

## TURNING THE PLAN INTO REALITY - A ROUTEPLANNER FOR ACTION

To turn the vision set out in this plan into reality requires a whole series of actions to be achieved. Whilst some of these may be accomplished quickly, other targets may have to be pursued over the medium or longer term. Also, some actions may fall within the power and resources of the Parish Council but others will be dependent upon co-operation or/and funding from other authorities or agencies.

An action plan is laid out below and is divided into short term (under one year), medium term (one to five years) and long term (up to ten years). Each year the Parish Council will review the plan of actions and report on the successes and failures so that parishioners have the opportunity to assess progress (hopefully!). At the same time, the programme will be adjusted in the light of changes in policies or circumstances. Although not listed as a partner throughout, it should be assumed that Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council will be involved in all the action points even if only in a lobbying capacity.

### SHORT TERM ACTIONS (target under one year)

Sector	Issue	Proposed Action	Partners
<b>Future of Stansted</b>	Retention of greenbelt	Support existing boundaries	UDC
	Resist over development	Reject applications especially for flats	UDC
	Sympathetic development	New build to suit surroundings	UDC
<b>Housing</b>	Add to sheltered accommodation	Improve standards at Mead Court	UDC
<b>Roads, traffic and parking</b>	Safer traffic speeds	Install village entry treatments	ECC
		Traffic calming High Ln, Church Rd, Walson Way	ECC
	Grove Hill congestion	Review phasing of traffic lights	ECC
	Parking on pavements	Issue guides on pavement parking	Police/UDC
	Obstruction of footpaths	Residents/Parish Council to cut back plant growth	SMPC
	Parking on Cambridge Road	To prevent parking on both sides of the road	ECC
		To increase number of short-term parking bays	ECC
		To introduce a loading bay outside Tesco Express	ECC
	Car parking charges	Free one-hour parking in both car parks	UDC
Residents Parking Scheme	Implement for Lower Street/Grove Hill	ECC/UDC	

<b>Crime and security</b>	Report crime statistics Open youth club on more days Effective CCTV system More targeted police presence More speed checks Opening hours of police station Neighbourhood Watch Reduction of underage drinking	Police provide/SMPC publish ECC and SMPC to consult Secure funding for the system Discuss places and times with police Identify and agree locations Seek volunteers/agree hours Build and use network Discussions with licensed outlets/parents	Police/SMPC ECC/SMPC UDC Police Police Police Police/NhW Police/NhW/ Schools
<b>Local Environment</b>	Protect woodland/hedges Maintenance of twitchels Footpath on Forest Hall Rd Improve Water Lane New book of walks/map Renovate fountain area Screen recycling bins Planting at Crafton Green CP Maintenance of Churchyard Review litter collection resources Reduce litter  Grit for winter weather Review street furniture Christmas decorations	Discuss with landowners/planning Regular inspection/maintenance Use Section 106 money from developers Use Section 106 money from developers Design and fund publication Prepare and cost plan Discuss with UDC Prepare scheme Discuss way forward with Church Discuss options Discuss with schools/pubs/takeaways  Encourage provision of more grit bins Review all streets agree a scheme with local traders	SMPC/UDC/ UDC/landowners SMPC/ECC ECC/SMPC ECC/SMPC SMPC SMPC SMPC/UDC SMPC/UDC Rector SMPC Schools/ pubs/take-aways ECC ECC SMPC/traders
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>	Lack of open space Existing sports Romeera Leisure centre Quad biking/motocross/fishing	No new development without public open space Promote tennis and bowls clubs Discuss changes and marketing Discuss with other authorities	UDC Planning Club committees UDC/Romeera East Herts/UDC B.Stortford TC SMPC/Schools SMPC/Schools SMPC/youth
<b>Leisure and the Arts</b>	Re-equip play areas Summer playscheme Improve skatepark	Finish consultation and seek funding Seek partners/funding/venue/staff Consult with users	SMPC/Schools SMPC/Schools SMPC/youth

	Land for allotments	Discuss with landowners	SMPC
	Village events	Seek to contact volunteers	SMPC/volunteers
	Demand for new activities	Specific consultation to test demand	SMPC
	Development of Crafton Green	Seek professional advice on options	SMPC
		Further research to evaluate need	SMPC
<b>Retailing, restaurants, services</b>	More short-term on-street parking	Consider removing yellow lines outside Tesco	ECC
		Limited day-time waiting on Lower Street	ECC
	Facilitate use of Crafton Green CP	Negotiate footpath access to Cambridge Road	SMPC/landowners
		Introduce one-hour free parking in car parks	UDC
	Improve street environment	Resurfacing footpaths/upgrade street furniture	ECC
	Improve appearance of car parks	Consider planting schemes	SMPC/UDC
<b>Transport-Rail</b>	Improve timetable	Stop one express service per hour in each direction	National Express
		Stop two expresses per hour during rush hour	National Express
	A better station	Improve furniture, lighting and signs	National Express
		Ticket machines on both platforms	National Express
		Waiting room open all day and at weekends	National Express
		A proper coffee shop	National Express
<b>Transport - Bus</b>	Improve connection times 7/7A	Advance timing of 06.49 ex airport	Bus Company
		Advance timing of 08.49 ex Bishop's Stortford	Bus Company
	Improve connection times of 301	Retard by 10 minutes travelling north	Bus Company
<b>Employment</b>	Make job finding easier	Provide a job vacancy board	SMPC/Job Centre
<b>Health</b>	New health centre	Work with PCT to secure a site	PCT
<b>Education</b>	School/council relationship	Develop regular contact with schools	Schools
		Plans to combat potential rise in airport noise	ECC
	Community involvement	Discuss with students and teachers	Schools
	Safe access to Foresthall Park	Improve bridge over brook and footpath	ECC
		Improve surface and lighting in Water Lane	ECC

		Additional footpath along Church Road	ECC	
		Footpath on Foresthall Road to MMCC	ECC	
	Use of existing St Mary's School site	Hold discussions with ECC, Diocese and parishioners	ECC/Diocese	
<b>Councils and Councillors</b>	Parish boundaries	Redraw boundary to include all of Foresthall Park	UDC	
	Duplication of local services	Draw up list and negotiate with relevant authorities	UDC/ECC	
	Improve services at Crafton Green Relationship with voluntary orgs	Discuss with other authorities (police,ECC,UDC) Organise an annual conference	SMPC SMPC	
<b>Communications</b>	Noticeboards	Maintain/add new boards at Foresthall Park Increase size where possible Separate section for Parish Council items	SMPC	
	Build on success of The Link	Make PC pages more readable (photographs) Profile staff/councillors (also on website)	SMPC SMPC	
<b>Foresthall Park</b>	Landscaping review	Developer to amend/make good prior to handover	UDC/developers	
	Negotiate terms of handover	Agree timing and financial settlement	UDC/developers	
	Create plan to handle litter	Consider staffing and mechanical options	GF	
	Install litter and dog bins	Identify locations	Residents	
	Provide noticeboards	Identify sites	Residents	
	Grasscutting	Cost maintenance programme. Identify non-viable verges	Contractors	
	Gardening	Cost maintenance programme - identify non-viable areas	Contractors	
	Ponds	Seek specialist advice	Contractors	
	Footpaths	Forest Hall Road		ECC
		Church Road		ECC
Black Bridge - Millfields			ECC	
	Jordon Close - Walson Way		ECC	
Traffic calming measures	Identify areas and install		ECC	

## MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS (target one to five years)

<b>Future of Stansted</b>	No second runway at airport	Lobby for a legal commitment	UDC/ECC/SSE
	Development on selected sites	Agree locations with UDC	UDC
	Extensions to Conservation Areas	Identify and lobby for inclusion	SMPC/UDC
<b>Housing</b>	Increase stock of 2-3 bed houses	Encourage developers to provide	UDC
	Meet demand for bungalows	Encourage developers to provide	UDC
	More affordable housing	Requirement of planning permission	UDC
<b>Roads, traffic and parking</b>	Pedestrian safety crossing roads	Full crossing on Silver Street	ECC
		Full crossing at Croasdaile Road	ECC
		Refuge on Lower Street	ECC
	Reduce speed limits	Refuges along Church Road	ECC
		To 30mph west of Bentfield Bower	ECC
		To 20mph at Mountfitchet/Hargrave/Bentfield	ECC
	Streetlighting	Review policy on night-lighting	ECC
		Negotiate to take over ECC lights	ECC
	Pavement parking	Use part of wide pavement on Cambridge Rd	ECC
		Use part of selected pavement on Mountfitchet Est	ECC
	Direction of traffic	Signage on B1383 to A120 for airport/M11	ECC
	Fountain junction Cambridge Rd	Review traffic arrangements at junction	ECC
	Risks at railway bridge, Church Rd	Measures to improve safety	ECC
Reduce commuter/fly parking	Consider parking restrictions	SMPC/ECC/UDC	
Crafton Green car park	Access to Cambridge Road	SMPC/landowners	
<b>Crime and Security</b>	More activities for the young	Identify needs	Schools/Youth Club/ECC
	Secure police presence in village	Look to provide accommodation to replace the police station	SMPC/ECC Police Authority
	Seek additional police officers	Present case to the Police Authority	SMPC/Police Authority
	Develop a drug/drink education programme	Work with relevant agencies	Police/Schools/ Youth Club

<b>Local Environment</b>	Maintenance of footpaths	Regular inspection and maintenance	SMPC/ECC/ landowners
	Visual enhancements Remove verges Mountfitchet Est Assess verges on Foresthall Park Brook at Lower Street car park	Develop a three year programme Seek support from ECC Devise maintenance programme Consider a planting scheme	SMPC/UDC SMPC/ECC SMPC SMPC/UDC/ Castle
	Maintenance of empty premises	Discuss with landowners	SMPC/UDC/ landowners
	Right of Way extension Parish Cemetery	Lime Kiln Lane to Gypsy Lane Endeavour to acquire land to extend further	landowner/ECC SMPC/landowners
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>	Junior football Open up Stansted Park	Contact all landowners Negotiations with Gemmill Bros.	SMPC/landowners SMPC/UDC/ Gemmill's ECC
	Encourage cycling	Seek ways to construct cycle paths	ECC
<b>Leisure and the Arts</b>	Improve skatepark Development of Crafton Green	Install new secure fencing/seek funding Seek funding	SMPC ?????
<b>Transport-Rail</b>	Comfort on trains Quality of trains Improve timetable	Ensure heating system functions properly Secure new rolling stock (keeping best of old) Expresses stopping at SM to connect with Bishop's Stortford not Harlow	National Express National Express National Express
<b>Transport-Bus</b>	Bus service to Foresthall Park Bus service to Foresthall Park from BS/SW Improve service	Extend 7/7A to Walson Way (connect with 510) Re-route 301 via centre of SM to Foresthall Park	Bus Company Bus Company
		Better timetable information Improve bus and bus/train connections Flexible ticketing between buses and trains	Bus Company Bus Company Bus Company
	Timetable	Produce handy "pocket-size" timetables	ECC
<b>Health</b>	Access to health centre Improve appointment system	Ensure good public transport Make it easier to make contact	ECC/PCT/Bus Co Practice/PCT

	Reduce parking charges at hospitals	More advance and earlier/later appointments Emphasis on regular attendees	Practice/PCT PCT
<b>Education</b>	Secondary school provision	Analyse existing and proposed availability	ECC/Herts CC/ Schools
	Education over 16yrs at MMCC Adult education	Lobby for sixth form and vocational education Consult on range and timing of courses	ECC/School ECC/parishioners
<b>Councils and Councillors</b>	Move Parish Council offices	Assess options/plan move	SMPC
	Community Information	Develop a centre alongside Parish Council	UDC
	Village or town	Consult over status	SMPC
<b>Communications</b>	Website	Develop comprehensive website	SMPC
		Identify means to update regularly	SMPC
		Section for youth interests	SMPC
	Talking with parishioners	E-mail alerts for those interested	SMPC
		Public meetings on specific issues	SMPC
	The Link	Develop a Braille version	SMPC
<b>Foresthall Park</b>	Improve public transport links	Extend 7/7A routes	ECC/Bus Co
	Involvement in the village	Ask organisations to be proactive	Organisations
<b>Stansted Airport</b>	Communicate concerns/issues	Brief attendees at SA Consultative Cttee	UALC/SSE
	Improve knowledge of airport issues	Initiate regular meetings with SA management	Airport
	Continue to monitor airport policy/ action	Support successor body to SSE	SSE
	Legal commitment to prevent second runway	Lobby MPs as appropriate	Sir Alan Haselhurst
	Airport/M11 traffic using village roads	Seek regular traffic surveys	ECC
		Sign traffic away from village	ECC
	Impact on railway service	Discuss with airport/rail operator	Airport/
		Encourage rail users action group	Nat Express
Continue restriction on night flights		SSE	
Maintain all airport related activity within airport	Maintain vigilance/lobby UDC	UDC	

**LONG TERM ACTIONS** (Target up to ten years)

<b>Future of Stansted</b>	Maintain Stansted as a separate community	Oppose any major developments	UDC
<b>Housing</b>	Reduce number of permissions for 1-bed flats	Oppose applications	UDC
<b>Roads, traffic and parking</b>	Safe cycling Reduce traffic on B1383	Seek schemes for cycle paths New junction on M11 to serve Saffron Walden To consider ways of reducing or improving traffic flows along the B1383	ECC Highways Agency ECC
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>	Swimming pool	Contact UDC re funding opportunities	UDC/Govt Dept
<b>Transport-Bus</b>	Direct service from Stansted to Airport Evening and Sunday services Upgrade quality of buses	Re-route 510 or extend 7/7A  Extend 301 and 7/7A To match quality of 510	Bus Company  Bus Company Bus Company
<b>Transport-Rail</b>	Additional parking	Investigate availability of land east of the station	Railtrack