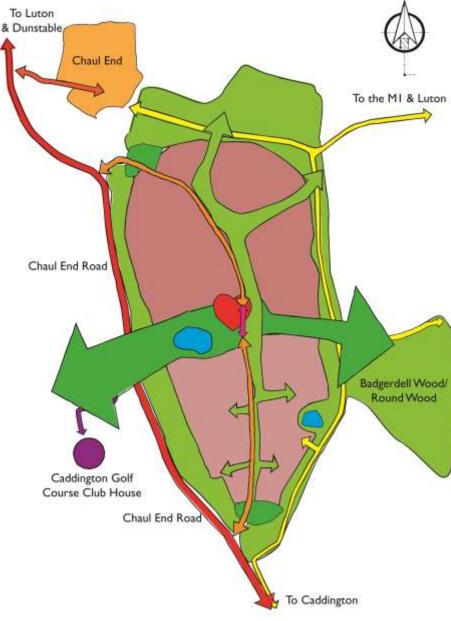




Possible location of traffic calming features

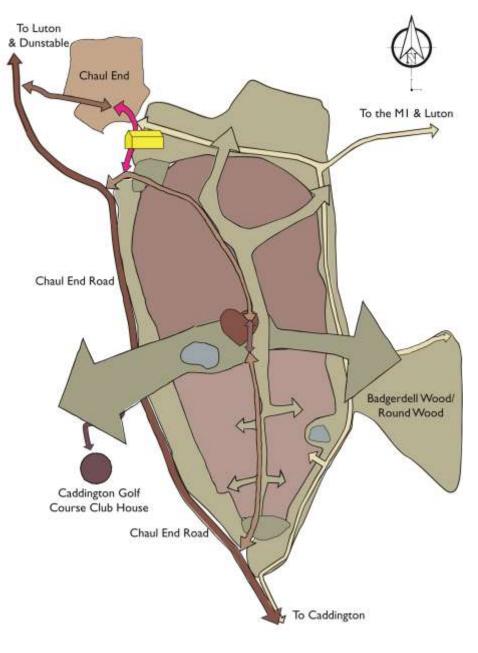


Two hamlets, one heart and a common with a duck pond



Refurbish or demolish and rebuild?

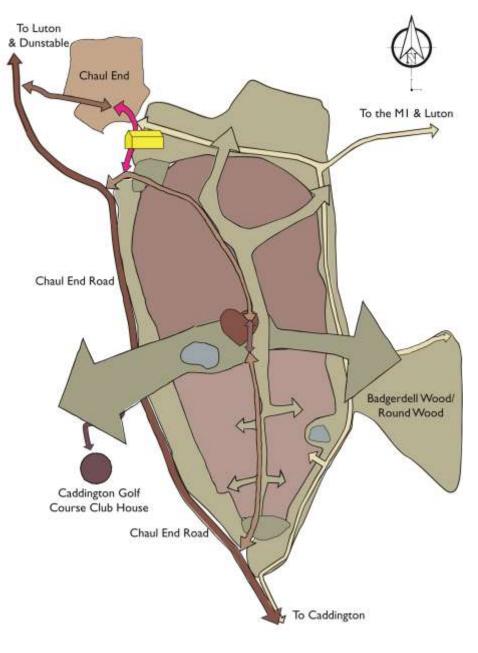
Chaul End barn as a private residence





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Masterplan Layers



Two access points from Chaul End Road

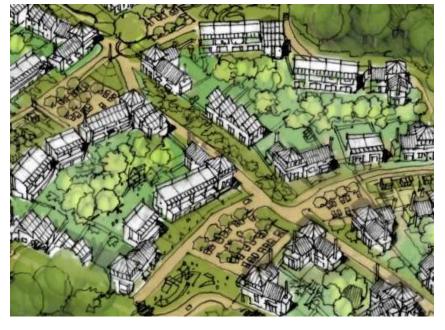






MOVEMENT STRATEGY

Community bus route







Bus gate connects both hamlets







Lanes serve the residential areas

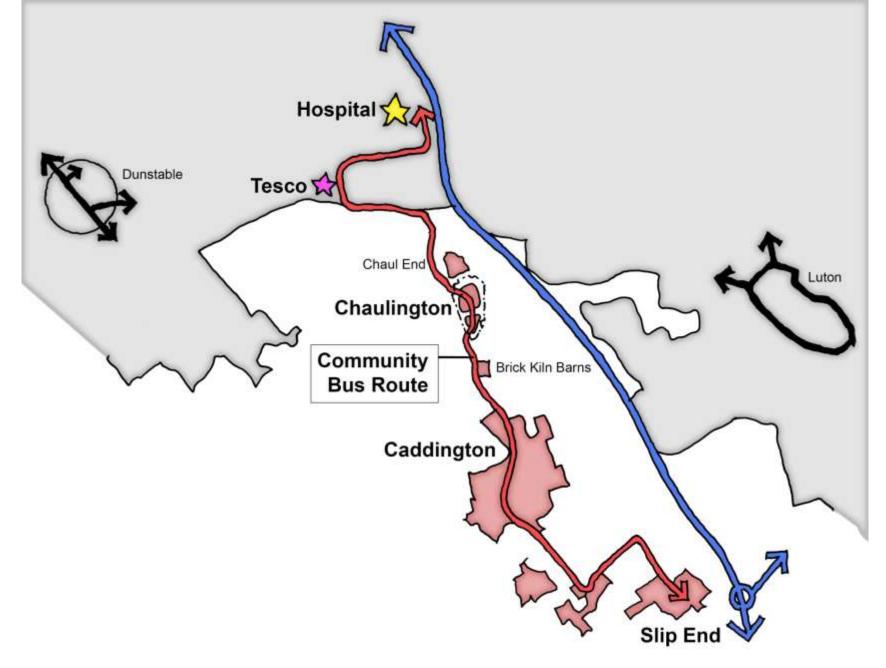




Shared surface streets provide access to the dwellings







Footpaths and cycleways connect the hamlets and the wider context







Woodland buffer maintained and enhanced









Community common connects the hamlets as the main recreational green space







Green fingers extend between the residential areas







The duck pond





Swales run through the green fingers to the pond







Landscape features create a gateway to the scheme at both accesses







Play areas and allotments set within the green fingers for children's play and community activity







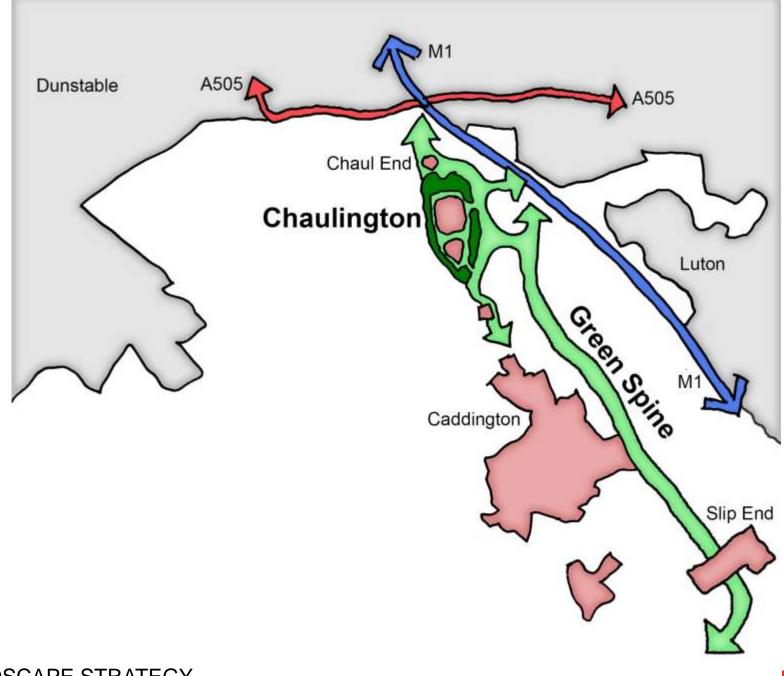


Generous private gardens for the dwellings in keeping with the rural character of the area

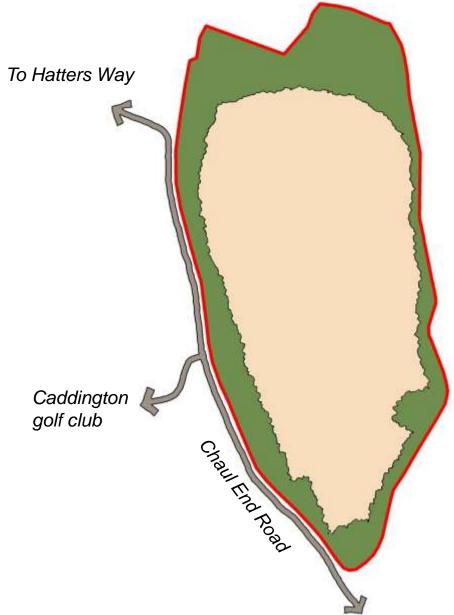






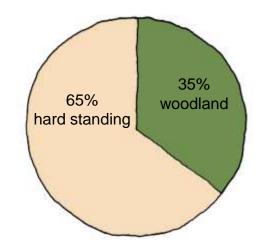


Appropriate development



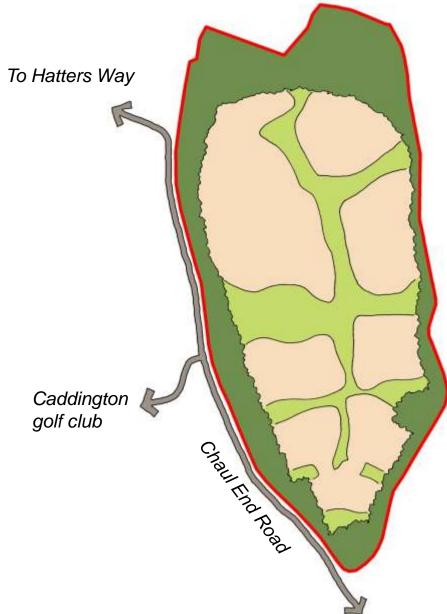
Existing site:

8 hectares of woodland 15 hectares of hard standing



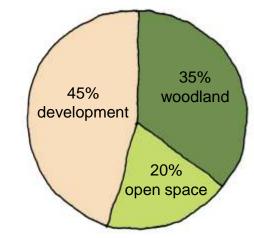


Appropriate development



Proposed site:

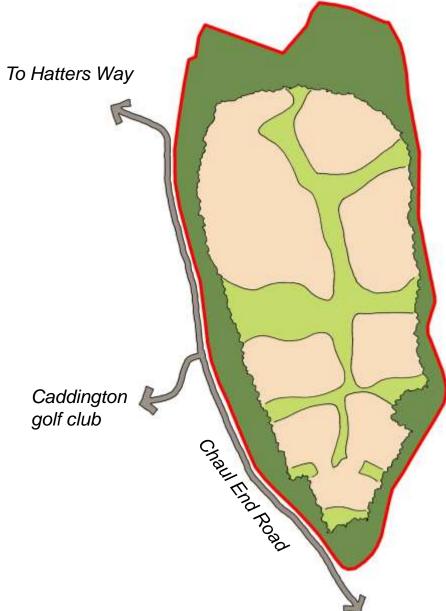
8 hectares of woodland11 hectares of development4 hectares of public open spaceTOTAL SITE 23 ha



30% of the existing hard standing will become public open space



Appropriate density



Within the 45% of development area:

240 dwellings at 22.5 dw/ha (Caddington is approximately 22-25 dw/ha)

250 dwellings at 23.4 dw/ha

300 dwellings at 28 dw/ha



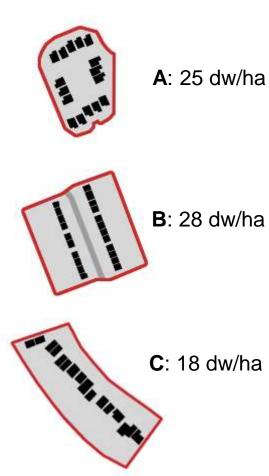
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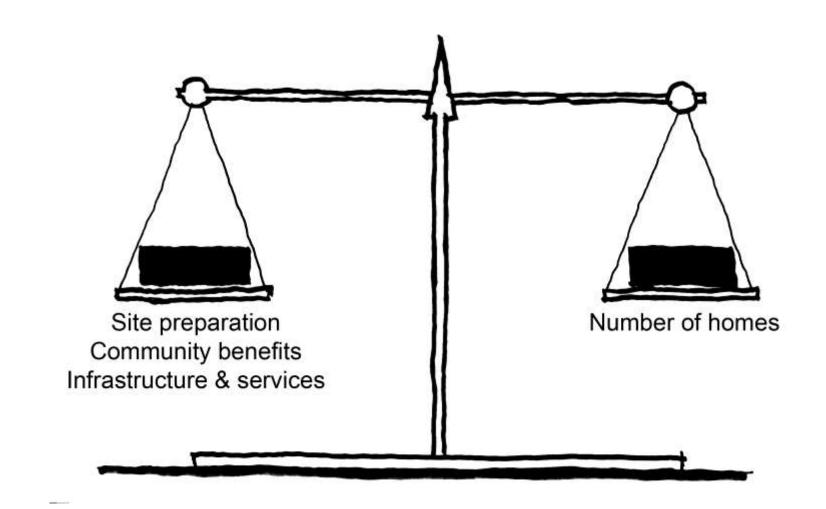
Caddington village density:

Approximately 22-25 dw/ha overall

Sample areas:







BALANCING DELIVERABILITY









1. Entrance 'gateway' space and additional 'buffer' planting

2. Residential 'barn courts'

3. Community mini bus route linking to Caddington, guided bus, Tesco and Dunstable Hospital

4. Bus and emergency link

5. Community Common with recreational and leisure activities and duck pond

6. Woodland centre providing activities, multi-use space and hamlets management

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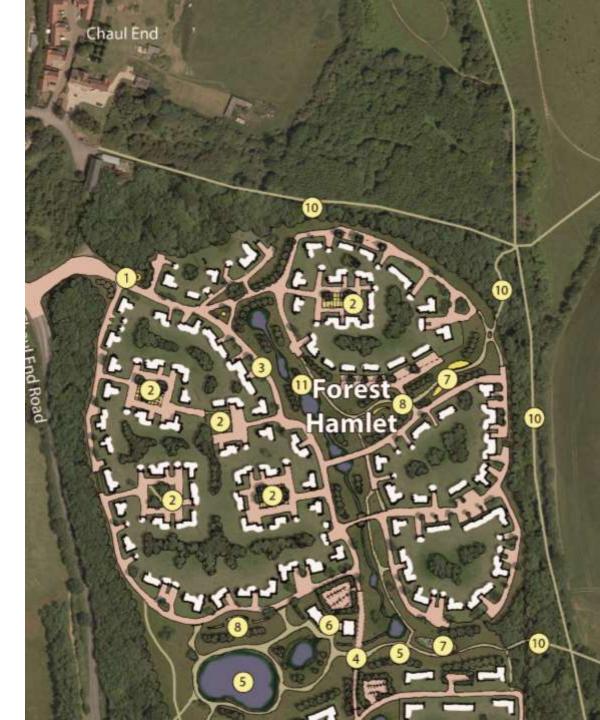
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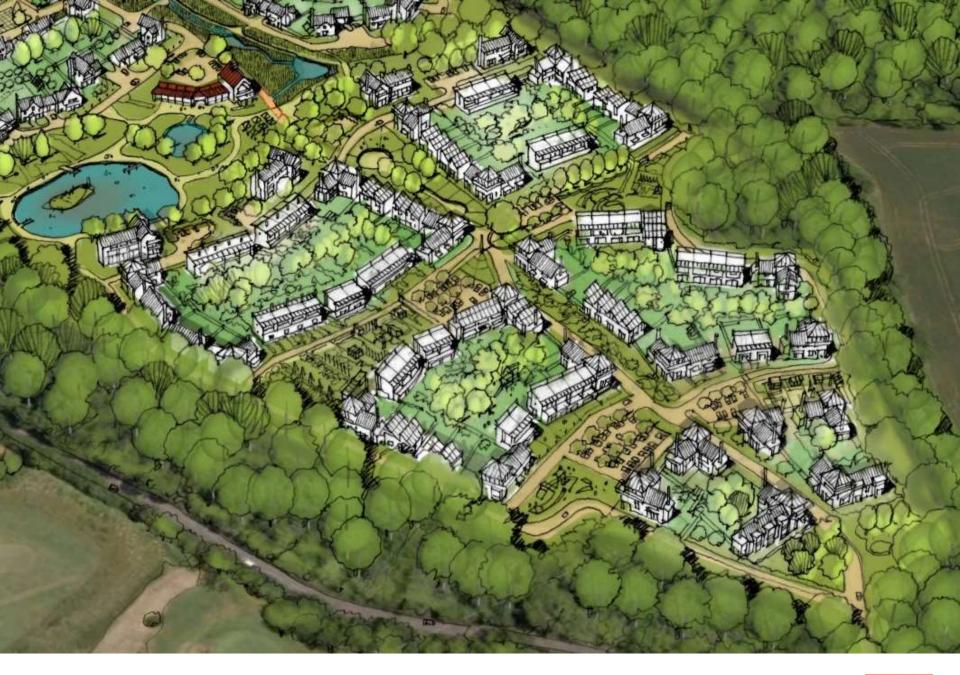
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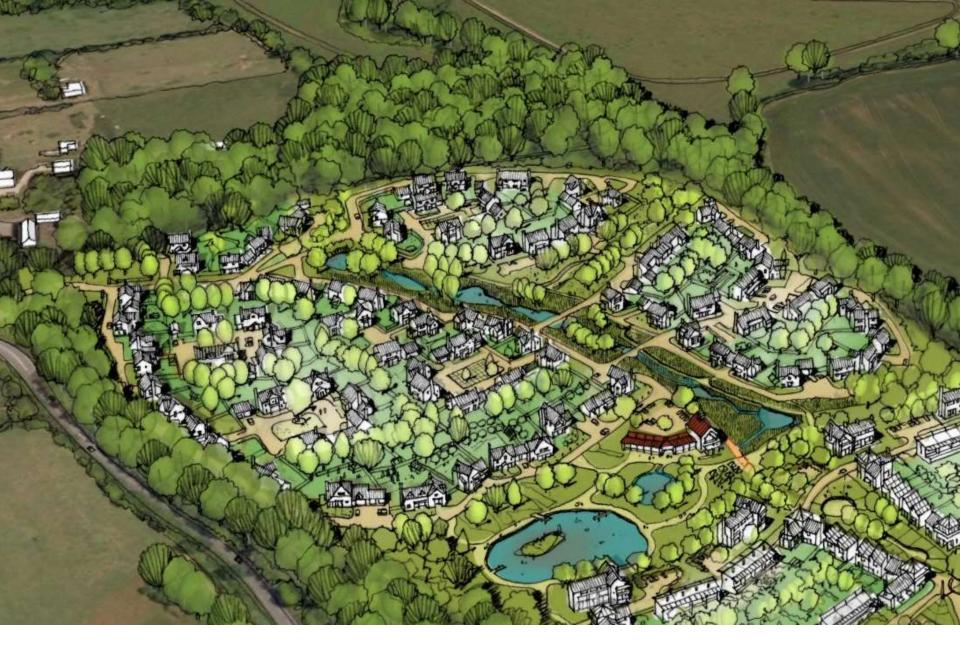
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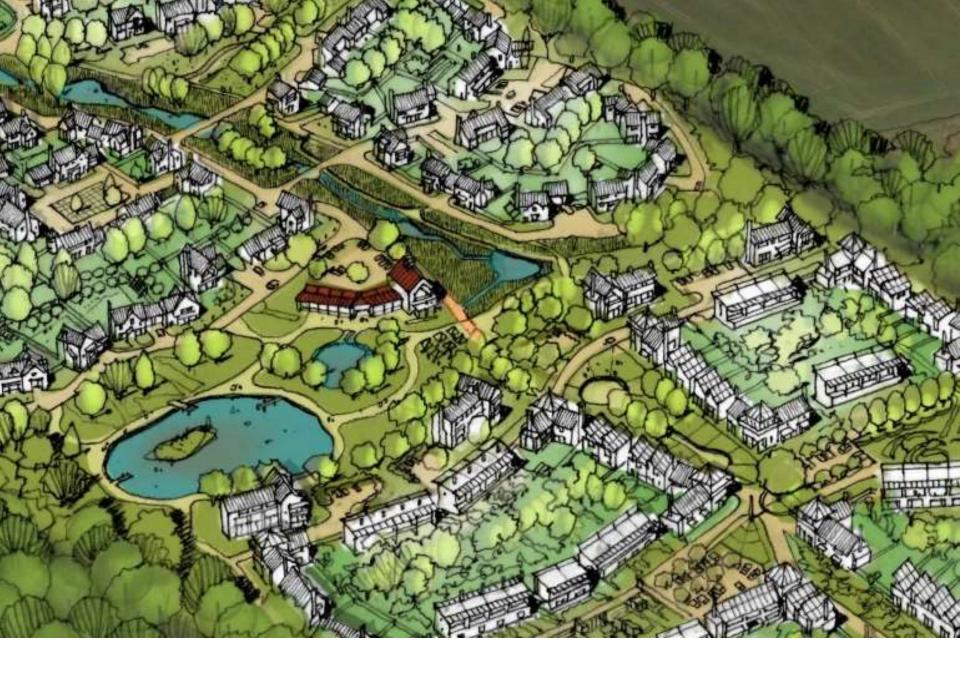






















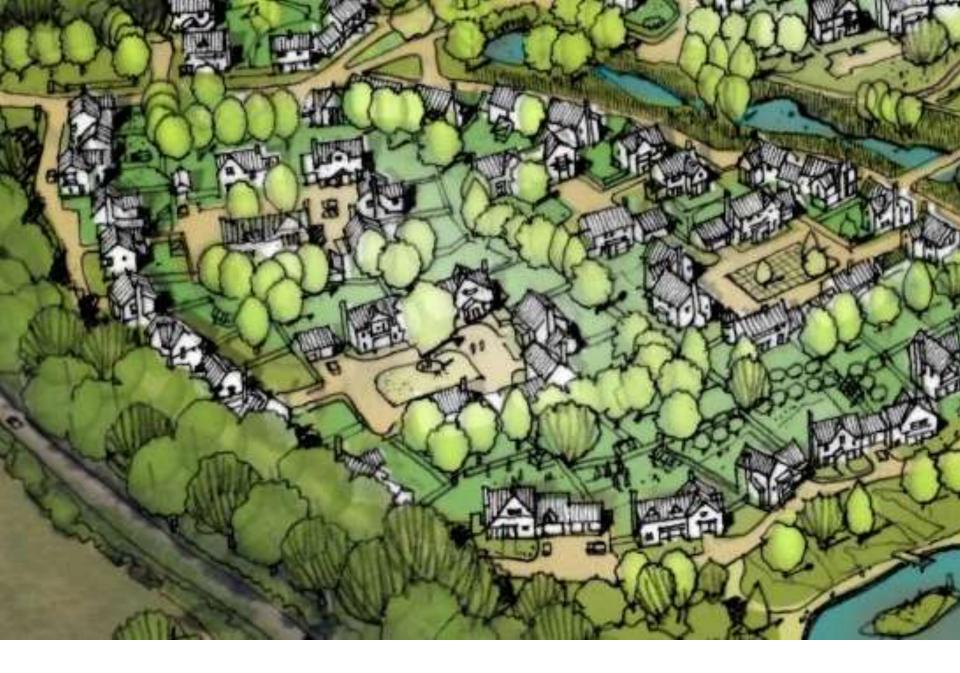




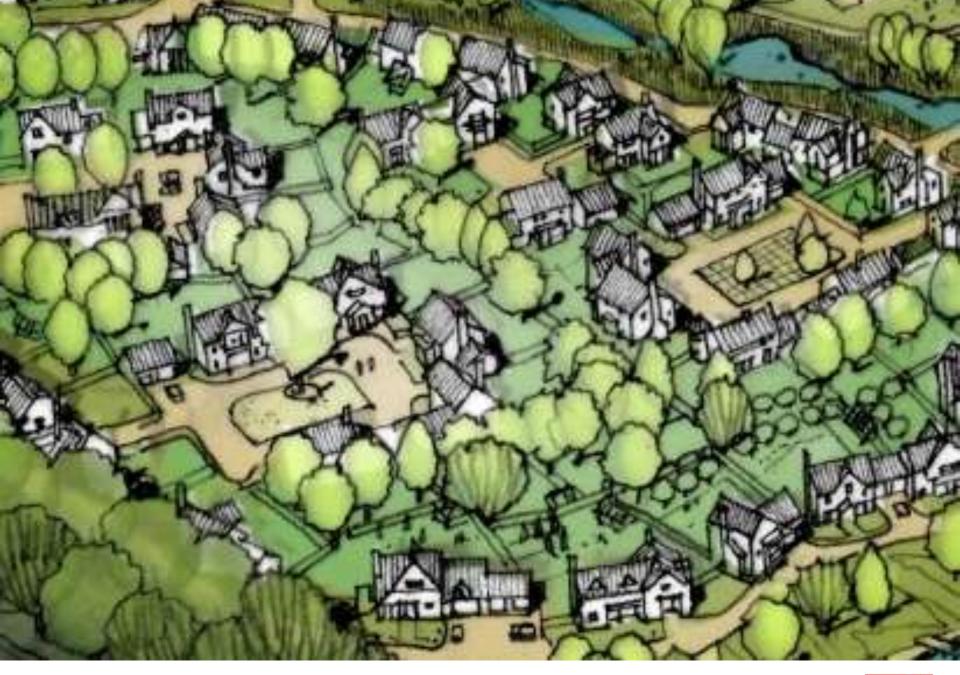




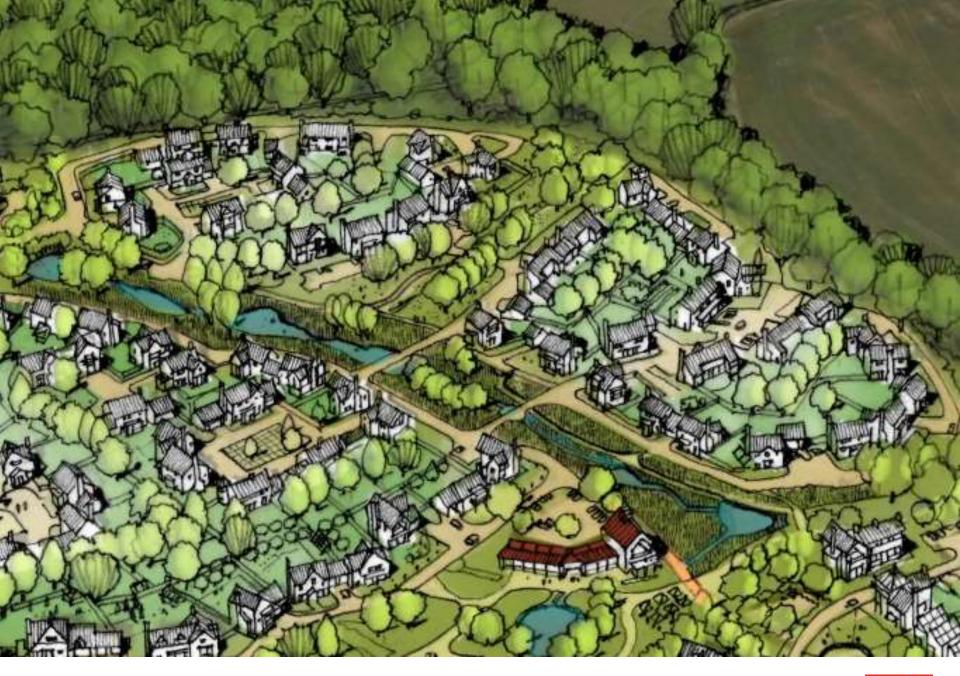




















Entrance 'gateway'









Swale running through Forest Hamlet









Community common with duck pond









Community common with duck pond





