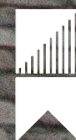




STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT PLAN CONSULTATION REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This report concludes the public consultation undertaken between 28th January and 31st March 2023. The aim of the consultation was to generate feedback on the council's draft strategic plan.

The consultation was promoted in local media, via the council's e-mailing list and online. A leaflet was also distributed via primary school book bags. Reference copies of the plan, along with feedback forms, were available in the Market Hall and Library. The council also held a consultation evening in Knutsford Methodist Church in February where it presented on the draft plan and how it had been developed.

The consultation invited feedback on the draft plan and this could be submitted on paper, email or via an online form. The questionnaire asked if aspects were supported and whether changes were required.

142 written responses were received.

DEMOGRAPHY

RESPONDENT AGE

Age data was provided for 126 responses.

Age Range	Percentage
< 21	0%
21-30	2.38%
31-40	12.70%
41-65	41.27%
65+	43.65%

Comparing the age range of respondents to the 2011 census data¹ shows that older people (40+) are over represented (84.9% of responses vs 49.2% of population) whilst younger adults (21-40) are under

¹ Parish data from the 2021 census is not yet available.

represented (15.1% of responses vs 28.5% of population). Those aged 10-21 are not represented at all. This demographic breakdown is typical of this form of consultation (consulting on a draft document) but highlights efforts will need to be made to engage younger people in future engagement activity.

POSTCODE DISTRIBUTION

Postcode data was provided by go respondents.

As with our summer 2022 consultation, the map show a broad distribution of responses from across Knutsford with the notable exception of a low response rate for Longridge and also from the Legh Road Conservation Area.

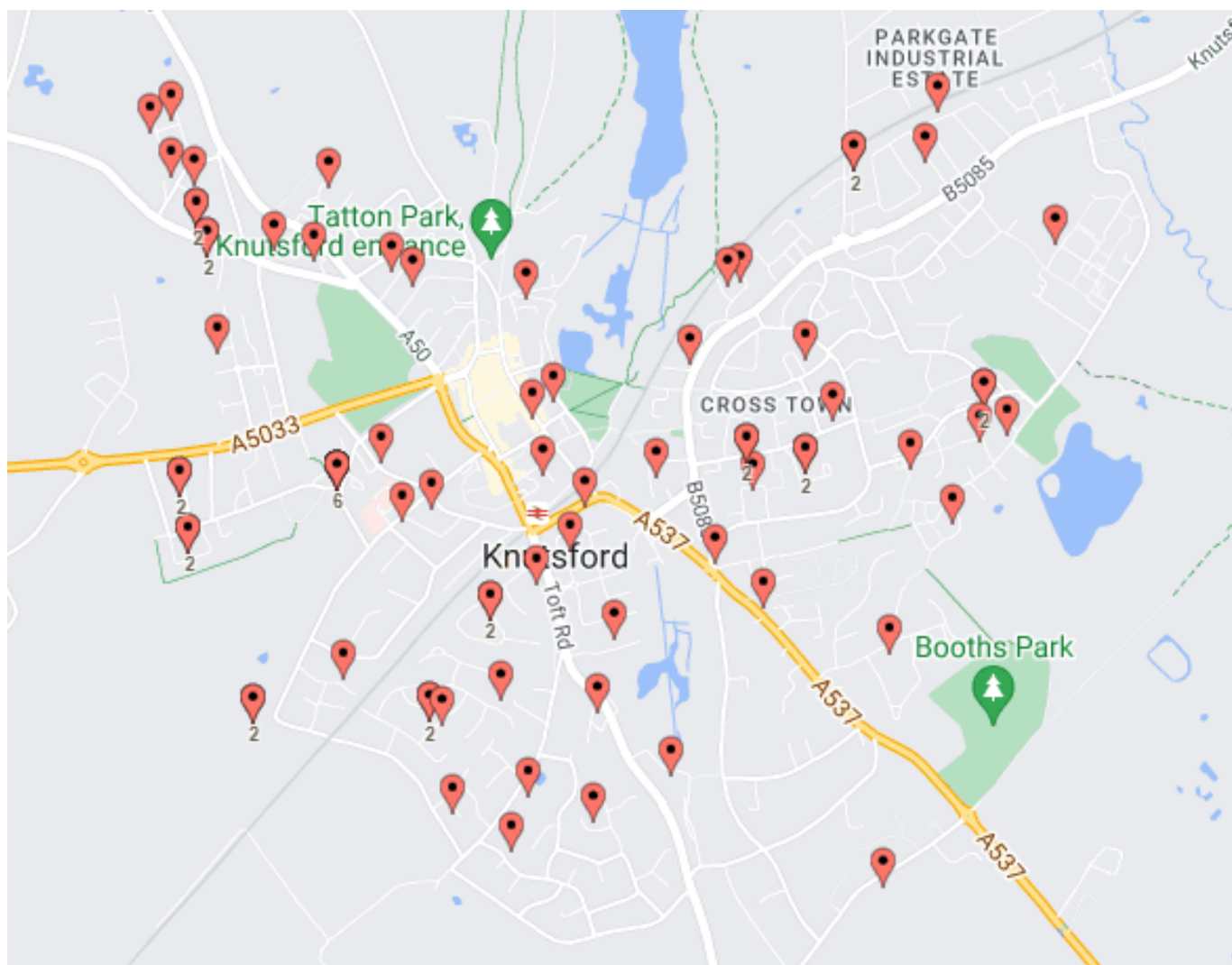


Figure 1 Respondent Distribution

For this type of consultation (seeking specific views on the draft document) it was not feasible to hold a more casual engagement session to address the gap. However, it highlights that engagement activity in these areas will need to be carefully designed in the future.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES SUMMARY

OVERALL SUPPORT

Respondents were asked “overall, do you support the Town Council’s Strategic Plan 2023-2032”.

81.5% of respondents indicated support the plan overall.

20 reasons for not supporting the draft plan were provided:

- 7 reasons were about the plan specifically, i.e. that it is not strategic, lacks detail or is not meaningful
- 3 reasons were related to “15 minute cities”
- 2 felt it was to support more development

Other comments included the plan needing more on protecting the environment, concern over change to the town centre and lack of provision for sports facilities.

VALUES

Respondents were asked “do you agree or disagree that the following should be the core values of Knutsford Town Council?” and invited to make comments.

We work to make Knutsford a better place to live, work visit and do business.

Support (91.0%), Object (1.5%) Neither (7.5%)

One comment suggesting that Knutsford should not be a good place to visit and that it should cater for local residents. Another provided a detailed suggestion to improve clarity.

Amended to improve readability.

We are committed to openness, transparency and strong democratic engagement.

Support (82.0%), Object (4.5%) Neither (13.5%)

One comment suggesting the councillors do not presently do enough to engage with the community.

We aspire to be community leaders and serve as the voice of Knutsford.

Support (75.9%), Object (4.5%) Neither (19.5%)

One comment noted that community leaders should also have a voice, a second said the council should not categorise itself as leaders. Another suggested “aspire” is too weak and should be changed to “set out”

Change of “aspire” to “set out”, minor amendment to the text of this value to remove “the leaders” and clarify we will also support emergence of other leaders in the community.

We deliver high-quality services which represent value for money and efficient use of council tax funds.

Support (69.9%), Object (6.8%) Neither (23.3%)

One comment agreeing food financial management is important, a second that people will expect this to be a top priority value, and two that this is not currently demonstrated.

We will work collaboratively to strengthen the whole Knutsford community.

Support (79.7%), Object (4.5%) Neither (15.8%)

One comment agreeing partnership working is important.

Minor consistency tweak to remove “will” from headline value.

We will ensure our staff feel valued and empowered.

Support (71.4%), Object (3.0%) Neither (25.6%)

Two comments, one suggesting it is to inward focused and a second that it needs to state purpose.

Minor consistency tweak to remove “will” from headline value.

AIMS

Respondents were asked “do you agree or disagree that the following should be the strategic aims of Knutsford Town Council?” and invited to make comments.

Knutsford Town Centre will be a thriving and unique destination for visitors and residents alike

Support (82.7%), Object (6.8%) Neither (10.5%)

Nine comments related to this aim. One suggested accessibility be included within the aim, three that visitors should be a lower priority than residents. One noted that the meaning of “independent” was unclear.

We will adjust the aim to “Knutsford Town Centre will be a thriving and unique destination for residents and visitors”

Our residents will have less need to use a car with it being easy to travel by cycling, walking and public transport

Support (63.2%), Object (21.8%) Neither (15.0%)

Thirty-one comments related to this aim. Eight were against any restriction to the use of cars, four noted the needs of disabled/elderly populations and how car access is important to them, three highlighted greater priority needs to be given for pedestrians over cycling. Seven noted the importance of public transport and two felt any change was unrealistic. One suggested walking precede cycling to indicate priority.

Walking and cycling will be switched and this aim has been re-phrased as “We will enable residents to choose to reduce their reliance on cars by improving the desirability of walking, cycling and using public transport”

Knutsford will have a diverse network of green spaces, a biodiverse natural environment and a reduced carbon footprint

Support (77.4%), Object (6.8%) Neither (15.8%)

Four comments related to this aim. One is against the principle, the others support the aim. Two comments highlight the importance of protecting trees.

No change is proposed to the aim.

We will lead a strong, connected community with a thriving community spirit and civic pride

Support (75.2%), Object (6.0%) Neither (18.8%)

Four comments related to this aim. Two consider that heritage should be a separate aim. One suggests the aim should include fostering a caring community.

We will create a new aim of “Knutsford’s heritage will be conserved, understood and celebrated”

Knutsford residents will have access to the services and facilities they need to live happy and healthy lives

Support (81.2%), Object (6.2%) Neither (12.8%)

17 comments related to this aim, predominantly highlighting its importance and regretting the current position with regard access to key services. A number of comments are not confident the council can achieve this aim as many services are outside its control, one suggested the aim is too grand.

No change is proposed to the aim.

OBJECTIVES

A total of 725 comments/statements were made providing feedback to the objectives or suggesting specific actions that should be undertaken. In addition, two long form (detailed) submissions were received providing feedback on the document overall (including suggestions on ease of reading, wording, emphasis etc)

ACTIVE TRAVEL

189 comments related to the Active Travel objectives, including 40 specific actions proposed.

Comments broadly:

- Supported measures to promote walking and cycling across the town
- Lamented the poor bus services and need for a town circular
- Sought more frequent trains
- Highlighted that access by car will be important for the elderly and disabled
- Some comments (generally, but particularly focused around this theme) expressed concern that measures were proposed to *prevent* car use, rather than promoting alternatives.

The comments indicated overall support for the objectives.

Specific changes to objectives were put forward:

Ref	Suggestion	Response
TC1	To omit “incorporating the Knutsford Cycle Infrastructure Plan” from the heading	this would aid readability and has been amended.
TC1	Make first objective a Walking Infrastructure Plan (safe, even surfaced etc) to complement enhanced Cycle Plan.	The active travel plan would incorporate improvements to both the walking and cycling network. It is intended to be a single document so that areas of conflict can be resolved at the start.
TC1	Prioritise walking (improvement to pavements)	The active travel plan would incorporate improvements to both the walking and cycling network.
T2	That the objective should include a segregated pedestrian path as well as cycle path	whilst this could be investigated as part of the design, it would likely require a significantly larger area to create. It is considered a shared path would be more deliverable.
T2	Add “and residential area”	Amended.

T3	Delete “and permissive paths” as this is covered in T4	Amended
T5	Should include promotion of using the railway	Amended
T6	Objective needs more than ‘aspire’. ‘strive to’?	Amended
T7	should remove “through education and enforcement” from the heading	this would aid readability and has been amended.
T7	Query who is being educated.	All road users as appropriate, although mainly drivers.

COMMUNITY

189 comments related to the Community objectives, including 45 specific actions proposed.

Comments broadly reinforced the objectives outlined in the plan.

A number of changes to objectives were put forward:

Ref	Suggestion	Response
C11	Should indicate what channels will be used	At this stage this is unknown, and we expect it will evolve over the plan period. The detail will be added through the action plans and further work on understanding precisely what we need to do.
C11	The council should be more creative in its engagement and expand opportunity for community involvement	We have added reference to improving the way we engage the community in our work into this objective.
C12	The Knutsford Design guide should be reviewed	Added reference to reviewing the KDG to C12.
C13	Councillors require training and better understanding of their role and KNP	We will address ensuring members/officers are competent to deliver this plan through our Training and Development policy.
C4	Worthy Objectives and partners cited but do poor services and facilities appear only in St John’s Ward? Is it just Longridge or is it the eastern wards more generally with perceptions of separation? Some examples of the barriers to be dismantled would be helpful.	Whilst we understand there is need in various parts of the community, we are aware that this is more acute in this ward. However, we will have a further objective to ensure access to facilities and services for the whole community.
C4	Slightly uneasy about naming this as the deprived area so ostentatiously. ‘Help them to achieve their full potential’ more appropriate?	We have mentioned it prominently to ensure focus is not lost on tackling this issue. We have added “to help them achieve their full potential” to C4.
C8	This Objective should set the target that each event should at least be cost-neutral to ease the precept payer’s perceptions.	It is likely that delivering community focused events will not be cost neutral. The council would carefully consider the cost/benefit of

		any proposal and, in line with our overarching values, seek to use council tax funds as efficiently as possible.
C9	Add reference to churches	Amended
C1/C3	OK but hardly a call to arms considering how much of the heritage is going to have to be re-purposed and how many not-very-well-designed buildings of 20th and 21st Century can be improved as changes of use are applied for. Real opportunity to build policies into revision of the KNP and KDG to secure the attractiveness of the town for the future. Is this weak because a specific Aim is lacking?	We have created a new Heritage aim and an objective of developing a heritage plan to form the basis of further work on celebrating and protecting the town's heritage. We've also moved C1-C3 to a new H2-H4 to re-prioritise them. We've expanded the text of H3 and H4 to reinforce use of the Neighbourhood Plan.
C1	Good concrete suggestions but too hesitant?	Have amended to "will"
C1	Reference to be made to Heritage Open Days	This is one possible event that would be considered.
C3	Suggest 'for the buildings and their settings'	Amended.
C4	Not clear what 'deliver activity' means. Suggest '...to identify needs and improve access...?'	Amended.
C5	Why not 'St John's Ward' as in C4?	Our understanding is that whilst the ward overall is in need of service access, the disconnect primarily affects the Longridge estate due to its historical development
C7	Assumes the goodwill is there! Suggest 'we will engage with the goodwill of the community to provide opportunities for...'	We are confident that goodwill exists, as this is frequently demonstrated. Amended.
C9	Add reference to Knutsford Hosts	We don't feel the need to refer to specific organisations in the text of this objective, but Knutsford Hosts are exactly the kind of organisation that helps meet this objective.
C11	Why not Improve rather than develop improved?	Agreed, amended.
C14	Confusing long sentence. Suggest '...where development happens it must comply with the Neighbourhood Plan to achieve high quality of design in buildings and public areas, and be of community benefit.'	A clearer drafting has been implemented.

ENVIRONMENT

104 comments related to the Environment objectives, including 30 specific actions.

The comments highlighted concern about the impact of development on the environment ('loss of green fields'), support for measures which promote wildlife (tree planting, wildflowers etc) and highlight the value of open space. The comments broadly support the objectives. A number of changes to objectives were put forward:

Ref	Suggestion	Response
E1	List partners in objectives E1-E3	Whilst we mentioned Cheshire Wildlife Trust as a key partner (for their county-wide knowledge and our existing relationship with them) there will be a multitude of partners in these objectives such that it would be challenging to list them all.
E1	Ensure spaces are accessible for all	Reference to ensuring accessibility has been added to E1
E2	Objective is too vague and needs targets. Must be considered in wider context than environment/green space (e.g. pollution, active travel)	The text for this objective has been expanded.
E2	Air quality is required	Reference to air quality has been added.
E2	Too little reference to hedges and rewilding	We have added reference to this in the text.
E2	Various comments about the need for tree preservation	We have added a new objective to tackle this
E2	Suggest omit 'which will aim'	Amended.
E3	Suggest something more precise than "a home for nature"	Amended to refer "to restore and enhance natural habitats"

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

140 comments related to the Services and Facilities objectives, including 26 specific actions.

The most common themes amongst comments were the need for improved medical facilities and concern over/opposition to housing development due to loss of green space and impact on services. Comments also reinforced the need for improvement to the Market Hall and sport facilities (including the Leisure Centre) and highlighted the importance of ensuring services/facilities are accessible.

Some comments noted that a number of objectives would be challenging to deliver as outside the control of the Town Council. One comment also highlighted the omission of reference to the airport in the plan. Two comments suggested traffic issues cannot be resolved without a bypass.

Overall the comments support the outlined objectives. A number of changes to objectives were put forward:

Ref	Suggestion	Response
S2	Ensure linking in with CEC, ICB and Care Community objectives to avoid duplication	Have added specific reference to working with CEC and local NHS bodies
S2	Laudable objective but loosely expressed. Who are the partners to be? What are the specific outcomes, the staging posts on achieving the broad objective? No mention of Leisure Centre, sport arrangements, working with charitable foundations with same objectives. Disappointingly vague.	The objectives are high level, and the relevant committee will develop an action plan for their implementation which will detail how it will be achieved. We've refined the objective text.
S3	It is first necessary to identify the needs of children and teenagers (which are very different) and what can be done about them.	This is agreed and we've refined the text to refer to this.
S4	Various comments about the importance of improvements to medical facilities	We have added a new objective focused on this

TOWN CENTRE

173 comments related to the Town Centre, including 16 specific actions.

The theme of comments was broadly in alignment with previous consultations, with pedestrianisation (mainly for, but also against) being most common as well as concern about the retail mix in the town centre, parking and business rents/rates affecting viability. Overall, the comments support the content of the objectives. No comments suggested areas which are not covered by the existing draft objectives, for example issues of mix and accessibility would be covered by the Town Centre Masterplan, therefore no changes to the substance of objectives are proposed.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS

The consultation invited respondents to propose specific actions that should be taken to deliver the outcomes of the plan. 158 unique actions were raised and these are detailed in the table overleaf. They will be considered by committees as part of developing action plans.

Ref	Action	Theme	Aim
1	Ensure community aspirations for 60 King Street are met	60 King St	Services
2	Ensure open spaces are accessible for all	Accessibility	Environment
3	Wheelchair test everything	Accessibility	Services
4	Provide active travel route Longridge	Active Travel	Active Travel
5	Do a travel survey with staff and councillors to see what measures you as a council could implement to encourage active travel amongst your workers and members.	Active Travel	Active Travel
6	Have an annual leave your car at home day,	Active Travel	Active Travel
7	Make cycling/walking routes more available.	Active Travel	Active Travel
8	The Town Council should look at air quality.	Air Quality	Environment
9	Work with Cheshire East to establish an evidence base to challenge the airport (who currently hold all the information) and have a say in future decisions.	Airport	Services
10	Provide benches to help break up journeys to places.	Benches	Active Travel
11	Provide more dog waste bins	Bins	Community
12	Survey the bin collection horror places.	Bins	Services
13	The ends of gardens on west side of Legh Rd include Sanctuary Moor in their ownership. Some have extended their formal gardens into the Wildlife Site. In co-operation with CEC, Cheshire Wildlife Trust and KTC's Nature Action Plan team, identification, survey and protection of these and other sites need to be secured.	Biodiversity	Environment
14	Improve maintenance of existing trees	Biodiversity	Environment
15	Discourage developers use of fences and fast growing conifers which do not support wildlife.	Biodiversity	Environment
16	Hedgehog and wildlife corridors.	Biodiversity	Environment
17	Consider wild flowering more	Biodiversity	Environment
18	Create a new woodland on some of the farmland around Knutsford	Biodiversity	Environment
19	Rewild areas	Biodiversity	Environment
20	Modernise Bus Station	Buses	Active Travel
21	Revise the town circular.	Buses	Active Travel
22	Make people more aware of the bus services that are available and review the routes	Buses	Active Travel
23	Make accessible business premises available - Council premises, or privately-owned premises that would consider broadening their use (change of use?) and host pop-up businesses.	Business Support	Town Centre

Ref	Action	Theme	Aim
24	Support aspiring businesses with a joint effort on market research and promotion (mailshots through letterboxes, online).	Business Support	Town Centre
25	Ensure pavements are cleared of leaves residents cut hedges back and gardeners don't blow leaves into the road with leaf blowers.	Cleanliness	Community
26	Employ full time litter picker covering whole town	Cleanliness	Community
27	Clean the town centre up.	Cleanliness	Town Centre
28	Install more noticeboards.	Communications	Community
29	Deliver a regular newsletter through every door	Communications	Community
30	Proactively engage with and support the town's many community and voluntary groups.	Communications	Community
31	Devise more creative ways to get constructive feedback and more open dialogue channels.	Communications	Community
32	Find out the profile of those commenting and seriously consider elderly and infirm to ensure that they all get to be heard and not just by electronic means.	Communications	Community
33	Work to ensure that a new purpose built community centre is created in the heart of the Longridge estate	Community	Community
34	Work with Adelaide Heath Academy so that their facilities can be used by the local community outside school hours	Community	Services
35	Open a community centre / community hall	Community Centre	Services
36	Maintain a Coucillor in every organisation.	Community Groups	Community
37	Increase funding for community groups	Community Groups	Community
38	Work with volunteer groups to support, maybe offer educational/special interest courses to support the activity eg gardening/preservation/basic DIY as part of the volunteering.	Community Groups	Community
39	Employ a volunteer coordinator or community coordinator to support groups,	Community Groups	Community
40	Develop a community website/directory where people can find out about what groups there are in Knutsford and how to engage with them.	Community Groups	Community
41	Provide small grants to support local small scale projects	Community Groups	Community
42	Re-establish resident led planning groups	Community Groups	Community
43	Ensure that strong community means sharing resources and respecting resources.	Community Groups	Services
44	Encourage a householder in each Conservation Area to act as a champion and point of reference who can collate households' views there on proposed developments.	Conservation Areas	Community

Ref	Action	Theme	Aim
45	Be transparent with detail on how funds are spent in services and facilities.	Council	Services
46	Councillors to be more visibly proactive	Councillors	Community
47	Provide secure bike storage	Cycling	Active Travel
48	Put distance markers along active travel routes.	Cycling	Active Travel
49	Have a bike hire stall at the railway station.	Cycling	Active Travel
50	Have secure covered cycle parking and a bus stop at the Council Offices.	Cycling	Active Travel
51	Upgrade / maintain Moorside as a cycle route.	Cycling	Active Travel
52	Install bike parking within town centre	Cycling	Active Travel
53	Link Knutsford to Altrincham with a safe cycle route to allow people to access the tram	Cycling	Active Travel
54	Bike hub at entrance to tatton park and next to station with improved safe cycle links	Cycling	Active Travel
55	Work with Knutsford academy to deliver more adult night class provision.	Education	Services
56	Council should see and hear the voices of the local community and its businesses to drive a stronger community affiliation rather than making unilateral decisions	Engagement	Community
57	Consult with dog walkers on their needs.	Engagement	Environment
58	Engage with Egerton Youth Club to support the in excess of 1000 residents who use the facility	Engagement	Services
59	Ensure linking in with Cheshire East Council, ICB & care community objectives to reduce duplication of community initiatives.	Engagement	Services
60	Run a walking festival over a week to get people trying new routes e.g. for wheelchairs, parents, short walks, long walks etc	Events	Active Travel
61	Hold 'active travel' events such as organised town walks.	Events	Active Travel
62	Relaunch the Art Trail	Events	Community
63	Bring back the Longridge Fun Day / Carnival	Events	Community
64	Deliver community events for all ages and liaise with other town groups so that events might be bigger and better attended.	Events	Community
65	More community lead event promoted by the town council as events of the heath are usually commercially lead. Run fun days/ sports day/ dog shows - that are inexpensive for families to attend	Events	Community
66	Reintroduce Heritage Open Days	Events	Heritage
67	A tour of Knutsford 5km event would be great	Events	Town Centre

Ref	Action	Theme	Aim
68	Deliver more events and activity to pull people in and use that as a marketing push.	Events	Town Centre
69	Open a youth club.	Facilities	Services
70	Promotion of local businesses. Interaction with local Schools. More interaction between business and TC objectives.	Food Security	Town Centre
71	Work with the owner of the Heath to address maintenance of trees and its fencing	Heath	Environment
72	Require dogs to be on leads on the Heath	Heath	Environment
73	Protect the existing hedgerows and plant properly new ones near the new developments.	Hedgerows	Environment
74	Find a different title to St John's Avenue CA as naming new ward as St John's Ward is going to cause endless confusion.	Heritage	Heritage
75	Create a management plan to protect and enhance the site of St. Helena's Church	Heritage	Heritage
76	Explore opening the historic moat at Booths Hall to the public	Heritage	Heritage
77	Install chicanes on roads where speeding is an issue	Highways	Active Travel
78	Work with Cheshire Police to stop large delivery lorries parking on Mobberley Road awaiting space to become available to drop off or pick up loads at Travis Perkins	Highways	Active Travel
79	Double yellow lines on Manchester road on the side of the Heath for Makers Market days and advertise where parking can be found.	Highways	Active Travel
80	Install speedbumps and cameras on Manchester Road	Highways	Active Travel
81	Open gardens day, best garden, window box to gain community engagement	In Bloom Linked	Environment
82	More hanging baskets across residential streets like Warren Ave.	In Bloom Linked	Environment
83	Deliver more regular litter picking	Litter	Community
84	Install more litter bins	Litter	Community
85	Engage with children regarding littering	Litter	Community
86	Increase enforcement of dog fouling	Litter	Community
87	Wall murals in collaboration with artists and schools has added colour, interest and community spirit to many towns	Local Art	Services
88	Improve the scruffy verges (e.g. Green Street)	Maintenance	Community
89	Improve autumn leaf collection	Maintenance	Community
90	Improve footpath maintenance (clearing paths, overgrowth etc)	Maintenance	Community

Ref	Action	Theme	Aim
91	Have proper farmers markets	Makers Market	Town Centre
92	Create a proper local stand at the Market Hall - rotate and showcase a small business there each month.	Market Hall	Services
93	Improve the Market Hall	Market Hall	Services
94	Oversee the delivery of a new medical centre	Medical Centre	Services
95	Ensure that there is no more hard build on the Moor.	Moor	Environment
96	Separate cyclists from children feeding the ducks on the Moor.	Moor	Environment
97	Consider improving the lighting around the Moor Park	Moor	Environment
98	Try to prevent people from paving entirely over their driveways in order to park cars. Provide space for car share parking as eg German communities do.	Neighbourhood Plan	Community
99	Update Neighbourhood Plan on protected open space.	Neighbourhood Plan	Community
100	Review the Knutsford Design Guide	Neighbourhood Plan	Community
101	Train councillors to better understand their duties on the Planning Committee.	Neighbourhood Plan	Community
102	Develop a checklist or similar to ensure that the relevant KNP policies are evaluated in relation to each application before the Planning Committee.	Neighbourhood Plan	Community
103	Where possible, deter the installation of gates on residential properties.	Neighbourhood Plan	Community
104	Work with landowners and offer incentives for them to open up their land.	Open Space	Environment
105	Set aside Council budget each year to accumulate a sinking fund to play for improvements to open spaces.	Open Space	Environment
106	Upgrade the open space around Longridge	Open Space	Environment
107	Provide a free/cheap park and ride	Parking	Town Centre
108	Improve parking at the Scout Hut	Parking	Services
109	The residents of the town want King Street to be pedestrianised, but businesses don't. Will you, at least, close off both ends of this street to vehicles every weekend?	Pedestrianisation	Town Centre
110	Develop the Warren Close plot [Peaks and Plains site] into something meaningful soon. It's stood empty for ages.	Planning	Environment
111	A playground nearer or on The Heath (Lady's Mile End).	Play	Environment

Ref	Action	Theme	Aim
112	The town needs a all weather playing space for kids, with football goals, tennis or basketball nets. These are accessible in many other areas, yet Knutsford lack this.	Play	Environment
113	Map green spaces to protect them	Protect	Environment
114	Create another toilet block near Canute Place or Tatton St car park.	Public Toilets	Services
115	Provide a user-friendly "dial a ride" service	Public Transport	Active Travel
116	Create a destination link with bus companies and railway services.	Public Transport	Active Travel
117	Install toilets at the train station.	Rail	Active Travel
118	Recycling hub.	Recycling	Environment
119	Work with landlords to ensure rent is realistic for shop owners and other services so services and facilities remain in the town.	Rent/Rates	Town Centre
120	Have rikshaw cycles so people can get in with pedal power free drivers who operate the rikshaws and help people that way - otherwise just leave people with cars to get in and out.	Rickshaw	Active Travel
121	Create gardens at schools	Schools	Community
122	Implement 20 is plenty on certain roads.	Speeding	Active Travel
123	Bring in more speed reduction schemes on major roads and other main link roads.	Speeding	Active Travel
124	Improve access to sports pitches for all - many are currently members only. Not many places kids can go for a game of footy.	Sports	Environment
125	Ensure that Section 106 / CIL funding is attributed to those best placed to deliver sporting activities	Sports	Services
126	See the upgrade of Knutsford Leisure Centre	Sports	Services
127	Make ESAR accountable to sporting groups, provision of facilities to encourage sporting growth at times suitable for age groups participating.	Sports	Services
128	There is a nice photo of The Canute Place Roundabout on this page. The Mobberley Road / Parkgate roundabout is the only one in town that is not planted. Why?	St John's Wood Ward	Active Travel
129	Make Mobberley Road more attractive. Plant trees and wildflowers. put a shared cycle/walking path, link to moor. Encourage people to think Longridge is not so unattractive.	St John's Wood Ward	Community
130	Provide more organised sport & facilities for the kids in Longridge	St John's Wood Ward	Community
131	Save the Stanley Centre	Stanley Centre	Services
132	Utilise the space on the outskirts of the town. Bluebell Village is a awful idea that would create more problems for our community. However having more public open space there would be a benefit.	Suggestion	Environment

Ref	Action	Theme	Aim
133	Offer affordable weekend classes/workshops for children (promoted in all public and private primary schools) for example- could the children learn how to grow bee friendly plants to plant next to the bug hotel?	Support	Services
134	Deliver a banking hub	TC Mix	Town Centre
135	Encourage businesses of a more practical nature into the town to cater for the day to day needs of average income local residents.	TC Mix	Town Centre
136	Close the Town Centre streets on a Sunday to enable community space for new events and activities	TC Pedestrians	Town Centre
137	Pedestrianise King Street	TC Pedestrians	Town Centre
138	Improve parking for visiting coaches.	Tourism	Active Travel
139	A visitor information point would be an asset.	Tourism	Town Centre
140	Can we have a prominent Museum to showcase the town's rich history?	Tourism	Town Centre
141	Create areas to sit and enjoy the town centre and socialise.	Town Centre	Town Centre
142	Employ a ranger with a dedicated role of maintaining paths/active travel networks e.g. focused on keeping widths clear, cutting back overgrowth, removing litter etc	Town Ranger	Active Travel
143	Employ a second ranger.	Town Ranger	Community
144	Encourage the public to identify jobs for the Town Ranger to benefit the town.	Town Ranger	Community
145	Increase protection of trees to reduce felling	Trees	Environment
146	Plant More Trees	Trees	Environment
147	Encourage Street Meets again	Unknown	Community
148	Publish a walking map of Knutsford, create walking guides / recommended walks.	Walking	Active Travel
149	Upgrade any stiles to accessible gates.	Walking	Active Travel
150	Provide crossing point outside Railway Station on Toft Road	Walking	Active Travel
151	Create a boardwalk from the Moor to Tatton Park via the reedbeds	Walking	Active Travel
152	Council website to promote walking routes	Walking	Active Travel
153	Create a footpath along the south bank of Birkin Brook linking the new Parkgate Housing Estate with Pavement Lane	Walking	Active Travel
154	Create/upgrade pedestrian link from Moorside to the foot of Drury Lane?	Walking	Active Travel

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155	Create a circular walk at Longridge linking rewilded fields, Ancient Woodlands, a brook, two meres, regenerative farmland, parkland, a historic moat with fish ponds attached to it and also the oldest historic monument in Knutsford, a church site which dates back to 1200.	Walking	Environment
156	Carefully design engagement to reach young people	Youth	Community
157	Encourage school age children to participate in local volunteering/activities perhaps in conjunction with schools/offering DoE (Duke of Edinburgh) activities, recognition of young peoples activities as groups /individuals, not just registered sports clubs/high academic achievers.	Youth	Community
158	Deliver a play area in the south-east and south-west areas of the town	Youth	Services