

eynsham futures

CREATING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR EYNESHAM

Final Themes - Initial Community Engagement Themes March - July 2015

Health & Families

Unless otherwise stated, data comes from Launch event.

Initial theming by Lucy during the Launch event. Refined (Angie) and member checked (Lucy) after event. Additions from Community day Carnival, Primary School and Brownies by Angie. Member checking of final theming and descriptors by Posy.

The original thematic framework developed from the Launch data withheld data collected at the later community engagements above.).

No new major themes emerged, they were only confirmed or elaborated.

OUTLETS, ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Theme descriptor: Residents are concerned that children and young people are engaging in unhealthy and undesirable social behaviours, such as smoking, causing nuisance and dealing in drugs at lunchtime. It is considered that they need safer, more engaging outlets and activities, as well as suitable facilities. Suggestions include positive outlets for teenage energy and creativity, an increase in the size of the skate park, a new large park and playground and a swimming pool.



Undesirable social behaviour

- Smoking
- Groups of youths in car park causing nuisance (x 4)
- Drugs in park
- Children hanging around smoking
- School children at lunchtime dealing in drugs!

Positive outlets/activities and facilities

- Positive outlets for teenage energy and creativity
- Skate park – increase in size of Skate Park
- Activities for young people, keeping them engaged in the community over a longer period and attract a variety of users
- New large park and playground

- Fun house for kids
- Having facilities for young people (older teenagers) that engage them in a positive way- particularly those around in the day
- Please keep Eynsham a safe place for children +2
- Youth – graffiti wall
- Pool

HEALTHY LIVING & LEISURE

Theme descriptor: People associate healthy with sport and recreation, working allotments, having local, healthy food, walking and cycling and easy access to all these things. There was a great deal of support for new facilities especially for a swimming pool. Residents want more allotments on both sides of the village and local, healthy food. The health benefits of getting out of the car and walking and cycling are reflected in the many suggestions made by residents for maintaining and improving footpaths and cycle paths (see Environment theme). The health risks of dog fouling are recognised by Eynsham residents. Safe spaces for people with learning difficulties are needed in the village and disabled access along our pavements and walkways needs attention. The health risks of dog fouling are recognised by Eynsham residents.

Sport & Recreation

- A **Swimming Pool** wanted by **42** people, including those making following comments
 - Accessible swimming pool
 - What about a spa?
 - Swimming pool at Bartholomew School for Public use also
 - there was one ! before the 1980's cuts- in Bartholomew- all filled in!
 - Bedale (N Yorks) got Lottery funding for one and have same population & another one 9 miles away
 - Public swimming pool affiliated to Bartholomew School??
 - A swimming pool please
 - Spa and swimming pool
 - Holistic treatments
 - Spa, gym, swimming pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and alternate therapies
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- **Tennis Courts** wanted by **10** people
- Schools need playing fields – sport is good
- Safe spaces for people with learning difficulties
- New large park and playground
- Lack of sports fields other than for boys.

Disabled People

Disabled access along our pavements/walkways needs attention

- Dips for wheelchair users are sometimes too steep and can buckle the footplates. Also some are on a difficult camber

- Difficult wheelchair, pedestrian, buggy access to the Lock.

More support for disabled people in the village

- More places to go for disabled. A group to do craft things and to meet people and relax
- Someone to stand up for people who have disabilities- or are given housing- so they can keep their houses and not be worried they will lose them

Allotments

- We love our allotment (picture of carrot)
- Lots of allotments please on both sides of the village X2
- Allotments on west side of village
- West allotments site *New*

Local, healthy food

- Healthy and tasty food café
- Home-made food for local people by local people

Walking and cycling

- Eynsham's footpaths and countryside must be protected against creeping development – they are essential for the health and well-being of everyone
- Green space is vital for people's well-being yet green space is disappearing fast within the village
- Attractive, raising, eco-friendly walkways connecting developments where flood plains come in-between
- Much re-surfacing work needs doing to encourage cycling and walking
- Cycle path to Botley
- Safer cycling for general health benefits
- Eynsham to Witney via Chibridge and South Leigh to become a recognised and signed leisure cycle route
- Encourage more walking/cycling – especially to schools

Accessibility

- All above accessible to all regardless of difference

Ageing population

- Some sort of Adopt a Granny/Grandpa scheme for families with problems – good for both the young and the active old.
- More accommodation for elderly
- Expanding population of over 65s will need sheltered housing or similar. Needs to be encouraged.
- How about an Abbeyfield Home?

Dog poo is unhealthy

- People don't pick up dog poo

- Too much dog poo
- Too much dog poo - it makes the place smelly
- Dog poo unhealthy
- Dog poo is a real problem

HEALTH CENTRE

Theme descriptor: People like Eynsham's current health centre and access to excellent specialist NHS services, but they are already feeling the strain of recent development in the village. The resulting increase in population has made it harder to get a doctor's appointment and has increased the time people have to wait for it. Transport to appointments outside Eynsham is problematic for some due to traffic congestion and some appointments for Eynsham residents being made in branch surgeries. The feeling is that health care services need to increase in line with population growth and that expansion of the existing surgery, as well as an additional surgery and local branch surgeries, will be required. Changing roles for the health centre are also seen as essential, such as, more minor medical issues being attended to the Health Centre and more health care delivered in the home. In relation to Eynsham's ageing population, it is considered that medical facilities need to take account of aging population – now and for the future.

Liked

- Good health facilities
- Love the health centre
- Health centre
- Medical centre
- GP surgery
- Health facilities
- Activities and groups for all tastes Doctors, surgery, shops, playgroups, church
- Doctors, post office, library, clubs shops etc
- Local facilities – schools, doctor, PO, shops
- Access to excellent specialist NHS services
- Library
- Vet

Getting an appointment: easy

- Very easy to get an appointment – electronic system is good

Getting an appointment: difficult

- I had to argue to get an appointment!! Not good for health surely!
- Not always ideal if you work
- [Need] more GPs at the surgery X2 – can't get an appointment
- [Need] more appointments. It is hard to know if you will be ill 3 weeks in advance! X3
- How about no appointment system at the Medical Centre? Just turn up? Has worked elsewhere X2

- Health centre too busy.
- Difficulty in accessing G.P.s speedily
- It's hard to get a doctors appointment now, what is it going to be like with more people?
- Takes too long to see a doctor – we need more doctors.
- Long waiting times for appointments at doctors
- not enough services e.g. doctors,
- Traffic probs getting into hospitals.
- No regard is taken for appointment in Long Hanborough re bus or car use

Future Needs

- If Eynsham expands any more it will need another surgery [as] it's difficult to get appointments with the existing facilities X2
- Another doctor's surgery
- Increase [health] services in line with population growth. Make sure maximum obtained from developers- Section 106
- Integrate medical centre with our population needs ... Free space within medical centre.
- More health senters
- Sufficient GPs and nurses for the community
- More GPs and larger medical centre needed if the 'village' is to become a 'town' X2
- More GPs
- GPs need more capacity
- Eynsham needs more GPs!
- Better Doctor facilities & longer open hours!
- Doctors opening hours made longer
- With increasing population need more medical facilities and more GPs preferable branch surgeries in local villages or total new surgery needed.

Changing role for Medical Centre

- The Health Centre/Clinic is an essential part of the village. It would be great if more minor medical issues could be dealt with in the clinic than necessitating visits to Witney or Oxford
- Medical Centre to be redeveloped for small starter home housing
- Dedicated medical care within the home for ageing population.
- Medical facilities need to take account of aging population – now and for the future.
- Communication to be improved between surgery and patients with regard to changes. Continuing sense of us going to Dr's and not Dr's to us.

Audit trail

3/4/15 post-it notes themed by AT building on theming done at Launch (see photos)

1/5/15 added post-it notes from "Don't Likes", "Likes" and "Big Ideas"/ not checked yet.

31/5/15 added Community Day, Brownies, Carnival and Primary School