

#MYTOWN – Workington

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Disability Play Park

I think play parks should have more disabled play equipment like wheelchairs swings and bigger baby swings for child with special needs that can't use the big children swings and are too big to fit in the normal baby swings as all children deserve to be able to play on the park.

Demolition to create open spaces

Demolish the tatty old buildings that are of no significance.

Create some open spaces, garden areas for those who live in the many terraces with no gardens. More places to eat at night.

Buildings tidied up and make use of the space above for people to live in.

Bring the pride in the area back.

The large empty shops in the newer shopping centre could have table tennis tables in, table football, somewhere safe dry and warm for kids to hang out. Move key council services into town centre venue – planning, housing, environmental health, adult social care

Move the market out of town centre it makes it look scruffy.

Use the old county council office space to have an undercover market. That could be a roller skate ring at night or at the weekends.

Define the town centre better. Make it smaller so less empty shops.

Demolish or convert old shops to houses. Get people living in the area and improve the night economy. Coffee shops that stay open later, small scale cinema, music venue.

Curwen Park and history of Workington

Love the idea of using Curwen Park as a bike venue. – mountain bike or velo track.

An outdoor sports venue in mill field for kids – football rugby hockey basketball etc. Go carting. More cool indoor things to do in the wet weather.

More relating to the history of Workington. The people who lived here, the traditions, the industry. Love looking at old photos of the area on Facebook site.

The road network once you get to Workington is poor especially the tragic light junction near the Henry Curwen.

More car parking at M&S- purchase the building opposite and add parking perhaps.

A life skills training centre that people can drop into – taught to cook healthy, budget, computers skills etc.

Promenade

A promenade linking Workington to Maryport. This would provide safe cycling and join up the Maryport to Allonby cycleway. Exercise stations could be placed at intervals along the prom, along with seating, distance markers and art (sculptures, statues etc.)

General Ideas

Optimise green technology & Energy Coast Job creation

- Business incubators, maximise incoming use of 5G
- Tourist Information Centre (industrial/cultural heritage) & College/University/ Apprenticeship presence in empty units
- Local Shops/ creative hub; return of food store that reduced plastic pollution & encouraged behaviour change. Encourage high retail clothing stores, bistros & experience shops.
- (E)bike links to transport hub & College / Park & Ride/ Public transport for schools to promote active travel & health.
- Improve flood resilience through flood risk management
- Tennis Court Facilities. Sports Stadium.
- Improve facilities for Beaches (Harrington, Workington & Old Side – Roman Heritage)
- Sustainably maximise heritage tourism aspect of Curwen Castle, with summer & winter events.
- Improve access to mental health facilities
- Encourage green spaces and community projects in areas to grow community spirit
- Local community shops near new housing developments

Pirts Foundry and the rear of Boots

Two areas that need massive clean-up and investment are Old Pirts Foundry and attached buildings and the rear of Boots and tunnel through to the Cloffocks. Old Pirts would be ideal to compulsory purchase and redevelop and something happening in towns all over the country are buildings like this with pop up restaurants and small start-up business rooms. The road in front and surrounding walls could be also improved to alleviate the flood risk down there and the beck tidied to make heated outdoor areas to sit above. With this and start up business rooms would make a massive difference to that end of town in a historically important building that is going to waste. Handy for

train station, new hotel and sports facilities, and when directing fans to Derwent Park no more would you have to say turn left at scrapyard.

Also demolish and revamp buildings over tunnel by back of boots, open up area into green space & bridges with new shops and connect Cloffocks to town centre better.

Autism support

We need a larger school for children with autism and learning disabilities, the new academy is an absolute amazing school but impossible to get into due to the amount of places offered to children there... We NEED to support our children with disabilities they CAN'T cope with main stream schooling, 90% have anxiety and self-harm due to stress yet they are forced to stay in mainstream schooling because there is no places for them. This has a knock on effect to what parents can cope with behind closed doors.... then it triggers mental health.

Workington tip

Make a waiting lane alongside the normal road for people accessing the tip. It's only a matter of time before an accident happens there. This will allow safe access and prevent traffic congestion

An Art installation?

The Van Gogh Experience is a dramatic show with pictures and video projected onto walls. It draws in thousands of visitors. We have the opportunity to copy this idea for local artists (Percy Kelly, Sheila Fell etc.) in a revamped Curwen Hall. It could easily draw in visitors from Keswick and beyond. Carlisle Art college students could probably provide the video experience at minimum cost.

Recreational Areas

We desperately need football pitches, rugby pitch up Westfield and Moorclose, a play park In Westfield is an absolute must, there is plenty of land available so let's make good use of it, a social club is now needed as the area now has zero recreational and would help build a much need boost to the local community.

Curwen Hall Van Gogh exhibition?

One of the long wings in Curwen Hall would be an ideal venue for a multimedia A Van Gogh presentation that would draw in thousands of visitors (Google 'van Gogh exhibition' to see the dramatic effects achieved). Different artists could even be portrayed on different days or at different times of the day. Local history or the environment could be displayed similarly in the other wing. Visitors would visit the town centre afterwards and their spending could revitalise our shops.

Harrington

It would be nice to see some money spent on Harrington Marina, perhaps a upgraded children's play area, bmx track similar to Keswick or even just the football goal posts replaced that fell down 6 months ago.

Invest in job opportunities

If you want investment then I'd propose you strongly consider setting up a MSW waste recycling/incineration facility on Oldside and use the docks/road network to import refuse from the west coast region (as far afield a Liverpool by boat) for hygienic disposal and/or recycling.

Process would tie in with Iggesund (who'll take the paper scrap) dock export of metals scrap and permit set up of a waste pyrolysis of about 10/15MWe for disposal of the rest.

Secure some food waste management contracts and you'd be minted.

Coast erosion

Help with the severe coast erosion on the B5300 Maryport to Allonby coast road, everyone from Workington visits Allonby and Silloth, after numerous storms the coast road is seriously close to being closed because of coastal erosion, could we please use some money to help this before Allonby is permanently closed off?

Dry ski slope

Make use of the slag bank and turn it into a dry ski slope.

This was mooted years ago and would always make a great addition to the town and hopefully pull in visitors if done correctly, Carlisle's is used but is tiny and still supports loads of different community groups. One down the front of bank would be visible and if decent quality would be an asset.

Radio Workington

This might be regarded as a leftfield suggestion to some, but it would be great if Workington had their own community radio station, as not only would it provide a real voice for the community, but also showcase the diverse range of local talent (musically & culturally). It would also provide commentaries of every home game involving Reds & Town, especially for those who are unable to get to Borough Park or Derwent Park.

Up-grade the HUB sculpture in the Workington Town Centre

Can you please consider the up-grade and refurbishment of the HUB Sculpture next to the cafes in the Washington Square Shopping centre. At this moment in time only 2 of the lamps that are sited around the circumference of the Hub are working. Enquiries have been made in the past, I believe, and it appears there are problems with the units themselves, not just the bulbs, and repairs if possible would be very costly. It was felt that a replacement LED lighting system would be advisable. The Hub is now a very recognisable feature of the town centre of Workington and looks really fantastic in any advertising magazine book poster etc.

A mountain biking track?

Why do we need to travel to Whinlatter? The Hall Park and Mill Field could be easily developed with a dedicated track through the trees and beside the river. Bikes could even be hired from a revamped Curwen Hall. It could also attract visitors from Keswick and beyond.

A Zip wire

This activity has been very successful in Snowdonia and draws in thousands of visitors. If Curwen Hall was developed it could be the start of a long zip wire down to the stream. It is an all-day experience with training before the activity and everyone who tries it revisits.

Relocate Museum to Curwen Hall

The Helena Thompson Museum is fascinating and recently has improved its visitor numbers dramatically. Only a small percentage of treasures are on show. If it moved to a revamped Curwen Hall (the roof is being replaced this year) there would be plenty of space to show these. The existing site could be used for an art gallery featuring Percy Kelly (born on Corporation Road) and local artists and photographers. We need to show our children and visitors more about the culture we have on our doorstep!

The Helena Thompson museum as you say is very popular and a very busy venue. It is used for many different events school visits weddings meetings etc. and turning it into an art gallery would be a real shame as people use our museum for its culture and the lovely ambience of this being Helena s family home. We could work with both buildings as you say we have many artefacts not on display but leave the Museum as the lovely venue it is now.

Industrial

Use some of the money to temp some businesses to set up factory's in the area, more jobs more growth and investment would come into west Cumbria with the factory's and bring more good job opportunities to young kids leaving school.

Surrounding Areas

The new council have or are trying to restore the marina day at Harrington.

So I ask can some of the cash if successful be spent on the marina at Harrington.

Dredge the harbour put gates on, make an investment and get boats docking in the harbour.

Pubs around the area would benefit the whole area would benefit.

Definitely worth a thought.

Do up Workington pier and the blocks, to get young children into fishing and for the walkers on their dinner break get to walk along the top and down along the bottom.

New steps down and a ramp for disabled people to access the lower part of the pier to end their depression of sitting at home every day.

This pier was fantastic in its day for groups of children to learn to fish and get them out and in the fresh air.

It all seems to be for cyclists who a vast majority don't even use the cycle paths.

The last council let things fall apart then moaned that it would cost too much to make these places safe.

Families can come back and sit on the shore and watch the birds and boats as I did as a child.

More greenery

Plant more trees in town and the surrounding areas. It's surprising how much nicer a place looks with more greenery. Plus, it's good for the environment and wildlife too.

Improved Cycling infrastructure

Let's try and make Workington a beacon for commuting to work by bikes and walking, by building more and improving the existing poor cycle paths. Surely getting folk out of cars and exercising is going to be beneficial to the Town with a reduction in pollution and less strain on the NHS.

Attractions

Workington is being sold as the retail capital of our area. Fair enough to say that Workington has more big brands than nearby towns but where are the tourist attractions?

Within a few short miles you reach The Rum Story, The Beacon, Maryport Aquarium, Maritime Museum, Go Karting, Clip n Climb and the Wave Centre as well as Whitehaven's attractive harbour front with cafes. So people leave to find them.

As our town centre old town hall becomes empty could it not be given a new lease of life.

Workington has a wonderful past and could be displayed with video clips and interactive displays showing Workington's colourful side. Miners, steel workers, the harbour,uppies and downies amongst other things could be displayed for the public, schools and tourists. The Beacon has

wonderful tours and with Workington on the energy coast it too could have areas about science, weather and how our area and the fells were formed during the ice age.

Play area

More parks and safe play areas for children.

Over the last few years the Moorclose area has been totally stripped of everything including the swimming pools, sports centre and the only pub leaving the area nothing more than a large estate with nothing going for it

Vulcans Park should be upgraded so it is as good as Keswick park or better this is a real opportunity offering families and the community to come together the economic spin off as well is that people will travel into Workington town centre thus improving the foot fall in the town, other parks including Vulcans park around the town are a total disgrace and just a token effort, real easy project to upgrade Vulcans park but needs done correctly for all ages and funded correctly not done on the cheap.

Hope they improve the parks at Seaton compared to other parks with different activities on.

Somewhere for the youths of Workington to hang out safely.

A big youth centre funded by this money to get teenagers off the street and stop them getting into trouble because they are bored! There is nothing to do locally for our youths at the minute, so a centre which is free to attend would be great asset.

Northside and Workington shores

Tidy up both shore area's to give the people of Workington some recreational spaces

Harbour and Merchants Quay

Tidy up and do something with the harbour, there's a lot of history with the dock and harbour and also the merchants quay which is situated between the river Derwent and the harbour, there is a foot bridge already over the railway to it, and lots of wildlife down there, at the minute all the area down there is a mess compared to other local coastal towns

Attractive

There is lots that can be done to make the town more attractive, encourage visitors in and help boost the economy. Curwen Hall is crying out for something to be done with it and is ideally located next to the Helena Thompson Museum. Signs could be put up to direct you to the seafront and the area around the seafront tidied up.

Improved infrastructure

The A66 ends in a T junction. It means the Port of Workington is hampered in its bids for contracts. The Highways Agency has been consulting for years on the junction improvement. The A595 & A596 both need improving. The Train line between Carlisle and Barrow needs investment. Workington itself would benefit from these improvements to encourage tourists from the Lakes to visit the town and support the retail industry.

Indoor Shopping Centre

An indoor shopping centre filled with a lot of shops like Metro Centre has and lots of restaurants that close cities have

New stadium

A new stadium to bring the town up to modern standards, to be used by the 2 professional sports teams and to give the kids something to dream to play on and to be proud of.

Town centre and surrounded area tidy up!

Clean up the town centre shops and businesses, a good lick of paint, damaged railings on Washington St replaced, pressure wash pavements...put money into conservation area, Wilson St, Market Place, Portland Sq. etc., buildings are looking shabby and run down.

Sports Stadium

It would be great to build a new sports stadium, with facilities for all the track and field events. 400m track etc. It would be great for running clubs and members of the public who want to train during off peak times. It would also benefit from providing schools with a place to hold competitions, either within the school or against other ones in the district.

Upgraded Park and play facilities

Upgrading the current play area in the park would be great for families. Something like the big park in Carlisle with enough to entertain everyone.

Shelters

Some good sheltered places with no wind and maybe add some heaters and some seats?

Indoor shopping centre

Shopping area should be enclosed we have a lot of wet weather and it puts you off going into the town. Also some parent and child car parking spaces.

Ice rink? Roller skating rink? Splash Park?

A free splash park in Vulcans Park for children in the summer (like the ones at Silloth and Carlisle).

Nearest ice rink is Annan.

Bring back a roller disco! 😊

Indoor ice rink in one of the empty factories and roller disco, with a youth club for teenagers totally agree, do something with the old opera bingo hall standing empty, loads can be done if thought about and move forward, and I agree bring more visitors to our town but more importantly give the locals something to do.

The Curwen castle bike track and zip wire with climbing wall all great ideas come on Workington let's get the place livened up.

Also for teenagers a car learning track like at the metro centre, Newcastle popular for birthday treats, where can learn the basics.

Crazy golf, tennis courts, splash pool in the Vulcans Park, proper marked out footy pitch for kids with CCTV all around the park for health and safety and monitoring out of hours use.

LOADS CAN BE DONE TO THIS TOWN!!!

Ice rink would be great, I think with dancing on ice the take up would be good. Also new and different form of exercise will entice people

Recycling

Would like to see the recycling centre moved to Lillyhall, so it doesn't impact traffic on the A597... A ridiculous place for a recycling centre at the moment!! You can't get into the town centre on the weekend and bank holidays for people queuing to get into the recycling centre!

Great opportunity for Workington to become greenest town in England/ UK we have a Bio mass power plant , wind energy farm additionally we have an opportunity here to go totally green in every way money could be put into green investments bring the community and business together the towns USP can be we can offer a the greenest and most environmentally friendly business opportunities for new start-ups and current business, new electric buses and electric charging banks around the town, great opportunity to rethink our recycling strategy to make it the best in UK this will be a great addition with having a world heritage site in the Lake District, with an upgrade of our green spaces (Vulcans park) all these can follow this new green living we need adopt Workington town could be a trail blazer in this opportunity investments in local amenities like a new stadium, ice ring could all be powered in green energy around 3 million tourists or more people come to the lakes give a reason to venture to Workington.

A very valuable comment and some money could be spent on at least starting this ball rolling. However 25m is not a huge amount and should be used to see the start and finish of a project.

Sport stadium

A decent sports stadium would have been nice as I wonder how long the new build hotel that going up will stay open without the prospect of an influx of patrons due to the stadium that was planned being stopped!

Beaches

Make our beaches attractive, add parks and areas for families to have a day out.

Remove the rubbish and supply a purpose built traveller park in the borough so that the traveller community are not forced to leave around the beaches.

Essential infrastructure, not pie in the sky.

Some of the money should be spent to repair the roads and bring them up to a decent standard.

No money to be spent on church projects, or wasted on building renovations the council have deliberately let fall into disrepair over the years.

Smaller local shops should be supported by rate grants to encourage people into the town centre.

None of this money should be spent on Councillors 'pet' projects as most people don't buy into them and they are in the main used for the councillor's personal profiles. Neither do we need any more sports facilities.

Decent manned, town centre, toilets should be built and maintained to a high standard unlike the diabolical shambolic block under the multi-story car park. Not a decent toilet anywhere in town. Disgusting for a town like Workington that want to attract visitors.

I agree the roads need repaired, the temp fillings they do only last a month before they need filled again.

There is still a massive lack of good sports facilities for outdoor sports, but if there is a proposed £25 Mill investment I'm sure the council can improve a range of things.

This money is for regeneration and halting the decay in the town... I fully support the view of encouraging enterprise by funding the empty shop spaces. Let's have some good locally based retail establishments it's only the cost keeping these units empty. As for sporting facilities we have one and one vanity project is enough.

Investment in Small Businesses

I would like to suggest small grants for businesses in their first 4 years of running. As this is the time when they are more likely to fail.

Lots of small businesses are popping up in Workington but aren't lasting very long due to lack of support which is a shame, as Workington is seriously lacking in variety.

Sports Facilities

The town is massively behind when it comes to grassroots sports facilities. There is a lack of usable pitches, and the council currently do a terrible job of maintaining them. There are also no municipal changing facilities for teams on a Saturday or Sunday, which puts a lot of young people off. If the three full size pitches down Hall Park were re-laid with drainage, then some changing/shower facilities were built, it would be a huge improvement.

With regards to the area the Ellis Sports Ground could be improved to create a local sporting hum in what could be considered a poor area. There is room for a number of football fields, a possibility of an all-weather ground whilst maintains two rugby grounds. With this a jogging run could be created around all the fields. Extra accommodation would also be required for youth involvement

I totally agree with comments above.

I would like affordable activities for children and young people such as youth clubs.

Financial support to extend to make available the youth music place sorry I forget the name attached to the theatre royal this is a brilliant activity for the children & young people of Workington.

All the drainage in the world won't help pitches on a floodplain but what our town is crying out for is a multi-sport stadium with all-weather practice pitches alongside, this gives local talent the chance to perform to the best of their abilities, West Cumbria has been left behind in the dark ages when it comes to top class sports facilities, we lost the right to host some world class athletes in the upcoming Rugby League World Cup because the proposed stadium was knocked back, we don't have much to look forward to in our little bit of England but we do love our sport and the future of young athletes could be catered for with a top class sports facility.

It massively needs improvements done from the amateurs/kids teams' right through to Workington Town and Workington AFC. Why not move away from Hall Park and build a community Stadium for all Workington teams with modern facilities that the young people of this town deserve. It'll also keep young stars of the game here instead of looking elsewhere for better facilities.

Absolutely. That would be the best option, but we seen how the council scrapped plans last year for this. Maybe if they got a grant they might re-consider, but I imagine they'll go for a cheaper option.

Hall Park

There should be more investment in the grounds of Hall Park to attract visitors and locals. There are multiple examples of towns and cities that have vibrant outdoor refreshment and recreation areas next to culturally important sites. If there was a seating/benched area beside the castle, with a stand or bar that sold refreshments and beer, imagine the crowds in the summer months.

At the moment the park is only really used by dog walkers and joggers, there's no reason for people to hang around. If there was a space like this created, it could also be used to host events and

entertainment, such as live sporting events (Projected onto the side of the castle?), singers, food/drink festivals. The area directly adjacent the castle, where they have hosted plays in the past, would be a great patch of land to do this.

If this was to happen and Hall Park be used more, this would also strengthen the argument for more investment on the castle itself.

I think they should invest in hall park to it's a big part of the history we have in Workington it's a lovely place to walk round in maybe renovate it into a museum or a period hotel

Good idea. The outdoor theatre held there is always very popular.

Workington Environment Park

Such a park would attract visitors from Keswick and beyond for a day visit and spending at shops and cafes in the town centre could make the town more prosperous.

We already have a good structural basis for an Environment Park...

We have an attractive rural area on the outskirts of the town including the wooded Hall Park and the Mill Field with the attractive River Derwent and the spectacular Yearl weir. The paths already exist and the whole area could be developed along with the impressive Curwen Hall acting as a focus. It would be a hub for walks and free maps could be provided here to direct tourists to points of interest in the town.

Curwen Hall could include an Environment room, a Historical room, Art installations, cafe, workshops with demonstrations etc. There could be a sculpture park, stone circle reconstructions, zip wire, mountain bike trail etc.

A safer town centre

Make Workington a place where it's more desirable to shop because of the ongoing alcoholics and junkies that roam the town centre more CCTV and police presence to keep them away

A revamp of the Town, spruce up with paint etc. and general tidy up of any neglected areas and building around the town would make a visit to the town so much more pleasant for both locals and tourist visitors. Please get the basics right and better times will follow. Workington as a really good shopping centre at the moment so let's build on that.

Carnegie Theatre

The Carnegie Theatre is one of the most used buildings in the town. The cafe in the day is always vibrant and the theatre shows cater for all tastes and is often packed to the rafters. Due to the population of the area the theatre suffers when hosting diverse events and really does need financial support to continue supporting these. If that support isn't forthcoming I believe Workington would lose a gem of a theatre. The building is beautiful but needs investment to keep it so. It must be difficult for the theatre to do this themselves when they rely on their own income and in today's economy people aren't eating and drinking as much as they have and so the profits in this

area dwindle. I think investing in the cultural diversity of their events, their building upkeep and even more for their office spaces (left hardly usable from its council days) would bring a lease of life to the area and more uses than ever for this iconic building.

The Carnegie supports the local community with both amateur performing groups and professional productions for all to see. Not many small towns are able to boast a theatre like this and we need to continue to support the Carnegie and help improve the facilities, building integrity and tech available!

Having a central location near transport links means that this theatre is much more accessible to West Cumbrians than Rosehill. As such, it needs as much funding as possible in order to continue its diverse programme of performances. West Cumbrians should be able to easily access a broad range of cultural experiences and this theatre provides a golden opportunity for them to do so ... providing they get help with funding. Meant mainstream events sell well but we need to cater for all tastes rather than a few. Support The Carnegie and make it West Cumbria's cultural hub.

Workington Stella Maris Project

A project to restore and preserve Grade II listed Pugin church on English Heritage's 'At Risk' register. Built between 1873 and 1876, it is an untapped resource in an area that has lost much of its heritage.

The story of its place in the social and economic history of the wider community is to be researched, interpreted and presented in imaginative ways. The project will provide opportunities for community volunteers to gain new skills and add value to the cultural and heritage life of the town.

Curwen Hall

Use some of the funds to restore Curwen Hall towards former glory. Use that as a tourist hub to employ locals and encourage tourism. Maybe have a cafe there, again to employ locals and have something nice for visitors to use.

Also use some of the money to fix pavements and road surfaces in and around the town. There's a lot of degradation around the town that needs addressed.

And lastly, create a manned public space, a lot like Vulcans Park used to be, or make Vulcans Park what it used to be for families, with a shop, park, picnic areas and fun and laughter...

Workington has always been neglected when it comes to Tourism and little thought is given to attracting more tourists. Workington Hall could be turned into a Tourist Hub with a bit of thought and the spending of a reasonable amount of funding.

Oldside area

Tidy up help the speedway track down there and many a shop and something else to do down there

Improved cultural facilities – Carnegie Theatre & Arts Centre

Declining local authority funding and a competitive funding environment makes improving the cultural offer at the Carnegie Theatre & Arts Centre even more difficult.

Trustees want to embark on an ambitious project to develop the Carnegie into a cultural community hub which extends the reach to those who the new Arts Council strategy wants to enrich their lives with direct access to cultural facilities which provide education and enjoyment for all.

With declining local authority funding it is becoming increasingly difficult to develop these far reaching projects let alone continue to offer the programme, community classes and educational programme (music centre) that the Carnegie does offer. Without funding it is likely the Carnegie will suffer the same as many other cultural venues like it – it will close.

Funding to allow the Carnegie to stretch its reach, understand what it needs to be and develop into that future ready cultural venue will lift up the town and borough

The Carnegie supports a lot of community groups in the town, it's a great place and could be even better as a community hub, theatre and venue for live music, the staff have some fantastic ideas on what they could do but alas without funding it cannot achieve its potential. It's a historic building and is running a lot of equipment that is almost of a similar vintage, it needs funding to grow and evolve but also to replace old equipment, that isn't energy efficient and past its prime. I regularly attend events in the Carnegie and it has hosted some huge names in music, comedy and theatre in the past, please help it to continue.

As users of the Carnegie Theatre & Arts Centre, we fully support this application, since the Carnegie Trust was established in 2015. The variety of entertainment (cultural activities) in the Theatre and quality as increased (dancing, rock, pop, musicals, comedy, touring shows, children's shows, pantomimes, music festivals, beer festivals, opera, film, etc.) and is becoming a centre for the all the community. The volunteers (from the community) that man the front of house provide a professional friendly experience. The trustees continue to make improvements to the building which makes the experience of visiting the Theatre and Arts Centre a positive and always continuously improving. Whilst at the Theatre shows we have chatted with visitors from Southampton, London, Newcastle etc. all have travelled to Workington to see the entertainment and helped the local economy by staying in hotels, buying food, gifts etc.

The local Theatre Groups (which are charities), Workington Amateur Operatic Society; Workington And District Amateur Musical Society and Maryport Amateur Operatic Society all have thriving junior sections (probably 100+ children/youth plus the adults) who stage both the adult and junior shows at the Carnegie Theatre, The members of these societies encompass a wide range of the local community and provide opportunities for the children and youth to be creative and learn skills in a safe environment and to showcase their talents.

There are educational, dancing, singing and musical classes held in the arts centre, but to increase the community use. We believe that there are parts of the building which are underutilised. To use the building more effectively for the community and to maintain/improve the theatre, then the right level of financial support and capital investment to improve accessibility, energy efficiency (being sympathetic to the architecture heritage and the environment) needs to be made, so to improve the existing cultural facilities and provide new ones for the local community.

The potential demise of the Theatre and Centre would damage the community, hence as local residents we hope you look favourably on this application.

The Carnegie is an amazing facility for the community. From the regular theatre performances to the ongoing productions for the school performances. Money should be put into the Carnegie to ensure it continues to benefit the community.

Sporting Hub – Moorclose

Create a new sporting 'Hub' at Moorclose, this could include...

- an upgrade of the existing sports pitches (floodlit pitches)
- creation of a full size secure floodlit 4G pitch (on existing all weather pitch site)
- several smaller floodlit pitches (using footprint of old sports centre)
- running track
- hub building to include cafe, changing facilities, car parking, indoor sports pitch, gym and conference facilities.
- Regeneration/landscaping of the surrounding land – including existing car parking facilities

Local sports teams are very limited when it comes to training/playing facilities, especially floodlit, and have to travel to Netherhall or Lakes College

Excluding any potential stadium development, sports facilities are needed in Workington, creating a fully staffed sporting hub would provide Workington with a sustainable community asset, which will boost the local economy and improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

Better play Park Vulcans Park

Live near Vulcans Park myself I tend to walk in and out of it most of the time grew up playing on there most of my memories are from the park. Walked threw it the other day realised there isn't much really to do for young children such as half a climbing frame has gone, cafe the building is just empty with a load junk in, tennis court it's empty just a little metal thing where kids are meant to play football inside certainly isn't big enough, random tree trunk where kids can easily fall if climbing it unattended a waste of space really. My thoughts are better climbing equipment new equipment for the play park itself since its years old maybe make it even bigger. It's such a shame seeing a big park not getting a little bit of TLC to it.

Harbour and Derwent Valley Regeneration

Start by dredging the harbour then open it up to private investment, to create proper pontoons that can be hired out for moorings and commercial fishing now we have left the common fisheries policy. Replace the bridge back over the harbour and Derwent to link the coastal cycle path that helps pull in more visitors from the Lake District. Build the new more compact stadium and create the sports village that has been suggested publicly. Use the beck, after dredging to have a water wheel that generates electricity but does not interfere with the natural habitat. Tackle the coastal erosion that is decimating the whole coastline of Cumbria. And use all the spare land that is at Oldside to create the same as they have at Hespian Wood tip and use the garden waste to create a company making

compost for sale to the public. And that's before I think outside the box and log into our natural heritage mentioning Curwen Hall that I would rebuild to its former glory

Revitalise the town centre

Demolish the old Opera House and open up the space . Revamp the tatty empty buildings around Ladies Walk and the Brewery yard area.

Create a history trail, including Curwen hall, the Helena Thompson museum and a walk down Ladies Walk, Brow top, to the harbour, in the footsteps of Mary Queen of Scots.

Use some of the empty shops for experience (eating out, indoor bowling, cinema) and leisure alongside retail, so that more people are attracted to come into town.

Something for young people to do...ask their opinions about what they would like.

Children's road safety cycle park

An area set out with scaled-down roads, working traffic lights, zebra crossings and road markings so that children of all ages can have fun cycling whilst learning how to use the roads safely. The following link shows photos of the Sydney Park Cycling Centre:

<https://www.bumpintomums.com.au/sydney-park-cycling-centre/>

Creche in Town Centre

A creche in the Town Centre where parents could safely leave their children for an hour or two would give more opportunity to adults to make the best use of their time shopping.

Community Hall for Stainburn

There is no sense of community in Stainburn as we have nowhere for people to meet – no local shops, one pub/restaurant with no function rooms, no church, no school hall, no post office. A community hall would give local groups somewhere to meet, would help to reduce isolation and bring the Community together.

More space for wildlife

In Stainburn, we have several colonies of red squirrels, bats, owls, many different species of birds, butterflies and other wildlife, and this is the case across different areas of Workington. We must ensure that space and mature trees are retained and maintained for wildlife in the Town Plan. To inform local people and attract non-locals who are wildlife-lovers, a nature trail of areas throughout and around the town could be produced.

Enclosed Dog Parks

Enclosed areas designated as dog parks would enable dogs to be let off the lead safely so that those without gardens can get more exercise without running off. They would also ensure the safety of children and adults walking or cycling as there would be no dogs loose from their owners.

Market Hall

A Town Centre Market Hall with a good variety of stalls would attract more shoppers and give more choice than is currently offered. The existing shops do not provide a variety of businesses, consisting mostly of 'pound' shops, charity shops, fast food outlets and mobile phone providers. There are one or two national stores, but even these have a very limited selection of goods.

Harrington

it would be fantastic for Harrington Marina be upgraded to its former glory the harbour to be maintained allowing a yachting club to be established both for residents and visiting boats fish restaurant and ice cream parlour a nursery for lobster growth Water to be retained in the harbour allowing water sports Harrington has been in continuous decline for the last 60ty years this new development would help support local shops Harrington Yacht Club local pubs to survive so Harrington will still be able to maintain a strong community and grow prosperous again by sensitive regeneration