

# STRATFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2013

## COMMENTS MADE IN ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

### LEISURE AND WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

This questionnaire is a good idea, but things take so long to implement. Look at the eyesore of Town Square. The council need a shake up.	10
Please develop idea of cinema in town square (now diverted) that would be a complement to the picture house!	10
Develop town square, new cinema, more suitable places to eat for young families	10/11
Use the town square developments as a springboard to provide improved affordable facilities for younger people in the town.	10/11

<p>Apart from McDonalds I do not know any available leisure activities for young people in Stratford, especially in the evenings. There are no parks near to where we live, despite three new housing developments being built and although I use the leisure centre, I have to go through town to access it and it isn't big enough to accommodate the population of the town and would benefit from development. For example, more studios would allow more classes e.g. Zumba, Street dance and more than one pool means that families could use one (the children's pool is very small) whereas societies such as scuba diving could use another. Increase revenue too. There are also no adequate facilities for societies such as amateur dramatics. The Civic Hall is finally undergoing redevelopment but the cost to hire out means that productions cannot be staged for longer than 3 days. Amateur dramatics is popular in Stratford with youth as well as adult groups. New societies also struggle to find rehearsal spaces as again the majority of them are in town or are too expensive. The RSC initiative of £5 to 16-25 year olds is very good but when I took my sister to help her education, the cheapest ticket I could purchase for a 13 year old was £20. This prevents teenagers from accessing leisure as they are unable to earn a living at this age. I think it is a good idea that the Town Square is to be redeveloped and wondered if a bowling alley could be incorporated if it is not already. Good venue for families and parties. It would also be good to have family based restaurants. With the exception of Pizza Hut, McDonalds and Pizza Express, the restaurants on Sheep Street are aimed at a different clientele and often children are not allowed after a certain time. They also become very busy during summer months. Improving access to green spaces and parks would be essential to providing for families and promoting healthy living. I did a 20 mile bike ride for charity last month and when training I had to avoid the town centre as there were no adequate cycle paths, too much traffic and it became difficult. Cycle racks could be increased if traffic could be reduced, would give the town a feel like Oxford and Cambridge (which also makes good use of the river). With new developments build adequate infrastructure - access to healthcare and schools. New schools would be a space for families to organise events as many of the existing one are too small to hold functions of this nature. I have seen some transport access for the elderly from surrounding villages but if you do not drive it is difficult for many to access the town centre. I am aware that many of the retirement bungalows are located nearer to town but in future I feel it would be more beneficial to build these slightly out of town, and on the development, include a local shop, a bus route, a doctors surgery so amenities are close at hand and the buss pass could ensure regular and easy access to the town when maybe families could not afford unless they chose to drive.</p>	<p>10/11/18/23</p>
<p>Look after what we have, repair and re-use, building new leisure centres costs money!</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Renovate the leisure centre. The pool is grim, how about some squash courts</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Promote a tenpin bowling centre e.g. at the leisure centre or in Bell court</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Leisure centre needs update or facelift or another built to accommodate numbers of people living in and around Stratford</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Expand library and internet access for all including elderly wifi across town</p>	<p>11</p>

Encourage the development of leisure facilities for young people and families - a bigger cinema, a bowling alley, a skating rink, go karting etc	11
Don't discourage locals from theatre and culture. Put more family type shows on at civic hall. Music venue of comedy venue for 20yrs+ adults - nothing much for them except pubs!	11
The existing leisure centre is a disgrace. The council should be ashamed of it. In a town of this size the facilities are very poor. There should be more activities for young people - bowling alley/skating/entertainment, but these should be affordable for all	11
Encourage healthy and sporting activities for Stratford people	11
An affordable community space for the use of local clubs	11
Health Spa with thermal baths to improve health and save money on healthcare. Provision of a Buddhist Stupa to attract tourists in Bancroft Gardens	11
Improve security around the 'rec'. It is too difficult to keep track of your child in there, especially if you have more than one. Fence needs to be harder to climb over - little ones can easily get through it. Too big a distance between one end and the other - perhaps fence off sections with gates? Every parent worries about safety these days.	11
If facilities are available - this will automatically encourage people to use these!	11
Make leisure affordable to all!	11
Improve the existing community venues first, why do developers have funds to provide additional community venues? Negotiate better deals and use savings on some of these suggestions in this document	11
A varied range of leisure and community opportunities for all are key to a better quality of life	11
If leisure centre is to be re-vamped or re-built ensure we are left with nothing in the interim	11
Maybe a youth/elderly clubhouse - suit everyone	11
Leisure centre should be a priority - current swimming pool/changing rooms too poor quality	11
Now we have lost Cox's Yard as a music venue, a new dedicated music venue to showcase local and international artists would be welcome	11
Redevelopment of the sports centre should be an absolute priority	11
Leisure centre must be improved, it lets Stratford Town. More facilities such as bowling, ice skating to encourage physical activity in the town	11
Gain more interest from younger members of the community in regards to leisure, well being, community.	11
Support voluntary government grant funded projects that are lacking funding and having to close down eg. Arts facilities.	11

Support existing community groups which provide great creative projects that engage children, families and communities.	11
Recognise the importance of the town's cultural organisations to the maintenance and development of local quality of life.	11
Build an arts centre.	11
A town of this stature should have a community arts centre which caters for both the visual and performing arts.	11
Council to help support/promote leisure/activities/clubs run by individuals such as boxing / dance etc, not just the leisure centre.	11
Existing leisure centre is brilliant, but badly managed and never properly cleaned. SLM do a very poor job and held contract far too long.	11
Stratford needs an art gallery / arts centre. Modern and stylish and open, accessible and free for all. The pink modern building in West Bromwich is amazing. Maybe it could be incorporated in the sports centre.	11
We recently visited Crosby, Merseyside which had built a number of outdoor gyms in local parks, for use of teenagers and older people. An excellent idea.	11
The town needs an arts centre. Equivalent to those in other towns eg. Pershore, Cirencester.	11
Provision of a comprehensive arts centre.	11
The pool and changing rooms at the leisure centre are a disgrace. The management needs to be given more accountability to the community.	11
Please make residents needs a priority.	11
SDC run the main sports centre in the town. Do we allow WCC to run in competition with that at Stratford School?	11
I feel it is not the District Councils job to look after physical or other wellbeing - but it should ensure that suitable facilities are available.	11
Leisure facilities for young people is vital	11
Improve/build a new swimming pool (it's awful). Provide more things for young people to do. A decent family venue is needed!	11
As an Arts (not sports) and community centre we house Mencap, Bromford, Springfield Mind, Parkinsons. We run accessible lunches and inclusive clubs, discos and gigs for young people. DofE work placements and volunteering opportunities for all. We would want to be part of this plan and would like to meet at projects around arts in association with "The Bear Pit" for the community. "The Buzz" could help anyone on your team and be a proactive player in the plan.	11

Town lottery = fund raising. Don't forget to preserve the library - this could be part of leisure for elderly as well as other age groups. Initiatives - time limited - feedback.	11
Strongly agree with above, also youth centre, improved leisure centre for evening use i.e. climbing walls, etc. Somewhere else for youth to socialise	11
The leisure centre need investigation. The steam room has been out of action for 6 months (any DIY person could repair damaged seat in less than one hour. All faults are neglected instead of being quickly actioned. Improve present facility on steam and sauna rooms.	11
Public tennis courts are badly needed in Stratford	11
Important to provide good quality leisure facilities rather than spending money encouraging people to use them	11
Why are there no questions about the Arts. Stratford needs more arts venues not just for RSC. We visit Birmingham, Pershore, Warwick. SOA are missing out. RSC is brilliant but it should not be allowed to continue its stronghold.	11
Disagree with leisure facilities for young people. Would agree with something else rather than night clubs as it makes going up Greenhill Street late at night frightening. Suggest bowling alley	11
Overall comment: The questionnaire looks like a recipe for paradise but no concrete proposals. Where would the money come from? Any possibility of persuading residents to keep the centre cleaner?	11
Extra facilities need to be costed in these austere times. Maintain libraries; promote hobby groups thus not burdening the ratepayer!	11
Reconsider the claiming of higher rates from Stratford Sports Club and similar sports venues	11
Leisure centre in wrong area. Should be demolished and rebuilt as Saterlight centre around the town. 50 metre pool, sports hall, conference facilities and community area (external). This would offer better value for money and childrens safety	11
Or other centres like bowling, skating parks.	11
Community groups and venues must be supported. These are likely to be easy targets for budget reductions.	11
Work with the RST to encourage more low cost community activities for residents of all ages	11
A large hall/community centre/theatre affordable for local people similar to the Hippodrome which was knocked down to make way for a car park, the civic hall is out of the price range for local organisations	11
Development of new cinema (in town square) highly desirable	11
Additional play areas in new build areas. youth club/drop in centres in community areas	11

Greatly improve leisure centre it has just been left. It could be developed so much or build a new one	11
If there were gardens to walk around it would provide leisure for all. Older people have and continue to give to the community	11
It is unfortunate that there is no venue in Stratford for visiting professional entertainment. Years ago they came, and used the Civic hall	11
Swimming pool is very limited for casual swimmers, always full with classes etc. Perhaps an additional pool would be built?	11
The Recreation Ground is also an important resource which we should reach to protect and enhance.	11
There would be more wellbeing in the community if the pavements didn't look broken in many places. Also they are filthy to walk on, especially in Bridge St, Henley St. For a tourist town of high capacity you would think cleaning the streets would be a priority.	11
I think it would be good for more activities for family entertainment, The cinema is quite expensive. Maybe a bowling alley and definite improvement on the leisure centre, more affordable family leisure time.	11
When I last enquired the leisure centre does not have classes for asthmatic. Whereas other leisure centres do	11
The Leisure centre is a disgrace! It is very dirty - what must all the hundreds/thousands of visitors passing through think, for first impressions in the town	11
I think that the leisure centre does a great job currently - so agreeing with 'improve the towns leisure centre' above was not meant as a criticism	11
Keep the Greenway way to improve access to leisure activities at no extra cost	11
Adequate funding for voluntary sector who provide the 'glue' re well being and community. e.g CAB and VASA. VASA to focus on community voluntary sector support and networking	11
The leisure centre is already a great asset of the town even though its looking a little old in places. While it would be nice to use a refurbished centre, it would be a shame if any improvement were done at the expense of pushing forward with some of the other interesting ideas above	11
Public tennis courts	11
We need some more tennis courts and the leisure centre needs a makeover	11
Also encourage all ages not only to take part in physical activity but also in music and the arts - painting printmaking etc and also encourage an interest in wildlife and groups and working parties to help create the town that we would all like to live in	11
The Stratford leisure centre is filthy and is currently under use due to many fearing the building is more of a hazard to health	11

Multi-age activities are widely available. Do you envisage elderly ghettos? Socially isolated people can be of any age	11
Low cost leisure/sport facilities need to be made available, there are too many people in Stratford on low incomes who cannot access what Stratford currently has to offer.	11
Consider a bowling alley, skating rink or a leisure/games area for younger people and a bingo hall for the older people in the town	11
Leisure centre, swimming pool is grotty and needs redesign in changing areas. It cannot cope with the volume of children/parents/siblings during after school swimming lessons	11
The town's leisure centre is a community facility, but is run more like a private gym in terms of membership. Make it more flexible (eg offering blocks of tickets for activities - buy 9 get one free - that can be used over six months)	11
the leisure centre should be moved to edge of town and given a lot more space - with outdoor facilities , all weather pitches etc this may allow for the gyratory to be sorted out - which really is a very poor 'entrance way ' to Stratford	11
Provide leisure facilities where it is nit necessary to belong to a club	11
More free facilities for leisure and healthy activities for over 60s.	11
The Leisure centre - principally the Swimming Pool & Changing Rooms are in an appalling condition (no improvement in over 20years!)The last time I used the pool, there was an inflow of debris/dirt into the childrens/infants pool, the changing rooms were dirty & dilapidated and ancillary areas (showers/lockers) broken and out of order. Despite writing to both Town Council & Leisure Centre - NO reply. Clearly the fitness facilities are more 'important' and bring in much greater revenue/profit - but, the core of the Leisure Centre is still the Swimming Pool - so who's responsibility is it & why is nothing being done????	11
It is vital to Stratford as a community that the needs of both young and old are supported. Carefully consideration and close consultation with all age groups is vital in the development of local leisure and activity services.	11
The swimming pool at the leisure centre is in desperate need of an update, a proper high quality pool would be an asset to locals and tourists.	11
Leisure is a matter for individuals and I am not sure should be the responsibility of a plan such as this. The key leisure provider is for many the pubs of the town. The plan should consider what can be done to maintain the town's pubs many of which are under threat due to things like the smoking ban. It is imperative that the plan is not dominated by any specific strong interest group such as cyclists. The town is for all and not just for those with the strongest voice.	11
The leisure centre is a dump! Needs sorting	11

Seek commercial enterprises to run leisure activity - not the council. Support village or community halls.	11
Enable the use of the temporary RSC rusty shed as a medium size music/entertainment venue - a halfway house between the defunct Cox's Yard and venues such as NEC or Ricoh arena. Would bring massive benefits to the area in many ways.	11
I don't want the taxes I pay to be spent for affordable "community" leisure. I encourage initiatives to build/promote top class facilities even if it means paying market prices for usage.	11
do not move the Leisure Centre	11
There should be more out of town leisure facilities, i.e. permission to have a nice country pub on the outskirts of the town. Both North and South. At present most residents have to go into the middle of the town for a drink in the evening where they pay tourist prices! We should have something which could include a nice family atmosphere which is walkable and situated off the tourist area. If the canal is developed for walkers- maybe have a pub along the canal side. I am sure they would get good local trade if it is reasonably priced!!	11
Plenty of seats?	11
The Leisure Centre needs updating. Safe activities for young people should be provided.	11
As explained before its now new footpaths we need its the improvement of existing ones. As for the leisure centre please improve it but don't move it in some deal with Sainsbury's or some other unsuitable town centre presence.	11
Encourage businesses into the town that provide something for young people eg. Go-karting venues, skittle alleys. Locate a suitable site, and actively recruit a reputable franchise that can facilitate this. Encourage suitable halls and venues to provide a regular afternoon/morning per week for elderly or isolated people to meet up. This can be a structured group with optional activities, or just an opportunity for like-minded people to have a coffee and make new friend.	11
Section 106 money (or whatever it is called now) should not be wasted on public art projects, but should got to practical improvements to Stratford's leisure facilities.	11
Stratford leisure centre is in desperate need of being modernised or knocked down & re built in order to cope with the additional number of people of all age groups & families being encouraged to use its facilities.	11
we have been living here for a year now and the only toddler centre that has been brought to my attention is Drayton Avenue, we did attend for a while but funding has been restricted and Actual toddler classes now are limited to two classes per week, with the timetable dominated by support classes for language and business. More funding is needed in this area so moms like myself and my friends have support and somewhere to go with our little ones.	11

Why not provide a bowling facility so that families can do something together e.g. in town square.	11/10
We need a civic community centre. Local heritage sites and their owners (SBT and RSC) must recognise their local relevance as well the national and international connections.	11/12
See Q14 as a way to improve a sense of community and draw tourists and residents together.	11/14
Explore the possibility of discounted ticket prices at the RSC for residents of Stratford	11/14
To improve leisure facilities and simultaneously benefit the tourist economy, the Avon should be opened to navigation between Stratford and Warwick. Transport plans should concentrate on encouraging people to use public transport rather than private cars.	11/14/18
Stratford leisure centre is adequate, it could be enhanced. Could become more of a hub with coach station being formalised. No need to start from scratch, could be more varied and youthful activities on week nights.	11/18
Leisure and pleasure facilities have improved in the town during my residency of more than 50 years. River, Food and Art festivals have helped the economy. There is always room for improvement perhaps regarding evening transport for those who do not have own	11/18
There are at present many leisure facilities available for all ages. Access to these would be enhanced by a town centre bus station.	11/18
The leisure centre is a mess, is it for sports or is it a coach park?	11/20
Stratford requires a state of the art leisure centre with free parking on the edge of town that is accessible to all	11/20/21
Provide community venues which are economic to run for clubs and societies with free parking and good facilities for entertainment and education purposes.	11/20/22
Move plastic swimming pools (covered for all year) - leisure centre is restricted, difficult to get to, expansion to park	11/21
Do not move leisure centre out of town. It's location reduces traffic and encourages use.	11/21
Make Stratford a place to enjoy. Get rid of the traffic!	11/21
The leisure centre is actually not to accessible e.g. have to travel through busy town centre and gyratory to access. Puts off residents from north of town. Consider satellite hub or such in north	11/21
The swimming pool timetable is currently dominated by schools in the day time and clubs in the evenings, there needs to be better access for members of the public. Or add a second pool to the site. Encourage parents and children of primary school age to walk/scooter/cycle to school to encourage a healthier lifestyle and reduce congestion on the roads. Add suitable trees to grass verges (looks great around Avon Crescent etc, I believe Bridgetown Road area would benefit)	11/21

Attract some of the holiday activities for children and young people which the residents of Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth enjoy - the pressure on school places proves that Stratford still has children and young people!	11/22
Having in mind Stratford's role as a significant cultural centre, facilities for young people needs directing towards music, drama, arts, especially improvisation in these areas. Upgrading of Stratford hospital should be a priority.	11/22/8
Model boat lake. Cycle training centre.	11/23
Would love to see improved leisure services, we are not just a tourist town. Please provide good, safe cycle lanes that allow you to get from one side of town to the other (and not into centre). Stratford is a lovely place to live and it would be great if it was even better for all young and old! Great idea having this questionnaire	11/23
See previous suggestions regarding cycle routes. Also make Stratford a destination for people seeking "active-leisure" instead of just the "passive-leisure" seekers.	11/23
1) Restore free swimming in the over 60's. 2) Invest in, improve and market public paths etc. 3) Improve the leisure centre and promote the line between exercise and good health.	11/24
Make community centres and leisure facilities a necessity in new developments	11/3
Investigate use of existing commercial premises for local evening use. e.g office 'open plan areas' could be let out for yoga/tai chi etc when office closed (say between 7 and 10pm). No need then to build new premises to accommodate such activities. Think outside the box	11/3
Improve leisure centre, but keep it in the same location. Do not allow any more supermarkets which take away space for leisure.	11/3
I believe there should be more social/leisure facilities for young people to meet up - to me there does not seem much for them to do apart from bars, hanging around etc. At the other end social/leisure activities for retired people, bearing on mind that people over 60s today are physically and mentally more active + increasing in number. It would be great if more were done to bring older people living alone together. Great consideration must be given to increasing numbers of those with dementia so lone carers are not left to shoulder the responsibility.	11/33
Because of the critical importance of providing sports and leisure facilities for young people, consider using existing premises (such as schools and colleges) outside normal school hours for sports and community activities. These could also be made available for activities for older residents.	11/33
Skate park suitable for all ages to be built in high profile place in rec area. Reduce the now OVERSIZED market on Waterside now not pleasant to walk in this area. Alter Lucy Mills bridge to enable everybody to use it i.e. wheelchair access . Keep the leisure centre where it is.	11/34

Contributions from developers i.e. Sainsbury's offering to pay for a new leisure centre in my opinion is bribery. If i secure contracts with BMW or JLR they don't offer to supply us all with free cars. In modern day terms and in comparison to inner cities i would hardly say there is nothing to do for young people in Stratford. However with increasing housing developments it will also fall into the same category as the Town Centre it needs to be supported and developed but within the remit of the Stratford Upon Avon perception.	11/5
We need another park/meadow in Northern Stratford, rather than building along the canal. Why not a park? Old/young will self exercise/enjoy	11/7/15
We need more for older people in the town	11/8
We need more children and young people activities that is not expensive and relate to 5-14 year old to stop anti social behaviour. On Friday and Saturday nights there are a lot of over 55 groups and social events for over 60's, but not for 25-50 group. Children are our future.	11/8
Focus should be on the young - there's little for them to do in their leisure time. How about a skate boarding park, adventure centre, live music venues?	11/8
Young people need places to gather together where no alcohol is available. We used to call them 'coffee bars', they were different to today's coffee shops and closed around 11pm.	11/8
The night time economy needs to offer more than pubs and restaurants and one cinema. The young need more opportunity for leisure activities.	11/8
Providing venues for the elderly does not mean they will go to them. Provide more venues for the young 18-35.	11/8
Stratford needs better facilities for youth of town where they are able to reach independently and safely and where they feel comfortable to meet with their friends (Cox's Yard was a great venue - many young people disappointed when this facility changed from a music venue to a restaurant). Not everyone wants a sports facility	11/8
Improvement to youth services is essential to keep them occupied and stop anti social behaviour/drinking. It is also essential that young people adopt a healthier lifestyle and don't sit in front of a screen all the time be it TV; computer; games console	11/8
Make the welcome hills area more accessible for young families with stricter control over dog owners with regards to dog mess	11/9
Leisure, the environment, transport, heritage and housing are all linked. The benefits of getting people out of their cars will accrue to all these areas and make Stratford a much more pleasant place to live.	11/9/18/12
Open new place gardens Chapel Street gates for residents	12/11

Open a town museum in one of the vacant shops in a prominent position to emphasise the town's history pre and post Shakespeare. Either charge a nominal entrance fee or make it a voluntary donation, use volunteers to staff it	12/11/14
Heritage sites should have discounted prices for locals who live and pay council tax in the area. Even if only available during low season.	12/14
Find employment for all - no more hand outs by lazy politicians who don't need to care because we are all so collectively stupid we let them get away with it every time. Affordable quality childcare for all - this would also put the poor children from chavvy families in a positive environment whilst their parents go out to work and contribute to society - hooray!! Make sure everyone can cook. Ban junk food for children near public places and advertising/ food labelling etc. We are looking like the fat lot across the pond and it needs to stop.	13
Do more to encourage visitors to stay for a few days, and put less emphasis on day tourists	14
Locals have discount local tourist places etc.	14
Encourage the RSC to re-introduce a 'winter visitors' season.	14
Have an annual 'free day' to the towns attractions to residents. This has been done but not sure if it is an annual event	14/11
Less reliance on the Shakespeare theme of the town. More cultural expansion eg. art exhibitions, museums, music, reading festival, river activities etc.	14/11
Stratford Disneyland World and Zoo new development, revenue will be tenfold and visitors to Stratford. More action less talk. In all aspects of local politics. Stratford lights at Christmas should have a international presentation, funding could be possible	14/11
A good town museum.	14/12/11
A town museum is needed	14/12/11
I think that Stratford should have a Stratford Upon Avon museum, dedicated to life in the town since its earliest beginnings, and its development over the centuries. It has a very interesting past which is completely separate from the Shakespeare Connection.	14/12/11
Developers will exploit any opportunity to justify their plans by 'community' facilities - they must be restricted. Ordinary people refer to this process as bribery and corruption	15
Proper and not just token provision should be forced upon developers so that they pay the true cost of development and additional population on the community. This should be done against a community plan taking account of the needs of the changing population	15
Developers funds run out before the results. Be realistic.	15
Bring back the railway between Stratford Upon Avon and Honeybourne - will bring people in to Stratford and open up the Cotswolds to all.	18

We are slowly dying of carbon monoxide poisoning living here so you must find a way (on an emergency level) of getting rid of the coaches.	18
National Express bus stop at the Leisure Centre should have some information if bus is delayed. I waited over one hour and then left as I could not get any information.	18
If we could prevent the coach park from getting flooded it could be a good area for a new leisure centre complex and bus station with an interchange bus/train at the station. There should be a weight restriction on Clopton Bridge and even a toll for lorries passing through the town	18/11/21
Better bus service which also runs in the evening and on Sundays would reduce the need to drive into town	18/21
Get rid of the coaches and make it pedestrian. Its not rocket science. We need our shops full and reduce council tax on restaurants and shops. Get a ring road as once promised.	18/25/24/17
More cafe's open in the evening to encourage more people to walk out in the evening rather than having to sit in a restaurant for a meal. Also, ensuring smoke free areas when sitting outside. Nothing worse than wanting to enjoy the fresh air when all you get is someone else's smoke to breathe in. Especially important in pub gardens in the summer.	19
Free access to car parks for Elizabeth house etc workers for public between 6pm and 8am on work days, as well as all day at weekends	20
Free parking in all streets and car parks for drivers who pay council tax to SDC to encourage locals to use town centre shops	20
It should be possible to provide concessionary parking and entrance fees for Stratford Council tax payers to tourist attractions and shops	20
Does anyone listen or take notice of the people who live here. Something has to be done to this lovely town, since they changed to closing main routes around town. i.e. Sheep Street can't turn left all the traffic to go along. Southern lane so sad! Mr Bennett, take note	21
I observed spring 2013 many antique cars parked in Henley St. I observed today 23rd June 2013 more than 100 noisy scooters parked on lawns between Bridgefoot and Holiday Inn. I am assuming that the former was an exhibition sanctioned by Elizabeth House and the police but that the latter was not. If my presumption is correct then the scooterists should be dealt with by traffic wardens.	21
Dealing with the congestion on the roads will also help with well being.	21

<p>The rosebird development should have a medical centre- as was originally mentioned when the development was put before planning. The bird family have made vast amounts of money by selling land in &amp; around the town &amp; should have been forced to provide this rather than expecting the building to be funded by the beleaguered NHS. At last -after 30+ years we have a pharmacy south of the river -we need more facilities like this which would in turn cut down movement from south to north of the river &amp; back. Traffic congestion is the most pressing problem stratford has -not just bank holidays &amp; weekends but rush hour times -which seem to get longer as people try different times to avoid the jams. Ultimately the town will be gridlocked &amp; tourists may give up &amp; stay away!</p>	21/22
<p>Get police on foot patrol in town. In my opinion this will help in controlling speeding vehicles in town, and impose the law re no cycling on footpaths which is a danger in particular to older pedestrians.</p>	21/23/24
<p>Reducing the number of journeys by car by encouraging foot and cycle traffic would improve health of population and reduce congestion, but would reduce friction between walkers/cyclists/drivers. Invigorate the town centre by more facilities for people, small retail/manufacturing and more housing. Make the town centre a pleasure to visit, not a torment like it is now!</p>	21/23/24/16/19/3/28
<p>Car access needed for disabled people but paths to link up areas especially housing areas is a good idea</p>	21/24
<p>It still comes down to the roads and movement of traffic. This is the towns largest problem and would be solved by pedestrianisation</p>	21/27
<p>Health care needs to be looked at in the context of 'South Warwickshire' provision improving speed and efficiency of emergency response and care at GP centres rather than hospitals</p>	22
<p>Most important all health care facilities, these are already stretched to breaking point. Stratford needs more medical centres</p>	22
<p>The wellbeing of local residents can only improve if there are enough medical centres and doctors.</p>	22
<p>Stop reduction of district nursing service when demand increases.</p>	22
<p>More services at Stratford hospital i.e. join doctors surgeries together at hospital site with availability 24hours. Plenty of land available within site.</p>	22
<p>If the demand is as you say why is the Stratford hospice and facilities not available seven days a week</p>	22
<p>Expand minor injuries unit to take on a lot more low - level A+E. Also provide cottage hospital care for the frail elderly within their own community.</p>	22
<p>Ensure developers keep their promises. e.g At Rosebird centre where no healthcare facilities or schools have been built to accommodate huge housing estate at Trinity Mead</p>	22
<p>With the population growing and huge numbers of tourists we need a proper hospital. It is ridiculous that a town the size of Stratford does not have an A&amp;E department</p>	22

WE need hospital/maternity facilities in Stratford as getting to Warwick can be difficult	22
Consult local NHS providers including GPs before approving any more Nursing and Residential Home developments.	22
Encourage the local schools to promote services that are available within the town, look at what facilities can be used after schools have closed, there may be an available space that can be used for classes.	22
As mentioned previously, a town the size of Stratford should have its own A&E.	22
Ensure that all school sports and leisure facilities are available for public use outside school hours	22/11
Increase hospital services. We need a village hall at reasonable costs at all times. I love living here and so did 5 generations before me! We have to be realistic. Protect and more with the times	22/11
Much of the above is addressed, in part, for young people by the High School. Could Grammar School facilities also be used(or primary schools) as a venue for evening activities for local community and/or sports groups. (e.g. KES playing fields could be used by local sports groups)	22/11
Schools and Theatres - integration needed. Leisure centre to be maintained to higher standard. Boat/Rugby/Football clubs support to be encouraged. Rec to be kept as it is	22/11
Concentrate on health provision and wealth creation (commerce) and infrastructure (ease of improving the town centre and the rest with a little imagination will look after itself	22/3
Before developers are granted permission to build or alter properties ask have the surgeries, dentists places for those new people. Special offers only for locals. Extend hospital especially minor injuries as any tourist taken ill will end up in a different town and if not from Britain won't know how to get back. Also a station in town to be proud of. A police station that is open all hours and uses the cells there rather than taking not only the prisoner away but removing the officers away to Leamington or Rugby, maybe just take them once a day	22/3/18
Make sure developers comply with planning requirements e.g, Birds not providing a doctors surgery at the Rose Bird development and Redrow seeking to reduce the amount of social housing at the station site.	22/5
Again : Where on road cycleways are to be set up, ensure segregation lines on road are solid white lines. So as to make it an offence to obstruct cycle way	23
More cycle routes.	23
Some cycle paths are a joke, those on Banbury road are particularly so.	23
Stratford is basically flat, so perfect for cycling. Turn it into the next Amsterdam - with development focused on encouraging cycle use	23

New sign needed outside Lucy's Mill advising no cycling. People exiting Saffron Walk steps frequently almost knocked over by cyclists. Also sign needed on path from bridge to New Street, stating not a cyclist path	23
Cycle path to Alcester and Warwick	23
Facilities for cyclists are urgently needed. I don't dare cycle anymore. Cycle lanes run out and the traffic is terrifying	23
1. Real cycle paths	23
More cycle paths	23
The No Cycling signs on the Tramway Bridge should be made larger and penalties given to stop cyclists from cycling on the bridge and pavements in the town. They seem to think they have a right to cycle wherever they want to. I have seen several incidents that could have been bad accidents.	23
The No Cycling signs on the Tramway bridge should be made larger and penalties given to stop cyclists from cycling on the bridge and on pavements in the town centre. This is a dangerous practice and I have seen several near misses, one day there will be a bad accident if something isn't done.	23
Ensure safe road crossings throughout the whole town so that young people can walk independently to green spaces and leisure activities. Cycle ways should be a priority, too, and adequate provision of areas to secure one's bike .	23
Cycle routes into town. Cycle ranks in town. Playgroups and equipment in all new developments.	23/11
Publicise existing cycle trails e.g along canal, greenway / Welford more widely (on council websites) Provide cycle parking in town and at major events (like the river and food festival). Consider offering reduced admission for tourists arriving by rail / bus	23/14
Make proper cycle paths not just paint dashed line beside the main road! Make town more accessible by bike - bridges, cycle parkway etc. Proper circular cycle route around town. Good idea (if done properly)	23/20
The highway code forbids cycling on the pavement. It can carry a £500 fine. No one seems to know this or care. The police say they can't or won't do anything to enforce this law. I have had to jump out of the way of schoolboys cycling 2 or 3 abreast, and I've even been hit on the arm by one at night. The planning that permits cyclists to ride on pavements, here and there, for a few hundred yards is absurd. It fosters the notion they can ride on any pavement. Were the law to be repealed, it would still be dangerous for schoolboys to race one another or weave their way among the elderly and mothers with toddlers on the tramway bridge! There is a sign which all ignore. Perhaps zero tolerance, New York style would be a good idea. Unenforceable no doubt	23/24
I should like to see someone doing something about cyclists using the footpaths (even on the Clopton Bridge) as a cycle track. I fear for small children running out on the pavement	23/24

<p>The worst feature of moving about the town is the behaviour of cyclists: not obeying the highway code, riding recklessly on the pavement, not giving pedestrians priority. Perhaps there should be a cycling licence, as driving, with a test to be passed.</p>	<p>23/24</p>
<p>Everyone appears to think that cyclists should be given right of way to cycle paths etc at the expense of pedestrians, cyclists regularly use pavements and take up space without payment or taxation. Why pay for cyclists above pedestrians and cars??</p>	<p>23/24</p>
<p>Walking is one of the best activities for improving the health of any age group and should be encouraged. We are lucky to have a range of good footpaths into the countryside along the river the Greenway, canal and over Welcombe Hills. As one of the original campaigners for the Greenway early in the 1980s it is clear that since it opened it has become one of the best used facilities for the town. Indeed at weekends it has become so busy there is a clash of cultures between a minority of cyclists wanting to go too fast, coming up without warning behind pedestrians. Perhaps reminders at the car park that it isn't a racetrack?</p>	<p>23/24</p>
<p>Ensure cycle access and pedestrian access are separated as many cyclists cannot be trusted to show consideration and prioritisation to pedestrians or even to obey the law.</p>	<p>23/24</p>
<p>The existing walk/cycle paths around Clopton, Welcombe Hills and Warwick Road were unusable due to being thick with mud for a great part of the winter. Maintenance should be carried out so that the council does not give the impression it is only interested in the seasonal activities of its visitors.</p>	<p>23/24</p>
<p>More people cycling/walking safely in and around town the better. Need more places to lock up bikes please. Develop infrastructure first, make Stratford a better place to live. Move main shops and supermarkets out of town, but provide excellent public transport to serve them!</p>	<p>23/24/18/3</p>
<p>People with disabilities &amp; special needs find it difficult to move around the town independently unless there are appropriate crossings (e.g. with beeping walk lights), safe cycle lanes (where road skills are not so crucial) and interconnecting footpaths and cycle paths. Separate cycle lanes would also enable schoolchildren to ride safely to school. More people on their bikes and walking plus better bus links would reduce car congestion in the town and greatly improve health and fitness.</p>	<p>23/24/21</p>
<p>See my previous comments about Pedestrian/ cyclist friendly road planning. This alone will encourage exercise. New Hospital/Polyclinic at the hospital site would be good, especially with adequate parking.</p>	<p>23/24/22/20</p>
<p>Cycling in town is a dangerous activity. This has to be addressed urgently, particularly around the gyratory</p>	<p>23/25</p>
<p>Much more attention should be paid to the needs of cyclists in the town centre and on all the approach roads into the town.</p>	<p>23/29</p>

<p>Redeveloping a cycle network has so many benefits for health, environment and attracting tourists, that I'm amazed it's not there. Go to Holland to find out.</p>	23/9/14
<p>We already have a circular route the excellent path from the Bancroft to the church, only the Lucy Mill Bridge needs sorting out, then there is the return on the opposite river bank. Why do we need a new circular route, use the money on the bridge</p>	24
<p>If you made the town a walkway all the way from Birth Place to BHS roundabout people would get exercise.</p>	24
<p>Improve the walkways so there are flatter surfaces for people with disabilities.</p>	24
<p>A footpath Seven Meadow Road on Greenway side</p>	24
<p>Improve maintenance of all footpaths on approach roads in to town</p>	24
<p>Could not get a buggy etc along the very narrow pedestrian area or perhaps it would be okay for a tight-rope walker - unfortunately I don't think there are many of these in Stratford. Please help and provide priority for the pedestrian</p>	24
<p>The access to pavements for wheelchair users is very poor. We have to use the roads to progress from some areas to many areas of the town because the lowered kerbstones are still too high in most places. Day care for disabled.</p>	24/11
<p>Footbridges over the A46 where footpaths go across so that for most of the day it is impossible to walk along. Check farmers have not ploughed up or put bulls in fields which have footpaths</p>	24/11
<p>Look, I am 75 and never use a car in Stratford. It is already a very walkable town. Likewise the place is already cram full of activities and leisure facilities. No need! Most of this section is unnecessary expense</p>	24/11
<p>Public pathways through scenic locations and around the river should be tarmaced, paved to accommodate modern leisure activities, i.e. scooters, roller blades, bikes in trailers for kids etc</p>	24/11/23
<p>Pedestrianising the town centre and bringing in residential development would address most of the leisure and wellbeing and community problems</p>	24/11/3
<p>Extend the tramway footpath towards New Gold along the bed of the old tramway. Create a new footpath/cycle path along the line of the old railway to Goldicote</p>	24/23
<p>Make provision for pedestrian/cycle route, utilising the canal in part for the children who live in the Birmingham road area to use. Thus avoiding Arden Street and its traffic pollution to reach the schools on the Alcester road</p>	24/23
<p>Again footpaths and cycleways need to be kept separate. Improve needs to be defined, if of the twee hanging basket on every post variety then best lest alone</p>	24/23
<p>As above alternative to maximise riverside pedestrian</p>	24/23

While supporting improvements of walkers, I feel that enough has already been done for cyclists, many of whom openly flout traffic laws and common road courtesy. EG cycling on pavements, jumping traffic lights and using footpaths where they are banned by law.	24/23
Separate pedestrians and cyclists. Young people need evening entertainment centres	24/23/11
As an older person I find it impossible to walk into town which takes half hour, without a 3 wheel walker and find the pavements and lack of dropped kerbs most dangerous	24/28
I notice in many places it is difficult to walk along pavements because of low hanging branches, briars jutting out and hedges overtaking the pavement area. (Loxley Road, Tiddington Road, Manor Road etc.) Quite often pavements are obstructed by vehicles causing pedestrians to dice with other traffic when negotiating obstacles. Nobody seems to care, the police certainly are not interested.	24/28/20
When widening pavements take into account wheelchairs. Put in enough drops to cross the road not like in the High st.	24/3
Just spend all money on last stretch of ring road. Once all through traffic is out of town and off Clopton Bridge, Stratford-upon-Avon will be beautiful and will flourish again.	25
Strongly disagree to create a ring road. It will eventually kill the town. I personally would not like to live in a town in the middle of a ring road.	25
Two major improvements are needed to ensure the town's welfare as a safe and environmentally friendly place. 1) A full town bypass 2) Bus station	25/18
The provision of a 'proper' ring road system is long long overdue to prevent traffic blockage	25/21
Have a proper ring road. Keep HGV's off the bridge	25/21
Ensure balance between various road users - walkers/cyclists/drivers through shared space and speed control.	27
Partially pedestrianise Bridge Street to improve mobility for elderly and disabled.	27
It would be helpful if a slightly longer period was shown on the green lights on the crossings for elderly people. Also pavements need to be examined and re-paved at regular intervals	28/24
Remember the disabled. Not everyone can walk or cycle. Don't forget the dog bins, either please. Or even ban dogs from some pedestrian routes	28/3/24/23
Better use of the canal, paths, signage etc. Schools as 'hubs' for leisure activities.	29/3/11/22
All the questions are easy to answer in a positive light. Where are the questions that matter, such as those relating to housing, traffic management, schools and infrastructure. Lot on hype, not much on substance.	3
Although we do have a lot to do, more needs to be looked after and not left to ruin. More needs to be in the outer areas of the town, not just in the centre.	3

The site where Waitrose is, could surely have accommodated a GP's practice and a swimming pool/leisure centre = it would reduce traffic into town, where south of the river residents have to go or pass through to get to GP	3/11/21
Remember 'disabled' need access by car near to facilities and shops!	3/11/21
Housing developments should contain facilities for leisure and for a sustainable community eg. Doctors, dentists, local shop, hairdresser, pub etc. This will lessen isolation and increase a fuelling of communal better than dormitory living.	3/11/22
This town should be for people to live in the town centre at work and play. Not for cars, cars need to go out of town	3/21
Lower kerbstones for wheelchair access. Day care for disabled.	3/24/22
Stop charging for Waterside toilet admission.	31
A ten pin bowling alley and multiscreen cinema to be developed on the Maybird centre	32
Those green spaces which we have not got would incorporate all of the above	4
Promoting open spaces, greenery, footpaths and cycling tracks and maintaining historic traditions is social, healthy and relatively cheap	4/11/24/23/12
As long as contributions from developers does not affect the level of affordable housing - there is not enough and developers will always use financial assessment to argue out affordable housing from their developments so no extra charges to them should affect this!	5
Sheltered housing needed that is affordable, transport on Sundays and bank holidays so we can all get up town	5/18
Developers only build homes, nothing extra for the community. Too many past promises made - never built, schools - small local shops or medical facilities	7
Stop overloading the area with new homes. No matter how much the developer gives to promote local amenities, it is just not worth it. Stop spoiling the whole character of the town in exchange for such payouts.	7
Stop new building developments, you are destroying the character of this town.	7/15
Stop new developments in housing open greenway to trains soon	7/18
Developers require profit as a reason to invest and the first casualty of profit is the promise to provide facilities. The Council should be strong when giving permissions for developments and even stronger in ensuring they fulfil their promises. Trinity Mead is a disaster from this point of view. 20% more houses than agreed and no facilities whatsoever.	7/22
Stop expanding housing then services will not be needed	7/3

Support of elderly is key. Stop focusing on trying to reduce age. It makes the town what it is - cash rich, willing to invest. We are personally under 30, have purchased and live in Stratford. There is plenty to do and enjoy the village.	8
Ensure that the views of the younger generation are properly sorted and respected.	8
We need to take on and use local facilities for cushioning the affects of ageing and loneliness. I am sure that embryo organisations already exist but much more needs to be done to deal with this evolving crisis-it is clear that central government is going to be doing a lot less just as the need exists for more to be done. Self-help solutions have to be found.	8
What about the 30 to 50 range - lest see a priority for improving their leisure - not just old and young people	8/11
Look after the elderly and isolated - bring lonely elderly in by 'back and forth' and 'community links' to a central point - (Windsor Street Coach Park etc) to buzz community and arts centre for lunch, tea, shopping on music singing, nostalgia days etc. There are too many isolated people living outside of transport links who need help to meet others in a similar situation. Stimulated elderly are healthier - I know	8/18/11
If Stratford has an ageing population, to address this issue one of the objectives for Q24 should be to get younger people and families to move to Stratford.	8/3
Unfortunately the best thing you could be to change the state of collective young people are nasty we must keep Stratford in a time warp thinking among the residents. Young folk keep the place alive, Tudor buildings were pink so why shouldn't modern ones be? Stratford is getting a reputation of being full of grumpy old gits so if you have a magic wand to fix that?	8/3
Plant more trees.	9
Purchase land at Burton Farm backing onto the canal and create new nature walk area to include cycle paths and a pub. This will link Wilmcote to the town centre along the canal and provide another area of interest. The pub owners would fund the purchase of the land	9/24/23/11
No view - insufficient information available	
Youngsters and elderly are very well catered for already in Stratford upon Avon compared with comparable towns	
Questionnaire would have been better if there were more options eg. strongly agree and strongly disagree.	
Try to allow non self serving questions!	
A different questionnaire. Almost everything is desirable, it would be more meaningful if questions had been framed on an either/or choice basis.	

A bit disappointed that most of these options are bland and wishy washy. Very hard to agree/disagree with so much of this but we need to prioritise as funds are obviously not available for most of this.	
You need a fast track team to get some of the proposals quickly implemented	
It is not so much the facilities is getting people to be less apathetic to use them	
The answer to the above is obvious all that is lacking is who's going to pick the bill up for all these obvious suggestions?	
Where is the 106 money from building companies	
Considerable funds are currently raised for the above objectives by SOA Town Trust, Rotary, Lions etc	
Better understanding how to compile a proper questionnaire. This questionnaire must have been put together with council input - not asking for the correct feedback from Stratford people and viewed by many as wasted opportunity	
One has concern for the achievement of the aspirations of the neighbourhood plan. Funding from central government is reducing and local government taxes are pegged	
It had to be affordable as well as accessible.	
The problem with many of the answers to the survey is that most, if not all, are irreproachable ideals - the issue is that we cannot afford to do all of them, so I am not sure how the survey can prioritise the programme.	
Get rid of these awful nightclubs or at least police them more firmly and limit their hours of opening.	
Think about changing the bin collections for Green Bins- weekly in the summer and less frequently in the winter- this will encourage more weekly gardening!!!!	
Be wary of turning the town centre into a 'young persons only' environment during the evening.	
Be honest instead of making good proposals but not sticking to them	