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Alternative shopping to the Co-op

Security cameras , speed bumps , traffic calming and parking wardens .
Upgrading paths and pavements and a few more litter bins .

Resurface all footpaths. Invest in nature reserve.

Something that everyone can use but is focused away from the green acre development. At the moment it appears that resources are all migrating to this point. Not much use if you live by the green and don't drive. Or funds are going towards sports facilities for younger people. I personally would like more visible rangers, clearing foot paths and pavements. Look at astwick road pavement - old side- for example. Or the starting of discussions for land owners to open up access on their land with permissive paths. Many older tracks used across fields have recently been clearly signed as no access even though no harm was being done! Or the development of a tunnel or green bridge over the A1..

Perhaps on fixing pot holes within the town and look at subsidising morning and after schools clubs.

Warden controlled senior housing

I strongly object to being compelled to answer questions 4 and 5 without the option to fully reject the notion that the land should be sold for housing. I have responded to your surveys in the past indicating that they are biased towards an outcome you already prefer. Please keep in mind that these surveys are a matter of public record and therefore scrutiny, should a formal complaint be raised by the community. If you achieve your desires result of sales, I would want the money put towards commercial units so that the services, shops, and hopefully a replacement cafe can open to serve the community. Ideally you could do that on the existing site.

Something that will be used by youth groups potentially open spaces or the hall

Anything that stops this town from being a giant housing estate!

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Improving condition of pavements. Stopping parking on grass verges (where unavoidable turning verges into parking spaces.

New all weather pitch on Arlesey Road that could benefit all types of sports.

A space for more shops & cafe. A play cafe is needed with the amount of young families in Stotfold

Improve general a environment of town , cut parking bays in key rods like Vaughan road and create route out of town onto the A1 which will remove traffic from town, light path from common rd to school

Fixing some of the uneven paths and walkways

Encouragement for more high street business opportunity eg a restaurant, And reviewing creative transport options so that Stotfold has everything it needs to be a vibing local centre with great accessibility for all

Speed enforcement, community events

Either the once promised swimming pool or develop a Stotfold Investment Fund to support community investments, not just throw it away on a vanity capital project

Traffic calming measures along Valerian Way

An additional Hall for local amenities, eg: indoor sport; dancing of all types; meeting place etc

More Infrastructure. More shops.

We no longer have a community centre, this was important and we should have one. It was given to the town, not for the council to repurpose. If anything is sold off, wouldn't it be better to use against against existing costs so our council tax doesn't keep going up, we can't afford this.

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Stuff for children to do that is indoors and doesn't cost an arm and leg. Gaming area or board games or pool tables or table tennis or snack type place for parents of toddlers to meet

There are no retail or commercial properties in stotfold, there is not opportunities for local companies, we would like to see commercial spaces available for some nice cafes or shops (the parade could be knocked down and renovated to be a centre) in order to have a better community space. We don't need more housing, that's the last thing we need with all the property being built in Arlesey. Places like baldock are thriving as they have some new cafe's and restaurants. We have increased the number of people living in stotfold but there hasn't been improvements in the infrastructure

A community cafe.

Another GP/ improvement to GP services.

More community spaces, with an open fully accessible space, advertised to maximum usage.

Family areas / splash park / outdoor coffee shop / ice cream (like Letchworth) maybe at riverside ..

As more businesses close, there is less for older people to do or to go to. Not everyone wants to sit in a pub. There are enough MUGA facilities. There are two undeveloped plots within a stones throw of the council's offices. Purchase them, make them into green areas with seats and shelter and artworks. It will encourage use of the local shops and the new library. Also consider public toilets on or near The Green.

Outside space development, free classes for adults in the town (children and young people already have lots of opportunities)

Potholes fixed Improve surgery provision Support for community provision in arts Support provision for activities for teens especially for older teens

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Better bus connectivity Expand riverside walks and cycle paths Better quality and more diverse shops and cafes on the highstreet

Buy the land next to Academy of Central Beds (old Roecroft) as a public open space (please no more housing!!)

Finish off the Greenacres Park. Some paths not finished or missing

Infrastructure particularly pavements in the town as the majority are a disgrace. Too narrow in places for wheelchair or buggies where undergrowth has taken over. Very uneven in most places and a trip hazard for pedestrians.

Affordable housing or development for Seniors

Youth events and engagement to provide places for teens. There is nothing for teens to do after dark and this impacts on anti social behaviour as boredom kicks in

Sorting out the scrubland in the greenacres estate, less potholes maybe taking over that.

Additional facilities and funding for youth activities.

Rather than the town being overtaken by more housing when the infrastructure can not cope already could the money not be invested into better walking/cycling paths around the town, repairs to pavements to provide better accessibility and safety, a community hub for local groups, social centre, wellness centre, citizens advice, a flexible centre with multi purpose use.

Despite significant new housing development and s106 money the existing town has had little investment or improvement. The newer areas appear to take priority with little regard to the existing settled areas. A prime example is hitchin road rec which is exceptionally poor. I would support improvent to the memorial hall but any development of the Simpson centre land should be considered and not be detriment to the memorial hall. The land I had expected to be older persons bungalows, as Hallworth House but that doesn't appear to be on the lust. The housing Association built the bungalows at Hallworth House - can they be approached to do the same with the Simpson Centre? - this would secure

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the land cannot be inappropriate developed and be protected from greedy developers. I would not support an increase I Council tax for anything as we already pay higher levels than other parishes which is unfair particularly in light of the poor investment despite additional housing.

Lacking a community hub now box of cakes a library not together. Think greenacres is going to struggle to recreate that in new huge space. Memorial hall would be better as library and cafe, keep greenacres as large sports hall which town needs

For older people that are not pensioners also for pensioners to maintain their fitness and learn new skills older people find life very lonely

Community spaces for the elderly

Long term investment in tackling cleanliness and litter, especially in our open spaces and woodlands. With an ever expanding population and a sadly blatant disregard for wildlife, if new generations are not educated to be mindful about littering and leaving dog poo, then the town needs a full time clean up crew.

Ideas: we have lost the community centre at greenacre so a replacement one. Develop a paddling beach area, a pump track to replace the Riverside BMX equipment. A sound garden is liked by kids + is interactive.

The Memorial Hall OR : Didnt find *additional information* on the website. we still need more potholes filled and we need more 20mph signs up over Stotfold esp. in Tansy Avenue. There is nothing to tell people coming in from the Norton roundabout + people drive at least 30-40mph sometimes. One day there will be a fatality.

See question 4 (senior living development if Warden controlled)

No answer

For any of the halls, churches, library etc that need it for refurbishment works or for benches, signs and plants to make our town tidy and pretty or if possible

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improved parking on hitchin Rd and regent St to allow the traffic to flow and reduce the risk of an accident.

In to the library or other community services that benefit the whole town.

Stop charging for garden waste disposal

Netball court and storage at riverside. No lighting to pathways etc or storage

Reinstate Stotfold Cricket club

I'm not sure how it would be best invested but think there should be more options than the above two. Maybe something for teens to do in all weathers. Funding equipment that could be stored in a resource we already have such as the council buildings. I was thinking things like table tennis, or a RC for film nights, like a youth club somewhere.

Youth hub / youth facilities / dedicated for teenagers

Better transport links to Fairfield and Letchworth

Hitchin Road park is tired and most of the equipment is as old as I am. Other parks have had work done to them however, Hitchin Road seems to get forgotten about. I would also like to see more events happen more aimed at grown ups. The line up for Stotfest 2025 is basically the steam fair round 2. Bring some life to this town.

Youth center

Youth services

Facilities for community, including library with access to computers.

Provision for preservation of natural spaces, wildlife protection, development of cycle routes and footpaths to counteract the relentless development and destruction of countryside/wildlife environment in favour of more and more housing for which Stotfold doesn't have suitable infrastructure.

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Repairing to pot holes

Areas in need of repair/updating that need doing, should be done by CBC but won't be. PLUS see below,

Community events, youth programmes, entertainment/leisure venue for families. Council website (as the current one is useless)

Stotfold has grown significantly but the amenities haven't. There is just 1 coffee shop and priority should be given to the older generation instead of prioritising children who have enough parks etc plus the proposed skate park

Would like to see improved bus services ie. to Stevenage direct (and Lister Hospital) + Bedford

- ongoing improvements to create a real centre to the town (already under way) - Additional car parking to ease traffic congestion - Development of a building as a banking hub

Better roads and pathways. Community celebrations of significant days in the year. Assisting the aged.

More spaces for young people like youth hub or mental health facilities

- equipment for our open spaces - speed cameras for 20mph enforcement. Pot hole repairs.

Demand for another café (Greenacres) next to new library. Make a community hub where there's indoor activities that are relaxed for under 5 + families - play ground@ Memorial Hall? Since Box of Cakes have gone (cannot use Ruths due to declined access to toilets) ensure public toilets are functioning.

Would like to see another café/ Greenacres along with new library to make this the hub of the community.

Much better medical facilities and replace Hallworth House

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Better medical facilities/access to see doctors "Walk in" medical centre.

Better parking provision - adapt verge parking and tidy up areas like Vaughan Road, Princes St.

A pot of yellow paint for double yellow lines where the pavements are blocked by parked vehicles so the drivers get some fines/points and incentives to park on the road.

Cemetery Upgrades

A space to socialise for older people to meet.

More interesting diverse classes, languages, inspiring speakers, talks, creativity, classes teenagers, workshops, meditation, personal development, "pop up" spaces modern. Progressive Thanks

Another supermarket.