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INTRODUCTION

In order to find out the views of secondary school age young people, in relation to Sharlston, its problems, issues and possible solutions, Crofton High School was approached regarding the carrying out of an in-school consultation exercise with Sharlston based pupils.

A meeting was held on 25th May 2005 with eight Year 9 pupils from Sharlston Parish, together with the school's Assistant Headteacher, in order to introduce the Parish Plan Project and the idea of a consultation exercise. The concept of a questionnaire survey was introduced and a sample questionnaire reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to proceed with a questionnaire-based approach.

An electronic copy of a sample questionnaire was provided and pupils amended it to fit the local situation. The questionnaire was distributed to all Sharlston based pupils still in school (nb older pupils had already left due to completion of examinations). Fifty six completed questionnaires were collected and forwarded to Yorkshire Planning Aid for analysis.

The following sets out a summary of survey results and findings. The attached appendix provides a detailed statistical breakdown, together with a full digest of all written comments.

RESULTS & FINDINGS

Participation by Gender

Completed questionnaires indicate an uneven split between male and female respondents, with 32 female respondents (61.5) as against only 20 male (38.5%) (see Table 17).

Participation by Age

Analysis of completed questionnaires indicates that 50% of respondents (24) were from Year 8, with the balance split moreorless evenly between Years 7 and 9 (see Table 18).

Participation by Place of Residence

Findings indicate a large majority of respondents (36 – 66.7%) to be resident in Sharlston, with 9 respondents (16.7%) living in New Sharlston. Smaller numbers were recorded for each of Streethouse, Doncaster Road/Tower Lane and Foulby (see Table 1).

Likes/Dislikes

Young people were asked what they liked/disliked about where they lived in Sharlston. The question received 50 responses, within which there were 30 'expressions of like' and 40 of dislike.

In terms of expressed 'likes', there was no clear majority view on particular aspects of the parish, but some consensus around facilities (eg takeaways, shops), local ties (ie friends, family, place of birth), the environment (eg clean, bright, nice, quiet etc) and outdoor space (common, areas to play).

In terms of dislikes, there were stronger views and in particular 25 separate references to there being either 'nothing to do', 'nowhere to go' or 'boredom'. The lack of facilities and incidence of vandalism were also both highlighted, as was anti-social behaviour of various types.

Recreational Areas

When asked to rate recreational areas in the parish (see Table 2), both 'the common' and 'pitches/areas for sport' scored well with respondents with 52.8% and 42.6% of responses respectively rating them as good or very good. However a significant minority (31.5%) rated pitches as either poor or very poor.

Conversely, general outdoor recreational areas/activities were judged poor/very poor in 50% of responses, while the pit site was similarly adjudged in 58.5% of responses.

When asked to elaborate on these ratings and recreational provision generally, there were 37 responses. In terms of the existing situation, 10 responses highlighted the value of the common, particularly for bike-related activity. The pit site was also commented on, including its potential for new provision.

In terms of new provision generally, a number of respondents took the opportunity to propose new facilities, of which 'skate park' (15 references) and 'park' (12) were the most popular. There were a further 12 references to the need for more space/places/activities for outdoor recreation.

Shopping

Students were asked to rate the shops in Sharlston and New Sharlston. In Sharlston, 47.9% of responses rated the shops as good or better, with a further 37.5% giving an average rating. Conversely, in New Sharlston 67.7% rated provision as very poor, with a further 17.6% giving a poor rating (see Table 3).

When asked about new shopping provision (Table 4), responses for Sharlston showed no real consensus view, with similar numbers (about one quarter in all cases) suggesting an all hours corner shop, mini-supermarket, chemist and takeaway.

In New Charlston however, the need for an all-hours corner shop was highlighted by 38.6% of respondents. Almost a quarter also suggested a takeaway.

When invited to contribute other ideas/suggestions, there were 32 responses. Nine of these simply suggested more shops, with 6 respondents specifically proposing a Jacksons mini-supermarket. There were 3 comments regarding a shop in New Charlston and 1 regarding a shop nearer to Foulby.

Youth Facilities & Services

In terms of new youth provision in Charlston, 45% of responses asked for more youth activities and 34.1% for a youth club. Similar numbers indicated that they would use such new facilities if they were provided.

For New Charlston, 34.6% of responses wanted more youth activities, with 30.8% asking for a youth club and 26.9% a youth shelter. Again similar numbers indicated they would use such facilities if provided (see Tables 5 and 6).

Additional comments from respondents served to support the above calls for more activities and a youth club. More detailed suggestions in respect of activities included events for different age groups at different times; parties; discos; refreshments; trips; and games such as pool, snooker, darts, table tennis and badminton.

Health Provision/Facilities

The questionnaire offered students a menu of possible health related services and asked them to select those which they felt should be provided (see Table 7).

In Charlston, drug services (20.6%), smoking services (16.9%) and youth counselling (16.2%) were the 3 most popular choices.

In New Charlston, smoking services (24%), drug services (20.4%) and doctors surgery (14.8%) were the top choices.

The 15 additional comments made served to support the above findings.

Skills, Training, Work

The questionnaire asked a series of questions regarding skills, training and work, focussing in particular on information technology.

Students were asked if they had used/felt confident using computers and constituent applications. The vast majority of respondents expressed confidence regarding computers and internet use, or had at least used both. A large majority responded

similarly in respect of e-mail, although a noticeable minority (7 – 14.5%) said they had never used e-mail (see Table 8).

When asked about their home access to I.T. equipment, only a very small minority stated they had no access to either computer or e-mail (see Table 9).

A question regarding employment/work when not at school revealed that 7 respondents (13.5%) did some kind of work, with 3 working in shops (see Table 10).

Transport

Students were asked which mode of transport they used to get to school. The most common mode (38.6%) was bus, followed by parent's car (25%) and walking (23.9%) (see Table 13).

Students were also asked to give a rating to bus and train services in Charlston (see Table 11).

57.7% of respondents rated buses as good or better, with a further 26.9% giving them an average rating.

Conversely, 65.3% rated trains as either poor or worse. A small minority (14.3%) gave trains a good/very good rating, possibly reflecting the views of some Streethouse residents.

When asked whether public transport met their needs, 59.6% said yes, leaving a sizeable minority of 40.4% who said no (see Table 12).

Asked why their needs were not met, 23 respondents offered a variety of reasons, of which infrequency (4) and lateness (4) were the most common. Five respondents felt that Charlston should be served by train.

Community Safety

The questionnaire asked students to say how safe they felt in different situations/locations within their community.

The most significant findings were that 36.5% of respondents (19) stated that they felt unsafe or worse in the dark, and that 15.4% felt unsafe in the street (see Table 14).

When asked to elaborate on reasons for feeling unsafe, 20 respondents offered a variety of reasons of which gangs (6) and general fear of attack (5) were the most common. Other reasons given were druggies, drunks, smokers, weirdos, strangers and a lack of lighting/surveillance.

When asked what should be provided to make things safer, lighting and cameras (both 32.7%) were the most popular answer, with 21.8% advocating more police on foot patrol (see Table 15). Additional comments made by 12 respondents further highlighted the police (including a police station) and camera options, while one respondent suggested that providing local activities may solve some of the street problems.

Other Comments

Seventeen respondents took the opportunity to make final comments on Sharlston. These served to reinforce the view that 'there is nothing to do' and repeated calls for more activities, a park, skate park and youth club.

Interest in Survey Results/Volunteering

When asked whether they were interested in finding out about the results of the questionnaire survey, 89.6% of respondents (43) said yes. Only 5 said no.

Further to this, 21 respondents (45.7%) said they would be interested in becoming a volunteer in order to help improve Sharlston/New Sharlston for young people. A list of interested students will be made available to the Parish Council.

See Table 16.

APPENDIX

QA1 WHERE IN SHARLSTON PARISH DO YOU LIVE?

TABLE 1

Label	Frequency	%
Sharlston	36	66.7
New Sharlston	9	16.7
Foulby	1	1.8
Doncaster Rd/Tower La	2	3.7
Other	6	11.1
No response	(2)	-

Totals	54	100.0
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Valid cases 54

Missing cases 2

Other:

Streethouse x 4

No area specified x 2 [NB perhaps Doncaster Rd/Tower La based on responses]

QA2 LIKES/DISLIKES ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE

Responses 50

No response 6

Likes:

Sharlston Residents

“Like the road on the Ben Bailles Road – I can skate on it.”

“I like it because it has a nice Chinese.”

“I like living where I live because there is shops.”

“I like living in Sharlston as nearly all my friends live in or near Sharlston and everything you need is close to you, eg shops (fish & chip, Chinese, newsagent, pub, post office).”

“I like the local shop and the local Chinese and Indian.”

“Tanning studio, swimming pool [?], shops, pub, rugby team.”

“Its got a cricket field and a rugby field.”

“I like living in Sharlston because it has a lot of space.”

“I like playing on common but it gets boring after a while.”

“I like living where I live because there are certain areas where I can play with my friends after school or during the weekend.”

“In Sharlston I like Sharlston Common.....”

“Clean, bright and the common.”

“I like The Green, common and dam.”

“Because it’s a small village and some areas are nice and clean.”

“I like living in Sharlston because it is a small area and easier to find your way around.”

“I like where I live because it’s a nice area.”

“Because it’s a quiet area – I live behind the cricket field.”

“Quiet village, lovely view, peaceful, nature, nice houses.”

“I like the area because it’s peaceful and mainly because that’s where I was brought up.”

“I like Sharlston because lived there all my life.”

“I like it because you feel comfy in your home.”

“I like living there because it’s a friendly place to live, also my friends live there.”

“I like living here because it’s a friendly neighbourhood. Although there is the common and The Green.....”

New Charlston Residents

“I like it because a lot of my family and friends live round the area. Also there is a few places to go (eg park, Kible Field).”

“I like living in Charlston because my family and friends live there and they have 2 pubs. A Kible Field to play on.”

“I like living where I live as I have many friends who live near me.”

“I like the village because it has lots of things to do.”

Foulby Resident

“I like the fact there is plenty of walks to go on.”

Doncaster Rd/Tower La Residents

“I like living on Towers Lane because it is a quiet country lane overlooking fields and woods.”

“I like living where I am because it’s kind of private…….”

Dislikes:

Charlston Residents

“I don’t like living in Charlston because there is nothing to do there. I don’t like the vandalism and all the people getting into fights.”

“I dislike it because there are vandals.”

“I don’t like all the cars that get dumped there and people who drink around there and smoke.”

“Dislike druggies; dislike road outside my house because I cannot skate on it; dislike not having library; dislike The Heathers – we already have Ben Bailles.”

“I dislike living in Charlston – not enough facilities; feel unsafe.”

“I dislike the fact there’s nowhere to go apart from the streets which can be unsafe.”

“I don’t like the drugs and smokers.”

“I don’t dislike it but it’s annoying when they’re on the street corners all the time.”

“People break buildings; they set fire to the common.”

“(Although there is the common and The Green) there are no other places to go when children are playing out. Children hang out on the streets because there is nowhere to go. However some children purposely damage some parts of Sharlston, eg I once saw 2 teenagers setting fire to a garden fence.”

“I dislike the gangs that hang around the street corners and smoke. I dislike all the graffiti on walls and public places. I dislike the people who set fires over our local common so it ruins the common.”

“Nothing to do for kids – plain. No park. No sporting facilities.”

“Because its boring and there’s nothing to do.”

“I dislike living where I live because there is nothing to do.”

“I dislike living in Sharlston because there is nothing for you to do. We have a place called The Green – all it is is a large grassy area but there is nothing exciting for you to do.”

“There is nothing to do. We get bored of the common and The Green. There is nothing to do.”

“I dislike Sharlston because it is boring, there is nothing to do and there is nowhere to go.”

“It doesn’t have many things to do – people just walk about bored.”

“I don’t like Sharlston because there’s nowhere to go and if we go somewhere we get told off by the police.”

“I dislike being bored and having nothing to do but hang around streets and if you do, you get told to move or told off.”

“I don’t like Sharlston because there is nowhere to go.”

“.....but there isn’t many activities or places to go.”

“I dislike living in Sharlston because there is nothing to do.”

“I dislike Sharlston because it is full of council houses.”

“...(apart from Sharlston Common)...everything else isn’t very good.”

New Sharlston Residents

“The park could be improved though.”

“My dislikes are there are not many things to do. Our park is rubbish and we don't have a fish shop, a shop or post office or anything round where we live.”

“I dislike living where I live though because there aren't many things to do. For example there is nowhere to play and have fun.”

“Not enough facilities. Not enough activities for youths.”

“Where I live there is the old colliery at the back of the gardens (it looks a mess). There is a park with nothing but swings and a basketball net.”

“I don't like New Sharlston because there is no fun there, like a big adventure park or a bit more things that are fun to go on the park.”

“I dislike living down New Sharlston because there is nothing to do in Sharlston or New Sharlston, and the buses are crap and they always miss or are late.”

“It can get boring sometimes.”

“I am always sat in the house with nothing to do and being bored.”

Streethouse Residents

“I dislike living where I live because there is nothing to do apart from Sharlston Common and cricket field.”

“Dislike because the area is boring. There's no activities or enjoyment because everything gets destroyed.”

“There are many youths around this area who get bored easily. Everything gets destroyed.”

Foulby Resident

“Busy road – I don't like that.”

Doncaster Rd/Towers Lane Resident

“I don't like it because there isn't much facilities.”

“.....but really there is no fun.”

QA3 RATING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS

TABLE 2

Label	VG		G		AV		P		VP	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Pitches/sport areas	3	5.6	20	37.0	14	25.9	10	18.5	7	13.0
Outdoor rec areas	2	3.7	9	16.7	16	29.6	18	33.3	9	16.7
Common	8	15.1	20	37.7	15	28.3	6	11.3	4	7.5
Pit site	4	7.6	2	3.7	16	30.2	13	24.5	18	34.0

No responses 2

Valid cases pitches/sport areas & outdoor rec areas	54
Missing cases pitches/sport areas & outdoor rec areas	2
Valid cases common & pit site	53
Missing cases common & pit site	3

Additional comments re existing recreational areas:-

Responses 37
No responses 19

Sharlston Residents

“All of the above things are spoilt by people with nothing to do and nowhere to go.”

“Most of the things above are very poor and either taken over by drug addicts or people who like destroying the area.”

“Stop people setting fires on common and pit site – and drugs.” [NB paraphrase]

“Sharlston Common is burning down. The pit is fun.”

“Sharlston Common has a good bike track.”

“Cricket field, community centre, common – hills good for bike rides.”

“The common is good to play hide and seek. The pit is outrageous – there’s rubbish everywhere and you could build lots of things on there to entertain us children.”

“The cricket and rugby fields are very good. The pit site is a bit of a mess. The common is good for riding bikes and walking round.”

“In Charlston there are not enough places to hang about. The common is the best and biggest place to play. It would be better if we had a park or something.”

“Charlston Common is good for your bikes. There isn't many pitches apart from the school field. There isn't many areas for recreation/activities. The pit site – there isn't anything else.”

“There are places to do activities but not a lot of space. Also we have to go on the common because there's nowhere else to go.”

“We do have a small football pitch for the Charlston School but no one is allowed to access the field. We also have a rugby pitch, but again no one is allowed to access it unless you train with the team on training day.”

“The pitches for sport do not allow us to play on them. They are for the club use only. So the public don't have any pitches to play on.”

“Another main attraction is the pony hills – it's used pretty often.”

“There are no places to play sports or no places to hang out.”

“Nowhere to hang about or do any sport.”

“I think there isn't many places to do activities. If there was more places to do activities, there wouldn't be as many gangs.”

“No outdoor activities. Only 1 sport pitch.”

“There could be more activities places for all age groups, even the older generation.”

“There are no places to do activities. There is a rugby pitch where people go to do sport and lots of people hang out on the common because there is nowhere else.”

“We want to go out and have a good time but we can't because there's nowhere to go.”

“Fields are good.”

“The farmers field.”

“I know a lot of boys who would like to have a skate park. A local swimming baths.”

“Swimming pool.”

“There should be a skate park.”

“A skate park.” X2

“Park.” X3

“There should be a park. So people aren’t just hanging out around the shops.”

“A park – I would walk around and take baby for a walk.”

“I would use a park.”

“I would use a park or skate park in the area.”

“Swimming pools, skate parks, parks.”

“Skate park, bike track, paintball, archery.”

“Sharlston should have a skate park built for the many skateboarders in Sharlston.”

“I feel there should be a skatepark.”

“Motocross track on the pit. Skate park.”

“Build a skate park and basketball court.”

“Play area.”

“Tennis.”

“A sports ground.”

New Sharlston Residents

“We get lots of joy-riders on the pit area. There is a bit of space for sport/activities.”

“We only have the Kible Field to do sport activities on. The pit’s ok for walking but is dangerous and is used for joy-riding.”

“The pit site/old coal mine is boring and hard to walk over and is unsafe as it is mainly used for quads.”

“I think you could use the pit site or half of it for houses and at the bottom of the pit use it for.....”

“The pitches for sport are good as there is the rugby pitch, where Charlston Rugby Team play but more places are needed for activities. Also children are not allowed to play on the rugby pitch.”

“Sport areas – there are hardly any big enough areas; General outdoor activities areas – there’s not enough space in Charlston; Common – this is a mess; there are gypsies living on it – they leave all their rubbish; Pit – this is disgusting – there are bricks and old trees and rubbish all over.”

“There is no sport which makes it boring.”

“Build a skate park and football/basketball court.”

“Skate park. Normal park.”

“Parks, play areas.”

“Park.”

Streethouse Residents

“The Charlston Common is good for jumps but the pit there is syringes all over and burnt out cars.”

“The pit site is used for a motorcross track where people from all over come and visit. But police move us on and take bikes off us.”

“The pit and common are mainly used for motorbikes.”

“A decent skate park (in Streethouse).”

“Skate park.”

“Swimming pool.”

Foulby Resident

“2 or 3 large lakes. Plenty of long walks.”

Doncaster Rd/Towers La Residents

“The pit site is a mess. Charlston Common is good for several things. There is a couple of pitches.”

Other Residents

“There’s nowhere to do stuff.”

“Relandscape the common.”

QB1 RATING OF SHOPPING FACILITIES

TABLE 3

Label	Sharlston		New Sharlston	
	No	%	No	%
Very good	6	12.5	-	-
Good	17	35.4	-	-
Average	18	37.5	5	14.7
Poor	5	10.4	6	17.6
Very poor	2	4.2	23	67.7
No response	(6)	-	(21)	-
Additional comments	-	-	(2)	-
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Totals	48	100.0	34	100.0

Additional comments;

“We ain’t got any.”

“We don’t have many.”

QB2 NEW SHOPPING PROVISION

TABLE 4

Label	Sharlston		New Sharlston	
	No	%	No	%
All hours shop	27	27.0	22	38.6
Mini-supermkt	26	26.0	11	19.3
Chemist	26	26.0	10	17.5
Takeaway	21	21.0	14	24.6
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Totals	100	100.0	57	100.0

No responses 4

Additional comments:

Responses 32

No response 24

Sharlston Residents

“They need to be bigger and more supplies. Also different supplies and easier to get. [There’s] no restaurants – just fatty food.”

“I think we should get rid of all the fast food places but keep the Chinese, fish shop and Londis.”

“More shops open 24 hours. Get rid of the Kismat and get some better food places.”

“Get rid of the fast foods, eg Kismat & Chinese.”

“There should be more shops because of the distance to the other big supermarkets.”

“We need an all day shop and a mini-supermarket because it’s far away to the supermarket.”

“I think there should be more shops.”

“The shops should be larger shops so the shopper has more choice of what to buy instead of a measly few cans of beans.”

“Cheaper, more choice and availability.”

“I think we should have shops with nice staff who are polite.”

“I think there should be a place to buy good food like Jacksons. There should be a corner shop somewhere else in Sharlston because some people live very far away from a shop.”

“We should get a bakers/butchers because its closed down. And we should get a mini-supermarket like Jacksons.”

“Build a Jacksons at the side of Londis – use the empty space.”

“Jacksons. Shop in New Sharlston.”

“I think we need more shops and a mini-supermarket, eg Jacksons.”

“Bigger shop as Londis is small for quite a big village. So either extend or build another – use knocked down areas (library, old doctors).”

“A sandwich shop; a new butchers.”

“Really wish we could have a bank and chemist.”

“More food shops.”

“Sport shop, clothes shop.”

“There should be shops that young people can go in. Maybe we could have a video rental and an arcade.”

New Sharlston Residents

“We should have a shop so we don’t have to go up to Sharlston to buy stuff. And we should have a takeaway or chip shop because then people wouldn’t have to waste petrol or phone bill – you could just walk to the food takeaway.”

“There should be a shop in New Sharlston so you don’t have to go to Sharlston to the shop.”

“There is one shop, there is one takeaway. We need more – I have to walk up the lane.”

“Well, you could add or build on the pit site all the shops like 1 or 2 shops, a mini-supermarket, takeaway, chemist.”

“We need more shops selling better stuff as we only have about 5 shops.”

“Build a Jacksons at the side of Londis – use the empty space.”

“There should be a video shop and possibly a bank.”

“Arcade and pet shop.”

Streethouse Residents

“A arcade.”

“I think New Charlston is very poor for shops.”

Foulby Resident

“Put a shop nearer to Foulby because the nearest shop is in Crofton.”

Doncaster Rd/Tower La Residents

“You could have a fresh fruit and veg shop. And a chemist because the elderly cannot walk very far.”

QC1 PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES/SERVICES

TABLE 5

Label	Sharlston		New Sharlston	
	No	%	No	%
Youth club	31	34.1	16	30.8
Youth shelter	13	14.3	14	26.9
Youth worker	6	6.6	4	7.7
Youth activities	41	45.0	18	34.6
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Totals	91	100.0	52	100.0

No responses 6

Additional comments:

Responses 24

No response 32

Sharlston Residents

“There is only one place where you can go that is open for like one hour and a half.”

“Library. Sword fighting classes.”

“We need a youth club so we can have some sports in it.”

“I feel there should definitely be a youth club.”

“Different events each day in a youth club to make it more exciting.”

“I think we should have a youth club for people with problems. And then on a night to do fun things like pool, discos and to hang out.”

“No, I think really do not go youth clubs. We just go to Sharlston or Wakefield pubs.”

“Could use the pit for something because right now it just attracts bikers (and common, woods).”

“If there’s a youth centre it would make it safer than being on the streets.”

“(activities) for us to go to in a day time.”

“Refreshments kiosk.”

“Club.”

“Youth clubs are a great idea and all community centres have them, so more would just waste money that could be used for something else.”

“Sharlston Community Centre offers some clubs such as karate, dancing and drama. There should be more activities then maybe children can have something to do.”

“I think that there should be more places to hang around and have parties.”

“We should have youth events in Sharlston because no one is getting enough exercise.”

“Community centre.”

New Sharlston Residents

“We only have the community centre in Sharlston, but in New Sharlston we have nothing.”

“There should be a youth club/community centre built for people to do and join clubs. It would stop children roaming the street and get more active/confident and meet new friends.”

“More places are needed for children to go instead of hanging around on streets and causing trouble.”

Streethouse Residents

“There should be discos and a youth club.”

“(activities)..it will keep us off the streets and give us more activities.”

“If there was a youth club or something of that kind, then there should be one in Sharlston and one in New Sharlston so not everyone goes to just one. It will be more fair.”

Foulby Resident

“Get a youth centre.”

QC2 USE OF NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES/SERVICES

TABLE 6

Label	Sharlston		New Sharlston	
	No	%	No	%
Youth club	32	36.8	9	25.0
Youth shelter	15	17.2	9	25.0
Youth worker	4	4.6	3	8.3
Youth activities	36	41.4	15	41.7
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Totals	87	100.0	36	100.0

No responses 9

Additional comments:

Responses 30

No response 26

Sharlston Residents

“I would go there with my mates so we’re not bored.”

“I would use the youth activities because there’s nothing to do except for playing on my computer.”

“Table tennis, badminton courts.”

“Swimming, skating.”

“Trips that carers could take us out on.”

“No thank you we are not bothered with what you do.”

“If there was a place to go and help around Sharlston I would use that.”

“Children clubs 12-18 yr olds.”

“A party every weekend for over 13s.”

“Discos.”

“In the youth activity event there should be days for younger children (5-12), then 13-16, then...”

“Chairs, tables, refreshments and food.”

“A snooker table, darts board and darts.”

New Sharlston Residents

“I would go to some activity clubs if we had some clubs. Also if we had parties/discos every so often, I would go to them.”

“I would use all of them if they’re in New Sharlston cause they’re where I live and I don’t have to walk up to Sharlston or get my mum to drive me about.”

“There should be a club for different ages (1 club to a certain age).”

“Activities would get people off the streets.”

“I would go to them if they are on from like 10-6 Monday-Friday, 10-4 Saturday/Sunday.”

“Arcade.”

“Better library than before because the last one was only temporary 20 years ago.”

Other Residents

“I would use activity for youth.”

QD1 HEALTH PROVISION/FACILITIES

TABLE 7

Label	Sharlston		New Sharlston	
	No	%	No	%
Teenage pregnancy	17	12.5	6	11.1
Doctors surgery	15	11.0	8	14.8
Drug advice	28	20.6	11	20.4
Opticians	12	8.8	6	11.1
Youth counselling	22	16.2	5	9.3
Dentists	19	14.0	5	9.3
Smoking advice	23	16.9	13	24.0
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Totals	136	100.0	54	100.0

No responses 8

Additional comments:

Responses 15

No response 41

Sharlston Residents

“There should be [facilities] because there is a lot of people who take drugs, are pregnant and smoke.”

“We should have rehab for people who have had a bad experience of drugs.”

“Drugs.”

“I think we should have more doctors, more dentists.”

“The only thing is a doctors and there needs to be more of the above included.”

“Dentist – because a lot of people need the dentist and they forget.”

“Family planning centre.”

“Sex.”

“Anonymous helpline for people who need help.”

“I think we should have an advisor on call where anyone with problems can call and seek advice.”

“We have already got a doctors’ surgery. I don’t need anything else.”

“None – we already have a doctors and we don’t really need anything else.”

“People telling young teenagers not to smoke won’t help one bit. If you open a club noone will go and it will also be a waste of money.”

New Sharlston Residents

“We need a doctors’ surgery in New Sharlston.”

“New clinic because the nearest is Crofton.”

QF1 SKILLS AND TRAINING

TABLE 8

Label	Confident User		User		Never Used	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Personal computer	39	79.6	8	16.3	1	4.1
Internet	40	81.6	8	16.3	1	2.1
E-mail	32	66.7	9	18.8	7	14.5

No responses 6

QI4 ACCESS TO I.T. EQUIPMENT

TABLE 9

	Yes		No	
	No	%	No	%
Home computer	47	97.9	1	2.1
Internet/e-mail	43	91.5	4	8.5

No response 7

QI3 WORK WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL

TABLE 10

	No	%
Yes	7	13.5
No	45	86.5
No response	(4)	-
Total	52	100.0

Valid cases 52
Missing cases 4

Type of work:-

“Work on weekend with my dad.”

“I work around houses cutting grass.”

“Occasionally give out leaflets.”

“Saturday in a charity shop.”

“Nan’s shop on Saturday.”

“In a computer shop.”

“Glass collecting.”

QG1 RATING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

TABLE 11

Label	VG		G		AV		P		VP	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Buses	10	19.2	20	38.5	14	26.9	5	9.6	3	5.8
Trains	2	4.1	5	10.2	10	20.4	17	34.7	15	30.6

No responses 4

Additional comments 1

Additional comment:

“There is only a train stop in Streethouse.”

QG2 WHETHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT MEETS NEEDS

TABLE 12

	No	%
Yes	31	59.6
No	21	40.4
No response	(4)	-

Total	52	100.0
Valid cases	52	
Missing cases	4	

QG3 WHY PUBLIC TRANSPORT DOES NOT MEET NEEDS

Responses 23
No response 33

Sharlston Residents

“Buses are late.”

“Never ever not once has arrived on time.”

“It doesn’t meet my needs because school buses are usually late!”

“Because it costs too much.”

“The buses get smashed.”

“The buses are awful.”

“It needs more buses.”

“More buses to get to places faster.”

“Because we need to go places for activities and supermarket.”

“Because I only catch the bus to school.”

“But we should have a train station as well.”

“There is no trains going through Sharlston.”

“There’s no trains.”

“Really should get disabled transport and because it will make it hard for poor people.”

“I use cars.”

New Sharlston Residents

“The buses don’t run often enough.”

“The bus always misses and is late all the time.”

“I have to walk 3 miles to the nearest train station – there should be 1 in Sharlston.”

Streethouse Residents

“The buses should come more often.”

“Transport is poor in New Sharlston.”

Foulby Resident

“The buses always ignore me and drive straight past me. Then I could be waiting half an hour for a bus.”

Doncaster Rd/Tower La Resident

“There should be a little train station.”

Other Resident

“It doesn’t go to Crofton High School.”

QG4 TRANSPORT FOR GETTING TO SCHOOL

TABLE 13

Label	No	%
Own car	0	-
Parent's car	22	25.0
Bus	34	38.6
Bike	2	2.3
Motorbike	0	-
Walk	21	23.9
Other	9	10.2
No response	(4)	-
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Total	88	100.0

Valid cases 88

Missing cases 4

QH1 COMMUNITY SAFETY RATING

TABLE 14

Label	VERY SAFE		SAFE		UNSAFE		VERY UNSAFE		NO VIEW	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
During the day	21	40.4	28	53.9	2	3.8			1	1.9
When it's dark	4	7.7	26	50.0	11	21.1	8	15.4	3	5.8
In my home	35	67.3	17	32.7						
On the street	7	13.5	37	71.1	8	15.4				

No responses 4

QH2 REASONS FOR FEELING UNSAFE

Responses 20

No response 36

“When it’s dark because of drunks walking around at night. On the street is the same.”

“Druggies.”

“Because there is lots of druggies and sometimes when I go to the shops I feel scared.”

“All the people that smoke I want to stay down where they hang at the top of Charlston.”

“I feel unsafe on the streets because gangs of ‘troublesome’ (chavs) youths are sometimes annoying.”

“Big gangs of people.”

“Because of the gangs that crowd the streets.”

“When its dark because there are a lot of teenagers gangs on the street corners.”

“Feel unsafe on street – gangs of people hanging about.”

“At night there are gangs that chase you.”

“Because I go down Streethouse and I come back when its dark and I have to walk over a field.”

“Because there could be wierdos on the street when its dark especially.”

“I feel unsafe because I live at the side of a main road and anyone could pull over and drag you into the car.”

“I would feel unsafe because people could come up behind you and start beating you up.”

“When its dark/night as I don’t know what’s around the corner in Charlston.”

“On a night, my mum and my friend were walking home from a party and we went down a ginnel. Although we returned safely home, I felt there was someone following me.”

“I feel unsafe in the dark because there is a lot of strangers walking around.”

“There is nothing to look on you when you are walking home.”

“There are hardly any lights on the common.”

“During the day you can see someone different. When its dark you feel uneasy due to the fact that you can see someone different. In the home you are safe. On the street you are not because it is dangerous.”

QH3 HOW TO MAKE THINGS SAFER

TABLE 15

Label

	No	%
More police on foot patrol	22	21.8
Community Safety Officers	13	12.8
Improvements in street lighting	33	32.7
Security cameras at key locations	33	32.7
No response	(8)	-
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Total	101	100.0

Valid cases 101

Missing cases 8

Additional comments

Response 12

No response 44

“Stop drunks from walking late at night.”

“If you make the area safer and bigger then it might just be safer because they will have more places to go when they are broad (?).”

“Skate park, arcade because then everyone would have something to do.”

“On night times should have more people and police for night clubs.”

“Need police.”

“Have a little police station.”

“More cameras would help.”

“Cameras.”

“There should be cameras in certain places because of youths.”

“There shouldn’t be as many lonely places about.”

“Neighbourhood watches.”

“All of them (ie police, cameras etc) should be provided because they are not there.”

QJ3 ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT SHARLSTON/NEW SHARLSTON

Responses 17

No response 39

“Good for sport but otherwise boring.”

“It’s boring.”

“It’s rubbish.” X2

“Yes, it is crap and there’s nothing to do.”

“People moan when we are on the streets but where can we go and what can we do?”

“Make it interesting.”

“Sharlston is a great place to be (but) there are certain people and certain areas which let Sharlston down.”

“There should be more activities.”

“I think that you should improve Streethouse very quickly.”

“We want a skate park.”

“Have a skate park.”

“A park.”

“Yes, I ask you kindly to build a youth club and park.”

“A park, more bins and better transport.”

“To make it safer and better for kids.”

“Just do what you need to do – thanks.”

QJ2 INTEREST IN SURVEY RESULTS/VOLUNTEERING

TABLE 16

Label	Yes		No	
	No	%	No	%
Survey results	43	89.6	5	10.4
Volunteering	21	45.7	25	54.3

No response (survey results) 8

No response (volunteering) 10

QI1 GENDER OF RESPONDENTS

TABLE 17

Label	No	%
Male	20	38.5
Female	32	61.5
No response	(4)	-

Total 52 100.0

Valid cases 52

Missing cases 4

Q12 AGE OF RESPONDENTS

TABLE 18

Label	No	%
Year 7	13	27.1
Year 8	24	50.0
Year 9	11	22.9
No response	(8)	-
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Total	48	100.0

Valid cases 48

Missing cases 8