

What makes a good quality of life in Derbyshire? Consultation with local people on their priorities for Derbyshire

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Communities

What activities were undertaken and why?

Officers attended the Derby Pride event to talk to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people about what makes a good quality of life.

Surveys and questionnaires reveal what is important to local people but a variety of reasons may influence their choices. The idea of this consultation was to peel back the layers and get people talking openly and honestly to develop a better understanding of local priorities and use the feedback to help shape future plans, strategies and projects (e.g. the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy and partners' own corporate plans). People were specifically asked what is important to their quality of life to open the discussion and then chose their top priorities.

The sessions focused on the following 19 topics:

- Strengthening a sense of community
- Climate change
- Highways, roads and transport
- Access to services
- Parks and open spaces
- Support people to live independently
- Affordable decent housing
- Fire safety
- Road traffic collisions
- Educational attainment
- Crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime
- Qualifications, skills and job prospects
- Vibrant towns and village centres
- Health and well-being
- Reduce, re-use, recycle
- Clean streets
- Activities for adults
- Activities for children and young people
- Tourism

When did the consultation take place?

Discussions took place between September 2008 and January 2009.

How many people were involved?

Over 20 people were involved and the following feedback forms outline their views

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We took a display stand along to the Derby Pride Event. Around 64 people took the time to fill in questionnaires however, only 22 people were from the Derbyshire Partnership Forum administrative area. Below are the main findings from the event.

LGBT: Derby Pride Event	
Top 5 Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and open spaces • Activities for children and young people • Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime • Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects • Affordable decent housing
Bottom 5 Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Tackling climate change • Supporting people to live independently • Reduce, reuse, recycle • Reduce road traffic collisions
Comments:	<p>People in this group felt that the parks and open spaces were good for well-being and helped with exercise. Many appreciate the beautiful scenery that Derbyshire has to offer and take advantage of it for days out and for simple tasks such as walking the dog. Parks were seen as important in providing somewhere safe for children to play.</p> <p>Activities for children and young people were prioritised as they link in with a lot of the other themes. People specifically felt that positive activities gave young people a sense of purpose and direction. They also recognised that if young people were busy and active they were less likely to be hanging around the streets and involved with anti-social behaviour. Levels of crime and fear of crime was specifically mentioned as having an impact on quality of life.</p> <p>Improving qualifications, skills and job prospects was chosen as a priority and many people also put comments regarding children's educational attainment in this category. People also wanted a broad spectrum of education so that all members of society could access learning that was suitable to their needs.</p> <p>Being happy in your own home was seen as vital to quality of life. Some felt that decent housing was only available to those who had enough money and that the credit crunch would only exacerbate this.</p> <p><i>'If young people had more things they wanted to do there might be less roaming and harassment from them'.</i></p> <p><i>'Parks and open spaces are important for our kids to see</i></p>

	<p><i>nature and play safety</i>'.</p> <p><i>'Qualifications are important; a good job means a comfortable living'</i></p>
Top 5 County Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve health and wellbeing 2. Highways, roads and transport 3. Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime 4. Affordable decent housing 5. Activities for children and young people
Bottom 5 County Priorities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activities for adults 2. Improving fire safety 3. Reduce road traffic collisions 4. Tackling climate change 5. Tourism