

Appendix A – Consultation and Initial Feasibility Headline Findings

| Review Evidence | Draft Proposal | Headline Findings | Response | Final Proposal |
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| <p>1. The Meadows Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ King’s Hedges and Arbury are high priority areas for the Council’s services. ▪ The proposals seek to enhance provision, not reduce it. ▪ The Meadows and Buchan Street serve very similar areas, and the Council does not need to retain two centres in this location. ▪ There is an opportunity for the Council to improve provision to residents by co-locating services on one site. ▪ There are opportunities to provide a wider range of services with partners and Council housing. ▪ Tackling the city’s housing crisis and implementing the Local Plan are corporate priorities for the Council. | <p>Build a new community centre (‘Hub’) on the site of the existing Meadows Community Centre, to include the services currently offered by The Meadows and nearby Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre.</p> <p>Consider potential for a wider range of services and an opportunity for housing.</p> | <p>Consultation 58% of survey responses supported the draft proposal.</p> <p>Main comments/concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction in provision 2. Cost/waste of money 3. Increased travel 4. Disruption during change 5. Extend rather than redevelop | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority space from Buchan Street would be reprovided. 2. Investment to ensure centres are well maintained. Strategic approach to realign resources to areas of highest need. 3. 15 minute walk time catchments identified, consider specific issues further. 4. Principle to avoid creating instability for local communities 5. Detailed feasibility work to be completed to look at the viability of the site In 2 above. | <p>The Council is committed to providing good quality spaces for the community in Kings Hedges and acknowledges the outcomes of the consultation. This supported both the provision of a new community hub on the Meadows Community Centre, and exploring a voluntary organisation’s interest in leasing Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre.</p> <p>In response to these findings the Council will complete a full feasibility study for both centres, to explore with local groups, partners and centre users whether it is possible to deliver the community hub at the Meadows and to further explore options for Buchan Street. This feasibility work will need to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ practical development constraints, planning issues and financial feasibility; ▪ detailed analysis of current uses of both centres and potential future partnership arrangements. |

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| <p>2. Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ King’s Hedges and Arbury are high priority areas for the Council’s services. ▪ The proposals seek to enhance provision, not reduce it. ▪ Buchan Street and The Meadows serve very similar areas, and the Council does not need to retain two centres in this location. ▪ There are opportunities to provide a wider range of services with partners and Council housing. ▪ Tackling the city’s housing crisis and implementing the Local Plan are corporate priorities for the Council. | <p><u>Proposal A</u> Explore voluntary sector interest in taking on the centre to deliver services from</p> <p><u>Proposal B</u> Explore the development of this site to provide additional housing</p> | <p>Consultation</p> <p>69.2% of survey responses were in favour of proposal A.</p> <p>30.8% of survey responses were in favour of proposal B.</p> <p>Main comments/concerns: 1. Reduction in provision 2. Against housing - 17 comments For housing - 42 comments 3. Cost/waste of money</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority space from Buchan Street would be reprovided. 2. Providing Council housing is a priority for the Council. 3. Investment to ensure well maintained. Strategic approach to realign resources to areas of highest need. | <p>The Council is committed to providing good quality spaces for the community in Kings Hedges and acknowledges the outcomes of the consultation. This supported both the provision of a new community hub on the Meadows Community Centre, and exploring a voluntary organisation’s interest in leasing Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre.</p> <p>In response to these findings the Council will complete a full feasibility study for both centres, to explore with local groups, partners and centre users whether it is possible to deliver the community hub at the Meadows and to further explore options for Buchan Street. This feasibility work will need to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ practical development constraints, planning issues and financial feasibility ▪ detailed analysis of current uses of both centres and potential future partnership arrangements. |

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| <p>3. Nun's Way Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ King's Hedges and Arbury are high priority areas for the Council's services. ▪ The proposals seek to enhance provision, not reduce it. ▪ Nun's Way pavilion is a challenging building to manage. ▪ The issues cannot be easily addressed to make this facility fit for the future. | <p>Explore voluntary organisation interest in managing the centre</p> <p>Keep operational as a Council facility until re-provided.</p> | <p>Consultation</p> <p>79% of survey responses supported the draft proposal.</p> <p>Main comments/concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supportive of the proposal 2. Concern about voluntary sector capacity to manage centres | <p>2. Process to explore interest will consider risks to organisations and appropriate support.</p> | <p>Explore options for a suitable alternative community space, keeping the centre operational in the meantime. Once alternative space is found options for leasing the pavilion to a voluntary organisation will be explored. If none are viable, then the pavilion could be used for sports use only.</p> |
| <p>4. 37 Lawrence Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ King's Hedges and Arbury are high priority areas for the Council's services. ▪ The proposals seek to enhance provision, not reduce it. ▪ 37 Lawrence Way is a challenging building for delivering Council services ▪ The issues cannot be easily addressed to make this facility fit for the future. ▪ Tackling the city's housing crisis and implementing the Local Plan are corporate priorities for the Council. | <p>Explore opportunities to re-provide as current provision is restrictive in terms of size, location and accessibility.</p> | <p>Consultation</p> <p>83.3% of survey responses supported the draft proposal.</p> <p>Main comments/concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supportive of the proposal 2. Reduction in provision | <p>2. Looking to reprovide more accessible community space.</p> | <p>Explore options for a suitable alternative community space, keeping the centre operational in the meantime. Once alternative community space is found the premises will be returned to Council housing stock.</p> |

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| <p>5. Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ East Chesterton remains a high priority area for the Council's services. ▪ The Council is committed to supporting Brown's Field as a core community centre in this location. | <p>Retain as a Council managed community centre.</p> | <p>Consultation</p> <p>96.1% of survey responses supported the draft proposal.</p> <p>Comments made were supportive of the proposal.</p> | <p>Not required</p> | <p>Retain as a Council managed community centre, ensuring community access.</p> |
| <p>6. Ross Street Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are no areas of high need that cannot access dedicated community facilities. ▪ The proposal does not seek to reduce community provision in Romsey ward. ▪ It aims to retain a valued local community facility by offering an opportunity for voluntary sector management. | <p>Explore voluntary organisation interest in managing the centre</p> | <p>Consultation</p> <p>67.9% of survey responses supported the draft proposal.</p> <p>Main comments/concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction in provision 2. Concern about voluntary sector capacity to manage centres 3. Reduction in wider community access with faith based management | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community access will remain. 2. Process to explore interest will consider risks to organisations and appropriate support. 3. A community access agreement will safeguard community use. | <p>Seek to lease the centre to a voluntary organisation, with an agreement to safeguard community use. If a suitable organisation cannot be found the Council will retain management of the centre.</p> |

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| 7. Gaps identified Listed below | Listed below for each gap | Consultation 87.4% of survey responses supported the draft proposals. | Facilities in other areas will be considered via developer contributions | Listed below for each gap |
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| a.) Abbey Ward High priority area | S106 investment in the County Council's redevelopment of East Barnwell Community Centre. | Continue to support County Council led work on redevelopment of a new centre on the East Barnwell Community Centre site. |
| b.) Cherry Hinton Ward High priority area | Review existing assets with partners and the local community to improve community facility provision. | Support the development of a community hub in Cherry Hinton Library with local partners, with the proviso that the County Council continue library services there and a sustainable management solution is found. |
| c.) Queen Edith's Ward High priority area north of ward | Explore opportunities with other facilities. | Explore opportunities to work with existing facility providers in the north of the ward |
| d.) East Chesterton Ward High priority area north of ward | Identify opportunities through development to provide additional community space. | Explore opportunities in the north of the ward for new facility provision through growth |

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| 8. The Vision | Consultation 72% of survey responses supported Draft Community Centres Strategy and Vision | The final proposals are detailed above and in the main report |
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