

Responses to question forms collected at the Annual Town Meeting 2018

What do you think are the most important challenges for Hungerford over the next 20 years?

Education

Success of secondary school

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Retail and Commerce

Retaining existing commercial ventures

Saving the High St

Innovation, housing, employment that embraces the unique position of Hungerford

Housing

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Building houses

Traffic

Limit heavy trucks in the High St

Traffic management

Social

Apathy and aversion to change

Promoting community cohesion

Maintaining a demographic balance – currently insufficient housing & employment for young people and families with bias towards old

Development and Infrastructure

Appropriate development with provision of adequate infrastructure to meet changing needs in all areas but particularly education, transport, health and social care

Accommodating the need for residential accommodation and facilitating the resources i.e. larger schools, doctors, shops, road access

An elderly population needing access to local health care services and reliable local transport systems to access various services also suitable housing.

Drugs – to manage the devolved services from West Berkshire

What would you consider to be the most valued attributes in Hungerford?

Countryside

River, canal, countryside

The Common, The Marsh

Location – people – the best of Town & Countryside, a great place to live

We're very lucky to have the Marsh and Commons that the Town & Manor protect and the designation as our AONB is fully justified.

Community

Community spirit

People

Community spirit of desire to protect the attributes of the town

A sense of community and appreciation of the town's history as well as love of the environment that surrounds us.

Community spirit (but under threat because younger people born in town often have to leave for jobs / housing – older people arriving to retire don't often contribute.

Retail

Tesco

Independent shops

Full service High St shops (including bookshop, hard ware store)

Antique trade

2 garages/petrol

Retail centre

Heritage

Wonderful buildings

History

Unique history

Transport

Its location within the country and links to west, south and east

Transport hub

The Station

Train and bus services

Libraryx2

Doctor's surgery

Fire/Police station

Schools

Housing

Employment

What would you like to see in Hungerford, or be changed or improved, in the future?

Retail and Commerce

Tenants for empty shops

Reduction in business rates to help businesses

Tesco sites developed into sympathetic housing, shops, green area, reducing traffic in High St, Waitrose

More practical shops so people don't have to go out of Hungerford to shop

Different shops

Renovation of shabby High St premises

Housing

More low-cost houses to rent or buy so we keep the youngsters in Hungerford

Quality affordable housing for young people and families

Transport

By pass (for A303 to A34 traffic)

Speed camera in Salisbury Road (or sign)

I would like to see transport issues addressed further, both road and rail networks need ongoing maintenance and improvement as the town develops. The station area should enhance the town instead of being a waste of space.

Bigger station car park

Move the red telephone box/kiosk on the High St which obscures people leaving out onto pedestrian crossing

Shift telephone kiosk in High St away from pedestrian crossing.

Infrastructure

Comprehensive review and improvement in infrastructure

If we increase the population, we need to increase facilities and amenities

Electric Car charging points

Electrical car charging point installed