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EASTBOURNE REVISED COMMUNITY STRATEGY

CONSULTATION RESPONSES YOUNG PEOPLE

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Part One of the Local Government Act 2000 places on local authorities a duty to prepare community strategies for promoting or improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of their areas, contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in the UK. The Eastbourne Strategic Partnership (ESP) was formed in response to the Local Government Act 2000 and as part of the Council's earlier commitment to developing a shared Community Strategy. Whilst not a statutory requirement for a non-Neighbourhood Renewal Area, the establishment of a Local Strategic Partnership is a key recommendation of the guidance and seen as vital to an inclusive process to develop the Community Strategy. The Council in partnership with the ESP published the Eastbourne Community Strategy Foundation document in June 2003.

The Eastbourne Community Strategy Foundation Document was 90 pages long and contained 172 targets. Findings from an Elected Member Validation Exercise in 2003 were quite clear in that the public found the Strategy very interesting, but there was too much detail. The key items that were of interest were: where are you going, how are you going to get there and how will you know when you have arrived?

The Revised Eastbourne Community Strategy was mailed or emailed to over 600 individuals and organisations, including all those who had taken part in the original focus groups in 2002, and those who took part in the Elected member Validation Exercise in 2003. The document was available on line through the web site, together with an electronic response form, and the consultation was publicised in the local newspaper. The document was accompanied by a questionnaire which individuals could complete anonymously. Those replying on behalf of organisations were invited to name themselves. The results of this consultation are available as a separate report.

The views of young people as the future generation are very important to the ESP. Specific work was carried out with young people through a Comm Strat 'comic' that was administered by the East Sussex Youth Development Service.

The 'Comic' was designed with 10 scenarios:

- Shopping
- Transport & Environment
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Jobs & Education
- Healthy Eating
- Disabilities & Access
- House Prices
- Quality of Life
- Joining In
- Activities

Each scenario had a space asking young people to state what they thought or might do in each situation.

Those who completed a 'comic' were given the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw. Six young people received a high street store voucher of their choice.

The results from this consultation will be used to validate the priorities in the revised Eastbourne Community Strategy, identify any gaps and shared across the ESP to inform partner organisations.

The 'Comm Strat' comic can be found on the internet at www.eastbourne.gov.uk/esp.

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104 Comics were returned.

AGE

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11	4
12	4
13	10
14	26
15	39
16	7
17	2
18	1
19	3
21	2
No Response	6

SEX

MALE	FEMALE	NO RESPONSE
44 (42%)	56 (54%)	4 (4%)

DISABILITY

14 (13%) young people said they had a disability.

ETHNICITY

ETHNICITY	FREQUENCY
White UK	86
White Other	2
Irish	1
Black African	2
Black UK	1
Black Other	1
Indian	1
Bangladeshi	1
Asian UK	1
No Response	8

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SHOPPING

Brighton as the preferred place to shop was mentioned 40 times

"I think it is boring in Eastbourne because the shops are too small. I prefer shopping in Brighton because they have bigger and better shops"

"I prefer shopping in Brighton because there are a lot more shops than Eastbourne. I think Eastbourne should build a new shopping complex with more clothes shops than supermarkets"

"Brighton not only does it have more stuff within the shops but there is more shops with different variety"

Eastbourne as the preferred place to shop was mentioned 16 times

"I like Eastbourne because it is less far to go and easy to get to"

"I think Eastbourne's better because you can get a train straight to the middle of town and there are loads of good shops"

"I think shopping in Eastbourne is ok because there is a variety of shops"

The need for more and better shops in Eastbourne was mentioned 18 times

"There should be a much bigger shopping centre with a bigger range of shops but they must be affordable"

"I think that Eastbourne should become like Brighton's shopping centre because most of people in Eastbourne shop in Brighton as they got bigger shops and designer shops. You can walk around whole Arndale Centre in 30 minutes"

"We should be able to have a bigger shopping centre by the end of 2005! Affordable fashion shops like Brighton and more indoor activities for the winter"

"I would like to see more fashion shops and specialist shops"

"Eastbourne is OK but there isn't enough shops for boys"

"I don't think there isn't much of a choice in some shops as they are too small"

The size of Eastbourne was mentioned 3 times

"I think that Eastbourne's section of shops are good as you can't get lost and you can see all the shops in one day"

"I like Eastbourne because it's easy to find the shops which are even cheaper than in Brighton they are big shops which are expensive"

"I prefer Eastbourne because its easier to navigate all the shops quickly and its cheaper"

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

The intention to obtain a car was mentioned 29 times

"I'd get a car its easier to get around"

"I can't wait to get a car, but the traffic is bad"

"I'm going to get a car as soon as I can so I can drive"

"I would buy a car because buses are too slow. One more car on the road won't make any difference"

"I can't wait to get my license. I hope to be driving as soon as possible. Who cares about trees"

"I think that it's better to get a car because there is so much pollution that it wouldn't matter"
"I'm going to get a car as soon as I can so I can be independent"
"It's better to go by car - not having to pay out each journey you make. Cars make a lot of pollution but this does not concern me"

Cars and public transport was mentioned 12 times

"I want to get a car as soon as possible as the public transport can get annoying sometimes"
"I would also get a car as soon as possible so I wouldn't have to go everywhere by bus. Bus service in Eastbourne is terrible"
"I'm going to get a car as soon as I can as you can't rely on buses as they are never on time and cost too much"
"Yes, I will have my own car because you can't always rely on public transport to be on time"
"I'd rather get a car so I can cruise without having to get a rusty bus"

The price of public transport journeys was mentioned 17 times

"More cheaper and more frequent buses and trains"
"I think the train prices could be cheaper so a lot more people would get the train"
"Would love to use public transport and never drive myself, but it's so EXPENSIVE, though I know this cannot be helped"
"Buses are too expensive and for the price we pay they are not in the best condition that they could be"
"Buses have raised prices again. Possibly a card to give students discounts on buses and rail"
"Transport is far too expensive for example the buses when I go to school it costs me 70p but on the weekends because I'm 16 I have to pay £1.20 which is far too much for someone who doesn't work"
"Have a student card for cheaper travel - buses & trains"
"Buses are ok and come regularly but they are too expensive, student cards would be a good idea"

Pollution was mentioned 14 times

"Pollution is getting a bigger and bigger issue. They have raised the age of driving to 18, but this does not reduce the pollution levels. People should be encouraged to use public transport - 5 in a car, 40 on a bus"
"I agree, too much traffic & too much pollution is destroying the ozone layer making the climate rise too much & increasing congestion"
"It easy to get car but bus saves pollution"
"I think that there are a lot of cars but you can get around quicker with cars than buses. Pollution can be an issue but cars is like the most reliable source of transport"

The standard of public transport was mentioned 15 times

"Trains and buses should run more frequently"
"It would be good for the environment if everyone got the bus rather than a car but the bus is too unreliable. I can only get the bus to work if I'm an hour early or an hour late for work and bus drivers drive past you when the bus is full etc etc"
"Buses are horrible places. They're dirty. Some people make you feel uncomfortable. Also, driving gives young people a lot of independence. True, the pollution rates are rising but I don't think traffic will decrease. A lot of companies know prices are high so if traffic is less, come out of business"
"Many people such as myself prefer to take the car to get to places. If there were display boards with information about delayed buses, people would be more encouraged to use buses. Often I take the train because of this"
"If transport was more reliable and cheaper for under 18s, then we would not need cars"
"I think buses don't come enough and they stop too early. They should stop at 11pm"

Traffic congestion was mentioned 3 times

"I think that traffic congestion is a big problem in Eastbourne as the roads are too narrow and there are too many cars on the road. Buses are a good way to travel as they reduce congestion and are better for the environment though there should be more bus routes and perhaps be cheaper"

"I think there should be a law on the amount of cars you're allowed and people should catch public transportation more"

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Not feeling safe in Eastbourne was mentioned 5 times

"I don't feel safe around Eastbourne as I've been mugged"

"Should not be allowed. People don't feel safe"

"You should be able to walk down the street without getting attacked even if it is Eastbourne where about 12 people actually live"

Anti-social behaviour is not a problem in Eastbourne was mentioned 5 times

"There isn't that much anti-social behaviour in Eastbourne that I know of"

"I don't really think it is a problem in Eastbourne, but there is a lot of vandalism round public places"

"I don't think generally that anti-social behaviour is particularly a problem in Eastbourne, although obviously it does happen, it's not an everyday worry for most young people. When it does happen I've found it's not taken seriously enough"

Anti-social behaviour is a problem that is getting worse in Eastbourne was mentioned 9 times

"This happens quiet a lot in big areas. People vandalising decent places"

"There is a lot of anti social behaviour at school and on the streets"

"I think anti-social behaviour is bad in Eastbourne and I don't think the police are doing enough. There should be more bobbies on the beat"

"Anti-social behaviour is getting worse in Eastbourne. Every time we've had a student they have been mugged or had something stolen off them"

"I think that people should be more aware of anti social behaviour. Because it is a big thing and there is more of it now"

JOBS AND EDUCATION

It is possible to get a good job was mentioned 9 times

"We can get jobs in most fields with any PASS grades. Just because you have trouble in certain aspects of learning. As long as its not in a key qualification, its fine"

"There are many chances of going to college and even getting paid while you are still at college. So the chances of getting the job is high"

"You can still get a good job even if you are no good at something"

"Everyone has a good chance of finding a job, if only they can be bothered to learn"

"Nowadays, everyone has a chance of finding a job when they leave school"

Positive links between jobs and education were mentioned 27 times

"If you study harder you can get a better job"

"That schools and colleges give you the grade you need to get the jobs you want"

"If you do not work hard enough at school you will not get a good job"

"I think when I leave school I will get a decent job as I concentrate and behave in lesson so I will take in more"

"Education is good and if you aren't lazy you can get a job"

"Most people can get a good job and the job they want if they achieve what they want at school"

The availability of jobs was mentioned 19 times

"Everyone's able to get some kind of jobs these days"

"I think nowadays that everyone has a chance of getting a job as long as they have the right attitude"

"Everybody has a chance of getting a job"

"I do think that everyone has a chance at finding a job when they leave school, not necessarily in Eastbourne though"

"I think there is a good Job Centre so there aren't any problems getting a job"

“Everyone has the chance to get a job when they leave school, it doesn't matter that much if you can't read or do anything, there' lots of opportunities”

Extra help was mentioned 8 times

“We can all get help if we ask so then we can accomplish what we want in life”

“You need to ask for help if in education. People with any disabilities should have the chance to get some sort of job”

“I think there should be more after school clubs for people who struggle with maths and reading, but there is lots of jobs you can still get if you are not so good at these subjects”

HEALTHY EATING

Too many fast food shops in Eastbourne and too much advertising was mentioned 8 times

“There is not a lot of children eating healthily food as fast food is advertised more”

“More should be done e.g. more healthy eating stores and less fast food. Limit fast food stores. More healthy drinks”

“There is a problem here in Eastbourne because there are many chip shops, so most of the people they don't eat healthy food at all”

“I think there is too much advertising of unhealthy foods but I think companies are making effort to try to put new healthy food options out. Schools are doing the same”

Shops selling healthy food were mentioned 5 times

“I think that there should be a couple of health food shops for people to decide whether they want to eat healthy or not”

“There aren't many places in Eastbourne that sell healthy food”

Not eating healthily was mentioned 8 times

“I don't eat healthily but I am not fat because I am out and about a lot so I'm really quite healthy. I prefer junk food”

“I don't eat no vegetables or fruit. I only like peas. Eat baked beans and chips nearly everyday. I do like grapes. It would be better to eat more fruit & veg”

“No I don't eat 5 portions a day. I don't know anybody that does”

Fat in relation to size was mentioned 5 times

“I think that people need to eat more healthy, and I try to eat healthy because I don't want to be fat”

“I think a lot more people should eat vegetables because some people are overweight”

“I think that people need to eat more healthy, and I try to eat healthy because I don't want to be fat”

DISABILITIES AND ACCESS

Disabled access in Eastbourne is not good and there should be more was mentioned 44 times

“I think that the disability access needs to improve because it is not easy for people to get into town, but to look around the shops it is not so easy as the aisles are too small”

“Around Eastbourne I've noticed extra facilities and help for disabled people. But some of the help is only available if it's specifically asked for, rather than it just being there all the time”

“There are not enough places where disabled people can go”

“I have noticed that even though there are new laws to ensure access for people with disabilities, there are still many places that do not have access and I think this is appalling. Stricter laws should be applied and people should get their act together”

“There should be more disabled access everywhere”

“I still have lots of trouble getting into some places”

“I think disabilities are still having trouble to get access but I think there are a lot more places where steps aren't there and easy wheelchair access and car parks for disabilities but still people park in disabled people's car park places”

“There is not enough wheelchair access in Eastbourne and blind people. The pavement is too dangerous and needs repairing”

“There should be more things for disabled people because they still can't do everything that non-disabled people do”

“They need to put ramps into every shop. Need to make access in the shops easier to get around”

Disabled access in Eastbourne is good & improving was mentioned 16 times

“Mobility for disabled people is improving a lot now, so things will get better”

“In Eastbourne we have many access to many places for disabled people. And as I can see it is even improving”

“Eastbourne is disabled bodies people friendly due to its high levels of elderly people and improvements are being made all the time”

“Only some places are not accessible but a lot more are becoming accessible and so they should”

“I think that Eastbourne has improved all their disabled access in the last 5 years but they need more support for disabled children in state schools”

“I think the disabilities centres are very well organised and people always tend to make space for disabled people”

Everywhere should be accessible was mentioned 13 times

“There should be access for disabled people so that they can get about in wheelchairs”

“People should be more aware of the disabled and make adjustments to their businesses. They have a right to enter anywhere just like everyone else”

“I think there should be places to let them in as they're normal people just in a wheelchair”

“I think all buildings should have disability entrances and exits”

Lack of knowledge of disability issues was mentioned 3 times

“I don't know very much about this or if it is a problem”

“I don't really know much about disabled access in Eastbourne”

“I couldn't know too much but it might need more stuff”

HOUSE PRICES

Expensive house prices were mentioned 42 times

“House prices are extremely high. I probably won't be able to buy a first house. I will end up probably renting for a couple of years”

“Houses are expensive and they keep on rising. By the time we get to buy our own house the prices will have risen incredibly”

“Houses are really expensive and when people leave school they won't have enough money to buy a flat”

“Accommodation is generally not cheap in Eastbourne because of its fast population growth with middle aged and young people coming into town”

“House prices are too high”

“The houses around Eastbourne and Sovereign Harbour are far too expensive for people who have just moved out of home and the houses that are affordable are not necessarily very attractive and are usually small. I think that house prices should be lowered”

“House prices are far too high for some of the wages in Eastbourne and they will have to live at home for longer while they save”

“House prices are expensive compared to the amount of money earned”

“I think the house prices in Eastbourne are way too high for the type of housing in this area”

“House prices are too expensive and they need to stop raising tax. Should keep flats at affordable rents e.g. £20 per week”

“House prices are really dear, most people don't really have much money and can't afford it”

“I think the house prices in Eastbourne are way too high for first time buyers”

The link between housing and employment was mentioned 11 times

“Get a good job. Save up and buy a flat”

“They are high but if you get a decent job then you should be ok”

“If you get a good job and learn and listen in class, you could get a big house”

Cheaper housing for first time buyers was mentioned 6 times

"Should be a lower market for first time buyers and less rates for mortgages"

"I think there should be flats for cheaper as most young people can't afford it"

"I think this is stupid because if you are a first time buyer you haven't got a chance unless you get with your friends and rent out a flat"

The desire to have a big house was mentioned 5 times

"I want a big house when I grow up"

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"I am moving in to a big house when I grow up"

House prices will go down was mentioned 3 times

"House prices are starting to level out again so maybe when we get older we will be able to afford a decent house/flat"

"I think that when I come to buy a house (after share - renting with friends) the house prices will have fallen sufficiently for me to be able to buy one"

"They're quite high now but they are going down. I don't see a problem"

Low wages and housing was mentioned 3 times

"House prices are expensive compared to the amount of money earned"

"I think that Eastbourne house prices are quite cheap compared to other places, but wages are low so it is difficult to afford these house"

"Lower them because some people haven't got good jobs or a lot of money"

QUALITY OF LIFE

Eastbourne is good and I want to live here was mentioned 18 times

"Eastbourne is a good place because it has got everything you would need"

"I want to stay around Eastbourne"

"I think I would stay in Eastbourne when I leave school"

"I like Eastbourne because there is lots to do. I would rather live here than London"

"I think Eastbourne is a good place to live. If I did move, it would be abroad. I would rather live in Eastbourne than London"

"Eastbourne is a good place to live. There's not that much to do but it is better than living in London"

I want to stay near my family was mentioned 11 times

"I would rather stay close to my family"

"I would want to stay because my family and friends live there"

"I like Eastbourne because my family and home are here"

"I want to stay here because I like the area and I want to stay close to my family"

"I would like to stay in Eastbourne as I know the area and I will be close to the family"

Eastbourne is not good and I don't want to live here was mentioned 18 times

"I don't think Eastbourne is a good place"

"No I don't think that Eastbourne is a good place to live because there are more muggers and crime in Eastbourne than anywhere else"

"I think I will move out of Eastbourne as there is so much vandalism. I want to live somewhere that is upbeat and friendly"

"I hate Eastbourne. There is nothing to do nowhere to shop and the wages are terrible. I'm getting out of here"

"Move away. Eastbourne is the worst place in the world"

"I think that Eastbourne's quality of life is quite low because wages are lower. When I'm old enough, I would like to find work in London"

"I don't want to stay because I don't like the area. I want to move somewhere a little more exciting"

"I want to get out of Eastbourne when I leave school too because of low pay and expensive homes"

The quality of life in Eastbourne is good was mentioned 6 times

"The quality of life in Eastbourne I think is good"

"I think the quality of life in Eastbourne is pretty good"

"Quality of life is good"

Quality of life and low wages was mentioned 18 times

"Eastbourne isn't a bad place to live, although personally I think it's too busy and there isn't a lot of well paid jobs, and there isn't a wide variety of jobs available"

"Eastbourne have got quality life but the wages are really lower than most of the places in the UK"

"The wages are well low round here but its all right in Eastbourne"

"The quality of life should be improved. Wages should be a bit higher like living in Eastbourne and I feel safe"

"I think there should be more jobs available for young people and not with minimum wage"

"They should increase the wages so we can get the things we need"

"I think Eastbourne's not that bad but most wages are low"

Quality of life and qualifications was mentioned 4 times

"I am currently undecided on where I will live when I am older. If you get good qualifications then there are jobs available everywhere"

"It depends on what level of job and qualifications you have"

"My quality of life hasn't gone very well. Teachers need to make school a little more fun so kids might stay there"

JOINING IN

There should be more clubs was mentioned 12 times

"More facilities for foreign people - they live here, equal rights"

"More clubs football, basketball, tennis cricket etc. Clubs for people who don't speak English very well"

"There should be more clubs and a community centre"

"I don't think there are enough community things to get involved with, or if there are, then they aren't publicised and people don't know about them. I think a lot of people feel they can't get involved"

"There should be all types of clubs for people even for people who don't talk very much English"

"There are not enough foreign groups or clubs for people to go to"

"More youth clubs help people to talk English"

Everyone should be able to join in was mentioned 32 times

"Everyone should play an active role"

"They should let everyone join in"

"Everyone should play a role"

"Everyone should play an active role in their community"

"Everybody should be able to join in everything"

"I agree that everyone should play an active role in their community"

"That everyone should be allowed to join in with everything"

"Everyone should be able to join in if they would like to. No-one should be shut out ever"

"I think all people can join in no matter what they are like"

"I think that everyone should play a part in their community so it makes it a better place"

If people don't want to join in they shouldn't have to was mentioned 9 times

"I think that it is up to a person whether or not they join in"

"It doesn't matter. If you don't want to join in then don't"

"If people don't want to join in then leave them alone"

"I don't think that everyone should be forced to help the community if they don't want to"

“Not unless they don't want to - can't force people”

English as a second language was mentioned 18 times

“I think she should stay around English people so she could pick up the language or go to college”

“Take your Grandma to English lessons and then she can join in with the active role in their community”

“There are language classes in the Eastbourne area that people could go to. It would be better if everyone felt involved with their community though”

“Speak clearly for those who can't speak very well. Need more activities for different ages and cultures”

“Her Gran should be able to join in because even if she can not speak English she should still be able to write it down and join in”

Publicity for activities was mentioned 3 times

“Most young people don't know what is available to them and their community”

“I get the attitude of people that they can't be bothered but when things change & they don't like it or don't change they moan. Eastbourne Youth Council is a really good idea, maybe like this but public and for all ages. More frequently? Better advertised too?”

“I think that there is always lots of stuff to do in Eastbourne (e.g. social clubs & under 18s night) but it is not well publicised. At my school I do not hear about all the events but other schools do. I think that the whole community should have the chance to join in”

ACTIVITIES

More facilities needed and lack of things to do was mentioned 20 times

“I don't think there is much to do in Eastbourne”

“Eastbourne is boring. Put in a Fort Fun for older kids. Build an ice rink. A mountain would be nice. A beer brewery and festival everyday for drunkards”

“The youth clubs are boring, the clubs are boring, the shops are crap, there's nothing to do here!”

“No youth groups or clubs. Nothing for young people & friends”

“There is nothing to do for our age group (14/15/16). Should be dealt with”

“There's lots of things for older people but not for younger people”

“Need more youth clubs & make them better e.g. better music, bigger rooms. Make places where young workers can work for a day a week”

“There should be more activities for the youths so they don't get into trouble”

Youth clubs were mentioned 8 times

“I think people should go to clubs instead of watching TV”

“I think youth clubs should be more advertised to tell details and encourage people to come maybe by advertising it in schools so they can go with friends”

“There is enough things to do without youth clubs. The local youth club comes to us in a van - it needs to be more exciting than this”

Plenty of things to do in Eastbourne was mentioned 3 times

“There are plenty of things to do here. There is Brighton nearby. Just be happy where you are”

“There are things to do”

“I think there is enough going on”