

The Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement

Appendix 5: Developing the 'Vision, Key Issues, Aims, Objectives and Opportunities'

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Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan

**Visioning Workshop: 09.30 am to 12.30 pm,
Saturday 26th January 2013**

Community Centre, Grovehill

The outcomes of this workshop will be to give you:

- An appreciation of the importance of the Vision as the basis of a neighbourhood plan
- Skills in making a place-based vision
- Understanding of what makes a clear, effective and useful vision
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Programme

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From 9.00 am	Arrival	
9.30	Welcome and introductions	Mike Devlin Chair of Grovehill Future
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9.50	Review and agreement of draft vision: Fine tuning content and wording. (Copies of the Grovehill Future draft Vision will be available at the meeting but please read in advance if possible)	All Groups facilitated by Sue McGlynn and Jo Deacon
10.15	Groups report back and agree Vision statement	All
10.30	Tea/coffee	
10.45	Mapping the Vision. Participants divided into small groups. Each group should transfer the ambitions of the Vision statement onto their map of Grovehill, identifying locations and key opportunity sites. Feedback to whole group. Maps, paper and pens provided.	Introduced by Sue McGlynn Discussion facilitated by Sue McGlynn and Jo Deacon

11.30	What else does Grovehill's Vision need to include? Short presentation on topics identified in 'Issues matrix' document, followed by small group discussions on adding content to the Vision statement and map. (Copies of the 'Issues matrix' will be available but it will help if you are familiar with it in advance.)	<i>Sue McGlynn</i> <i>All, divided into 'Issues' groups</i>
12.00	Conclusion: feedback from groups and agree a format of a consultation leaflet for Grovehill Future's Vision. A draft of the Vision leaflet will be recorded on flip charts and plans. This will be refined after the workshop to form the final version of Grovehill Future's Vision Statement.	<i>Facilitated by Sue McGlynn</i>
12.30 pm	Close	

Steps:

To write a good vision, it helps to have some questions about what you want your place to be like in the future and what would happen if the plan said nothing. The following questions are examples, but using the **issues** sheet that you worked on in the last session and other workshops, for example those that have been carried on with CABE, you can think of your own!

The following are example questions. The questions cover the main points of housing, economy, and some areas relating to people who live and work in the area. There will be others too!

Question one: which direction is the area heading in? Will there be more houses, or is it going to be stable? **Tip:** use the Core Strategy to help you with this. Does the plan allocate more development IN the area? Around the area?

Question two: how does the area earn its living? Are there many businesses in the area? What are the prospects for this continuing or changing?

Question three: how does the area compare to other similar areas? Are the shops just for the use of people who live in Grovehill, or do other people use them too?

Question four: how is the area geared up to respond to climate change and future changes in energy costs? Can it continue as it has been? What needs to change?

Question five: what are the area's possible selling points in the future? Is it the homes? The shops? The Community? What does it have that others do not? This could be a wide range of matters – landscape, accessibility, cheaper housing, young population, diverse population.

Task 1: Think about any potential topics your plan should cover (use the issues from the last session) and the questions you want to ask.

Stage 2:

The second stage is thinking about the responses to the issues that you have identified, or answering your questions!

- **response to question one:** issue of growth or stability – whilst you can't change what is in the Core Strategy, it may help to think about if you want this to relate to Grovehill or be a separate community.
- **response to question two:** issue of the economy – we will aim for more/ less/ different types of jobs and businesses in the area?
- **response to question three:** issues of competition – are you happy where you are?
- **response to question four:** issues of climate change – we should try to move away from car dependency and energy inefficient homes and this place will be the most sustainable in the town?

Task 2: jot down the answers to the questions in small groups. Share your answers and write them on a flip chart for everyone to see. Talk about the answers and see if you can decide what you want the area to be like for each of the topics. You might not agree at first!

Help us!

Writing a vision is easy, but it can take time. It is a really important stage in writing your plan and can be used in consulting with other people who are not currently in the forum. For example, the question: “do you agree with what we think the area should be like” will usually give you more responses than “tell us what you think the area should be like” with a blank sheet of paper.

The examples provided above are all very different as they look at different sizes of the area. The Core Strategy example covers some very big issues, whilst the Neighbourhood Plan example and the Area Action Plan are more specific. They have been chosen to show you that there is no single way to write a vision. The vision is probably one of the most important parts of any plan. How can you write policies for a plan if you don’t know what you’re trying to achieve?

Getting Started: Grovehill has lots of things to be proud of and things that it might want to change. Keep looking back at your issues grid to see if they can be captured in a Neighbourhood Plan or not. If in doubt, ask yourself “could I draw it on a map”? You could draw where new businesses or homes should go, even if they should be shops or offices so these are good things to have in your vision. In making the area really sustainable, you could draw where car parking should go, green spaces, and types of renewable energy.

This is a general rule to help you- if you have other issues you would like to include, but aren’t sure, why not get in touch with Planning Aid or the Local Authority?

Top Tip: Sometimes, if you’re struggling thinking about the questions or answers, it helps to ask yourself “What do I like best about my area” and “what do I like least”. If a group of you do this, you can get a really big range of things and decide what the vision should be. If everyone wants to use the space around Henry Wells Square better, try to imagine how you would describe the area once it’s finished; this will be a vision. So...

“Henry Wells Square has lots of people around it. It is a place where older people like to come and meet, sit, and relax. Children play in the main square and the shops overlook it. In the summer, the Drama group do performances for the community in the square.

You can walk to, and around, the area easily and there are lots of trees and other plants, which have encouraged wildlife such as butterflies and honey bees.

There is a good range of shops and healthy food shops that serve the local population. The shops’ energy comes from the new solar panels on the roofs, and the community centre has its own heating source.

People from neighbouring areas and the new development choose to come to the square because it has a good range of facilities, including the new doctors’ surgery and dentist”

Does this give you an image of what you want the area to be like? **Tip:** Before you start... maybe think about how far into the future your vision is for. 5 years? 10 years? More? Note- these are ideas to help you get started. Use it and change the things you don't like to things you want to be there!

Your vision should just be about your area. When you are thinking about your area always keep thinking about what makes Grovehill different from other areas within Hemel Hempstead. By asking what Grovehill's unique contribution will be, you will help produce a distinctive plan.

<p>Task 3: Start trying to write a vision. Don't worry if it is very long to start with. Make sure it covers what the area should be like and the timescales.</p>
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Sample Visions

A Town Centre Area Action Plan:

By 2026, the Town Centre will be firmly established as the economic and cultural centre. It will be the destination of choice for people within the County and beyond to live, work and relax. The Town Centre will be using its strengths, in particular its architectural heritage, its riverside, a distinctive retail offer and its cultural offer as a key to its success.

The Town Centre will have developed:

A distinctive retail offer that combines the best in major high street names in an extended Shopping Centre with niche and specialist retail and leisure in traditional streets and Market Square

A new rail facility at the Train Station with a key employment area providing a high quality gateway to the town, supporting the regeneration of neighbouring sites.

A lively St John's Quarter providing a centre for arts and culture alongside a base for public services and employment

A new focus on the Waterside enhancing a long neglected asset as a new destination for employment, living and leisure with a new marina at its heart "

A Neighbourhood Plan:

Dawlish Parish will be:

- A sustainable, thriving and prosperous place that supports a high quality of life for all its residents
- Regenerated as a premier year round visitor resort
- Safe from flood risk, adaptable to climate change and have reduced carbon dependence
- An area with a high quality natural environment and protected important wildlife interests

A Core Strategy

In our vision of the future...

.....the area will form an outstanding UK location of choice for diverse employment opportunities, high academic and vocational educational attainment, high quality housing for all and a superb quality of life for its communities. The area will blend the best of modern cultural urban living with an enhanced network of green spaces and high quality parks and gardens. The rural areas will include vital and tranquil villages within its rolling landscapes. The area's proximity to London and connections to other parts of the UK and beyond will continue to be a great economic strength. The area will be a national example of low environmental impact development in response to climate change and high biodiversity and habitat protection.

With new development focused on the four towns of Northampton, Daventry, Towcester and Brackley regeneration initiatives and successful and expanded economies will flourish. Communities will be diverse and sustainable and social cohesion and integration will be strong. Services, facilities and infrastructure will support the communities adding to the quality of life, and supporting their residents and visitors..



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Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan

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1.45	Read through and agreement of draft vision (Copies of the Grovehill Future draft Vision will be available at the meeting)	All
1.55	Mapping the Vision. Participants divided into small groups. Each group should transfer the ambitions of the Vision statement onto their map of Grovehill, identifying locations and key opportunity sites. Feedback to whole group. Maps, paper and pens provided.	Introduced by Sue McGlynn Groups facilitated by Sue McGlynn, Claire Covington and Mathieu Proctor
2.45	Groups present their maps	
3.00	Tea/coffee	

3.20	<p>What else does Grovehill's Vision need to include?</p> <p>Small group discussions on adding content to the Vision statement and to agree a format for the consultation leaflet. A draft of the Vision leaflet will be recorded on flip charts and plans. This will be refined after the workshop to form the final version of Grovehill Future's Vision Statement.</p> <p>(Copies of the 'Issues matrix' will be available but it will help if you are familiar with it in advance.)</p>	<p><i>Sue McGlynn</i></p> <p><i>All, divided into 'Issues' groups from the matrix</i></p>
4.00	Briefing for the Design Council Cabe Neighbourhood Plan Panel meeting on 26 March 2013.	<i>Mathieu Proctor, Design Council Cabe</i>
4.30 pm	Close	

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SUB-GROUP MEMBERS – FEB 2013

Following the meeting in February, below are the new group details and current members.

Please complete the form and return to me indicating which group you are interested in joining, please consider joining at least one group even if you can't attend the meetings your input via phone, post or email is invaluable

Group Name	Current Members
Community Engagement	NN/JS/EH/JN/RC
Project Plan/visioning	DB/MD/MK/NN
Finance	MD/
PR & Marketing (inc skills)	RC/MK/LB/NN/JS/EH/JN
Youth	
Henry Wells Sq	AF, SF,
Open Spaces	
Housing	JS ^{AF} AUNDERS (B DENMGN D BRULLY
Public realm	WITH
Facilities and Services	SF
Marchmont Farm	JS ^{AF} AUNDERS SF - LL - - 11



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Viability of the Vision

Workshop: Saturday 9 March 2013, 9.30 -12.30 Wednesday 20

Community Centre, Grovehill

The outcomes of this workshop will be to give you:

- An appreciation of the financial feasibility of proposals that come out of your vision
- A better understanding of costs and values of your options so far
- A stronger basis for the delivery of your neighbourhood plan

Programme

Timings flexible according to progress in each session

From 9.30	Arrival	
9.40	Welcome and introductions	<i>Mike Devlin Chair of Grovehill Future</i>
9.45	Explanation of computer modelling of Henry Wells Square and report results to group	<i>Sue McGlynn Design Council CABE enabler</i>
10.00	Discussion – How can this help us decide the best future for Henry Wells Square and the neighbourhood centre?	<i>All</i>
10.20	Improvements and development potential. Working in smaller groups to test the feasibility and benefits for other proposals in Grovehill.	<i>Introduced by Sue McGlynn Groups facilitated by Sue McGlynn, Claire Covington and Jo Deacon</i>
11.00	Coffee	
11.20	Feedback to whole group. Discussion	<i>All</i>
12.00	Reviewing options and feasibility for the NP	<i>All</i>
12.30	Close session	



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Mapping key issues for the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan

Taken from your 'Issues matrix', below are the issues that can be dealt with in a Neighbourhood Plan:

1. **Connections and ease of movement:** Links, pedestrian access and public transport;
2. **New housing and other development for Grovehill;**
3. **Quality of open spaces:** Parks and recreation grounds;
4. **Quality of public realm:** Streets, paving and civic spaces;
5. **Improving Henry Wells Square;**
6. **Facilities and services:** Locations and co-location.

A further issue (not included on the original matrix)

7. **Energy efficiency and sustainability**

Groups should mark up each issue on the map provided, showing locations, areas or extent, and opportunity sites. This will form the basis of the key diagram for the Neighbourhood Plan proposals.

Sources for these Issues so far:

- Original exhibition and consultation exercise (see notes of community views and responses)
- Workshops and meetings of Grovehill Future
- Planning Aid-led 'post-it' session on visioning for
- Minutes and other records of the group's discussions and events

Visioning workshop

QUESTION 1

Which direction is the area heading in?

Will there be more houses or is it going to be stable?

- 300 homes in the Marchmont Farm site allocation, Grovehill
- There are a lot of spaces around Henry Wells Square which could be considered for housing
- And there are garage sites, the garages are too small for modern cars, plus there are many parking spaces

Claire and Jo to check if there are any other plans within the core strategy for additional housing within Grovehill

QUESTION TWO

How does the area earn its living?

Are there many businesses in the area?

What are the prospects for this continuing or changing?

- Everyone goes out of Grovehill to work, they often get the bus into London, that's really busy
- We could speak to Tara or Lee about the number of home businesses there are, that are being run from Grovehill
- There are small units and lock ups, more single person enterprises would be encouraged, there isn't the capacity within Grovehill for larger business premises
- It's a dormitory town, lot of movement out of the neighbourhood each day
- Roads out or around town are often busy

QUESTION THREE

How does the area compare to other similar areas?

Are the shops just for the use of people who live in Grovehill?

Or do other people use them too?

- Henry Wells Square could be improved
- We could have more shops, takeaways and mixed retail that can offer more, and specialist shops, as this will attract more people from other areas
- We hope that people that are using the medical centre will also use the shops
- The Tesco's is very busy it's one of the smallest and one of the busiest in Hemel Hempstead
- Grovehill doesn't have as much variety of shops as it used to

- Adeyfield shops are still the best, more shops and more variety
- Grovehill and Warners End are comparable
- The parking at Henry Wells Square is filled up by people catching the bus, so there isn't room for shoppers. This would be solved by limiting the parking time or extending the parking area up to the health centre, or making better use of the parking areas to the rear of the shops

QUESTION FOUR

How is the area geared up to respond to climate change, and future changes in energy costs?

Can it continue as it has been?

What needs to be changed?

- We have talked about what measures there are to respond to climate change and we like the idea of solar panels
- The community centre isn't a very efficient building, storage fan heaters have to be used and the temperature is always hot or too cold
- In terms of utility bills it's not very energy efficient or comfortable for people to use, but the building itself is very popular
- It would be good if we could come up with measures which would make the building cheaper to run and keep the building warmer

QUESTION FIVE

What are the areas selling points in the future?

Is it the homes? The shops? The community?

What does it have that others do not? This could be a wide range of matters - landscape, accessibility, cheaper housing, young population, diverse population

- Grovehill has specialist characteristics
- It's very green with plenty of open spaces, trees and wide roads
- You can get out into the countryside
- It also has a young population



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Reviewing visions and vision statements

- Q1 Could you explain the vision easily to a friend or neighbour?**
(The 'over the garden fence' test)
- Q2 Is it specific and distinctive to Grovehill or could it be applied anywhere?**
(The more than 'motherhood and apple pie' test)
- Q3 Is it convincing about aspirations for the future?**
(Is it feasible and can it be backed up by evidence?)
- Q4 Does it convey the future feel and functionality of Grovehill?**
(The qualities of place as well as quantities/uses/ locations)
- Q5 Does it include aspirations beyond those for housing?**
(More than a 'single issue' vision)
- Q6 Does it include aspirations to make Grovehill more energy efficient and sustainable?**
(This is a 'must have' ingredient of your plan.)
- Q7 Does it contain clear directions for future action?**
(Will it be useful for the next stages of plan-making?)
- Q8 Does it use text and images to convey meaning and aspiration?**
(Does it help you to visualise the place in the future?)

Lots of fun in Grovehill

A community centre fun day was such a success that the next gathering is already being planned. The Grovehill event raised £448 for a local project that aims to improve the area.

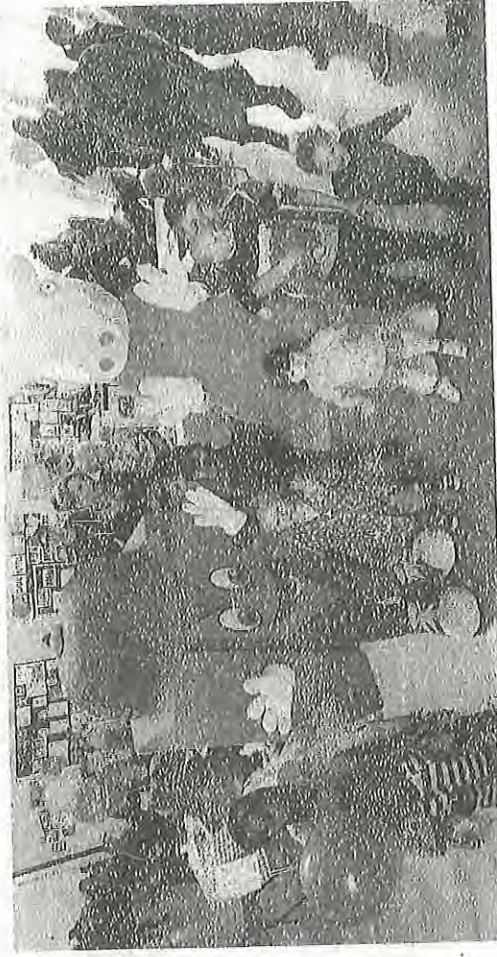
On Saturday at the Henry Wells Square centre there were stalls, a bouncy castle, a barbecue with food donated by Iceland, cartoon character Peppa Pig made an appearance thanks to Aylesbury based Characters-R-Us, sweet treats were provided by Candy Floss Aylesbury and lots of donated goodies were up for grabs in the raffle.

"It went really really well," said Vicky Jordan, who organised the event with Ross Bennett and Kat Bailey.

The event raised cash for the Grovehill Future Project and the next fun day – to mark the Queen's birthday – will be on Saturday, June 8 from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

Left: Spacehopping Scott Parker. **Top right:** Metro Man and Peppa Pig with little ones. **Bottom right:** Taylor Moloney gets her nails painted by Tracey Jonas and left, Katie and Natasha Frost aboard a fire engine.

Pictures by Dave Satchel





was formed in 2011 by members of the local community and businesses to lead on the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan. It is supported by Dacorum Borough Council as well as other organizations like Planning Aid England and Design Council CABE.

will identify facilities, housing, services, transport, access, parking and environmental improvements. It will set planning policies for the development and use of land within Grovehill and be a vision and plan for regenerating Henry Wells Square and surrounding area.

Following the initial consultation and a series of workshops, Grovehill Future Forum formed a vision for the future development of our neighbourhood. The map in this leaflet is a summary of this. To see the full document please visit:

<http://www.grovehillfutureproject.co.uk/#/vision/4574265918>

Neighbourhood plans focus on the needs of a local area and give residents, the opportunity to improve and shape the place in which they live, work, shop and go to school. Neighbourhood plans can be powerful documents that sit alongside the Council's planning policies and plans. To be adopted as local policy, the completed plan must be agreed by local people and be in line with national and local planning policies and guidance. For more information on Neighbourhood Planning Visit: www.locality.org.uk.

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Get involved!

There is still much to be done while we work towards shaping Grovehill's Neighbourhood Plan. What you could be doing as part of our team:

- **Community engagement**— help organizing events and produce promotional material to bring our work to the wider Grovehill community. **Our next major consultation event starts September 2014!**
- Participate in workshops.
- Help process responses to consultation.
- Help build our information database.
- Help write the Neighbourhood Plan.

Everyone is welcome to join, whether to get involved in activities or just to stay informed.

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DAY	TIME	LOCATION
14th July	19:00	Henry Wells Square, Community Centre,
4th August	19:00	Meeting Room
1st September	19:00	

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Stay informed! Get involved!

December 2011 – Christmas launch event for the Neighbourhood Plan, over 100 attendees.

January - December 2012 – workshops on good design, neighbourhood planning, and assessing Grovehill's issues and potential. Work building the evidence base.

February 2013 – Vision statement adopted. View on Grovehill Future website.

December 2012 – Neighbourhood Plan Area acknowledged.

March - October 2013 – work around Henry Wells Square development viability and Marchmount Farm development principles.

March 2014 – Youth Survey in Grovehill schools.

February 2014 – Official recognition of Forum status.

September - October 2014 – Draft Neighbourhood Plan— Issues and Options consultation

November 2014 - April 2015 – Draft Neighbourhood Plan— Preferred Option further community engagement.

June - July 2015 – Neighbourhood Plan finalised and submitted to Dacorum Borough Council.

August - December 2015 – independent examination.

February 2016 – Referendum

Presentation to the 3 BEE's - March 2013

Neighbourhood Planning Process – Grovehill, Hemel Hempstead

1. Background

Hemel Hempstead is a new town situated 24 miles North West of London. Construction of the new town commenced in 1948 and was completed in the early 1980s. The population is around 89,000.

Our neighbourhood, Grovehill, is located on the North eastern edge of the town. Building started in 1967 and was completed in the early 1980s. The population is around 7,800.

Grovehill is surrounded by green countryside but as well as having the attractive countryside around the perimeter there are lots of green spaces within the neighbourhood. Grovehill has suffered a bit from crime levels being above average compared to the rest of Hemel Hempstead but that has reduced in recent years. Indicators on housing and living environment are very favourable for Grovehill, i.e. among the 11% least deprived nationally. There is a strong community spirit.

Transport links are excellent: there is a good bus service within the town and good services to other towns and into London. We are close to the railway station on the mainline to London Euston and we are minutes away from the

2. The process so far

The planning process began with “Grovehill futures day” in December 2011. There was an open invitation to residents to get together to voice their preferences for future developments in the neighbourhood. That led to the start of the Neighbourhood Plan process. Survey forms were made available with questions about people’s likes and dislikes, what changes they would like, what they wanted to stay the same and what aspirations they had for the future.

The next step was to set up a steering group to be involved in the planning process. That group met in February 2012 to receive the survey results and to be informed about the neighbourhood planning process and the proposed design workshops to be supported by DC CABE.

We initially had three design workshops: 1) to understand some of the elements of good design, 2) to have a walkabout of the area, noting salient features and 3) to have an attempt at drawing up scenarios. The scenarios workshop produced a **Redevelopment** scenario and a **Facelift** scenario. In both scenarios participants recognised some of the faults in the original design of Grovehill and tried to avoid repeating the same mistakes and, where possible, to mitigate original mistakes in development plans. Subsequently we have had several meetings with representation from CABE and other Planning professionals (Planning Aid) to help us towards creating our Neighbourhood Plan. We also visited Newhall in Harlow to see various imaginative house building and housing environment styles.

We have agreed Terms of Reference for our project.

We have agreed the Plan area.

We have set up a project plan.

We have agreed a Vision Statement.

We have received formal designation as a “Neighbourhood Area” under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

We have created several sub groups to work on specific issues, e.g. Area planning, skills and community, Project planning, PR Ads and leaflets.

We leafleted every house in Grovehill to give information about the Grovehill Future project and to invite them to our meetings.

We organised an Art Competition for the school pupils of Grovehill, to depict their vision of Grovehill Future, with various age groups and prizes. The prize giving day was very successful. It was attended by the Mayor, the local MP, the County councillor, the three Dacorum Borough councillors as well as lots of local people. The head teacher of Astley Cooper, the local secondary school, also attended and reiterated his support for the project and his commitment to the involvement of his pupils. We were able to capture the views of more residents about our vision statement and our ideas for improving the living environment.

The help provided by CABI / Design Council, Planning Aid and Dacorum Borough Council, specifically Claire Covington and Jo Deacon, has been vital.

3. The Aims of our Neighbourhood Plan

We wish to improve the Henry Wells Square area, and immediate surrounds, by improving access to available car parking and by using the prime space in front of shops to create a relaxed environment with outdoor seating and tables where residents can enjoy coffee, drinks and food. We wish to provide additional housing of good quality construction. We want parks and open spaces to be of good quality. We want good connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. We would like development work to accommodate all aspects of residents' lives, e.g. housing, shopping, health services, leisure and to foster good community spirit.

There is an agreed housing development site for around 300 houses, Marchmont Farm, on the edge of the neighbourhood and which is included in our agreed Plan area. It is important that we establish policies that will ensure that any new development will complement existing housing and that there will be sufficient community amenities for the additional population.

4. DC CABE's assistance

DC CABE helped by leading our meetings. They provided a structure. They showed us examples of good design and bad design and gave us lots of ideas. Sue McGlynn inspired us by showing that high density housing areas could be desirable and could accommodate car parking and children's play areas very attractively and safely.

We benefited from two feedback days at Design Council offices in London where we mixed with other Neighbourhood Forums and learned about their issues and how they had overcome some problems. And we received several presentations from planning professionals giving us good advice about putting together our Plan.

5. Key Issues

- a) Identifying a clear, definite purpose for the Neighbourhood Plan that can be easily communicated to residents and stakeholders and to Forum members, i.e. is it about redevelopment / refurbishment of Henry Wells Square? Or is it about finding space to create new houses? Or is it about trying to improve the environment that is a legacy of the Radburn design? Or is it about addressing the impact of the proposed Marchmont Farm housing development?
- b) Lack of skills in the membership of the Neighbourhood Forum. We don't have retired professional people who can provide valuable skills. We struggled to find a Chairperson and have great difficulty in trying to get a secretary / minute taker. We have a very small number of enthusiastic activists but they really need extra volunteers and additional skills.
- c) Sheer lack of numbers in the Forum. We struggle to maintain the required 21 members. Retaining people's interest is difficult when progress seems slow.
- d) Imbalance in forum representation – e.g. we need more young people.
- e) Financial resource to implement our vision – will the local authority provide funding? Will we have to obtain funding through section 106 or CIL contributions from housing or commercial development? Do we need to identify alternative sources of finance? The viability test that we undertook a few weeks ago showed that we would need high rise development at Henry Wells Square of at least three storeys to generate enough CIL cash to pay for access road changes.
- f) If an objective is to find space for new housing should we expect assistance from the local authority, e.g. the garages issue. There are hundreds of garages in unsightly garage blocks throughout Grovehill. Many appear to be unused and some are dilapidated. Ownership is mixed. Would the local authority actively pursue a solution to the issue, e.g. by facilitating the move of some garage users to alternative blocks to free up whole blocks for housing development?
- g) What can we do about underpasses? Some are unsightly, badly lit, perceived as unsafe. Some seem ok in daylight but not at night. Do we

leave them or try to, with at least some of them, to make better use of the space that they take up?

Neighbourhood Plan Panel Review – 26th March 2013

Location: Grovehill Community Centre, 6A Henry Wells Square, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 6BJ

Present:

Cabe at Design Council:

Kelvin MacDonald	Chair
Paul Watson	Panellist
Richard Crutchley	Panellist
Kathy MacEwen	Head – Planning & Enabling
Mathieu Proctor	Planning Advisor

Grovehill Futures Neighbourhood Forum:

Mike Devlin	Chairman
Kevin Minier	
Norma Narroway	
Mike Narroway	

Dacorum Borough Council:

Claire Covington	Officer, Strategic Planning & Regeneration
Jo Deacon	Technical Assistant, Strategic Planning & Regeneration

Documents tabled:

- Material in preparation for draft Grovehill Futures Neighbourhood Plan – March 2013

Thank you to all that attended the Cabe at the Design Council Neighbourhood Plan Panel Review on the 26th March 2013. We appreciate the time and effort you made in preparing for this, and for taking the time to attend the session in Grovehill.

Listed here are the informal review notes. These are not Cabe at Design Council formal comments, and are merely to act as an aid for any points you may not have captured on the day. We hope that you find them useful.

Key points

- The work produced to date demonstrates a huge level of competence, skill, and commitment – be confident going forward as you are already quite far down the line. You can do more to the plan because of what you have done so far

- The concept map shows you know and understand your area and know what needs to be done in the short, medium and long term, now tell others 'how it all fits together' in strategic terms
- Give priority to the 'low hanging fruit' in terms of short-term interventions - show people that change will happen if they get involved
- Marchmount Farm is a major opportunity – don't let it slip away – speak to everyone involved, including the Homes & Communities Agency, as soon as possible, and use their skills and resources - be confident, you are drafting a statutory plan
- Be clear on the 'big moves' and focus on them as it's inefficient to attempt to plan in detail for an entire area - think about those key things that would make a difference, and you might test out in a couple of areas
- Think ahead to the referendum when building your relationships with stakeholders and decision makers, including schools, Tesco, the local authority, developers, health providers, and the local MP – create and retain momentum
- Henry Wells Square has the potential to be the heart of Grovehill, and is key for perceptions of the area, but there is no clear answer in terms of redevelopment – be firm about the need for good new connections between the Marchmount Farm development and Henry Wells Square
- Remember your work is about more than drafting a Neighbourhood Plan, it's about a positive and transparent process and keeping people involved - utilize social media to keep the whole estate engaged pre referendum

Grovehill Futures are to be commended on producing an impressive range of material, which stands the group in good stead to move forward with drafting an effective and accessible Neighbourhood Plan. The work produced to date shows an in depth knowledge of place, clear aspirations, and sufficient evidence for the group to move to the next stage, and it is important to retain momentum in the plan making process.

The future development at Marchmount Farm, and any potential changes to Henry Wells Square, represent tremendous opportunities for Grovehill, and these have to be captured in the Neighbourhood Plan. Be confident in your discussions with developers, public agencies, and other stakeholders, as you are a part of the statutory planning process, and you are in a position to add value. Make these contacts as soon as possible, and consider the implications of any funds that might arise from Section 106 or CIL payments.

Focus the emerging Neighbourhood Plan on the 'big moves', as it's inefficient to attempt to plan for the whole area. Develop a list of key ideas, and development principles that might be incorporated in residential areas or at Henry Wells Square – design detail can follow. Radburn layouts can present problems of under-used spaces or confusing pedestrian routes, but the reality Grovehill presents is of space, greenery, and community – the Neighbourhood Plan can help to enhance these qualities and any negative external perceptions.

The discussions held in the workshop can be summarised under the three headings taken from Planning for places: telling the story, set the agenda and say it clearly.

Tell the story

- You presented with clarity and skill, and clearly showed us what matters – progress with confidence in saying what you want to see for the future Grovehill – be clear about what you want
- Grovehill comes across as a friendly place with a strong community, and a light, airy, and green environment – the estate has a lot to offer - tell this story in your Neighbourhood Plan
- Be confident in your approach to the future of Grovehill and new development like Marchmount Farm – the professionals don't live here, you do - your views are entirely right and capable of adding value
- Resist being drawn into small detail with the Neighbourhood Plan – focus on the most significant, deliverable moves - look to draft development 'principles', for example for residential areas and Henry Wells Square – design detail can follow
- Some aspects of the estate which are perceived to be negative may be just perception – always look at actual realities – Waveney Flats, for example, is it really underperforming - the Neighbourhood Plan's short term improvements could really help to challenge these perceptions and actually change values – make this an objective of the emerging plan
- By using the Neighbourhood Plan to improve standards of development and public realm, you can potentially generate value in the area and surrounds like Marchmount Farm – a new school building on the approach to Grovehill, for example, could be effective in nurturing a positive image for Grovehill
- Think about how a new school building might be used as 'branding' to attract new residents
- Good to get children and young people involved, using their own language – think carefully about how to make the plan-making process accessible to them, make it part of their life by tying to the school geography curriculum - the school has a vested interest in contributing to a successful Neighbourhood Plan
- Tell the story of how today's children will inhabit the future Grovehill, and why their involvement in plan-making is therefore so important
- Experience in other locations has shown that by getting the right people round the table solutions can be found to the kind of problems you are facing – you already have the momentum to do this
- Your relationship with Dacorum BC seems positive, with a sense that your hopes and aspirations are the same – continue to see this as a partnership – it would be useful if Dacorum BC could introduce you to senior people in relevant bodies

Set the agenda

- The Neighbourhood Plan should set the agenda in a succinct manner, based a key diagram, and focused on physical changes – develop 'branding' or a manifesto around these steps
- You hold real power as a Neighbourhood Forum with defined boundaries, and wield greater strength than you would as remaining as 'just' residents –you can and should go to developers with your agenda – failure to do this would serve to weaken your plan. The Grovehill Neighbourhood

Plan is an agenda for delivery for various agencies, so make efforts to talk with as many bodies as possible, and be confident in your abilities as a plan making body – include local housing associations in your plan making

- Use examples like your proposals for the Waveney Flats site as it's not possible to plan for the entire estate - be broad and strategic and don't include too much detail – similarly the plan might include some garage court sites - aim for all round improvements and consider the 'stuff in the middle' as well as the more extreme options
- Modest interventions like improved signage and better definition of routes could make a significant difference to issues typical of Radburn layouts like under-used space, empty garage courts and poor legibility
- Henry Wells Square has the potential to be the vibrant heart of Grovehill – good connections with Marchmount Farm could draw people through, be clear with developers and the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) that you want a strong influence on these links
- Look to increase the intensity of use at Henry Wells Square where possible – there may not necessarily be sufficient value available for wholesale redevelopment
- The creation of a fourth side to Henry Wells Square incorporating civic buildings is a common sense idea, and would not involve a huge redevelopment – continue to consider how this might be delivered with stakeholders
- Marchmount Farm offers the chance for a 'shopping list' of reasonable planning obligations, such as improved lighting or signage – speak with bodies like the Highways Agency, schools, and health providers to determine how contributions might be used
- Speaking with the HCA about Marchmount Farm is a priority as they are key – it's possible they may bring the Marchmount Farm scheme forward reasonably quickly – show how Marchmount farm offers a unique opportunity to do something unique and new in design terms
- Use your finite resources wisely as there are many 'little' things to do – consider how you might outsource and delegate tasks
- The draft Neighbourhood Plan could include a number of 'indicative proposals' – these can be seen as a 'menu' of development options – the final submission plan can provide detail – look to provide 10 great ideas
- It is always difficult to say 'stop' in evidence gathering and move forward with plan making –you are well placed to move forward with the work you have undertaken to date
- Separate planning and non-planning related issues into an Action Plan and your draft Neighbourhood Plan – no work will go to waste
- Adopted Neighbourhood Plan areas will receive at least 25% of related CIL funding - Dacorum BC would have to speak with you on how CIL will be spent in Grovehill – think about potential impacts in your plan-making – Marchmount Farm could pay for improved links to Henry Wells Square, for example, with Grovehill improvement in turn increasing the value of Marchmount Farm – Dacorum BC's CIL schedule will be important
- By consolidating community uses you can potentially make land available for development (a windfall site) – speak with Tesco about this as they will have a view on viability and are increasingly community minded – there may be room for trade-offs to ensure a future for smaller businesses

- Consider the potential for a community pot of CIL funding - residents could present projects for funding
- The Thame Neighbourhood Plan acts as a form of site allocations plan - ask 'do we need other documents? Can we bring it all together with our Neighbourhood Plan?' – could other documents be deleted in light of the Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan?
- Look at managing the referendum in terms of meeting the basic conditions for a Neighbourhood Plan - once you have a response to consultation you can move forward – don't get stuck on producing more evidence
- You have a strong relationship with Dacorum – it's a wonderful partnership. Now the time to think about the next stage so meet Dacorum BC to discuss their continued involvement in the new financial year – ask them about the DCLG representative who will have been assigned to you as frontrunners

Say it clearly

- There would be a benefit to using mapping to show your wider strategic thinking and gather your wealth of unique knowledge – there could be an opportunity to involve school children in developing this mapping
- Simple explanations are best, with pictures and illustrations often the best way to do this
- Don't over complicate– draw your principles on a map

Further Cabe at Design Council support

Cabe at the Design Council run a number of services that can help deliver your planning objectives. These services include:

- Mapping and visioning exercises
- Councillor design training
- Councillor visioning exercises
- Neighbourhood planning design support
- Design workshop days

If you are interested in any follow up services from Cabe, then please contact cabe@designcouncil.org.uk

Grovehill: - vision for the future

On 24th November members of Grovehill Future attended a Planning Aid workshop where they provided post-it note comments to fill the blanks of several sentences that can be used to form a vision for Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Plan. The sentences were created from previous engagement work. Below is a copy of all the post-it note comments.

In the future, Grovehill will be a _____ place to live.

Safe place with more lights in alleyways

Desirable place of preferred choice

Attractive x2

Comfortable and safe

Bright and pleasant

Pleasant and vibrant

A welcoming, vibrant busy place

We would like Henry Wells square to be _____.

Light, airy, easy access and clean

Better lit and attractive

Better lit

Safe and friendly

Attractive to out of Grovehill shoppers

Demolished and rebuilt, modernised

Rebuilt

Reconstructed

Redesigned and expand more shops

We would like to see _____ shops.

Wide range of retail shops (avoid Monopoly by supermarket chain)

Variety shops attract people from outside Grovehill

Various

Updated and varied x2

Refurbished

Provided with extra parking

Local shops retained (helped by affordable rents)

Eco Friendly, all rebuilt

The medical centre will be _____.

One building with dental surgery etc.

One building to house doctors, dentist, clinic and pharmacy

A key feature of Henry Wells Square

Provide 'State of the Art' medical services including ancillary therapies, increase the size x3

Provide4 all community deliverable services

Integrated and part of Henry Wells Square

Combine with Doctors and Dentist

Locals and visitors alike will be easily able to navigate their way through Grovehill/Henry Wells Square, by means of _____.

Clear signposting to car parks

Clear sign posting

Signage and improved routes

Obvious roads and paths

Easy walking park car and easy access to shops, community centre, medical centre, church, youth club

Easy access to shops and signs

Easily accessed shops

Our community centre will _____

A hub of growth for community activities

Rebuilt, open to all, all types of activities from babies to oldies, to include youth club, café etc.

Need rebuilding x3

Needs updating and cheering up x2

Brought up to modern eco standards

Demolished and rebuilt in a more prominent position

To help reduce running costs, we would like the building to have _____.

Rain water recycling

Solar heating

Solar panels x2

Eco friendly materials cost saving energy inside and out

Ease of maintenance, bricks (no cladding)

The new development will _____ with the existing community.

In tune with... because Grovehill is still good sized housing and open spaces

Easily accessible

Provided with services

Integrated

Complementary to and in sympathy with

Complement and integrate

Gel

Residential rather than commercial, paving rather than asphalt

Attractive to people from in and outside Hemel

Not just low cost housing

The houses will be _____.

Good quality and attractive

Attractive and varied

Meet all new eco standards

Not like Harlow

Modern, energy saving and pleasant

Modern and energy efficient

Give a sense of permanence, stability, quality, homes, and security

Well planned, energy saving

Available at low cost rent

Have ample parking space

Will be equipped with up to date, eco friendly material, heating etc.

The green spaces will _____.

Saved x2

Keep all green spaces, open places, trees etc.

Very welcome and maintained regularly

Easy to maintain, easy access open spaces/green areas

Owned by the community, maintained by the community

Green flag status

Valued and enhanced if possible

There will be _____ for the children.

Room for children's activities to make them feel wanted and welcome

Safe play areas

Safe spaces with 'light' supervision safeguarding

Playgrounds, space for sports, safe

Crèche or play park in MI Park

Crèche

Grovehill Future: Project Plan activity

On 24th November members of Grovehill Future attended a Planning Aid workshop and jointly produced the following draft project plan. Below are the typed results of this activity:

Already achieved	December	January	February	March	April
Decided boundary for NP area	<i>Key issues identified</i>	<i>Representative membership in group</i>	<i>Lead contact agreed</i>	<i>Apply for forum status</i>	<i>Community engagement</i>
Map of area agreed	11/12/12 Area designated	<i>Group capable of becoming a forum</i>	<i>Prepare statement of why group is suitable to be a NF</i>	Plan community engagement activities	Ready to notify stakeholders
Name of area agreed	<u>Partnership</u>	<i>Vision for Neighbourhood Plan agreed</i>		<u>Partnership activity</u>	<u>Art competition</u>
Name of forum agreed	Meeting for shop keepers – terms of engagement			CABE Workshop	Results event
Prepared statement of why area is suitable	Would like the church to be part of it.	Break Grovehill into Zones			EASTER
Applied of Neighbourhood Area	<u>Art competition</u>	Profile of community/Grovehill population completed	Core strategy examination report – discuss framework		Forum consultation period
Group terms of reference created	Schools notified				
	<u>Publicity</u>	Core strategy examination report – discuss framework	<u>Partnership activity</u>		
	Notify schools, radio, paper etc.		Planning Aid training on engagement 16/2/13		
	<u>Engagement opportunities</u>				
	Lights turning on and Christmas carols 8/12/12	<u>Partnership activity</u>			
		CABE Workshop			
	Christmas Fayre 22/12/12				
	CHRISTMAS				

May	June	July	August	September	Beyond September
Community engagement	Process engagement results Evidence gathering	<i>Neighbourhood Forum Designated</i> HOLIDAYS Evidence gathering	HOLIDAYS	Evidence gathered <u>Partnership activity</u> Training on policy writing and site assessment	Community Engagement Site assessment method agreed Site assessment carried out Draft policies Prepare consultation statement Draft plan Assess draft against basic conditions Statutory consultation Submit draft plan to LPA Submit consultation statement Agree appointment of Independent Examiner Receive Examiners report Create final draft Referendum Neighbourhood Plan Made

The group meet monthly. Sub groups more regularly

Other comments to consider:

Evidence gathering:

Underpass study, usage? Alternatives?

Access routes and signage analysis

Garage Study

Population change study

List of listed buildings and conservation areas, protected trees

Find out landowners/occupiers of Henry Wells Square

Trip to New Hall for youth

Highlight quick wins and integrate into existing budgets

It is clear that further project planning work is required. It is recommended that time is allocated to review the project plan.

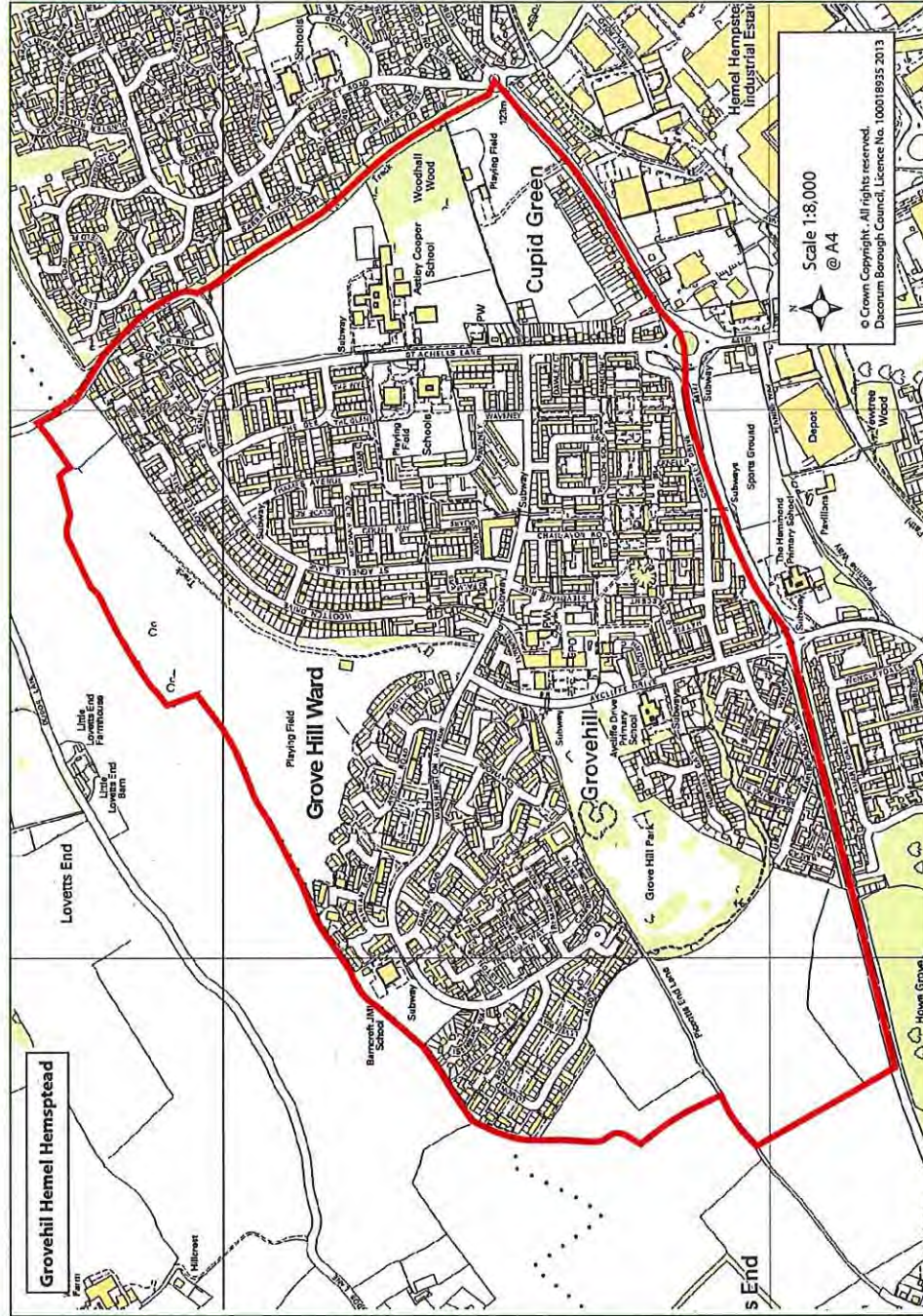
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Anne Fisher, resident

"Grovehill is a pleasant residential area with attractive green spaces and easy access to the countryside, local facilities include primary schools, a secondary school, a medical centre and a range of shops for everyday needs. There is good access to the town centre and to the industrial estate. The motorway network is within easy reach."



SPOTLIGHT ON GROVEHILL

Grovehill boasts a number of primary schools. The majority of students go on to attend Astley Cooper Secondary school. The school for 11-18 year olds is a Specialist Visual and Performing Arts College and standards have risen significantly in recent years.

Grovehill was part of the second wave of New Town development. Building commenced in 1966, and completed in stages up to the early 1980s.

Grovehill is set within a mass of green open space; placed towards the northern edge of Hemel Hempstead.

Grovehill once formed part of a large house and estate. It was the last neighbourhood to be developed by the Commission For New Towns.

There is easy access to the M1 providing direct links to further afield. Grovehill residents benefit from near-by Hemel Hempstead railway station being on the West Coast Main line which has train services operated by London Midland and Southern. Trains run southbound to London Euston and northbound to Birmingham and further afield.



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Approximately 70 per cent of the population is of working age, 20 per cent children and 10 per cent of retirement age. Over half of residents are male. The average life expectancy of Grovehill residents is 80.35 years which is above the national average, but below the district average.

People enjoy living in Grovehill because of the green spaces, surrounding countryside and easy access to a wide range of shops and facilities, and the motorway network. Some areas of Grovehill are showing their age, and no longer meet local needs. Grovehill Future's vision is to focus on areas for improvement, and look at how new and modernised facilities can be provided.

There are 3,234 households in Grovehill, including a number of supported housing schemes and 771 council homes. The neighbourhood reflects the distinct character of 60s to 80s era developments.

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In the future, Grovehill will be a welcoming, vibrant and busy place to live.

There will be facilities for all ages, from young people to elderly residents. Children and the youth of the community will enjoy safe spaces to play, with a range of indoor and outdoor facilities.

Our visions for the future of Grovehill are

The houses will be of good quality, solid, stable and secure, modelled on favoured housing styles around the area Wootton Drive, St Agnalls, and Ninian Rd).

We would like to see a wide range of shops.

The green spaces will be enhanced, valued and protected.

Our community centre will be in a high-quality building with improved facilities, welcoming and open to all.



The medical centre will be in one building housing doctors surgery, dentists, clinic and pharmacy too.

Locals and visitors alike will be easily able to navigate their way through Grovehill and Henry Wells Square, providing safe and accessible routes, balancing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

To help reduce running costs, community facilities will meet high levels of sustainable building design and construction, including features such as solar panels.

New development will complement and integrate with the existing community.

We would like Henry Wells Square to be well lit, safe and attractive, this could include good lighting, facilities, seating and signage.

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Connectivity and Public Realm Improvements

Grovehill was designed as a car dominated layout.

There are many footpaths through the neighbourhood which can be confusing, and it's often not clear which are the fronts and which are the backs of houses.

The many garage blocks and back alleyways make it difficult to choose which route to use and add to safety and security concerns.

Housing in the north west of the neighbourhood is relatively isolated.

Some of the footpaths are in poor condition and after dark they can be difficult and dangerous to use. Some of the main routes, such as Piccotts End Lane are unlit.

The busy roads can be difficult for pedestrians to cross and the subways can be dark and unattractive.

Our Vision

'Locals and visitors alike will be easily able to navigate their way through Grovehill and Henry Wells Square, providing safe and accessible routes, balancing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.'

How will we achieve this?

The walkability and legibility of the main pedestrian routes will be improved, and the number of footpath options rationalised where possible.

Connections through and to Livingstone Walk (Grovehill's central spine) and Henry Wells Square will be improved.

Signage on key footpaths will direct people from the wider area to Henry Wells Square and its community facilities and out to the countryside.

The street scene at key locations will be improved through paving, planting, tree planting, landscaping and the creation of social areas.

Encouraging the use of key routes will bring people together creating a sense of community and safety.

More pedestrian refuges on main roads will be created making it easier and safer to cross the highway.

New and connected cycling routes will be created promoting sustainable transport.



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Services for the Community

The medical facilities do not meet all of the local needs. People often have to travel for specialist services and feel isolated from medical support.

The community centre is an important hub for local residents, groups and organisations. Due to its popularity it can be difficult to get a booking, plus be expensive for groups to regularly hire.

It is difficult to maintain a comfortable temperature within the community centre, and its running costs are high.

Many faith groups share the church, and there is not enough capacity for all the activities they want to offer.

There are not enough facilities for children and young people within the neighbourhood. The large youth club building is no longer in use.



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Norma, resident

"I like Grovehill for it's openness, wider roads, different types of houses. It looks spacious and not cramped. It has nice green spaces, a good bus service, easy access to London and 5 minutes to the country. I would like to see more for the youth and the elderly and more shops, including local small businesses. Some areas are getting ragged around the edges and need regeneration."



Our Visions

- 'Our community centre will be in a high quality building with improved facilities, welcoming and open to all'
- 'The medical centre will be in one building housing the doctors surgery, dentists, clinics and pharmacy too'
- 'To help reduce running costs, community facilities will meet high levels of sustainable building design and construction, including features such as solar panels'.
- 'There will be indoor facilities for children and the youth of the community as well as the elderly'.

How will we achieve this?

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Henry Wells Square



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Our Visions

'We would like to see a wide range of shops'

'We would like Henry Wells Square to be well lit, safe and attractive, this could include good lighting, facilities, seating and signage'

Henry Wells Square is an important and valued hub for the neighbourhood.

Henry Wells Square is poorly designed with a great deal of unused space and parking areas to the rear of the shops.

There is high demand for the parking to the front of the shops.

The area to the front of the shops looks tired.

The community centre, church, youth club building and clinic are hidden behind the shops, and it is not obvious how to reach them.

The many footpaths to the rear are confusing and of poor quality.



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How will we achieve this?

New uses and development at the rear of Henry Wells Square will improve the vitality and appearance of the area.

Good building layout, design and mixed uses will create natural surveillance.

People will feel safe and secure visiting the centre during the day and the evening.

Redevelopment will improve the range of shops, eating options, services and community facilities offered at Henry Wells Square.

Residents will choose to walk or cycle to Henry Wells Square using clear and legible routes to and from the surrounding housing.

Henry Wells Square will be modern and appealing, with convenient parking and attractive public areas.

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Key:

- Retail Units
- Housing/Commercial
- Housing/Small
- Public Realm Improvement
- Extended Medium-Density
- New Shared Spaces
- Housing/Retail

Map labels include: GROVESIDE, GROVE, GROVESIDE COMMONS, and various lot numbers.

Housing/Retail Units

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Housing and New Development

Within the neighbourhood there are areas of housing of poor design and in poor material state, for example around The Waveney.

In many areas it is unclear which are the fronts and which are the backs of houses, making it difficult for visitors to navigate.

Residents often park and access their homes from the rear, reducing activity and social interaction in pedestrian areas.

Garage blocks are isolated, lack natural surveillance and are poor in appearance.

The garages are too small for modern cars and many garage blocks and parking courts are underused.

Our Visions

'The new development will complement and integrate with the existing community'.

The houses will be of good quality, solid, stable and secure, modelled on favoured housing styles around the area'.



How will we achieve this?

New houses will be of high quality and design, and be attractive and desirable places to live.

New development will integrate with the existing neighbourhood through strengthened footpaths, cycleways and shared facilities, creating a sense of one community.

Housing will be adaptable to meet the needs of residents throughout their lifetime.

New and improved facilities will be provided as development comes forward to meet the needs of the growing neighbourhood.

Redevelopment of selected garage blocks, will improve the appearance and vitality of the neighbourhood.

Proposals for new developments that combine living and small-scale employment space will be encouraged, provided there is no adverse effect on the character and amenity of nearby residential areas.

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Quality and Protection of Green Space



Grovehill is located on the edge of Hemel Hempstead and the views and access to the surrounding countryside are valued by residents.

Grovehill's many green spaces, wooded areas and copses make it an attractive area to live.

Some of the green spaces have deteriorated over time and lack of local ownership is a problem.

Many of the trees in Grovehill were planted when the neighbourhood was first developed. They are now all reaching maturity at the same time, making some spaces dark and gloomy.

Some amenity spaces are of poor function and are underused, such as The Dell.

Some areas of Grovehill are not within easy reach of areas where young children can play.

Our Visions

'The green spaces will be enhanced, valued and protected'

'There will be safe spaces and play areas for all ages, both indoor and outdoor facilities for children and the youth of the community as well as the elderly'

How will we achieve this?

Important green corridors will allow for the movement of wildlife and provide a soft edge to the neighbourhood.

New or improved amenity spaces will give young children areas to play close to their homes.

The neighbourhood's main parks and green spaces will be accessible and welcoming, with improved entrances.

Key views and footpaths into the countryside will be protected as the neighbourhood grows.



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Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan

Key:

Grovehill Neighbourhood Plan Area

Green Spaces

Wildlife Corridor

Areas for Improvement

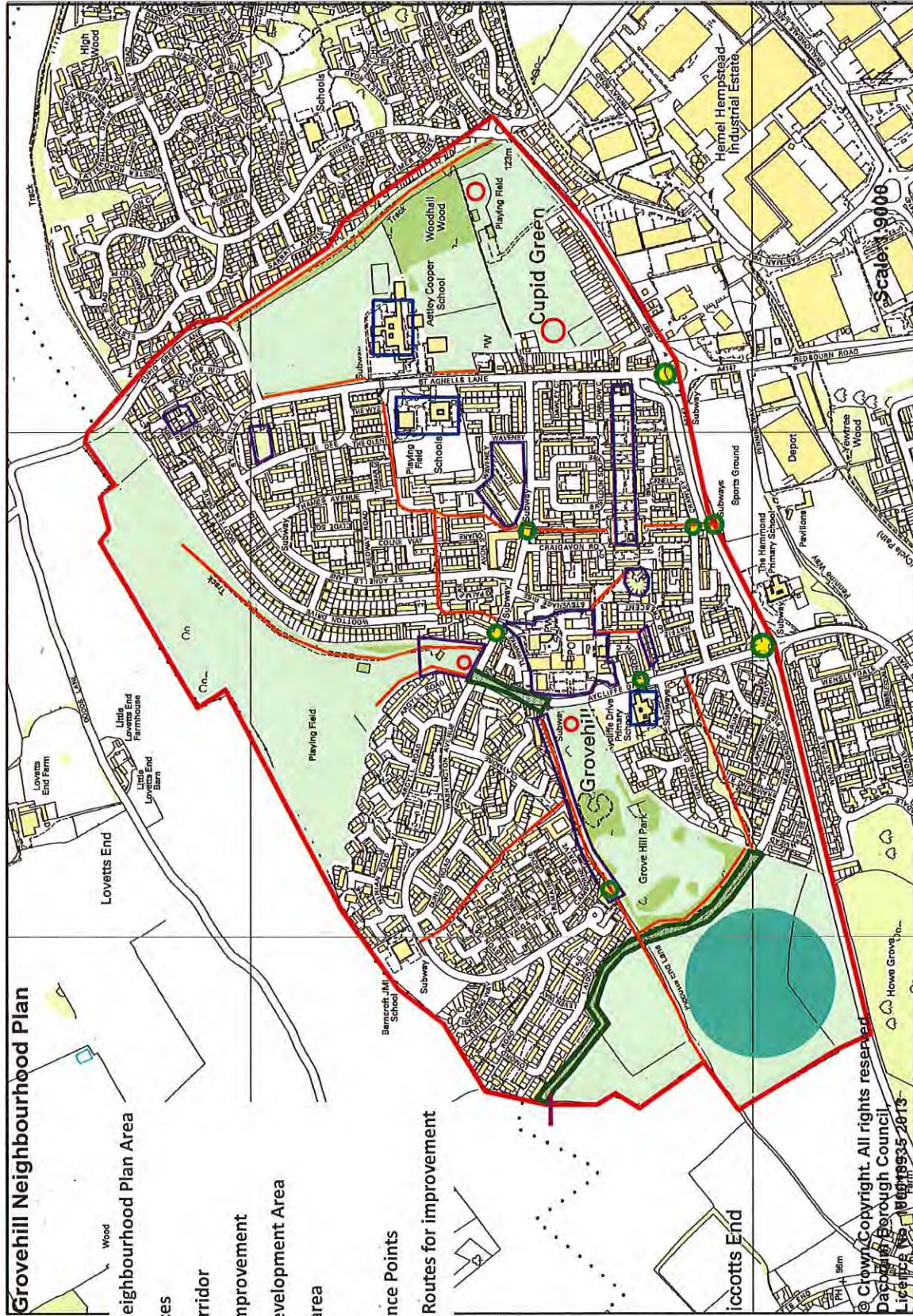
Possible Development Area

Child Play area

Schools

Main Entrance Points

Pedestrian Routes for improvement



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Maggie, resident

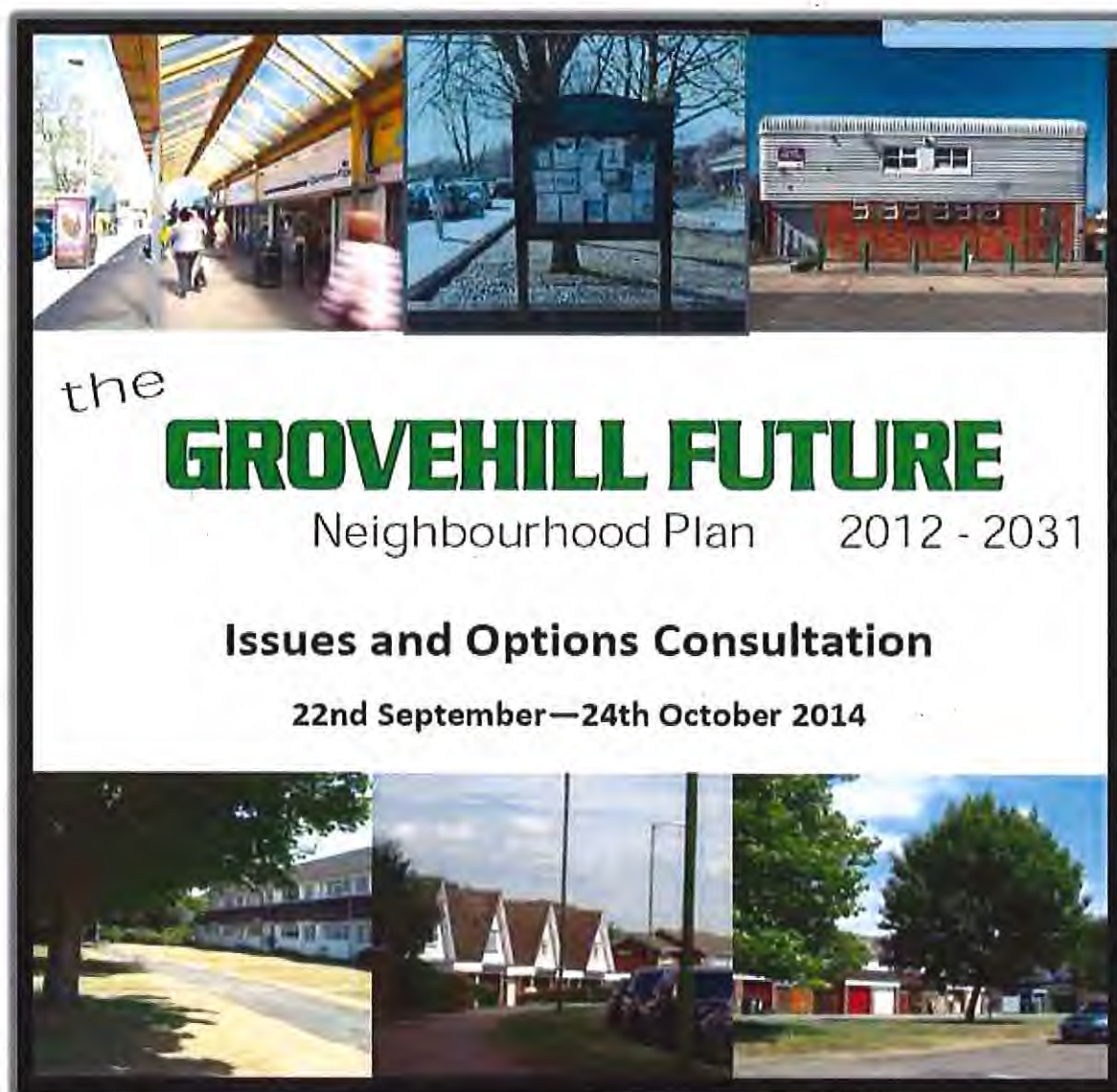
"Some areas are good and well kept; others are in need of refurbishment. Thoughts must be given to play areas being safe for children wishing to play under supervision and not with the traffic. The countryside and fresh air is brilliant. The shopping centre is not up to standard – redesign is called for. I love the community."

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Don't miss out on having your say about the future of Grovehill.



Please make sure you complete and return your copy of the consultation booklet by 24 October.

If a copy has not been delivered to your home or business please email

grovehillfuture@dacorum.gov.uk or call

Jo Deacon on 01442 228366 or

Emma Cooper on 01442 228352.

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Youth Survey March 2014

Have your say about what young people like to do in Grovehill

Please tick all questions Yes or No, you can answer for your whole family or parents may answer for younger children.

*Return completed forms to the office at Grovehill Community Centre, Henry Wells Square, if closed post in letterbox, or through your school office. Closing date **31st March 2014***

1. What age group(s) are you?

Pre-school

5-10

10-14

15-18

19-25

2. What is your gender?

Female

Male

3. Do you live in Grovehill?

Yes

No

4. Do you go to school in Grovehill?

Yes

No

5. In the past 12 months, have any of the following happened to you in Grovehill?

Been robbed

Yes

No

Been frightened by anyone

Yes

No

6. Do you feel safe being out on your own at the following times?

Daytime

Yes

No

Nighttime

Yes

No

7. In the past 12 months, which of the following activities have you participated in?

Stayed indoors with friends

Yes

No

Played out in the street

Yes

No

Played sports / games in the park

Yes

No

Played in an adventure playground

Yes

No

Ridden a bicycle	Yes	No
Met friends around Henry Wells Square	Yes	No
Met friends in Gadebridge Park / skateboarding	Yes	No
Met friends in Town Centre or High Street	Yes	No
Dacorum Sports Centre	Yes	No
Jarmans Park / Xscape	Yes	No
Playgroup / Nursery	Yes	No
Sports classes / martial arts	Yes	No
Scouts or Guides	Yes	No
Dance / fitness classes	Yes	No
Arts / Crafts	Yes	No
Music lessons / Play in a group / Sing	Yes	No
Army, Royal Air Force or Royal Navy cadets	Yes	No
First Aid classes, St. John Ambulance	Yes	No
Youth Club	Yes	No
Go to any religious organisations	Yes	No
Any other (state).....	Yes	No

8. With reference to all the above, what would you like to do more of in your spare time?

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9. In your opinion what would you really like to see change in Grovehill?

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10. If you feel strongly about your opinions and would like to find out more about the Grovehill Future Project you can visit the website: www.grovehillfuture.co.uk or the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/grovehillsfuture.

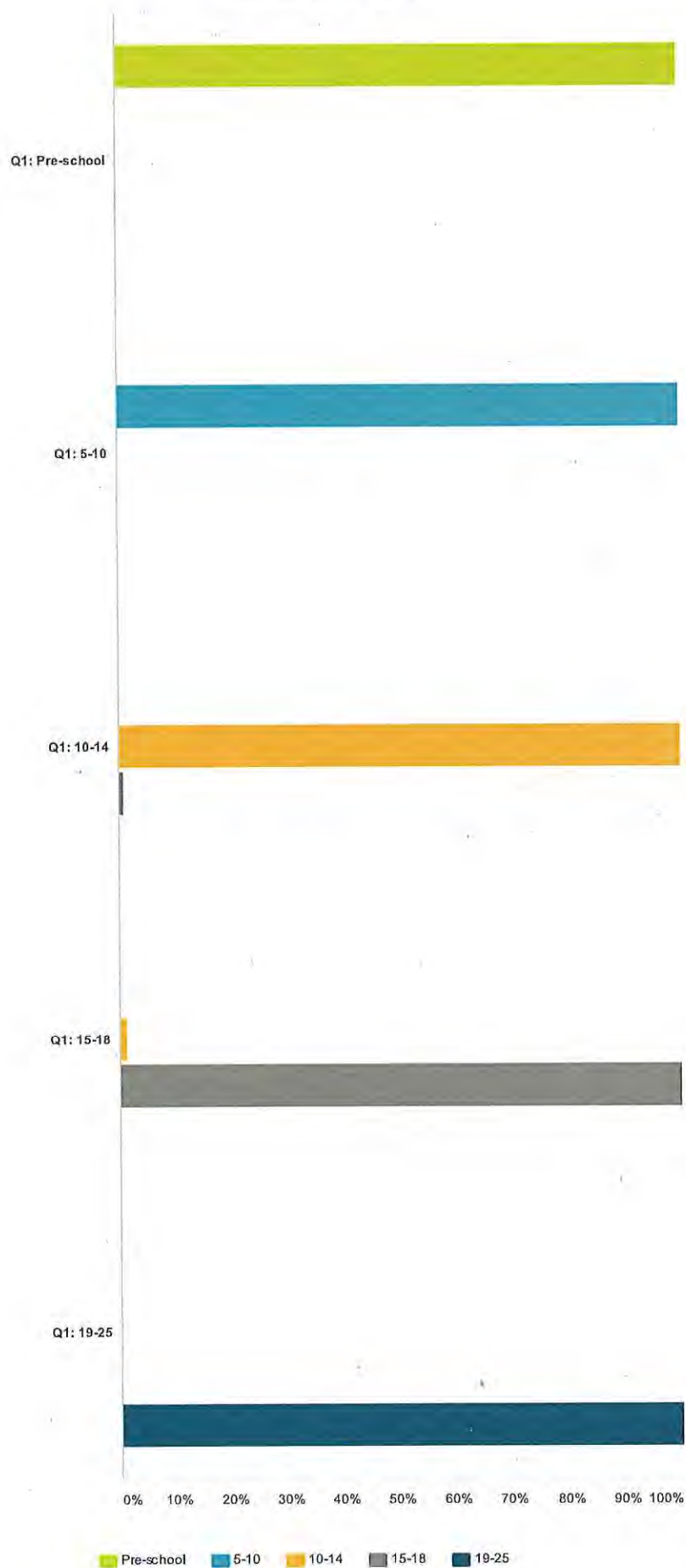
"Thank you helping 'The Grovehill Future Project' with this survey. Your information will help determine what facilities and amenities we recommend to be included in any development plans to make Grovehill a better place for young people".

Please return completed forms to Grovehill Community Centre office, Henry Wells Square.

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Q1 What age group(s) are you?

Answered: 254 Skipped: 0



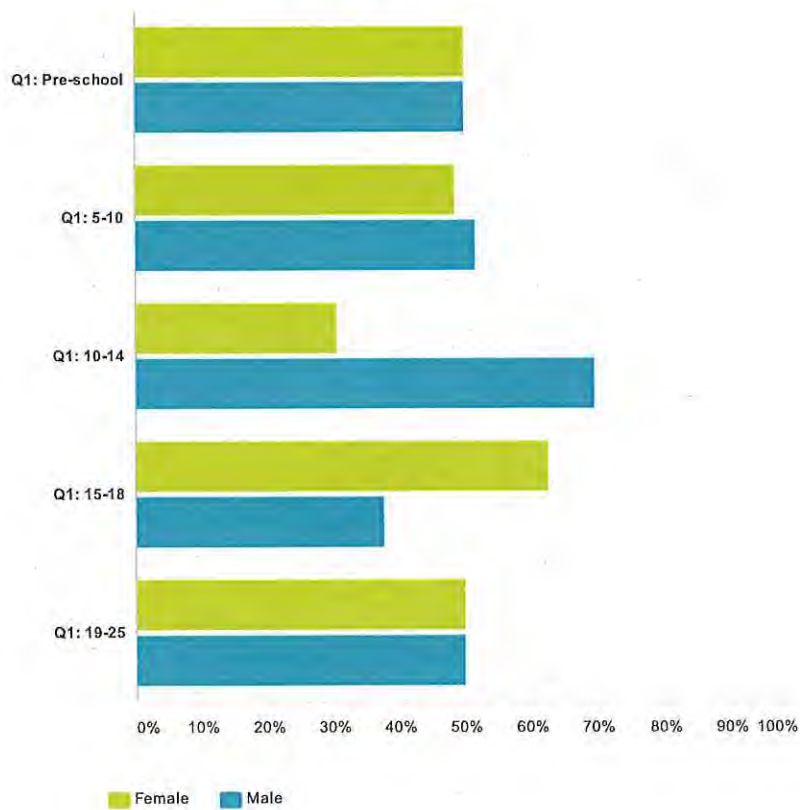
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	Pre-school	5-10	10-14	15-18	19-25	Total
Q1: Pre-school	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3
Q1: 5-10	0.00% 0	100.00% 34	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	34
Q1: 10-14	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 132	0.76% 1	0.00% 0	133
Q1: 15-18	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.25% 1	100.00% 80	0.00% 0	81
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
Total Respondents	3	34	132	80	6	254

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Q2 What is your gender?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 3

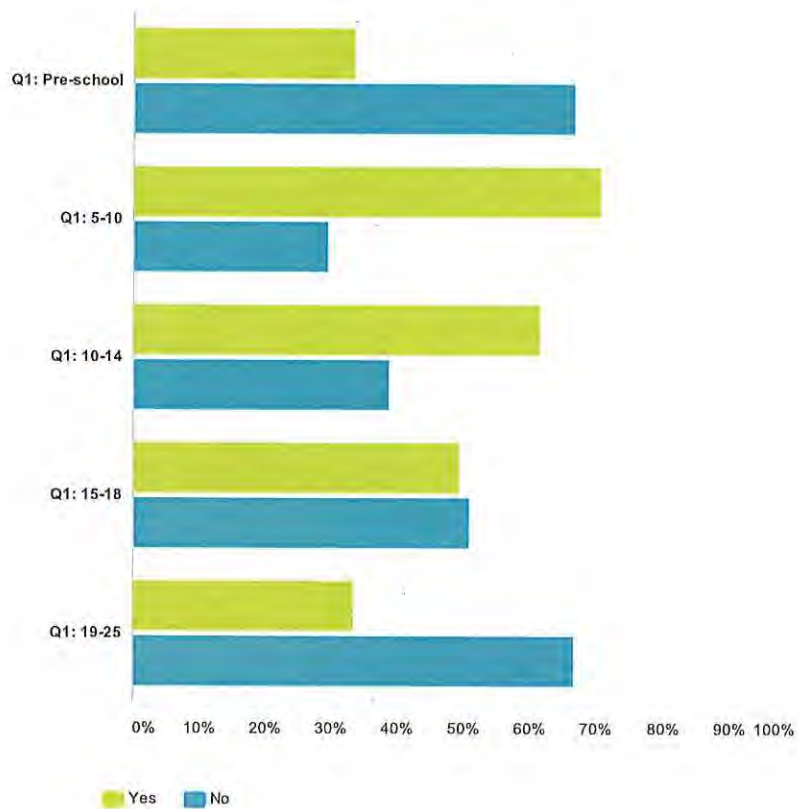


	Female	Male	Total
Q1: Pre-school	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Q1: 5-10	48.48% 16	51.52% 17	33
Q1: 10-14	30.53% 40	69.47% 91	131
Q1: 15-18	62.50% 50	37.50% 30	80
Q1: 19-25	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6
Total Respondents	109	142	251

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Q3 Do you live in Grovehill?

Answered: 253 Skipped: 1

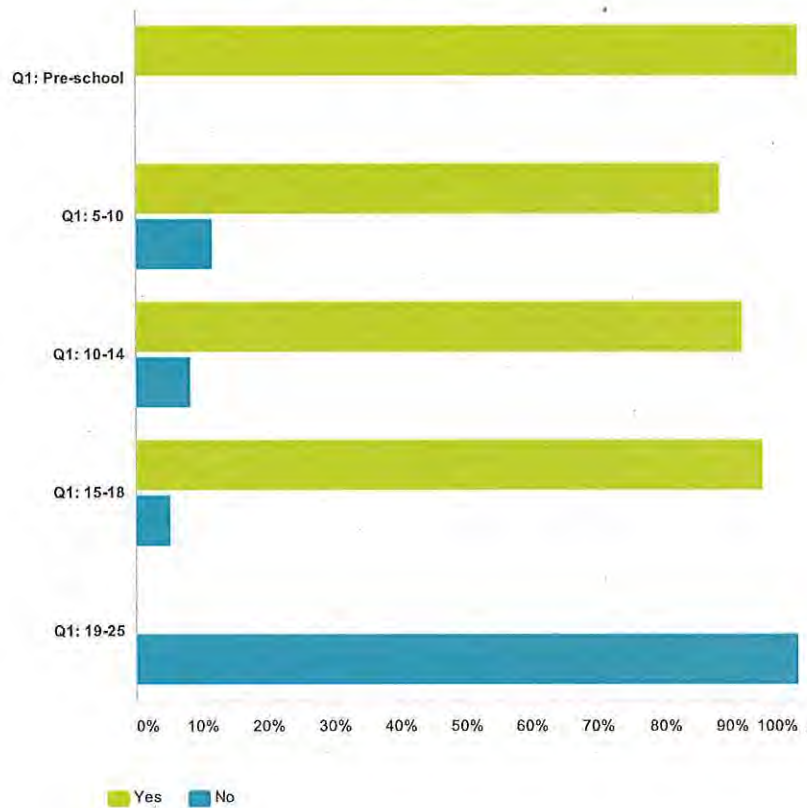


	Yes		No		Total
Q1: Pre-school	33.33%	1	66.67%	2	3
Q1: 5-10	70.59%	24	29.41%	10	34
Q1: 10-14	61.36%	81	38.64%	51	132
Q1: 15-18	49.37%	39	50.63%	40	79
Q1: 19-25	33.33%	2	66.67%	4	6
Total Respondents		147		106	253

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Q4 Do you go to school in Grovehill?

Answered: 252 Skipped: 2

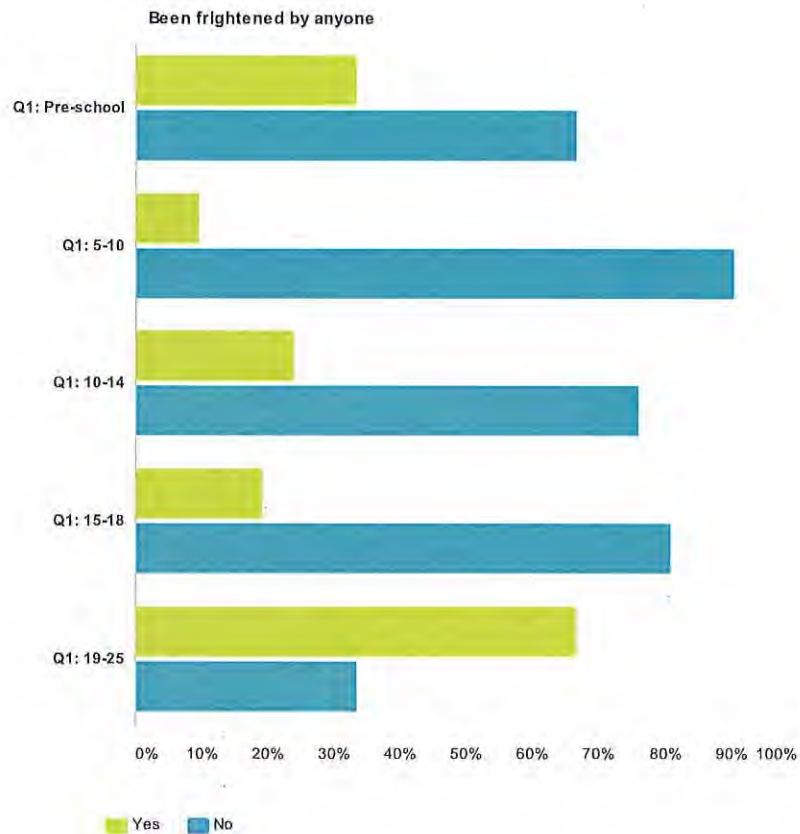
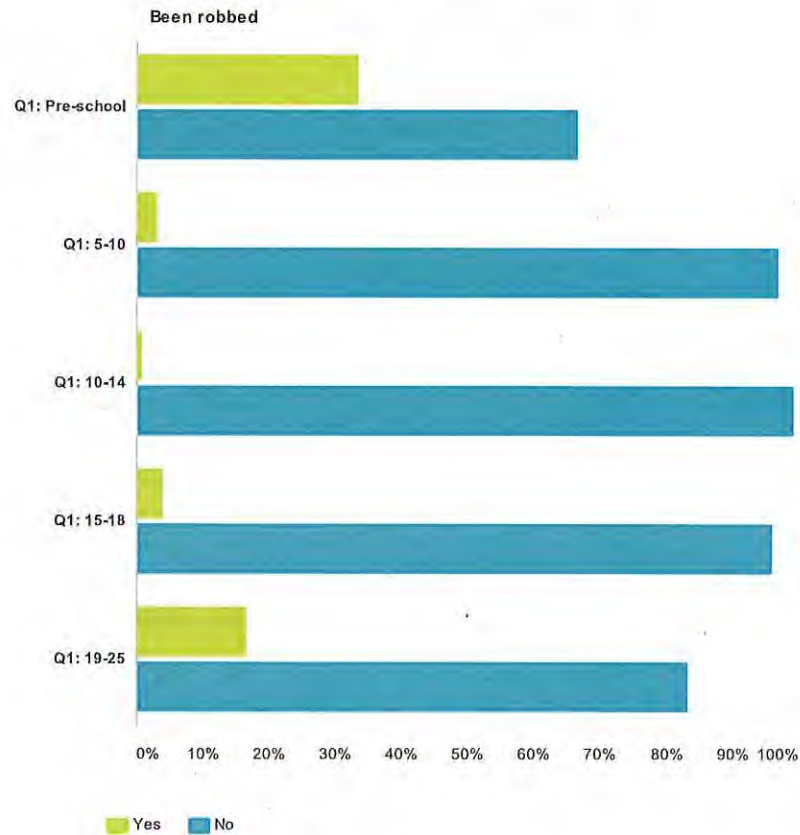


	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	3
Q1: 5-10	88.24% 30	11.76% 4	34
Q1: 10-14	91.67% 121	8.33% 11	132
Q1: 15-18	94.87% 74	5.13% 4	78
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
Total Respondents	227	25	252

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Q5 In the past 12 months have any of the following happened to you in Grovehill?

Answered: 250 Skipped: 4



Been robbed

Yes

No

Total

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Q1: Pre-school	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
Q1: 5-10	3.23% 1	96.77% 30	31
Q1: 10-14	0.78% 1	99.22% 128	129
Q1: 15-18	4.05% 3	95.95% 71	74
Q1: 19-25	16.67% 1	83.33% 5	6

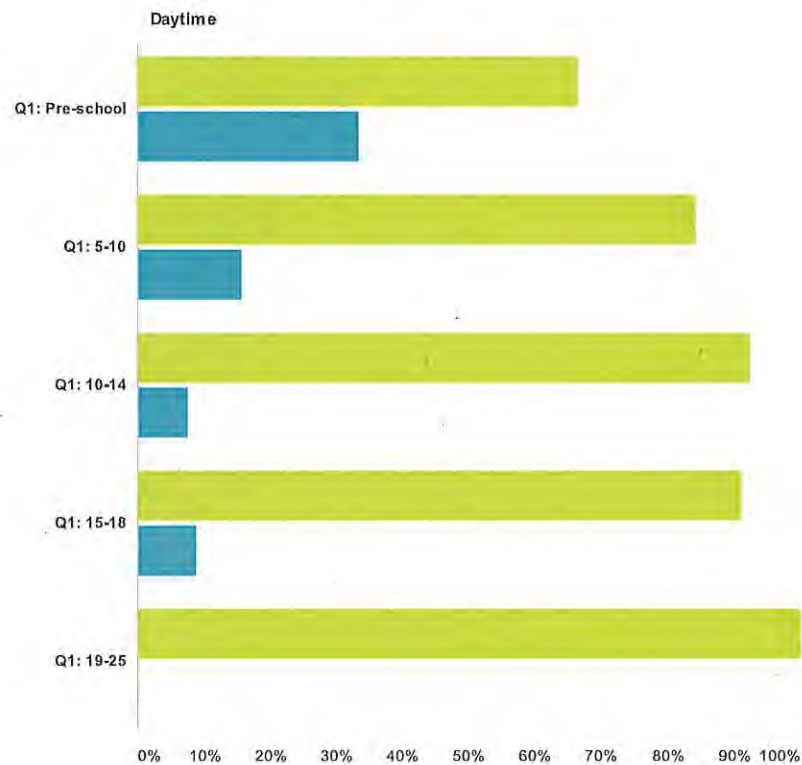
Been frightened by anyone

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
Q1: 5-10	9.68% 3	90.32% 28	31
Q1: 10-14	24.03% 31	75.97% 98	129
Q1: 15-18	19.23% 15	80.77% 63	78
Q1: 19-25	66.67% 4	33.33% 2	6

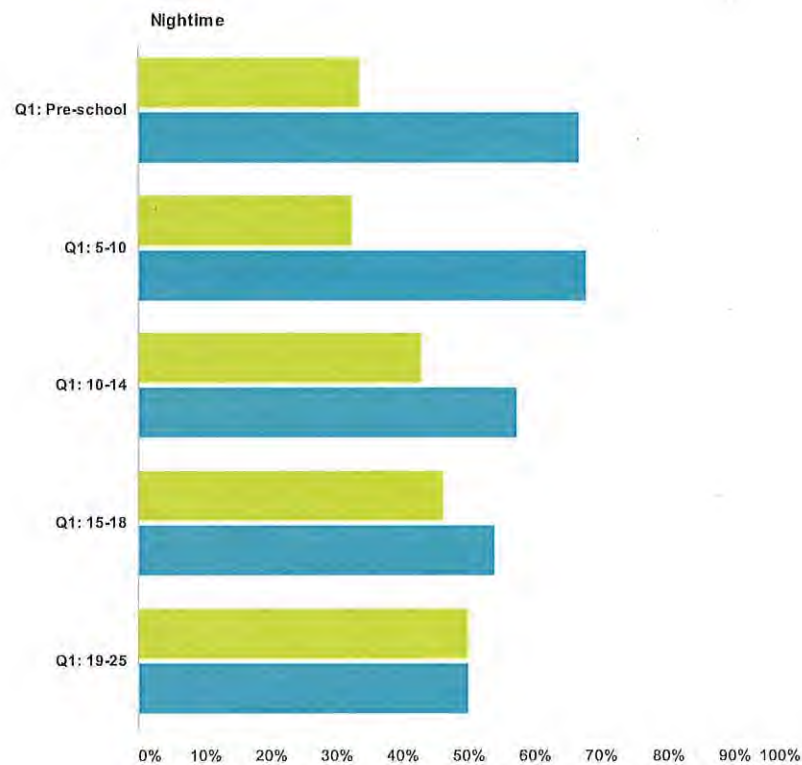
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Q6 Do you feel safe being out on your own at the following times?

Answered: 253 Skipped: 1



Yes No



Yes No

Daytime

Yes

No

Total

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Q1: Pre-school	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	3
Q1: 5-10	84.38% 27	15.63% 5	32
Q1: 10-14	92.42% 122	7.58% 10	132
Q1: 15-18	91.14% 72	8.86% 7	79
Q1: 19-25	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	6

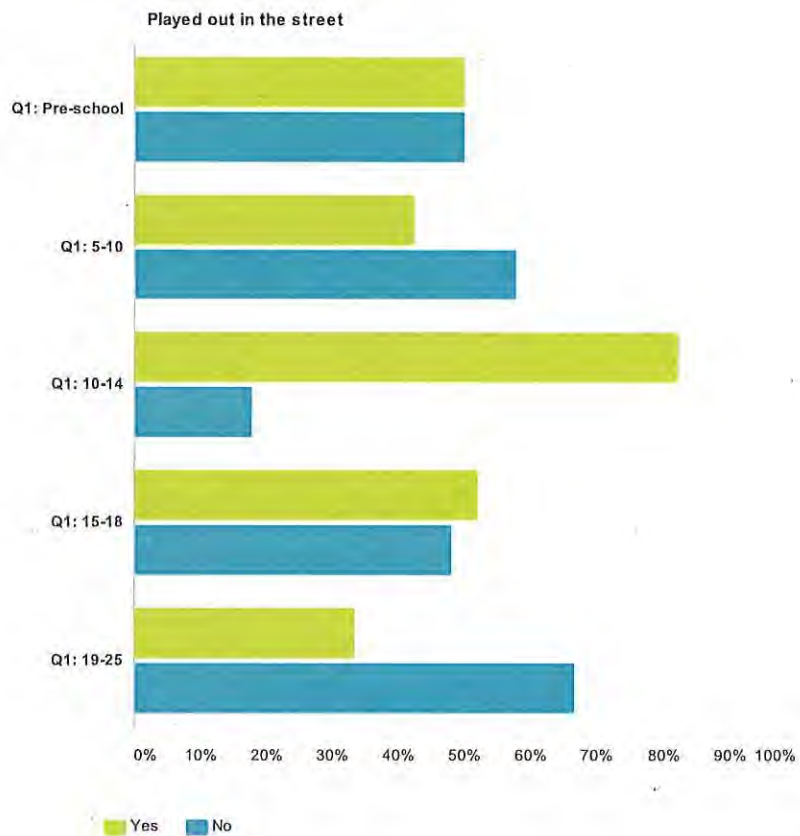
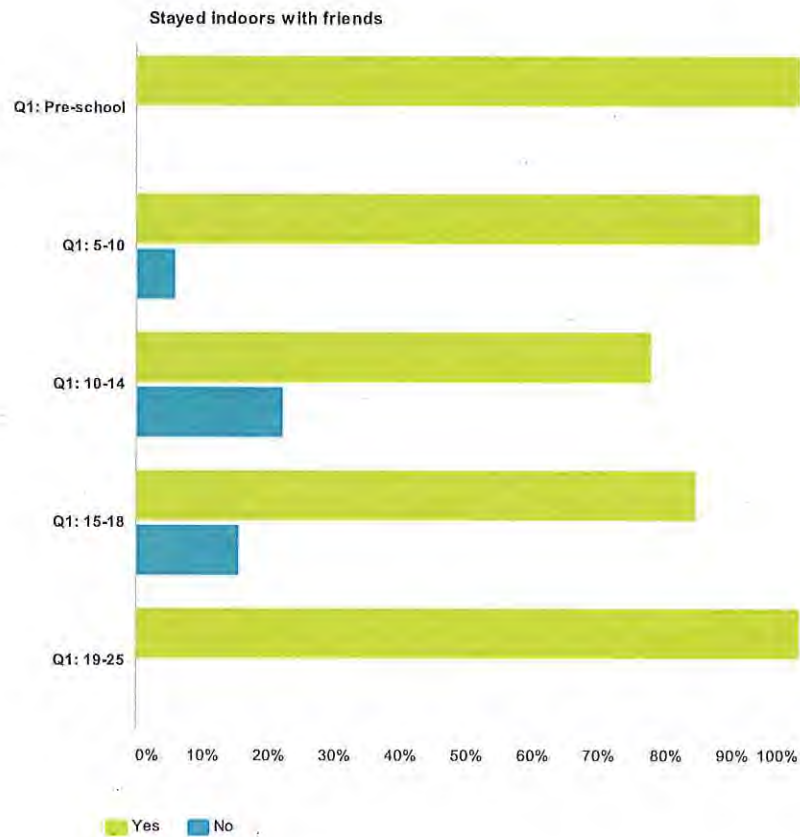
Nighttime

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
Q1: 5-10	32.26% 10	67.74% 21	31
Q1: 10-14	42.86% 54	57.14% 72	126
Q1: 15-18	46.15% 36	53.85% 42	78
Q1: 19-25	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6

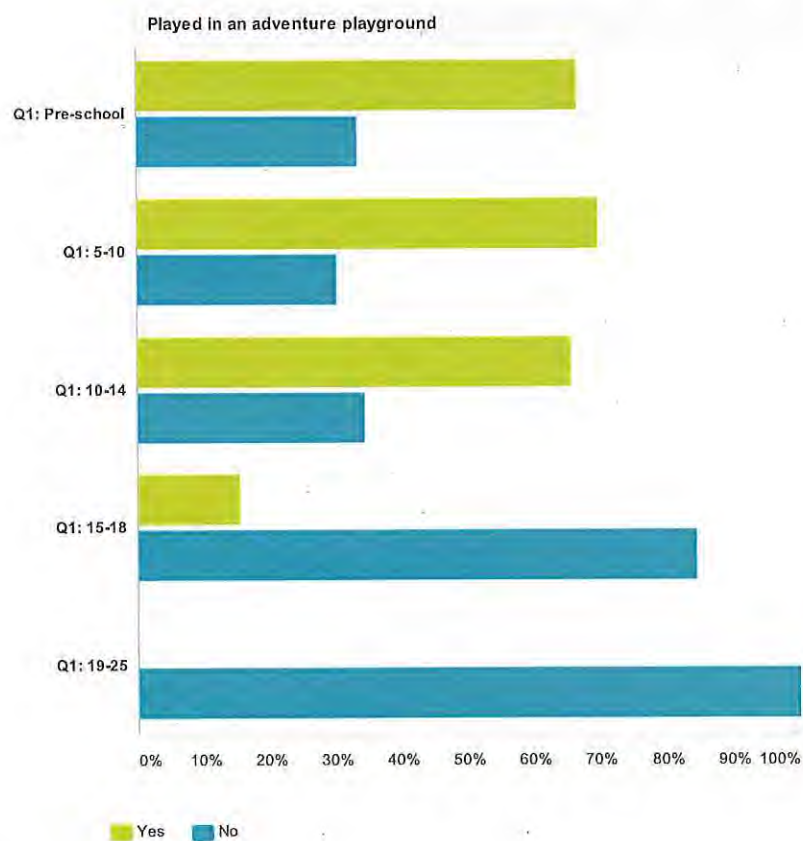
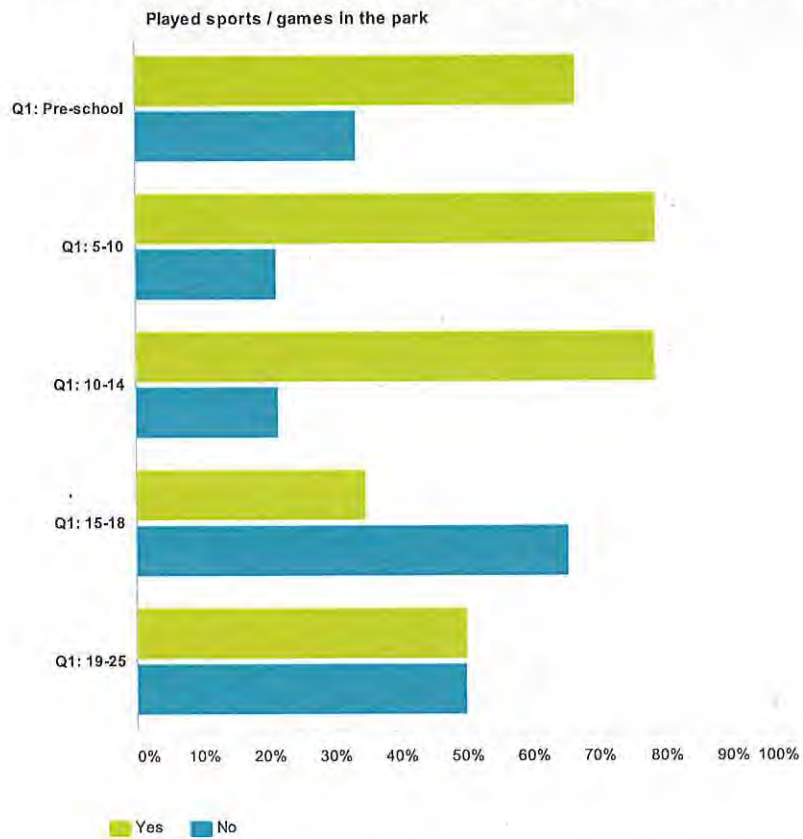
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Q7 In the past 12 months, which of the following activities have you participated in?

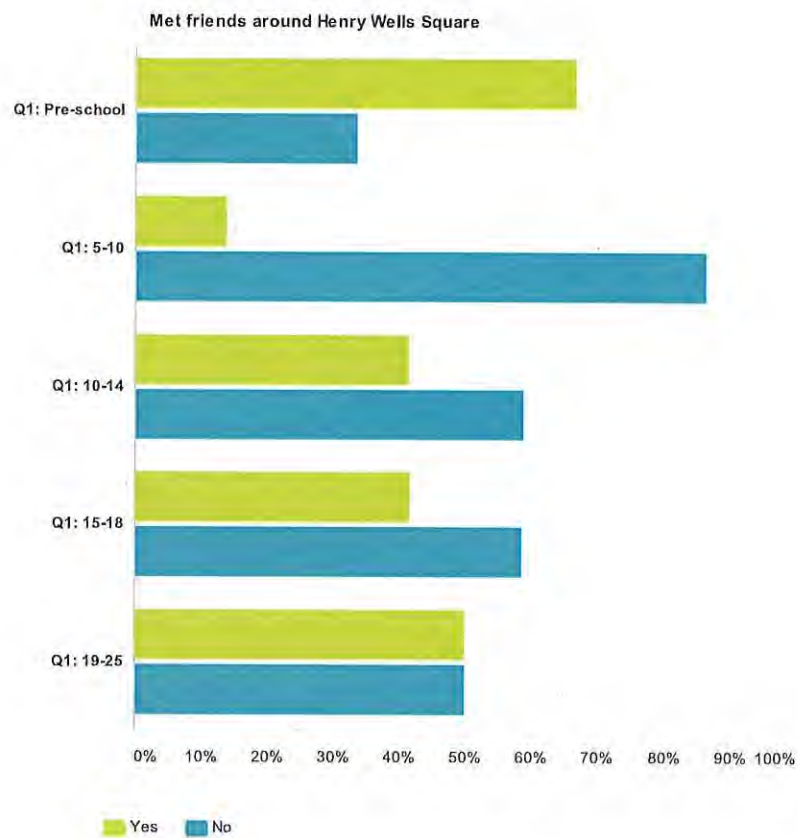
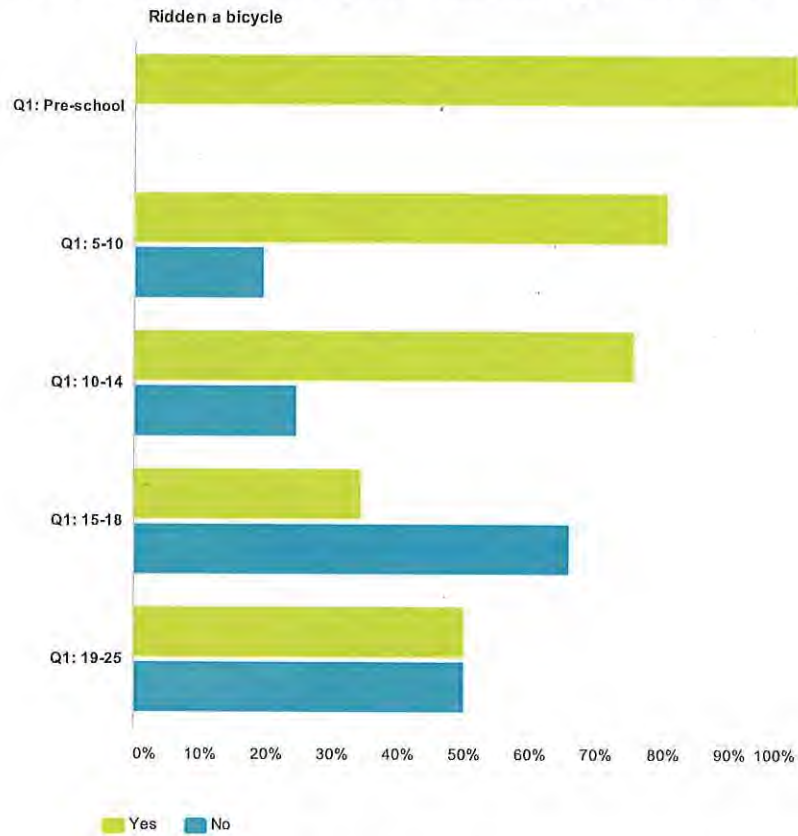
Answered: 253 Skipped: 1



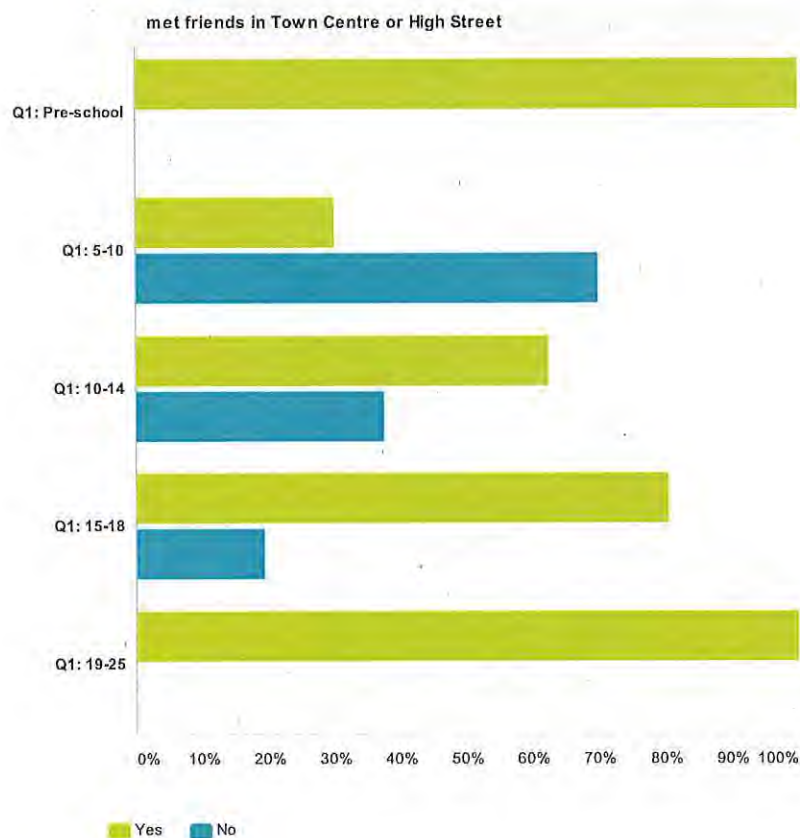
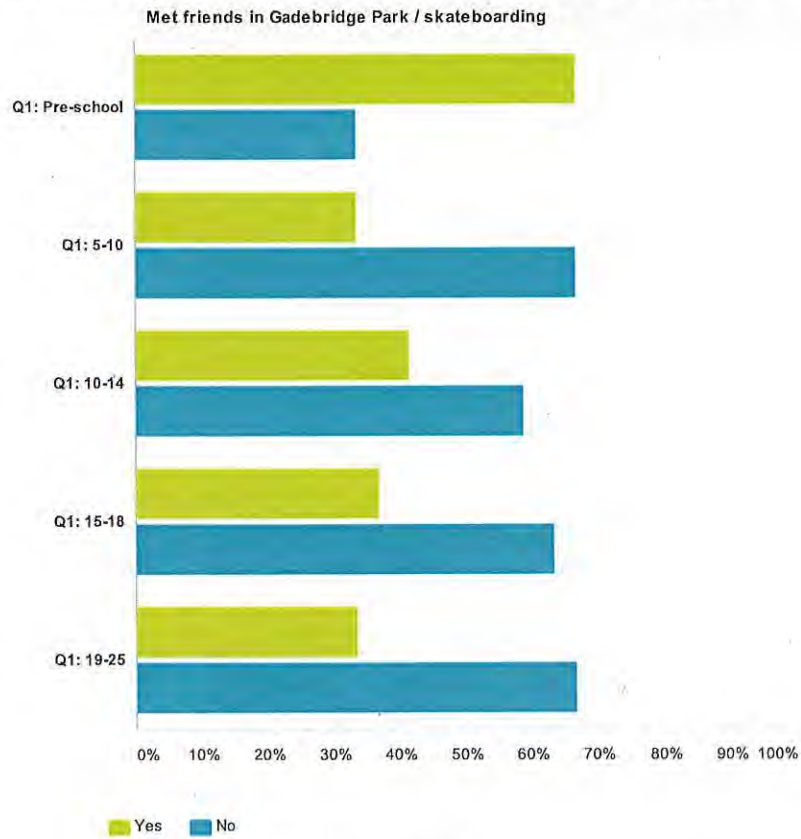
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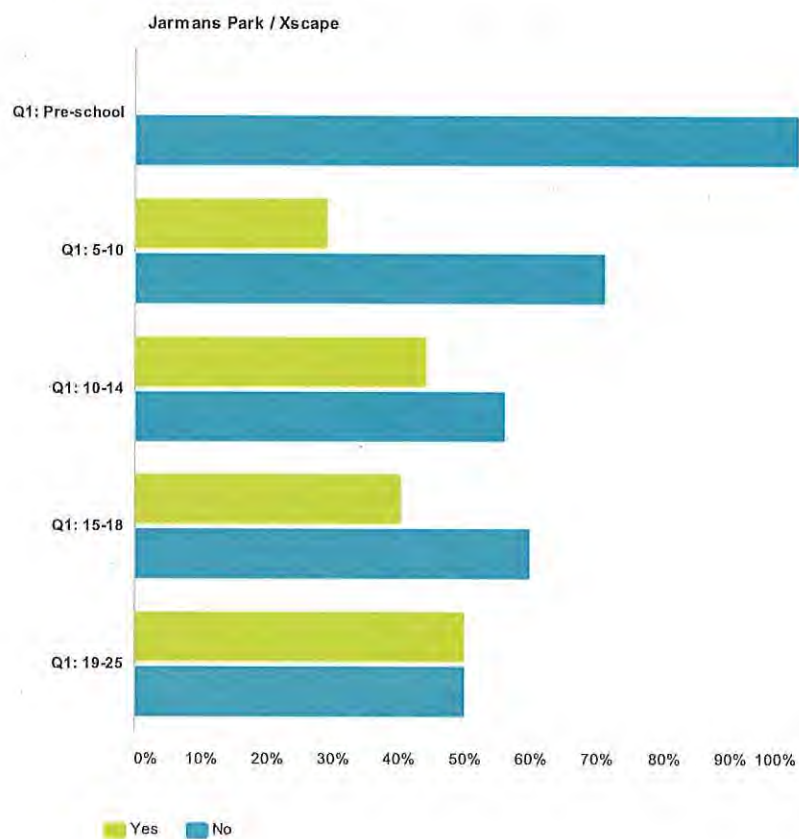
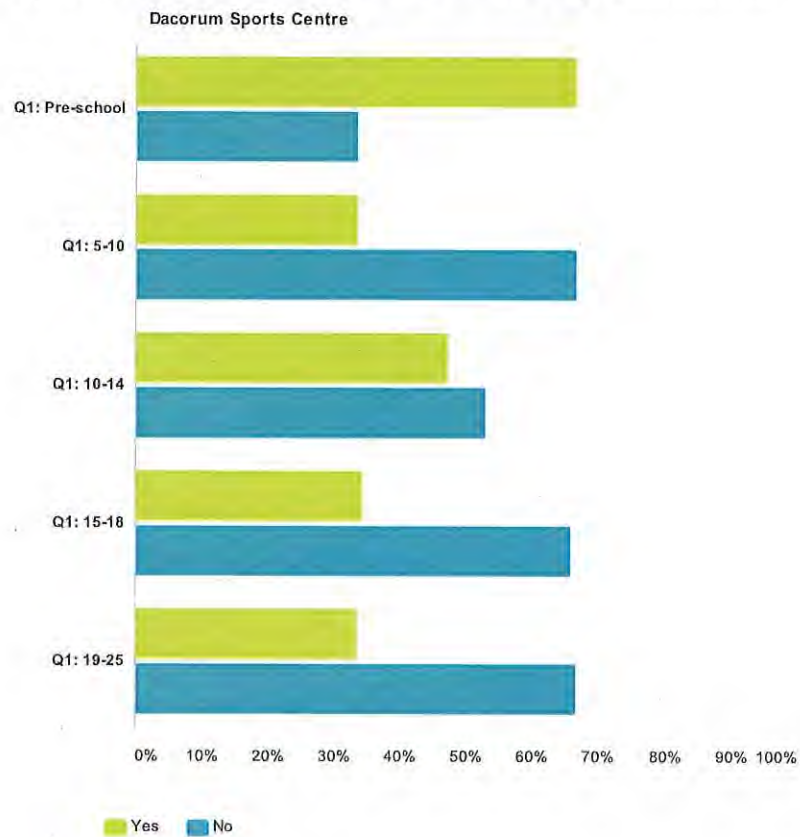
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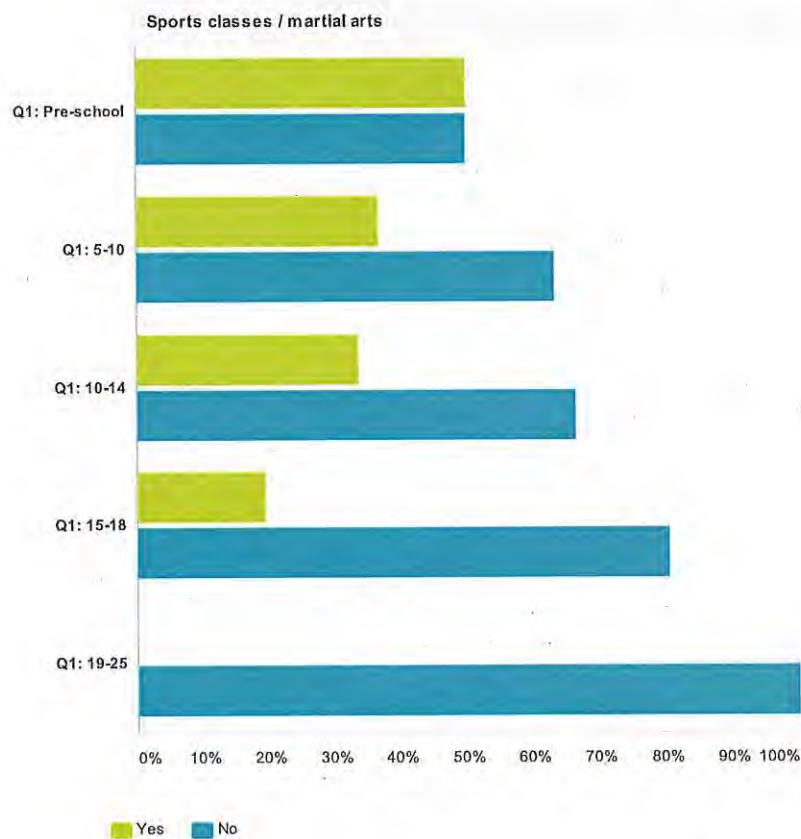
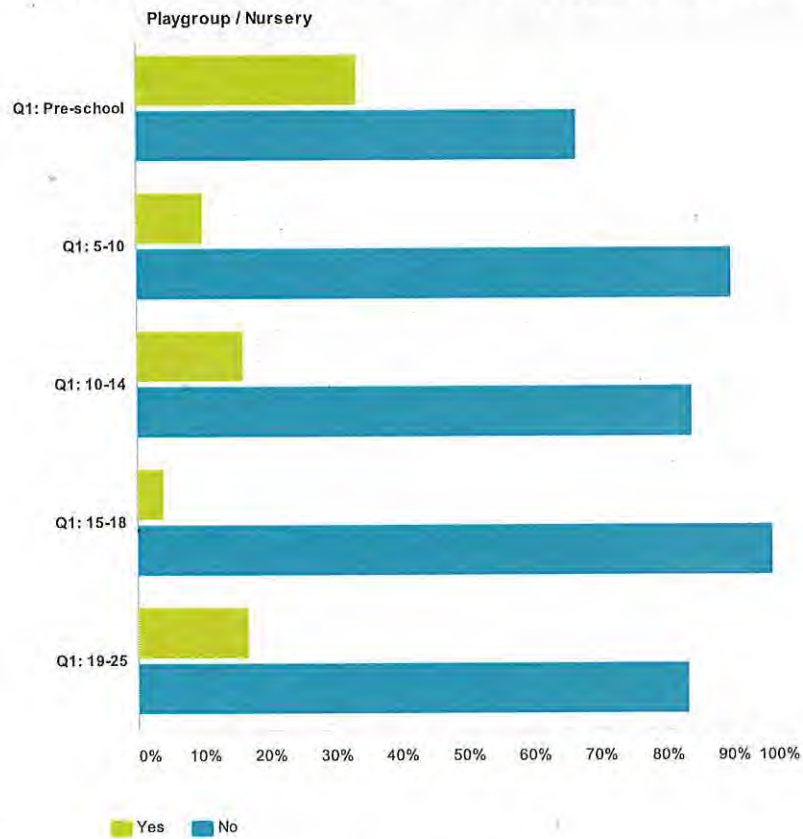
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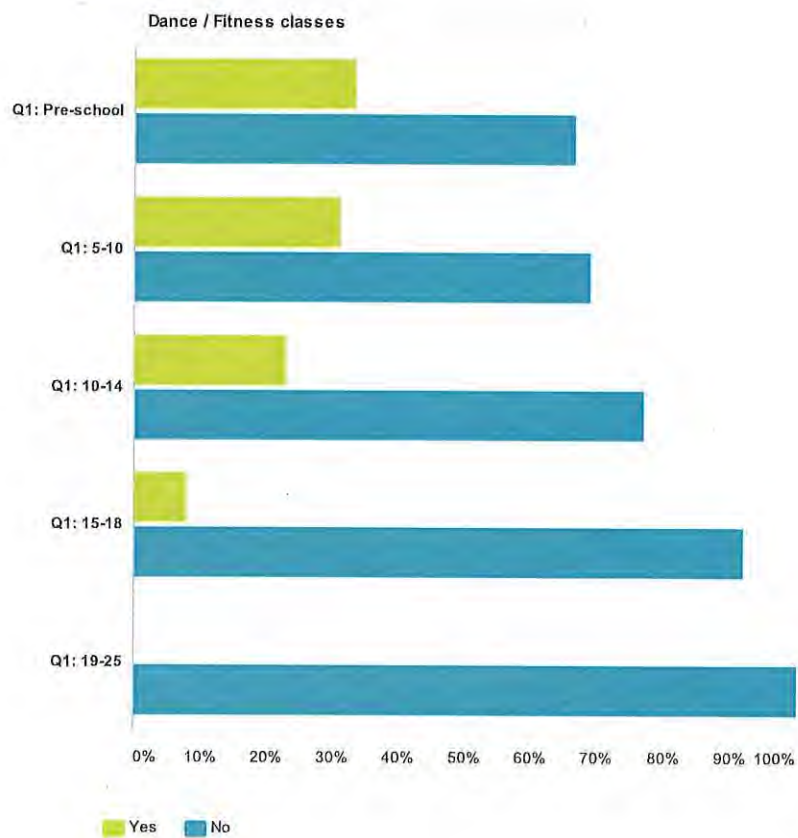
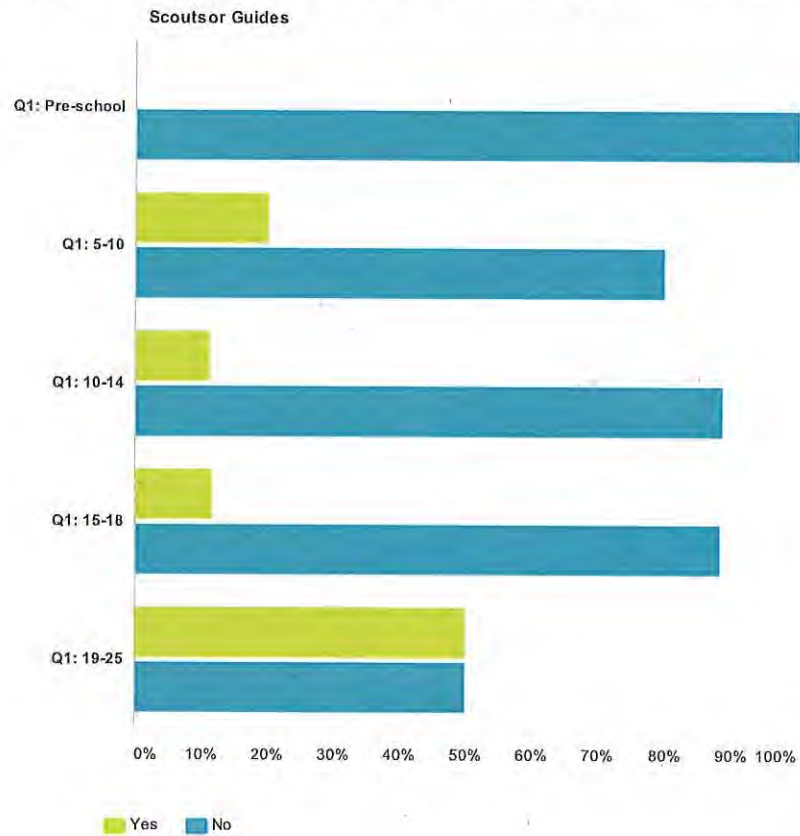
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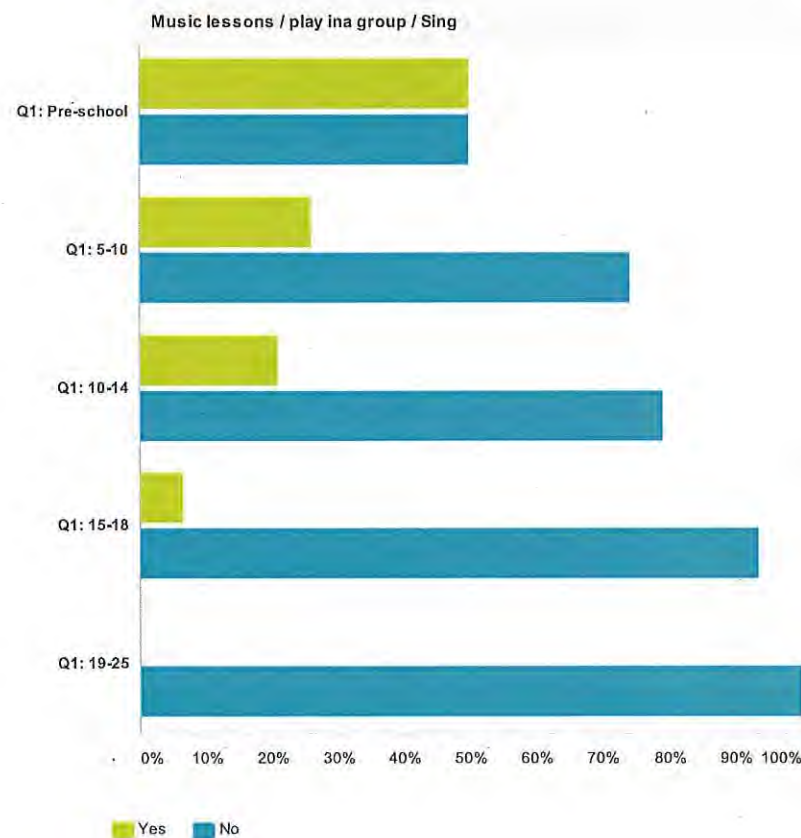
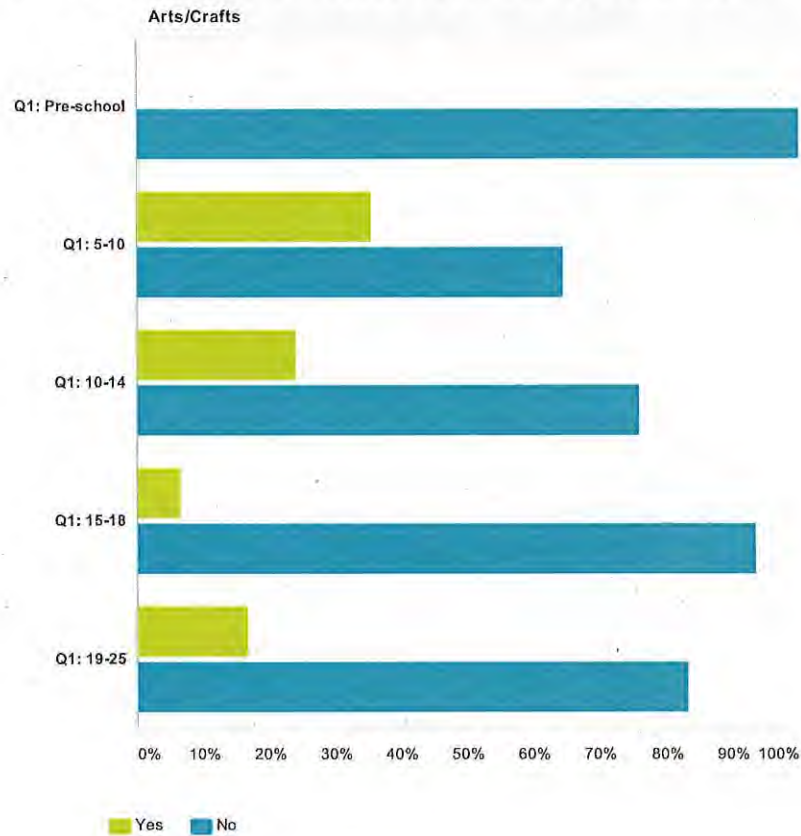
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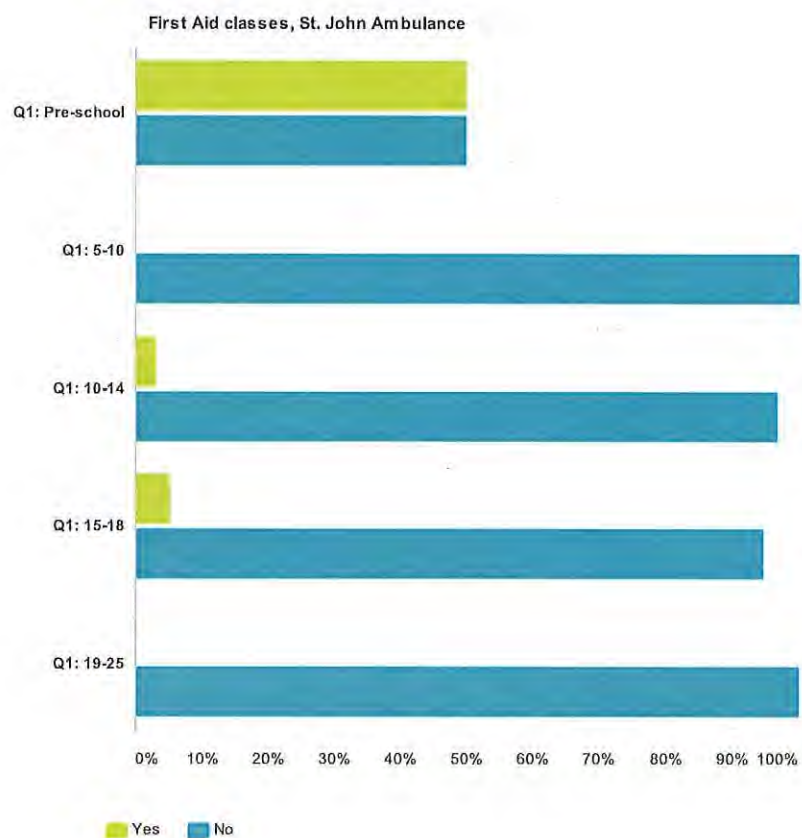
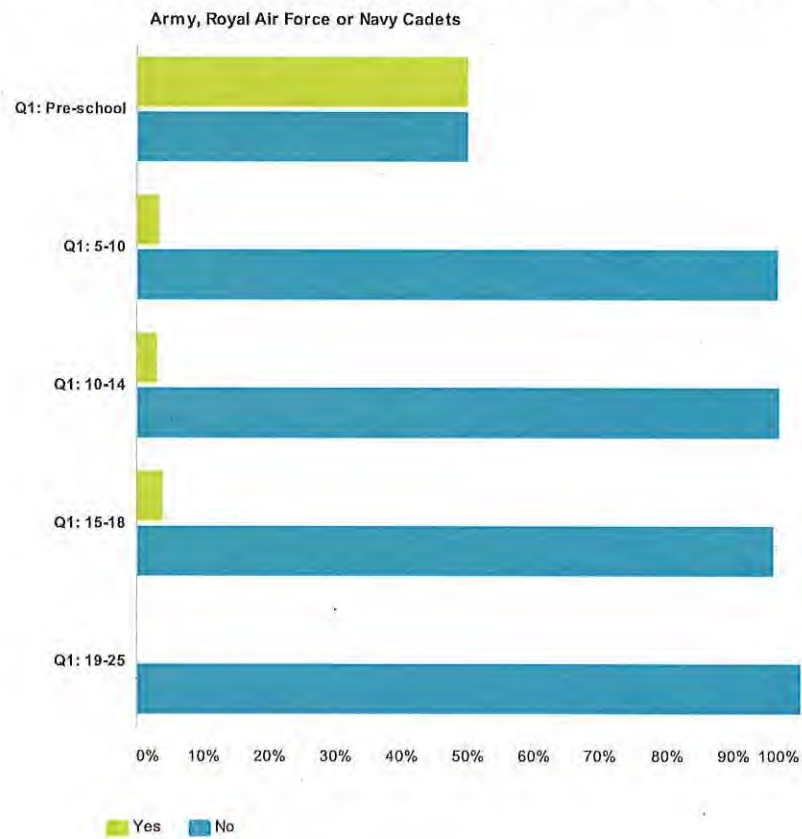
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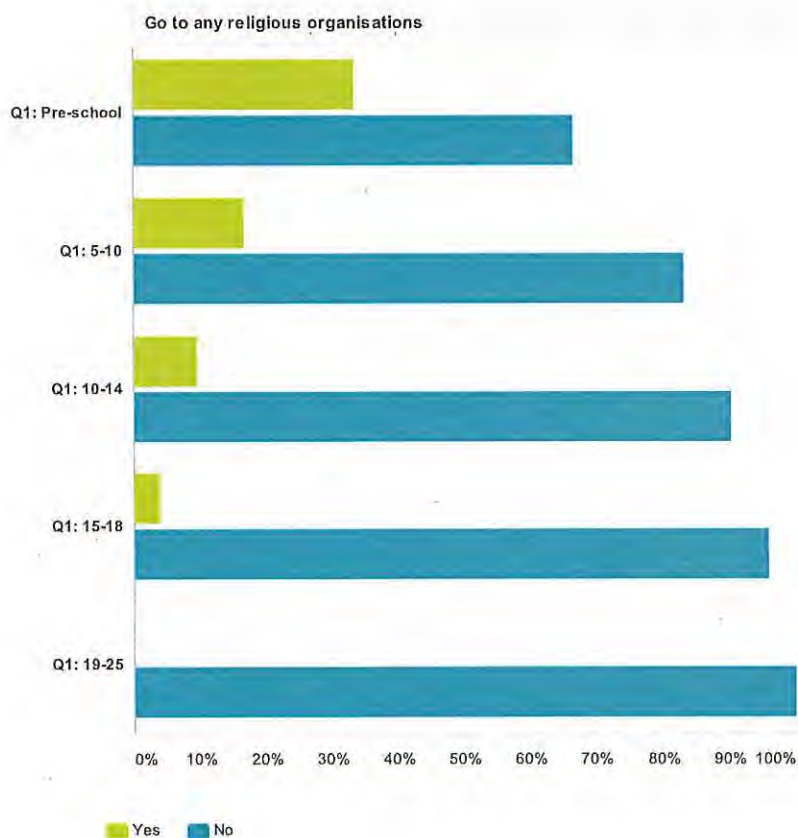
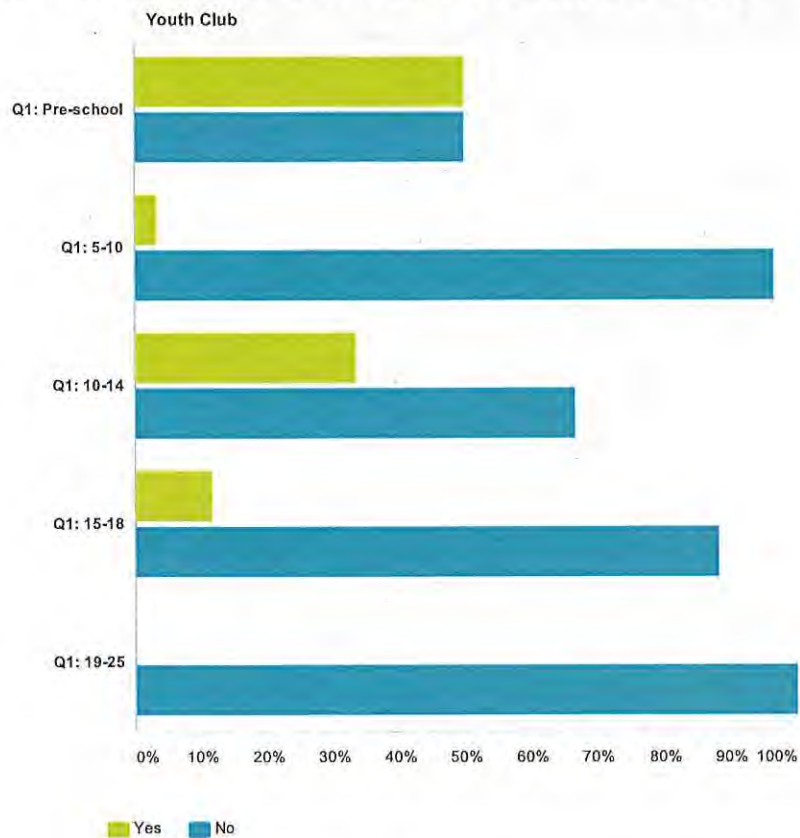
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Stayed indoors with friends

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	3
Q1: 5-10	94.12% 32	5.88% 2	34
Q1: 10-14	77.78% 98	22.22% 28	126

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Q1: 15-18	84.62% 66	15.38% 12	78
Q1: 19-25	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	6
Played out in the street			
	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Q1: 5-10	42.42% 14	57.58% 19	33
Q1: 10-14	82.17% 106	17.83% 23	129
Q1: 15-18	51.90% 41	48.10% 38	79
Q1: 19-25	33.33% 2	66.67% 4	6
Played sports / games in the park			
	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	3
Q1: 5-10	78.79% 26	21.21% 7	33
Q1: 10-14	78.46% 102	21.54% 28	130
Q1: 15-18	34.62% 27	65.38% 51	78
Q1: 19-25	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6
Played in an adventure playground			
	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	3
Q1: 5-10	69.70% 23	30.30% 10	33
Q1: 10-14	65.63% 84	34.38% 44	128
Q1: 15-18	15.38% 12	84.62% 66	78
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
Ridden a bicycle			
	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	100.00% 2	0.00% 0	2
Q1: 5-10	80.65% 25	19.35% 6	31
Q1: 10-14	75.59% 96	24.41% 31	127
Q1: 15-18	34.21% 26	65.79% 50	76
Q1: 19-25	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6
Met friends around Henry Wells Square			
	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	3
Q1: 5-10	13.79% 4	86.21% 25	29
Q1: 10-14	41.27% 52	58.73% 74	126
Q1: 15-18	41.56% 32	58.44% 45	77
Q1: 19-25	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6
Met friends in Gadebridge Park / skateboarding			
	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	3

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Q1: 5-10	33.33% 10	66.67% 20	30
Q1: 10-14	41.27% 52	58.73% 74	126
Q1: 15-18	36.84% 28	63.16% 48	76
Q1: 19-25	33.33% 2	66.67% 4	6

met friends in Town Centre or High Street

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	3
Q1: 5-10	30.00% 9	70.00% 21	30
Q1: 10-14	62.50% 80	37.50% 48	128
Q1: 15-18	80.52% 62	19.48% 15	77
Q1: 19-25	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	6

Dacorum Sports Centre

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	3
Q1: 5-10	33.33% 10	66.67% 20	30
Q1: 10-14	47.24% 60	52.76% 67	127
Q1: 15-18	34.21% 26	65.79% 50	76
Q1: 19-25	33.33% 2	66.67% 4	6

Jarmans Park / Xscape

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	0.00% 0	100.00% 2	2
Q1: 5-10	29.03% 9	70.97% 22	31
Q1: 10-14	44.09% 56	55.91% 71	127
Q1: 15-18	40.26% 31	59.74% 46	77
Q1: 19-25	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6

Playgroup / Nursery

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
Q1: 5-10	10.00% 3	90.00% 27	30
Q1: 10-14	16.13% 20	83.87% 104	124
Q1: 15-18	3.90% 3	96.10% 74	77
Q1: 19-25	16.67% 1	83.33% 5	6

Sports classes / martial arts

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Q1: 5-10	36.67% 11	63.33% 19	30
Q1: 10-14	33.60% 42	66.40% 83	125
Q1: 15-18	19.48% 15	80.52% 62	77
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6

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	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	0.00% 0	100.00% 2	2
Q1: 5-10	20.00% 6	80.00% 24	30
Q1: 10-14	11.20% 14	88.80% 111	125
Q1: 15-18	11.69% 9	88.31% 68	77
Q1: 19-25	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6
Dance / Fitness classes			
Q1: Pre-school	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
Q1: 5-10	31.03% 9	68.97% 20	29
Q1: 10-14	23.02% 29	76.98% 97	126
Q1: 15-18	7.89% 6	92.11% 70	76
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
Arts/Crafts			
Q1: Pre-school	0.00% 0	100.00% 2	2
Q1: 5-10	35.48% 11	64.52% 20	31
Q1: 10-14	24.00% 30	76.00% 95	125
Q1: 15-18	6.49% 5	93.51% 72	77
Q1: 19-25	16.67% 1	83.33% 5	6
Music lessons / play in a group / Sing			
Q1: Pre-school	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Q1: 5-10	25.81% 8	74.19% 23	31
Q1: 10-14	20.80% 26	79.20% 99	125
Q1: 15-18	6.49% 5	93.51% 72	77
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
Army, Royal Air Force or Navy Cadets			
Q1: Pre-school	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Q1: 5-10	3.33% 1	96.67% 29	30
Q1: 10-14	3.17% 4	96.83% 122	126
Q1: 15-18	3.90% 3	96.10% 74	77
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
First Aid classes, St. John Ambulance			
Q1: Pre-school	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Q1: 5-10	0.00% 0	100.00% 30	30
Q1: 10-14	3.20% 4	96.80% 121	125

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Q1: 15-18	5.19% 4	94.81% 73	77
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6

Youth Club

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Q1: 5-10	3.33% 1	96.67% 29	30
Q1: 10-14	33.33% 42	66.67% 84	126
Q1: 15-18	11.69% 9	88.31% 68	77
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	5

Go to any religious organisations

	Yes	No	Total
Q1: Pre-school	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
Q1: 5-10	16.67% 5	83.33% 25	30
Q1: 10-14	9.68% 12	90.32% 112	124
Q1: 15-18	4.00% 3	96.00% 72	75
Q1: 19-25	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6

	Q1: Pre-school	Q1: 5-10	Q1: 10-14	Q1: 15-18	Q1: 19-25	Total
Other (please specify)	0	2	14	8	0	24

#	Q1: Pre-school	Date
	There are no responses.	
#	Q1: 5-10	Date
1	gymnastics	6/6/2014 7:46 AM
2	Watford Band Q	4/29/2014 7:24 AM
#	Q1: 10-14	Date
1	Jehovah Witness	6/17/2014 2:45 AM
2	Play Football	6/17/2014 2:08 AM
3	Do drama	6/6/2014 8:37 AM
4	Been out with family	6/6/2014 8:04 AM
5	Trampoline	6/6/2014 8:00 AM
6	Football	6/6/2014 7:44 AM
7	Stay at home and rap	6/6/2014 7:41 AM
8	margaret Lloyd	6/6/2014 7:37 AM
9	Margaret Lloyd and Cupid Green to play football	6/6/2014 7:25 AM
10	Pioneer, St Albans (Skatepark)	6/6/2014 6:16 AM
11	Run	6/6/2014 6:15 AM
12	run	6/6/2014 6:13 AM
13	Pioneer skate park (St Albans)	6/6/2014 6:12 AM
14	Meet friends at XC	6/6/2014 5:30 AM
#	Q1: 15-18	Date
1	Mates house	6/13/2014 12:18 PM
2	Youngleader of brownie unite	6/10/2014 1:27 PM
3	Play for a football side	6/10/2014 1:07 PM
4	Swim group / club	6/10/2014 12:59 PM
5	D of E	6/10/2014 12:58 PM
6	stay at home by myself	6/6/2014 8:22 AM
7	Temple	6/6/2014 5:53 AM
8	Council youth groups (DYT & YTI) orienteering, the nickey line, cross country running	6/6/2014 5:45 AM
#	Q1: 19-25	Date

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Q8 With reference to the above, what would you like to do more of in your spare time?

Answered: 194 Skipped: 60

	With reference to the above, what would you like to do more of in your spare time?	Total
Q1: Pre-school	100.00% 3	3
Q1: 5-10	100.00% 25	25
Q1: 10-14	100.00% 110	110
Q1: 15-18	100.00% 53	53
Q1: 19-25	100.00% 4	4
Total Respondents	194	194

#	Q1: Pre-school	Date
1	Play with my children Doing sport activities with vhlidren	6/13/2014 12:28 PM
2	I would like to go swimming with my mum and brother on weekends / Go on holidays	6/13/2014 12:27 PM
3	Eating	6/13/2014 12:25 PM
#	Q1: 5-10	Date
1	sports martial arts	6/6/2014 7:46 AM
2	pinics and friends	6/6/2014 7:43 AM
3	Visit paly grounds	6/6/2014 7:00 AM
4	bmxing	6/6/2014 6:58 AM
5	Scooter Rider	6/6/2014 6:54 AM
6	Play X box	6/6/2014 6:52 AM
7	sports classes	6/3/2014 7:14 AM
8	Possibly scouts	4/29/2014 7:55 AM
9	Play more sports	4/29/2014 7:54 AM
10	cubs	4/29/2014 7:52 AM
11	Football	4/29/2014 7:51 AM
12	Play more sports	4/29/2014 7:50 AM
13	fishing football Rc car	4/29/2014 7:48 AM
14	Playout	4/29/2014 7:47 AM
15	Ice skating, dancing, fireworks	4/29/2014 7:45 AM
16	Play out	4/29/2014 7:44 AM
17	Do art, ICT, dance, songs, sing, drama, play instruments	4/29/2014 7:37 AM
18	Play out	4/29/2014 7:34 AM
19	Play on your bike with friends outside	4/29/2014 7:32 AM
20	Play out	4/29/2014 7:24 AM
21	Go to brownies	4/29/2014 7:21 AM
22	Cycling	4/29/2014 7:08 AM
23	Go swimming	4/29/2014 7:05 AM
24	More groups events for young children at community centre especially during school holidays	4/29/2014 7:04 AM
25	Learn to bake and decorate cakes	4/29/2014 6:58 AM
#	Q1: 10-14	Date
1	Dacorum sports centre	6/17/2014 3:44 AM
2	Spend time with my friends doing activities we all enjoy	6/17/2014 3:42 AM
3	I would like to go to some sewing clubs, and design clothes	6/17/2014 3:40 AM
4	Meet up with some friends more	6/17/2014 3:39 AM
5	Ride a bike	6/17/2014 3:36 AM
6	Ride a bicycle and feel safe when I cross the streets	6/17/2014 3:35 AM
7	Meet friend sin Town Centre	6/17/2014 3:13 AM
8	Go out with friends even more	6/17/2014 3:05 AM
9	dance and gymnastics	6/17/2014 2:47 AM
10	Dance	6/17/2014 2:45 AM

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11	Go on a walk or hike, Swimming	6/17/2014 2:43 AM
12	Met friends in Town Centre or High Street	6/17/2014 2:41 AM
13	Go to the youth club more	6/17/2014 2:40 AM
14	I would go to the cinema with my mates	6/17/2014 2:38 AM
15	More music lessons / dance lessons	6/17/2014 2:37 AM
16	Play out the front of my house	6/17/2014 2:35 AM
17	In my spare time i go adventure or youth club	6/17/2014 2:32 AM
18	Arts and Crafts	6/17/2014 2:30 AM
19	Jaman Park	6/17/2014 2:23 AM
20	Meet in Gadebridge park more	6/17/2014 2:22 AM
21	Meet friends in Gaebridge Park	6/17/2014 2:20 AM
22	Do some drawings / art lessons	6/17/2014 2:18 AM
23	Play out with friends	6/17/2014 2:16 AM
24	Go to fitness classes	6/17/2014 2:15 AM
25	Walk around to meet friends and feel safe	6/17/2014 2:13 AM
26	i would like to ride my bike	6/17/2014 2:10 AM
27	Play Football in more sensible space	6/17/2014 2:08 AM
28	I would like to do more horseriding and dance	6/17/2014 2:07 AM
29	Play outside, not be afraid to play and walk alone on high street	6/13/2014 12:33 PM
30	Do more arts and crafts	6/13/2014 12:31 PM
31	I would love to get more active and do some martial arts,	6/13/2014 12:30 PM
32	I'd like to cycle more	6/10/2014 10:45 AM
33	Play out	6/10/2014 10:43 AM
34	Play in the park or go to the youth centre	6/10/2014 10:40 AM
35	Playout	6/10/2014 10:36 AM
36	I would like to play in the park but the rides are for babies	6/10/2014 10:35 AM
37	Play football with mates	6/10/2014 10:33 AM
38	don't know	6/6/2014 8:55 AM
39	scout camps	6/6/2014 8:52 AM
40	arts/crafts	6/6/2014 8:51 AM
41	go and do football	6/6/2014 8:45 AM
42	Do more games	6/6/2014 8:43 AM
43	Play with friends and army cadets	6/6/2014 8:42 AM
44	Army training	6/6/2014 8:40 AM
45	Play	6/6/2014 8:39 AM
46	meet friends in different places	6/6/2014 8:38 AM
47	Yes	6/6/2014 8:37 AM
48	Games in the park	6/6/2014 8:29 AM
49	Not bothered to do anything i'm lazy	6/6/2014 8:27 AM
50	Go to Town	6/6/2014 8:26 AM
51	Gymnastics, arts/crafts	6/6/2014 8:25 AM
52	arts/crafts	6/6/2014 8:24 AM
53	Youthy	6/6/2014 8:22 AM
54	Youth club	6/6/2014 8:21 AM
55	martial arts	6/6/2014 8:20 AM
56	Go to more skateparks and active stuff	6/6/2014 8:15 AM
57	Rida a bicycle	6/6/2014 8:14 AM
58	Football	6/6/2014 8:12 AM
59	Play out in the streets	6/6/2014 8:11 AM
60	not really	6/6/2014 8:09 AM
61	Play football with friends	6/6/2014 8:08 AM
62	Play with friend	6/6/2014 8:07 AM
63	Martial art	6/6/2014 8:06 AM
64	spend time with family and ride a bike	6/6/2014 8:04 AM
65	parkour	6/6/2014 8:02 AM
66	Martial Arts	6/6/2014 8:00 AM
67	Swim	6/6/2014 7:52 AM

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68	More youth clubs	6/6/2014 7:51 AM
69	have more youth clubs	6/6/2014 7:50 AM
70	Ride a bike, play the guitar	6/6/2014 7:48 AM
71	Swim and airsoft	6/6/2014 7:47 AM
72	swim, airsoft	6/6/2014 7:46 AM
73	Cadets	6/6/2014 7:44 AM
74	More youth clubs	6/6/2014 7:43 AM
75	NA	6/6/2014 7:41 AM
76	To play football more often and do something in my spare time	6/6/2014 7:37 AM
77	Soend more time at the adventure playground	6/6/2014 7:25 AM
78	nothing more	6/6/2014 7:22 AM
79	Go skating	6/6/2014 7:20 AM
80	I would like to do a youth club in my spare time	6/6/2014 7:19 AM
81	Play football	6/6/2014 7:17 AM
82	Play XBox or do homework	6/6/2014 7:16 AM
83	Martial arts	6/6/2014 7:11 AM
84	I would like playing football in my spare time	6/6/2014 7:10 AM
85	play football	6/6/2014 7:08 AM
86	More activities	6/6/2014 7:05 AM
87	I don't really know	6/6/2014 7:03 AM
88	Do more sports	6/6/2014 6:56 AM
89	Play in the skatepark or go swimming	6/6/2014 6:55 AM
90	Go out with my mates	6/6/2014 6:53 AM
91	Yes i would like to do sports classes	6/6/2014 6:49 AM
92	Just go out and have fun	6/6/2014 6:47 AM
93	Meet friend sin Gadebridge park/ biking in skatepark a ride my BMX	6/6/2014 6:22 AM
94	Swimming	6/6/2014 6:16 AM
95	I would like to run more than i do	6/6/2014 6:15 AM
96	I would like to run a lot more	6/6/2014 6:13 AM
97	Swimming	6/6/2014 6:12 AM
98	Amy, Royal QAir Force or Royal Navy cadets	6/6/2014 6:09 AM
99	Play with friends	6/6/2014 6:07 AM
100	Hang with more people	6/6/2014 6:02 AM
101	I would like to go youth club more often	6/6/2014 5:38 AM
102	Play loads of football	6/6/2014 5:37 AM
103	go out more	6/6/2014 5:35 AM
104	No	6/6/2014 5:30 AM
105	Go to town with my mates	6/6/2014 5:28 AM
106	I would like to do sport	6/6/2014 5:23 AM
107	Riding a bicycle	6/6/2014 5:20 AM
108	Meet friends	6/6/2014 5:18 AM
109	Arts and crafts	6/6/2014 5:13 AM
110	Arts and crafts	4/29/2014 7:02 AM
#	Q1: 15-18	Date
1	dance and gymnastics	6/17/2014 2:47 AM
2	More parties	6/13/2014 12:18 PM
3	Dunno	6/13/2014 12:17 PM
4	Scouts, XC,	6/13/2014 12:15 PM
5	More scouts	6/13/2014 12:13 PM
6	Exercise	6/10/2014 1:31 PM
7	Meet friends more	6/10/2014 1:30 PM
8	Nothing	6/10/2014 1:29 PM
9	Meet my friends out more	6/10/2014 1:28 PM
10	I would like to go to Gadebridge park more	6/10/2014 1:27 PM
11	Dance fitness classes	6/10/2014 1:25 PM
12	I dont	6/10/2014 1:23 PM
13	None	6/10/2014 1:22 PM

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14	Have place to go with friends	6/10/2014 1:20 PM
15	Staying inside instead of going out	6/10/2014 1:19 PM
16	Spent time with mates	6/10/2014 1:18 PM
17	BMX and listen to music and play PS3	6/10/2014 1:17 PM
18	Enjoy and have fun with friends	6/10/2014 1:16 PM
19	No	6/10/2014 1:15 PM
20	Ice skating	6/10/2014 1:13 PM
21	Group activities	6/10/2014 1:12 PM
22	None of them	6/10/2014 1:10 PM
23	Nothing	6/10/2014 1:09 PM
24	Go out more	6/10/2014 1:08 PM
25	Practice martial arts, triathlons, be part of a swimming club and go play football with my mates	6/10/2014 1:07 PM
26	Play football	6/10/2014 1:02 PM
27	Sleep	6/10/2014 1:01 PM
28	Go to the gym with friends	6/10/2014 12:58 PM
29	Sports / fitness activities	6/10/2014 12:57 PM
30	Nothing	6/10/2014 12:54 PM
31	Jamans Park / army, royal airforce / royal navy	6/10/2014 12:53 PM
32	Go out with my friends	6/10/2014 12:51 PM
33	Get outside to go on walks / ride a bike	6/10/2014 12:46 PM
34	Meet friends in Gadebridge park	6/10/2014 10:53 AM
35	Go out more with friends	6/10/2014 10:51 AM
36	Nothing	6/10/2014 10:50 AM
37	I would like to go out more without the risk of getting hurt or attacked	6/10/2014 10:49 AM
38	N/A	6/10/2014 10:47 AM
39	Go out with mates	6/6/2014 8:44 AM
40	Listen to music, play PS3, play Guitar	6/6/2014 8:24 AM
41	stay indoors	6/6/2014 8:15 AM
42	to be left alone and not be asked these stupid questions	6/6/2014 8:13 AM
43	tennis courts	6/6/2014 8:05 AM
44	Chill	6/6/2014 5:58 AM
45	Jamans Park	6/6/2014 5:56 AM
46	Go to town with my friends	6/6/2014 5:55 AM
47	none	6/6/2014 5:54 AM
48	Arts and Crafts	6/6/2014 5:53 AM
49	Go out	6/6/2014 5:51 AM
50	More youth clubs or nights where the youth can sit	6/6/2014 5:48 AM
51	Go out with friends	6/6/2014 5:46 AM
52	Go out with friends but also stay inside	6/6/2014 5:41 AM
53	First aid classes	6/6/2014 5:40 AM
#	Q1: 19-25	Date
1	Age appropriate aged youth centre	6/13/2014 12:24 PM
2	Groups for 19+	6/13/2014 12:22 PM
3	Scouts, scouts and more scouts	6/13/2014 12:20 PM
4	Rest	6/13/2014 12:19 PM

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Q9 In your opinion what would you really like to see change in Grovehill?

Answered: 193 Skipped: 61

	In your opinion what would you really like to see change in Grovehill?	Total
Q1: Pre-school	100.00% 3	3
Q1: 5-10	100.00% 21	21
Q1: 10-14	100.00% 109	109
Q1: 15-18	100.00% 55	55
Q1: 19-25	100.00% 6	6
Total Respondents	193	193

#	Q1: Pre-school	Date
1	Soft play areas	6/13/2014 12:28 PM
2	?	6/13/2014 12:27 PM
3	Safer streets	6/13/2014 12:25 PM
#	Q1: 5-10	Date
1	scout hunt	6/6/2014 7:46 AM
2	picnic tables in parks	6/6/2014 7:43 AM
3	improve police presence and more bus time added	6/6/2014 7:00 AM
4	skatepark	6/6/2014 6:58 AM
5	more friends	6/6/2014 6:57 AM
6	Scooter ramps more climbing equipment for children 6-11 years	6/6/2014 6:54 AM
7	More activities for kids	6/6/2014 6:52 AM
8	a better park / safer shops	6/3/2014 7:14 AM
9	More summer groups in the summer and other holidays	4/29/2014 7:55 AM
10	Outdoor gym for children and adults	4/29/2014 7:54 AM
11	better park / more kids activities	4/29/2014 7:51 AM
12	Outdoor gym for children and adults	4/29/2014 7:50 AM
13	better play grounds	4/29/2014 7:48 AM
14	Flower Garden	4/29/2014 7:45 AM
15	More skate parks	4/29/2014 7:44 AM
16	More skate parks	4/29/2014 7:34 AM
17	A few shops like the charity shop should tidy up	4/29/2014 7:24 AM
18	A curly slide in the park	4/29/2014 7:21 AM
19	Cycle paths	4/29/2014 7:08 AM
20	more young child events nursery - yrs 2 as not many available have to travel to others.	4/29/2014 7:04 AM
21	More activities for younger children	4/29/2014 6:58 AM
#	Q1: 10-14	Date
1	The streets and to be cleaner	6/17/2014 3:44 AM
2	Safety as sometimes people can get really scared and feel like they are in danger	6/17/2014 3:42 AM
3	I don't know	6/17/2014 3:40 AM
4	More play equipment in the parks	6/17/2014 3:39 AM
5	I don't know	6/17/2014 3:36 AM
6	I don't know	6/17/2014 3:35 AM
7	The Parks	6/17/2014 3:13 AM
8	The people	6/17/2014 3:12 AM
9	More equipment in the parks	6/17/2014 3:05 AM
10	More activities for all age groups, and swimming pools	6/17/2014 2:47 AM
11	Make new roads and house	6/17/2014 2:45 AM
12	The people who hang around the shops, more smaller	6/17/2014 2:43 AM
13	Nothing!	6/17/2014 2:41 AM
14	Nothing	6/17/2014 2:40 AM
15	I would like to see more places cleaned	6/17/2014 2:38 AM

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16	Move the tree on Washington Avenue cut down as it's the biggest in Grovehill	6/17/2014 2:35 AM
17	More activities for kids like us	6/17/2014 2:32 AM
18	Activities for us	6/17/2014 2:30 AM
19	More activities	6/17/2014 2:23 AM
20	It a more tidy place make cleaner a more safer place	6/17/2014 2:22 AM
21	more girls Football teams	6/17/2014 2:20 AM
22	Put in some more good stuff in a park	6/17/2014 2:18 AM
23	Parks to be more better	6/17/2014 2:16 AM
24	People, the park to more bigger/new/better things	6/17/2014 2:13 AM
25	The adventure playground	6/17/2014 2:10 AM
26	Nothing	6/17/2014 2:08 AM
27	More play areas for when the weather is bad a theme park	6/17/2014 2:07 AM
28	Less graffiti, no rubbish (no broken glass on floor) no glass and fewer teenage gangs (groups)	6/13/2014 12:33 PM
29	The park	6/13/2014 12:31 PM
30	I would absolutely like to see people stop smoking and drinking	6/13/2014 12:30 PM
31	I'd like to see more picnic tables in and around the parks	6/10/2014 10:45 AM
32	Skatepark	6/10/2014 10:43 AM
33	somewhere for me to go out of everyones way, i would like a climbing wall or things for teenagers to do	6/10/2014 10:40 AM
34	Skatepark	6/10/2014 10:36 AM
35	Some stuff in the parks for older children like climbing walls or a skate park	6/10/2014 10:35 AM
36	An astro turf for the public to go on for free.	6/10/2014 10:33 AM
37	Much safer	6/6/2014 8:57 AM
38	safe	6/6/2014 8:55 AM
39	I would like a scout hut please	6/6/2014 8:52 AM
40	Make it look more clear	6/6/2014 8:51 AM
41	People putting rubbish in the bin	6/6/2014 8:45 AM
42	nothing	6/6/2014 8:43 AM
43	Ride more bicycles	6/6/2014 8:40 AM
44	the crime rate lower	6/6/2014 8:38 AM
45	More playgrounds	6/6/2014 8:37 AM
46	don't know	6/6/2014 8:29 AM
47	Nothing	6/6/2014 8:27 AM
48	?	6/6/2014 8:26 AM
49	litter	6/6/2014 8:25 AM
50	more events around grovehill	6/6/2014 8:24 AM
51	Hygeine	6/6/2014 8:22 AM
52	Scenery	6/6/2014 8:21 AM
53	all the gangs to dissappear	6/6/2014 8:20 AM
54	How the parks had been destrpyed by older kids	6/6/2014 8:19 AM
55	To improve the parks for more fun stuff	6/6/2014 8:15 AM
56	More parks	6/6/2014 8:14 AM
57	More play areas	6/6/2014 8:12 AM
58	More parks and open areas	6/6/2014 8:11 AM
59	Nothing	6/6/2014 8:09 AM
60	It be cleaner	6/6/2014 8:08 AM
61	Safely	6/6/2014 8:07 AM
62	A sports centre	6/6/2014 8:06 AM
63	Crime	6/6/2014 8:04 AM
64	more things for teenagers e.g. parkour parks, mini football pitch	6/6/2014 8:02 AM
65	Don't know	6/6/2014 8:00 AM
66	Not much	6/6/2014 7:52 AM
67	More lights at night	6/6/2014 7:51 AM
68	More street lights and no strange men	6/6/2014 7:50 AM
69	Everything	6/6/2014 7:48 AM
70	Airsoft centre	6/6/2014 7:47 AM
71	airsoft centre	6/6/2014 7:46 AM
72	More lights, no pedos	6/6/2014 7:43 AM

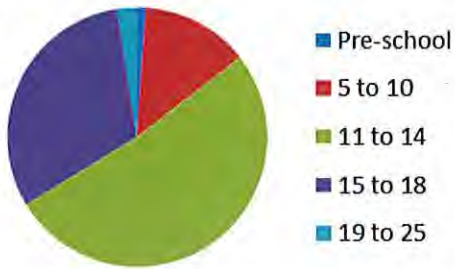
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73	Flames	6/6/2014 7:41 AM
74	More safe	6/6/2014 7:39 AM
75	To see a big swimming pool to attract people	6/6/2014 7:37 AM
76	There should be a swimming pool so more kids get attracted. Also an astroturf instead of teh courts behind the shops.	6/6/2014 7:25 AM
77	nothing	6/6/2014 7:22 AM
78	nothing	6/6/2014 7:20 AM
79	I would really like for there to be a singing club and army and nave cadets to change in Grovehill	6/6/2014 7:19 AM
80	No its fine the way it is	6/6/2014 7:17 AM
81	Stop all the litter in Grovehill	6/6/2014 7:16 AM
82	safety	6/6/2014 7:11 AM
83	Yes	6/6/2014 7:10 AM
84	Yes	6/6/2014 7:08 AM
85	less graffitti on the walls	6/6/2014 7:05 AM
86	I don't think anything	6/6/2014 7:03 AM
87	The safety in the nighttime	6/6/2014 6:56 AM
88	More activities	6/6/2014 6:55 AM
89	Everything	6/6/2014 6:53 AM
90	Nothing	6/6/2014 6:49 AM
91	I don't really know	6/6/2014 6:47 AM
92	To make the streets more safe like children in the road	6/6/2014 6:22 AM
93	Crime rate	6/6/2014 6:16 AM
94	The parks	6/6/2014 6:15 AM
95	The parks	6/6/2014 6:13 AM
96	Crime rate ie. Chavs	6/6/2014 6:12 AM
97	Everything	6/6/2014 6:09 AM
98	Litter	6/6/2014 6:07 AM
99	stop litter,more safe	6/6/2014 6:02 AM
100	Nothing	6/6/2014 5:37 AM
101	more activities	6/6/2014 5:35 AM
102	The street	6/6/2014 5:34 AM
103	Behaviour	6/6/2014 5:30 AM
104	Less street crime	6/6/2014 5:28 AM
105	nothing	6/6/2014 5:23 AM
106	people from desc (teenagers) walking back and can be intimidating! on the way home.	6/6/2014 5:20 AM
107	Don not live in Grovehill	6/6/2014 5:18 AM
108	the rubbish	6/6/2014 5:13 AM
109	Better activities in advenbture playground	4/29/2014 7:02 AM
#	Q1: 15-18	Date
1	More activities for all age groups, and swimming pools	6/17/2014 2:47 AM
2	Chavs, inbreds	6/13/2014 12:18 PM
3	Chavs, people who think their hard	6/13/2014 12:17 PM
4	More things to do	6/13/2014 12:15 PM
5	More activities and clothing stores	6/10/2014 1:30 PM
6	Everything	6/10/2014 1:29 PM
7	Schools less violence towards people	6/10/2014 1:28 PM
8	Lack of security	6/10/2014 1:27 PM
9	Safer streets	6/10/2014 1:25 PM
10	The safety for Grovehill	6/10/2014 1:24 PM
11	Safety	6/10/2014 1:23 PM
12	None	6/10/2014 1:22 PM
13	Safety, the pubs at shops are to much	6/10/2014 1:20 PM
14	Make more things to do	6/10/2014 1:17 PM
15	A better environment, more friendly	6/10/2014 1:16 PM
16	No	6/10/2014 1:15 PM
17	More facilities	6/10/2014 1:12 PM
18	Grovehill is trumpy and i would like to see it better	6/10/2014 1:10 PM
19	Nothing	6/10/2014 1:09 PM

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20	I'm not in Grovehill enough to give an opinion	6/10/2014 1:08 PM
21	The look of buildings	6/10/2014 1:07 PM
22	No more chavs	6/10/2014 1:02 PM
23	No chavs + assholes	6/10/2014 1:01 PM
24	More patrol officers	6/10/2014 12:58 PM
25	Appearance / the people	6/10/2014 12:53 PM
26	Less drug use	6/10/2014 12:51 PM
27	Less rubbish/more presentable areas and buildings	6/10/2014 12:46 PM
28	I would like it to look more pleasant	6/10/2014 10:53 AM
29	Less use of drugs as anywhere you goes smells of the stuff i.e. weed	6/10/2014 10:51 AM
30	I don't know	6/10/2014 10:50 AM
31	I think people should have more places to go for free for the older population	6/10/2014 10:49 AM
32	More colourful, less rundown	6/10/2014 10:47 AM
33	Get rid of the people that hink they are hard and trying to rob people	6/6/2014 8:44 AM
34	police need to sort out chavs	6/6/2014 8:41 AM
35	Lights in fields and dark alley ways	6/6/2014 8:39 AM
36	The roads	6/6/2014 8:24 AM
37	crack down on drugs and other crime	6/6/2014 8:15 AM
38	banishment of all chavs	6/6/2014 8:13 AM
39	Less drug use, get rid of the trumpy families	6/6/2014 8:08 AM
40	stop chavs from robbing people	6/6/2014 8:05 AM
41	Safely and more things to do	6/6/2014 7:49 AM
42	less dog poo on the ground	6/6/2014 6:15 AM
43	More community police patrol	6/6/2014 6:13 AM
44	Stop teenagers who don't go to school from hanging around the shops and harassing people	6/6/2014 6:10 AM
45	Less dickheads	6/6/2014 5:58 AM
46	Streellights down the alleys	6/6/2014 5:56 AM
47	everything	6/6/2014 5:55 AM
48	dunno	6/6/2014 5:54 AM
49	More safe places for kids to play in	6/6/2014 5:53 AM
50	safe places for kids or more light	6/6/2014 5:51 AM
51	Everything	6/6/2014 5:49 AM
52	The tramps	6/6/2014 5:46 AM
53	Everything	6/6/2014 5:42 AM
54	The hygeine. quality	6/6/2014 5:41 AM
55	the people	6/6/2014 5:40 AM
#	Q1: 19-25	Date
1	Student night at Henry Wells Club. More policing around Grovehill	6/13/2014 12:24 PM
2	Cleaner	6/13/2014 12:23 PM
3	More policing to make grovehill safe	6/13/2014 12:22 PM
4	A scout hut	6/13/2014 12:21 PM
5	Scout group given a hut	6/13/2014 12:20 PM
6	Make it nicer	6/13/2014 12:19 PM

Age Range



Pre-school	3	1%
5 to 10	34	13%
11 to 14	132	52%
15 to 18	80	32%
19 to 25	6	2%
TOTAL	254	

AGE RANGE/GENDER

As can be seen from the chart below, the gender split was approximately equal, except for 10 to 14 years, where there were more boys than girls and 15 to 18, where there were more girls than boys.

	Female	Male	Total
Pre-school	1	1	2
5 to 10	16	17	33
11 to 14	40	91	131
15 to 18	50	30	80
19 to 25	3	3	6
Total	109 (43%)	142 (57%)	251

HOME/SCHOOL IN GROVEHILL

Overall, 59% of those surveyed live in Grovehill, while 90% of those surveyed go to school in Grovehill.

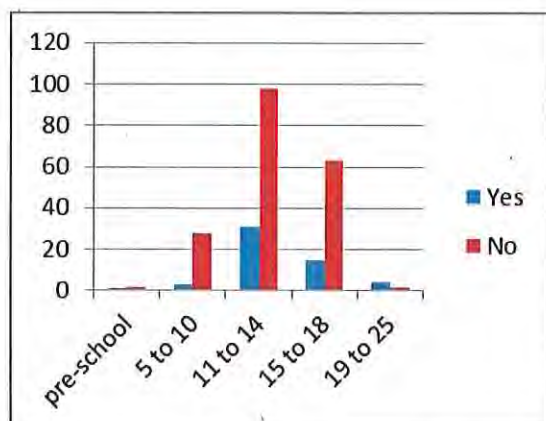
	Live in Grovehill	School in Grovehill
Pre-school	1	3
5 to 10	24	30
11 to 14	81	121
15 to 18	39	74
19 to 25	2	0
Total	147 (59%)	227 (90%)

Have you been robbed in the last 12 months?

Numbers reporting being robbed

Pre-school	1
5 to 10	1
11 to 14	1
15 to 18	3
19 to 25	1

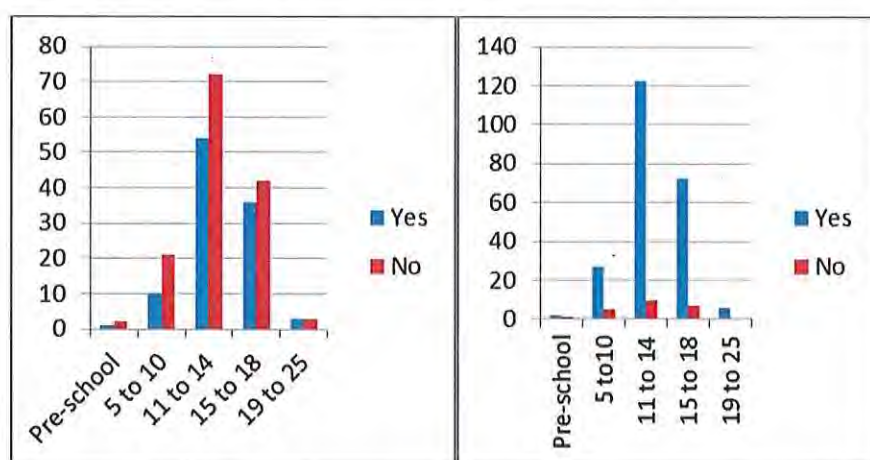
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Numbers reported being frightened

Pre-school	1
5 to 10	3
11 to 14	31
15 to 18	15
19 to 25	4

Do you feel safe being out on your own at the following times?



Again, numbers for some categories are so small that percentages have little meaning.

Numbers have been used here.

Night Time

Day Time

In the past 12 months, which of the following have you taken part in?

	Pre-school	5 to 10	11 to 14	15 to 18	19 to 25
Indoors with friends	3 100%	32 94%	99 77%	66 84%	6 100%
Play in street	1 50%	14 42%	106 82%	41 52%	2 33%
Sports/games in park	2 67%	30 90%	102 78%	27 35%	3 50%
Adventure playground	2 67%	23 70%	84 66%	12 15%	0
Ride bike	2 67%	25 81%	96 76%	26 34%	3 50%
Met friends in Henry Wells Square	2 67%	4 14%	52 41%	32 41%	3 50%
Met friends in Gadebridge Park/Skateboarding	2 67%	11 37%	52 41%	28 36%	2 33%
Met friends in Town Centre or High Street	3 100%	9 30%	80 62%	62 81%	6 100%
Dacorum Sports Centre	2 67%	10 33%	60 47%	26 34%	2 33%
Jarman Park/Xscape	0	10 33%	56 44%	31 40%	3 50%
Playgroup/Nursery ???	1	3	20	3	1
Sports Classes/Martial Arts	1 50%	11 37%	42 34%	16 19%	0
Scouts/Guides	0	9 30%	15 12%	9 12%	3 50%
Dance/Fitness	1 33%	6 20%	14 11%	9 12%	3 50%
Arts/Crafts	0	11 35%	30 24%	5 6%	1 17%
Music lessons/groups/sing	1 50%	8 26%	26 21%	5 6%	0
Army/Air Force/Cadets	1	1	4 3%	3 4%	0
First Aid/St. Johns	1	0	4 3%	4 5%	0
Youth Club	1	1 3%	42 33%	9 12%	0
Go to any religious organisations	1	5 17%	13 10%	4 5%	0

Other Activities:

All replies have been added to above categories except for:

10 to 14

1 Drama

1 Swimming (thought this was worth mentioning individually as there is a pool at Astley Cooper School and need not involve the sports centre)

With reference to the above, what would you like to do more of?

	Pre-school	5 to 10	11 to 14	15 to 18	19 to 25
Indoors with friends		1			
Play in street (or play out)		3	7		
Sports/games in park		1	8		
Adventure playground		1			
Ride bike		2	8	1	
Met friends in Henry Wells Square					
Met friends in Gadebridge Park/Skateboarding			4	2	
Met friends in Town Centre or High Street			4	1	
Dacorum Sports Centre			1	1	
Jarman Park/Xscape			1	2	
Playgroup/Nursery ???					
Sports Classes/Martial Arts	1	6	11	3	
Scouts/Guides		3	1	2	1
Dance/Fitness		2	7	3	
Arts/Crafts		1	7	1	
Music lessons/groups/sing		1	2	2	
Army/Air Force/Cadets			4	1	
First Aid/St. Johns				1	
Youth Club F(age appropriate*)			11	1	2 *
Swimming	1	1	6		
Go to any religious organisations					
BMX		2		1	
Drama		1			
Group events at Community Centre (esp. hols)		1			
Cookery		1			
Sewing & clothes design			1		
Cinema			1		
Football		1	5	1	

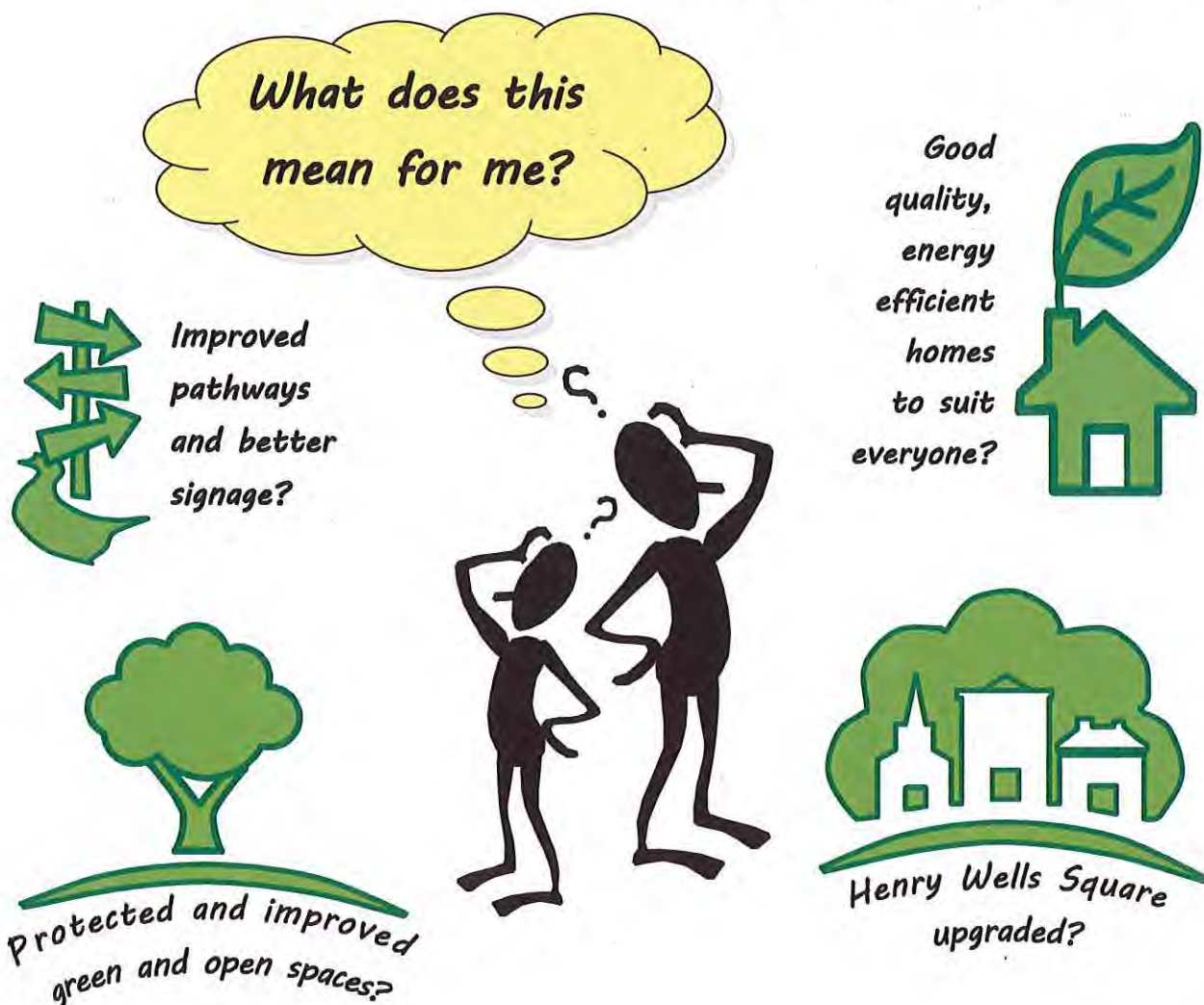
In your opinion, how would you like to see Grovehill change?

(in view of the general nature of this question, answers have not been put into age-specific categories.

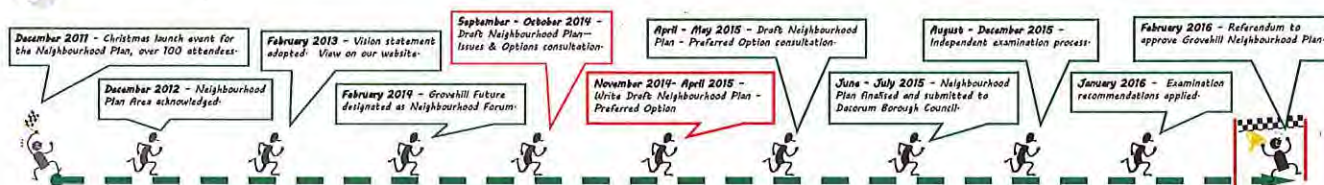
Soft-play area	1
Safer streets/shops (no gangs, better lights)	44
Scout hut	2
Picnic tables in parks/improved parks/playgrounds (age specific areas)	26
More police presence	5
Improved bus service	1
Skate park	5
Scooter ramps	1
More climbing equipment for 6 – 11 years	1
More holiday groups	1
Outdoor gym for children & adults (climbing wall)	4
Flower garden	1
Cycle paths	2
More pre-school facilities	2
Cleaner streets/shops (no graffiti or litter)	22
New roads and houses	1
Swimming pool	4
Girls' football	1
Play areas for bad weather	1
Less visible drinking & smoking, less drug use	6
Astro turf for public use	1
Sports facilities	1
Mini-football pitch	1
Airsoft centre	2
Singing club	1
Naval cadets	1
Scout hut	2
Student night at Henry Wells Club	1

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NEXT FORUM MEETINGS		
DAY	TIME	LOCATION
2 March 15	19:00	Church Hall, next to the Community Centre, Henry Wells Square
13 April	19:00	



Draft Master Plan - Local Allocation 1 Marchmont Farm, Hemel Hempstead

Questionnaire

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Please return to Dacorum Borough Council, by 5.15pm on Wednesday 5 November 2014. Comments received after this time will not be considered.

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This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details.

Part B – Your comments(s).

PART A

Personal Details*		Agent's Details (if applicable)
<i>*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in column 2. We only need your job title or organisation if you are responding on behalf of a company / organisation.</i>		
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PART B

Background information

This questionnaire relates to the Draft Master Plan for Local Allocation 1: Marchmont Farm, Hemel Hempstead (September 2014).

Your comments will be taken into account when finalising the master plan.

The master plans support associated policies in the Pre-Submission Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). This means that the master plans will be finalised when the Site Allocations document is formally adopted. This is expected to be in early 2016.

Please answer the questions below regarding individual sections of the master plan. There is space at the end of the questionnaire for any other comments you may have.

Questions

1. Have we included everything necessary in the **Context and Analysis of the Site** sections in the Draft Master Plan for LA1?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/> N

Please explain your answer in the box below

Comments: **Note that all comments are made on behalf of the Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Forum**

1. The Grovehill Future Neighbourhood Forum is concerned that the proposed number of dwellings has increased from "around 300" in the Core Strategy document to "between 300 and 350 homes" in the LA1 Master Plan. The increased density is likely to have an adverse impact on available green space and wildlife habitat.
2. There is not enough detail about the five pitches for gypsies and travellers, e.g. are the pitches for static or transient use? Is there a right to buy the land?

2. Have all key issues been covered in the **Development Constraints and Opportunities** section in the Draft Master Plan for LA1?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/> N

Please explain your answer in the box below

Comments: There is a footpath which connects the Margaret Lloyd Park wooded path (near the end of Marlborough Rise) and the Link Road. This path is not shown in the Development Constraints and Opportunities section.

3. Do you agree with the **Master Plan Requirements** section in the Draft Master Plan for LA1?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N

Please explain your answer in the box below under the relevant sub-heading

Comments:

- a) *Homes Principles – The inclusion of three-storey homes in the development has the potential to detract from the views from surrounding areas and from other housing in the development. Siting of three storey buildings should be decided with sensitivity, ensuring that the buildings themselves do not become an eyesore. Consideration should be given to building single storey dwellings at the points of highest elevation.*

We suggest that houses be built to include solar panels and that the orientation of houses be chosen to gain maximum effectiveness for those panels.

There is a consensus view that the Grovehill neighbourhood is lacking in “affordable” three bedroom dwellings and we would prefer the mix of dwelling sizes to be skewed towards a higher proportion of three bedroom homes.

- b) *Design Principles – The proposed block layout of housing groups has the potential to create unsightly wheelie bins as the houses appear not to have exterior access from the rear to the front of the buildings for wheelie bin collection. The same design feature may also cause obstructions on pavements for wheelchairs and children’s buggies.*

- c) *Green Space Principles–*

We are concerned that the quantity of hedgerows in the proposed development is substantially reduced from the existing hedgerows and will adversely affect wildlife corridors as well as being visually less appealing. In addition we suggest that consideration be given to planning the road layout with a large proportion of public open space rather than private gardens and allowing some grass to grow throughout the summer on the margins of playing fields, etc. to encourage native flowers and butterflies.

- d) *Landscape Principles –*

Limit height of houses to one storey at the points of highest elevation on the site.

- e) *Access to Services Principles –*

- f) *Transport Principles – We would have preferred to consider the transport strategy before commenting on transport principles, however, we suggest that an additional bus service be implemented to connect with the rest of Grovehill and with the town centre and railway station.*

4. Do you agree with the **Indicative Layout** in the Draft Master Plan for LA1?

Yes	
No	N

Please explain your answer in the box below

Comments:

- a) *We suggest that houses be built to include solar panels and that the orientation of houses be chosen to gain maximum effectiveness for those panels. The indicative block layout does not facilitate optimum value from solar panels.*
- b) *The proposed block layout of housing groups has the potential to create unsightly wheelie bins as the houses appear not to have exterior access from the rear to the front of the buildings for wheelie bin collection. The same design feature may also cause obstructions on pavements for wheelchairs and children's buggies.*
- c) *We question the sufficiency of the number of car parking spaces.*
- d) *The indicative layout appears to block environmental corridors.*

5. Do you support the **Delivery** section in the Draft Master Plan for LA1?

Yes	Y
No	

Please explain your answer in the box below

Comments:

6. Do you have any other comments on the Draft Master Plan for LA1? *If so, please outline these in the box below*

Comments:

Water conservation: developer should plan to divert rainwater from hard surfaces so that it funnels into the ground.

Careful consideration of adequacy of Sustainable Drainage needs to be made at the time of Planning Application.

Include a water butt for every garden.

Include allotments or a communal vegetable garden to encourage people to grow food locally.

Thank you for commenting on the Draft Master Plan.



12. Structure and layout of the plan

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A neighbourhood development plan must contain policies and proposals that address the development and use of land. It must also specify the period for which it is to have effect.

In addition its preparation needs to be in accordance with the prescribed statutory process, including the engagement of the local community and other stakeholders. It must also meet certain basic conditions, such as the need to be in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and the strategic policies in the adopted local plan.

However the Localism Act 2011 and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 are not prescriptive on the precise content and layout of a neighbourhood development plan beyond meeting the statutory requirements. A plan can be very simple and concise, or go into considerable detail. Similarly it could be comprehensive in terms of the topics it addresses, or solely focus on one or two issues. So there is some flexibility when drafting the plan.

Nevertheless there are certain matters that perhaps ought to be addressed in the plan as a matter of good practice even though they may not be a statutory requirement.

The aim of these guidelines is to list some of the aspects you might want to consider when drafting your neighbourhood plan. It is not meant to be exhaustive and some of the aspects listed may not be appropriate in your particular plan. However these guidelines might help and support a systematic approach when formulating your neighbourhood plan.

The Cover

The cover should include the following elements.

Title:

Insert (Name of Neighbourhood Area) Neighbourhood Development Plan

Plan period:

Insert base date (Year) to end date (Year) e.g. 2014-2029

Status:

Insert either:

- Pre-Submission Draft for Consultation (add month and year)
- Draft Submitted to (Insert name of local planning authority) (add month and year)
- As made by (Insert name of local planning authority) (add month and year)

Qualifying body:

Insert either:

- (Name) Parish Council
- (Name) Town Council
- (Name) Neighbourhood Forum

Foreword

This is not essential. However it provides an early opportunity to briefly 'tell the story' by outlining the background to the area, the reasons for preparing the neighbourhood plan, and summarising what it contains. It is thereby a chance to generally enthuse the reader about the neighbourhood plan before the text gets into the more technical and statutory aspects of the plan. This could be 'signed' by the chair of the parish council, forum or steering group. It should only be 1-2 sides.

Contents Page

Where appropriate, this might include:

1. Introduction
2. National and local planning policy context
3. The neighbourhood area
4. Community engagement
5. Key issues
6. Vision and objectives
7. Thematic sections outlining the policies and proposals (as appropriate):
 - Economy
 - Town centre
 - Transport
 - Communications infrastructure
 - Housing
 - Design
 - Healthy community
 - Climate change
 - Natural environment
 - Historic environment
8. Sustainable Development
9. Proposals map
10. Appendices

Remember to insert page numbers.

Paragraph numbers can also be useful for cross referencing.

1. Introduction

Where appropriate, this section might include:

- Explanation of what a neighbourhood development plan is
- Scope and content of the plan
- The status it has in the planning process i.e. forms part of the development plan and applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with this unless material considerations indicate otherwise
- The statutory process to prepare a neighbourhood plan
- Why have you decided to prepare a neighbourhood area
- Who prepared the neighbourhood plan i.e. was responsibility delegated to a steering group? If so, who are the members of the steering group? (possibly list in appendix)
- What is the neighbourhood area? (Include OS map clearly showing boundary)
- Administrative arrangements for designating the neighbourhood area i.e. who is the local planning authority?
- When was the neighbourhood area formally designated by the local planning authority?
- If appropriate, when was the Neighbourhood Forum application approved by the local planning authority?
- What is the plan period?
- What stage has been reached in the statutory process?
- Purpose of this particular document e.g. is it the draft for public consultation prior to submission to local planning authority?

You might want to use Planning Aid England's online resources when drafting parts of this section:
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2. Policy Context

Where appropriate, this section might include:

- Brief explanation of what the basic conditions are
- Explain what the National Planning Policy Framework is.
- What does the Framework say about the importance of sustainable development?
- What does the Framework say about neighbourhood planning?
- What is the adopted Local Plan for the area?
- Briefly say what particular Local Plan policies and proposals apply to the neighbourhood area. (These could be listed in the appendices)

- If appropriate, is there an emerging Local Plan?
- What stage has the emerging Local Plan reached?
- Briefly explain what the overall objectives in the emerging Local Plan are, and the strategic policies and proposals that you have had regard to when preparing your neighbourhood plan
- What does the emerging Local Plan say about the neighbourhood area? e.g. the housing requirement and any specific residential allocations
- Are there any other planning issues that affect the neighbourhood area? e.g. any significant planning applications currently being determined

You again might want to use Planning Aid England's online resources when drafting parts of this section: <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/planning-explained/briefing-notes-and-guides/>

3. The Neighbourhood Area

A factual description of the neighbourhood area and its characteristics forms part of the evidence base.

This section should focus on the key points and not be too extensive. Additional information can always be included in the appendices with a cross reference in the text.

Where appropriate, this section might include:

- **Population**
 - profile of the neighbourhood area in terms of size and age
 - ethnic background
 - where people work e.g. inward or outward commuting, home based, unemployment levels
 - past and forecast trends in terms of demographic change e.g. is it an ageing population?
- **Housing**
 - existing housing stock in terms of type, age and condition
 - housing stock in terms of tenure e.g. percentage market housing, council/social housing or private rented
 - housing need over the plan period in terms of scale, mix and tenure
 - any affordability issues
 - briefly describe the availability, suitability and viability of housing land e.g. floodplain issues
- **Business**
 - businesses located in the neighbourhood area
 - anticipated business and employment trends in the future
 - telecommunications, especially quality of broadband
 - any barriers to future investment and development
 - quantity and quality of land required for future economic activity
 - supporting the rural economy e.g. agricultural diversification, leisure and tourism activities, conversion of buildings

- **Town centre**
 - role and function of the town centre e.g. market town, tourism
 - trends in economic performance e.g. is it thriving or in decline?
 - any current problems e.g. accessibility, car parking?
 - capacity and ability to attract investment
- **Infrastructure**
 - the quality and capacity of infrastructure within the neighbourhood area (e.g. transport and car parking, water supply, wastewater and its treatment, energy, telecommunications including broadband, utilities, waste, health facilities, social care, education facilities, flood risk)
 - future demands and anticipated trends
- **Natural environment**
 - any landscape character assessment undertaken or landscape designations
 - natural features in the neighbourhood area e.g. topography, watercourses, trees and hedgerows
 - any important wildlife habitats and biodiversity e.g. any national or local designations such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Local Nature Reserve
 - agricultural land quality
 - any geological interest
 - evidence of any brownfield land, contamination issues, light pollution, noise and tranquillity issues
- **Historic environment**
 - any important heritage assets
 - has a historic character assessment been undertaken?
 - quality of the built environment and local distinctiveness e.g. settlement pattern, linear or radial villages, design characteristics, building materials
 - Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings
- **Health and well-being**
 - community facilities in or adjoining neighbourhood area (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public buildings, places of worship)
 - community activities
 - public open spaces
 - education facilities
 - accessibility to green space including public rights of way

For **all** of the above you should quote the source and date of your information (possibly as a footnote).

4. Community Engagement

The outcome of community engagement forms part of the evidence base. This section should briefly describe what activities have been undertaken and the key points to emerge.

When the neighbourhood plan is submitted to the local planning authority it must include a Consultation Statement. This document is a detailed account of how the community were involved in the plan preparation process.

The Statement could be included as part of the neighbourhood plan as an appendix. However it is probably better as a separate document.

This section should not duplicate the Consultation Statement. It should briefly summarise the:

- details of people and organisations consulted
- details of how they were consulted
- summary of main issues and concerns they raised
- how these concerns were addressed

The key purpose of this section is not to extensively list all the consultation activities undertaken. Its main aim is to briefly summarise the outcome of this community engagement, most notably the salient points to emerge which influenced your thinking when formulating the plan.

It should not be too extensive. Additional information can always be included in the appendices with a cross reference in the text.

5. Key Issues

This section should bring together the various aspects of the evidence gathering described in the three previous sections:

- Section 2 - National and local planning policy context
- Section 3 - The neighbourhood area
- Section 4 - Community engagement

It should pull together the issues that have emerged and perhaps start to group them together under themes.

Remember it's not just current issues that need to be addressed in the plan, but any issues likely to emerge over the plan period.

Among these issues, what are the priorities for the neighbourhood plan?

Has the local community shaped these priorities?

These should focus solely on aspects that can be addressed in a neighbourhood development plan i.e. only matters that relate to the development and use of land that would require planning permission.

Other matters could be described if they provide important context, but they cannot form part of the statutory plan. You may therefore want to consider listing them in an appendix or a separate document.

6. Vision and Objectives

Based on the issues mentioned above, you might want to reflect on what will happen if you do nothing. Then think about what you want your area to be like. Consider how you might achieve this. Assess different approaches to reaching this end

Finally describe what the neighbourhood area should look like at the end of the plan period.

The plan could then set out the local community's overall vision for the neighbourhood area. This could be a shared vision for the future to establish a common purpose.

It should look ahead 15-20 years (i.e. the plan period)

It should also be locally distinctive and relates to your particular neighbourhood area and not 'anywhere'. It should be concise and easy to understand.

Then assess the objectives to deliver that vision. These objectives should be broad statements of intent. The objectives should link back to the issues.

The vision and objectives then provides the framework to develop policies and proposals. Each policy should directly link to a particular objective.

7. Thematic Sections

For each section or theme:

- provide an introduction to the topic and its relationship to the plan's vision and objectives
- outline the policy intention (what the policy is seeking to achieve)
- the policy itself, which will be used to assess planning applications
- the supporting justification i.e. some explanation of the reasoning for the policy and evidence supporting this policy (summarising the salient points from the evidence base)

The policies and proposals are probably the most important aspect of the neighbourhood plan. They will be implemented by planning officers, members of the Planning Committee and planning inspectors – and quoted in planning decisions. Developers should also have regard to them when submitting planning applications.

A policy should clearly express what may be permitted or encouraged, or what may not be permitted or discouraged.

Policies should be:

- appropriate for a neighbourhood development plan e.g. deal with development and the use of land

- consistent with the Framework and the strategic policies in the adopted Local Plan and, where appropriate, have regard to any emerging Local Plan
- positively written
- viable
- clear and unambiguous in plain English
- capable of having the desired impact within the timescale covered by the neighbourhood plan
- based on a robust evidence base.

When drafting policies try to avoid:

- covering every eventuality with lots of ifs, buts and maybes
- duplicating policies in other planning documents e.g. the Framework and local plan
- unsupported statements or unsubstantiated perceptions
- double negatives
- ambiguous wording.

Taken together the policies should express a clear overall strategy and not contradict one another.

The text should clearly distinguish between the policies and the supporting reasoned justification. For instance the policy is often shown in capital letters highlighted in bold or even placed within a box.

8. Sustainable Development

It might be useful to include a specific section to demonstrate that you have assessed the implications of your policies and proposals in terms of their impact on sustainable development.

A basic condition is that the neighbourhood plan should help to achieve sustainable development. You must therefore demonstrate how the plan will contribute to improvements in environmental, economic and social conditions. Consideration should also be given to how any potential adverse effects arising from the proposals may be prevented, reduced or offset (known as mitigation measures). This matter should be fully addressed in the accompanying Statement of Basic Conditions. However this aspect could be briefly summarised in the main body of the plan.

When preparing your neighbourhood plan you have to consider the need to produce:

- a Sustainability Appraisal
- a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Unlike a local plan there is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a Sustainability Appraisal. Nevertheless it might be helpful to undertake an appraisal. This need not be as comprehensive as the sustainability appraisal produced by the local planning authority and may be a more simplified version. The outcome of such an exercise could be described here.

However, your neighbourhood plan may require a strategic environmental assessment if it has a significant effect on the environment. This is triggered if the draft neighbourhood plan falls within the scope of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. This may

be the case, for example, where a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for residential development. The group must therefore consider the environmental implications of its proposals at an early stage and seek the advice of the local planning authority to have it formally 'screened'. This exercise will determine whether a strategic environmental assessment is necessary under the Regulations. If required, it could be a major piece of work.

The outcome could be summarised here, but the actual assessment would probably be a separate document or included in the appendices.

9. Maps, Diagrams and Photos

The neighbourhood area needs to be clearly defined on a map. This needs to be on an Ordnance Survey base map at a suitable scale so it is clear which properties are affected by the policies and proposals.

A 'Proposals Map' showing where the policies and proposals apply is not a statutory requirement, but is often a useful means to communicate the spatial implications and location of the various policies and proposals e.g. areas of important green space to be protected from development.

Photographs and diagrams are also not statutorily required but can be useful to illustrate points made in the text. These should be clearly labelled.

10. Appendices

Where appropriate additional information can be included as appendices. This is helpful in allowing the main body of the neighbourhood plan to flow.

The text should cross refer to the relevant appendix.

Appendices might include:

- further detailed information that has been summarised in the main text
- list the relevant strategic policies in the adopted and/or emerging Local Plan
- the methodology used e.g. how sites were assessed for residential development
- technical background information e.g. landscape or historic character assessments

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