



Welcome to the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation

We are a community led volunteer group chaired by a volunteer and supported by the Town and District Councils

We hope you will give us some good input and feedback today, in order for us to begin shaping a new plan.

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Please use the post it notes provided to give us your views and comments relating to the various subject areas covered by the plan. If you wish to leave more detailed comments please use the cards on the comments table and post in the box once completed.



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning is a process which enables communities to have a shared vision and a stronger role in the shaping their area.

Plans are developed by community volunteers supported by Town and District Councils. A high level of public engagement and consultation is required to formulate a draft plan.

Areas which can be covered are:

- Allocation of sites for housing.
- Design and look of development.
- Infrastructure requirements.
- Transport and parking.
- Other issues deemed appropriate for inclusion by the community.

Once drafted plans have to follow a process:

- They have to be formally consulted on for a period of 6 weeks (known as Regulation 14).
- Be submitted to the planning authority for a further 6 week consultation.
- Be formally reviewed and passed by a Government Examiner.
- Finally, be voted into acceptance by local referendum.

A lot of effort in terms of time and grant funding are required to achieve full acceptance.



Introduction to Alton Neighbourhood Plan

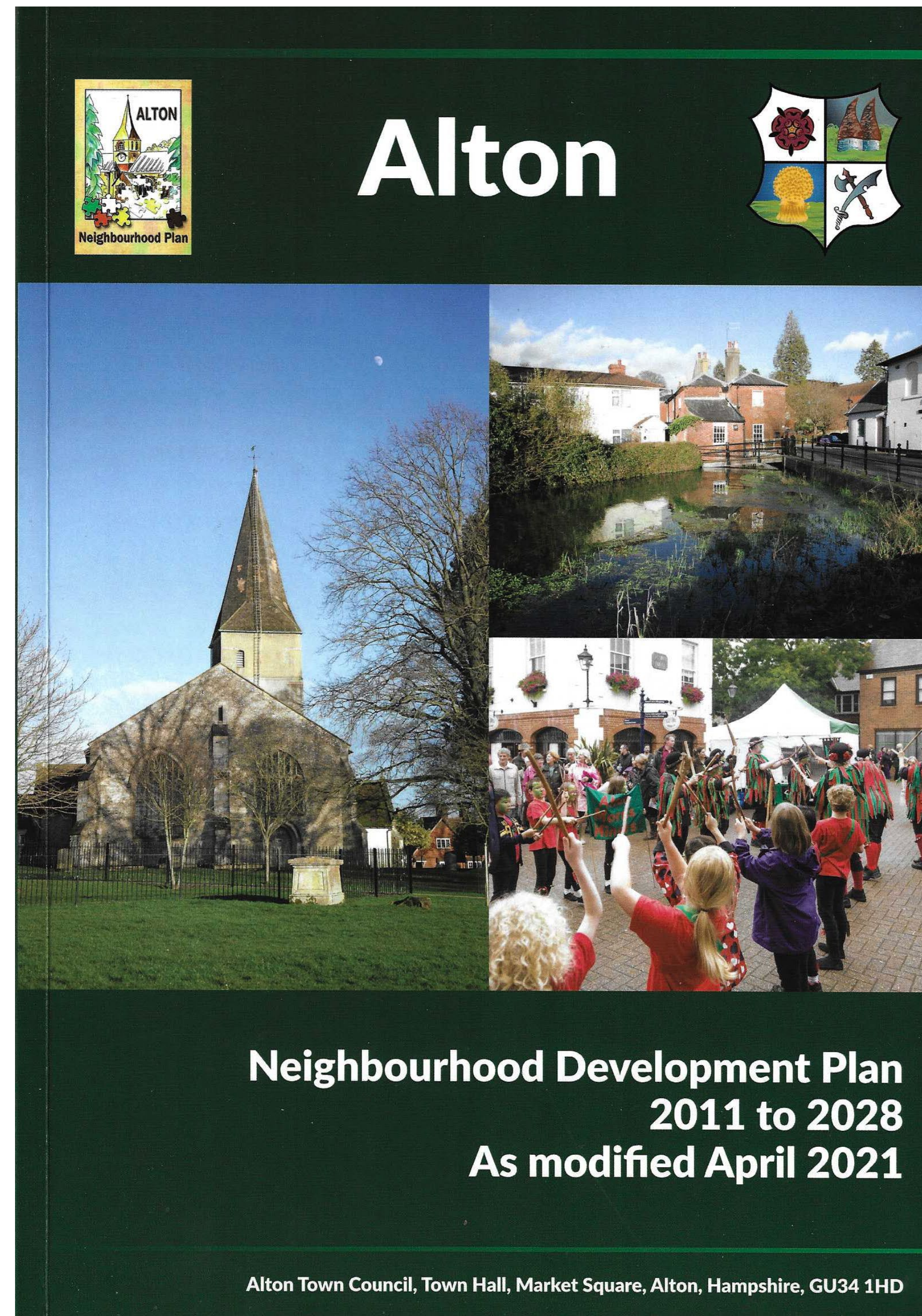
- First Alton Neighbourhood Plan (ANP1) was expedited post public referendum in 2016.
- An amended NP was confirmed in November 2021 and will expire in November 2023.
- Main benefits of the Alton NP are:
 - With a formal NP in place Alton receives a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from development.
 - Money coming from CIL to Alton since adoption in 2016 has been £576,422.34
 - Influence over where housing is to be located and how much.
 - A guide on architectural design of new development.
 - Parking standards for developments.
 - Protection and provision of Green Spaces.
 - Influencing town health and education provision.
 - Supporting the economic viability and sustainability.
 - Influencing town infrastructure
 - Action Points to be delivered where possible by Town Council.





Current Alton Neighbourhood Plan.
Can be viewed at:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/media/6419/download?inline>





Why we need a new Neighbourhood Plan

- Without a NP Alton would not continue to receive a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy money.
- There is considerable pressure on East Hants to take even more development than it has to date.
- There is resistance to place housing developments within the National Park and so the rest of East Hants is under pressure to take proportionally more to compensate.
- East Hants District Council (EHDC) is producing a new Local Plan and we as a community want to have our say in how the NP area develops.
- Presently, EHDC are expecting to allocate sites for 3,405 additional homes more than currently planned in East Hants (outside of the National Park).
- The level of detail which our NP will go into will be of a much more locally focused level than the Local Plan.
- We understand the Alton must grow and evolve, but we want this to happen without destroying its heritage, setting, character and charm.



Milestones

EHDC Local Plan Timetable

Regulation 18 Part 1 public consultation - November 2022 (complete)

Regulation 18 Part 2 public consultation - September 2022 (may slip)

Regulation 19 public consultation - April 2024.

Regulation 22/23 submission - September 2024.

Regulation 24 examination - November 2024.

Inspectors report July 2025.

Adoption - September 2025.

Alton Neighbourhood Plan Timetable

Formation of working group, definition of Charter & program plan
February 2023 (complete)

Initial informal public engagement - 19/20 May 23.

Analysis of input and plan drafting - May to September 2023.

Second informal public engagement - September 2023.

Formal Regulation 14 Consultation - December 2023 - January 2024.

Town Council Approval - 27 March 2024.

Submission to EHDC - 29 March 2024.

EHDC public consultation - dates to be confirmed.

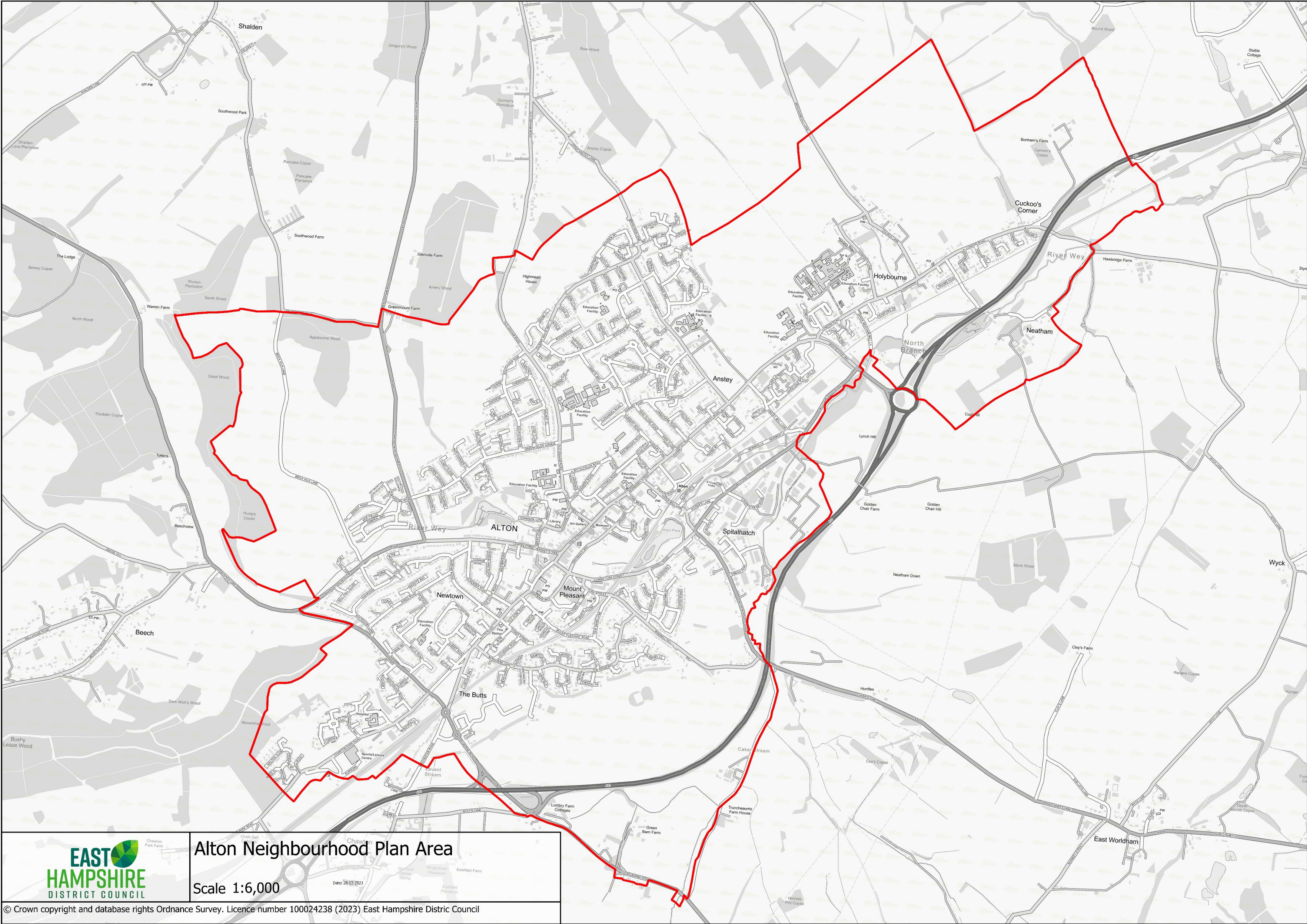
EHDC approval and submission to examiner - dates to be confirmed.

Inspectors report - date to be confirmed.

Alton Parish referendum for Alton Neighbourhood Plan acceptance - date
to be confirmed.



Neighbourhood Plan Area





Potential Policy Areas for Plan

- Design and design coding.
- Residential housing site allocations.
- Transport and parking.
- Community facilities and open spaces.
- Health and wellbeing facilities.
- Education.
- Economic sustainability and viability.
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation.



Design and Design Coding



- **Context** – enhances the surroundings.
- **Identity** – attractive and distinctive.
- **Built form** – a coherent pattern of development.
- **Movement** – accessible and easy to move around.
- **Nature** – enhanced and optimised.
- **Public spaces** – safe, social and inclusive.
- **Uses** – mixed and integrated.
- **Homes and buildings** – functional, healthy and sustainable.
- **Resources** – efficient and resilient.
- **Lifespan** – made to last.



Design and Design Coding

- Alton has 4 Conservation areas: Alton Main, The Butts, Anstey and Holybourne - these are sacrosanct.
- Alton defined a Town Design Statement in 2008 which is still referred to.
- The original and current NP policy DE1 made design and town setting requirements.
- For the new NP we have commissioned consultants to complete a full design review for the town which will be developed into a new Policy.
- Please add any comments or observations you have on design and design coding with your post-it notes below:

Post-it notes on design and design coding



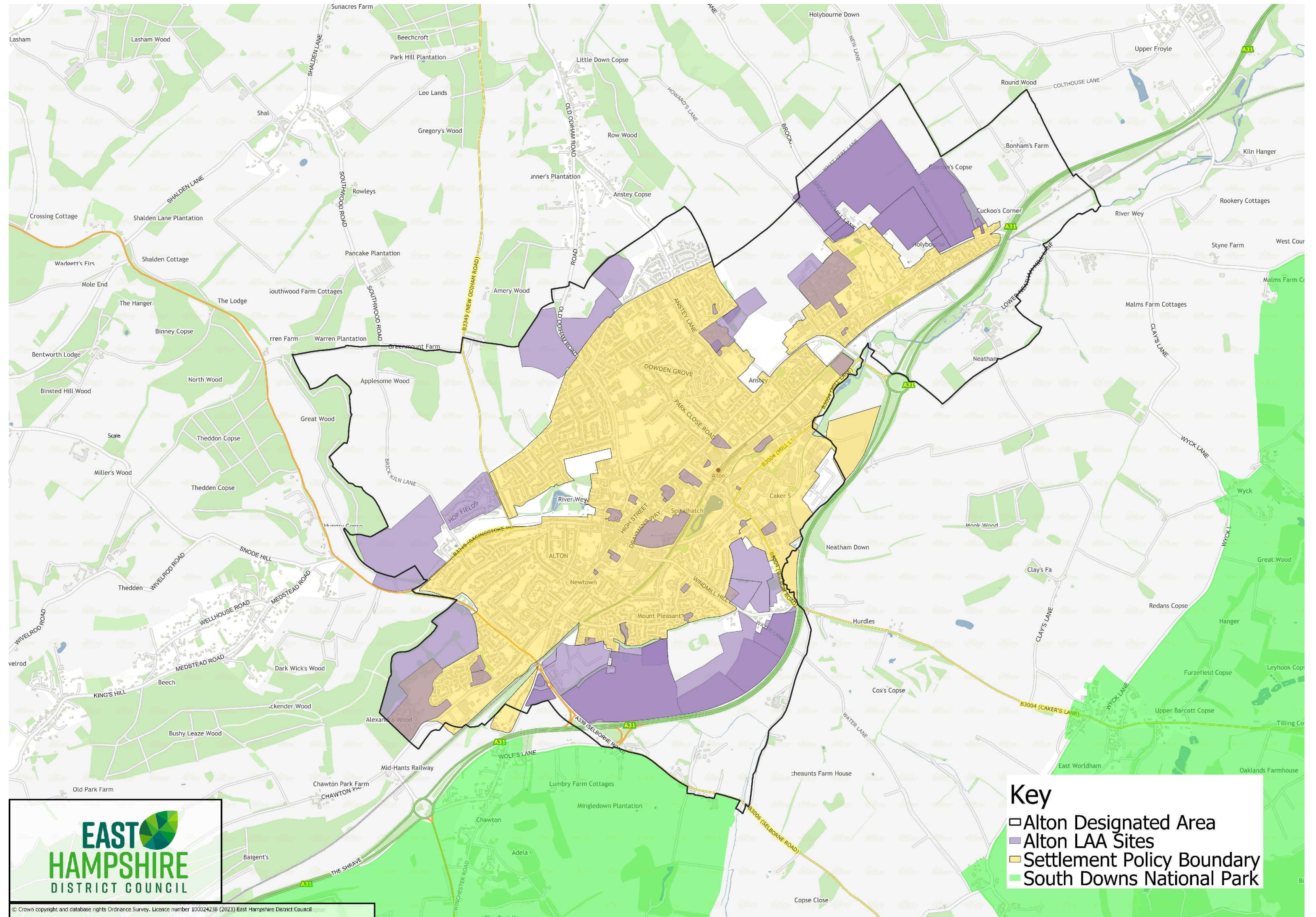
How Alton has grown since 1874 up to 2013





EHDC Land Availability Sites for Housing

See wall chart for a large scale version of the map and details of the locations





Residential Site Allocations

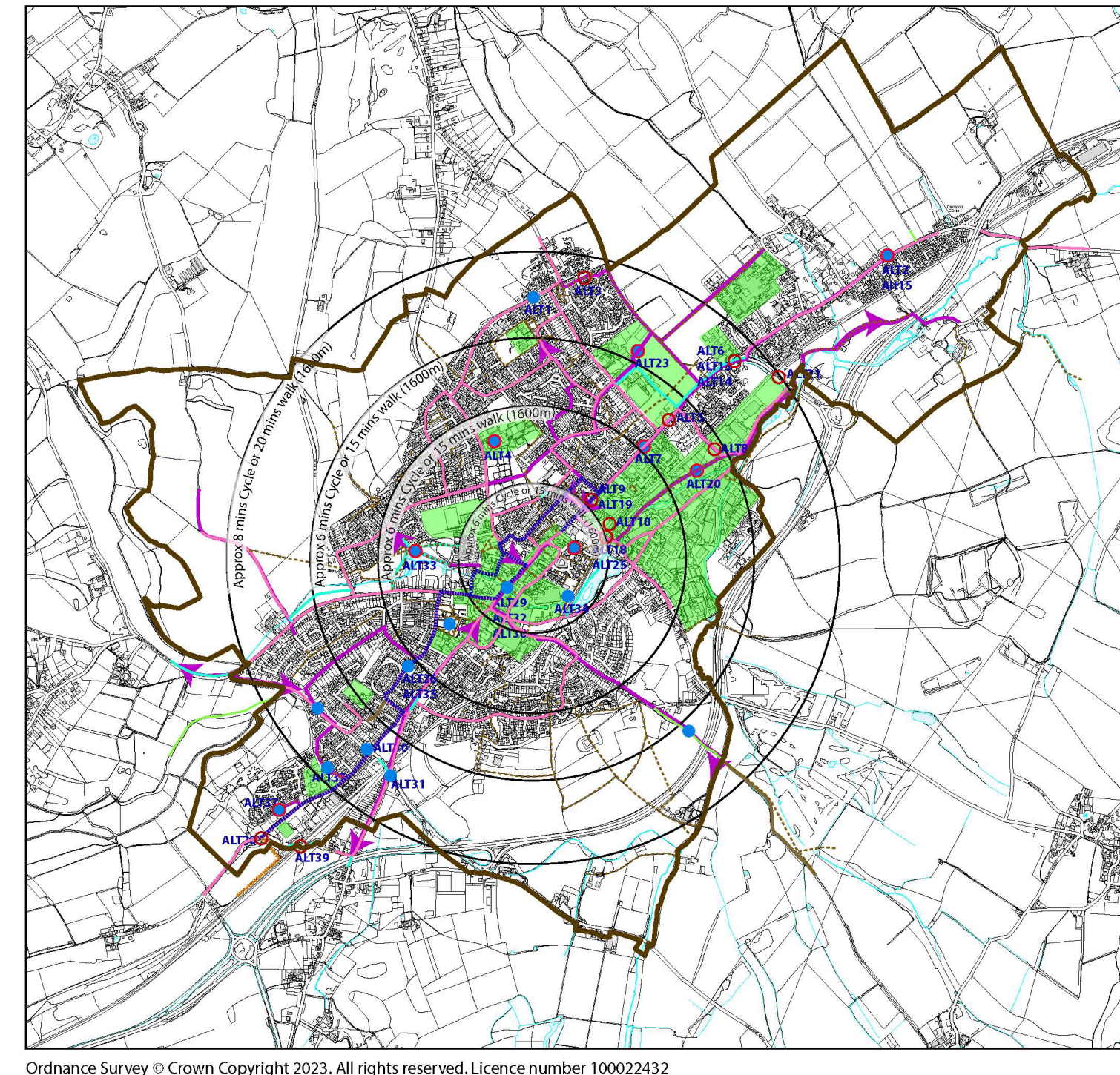
- For the new NP we have commissioned consultants to complete a full housing needs analysis (HNA) for the town, including considering whether any more specialist housing is required for older persons.
- The outcome from the HNA will influence the numbers of dwellings required and will drive the types and mix of housing required as it will evidence the need for different types of housing.
- The numbers of dwellings will need to be allocated to sites from the EHDC land availability map for Alton.
- Please use your post-it notes to add any comments or thoughts as to which sites housing should go within the NP designated area or if you can identify any brownfield sites which we could consider.

Post-it notes on residential site allocations

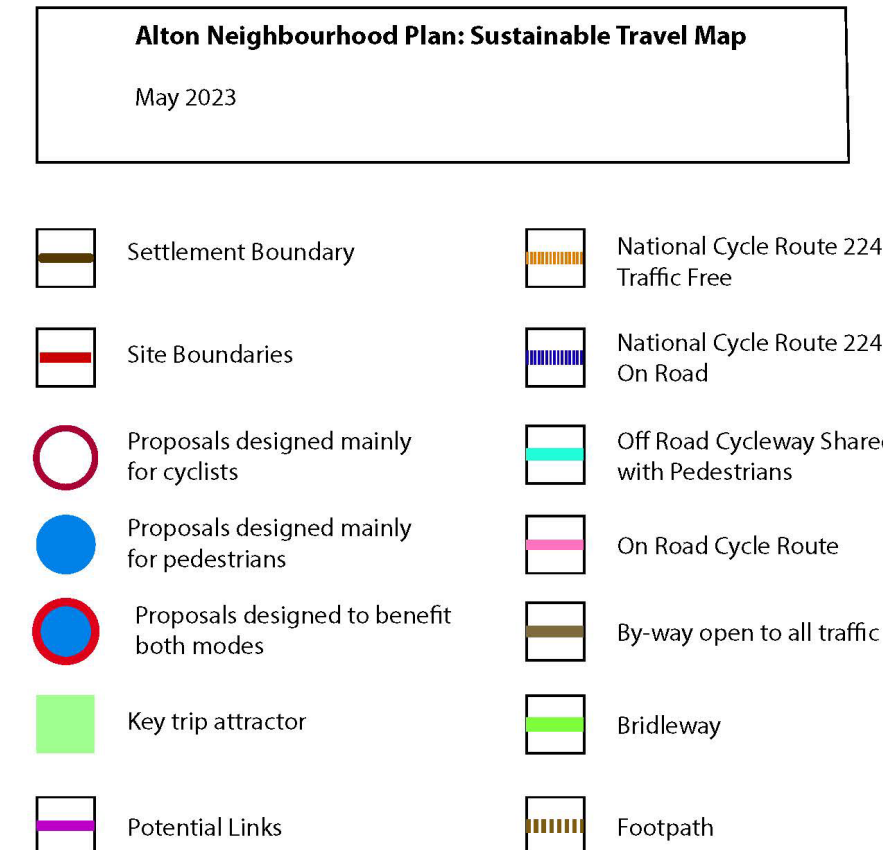
Transport and Parking

Sustainable Travel Map

- In 2020, East Hampshire District Council published its **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan** (known as the LCWIP).
- It included a number of possible improvements within and around Alton and these are listed on the board and shown on an indicative map prepared by our Consultants.
- Alton Town Council commented on these at the time, but we would like to know what you think about these proposals. We would also be pleased to learn of any other places where improvements might be made to encourage walking and cycling.
- Please use the Post-it notes to comment, quoting the ALT number where relevant
- Motor vehicles are not being overlooked. There is currently dialogue with Hampshire County Council on road improvements in the town. If you have any strong views on congestion or safety, please use the Post-it notes to tell us about these too.



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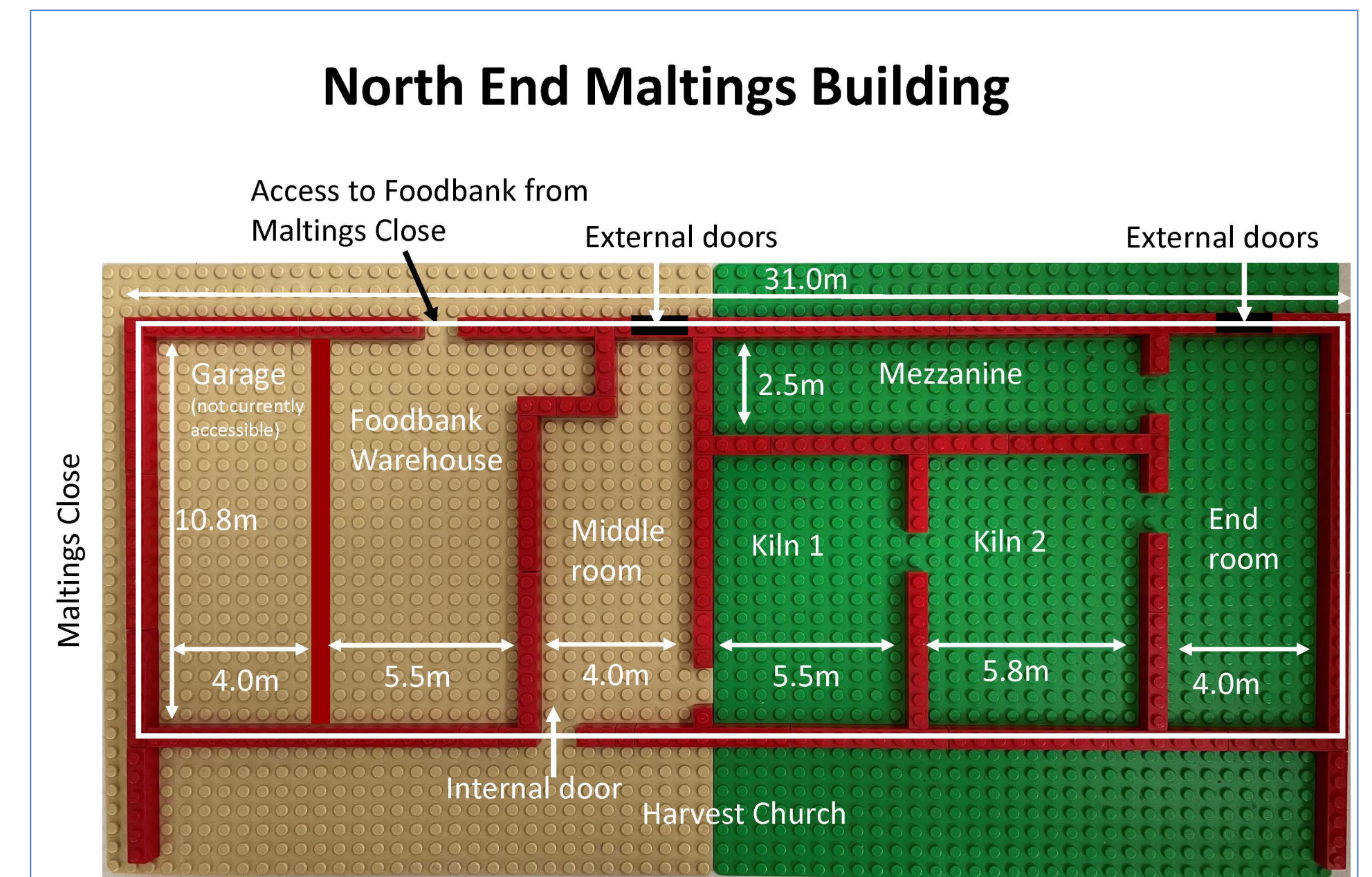
There is a large scale (readable) version of this plan on the wall along with the table of ALT Proposals

Post-it notes on sustainable travel, parking and transport

Community Facilities, Open Spaces and Recreation

Please use your post-it notes to give us your views and comments on the following areas, based on your current experiences and what services you would like to see in the future, relating to :

- Playing pitch provision (inc Rugby, football, cricket, hockey)
- Other sports and recreational facilities, (inc pavilions/clubhouses, tracks, playgrounds, skateparks, areas for dog walking, fitness equipment, sports centre, parks)
- Informal Green spaces.
- Community buildings, including hiring spaces
- Alton Library
- The Maltings – specifically, can you suggest an appropriate community use for the North end of the Maltings, which is currently empty.



North End Maltings building currently exists on multiple levels with potential for 3 levels of development

Post-it notes on Community Facilities, Open Spaces and Recreation



Health and Wellbeing

Please use your post-it notes to give us your views and comments on the following areas, based on your current experiences and what services you would like to see in the future, relating to :

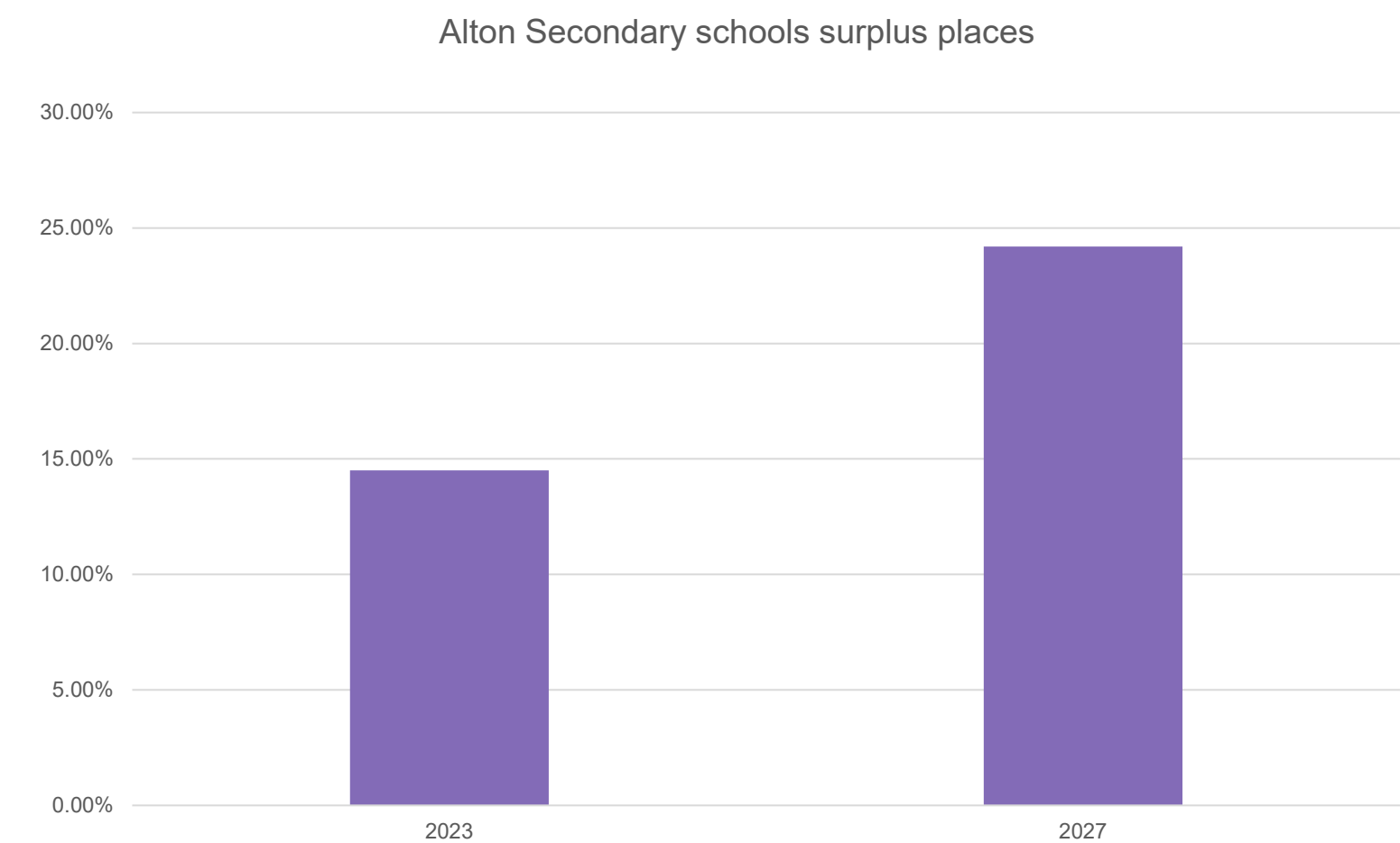
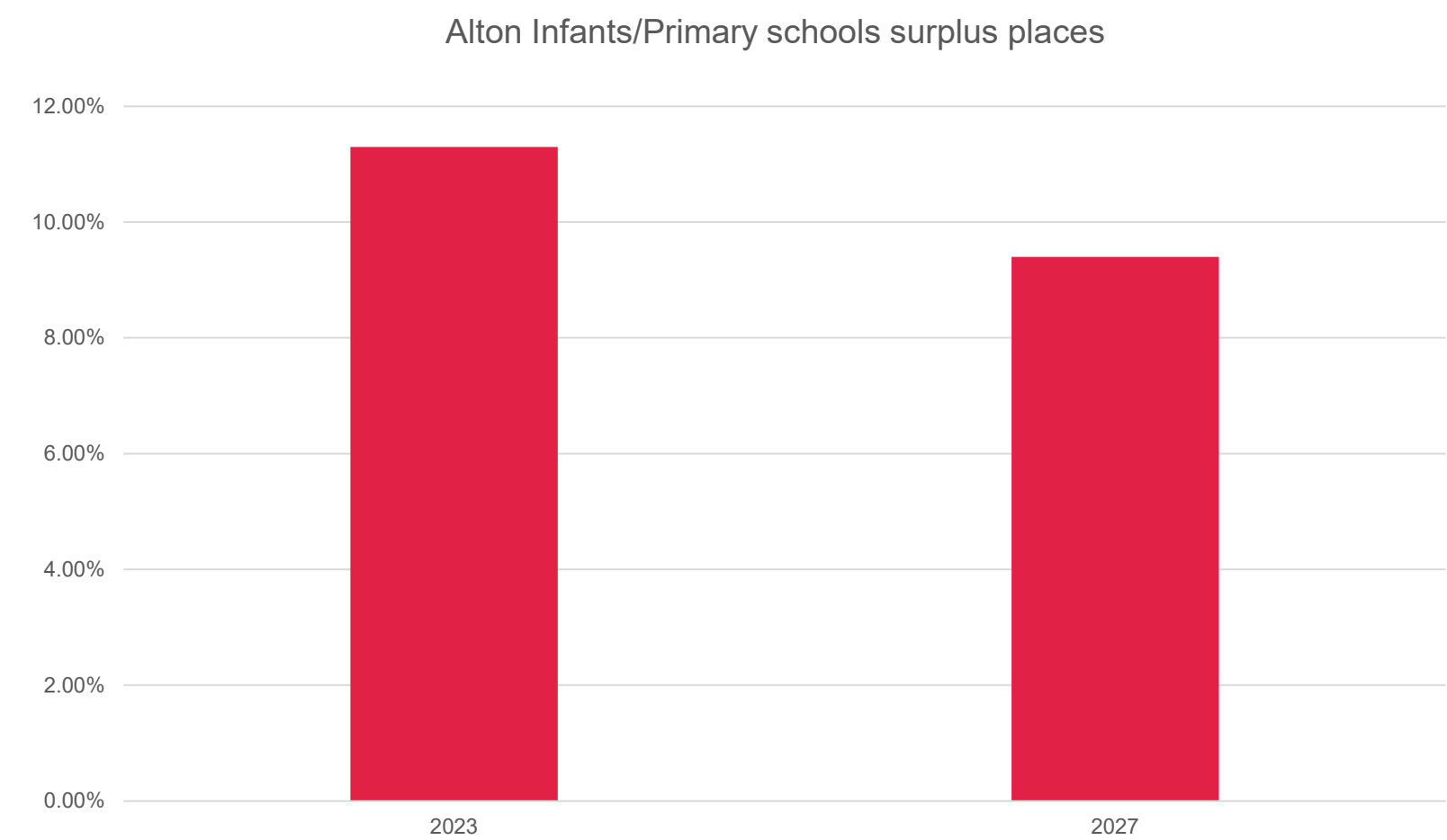
- G.P surgeries in Alton
- Alton Community Hospital
- Dental practices
- Pharmacy provision
- Mental health provision
- Older persons provision including dementia care.
- Physical wellbeing programmes and groups such as those provided by Cardiac Rehab, Walk Alton and other Active Alton organisations.
- Youth provision, such as The King's Arms



Other Important Policy Areas

Other important potential policy areas include:

- Education. There is currently a surplus of school places at primary and secondary level but a lack of early years provision



- Economic sustainability and viability of the town centre
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Please use your post-it notes to add any views on the policy areas and comments above.



Post-it notes on Remaining Policy Areas



Are There any Issues Concerning Our Town Not Already Covered?

Please use your post-it notes to add any other comments you may have or write them on the cards provided and drop them in box.



How to Communicate with Us

- Alton Neighbourhood Plan as a page on Facebook. [altonneighbourhoodplan](https://www.facebook.com/altonneighbourhoodplan)
- Alton Neighbourhood Plan on Instagram [altonsneighbourhoodplan](https://www.instagram.com/altonsneighbourhoodplan)
- By e-mail to altonneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com.
- By phone to 0142083986.
- See our website at: <https://www.alton.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>.
- Please let us have your feedback and input to help with development of a new plan.

We are also keen to recruit additional members to the volunteer community group who will work over the coming months to shape the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Please speak to one of the team or contact us using the details above, if you would be interested in finding out more about joining us.