



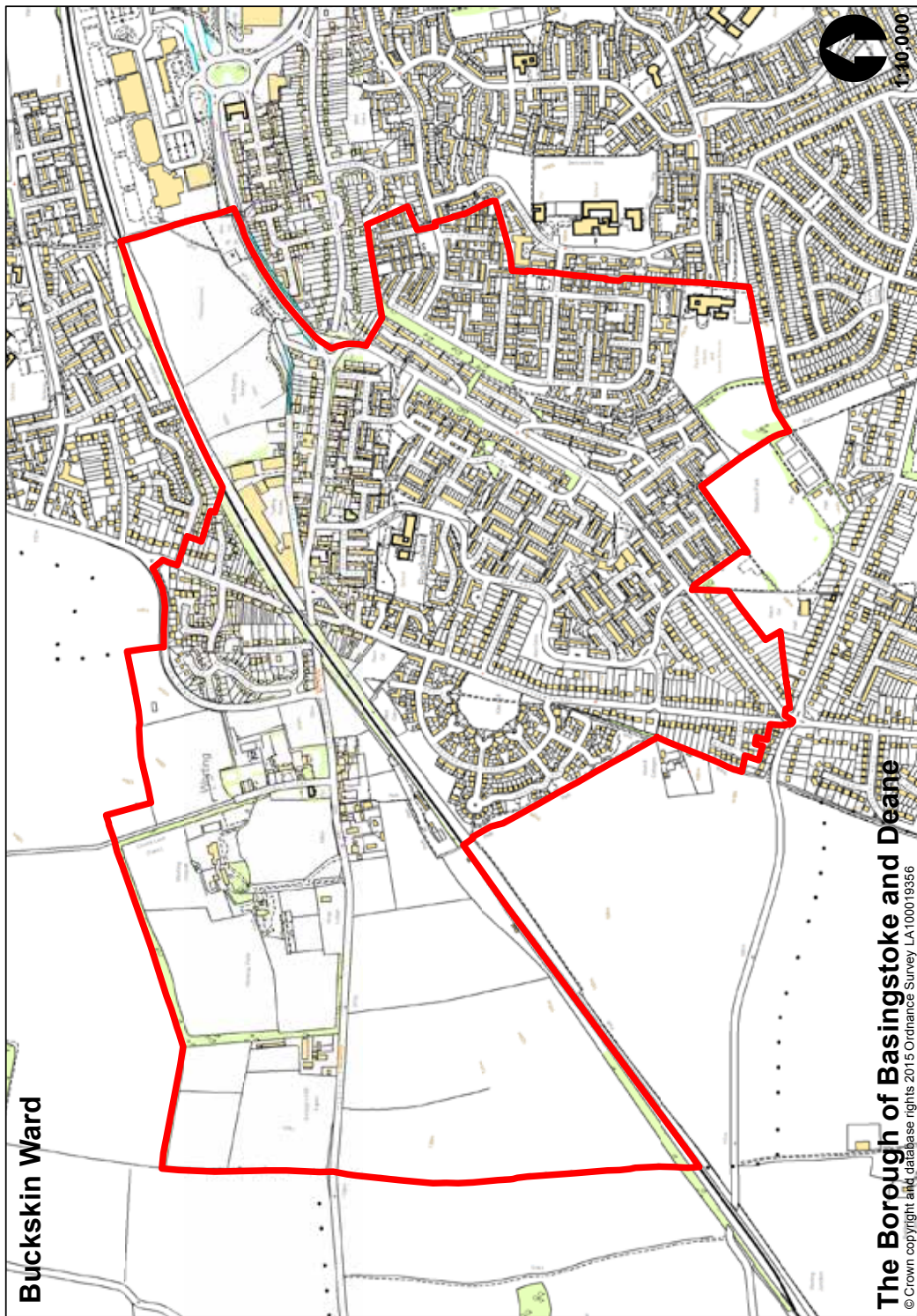
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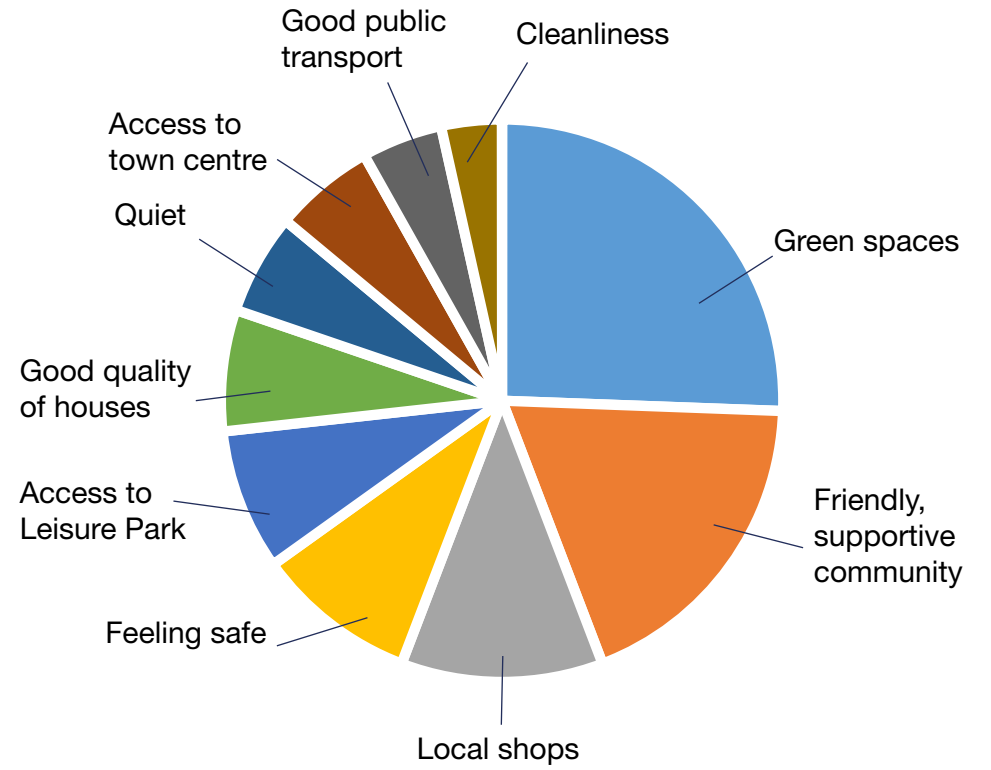
# Buckskin Ward Community Plan



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## Why people like living in Buckskin Ward



# Buckskin Ward Community Plan

## Our vision is for:

### A safe environment

- A solution to the parking problem across the 4B ward of Highfields, Worting, Buckskin and South Ham Extension
- Greater control of traffic through the ward
- Well maintained and policed public areas, including shopping parades

### A well kept community

- A face lift for some areas of the ward
- Coordinated maintenance of footpaths, hedgerows, pavements and street lighting
- The preservation of cherished green spaces
- A litter free environment

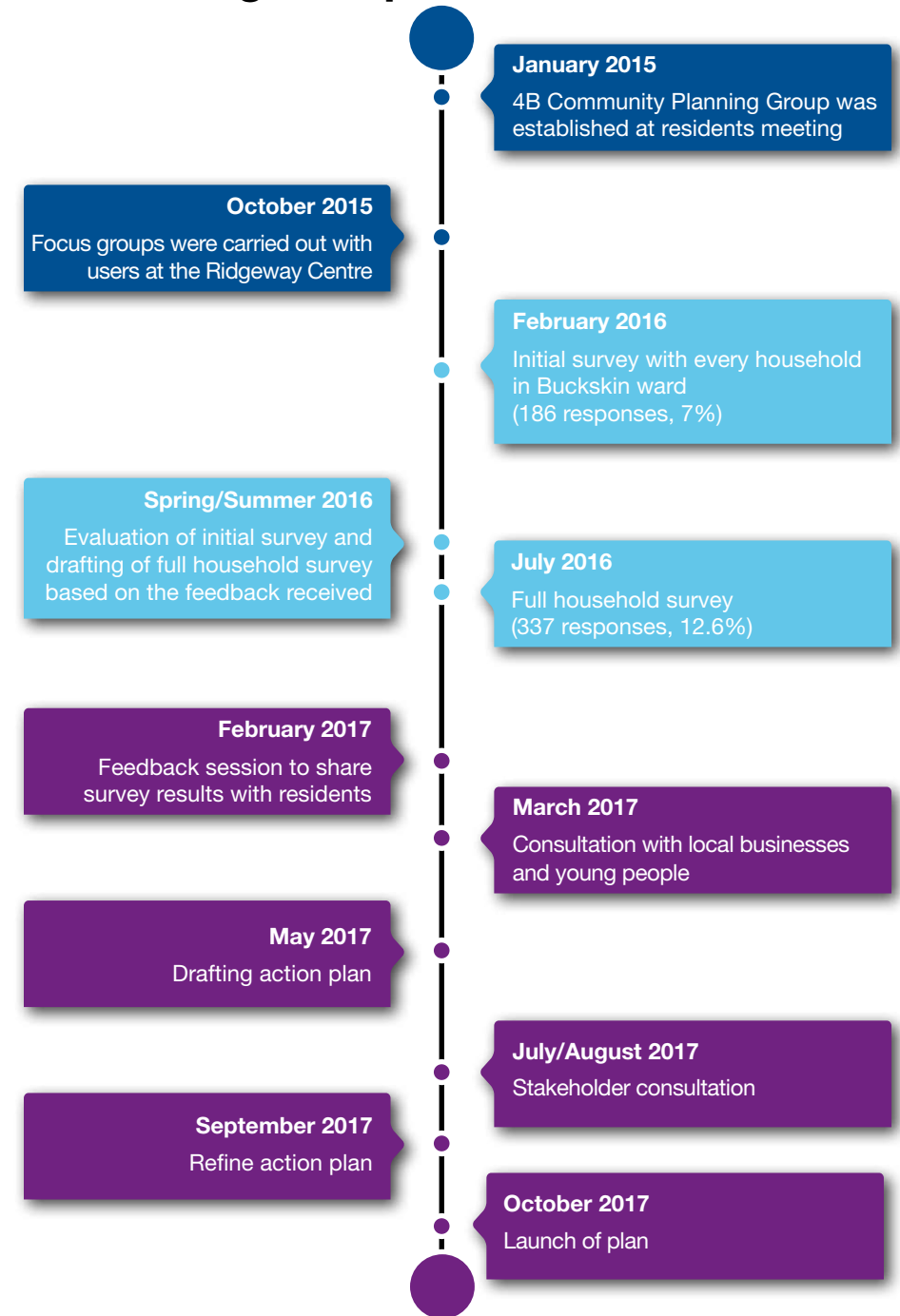
### A place of opportunity

- Public transport that is fit for purpose
- The continued encouragement of an ethos of good citizenship
- Wider provision of community activities
- An environment in which local businesses can flourish
- Access to local information, advice and support

### A healthy community

- Provision of health and wellbeing services
- Access to well maintained and affordable leisure and sports facilities and activities
- Well maintained and sign posted cycle routes and footpaths
- Energy efficient housing

# 4B Planning Group – timeline



# 4B Action Plan Summary

## A safe environment

- A solution to the parking problem across the 4B ward of Highfields, Worting, Buckskin and South Ham Extension
- Explore possibilities for safer pick-up and drop-off around the school.
  - Explore initiatives with the school that would encourage more children to walk to school.
  - Encourage the use of Buckskin Evangelical Church car park.
  - Explore possibility of increased patrols to remind people to park more responsibly.
  - Explore the provision of parking bays by narrowing the banks where there is a wide kerbside
  - Review of Grampian Way to identify appropriate areas for parking.
  - Explore provision of more parking places off-road or the creation of communal parking areas on some of the green spaces
  - Feed importance of

- creating sufficient parking spaces into Manydown consultations.
- Explore opportunities for the provision of dropped kerbs at an affordable price to allow off street parking.
  - Explore with Community Safety Patrol Officers (CSPOs) and Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) if they could carry out more patrols.

## Greater control of traffic through the ward

- Identify routes used by through traffic.
- Explore opportunities to apply and enforce 20mph speed limit where appropriate.
- Ask for through traffic to be surveyed
- Explore ways of reducing through routes and discouraging rat running.
- Explore feasibility of road calming measures and the implementation of speed cameras.

## Well maintained and policed public areas, including shopping parades

- Feed back to Community Safety agencies that the community would like to see more uniformed presence on the streets of Buckskin in order to feel safer, especially in zone 6.
- Identify areas that would benefit from improved street lighting.
- Explore interest in community to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, e.g. through an event
- Continue provision of a youth club in Buckskin
- Explore additional diversionary activities for young people.
- Support development of Safer Shops Schemes in Buckskin.
- Support review of existing CCTV in Buckskin shop area and explore a possible upgrade.

## A well kept community

- A face lift for some areas of the ward
- A review of garages in key identified areas.
  - Raise issues about areas that need a refresh with appropriate agencies.

## Coordinated maintenance of footpaths, hedgerows, pavements and street lighting

- Encourage local people to identify and report issues.
- Identify areas for improvements
- Explore the feasibility of painting treads on steps around Buckskin in fluorescent white.
- Identify areas where street lighting is compromised by overgrowing hedges.
- Identify areas where additional street lighting is needed.

## The preservation of cherished green spaces

- Explore feasibility to install new outdoor play equipment in Stratton Park, such as a Multi-Use-Game-Area (MUGA) or skate park.

- Explore ways to improve and upgrade the Playing Fields in Highfields Estate
- Support activities for children and young people on the Playing Field at Old Kempshott Lane
- Explore feasibility to improve or upgrade existing play equipment in Stratton Park to make it more fun and interesting.
- Explore feasibility to build a splash pad in Stratton Park.
- Explore feasibility to improve playground in Dibley Close.
- Review of current provision, identify priorities with users to explore need for additional seating in Green Spaces
- Explore areas in public spaces that could potentially be adapted for dog training (enclosed area).

#### **A litter free environment**

- Organise local litter picks.
- Work with local shops to identify solutions to the litter problem behind the Blackdown Close shops.
- Explore the feasibility of installing a proper cigarette bin outside the shops.

#### **A place of opportunity**

##### **Public transport that is fit for purpose**

- Review passenger transport
- Review existing bus routes

##### **The continued encouragement of an ethos of good citizenship**

- Promote local volunteering opportunities and encourage volunteering
- Support and organise community events that bring local people together.
- Encourage community-led groups
- Ensure the community's voice is heard on matters that affect the community

##### **Wider provision of community activities**

- Wider promotion of public and commercial venues who already provide activities for children aged from seven to 10
- Explore additional activities for children aged from seven to 10
- Provide a Community Learning Programme from the Ridgeway Centre

##### **An environment in which local businesses can flourish**

- Explore possibility of a post office at Buckskin Shops.
- Explore possibility of seating being available near the shops.
- Explore opportunities to work with businesses and education providers to ensure local people are suitably qualified.
- Explore possibility of putting up shop direction signs on Buckskin Lane.
- Raise business concerns about traffic with Manydown project group.
- Request review of road network around Moniton Estate

##### **Access to local information, advice and support**

- Explore ways of informing residents by mail, internet, local newspaper, radio, local groups etc.
- Seek information boards to be erected across the ward.
- Set up a six monthly communication with 4B updates.
- 4B to establish social media links
- Explore possibilities to produce a local newsletter

#### **A healthy community**

##### **Provision of health and wellbeing services**

- Explore feasibility of offering some health services locally
- Explore feasibility to have a local dentist
- Explore opportunities for local walk in access to a nurse for minor health issues
- Explore extending Pharmacy hours
- Explore possibility of providing smoking cessation services locally.
- Explore local access to baby clinic/health visitors

##### **Access to well maintained and affordable leisure and sports facilities and activities**

- Explore feasibility to install outdoor gym equipment in Stratton Park.
- Advertise activities that are already on offer locally
- Explore need for additional activities.
- Investigate affordable sports activities that could be provided at the Ridgeway Centre or suitable open spaces

- Negotiate with local leisure businesses the possibility of a discount card for residents
- Forward concerns about swimming pool facility to Leisure Pool provider

**Well maintained and sign posted cycle routes and footpaths**

- Explore how to better promote cycle routes and how to make them easier to understand.
- Raise concerns about maintenance of cycle routes with appropriate agencies and lobby for improved maintenance schedule.
- Feed comments back to appropriate agencies and lobby for improved connectivity of local cycle routes.
- Explore opportunities to improve signage of cycle routes.
- Promote existing cycle maps and identify gaps or necessary improvements.

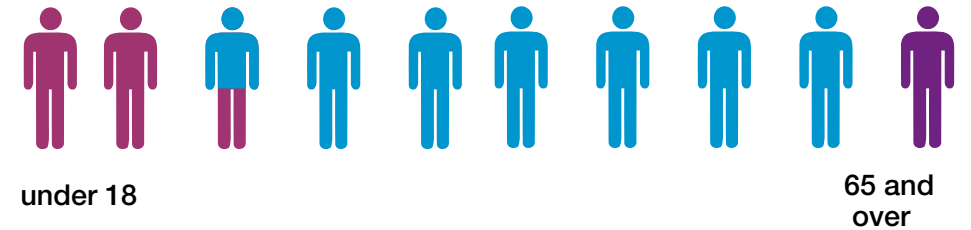
**Energy efficient housing**

- Explore with housing associations how many of their houses are affected and what actions are being undertaken to improve them.
- Promote low-carbon loans and related schemes that home owners/private landlords can apply for to make improvements.
- Promote ways to improve home insulation and engage with the community and housing associations on any funded schemes that become available.
- Promote 'Hitting the cold spots' initiative.

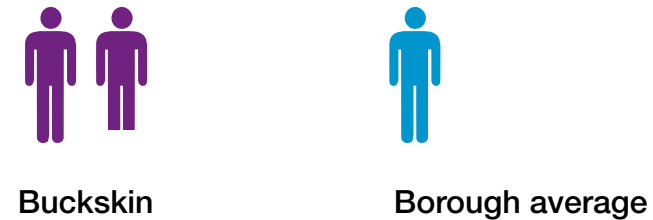
**Facts about Buckskin ward**

The population of Buckskin ward in 2016 was 6,750 and this is forecast to increase by almost 900 people in the next seven years to 2023. More than one in four people (1,800 people) in the ward are under 18 and one in ten people are aged 65 and over.

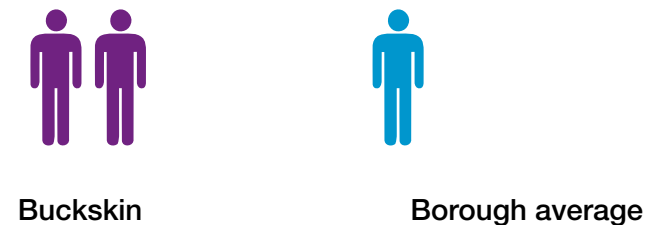
**Population 6,750**



There are proportionally more lone parent households in Buckskin compared to the borough average.



There are more residents in Buckskin who are not in work due to long-term illness than the borough average.



The overall health profile is less favourable and is significantly worse than the England average for:



- emergency admissions and A&E attendances of those under five year olds.
- hospital stays for self-harm
- emergency hospital admission
- deliveries to teenage mothers
- deaths from coronary heart disease

One in five households do not have access to a vehicle



There are more households in Buckskin with limited resources who have to budget to make ends meet than the borough average.

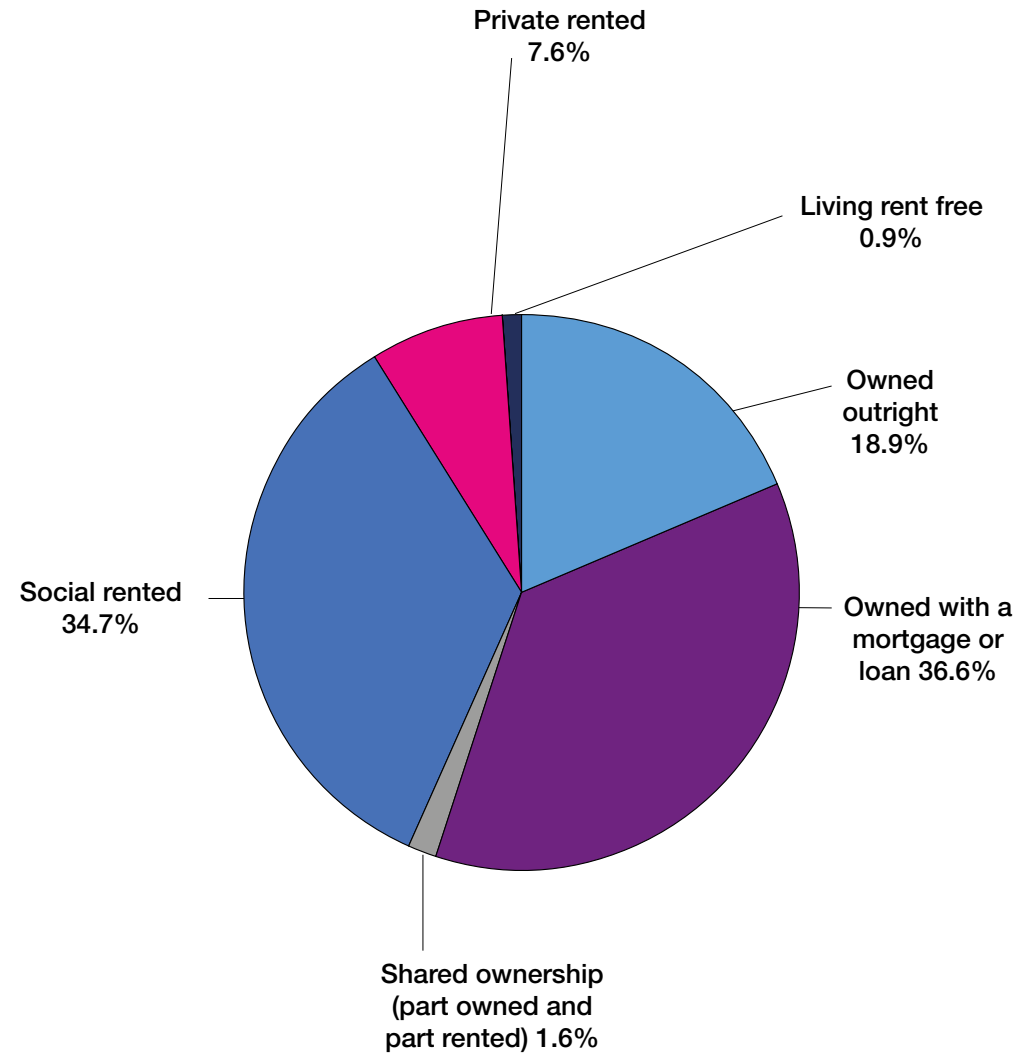


Buckskin



Borough average

## Household tenure



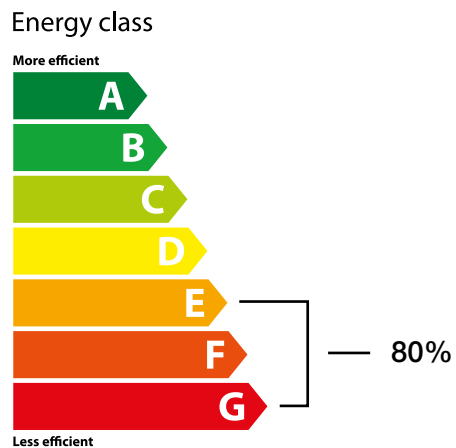
Almost one in five homes have no loft insulation, up to half with uninsulated cavity walls.



Almost one in five homes in Buckskin has single glazing (2013).



There are over 80% with an E-G rated boiler.



## So what happens next?

- You have a summary of the plan
- The 4B Residents Planning Group will now become an Action Group
- Residents who are interested and wish to become involved are invited to join the group. Please contact the number below.
- The task of the Action Group is to challenge the Stakeholders to implement the plan
- The 4B Residents Action Group will identify priorities from within the plan and tackle them over a one year period, a three year period and a five year period.
- The 4B group will distribute a progress report to the Ward's residents in September 2018.
- Residents will be invited to feedback to the 4B Action Group to identify the priorities for 2020 and 2022.
- At the end of the action period in 2022 the 4B Residents Planning Group will reform to produce an updated plan, after a full consultation period with the residents of Buckskin Ward.

The next meetings of 4B will take place at the Ridgeway Centre on

- Tuesday 17 October, 6pm to 7pm
- Tuesday 14 November, 6pm to 7pm
- Tuesday 12 December, 6pm to 7pm

If you would like to find out more, please contact the Community Development Team by emailing [community.development@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:community.development@basingstoke.gov.uk) or calling 01256 845771.





# Notice Your Neighbourhood

If you spot an issue, please let us know and we'll do our best to help.

## What can I report?

There are lots of things you can report to us for repair or removal in your neighbourhood and some examples are below. Visit [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report) for the full list as well as how to report problems with a highway.

- Graffiti
- Found needles
- Fly tipping
- Litter
- Broken glass
- Dog fouling
- Overflowing bins
- Abandoned vehicles
- Damaged trees
- Overhanging vegetation and hedges
- Excessive weeds on busy footways
- Damaged equipment in parks and open spaces



### How can I report it?

[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report)

Download: An app such as 'Love Clean Streets', 'Fix My Street,' or 'My Council' through the app store

Call: 01256 844844