

## Buxton Area Forum – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008

### Consultation session

There were 19 themes discussed in total on the night and, of those, 13 were chosen by the 4 different groups as part of their top 5. These were as follows (with number of times chosen in brackets):

- Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects (3)
- Access to services (3)
- Support people to live independently (2)
- Affordable decent housing (2)
- Vibrant town and village centres (2)
- Highways, roads and transport (1)
- Activities for children and young people (1)
- Improve health (1)
- Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime (1)
- Education (1)
- Tourism (1)
- Reduce, reuse, recycle (1)
- Parks and open spaces (1)

Below is a more detailed analysis of the responses of each of the 4 groups. These were recorded on in the consultation sessions and are comments made by members of the public.

### Group 7

THEME	TOPIC	COMMENTS
<b>Support people to live independently</b>	<b>Topics</b> Social care support, helping vulnerable people live independently, Grants for people with disabilities to make adaptations in their home, Support for carers and vulnerable people, services for disabled people, end of life care.	
<b>Affordable decent housing</b>	<b>Topics</b> Delivering affordable homes, providing grants for home improvements to make them a decent standard	
<b>Access to services</b>	<b>Topics</b> Public transport, walking and cycling, car parking, electronic access e.g. websites, libraries	

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<b>Improve Qualifications, skills and job prospects</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase income levels, increase post-16 skills and qualifications, skilled jobs, retaining graduates, increase number of young people in education, training and employment, Adults with learning disabilities in employment, people out of work in deprived areas	
<b>Vibrant town and village centres</b>	<b>Topics</b> Develop the local economy, regeneration projects, more businesses, public toilets, car parking, paving, street furniture e.g. benches	
<b>Strengthening a sense of community</b>	<b>Topics</b> Community activities, community facilities, people from different backgrounds getting on well together, influencing decisions by service providers, supporting the voluntary and community sector, reaching all sectors of the community, supporting the local democratic process, Volunteering	<b>Get the top right and this theme will follow.</b>
<b>Tackling climate change</b>	<b>Topics</b> Saving Energy Energy advice, Grants available to the public, Using your car more effectively Using renewable energy Adapting to climate change	<b>Saving Energy was seen as a priority, but the rest were seen as challenges for central rather than local government.</b>
<b>Highways, Roads and Transport</b>	<b>Topics</b> Road condition, pavement condition, verges, parking on pavements, traffic congestion, pollution, street lighting,	<b>Parking on pavements was the main issue from here, as was seen later in the meeting.</b>
<b>Parks and open spaces</b>	<b>Topics</b> Play areas, parks, flower displays, 'in Bloom' awards, access to nature	<b>Would follow from vibrant town centres.</b>
<b>Improve fire safety</b>	<b>Topics</b> Deaths and injuries caused by fires, fire prevention	<b>This was already good and lot of it was common sense; not seen as a high priority.</b>
<b>Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of</b>	<b>Topics</b> Vehicle crime, burglary, violent crime including	<b>The fear of crime was</b>

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<b>crime</b>	domestic violence, preventing re-offending, young offenders, anti-social behaviour, drug mis-use and adult drug treatment, CCTV, Bullying	the most important issue to sort and it was felt that the five key themes selected would go some way as an accelerant to reduce this.
<b>Reduce road traffic collisions</b>	<b>Topics</b> Road traffic deaths or serious injury, Cat and Fiddle, A54 Congleton to Buxton, A53 (Leek to Buxton) and Snake Pass amongst most dangerous roads in the country, traffic calming	It was felt that authorities had done as much as possible; it was down to individuals to change their habits.
<b>Improve health &amp; Well-being</b>	<b>Topics</b> Reduce obesity, increase Breastfeeding, reduce Under 18 pregnancy, reduce Alcohol related hospital admissions, Increase life expectancy, Health promotion	It was felt this should be down to personal motivation and not something for partner organisations to co-ordinate.
<b>Reduce, Re-use, Recycle</b>	<b>Topics</b> Reduce Waste sent to landfill, Increase and promote recycling e.g. plastics, Maintain/improve the condition of recycling facilities	This was a nice to have and not a fundamental of life
<b>Clean streets</b>	<b>Topics</b> Litter, graffiti, fly posting, enforcement	Follows from getting the first 5 right

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<b>Activities for adults</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase the number of adults participating in sport, leisure and cultural activities	<b>This was a low priority as it was felt adults should be able to do and co-ordinate their own activities without help from local government</b>
<b>Activities for children and young people</b>	<b>Topics</b> Sports and leisure, arts, young people being involved in their local community, youth centres, youth service provision	
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Topics</b> Promotion of tourism, enhance positive impact on the local economy, day visitors → staying visitors, tourist information centres	<b>This was important, but more emphasis from the private sector was required.</b>
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase attainment at all Key stages in Maths and English Reduce Absenteeism Increase attainment levels of Children in Care	<b>Was seen as a by product of improving qualifications</b>

#### Group 5

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<b>Support people to live independently</b>	<b>Topics</b> Social care support, helping vulnerable people live independently, Grants for people with disabilities to make adaptations in their home, Support for carers and vulnerable people, services for disabled people, end of life care.	
<b>Affordable decent housing</b>	<b>Topics</b> Delivering affordable homes, providing grants for home improvements to make them a decent standard	<b>A higher % of affordable housing per development should be imposed on developers.</b>
<b>Access to services</b>	<b>Topics</b> Public transport, walking and	

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	cycling, car parking, electronic access e.g. websites, libraries	
<b>Improve Qualifications, skills and job prospects</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase income levels, increase post-16 skills and qualifications, skilled jobs, retaining graduates, increase number of young people in education, training and employment, Adults with learning disabilities in employment, people out of work in deprived areas	
<b>Vibrant town and village centres</b>	<b>Topics</b> Develop the local economy, regeneration projects, more businesses, public toilets, car parking, paving, street furniture e.g. benches	
<b>Strengthening a sense of community</b>	<b>Topics</b> Community activities, community facilities, people from different backgrounds getting on well together, influencing decisions by service providers, supporting the voluntary and community sector, reaching all sectors of the community, supporting the local democratic process, Volunteering	
<b>Tackling climate change</b>	<b>Topics</b> Saving Energy Energy advice, Grants available to the public, Using your car more effectively Using renewable energy Adapting to climate change	<b>The Council should promote local initiatives through campaigns in the area, e.g. carbon free towns.</b>
<b>Highways, Roads and Transport</b>	<b>Topics</b> Road condition, pavement condition, verges, parking on pavements, traffic congestion, pollution, street lighting,	<b>There should be increased investment in roads, pavements and stations (especially Buxton and the fanlight window)</b>
<b>Parks and open spaces</b>	<b>Topics</b> Play areas, parks, flower displays, 'in Bloom' awards, access to nature	<b>The current level of investment is about right. We are at about the right level with the Bloom awards and should maintain this position.</b>

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<b>Improve fire safety</b>	<b>Topics</b> Deaths and injuries caused by fires, fire prevention	
<b>Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime</b>	<b>Topics</b> Vehicle crime, burglary, violent crime including domestic violence, preventing re-offending, young offenders, anti-social behaviour, drug mis-use and adult drug treatment, CCTV, Bullying	<b>There is enough invested in this area already. Money spent on CCTV is a waste as it just disperses crime to other areas. The current funds should be re-distributed if needed, rather than be increased.</b>
<b>Reduce road traffic collisions</b>	<b>Topics</b> Road traffic deaths or serious injury, Cat and Fiddle, A54 Congleton to Buxton, A53 (Leek to Buxton) and Snake Pass amongst most dangerous roads in the country, traffic calming	<b>There should be more Police on the roads. The way roads are currently sign posted should be completely re-thought. The layout of junctions should also be looked at. The way bends are laid out, with wide junctions, allows cornering at high speeds. Parking is an issue in Buxton generally and there needs to be better management of parking on streets.</b>
<b>Improve health &amp; Well-being</b>	<b>Topics</b> Reduce obesity, increase Breastfeeding, reduce Under 18 pregnancy, reduce Alcohol related hospital admissions, Increase life expectancy, Health promotion	
<b>Reduce, Re-use, Recycle</b>	<b>Topics</b> Reduce Waste sent to landfill, Increase and promote recycling e.g. plastics, Maintain/improve the condition of recycling facilities	
<b>Clean streets</b>	<b>Topics</b> Litter, graffiti, fly posting, enforcement	

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<b>Activities for children and young people</b>	<b>Topics</b> Sports and leisure, arts, young people being involved in their local community, youth centres, youth service provision	<b>Money should be invested as activities for young people build self-esteem and give better prospects. Also, the good work that has been done so far should be continued.</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Topics</b> Promotion of tourism, enhance positive impact on the local economy, day visitors → staying visitors, tourist information centres	
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase attainment at all Key stages in Maths and English Reduce Absenteeism Increase attainment levels of Children in Care	<b>Lifelong learning should be included in this, to promote peoples ongoing development, rather than just focusing on young people.</b>

## Group 2

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<b>Support people to live independently</b>	<b>Topics</b> Social care support, helping vulnerable people live independently, Grants for people with disabilities to make adaptations in their home, Support for carers and vulnerable people, services for disabled people, end of life care.	
<b>Affordable decent housing</b>	<b>Topics</b> Delivering affordable homes, providing grants for home improvements to make them a decent standard	<b>There is a lack of social housing. People won't be able to stay in the area if housing becomes unaffordable. The quality of social housing and an appropriate design is important. Shared ownership schemes and similar initiatives should be encouraged.</b>
<b>Access to services</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>This has a link to</b>

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	Public transport, walking and cycling, car parking, electronic access e.g. websites, libraries	<b>tourism. People generally need to use their own transport in the area to get anywhere. Health facilities are difficult to access with wider services not provided. Leisure centres could have longer opening hours, e.g. provide night swimming.</b>
<b>Improve Qualifications, skills and job prospects</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase income levels, increase post-16 skills and qualifications, skilled jobs, retaining graduates, increase number of young people in education, training and employment, Adults with learning disabilities in employment, people out of work in deprived areas	<b>Look at the availability of jobs, people have the skills but need jobs.</b>
<b>Vibrant town and village centres</b>	<b>Topics</b> Develop the local economy, regeneration projects, more businesses, public toilets, car parking, paving, street furniture e.g. benches	
<b>Strengthening a sense of community</b>	<b>Topics</b> Community activities, community facilities, people from different backgrounds getting on well together, influencing decisions by service providers, supporting the voluntary and community sector, reaching all sectors of the community, supporting the local democratic process, Volunteering	
<b>Tackling climate change</b>	<b>Topics</b> Saving Energy Energy advice, Grants available to the public, Using your car more effectively Using renewable energy Adapting to climate change	

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<b>Highways, Roads and Transport</b>	<b>Topics</b> Road condition, pavement condition, verges, parking on pavements, traffic congestion, pollution, street lighting,	
<b>Parks and open spaces</b>	<b>Topics</b> Play areas, parks, flower displays, 'in Bloom' awards, access to nature	<b>Not generally an area for improvement, as positive work is already being undertaken in the area.</b>
<b>Improve fire safety</b>	<b>Topics</b> Deaths and injuries caused by fires, fire prevention	
<b>Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime</b>	<b>Topics</b> Vehicle crime, burglary, violent crime including domestic violence, preventing re-offending, young offenders, anti-social behaviour, drug mis-use and adult drug treatment, CCTV, Bullying	<b>This is not a big problem in the area as crime levels are low.</b>
<b>Reduce road traffic collisions</b>	<b>Topics</b> Road traffic deaths or serious injury, Cat and Fiddle, A54 Congleton to Buxton, A53 (Leek to Buxton) and Snake Pass amongst most dangerous roads in the country, traffic calming	<b>Parking – This is an area that is not properly policed. The night time should be considered just as important as the day time – maybe people could volunteer to be parking monitors. There is a particular problem where people park on pavements and cause problems for homeowners, access and safety.</b>
<b>Improve health &amp; Well-being</b>	<b>Topics</b> Reduce obesity, increase Breastfeeding, reduce Under 18 pregnancy, reduce Alcohol related hospital admissions, Increase life expectancy, Health promotion	
<b>Reduce, Re-use, Recycle</b>	<b>Topics</b> Reduce Waste sent to landfill, Increase and promote recycling e.g. plastics, Maintain/improve the condition of recycling facilities	<b>This is a national government problem.</b>
<b>Clean streets</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>People are quite happy</b>

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	Litter, graffiti, fly posting, enforcement	with the current situation. There are some particular problems around the University area. People who are new to the area don't care about the town as much as people who have lived here for longer.
<b>Activities for adults</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase the number of adults participating in sport, leisure and cultural activities	<b>Activities are needed in the area due to the demographics. The needs of this increasing part of the population should be met. Improvements aren't currently happening and the passing round of responsibility is a problem locally.</b>
<b>Activities for children and young people</b>	<b>Topics</b> Sports and leisure, arts, young people being involved in their local community, youth centres, youth service provision	<b>There are already good facilities in place so this is not a big priority.</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Topics</b> Promotion of tourism, enhance positive impact on the local economy, day visitors → staying visitors, tourist information centres	<b>There are positive things in the area that should be maintained such as the hills/countryside. Things should be done to gateways into the town, e.g. Ashwood Dale, Fairfield Road. Access Roads into Buxton need improving. Investment should be made in better facilities for coach arrivals and signs with alternate languages. Tourist visiting and spending in the area should be encouraged.</b>
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase attainment at all Key stages in Maths and English Reduce Absenteeism	

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	Increase attainment levels of Children in Care	

### Group 1

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<b>Access to services</b>	<b>Topics</b> Public transport, walking and cycling, car parking, electronic access e.g. websites, libraries	<b>Underlines everything.</b>
<b>Improve Qualifications, skills and job prospects</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase income levels, increase post-16 skills and qualifications, skilled jobs, retaining graduates, increase number of young people in education, training and employment, Adults with learning disabilities in employment, people out of work in deprived areas	
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<b>Reduce road traffic collisions</b>	<b>Topics</b> Road traffic deaths or serious injury, Cat and Fiddle, A54 Congleton to Buxton, A53 (Leek to Buxton) and Snake Pass amongst most dangerous roads in the country, traffic calming	
<b>Improve health &amp; Well-being</b>	<b>Topics</b> Reduce obesity, increase Breastfeeding, reduce Under 18 pregnancy, reduce Alcohol related hospital admissions, Increase life expectancy, Health promotion	<b>This is essential. Future requirements. Inequalities across area. Access to hospital s and specialist services. A&amp;E is 20 miles away. Prevention is key to all organisations</b>

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<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Topics</b> Increase attainment at all Key stages in Maths and English Reduce Absenteeism Increase attainment levels of Children in Care	<b>Similar to other themes. This gives opportunities for greater social mobility. Qualifications/skills will attract people to the area. Low skills lead to low pay. Generates a knock-on effect.</b>