

## Hydrogen Village Factsheet:

### 7 Engaging with the community

**In 2023, the Government and Ofgem will announce which location has been awarded the Hydrogen Village programme. We want to speak to as many of you as possible before then, so we can keep you up-to-date and understand your views on using hydrogen to heat your home or business.**

This factsheet tells you all our engagement with the local community so far and how this has shaped our proposals

#### **What have we been doing?**

Since May 2022, we have been engaging extensively with the local community and have undertaken research to understand how the Hydrogen Village programme could be delivered in Whitby.

Our research programme has been shared with the Government and PricewaterhouseCoopers was commissioned as an independent third party to monitor and evaluate the delivery of the consumer research and engagement.

You can take a look at our engagement timeline for the programme overleaf.

#### **How has local feedback shaped the plans?**

We have listened to feedback from across the local community and understand how important it is that you have a choice about your involvement in the programme.

On this basis, we are changing the proposal we submit to Government for the Whitby Hydrogen Village. The Government will then decide later this year whether the programme goes ahead here or in the other proposed location in Redcar.

Our new proposal for Whitby ensures that you have choice in whether you participate or not. There will be two clear options:

- 1) **Get involved in the Hydrogen Village programme and use hydrogen to heat your home**
- 2) **Or stay on natural gas if you do not wish to participate**

We will be sharing information and hosting further events on our new proposals, so that you can ask us questions and share your feedback.

#### **Did you know?**

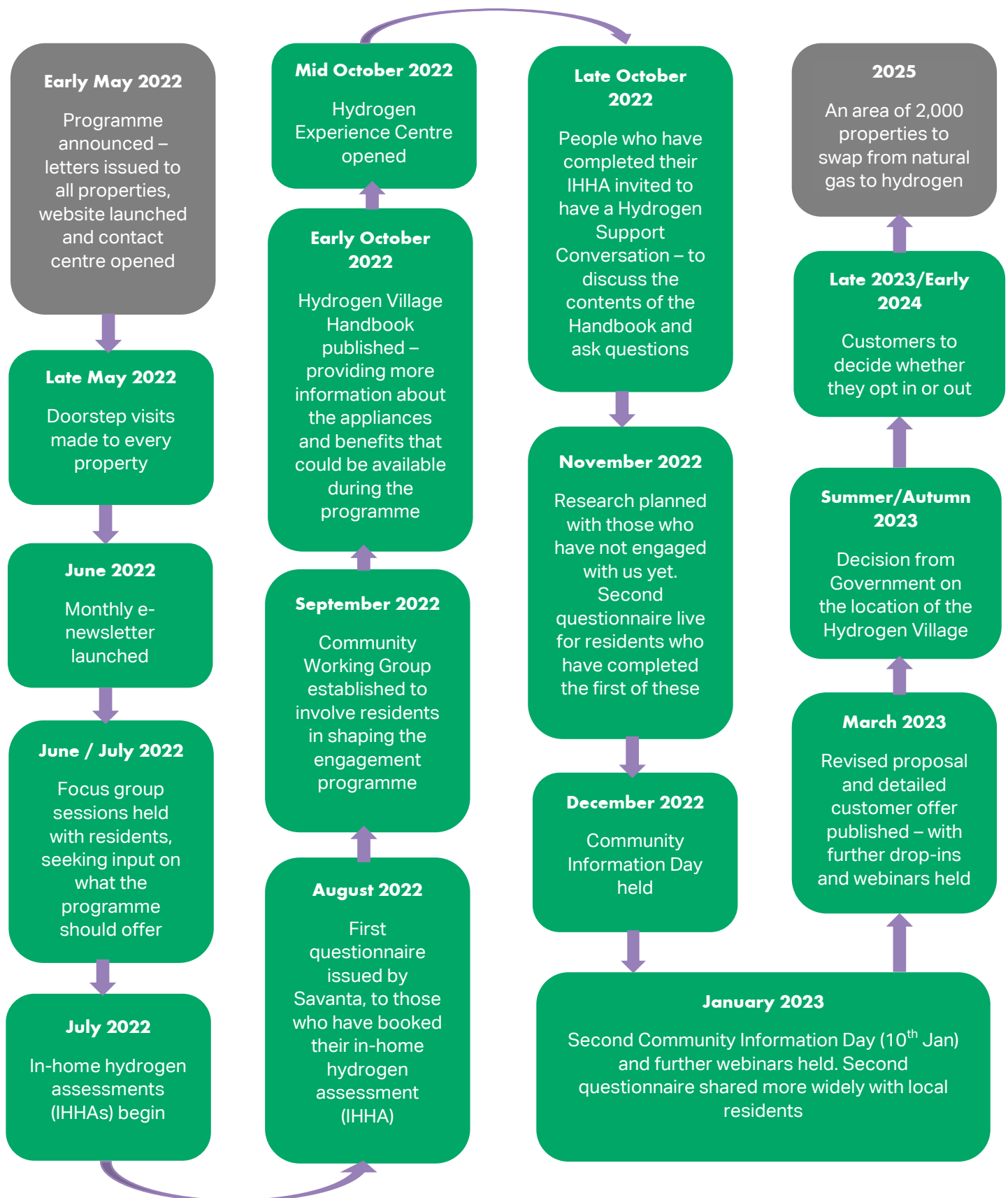
Over ten months, we've spoken to, and gathered contact details for, over 1,500 properties locally.

### **Got any further questions?**

Call us on 0800 035 3371 (Freephone), send us an email at [enquiries@hydrogenvillage.com](mailto:enquiries@hydrogenvillage.com) or pop in to see us at the Hydrogen Experience Centre, McGarva Way, Whitby CH65 9AB

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