

Aylestone Community Meeting

Draft

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This draft has been prepared following the first Community Meeting of the ward held at the Aylestone Baptist Church on 21 May 2008.
- 1.2 Around 40 members of the public attended: Those attending divided into groups which discussed in detail how to identify the most significant issues for the area.
- 1.3 They were invited to complete ward action plan forms.

2 Analysis of the responses

- 2.1 Those attending were asked to place the issues they were most concerned about into three priorities. The results were scored as follows:

Top priority: 3 marks
Second priority: 2 marks
Third priority: 1 mark
- 2.2 This allows us to give a different weighting to issues reflecting how important people thought the issues were.
- 2.3 Members stressed that where particular issues were highlighted, for example, graffiti or litter, it would be very useful to know specific locations. In most cases, however, this was not done.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 shows the topics highlighted in each of the cards which were submitted.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 uses the scoring system described above (2.1) to put the issues raised into an order of priorities. The right hand column shows the number of cards on which a topic was mentioned.
- 2.6 Thirty-one cards were collected from the meeting held at the Community Centre on 23 April 2008.

3 Ward Action Plan priorities

- 3.1 One feature of the returns involved a high level of concern about traffic on Aylestone Road and Lutterworth Road. This was expressed in terms of volume of traffic, speed, failure to comply with lights and other regulations, noise and pollution.
- 3.2 Other concerns related to the way traffic generated by fans going to major sports events, including cricket and football, had an adverse impact on the area, including obstructing roads and blocking pavements.
- 3.3 A second feature of the returns was a desire to retain the village character of Aylestone Village itself. This was expressed as a desire to minimise pressure on local amenities such as schools and roads and a wish to maintain, improve and expand the range of local shops.
- 3.4 There were also adverse comments about the street scene around shops in Aylestone: the comments about take-away shops reflected a concern about the subsequent litter in the area.
- 3.5 Better local youth/play facilities was also a significant issue highlighted by residents concerned about a lack of play spaces within the area. However, it should be noted that there will be a major consultation on additional facilities at Aylestone Meadows at the September meeting.
- 3.6 Hopefully a higher than normal number of younger people will be at the meeting to contribute not only to this item but to a wider debate about what exactly we should be providing in terms of amenities and also how they should be delivered.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 The top priority for the Ward Action Plan is the issue of traffic on the Aylestone/Lutterworth Road
- 4.2 The second priority is the issue of litter and the need to improve the street scene.
- 4.3 The third priority is the need for improved youth and play facilities within the area.
- 4.4 That more details information about these issues be obtained at the September meeting of the Aylestone Ward.
- 4.5 That these findings, couple with any further information obtained from the September meeting, be used to write the Ward Action Plan.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Aylestone Ward Action Plan comments on priority cards

Top priority	Second priority	Third priority
Street scene	Gutters swept	
Community shop	Parking	Youth facilities
Traffic/air pollution	Planning restrictions	Litter around shops
Parking on footpaths	More varied shops	
		speed camera in aylestone road
Pavements around shops	Policing traffic	Improved children's play areas
20mph limits near schools	Improve tree management	Environmental improvements
Cut traffic congestion	Restore 101/more police	Reduce eating/drinking outlets
Traffic volume/ignoring of traffic signals	More parking near shops	More green spaces for sports/young people
youth provision	Antisocial behaviour	Graffiti
Traffic congestion	Facilities for young people	Graffiti
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Pedestrian crossing from bus stops at Red House Road	Traffic congestion	Children's play facilities
Children's services	Spaces for youngsters	No hanging baskets
Youth provision	Cricket parking on 20/20 events	Traffic speed in Milligan Road
Road resurfacing	Street cleaning	Community shop
More parking near shops	Community notice board	Drop-in centre/shop
	Speed cameras in Lutterworth road	Fewer takeaways
Traffic controls	Speed cameras in Lutterworth road	Fewer takeaways
	Conservation of Aylestone Meadows	Street scene
Conservation of village	Cut traffic pollution	School run problems
Replace lost shops	Untidy streets	Reduce takeaways
Parking for shops	Reinstate 101	Pavements in shopping area
Traffic volumes and speed	Improve shops area	Community newsletter
Retain Aylestone character	Litter/dog mess	Graffiti
Vandalism	Litter/graffiti	Traffic
Anti-social behaviour	Litter	Retain village character
Aylestone Road traffic		
Cars parked on pavements		
		Rat running Old church road and sanvey lane
Better transport through village	Drug dealing from cars	Over-development
Traffic pollution	Parking on paths	
Antisocial behaviour	Create sense of community	
More kerbside recycling	Quality play areas	

Appendix 2: Aylestone Ward Action Plan Priorities

Topic/priority	Top	Second	Third	Score	Cards
Traffic congestion/speeding	10	6	3	45	19
Street scene/litter	2	7	5	25	14
Better local youth/play facilities	2	4	4	18	10
Antisocial behaviour	2	2	0	10	4
Vandalism	1			3	1

Note 1: The score is based on the top priority getting three marks, the second two and the third one.

Note 2: The cards column reflects the number of times a topic is mentioned.