

Survey about Garforth Main Street

In 2018 we conducted a survey of 85 businesses on Main Street and asked them three simple questions:

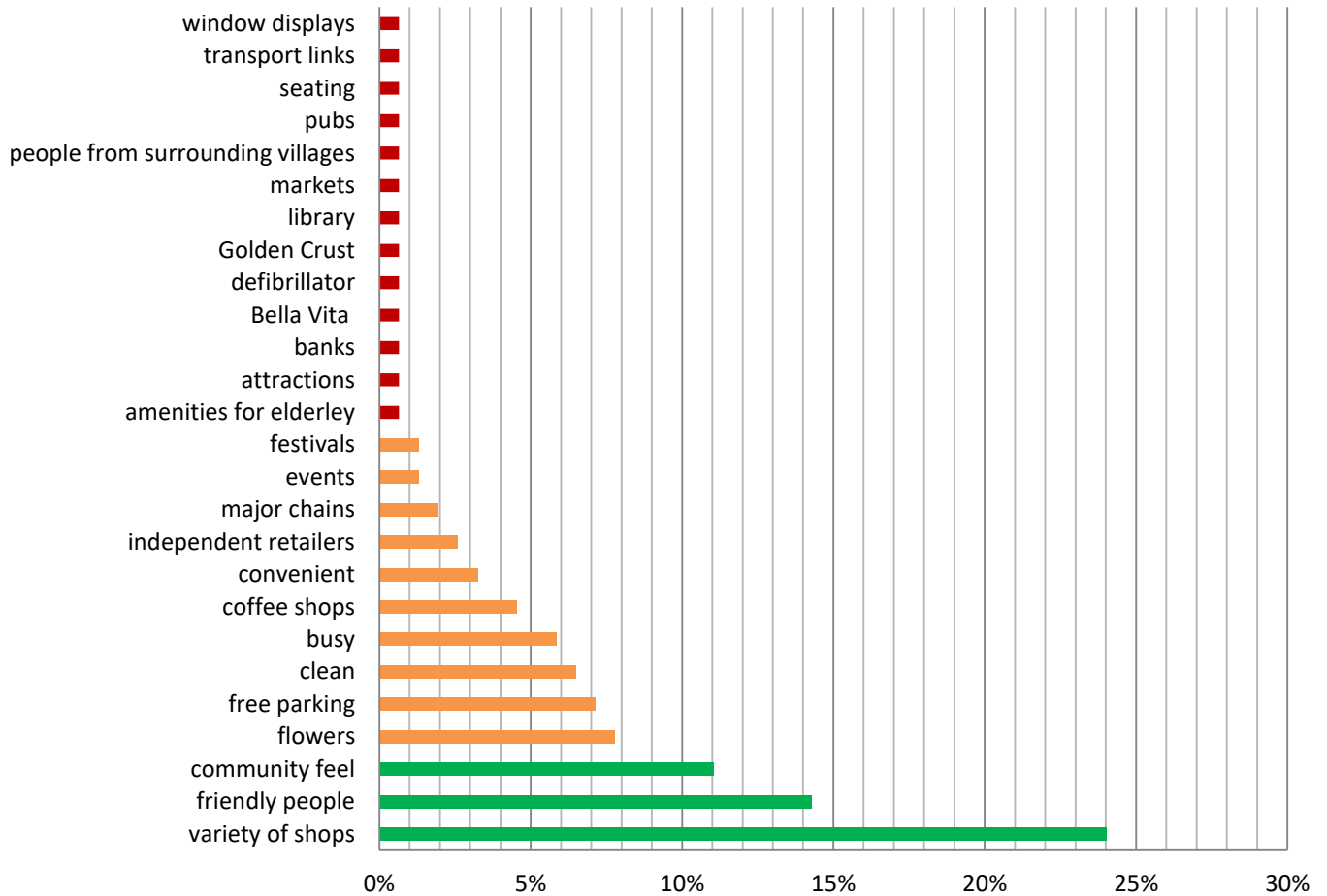
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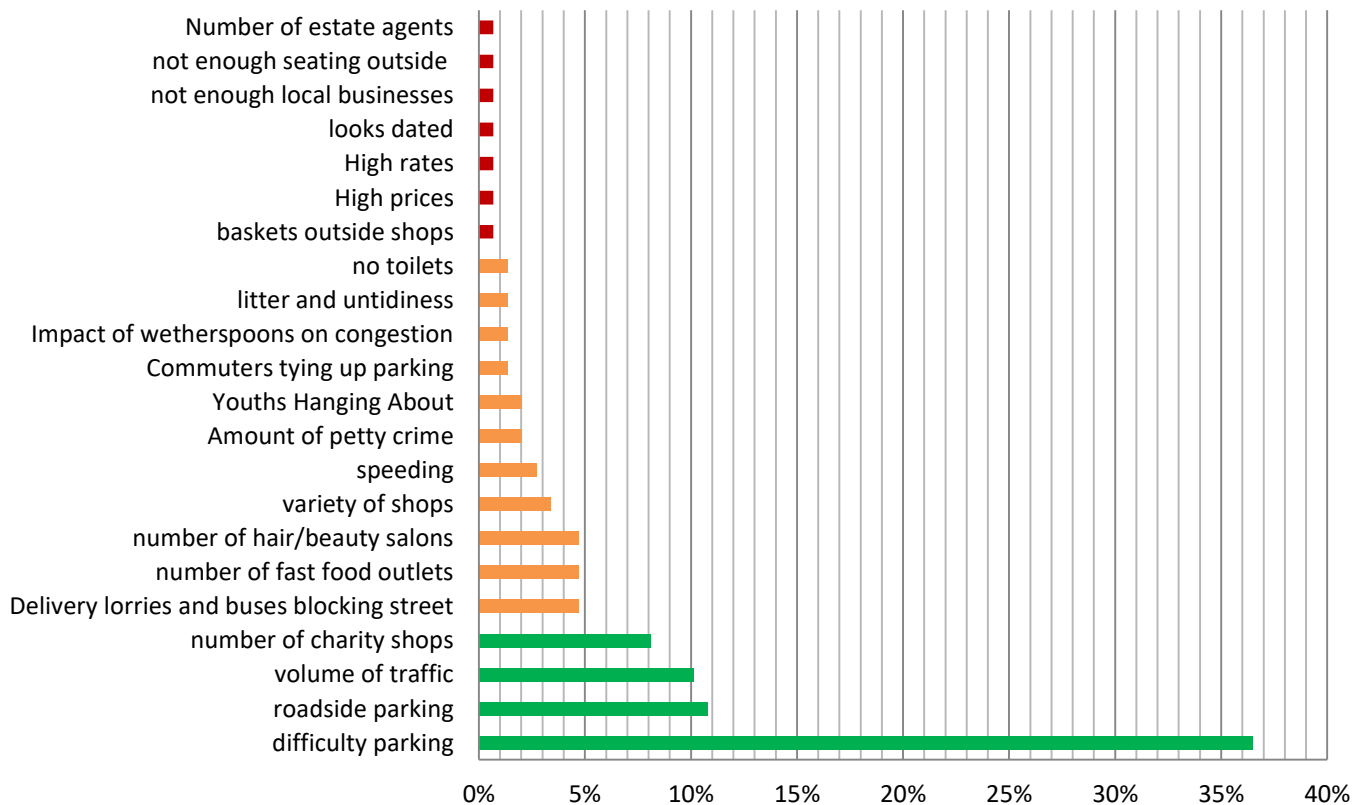
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The results are shown graphically below along with the comments of the business owners

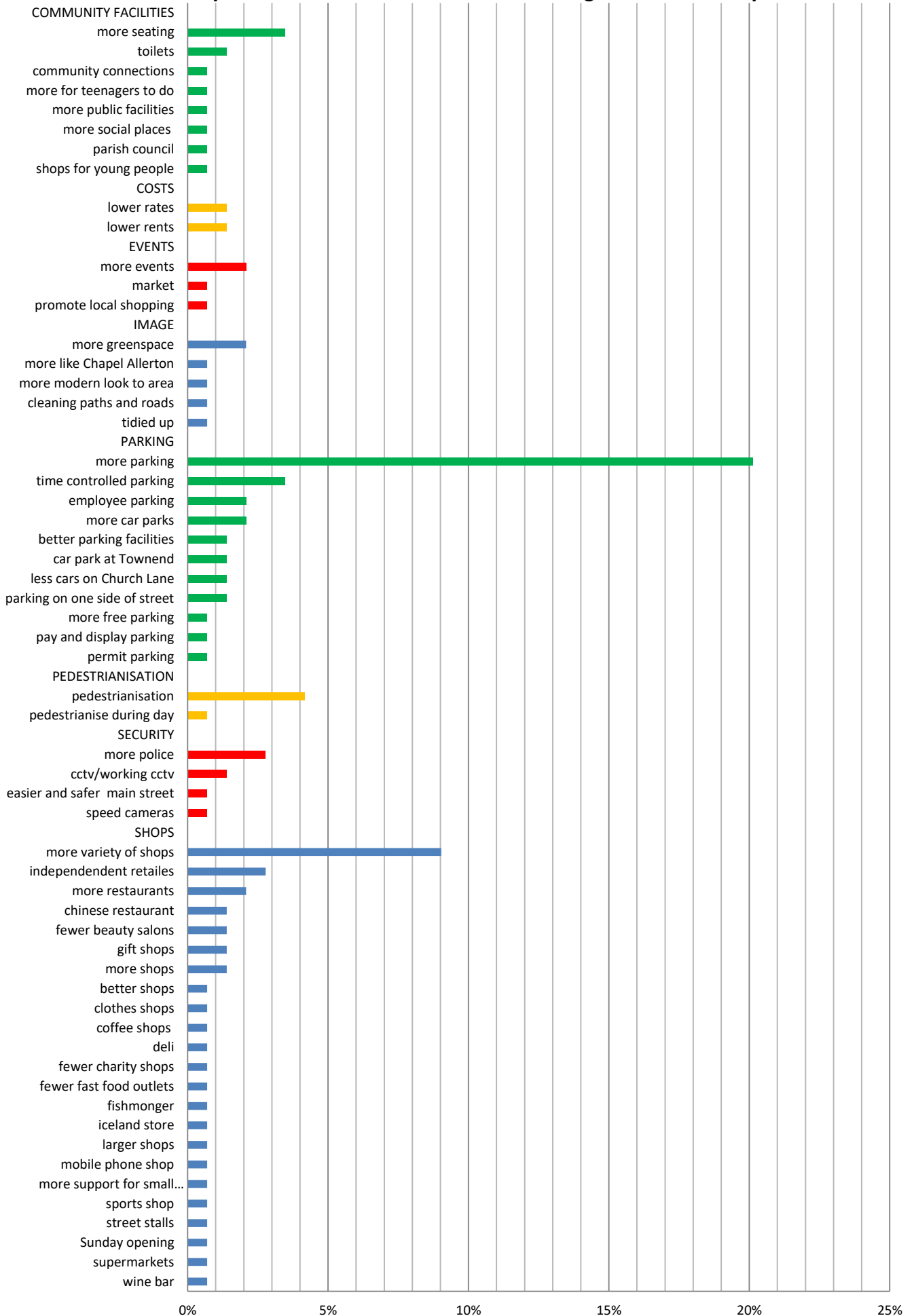
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Q. What do you like about Garforth Main Street as it is now?

local people are friendly

The Flowers

Friendly community, connection to surrounding area, good selection of shops - beauty, hairdressers, access to a main library

Too condensed in shops in the middle

It's always busy therefore good for business

Free parking, variety of shops

The variety of shops and restaurants. The flower displays and mainly the Bella Vita restaurant

Good variety of shops, Council tries to keep it nice and clean, Garforth in Bloom keep the flower boxes nicely

Free parking (car parks), a variety of shops, friendly staff, community feel

Community feel, busy high street, people from many different villages

The festivals that are held and the markets and attractions

The amount of small shops that are open

Good variety of shops

It's busy, good passing trade. It's clean, lots of eating - restaurants, cafes, good community spirit, good transport services

It looks tidy and clean. The flowers look lovely

The community spirit, the independent retailers

Community Spirit

Friendly atmosphere, good selection of shops, good coffee shops

Displays in windows, flowers

There are a number of coffee shops and local stores

We find Main street is always very clean and well maintained

Great community spirit

Busy little street, more up to date shops

Community, knowing people, new people discovering us

Lots of different shops

Variety of shops, events held

Vibrant, lovely local people

Good shops

Very friendly, plenty of shops and bars

Well kept, clean and tidy, sense of community

Always room for improvement

Like the flowers that are displayed

We like that brands such as Subway, Dominos and Wetherspoons have opened on Main street

Wide variety of shops, friendly community spirit, choice of good coffee shops

It's busy and bringing new custom to Garforth

Good variety of shops, friendly people, no need to visit the big shops, you get everything you need in Garforth Main Street i.e. support your small business

Parking restrictions have improved

Variety of shops, friendly staff

The look of the street - flowers, planters, hanging baskets and benches, friendly atmosphere, good selection of shops

Free car parks, compared to the vast majority of High Streets Main Street has a good selection of shops and services

The shop proprietors keep Main street going but there is a real struggle to be able to compete with online retailers and chains. Garforth has some wonderful people who try to do the best for the community

I like the friendliness of the traders and the small local shops

Shops (butchers, bakers, greengrocers)

the parking

Plenty of shops

Bigger businesses coming in i.e. Costa, Subway. Working as a community

We like it as it is with all the handy shops and not too busy for location

It has a variety of shops and nearly all are occupied

Everything you need is all in one place. Always looks nice up and down Main Street

Everything

Friendly atmosphere, place to meet up with people for a coffee

Shops, café, convenience, Beauty

Independent shops as well as bigger chain shops. Businesses being involved in the local community and events eg Christmas displays / tour de Yorkshire

Busy street with most premises occupied

Lots of variety shopwise, very friendly atmosphere most days and I think the defibrillator emergency box outside Cielo café is a very useful thing for the community

The cafes and the Briggate, a few shops (catalogue place, card factory and Fultons. We like that there are still some banks on the High Street

Good variety of shops and cafes/restaurants. Good use of free parking areas (car parks)

Lovely street with lovely people

A nicer balance is developing in the variety of shops. Street festivals for local small businesses have been good and drawn in more people

That all shops are full, lots of different visitors, friendly and has a great village feeling. Free parking

Like how everyone is nice. Mostly a good community

Easy access from work to shop. Quite a bit of choice, but could be more variation

The range of shops and the fact it is a self sufficient community

Free parking, good selection of shops

The people. Nice to sit out having a latte but is very noisy with traffic

Good shops, atmosphere, community spirit

People

Golden Crust, a clean pleasant area, loads of shops

Wetherspoons, Dominos, nice greengrocers, Garforth in Bloom planters

Variety of shops

Friendly community

Garforth in Bloom

Main Street is very tidy, the street has flowers to make it look pretty

Plenty of choice - shops restaurants, pubs, hair and beauty. Also nice and clean, plenty of flower displays

Easy access due to large car park. Lots of convenient shops near each other

Very friendly, love the atmosphere. More for the kids needs to be done

Choice of shops

It is a good town and friendly

Free parking should be a real bonus

Shops, flowers, pubs

Lots of shops, seating areas, parking, if used correctly. We still have community spirit. You can get everything you need without going far

Amenities good for local people ie elderly

I don't like anything as it is now

Busy with pedestrians and people shopping. It has a community feel. Not too many empty shops

Q. What do you NOT like about Garforth Main Street as it is now?

not a lot of parking areas

Traffic, parking

so many young people not keeping fit and healthy, increased traffic, young people openly involved in drugs and unruly behaviour

parking

Sometimes kids/teenagers can disrupt the business

Too many charity shops

Traffic congestion and lack of car parking

Wetherspoons, too many junk food shops, not enough parking

Main Street parking

parking is now becoming the biggest issue for businesses and also for the customers who use them

The parking space

the parking

Insufficient parking, lots of lorries and buses

Too many cars and delivery vehicles, not enough parking, too many charity, barbers hair salons, not enough local advertising, spoons too busy in morning

Parking on Main Street causes a lot of traffic jams. The car parks are always full and this causes problems for customers

too many charity shops

Parking, not enough variety of shops, deliveries during the day blocking Main street off, we are full of hair dressers, beauty shops, charity shops and estate agents

parking - never spaces, too many charity shops

Nowhere to park compared to other towns -been having to walk far to be able to park - provide work permits, vans parking on Main street

nothing

Lack of parking is sometimes an issue (although it's great that it is free when you do find a space)

Parking on the street, not enough off street parking

too many charity/hairdressers/food shops

Parking being filled up with Wetherspoons staff and customers, hearing people struggling to find parking and going elsewhere

not enough parking

Amount of traffic (passing), lack of parking for shoppers, amount of shoplifting happening

Too much traffic, no parking

lack of parking

parking

parking problems - Main street and also car parks

Parking!!!, too many of same shops/takeaways, waste land at top of Main Street (site of old petrol station)

Not enough police presence, more pedestrianised walkways

Parking is a nightmare, too many slons

Parking!

Parking on the Main Street

Parking

not enough variety of shops

Parking, traffic

Parking!, not enough parking for customers, traffic jam caused by cars parked on both sides of Main Street, people parking on footpath - deliveries, bank

The recent alterations to the road seem to have created a dangerous environment - possibly a first step in a plan for pedestrianisation?

The roadside parking, speed of traffic, not enough variety of shops, not enough car parks

Lack of parking for people wanting to visit the shops. Not enough opportunity for small businesses as a result of lack of parking

The lack of parking, too many takeaways

Charity shops

lack of free parking, takeaway rubbish

No parking all day at any time

Too many takeaways and fast food places. Not enough parking

It needs parking for the high street

Delivery lorries parking in bus stops and parking on both sides of road

Parking is a real nightmare also the main street can get ridiculously busy at times due to buses and people parked in the way

Nothing

Current parking on Main Street makes it very difficult to get up/down street re buses/lorries delivering. Visibility when coming out of junction on Barley Hill Road is very poor.

Lack of parking

Carparking on both sides of road. Baskets outside shops

Parking

The only thing I can knock is the build up of traffic at times, but understandably that will be hard to control

The busy road! Traffic terrible! Not enough parking is offered either. People parking on double yellow lines. Speeding down high street and also trucks that block the road

Nothing offensive about the high street

The lack of car parking

Traffic and difficulties in parking. Kids hanging around on the street corners as the businesses close at night can be intimidating

Busy on-street parking making Main Street hard to navigate at times

No public toilets, parking is shocking

Too many hairdressers and beauty shops, charity shops

Nothing really

More Car parks and on the road

Not being able to get parked after 9am

Not enough nice shops to browse. Not enough cafes to sit outside when weather good. Too much traffic

Parking- lack of parking on street. Charge at Barclays car park to stop people parking and walking to station. No public toilets

Too many takeaways, not enough local businesses

No parking, cars are driving too fast, vehicles not abiding to road signs/speed limit

Too many cars, not enough parking, people drive too fast

Parking availability

Too many of the same shops, not enough variation. In parts scruffy and uncared for. Lack of parking

Too many charity shops and too many hair and beauty shops. Not enough police presence

Don't like how there are so many charity shops and the street parking is not good for buses and cars

There is nothing we dislike about the Main Street, could just do with more parking. Big issue with parking

Occasionally there is too much traffic

Price rates are very high as it is a struggle for small independent businesses most areas in Leeds have zero rates

parking

Too many hairdressers/beauty salons, charity shops and food places

Free parking is abused by commuters. Business rates are crippling

Nothing

Lack of parking or the wrong use of parking. People using it then going elsewhere ie York, Leeds. LCC allowing parking on the street then not policing it

parking and too many charity shops

For a main street of the town it doesn't feel like one. It looks outdated and stuck in the 90s

Can get very congested with traffic. Car parks full a lot of the time. 20mph limit is ignored by drivers

Q. How would you like to see Garforth Main Street change in the next few years?

more parking areas. Less parked cars on Church Lane

I want it pedestrianised like Rothwell . Time limit on big car park

More community connections, family/community fitness and health, more healthy places to eat out, bringing more people together through health and fitness

Maybe turn pedestrianised with more street stalls

We think it is fine as it is now, so from a business perspective changes are not needed

more parking areas. Less parked cars on Church Lane

A tidied up Main Street with increased footfall and more parking

More parking facilities, business rates reduced to encourage smaller local businesses to get a foothold on the street.

More seating areas, more greenery (flowers)

Increase in parking, cap on rents for small businesses

More clothes shops

Less of the similar kind of shops

Reintroduce market, road widening, increase variety of shops, better parking, ideally pedestrianisation

More car parking, larger shops, wider roads

Parking to be given more thought, the balance of shops to be more diverse

more independent retailers, gift shops, wine bar

More variety of shops for example clothes shops, ladies' cafes, extra parking

More events

Better traffic flow, no parking without permit - provide workplace employees with permits

a few more restaurants

More support for smaller businesses to help it retain its quaint feel, better communication between businesses to cross promote

More parking

More parking, clothes - had New Look and Selecty a few years ago

Some car parks limited to 4-5 hours, more parking, working together more effectively, more independent shops to differ from Thorpe Park

more parking

More parking spaces, police presence, more local events on Main Street, public toilets for shoppers

I would like the shops to stay more for young people such as a comic book store etc

More parking, more retail outlets

Main street - parking restricted to 30 mins, Car parks - time limit on parking, maybe 2 hrs, passes for employees so they can park all day, more variety of shops available

Car parking, restaurants, traffic restrictions

More PCSO's police presence especially with rising crime

Extra parking, not as many beauty salons, open a Chinese restaurant

We are happy with Main Street

More parking but not on the Main road

Better parking facilities, more shops open on a Sunday, sports shop, mobile phone shop, fishmonger, deli more variety of shops

variety of shops but different. Lot of coffee shops and supermarkets

Car park to open at Townend, parking restricted to one side of Main Street, no more charity shops or beauticians, more seating

The land at the top that used to be a petrol station made into a car park would be excellent

Couple more restaurants (Greek, Tapas), more seating (for older persons), more road and path sweeping

Garforth needs better parking and its own parish council. We need to be able to develop more community spirit and this could be done if people can see that they are going to benefit from taking part in the things the community has to offer. This would be possible with a Garforth parish council.

More small shops - private run, not big shops

Promote local shopping. Encourage small businesses (retail)

Maintaining and increasing free parking

More parking spaces

Better parking facilities

Parking to be only one side of the street

More parking would make Main street a better place, its just not accessible at the moment

No changes

better off street parking made available, more seating areas away from roadside, less good takeaways/restaurants

more traders -better variety of shops. CCTV to be installed and working

Pedestrian only or more parking facilities

More appropriate parking spaces. More local policing. Some green space

More Parking

Maybe put up some more floral areas where possible, other than that I struggle to think of anything to improve Main Street

Pedestrianise for busy times of the day. More traffic lights/crossings to try to manage speeding. More choice of shops - rent clearly gone too high. We miss ladycare as there is no other shop like it. More gift shops would be nice

More public seating areas

more car parking space

Need to provide something for teenagers so that they have somewhere to go

Maybe have a couple of events each summer, something like the xmas lights

Better shops as we seem to have a lot of the same

More variation of shops ie boutiques, gifts etc.

parking will obviously become an even bigger issue so maybe something to help that but not sure how it would be feasible

More parking, more CCTV

More car parks

Traffic free, only deliveries for shops. More social places to meet friends. Better quality shops

More bespoke shops ie clothes/shoes/toiletries ie Savers

Small business rate, reduced

Easier way for the elderly and youngsters to cross and make access to most of Main street

Pedestrianised. Iceland

More Parking

Improved carparking to encourage more shoppers

More public facilities on the street

To many food shops. Would like to see some new stores that are more local, maybe hand crafted stores etc. No places to shop on Main Street

More parking. Maybe a speed camera

More community support/police presence

We want it to feel more like Chapel Allerton with a few more bars to get the environment lively

Keep it as it is

More parking. Some toilets

Time controlled parking

More shops

Pay and display in car parks. Shopkeepers to be given parking permits. Maybe 4 hrs free parking

Car parks free for 3 hrs then must pay. Limited free parking, more independent retail shops

In the next few years we would like to see a modern and contemporary look to the main street

Hopefully we will keep the banks and post office which is very important to keeping the street alive