

WHAT ABOUT LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE?

A key message from the community so far is that we shouldn't just be looking at providing new homes and jobs but planning infrastructure improvements at the same time.

To make sure this happens we are talking to local service and infrastructure providers including those responsible for GP provision, new schools and transport. We would like your views on anything specific that you feel should be provided on the sites that have been put forward for consideration.

Infrastructure overview - Bushey	
Population	27,500
Increase since 2011	+1,750
Number of households	11,120
Number of Businesses Units (offices, workshops, manufacturing and warehouses only)	150
Number of community services	
Primary Schools	14
Secondary Schools/Colleges	6
GP Practices	5
Dental Surgeries	6
Post Offices	4
Pharmacies	5

Key infrastructure needs



Education

There is a relationship between Rickmansworth, Watford and Bushey in terms of school place provision, given their geographic proximity and pupils move between them to attend secondary school. An increase in housing would require additional school places as there is no capacity within Bushey schools. A new school site will be needed to meet education need arising from any future housing proposals.



Health

Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is the NHS organisation responsible for commissioning (planning, designing and buying) health services on behalf of people who live across south west Hertfordshire. Attenborough and Manor View practices in Bushey recently relocated to new, purpose built premises and the CCG has advised the site can take on quite significant growth (approximately 5,000 patients) before reaching capacity. However, the Little Bushey and Schopwick practices located in Bushey Heath are operating in cramped conditions and are unable to absorb any further growth in the area.



Transport

Traffic modelling was undertaken to forecast changes in journey times across the road network. Depending on where new homes are built across the area and without public transport improvements, road journey times to Borehamwood, Watford or St Albans could increase by up to 10 minutes at peak times and up to 4 minutes at other times. This means any growth will need to be accompanied by significant investment in public transport and other initiatives such as car clubs.

