

SANDBACH TOWN PLAN ACTION PLAN

REVIEW JANUARY 2015

KEY

CEC = CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

STC = SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

STAR = SANDBACH TRADERS AND RETAILERS

FOSP = FRIENDS OF SANDBACH PARK

SWWG = SANDBACH WOODLANDS AND WILDLIFE GROUP



PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES - YET TO BE STARTED



PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES - IN PROGRESS



PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES - COMPLETED

THEME: PARK, GREEN SPACES & WILDLIFE

Ref / Action No.		Action to be taken	Lead Organisation	Proposed Key Partners	Current Status January 2015
1	Preservation and care of Green Spaces	CEC has been informed of the survey results	STC	CEC, SWWG, Sandbach Tidy Town Group, Sandbach in Bloom, Sandbach Allotment Society, FOSP	<p>All key partners are working with CEC to ensure that the preservation of open green spaces is maintained.</p> <p>The issues have also been included in the Sandbach Town Strategy document.</p>
2	Continue to provide hanging baskets, floral displays and community gardens	CEC has been informed of the survey results Confirm with Key Partners that they plan no change to their existing gardens and floral display policies	STC	CEC, Sandbach in Bloom, Sandbach Allotment Society, FOSP	<p>Floral activities are now undertaken by STC through its Tidy Town Group, the group consists of local volunteers.</p> <p>The Tidy Town Group incorporates the work previously under taken by Sandbach in Bloom.</p>
3	Continue to provide outside sports facilities	CEC has been informed of the survey results Confirm with Key Partners that they plan no change to their existing provision of outside sports facilities	STC	CEC, Local Sports Clubs	<p>STC to continue to liaise with CEC to ensure that an up to date list of outside sports facilities in Sandbach is maintained.</p> <p>Sandbach Leisure Centre is now run by the Everybody Sport and Recreation Charitable Trust, a key objective of which is to "Build strong communities and effective partnerships.</p>

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4	Support energy conservation	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	STC	CEC continue to monitor their carbon management plan.
5	Support improved recycling	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	Sandbach Tidy Town Group, Sandbach Waste and Recycling Group, Sandbach Clean Team	CEC has confirmed that recycling is and will remain a key priority.
6	Tackle issues detrimental to the quality of life in Sandbach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling • Litter from fast food outlets • Various “Grot Spots” around town • Unsightly recycling areas 	Sandbach Tidy Town Group to develop an action plan to look at these area and raise the issues with the relevant organisations	STC	CEC, Sandbach Clean Team, Sandbach Waste and Recycling Group	STC Tidy Town Group have developed an action plan and continue to work with environmental and other community groups on various initiatives. The Community Pride Awards that Sandbach won in 2014, reflect these initiatives.
7	Support the provision of allotments	Sandbach Allotment Society to continue to work with STC and CEC to identify and develop sites	Sandbach Allotment Society	STC, CEC	Temporary allotments at Yeowood Farm are now in operation. Plans for permanent sites continue to be investigated. Plans for permanent sites continue to be investigated.

8	Improvements to existing wildlife corridor and nature trails	SWWG to continue the development of management plans for the wildlife corridor	SWWG	STC, CEC, A Rocha, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Forestry Commission, Sandbach Clean Team, The Avenue's Tenants and Residents Association	Development Plan under continual review with implementation ongoing.
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THEME: TRANSPORT, PARKING & CYCLING

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9	Improvements to J17, M6	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	Highways Agency, STC	Work has started on improvements to junction 17 and will be completed in early Spring 2015.
10	Reduce school run congestion by use of Walking Buses	Discuss with primary schools	STC	Schools/parents	Sandbach Partnership has requested the four CEC Members for Sandbach to help identify, with local schools, existing arrangements and any plans being progressed to address this issue.
11	Reduce school run congestion by use of Car Sharing	Discuss with primary schools	STC	Schools/parents	Sandbach Partnership has requested the four CEC Members for Sandbach to help identify, with local schools, existing arrangements and any plans being progressed to address this issue.
12	Most liked to see road safety improvements e.g. speed limit enforcement (Includes possible 20mph speed limits)	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	Police, Fire & Rescue Service	Police and Fire & Rescue Service have already started education process; CEC, Highways is reviewing all speed enforcement, education, and engineering issues, as part of the speed management review; this is with a view to producing an appropriate mix of initiatives
13	Better maintained pavements to encourage more walking	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	None	Cheshire East Highways maintains footways in accordance with the Borough's highway maintenance policy. This means that footways will be safe to walk and will be free from dangerous defects, such as tripping hazards.
14	Cycling to be encouraged, with more parking, to get in and around Sandbach	Cyclists Touring Club and Sandbach Partnership have been informed of the survey results	Sandbach Partnership	STC, CEC, Cyclists Touring Club	Work by key partners continues to highlight the needs of cyclists. This will also be included as part of the preparation of a Sandbach Neighbourhood Development Plan. A Cycling Forum has also been established which has produced the South East Cheshire Cycle Network Map and which is also reviewing the provision of cycle racks.

THEME: LEISURE, EVENTS & AMENITIES					
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15	More facilities for young people, generally, and in Parks	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	STC, Sandbach Park Steering Committee, FOSP	Additional facilities in Mortimer Drive Play Area and Sandbach and Elworth Park have been installed and other Play Areas have received funding for remedial work.
16	More control over late-night drinking	Improve the late night environment and economy	STC	CEC, Police, Pub Watch	Issues have been tackled by an active Pub watch Scheme, improvements to CCTV coverage and regular monitoring and reporting by residents groups and an overview by the Neighbourhood Policing Group.
17	Introduce film shows	Send results to Sandbach Community Cinema Group has been informed of the survey results	STC	None	Community Cinema established at Sandbach Town Hall
18	More variety of markets and events	Send results to STC, Sandbach Partnership have been informed of survey results	STC	Sandbach Partnership	An annual programme of Markets and Events is now in place, actioned by STC, Sandbach Partnership and community groups.
19	Introduce music festivals	STC has been informed of the survey results	STC	Local organisations (e.g. Fodens Band)	Community groups provide a wide variety of music activities throughout the year.
20	Improve public toilets (Town Centre)	STC has been informed of the survey results	STC	None	Refurbishment of toilets completed, monitoring programme in place to ensure standards are maintained.

21	Improve Park toilets	None	CEC	None	Refurbishment of toilets completed, monitoring programme in place to ensure standards are maintained.
22	Improve community use of, and facilities at, Sandbach Leisure Centre	CEC and Sandbach High School have been informed of the survey results	CEC	STC, Sandbach High School, Leisure Centre User Group	There have been no significant signs of improvements to the availability and range of facilities to reflect current needs of leisure centre users. The Joint User Agreement remains unsigned (since 2009).
23	To increase community use of outside sports facilities at Sandbach High School	Discuss with Sandbach High School	STC	Sandbach High School, CEC	The availability to the general community of the outside facilities remains limited when compared to those at Sandbach School. The Head Teacher of Sandbach High School has been approached to improve this situation but without success to date

THEME: BUILDINGS, HERITAGE & CONSERVATION

Ref / Action No..	Key Issue	Action to be taken	Lead Organisation	Proposed Key Partners	Current Status January 2015
24	Distinctive buildings to be preserved	CEC has been informed of the survey results, together with a request to make the conservation area review a high priority	CEC	STC, Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	Conservation area appraisal completed awaiting adoption by CEC.
25	Tighter planning regulations in sensitive places and historical areas of town	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	STC, Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	The Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan provides advice, proposals and management actions to improve design quality within the conservation area. It also sets out opportunities for improvement and better design quality within the wider town centre.
26	Tighter regulations on Shop Frontages and Signage	CEC has been informed of the survey results	CEC	STC, Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	The Conservation Management Plan includes detailed shop front design guidance and a design checklist against which to develop and assess proposals for shop fronts within the conservation area. Some of the principles and the requirements could be also applied to shop fronts outside of the Conservation Area.
27	Publicity showing the architectural and industry heritage of the town	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group to design and obtain costs of producing documents	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	STC, Sandbach Partnership, Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	The group are working with the Sandbach Conservation Group to commission suitable publications and signage.

28	Tableau in the Market Square to celebrate the history of the Saxon Crosses	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group to contact English Heritage and Sandbach History Society	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	STC, Sandbach Partnership, Sandbach History Society	The signage and historical information on the lecterns on the Cobbled Square has now been installed.
29	Tableau to celebrate the buildings of Sir Gilbert Scott	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group to contact Sandbach History Society	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	STC, Sandbach Partnership, Sandbach History Society	The History Society has plans under consideration.
30	Commemoration of the towns motor vehicle heritage	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group to contact Sandbach History Society	Heritage and Buildings Conservation Group	STC, Sandbach Partnership, Sandbach History Society	Plans are under consideration.

THEME: SHOPS, COMMERCE & JOBS					
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31	Restrict number of food takeaways and charity shops in the town centre.	CEC has been advised so as to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan	CEC	STC, STAR	Under consideration as part of preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan
32	Improve quality, variety and quantity of stalls on the weekly market	Assess quality of goods prior to acceptance on Market Attract new stall holders for specific product target areas Promote market to attract more customers	STC	STAR, Market Trader's Association	Completed
33	Introduce customer loyalty card	STAR has been informed of the survey results	STAR	CEC, STC	Love Local Life scheme was re-launched 2014.
34	Support the development of a Business Park at the site adjacent to J17, M6	CEC has been advised so as to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan	CEC	STC	Under consideration within preparation of the CEC Local Plan

35	Support priority of planned industrial development on Brownfield Sites	CEC has been advised so as to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan	CEC	STC	Under consideration within preparation of the CEC Local Plan
36	Support provision of fast-optic internet	CEC has been advised so as to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan	CEC	STC	Superfast Broadband now available in Sandbach Town Centre
37	Support the opposition to industry on Greenfield sites, even if no Brownfield site is suitable	CEC has been advised so as to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan	CEC	STC	Under consideration within preparation of the CEC Local Plan
38	Support STC taking over the Market and Town Hall complex	STC has been informed of the survey results	STC	CEC	Transfer from CEC to STC completed in June 2012

THEME: YOUNG PEOPLE					
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39	Areas of concern for safety: Sandbach Park Town Centre, Alleyways Linden Bank Elworth Park	CEC, Secondary Schools, Police and STC informed of the survey results	STC	Police, Schools, CEC	Shrubs and hedges have been removed at Sandbach and Elworth parks, giving substantial improvements to visibility. Also CCTV cameras and coverage in the Town Centre has been improved and updated.
40	Need to improve safety in the Town	Consult Police, Schools and CEC about highways and parks. Also consult Sandbach Partnership and Sustainable Sandbach on cycle lanes	STC	Police, Schools, CEC, Sandbach Partnership, Sustainable Sandbach	CCTV cameras and coverage in the Town Centre has been improved and updated. Cycle lanes to be considered, with Action 14, as part of preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan
41	Better range and variety of shopping for young people	Work with STAR and CEC to encourage new retailers into Town	STC	STAR, CEC	A Town Team has been established. Ongoing work has been undertaken with STAR STC CEC and SP to establish the best use of social media.
42	Provide more facilities in the parks	CEC has been advised so as to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan	STC	CEC, Friends of Sandbach and Elworth Parks, Sandbach Partnership	Mortimer Drive Play Area, Sandbach Park and Elworth Park have been refurbished, other play areas have benefited from remedial work which has enhanced the facilities.
43	“Remove Linden Bank “ (Approved Premise)	Cheshire Probation Trust informed of survey results	STC	Cheshire Probation Trust	No further action, with Cheshire Probation Trust having been informed of survey results

NB - Financial responsibility of the ongoing activities in the Action Plan are the responsibility of the lead organisation.