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<p>That it is in the countryside. It is safe It is fairly compact with Main Street and the station at its centre. Transport links, road and rail are excellent. The town is the right size People are friendly Excellent schools Garforth Lions Garforth Arts Festival Local police station</p>	<p>The background motorway noise. Lack of greenspace. We need a large park Lack of sports pitches Congestion at peak times Parking spaces at the station Shortage of good restaurants Lack of variety of shops on Main Street Lack of communication</p>	<p>Resurface the concrete sections of the M1 passing Garforth with a quieter surface traffic lights on Bar Lane and Charlie Sweeps corner Parking at station Provision of more sports pitches Congestion - no lorries on A642 except deliveries Civic pride - there is a lot of apathy. We need a challenge. I think we need a major project such as a large public park</p>
<p>good amenities, good schools, location. Sense of community</p>	<p>The influx of east European migrant workers every summer to work on makins farm.</p>	<p>Better parking in main street. Stop the influx of migrant workers</p>
<p>Proximity to Leeds, and good road and rail links in all directions.</p>	<p>It sometimes being treated as a 'town' in its own right, rather than a Leeds suburb.</p>	<p>We must not be selfish and resist change - We must fulfil the huge demand for more modestly sized and priced private housing for our young people to buy.</p>
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<p>Being able to walk to school with kids, walking to shops, walking to the library, fantastic train links to Leeds and York</p> <p>Friendly people - playing in park and talking to friends who are out for walks</p> <p>Main Street options. The library - frequently visit and enjoy the space there. Like being close to local churches, value work they do spiritually and in the community Local events and activities</p>	<p>The difficult intersections at the top of Main Street &amp; Wakefield Road, the difficult turn if I want to turn right onto Wakefield Road from Bar Lane - long lines of traffic and often cars have to 'let you out'.</p> <p>Dog poo in green space and on paths - have had to clean kids' shoes and bike wheels too many times</p> <p>Getting through roads when cars are parked on sides - always legally, but due to the numbers of cars parked there it makes it difficult to get through</p>	<p>Traffic improvements, safer walking paths and crossing points for kids - like a safe crossing option across Church Lane to the library,</p> <p>Library open on Sunday's</p> <p>Improve difficult intersections mentioned above</p> <p>More safe crossing points</p> <p>More events and activities</p>
<p>Railway stations, M1 link, good schools</p>	<p>More homes being built</p>	<p>Leisure facilities including swimming, parking spaces at Garforth station. Parking spaces on Main Street limited due to the fact that commuters are taking advantage of free parking therefore we as residents are unable to support local businesses. Suggest parking permits and also charge commuters when they park at Garforth.</p>

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<p>Its a quiet compact village/town with a real sense of identity.</p> <p>Garforth has good local amenities, excellent transport links - motorway access, rail and bus services.</p> <p>Good schools.</p> <p>Balanced demographic - ages, race etc</p> <p>Garforth In Bloom, local Am Dram Society, Working Mens Club, Weightwatchers etc</p> <p>Library + One Stop Shop</p> <p>Good waste disposal services.</p> <p>Good Internet service</p> <p>Local green spaces/parks</p>	<p>Increased volume and noise of road traffic.</p> <p>20 mph speed limits</p> <p>Lack of police presence (not PCSO's)</p> <p>Overworked sewerage system which regularly overflows around Garforth, particularly Church Lane</p> <p>Limited parking facilities</p> <p>Junction at top of Main Street can't cope with volume of traffic</p> <p>Long delays for doctor and dental appointments</p>	<p>Greater variety of shops on Main Street</p> <p>Tackle anti social behaviour including the increasing number of Eastern Europeans selling Big Issue or begging on Main Street who are regularly drunk outside Tesco, on Main Street in the cricket ground off Church Lane</p> <p>Anti social behaviour late at night when the pubs shut</p> <p>Less litter</p> <p>More trees and green spaces</p> <p>More activities/areas for young people</p>
<p>Close community, great councillor, good range of houses available</p>	<p>Lack of green space, volume of traffic in certain areas, pavements &amp; roads need some TLC</p>	<p>Drainage, school provisions, doctors, Main Street (parts of it are looking very tired)</p>
<p>Pleasantness of the area</p>	<p>Lack of leisure activities, poor shops on Main Street</p>	<p>Allow bigger companies onto Main Street and the surrounding area. This will bring more people to the area and will benefit everyone in the area as there will be more money</p>
<p>The fact we have good transport links, and shops. And I like my house and street!</p>	<p>Poor leisure facilities- mostly lack of swimming pool - too few green spaces left, too many houses. Schools - although my children are grown up my grandchildren live here and the academy will be overflowing soon. Inability to get docs appointments in a reasonable length of time. Very few daytime activities for OAPs, like U3A..</p>	<p>Stop increasing housing without increasing all the above, leisure facilities, schools and doctors- we should have a drop in clinic to serve here and surrounding villages.</p>
<p>Local amenities. We have everything here. Being able to walk down to Main Street and find everything I need</p> <p>Easy transport links - the motorway, trains, buses.</p>	<p>Lack of affordable housing for young people</p> <p>Rush hour/School run traffic on Aberford Road</p>	<p>The junction at Bar Lane, Aberford Road</p> <p>Drainage (to avoid flooding at certain times)</p> <p>Facilities for local Junior and Open Age football teams - pitches, clubhouse etc</p>

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<p>Semi-rural location Individual identity (not part of Leeds) Good transport links Garforth in bloom</p>	<p>Growing population Too many new housing developments Lack of green public spaces Very dated high street Busy road network</p>	<p>More amenities Better policing Tighter planning policy, most new developments are eyesores</p>
<p>Great schools, great transport links, low crime, good facilities on main street, close to place of work (Thorpe Park)</p>	<p>Lack of reasonably priced detached houses to upgrade to within Garforth, Garforth squash and leisure centre under threat</p>	<p>Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre, Reduced parking on main street to allow two way traffic to flow.</p>
<p>The people , decent amenities and decent transport links</p>	<p>The traffic on Main Street which is getting worse and worse, The lack of parking keeping pace with the growth of Garforth as a community</p>	<p>More parking, more speed restrictions ...and a wider variety of shops on main street (too many estate agents/holiday/beauty-hair salons)</p>
<p>Good community, good access to rail and motorway networks. The main street has good shops.</p>	<p>Parking issues. We live close to Main Street and cars park irresponsibly daily. There should be more resident parking permits. Drugs, I have reported numerous drug incidents to the police but they are still not taking action.</p>	<p>More parking tickets for cars parked on footpaths or double parking so blocking access for prams, motorbily scooters or just ordinary pedestrians who have to go onto the main road to pass the cars. This happens EVERY day.</p>

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<p>The locality of Garforth has always been high on my list, the M1/A1 link increasing the accessibility and giving business the extra footfall and local people jobs with the industries that have grown since. Albeit Garforth has grown since i was a young child the town still has a town feeling and the face a mostly friendly as you walk around. The Garforth In Bloom volunteers making Garforth brighter and more appealing to the eye.</p>	<p>The kids who don't have a care for the local community, they walk, skateboard or scooter about the town throwing litter about doing their best to destroy things that have been put in place to provide them with activities to do out of school, writing obscenities on the skate park for the younger children to see on their way to school, or smashing glass in the infant play area. Then there is the inconsiderate parking on Church Lane, were you have too risk getting past the long line of parked cars and the ignorant driver who just keeps driving towards you coming in the opposite direct when you have nowhere to go.</p> <p>The inconsiderate dog owners who don't pick up their mess and the owners who don't keep their dog on a lead when it clearly doesn't like other dogs and charges them down and attacks them, and the owners don't seem to think this is unacceptable.</p> <p>The yearly influx of foreign workers, who don't care for the community, no regard for our laws.</p>	<p>The amount of dog waste bins, around the area.</p> <p>Shops on Main Street been something other than Coffee Shops, Hair Dressers and charity shops.</p> <p>Local "farm" jobs been tendered to local people, before taking on the migrant workers</p>
<p>Motorway and train network. Quiet area.</p>	<p>Feel isolated from the community - I know more people where I work</p>	<p>The Gasgoine has a bad reputation - when you say you live in Garforth a lot of people say 'ohhh you have the Gasgoine . drug capital'!. Parts of the town are scuffy and overgrown.</p>
<p>Sense of community, shopping amenties, rail service and transport services.</p>	<p>Lack of leisure facilities, not enough school places.</p>	<p>Leisure Centre to be improved. Parking on Church Lane. More NHS Dental places.</p>
<p>Strong local community, residents have strong work ethics. Majority of homes are owned with a small amount of council houses. Very good schools and transport links.</p>	<p>Poor car parking facilities for train stations and Main Street. No choice of Supermarkets except Tescos!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>	<p>Recreational facilities, parks for children. More choice of Supermarkets, as Tescos has the monopoly of most residents.</p>

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<p>The semi-rural location and friendly locals. The excellent transport links - M1, A1. Two railway stations. Good schools. Pleasant, clean environment. Low crime rate Good doctors &amp; dentist practices. Good public houses.</p>	<p>The chaotic housing expansion to provide never-ending high price 3/4 bedroom properties, without any increase in services (school places/doctors/dentists). No consideration has been given to the unacceptable increase in traffic. With only two main access points to the Town at Garforth Bridge &amp; Hook Moor the A642 and A63 are reaching breaking point. Poor shopping facilities - Main Street is overrun with more and more hairdressers, charity shops and estate agents. More variety and individuality needs attracting.</p>	<p>A roundabout at Town End to improve traffic flow. Although disliked in principle speed cameras may be needed to enforce the recently imposed 20 mph speed limits which are totally useless without any monitoring whatsoever. If not a complete waste of time and money.. Stop roadside parking on both sides of Main Street when car parking spaces behind the shops are being left empty. A dangerous shambles! A retail / leisure park on the outskirts of the town as leisure facilities are non-existent now. Controlled house building to include starter and rental properties (no more large, high-cost dwellings) only with new services.</p>
<p>Access to good transport links - small town with good access to countryside. Feels like a safe place to live</p>	<p>Lack of retail on Main Street and garforth in general. Estate agents, takeaways and beauticians are great - but I don't think they create a place people will travel to visit.  A few more local restaurants or independent shops would be welcome.</p>	<p>As above - better quality retail, opening hours of shops on Main Street and the doctors surgery make it hard for anyone who works full time to use these services</p>
<p>Access to all amenities without having to drive as well as being surround by the countryside.</p>	<p>Traffic going through the town but also the fact that things aren't kept up to date ie public footpath signs for pointing you in the right direction but also them being left to get over grown.</p>	<p>I think that fact that the size of town is going to increase with houses schools ect also need to improve but also I think there should be a new improve sports centre and swimming pool should be build.</p>
<p>Accessible amenities and living in a community with a distinct identity.</p>	<p>Traffic on key roads (Main Street, Lidgett Lane, Church Lane, Ninelands Lane); relatively poor/expensive public transport links heading east.</p>	<p>Public transport East. Ban on parking on Main Street - perhaps pedestrianisation at some times. Restrictions on HGVs.</p>

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Access to main roads and railways. Green area around Garforth.	Houses being squeezed. In on any space without thinking of the impact on facilities. Parking on main street area. Remove parking on one side of main stree. Make the two main car parks retriected in hours say 3 with on return in 2.	Children facilities parking on main roads within garforth range of shops
Closeness to beautiful countryside and small town living	amount of heavy traffic on the A63	Ban all heavy lorries that use the A63 as a short cut to the A1 and Castleford
It is a friendly place to live and I feel very safe living here.	It is becoming over crowded. Too many houses are being built.	We need more jobs. More shops and another supermarket to give Tesco some competition. On Ninelands lane, near the bus stop we need a Pelican crossing for the children to be able to cross safely. We need to get rid of the obstacle near the bus stop. It only holds up the traffic and makes some drivers speed up to get past it.
Still remains remnants of a village feel	Irresponsible speeding and parking	No parking on single carriagway bus routes RED ROUTES.
Friendly local community Good mixture of local shops and stores	Garforth Train station could do with more parking spaces considering the number of people who commute from this station	Increased parking for Garforth Station Improved condition and funding for local sports areas
The surrounding green spaces. The community spirit and small town feel. The education with excellent schools. A good selection of community groups available for all ages.	The ever expanding housing estates. Lack of sporting facilities. Car parking facilities in Main Street, and 'on street parking' in smaller surrounding streets causing traffic backing up! (Barleyhill Road, Church Lane)	Better selection of shops in Main Street. Better traffic flow through the area. More community facilities. Big local events to bring everyone together.

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The people	Lack of Police presence late at night	Improved organisation of Police shifts to reflect late night problems
Close to major transport links. Surrounded by green belt without urban sprawl Main Street has most of what we need Community feel	Lack of recreational facilities, public footpaths and cycle ways Antiquated land drainage system leading to significant flooding risk Congested local roads at rush hours, particularly around schools Dog dirt on footpaths	See above under dislikes
Pedestrian access to the countryside. Having countryside all around the town. Community spirit. Good range of groups and clubs. Good transport links and public transport. Good schools. 2 good parks.	Traffic on Aberford rd and Wakefield rd. Speeding on Wakefield Road very bad since 20 limit introduced. New parts added on with no thought.	If the town is to increase significantly in size then parking for Main Street would need to improve. Perhaps a new primary school to cope with rising numbers. Perhaps a more stringent location requirement for the high school. A bypass if there is to be even more traffic. More parking would be needed at the station.
Excellent transport links. Thriving main street. Good sense of community. Feel safe on the streets.	Housing popping up on every spare bit of land! Although my kids are older now theres nothing much for kids 11-17 to do. No green spaces within Garforth, Doctors, schools, and other essential services full to bursting, Drainage problems, heavy traffic on the roads at peak times.	We need facilities for leisure - green spaces. Instead of building more "executive" homes we need starter homes for the young people. If we are to get thousands more inhabitants how will we get a Dr's appointment?
1. Access to public transport, e.g. trains and motorways. 2. Living in a "Green Belt" area with easy walking access to the countryside. 3. Access to good hospitals. 4. Access to a city.	1. There is no swimming pool and there should be for a location the size of Garforth. 2. Litter problem. 3. Also a general lack of other leisure facilities for the young leading to aimlessness.	1. See above for what we most dislike about Garforth. 2. An upgrade of the infrastructure, i.e. roads, public transport - a change in population density will require this. 3. Improved local shops, e.g. we need a bakery. The French bakery is wonderful but a good old-fashioned British Bakery would be great. Bring back Scotts!!



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<p>What I value most is the fact that although we have had more than our share of development over the past 25 years I have lived here, Garforth has still managed to retain its identity as a town. I hate the fact that more and more housing is being planned, I don't want to be part of Leeds, I want to remain Garforth. I am sick and tired of all these new proposals, I am sick and tired of the green belt land being eaten away to provide more and more houses, if our immigration problem was sorted out we would have plenty of homes for British people.</p>	<p>I think Public Transport is very poor. The 19/19A every HOUR after a certain time, it often doesn't turn up or runs late I have complained many times to the bus companies.</p>	<p>The bus service.</p>

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<p>Closeness to the countryside. Nice area. Quiet, mostly Shops and transport are central.</p>	<p>The councils view that parking restrictions on the east side of the Oak estate were not discussed with the people on the west side of the Oak estate, until we found out, resulting in all the commuters parking on the west side of the Oak estate, which we pointed out to the council but fell on deaf ears. The failure for the council to even recognize that the restrictions imposed would have a knock on effect to the residents that live on the west side.</p> <p>The Catholic school who's parents could not care less about where they park during dropping and picking up times. Parking around the roundabout and in front of driveways with no consideration for the people who live here. This is in the fact they have a car park by the church on the main road that they do not use as they are too lazy to walk the extra 100 feet. The parking on this estate is a joke and before long it will result in the death of a child due to people not caring who or where they park. The fact a traffic warden comes down here, on occasion, between 10-11 means this will never be addressed.</p>	<p>Think we covered this in the box above.</p>
<p>It still has a village community feel to it and there are so many organisations involved in developing that feeling. Its a vibrant community where many clubs and organisations offer a wide range of activities in which residents can get involved</p>	<p>Problem with the infrastructure particularly the antiquated drainage system and concern that an increase in number of house would put pressure on that infrastructure and the roads.</p>	<p>Any developer wanting to build houses must be made to include updated infrastructure not just bolt n to existing.</p> <p>Plea for traffic lights at Charlie Sweeps!!!</p>

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It feels more like a village than a town,good variety of shops,	Speeding vehicles,heavy lorries traveling up and down nine lands lane.	Double yellow lines all the way down church lane and nine lands lane,more police speed cameras on derwent avenue at times it is like a race track.
What's left of the open spaces	Traffic congestion parking flooding lack of amenities	As above
Good transport links, motorway, 2 railway stations and plenty of buses. Excellent schools - primary and secondary Garforth in Bloom do an excellent job at keeping Garforth looking more attractive and also Garforth Lions are very good with the community.	Not enough to do especially for kids, larger leisure area would be nice. If there is going to be more houses built what about another Doctors surgery, larger car park at railway station, Only 1 supermarket need more choice, i.e. aldi or lidl to cater for all budgets as Tesco can be expensive.	Main street to attract more people just full of charity shops, hairdressers, estate agents. More places to eat and drink would be nice to cater for all age groups, currently only have Italian and a very small Indian need something else (Weatherspoons + 1 more). Other individual shops required i.e. boutiques, People need more choice not just the original shops that have always been on the Main Street. Wetherby has lots of interesting shops and places to eat/drink
proximity to motorway, leeds. community feel. I love the work that the gardening people do -it's magnificent. I would happily pay a little more on our rates to have it extended	very little. perhaps a few less charity shops and a bit more variety on main street? I wish we could sort out some of the derelict peices of land that have been around too long like at that big triangle at town end. A few more restaurants perhaps?	perhaps we could see what we could do to attract more small businesses to create employment and training opportunities.

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<p>Safe and decent community Reasonable public transport links and located well for motorway networks</p>	<p>Nothing to do! Very poor range of shops on main street, OK if you want a charity shop, hairdresser or estate agent. Limited choice of venues to eat out, pubs and clubs are not inviting</p>	<p>We need an improved range of shops on main street, branded shops would be excellent, not just charity shops. The shop fronts on main street are mismatched and some look untidy and unprofessional, a coordinated approach to signage would tidy the appearance. Double parking all the length of main street is now the norm, this causes traffic congestion especially when buses are trying to pass. It is dangerous as pedestrians cross between parked cars (instead of at one of the 3 zebra crossings) and is difficult to see them. Traffic congestion at the traffic lights at the top of main street is becoming an increasing problem. We need a wider range of venues to eat out at and a welcoming live music venue</p>
<p>the shops</p>	<p>Its grown too fast it was a village when I moved here.</p>	<p>main street re the new parking out side the shops dos not work cars and trucks off load cars are left to shop, out sidars park in the car parks to go on the trains garforth people cant park for this, if garforth gets bigger where going to be flooded with cars. its bad now my street is getting full with cars over flow from barley hill road car park.</p>
<p>The ease of access to the busses and trains. Access to M1</p>	<p>roadside parking iin main street</p>	<p>More green space</p>
<p>Still retains the village atmosphere entered round Main Street. Is surrounded by green fields. Convenience of transport eg buses &amp; train station.</p>	<p>Wakefield road is getting busier with traffic. A63 Selby Road handles more traffic and heavy transport than it should because this is through traffic</p>	<p>Bypass for through traffic.</p>

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Excellent high school	Lack of town centre or decent leisure centre with pool, or choice of places to eat	More 20 mile an hour areas, pedestrianised shopping, leisure centre
<p>Low crime rate.            Good schools with high standards achieved.            Good cross section of shops.            Not afraid to walk the streets at night.            Feel safe living in Garforth.            Good community spirit.            Friendly neighbours who are prepared to help out when necessary.            Green fields a short distance away. Walking to and from say Kippax.</p>	<p>Traffic jams at rush hour coming home.            Cars parked on pavements and having to walk in to the road to get around them.            Some properties having overhanging trees/bushes obstructing the pavement.            Litter in parts.            Thought of 2000+ extra houses going to be built over the next 15 years.</p>	<p>Charlie Sweeps Corner is an accident black spot and could do with traffic lights.            At busy times if coming from Kippax I go the long way around to avoid this junction.            Limit on the number of take aways and charity shops around main street.            Will the infrastructure be put in place for extrahouses.</p>
<p>It is my home. I grew up here . 5 generations. I know its history. We used to walk and play in fields. The Garforth villages were encircled by green. Garforth still retains a spark of that village life with its community activities. The churches are friendly. The library is wonderful. Some of the shops are lovely.            Transport system good, especially having a station/s.            The volunteers that add to the community feel...churches, Cielo, those who help by planting and caring for the floral displays</p>	<p>And now there are housing estates. There is very little room. Cars parked everywhere, some illegally. Take risks coming on to Wakefield Road from Cypress Road: cars are parked on the pavement mean there are no visuals to the right and often none to left either. There have been a number of accidents -not all recorded. It is nigh impossible to cross the road at times. The speed limit is violated regularly. Access to the entrances behind Cypress Terrace &amp; Wakefield Road are often blocked and bins are often not emptied and some always left out. Worrying re-emergencies.            Green spaces seem to be all play areas ....we need a park . Lotherton Hall now too pricey. Where in Garforth can adults go for a leisurely walk in a green space? The place is in danger of losing its identity.</p>	<p>Slower roads around Garforth...and limits enforced..humps or speed cameras.            A decent sized park that is given to wandering around ....somewhere to stop and relax, have a picnic, push a buggy, kick a ball with tots.            Parking restrictions for those non-residents that park in Garforth to use the station/s.            Parking bays for residents, especially on Wakefield Road.            Waste bins outside 'Subway'.</p>

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A Main Street with a good choice of shops, and it's not too far away from countryside	More shops and pubs being built without sufficient parking	Create more parking, or bring in payment meters behind factory shop to stop people parking all day and going to train station
Its small size and the sense of community. The variety of small independent shops on Main Street. The easy access to countryside - without using a car - for walking and cycling. The separation from the Leeds conurbation. The excellent transport links - public transport and road. The surrounding green belt. The facilities for recreation and leisure - parks and leisure centre. The variety of housing types, including small terraced housing for first time buyers. The impact of Garforth in Bloom. The allotments.	The new housing developments rarely offer homes for first time buyers and their gardens are tiny- all the space been given over to hard standing for cars; this exacerbates the problems with surface water and flooding. The fact that all the schools ( I believe ) have become academies. The over supply of hairdressers and beauty parlours- enough is enough!	A community cafe at Barleyhill Park offering teas/coffees at those times when there is a heavy footfall. Allied to this a park keeper circulating between the various green spaces to promote use, discourage/manage litter and dog fouling problems and keep on top of breakages.

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<p>Proximity to 'countryside' - the main reason I moved here over 25 years ago. Walking 5 minutes &amp; I'm into open fields...</p> <p>Local retail area (Main Street) means I can get most things I need without travelling into Leeds or other areas.</p> <p>Reasonable transport links should I need them.</p>	<p>Lack of infrastructure &amp; resources when new building is proposed or happens in the area -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* doctors surgeries</li> <li>* school placements with adequate facilities for parents to drop children off (better still, a dedicated parking facility within a 10 min. walk &amp; then ban all cars dropping off or parking in immediate school vicinity!!!).</li> <li>* Emergency service (Police &amp; Fire Service) reduction despite increased building.</li> </ul> <p>Erosion of green areas. Especially for those of us with dogs!! Why is LCC so short sighted as not to include specific areas (securely fenced) where dogs can be exercised - safely (for all concerned). Yes this is a 'pet peeve' of mine &amp; I have had to resort to using private areas outside the area....</p> <p>LCC use of resources in the area - for example - new street marking done one month, the following month part of road resurfaced (2 months ago &amp; still waiting for top 'dressing) and of course, no road markings now.</p> <p>I am aware this forum is not associated with LCC however, their actions impact on our lives.</p>	<p>Ensuring adequate infrastructure is in any plans with scope to expand as community grows.</p> <p>Parking around Main Street (if more houses especially).</p> <p>See above comments re issues.</p>
<p>Good schools safe friendly people</p>	<p>Bad farm smell no swimming pool</p>	<p>More restaurants in the high St more classes and longer opening hours at the leisure centre</p>
<p>Transport is good with a choice of being able to get on a Bus or Train.</p>	<p>The so called improvements to parking in Main St is now a night mare. Choice of shops, hairdressers, charity shops for e.g.</p>	<p>Let's go back to being an Urban District Council where Garforth looks after it's own Improvements- Finances- Street cleaning-Road repairs ect.</p>
<p>Handiness for Leeds, A1M and M62..</p>		<p>Better parking facilities</p>

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good train links to Leeds and York and close proximity to motorways for commuting.	the lack of decent pubs serving good food and not showing sports.	Parking at train stations is not sufficient.
Connections to the motorways, local green footpaths, railway link, shops.	Outsiders using our train station to access Leeds for commuting, they come as far a field as North Yorkshire as its cheaper to drive here with free parking and then hop on a train, local residents don't get a chance to park after 8 am	More versatile shops.
Close community and people in general seem to care about their property and surrounding areas	The influx of estate agents, charity shops and eateries on Main Street especially take aways which create problems with discarded rubbish etc	More waste bins on Main Street to stop people discarding waste on street,
QUIET	JUST MOVED TO AREA	TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ABERFORD ROAD/MAIN HIGH STREET NEED TO BE ADJUSTED TO ALLOW MORE TRAFFIC TO PASS ALONG ABERFORD ROAD
A great location for access to major road networks. Family, friends and community.	The roads can get very bottled necked very quickly.	Schools, supermarkets and shopping facilities. The road infrastructure.
It has a semi-rural feel as we're close to the countryside yet it has good transport links as we're close to the motorway network, railway and bus routes. It has good schools and shops are close by.	Some areas/streets are run down and there are instances of antisocial behaviour. Not enough leisure facilities, especially for teenagers. Stocks Blocks and the volume of traffic, especially the number of heavy lorries going over the single file bridge near Bar Lane	We have some good open spaces and playgrounds for younger children, dog owners etc, but some are neglected and in need of repair. At certain times there also bottlenecks of traffic, especially in areas where there is a lack of parking/driveways. One of the worst areas for this being Church Lane. Maybe consideration needs to be given to widening the road or not allowing parking. Increasing the opening hours/days the leisure centre is open.



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<p>The main street with its variety of shops and library Surrounding green spaces</p>	<p>Having no direct bus service into Leeds</p>	<p>Low cost supermarket to compete with Tesco Provision of brown bins to all properties</p>
<p>A very vibrant community with a mixture of age groups</p> <p>Good transport system</p> <p>Garforth in Bloom excellent group for brightening up all around our living and commercial areas.</p> <p>Excellent support from council members who are very contactable.</p>	<p>Constant threat of housing development to green belt. Noisy motor bikers, especially on Wednesday evenings and all day Sunday tearing up Selby Road ignoring the 30 mph speed limit causing the most dreadful noise. Litter thrown out of cars onto grass verges, which caring folk have to pick up.</p>	<p>Create another independent village/community and provide them with schools, doctors, access to motorways etc. by building on outskirts rather than small green belt land in Garforth, which cannot cope with more traffic/pupils etc. More variety of shops on Main Street instead of hair/nail/charity shops. List of local handymen who you can trust and who won't charge rip-off prices for elderly who cannot do home maintenance any more.</p>
<p>The nice feeling of being in a village setting but with all the facilities on our doorstep. It's small enough that people know each other. The feeling you are in a countryside setting near to Leeds City Centre.</p>	<p>The situation with heavily congested roads at peak times, for example Bar Lane and Selby Road. Also parking issues, as it's hard to park in Main Street and driving around Garforth is becoming annoying as there are cars parked all over the place very inconsiderately which makes it dangerous whilst having to overtake them on bends etc. The new 20 mph speed limit on Ninelands Lane, this is great at school times but causes problems at night as other drivers are impatient with people who uphold the new limit.</p>	<p>People using their drives to park on, instead of leaving cars on the road. Also better traffic systems put in place on Bar Lane and the junction with Kippax off of Selby Road.</p>
<p>Nice place to live in. Low level of anti-social behaviour. Good neighbours. Good selection of local shops.</p>	<p>Foul smell from local farm. Ongoing source of complaint for many years but nothing done to stop it.</p>	<p>More affordable housing for young people/first time buyers. Need more facilities for young people.</p>

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<p>Sense of community;            Relatively safe area within Leeds;            Good community college;            People in general care about and maintain their properties;            Garforth in Bloom;            Rail service.</p>	<p>Inadequate leisure facilities eg swimming pool etc;            Green spaces not being utilised for benefit of everyone;            Some parts of the estate have limited road access which could prove dangerous in an emergency if they become blocked ;            Expanding too rapidly without enough consideration being given to infrastructure;            Noise from nearby motorway is an increasing source of annoyance.</p>	<p>More leisure facilities and variety of shops;            Good and accessible supermarket;            Road improvements in general but particular attention to traffic lights at danger points eg Charlie Sweeps Corner, Bar Lane/Aberford Road;            Resurfacing motorway to reduce noise pollution;            Council maintenance of hedgerows (appears to have decreased in priority in recent years).</p>
<p>I've lived in Garforth for 29 years and it has a real community spirit. There's always some event going on; summer fairs, bonfire night, arts festival, Garforth in bloom to name but a few.</p> <p>I also like the fact that there are 2 car parks off Main Street that are free.</p>	<p>The amount of traffic has increased and there is alot of inconsiderate parking.</p>	<p>More cycle paths should be created to encourage people to leave their cars at home for short journeys. For example I live on Meadow Road and I do most of my shopping at Tesco. I would happily cycle there if there was a safe way to do that i.e using a cycle path. I know there are cycle routes round Garforth but what about short cycle paths from the various housing estates to say Main Street, Tesco, train stations?</p>
<p>Sense of Community with regular community events            Good public transport            Surrounding countryside and availability of footpaths            Good local shops, doctors, dentist, schools            Main Street</p>	<p>Volume, speed and noise of traffic            Ever growing number of industries on north side of town            Urbanisation rapidly approaching from the direction of Leeds            Lack of visible police presence</p>	<p>Surrounding roads and especially the A63            A cleaner environment in terms of rubbish and dog fouling            Garforth Station            Provision of activities for younger people</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fact that if you want or need to you can get everything you need in Garforth ie shopping, doctors, dentist, restaurants/takeout, varied recreation and varied Christian facilities.</li> <li>2. Excellent public transport links to larger towns/cities and the nation.</li> <li>3. A real sense of community at a personal and wider level.</li> <li>4. An excellent local councillor in Mark Dobson.</li> <li>5. 20 and 30 mile per hour speed limits.</li> <li>6. Facilities for OAPs in Garforth which mean I could continue to live in Garforth as I get older, should I want to.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The constant breaking of speed limits, seemingly unchecked, causing danger to pedestrians and other road users.</li> <li>2. The parking on both sides of Main Street which make me nervous of causing an accident to pedestrians crossing between cars, or to other road users if I misjudge width of vehicles.</li> <li>3. Car noise from Barleyhill Park - especially in the evenings - from folk doing handbreak turns etc. NB I am not disturbed by legitimate car park users at any time of day or night.</li> <li>4. Dog fouling.</li> </ol>	<p>Increased prosecutions for speeding ? by the introduction of speed cameras or use of traffic enforcers.</p> <p>Routine police visits to Barleyhill Park.</p> <p>Disabled parking only (and one side only) on Garforth Main Street.</p> <p>I understand there are already measures in place to address dog fouling.</p>

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<p>Living amongst friends and family who have lived here since the mid 19th century. The ability to travel to lots of places because of our good road and rail links. The friendly nature of the vast majority of inhabitants. The quality of the schools.</p>	<p>The appalling state of the roads. The insane 20 mph speed limit. The unfair acquisition of land for building since 1960, Garforth has done more than its fair share. The gradual expansion of the graveyard into the Glebelands to accommodate people from outside of Garforth. The Glebelands was left to the people of Garforth for leisure pursuits.</p>	<p>Improve road junctions with A642/ Main Street, and A642/Bar Lane.          Impose 20 mph speed limit in the vicinity of schools only. Think more about the development in Main Street and the effect it will have on businesses already there.          Increase leisure facilities.          Give Community Police the power to combat the ever increasing use of hand held phones whilst driving.</p>
<p>A good safe area to live, with easy access to shops,banks etc &amp; railway stations and excellent bus service.</p>	<p>The ongoing problem of traffic congestion and parking.          The cars parked in Church Lane all the way from the Methodist church to the library; the buses often have problems. I suspect that some of the cars parked in the main street (all car parks) are there all. day, and are commuters using either the bus or train services.           H.G.V,s in main street, as a rat run - not delivering           The total disregard for the new 20 mph speed limit.</p>	<p>A possible residents parking disc, or 2 hour clock parking system similar to the one in use in other towns.</p>
<p>Its is nicely located to Leeds City and if we need anything large etc its easy to travel locally. It is also close to motorway links for North, South, East and West travelling</p>	<p>Not enough convenience stores other than grocery's stores but plenty of Charity Stores, Hairdressers and now Coffee Shops.          Parking near Schools is a nightmare during morning and afternoon periods thank goodness for School Holidays</p>	<p>If more houses to be built the more schools , doctors surgery's etc to full fill the extra people in the area. Better road links will need to be thought out and sewerage systems well improved</p>

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<p>The community of Garforth and its separation from the Leeds sprawl. The gap between the new development at Thorpe Park and the existing houses along Wakefield road. I think this gives Garforth its identity.</p>	<p>The lack of parking facilities. The parking on streets close to Main street is a problem for the residents. Resident permits is not the answer as the people who need to park still need to park. It is important for the life of the town and its facilities to encourage people to come in easily. If you restrict private cars you will cause people to go elsewhere. Regardless of the environmental arguments you have to be friendly to personal transport.</p>	<p>Parking facilities. Disabled access and internal disabled accessibility and facilities in Garforth community College. The increase in courses for mature students has caused parking problems again on the streets. A new College is needed with parking facilities. A sports centre and swimming pool is also needed. Disabled access to East Garforth Railway station is needed. You can get on the platform to go to Leeds but you cannot get off the platform coming from Leeds. If you factor in the percentage of disabled people per head of population, children to OAPs the the number of disabled people will increase significantly with the new houses. The pavements need improving for disabled also.</p>
<p>I love that Garforth is a separate town, close to all the amenities of Leeds but separate from it with its own identity. The road and rail links are excellent. I can walk down to the Main Street and find everything I need for daily living. The Garforth in Bloom group are doing a brilliant job too.</p>	<p>The only thing I miss in Garforth is a park that I could walk to in the evenings and weekends for a pleasant stroll with beautiful flower beds instead of driving to Temple Newsam, Roundhay or Lotherton (although I don't go to Lotherton anymore because of the excessive parking charges).</p>	<p>4 trains an hour between Leeds and Garforth during the day rather than 3, a more frequent service later in the evening so it's easier to get home after a trip to the theatre, and a much better train service into Leeds on Sundays - one an hour is not good enough!</p>
<p>The rail links to Leeds and York, nice main street and plenty of walking/cycling routes that are off road.</p>	<p>The amount of weed that seems to be smoked openly. Broken glass outside The Hungry Horse and the amount of dog poo in general on the pavements.</p>	<p>A proper real ale pub, more carriages on the trains.</p>

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<p>Its Identity as a part of Leeds, yet still a small town apart. I grew up in Leeds 16, which was nice, but although on the outskirts of Leeds...always felt 'just a part' of it...subsumed, with no real identity. As a parent with 2 school-age children I like the feeling of safety, the schools, the open spaces and the proximity to both town and country. Good transport options and still a meaningful range of retail in and around Main Street, which adds to the 'small town' feel. The Garforth Lions Club, the Garforth in Bloom helps all help to put events on and keep us looking good. We have a leisure centre, a fabulous library, a dedicated fire station and a police station....again adding to the feeling of community and security.</p>	<p>My only gripes are probably shared by people across Britain. Sometimes there is vandalism, litter, graffiti etc.... but that's down to poor parenting, pure and simple. I worry sometimes about vacant shops, and shops that don't stay around for long. I am concerned about the future of options on the Tesco site and surrounding factories. I guess the biggest worry (dislike) is the possible massive expansion of housing in and around the town. Every time a new house is built, the eater pressure seems to drop, the drains don't work as they should and the roads get busier. I worry that the towns infrastructure couldn't possibly cope with the extra numbers being talked about. Not dislikes...but in the category of "It's a shame".... the closure of the garden centre at Garforth Cliff, and the fact that Brecks Farm have stopped doing 'pick you own' fruit....but hey...you can't have it all.</p>	<p>Some traffic management is confusing. Improved bin facilities in public areas and litter operatives. Better maintenance of parks and playgrounds. East Garforth train station bridge and fencing is badly in need of paint. A lot of the street name signs need replacing as are very dirty, obscured or are no longer easy to read.</p>
<p>Good travel connections. Road , rail and public transport. Good shopping for everyday food needs.</p>	<p>Large army of eastern european farm workers on a seasonal basis.</p> <p>Chaotic parking and restrictions in Main Street which will lead to an increase in accidents to drivers and pedestrians.</p>	<p>Post Office in East Garforth. Main Street / Aberford Road junction</p>
<p>Main Street remains an active centre for the community. A development plan to ensure it remains sustainable is essential.</p>	<p>The 20 mile an hour limit on Ninelands Lane should be replaced by cameras because they are a more consistent deterrent than sporadic police interventions.</p>	<p>A high quality gourmet food market would be a great addition to the local shopping repertoire</p>



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<p>The shops.</p>	<p>Planners decisions regarding what new shops move on to Main St, for eg why do we need a Nisa, when we have a coop already, and a Tesco. This will also have parking implications for us on our street, Beech Grove Terrace, which is already full of cars that do not belong to residents.</p> <p>Parking is a real issue, we cannot park outside our own houses down here, due to the number of shoppers etc parking here and using our street as a car park. I have e mailed the council already.</p> <p>The litter is appalling, I take part in litter picks that are organised, but there is still so much litter , especially around the paths that wind up through from the terraces down the bottom of main St. We pick it up, and have had in the past tried to get the school involved, as it is usually kids from the academy that we see dropping it, but they do not want to know. Gar forth looks like a tip on most days when you walk about everywhere like I do.</p>	<p>Parking, and educating the kids about litter. It's mostly cans of energy drinks we pick up and recycle as well, which is not great on the way to school!</p> <p>I think getting the school involved in the litter picks would be good, also could Garforth in Bloom cheer up some of the walk ways through Garforth instead of concentrating on the main routes that only the drivers see. There is a little street on the Oak estate that has steps up to the road to Tescos, and those steps are just crying out for some pots on them or around them, to cheer the place up.</p> <p>Ps what's the problem with school drops for Strawberry fields parking in the academy car park, there is Lenny of room. The parking on Lidgett lane is going to get someone killed one day.</p>

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<p>Accessibility to motorways &amp; Leeds. Local amenities and services. Feeling of being in the country as apposed to town. And of being in a small town rather larger extension of the city. Came here for the schooling and peaceful environment.</p>	<p>Through traffic, much increased since first came here. Increased traffic due to extra housing built on Selby Road and Barley Hill Road. Lack of general parking in town centre, never find space on main street &amp; appears to be more and more long stay occurring in Barley Hill Road car park. Although we have good train links to Leeds &amp; York, not able to access freely due to lack of midday parking due to non residents using this car park for free commuter parking. Some of us residents cannot manage the walk to &amp; from station onto of walking round town. Late night revellers from pubs on Ninelands Lane traversing from one to other on Fridays and Saturdays.</p>	<p>Remove chicane from Ninelands Lane &amp; replace with a light operated crossing. Charge for non residents parking at station to restrict non residents using as above. Monitor with cameras or regular policing of new speed restrictions, particularly outside school or working hours. Can sit in my study and hear/see cars lorries regularly speeding along Ninelands Lane all day long! Traffic lights at top of Bar Lane, even if only at peak rush hour times. If we are to have more housing then require more Drs, and NHS dental practice, more infant/junior schools and restrict Academy entrants to Garforth residents, or second academy level school also required. Restrict use of additional pub hours particularly at either end of Ninelands Lane. Local swimming pool would get good use, so long as parking provided.</p>
<p>I value living in a house five minutes walk to ninelands primary school and five minutes walk to garforth academy, I think the bus and train service are both very good. I also think the library is very good.</p>	<p>I dislike the amount of charity shops in garforth. I need individual shops not big chain shops like the factory shops. I dislike the floods that occur on ninelands lane. I dislike the fact that there are only a couple of main roads into garforth making long queues when a road is getting repaired, an accident on a main road or a main road getting flooded. I dislike all the boy racers zooming up ninelands lane and then dealing drugs in the park car park.</p>	<p>The speed limit - too many cars go too quick. There should be more reinforcement for this.</p> <p>Proper shops in the Main Street and less charity shops and hairdressers.</p> <p>The bin men could leave My bin where they got it from and not half way down the street</p>

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<p>That there are people living here (or who come here) who care about Garforth. People who show an enthusiasm, giving of their free time, for the benefit of the community in many ways, from children's activity and sports, to caring for the elderly, to improving the look and feel of the place.</p>	<p>That there are people who, and in the words of actor John Mills in the film Family Way, 'treat Garforth like it were a public urinal'. From dropping litter, to fouling of pavements by dogs, to complete disregard of any measures, new and old, to improve road safety. It is as if there are residents who have no respect for, and place 'self' above, the concept of community and society.</p> <p>That the town of Garforth has been planned over the past 50 or 60 years without a plan.</p>	<p>A more active involvement of schools, companies, businesses and the local authority in setting an ethos of pride in the place. A more intelligent approach to future plans for increasing the size of the town's population.</p>
<p>We like having a big garden and that Garforth itself is still surrounded by green fields on all sides separating Garforth from Kippax, Colton, Barwick in Elmet, Towton etc We also like the train line service to Leeds and easy access to all motorways</p>	<p>That we don't have a leisure centre like Rothwell with a swimming pool and a gym</p>	<p>We think it is a shame that we have allowed Main Street to disintegrate into a lot of charity shops and beauty parlours. The highlight is the Cielo coffee shops. We need either a really good supermarket or more artisan shops along Main Street</p>
<p>This is a lovely, (mostly ) well cared for small town &amp; we love living here.</p>	<p>The smell from the pigs at Brecks Farm.</p>	
<p>Very close proximity to green spaces. Excellent education facilities. Good infrastructure network - good rail network links to Leeds City Council</p>	<p>Dog fouling a real issue Leisure Centre times unattractive With the exception of the skate park, nothing for teenagers to do locally Already unhappy about the amount of housing. Becoming too large, losing it's community spirit Lack of parking makes the High Street not as accessible Secondary school struggling with space</p>	<p>Somewhere for teenagers to "hang out"</p>

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<p>Friendly people, easy access to country walks, not too many houses for existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>Lack of parking in town centre, Lack of cleaning of drains leading to flooding, Traffic lights on Charlie Sweeps corner, lights would reduce the number of accidents, Too many traffic bumps and pot holes, While driving around Garforth I find that I am forced to watch road for holes/bumps and not children/dogs/cats etc on pavements</p>	<p>If we are to have more housing we need better foul drainage, schools, medical services</p>
<p>It's country like feel but with a self sufficient atmosphere. I like that the town is small enough that you know many people as you go around. It has many amenities, probably lacking a few though.</p>	<p>The parking on Main Street is now ridiculous. The street is not wide enough for parking on both sides and two lanes of traffic. It can be gridlocked at certain times. Car parking is still an issue as sometimes I drive around all three and have to go shop somewhere else.</p>	<p>Pay and display would definitely relieve some parking, only allow parking on one side of Main Street. Rethink where 20 mph are placed and keep a watch on Wakefield Road, cars sometimes that travel up at terrific speed and motor bikes think that speed rules don't apply to them.</p>
<p>That it is a good size community/town and has good transport links to Leeds and therefore the rest of the country. Plenty of buses to get to surrounding areas and easy access to motorways. Main street seems to be well used high street.</p>	<p>There does seem to be lots of hairdressers/beauticians that are setting up. Would like to see more diverse shops. The crossroads at the top of main street could be better designed as it can be difficult to cross left or right without stopping cars who want to go straight ahead. The junction at the top of bar lane, opposite the grange can be difficult to get out of if driving and to cross as a pedestrian.</p>	<p>As above. Poor train service on a Sunday. Leisure facilities could be much better. Would use the gym, but it is so small you wouldn't get on the equipment you wan to use. Limited number of classes.</p>
<p>It is an individual community, not a suburb, and has a strong community feel. Public transport is generally good. The attractiveness and cared for appearance of the town has been much enhanced since Garforth in Bloom began. Most basic services are available locally. The library.</p>	<p>Dog fouling and litter. We are sorry that the Police Station no longer has a public counter. Lack of short term parking at the station.</p>	<p>The issues mentioned above. Northern Rail's trains. We also seem to get the oldest buses (except Arriva Castleford -Leeds). The infrequency of evening transport to the city is a disincentive to using it.</p>

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i have lived in garforth all my life and have seen it change from a village to a town. I like the friendliness of people but worry that it is growing too fast and we loose the sense of community.	the size - it has expanded far too fast and fear we will not have any green spaces left.	most other places have very nice parks. i feel that unless you have a vehicle there is only the lines which you can go and have a nice walk. the park on barleyhillroad is designed for kids to play. All the nice plants and trees have been ripped out.
Garforth is a friendly town, with a good community feel, yet excellent transport links to Leeds and further afield. The schools are very good and the crime rate feels low.	I feel that parking could be improved, it would be good to keep it free as that encourages people to shop local, but perhaps the car park that was started to be built at the top of main street could be finished and made into a long stay car park and the others become time limited.  It would be nice to try and improve the look and landscaping of the Miami warehouse on Aberford Road, it is a main route into Garforth and looks untidy.	Later trains from Leeds to Garforth on a Friday and Saturday to help with those going for a night out. Better access at Garforth station. More bins on the East Garforth estate, especially where there are issues with dog mess.
Close to the countryside, easy access to Leeds and motorways. Good connections with libraries, social clubs but few facilities for children.	Main Street parking places insufficient in and around Main Street. Street cleaning unsatisfactory, as gullies not cleaned, causing flooding. 20 MPH speed limit not working. Dog fouling and littering very poor. Dog bins tend to be full most of the time. Could have more facilities for children. Schools tend to be overcrowded. Too many charity shops.	All of the above
feeling safe the people that live around us, the thinks that are for the young people.	that it is getting bigger, the bit of country side we have is been taken away. this will mean we will be getting all sorts of people living here, i am just hoping that we dont end up like seacroft, also the pub that is near us (bird in hand) we have bottles in gardens and broken ones.	parking down church lane and main street, its awful,

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<p>I have lived in Garforth for over 45 years. The shops are handy, it is quite countrified and I have lovely neighbours. It is also very peaceful where I live.</p>	<p>The only dislikes I have is that it is too congested down Main Street. The other day I was on the bus and the lights at the top of Main Street changed several times before it was out turn to move. Also it is nightmare trying to cross from one side to the other.</p> <p>The bus service is not very good. The other day I was waiting in Castleford Bus Station to come back to Garforth. There was a 163 already in so my friend and I made our way to get on the bus to be told by the driver just getting off, you cannot get on this one I am just finishing my shift. The next driver won't be long. So we waited almost 30 minutes the bus still stood there all closed up, the queue was getting longer and longer, so I went to the young lady on the information desk to ask about this bus. She immediately phoned the inspector who was apparently not aware of this bus being stood there all this time. So we waited a bit longer and eventually we had to get on a 166, the 163 still being stood there, in the end an inspector had to come and drive the bus away from the stand as it was blocking everything up, Everybody was not very pleased at the situation. I was informed that at around 2.30 in the afternoon some of our buses are taken off to do the school runs.</p> <p>The only other point I would make is that I live opposite Charley Sweep's corner, I have to get across Selby Road to catch the bus at the bottom of Leeds Road, it is an absolute nightmare. In fact I have missed a bus more than once whilst trying to</p>	<p>The bus service.</p> <p>The drainage is also bad, although it does not affect me personally.</p>

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Being safe and secure living in a relatively small community. With good access to motorways and countryside.	The 20mph speed limits which are absolutely stupid 25 mph would have been better. They are impossible to maintain because of others wishing to travel at there normal speed of 35mph. It is also not being policed. Also I complained about Sturton Lane estate and vehicles speeding and we have still a 30 mph limit, WHY.	Adjust the 20 limit to 25 or have more speed checks to deter the speeders.
Train stations	Insufficient nursery places to allow me to return to work	More nursery places The high street - appearance and range and quality of shops More coffee shops/restaurants
Community, semi-rural, low crime, transport links, schools, shops, football club.	Not enough quality housing, poor road network (eg Bar Lane and Town End),	Limited new housing in preferably brownfield land, Town End needs improving (junction and doing something positive with that waste land), better pram/wheelchair access for Garforth Station.
I enjoy the the good transport links in to Leeds and other surrounding towns. I enjoy the low crime levels and also the creation of a true identity for the town, created by people like Garforth in Bloom, The Main Deal and also input from our councillors and this activity. It's important that the town grows, and I appreciate this opportunity to have a say.	sometimes there appears to be a bit too much anti social behaviour going on, especially around the playing fields. Generally though, I like Garforth.	our shopping provision needs to increase, especially if there are to be so many more homes built. Perhaps the work at the former Miami site will address this. Whilst I understand there will be an impact on Main Street, my view is that this would be offset by the new comers to Garforth. As more people come to Garforth, or transport links (busses and trains) will need to be beefed up.
Quality of life Transport links Location Local services Size of town	Lack of recreational facilities Level of traffic Lack of good restaurants Flooding problems	Addressing the problems listed above



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<p>Easy access to York and Leeds without the hassle of living there.</p> <p>Easy access to countryside.</p> <p>Relatively clean, low pollution levels compared to inner city living.</p> <p>Low percentage of cheap rented accommodation.</p>	<p>Growing population.</p> <p>Near proximity of HS 2 route.</p> <p>Over subscribed services e.g. schools and doctors etc...</p> <p>Growing numbers of vehicles on roads.</p> <p>High percentage of low quality, high density, housing developments compared to similarly distant from Leeds North Leeds areas such as Wetherby etc...</p> <p>Stocks blocks' noise pollution, air pollution, vehicular traffic.</p>	<p>Protection for what little green space Garforth has remaining.</p> <p>E.g. Although the housing development on Garforth cliff was strongly opposed in the planning stage, building work started prior to planning consent, if this kind of thing happens, people lose confidence in local government and apathy spreads among the residents resulting in poor quality developments.</p> <p>Better commercial premises development. Some of the 60s developments on the high Street are in need of demolishing and replacing with more appropriate premises.</p> <p>Provision of an iconic institution for the town. Something that puts Garforth on the map. Rather than being an over populated suburb, Garforth needs a USP. E.g. a large maintained park, museum, or the like.</p> <p>Stricter planning regulation for new developments resulting in better design and higher quality housing offering residents a higher quality of life. E.g. the 60s developments in Garforth are currently better than many of the new developments having better planned street layouts and offering more space than the newer developments.</p> <p>Better representation for Garforth to help distinguish it from being a suburb of Leeds.</p>

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<p>Still has some sense of community. Thanks to Garforth in Bloom volunteers, community association, Lions etc. Close to countryside. Friendly local shopkeepers</p>	<p>Inconsiderate motorists specially outside schools. Irresponsible dog owners, granted a minority Risk of flooding</p>	<p>Planning permission to take into account disruption to neighbours and only given when not adding to present drainage system. House building must also include support services. Swimming pool and more facilities for youth would be good</p>
<p>Good links to Motorways, good schools.</p>	<p>We have lost our identity, we are now just a suburb of Leeds. Too much traffic, it is a nightmare driving round Garforth especially Church Lane and Main Street.</p>	<p>Start enforcing the speed restrictions which are now in place, many drivers are still driving at speeds well above the 20 limit. Try to resolve the nightmare of Church Lane with all the parked cars and on a general note can we encourage people to use their drives and not park on the road! STOP at all costs the proposed large amount of new housing, the infrastructure cannot cope with the the existing! STOP All Day Parking on Woodlands Drive for the station. Very soon some child will get knocked down.</p>
<p>Friendly people, Good amenities. Train &amp; Bus services good. A very pleasant area to live in.  The flower beds and hanging baskets are very good. Well done the people who tend them.</p>	<p>Nothing. Like living here.</p>	<p>The waste land at town end/Top of Main Street. Absolute eyesore. Also the potholes and uneven roads. Repairs urgently required.  Get rid of the stupid road humps on most roads, ie Church Lane.</p>
<p>Education - I worry that more houses will jeopardise my son's chance to go to Garforth comp, despite living within a mile of the school. I like the community feel and green space and amenities.</p>	<p>Getting out of Garforth at rush hour can take ages, all routes are busy and I'm not sure they could cope with increased congestion.</p>	<p>The leisure facilities. The squash club hours don't work for me. A big gym such as David lloyds would be ideal.</p>

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Well established community - societies etc. Good public transport. Main street with banks, shops, hairdressers, dentists, doctors, library etc. Old and new houses side by side. Good schools. Fabulous Garforth in Bloom. Allotments.	Cars parked all along roads like Church Lane and on pavements where pushchairs and disabled need to pass. 20 mph on roads that don't need it.	More leisure facilities for all ages.
Nice area, nice Main Street, Not many immigrants.	The new parking on Main Street is dangerous; All the foreign workers at Makins farm; no local swimming pool.	More provision for primary school children pre-school (breakfast clubs); Turn the land at the top of Main Street into parking so that some of it can be taken off Main Street; Lacking a paint and a shoe shop.

What I did value most was the independent shops, peaceful environment and trouble free parking and shopping. What we now have is congested traffic, loud noise at all times of the day and night, a council who have no desire to take into consideration the feelings of residents and therefore push planning applications through with little or no consultation with the residents. The type of build that has been allowed for certain businesses in no way enhances the village feel that Garforth used to have, the style of some buildings is downright offensive to the eye.

The total disinterest that our local councillors have for the ordinary person (the voter) in helping them to fight council decisions which severely impact on residents. In my, and others, experience the emphasis is on how they can help local businesses not the individual resident, if you in the minority your rights don't count. Poor council decisions, often taken without consultation of residents has resulted in the current Garforth we see today. Loss of independent shops, inadequate parking facilities, extreme traffic congestion, influx of people taking up much needed shoppers parking, loud and constant noise, music festivals etc etc. The often heard cry when one complains is that it is good for Garforth and we are dismissed as whingers. I would like to ask if the people who make these decisions actually consult the residents or, indeed live in Garforth. I have lived in Garforth for 40 years and we certainly have never been consulted on any aspect of change other than plans to pedestrianise Main Street, similarly many of our friends and neighbours never been consulted. Garforth has large contingent of elderly people so I would ask the question, is it Garforth people or outsiders who make these decisions. There seems to be an emphasis on the Arts/Drama/Theatre and Music which seems to take precedence over the needs of local people. Let us be realistic, we are not central Leeds, we don't have the capacity to accommodate these events without disturbance to people who live here. I would be interested to know how many Garforth people attend and how many are outsiders. The cost to host these events would be better spent improving the environment and trying to regenerate the Main Street to become the vibrant and interesting shopping area it once was instead of shops standing empty. How many more charity, beauty, takeaway, hairdressing and coffee shops can we take. We are short on Banks, butchers,

Reduce the traffic congestion.  
Provide more parking

Stop parking on Main Street, this causes accidents and severe congestion at peak periods.

Stop local businesses from controlling the way Garforth is shaped and listen instead to the needs of the people.

Make Main Street a pedestrian area. I seem to recall quite a few years ago local meetings to plan this, no doubt this doesn't suit some local businesses so it seems to have been shelved. No regard given for the number of elderly people and small children who have to cross Main Street at great risk to themselves.

Restrict the level of new build, the influx of more people to Garforth only causes more congestion. If the basic infrastructure isn't in place then how can we support more building, if the Council are not prepared to spend money improving facilities then halt further new build.

Garforth schools for Garforth children. Some children are having to fight for a place to attend Garforth Academy despite their siblings already attending the school, priority should be given to local children.

Better leisure facilities - can we expand the current facilities at Garforth Squash Club to incorporate a swimming pool, a much needed improvement for local residents.

Canvass all residents to get a broader opinion of what is needed, not just the same people who seem to join every Committee and therefore

	<p>local bakery shops and independant retailers. We don't need any more supermarkets but that is the plan for the site opposite Tesco. More traffic congestion, no doubt.</p>	<p>make the decisions they want.  LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE THERE IS A VERY GOOD REASON WHY THEY WHINGE - FRUSTRATION, LACK OF SUPPORT, LACK OF CONSULTATION ON VITAL DECISION MAKING!!!!!! You might not like what people have to say but they have a very good reason for saying it. We stop fighting because no-one listens, what guarantees can our local Councillors give us that anything we say now will make a difference. Look at the the new development on Garforth Cliff and the problems this caused to the local residents, did our local Councillors fight against this, look at the people who suffered flooded homes despite warnings to the Council?</p>
<p>Transport accessibility</p>	<p>Lack of amenities, both leisure and shopping.</p>	<p>Modernisation of Main Street  Garforth desperately needs some parkland/green space</p>

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<p>It's a low crime area            It has good transport links to Leeds, York, Wakefield and the motorways.            It has good schools            Good doctors and dentists.            Varied types of housing although very little as starter homes and possibly could be more bungalows.            Close to countryside .            The residents</p>	<p>Limited shops only one supermarket of note, which charges more than same one at Seacroft ie petrol            Lack of affordable housing for first time buyers.            Lack of rented housing due to Council stock being depleted by Right to Buy and not replaced.            Poor leisure facilities, sport centre only open part time and no swimming pool.            Limited parking on the MainStreet, problems when cars parked both sides.</p>	<p>More starter homes, most estates now out of reach for first time buyers.            More bungalows for over 50,s of a decent size to enable them to move on from houses, both public and Council.            More Council homes to rent not Housing Association or private rented, the Council estates in Garforth of thirty years ago provided a major part of the community.            More spermarkets, to give a varied and competitive choice for residents.            Better leisure facilities, we should not have to travel to Kippax or Tadcaster to go swimming</p>
<p>The Village feel and the fact that it is a relatively safe area to live in.</p>	<p>The lack of facilities for children.</p>	<p>More facilitites for children to enjoy, somewhere for the 11-16 yr olds to enjoy and leisure facilities that younger children can enjoy.            Also, our local playground Firthfields is literally falling apart.</p>
<p>The sense of community; it being a nice semi rural area.</p>	<p>Over development. Every bit of spare land is being sold off for housing, I have lived in garforth all my life and stayed here because of its semi rural location which is rapidly being destroyed by LCC.            Lack of leisure facilities, the only leisure centre is run down and has no public swimming pool. If there were more affordable facilities this would result in fewer teenagers hanging round the streets and causing vandalism, litter and noise.</p>	<p>More parkland facilities everyone could use, e.g. gardens, ponds, crazy golf, not just grassland for ball games.            A modern public leisure facility including a swimming pool, 10 pin bowling, pool hall, burger bar.            More regular trains to and from Leeds on an evening, there is currently only one an hour.</p>

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Separate identity from Leeds. Green belt between garforth and Leeds. Good schools and a good high street. Decent rail links.	Traffic getting worse. Drug problem seems to be getting worse which then reflects in crime and anti social behaviour.	Leisure facilities . return of local services which were moved to Leeds.
close to the motorway, has 2 train stations	main street shops, could do with more shops, bring people in to garforth, maybe have a market? no shop in east garforth, be very handy if we had a close convenience shop.	more shops, not all charity ones, beauticians, and estate agents
Semi rural location	Disruptive disrespectful teenagers who appear to have been badly brought up	Bigger emphasis on unruly teenage groups and litter dropping with a higher police profile providing they do something about it which at present they seem to turn a blind eye
Surrounding countryside. Easily accessible town centre	Lack of sports facilities. Town street is mainly charity shops and hairdressers.	Squash court replaced by a sports center with swimming pool. More general shops encouraged..... possibly with the town hosting a weekly market and a farmers market
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East Garforth train station and links to M1/A1 Satellite children's centre at Firthfields and library and local shops	Dog fouling Speed bumps Cars speeding on Aberford Rd	Children's playground at Firthfields More regular cleaning/litter pick at play parks Better visibility and marketing of local community events A regular calendar of town events
Sense of community Green space, places to walk Good selection of shops Train station Good road links	Speed of traffic on Wakefield Road Possible flooding	See above Local farmers market
Excellent education, comparatively open/rural, really keen sense of community, very good transport links	Insufficient sport and leisure facilities, poor utility links with Leeds, very little for the youth to do	The above
Garforth is a pleasant place to live, where i feel safe whatever the hour. It is surrounded by beautiful fields and country side.	Over the years Garforth seems to have become a bit shabby pavements and roads are appalling. Main st has a poor variety of shops, being either charity shops, banks, hairdressers or fast food.	Variety of places to shop. The roads and pavements addressed. Somewhere decent for children to play. This side of Leeds has no decent sports center, swimming pool,splas zone, ice skating, etc, sorry but Rothwell and Kippax are of a poor standard.
Garforth is a safe and friendly place for children to grow up. There is a good community atmosphere and loads of activities for kids.	No parkland for walking and relaxing	A community park A BMX track to attract people from outside the area



Garforth Academy  
The Greengrocer in Main Street  
Cielio (the coffee shop) in Main Street  
The refurbished playparks (not that I use them, but a good job well done).  
The Library.  
The bus service along Main Street.

Speeding traffic from J47 along the A642, especially employees late for work at the various industrial units off Isabella Road, Fusion Road and Lotherton Way and alongside East Garforth Primary School, and by commuters rushing to catch a train. Ever increasing traffic volumes along the A 642. Traffic difficulties: Lower Sturton Lane/A 642; Bar Lane/A 642; Parkinson Approach/ A642; Station Road/A 642; Main Street/A 642.  
4x4s abandoned - not parked - along Main Street  
Off-loading by enormous HGVs along Main Street  
The excessive number of Charity shops along Main Street which discourage "proper" retailers from setting up shops.  
The excessive number of beauty parlours - are our females that ugly, or just vain?  
Despite good street furniture, the general appearance of Main Street which, as a whole, resembles a 3rd World shanty town (and I've seen a few in my time).  
The failure of the police and local authority to police the litter-louts and the inconsiderate parking along Main Street. The CSOs are nice and their presence is welcome but they are as much use as chocolate fireguards.  
The lack of public parking in the vicinity of Main Street - appalling, which is why I rarely or barely shop on Main Street as it is too much hassle.  
The failure of the community to have an independent council in lieu of councillors tainted by the stench of Leeds City Council politics. This town is a public convenience for incomers who come here simply to commute by train, or to work on one or another of the industrial units. they don't live here - they park here, leave their deritus, don't spend a penny and clog the place up. And there are more to come at the Hawks Nest Wood development. A Parish Council should tax all these businesses in proportion to the number of Garforth residents-v-

Everything.  
Relocate to Aberford or Barwick.

Incomers. the more incomers the higher the tax to pay for the burden they create. Clearly, Aberford and Barwick are much better at looking after their own and restraining the excesses of Leeds City Council who, over the years are killing this once lovely town.

The greatly increased volumes of HGVs along the A 642 accessing the various distribution centres. Finally, the plan to increasing our housing stock without spreading the burden around this area.

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<p>A good range of shops on Main Street, within walking distance; especially a greengrocer, butcher, hardware store, Co-op and Sainsbury's.</p> <p>Easy access to rural footpaths nearby</p> <p>Easy access to motorways.</p> <p>Good transport links into Leeds.</p>	<p>People who drop litter and allow their dogs to foul the streets.</p>	<p>Don't know</p>
<p>Easy access to schools, buses and trains, Main Street shops and A1/M1 link road</p> <p>St Benedicts and St Marys Church</p> <p>Medical centre, police and fire station, library</p> <p>St Marys church bells</p> <p>Access to open green spaces</p>	<p>Dog owners who dont pick up dog poo</p> <p>Parents who dont monitor their children and let them run wild and destroy Glebelands</p> <p>Sports users of Glebelands who dont pick up their rubbish</p>	<p>outdoor / after school provision for 11-16 year olds</p> <p>Paved or tarmac trails around the green open spaces so wheelchair users, mobility scooters and puch chairs can enjoy</p> <p>Vocational learning centres</p>
<p>the position of garforth to the motorways</p> <p>its access to the cities of York and Leeds</p> <p>its access to the railway and bus routes</p> <p>the butchers and veg shop selling home produce</p> <p>the Library and its facilities</p>	<p>the lack of facilities for our youngsters .... no swimming pool, no cinemas, no youth club or evening cafes</p> <p>no desirable accommodation for older people to retire to</p> <p>not enough diversity of shops on our main street</p> <p>too many charity shops</p> <p>too many hairdressers/ nail and beauty boutiques</p> <p>no decent shoe or clothes shops</p>	<p>first I must say how pleased I am at the new roadside parking in main street. it allows folk to park and pop out and shop for 10 minutes.. good thinking</p> <p>I must say also that I applaud the new 20 mile speed limit.</p> <p>and the new gym type structures on Glebelands are great</p>

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<p>1. Excellent location for train services and motorways</p> <p>2. Good mix of shops, banks, travel agents, etc, offering a good range of services with friendly and helpful customer service, especially Peases Hardware store.</p> <p>3. Garforth is still an independent small town and has not been 'swallowed up' as a suburb of Leeds.</p> <p>4. Several good schools and good play facilities and green spaces</p> <p>5. Excellent library/one stop centre</p> <p>6. Nearness to open countryside and pleasant walks eg The Lines</p> <p>7. The excellent work of Garforth in Bloom e.g Jubilee Gardens, displays, etc</p>	<p>1. Amount of traffic on A642, a noisy and dangerous road with several hazardous road junctions which need traffic lights e.g Bar Lane/Aberford Rd Also A63 with similar problems.</p> <p>2. Lack of decent public toilets.</p> <p>3. Roadworks can be very irritating especially when they ruin paths, roads that have recently been resurfaced eg Main St.</p> <p>4. Lack of modern footbridge at Garforth railway station</p> <p>5. The ugly eyesore that is the MIAMI building</p>	<p>1. Car parking is still a problem in some parts of town</p> <p>2. Pedestrianisation of Main St although this would be a major project with the attendant traffic rerouting problems.</p> <p>3. Development of the triangular piece of land at Town end. Garforth in Bloom have done their best to improve the perimeter but it is still an eyesore!</p> <p>4. More low cost housing for young people</p>
<p>It has all the amenities one needs. It feels semi rural. Excellent transport links.</p>	<p>Traffic, litter, dog fouling. Lack of green areas.</p>	<p>The roads in Garforth are vastly overloaded, if we are to have more housing then something has to be done to improve this. Main Street is a nightmare particularly when there has been an incident on one of the major roads. Parking is also an issue. Has Garforth got the infrastructure to cope with more residents?</p>
<p>The "village" atmosphere.</p> <p>A sense of being separate and distinct from the urban sprawl</p> <p>Good transport links</p>		<p>Ironically, given that Garforth is (currently) surrounded by open/green space, there is too little green/recreational space within it.</p> <p>Although it is no longer a problem for me, I feel there is too little for young teenagers.</p>

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<p>Quiet residential area.            Good variety of small friendly shops.            Well kept gardens and parks.            Flowers around Mainstreet and other communal areas.            Happy , safe place to live.            Low crime.</p>	<p>Waste ground area vat the top of Main Street.            Not much free parking.            No toilet facilites on Main Street.</p>	<p>Waste area at top of Main Street could be made into a Wildlife Area with a pond. This would attract families and people from outside the area, increase shops turnover on MainStreet too.            Blue recycling bins for households for glass.            Brown garden waste bins to be emptied throughout the winter months.</p>
<p>The good range of shops in Main Street especially the newsagent which are open early 7 days a week and also the greengrocers with a good range of reasonably priced fresh produce.            Good access to public transport via national road and rail networks.            Good range of pleasant walks literally in all four directions from the village.            Interesting well documented history going back to medieval times.            Good village atmosphere making Garforth very distinctive from the city.</p>	<p>The possibility of good farmland being covered with houses and infrastructure.            The large quantity of litter and dog fouling.            Too many shopkeepers seem uninterested in their customers.</p>	<p>A faster broadband connection.            Better timekeeping by the busses especially at weekends</p>

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		Improvement could be made by recognizing the following more clearly: The adopted core strategy promises to preserve the green spaces in Leeds "wherever possible". This leaves a loophole for giving up good farm land for housing and other development. Much of the land around Garforth comes into the agricultural land classifications 2 and 3i which is among the best for arable food crop production. We could have a problem with food security anyway with increasing population and this is likely to be exacerbated by climate change and global warming.
Not too near city centre but close to transport links.	Getting too crowded. Too many houses being built. Not enough parking in Main Street.	Stop building and improve car parking.
It is a self contained community within easy reach but separated from Leeds.	Lack of greenspace and facilities for the younger members of our community. Traffic congestion at peak times on A63 & A642 especially if there is a problem on other roads in surrounding area.	Facilities both indoor and outdoor for younger people especially the 11 to 16 age group.
proximity to leeds whilst being 'detached' from city limits. generally decent hard working residents. motorway/rail links	becoming a suburb of leeds city with the planned development. anything to do with makins farm. declining range of shops on main street	garforth getting its fair share of services from LCC considering the amount of tax they receive from this area. flooding needs addressing-one of the highest areas of leeds,miles from a river yet suffers from flooding!!

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<p>, I moved to Garforth 43 years ago, when I was expecting my first child. Having family members in Garforth I realised what a great place for raising my own family. Then Garforth was a really lovely town. We have good schools, my grandchildren now go to the same schools as my children did. Garforth was a community and everybody helped each other, and got involved in local activities. Sports that the kids were involved in and other community events.</p>	<p>Garforth, now has too many people, too much traffic and the infrastructure cannot cope. Whoever came up with the bright idea of allowing parking on both sides of Main Street wants sacking. It is mayhem, buses cant get through, lorries cant park to unload and it is just gridlocked at times. Now we have a Weatherspoons opening, which is not a bad thing, but they want to open until 1 oclock on certain nights. In my opinion and several other o people I have spoken to, all think the same, its a receipe for trouble.</p>	<p>The car parks in Main Street could be made short stay. This would stop people parking all day, whilst they go on the train or bus to Leeds. Shoppers in Garforth cannot get in the carparks to shop in our lovely local shops. Please don't allow all these houses to be built, Garforth cannot take the strain. Doctors surgeries, schools, road and the drains cannot cope.</p>
<p>Good transport links (road and rail) to cities like Leeds and Manchester and also to the countryside.</p> <p>Easy access to surrounding countryside for walking and biking.</p> <p>I like being part of a small community but with enough shops and facilities to make it unnecessary to have to visit other places other than for pleasure/leisure.</p>	<p>Traffic/speeding.</p>	<p>The junction at the top of main street.</p> <p>Better traffic-free routes between the various cycle routes.</p>

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<p>The library, the greengrocers, butchers, Cielo. Public transport into Leeds. The Fly Line and Hawks Nest Wood (which it is planned to annihilate with HS2)</p>	<p>The noise, fumes and lack of respect for the speed limit on the A642. Bad road surface on A642 which increases the noise. No of wagons on A642. Parking on both sides of Main Street. Litter thrown from passing cars and picked up at the most twice a year. Increase in the amount of industry which increases the number of cars as 99% of the workforce don't live in Garforth. No swimming pool. Lack of indoor meeting facility and activities for teenagers. Crossing the road at the junction of Ash Lane, A642, Oak Estate and Sturton Lane. The selling off of the old council offices especially as the parking is inadequate for the no of flats. Urban sprawl.</p>	<p>Provision of a swimming pool. Provision of indoor space for teenagers where they could play pool, listen to music, just sit and talk. The old Council Offices would have been ideal and could have been used for other activities as well (NET for example) if LCC had given us the opportunity. Parking on one side of Main Street only. A pedestrian crossing at the above mentioned junction. A limit on the number of takeaways on Main Street. Proper cycle tracks on A642 and A63. A proper park like Rothwell and Cross Gates. LCC to stop dumping all the unpleasant stuff on Garforth when it has the least open space in the Outer South East.</p>
<p>It's rural location and it still being a village.</p>	<p>The volume of traffic especially HGVs (when it is supposedly permit holders only).</p>	<p>Junction at the top of main street and the turning to Kippax on the A63. Less parking allowed actually on main street.</p>
<p>Transport links and access to countryside pursuits</p>	<p>The number of vehicles parked on the footpath</p>	<p>Ensure that time and noise restrictions on "events" are complied with</p>



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<p>Garforth's small-town community feeling.</p> <p>Proximity to good transport links: rail stations, buses and motorways.</p> <p>Good primary schools and an excellent Academy.</p> <p>Garforth has its own fire and police stations - which will be needed when the population is nearly doubled.</p> <p>A good green lung between Garforth and Leeds and the surrounding towns and villages.</p> <p>Good mix of properties.</p> <p>Public spaces are mostly clean and well maintained and, due to Garforth in Bloom , are attractive.</p> <p>Variety of shops in Main Street and supermarkets nearby.</p> <p>Industrial estates provide jobs for local people.</p> <p>Good local councillors who care about the town.</p>	<p>Parking, especially in Main Street, can be a nightmare. If the population is about to double parking will be a major concern and could drive people away from local shops.</p> <p>Drastic increase of properties to let.</p> <p>Traffic congestion, especially in Main Street and Lidgett Lane.</p> <p>Traffic-light junction at the top of Main Street. With Barwick Road now a major traffic route this junction is inadequate and can cause long queues down Main Street. With several thousand more cars in town the situation will be even worse.</p> <p>Flooding worries.</p>	<p>Traffic congestion.</p> <p>Lack of town centre parking spaces. More parking for rail station users.</p> <p>Infrastructure - better access roads, more shops, schools, medical facilities to cater for extra housing.</p> <p>Better youth facilities - club or centre.</p>
<p>I live in Garforth and also have a business here too .As a business Owner I find that it ideal for the railway station and on several bus routes and not far from the motorway .</p>	<p>I think that the roads are too busy and that some people live in fear of their houses being flooded .</p> <p>When I go shopping on Main Street the car parking is at best poor ,we need more good quality shops (not hairdressers,nail bars ,takeaway ect)</p>	<p>More parking ,better road,rail and transport system and cheaper business rates as these are very expensive for a small/medium business .</p>

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The strong sense of community and the local facilities including those on Main Street. I also appreciate the fact that it is relatively quiet. As a non driver the fact that Garforth has lots of public transport is very important to me as I use the train and bus frequently.	There isn't much, but I do find that the dog poo problem is really bad here, much worse than anywhere I have ever lived. I would also like to have more access to nature reserves etc, but there isn't much of that which can be accessed by public transport very easily. There are good facilities in the surrounding area but you are cut off from them if you don't have a car.	More bins in areas other than Main Street.
Within easy reach of countryside	Too much traffic especially since the industrial estate at the top end of Zgarforth was extended	More leisure space eg parks
Shops, banks and other amme ities within walking distance. Countryside nearby to walk in and parks/play areas. The sense of community and the fact that my family all live in garforth.	No dislikes.	Some areas still have problems with litter and dog fouling.
House style/ sizes, location, easy access to motorway, green spaces	Air pollution - dust from Stock Blocks on Ninelands Lane, inadequate bus service on Fairburn Drive - 166 ceases around 1830 and no Sunday service.	Bus service, Police patrols - visibility/ frequency
The location of the town to Leeds and York	the way we don't have many green areas anymore it's grown too much I have lived here 45 years and it's too big now	money needs to be spent to improve the roads and facilities
Sense of community, being separate from other nearby areas. Facilities available. Transport Links	Increasing traffic. New 20mph speed limit on Ninelands and Church Lanes.	Wider range of shops on Main Street. Tidying up of Townend.

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<p>General safety and security - home and for family  Still a good place for kids to grow up  Location - commenting to Leeds and beyond is excellent  Schools are excellent</p>	<p>High school so popular that many "out of area" people cause over-subscription- many children who do not live in Garforth attend Garforth primary schools!!  Cars parked on paths / blocking roads  Although main st is still busy- too many charity shops.  Council not supporting sports centre (squash club).  Badminton club (which is excellent by the way) appears to have saved it. Appalling for a village of 25,000 people to have this service threatened to be removed- though now no sports hall!!</p>	<p>See above   Banning cars parked on bend on church lane outside church. Hazardous/ dangerous</p>
<p>ACCESS TO GOOD SCHOOLS,  TRANSPORT, LOCAL FACILITIES,  COMMUNITY SPIRIT</p>	<p>TRAFFIC ISSUES, TOO MUCH TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING TRAFFIC  DOG MESS IN PUBLIC PLACES</p>	<p>DOG MESS IN PUBLIC PLACES  SPEED CAMERAS ON WAKEFIELD ROAD</p>
<p>It is a safe community with a good shopping centre and good public transport links.</p>	<p>Too much traffic in the centre of the town (new parking bays on main street have made it more dangerous).   The new 20 mph speed limit not being adhered to.   Parking situation especially close to main street and schools is poor.</p>	<p>Better parking facilities.</p>
<p>A mid way between town and country with good transport links. Was brought up here and still favours the location</p>	<p>Services diminishing like Police and talk of Fire Station being closed. Not enough decent shops on Main Street</p>	<p>The Arriva bus service is appalling</p>

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Sense of community. Friendly local shopkeepers. Good transport links.	the unkempt and dirty appearance of Main Street and surrounds. Poor maintenance of roads and footpaths and playgrounds. Dog fouling Traffic congestion on Main Street and adjacent streets. Litter	Much more input from highways to improve road services and cleansing department for road sweeping and litter picking Traffic management needs sorting.
That we are surrounded by fields and it has a real community feel about it.	The amount of traffic and the ridiculous parking on Main Street !	Please refer to my comments above.
The fact that the whole of Garforth is surrounded by green/agricultural lands that support a wide variety of wild life and are perfect for exploring, walking in, jogging, leisure cycling or simply enjoying ~ we must not lose this feature to "ribbon" development !	DENSITY both traffic & housing ~ both of these seem to have grown & developed without any thought for the residents comfort and well being;  and the demise of the quality of businesses on Main Street.	Both the Council & future Developers to devote a lot more efforts in preserving Green Space & providing leisure facilities for current residents instead of the profits they hope to make out of future residents !
The green belt around the outskirts of Garforth. I makes it feel very rural despite being so close to the city. You clearly know where Crossgates ends and Garforth begins (same for all Garforth's neighbours eg Kippax, Aberford etc). All the other areas around Leeds have merged into one already eg it is difficult to tell the difference between Crossgates, Colton and Halton etc now as building had filled any gaps.	Not happy with the amount of industrial development increasing, and the large amount of building generally (domestic housing and industrial) encroaching on our green belt. Not happy with the speed Garforth is growing..... too fast by far. Not happy with the traffic jams created by the school traffic on Lidgett Lane (Strawberry Fields and Garforth Academy)....absolute nightmare, an accident waiting to happen every day!!!!!!	Protect the green belt and the rural feel around Garforth.  Double Yellow lines, both sides of the road, all the way up Lidgett Lane.
Semi-rural aspect. White majority. No mosques. Good schools. Green spaces. Garforth in bloom.	That it got too built up causing problems with roads,parking,schools & medical care.	Stop House building we are FULL.

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<p>Transport links particularly our excellent rail service.</p> <p>Good services (doctors, dentist, schools and library), friendly community and social groups offering a wide range of activities.</p> <p>Garforth feels safe and generally clean. (Less litter and dog fouling in recent years.</p> <p>Close to Leeds. Leeds also offers excellent facilities, shops and social activities.</p> <p>Good mix of ages and the less able and elderly seemed to be cared for within the community.</p> <p>The 20mph is a good change.</p>	<p>Traffic congestion especially between 7.45am to 9.00am and 2.20 to 3.45am. Single lane traffic on Bar Lane and most of the time on Church Lane.</p> <p>The Industrial area on Ninelands Lane particularly the heavy good vehicles.</p> <p>Poor cycling lanes and areas to walk.</p> <p>General lack of green spaces.</p> <p>Over development causing flooding.</p> <p>Lack of swimming pool. Shabby looking shops particularly top end of Main Street and one on Church Lane.</p>	<p>Reduce the number of proposed sites for building. Build on brown field sites first. Include well thought out services, facilities and green spaces within these built areas</p> <p>Value &amp; maintain the trees and green spaces.</p> <p>Create more areas for children to play safely.</p> <p>Allow cycling on wider paths and create safe cycle tracks. Link the disused railway with the Lanes at Allerton Bywater.</p> <p>Investigate further areas for walking and jogging &amp; improve existing paths e.g. the Fly Line.</p> <p>Remove the speed bumps on Church Lane. Are they necessary?</p> <p>Continue to support local groups bringing a rich variety of activities into Garforth.</p>
<p>The bus and train services and the closeness to the countryside and yet easy access to good shopping and interesting cities (Leeds and York).</p> <p>Pleasant area with plenty of activities.</p>	<p>The traffic and the lack of sufficient parking. Main Street and Church Lane are very difficult to navigate particularly at busy times. The junction of Bar Lane and Aberford Road getting very dangerous. Lack of sufficient parking at the railway station.</p>	<p>Parking on Church Lane should be somehow limited and possibly one side parking only on Main Street.</p> <p>Traffic lights at the Bar Lane and Aberford Road Junction would make it safer.</p>
<p>Close to Leeds and good road links</p>	<p>Lack of good shops and leisure facilities</p>	<p>Car parking in main Street and more leisure facilities</p>

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<p>As someone who recently moved over a hundred miles to Garforth the strength of the community organisations (church, schools, brass bands) has made becoming part of the community easier.</p> <p>The presence of doctors, dentists and shops in the the town is something I value.</p>	<p>The lack of a large supermarket has benefits to the high street but does restrict the shopping locally.</p> <p>The admissions policy of the secondary school draws students from out of area into the local primary schools meaning they do not have the ability to cater for 5-10 year olds who move to Garforth from further afield.</p>	<p>Within the development of the plan we need to make sure that the infrastructure planned, and funded by the builders, is supported by the community and that we as a community check it is put into place.</p> <p>In the case of our development money (Harvest View) was provided for expanding a local primary school however the objections of residents mean they couldn't access the money in a timely fashion and have had to sell assets in order to fund the expansion. This will make accessing the money more difficult and could result in the developer being given over £100k back. Similarly money given to improve local green spaces has had little obvious effect (the residue of the old park is still there).</p>

Garforth has its own distinct identity and community unlike some Leeds suburban areas where it is difficult to know whether you are in one place or another. The green area between the M1 North and Garforth is very important in this respect and must be maintained.

It has always seemed to be a friendly and relatively safe place to live.

It has good road and rail links. The two train stations are very important as they are within walking distance for many residents and provide fast access to Leeds City Centre.

There are some very good schools.

There are lots of community/interest groups and some very successful community events such as Garforth Arts Festival, Gala, Firework Display and Christmas Lights.

All the churches in Garforth work hard to serve the needs of the community - St Mary's, St Benedict's, Methodist, Dayspring Baptist and Evangelical. They also work well together - Messy Church, Faith Lunches and Walk of Witness are all evidence of that!

Main Street is the shopping hub and must not be allowed to go into decline as has happened in some small towns. More independent retailers should be helped/encouraged to come into Garforth rather than more charity and beauty shops.

Garforth in Bloom has had a major positive impact on the town with lovely planting

It has been over-built and now we are told that there are more and more houses coming - there will be no green space left in Garforth Parish.

There is traffic congestion at peak commuting times and this will be exacerbated if more houses are built.

There is a lack of sports facilities given the number of residents - no main sports centre or swimming pool and too few tennis courts etc.

There is no park - it would be lovely to have somewhere pleasant to walk.

Dogs are walked and often let loose in the cemetery. Dogs are not allowed in crematoria grounds so why are they allowed in the cemetery? Of course, not all dog owners are irresponsible but too many are.

Vans and cars parked on pavements on residential streets - blocking access for pedestrians, wheelchairs, and baby buggies etc.

Having to travel out of Garforth for routine health services that could be provided locally.

Litter.

We need to look after Garforth better. A Parish Council might help - all the neighbouring villages seem to have one so why doesn't Garforth?

We need to hang on any green space still remaining within the Garforth Parish boundary.

Road surfaces - e.g. Derwent Avenue at the junction with Ninelands Lane had been patched up several times over the past few years and it is time it was properly resurfaced.

The Cemetery - apart from the problem with dog walking, Leeds City Council should enforce its own rules about the type of monuments and ornaments that are permitted on graves so that the cemetery is easier to maintain and kept tidy.

Provision of parking facility near to East Garforth railway station.

There need to be more leisure facilities for all age groups.

schemes and floral displays.

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<p>Friendly People, Well spaced out with several park areas and surrounded by green fields and countryside. The views</p>	<p>Any available space being built on and a reduction in the surrounding countryside. Kippax and Garforth are almost now joined together as one town. Council constantly Rail roading changes without communicating or listening to residents. Leisure facilities being sold off to elite groups preventing local residents access. The Amount of cars now being parked on roads making nearly every road a single carriageway</p>	<p>Improve drainage system, constant flooding during heavy rainfall. Stop double parking and parking on footpaths. Provide more leisure facilities (Swimming Pool) Communications between council planners and residents.</p>
<p>Ease of access to motorway network</p>	<p>Traffic at rush hour times can be horrendous. Esp. around pinch points like old george roundabout, Garforth academy JCT47 M1 exit, lights at top of main street and especially the single track bridge over the railway line on Bar Lane, and junction between A63 and B6317. As soon as there is a problem somewhere, the whole town gridlocks. This is sometimes compounded by flooding, in the past it has made it impossible to enter/leave garforth after heavy rain.</p>	<p>A63 coming through garforth pushes a lot of traffic through the town, maybe a bypass to provide an alternative route for through traffic</p>
<p>Quiet, semi rural, schooling, transport links.</p>	<p>Too much traffic at peak times, too many planned housing projects, flooding in certain areas, lack of policing. High school is very good but too large with too many students</p>	<p>Less housing planning plans. There are only 2 roads in &amp; out of Garforth &amp; it doesn't take much to clog it up. More &amp; more housing is clogging this up further. Also the more houses that are built the more problems with flooding we will have as the drains cannot cope as it is.</p>

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<p>Excellent motorway network and 2 railway stations. Very close to the countryside. Peaceful environment. Garforth in Bloom volunteers do an excellent job.</p>	<p>Very poor sports facilities. Would love to have a nice gym like Virgin/David Lloyd with a swimming pool. There is spare land at the far end of Aberford Road (Opposite Cedar Ridge Development). could one be built there?</p> <p>Poor bus service from far end of Garforth at Cedar Ridge.</p>	<p>would like to see upmarket shops and bars/restaurant in Main Street and a gym.</p>
<p>Excellent transport links to Leeds and other places. Nice quiet street with decent neighbours.</p>	<p>Litter, inconsiderate drivers speeding or parking without thought for others.</p>	<p>Enforce the speed limits. Extend car park at Garforth station so they do not need to park at east Garforth station or others roads near either station. Charge people who live outside Garforth to park at the station or their fares should be higher if they don't live in Garforth.</p>
<p>The convenience of the city with good transport links, yet the beauty of the country within a very short walk or cycle ride.</p> <p>The sense of community.</p>	<p>The lack of leisure facilities. The fact that we are used by outer areas as a car park. The prospect of another supermarket and the worry of what will happen to the Stocks block site when vacated.</p>	<p>More leisure facilities. There are no proper rugby or football facilities. For a place this size there is a lack of investment in leisure facilities. We do not have a swimming pool. I travel to Tadcaster to use their pool weekly.</p>
<p>Not been overcrowded and child safety</p>	<p>All the new houses been built and lack of amenities to help this</p>	<p>Local transport links etc</p>
<p>The transport facilities and the sense of community. Also the views across the green spaces around it</p>	<p>Occasional travel problems caused by flooding or accidents on nearby motorways</p>	<p>Nothing really. Would like better restaurants and bars</p>
<p>I like the handy transport links, motorways, trains and buses. great selection of shops on main street. great schools (although this no longer applies to me. My family is grown up.)</p>	<p>The houses are pretty much all very similar in style. Not really much variety.</p>	<p>Leisure facilities.</p>
<p>The community feel and we can walk everywhere</p>		<p>More local entertainment venues for kids</p>

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<p>It is separate from Leeds.  It is a community with it's own identity  It is surrounded by green belt land  The schools are excellent  There are many voluntary organisations  There are many clubs and activities for all age groups  plenty of footpaths</p>	<p>Litter on Main Street, insufficient street cleaning  Congestion on Main St, Church Lane and major roads in and out of Garforth at peak times  Continual infrastructure repairs, flooding and drainage problems  All recent housing developments have insufficient car parking, cars parked on pavements  All recent housing developments have insufficient space for children to play safely near their homes  We do not have a parish council to protect Garforth from unsustainable development  Main shopping street almost completely taken over with cafes, fast food outlets, hair dressers and beauty parlours, very little else.  Garforth has experienced exponential housing development, population increase but no organised method of communicating  Housing developments with very little garden so cars parked on roads and pavements.</p>	<p>A parish council to really look after the interests of Garforth  We need more accessible green spaces/ parks  Improve drainage and sewerage infrastructure  Improved street cleaning  More safe children's play areas near to their homes  Ensure that Garforth children attend Garforth schools  Access to medical and dental services  Campaign to keep Garforth free from litter  Campaign to stop cars parking on roads pavements when space is available in a garden  Think about preventing further deterioration in by refusing any more major housing developments in Garforth.  The proposed site increasing housing numbers by 41%( not happening anywhere else in Leeds) will dilute the community spirit and inevitably lead to the further expansion north of the railway line, thereby doubling the size of Garforth.  Consider a completely new settlement with a different name in the Outer South East</p>
<p>forgot to add  library  police station  fire station  Garforth in Bloom</p>	<p>lack of sufficient meeting rooms for organisations  lack of a park to relax , sit and enjoy</p>	<p>more community centres  one or more parks as very few green spaces are accessible  charge for parking ( residents excepted ) especially the station  better access t oand from motorway for heavy vehicles going to industrial estate without driving along the Aberford Road</p>

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Largely quiet, easy access to Vale of York / coast.	Cars up and down at speed with beat music on on Fairburn Drive Perceived lack of police presence again on Fairburn Drive Congestion on roads (A63) at peak times which will not be aided by the proposal to build many new homes.	See above
The friendliness of residents and the community spirit. The local amenities are worthy of mention, and could only be improved by the addition of a swimming pool. Lastly the geographical location of Garforth is perfect, which is why we moved here 28 years ago.	The speed of traffic, particularly down Main Street and New Sturton Lane.	See above.
The Community spirit. Availability to surrounding areas and cities by road.	The speeding culture around narrow and wide streets, Break ins and robbery. Hostile youths.	As well as the above, more provisions amongst the local shops in the High St that cater for the public to generate wages for the local people, i.e: less charity shops etc
A small friendly town away from leeds centre but with excellent access to motorways. Green spaces with lots of areas to walk, good local shops.	Too many road works constantly repairing the same water and gas pipes. Too many charity/estate agents/ beautician shops - the variety of shops we once enjoyed have gone. Local support is important - I note the Antique/Gift shop is closing now.	Road side bins - none from the football pitch on BarleyHill road - down Wakefield Rd until you reach the one opposite the petrol station on Selby Road. But plenty of bus stops with litter blowing into the hedges of houses. Also some of the ginnels. The poor state of some of the roads on the estates - large pot holes in many of them. Also as these roads don't get gritters, sand bins on the smaller roads would help.
Great schools. Excellent rail and motorway links. Safe environment.	Drivers speeding despite 20mph limits being put in place.	Leisure facilities.
Defined town, separated from suburbs & city, by green space. Relatively peaceful.		

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<p>The green spaces. The view over the fields at the top of main street/Wakefield Rd. I like the flowers and gardening from Garforth in Bloom</p> <p>Being close to the motorway for transport. Being close to the train station.</p> <p>Having conveniences that are varied eg a supermarket and also smaller shops such as the green grocer, cobbler, healthy sandwich shop, coffee shop. The park.</p>	<p>The queues of traffic at the junctions between main street and Wakefield Rd, also between lidgett lane and Selby road.</p> <p>Flooding at bottom of Wakefield road.</p> <p>Too may different supermarket being built eg new Nisa, as well as Sainsbury's, Co-op, Tesco. Do we need more?</p> <p>Many of the smaller shops that were interesting, such as the book shop, the gift shop .. have gone Sometimes it is hard to park.</p>	<p>More parking?</p> <p>Support to help small businesses</p> <p>More support re drainage</p> <p>More support for volunteer groups like Garforth in Bloom</p>