

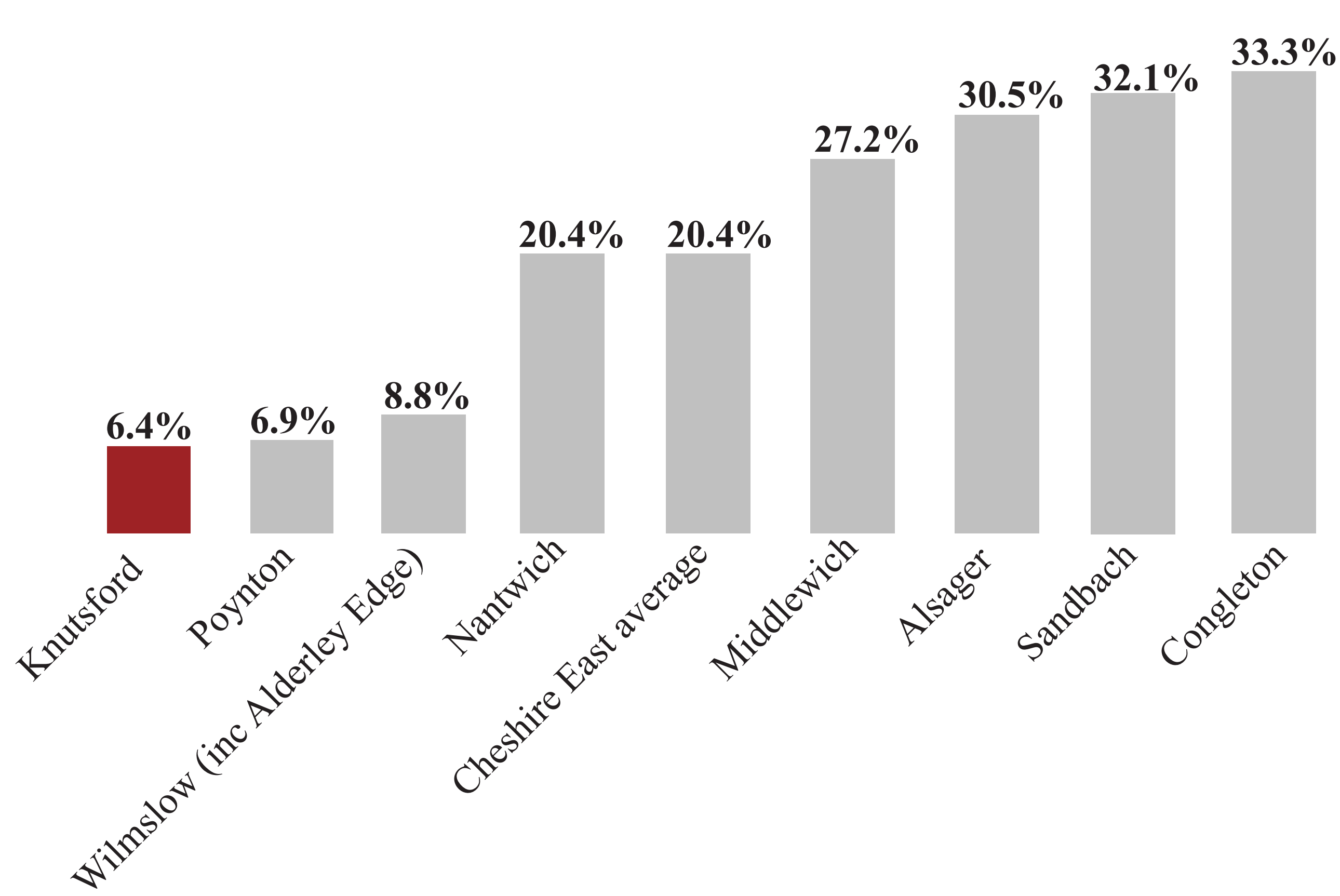


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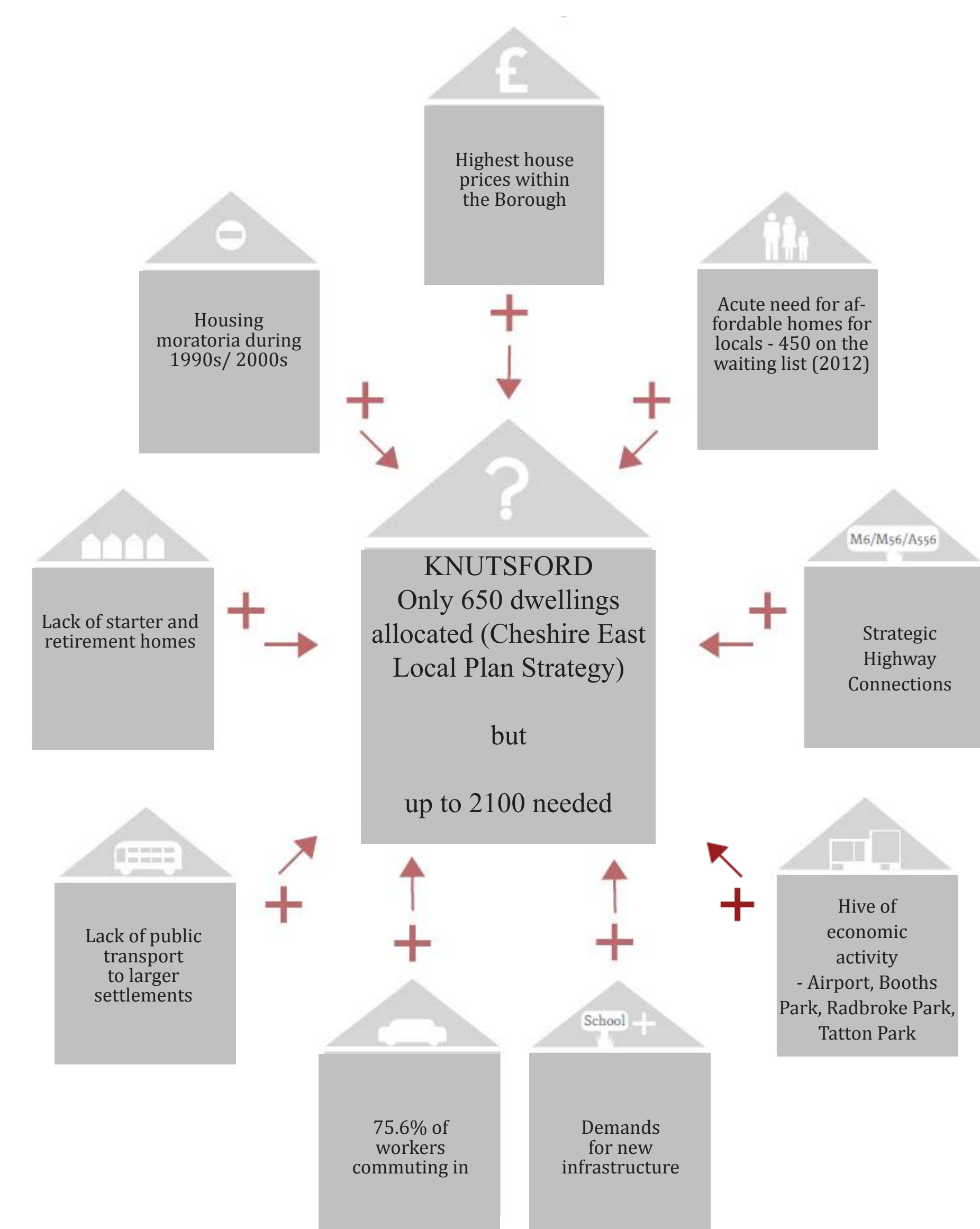
Meeting the needs of the community

Knutsford is special. With a unique character and heritage, it is regarded as one of the most desirable areas to live in the region. However, demand for homes and business space is exceptionally high and the town's economy is growing. Development land is in short supply and this is affecting the town's residents: **only 6.4% of residents in Knutsford can afford the average house price.**

Only 6.4 % of residents in Knutsford can afford the median house price



Adapted from Cheshire East Council Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010. Note: no data for Handforth.



Households: 154,000 to 191,000 by 2030.

Affordable housing: 1,243 affordable homes needed each year between 2009/10 and 2013/14.

Social housing: 10,952 people are on the waiting list.

Sources: Cheshire East Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2010 and Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy 2013.

A number of issues are already becoming apparent which could worsen if steps are not taken to tackle them. These include:

- ❖ A chronic shortage of housing and an acute lack of affordable housing for young people
- ❖ Household sizes are shrinking while the average age is increasing. A healthy working age population is needed to keep the town vibrant
- ❖ There is no remaining deliverable employment land but very strong demand for additional space
- ❖ Assisted living is lacking for the growing elderly population
- ❖ New infrastructure is needed to keep the town functioning

Cheshire East Council has indicated that Knutsford will need to take a share of development land as part of the Local Plan.

We believe we share a responsibility to ensure that any proposals reflect and enhance our town's special heritage.