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## LOCAL PLAN – Open Meeting – Cublington 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Julie Ward and Kathy Gibbon, our local Bucks councillors, attended a drop-in session at Biggs Pavillion on 8 March for all residents to discuss the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire. This is the obligation from Central Government to produce a plan for 95,000 new homes across Buckinghamshire over the next 20 years.

The following summarises the key points they shared:

1. Buckinghamshire Council have already undertaken an exercise to request potential sites. In total 1,400 were put forward, of which 1,000 have already been rejected as unsuitable. There are now 400 sites that have progressed to the current consultation. This includes a 1,600-house development site to the Northwest of Wing and a 3,000-9,000 development in Berton.
2. The additional 95,000 new homes compare to 225,000 existing homes in Buckinghamshire – representing a ~40% increase. This is one of the highest proportional increases of all counties in England.
3. They highlighted the importance of completing the [online consultation form](#) (as published on the Bucks Council website) as this is the key means to challenge the viability of the proposed developments.
4. They also high-lighted several documents made available for the Consultation, in particular the New and Expanded Settlements Study (NESS). This provides detailed information as to how each site has been assessed, so should be used as the starting point for challenging any assumptions contained within it.
5. Responding to questions about infrastructure, they stated that the obligation on the Council is only to deliver the plan. Any proposed developments would be undertaken by commercial development companies and would go through the normal planning process. There is no central Government funding for new infrastructure e.g. new roads, schools, doctors' surgeries.
6. Current developments are included in the 95,000 home target.
7. More of the sites are in the north of Buckinghamshire than the south of the county, partly because more land is green belt and Chilterns AONB in South Buckinghamshire.
8. Once the current consultation closes on 16 March, the results will be assessed. Following any revisions, there will be a further consultation mid-July, before submitting the final plan by the end of this year.
9. Outside of the Council consultation, they also recommended contacting our MP Laurs Kyrke-Smith ( [laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk) )