

The Area Development Plan – Forum Consultation Spring 2008

In the Spring cycle of Community Forums, the Area Management staff conducted a consultation exercise with the Forum members on the Area Development Plan. The residents were asked to express their priorities in a number of areas in order to inform the development of the ADP. The results are summarised below:

More inclusive, varied and vibrant community.

- A need for residents to join local residents groups.
- Build up community events: galas, Gipton Gala, celebrating Harehills
- More local events such as Gipton and Seacroft Galas, celebrating Harehills, etc to unite local community
- Focus on “Greening” sustainability & Environmental improvement
- Proper citizen improvement & engagement beyond consultation

Better access to services.

- Improve transport, not just around the edge of the estates.
- Special services for older people.
- Children’s centre developments to link with area delivery plan (sign posting).

Reduce fear of crime

- More visible police good response to report crime
- Work with residents on their problems and link them to local organised groups, groups are stronger than individuals and can give mutual and group support.
- Better flow of information and sharing of reassurance mappings.

Reduce worklessness and poverty

- Nominated key workers to work with individuals.
- Skills education and more incentives to life long learning.

Contribution to decision making.

- Youth input into decision making
- Small, local and meet often
- Make full use of voluntary sector organisations to reach people to gain peoples views
- Improve forums!
- Forums more widely advertised enabling more residents to attend and become more involved in community matters.
- Use alternative form of engagement
- Proper citizen improvement and engagement beyond consultation

Improved cohesion and meaningful involvement

- Projects that start and finish are no good we need sustainable projects
- Undertake more community development work with residents to actively increase their membership.
- Multi cultural centre i.e. community centre not attached to a particular culture but where all can go
- Representatives (with authority =senior people) from police, health & other partner bodies to attend forums to answer questions.

Good housing

- Take care if people damaging houses
- House development
- Repairs that are followed up by staff, when a repair is requested a time frame should be given
- Housing staff should be open, listen to people and follow things through
- Need to keep up housing decency standards
- Consult residents of all issues of housing – including the quality of the environment
- Right sized houses for diverse community needs.
- Social housing where back to back demolished.
- Listen to tenants

Young people

- Communications about activities for kids
- Work ethic for young people
- Youth worker, encouragement, incentives
- Play equipment
- More activities
- Well constructed and positioned, play provisions
- Ongoing projects that are sustainable
- Youth forum and junior council links
- Future tenants association
- Voluntary organisations for young people
- Need good facilities for young people e.g. swimming baths, football, youth clubs, encouragement for parents
- Youth development through training
- Young people into work, hands on, apprenticeships etc, not always necessary to have paper/ education qualifications
- Include young people in the planning process (community group)
- Better sustained resourcing for youth services.
- Address y.p. y.p and parents language barriers
- More involvement and use of young people forums i.e. Harehills youth forum in decision making. More green space of sport provision.

Health

- Environmental issues – for better health and mental health

- Reduction in teen pregnancy
- Centralised nursing and medical needs
- Transport to Seacroft hospital especially from monkswood and boggart hill area
- Move beyond classic inequalities into proper long term investments in community health.
- Health centre for Gipton

Transport

- Parking issues at Killingbeck and Seacroft
- Enforce use of cycle lanes, link to Wykebeck way as route to work and recreation
- Cross city and housing to employments.
- More bus services to hospitals(not just Jimmy's)