

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 - Potters Bar	
Population	22,900
Increase since 2011	+1,050
Number of households	9,260
Number of Businesses Units (offices, workshops, manufacturing and warehouses only)	430
Number of community services	
Primary Schools	7
Secondary Schools/Colleges	2
GP Practices	4
Dental Surgeries	7
Post Offices	4
Pharmacies	4

Key infrastructure needs



Education

An increase in housing would require additional school places as the schools in the town are currently at capacity. Current forecasts indicate a shortage of places in Potters Bar from 2022/23. There is some expansion potential at existing schools but they may not be well located for new development. To enable flexibility in school place planning, Hertfordshire County Council has advised that expansion potential to cover changes in population should be sought, regardless of where housing development occurs.



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. Annandale and Highview Surgeries have recently moved into new, purpose built premises and the CCG has advised the site have some capacity. Parkfield Surgery is also purpose built and can absorb some new growth. However, if significant housing development occurs, existing or additional facilities may be needed to maintain the levels of service.



Transport

Traffic modelling was undertaken to forecast changes in journey times across the road network. Depending on where homes are built across the area, road journey times to Hatfield, St Albans and Barnet could increase by around 3 minutes at peak times and 2 minutes at other times. This means any growth will need to be significant accompanied by investment in public transport and other initiatives such as car clubs.

