



BARROW UPON SOAR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Youth Questionnaire
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Consultation Report



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1) Introduction

This report represents the opinions of 346 young people between the ages of 10 and 16 years, who attend the Humphrey Perkins School in Barrow upon Soar. The young people were asked their opinions of the village currently and their ideas for improvement. They were also asked if they thought they would live or work in Barrow upon Soar when they are old enough to do so.

Not all the young people that completed the questionnaire live in Barrow upon Soar, but the village is deemed to be a 'service centre' for the surrounding villages, and in addition to secondary schooling, a good proportion are registered with the Barrow upon Soar Medical Centre.

2) Questions

Do you live in Barrow upon Soar?

Yes	No
110	236

We would like you to identify your overall impression of Barrow upon Soar?

OK	Good	Great	Not good
94	150	66	36

What do you like most about living in Barrow upon Soar?

The parks
23
The football club
11
The people/ friendliness/ Community spirit
33
Friends/ family
11
Fossil trail/ fossils/ sculptures/ Jerusalem island
5
It feels safe
4
It is clean
3
It is nice/ pretty
9
Nothing/ I don't know
45
The shops/ the High Street/ amount of shops/ variety of shops
60
Specifically Barrow of Treats/ sweet shop
26
Humphrey Perkins School/ close to school

26

It is quiet/ peaceful

6

It is small/ everything is close by/ it's a village not a town

13

The river/ canal/ walking by the river/ canal

10

Lots of places to meet friends/ hang out/ groups available for youths

8

Everything

1

My house

5

New houses/ housing estates

4

History/ architecture

3

The Coop

5

Take- aways

5

Nature

1

Village Centre

1

Scenery/ green spaces/ countryside/ nature

7

Peppercorns

1

The library

3

The roads/ not too much traffic

3

Barrow Express

2

Not much crime

1

Paper shop

1

The Hunting Lodge

1

Dentist

1

Good facilities/ amenities

2

Access to public transport

1

- *'I like the amount of shops there are, and the variety large'.*
- *'It's a nice area and it is peaceful'.*
- *'Friends live close and there is lots of parks for me and friends to go to'.*
- *'I like it because it isn't a massive city it's a small village'.*
- *'There are lots of places to meet with friends and there isn't a lot of traffic'.*

- *'Lots of my friends live there, there are lots of parks and places to hang out at and there are some really nice shops plus loads more'.*

What don't you like about Barrow upon Soar?

It's becoming too big

1

Bad reputation

2

Dirty/ the rubbish/ litter

8

The people

10

Parking

1

Too crowded

1

Traffic/ congestion/ fumes/ the bridge

30

Crime/ burglaries/ Coop robberies

8

Nothing

45

Chavs

28

Flooding

6

Not enough for young people to do

3

Don't know

21

Brook Lane

2

School

18

The river

1

No girl's football team

1

Library too small

1

Chewing gum on pavements

1

Kids on the new estates

1

Too many houses/ too much building/ it is crowded/ getting too big/ too close together

26

Some of the parks/ need upgrading

10

Not enough shops/ shops

10

Don't feel safe

2

It is boring

3

People are too noisy/ loud people

4

'Barrow Treats' is never opened after 4pm

2

The gangs/ thugs

4

Not enough to do

2

No bakery

1

Smokers

2

Lack of pedestrians crossings on Cotes Road

1

Shops are too far away for some people

1

Cotes Road

2

Road works

1

Graffiti

2

Bad police reports/ all the Police trouble

2

Dog fouling

2

The out of date nature

1

The roundabout

1

The metal fences around the school. It makes it look ****

1

- *'I sometimes don't feel safe as it is very busy in the mornings and I can sometimes be afraid'.*
- *'It's overcrowded when school ends and it is hard for villagers to get around'.*
- *'The fact that they are building more homes on the corn fields which is really awful and I'm really unhappy about this because it means more people and we can hardly manage with parking as it is, doctors are crowded and cannot get appointments sometimes and the traffic would be even more horrendous than what it already is'.*
- *'The countryside is disappearing'.*
- *'Horrible Mums never say thank you when you move out of the path or perform a single file so they don't have to move and they are not polite and they are rude and just ignorant'.*
- *'The park is dirty and people abuse it'.*
- *'Too many hairdressers'.*
- *'Barrow don't put on performances or plays, we don't have something like talent shows or places to show off your talent'.*
- *'There is no skate park'.*



Are there any buildings, structures or sites in or around Barrow upon Soar that you consider to be of historic, archaeological or design value, or that represent / preserve the heritage of the village?

Yes	No
155	191

If yes please tell us what they are:

- Beveridge Street
1
- The Hunting Lodge
1
- Fossil/ Barrow Kipper (roundabout)/ Fossil trail
90
- Holy Trinity Church
30
- Brook Lane
1
- Old vicarage
1
- Old house on Beveridge Street/ Beveridge House
4
- Millenium Park
1
- The War Memorial
3
- Melton Road
1
- The sun dial
1

The roundhouse
6
Old school Cotes Road
2
Humphrey Perkins School
3
The former workhouses
1
Victorian buildings
1

Which publically accessible green spaces in and around the village do you like?

The Millennium Park and picnic area	127
King George V Park	120
The canal and river corridor	8
The Slabs	90
Willow Road Parks	87
Melton Road / Branston Avenue amenity area including footpath through to Brook Lane	43
The Culverts	23
Pigs Close to Mill Lane	36
Park Public footpaths, bridleways and jitties	89



Are there any other open spaces that you think need to be preserved / protected?

King George V Park	1
Barrow Town football club	4
David Wilson Estate Park	7
Millennium Park	1
The library	1
Humphrey Perkins	2

The slabs	3
The parks	6
Fields behind the train line	1
The grave yard	1
The old school	1
The church	1
Bishop Beveridge Club	1
The fields (surrounding the village)	12

What do you use the green spaces in and around the village for?

Keeping fit (eg. walking, running, etc)	122
Enjoying the view	68
Cycling	675
Picnics Playing	72
Relaxing	77
Dog walking	98
Nature (eg. bird watching, etc)	39
Fishing	25
Never use	95

What priority do you think should be given to the following in and around the village:

	High	Medium	Low
Creation of more green spaces?	108	44	49
Creation of more children's play grounds?			
Creation of more off-road walking, running and cycling facilities?	114	138	47
Creation of more wild life habitat areas?	123	126	50
Low Protection of existing wild life habitat areas?	71	140	71

Open-Ended Responses

Nothing/ Don't know/ They are fine	68
Age limits in the park/ enforce age rules	2
Be cleaner/ litter picking/ more bins	15
More space for sports	1
More/ new / modernise equipment	34
Mow the grass more frequently/ improve park maintenance	5
Increase the size/ make bigger	11
Skatepark	10
Stop dog fouling/ no dogs on parks	7
Create more places to shelter	2
Stop the teenagers wrecking them	2
Create area of astro turf	2
Bike tracks	1
More swings	2
Football goals with nets/ courts/ increase size of football pitch	12
Golf	1
Refurbish/ paint/ improve maintenance	7
Replace basketball hoops and add nets/	2

lower basketball hoops	
Mark out football pitches	2
Zip wires	3
High ropes	1
Cleaner/ better paths	3
Remove play equipment, and leave the space for a wildlife habitat/ wildlife area	2
Create more green spaces	1
A hockey pitch	1
Add a MUGGA	1
American football pitch	1
A rugby pitch	1
More equipment for older kids/ teenagers	11
Cricket pitch	1
More entertainment	2
More events there	1
Running track	1
Bike tracks/ bike friendly	3
Remove graffiti/ less vandalism	4
More lights around for when it starts to get dark	1
Bigger courts	1
Surveyed more for suspicious behaviour/ monitored/ no thugs/ stop anti- social behaviour	5
Replace them with housing	1
Volunteers to clean it	1
A pond	2
Closer shops	2
Ice cream vans	1
Make them dog friendly	1
By not building on them!!!!	1
More trees	2
Improve grass/ turf/ re- seed	3
A hockey pitch	2
More benches	1
BMX track	1
No response	

- *'You could stop inappropriate behaviour such as smoking it is a real put off'.*
- *'Have more plain green areas'.*
- *'The people who are meant to look after them could do more because quite a lot of parks near me (Willow Road) are getting rusty and dirty and broken, but they are still fun, I just think we could add a few new exciting features to them. People should respect them more instead of littering them'.*
- *'More stuff and a public PS3 that u need to bring your games and pay £2 for 20 mins'.*
- *'Don't waste money improving when we can't afford to keep what we already have'.*

Within the Village, what leisure / sport activities do you regularly take part in out of school time?

Football	41
Cycling	7
Running	16
Walking	10
Scouts	3
Youth Club	1
Netball	8
Dance	9
Climbing	1
Karate/ Tae Kwon Do	4
Bird watching	1
Horse riding	1
Badminton	4
Cricket	12
Rugby	1
Basketball	3
Flute	1
Piano	3
Rounders	1
Fitness classes	1
Youth club	3
Ballet	1
Hockey	1
Horse riding	2
Swimming	3
BMX	1
Fishing	1
Guides	4
Cadets	5
Barrow Panto	1
Baptist Youth	1
Shopping	2
Gaming	3
Tennis	1

Outside of the Village, what leisure / sport activities do you regularly take part in out of school time?

Life saving	4
Trampolining	2
Cricket	11
Swimming	39
Football/ soccer	50
Rugby	2
Running	11
Basketball	5
Badminton	6
Dancing/ dance lessons	13
Hockey	7
Cycling	9
Walking	11

Gym/ gymnastics	8
Climbing	2
Scouts	1
Rugby	9
Hockey	10
Tennis	4
Triathlon	1
Athletics	1
Orchestra	1
Golf	5
Boxing	2
Singing classes	4
Acting/ drama classes	3
Dog walking	1
Train watching	1
Martial arts	9
Netball	5
Cheerleading	1
Cross Country	2
Snow boarding	1
Cadets	2
Rangers	2
Skatepark/ scooter	2
Fishing	1
Horse riding	5
Drum lessons	2
Parkour/ free running	1
Sign language lessons	1
Ice skating	1
Roller skating	1
Zumba	1
Shopping	1

If you have said that you take part in leisure / sport activities outside of the village, would you take part in them in the village if they were available?

Swimming	41
Girl's cricket club	1
American football	2
Art classes	1
Astro turf (for football and hockey)	4
Hockey	3
Tennis	1
Sports/ leisure centre	14
River tours	1
Acting/ performing arts	2
A gym/ gymnastics	11
Golf/ golf driving range/ golf course	4
Circuit training	1
Boxing club	3
Handball	1
Tennis/ tennis club	5
Badminton	4
Art classes	1
Nature area	1

Horse riding	3
Ice hockey	2
Ice skating	1
Roller disco	1
Zumba	3
Netball club	6
Racing	2
Go cart racing	1
Water polo	1
Running track	4
Cheerleading	1
Cross country club	1
Indoor football pitch	3
Gaming club	1
Dog training	1
Skate park/ BMX track	6
Cycle track/ velodrome	1
Athletics club	1
Performing arts clubs	1
Rugby club	1
Dodge ball	1
Trampolining	1
Running	2
More shops	2
Climbing centre	1
Girl's football	1
Table tennis club	1
Darts club	1
Polo	1
Rounders club	1
More bridleways	1
Basketball	1
Dance	1
MUGA	1
Shooting range	1
Hockey	1
Cricket nets	1

- *'A swimming pool, fun and sport related with slides and shoots and a wave machine and a sport pool with diving blocks so that people can have swimming lessons or go to a swimming club, because me and my family used to go to Humphrey Perkins swimming pool for lessons but then it closed down due to money'.*
- *'I would like a local swimming pool maybe included in a leisure centre with a tennis court and other sporting activities'.*

What forms of transport do you mainly use for the following activities:

School

Car/ van	55
Motorcycle	3
Cycle	8
Bus	129

Taxi	3
Train	18
Walk	121
Wheelchair	13

Shopping with Barrow

Car/ van	112
Motorcycle	3
Cycle	17
Bus	23
Taxi	3
Train	8
Walk	135
Wheelchair	16

Shopping outside of Barrow

Car/ van	216
Motorcycle	3
Cycle	12
Bus	64
Taxi	8
Train	22
Walk	35
Wheelchair	12

Leisure activities within Barrow

Car/ van	111
Motorcycle	5
Cycle	17
Bus	27
Taxi	3
Train	8
Walk	111
Wheelchair	19

Leisure activities outside of Barrow

Car/ van	208
Motorcycle	6
Cycle	18
Bus	49
Taxi	4
Train	12
Walk	45
Wheelchair	14



If you don't walk or cycle very often in the village, what are the reasons that you don't?

Don't live there	83
Put off by the weather	3
Can't be bothered	5
I walk instead	1
I don't have a bike/ can't ride a bike	8
I don't feel safe/ aren't any cycle paths/ traffic	9
Go by car	8
I don't want to	1
I'm in a wheelchair	1
Takes too long/ time restrictions	5
Too lazy	8
Walk instead	7
It's boring	3

If you use public transport, where and how do you travel?

Loughborough by bus	211
Loughborough by train	98
Leicester by bus	81
Leicester by train	121
Nottingham by bus	62
Nottingham by train	41
Sileby by bus	162
Sileby by train	41
Quorn by bus	69
Quorn by train	23
Other local villages - By Bus	59
Other local villages - By train	41

Is there anywhere else that you go to regularly by public transport?

Rothley	2
Melton Mowbray	1
Syston	2
Derby	1
Mountsorrel	1
Derby	1
Woodhouse Eaves	1
Birmingham	2

Is there anywhere else that you would like to be able to go to by public transport?

Wymeswold	3
Hoton	1
Burton on the Wolds	1
Mountsorrel	11
Nottingham	1
Rothley	2
Sheffield	2
Thurmaston	2
Birmingham	2
Woodhouse Eaves	1

The Neighbourhood Plan might be used to encourage improvements in transport and access issues. Do you agree or disagree that it should try to address the following issues:

	Agree	Disagree
New bus routes to more places	189	86
New bus stops / routes to serve new developments within Barrow	163	107
Bus links to railway stations	177	96
Increased frequency of buses	170	105
More off-road cycle ways	186	85
More designated cycle lanes on the roads in and around Barrow	153	92
More locations to park and lock-up cycles	192	77
Improved street lighting on cycle routes	186	83
Disagree Preservation of public rights of way and access to the countryside	146	117

When you are old enough do you think you are likely to look for employment in or around Barrow?

Yes	No	Don't know
36	118	112

When you are old enough do you think you are likely to look for a home of your own in Barrow?

Yes	No	Don't know
39	111	119

To what extent do you think that a dedicated youth centre is needed in the village?

Essential	Desirable but not essential	Not needed
47	100	100

If you consider this essential or desirable are there any potential sites that you would suggest?

- The parks 6
- Humphrey Perkins site 3

There were no other sensible responses to this question!

Are there any other facilities / services which you think are needed in the village?

More shops/ bigger shops/ change shops	5
A bakery	2
A bank	1
Swimming pool	6
Leisure/ sports Centre	7
Police station	2
Fire Station	1
Gym	5
Public toilets	8
5 a- side football pitch/ MUGA	6
A dance studio	1
A museum	1
A library	1
More crossings	1
A garage	1
A bike track	1
Horse riding place	1
Trampolining centre	1
Another/ improved medical centre	2

Do think that the Neighbourhood Plan should encourage renewable energy schemes?

	Agree	Disagree
Renewable energy solutions as part of individual new houses	171	75
Renewable energy solutions as part of new housing schemes	161	85
Renewable energy solutions as part of non-housing development schemes	160	83
Stand alone wind turbines / wind farms	148	98
Stand alone solar energy farms	165	75

Your postcode (please complete your postcode)

LE12 6TZ	LE12 8LF (x2)
LE12 8JB	LE12 5AL
LE12 8NX	LE12 8TR
LE12 8PA	LE12 7LU
LE12 8XE	LE12 8XL
LE12 8NW	LE12 5AG
LE12 7ER	LE12 7NT
LE12 8LW	LE12 8BF
LE12 8NU	LE12 8PT
LE12 7RB	LE12 8AS
LE17 4UU	LE12 7TW
LE12 8PB	

What is your gender?

Male	102
Female	124
No response	120

What is your age group

Under 10	10
10- 12	48
13- 16	165
17- 18	2
No response	121

Are you happy to be contacted for any follow up questions or queries?

Yes	No
15	331

(See separate sheet)