

**Northallerton and Villages Community Plan**

**Parish Councils and Organisations Consultation – December 2002**

**1) Do the projects in the Community Plan reflect your communities / organisations needs?**

Yes        7                      No        5

**2) If you answered no to question 1, what are the locally identified needs that have not been included in the Community Plan?**

- ❖ Workcrafts – Pre-employment activity – long term not NVQ based for people with severe mental illness / difficulties
- ❖ Hillside PC – The big issue is concern about the condition of the roads in the Hillside parishes. Lack of maintenance of road edges makes roads narrow and dangerous.
- ❖ Great Smeaton CP School – Provision of a ‘puffin’ crossing for the A167 which bisects Great Smeaton (detailed letter sent in)
- ❖ Northallerton and District Local History Society – Tourism – the battle of the Standard should be used to develop tourism potential. Improved signage and information centre / facility
- ❖ Northallerton Town Council – Would support initiatives to reduce the fear of crime but would also draw attention to the need for more police in general as this would both reduce fear of crime and actual crime.
- ❖ Appleton Wiske Parish Council – The major priority for Appleton Wiske at present is to build a skatepark. The plan includes a skatepark for Northallerton, but with difficulties of rural access a skatepark in the village is out major concern.

**3) Do you agree with the Partner Organisations that have been identified in the Action Plan?**

Yes        11                      No        1

- ❖ Northallerton and District Local History Society – In terms of heritage questions we should be involved.

**4) Are there any projects your organisation / group would like to become involved with and / or deliver?**

Yes        9                      No        2        No response 1

**Details**

- ❖ Workcrafts – Yes as detailed in question 2 – pre-employment activity
- ❖ Brompton PC – Anything that involves the progression of further services being available to Brompton parishioners.
- ❖ Great Smeaton CP School – Yes as details in question 2 – ‘puffin’ crossing
- ❖ Anonymous – Yes but gave no details of how.
- ❖ Northallerton and District Local History Society – Any involving heritage considerations which includes pedestrian access through the ‘yards’.

- ❖ Northallerton Town Council – actions 9, 19, 29,32, 44, 49, 59, 63 ,71
- ❖ Appleton Wiske Parish Council – Appleton Wiske Skatepark and the Parish Council plans to develop a Parish Plan

### 5) Are the Health Check summaries accurate?

Yes            6                            No    2                            Not sure        3

- ❖ Brompton PC – cannot understand why the pavement project was cancelled. This was very bad lack of forward planning for our community, especially when it was working so well and we had a pavement worker of each gender too. It was youth education especially on drugs that this area needs.
- ❖ Hillside PC – Page 7 should read Northallerton and Thirsk are the main shopping / service providers
- ❖ Hambleton Area Learning Partnership – Inappropriate – page 7, bullet point 3 under training and education, and inappropriate – page 8, no.17 under priority action plan
- ❖ Northallerton Town Council – Consultation comments about the Applegarth. ‘Local people have expressed the need to improve facilities and to re-vamp the site’. We are aware that a need has been expressed for a park in the town and we have supported the work of The Applegarth Project to see improvements to the area but we would have some concerns with re-vamping the Applegarth. We would like it to be more clearly stated what comments were made and what was meant by them. This land has been left to the Town Council to be kept as a recreation area for young people of the town and there are covenants on the land, with the extent of development that is possible. However, we would be interested to know what scope there might be to extend recreation area beyond The Applegarth into the Castle Hills area.
- ❖ Northallerton Town Council – Keep the level crossing issue on the agenda. In our view this is an extremely important issue in the town and there has been a great deal of public concern about this as seen by the high attendance at a number of public meetings in the town. In our opinion this action should be expressed more forcefully, to indicate a need to keep pressure on the County Council to take action on this matter. We consider this to be a medium rather than a long term action (p.22). P.15 We consider that this is an issue that more than ‘irritates’ local people. We would like to see clarification about what comments were actually made.
- ❖ Appleton Wiske Parish Council – Agree with 2.1, 2.2, 2.3. Transport – 2.4 Realistically due to the economic numbers not stacking up it is improbable to have a regular worthwhile local transport system. To overcome this HDC should actively support community solutions (i.e. minibus) financially. Sport/Leisure – 2.3 HDC have the option of developing facilities in the town or enhancing existing ones. Rural isolation limits their use either by lack of transport (public) or the travelling distance involved. Improving facilities will therefore not automatically increase use by villages. Again a more sensible solution is to support the existing sports / leisure facilities in village. I.e. badminton / bowls be subsidising village hall hire costs. Tennis courts – up keep of courts etc. – especially as many of these facilities are

used by surrounding villages and could be described as community projects. What characterises Appleton Wiske is that sports, leisure and transport systems have developed driven by the needs of the local community. Rather than try to relocate these to the town or HDC providing facilities, which may or may not be used, it seems much more sensible to support organisations which are currently providing this range of services. Clearly they are economic and supported by residents as they primarily paid for by users with outside funding generally used for capital projects.