

Tesco Community Fair

Date: Sunday 19th September 2010

Venue: Tesco car park, Ocotal Way, Swindon

Time: 11am-5pm

Attendee's: The general public.

Council's town planning representative: Julie O'Rourke, Assistant Planner

Participation method: An A1 map was displayed on a table next to two A1 sheets of paper with the following headings, "What do you value in your community" and "What would you like to improve"? The people who attend the event were asked to write their comments onto a coloured post it note and then place it onto the relevant A1 sheet.

Question 1: What do you value in your community? (Every response as written on the post it notes)

North Central Cluster Residents:

- The open space behind Malvern road
- Best thing I ever did moving to Penhill (from Walcot), no more trouble.
- Pinehurst is lovely!
- Very friendly (Penhill)
- The shops
- The parks

North Cluster Residents:

- Great cycling facilities

Central Cluster Residents:

- I like the feel of the area, nice neighbours
- Living in a close community, near to town and the traffic routes
- Like the new Swindon developments, it makes the place look nicer.
- I like the green spaces
- Really nice place to live
- I like my area because of the diversity.
- More parking spaces on Guilford Avenue.
- Great neighbours
- The green spaces, the wildlife, and the ponds
- Lawns green space
- The charity shop that has moved into the library it is now open longer and is well used, you can even get internet access.

South Cluster Residents:

- It is safe to walk to school. (Aged 10 years)

North East Cluster Residents:

- I value the spaces in Coleview/Stratton St Margaret and would like to see it preserved.

Question 2: What would you like to improve in your community? (Every response as written on the post it notes)

North Central Cluster Residents:

- More community groups to keep kids off the streets. More things for them to do.
- Needs improvement. Would like the Kembrey grass to be something for the community.
- In Gorse Hill they need more activities for the kids especially the younger children (1 years to 7 years)
- Teenagers need something to do.
- Change some parks

North Cluster Residents

- More school places in north Swindon.
- Car speeding down the Torunway road.
- More play facilities for small children in Woodhall Park

Central Cluster Residents

- Parking!!
- During night time we have had a bit of problems with youngsters drinking, breaking car mirrors and also troubling people who come in the evening or go late shopping.
- Could do with a university.
- Speeding traffic on the residential roads.
- PARKING!
- Play facilities for children.
- More parks for children to play in.
- The crime associated with prostitution and drugs.
- More facilities for children. More things for them to do.
- A carnival
- More cheaper events that teenagers can go to
- Sussex Square. You can not go there at night because of the druggie's and youths.
- Sussex square is not safe in the day or evening. Ladies have been mugged there.
- The county ground keeps you up late when the football is on. (Aged 11 years)
- Residents parking
- The 40 mph speed limit outside St Joseph's school. It is only 30 mph at Kingsdown. Why so high?

East Cluster Residents:

- I was let down by the council/police as I had a lot of bad trouble from kids in Walcot. My son was beaten up and my window was put through. The kids need somewhere to hang out so this won't happen again.
- Community Centre in Old Walcot.
- Dogs (pit bull terriers) running free
- Anti-social behaviour and children with ASBO's

- Too many staffies-not on leads
- Too many drug addicts
- Too many alcoholics
- Older people are scared to use Cavendish Square.

South Cluster Residents:

- A sports centre in Old Town. (Aged 10 years)
- Car parking is too far from the shops if you are older person.
- The visitors of the residents of the care home in Old Town have to walk too far to the car parks.
- I want to feel safe going out at night.

West Cluster Residents

- I think there should be more festivals, live music events, community events etc, etc, be more like Bristol.
- Improve the viability at roundabouts and off the roundabouts
- We need to have combined walkway and cycleways.
- I want to feel safe going out at night.
- The traffic lights need to be in a position where they can be viewed especially after coming of a roundabout.

North East Cluster Residents:

- Natural play/gym equipment in parks
- The bus service used to be more regular
- Parking issues
- Double parking on the Dockle Way (near the allotments)