

Plan-it consultation events

30th September 2009 - Harehills

4th November 2009 – Gipton

11th November 2009 – Killingbeck and Seacroft

APPENDIX B

The Inner East Area Committee agreed a community engagement framework which encourages the development of a community event led approach to complement the annual Area Delivery Planning cycle. Both Killingbeck and Seacroft ward as well as Gipton and Harehills ward have started to organise market place events combined with a wide voluntary and community sector input. Burmantofts and Richmond Hill continue to meet as a round the table formal meeting.

The Autumn round of consultation focussed on engaging with local communities and organisations to collect information to inform next year's ADP. At the same time, partners were keen to project a joint approach to problem solving and work as a team. All participants were able to show what is available in the area, advertise their activities and encourage residents to take advantage of available services.



'Plan-it Harehills' – The 'all new' Harehills Forum

The event was branded 'Plan-it Harehills' and introduced the concept of 'Team Harehills' to the public. It took place on the 30th September 2009 at Harehills Primary School. With over 70 families attending, the participation and involvement of a large cross-section of residents in discussions on local issues and how local services are run was significantly improved.

The venue proved attractive for residents who may not normally attend public events, as the school caters for local children and provides familiar surroundings and easy access.

The format, was an open door marketplace event for all of the Harehills community. Majority of those attending came from ethnic minority communities, underrepresented on previous occasions. Services taking part included Leeds City Council's Area Management Team and local Ward Members, the local Neighbourhood Policing Team, ASBU, East North East Homes Leeds, Recycling and Education, Carnegie Weight Management, Street Work Soccer, Harehills Youth in Partnership, Youth Services, West Yorkshire Fire Service, Leeds NHS, Learning Partnerships and EASEL, amongst others.

The event was publicised throughout the community, by utilising the community notice boards, displaying posters in local venues including cafes, shops and schools. The information about the event was also broadcasted and advertised on Radio Fever in the week leading up to the event.

The event involved three themes from the Area Delivery Plan which were Thriving Places, Environment and Harmonious Communities and consultation was around planning. This was achieved by asking people to spend monopoly money within the three themes. The results will contribute towards setting priorities for next year. Supporting local voluntary activity and commissioning services from the local voluntary sector proved the most popular choices among the residents.

Local and city wide service providers along with voluntary organisations publicised activities/service priorities and gave the opportunity for feedback on actions and where possible scope for any suggested improvements/additions. Information gathered from the event is to be used as required by the individual agencies, or cascaded to relevant agencies and taken to tasking to discuss crime and grime issues in the area.

The event brought together local services/agencies to present a joined-up approach (Team Harehills / I Love Harehills) for residents to see, interact with and improve their confidence.

Services/agencies provided the opportunity for residents to gather information and also ask questions regarding services. This was achieved by using leaflets, visual displays and interactive activities.

A number of crime and grime issues were identified from interactive maps. These included:-

- Fly-tipping, graffiti, dog fouling, litter, burglaries, car crime, anti-social behaviour.

This information has been shared with Harehills tasking partners to address as necessary and referrals made to other services, for the relevant action to be taken.

“Plan-it Gipton” – 4th November 2009



The Gipton event took place in the Gipton Working Men’s Club. It built on the “Team Gipton” event held in March 2009. Overall, it attracted estimated 200 people with 54 registration forms signed, often one on behalf of a whole family. However, the consultation part was attended by 39 registered individuals. A number, refused to register.

The formal part of the evening was followed by a cabaret and disco for children and young people.

The event was advertised through the usual outlets: posters in prominent places, schools, door to door leafleting by probation, through wardens and other partners. It was a market place style event attracting police, housing colleagues, extended services and children’s organisations in general, NHS Leeds, ASBU as well as a number of voluntary colleagues.

The Beeches and Oaktrees TRA, the Ambertons, Oaktrees and Lawrences TRA, and the Wykebeck Valley Road TRA, all had stalls at the event, recruiting to their associations and assisting with gathering perceptions data around satisfaction levels.

Issues of concern, identified by residents, were: burglary on Gipton Square, needles on Coldcotes Circus, drunken/rowdy behaviour on Coldcotes Circus, drug dealing on Coldcotes Drive, litter on South Farm Road. These were fed into the appropriate agencies to remedy.



COMMENTS:

“my favourite bit was all of it, excellent, all helpful”

“my favourite bit was having all the different information on offer...”

Information was collected through the interactive crime and grime maps as well as the debating room. In Gipton, debates were held on anti-social behaviour and EASEL and new residents were welcomed into the neighbourhood. A wealth of data was collected about local issues and concerns and the event was also useful as a means of information exchange.

As a means of contributing to the next year's ADP, this event had only a limited success. It mainly confirmed people's continued concerns with crime and environment and a desire to improve those service areas. Despite the fact, that the event was well publicised, a limited number participated in the consultation part of it. On the other hand, all those attending found it useful and enjoyable.

“Plan-It” Seacroft – 11th November 2009

The event took place at the Seacroft Working Men's Club. It was advertised through posters, door to door leaflet drop, schools and all partners taking part. A number of organisations were present including, ENEH, police, children centres, NHS Leeds, fire services, ASBU, LS14, Find your Talent, Space2 and many more. South Seacroft Action Group and the Green residents associations both had stalls at the event, recruiting to their associations and advertising the work they do. The South Seacroft Action Group also completed some consultation on behalf of the Area Management Team around satisfaction levels. Local outlets provided hot and cold refreshments.

There were 47 registration forms completed and the event was attended by over 100 people who came in two waves – firstly, at the time of school leaving time and secondly, after 5.00p.m.

GRIME BOARD CONSULTATION:

Untidy gardens on Ramshead
Crescent/Barncroft Rise/Tarnside Drive
Litter on Foundry Mill Crescent/Foundry Mill
Terrace/Dufton Approach
Graffiti on Parklands Primary School/Dufton
Approach/Tarnside Drive/Hansby Drive
Flytipping on Alston Lane
Bins on streets on Foundry Mill Street and
Tarnside Drive
Dog mess on Seacroft Gardens and Hawkshead
Crescent
Pot Holes on Arthurs Rein and Borrowdale
Terrace
Overgrown hedges on Dufton Approach
Needles at Fearnville Football ground

Referrals were made to ENEHL and Environmental Services requesting that they feedback to individual complainants where appropriate.



ENEH used the opportunity to conduct an consultation exercise of their own.

ENEHL participatory budgeting results:

17 votes on several different projects. Majority vote (7) was for a project to install hand rails to pathways outside Brooklands Towers at a cost of £600.

CRIME BOARD CONSULTATION:

Drunken/rowdy behaviour at Ramshead Hill/Brooklands Avenue/Foundry Mill Crescent/Ironwood Approach
Groups congregating at Pigeon Cote Rd/Kentmere Approach/Tarnside Drive
Car Crime on Hawkshead Crescent and South Parkway
Using/Dealing drugs on Brooklands Avenue near ELFLC/Baileys Hill and Hawkshead Crescent
Burglary on Foundry Mill Street and Tarnside Drive
Criminal Damage on Ironwood Crescent

Referrals were made to Police and ENEHL requesting that they feedback to individual complainants where appropriate

Attendees feedback comments:

“I liked having everyone I needed to talk to in one place”

“thanks for putting on entertainment for the kids I had ten minutes peace to talk!”

“my favourite bit was the debating room”



Debating sessions concentrated on ASB and EASEL.

This was the first consultation in Seacroft organised as an event. It was received favourably by both, participating residents and partners alike.

Richmond Hill Forum - 5th October 2009

The Forum was attended by 34 residents and took place at the Richmond Hill primary school.

Participants were given information on the latest Area Committee meeting in September.

Issues under discussion included an illegal traveller site in Cross Green, a proposed new district centre in Richmond Hill and a report from the summertime “Lark in the Park”. Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust presented their aspirations to become a Foundation Trust. The principles of a selective licensing scheme in place now in Cross Green/East End Park were also explained.

Environmental report identified:

- The ginnel leading from Easy Road to the Cavaliers estate not swept and rubbish accumulating.

- Back of Garton Terrace, yard still not cleared despite it being referred to Environmental Enforcement.
- Alleyway between the Slip Inn pub and Temple View Grove rubbish and black bins bags accumulating.
- 3 piece suite on East Park Drive requires disposing of.
- Youths removing black wheely bins onto East End Park and setting them alight

Crime issues were presented by the police and included anti-social behaviour, warrants served in Rookwoods, Clarks and the Garton areas, criminal damage in ALMO properties and Operation Champion.

Burmantofts Forum – 6th October 2009

The forum was attended by 14 residents at took place at St. Agnes Church Hall. Participants were given information on the latest Area Committee meeting in September.

Issues under discussion included the Foundation Trust status for Leeds Teaching Hospital, parking problems on Stoney Rock Lane and a proposed new 26 storey building in Lincoln Green.

Environmental report gave information on:

- Environmental activity over the past 2 months related to the following areas, Ebor Gardens, Lincoln Green, Torres and the Nowells. This included skips being provided to Haslewood residents for them to dispose of any unwanted bulky items and 20 homes were visited to remind residents of their tenancy responsibilities in respect of keeping their properties clean and tidy.
- New re-cycling bins are to be placed on Haslewood Drive but before funding can be applied for a discussion needs to take place on exactly where these will be located and the cost involved.

Crime issues included information on a new initiative, “Operation Bellweather”, which is successful in reducing burglaries; ASB and gathering intelligence from local residents.