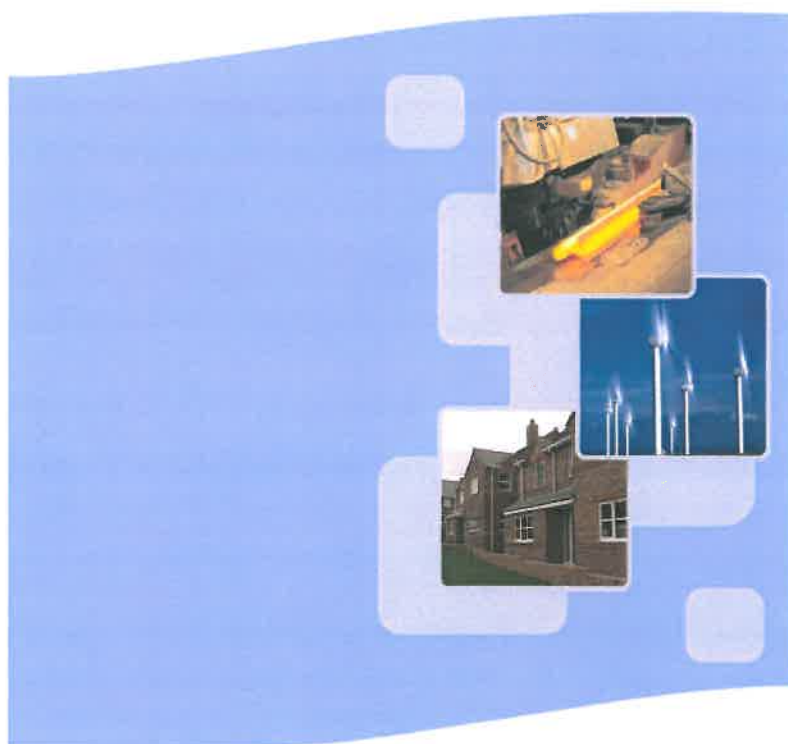


# Appendices Volume 4: Issues & Options 2009: Issues, Vision and Objectives

**Allerdale**  
*Local Development Framework*



**Issues Vision &  
Objectives**  
August 2009



**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: LOCALITIES WORKSHOP  
FOR ALL COUNCILLORS**

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2009**

**9:30 THE WAVE, MARYPORT**

**PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP:**

To present and discuss data gathered on a range of issues facing local areas and communities across the borough. These issues include-

- Demographics
- Deprivation
- Housing
- Employment
- Retail
- Health and Wellbeing
- Natural Environment
- Built Environment & Heritage
- Service/Facility Provision and Access
- Transport
- Climate Change

Discussions will also take place regarding emerging spatial vision and strategic objectives for the new Development Plan

**AGENDA**

- **9:30-10:00 - Arrival & Tea/Coffee**
- **10:00 – 10:30 - Presentation of Locality Profiles**
- **10:30 – 11:30 - Workgroups:** Divided into locality based groups to discuss issues raised, including the highlighting of issues that may have been missed.
- **11:30 – 11:45 – Tea/Coffee**
- **11:45 – 12:00 - Feedback**
- **12:00 – 12:30 - Presentation of Core Strategy Vision and Strategic Objectives**
- **12:30 – 13:00 – Discussion of Vision and Objectives**
- **13:00 – Lunch and Close**

## **Councillor Workshop – 2.7.09**

- Heather Macintosh
- Alan Tyson
- Sam Standage
- Jean Macleod
- Ian Francis
- Chris Garrard
- Peter Bales
- Allan Caine
- Peter Kendall
- Alan Barry
- Ron Munby
- Audrey Tinnion
- John Ardon
- Jim Lister
- Carol Armstrong

**This matter is being dealt with by:-**

**Mr R Wood**

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June 2009

Address

Dear Sir/Madam,

**CORE STRATEGY: LOCALITIES WORKSHOP**

As you may be aware, the Council is currently reviewing its Local Plan, which will be replaced with what is known as the Local Development Framework (LDF). Part of this work has involved an extensive assessment of issues facing local areas and communities based on the evidence we have available. We have now produced a series of profiles for various parts of the borough based around topics such as the availability of services, housing, employment, transport, health and education, and the built and natural environment.

We would like to take the opportunity to present this information to you, and discuss the issues we feel it has identified for your parish and community. We would also like to put forward our intended vision and objectives for the emerging LDF, and would very much welcome any comments or opinions you may have on them.

We have booked two venues for the workshop – one at Broughton Craggs Hotel in Great Broughton on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and the other at the Greenhills Hotel at Red Dial (near Wigton) on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Both events will start at 7pm. Please could you contact me to confirm your attendance and to indicate your preferred venue. Refreshments will be provided.

Yours sincerely

Richard Wood  
**Planning Policy Officer**

## **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: LOCALITIES WORKSHOP FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS #1**

**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

**19:00 GREENHILLS HOTEL, RED DIAL**

### **PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP:**

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- Climate Change

Discussions will also take place regarding emerging spatial vision and strategic objectives for the new Development Plan

### **AGENDA**

- **19:00 - Arrival & Tea/Coffee**
- **19:00 – 19:15 – Presentation: Progress on the LDF**
- **19:15 – 19:30 – Presentations: The Big Issues for Allerdale**
- **19:30 – 19:40 – Tea Coffee Break**
- **19:40 – 20:15 - Workgroups:** Divided into locality based groups to discuss issues raised, including the highlighting of issues that may have been missed.
- **20:15 – 20:30 - Presentation of Core Strategy Vision and Strategic Objectives**
- **20:30 – 21:00 – Discussion of Vision and Objectives**
- **21:00 – Close**

## **Parish Meetings – JULY 2009**

### **Broughton Craggs**

- Dean x2
- Greysouthern x2
- Bridekirk x2
- Clifton x5
- Papcastle x5
- Workington x8
- Broughton Moor x2
- Dearham x1
- Winscales x1
- Cockermouth x1

### **Greenhills**

- Thursby x3
- Oughterside and Allerby x1
- Allonby x2
- Bothel & Threapland x3
- Allhallows x1
- Aspatria x1
- Holme East Waver x1
- Ireby and Uldale x2
- Sebergham x2

Group	Date	Affordable Housing	Employment	Location of Development	Facilities	Environment	Transport & Communications
Broughton Craggs Hotel	19/10/2006	Location. Should be based on the need of the community to sustain villages. Mix of housing for all needs. Too much exec housing. Pressure from second homes. Conversions should be allowed. Work with parishes. Allow where there is a need. Control tenure such as equity share.	Encourage growth of local businesses. No investment from outside of county. Cost of units for start up bus' an issue. Units for all scale of business need. Flexibility in location, not all concentrated in the main towns. Need to promote tourism all year round, but mainly produces low paid seasonal jobs. It does however help support shops, facilities and landscape. need more than day trippers, long stay means more spend in the area. Grant support for existing businesses more difficult to obtain than for startups.	Support locational needs of business through policy taking into account local impacts. Allow farm diversification. Flexible policy between new builds and conversions (farm buildings?). Urban concentration, limited choice for rural businesses. Too much retail creep onto employment sites that take trade away from town centres. Lack of skills base. Loss of young people, lack of job opportunities. Lack of hotels but needs to be a sustained demand for hotels to be built. Local events not supported by infrastructure and hotels. Local events run by volunteers on ad hoc funding, not a sustainable future to invest in infrastructure.	School, shop/post office, community centre/facility, Public transport, Church, Pub.		A big issue to attract inward investment

Greenhill Hotel	16/10/2006	<p>Major issue. House prices significantly higher than local wages can afford. Local people are being forced out to larger towns, many away from their place of employment in the village. Age of population unbalanced towards older people. Lack of affordable housing prevents community to adapt to changing needs such as growing families or need to down size. Impose restrictions so that new housing remains affordable for future generations. Buy to let is an issue as it reduces housing stock available to locals.</p>	<p>New businesses have to have a locational need. No new businesses should be allowed in open countryside. Expand on individual merits. Employment tends to be single people working from home. Provision of workspace units are not in great demand. Need to be flexible as there is a variety of needs and larger units may not be suitable. Use of existing buildings may be better. Loss of major employers is an issue. Outside investors may not stay for long term. Need to develop local business. Issues of work force and skills base.</p>	<p>Industry has its own agenda. The scale of any new development should be in proportion to its setting. Could use financial carrots to influence location. Small scale tourist developments should be encouraged. There is a need to extend the main summer season. Conversion of existing buildings should be encouraged as well as diversification. There is a waiting list for the existing caravan sites.</p>	<p>Most important facilities, school, post office, shop. Additional development unnecessary as majority of loafs would still purchase most goods at main centres</p>	<p>Transport and access will limit business types. Cumbria is remote from the motorway network. Transport links.</p>
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CN Group	10/11/2006	Need for affordable housing in all areas. Dissatisfaction with planning service and planning policy.	Lack of transport infrastructure suitable for industry. Development of IT and software industries a possibility. Tourism, Eden type project mentioned.	Development right across the borough, housing and industry. A number of businesses closed, investment needed into the area. Development should focus on community, not on an individual business. Affordable housing for young people in locations where there is a need. Development needed to attract visitors out of lake district. Maryport, Derwent Forrest and Corus sites cited.	important facilities: youth facilities, childrens play areas, facilities and services for the elderly, Village/town halls, Sports facilities/complexes, affordable rural transport, employment, recycling facilities, affordable housing and housing association properties, doctors surgery, shops and post office, pubs, churches and village halls viewed as multi function facilities. Main priorities employment and housing.	All in favor of renewable energy and energy conservation. Too much focus on wind farms. No link between wind farms and local people. Tidal energy cited as a possible asset	There is a perceived split between coastal towns and inner rural area of borough. No connection or communication between coastal towns and rural areas. Need to invest in roads and transport to develop area for industry and tourism.
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<p>Environment Focus Group</p>	<p>07/12/2006</p>	<p>Energy efficiency important for affordable housing. Implementation through building regs.</p>	<p>Need to know demand. Need to look at local market characteristics and have a shift in emphasis away from historical patterns towards a more sustainable pattern. Promote locally sourced materials as far as legally possible. Spread development to encourage public transport.</p>	<p>School, shop, public transport, Recycling close to home.</p>	<p>Relate to risk and probability of event. Factor in climate change. Greenfield/brownfield sites. Value Greenfield. Rural Brownfield. Sometimes greenfield is preferable due to biodiversity and archaeology. Aesthetic setting is as important as historic context. Use buffers especially around world heritage sites. Proactive approach to biodiversity. Data gaps impact on site allocations. Are developers reports reliable? noise issues from domestic turbines. All sites should have SUDS unless ground conditions are unsuitable. Protect open spaces by designation. Historic environment, local list would be useful, look at post war developments such as westfield for protection.</p>	<p>Public transport not viable in rural areas, focus on main centres. Cycleways and facilities to important parking spaces to encourage alternative means of transport, may cause problems for residents. Public transport is difficult, especially for shopping.</p>
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Housing Group	20/11/2006	<p>need to provide open market housing as affordability will get worse. Spread rather than concentrated. Provide where there is a need. Judge need over time, not as a snapshot. Single affordable should be for local need only. Build to EcoHomes standard. RSS housing figures do not reflect need of cumbria. There is a surplus of one bedroom flats. Could target for clearance. More sustainable to refurbish existing stock rather than demolish. RSL is based on new housing so not much refurbishment. needs to be near facilities and close to public transport. Single dwellings. Problems enforcing S106 agreement. People see a house as an investment and do not want the resale value restricted.</p>	<p>Balance demand against sustainability. Need to include smaller villages. Brownfield/greenfield sequential test should be confined to housing market areas. Settlement hierarchy should also be influenced by community need, not just facilities. There should be development boundaries. Avoid functional flood plains. Concentrate development in Maryport and Workington to support regeneration. In rural areas group villages together to sustain existing facilities.</p>	<p>Schools most important. Recycling facilities to be provided within developments. Issue of management. Facilities most important issue to influence allocations.</p>	<p>Renewable energy has to be reasonable and proportionate. Design issues, cost, conservation area standards. Eco standard require more land take for each dwelling. Avoid high risk flood areas but flexibility to consider all sites with appropriate mitigation.</p>	<p>Problem of scattered settlements. Cycle ways and footpaths needed in larger developments but need a network to be useful.</p>
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Staff training Consultation	28/11/2006	Flexibility as housing markets change. Depends on local employment such as sellafield.	Growing migrant workforce help to fill the skill gap and reduce vacancies in some areas of the local economy. Policies that protect existing business. Promote tourism, possible chalets/caravans. Knowledge based IT. Flexibility in responding to initiatives. Retail creep in employment land may be an issue.	Use of local materials should be encouraged, not made compulsory. Housing where there is a need. Where there are facilities. Concentrate on main towns and villages. Some regeneration sites are poor quality. Need to have an emphasis on brownfield sites and sustainability issues/transport links. Contamination/deliction/ broqwnfield sites - issue of costs and land value. There is a need for choice of location but using areas of focus. Agricultural change leads to redundant buildings. Locations should be sustainable.	Need an hierarchy of towns and villages with a minimal level of facilities. Recycling facilities in new developments. Dorstep recycling deemed more effective. Employment, school, transport links, shop/post office. Should have some flexibility as school and post office closures.	Renewable energy could conflict with historic buildings. Potential for noise nuisance. All new development should be designed to maximise energy measures. Wind farms cause conflict between tourism and landscape protection, and level of energy produced. Should be as urban/industrial as possible.	Transport is an issue
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**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: LOCALITIES WORKSHOP  
FOR LSP MEMBERS**

**MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

**13:30 THE WAVE, MARYPORT**

**PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP:**

To present and discuss data gathered on a range of issues facing local areas and communities across the borough. These issues include-

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Discussions will also take place regarding emerging spatial vision and strategic objectives for the new Development Plan

**AGENDA**

- **13:30 – 14:00 - Arrival & Tea/Coffee**
- **14:00 – 14:15 – Presentation: Progress on the LDF**
- **14:15 – 14:50 – Presentations: The Big Issues for Allerdale**
- **14:45 – 15:00 – Tea Coffee Break**
- **15:00 – 15:45 - Workgroups:** Divided into locality based groups to discuss issues raised, including the highlighting of issues that may have been missed.
- **15:45 – 16:15 - Presentation of Core Strategy Vision and Strategic Objectives**
- **16:15 – 16:30 – Discussion of Vision and Objectives**
- **16:30 – Close**

## **LSP Meetings – JULY 2009**

- **Phillip Greatorex *Sellafield Ltd***
- **Joanne Walker *Copeland BC***
- **Nick Kennon *Derwent & Solway***
- **Christine Clark- *PCT***
- **John Peel *Maryport Partnership***
- **Chris Shaw *CALC***
- **Tom Bell *Business Link***
- **David Day *Age Concern***
- **Colin Sharp- *Port of Workington***
- **Peter Foley *AWAZ***
- **Simon Cole *Cumbria CVS***
- **Joanne Walker *Cumbria CVS***
- **Christine Poate *Cumbria Partnership NHS Trust***
- **Graham Howarth *Westfield Housing***
- **Steve Bradley *Lakes College***
- **Chris Hoban- *Copeland BC***
- **Vikki Gregg- *Copeland BC***
- **Cllr John Kane *Copeland BC***
- **Steph Crossthwaite *Action for Children (Workington Sure Start Centre)***
- **Bill Pennington - *Jobcentreplus***
- **Jeff Downham- *ACT***
- **Willie Slavin *Howgill Family Centre***
- **Cllr Iain Ross *Cumbria CC***

**LSP Workshop, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**Issues Raised**

**Maryport**

- Pockets of poor health – should be a major concern
- Limited Health service – should be a major concern
- Poor skill levels - should be a major concern
- Missing - demographic challenge – opportunities of ageing population
- Overall issues
  - Executive style homes
  - Decent large supermarket

**Workington**

- Pockets of high unemployment and low wages - should be a major concern
- Pockets of poor health - should be a major concern
- Poor GP/Dentist capacity - should be a major concern
- Overall issues
  - Demographic challenge – by 2031 31,000 over 65's (against 51,800 of working age)
  - Energy Coast masterplan
  - Timescales not talking
  - What does it mean at local level?
  - Poor sports provision for football, rugby, swimming and athletics
  - Restaurants and cafes

**Aspatria**

- Relatively low incomes - should be a major concern
- Poor qualification levels - should be a major concern
- Poor health issues - should be a major concern
- Overall issues
  - Executive style homes & more homes to rent
  - What is Aspatria's economic function now?

**Wigton**

- High reliance on cars in rural areas - should be a major concern
- Relatively older population - should be a major concern
- Low incomes in towns - should be a major concern
- Overall issues
  - Issues around provision of youth services, particularly in surrounding villages
  - Cannot consider Wigton in isolation from Carlisle

### **Cockermouth**

- Allerdale road infrastructure main roads, minor roads and estate roads in disrepair.
- More employment – Town dependent on one main employer
- Need more homes to rent – Affordable issues have been met
- Too many older people “imported” into Cockermouth, not a suitable community
- Is it just a dormitory for Workington/Whitehaven/Sellafield?

### **Silloth**

- Issues with poor health - should be a major concern
- Some issues surrounding poor qualifications - should be a moderate concern
- Low incomes - should be a major concern
- Overall issues
  - Health agenda must be within major concerns
  - Coast road flooding & erosion e.g Allonby at risk
  - How can LA ensure it becomes vibrant if city is the core
  - Is this about learning to labour & live with low skills or lack of employment prospects, this can be true of all areas



**Allerdale Local Delivery Framework Young People's Consultation Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September Maryport Wave.**

**Aims and Objectives**

To consult with young people from across Allerdale on the key issues and priorities they could identify for their home community in relation to the Local Delivery Framework.

To provide engaging and accessible activities through which consultation could take place for a cross section of young people from a range of backgrounds.

To provide a certificate of recognition for those taking part.

To provide feedback on the council's responses: the impact of their participation.

**Methodology**

Connexions Cumbria worked with youth work partners from Young Cumbria, Wigton Youth Station, and Caritas, and Cockermouth, Netherhall, Solway, Southfield and St Joseph's Schools along with young people from the Connexions Young Person's Panel, to draw xx young people to the Wave for this activity. The activities were planned and groups were facilitated by Connexions staff and the 14-19 Sabbatical Volunteer.

We worked with 2 groups from Cockermouth, one from a youth work facility and an older group from school, and then a Wigton, Silloth, Maryport, and Workington group. Technical difficulties prevented attendance from Aspatria and Keswick young people but we agreed to repeat the exercise in these locations at subsequent sessions. The groups varied in size and age range but there was a very good level of engagement and participation observed by colleagues from Allerdale.

After an introductory session with the whole group, most groups had, had some briefing activity from Connexions staff or other colleagues beforehand but we began with some enthusing and description of the evening and its outcomes. We then split into the various groups and went into a programme of activities.

**Activity 1**

In Activity 1 young people were asked to work in their community groups and use maps and coloured labels to denote:

- Which areas of your community are important to young people and why?
- Which things in their home area do they think most concern young people?
- What sort of new developments would be of most benefit to young people in their community and why?

## **WIGTON**

- **Which areas of your community are important to young people and why?**

The Park: New equipment in the park. Place to go and sit when Youth station closed.

Wigton Station, (no further comment recorded.)

Friday market in the place it is in now.

- **Which things in their home area do they think most concern young people?**

Don't like it when places for young people are closed.

We want more choice of shops in Wigton.

No facilities for 11+ young people in smaller park areas.

Would appreciate the Tip area being lit up for safety reasons.

Changing room and general quality is poor in pool.

Not enough public transport and not frequent enough.

Cost of public transport.

Don't like to see shops and buildings boarded up.

- **What sort of new developments or improvements would be of most benefit to young people in their community and why?**

Safe cycle path round Wigton to access all areas.

Some way of slowing traffic down.

Choice of more places to go and things to do.

We would like more choice of shops in our town.

## **WORKINGTON**

- **Which areas of your community are important to young people and why?**

Costa Coffee, nice and friendly atmosphere with nice hot chocolate ☺

Cinema, close to town, choice of what to watch and nice popcorn

Bowling, "good crack", laser quest and close to Caspian

Caspian, nice food and cheap

Nightlife, range of stuff, Monroe's and Fusion

Shopping, plenty of shops, good variety and new part of town looks good

Schools, everyone loves school, different ones in different parts of town and further education close by, college sixth form

Vulcans Park, good place to meet, play football and tennis, play area for kids

Skate Park, meeting up and keeps skaters away from town

- **Which things in their home area do they think most concern young people?**

More restaurants in town, more accessible and more variety

Recreational Stuff, ice rink, fairs, carnival, sports centre, stuff to keep 'kids' off the streets

Dunmail Park, lots of space nothing there

Shopping, more variety of clothes shops and less phone shops

More events, street parties 'mardi gras', paint the town red and ghost tours

More parks, for younger kids and a Helter Skelter

- **What sort of new developments would be of most benefit to young people in their community and why?**

Parking, not enough and make it free or cheaper

Transport, trains and bus stations 'yucky!!', more of them

Clubs, need more of than Fusion

Harbour, needs updated, might go there more if it was improved

Restaurants, Italians, KFC, Chinese, less takeaways more 'sit ins'

The Hub, stop the music, ugly, waste of money spoils town

Sports, improve sports centre, more football pitches in the town area

## **MARYPORT**

- **Which areas of your community are important to young people and why?**

School – education

Pedros, to eat good food

Local Rugby clubs, gets kids off streets

Community centre

Swimming pool, for exercise and fun

Housing, good for young families

Jobs?

Shops, especially food shops

Super markets, accessible

Healthcare, doctors, hospital and dentist

Police

- **Which things in their home area do they think most concern young people?**

Roads, danger for kids

Vandalism, clean up

Gangs, less of them

More jobs for local people

Cut down binge drinking and smoking

Cleanup litter

More bins

Boy racers, put them in the dock

More street lights, feel unsafe at night

More police patrolling the street at all times

Boarded up houses and shops when there are claims that there is a lack of these things

Unnecessary shops, e.g. Carlton

- **What sort of new developments would be of most benefit to young people in their community and why?**

More out door stuff

Parks, for kids to play

Night life, for all different ages

Jobs/Industry

Better shops, clothing not just food or charity shops

Housing

Childs ice rink

Sports clubs in general

Community centre open more often

Transport to other places needs to be cheaper and more frequent

Under 18's club, +12's

New swimming pool

Better gym

Cheaper attractions

### **SILLOTH**

- **Which areas of your community are important to young people and why?**

Beach, relaxing, walking and chilling

Stanwix Park, swimming, bowling, pool a god area for young people to go

Feel safe at night in town, (apart from festival time)

- **Which things in their home area do they think most concern young people?**

Not much on the green, loads of space but nowt to do, paid by public but limited usage

Park, vandalised, needs updated lots of broken glass

Nothing to do at home got to got to Workington

No bus service

Friction between young people and police, always getting hassled for nothing

- **What sort of new developments would be of most benefit to young people in their community and why?**

More things to do, after school clubs, weekend activities in the sports hall

Improve the park

Update the paddling pool

More useful police presence

### **COCKERMOUTH 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM**

- **Which areas of your community are important to young people and why?**

School, good education and opportunities

Leisure centre, good gym

Pubs, good social networking

CockRock, music festival

Scenery, rural area and clean air

Memorial Park, lovely, smart and safe

Safe/Sheltered, no gun crime etc, however young people will always want to leave to experience the world, what can West Cumbria offer them

- **Which things in their home area do they think most concern young people?**

Parking and traffic management

Jobs for young people and students including part time

No out of school clubs, i.e. archery, drama and youth music

- **What sort of new developments would be of most benefit to young people in their community and why?**

Public transport expensive, irregular, late, and **very** expensive, not enough inter-town/village transport and more stops needed

Chewing gum on floor, disgusting

Pedestrians who don't read road signs, more signs and more pedestrians crossings

Parking limited on Main Street and Beech Lane, no sixth form parking

Buses in bad condition

Lighting, need more lights, Harris Park area

Parks unsafe for younger people

Sainsbury car park full of boy racers

Library run down

### **COCKERMOUTH YOUNG CUMBRIA**

- **Which areas of your community are important to young people and why?**

Good shops

Good Parks

People are friendly

Gym/Swimming Centre

Broughton Rugby Pitch

Kirkgate

The woods

Evolution Centre

The scenery of the area and the fells

The Eco Centre

The schools

Variety of food shops and restaurants

Whinlatter

Cottage Hospital

Jobs, selection for young people

Wordsworth House

Buttermere

Higham Hall

Churches

Trout Hotel

Sheep & Wool Centre

River

Police

Jennings Brewery

Georgian Fair

Markets

Events, CockRock

Not much vandalism

Drinking spots

- **Which things in their home area do they think most concern young people?**

Dispersal order

Mosquito at Sainsbury

Bus prices, too expensive

How prejudice the police are of teenagers

Being banned from places, where you haven't done anything

Not enough clubs to go to, need more

There's less stuff for girls

Jewellery is expensive

No guy shops here



- **What sort of new developments would be of most benefit to young people in their community and why?**

McDonalds

More clothes shops such as Primark

Nightlife for kids, clubs 14-17, cheaper clubs

More watersports, sports in the river including canoeing

More organised activities/self organised clubs

Somewhere outside to meet

More freedom from police

More non-sporting activities

Reliable public transport

Major shopping centre, (could spoil character of town)

More music shops

Cheaper gyms and more

Subway

Cinema

Shopping centre

Dance club

Another bookshop

Places to go for free without being moved by police

Organised graffiti walls

## **Activity 2**

In Activity 2 we explained to young people in their groups that some community consultations had already taken place and other groups had identified some priorities. We worked with the groups to identify common ground in priorities between themselves and other community members or new ideas they had presented under headings: Transport // Jobs // Housing // Quality of Services and Infrastructure // Other.

### **WIGTON**

#### **Transport:**

Train times: more frequent trains.

Cost of buses – younger people travel on cheaper fares.

Would not travel on trains or 'bus alone at night.

Would travel more if it was cheaper.

#### **Jobs:**

Only fast food and shop (supermarket) work.

Have to stay on in 6<sup>th</sup> form – no jobs.

More “academic” jobs – have to move away.

Pushed into careers to suit ability.

Schools offer job info by gender.

#### **Housing:**

Council houses are the worst.

Should be able to choose where you live in Wigton.

#### **Quality of services/Infrastructure**

Good community hospital

Good Doctor's Surgery

Good Dentists.

Better swimming pool.

One contact point or info centre for young people.

Cycle paths around Wigton.

Huntington's Garage and other places boarded up.

More rubbish bins.

More dog poo bins

Alternative youth facilities.

**Other:**

None

## **WORKINGTON**

### **Transport**

Good bus service

Train times need improving

Train station needs updating

More train times at peak times

More Sunday public transport service

### **Jobs**

More jobs, shop work

More variety of jobs

Not enough jobs for graduates

Not enough industrial work

More work experience and more variety

### **Housing**

Not enough flats

Not fair, have baby get house

Houses lots of, too expensive

Location of houses

Update/renovate council housing

### **Quality of Infrastructure**

Good town centre, including Costa Coffee, cinema and shopping

Schools, 6<sup>th</sup> form's and college are good

More smoking places

Youth clubs, more funding, renovate sofa's! trips out, more advertising for the general public, wotson4u – better

Under 18 events

Youth arena, gigs and dance arena

### **Other**

None

Roads, danger for kids

Vandalism, clean up

Gangs, less of them

More jobs for local people

Cut down binge drinking and smoking

Cleanup litter

More bins

Boy racers, put them in the dock

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### **MARYPORT**

#### **Transport**

Not very regular

Expensive

#### **Jobs**

School, education

Jobs for local people

Any jobs

Shops, supermarkets

More high skilled jobs

Better pay in West Cumbria

### **Housing**

More housing for young families

Lots of boarded up houses look unsightly

Need cheap housing, good quality and affordable

Long waiting list

For local people to be able to afford housing

### **Quality of Infrastructure**

Roads can be dangerous

Police, need to patrol more often and be more visible, clamping down on binge drinking, drugs and smoking

Waiting list for doctors, dentists can be improved

Need a nearer accident and emergency service

Difficult to get back from hospital

Larger swimming pool, can be used for other activities such as kayaking

### **Other**

School/Education is needs improving

Vandalism to be looked at

Gangs are becoming a problem

Need more supermarkets

Primark (where Woolworths used to be)

### **SILLOTH**

#### **Transport**

No buses at night

Not many buses to Workington

High prices on public transport

Need more buses

### **Jobs**

Not many jobs, other than local shops, garages, mill and farming

Unless you have families within local businesses its hard to get a job

No new businesses

### **Housing**

Money has been spent unevenly, lots in some areas, non in others

Some new houses haven't been sold, wrong time, wrong place

Built houses on swampy areas, could sink

Mainly has good housing, clean and no hassle

### **Quality of Infrastructure**

Stanwix Park is good

Feel safe at night

The green needs improved, more activities for the public

Park needs updated

### **Other**

Improving the stereotypes between young and old people and the police

## **COCKERMOUTH 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM**

### **Transport**

Public transport, expensive, irregular, late, not enough inter-town/villages and need more stops

Pedestrians who don't read road signs, need more road signs and more pedestrian crossings

Parking limited on Main Street and Beech Lane, no sixth form parking

Parking and traffic management

## **Jobs**

Need more jobs for young people, students and part time vacancies

One of the least hit by recession due to places such as Sellafield etc

High demand for certain jobs/degrees including environmental work, nuclear work which is good if it is your choice of career path, but lack of work opportunities that maybe a city could offer e.g. business/marketing etc

Cumbria preparing for work elsewhere

Maybe would like to get a 1<sup>st</sup> proper job elsewhere to experience more of city life

## **Housing**

Cockermouth and surrounding areas house prices are not accessible for school leavers wage. Only high paid jobs can afford housing

Concerns that affordable housing can bring in undesirable neighbours

Small units built for 1<sup>st</sup> time buyers work well

House prices would put off people returning to Cockermouth from uni

## **Quality of Infrastructure**

Chewing gum on floor, disgusting

Pedestrian, more crossing and signs

More parking

Need more lighting

Parks, unsafe for younger kids

Sainsbury car parks, boy racers

Library, run down

Good level of education

Pubs, good form of social networking

CockRock, festival

Memorial Park, lovely, smart and safe

Need to have better parking and traffic management

## **Other**

Want to leave here to live while young, but when we want to settle down we would like to return to area

Never going to be as exciting as a city so people are going to move out to experiment life, but will eventually return, shouldn't try and turn it into a city, it will never work

Even if there were good graduate jobs, people probably would come to the area, but people would still go off and explore a bit

## **COCKERMOUTH YOUNG CUMBRIA**

### **Transport**

Need cheaper buses

More reliable buses into main stream areas and into main stream places, Metro Centre

### **Jobs**

Not enough jobs for the under 16s

### **Housing**

House prices are expensive, make it difficult moving back into the area

### **Quality of Infrastructure**

Not enough for people who don't like sport

Get shops like HMV

Good cheap shops

More gyms

Somewhere to meet with no dispersal order

Need cheaper cosmetic shops

### **Other**

Mosquito, bad thing

### **Dispersal Order**



### **Activity 3**

In Activity 3 the groups were asked to prioritise what mattered most to them from all their entries and comments. 1 being most important.

#### **WIGTON PRIORITIES**

Immediate priorities:

1. Alternative youth facilities
2. Cheaper transport
3. School careers information
4. One contact place for information

5-10 years priorities:

1. Good local jobs with career paths
2. Be able to live in Wigton.
3. More frequent and cheaper transport
4. Better town centre: shops and restaurants, less run down.

#### **WORKINGTON PRIORITIES**

1. Transport
2. Restaurants
3. Dunmail Park
4. Recreational, (under 18 events), arena, bands, gigs, big bands, local bands
5. Nightlife
6. Shopping
7. Jobs for graduates, school leavers
8. Housing, areas and prices

#### **MARYPORT PRIORITIES**

1. Doctors, medical care
2. Jobs

3. Youth Clubs
4. Housing
5. Transport
6. Police
7. Parks
8. Better shops
9. More tourists
10. Aesthetics, (litter, vandalism)

#### **SILLOTH PRIORITIES**

1. Improve stereotypes between young and old people
2. More businesses for new jobs
3. Evenly spent money on houses
4. Green needs improved, more activities for public
5. More after school clubs/sports facilities
6. Lower bus fares
7. More useful police presence
8. Improve park
9. Improve paddling pool and sand pit
10. No buses at night, no bus route to Workington

#### **COCKERMOUTH 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM PRIORITIES**

1. Public transport should be cheaper, bus/railcards for those in fulltime education as an encouragement to stay in education, including apprenticeships, college, 6<sup>th</sup> form and University of Cumbria
2. Free prescription etc for uni student as they are still in education
3. Expansion/growth of school/ facilities so can accommodate more students and have better facilities

## **COCKERMOUTH YOUNG CUMBRIA PRIORITIES**

1. No dispersal order
2. Give young people the benefit of the doubt
3. Later bus times to Broughton and more regular buses
4. Buses cost too much
5. More stuff to do when raining, especially for girls who don't like dancing

### **Activity 4**

In Activity 4 each group was asked to work up a 1 minute maximum "blue sky vision" presentation of how they would like to see their community in 5-10 year's time in the light of their considerations and contributions on the night and to feed this back to the broader group. This contribution was recorded and is available as a CD appendix to the report.

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