

Initial drop in event organised by The LCC Neighbourhood Planning team on 26th October 2013.

Purpose of event

This event was held from 9.30 – 12.00 but discussions with the public went on until 1pm. The event was well attended by around 50 people with 36 signing up to be further involved in a future forum and plan.

Material was used to get people thinking about the issues of interest and concern in Garforth

The below are exactly as they were written:

General comments- not attached to any photo

- Where are the primary schools!+ high schools, all these houses+ kids and no schools
- Schools should only be for local kids the same with doctors clinics
- Clinics and GP's medical centre are oversubscribed, no space for new patients
- No medical centres mentioned (in site allocations)
- Park and ride needed to bus people to the train station from the motorway. This will stop people parking on other people's streets
- Garforth has grown exponentially prior to 1970 and continues to grow exponentially, why can't some other communities take their share E.G Barwick, Aberford and Micklefield etc.
- Boundaries- we don't want to include Aberford+ Barwick as they have Parish boundaries and are not part of Garforth otherwise we will end up with all their developments as well.
- Only one senior school and people come from all round. Should be for local people. All those new houses. No schools

Picture 1- Would you like to see improvements to Garforth town centre?

- No we have just had some
- OCTOBER 26th 2013 Main street has already been modified. No more room for development and NOT required.
- There are 17 hair and beauty establishments on Main street. Does Garforth need these?
- Problems with litter despite all the litter bins

Picture 2 – What are the local housing needs? EG is there enough elderly accommodation?

- I am not familiar with elderly accommodation but from what I can see there seems adequate no more needed
- Think moving out of Main Street can cause isolation to elderly people
- Garforth elderly and old people's bungalows do not have any shops or services
- Probably not as when I was looking there was a very long waiting list
- The old people's home behind Church parade was closing causing - 1 This was a tranquil site by the allotments 2 – Provided work for local people so less cars 3 – Easy for relatives to visit. 4 – if more houses are put on this site it will add more cars to Church parade, more and more congestion.
- The old people's home behind the allotments has just been closed

Picture 3 – Are you happy with the design of new homes ?

- No there should be bigger gardens, green roofs, water barrels, less concrete and tarmac with more permeable paving
- Lack of garden space increases the need for play facilities within each development
- Why are gardens so small with communal greenspace/ cheaper ?

Picture 4 – Newhold Industrial Estate – provision of light industrial uses

- Can they be told to employ local people?
- This light industrial unit is enough for Garforth

Picture 5 – Successful units at Newhol

- Need to be encouraged to employ local people

Picture 6 – Skate park, off Ninelands Lane – is there enough provision for teenagers ?

- No that is why there is graffiti
- Not many youth clubs or space for them to use in an evening

Picture 7- Wakefield road and surrounding agricultural fields

- If we build on every green field how do we feed ourselves?
- This scheme would wreck the green belt between Garforth and Micklefield and it is so big it would completely change the town's environment
- Need greenspaces to absorb rainfall NOT more hard surfaces to increase the flooding problem. No to building on Wakefield Road
- We need greenspace as the country needs to grow more food not less. ½ of our food is imported and is expensive due to price of transport. We need to retain our agricultural land.
- Helps prevent flooding and we need greenspace
- Wakefield Road is agricultural land. We need to treasure agricultural land because 1- food security, 2 – peace and tranquillity for peace of mind 3 – quality of life for Garforth residents
- The most important and contentious area in garforth. The most scenic. Give us a park on this site
- Good agricultural land should not be built on when there is plenty of other potential. Food security is vital to the security of the country.

Picture 8 – Do you think there are enough children's play facilities? Are they in the right places?

- Need more parks and play areas
- Garforth is green and this is a good look
- Garforth needs a park
- Always full of glass, poor play area, bad atmosphere, Ninelands good but not enough for smaller kids
- We require better playground facilities for Garforth

Picture 9 – Town end junction – does this need improving ?

- Traffic is horrendous- queues up Main Street top at all times of the day
- With development on Wakefield Road this will cause gridlock on this junction
- Land at top of Main Street would have been a good site for a car park for the railway station
- More development means more traffic
- Increased traffic on Wakefield Road and Main Street flood area it's a no no.
- Just a nightmare at peak traffic times, all day is barely controlled
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Picture 10 – Garforth village in Bloom; successfully improving the local environment?

- Looks good 0 a pity as you come off the motorway doesn't look as good
- Garforth in Bloom have done a wonderful job in making our community a lovely place, if only we could improve the litter + dog mess issues on the streets
- Well done Garforth in Bloom keep it up
- Looks great we need more of this
- Excellent, congratulations to Garforth in Bloom, but there are many more areas
- This is Garforth - looks good

Picture 11 – Station access – Does the station need improving?

- Terrible parking, local people cannot get to the station unless they walk
- Cars parked inconsiderately
- Please build a park and ride for the station
- Good station – needs more parking
- No spaces for local people/ local people need priority Mon – Fri to collect people / friends and family
- Road leading up to station dangerous to traffic as coming up to station cars turning left on opposite direction are on the wrong side of the road due to cars and the bend
- We get overflow in our street from station parking
- Station would be used more if office was left open longer during the day. Underused resource + could provide jobs locally
- Parking issues as people drive from York and then get the train to Leeds
- Great facility terrible parking

Picture 12 – would you like to see improvements to Garforth Town centre

- Need more appropriate shops
- Take away shops escalate problem with litter – I include sandwich shops as well
- Need more appropriate shops, too many take-away shops
- Need a better range of more appropriate shops
- Too many take away shops, more useful shops needed
- Local paths very untidy, litter not kept clear eg path from Church Lane to Lowthers – paper boxes

Picture 13- Garforth AFC – important to involve organisations in Neighbourhood Planning

- Good football ground- correct size- important in neighbourhood planning
- Very important all local organisations should be involved
- Is this an amenity for local children to play on? One new football already proposed on green fields no more

Picture 14 – What are the local road/access issues in Garforth?

- Can't get out of our street sometimes and the new houses on Barrowby Lane make this worse
- Another road which will cause gridlock at the top of Main Street
- All road in and out of Garforth have gridlock at rush hour

Picture 15 – Are you happy with the accessibility of local services

- Garforth library has been well built, great staff, really useful. However my one complaint is young people use it for an amusement arcade just for playing computer games and as for their language. Better discipline should be used to control young people
- There have been several attempts to close the fire station & police station over the years, they are needed as well as GP access, dental and we need to keep opposing
- Access to library is good-but flooding problems which flow down Church Lane. The raised road area is good for pushchairs and wheelchairs but directly all over the road. Why is the road now the same level as the pavement, are pedestrians to paddle?
- Yes this is an asset I use it every week
- Yes
- Excellent asset. If another 5,000 houses are built we should get another one

Picture 16- Do local services satisfy local needs ?

- If it stays open – another constant fight
- A town the size of Garforth needs a fully functioning fire and police service
- Fire/police/railway all need to stay open but they are constantly threatened with closure

Picture 17 – Localised flooding at the George roundabout – is there a local flooding problem?

- Definitely
- Yes
- Puddles caused and people splashed

Picture 18 – Where do you do your shopping ?

- Main street not Tesco
- Hove and Main Street
- I support local shops on Main street for groceries, fruit and veg and meat
- I support local shops- very obliging friendly staff
- More support on Main Street, people cannot get to supermarkets
- More local shops for local workers

Picture 19- Are there enough jobs in Garforth?

- There are enough jobs already in Garforth and if not people travel to Leeds
- Could employers be encouraged to employ local people where possible?
- No – my husband travels to Hull every day

Picture 20 – Is there a need for more local shops?

- Local shops are struggling, more retail development would exacerbate the problem
- Too many supermarkets damage smaller retail outlets and local people
- Shopping is very easy. Enough shops in Main Street and a good superstore

Picture 21- Do you use Garforth Leisure centre? If not why not?

- Need longer opening hours with staff who take an interest in their work
- Can't use it due to restricted opening times
- Not at the moment. Have approached them for use by Archery club , but rent is WAY too high !
- I don't use the squash club
- No because of limiting opening hours and there is no pool
- We don't use this facility but it should be maintained or improved
- We need this facility