

**Annex 2.1c – Extract from the Letchworth Garden City Economic Narrative Draft Report by SQW
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Social Inclusion

3.20 Data from the 2015 Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) provide insights both into the level of deprivation and – at a local level – inequality. Among 23 LSOAs in Letchworth, four were ranked in the 30% most deprived areas nationally and another two were ranked in the 40% most deprived areas.⁵⁴ Pockets of deprivation were clustered around the east and west of Letchworth⁵⁵, where income, employment, health and skills were notably lower than in other parts of town.⁵⁶ At the same time, Letchworth contains some of the least deprived areas nationally, with 6 LSOAs in Letchworth ranked in the top 20% least deprived areas. The least deprived regions were clustered in the south and south-west of the town.⁵⁷



3.21 **A comparison between 2010 and 2015 datasets indicates that Letchworth has become more deprived over time relative to the UK.** During this time, 47.8% of Letchworth LSOAs moved into a more deprived decile, 47.8% remained unchanged and only one LSOA (4.3%) moved into a less deprived decile. The LSOAs that experienced an increase in deprivation relative to the UK were clustered around the north, east and south-east of the town.

