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16<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

### EXIT STRATEGY REGARDING DISPERSAL ORDER IN FLITWICK

The SNT consulted with other agencies and partners in order to make the case for a dispersal order, with the intention of it being used in conjunction with other schemes and actions during that period but also to have effect beyond the period of the order.

A working group was set up at a Problem Solving Meeting in early December 2008. The purpose of the working group was to consider and plan a number of diversionary activities for young people in the Flitwick area, particularly for those that may gather in the town centre area.

The group lead members are:

Cheryl COVERDALE – Town Council Community Development  
Jane REGAN- mid Beds D.C. Youth working  
Nicola KING – Aragon Housing Youth Working

Other agencies were consulted and are part of a large-scale plan for activity. Those present and consulted included Flitwick leisure Centre manager, BYOS, County Council youth services and the SNT.

The town youth club will continue to open on a Thursday and some drop in evenings are being planned for Friday evenings.

The Community Development Team at the Town Council are looking at a suitable design and funding for a new youth shelter on the recreation ground, also the skate park has a following of youth which has been consulted in a meeting by Cheryl Coverdale over potential improvements. The Town Council have been given details of the 'Partnerships in Play' project in the hope that some funding through Mid Beds can assist with utilising the Recreation ground for things like the youth shelter and improvements.

Further dates for 'drum and base' evenings are being looked at by Mid Beds youth workers. Such an event proved very popular in November 08, and despite needing good supervision, the level of anti-social behaviour in the town was reduced as a result of it.