

Communities and Neighbourhoods –NOTES

1. What actions would you like to see to address these issues?

Cost of homes for first time buyers is changing social make up of area.

Can we improve relationships with landlords who are buying a lot of properties? There was a scheme to do this previously.

This LAC covers some very different areas. Kelham Island – lots of renters, students, population changes a lot. Need to look for common ground amongst the different communities. Litter, graffiti and fly tipping is something all suffer and it's achievable to make positive change.

Litter picks – could LAC support this. Council does support litter picking groups and this should happen through the LACs. Ward pots can be drawn upon for High Viz jackets, litter pickers and other equipment. Local councillors will be able to tell you how to apply for this.

Netherthorpe litter is a real problem. Requested a bin instead a sign has been put up instead with little affect. Street cleaners are not very common, why are the streets not cleaned? It encourages rats. The council does commission an amount of street cleaning but due to cuts the abilities of councils to deliver core services has really been affected. There is a process to get bins installed.

This will be looked at. Please let your councillor know if there are particular areas that need bins. They also need emptying some are there and not emptied regularly enough. Some bins can have monitors to alert when they need emptying. Schedules for emptying need to be right.

Manchester road has a problem with leaves which are dangerously slippery. This used to be properly cleared. There is a leaf picking programme. It is not always possible to get everywhere done but we could consider spending some of our LAC money on this and bins.

Bringing out your rubbish days – to get rid of bulky items. These can cause issues with the amount of rubbish that is left out but could be considered.

Students – how could we be working better with students? There are lots of students but it is not a problem. Reach out to them and seeing if they want to be involved in events in local community. We have included them in litter picks and deliver community newsletter to student houses to make sure they have opportunities to be involved in the local community.

Endcliffe Community Group - about a quarter of houses are students. Have an active campaign to welcome students at start of the year and include them in community events.

University has a role that they are not fulfilling leaving it to the local neighbourhoods. Noise nuisance, parking, litter challenge the neighbourhoods and eventually drive people away. Need to get uni to see these issues and bridge the gap.

In Sharrow or Broomhall GOG (Group of Groups) meets – all groups of any sort meet to share ideas.

Could waste disposal go back in house by the council? There is a long contract for this.

2. How would you like to be involved in the solutions?

Set up a system so that the community knows what groups are on and how people can get involved. There is a Central LAC website space.

When local groups hear about relevant things they can pass info onto other groups. So can make some people head spokespeople for these things. Link up the different groups. LAC could help with this practically. If you feel there is a need within local neighbourhood you could set up a GOG. Could learn from those already set up. LACs could support this.

St. Andrew's Church with large space for orchestras, choirs, large kitchen. Interested in working with groups in local area and would charge according to ability to pay. Would like it to be a positive space in local area that doesn't get sold for flats. Community space can be limited so councillors will be in touch.

3. What do you think are the **top 3** key priorities that the Central LAC needs to address based on our discussions for this theme?

- Litter/bins – difficulties in getting bins, ensuring they are collected, support to litter pickers, need a coordinated effort to get shops and businesses to clear up rubbish that they generate – council could encourage this
- Students – can we engage with uni's to ensure that they are encouraging students to be responsible members of the community
- Community spaces and groups and how we can support them to support their local communities and communicate

4. Any other comments / views

Having the chat on in this public meeting would improve communication.

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