

Ecclesfield Parish Council

Community Consultation Events – September 2023

Outcomes Analysis

October 2023



1.Introduction

Three community consultation events were held by Ecclesfield Parish Council in September 2023 in the Parish to gauge the opinion of local people and others on how their local area could be improved.

These consultation events took place at:

- High Green Party in the Park, Mortomley Park, High Green on Saturday 2nd September 2023.
- Ecclesfield Gala, Ecclesfield Park, Ecclesfield on Sunday 3rd September 2023.
- Chapeltown Village Show, Newton Hall, Chapeltown on Saturday 9th September 2023.

The location and timings of these events were purposefully chosen to help maximise involvement and interest. Held annually during the day, these events are amongst the most popular, well known and well-attended community events in Ecclesfield Parish.

This report sets out the key outcomes from these events.

2. Format of the Events

Ecclesfield Parish Council had a stall at each of the three events. A map was provided at each one where attendees were asked to comment, using the post-it notes supplied, on what (if anything) could be improved in their local area.

Members of the Parish Council were on hand to explain the format and aims of the activity and provide guidance, if required.

3. Outcomes

The events were very well attended with many hundreds of people recorded as taking part over the three days.

The following written comments (broken down by theme) were received on things that could be improved.

General (3 comments)

- Good. Library/ Chap park/Train station
- Happy
- More & fees

Community Facilities/Activities (8 comments)

- More clubs for teens & elderly
- Generally some social/wellbeing clubs for local people
- More benches please
- Bar Park, Thorpe Hesley - forgotten by Sheffield Council

- More lighting in parks
- Football nets at Chap Park
- Park equipment e.g. double swings (parents) slide, sand pit, water play
- Good/community/things to get involved/Newton Hall/Library

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (3 comments)

- Camera outside Co-op (High Green)
- Problem with anti-social bikers
- Mortomley Park is always trashed by teenagers

Environment (9 comments)

- No litter bin. Asked Amey for one 12 months - Cowley Drive & Nether Lane
- More bins on Colley Park for dog poo
- Dog poo bins
- Littering
- Wheely bins outside the Chinese r/bout Chapeltown
- Trees opposite 56 Town End Road, Ecclesfield one tree nearly over the road
- Charlton Brook behind Bridge Inn Road, overgrown foliage trees etc
- Moss & weeds on footpaths. Large trees Near Dikelands Mount
- Pavements swept better especially The Common

Shops and Shopping (3 comments)

- Coffee shops (more)
- Outside shops - better appearance
- More variety of shops

Transport (24 comments)

- Road repairs
- Crossing on Mortomley Lane near Park
- Jeffcock Road survey - what is happening?
- Bypass for Ecclesfield!
- Road infrastructure - Pack Horse Lane -Station Road - with development plans
- Monteney Road resurfacing needed pot holes! Speed bumps curling up on edges.
Bus stop - waiting at side of speed bumps
- Path surface for bikes (taken off map near Industrial Estate)
- Speed control @ Chapel Road. Existing signs broken need more!
- Stop the parking on yellow lines on Station Road
- Transport in central Chapeltown is good
- How Station Road looks - street scene
- Repair road by Grenoside crematorium
- Make this a 1 way road (taken off map near St. Marys lane) people go far too quick & issues with parking (Little High Street)

- Burncross Road/Bracken Hill crossroads near the Acorn pub - traffic lights
- Rail crossing path closed (Chapeltown)
- Dangerous corner, hard to see when crossing road (was on the map somewhere near Reneville Drive)
- Pavement parking outside Regency
- Better Roundabouts and roads
- Too much traffic caused by junction 35a
- Parking around Wortley Road
- School parents parking Aldi
- Buses - Stanley Rd - 135 none in the evening
- Better parking in Chapeltown
- Better transport especially to Meadowhall from Ecclesfield & Grenoside. A lot more local buses to nearby areas
- Ecclesfield park car park improvements - gets very muddy

Several non-recorded verbal comments were also received.

4. Summary of Findings

General – Three comments were received on this theme. Two respondents expressed satisfaction with the local area, one specifically citing satisfaction with Chapeltown Park, Chapeltown Library and Chapeltown Train Station.

Community Facilities and Activities – The main theme was that these could be improved, with many making specific suggestions how they could be done such as more activities for younger and older people and enhanced equipment and lighting in parks. One respondent highlighted the good activities offered at Newton Hall and Chapeltown Library.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour – Three comments were received concerned the need to place a camera outside the Co-op, problems with anti-social bikers and anti-social behaviour in Mortomley Park.

Natural Environment – This attracted the second highest number of comments. Several respondents considered that the natural environment could be made better by, for example, more litter and dog-poo bins and actions aimed at ensuring that the footpaths and pavements were clean of litter etc.

Shops and Shopping – Three responses were received to this question. One considered there should be a greater variety of shops. Another specifically cited the need for more coffee shops. The third respondent considered that the appearance of many shops could be improved.

Transport – This topic received the most responses and by a wide margin. The major theme was that this was a high (if not the top) improvement priority. A wide range of suggestions were put forward how the situation could be made better. Some respondents highlighted the need for improvements to the road network, with many citing specific parts

that require attention. Many highlighted the need for highway safety measures. Better public transport was cited by several respondents.

5. Summary of findings

About 50 comments were recorded over the three events. These comments were wide and diverse in their content. The major theme was the need for improvements to public transport, highway and the road network. Improvements to community facilities were also cited by many respondents as an improvement priority as was the natural environment, especially more litter and dog-poo bins and keeping footpaths and pavements clean.

The findings have helped to provide a better snapshot of residents' views and priorities which will now inform Ecclesfield Parish Council, Sheffield City Council and others efforts to push for improvements where required, including through the preparation of the Ecclesfield Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft findings will also be considered at a future meeting of Ecclesfield Parish Council. They will also be shared with those Sheffield City Councillors that serve the Parish as well as relevant officers at Sheffield City Council.

They will be published on Ecclesfield Parish Council's website.

Some illustrative photographs are shown below.

