



**The Wheathampstead Village Plan**  
**Current Position:**  
**Autumn 2010**

## INTRODUCTION

The Wheathampstead Village Plan was published in 2009. Edition 2, which included the progress made during the first year of the Plan, was published in May 2010. This update shows the further progress made up to October 2010.

The shaded areas below denote the changes that have taken place since Edition 2 of the Plan was published in May. Actions that were shown as *Completed* in Edition 2 have now been deleted unless some further development has taken place.

## SHOPS & BUSINESSES ACTION PLAN

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High business rates are undermining business profitability	Form lobby group to support campaigns by the Local Government Association and to lobby MPs and councillors	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Local Government Association; MP for Harpenden & Hitchin; Federation of Small Businesses; Business Link	Negligible	Medium	<b>COMPLETED</b>	S4
	Communicate with other similar local parishes and identify common actions	Wheathampstead Parish Council	WEB	Negligible	<b>LOW</b>	<b>IN PROGRESS Work begun with the Small Business Accord</b>	S5
Need to ensure that in the long-term an equitable level of business rents applies in the village	Involve landlords and agents in stimulating business activities in the village	WEB	–	Negligible	Medium	<b>IN PROGRESS Have begun to engage with landlords on rent and general business matters</b>	S7
Help is required in the marketing of local businesses	Organise business fair for all businesses in the Memorial Hall	WEB	–	£500	High	<b>ONGOING Fair held in Village Weekend. B2B &amp; B2C events being planned</b>	S9

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	Encourage certain businesses to have open days	WEB	–		Medium	<b>ONGOING As part of S9</b>	S10
	Organise travelling village promotion for other venues	Wheathampstead Parish Council	–	£500	Medium	<b>IN PROGRESS Materials on-hand for Farmers' Market &amp; Village Day</b>	S11
	Form events working party to organise additional village events. E.g. enhance Christmas "lights-up", resurrect pancake race, etc.	Wheathampstead Parish Council	WEB; Harpenden Rotary Club, Round Table, etc.	££750 p.a.	High	<b>IN PROGRESS Progress made on Christmas Lights-Up. Village Day events and Village Picnic already held</b>	S14
	Encourage local businesses to promote their business through interesting articles in the village Pump	WEB	–	Negligible	Medium	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>	S15
Help is required in the marketing of the village to outside businesses	Prepare a village marketing package for external promotion to target incoming businesses	Wheathampstead Parish Council	WEB	Negligible	High	<b>IN PROGRESS Various ideas being explored</b>	S16
	Use marketing package to promote business-to-business activity	WEB	–	Negligible	Medium	<b>IN PROGRESS Invitations offered to non-village businesses to attend networking breakfasts. Attendance at other village networking events. Organising business fair.</b>	S17

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	Invite letting agents, Business Link, Stanta, and other business parties to local business events.	WEB	–	Negligible	Medium	<b>ONGOING WEB breakfasts</b>	S18
	Target specific businesses to come to the village	WEB	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Negligible	Medium	<b>ONGOING Work with Tesco and Cook</b>	S19
	Promote the village, including its heritage, through advertising and editorials in local media	WEB	–	Negligible	Medium	<b>ONGOING</b>	S20

## TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN

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There is concern at the volume of traffic on major roads in Wheathampstead	Press Herts Highways for suitable traffic calming in:						
	(a) Marford Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T1
	(b) Brewhouse Hill	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T2
	(c) The Hill	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T3
	(d) Lower Luton Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T4
A suitable replacement is needed for the old "Lorry Ban Zone"	Press Herts Highways	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T5
The HGV traffic on major roads in Wheathampstead should be reduced	Press Herts Highways for suitable traffic calming on:						
	(a) Marford Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	High		T6
	(b) Lower Luton Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	High		T7

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	(c) The Hill	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	High		T8
Pedestrian crossings are needed at certain key locations in Wheathampstead	Press Herts Highways for suitable traffic calming:						
	(b) on Brewhouse Hill (near St Helens School) : a pedestrian crossing	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T10
	(c) on The Hill (near St Helens School) : a pedestrian crossing	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T11
	(d) on Codicote Road (near Wheathampstead House School) : a pedestrian crossing	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council or School Governors	Medium		T12
	(e) on Lower Luton Road (near Cherry Tree Lane): a "Pegasus" crossing	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T13
More of the village should be covered by the 20 mph zone	Press Herts Highways and other agencies to:						
	(a) extend the 20 mph zone in the village centre to include Church Street and parts of The Hill, Brewhouse Hill and Marford Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	High		T14
	(b) extend the 20 mph zone in the village centre to include Station Road roundabout and its approaches with part of Codicote Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council and School Governors (possible joint funding with St Albans High School for Girls)	High		T15
	(c) create a new 20 mph zone to cover the proposed residential estate off Butterfield Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	St Albans plans committee	The Developer	Medium		T16
	Ensure that this requirement is made a planning condition by St Albans plans committee						

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A new roundabout is needed at the junction of Codicote Road with Cory-Wright Way	Press Herts Highways and other agencies	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council and School Governors (joint funding with St Albans High School for Girls)	Medium		T17
"Pot-holes" should be eliminated on all village roads	Press Herts Highways for both emergency work and for more permanent improvement in carriageway standards	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium	ONGOING Pot-holes are being reported to Herts Highways by Parish Council staff and members of the public	T18
"Nuisance" parking at roadsides should be controlled	Press St Albans City & District Council to ensure appropriate "yellow lines" and enforcement of those we have	Wheathampstead Parish Council	St Albans City & District Council	St Albans City & District Council	Medium	ONGOING H & PT Committee are to discuss this at next meeting	T19
An extension to East Lane Car Park is urgently needed	Press St Albans (owners of the land and planning authority)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	St Albans City & District Council	St Albans or WPC or Tesco	Medium	ONGOING Car Park survey being planned	T20
Improved safety is needed at the King Edward Place entrance from High Street	Press Herts Highways and other agencies	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways (possible Police TMU or St Albans plans involvement)	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T21
The traffic flow in East Lane should be improved (by removing the barrier in Brocket View and making East Lane one-way eastward from High Street to the entrance to The Bull car park)	Press Herts Highways and St Albans plans committee	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways, St Albans plans committee and police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T22

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There is a sight line problem at the north end of Cherry Tree Lane	Press Herts Highways and other agencies to improve sight lines towards the village	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T23
There is concern at the volume of traffic on Leasey Bridge Lane (including HGV traffic)	Press Herts Highways and possibly the suppliers of satnav maps to remove this road from possible routes	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T24
There is a sight line problem at the junctions with Necton Road and Marford Road	Press Herts Highways to change road-side parking arrangements near the junctions with Marford Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways; Police Traffic Management Unit	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T25
A cycle track is wanted alongside the Lemsford Road towards WGC and Hatfield	Press Herts Highways to provide this (by upgrading the footway where possible)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T26
A cycle track is wanted alongside the Harpenden Road	Press Herts Highways to provide this	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T27
A cycle track is wanted towards Sandridge and St Albans	Press Herts Highways and others to provide a cycleway including across Nomansland and through the planned new forest	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Herts Highways and the new forest planners	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T28
Bus-shelters should be provided at "boarding" stops	Monitor passenger flows to keep abreast of demand changes	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire County Council (who own the verge and footway)	£2,800 approx. each	Medium	ONGOING Survey conducted of bus stops	T30
A bus shelter should be provided on Hilldyke Road	Replace the damaged bus shelter	Wheathampstead Parish Council	–	£2,800 approx.	Medium	Due to start 2010 - 2011	T31
Most salt/grit bins are in poor repair and need to be replaced	Replace those salt/grit bins that are in poor repair	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire County Council	Hertfordshire County Council	Medium		T32

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New salt/grit bins are needed where "black ice" has proved to be a problem	Provide new salt/grit bins where "black ice" has proved to be a problem (e.g. cross roads by the Elephant & Castle)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire County Council	Hertfordshire County Council	High	IN PROGRESS 2 new salt bins have been installed. 2 further bins are on order (for top of Sheep-cote Lane and end of Barton Road)	T33
More hanging baskets should be provided in the village centre	Increase the number of colourful baskets in both summer and winter	Wheathampstead Parish Council	–	Budgeted	Medium	IN PROGRESS Hanging baskets are to be fitted Wheathampstead came second in St Albans in Bloom to all suitable lampposts	T34
More road-side bulbs should be provided	Plant more daffodils and other naturalised bulbs on approaches to the village	Wheathampstead Parish Council	WDPS (who provide the volunteer labour) and Hertfordshire County Council (who own the verges, roundabouts etc)	No cost to Parish Council	Medium	IN PROGRESS WDPS have planted snowdrops around new village entrance signs, and will plant daffodils later in 2010 Wheathampstead came second in St Albans in Bloom	T35



## CRIME & DISORDER ACTION PLAN

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<p>1. There is a need to combat anti-social behaviour</p> <p>2. More young people need to become aware of the youth activities that are available</p>	<p>(a) Provide sports and other activities for young people such as Artskool and Hip-hop (subsidised by Wheathampstead Parish Council)</p> <p>(b) Publicise these activities and provide supporting information</p>	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire Constabulary	Police grant sought.	High	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p>(a) Artskool increased from once to twice monthly effective from March 2010. Subsidy increased from £3.50 to £4 per child wef April 2010 (Minute 864-10)</p> <p>(b) Top Hat Stage School now also available subsidised to £2 for 9-17 year olds</p>	C1
Young people need somewhere in Wheathampstead where they can 'hang out' safely	<p>Investigate the options for providing such a facility, looking at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the type of structure needed (which may be very simple)</li> <li>2. a suitable location</li> <li>3. any additional amenities needed (e.g. bins)</li> </ol>	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire Constabulary	Cost of a simple structure is unlikely to exceed £5,000 Funding sought	High	Suitable site not yet identified	C2
There is a perception that not enough is done about anti-social behaviour, and residents should report all incidents of this type of behaviour (to the non-urgent police number) so that the Police can follow the matter up as appropriate	<p>Launch a campaign to encourage residents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour and other crimes</li> <li>2. to join Neighbourhood Watch</li> </ol>	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire Constabulary; Neighbourhood Watch	Minimal cost	Medium	<p>ON-GOING</p> <p>Police Office now in Memorial Hall, with police surgeries taking place in new office.</p> <p>Drive underway to encourage residents and businesses to join Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>Closer working between NW in Wheathampstead, Harpenden and Redbourn should lead to greater efficiencies.</p>	C3

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	Provide regular feedback to residents (e.g. in the <i>Pump</i> ) about action that has been taken to 1. combat anti-social behaviour and 2. follow up specific incidents	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire Constabulary	Minimal cost	Medium	ONGOING Articles have so far reported on Neighbourhood Watch and the new Rural Police Office	C4

## YOUTH & LEISURE ACTION PLAN

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There is no all-weather games facility	Provide a multi-use games area for year-round football, hockey, etc.	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Grant or sponsorship to cover 50% or more of the cost	Match-funding sought: Parish Council: £35,000 (max) Grant/Sponsor: £35,000 (min)	High	IN PROGRESS. In consultation with SADC & police following installation of MUGA at Batford	L1
The Youth Club is operating at over-capacity, and the facilities need to be expanded	1. Operate the Youth Club one evening a week at the Memorial Hall (In addition to the existing one night a week at the Hilldyke Centre) 2. Take advantage of the facilities at the Memorial Hall to provide additional activities (e.g. drama, cooking, music, films, table tennis, darts, video games) 3. Provide away trips for Youth Club members (e.g. ice skating, theatre trips)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Youth Connexions (Hertfordshire County Council)	£5,000 pa (to cover actions 1, 2 & 3)	High	IN PROGRESS Agreement to use Memorial Hall	L2
Existing play areas are aging and possibly unsafe	(a) Upgrade play areas owned by the Parish Council						
	1. Maltings Drive	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Completion of housing development at Butterfield Road	On completion of housing development, use Section 106 money	High	Will begin on completion of housing development	L3

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	2. Marford Playing Fields; Marshalls Heath; Rectory Meadow	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Grant or sponsorship to cover 50% or more of the cost	Match-funding sought Total cost in range £12,000 - £50,000 per site	High	IN PROGRESS. <i>Marford Playing Fields:</i> Parish Council working on grant with Youth Connexions. <i>Marshalls Heath:</i> In reasonable condition; no upgrading needed. <i>Rectory Meadow:</i> Refurbishment complete except for repainting of old slide etc	L5
	(b) Support and encourage St Albans District Council to update the play areas they own in Wheathampstead, i.e. Caesars Road, Hillydke Road, Davy's Close	St Albans District Council	–	Negligible	High	IN PROGRESS Parish Council is liaising with St Albans District Council. Caesars ROAD: Playbuilder grant of £53,000 available. To be upgraded in 2010. Working with SADC and Playbuilder grant fund	L6
	(c) Support and encourage Hertfordshire County Council to update the play areas they own in Wheathampstead, i.e. Butterfield Road	Hertfordshire County Council	Persimmon Homes (developers of the adjoining housing development)	Negligible	High	Will begin on completion of housing development	L7
There is concern about schooling choice and in particular the provision of local	Arrange for the District Council to make a formal complaint to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator	District Councillor	–	Negligible	High	Complaint made to the OSA in 2009 which was investigated but not	L8

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secondary education						upheld by Adjudicator. Alternative course of action to be considered to address the issue.	
	(a) Provide support for the Play Ranger to provide facilities such as mobile skateboard park, climbing wall and field sports (e.g. rounders)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Play Ranger (St Albans District Council)	St Albans District Council	Medium	IN PROGRESS. Ignition project expanded	L11
Sports coaching is needed for non-club members	Provide the following facilities for young people: (a) free tennis at Wheathampstead Tennis Club (b) subsidised golf at local golf course(s)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Tennis Club; Golf course(s)	Negligible	Medium	IN PROGRESS. Tennis Club supported Ignition Week. Tennis sessions to be requested in Ignition course Golfers to be invited to Marford Playing Fields.	L12
There is a lack of leisure facilities for adults	(a) Investigate the types of leisure activity for which there is a demand and which could largely be catered for at the Memorial Hall (e.g. film shows, tea dances, ballroom dancing, line dancing) (b) Provide those activities for which there is a demand	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire County Council; Herts Sports Management; Saracens Sports Foundation	A small cost would be incurred in subsidising some or all of the activities. This cannot be determined until the investigation is complete	Medium	IN PROGRESS. Over 50s weekly dance classes in Memorial Hall (no cost to Parish Council).	L13
There is a lack of facilities for youth and for leisure generally at East Meads and Melissa Fields	Maintain and improve the playing fields and adjoining open spaces by providing facilities such as the following: (a) East Meads: outdoor classroom, circular walking route, fishing platform, adventure trail	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Countryside Management Service (CMS); Grant or sponsorship to cover 50% or more of the cost	Match-funding sought Total cost in range £12,000 - £50,000	Medium	ONGOING	L14

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	(b) Melissa Fields: picnic tables/benches, fishing platform	Wheathampstead Parish Council;	Folly Fields Residents Association; Grant or sponsorship to cover 50% or more of the cost	Match-funding sought Total cost £2,000	Medium	IN PROGRESS Consultation with Archery club over use of facilities	L15
The changing facilities are inadequate at Marford Pavilion and Butterfield Road	Update the changing facilities and undertake all necessary repairs at:						
	(a) Marford Pavilion – long-term repairs and refurbishment	Wheathampstead Parish Council	–	Budget to be decided	Medium	IN PROGRESS. Initial refurbishment (to showers) now complete.	L17
	(b) Butterfield Road	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire County Council; Wheathampstead Wanderers FC	Grant, sponsorship or donation sought Budget to be decided	Medium	IN PROGRESS. Parish Council working with Wheathampstead Wanderers FC on options for improved changing facility	L18
Local communities should be involved in the creation of Heartwood Forest	Seek involvement in the creation of Heartwood Forest, with a glade or other feature named after the village	Wheathampstead Parish Council	The Woodland Trust; Sandridge Parish Council	Negligible	Medium	ONGOING Working with, attended launch and first planting Big Lottery Wildlife Grant application being considered for Heartwood /Nomansland project	L19
There is a lack of indoor facilities for sports and fitness	Provide a sports hall with: (a) such facilities as gym, badminton, squash, netball, judo and weights (b) changing rooms and a meeting place for outdoor activities such as cycling and running	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Sponsor	Grant, sponsorship or donation sought. Cost to be determined accordingly	Low	IN PROGRESS. Working with Wheathampstead Wanderers FC	L20

## THE ENVIRONMENT ACTION PLAN

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The village should make a greater effort to display its history and heritage	(a) Instigate a Heritage Trail ( a self-guided walk that allows people to discover the heritage of the village)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Wheathampstead History Group; St Albans Museum Service; Countryside Management Service (CMS); WEB; consultation with owners and occupiers of buildings included in the Trail	£3,000 Funding sought from Bedford & Luton Community Foundation	High	IN PROGRESS. Total funding of £14,500 obtained so far from Bedford & Luton Community Foundation Local Strategic Partnership and Herts County Council Locality Grants. Station Platform opened. Approached some property owners re the plaques. Meetings with District Planners about permission to erect plaques. Producing a prototype leaflet under production.	E2
	(b) Commission a replica of the late sixth- or early seventh-century bronze pot (now in the British Museum) that was found in Wheathampstead and arrange for it to be prominently displayed (e.g. in the window of an unoccupied shop)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Wheathampstead History Group; British Museum	£2,000	Medium	Will not be pursued until a permanent place to display the pot is found	E4
	(c) Review and enhance the heritage information available on local websites	Wheathampstead Parish Council	WDPS and www.wheathampstead.Net as regards their respective websites	Negligible	Low	Will begin on completion of the Heritage Trail	E5

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Footpaths in Wheathampstead need to be adequately maintained and, where necessary, they need to be improved	(a) Monitor the condition of public footpaths and bridleways	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Volunteer reports in Adopt-a-Path Scheme; Countryside Management Service (CMS); Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way team	Negligible	High	ONGOING by Wheathampstead Parish Council	E6
	(b) Improve existing footpaths and provide new and all-weather paths, with parking access as appropriate	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Countryside Management Service (CMS); Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way team; Contractors	To be decided	High	Due to start: Summer 2009; Ongoing	E7
Trees and bushes need to be appropriately managed	Arrange for tree management and safety work to be undertaken	Wheathampstead Parish Council	St Albans District Council (Trees & Woods); Countryside Management Service (CMS; )Contractors	£4,500 ongoing	High	ONGOING Extensive remedial work completed on Parish Council trees. Hazardous trees have been removed. Crown lifting of trees carried out.	E8
Signs in Wheathampstead need to be improved, and redundant signs should be removed	(a) Agree the design of two main village signs at the junctions of 1. Station Road and Codicote Road, and 2. The Hill and Butterfield Road and have them erected.	Wheathampstead Parish Council	–	Already budgeted	High	Completed – single sign erected in village centre	E10
	(d) Conduct a survey of redundant signs in Wheathampstead and recommend which should be removed	WDPS	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Negligible	Medium	IN PROGRESS Survey of signs largely complete. Priority has been given to Station Road roundabout.	E13

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	(e) Devise a Design Statement for signage in Wheathampstead	WDPS	–	Negligible	Medium	IN PROGRESS Draft Statement is now complete and being circulated.	E14
	(f) Investigate the possibility of persuading public bodies to change their non-statutory signs if necessary so that they conform with the design statement for signs	WDPS	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Negligible	Low	Due to start: Autumn 2010; Due to finish: Autumn 2011	E15
	(g) Establish whether there is a demand for, and whether funding is available for, street name signs that better reflect the character of the village (and in particular the conservation area)	WDPS	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Negligible	Low	January 2010; December 2010	E16
The appearance of Mill Walk should be improved. In particular, the lighting should be improved (so that people feel safer walking there at night) , and full use should be made of existing lights	(a) Leave the existing tree lights on during the hours of darkness throughout the year	Wheathampstead Parish Council	MacIntyre Trust (owners of the trees and providers of electricity to the lights)	£500 (to cover additional electricity costs)	High	ON-GOING Parish Council requesting feedback from local stakeholders.	E17
Levels of aircraft noise and pollution are unacceptably high	(c) Remind residents of the process for making complaints about aircraft and helicopter noise	Wheathampstead Parish Council	WDPS; District Councillor	Negligible	High	ONGOING by Wheathampstead Parish Council	E20
	(d) Represent the views of the parish to London Luton Airport Consultative Committee (LLACC)	Wheathampstead Parish Council	–	Negligible	Medium	ONGOING by Wheathampstead Parish Council	E21



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	(e) Monitor the results of the NATS consultation exercise and respond appropriately	WDPS	District Councillor; Wheathampstead Parish Council	Negligible	High	ONGOING	E22
Litter is a major concern among residents	Offer suitable support and assistance to the Litter Blitz campaign	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Litter Blitzers	Cost will depend on what assistance is required, but is likely to be minimal	High	ONGOING (a) Wheathampstead Parish Council in consultation with Litter Blitzers. (b) Larger bins installed at East Meads (c) More dog bins provided	E23
There is a lack of safe cycling routes in the Wheathampstead area (to link Wheathampstead with Kimpton, Harpenden, St Albans, Welwyn Garden City and Heartwood Forest)	Determine where suitable cycling routes should be sited and provide the routes	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Sustrans; Kimpton Parish Council; Sandridge Parish Council; Harpenden Town Council; St Albans District Council; Welwyn Hatfield District Council; Hertfordshire County Council; The Woodland Trust; Countryside Management Service (CMS); Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way team; Grant or sponsorship to cover 50% or more of the cost	Cost of providing the routes to be determined in the light of: (a) decision on proposed site of routes (b) availability of grant, sponsorship or donation	High	IN PROGRESS. Work underway on route to Sandridge to widen the pinch point near Hillend Farm and make route available to cyclists. Working Group is looking at cycle paths in Wheathampstead and Kimpton. New cycleway established from Waterend Lane tp Coiemans Green	E24

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Cycle paths need to be improved	Improve the quality of existing cycle paths	Wheathampstead Parish Council	St Albans District Council; Countryside Management Service (CMS); Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way team;; Lea Valley proposal 199 – incomplete; Hertfordshire County Council strategic action required; No suitable rights of way available	Cost to be met by Hertfordshire County Council	Medium	Due to start: 2010; Due to finish: 2012	E25
	(a) Investigate ways in which the river could be better utilised / accessed so that it becomes a greater asset to Wheathampstead, and present the findings to the Parish Council	WDPS	Wheathampstead Parish Council; Countryside Management Service (CMS); Environment Agency; Wheathampstead River Residents' Association	Negligible	Medium	ONGOING WDPS has formed a list of suitable sites and is in discussion with landowners and Councillors.	E27
	(b) Refer to the research already conducted on river flooding in Wheathampstead, undertake further investigations if necessary and arrange for suitable remedial action to be taken	Wheathampstead River Residents' Association	Wheathampstead Parish Council; WDPS; Countryside Management Service (CMS); Environment Agency	Cost to be determined depending on the investigation	High	ONGOING Wheathampstead River Residents Association are working with the Environment Agency to consider proposals to reduce flooding	E28
Walks should be publicised using signs, notice boards and/or tourist information displays	Provide improved signage to publicise walks	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire County Council (Rights of Way); Countryside Management Service (CMS)	Cost to be evaluated	Medium	IN PROGRESS. One sign has been improved so far.	E29

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Access to the River Lea should be improved at East Meads, and a wider, more attractive bridge should be provided	Purchase and erect a second East Meads bridge over the Lea	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Countryside Management Service (CMS); Contractors	£25,000	Medium	Due to start: 2010; Due to finish: 2011	E30
Lighting needs to be improved along the path between Wheathampstead and Nomansland Common	Improve the lighting along the footpath: Butterfield Road to Nomansland	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Hertfordshire County Council (Highways)	Cost to be met by Hertfordshire County Council	Medium	Due to start: 2010; Due to finish: 2011	E31
Allotments need to be maintained and made available to residents	(a) Ensure that all allotment land is used productively	Wheathampstead Parish Council		Negligible	High	ONGOING	E32
	(b) Offer all Wheathampstead residents wanting a plot the opportunity to grow their own food	Wheathampstead Parish Council		Negligible	High	ONGOING	E33

## PLANNING ACTION PLAN

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>	<i>Owner (to be agreed)</i>	<i>Dependencies/Third party involvement</i>	<i>Estimated Budget required</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Ref.</i>
There is a need to improve and preserve the character of the village	<p>(a) Conduct a feasibility study into producing a Design Statement for the village (incorporating existing guidelines where appropriate) that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. sets out guidelines defining acceptable standards of external design for buildings and all external features of buildings (including shop frontages, signs and advertising and similar displays)</li> <li>2. has the backing of Wheathampstead Parish Council and would be referred to by them when considering whether to recommend acceptance or rejection of an application</li> <li>3. has the purpose of influencing St Albans District Council in its decisions on planning applications within Wheathampstead</li> </ol>	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Urban Practitioners; St Albans District Council; WDPS	Negligible	Medium	IN PROGRESS. Due to be discussed with St Albans District Council at next Parish Conference later in 2010.	P1

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	(b) Write the Design Statement	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Urban Practitioners; St Albans District Council; WDPS; dependent on outcome of the study	To be determined in the light of the feasibility study	Medium	Dependent on the outcome of the feasibility study	P2
	(c) Investigate whether funding is available to help businesses comply with the statement	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Urban Practitioners; St Albans District Council; WDPS	Cannot be established until Design Statement is complete. Funding sought	Medium	Dependent on the outcome of the study	P3
	(d) Conduct a survey of the High Street area to see what does not conform to the statement, identify areas for improvement and work with stakeholders to determine what can reasonably be altered	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Urban Practitioners; St Albans District Council; WDPS	Negligible	Medium	Dependent on the outcome of the feasibility study	P4
	(e) Take part in the English Heritage 'Conservation Areas At Risk' campaign as regards the conservation areas within the parish	Wheathampstead Parish Council	English Heritage	Negligible	High	Due to start: June 2009; ongoing	P6

## VILLAGE DAY ACTION PLAN

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Dependencies/Third party involvement</i>	<i>Estimated Budget required</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Ref.</i>
For young people, there is a need: (a) to engage them more in the life of the community (b) to provide suitable day activities	Involve local senior schools in the running of Village Day	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Local senior schools	Negligible	High	Due to start: April 2009; Due to finish in time for Village Day 2009	V2
Rubbish is a problem at Marford Road playing fields, partly because of the careless use of recycling skips	(a) Tackle the issue of additional rubbish produced on Village Day by the careful use of recycling bins on the day. (b) Promote careful recycling practices by inviting a recycling stall to Village Day.	Wheathampstead Parish Council	Litter Blitzers	Negligible	High	(a) ONGOING (b) Recycling stall invited but unable to attend	V3