

Summary of Video interviews for our Sustainable Community Strategy-“A Shared Vision for Swindon 2008-2030”.

The video shows a series of live interviews that were recorded during the community consultation days during the summer of 2007 at a variety of locations across Swindon. The views expressed range from a young boy whose personal vision is for the ant-social behaviour of some “teenagers” to stop in the future to a man wishing for a tram or light railway type of transport system for Swindon. One woman thought that the licensing laws should be tightened and another said that she would like a change from “bar culture” to café culture.

The views expressed cover a wide range of areas but can be summarized as follows: -

Swindon should become:

- A more relaxed place with more opportunities for leisure activities for all ages e.g. a venue with a “bowling alley, children’s restaurant and youth club”.
- A tourist destination with the restoration of the canal running through the town centre attracting visitors and improving the quality of life for residents
- A cleaner place with a boy asking for more bins and a man hoping that the streets could be litter-free

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- More civic spaces and green areas such as Lydiard Park, ensuring that open spaces are preserved and existing green spaces are protected.
- A network of footpaths to encourage walking
- Town centre play areas for young children
- A wider variety in the retail offer with more individual, independent shops
- More culture, perhaps with an entertainment venue
- An enhanced sense of community

Please enjoy the video and if you would like a full transcript, please contact the Senior Policy Manager on 01793 463158 to arrange this.