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Darnall's Future: The Next Step

Darnall Community Action plan has now been accepted by Objective One, and £500,000 has been ring fenced to be spent in Darnall. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to its development.

Darnall Forum has aimed to listen to all sections of the community in developing this Action Plan. We have worked in partnership with a number of local organisations, and two consultation events have been carried out to get the views of local people.

The first event identified six key themes that were considered most important, Environment, Crime and Safety, Young People, Health and Social Care, Employment, and Education and Learning. The second set of events was carried out over the last 6 weeks at various venues around Darnall.

Local residents were asked to identify which of the six key themes they felt was most important and the kind of projects they felt were most needed in Darnall. These events attracted well over 400 people from all age ranges of our multi-cultural community.

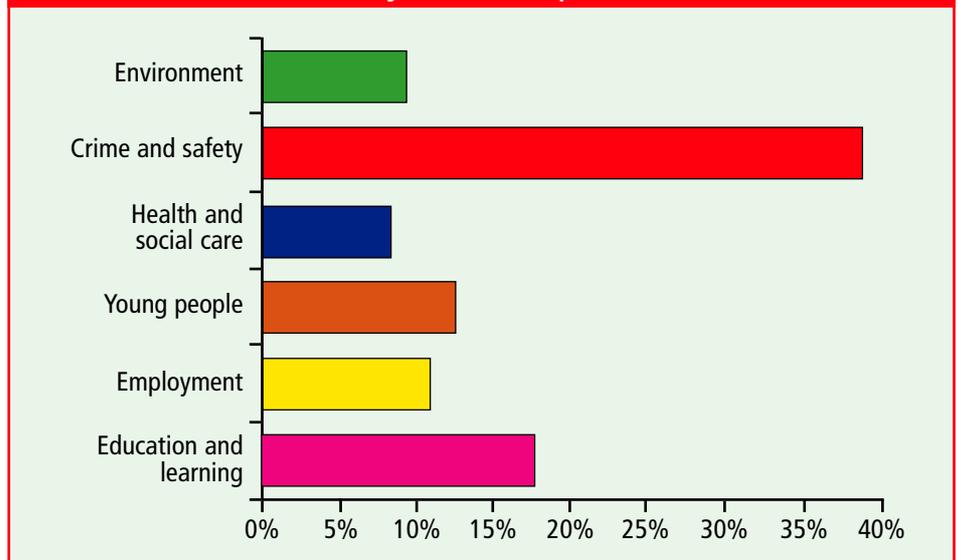
The chart on the right shows the number of votes received by each key theme, and clearly shows that Crime and Safety was considered most important. Page two shows a list of the top ten projects that people felt needed to be developed in order to improve the quality of life of local people. Again projects tackling crime and community safety appear very high on the list, closely followed by projects aimed at improving our environment and community facilities.

You have determined the priorities, now we need to examine the practicalities of getting the funding to make these projects happen. Not all projects can be funded by Objective One and so we will need to find other sources of funding, but we have already started working on this.



More than 400 people took part in our well-advertised local consultations!

What you think is important



Inside: Your top ten projects and The Next Steps ▶▶▶▶

Over the past year Darnall Forum has listened to all sections of the community in developing and now starting to implement the Action Plan. We believe it is a plan to bring our community together. You have told us your priorities and the projects you would like to see

in Darnall, now it is up to us to work together as a community to get those projects up and running. *By working together we can secure a brighter future for the whole community.*

Build a better Darnall for the whole community.

Priorities for regeneration...

The top ten projects

Type of project	Votes
1 Home security	234
2 Neighbourhood Wardens	165
3 Improve facilities in local parks and green spaces	161
4 Sports in parks	155
5 Improve and use unused land and buildings	143
6 Getting young people into further education/training	113
7 Help at home for older people	110
8 More nursery places and better buildings	100
9 Neighbourhood Watch	99
10 Involving young people in running local projects	89

The Next Steps

Working in Partnership

An Advisory Partnership is being convened by the Forum to assist in making decisions about the Community Action Plan. This will include representatives, from the public and private Sectors as well as Community representatives.

To get involved please contact Diane Owens at Darnall Forum's Office at Joblink 209-213 Main Road, Darnall, phone 249 4112.

Theme Meetings

Darnall Forum will be contacting people and organisations who said that they would like to help identify and develop projects in the six themes.

You have determined the priorities, now we need to examine the practicalities of getting funding. Is there an organisation in the area that could deliver a particular project and or theme? Do we need to develop new groups/alliances to deliver projects?

The future of Darnall Cemetery Chapel

The Chapel has been in a state of disrepair for some time now and has become a target for vandalism, anti social behaviour and fly-tipping. It has now been suggested that due to its dangerous structural state the building should be

demolished. The area would then be grassed over, possibly creating a circle, and some trees would be planted.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this proposal please contact: Bereavement Services on 239 6068.



Kettlebridge Action Group move forward

Local residents in Kettlebridge have got together to form the Kettlebridge Action Group to improve their local area. They have been successful in getting funding from the Countryside Agency for a Doorstep Green Preparation Plan.

They have been able to employ a landscape architect to draw up plans for the green space on Myton Road so that it can benefit the community. They want it to be enclosed so that children are safe, and the green space can be kept clean. They hope a secure fence along Kettlebridge Road will replace the broken concrete barrier and prevent the rubbish dumping that has happened in the past.

Over the summer holidays there will be activities on the Green every Wednesday 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Thursday and Saturday 11am – 4pm, supported by the Childrens Fund, local volunteers, and Sports and Community Recreation.

The Doorstep Green plans will be available for everyone to look at and

Plans to improve local green open spaces

comment on. The proposed ideas will be expensive to put into place, so the Kettlebridge Action Group want all local residents to have a say in what happens next.

- What should the fencing look like?
- Should they install seating and an informal play area?
- Should there be a ball games area?
- Should there be an events arena?
- Should the trees and bushes be cut back?
- Should paths and walks be installed?
- Does the lighting need to be improved?
- What sort of traffic calming is needed?

The group hopes to carry on activities on the green space by running an

after-school club from inside a portable cabin after the summer holidays, with help from the Council.

After the holidays the Group will be working with the Council to submit an application to the Countryside Agency for funding to create the Doorstep Green. However, this will only pay for some of the ideas, and other sources of funding will have to be found. The Group will also be applying to Awards for All, and have been promised help from Sheffield City Council's Small Grants Scheme towards the consultation costs and later with the creation and maintenance of the Green.

■ If you can't get along to the activities over the holidays, but want to have your say, or get involved in the Action Group, contact **Mushrat Javaid at 12 Myton Road (tel. 0114 244 7434)**. They are keen to hear from any local residents that want to get more involved in the Group's activities.

Darnall Community Park

Since March this year, a group of people who work in Darnall have been meeting regularly to try and find a way of improving Darnall Community Park. Children on the Easter play scheme were asked to vote for what sort of play equipment they wanted installed, and swings were the most popular choice.

Sheffield City Council has now bought a set of swings, but they cannot be installed straight away, as work needs to be done on the playground to ensure all the equipment can be used safely with the swings in place.

On June 4th the group tried to get local residents to join them in a Walkabout to hear what they thought about the Park. Despite leaflets being posted through peoples' doors, no-one came, so the children who were taking part in activities on the park helped with their comments.

They said that the play equipment should be improved and made more exciting, that the park should be cleaned and maintained better, and that it should be made safer. They wanted the fences repairing and the trees cut back. They wanted to see an end to vandalism



and graffiti, and the entrances blocked so that cars cannot be driven onto the Park and burnt out.

To find out if the children's views are reflected by local residents, East End Quality of life Initiative undertook a survey of residents who live all around the Park. So far, 200 questionnaires have been completed, with another 100 to come. This revealed that the park is well used. Others issues were:

- more activities in the park
- better play facilities

- new seats and litter bins
- sports and teenage facilities
- better security with fencing, CCTV and lighting
- dogs should be kept under control
- the park needs to be kept clean, tidy and well maintained. There are problems with overgrown, prickly bushes, rubbish dumping, and broken glass.

See below for your opportunity to have your say on Thursday 11th September.

Congratulations to Sadik Miah who recently won the Sheffield Young Citizen of the Year 2003 Award

Darnall Forum

**Annual General Meeting
Monday 29th September 6pm to 8pm**

Subud Centre
Swarcliffe Road, Darnall



Darnall Forum Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to find out what the Forum has been doing on your behalf in the past year and elect Officers and Trustees for the next year.

Darnall Community Park

Have **YOUR** say

Darnall Forum invite you to join them for a walk round Darnall's green spaces. Tell us what's Good and Bad about them.

**Thursday 11th September, 5.30 pm
Subud Centre, Swarcliffe Road**

**Disposable cameras to express your ideas
Refreshments provided
Adults welcome, kids essential**

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A Monitoring Group has been set up so that local communities around the Waverley Advanced Manufacturing Park (AMP) can engage with the developers on issues affecting the local community; jobs and training for local people, transport and environmental issues are particular concerns.

The Waverley Advance Manufacturing Park aims to:

- Broaden the economic base of South Yorkshire by building on existing metals cluster and available skills.
- Attract new advanced manufacturing and research businesses into a cluster development thus engendering further investment and job creation.
- Bring brown field land back into economic use.
- The job opportunities being created present a 'chicken and egg' situation in terms of skills: a skilled workforce is needed to attract companies, yet the opportunities being created require new skills.
- Share the benefits of economic activity with local communities – social inclusion.

The total number of new jobs envisaged locally is 3900. The types of job likely to be available in these industries fall broadly into three main categories: operator, technician, and engineer. The site is situated off the Parkway near the Orgreave Opencast site.

Getting this group set up has taken about 2 years of persistence by local community organisations. Six representatives of local community forums and Partnerships around the site – Tinsley Forum, Darnall Forum, Handsworth Forum, Brinsworth and Catcliffe Partnership, Treeton Partnership and Orgreave Parish Council – Councillors from Darnall Area Panel, Rotherham West Area Assembly along with Yorkshire Forward (Regional Development Agency) who, with UK Coal, are the developers, and Officers from Rotherham and Sheffield Councils, Objective 1, Learning Skills Council (LSC) and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe).

The group had its first meeting in March. Community representatives have had four meetings to date. We have

Waverley Advanced Manufacturing Park: What Does it Mean For Us?



developed a terms of reference and are using Active Partners benchmarking to encourage a meaningful partnership to develop.

We have already made strong representations about:

● Jobs and Training for local people

Particularly getting training for jobs that will be coming to the site in the second phase of development for people from the surrounding areas. How will local people be encouraged to develop their skills? etc. We have got the Learning and Skills Council to do a skills survey of the communities surrounding the AMP.

● Public Transport

Local community organisations are keen to see a high level of public transport to the development sites in the motorway corridor. The pollution, noise and congestion of increased traffic in the area will affect our health and quality of life.

The need to subsidise public transport to entice people out of their cars when they first get jobs on the site is an unresolved

issue. A new bus service now links Sheffield city centre with the Waverley, Europa Way sites, Meadowhall and Rotherham, but not local communities. A community project from ADCE and Tinsley Forum supported by Objective 1 to provide transport links from local communities is finding it difficult to get match funding from Yorkshire Forward.

This report was compiled by Mike Fudger, a trustee of Darnall Forum who is the representative on The Waverley AMP Monitoring Group. If you want to discuss any aspect of this report or anything else to do with the above group please telephone 0114 244 0167 or email fudgerml@yahoo.co.uk

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