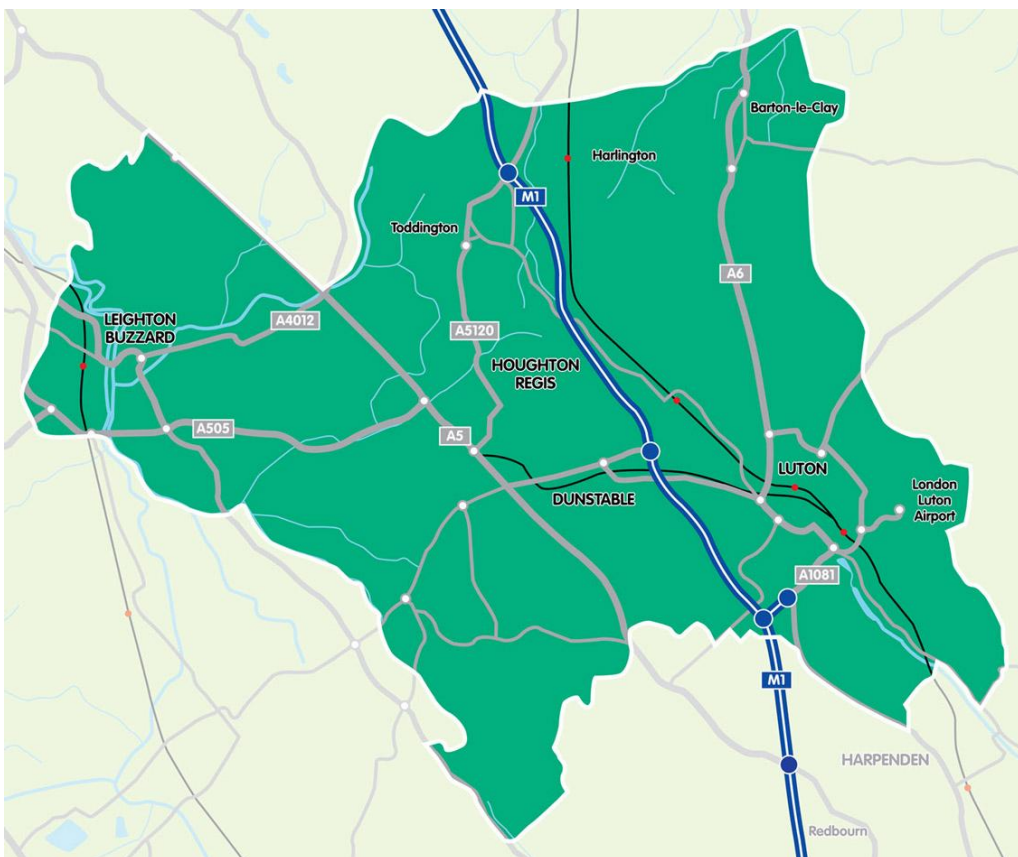




Expression of Interest

The Chalk Arc initiative aims to ensure that the proposed growth for the Luton, Dunstable, Houghton Regis and Leighton Linlade area is met by an adequate provision of new and improved green spaces and access routes, allowing both current and future communities to live in a sustainable, diverse environment that caters for an active and healthy lifestyle and provides for a high quality of life. The Chalk Arc Project Area is indicated in the Chalk Arc Boundary Map.





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The project has been funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government (formerly ODPM). Over £1.5m is available between now and March 2011 to implement 'Green Infrastructure' projects.

We are seeking 'Expressions of Interest' from partners in the public, private and voluntary/charitable sectors who have Green Infrastructure projects that require funding to enable delivery.

For a project to secure funding it needs to be:

- Meeting the Chalk Arc Aims and Objectives (see separate document "All Applicants – Preliminary Information")
- Deliverable by March 2011 (sooner where possible)
- Sustainable into the future, demonstrating that long-term management needs have been fully considered
- Delivering new and enhanced, publicly accessible* Green Infrastructure
- Supported within the relevant Green Infrastructure Plans and/or Green Space Strategy
- Locally supported or involving a significant element of community consultation/ involvement.

* Except where over-riding management requires restrictions to public access

It is also desirable for a project to be:

- Multi-functional – delivering against more than one GI 'theme'
- Delivering wider benefits including health improvement, social inclusion, economic regeneration or lifelong learning

Projects that include an element of 'match funding' from other sources are more likely to receive funding than those that do not.



Expression of Interest

A **2-stage process** is being used to initially screen projects and select those that warrant further development. This initial **Expression of Interest** (Eoi) form is used to collect basic information and to provide the lead organisation with the opportunity to present the benefits of the project. Following receipt of the Eoi form (which will be submitted to the Chalk Arc Project Officer (CAPO) for initial comment and circulation to the Chalk Arc Initiative Steering Group) one of three decisions will be made:

- Progress to full application
- Further development needed
- Not suitable/eligible – not progressed

If the project involves land purchase the applicant may be required to provide an independent valuation at their own expense before the project can progress to the full application stage. The cost of the valuation will be included in any grant awarded if the full application is successful. Please contact the CAPO for advice **before** obtaining a valuation.

A 2-stage process will encourage the early generation of projects and will enable the Steering Group to more accurately profile expenditure.

If the project is progressed (option 'a' above) there will be support from either the CAPO, a Steering Group member or another Green Infrastructure Consortium member/other body to help develop further. The **Full Application Form** will need to be completed to provide the additional detail needed. The Full Application Form will be provided at this stage and will need to be completed in order to provide the additional detail required in the decision making process.



Expression of Interest

Advice and Assistance

The Chalk Arc Project Officer can provide further information, advice and assistance with the development of projects. It is advisable to contact the Chalk Arc Project Officer before submitting an Expression of Interest.

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Please submit the following EoI forms electronically to the Chalk Arc Project Officer at lisa.king@luton.gov.uk



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Stage 1 – Expression of Interest Form

Please provide maps and plans on additional sheets

1. Project Title & Location	
2. Lead organisation Including lead officer, full contact details.	
3. Project aim & objectives Briefly explain what the project aims to achieve and how it will do this.	
4. Outputs	
5. Project Partners	



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<p>6. Risks Please highlight any risks associated with the project, classify as High, Medium or Low and outline any mitigation you will take.</p>					
<p>7. Cost Approximate total project cost</p>	<p>Items</p>		<p>Cost (£)</p>		
	<p>Total Project Costs</p>				
<p>8. Funding How much is requested from the Chalk Arc?</p>	<p>Funder</p>	<p>08/09</p>	<p>09/10</p>	<p>10/11</p>	<p>Total (£)</p>
	<p>Request</p>				
	<p>Totals</p>				

Projects Themes:



Access



Community



Landscape



Biodiversity



Heritage



Public Open Space