**UPTON NDP CONSULTATION MARCH-JULY 2018**

**ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONNAIRES COMPLETED BY YOUNG PEOPLE AT UPTON HIGH SCHOOL**

**SUMMARY**

* The young people particularly like the green spaces in Upton, and also the local shops and takeaways.
* They do not like the heavy traffic in some roads, and in particular are concerned about safety for themselves and others when walking and cycling.
* Many of them commented that they would like to see improvements in walk and cycleways
* They would like to see more youth groups and leisure activities for their age group
* They do not want to see big changes to Upton, for example shops closing or it becoming overcrowded and busy. A number also commented that they do not wish to see Fracking.
* They would support the development of Affordable and Family homes in particular.
* There were also a large number of important ‘Not Likes’ about Upton that are beyond the scope of the NDP, but important for the Parish Council to note, eg litter, dog mess, vandalism and rowdy/intimidating behaviour on some occasions.

**1. Method**

The questionnaires were completed at Upton High School in the Summer Term 2018. All responses were anonymous.

**2. Age groups**

The young people were mainly in the age group 11-18 years of age. Their responses are compared in this analysis with the responses given by the Adults (Over 18’s) in the March 2018 consultation. Differences of 10% or above are highlighted below.

**3. Q1: Like about Upton**

There were a range of NDP-specific themes covered in the things that the young people said they liked about Upton, with the highest number being the Green Spaces, followed by Economic Activity (ie Shops and Takeaways) and Local Services. This was similar to the responses obtained from the Adults, with the exception that the young people were more likely to say that they liked the Shops and Takeaways.

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| **Theme** | **No.responses** | **%** |  | **Adults** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical character | 11 | 9% |  | 6% |
| Housing | 3 | 3% |  | 3% |
| Local Services (Schools, library, youth clubs...) | 18 | 15% |  | 13% |
| Sustainability - energy generation, fracking | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Green Spaces | 21 | 18% |  | 22% |
| Economic Activity (Shops, Takeaways...) | 17 | 14% |  | 4% |
| Specialist Centres - Zoo. Hospital, Dale Camp | 6 | 5% |  | 4% |
| Transport | 4 | 3% |  | 9% |
| Other (nice, quiet, friendly…) | 39 | 33% |  | 37% |
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| **TOTAL COMMENTS** | 119 | 100% |  | 100% |

**4. Q1: Not Like about Upton**

The highest number of ‘Not Likes’ about Upton from the young people was in the NDP theme area of Transport. This was related to the heavy traffic and issues to do with **road safety** for pedestrians and cyclists. There were also a large number of important comments that are beyond the scope of the NDP, but important for the Parish Council to note, eg litter, dog mess, vandalism and rowdy/intimidating behaviour on some occasions.

Adults also had a high number of Not Likes about Transport, but with more emphasis on parking issues. The non-NDP comments for Adults were more likely to include the poor state of repair of the roads and pavements, as well as the feeling that Upton has no centre.

The Adults were more likely than the young people Not to Like aspects of the local Shops, eg that there were starting to be too many fast food outlets.

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| **Theme** | **No.responses** | **%** |  | Adults |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical character | 3 | 5% |  | 4% |
| Housing | 0 | 0% |  | 6% |
| Local Services (Schools, youth clubs...) | 3 | 5% |  | 0% |
| Sustainability - energy generation, fracking | 2 | 4% |  | 0% |
| Green Spaces | 1 | 2% |  | 0% |
| Economic Activity (Shops, Takeaways...) | 3 | 5% |  | 21% |
| Specialist Centres - Zoo. Hospital, Dale Camp | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Transport | 18 | 32% |  | 37% |
| Other (litter, dog mess, vandalism…) | 26 | 46% |  | 33% |
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| **TOTAL COMMENTS** | 56 | 100% |  | 100% |

**5. Q2: Perfect Upton**

There were many thoughts about what a Perfect Upton would look like from the point of view of the young people. The most frequent comments related to the NDP were in the area of Local Services, and particularly that a Perfect Upton would have **more Youth Groups and entertainment** for young people. There were also a large number of comments in non-NDP areas including clean, no litter and dog bins.

Adults were more likely to mention Green Spaces and Economic Activity eg a better range of shops and pubs.

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| **Theme** | **No.responses** | **%** |  | Adults |
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| Physical character | 0 | 0% |  | 3% |
| Housing | 1 | 1% |  | 3% |
| Local Services (Schools, youth clubs...) | 20 | 28% |  | 6% |
| Sustainability - energy generation, fracking | 3 | 4% |  | 6% |
| Green Spaces | 4 | 6% |  | 16% |
| Economic Activity (Shops, takeaways…) | 3 | 4% |  | 16% |
| Specialist Centres - Zoo. Hospital, Dale Camp | 1 | 1% |  | 0% |
| Transport | 9 | 13% |  | 22% |
| Other (Clean, no litter or dog mess…) | 30 | 42% |  | 28% |
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| **TOTAL COMMENTS** | 71 | 100% |  | 100% |

**6. Q2: Weaknesses**

The greatest number of comments on Weaknesses related to Local Services, and particularly a lack of **Youth Groups**. There were also a high number of comments related to Transport, including busy roads and pedestrians and cyclists **not feeling safe**.

Adults similarly mentioned weaknesses related to Transport, and they were more likely to comment on the poor state of the roads and pavements.

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| **Theme** | **No.responses** | **%** |  | Adults |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical character | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Housing | 1 | 2% |  | 3% |
| Local Services (Schools, youth clubs...) | 14 | 32% |  | 0% |
| Sustainability - energy generation, fracking | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Green Spaces | 2 | 5% |  | 6% |
| Economic Activity (shops, takeaways) | 1 | 2% |  | 10% |
| Specialist Centres - Zoo. Hospital, Dale Camp | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Transport | 12 | 27% |  | 35% |
| Other (potholes, state of pavements, litter…) | 14 | 32% |  | 45% |
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| **TOTAL COMMENTS** | 44 | 100% |  | 100% |

**7. Q2: What DON’T want to happen**

In terms of what young people did NOT want to happen, the highest number of comments was on the theme of Sustainability (mainly fracking), followed by Economic Activity (eg shops closing) and Physical Character (eg big changes, overcrowding). In non-NDP areas they mentioned areas including vandalism, more aggressive people, being infested by litter.

Adults showed a different pattern of response, with the highest number of comments on the theme of Housing, followed by Economic Activity (eg no more fast food outlets).

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| **Theme** | **No.responses** | **%** |  | Adults |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical character | 8 | 13% |  | 3% |
| Housing | 5 | 8% |  | 29% |
| Local Services (Schools, youth clubs...) | 1 | 2% |  | 6% |
| Sustainability - energy generation, fracking | 17 | 27% |  | 10% |
| Green Spaces | 5 | 8% |  | 13% |
| Economic Activity (shops, takeaways…) | 9 | 14% |  | 23% |
| Specialist Centres - Zoo. Hospital, Dale Camp | 0 | 0% |  | 3% |
| Transport | 2 | 3% |  | 6% |
| Other (vandalism, violence, overcrowding.…) | 16 | 25% |  | 6% |
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| **TOTAL COMMENTS** | 63 | 100% |  | 100% |

**8. Q3: Concerns**

By far the highest number of concerns was in the theme area of Transport, largely related to traffic and parking. There were also a relatively high number of concerns about Green Spaces (keeping them and making good use of them) and Local Services (eg wanting more leisure facilities).

This pattern of concerns was similar to that for the Adults.

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| **Theme** | **No.responses** | **%** |  | **Adults** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical character | 4 | 4% |  | 0% |
| Housing | 0 | 0% |  | 1% |
| Local Services (Schools, library, youth clubs...) | 18 | 16% |  | 10% |
| Sustainability - energy generation, fracking | 11 | 10% |  | 6% |
| Green Spaces | 19 | 17% |  | 18% |
| Economic Activity (Shops, Takeaways…) | 1 | 1% |  | 6% |
| Specialist Centres - Zoo. Hospital, Dale Camp | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Transport | 40 | 35% |  | 40% |
| Other (potholes, state of pavements, litter…) | 21 | 18% |  | 19% |
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| **TOTAL COMMENTS** | 114 | 100% |  | 100% |

**9. Q4: Local Shops**

Over two-thirds of the young people said they use the local shops, and they were positive about them.

They were slightly less likely than the adults to use the shops, but a number of the young people commented that this was because they do not live in Upton. Where they used them, they were more likely to say they met their needs.

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|  |  |  |  | Adults |
| Use | 50 | 70% |  | 85% |
| Meet needs | 33 | 46% |  | 24% |
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| RESPONSES | 71 | 100% |  | 100% |

**Q5: Housing Development**

Around half of the young people said they would support development of Affordable homes, a similar proportion to Adults. However, the young people were more likely to support the development of Family homes (3/4 beds) compared to the Adults, and less likely to support Starter homes and Retirement bungalows / Sheltered housing.

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|  |  |  |  | **Adults** |
| Starter | 25 | 33% |  | 48% |
| Affordable | 41 | 55% |  | 55% |
| Family | 37 | 49% |  | 24% |
| Retirement/ Sheltered | 22 | 29% |  | 45% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Responses | 75 | 100% |  | 100% |

In terms of Affordable home development, there were similar levels of support for both Social housing (Council/Housing Association) and Shared ownership and discounted sale schemes.

The young people made fewer comments than the Adults as to the size/location of future housing development.

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|  |  |  |  | Adults |
| Social | 18 | 43% |  | 40% |
| Shared | 21 | 50% |  | 56% |
| Larger | 6 | 14% |  | 16% |
| Infill | 12 | 29% |  | 60% |
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| Responses | 42 | 100% |  | 100% |

**Q6: Community Infrastructure Levy**

The highest number of specific suggestions for spending any money received from the Community Infrastructure Levy was on the theme of Local Services, relating to leisure activities – as was the case with Adults. Young people were, however, more likely also to suggest Housing. In their non-NDP (‘Other’) comments they suggested some areas that were different from the Adults, such as charities and the homeless, sports and educational equipment, and the cleanliness of pavements.

The highest number of ‘Other’ comments amongst Adults was in terms of repairing the roads, which featured less for the young people.

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| **Theme** | **No.responses** | **%** |  | Adults |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical character | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Housing | 13 | 15% |  | 4% |
| Local Services (Schools, youth clubs...) | 22 | 25% |  | 18% |
| Sustainability - energy generation, fracking | 3 | 3% |  | 4% |
| Green Spaces | 10 | 11% |  | 11% |
| Economic Activity (shops, restaurants…) | 8 | 9% |  | 11% |
| Specialist Centres - Zoo. Hospital, Dale Camp | 0 | 0% |  | 0% |
| Transport | 10 | 11% |  | 18% |
| Other (repair roads and pavements, sports, charities) | 23 | 26% |  | 36% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL COMMENTS** | 89 | 100% |  | 100% |

**Q7: Transport**

Many young people used buses, and there were requests for **better bus services**, as with the Adults.

There were also a particularly high number of comments from young people saying they thought there should be future investment in **walk and cycleways**. In total, 59 out of the 81 young people (73%) commented. They said that they walk and cycle a lot around Upton, and that there should be more, wider and safer cycleways, as well as usable and clean footpaths. The specific comments are listed in the Appendix.

Adults also showed a high level of support for improved walk and cycleways -- with a number pointing out the current safety issues with cyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicles sharing the same spaces.

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**APPENDIX: COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE RELATING TO WALK AND CYCLEWAYS**

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| More cycleways and safe walkways |
| Need more cycleways and walk ways |
| Safer walkways not too close to roads |
| Walking/cycling |
| Larger walkways/cycle |
| Walking |
| I would like to see more cycle paths connecting landmarks in the city |
| Safe cycling paths on roads |
| More cycle paths would be good |
| Cycling |
| Bridlepaths |
| It's not a very safe area for pedestrians or cyclists because of Long Lane which is generally very busy |
| Bigger cyclepaths and more of them. More walkways not near roads |
| Bigger spaces for cyclists, more cycling routes |
| More walkways away from roads |
| More cycle lanes |
| Walk and cycleways near schools |
| Bigger paths for pedestrians and cyclists |
| Cycleways should be priority to encourage exercise in the community |
| Yes, cycling is good |
| Bicycle lanes and paths |
| Pathways being resurfaced |
| Make walk and cycleways clear |
| More footpaths and cyclepaths around Upton |
| Bigger cycle lanes |
| Better quality walk and cycleways |
| Alongside places where cyclists might want to go eg green spaces |
| Usable, clean paths, as young people walk around Upton often |
| Cycling, pedestrian |
| Cycle lanes |
| Clear so cars know where they are. I would want them quite big |
| Cycle paths |
| Wider paths |
| I like to walk, so I would like more footpaths. |
| They should be cleaned up |
| More pedetrianised places |
| More pedestrianised places |
| Paths should be cleaned up |
| Making them wider |
| Walk and cycleways |
| More pathways for cyclists |
| More cyclepaths would be good |
| More safety in the cycle path so that students who cycle can go there instead of going on roads |
| Cycleways and make it clear that these are to be used JUST by cyclists |
| It would be good with more cycle and walk ways to make it easier to get to more rural areas: Guilden Sutton, Mickle Trafford |
| I would like more cycleways and cycle lanes, providing better access to the greenway |
| Safe cycleways in Upton eg splitting pavement between pedestrians and cyclists |
| Cyclepaths everywhere |
| More cycleways |
| Safer cycleways/cycle lanes |
| Specific cycle lanes etc |
| Safe cycle routes around Upton |
| More recreational walking routes may be beneficial |
| There is a cycle path |
| Better pavements in Upton area |
| I think it is fine at the moment but a cycleway might be a good idea due to amount of people cycling now |
| More walkways and cycleways |
| I would like to see the sort of bikes that you pay for say for an hour |