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**Do not write your answers in this booklet as this will not be marked.
All answers should be written in the space provided on the question paper.**


Read both documents.

Use **Document 1** to answer questions 1 to 7.

Use **Document 2** to answer questions 8 to 13.

Use **both** documents to answer questions 14 and 15.





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Transformation of the Hurstbourne Shopping Area

Hurstbourne city centre is in need of investment. The shopping centre and bus station were built in the 1970s and are in desperate need of modernisation. The area is intimidating for people arriving by bus, and there is little nightlife in the evenings for a major city centre. The current layout of the road system can make it difficult for shoppers and pedestrians to move freely, choking the area. We want to attract more shoppers and visitors to Hurstbourne, so we are proposing regenerating the area and changing the issues that are stifling the city centre's ability to grow. We have plans to invest £250 million to transform Hurstbourne city centre over the next year through a staged programme of improvements. [See the full plans here](#).

PHASE ONE - We will:

- Turn the [shopping centre](#) into a fantastic destination for customers to shop and socialise. This work will begin in June and is the first step planned in the transformation of the area. The plans include the opening of 65 new shops, restaurants, cafés and a cinema complex.
- Create a new pedestrianised area along Clumber Street. [Find out more here](#).
- Add cycle lanes throughout the Hurstbourne shopping area.
- Transform [Hurstbourne Castle](#) into a world-class destination, by making it capable of hosting 400,000 visitors annually. The castle is the pride of our community and has an incredible amount of history to share. With our £5 million investment, the castle will finally receive the attention it deserves.





PHASE TWO - We will:

- Renovate the old bus station and surrounding area in order to welcome people to Hurstbourne in a [brand new, spacious building](#) we can be proud of.
- Include a new multi-story car park above the bus station.
- Create a high-quality [central library](#), including a children's section, attracting families back into the city centre. The library will include a cosy café area and an extensive range of reference books. This will give locals somewhere to study or relax in comfort.

Planned Timescale

Phase 1
Work to take place
June – September

Phase 2
Work to take place
October – December



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Council plans to fix all the wrong things!

By Jack Miksza, Hurstbourne resident

The local council has announced plans to invest 250 million pounds into Hurstbourne city centre. Brilliant, I hear you say; the area is in desperate need of development. Well, I agree, but not *this* development. Have you read the council's plans? If not, let me enlighten you. They include:

- A shopping centre with cinema complex.
- A new bus station.
- A library.
- Investment in the castle.

No, no, no! What's the point of putting money into things that will only keep people inside? While everyone is huddled in the shopping centre or sitting in a dark cinema, the main streets of Hurstbourne city centre will remain as deserted as ever! A bus station is only useful for the few people who use public transport, and they don't need a big new building. According to recent reports, 180,000 people visit the castle every year. Why spend so much money encouraging more tourists to visit the castle when what we NEED is more feet on the streets? And don't get me started on the library. Our city centre doesn't need this waste of space. It's not like anyone goes to a library to relax or have fun. Yes, it would be great to get families and kids back into the city centre at the weekend, but a play area would be a much better solution. If people want to access children's books, they can just visit a bookshop.

Yes, development is needed, but not *this* development! Let's put money into cleaning up the high street and encouraging more shops and cafes to open there. Let's create a new taxi rank and invest in public spaces and nightlife. Let's make Hurstbourne city centre popular again!

Comments

Gordon: Who cares?

Reshi: I think this development will breathe life into the area again. Visitors to the new shopping centre are bound to spill out into the high street too. It'll be great!

Ann: That's a great argument, Reshi! And I can't wait to go to the new cinema. I hope they'll play 3D movies! When that opens, all the nearby restaurants will finally have some customers.

Kasia: I am one of the Hurstbourne public transport users, but you are completely correct that we do not need a huge new bus station. The space could be better used for more shops.

Joe5: Ann, 3D movies are the worst! It's just a gimmick and the glasses are so uncomfortable.

PB: Don't listen to Joe5, Ann. Plenty of people enjoy 3D movies. Personally, I am looking forward to visiting all the new restaurants.