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Calderdale Council LDF Workshop Report 8  
**Mytholmroyd & Luddenden**  
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# 1 Context

The Development Strategy Team for Planning at Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council has commissioned this report to capture the eight 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 Mytholmroyd and Luddenden.

The written results from this consultation are thematic<sup>1</sup> 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 13 residents took part in the workshop.

All described themselves as 'White'.

The age breakdown was: <25 = 3; 25 to 39 = 1; 40 to 59 = 6; 60+ = 3.

There were 8 males and 5 females.

1 described them self as having a disability.

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

## 4 Overview

Residents of this area place high value on their proximity to the surrounding countryside which contributes positively to their quality of life, health and well-being. The small, compact nature of the town and villages in the area helps generate a feeling of community. Participants experience a sense of belonging to the place and the people. They regard the area as unique and in need of preservation.



Their primary concern centres on the many negative impacts of proposed housing development on green field sites: the threat to the countryside and thus their quality of life, the potential associated increase in traffic congestion, the dilution of their communities and the loss of the distinct character of the various settlements in the area through ribbon development.



Traffic congestion and parking are a source of much aggravation for participants. They are also concerned about the threat of a reduced train service at Mytholmroyd station, the decline of local trade and the lack of a village hub or community centre in Luddendenfoot.

Participant's aspirations for the area as a whole centre on retaining its unique identity - the landscape and the communities - by not building on green field sites and keeping the hamlets distinct. Despite this, they are not opposed to development per se. In place of perceived inappropriate new builds designed to meet national priorities they would prefer to see housing development on viable existing sites that meet local needs. This means housing that is affordable and suitable across ages and life stages.

Investment in the local economy is also important. Participants would like to see a growing local retail offer in the town and villages and a thriving weekly market in St. Michael's Square.

The train station and rail service are important to participants. They would like to see the station manned, the station building redeveloped with improved and new facilities, and more parking there to support a continued regular service at Mytholmroyd.



Finally, there is a sense from participants that they have missed out on some of the funds from the Upper Valley Renaissance Initiative and feel like a poor relation to Hebden Bridge despite their relatively high population. They want to be recognised as needing investment, and in a way which brings together both Mytholmroyd, Luddenden and Luddendenfoot to share resources and amenities.

## 5 Key Findings

### 5.1 Positive quality of life

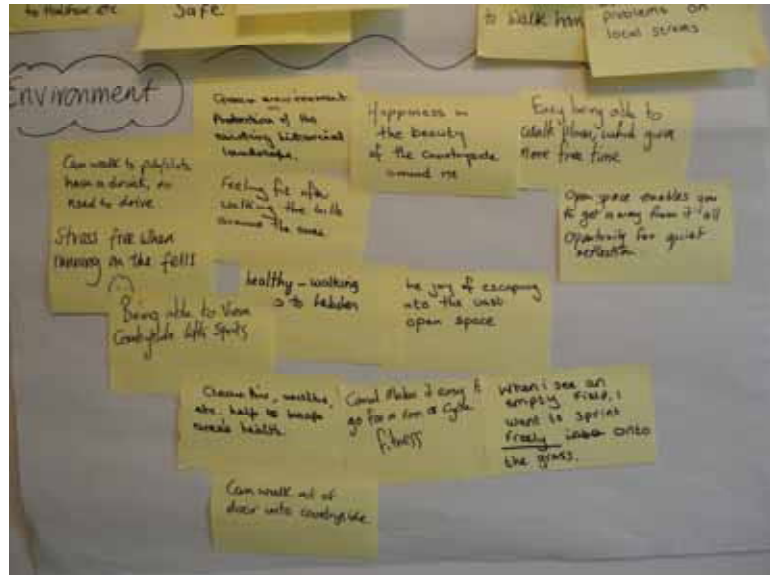
Participants value the sense of community and their proximity to the countryside, the area's heritage and good communication links.

- **Community**

Participants enjoy the area's community spirit which has given rise to a strong sense of neighbourhood, safety and belonging. They attribute this to the small size of the town and villages, the friendliness of local people and facilities such as St. Michael's Centre which supports the community through the provision of meeting spaces, clubs and activities for all ages.

- **Natural environment & countryside, and Health & recreation**

Participants derive a lot of pleasure from the surrounding countryside which they believe enhances their quality of life and positively supports their health and well-being. It provides opportunities for active recreation (walking, cycling, running, horse riding) and an opportunity for escape, peace and relaxation.



**“Everyone thinks there is nowhere quite like this area ... everyone says how beautiful it is and how lucky we are to live here and I think that's what I'd like to maintain and I wouldn't like anything put forward that's going to spoil it.”**

- **Heritage**

The area's heritage - as evidenced in its historic buildings, the history attached to the landscape, the canal, its numerous hamlets and in the history of its communities - is highly valued because of the unique sense of place it creates and the character it gives to the area.

- **Transport**

Participants enjoy Mytholmroyd's good communication links - in particular the rail connections between Leeds and Manchester.

## 5:2 Quality of life concerns

Participants are concerned with issues around housing, community facilities, roads and parking, public transport, the environment, the economy and about planning in general.

- **Housing**

Participants are concerned about inappropriate housing development on green belt areas, especially given the number of old derelict buildings available which could be converted into housing. Their fears centre on the threefold impact of new development – ruining the countryside, threatening their prized quality of life associated with a countryside setting, and eroding ‘the balance and structure of the community’ – for example, by turning Mytholmroyd into a dormitory town.

**“I was massively alarmed to see fields that I think are completely unsuitable put on a plan that is still on the internet ... so although the Council have assured me that that isn’t a plan that’s got any substance, it’s an idea and it’s a possibility as far as they’re concerned because they haven’t eliminated it out of hand. I’d like to see that taken off those plans.”**

**“It’s important, not because we’re saying ‘not in my back yard’ ... we would like to see Mytholmroyd increase in size but there are a lot of sites within the boundary of the existing village where that kind of development can take place. The big beauty of Mytholmroyd ... is that the countryside is accessible from Mytholmroyd ... to lose that would be a real retrograde step.”**

**“The small hamlets around, there’s one called Stubb which is a very historical place ... people are talking about redeveloping the area around Stubb to ‘round off the village’ but in fact to round off the village by including Stubb would mean taking up several fields of green belt and it is a conservation area. The Council with one breath is saying this is green belt and a conservation area and in the next breath its saying someone wants to build houses there and we’re seriously thinking about it. It’s a mixed message. The Council should get its act together and tell us what it really thinks.”**

- **Community facilities**

Mytholmroyd residents were concerned about the perceived lack of amenities for teenagers and young people. Those from Luddendenfoot talked about the void created by the lack of a real village hub or centre to serve the community, forcing people out of the village to access clubs and amenities elsewhere. One resident raised the fact that there have been 3 large developments in Luddendenfoot in the past 5 years with no additional amenities provided to support the increasing population.

**“While the families are coming to live in the village, they’re having to go outside the village for employment, shopping ... surely that should be taken into consideration before a new development is decided.”**

**“The community centre has to be kept as a focal point because there isn’t a centre to the village of Luddendenfoot. We are struggling really as a community to meet the needs of families and for employment.”**

**“Luddendenfoot Junior and Infants School have to come here (Mytholmroyd) to do their end of term performances ... why do they have to come several miles down the valley when there could be something in their own village? It’s vitally important to villages such as Luddendenfoot to have somewhere where they can say ‘this is our centre’.”**

- **Roads and parking**

As with most areas in the Calder Valley, the traffic volume and associated congestion along the A646 is a major concern – contributing to air pollution, stress and the inability to plan journey times. Housing development is perceived as placing further strain on an already over-used road system. On-road and on-pavement parking along the narrow roads exacerbate the congestion as well as making the pavements inaccessible to wheelchairs.

**“In the local press it’s saying that traffic is expected to grow by 27% by 2025 ... surely they should be looking to mitigate that by no large scale developments because for every house there could be an extra car or an extra two cars on the road. I use the road every day and I just can’t imagine more traffic.”**

- **Public transport**

Participants are concerned about the prospect of a reduced train service at Mytholmroyd. This would affect commuters who already have to deal with traffic congestion and the uncertainty of whether they will find a parking space at the station due to limited space.

**“They think it’s important that they can cut 10 minutes off the journey time to Leeds or Manchester by not stopping at Mytholmroyd or not re-introducing the station at Luddendenfoot. What are people going to do with that 10 minutes they’re going to save? It really beggars belief.”**

**“It means more travel up and down the valley to Halifax and Hebden Bridge and putting more stress on those car parks.”**

- **The environment**

Poor countryside maintenance is an issue in relation to the poor condition of towpaths, collapsing field drains, deteriorating dry stone walls and fences and dog fouling. A concern was also raised about an asbestos dump at Scout Road.

- **The economy**

Participants commented that Mytholmroyd sometimes feels like ‘a ghost town’ due to the decline in local independent traders. Some described the area as a ‘poor relation’ to Hebden Bridge, missing out on the Upper Valley Renaissance Initiative despite the fact it has a higher population, makes more ‘things’ and offers tourism potential.

**“People forget that more people live in Mytholmroyd than Hebden, more things are made here than Hebden ... that’s partly because people in Calderdale don’t think of Mytholmroyd as an entity.”**

**“When it comes to tourism, Mytholmroyd and Luddenden are under-utilised gems. There are huge amounts of lovely places to walk ... Calderdale in its planning issues needs to see that these are distinct pearls in a chain of pearls.”**

- **Planning**

There was evidence of general disillusionment with the planning process itself. Participants thought the processes were not transparent enough, that there was a degree of inflexibility in relation to building use and new developments, and that plans posted on-line which propose greenbelt development would inevitably go through whatever the public said. In addition, they believe inappropriate planning decisions have been passed due to the

'bully tactics' of large developers whilst '106 money' isn't making its way to the communities they were intended for.

"We have been asking as a community association what has happened to it (106) and it seems to have gone deeply into some pot."

"It's worth bringing up because it is a planning issue, what is happening to 106 money?"

"How long are these site submissions going to remain on a plan that people can see and get worried about before they are discussed and either moved forward or eliminated."

"It seems that Calderdale Council are ignoring the fact the A646 is the only through route and other developments are being able to take place willy-nilly along this ribbon."



### 5:3 Community Aspirations

Residents themed their key aspirations into 7 headings. When invited to vote on which they believed were the most important the results, in descending order, they were:

- care of environment,
- community trade,
- transport,
- housing needs,
- education services,
- facilities,
- policing.

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

- **Care of environment**

Preservation of and caring for the countryside was high on their wish-list. Participants want the surrounding countryside free from development in order to preserve something they value and which contributes so much to their quality of life. Participants also want the footpath and towpath networks better maintained and signed for walkers, as well as some being made accessible to pushchair and wheelchair users. In the settlements themselves participants want the old historical buildings preserved and made better use of to serve local business and housing needs.

- **Community trade**

Residents of both Mytholmroyd and Luddendenfoot wanted an increase in the number and diversity of independent shops in their villages. The introduction of a local market in St. Michael's Square was also mentioned developing the station buildings as a retail and meeting place.

- **Transport**

It is important to commuters especially that the train service at Mytholmroyd is not reduced in any way and that all through trains stop there. A suggestion was put forward that the rail operator could utilise the existing passing loops to allow fast trains through without diminishing service provision to Mytholmroyd. In relation to the station building itself, participants want it developed to include a ticket office, toilets and retail/meeting opportunities. They would also like a car park that adequately meets demand. It was noted that Mytholmroyd is the only station with full disabled access therefore more disabled parking needs to be provided. Reduced congestion and better snow clearing and gridding during the winter months are also important.



- **Housing needs**

Participants identified a need for more care homes and suitable housing for the elderly and disabled. They also wished for more affordable housing – whether privately owned or rented.

- **Education services**

Participants wanted good quality schools and opportunities for formal and informal training and workshops for young and old in order to increase employment prospects.

- **Facilities**

According to residents a community space is much needed in Luddendenfoot which could act as a meeting place, a place for education/training and for young people to gather and take part in activities. Participants would also like improved local sports facilities such as a gym, pool and sports hall.

- **Linkages**

A completely separate aspiration was raised during the end-of-session discussion which did not arise during the workshop. This was the notion of 'de-coupling' Luddendenfoot from the Sowerby Bridge ward and the Ryburn Valley and aligning it more closely with Mytholmroyd and the Calder Valley. For example improved way-marked cycle-ways and walking routes between the two villages would bring the communities together and support the sharing of amenities.

**“Perhaps we ought to look at the relationship between Luddenden and Mytholmroyd. I think we have a lot in common and a lot we can do together.”**

**“Planning needs to decouple Luddendenfoot from Sowerby Bridge because Sowerby Bridge is its own ward. In ward terms you’re more part of the Upper Calder Valley than the fringes of Halifax.”**

- **Endgame**

The aim of all these aspirations is to retain the areas strong sense of community as well as contribute to a sense of health, well-being and ease.

Participants want to still feel proud, happy and safe in relation to living in this area in 20 years time. They want to remain part of a thriving community, supported through flourishing local trade – shops, cafes, pubs, restaurants - and the provision of community spaces. They want to remain fit and active, either by enjoying the local countryside or using new sports facilities. They want to experience a sense of ease in relation to reduced traffic congestion, improved parking facilities and rail services and suitable, affordable housing for their needs whatever their life stage.

#### **5:4 Suggested Positive Actions**

What follows are the specific steps or actions 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 copy of all suggestions can be found in the appendix.

- **Development**

<b>KEEP</b>	<b>ADD</b>
Fields at Stubb and above Park Lane free of development Uniqueness Cragg Vale with green belt left intact Keep all green field and green belt free of development Keep Park Lane green The fields north and south of Park Lane free of development Stubb recreation field free of housing development	Improvements to industrial park Fund development of station buildings Add pavements throughout Mytholmroyd without hindering traffic flow
<b>LOSE/STOP</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
Individual wind turbines higher than 15m Remove unsuitable sites from spatial development plans: Stubb Field, Roger Gate, Park Lane	Luddendenfoot needs funds to regenerate Encourage private development of station buildings Answer local housing needs not national ones Redevelop George Street area Flexibility for buildings for start-up and local businesses in L'foot – Tenterfield Mills buildings Change employment land in L'foot considered for other use and residential – Calderside works Improve area of Mytholmroyd to east of New Road

- **Countryside**

<b>KEEP</b>	<b>ADD</b>
Natural environment – farmland, woodlands, moorland Bridleways Cycleways Natural beauty	New footbridge across River Calder at Vale Upholstery Better access to St. Mary's Luddenden. Clearer paths through Luddenden Add proposals to improve canal towpath
<b>LOSE/STOP</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
	Replace wall top on Midgeley Road by park. Also, do something about railings. Improve views of river Access to towpaths for elderly/disabled

- **Facilities**

<b>KEEP</b>	<b>ADD</b>
Keep the Civic Institute at Luddendenfoot open – it is our only community building. Or transfer it to the Community Association.	More shops for Luddendenfoot Provide a proper car park at Luddendenfoot Luddendenfoot needs a train station Station parking New car park at Mytholmroyd station Swimming pool at community centre Help us put a market on St. Michael's Square More community spaces, resource centre Add a footpath from Longfellow Court to Memorial

	Garden Visitor centre for Mytholmroyd at Library
<b>LOSE/STOP</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
	Upgrade community centre and add a swimming pool Refurbish Post Office in Luddendenfoot – it looks closed Change St. Michael’s Square into a market square, not just a car park Give Luddendenfoot Civic Institute to the people of Luddendenfoot

- **Roads**

<b>KEEP</b>	<b>ADD</b>
	Look for a new route for A646 thro-traffic Provide grit bins on steep roads and lanes Add proposals for improvements to A646
<b>Lose/Stop</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
Heavy goods on small roads	Junction of A646 with New Road Not allow parking on A646 to reduce congestions and make crossing roads safer Make Mytholmroyd traffic free Slow traffic in Mytholmroyd to 20mph as in Hebden

# APPENDIX: RAW DATA

## 1 What residents love about their area

Community	Natural environment & countryside	Health & recreation
Community centre Seeing the same people and faces around My family live here Upsy Daisy Pubs Friends because they're close to meet up with The friendliness of local people Community friendliness My friends Scout Road play area The little shops that are owned by people, not companies Local schooling Central Memorial Garden with people stopping and talking St.Michael's Square - a meeting point Community spirit Parks Welcomed into local groups Youth clubs for youths Community facilities Hairdressers Schools and nurseries Scout Road Primary School A church that's reliable Being able to walk around the village easily Girls group Youth Club Neighbourhood - people will always watch out for trouble and help you out The availability of local tradesmen	Redacre wood Green areas The beautiful scenery Open spaces Wild life Flora and fauna Sound of chickens in the morning Deer in the woods Closeness of the great outdoors River Calder Horses Lovely wildlife Proximity to countryside The countryside because its quiet Open spaces of the countryside Geese, ducks, herons, fish, farm animals Landscape Patchwork of the natural environment Lambs and horses in the fields Backdrop of the hills and the way the light catches them The spaces between hamlets Walking paths because they're interesting	Fell running group People walking, cycling, riding past my door Walks along the canals with ducks Cycleways Local paths and walks Places to relax The opportunity to walk for miles unhindered Brierley Field because you can play any sport and the cooling river Medical centre Sports activities available Clean air Dense network of footpaths

Heritage	Transport & Communication	Other
Old buildings Our heritage The history of our communities Hamlets - uniqueness and history Old buildings add character Canal Canal Historical buildings The sounds of church bells chiming	Transport links Station Rail links to Leeds and Manchester Local connections Rail links to Manchester and Leeds Good bus service Communications: road, rail, canal Rail network Good bus service to Halifax	Cinema and clubs within walking distance (Hebden Bridge) Dynamism Sainsbury's always open if you need summat quick Local shops open late The quality of the local schools Mytholmroyd Co-op

<p>River Calder and buildings alongside</p> <p>Stoodley Pike</p> <p>Nowhere else like it – said by people all around UK and abroad</p> <p>Old buildings, history</p> <p>The arts – Ted Hughes</p> <p>Canals bring tourism and diversity</p>		<p>Ted Hughes Theatre – plays are held there</p> <p>Reverend Alison – a funny man who makes stories about sheep</p> <p>Cheap take away breakfasts from local cafe</p>
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## 2 Associated positive impacts

Positive feelings	Community spirit	Environment	Safety	Transport
<p>Friendly</p> <p>Pace of life</p> <p>Creates a calm and positive feel to life</p> <p>Feeling of contentment in an area that isn't changing</p> <p>Privileged – better than Boothtown</p> <p>Positive opportunity to improve quality of life</p> <p>Relaxed</p> <p>Contented</p> <p>Fortunate in quality of environment</p> <p>Happy</p> <p>OK</p>	<p>Sense of community spirit</p> <p>Self belonging</p> <p>Other people know me as I am part of the community</p> <p>Enjoy the community – feel welcome</p> <p>Friendly community in the village</p> <p>Sense of belonging to the area</p> <p>Community spirit helps create a safe environment</p> <p>Good place for family and grandchildren to grow up in</p> <p>Low level of vandalism</p>	<p>Stress free when running on the fells</p> <p>Being able to view the countryside lifts spirits</p> <p>Happiness in the beauty of the countryside around me</p> <p>Can walk out of the door into the countryside</p> <p>Clean air, walks etc. helps to keep one's health</p> <p>Healthy – walking route to Hebden</p> <p>Feeling fit after walking the hills in the area</p> <p>Green environment</p> <p>Protection of the existing historical landscape</p> <p>The joy of escaping into the vast open space</p> <p>Canal makes it easy to go for a run or cycle for fitness</p> <p>When I see an empty field I want to sprint freely onto the grass</p> <p>Open spaces enable you to get away from it all – opportunity for quiet reflection</p> <p>Easy being able to walk places which gives more free time</p>	<p>Relaxed and peaceful walking around</p> <p>Safe</p> <p>Feel safe</p> <p>Children's independence – able to walk to stations, get bus to Halifax</p> <p>Safe knowing that we have a reliable neighbourhood watch team</p> <p>Safe in our houses</p> <p>Feel safe walking about knowing people are watching out for you</p> <p>Quiet and safe place to live – not too crowded</p> <p>My children can play out safely, walk between each other's houses</p> <p>Independent – I'm able to walk home alone</p>	<p>A bus service which means we do not need to pollute the area with car fumes</p> <p>Ability to get to work by rail</p>

## 3 Resident's concerns about their area

Housing	Public transport	Planning	Economy
<p>Housing development that doesn't appear to be needed or wanted</p> <p>Old buildings left unused and becoming derelict</p>	<p>That trains might not stop at M'Royd</p> <p>Some train services not stopping at Mytholmroyd</p>	<p>Need for more woodlands</p> <p>Lists of planning application not always in local papers</p>	<p>Lack of variety in shops of Mytholmroyd</p> <p>Need for development of more jobs – not just manufacturing</p>

<p>Poor quality old housing stock</p> <p>Lack of thought about impact on highways when siting new housing</p> <p>Inefficient properties are uncomfortable</p> <p>Inappropriate housing developments</p> <p>Proposals for houses on green field / greenbelt</p> <p>Danger of becoming a dormitory town from Leeds, Bradford and Manchester</p> <p>Proposals for housing on land, purely based on submissions by local landowners, as requested by Council</p> <p>The push to build new houses when old houses and mills lay undeveloped</p> <p>Lack of footpaths around blocks of flats</p> <p>Building too many flats</p> <p>Planning rules open to 'interpretation'</p> <p>Seems to be a bias against innovative buildings</p>	<p>Reduced number of stopping trains</p> <p>Bus service being reduced</p> <p>Buses don't always arrive on time</p> <p>Reduced train services</p> <p>Lack of use of station buildings at Mytholmroyd</p> <p>Lack of decent railway station building</p> <p>Parking at station is inadequate</p> <p>Have to stand on morning and afternoon buses because of school kids</p> <p>Lack of shelter, information at station</p>	<p>Large developers bully planning system, some self builders suffer</p> <p>Not permitted to build on wasteland with UDP</p> <p>Big building companies getting their own way</p> <p>Inflexibility in building use and new developments</p> <p>Listed building consent required for renewable energy</p> <p>Lack of publicity about local planning</p>	<p>No job opportunities</p> <p>Lack of funding for the community - not part of Upper Valley renaissance</p> <p>Lack of local jobs - or at least that's the impression being received</p> <p>Mytholmroyd is the 'poor relation' of Hebden Bridge</p> <p>Lost many shops in the last 25 years</p> <p>The village itself is sometimes a ghost town</p> <p>Not enough businesses to encourage new people to move into the community</p> <p>Limited local economy</p> <p>High business rates and rents</p>
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<b>Environment</b>	<b>Community facilities</b>	<b>Roads &amp; parking</b>	<b>Other</b>
<p>Dog mess along tow path</p> <p>Dog fouling</p> <p>Ad hoc development of wind turbines</p> <p>Some vandalism, graffiti, litter</p> <p>Canal towpath in poor condition. Extensive repairs required</p> <p>Asbestos dump at Scout Road</p> <p>Too many run down buildings</p> <p>The collapsing of field drains</p> <p>Broken down field walls</p> <p>Stuck in traditional architectural styles</p> <p>Canal rats escaping from the canal and causing disturbing issue</p> <p>Condition of dry stone walls and fences</p>	<p>Lack of amenities for young people</p> <p>Lack of community cohesion</p> <p>No swimming pool in M'Royd</p> <p>Nowt for older teens to do</p> <p>Teenagers with nothing to do causing trouble</p> <p>Bad opening times for the library</p> <p>The Post Office needs an upgrade - it looks derelict</p> <p>Doctor's surgery is always full and we can't get an appointment within a week</p> <p>Library needs to be open more often</p> <p>Nothing is open at weekends (except church)</p> <p>Hebden Bridge has more shops and more people</p>	<p>Forecast that traffic will increase by 25% by year 2025</p> <p>Parking on main roads</p> <p>Traffic congestion along valley</p> <p>A646 too busy</p> <p>A646 on-road parking</p> <p>1 person in each BMW</p> <p>Amount of traffic on inner roads and street parking making driving difficult</p> <p>School run traffic</p> <p>Parking on pathways</p> <p>Condition of local roads</p> <p>Connections between things and areas</p> <p>Narrow pavements not easy for wheelchair users</p> <p>Pavement on New Road too narrow</p> <p>Station parking - land seems to be available</p> <p>Unadopted roads</p>	<p>Missing age ranges with young people moving away</p> <p>Forecast population growth - where do these figures come from? Are they accurate?</p> <p>We have to wait 2 weeks to empty bins</p> <p>People should stop drinking near churches</p> <p>Hebden Bridge getting all the attention</p> <p>The piss-head old men outside WMC</p> <p>Sometimes people get told off for not mowing their grass</p>

	<p>Risk of pub closures</p> <p>Midgeley Road Park a bit tired and excluding</p> <p>No real centre in the village of Luddendenfoot</p> <p>The lack of shops and a community building suitable for all ages in L'foot</p> <p>The worry that we might lose our medical centre and chemist in L'foot</p>	<p>Pavements used to park cars</p> <p>Inadequate public parking space</p>	
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#### 4 Associated negative impacts

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Transport and traffic not always running smoothly</b>	<b>Development – and long term effects on countryside</b>
<p>With no community facility in L'foot I have to take my children to other areas for activities</p> <p>Cash machine is often empty meaning no place to get money for bus</p> <p>Sometimes I don't have 20p when I need the toilet in Mytholmroyd</p> <p>Are we looking after our best assets properly</p> <p>Lack of clear network and connectivity means hidden gems are hidden resources (access between M'Royd and L'foot)</p>	<p>Extra travelling restricts family time</p> <p>With little amenities in L'foot I spend more time on travelling to other areas for shopping etc</p> <p>No bus up Scout Road which means I had to turn down 2 job offers</p> <p>Trains not stopping at Mytholmroyd can mean long waits if a train is cancelled</p> <p>Sometimes end up in Hebden when the train doesn't stop in Mytholmroyd</p> <p>Slow moving, stationary traffic increases air pollution</p> <p>Getting stuck in traffic causes stress around school run time</p> <p>Hold ups on A646 especially at peak times makes planning journey times difficult</p> <p>Worry that the lack of sufficient investment in local rail services will affect ability to get to work</p> <p>Frustration on delay of public transport and trying to find a parking place when I drive to the train station</p> <p>Traffic on Burnley Road slows down my journeys</p> <p>Concern about whether I can park at station – or do I need extra time to park elsewhere</p> <p>Bored to death when can't get to town to do owt</p> <p>Getting to school on foot is dangerous on Burnley Road</p> <p>Parked cars on A646 slow down traffic flow</p> <p>Can I get my wife along the pavement in her wheelchair due to parked cars and bins on pavement</p>	<p>Anxiety about future development spoiling the area</p> <p>Worried that future development could spoil the area</p> <p>Worry that there are plans to build new houses on fields rather than brown field sites</p> <p>Inappropriate housing development has a negative effect on house prices</p> <p>Limited new housing – long term impact and people having to move elsewhere/away</p> <p>Low quality properties cost dear to run</p> <p>Loss of green belt and conservation area reduces pleasure in the landscape</p> <p>Large scale development in Cragg Vale affecting landscape and the balance and structure of the community</p>

## 5 Wishes for the future

<b>Community trade</b>	<p>A market</p> <p>Farmer's market on square</p> <p>Local market</p> <p>More selection of products in shops</p> <p>The station buildings opened up as a bookshop/meeting place</p> <p>Successful and diverse local shops</p> <p>Better range of shops</p> <p>More shops, a café and library in L'foot</p> <p>Redevelopment of Post Office building in L'foot</p> <p>A weekly market in St Michael's Square</p> <p>A micro-brewery</p> <p>A decent restaurant</p> <p>Wouldn't it be great if Mytholmroyd had better restaurants</p> <p>Good village pubs with top class grub</p> <p>Small café for memorial garden</p> <p>Keep local taxes being spent in area</p>
<b>Housing needs</b>	<p>More 2 bed flats and bungalows for retired people so that family can visit and stay</p> <p>More public care homes</p> <p>An old people's home</p> <p>Housing suitable for people with disabilities</p> <p>Cheaper rented housing</p> <p>Cheaper housing</p> <p>Hostel</p> <p>Local charities for homeless people</p>
<b>Care of the environment</b>	<p>Use land and existing sites for best and most appropriate use</p> <p>I'd like the space and views around my house to be unchanged</p> <p>No loss of green belt</p> <p>Preservation of all local buildings</p> <p>Keep communities physically separate from each other</p> <p>Reduce/not allow skyline developments – wind farms, houses</p> <p>No erosion of the gaps between hamlets so they retain their character</p> <p>Clean river basin for sports, fishing etc.</p> <p>No new housing developments on fields around village</p> <p>Redevelop viable sites</p> <p>Signposts on footpaths so you know where you are</p> <p>Easier access to towpaths</p> <p>Pavements were clear for pedestrians</p> <p>Some footpaths in countryside suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs</p> <p>River and canal towpaths opened up</p> <p>New footbridge across the river to link bowling green and tennis courts with canal towpath</p> <p>Don't allow the hillsides to be filled with wind farms</p> <p>No erosion of open spaces, green belt; green field maintained</p> <p>Use of derelict farm buildings in more isolated areas</p> <p>Station buildings brought into use</p> <p>Road surfaces coated with tarmac that reduce surface noise</p> <p>Maintenance of footpath network</p>
<b>Transport</b>	<p>Train station ticket office</p> <p>Car park at station</p>

	<p>More buses to far out places</p> <p>Better snow plough service in winter to clear snow off paths</p> <p>Improved railway timetable with more trains stopping in Mytholmroyd</p> <p>All trains stop in Mytholmroyd</p> <p>I'd like trains with enough carriages to still be stopping at Mytholmroyd station</p> <p>Creating a traffic free centre to the village</p> <p>Put grit on streets</p> <p>Better parking facilities</p> <p>Good cycle route</p> <p>Improved transport links</p> <p>Toilets in train station</p> <p>Reduced speed limit on narrow New Road, M'Royd</p> <p>A salt bin on Park Lane</p> <p>Car parking that is surfaced and lit</p> <p>You could always be sure of travel times</p>
<b>Facilities</b>	<p>Bigger, better Mytholmroyd gala</p> <p>Gym</p> <p>Duck Race in centre</p> <p>Swimming pool</p> <p>Gym</p> <p>Job Centre</p> <p>A community café where everyone can come and learn about food and how to cook</p> <p>Free meeting room and community action space</p> <p>A community facility where older people can meet together and enjoy a meal in L'foot</p> <p>Everyone working together and being active</p> <p>Increased sports facilities: pool, sports hall</p> <p>All public rights of way for walking, cycling and riding to be maintained</p> <p>Running track</p> <p>Church to be well attended and viable</p>
<b>Education and services</b>	<p>Better quality of employment on offer</p> <p>A training centre for young people to obtain skills for work in L'foot</p> <p>Workshops for senior citizens</p> <p>Good state-controlled schools</p> <p>Top class local schools</p> <p>A place for 18 - 21 year olds to gather and do activities</p> <p>Improved internet access and speed</p> <p>Freeview signal</p>
<b>Policing</b>	<p>More police presence in L'foot</p> <p>Adequate policing</p> <p>Police station with police in it</p> <p>Less CCTV</p>

## 6 Perceived impacts on wishes on quality of life

<b>Feeling</b>	<p>Fitter</p> <p>A part of the community</p> <p>Like I'm part of a friendly community</p> <p>Being proud of the community in which we live</p> <p>Good and healthy through enhanced health facilities</p> <p>Safe in a community where everyone cares for each other</p>
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	<p>That my family understand why I love the area</p> <p>Happy, safe and contented</p> <p>Safe, well, content</p> <p>Good – enjoying local health facilities, doctors, dentists etc.</p> <p>Glad I didn't more somewhere else (Sweden – son lives there)</p>
<b>Thinking/Saying</b>	<p>What a fantastic place to live</p> <p>My children are proud of where they grew up and able to live here or return</p> <p>Hello to the people I know as my neighbours</p> <p>That planning can improve the environment and our way of life</p> <p>I love Mytholmroyd</p> <p>How nice it is that people work together</p> <p>Visit Mytholmroyd – it's a lovely place</p> <p>Knowing that I have a home that is suitable for my needs</p> <p>We have everything we need on our doorstep</p>
<b>Doing</b>	<p>Shopping locally</p> <p>Closing down 'Royd Regeneration'</p> <p>Selling my woodturnings at the Farmer's Market</p> <p>Spending my leisure time in my local community building with my friends</p> <p>Spending time in the beautiful countryside and not worrying where to park</p> <p>Living in a nice apartment</p> <p>Going to market, meeting friends, going for tea in Bookshop Café</p> <p>Buying fresh produce at the Farmer's Market</p> <p>Driving along the A646 with ease</p> <p>Parking without frustration</p> <p>Sitting in the square</p> <p>Walking on the river back to the canal and then to my house</p> <p>Finding somewhere to park in the village centre</p> <p>Walking</p> <p>Fishing the river</p> <p>Catching the train</p> <p>Having a choice of local produce in independent shops</p> <p>Going for a walk and then spending an evening at the cinema</p> <p>If I'm still working, commuting into Manchester. If I'm not working, walking in the hills</p> <p>Working from home or travelling on fast trains</p> <p>Having lots of friends and somewhere to meet them</p> <p>Playing some folk music and drinking Mytholmroyd Ale</p> <p>Having a pint and a pub meal in a good local pub</p> <p>Clear way up and down the valley</p>
<b>Seeing</b>	<p>Unhindered views across and up and down the valley</p> <p>A footbridge over the River Calder</p> <p>Amazing wildlife and green trees</p> <p>Local shops which collectively compete with supermarkets</p> <p>A clean environment</p> <p>Shared space in the village centre</p> <p>A manned train station</p> <p>Enjoying seeing the open spaces, trees, grassland and telling my great-grandchildren about them</p> <p>My friends and family</p> <p>Visitors to the areas, pubs and restaurants</p> <p>Less street furniture, signs and warnings</p>

## 7 Suggested positive actions

<b>KEEP</b>	<p>Fields at Stubb and above Park Lane free of development</p> <p>Uniqueness</p> <p>Natural environment – farmland, woodlands, moorland</p> <p>Cragg Vale with green belt left intact</p> <p>Keep all greenfield and greenbelt free of development</p> <p>Memorial Garden</p> <p>Park Lane green</p> <p>Bridleways</p> <p>Cycleways</p> <p>Natural beauty</p> <p>The fields north and south of Park Lane free of housing development</p> <p>Stubb recreation field free of housing development</p> <p>The Civic Institute in Luddendenfoot open – it is our only community building. Or transfer it to the Community Association</p>
<b>LOSE/STOP</b>	<p>Stop heavy goods on small roads</p> <p>CCTV surveillance</p> <p>People harassing young people</p> <p>Individual wind turbines higher than 15m</p> <p>Remove unsuitable sites from spatial development plans: Stubb Field, Roger Gate, Park Lane</p>
<b>CHANGE</b>	<p>Upgrade community centre, add a swimming pool</p> <p>Luddendenfoot needs funding to regenerate</p> <p>Encourage private development of station building</p> <p>Replace wall top on Midgeley Road by park. Also do something about railings</p> <p>Refurbish Post Office in Luddendenfoot – it looks closed</p> <p>Improve views of river</p> <p>Access to towpaths for elderly/disabled</p> <p>Answer local housing needs not national ones</p> <p>St. Michael’s Square into market square, not just a car park</p> <p>Junction of A646 with New Road</p> <p>Not allow parking on A646 to reduce congestion and make crossing roads safer</p> <p>Make M’Royd traffic free</p> <p>Redevelop George Street area</p> <p>Give Luddendenfoot Civic Institute to the people of Luddendenfoot</p> <p>Flexibility for buildings for start up and local businesses in L’foot – Tenterfields Mill Buildings</p> <p>Slow traffic in Mytholmroyd to 20mph as in Hebden</p> <p>Employment land in L’foot considered for other use and residential – Calderside works</p> <p>Improve area of Mytholmroyd to east of New Road</p>
<b>ADD</b>	<p>More shops for Luddendenfoot</p> <p>Look for a new route for A646 thro- traffic</p> <p>Provide a proper car park at Luddendenfoot</p> <p>Luddendenfoot needs a train station</p> <p>Station parking</p> <p>Improvements to Industrial Park</p> <p>New footbridge across River Calder at Vale Upholstery</p> <p>Fund development of station buildings</p> <p>New car park at Mytholmroyd station</p> <p>Add pavements throughout Mytholmroyd without hindering traffic flow</p> <p>Swimming pool at community centre</p>

	<p>Help us put a market on St. Michael's Square</p> <p>Provide grit bins on steep roads and lanes</p> <p>More community spaces. resource centre</p> <p>Add a footpath from Longfellow Court to Memorial Garden</p> <p>Better access to St. Mary's Luddenden. Clearer paths through Luddenden</p> <p>Add proposals for improvements to A646</p> <p>Add proposals to improve canal towpath</p> <p>Visitor Centre for Mytholmroyd at Library</p>
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