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Local Priorities Consultation Summary of Key Findings

During 2008 and early 2009, we consulted key stakeholders on priorities for the District. We did this with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and South Derbyshire Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS). We used a range of consultation methods: a local priorities questionnaire was sent out to South Derbyshire's Citizens' Panel and workshops held at District Council Area Forums and with groups such as 'Chatterbox' the South Derbyshire Youth Forum and with representatives of the business community.

The results have been used to inform two key documents: the Council's Corporate Plan which outlines the actions we intend to undertake in 2009-2010 and South Derbyshire's Sustainable Community Strategy which describes how the District will change over the next 10 years to make it a better place for the people who live, work and visit here.

This leaflet presents a summary of the key results of the consultation process including:

- What you told us (this includes a selection of your comments).
- Where we are now (this has been taken from existing research, consultation and performance information collected for the District).



Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote.

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Where we are now

The number of people who own their own homes is high and well above the regional and national average. A lack of affordable housing and a reduction in social housing is making it increasingly difficult to meet people's housing needs and the number of people presenting themselves to the Council as homeless continues to increase. During 2008 we established a voluntary leasing scheme to promote the availability of affordable and decent homes in the private sector, including rented property.

We will:

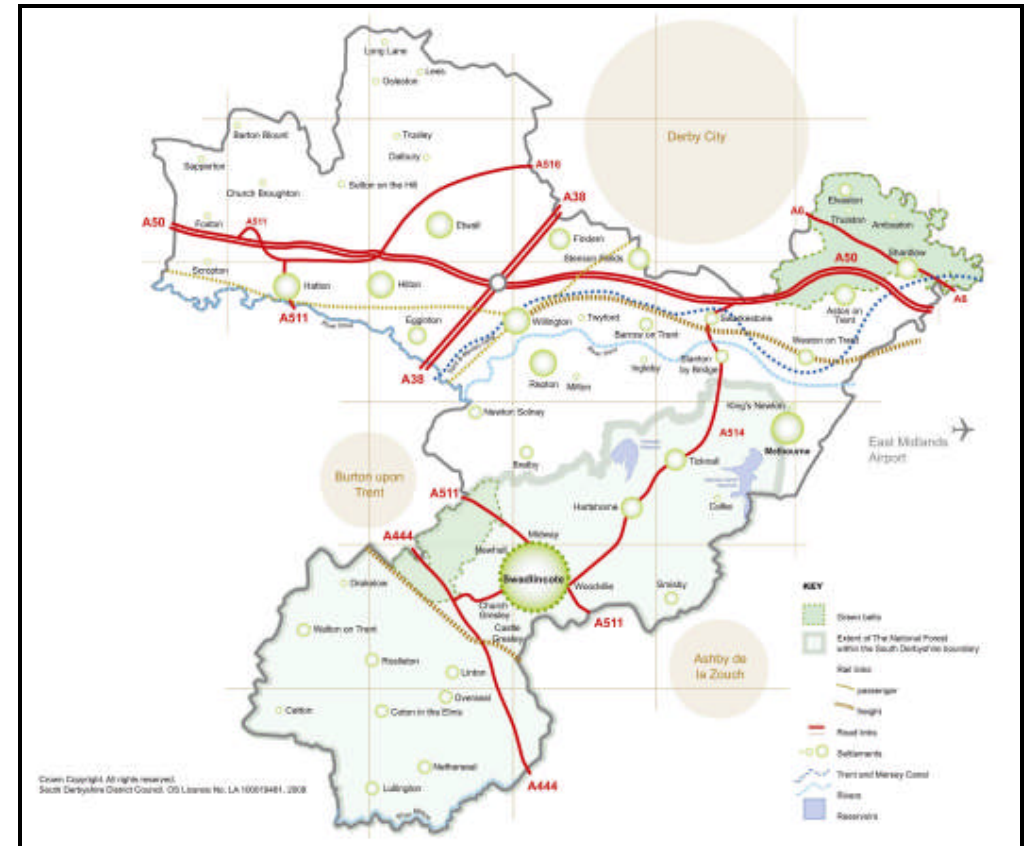
- Facilitate new affordable housing for people unable to afford market prices.
- Improve the sustainability of rural communities through proportionate growth in housing particularly social housing.
- Improve the condition of public and private sector homes.
- Maintain at least the Decent Homes Standard in the public and private sector and aim to meet a higher local South Derbyshire Housing Standard.
- Adopt 'Building for Life' criteria for new homes as a basis for negotiation with developers.

For a full copy of the actions we intend to take in 2009-2010 please visit www.south-derbys.gov.uk.

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- What we are going to do (the key priorities and the changes local people should expect to see as a result of the Council's Corporate Plan).

Why is South Derbyshire special and what should it be like in the future?



We asked you what is special about living in South Derbyshire. Local people were very positive about where they lived and the people who lived there. The following themes dominated the responses:

- The countryside and The National Forest.

You said... *“The development of The National Forest is amazing and we love the countryside”.*

- Friendliness/community spirit.

You said... *“Good community spirit, great hospitality, people in the main are warm and friendly and generous.”*

We also asked you about what South Derbyshire should be like in the future. The following themes dominated the responses:

- Not over developed and open spaces preserved.

You said... *“I feel that the area should not be saturated with more housing and the Council should concentrate on developing more open spaces and public facilities”.*

- Have vibrant town centres and local leisure facilities.

You said... *“It should also have sufficient facilities e.g. shops, places of entertainment etc which make it unnecessary to travel to Burton, Derby etc except on rare occasions”.*

What you told us, where are we are now and what we are going to do (key actions from the Council’s Corporate Plan)

You said the top five priorities for the District are:

1. Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.
2. Activities for children and young people.
3. Clean streets.
4. Highways, roads and transport.
5. Decent and affordable housing.



Newly built affordable housing in The National Forest.

Derbyshire County Council will:

- Manage, maintain and improve the transport network.
- Improve local accessibility and promote healthy and sustainable travel choices (for example, by ensuring new facilities can be accessed by means other than the private car, improving the quality and use of public transport and improving public rights of way, footpaths and greenways to encourage walking and cycling).
- Reduce congestion and the environmental impacts of travel.

We will:

- Support residents to access services through Community Transport initiatives.
- Lobby for better transport to help residents access services across the District.

Decent and affordable housing

You told us:

“Young people often have to leave the area as there is no/little affordable property.”

“There are lots of new houses being built but nothing really affordable for first time buyers like myself.”

Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime

What you told us:

“We need to feel safe to go about our lives doing whatever we need to do and be able to relax and feel safe in our homes too”.

“Fear of crime and anti-social behaviour is relatively high in South Derbyshire and partners need to work together to reduce the issue”.



Our Safer Communities Team at South Derbyshire District Council are dedicated to making our communities safer places to live, work and visit.

Where we are now

Crime rates in South Derbyshire are lower than the county and national averages and have reduced over recent years; with the exception of vehicle crime. Although crime rates are low in South Derbyshire, a disproportionate fear of crime exists among local

residents; around half of the people within South Derbyshire are very or fairly worried about crime. During 2008 nine new Safer Neighbourhood projects were funded and five new Neighbourhood Watch groups have been set up to promote community safety.

We will:

- Complete ten local area Safer Neighbourhood projects using Safer Neighbourhood funding.
- Improve partnership working with local secondary schools and identify new initiatives that will help reduce anti-social behaviour and underage drinking.
- Improve the existing Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure Document. Promote this to partners and advise through the Council.

Activities for children and young people

What you have told us:



Children's activities in the outdoors. Courtesy of OPAL.

You told us:

"Highways and pavements are getting worse and worse not only creating a poor environment but increasing hazards."

"Transport (public services) is very lacking, we need a direct link to Nottingham, Loughborough and Leicester".



Free car parking and the centrally located Swadlincote Bus Station.

Where we are now

South Derbyshire has fewer households with no car than the national average. This is linked to the rural nature of the District and the high car dependency due to limited public transport. Targets have been achieved by Derbyshire County Council to provide 95.5% of the most deprived areas with an hourly or better weekly bus service. While 96% of the road network is in good condition, this is still a major concern for local people.

We will:

- Provide rapid clear-up through the work of the clean team, including the use of covert cameras to reduce fly tipping.
- Launch a high profile campaign for a cleaner South Derbyshire.
- Publicise the successful work of the Safer Neighbourhood Wardens who patrol many areas.

Highways, roads and transport

As highways, roads and transport is a function of Derbyshire County Council we have informed their countywide strategy but we are delivering some key actions locally.



Free moving traffic on Civic Way, Swadlincote.

“Living in a small village there are no activities i.e. a youth club for young people, which means that they tend to gather on streets and in bus shelters”.

“It is very important for children to be involved in groups instead of playing on their playstations alone in their bedrooms”.



Pupils from Overseal Primary School involved in promoting a cleaner South Derbyshire.

Where we are now

The number of children and young people in South Derbyshire is significantly above the national average and is set to increase. The Council operates a very successful programme of playschemes and mobile provision, which tours the District during school holidays. During 2008 our Youth Engagement Through Sport Project delivered dozens of sports and play sessions in different parts of the District, with over 14,500 participants in sport/playscheme/dance sessions through the 416 sessions we offered.

We will:

- Successfully implement and maximise the benefit of the free-swimming initiatives for those under eighteen years of age.
- Launch the new leisure centre in Etwall.
- Deliver a feasibility study into leisure, sports and arts provision in Melbourne and the immediate surrounding area.
- Deliver a project in partnership with other organisations to provide dance opportunities for all ages

Clean streets



Waste and cleansing services fleet vehicle – just one part of a whole team keeping South Derbyshire clean and tidy.

You told us:

“If the streets around us are clean and tidy it creates a feeling of well-being”

“Creates a better living environment to live and work in coupled with visitor impressions of the area and gives you a sense of pride in the area.”

Where we are now

According to the 2006 Best Value User Satisfaction Survey just over two thirds of respondents were satisfied that the Council keeps its land clear of litter and refuse. Over the last three years a series of ‘clean up’ projects have been carried out across Swadlincote, Woodville and Newhall. These projects were carried out to improve the environment of the areas and to reduce the potential for criminal damage.



Members and the Corporate Management Team launch the Cleaner South Derbyshire campaign.