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Calderdale Council LDF Workshop Report 2
Brighouse and Rastrick
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1 Context

The Development Strategy Team for Planning at Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council has commissioned this report to capture the second of ten creative consultations in Calderdale designed to explore the needs, aspirations and concerns of residents in relation to planning.

This report concerns the existing and desired quality of life of residents in Brighouse and Rastrick.

The written results from this consultation are thematic¹ and indicative of resident's experiences and aspirations in this area relating to planning. The report constitutes one element of a broad evidence base with which to inform the LDF Core Strategy.

2 Methodology

The workshop drew on Creative Problem Solving and Productive Thinking frameworks to promote active involvement and group decision-making from participants.

The workshop was framed within a 'quality of life' paradigm to encourage participants to reflect not just on planning issues but also on the real impacts of these issues on their lives and communities. The aim in doing so was to produce insights that have genuine relevance to both participants and the Planning Team.

The workshop was divided into four key areas of investigation:

- resident's current life/work context and impact on quality of life,
- aspirations for 20 years hence moving into their next life stage,
- what that imagined future would look and feel like to live in,
- specific positive actions the Planning Department could take to realise these aspirations.

The workshop concluded with a group discussion to further explore the themes and issues raised.

3 Participation

A total of 17 residents took part in the workshop, 2 of whom were Councillors. Not all participants completed the equalities sheet therefore totals below do not add up.

All described themselves as 'White'.

The age breakdown was: <25 = 2; 25 to 39 = 0; 40 to 59 = 1; 60+ = 7.

There were 4 males and 4 females.

4 described themselves as having a disability.

¹ Some highly specific suggestions were made during the workshop and are outlined in detail in the appendix of this report.

4 Overview

Residents are proud of where they live and wish to see Brighouse thrive as a local economy and a place to live, work and play. They feel well located, well catered for in terms of local amenities (with the exception of healthcare) and well connected.

Residents like the dual convenience of the facilities and benefits of a small local town and being connected by the M62 to other larger towns and cities.



Brighouse offers numerous opportunities to enjoy a fit and active lifestyle – from the local gym and swimming pool to the cinema, dance hall and restaurants. They perceive their area as semi-rural and value the pleasure they derive from enjoying the nearby countryside and canals.

The most significant perceived threat is overdevelopment and the impact this will have on already overstretched facilities, traffic congestion and the countryside. The Sugden Mill site is a particular concern.

Litter, traffic and lack of provision for young people are some other key issues they face.

Residents want to feel proud of Brighouse. They want it to thrive, be filled with interesting shops and attract shoppers. They want the town to be clean and well maintained. Residents also want better provision for young families and children through increased and improved recreational facilities – especially in Rastrick.

Traffic is perhaps the biggest source of stress for residents. They desperately want comprehensive measures to be taken to reduce the volume and improve the flow of traffic through the town – for reasons of health, safety and quality of life.



5 Key Findings

5:1 Positive quality of life

Residents in this area place high value on the varied leisure opportunities, local amenities and convenient shopping in Brighouse. They also value their location which provides ease of access to the local countryside and to towns and cities elsewhere.

- Leisure**

This area offers a multitude of leisure and associated social opportunities: the Gala Cinema, Ritz Ballroom, dining out, town centre and parks, and local events such as the Brighouse Bike Ride and Summer Fair. When asked to describe the impact of their leisure activities and social life, the word 'happiness' featured highly.

- Amenities**

Residents value the local facilities and amenities such as the gym, swimming pool, town centre shops, supermarkets, friendly market, the library and its grounds and good parking. This brings convenience, a sense of community and variety to their lives.

- Environment**

Residents believe that where they live offers a good mix of town and country. They take pride in their town and enjoy walks in the local countryside and by the canal. They experience an associated sense of good health, well-being and local pride.



- Infrastructure**

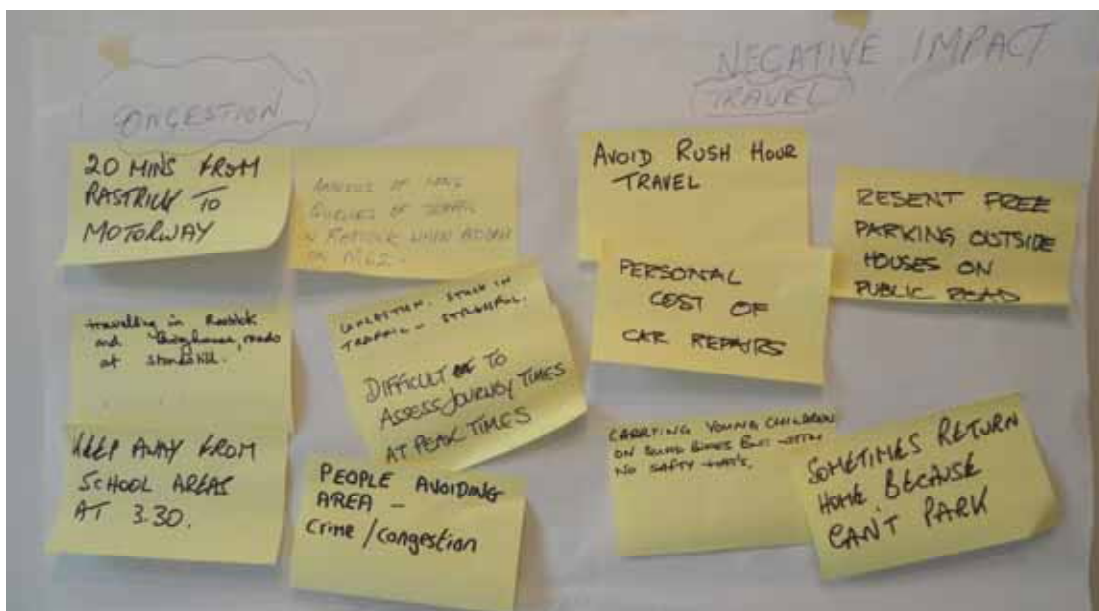
Residents like the fact that they are well connected to other towns and cities as a result of Brighouse's location near the M62. It provides good access and convenience. It also makes them feel 'connected' to the region whilst still retaining their distinctiveness as a small town.

5:2 Quality of life concerns

There are some clear concerns in relation to planning which residents believe materially impact on their quality of life: issues around congestion, overdevelopment, lack of provision for young people and litter all feature strongly.

• Parking, Congestion, Transport

Residents are extremely concerned about the volume and poor flow of traffic through the town and cite a number of contributing factors: school runs, overdevelopment (both housing and industrial), crashes on the M62 redirecting traffic flow through the town, rat run traffic and heavy vehicles from the expanding industrial estates. The personal impact on residents is stress and anxiety, danger from and fear of accidents, avoiding Brighouse at peak times and not being able to park outside their own homes.



“There’s a stupid mini roundabout at the bottom of Bramston Street where a rat run has precedence over the main road. It’s difficult there at peak times. Traffic approaches the mini roundabout from the rat run and they can see they have clear sight but they ignore the roundabout and they go straight on over the wrong side of a mini roundabout.”

“People coming down Huddersfield Road are coming down Toothill Bank, down Rastrick Common and then into Bridge End – but if you’re coming down Bramston Street you can’t see them ... why are they coming down Toothill Bank? Because they can’t get down Huddersfield Road because they are almost at the boundary of Brighouse queuing to get into Brighouse because I think they’ve got too many sets of traffic lights down there.”

“The rat run there is taking precedent; it’s causing accidents because people are having to jump on their brakes because they’re not looking to the left to see beyond the roundabout there. They come flying straight out and it’s a case of ‘if you hit me it’ll be your fault because I’ve got precedence’.”

“If there’s a crash on the motorway, where do they come off? Ainley Top so then we’re clogged with traffic from right up New Hey Road all the way down Rastrick, all the way down Bramston Street, then you’ve got them coming off Huddersfield Road, coming down Toothill Bank, coming down the rat run ... nobody can get out. We’ve got to the point where you can’t get out from the estate onto the main drag which is Bramston Street because there’s that much traffic backed up.”

“If you factor in a clogged motorway, motorway’s shut, restricted traffic, they’re all on their SatNavs and they come through Rastrick and that compounds the problem.”

- **Planning and Development**

There is a strong feeling that this area has been over-developed. One reason given was the proximity of the town to the motorways and the fact that the land is flat and therefore more attractive to build on for business or domestic use. The perceived impacts of this overdevelopment are manifold: encroachment into the greenbelt, increased traffic, over-population and the associated strain on public services and amenities. Residents are also concerned about the 'eyesore' that is the Sugden Site and poor street lighting, due in part to overgrown trees. Residents feel frustrated and powerless at what they perceive as the ludicrous inevitability of more development in an area where public facilities are thought to be at breaking point.

"A lot of the areas around Brighouse are green and that's one of the reasons why I live here. I suppose one of the things that worries me is that ... Calderdale doesn't have much flat land. When you're looking for flat land you looking down here and your talking about the M62 obviously, and so areas around Clifton are immediately on the map and look very nice to build on compared to sticking something in Hebden Bridge or Todmorden ... I suppose what I'd like to go away with from this meeting is that somebody from the Council does pick up how important the green spaces are to Brighouse."

"I felt since I've moved here 23 years ago ... like a constant chipping away. Someone wanting to build on a field near where I live and it's something I've always felt I've had to be on my guard about and it feels like somebody is sneaking up behind you all the time. I think they see Brighouse as something of an easy picking space-wise and save the nice countryside bits further down the valley. But we still don't want to be totally built up here. We want our individual communities. We want our bit of green."

"It's about time the area started looking elsewhere to build. They've got plenty of outer areas. They may be higher but that's their problem, not ours. We are at a standstill traffic-wise, school-wise, doctors-wise, everything. Everything's full up and what bit of green there is we want for our children and their children. We don't want any more houses over here. Plus, the roads can't take any more traffic around here."

- **Green Areas, Open Spaces, Leisure Environment**

As mentioned above, residents fear for the future of their green spaces which they have seen diminishing over time. Dearth of provision for young people and families on the estates in Rastrick are also an issue with few places to congregate or play. Associated with these concerns are real quality of life impacts: fear of crime as residents see young people in gangs on the streets, the 'demonising' of these young people when all they need is somewhere to go and something to do, and fear over the loss of green spaces and the personal pleasure and benefits residents derive from them.

"In Rastrick we have absolutely nothing for children. There are three very very small playing areas. Carr Green is for under 10s, Field Lane is for under 10s and Oaklands is for under 10s. What are you going to do for older children?"

"You shouldn't have let private people build on the estates like they have done in Rastrick without putting something in there for the children."

- **Litter and Graffiti**

There are also considerable concerns about poor street cleansing, litter in the countryside and canal sides, graffiti and overgrown trees and bushes. Residents feel angry and

frustrated at the sight of 'mess'. They believe it spoils the area, making it feel unsafe and look dirty and unkempt.

- **Employment**

Residents are concerned about declining local employment which they attribute, in part, to the decline of shops and commerce in the town. Too many charity shops, not enough real businesses.

- **Communications and Funding**

Underpinning all their concerns is the feeling that the Council is not listening to residents and investing in the area properly. They blame the Council for poor decision making and are worried that the cumulative effect of these perceived historical and continued bad decisions (e.g. concerning the Sugden Site) will result in loss of community, pride and people moving away.

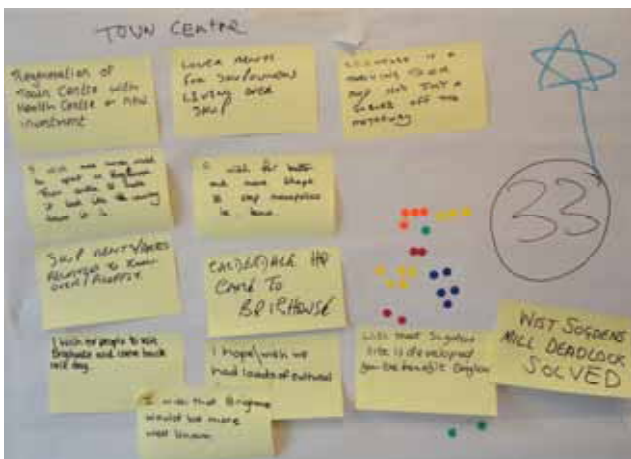
5:3 Community Aspirations

Residents themed their key aspirations into 10 core headings. When invited to vote on which they believed were the most important to their quality of life the results, in descending order, were:

- Environment
- Health
- Town Centre
- Jobs/Employment
- Public Transport
- Schools and Education
- Roads and Traffic
- Housing
- Leisure
- Green Energy

All the findings are in the appendix. This section only includes areas that relate to planning.

- **Town Centre Aspirations**



Residents want the town centre regenerated, with more inward investment, thriving commerce, more variety of shops, the genuine feel of a country town and the development of Sugden's site. They also want a cleaner town, free of litter.

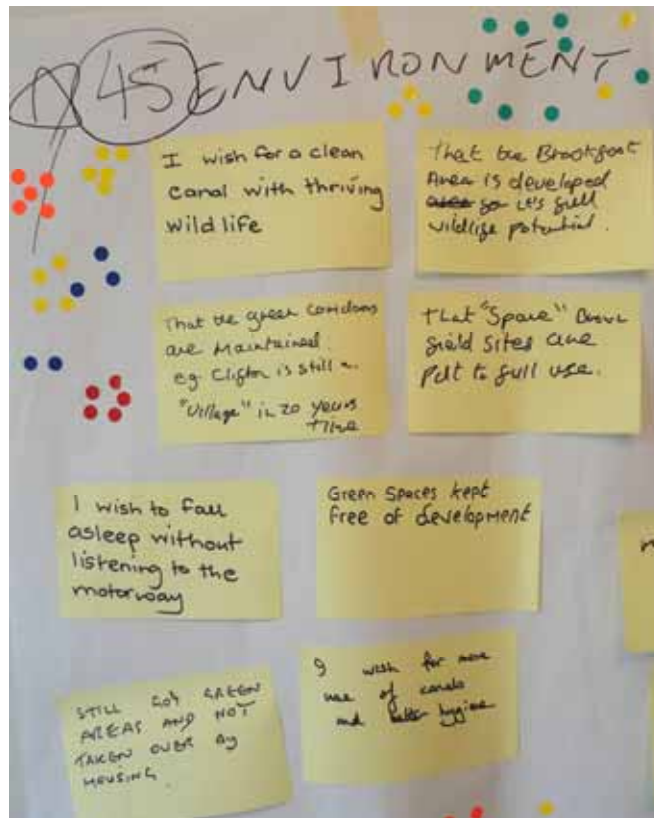
“You need to work with shop owners to make Brighouse a better place to go ... you want your Marks and Spencers and you want

those other shops you can't get ... record shops, games shops, art shops ... there are some tatty horrible little shops and it needs to be pulled up a little bit."

"The Sugden site has to be moved forward ... somebody somewhere needs to drive that whole thing forward. The whole thing's an eyesore and if it was developed it could be such a key point to Brighouse ... you could change some of the road network based on it."

- **Environment Aspirations**

Residents want the green areas to be preserved and the canals to be cleaned up for the enjoyment and well-being of residents.



- **Aspirations for Leisure**

In addition to a few idiosyncratic suggestions (such as a premier league football team), residents would like more allotments and improved leisure opportunities for young and old.

- **Public Transport Aspirations**

A number of residents wanted some kind of tram system to be introduced to the area, as well as improved public transport in general to address parking and congestion issues.

- **Roads and Traffic Aspirations**

Residents would like to see a solution to the traffic and congestion issues in general – perhaps through the building of a bypass, or strengthening bridges to take heavy vehicles away from the town centre. They would also like to be able to park outside their homes.

"You could redirect traffic before it hit Brighouse over Birds Royd, over the old Blakesbury's Bridge, come out in the industrial estate and come straight out and turn right and on the motorway which would alleviate a lot of traffic."

“The industrial estate around Birds Royd has built up considerably over the last few years ... so there is a lot of wagons going up and down there and certainly, taking that across the canal there would be a big help and move a lot of traffic off central Brighouse.”

“I keep reading about a bridge over the Armitage Estate ... if people could move some of the traffic outside of the town centre and round that estate onto the M62 that would lighten it.”

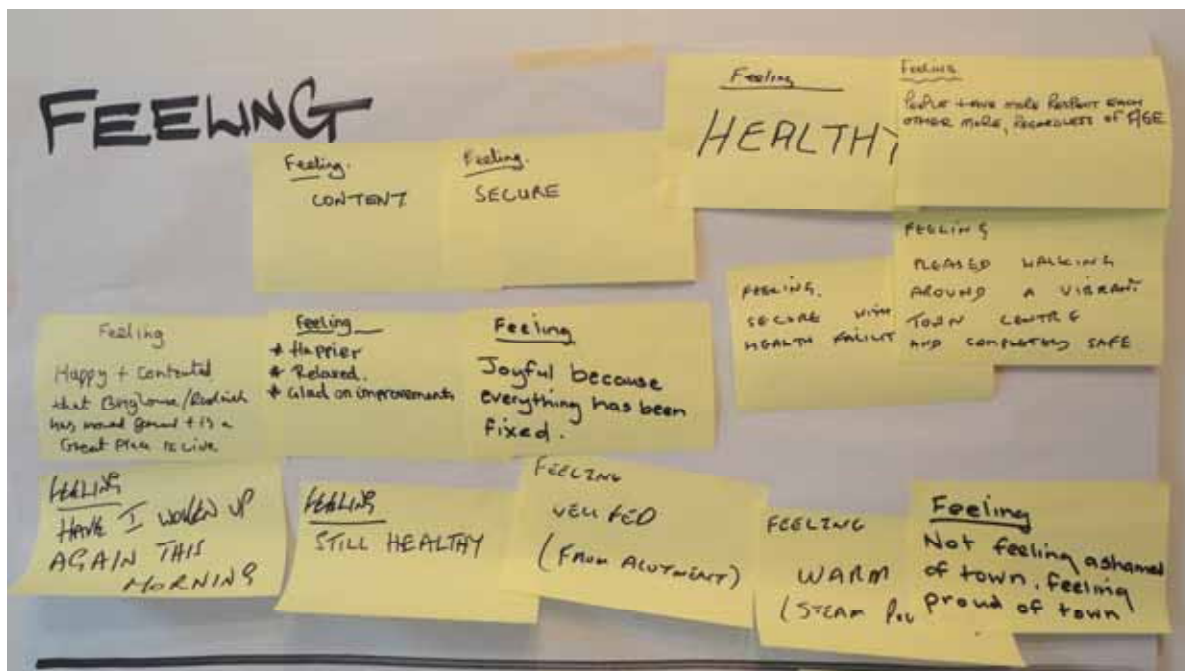
- **Housing Aspirations**

Residents would like housing developments to slow down or stop, with a focus on upgrading existing properties. They want housing that is affordable, good quality and arranged in ‘proper streets’ in order to develop communities and create safe environments. Residents also want improved provision of housing for the elderly within the context of an increasing aging population.

- **The Endgame**

It is important to this group that Brighouse retains its individual identity as a small town, that it thrives as a centre for local commerce and leisure and retains its green areas.

Residents want to feel content, happy and relaxed about living in this area. They want to walk through clean streets and feel safe and secure in doing so. They want the traffic to flow. They want to continue feeling proud of a town which has moved forward and improved as a result of the workshop. They want to remain fit and active; whether in local gyms or by enjoying the surrounding countryside and canals which have been preserved and cleaned up. They also want to continue to enjoy a rich and varied social and leisure life.



5:4 Suggested Positive Actions

What follows are specific steps or action points suggested by workshop participants that they believe Calderdale Council needs to implement in order to realise their aspirations. They are not weighted in any way and have been grouped for ease of use – a full detailed outline is available in the appendix.

- Town Centre**

KEEP	ADD
Health care Clean environment	Bins and dog mess bins in public areas Better town centre
LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
Sugden's Mill Litter Get rid of weeds and litter alongside streets and roads Remove graffiti and clean buildings	Brighten up town centre Cleaner environment Change dirty streets

- Roads and Traffic**

KEEP	ADD
	Overhead road crossings at Sainsbury's, Briggate Lane on the road for OAP scooters Better road systems New bus routes so fewer cars
LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
Congestion	Roads at certain junctions Allow 2 lanes to speed up traffic Tesco roundabout Congestion Improve roads Reduce traffic lights/crossings to improve flow Traffic lights at junction at Upper Edge Road, Rastrick, to have a filter green light Cut pavement back to improve traffic flow by Wilkinson's, Mill Lane

- Amenities**

KEEP	ADD
Parks Flower gardens Play areas	Benches Flowerbeds Allotments Lido on Bradford Rd More facilities for young people More youth facilities in estate areas for children to be able to meet up and socialise Better facilities for everybody
LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
	Car Parking charges – 1 st hour free Permits for people who work in Brighouse to park for free

- **Green Belt**

KEEP	ADD
Green belt between Clifton and Brighouse Fields at Highmoor Lane	
LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
	Put EM42 back into green belt (Wakefield RD)

APPENDIX: RAW DATA

1 What residents love about their area

Leisure	Amenities	The Environment	Infrastructure
Gala	Has a friendly gym / fitness centre	Wonderful views	Handy transport
Gala	Swimming pool	Beautiful views over Rastrick	Good motorways
Ritz Ballroom	Swimming pool and gym classes handy in town	Nice walks around area	Easy on to motorways
Ritz Dance Hall (various types of dancing)	The community	The canal and river/lakes	Junction 25 M62
Live bands (Barge)	Sainsbury's	The canal side is lovely to sit by in sunshine	Near many large towns
Good night life	Variety of the area	Lots of trees	
Good eating	Brighouse so handy for everything	Good mix of town and countryside	
Many good eating places	I love the lovely town centre	Pride in the town	
Brooks restaurant	Good charity shops	Continuing to hang baskets and flowers in town centre looks attractive	
The library is terrific – lovely art displays	Proper shops	Location: near Hx, Bfd and Hudd	
Plenty of charity events	Good parking		
Brighouse summer fair	Library grounds	Two coats warmer than Halifax	
Park	Good performing schools		
The parks	The market cos its friendly		
The band	Can buy most things in town		
2 bands	Great tip and refuse location		
Good range of cafes/places to eat	I love the area and the community spirit		
Red Rooster Pub	Industrial estate		
Events like Brighouse Bike Race	2 supermarkets		
Civic Hall	Bates' Garage		
Golf Courses	'Odd Jobs' and Wilkinson's		
Brighouse Rotary Club			
Brighouse town centre – handy shopping area and convenient to get to from Rastrick			

2 Associated positive impacts

Family & Friends	Community	Access	Health	Travel & Transport	Clean & Safe	Leisure
Family lives here	Brings community together	Easy access north, east, south, west	Good health	Easier to travel to events	Clean	Makes me happy to be able to go walking and swimming
Close to family (live local)	Belonging to the community	Easy access	Improved quality of life – reduced crime and better health	Easy access to public transport	Feel safe to be out and about	Parks help me relax
Families often stay in area so family togetherness	Sense of belonging	Convenient places to go	Health		Don't worry about other people's safety	Improved leisure time
Local friends	Proud memories	Convenience (don't need to travel always)	Good doctors easy to talk to		Nice area	Open spaces help you think
Friends	Its not Halifax	Makes life easier – everything on doorstep	Gym helps me keep healthier		No aggro	Range of activities makes sure you are never bored
Stable neighbours		Housing costs reasonable	Well being		Minimum ethnic trouble	Good social life makes you happy
					Our local police do listen to us	Socialising makes you feel happier
						Relaxing environment
						Space – not developed

3 Resident's concerns about their area

Parking, Congestion & Transport	Litter & Graffiti	Planning & Development	Green Areas, Open Spaces, Leisure, environment	Crime & Fear of Crime	Employment	Comms & Funding
Too many cars on roads around schools	Too much graffiti	Over development	Noise pollution	Keeping control of crime	Too few jobs and too much commuting to large cities	Concern over how Calderdale views Brighouse
Parents drop off kids near schools	Litter and graffiti	Development into green spaces will change the character of the area.	Need to know that we will keep green areas	Police station not staying open long enough	Shops locally closing	Proper funding
Impact of traffic if too much development	Areas not cleaned enough	Keep town & country mix	Parks are losing more of their swings	Gangs of people	Not many jobs	Poor council decisions
Lots of main roads	Not enough street cleaning	Brighouse can't move forward until Sugden's site is sorted out	Brighouse area conservation has not been thought of by Calderdale	Lack of police numbers 24/7	Employment	Good schools but over used by people who do not live in Rastrick and Brighouse
Traffic flow through town	Litter in town centre, canal area and in countryside	Sugden's site an eyesore	Poor outside play equipment for 8 – 18 yrs in Rastrick		Market half empty and too many charity shops due to high rates	
Traffic flow	Local area litter (canal, streets,	Overbuilding in Rastrick			Too many charity shops	

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<p>Traffic bottlenecks</p> <p>Too many cars on the road</p> <p>Congestion</p> <p>Mini bloody roundabout (Bramston St)</p> <p>Car parking should have free parking to encourage short visit to shops</p> <p>Transport is a mess in Brighouse i.e. Tesco roundabout</p> <p>Flout Blue badges</p> <p>Improve public transport to Leeds</p> <p>Improve bus service – especially top of Rastrick</p> <p>Bus transport not good around Rastrick</p>	<p>trees, parks)</p> <p>Litter filled canal</p> <p>Entrance to Brighouse from Rastrick needs tidying up</p> <p>Horrible subways</p> <p>Still dumping rubbish illegally</p> <p>Dog muck</p> <p>Remove the untidy privets as these make the Field Lane Estate look dirty and untidy and they also grow too tall and become a place to hide. The elderly feel threatened.</p>	<p>Crap new houses</p> <p>New bus station as bad as the old – just harder to access</p> <p>No toilets in new bus station</p> <p>Too much housing, too little green space</p> <p>Procedures esp. planning</p> <p>Lack of lighting makes me feel unsafe</p> <p>Tree shrouded street lamps</p> <p>Unadopted roads with pot holes</p> <p>Tesco rules planners</p> <p>Being forgotten</p> <p>Housing for the elderly</p> <p>Too many new homes but nothing for the children</p> <p>No public toilets except for super loos</p>	<p>More facilities for young people in Rastrick</p> <p>Not enough allotments</p> <p>Waterways not looked after and cleaned</p> <p>Not enough walking routes</p> <p>Flooding would be less if farmers allowed to plough more</p> <p>Poor support for Rugby in the area</p>		<p>Employment in short supply in Brighouse</p>	

4 Associated negative impacts

Community	Travel & Congestion	Planning	Cleansing
<p>Upset that people forget about their heritage and move on</p> <p>Sense of community – frustrated that we don't get together enough</p> <p>Feel that other people don't like young people even though we are doing nothing wrong</p> <p>Need to balance</p>	<p>Anxious of long queues of traffic in Rastrick when accident on M62</p> <p>Congestion. Stuck in traffic – stressful</p> <p>Difficult to assess journey times at peak times</p> <p>Keep away from school areas at 3.30</p> <p>People avoiding the</p>	<p>Concern that the area I live in will change from semi-rural to housing/industrial area</p> <p>Nowhere to have picnics etc stops us doing what we want to do to relax</p> <p>Overdevelopment</p> <p>No place for youngsters to go</p>	<p>Walking past unkempt gardens and property. No one wants to take responsibility</p> <p>Litter and graffiti makes me angry. Spoils the area.</p> <p>Annoyed as litter, noise and pollution upset the environment</p> <p>Negative impact of dirty</p>

Community	Travel & Congestion	Planning	Cleansing
<p>parking at home</p> <p>Walking around in large groups and aimlessly wandering – nothing else to do</p> <p>Action of a few youngsters mean that all youngsters are demonised – very unfair!</p> <p>Police do try to help youths but can only move them on – but to where</p> <p>Nothing for the children 8 – 18 yrs to do around Rastrick</p> <p>Lack of ownership of questions, problems</p> <p>No sense of pride</p> <p>Annoyed</p> <p>Feel ignored (sometimes)</p> <p>My blood pressure</p>	<p>area – crime/congestion</p> <p>Avoid rush hour travel</p> <p>Carrying young children on quad bikes but with no safety hats</p> <p>Resent free parking outside houses on public roads</p> <p>Personal cost of car repairs</p> <p>Sometimes return home because can't park</p>	<p>Concerns over erosion of green corridors by development</p> <p>Developers flouting planning regulations</p> <p>We become angry at Calderdale's lack of listening to us but they still want our money</p> <p>Feel like we don't have a voice</p> <p>Feel powerless to make changes</p> <p>Fed up about not being asked about things</p>	<p>streets</p>

5 Wishes for the future

Town centre	<p>Regeneration of town centre with new health centre and new investment</p> <p>Lower rents for shop owners living over shops</p> <p>Brighouse is a thriving town and not just a suburb off the motorway</p> <p>I wish more money would be spent on Brighouse town centre to make it look like the country town it is</p> <p>I wish for better and more shops to stop monopolies i.e. Tesco</p> <p>Shop rents/rates related to turnover/profits</p> <p>I wish for people to come to Brighouse and come back one day</p> <p>I hope/wish for loads of cultural events</p> <p>I wish that Brighouse would be more well known</p> <p>Wish Sugden's Mill deadlock is solved</p> <p>Wish that Sugden's site is developed for the benefit of Brighouse</p> <p>Calderdale HQ came to Brighouse</p> <p>I wish for a safer environment for young and old</p> <p>I wish for a cleaner town</p> <p>I wish there was no litter</p> <p>Brighouse is attractive to new businesses</p>
Environment	<p>I wish for a clean canal with thriving wildlife</p> <p>That the Brookfoot area is developed for its full wildlife potential</p> <p>That 'spare' brown field sites are put to good use</p> <p>That the green corridors are maintained e.g. Clifton is still a village in 20 years time</p> <p>Green spaces kept free of development</p> <p>I wish to fall asleep without listening to the motorway</p> <p>I wish for more use of the canals and better hygiene</p> <p>Still got green areas not taken over by housing</p>

	Greenbelt areas in Rastrick should remain for the enjoyment of the public
Leisure,	<p>More allotments</p> <p>Provision of allotments related to number of houses</p> <p>I wish for a multi-centre i.e. cinema, bowling, bingo etc for young and old</p> <p>Hope that The Red Rooster is still open in 20 years time selling real ale</p> <p>Brighthouse Lido fuelled by a steam company</p> <p>We had a successful premier league football team</p> <p>Fully developed Shay Stadium</p> <p>No blame society</p>
Public Transport	<p>I wish we had a tramway system free everyday</p> <p>Integrated local public transport</p> <p>Improved safe public transport like in Munich – S-Bahn</p> <p>Bring back the trolley bus – quieter and safer</p> <p>Wouldn't it be great if public transport were so good we'd need cars much less (so less congestion and parking issues)</p>
Roads and Traffic	<p>I wish there would be a bypass helping traffic</p> <p>To park outside my own house</p> <p>Better link road to M62</p> <p>Traffic in town centre may become a thing of the past i.e. Sheffield Super Tram</p> <p>Make the roads around Field Lane Estate wider so people can move around more safely</p> <p>I welcome the elimination of the 'right' to park outside a house, especially on trunk roads</p>
Housing	<p>I wish there would be no more house development and present properties upgraded</p> <p>Housing affordable on only one salary</p> <p>Proper new streets and houses</p> <p>As we are all living longer, better housing for the old with better access</p> <p>I wish for a safer environment for young and old</p>
Schools and education	<p>I wish there was good nursery care</p> <p>I wish present schools had more money and were upgraded</p> <p>Drive in schools</p> <p>Greater adult education</p>
Health	<p>Wish that there are more NHS dentists</p> <p>New healthy lifestyles with athletics track</p> <p>I wish there was great free healthcare for everyone</p> <p>An NHS dentist in Brighthouse</p>
Jobs and employment	<p>I wish everyone was working hard and happy</p> <p>More local jobs, less commuting</p> <p>The future is bright with plenty of opportunities</p> <p>Work for all unemployed</p> <p>I wish there would be jobs for everyone and thriving business</p> <p>I wish for more jobs in the area for the young</p> <p>I wish for my job and the shops in town to remain open and do well</p>
Green energy	<p>Demolish wind farm and develop tidal power and clean coal energy generation</p> <p>I wish homes have renewable energy like solar panels</p> <p>Self fuelled Brighthouse steam company</p> <p>Less charges on gas and electric so people don't get into debt</p>

6 Perceived impacts on wishes on quality of life

<p>Feeling</p>	<p>Content Secure Healthy People have more respect for each other more, regardless of age Feeling pleased walking around a vibrant town centre and completely safe Feeling secure with good health facilities Joyful because everything has been fixed Happier, relaxed, glad on improvements Happy and content that Brighouse/Rastrick has moved forward and is a great place to live Not feeling ashamed of the town, feeling proud of the town Still healthy Secure with good health facilities Well fed (from allotment) Warm – steam power</p>
<p>Thinking/Saying</p>	<p>To my children – what this town used to look like and how it has improved What is there to do today What a good town centre Thinking about grand children I was right in 201. I may have been part of this Maybe the powers that be did listen to the local people Another day to see my family If you can't get it in Brighouse do I want it Life is more open and children able to play. No more buildings. Better healthcare. Nicer communities. Local Gov listens to people and their wishes Telling people how this workshop shaped the Brighouse I live in Nice things about the town Thinking happy thoughts over how much the town has changed Better healthcare, housing, jobs</p>
<p>Doing</p>	<p>Spending more time with friends and family Going out for lunch Never being bored coz there's so much to do More activities in the town. Going to shops in a nice town and community Still swimming and using the facilities of the gym. Still got green areas to walk around Swimming in the lido Being taken out for rides by grandchildren Enjoying the green spaces with my grandchildren who are able to live/work locally Walking down clean streets. Clean canal and flowers and trees everywhere. Smart schools not decayed. No hospital queues More of what I do now Planting seeds with my children Still visiting gym and swim 3 times weekly</p>
<p>Seeing</p>	<p>Green fields and green belt between towns and villages in this county Greener places and a clean canal. Trees – loads of trees Green areas/corridors so separate communities still have their own identities Lots of young families living in the area, using facilities, getting a good education My son play rugby A nicer environment</p>

	<p>Happier people</p> <p>Nicer buildings, shops and more people getting good healthcare</p> <p>Thriving town centre</p> <p>More green energy used – more future for family</p> <p>More children walking to school instead of being dropped off at the door (saving traffic congestion)</p> <p>Clean streets and gardens with people talking to each other more</p> <p>Traffic that moves. Cars lead free</p> <p>More public transport and rail services on time</p> <p>A safer place</p> <p>Family healthy</p>
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7 Suggested positive actions

KEEP	<p>The green belt between Clifton and Brighouse and the fields at Highmoor Lane</p> <p>Green areas in Rastrick/Brighouse for the public to enjoy</p> <p>Keep current green belt around Clifton. Make it clear it will not be built on. Make sure we keep a town centre</p> <p>Flower gardens. Maintain them.</p> <p>Parks</p> <p>Healthcare and improve on it massively</p> <p>Good schools</p> <p>Clean environment</p> <p>Green areas</p> <p>Play areas</p> <p>Hospital beds and healthcare</p>
LOSE/STOP	<p>Lose fences : build bridges</p> <p>Demolish Sugden’s Mill and add new leisure area</p> <p>Clean up litter</p> <p>Karaoke after 12pm</p>
CHANGE	<p>Roads at certain junctions</p> <p>To allow 2 lanes to speed traffic flow</p> <p>Car parking charges – 1st hour free</p> <p>Tesco’s roundabout</p> <p>Change the way in which congestion/traffic ruins the town</p> <p>Make the town a lot brighter – clean it up</p> <p>Change roads and improve</p> <p>Cleaner environment</p> <p>Make people clean their gardens</p> <p>Give the youth more places to go without being moved on by police</p> <p>Traffic lights at junction at Upper Edge Road, Rastrick, to have a feeder green light to stop traffic clogging up and ease the flow</p> <p>Change dirty streets and keep them clean and make sure the drains are kept clean to stop flooding</p> <p>Put EM42 back into the green belt (Wakefield Rd site)</p> <p>Car parking charges – first hour free</p> <p>Add permits for people working in Brighouse to park for free</p> <p>Change shop rents to allow diversity</p> <p>Cut pavement back to improve traffic flow by Wilkinson’s, Mill Lane</p> <p>Need to reduce traffic lights/crossing to improve traffic flow</p> <p>Before thinking about more housing in Brighouse and Rastrick think about the traffic/highway infrastructure to try and ease congestion</p>
ADD	<p>More benches and flowerbeds especially in park on Halifax road</p>

	<p>Benches in public areas to encourage people to sit down and talk</p> <p>More allotments</p> <p>Get rid of weeds and litter alongside streets and roads</p> <p>Bins and dog mess bins in public areas</p> <p>Dog licenses so you can find the owners of the dogs which roam around estates</p> <p>Overhead road crossings outside Sainsbury's, Briggate</p> <p>Need a lane on the roads for O.A.P scooters as there will be more elderly</p> <p>Cleaners to make buildings clean and remove graffiti</p> <p>New bus routes so less cars</p> <p>Fast regular train to Leeds</p> <p>Better town centre</p> <p>Better road systems</p> <p>Better facilities for everybody</p> <p>More green energy ideas</p> <p>More youth facilities in estate areas for children to be able to meet up and socialise</p> <p>Lido on Bradford Road</p>
OTHER	<p>Stop foreign language in signs and local authority mailings</p> <p>Change non political councillors on planning committee</p> <p>Improve engagement and communication</p> <p>Change elected head of planning dept</p> <p>Stop religious interference in local and national law making</p> <p>Make sure P.2000 really follow the tenancy agreements</p> <p>Make current debt cannot reach the level they are now</p> <p>More neighbourhood watches so there is one in all areas</p> <p>Police coverage in Wellholme Park</p> <p>Stricter laws on drugs</p> <p>Integrated piped steam</p>