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Calderdale Council LDF Workshop Report 1
Elland, Greetland, Holywell Green
and Stainland

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1 Context

The Development Strategy Team for Planning at Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council has commissioned this report to capture the first 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 Elland, Greetland, Holywell Green and Stainland.

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 22 residents took part in the workshop. 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 = 2; 40 to 59 = 5; 60+ = 8.

There were 8 males and 9 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 feel a strong sense of local identity and attachment to the area.

They want to preserve their experience of and pride in their local heritage, community and countryside, all of which deliver a high quality of life.

Well-being is strongly associated with the countryside; whether through passive appreciation of its peacefulness, landscapes and sights and sounds of the local wildlife, or through activities such as running, walking and cycling.



Whilst residents like being well connected to Huddersfield and Halifax they wish to remain relatively self-contained as an area. It is important to them that the area retains a thriving local economy and local social, cultural and recreational facilities in order to support strong, active, healthy communities.

There is evidence that residents of Stainland perceive the village's semi-rural setting as wholly distinct to Elland and want it to be treated as such. In order to mitigate the impact of potential development on the green belt to meet area planning targets, residents of Stainland want the Council to recognise the different needs and lifestyles of each settlement rather than regard them as one 'homogenous' area.



5 Key Findings

5:1 Positive quality of life

Residents of this area place high value on the surrounding countryside, public facilities, local character, a genuine sense of community and good transport links to Huddersfield and Halifax.

- **Countryside and wildlife**

Residents appreciate the beauty of the green landscape that surrounds them and the sights and sounds of the scenery and wildlife that inhabit it. The countryside provides a sense of well-being, pride and of belonging to a special place. It also provides opportunities for walking, running, cycling and horse-riding which all contribute to an active and healthy lifestyle. Residents derive pleasure, enjoyment and happiness from their green surroundings.



“When you choose to live in a semi-rural area you make a conscious choice that you’d like to see greenery around you and appreciate wildlife and peacefulness which you might not get if you live in a town” Stainland resident

- **Good local facilities, a unique sense of place and of community**

Residents value the facilities in Elland and Stainland; the parks and family play areas, allotments, clubs and village hall, pubs, library, swimming pool and schools. All these keep residents active, social and local. A strong sense of community adds a special-ness to the area. In their experience, the neighbours are friendly and take pride in their surroundings which encourages people to want to contribute positively to what they perceive as ‘their community’. In addition the area retains local character and history through its traditional dwellings and industrial architecture. It is perceived as peaceful and compact, somehow separate and unique. There is a strong sense of a treasured local identity.

- **Ease**

Residents value the sense of ‘ease’ in relation to travel. Local amenities and good public transport to (and parking in) Elland encourage the community to stay local. Uncongested road and good bus connections provide ease of access to nearby towns when required.

5:2 Quality of life concerns

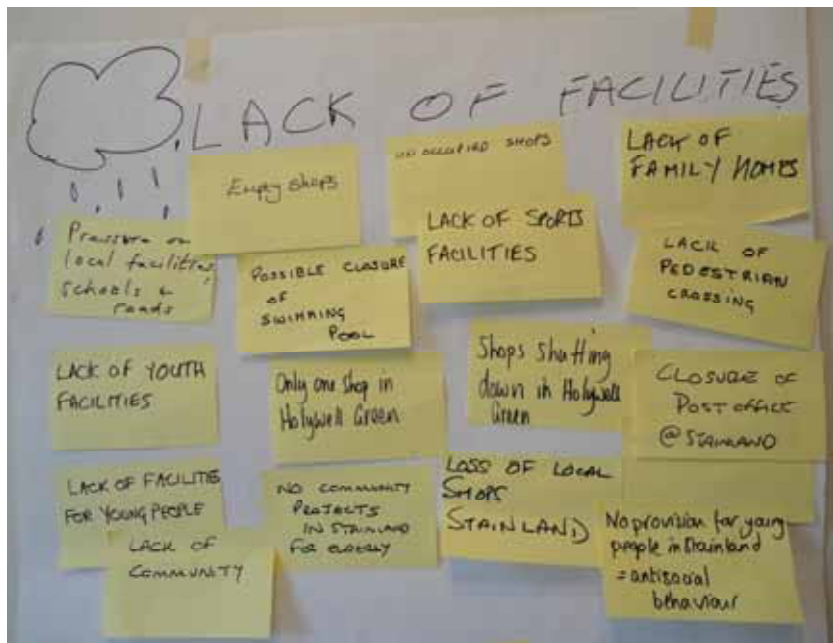
Residents in this area have a number of concerns which they believe impact on their quality of life; issues around the threat of urban sprawl, the speed and volume of traffic, rural public transport and the decline and poor maintenance of local facilities all feature.

- **Urban sprawl into the green belt**

Residents of Stainland are particularly concerned about the threat of development into the greenbelt. They fear that the area they have chosen to live in will change unalterably, negatively impacting on their prized quality of life. In their view the new housing developments in Stainland are not in keeping with the character of the village and are unaffordable for local villagers. These two factors combined will result in Stainland losing its local character and identity as a traditional village in a beautiful countryside setting, and with that comes the erosion of the personal benefits residents derive from living there.

- **Planning, upkeep and local facilities**

Elland residents are concerned about the demise of the town centre and potential loss of the swimming pool. The 60s flats are considered an eyesore as is Blackley Brickworks. There is overdevelopment of mills into flats which puts pressure on existing facilities.



There are concerns too about the poor maintenance of existing facilities such as public buildings, parks and other green spaces, as well as low provision of recreational spaces and facilities for the young and elderly.

The impact of this is frustration at seeing the small town they love deteriorate leading to an erosion of its sense of community and potentially an increase in antisocial behaviour.

Stainland residents are concerned about the loss of the local shop and post office. The result is that residents have to travel to access basic services, which is costly in terms of time, money and the environment.

- **Traffic and public transport**

There appears to be considerable issues in Stainland around traffic and public transport. Heavy traffic, speeding vehicles and large lorries pass through the village. Residents believe this presents a clear danger to life resulting in stress and fear. There are also the associated impacts of noise pollution and poor air quality. The current 20mph speed limit is regarded as wholly ineffective in dealing with the issue.

Within the context of there being no village shop, Post Office or doctor's surgery in Stainland, residents feel poorly served by the level and reliability of public transport in order to access these facilities elsewhere. This can result in a sense of isolation, particularly for the elderly and disabled.

Elland and West Vale residents are concerned about the volume of traffic and associated congestion – especially around the lights at West Vale where there is no filter light system in place. Whilst Elland residents feel well served by the bus service they would welcome a train station to support commutes to cities such as Leeds.

5:3 Community Aspirations

Residents themed their key aspirations for the area into four core headings: environmental, community and facilities, employment-policing-education-housing and transport-traffic-roads. These were split into smaller themes – see image right. When participants were invited to vote on the themes that they believed were the most important to their quality of life, the results, in descending order, were:

- Community and facilities,
- Employment,
- Green belt,
- Transport,
- Sustainability,
- Housing,
- Traffic,
- Quality built environment,
- Roads,
- Education.



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

- **Environmental aspirations**

Residents want a quality built environment through the preservation of the area's local character, no unsightly new builds and improved building maintenance. They want the green belt to be protected and preserved for future generations and the council to work towards more sustainable and green living.

Residents of Stainland want the village to be regarded as distinct from Elland in order to ensure the preservation of the greenbelt:

“We see Stainland as a village and Elland as a town ... Ripponden, Rishworth and Barkisland have been split off from Sowerby Bridge ... those three settlements have a rural identity. They’re not simply a part of the larger area of Sowerby Bridge and that hasn’t happened with Stainland.” Stainland resident

“The impact and the fear is that you see the same needs across the area and the same identity throughout the area. For example, if you ... want to develop East Calderdale, it might be appropriate for there to be a large amount of development in a town which may have brown field sites but that might be inappropriate for a village that’s got not many brown field sites if any, but big greenbelt areas. But if you’re simply going to look at the Elland area as a whole that’s the danger ... that you’re comparing apples and oranges and treating different areas in the same way.” Stainland resident

- **Community and facility aspirations**

Residents want to retain existing facilities (swimming pool, libraries, parks) with increased provision for the young and elderly.

In Stainland, residents want a doctor’s surgery, shop and community centre in order to combat isolation and retain/enhance a sense of community and local pride.

In Elland, residents want a bustling, pedestrianised town centre that supports a thriving local community and economy.

- **Housing and employment**

Participants want more affordable housing and fewer high rise flats. They want Elland to attract new businesses and employers to boost employment for young and old. They want Stainland to build on its ability to trade on locally sourced produce.

- **Transport and traffic aspirations**

People in Stainland want an improved bus service whilst those in Elland would like a train station to improve links to Halifax and Leeds. Everyone wants the issues of congestion, speeding and heavy traffic addressed.

- **The Endgame**

It is important to this group that future residents of the area retain a sense of pride and belonging to Stainland and Elland.

They want residents to continue to believe they live in great place and genuinely love it. They want a local population that feels happy, safe, secure, active and healthy. They want to see higher employment, thriving communities, the retention of local character, clean streets, investment in services, public facilities and building maintenance. They want the people of the area to invest their time and money locally; shopping in local shops, enjoying the countryside and being active - whether that’s walking through the fields or using the swimming pool. They also want to be able to enjoy an active social and cultural life locally, with ease of travel to wherever they want to go.

- **Countryside / Green Belt / Heritage**

KEEP	ADD
Green belt and wildlife corridors History, museums, old buildings The character of local settlements Blackley Brickworks chimney	
LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
Urban sprawl	

- **Stainland**

KEEP	ADD
The library The feel of a rural village The village school Keep and maintain recreation spaces Keep Stainland Mechanics Institute and put it to community use	Doctor's surgery Post Office Community Centre Shop stocking local produce with PO Add value to and invest in Mechanics Institute
LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
20mph restriction Stop including Stainland as an area of Elland	Enforce speed limits Improve bus services

- **Elland**

KEEP	ADD
Swimming pool and gym Library and add a community area there Keep high street chains out of Elland Keep and support independent shops The 'feel' of Elland – don't let it become like any other town	Affordable housing New swimming pool New train and bus station A good supermarket More direct bus routes between Huddersfield and Halifax
LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
Demolish flats near Elland Church and build a new park Demolish 60s flats Large commercial vehicles in town centre Re-assign park by river	Give Town Hall a facelift Pedestrianise town centre Improve access to canal Enforce present speed limits Create open green space on pilings site at the old cross

- **General**

KEEP	ADD
Develop brown field sites Keep basic services	Allotment provision More facilities and activities for young people More housing for the elderly Make up unadopted roads Improve litter and refuse collection Assist energy conservation and green power More arts and cultural facilities locally Develop access to sport for fledgling groups Develop local budgets & devolved decision making

LOSE/STOP	CHANGE
Mill conversions into flats Traffic congestions throughout area Blackley Brickworks Pulling down refurbishable buildings	More innovative homes Ensure new builds are affordable Change planning approach to renewable energy to ensure it delivers Improve street lighting

NOTE: A number of residents also commented on the difficulty of getting to grips with the complexity, volume and perceived jargon of planning consultation documents and online surveys:

“It’s very very difficult for a member of the public to get to grips with something like this (holds up large document) it takes hours and hours.”

“It’s the jargon as well”

“It’s as though we’ve been given internal documents and they need to be simplified and put in plain English ... and in such a way that people want to contribute and fill in questionnaires.”

“I do think the Council need to think who their audience is when they are releasing documents like this to the public.”

APPENDIX: RAW DATA

1 What residents love about their area

Public facilities	Countryside and wildlife	Sense of community	Local facilities	Traffic and Transport
Good services	Green fields	The neighbours	Real ale	Road links
Cartwheel Club	Beautiful scenery	Peace and quiet and good neighbours	The pubs	Good bus service
Stainland Mechanics Institute	Views	Good community groups	Rex Cinema	Not a lot of traffic (unlike Brighouse)
Sowood Village Hall	The beautiful countryside	The people are friendly	Local shops	Can get a bus to my house
Stainland local library	Greenery	Everyone is friendly		Accessible to the country and major towns
Parks	Countryside	Nice neighbours		Car park retention in Elland centre
Good park	Beautiful untouched scenery	Identity		
Parks	Landscape	Sense of history		
Stainland: play areas, spaces for families	Countryside and open spaces	West Yorkshire-ness		
Schools	Hills	Peacefulness of the village		
Allotments	Canals and river walks	No noisy local industries		
Allotment provision	See ramblers, walkers, horse riders enjoying the area	Stone buildings		
	Excellent walking and running	Character of the traditional houses		
	Great cycling	Beautiful traditional old buildings		
	Local walks	Valley Mill		
	Country paths	Parish Church		
	Access	Elland is a good place		
	Cows in the fields	Hollen Edge residential area		
	Chickens clucking	Well kept gardens		
	Listening to wild birds	Small town		
	Wildlife	Villages		
	Bats, owls, foxes, ferrets, deer	Old mills		
		Having the town well away from me		

2 Associated positive impacts

Environment Issues	Quality of life	Services & facilities	Travel
Scenery makes me feel good/proud	Makes me happy and healthy	Good schools have educated my children well	Ease of travel to work – good road network
The environment at present produces a sense of well-being	Good quality of life Gives us somewhere to go on an evening	Local shops and facilities reduces the need to travel	Cycling is enjoyable and good exercise
Improves the quality of time with my family – countryside and open spaces	I like living where I live	Good schools attracts people	Enjoy choice of 2 towns a bus ride away
Enjoy the views, peace and quiet and involvement with a variety of community activities – all result in a feeling of well being	Don't have to travel far to get away from the hustle and bustle	Hospice in Elland is well supported	Motorway on the 'doorstep'
Pleasant walks – healthy	Sense of belonging	Gym, baths, library and cinema	Can walk to most facilities. Pubs and shops. Don't need to drive.
To see other people enjoying the rural area through recreation (Stainland)	Small town atmosphere – friendly	Enjoy swimming pool	Road links – I can get out of Elland easily
Enjoy walks	Places to hang out	Enjoy video/DVD shop	Good road links elsewhere, easy to travel around
Stainland's peacefulness	Going to youth clubs gives us something to do	Stainland library helps me read with my son	Buses. Easy access to Huddersfield and Halifax.
Pleasure from farmyard and wild animals	Makes me want to contribute positively to my community	Pubs are a great place to meet friends	
Green fields and countryside gives sense of well-being	Healthy – able to get out for walks in the countryside easily		
Sense of belonging to a special place	Socialising with friends		
Feel healthy	Makes me want to join a community		
Clean air	No desire to move house		
The way the green belt has protected the rural area around Stainland			
Considerate neighbours, parks and other good areas			

3 Resident's concerns about their area

Traffic	Lack of maintenance	Lack of facilities	Public transport	Green belt	Planning
Traffic through Stainland	Crumbling public buildings	Pressure on local facilities, schools, roads	Poor public transport for disabled people	Urban sprawl	Stainland – very large new houses which many villagers can't afford and which are not in keeping with the village
Rat run traffic	Buildings allowed to fall into disrepair i.e. Stainland Pub	Lack of youth facilities	Buses are not on time	Green belt under threat – Stainland	
20mph too slow through Stainland		Lack of facilities for young people	Exceedingly poor bus service	Possibility of development on green belt	
Speed limit back up to 30mph in Stainland	Parts of Elland an eyesore	No community projects in	No bus station	Encroachment onto green belt	The way the attractiveness of Stainland is often seen as

Traffic	Lack of maintenance	Lack of facilities	Public transport	Green belt	Planning
<p>20mph limit in Stainland – other measures needed</p> <p>Stainland roadside parking near bends</p> <p>Large vehicles on local roads</p> <p>People go too fast in cars</p> <p>Heavy traffic Stainland Road – 20mph ignored</p> <p>Heavy traffic too fast and danger to life in Stainland</p> <p>20mph in Stainland is ludicrous</p> <p>Large lorry's going through Stainland</p> <p>Speeding traffic</p> <p>Westgate congestion</p> <p>Congestion in West Vale</p> <p>Traffic is too fast in Holywell Green and West Vale</p> <p>Lack of filter light system in West Vale</p> <p>Traffic at the cross</p> <p>High traffic volumes at peak times. Difficulty passing at pinch point.</p>	<p>Park and green spaces neglected</p> <p>Lack of input in maintaining countryside</p> <p>Burning of rubbish and old tyres at the industrial unit in West Vale</p> <p>Poor quality roads</p> <p>Fly tipping and rubbish in and around the beck at West Vale</p> <p>Litter</p>	<p>Stainland for elderly</p> <p>No local shop in Stainland</p> <p>No shops/PO (Stainland)</p> <p>Lack of community</p> <p>Empty shops</p> <p>Unoccupied shops</p> <p>Lack of sports facilities</p> <p>No local shops</p> <p>Shops shutting down in Holywell Green</p> <p>Closure of post office & shop in Stainland</p> <p>Closure of Post Office at Stainland</p> <p>No quality supermarket</p> <p>Only one shop in Holywell Green</p> <p>Future of Elland Pool</p> <p>Possible closure of swimming pool</p> <p>Poor provision for older and younger people</p> <p>No provision for young people in Stainland = antisocial behaviour</p> <p>Lack of family homes</p> <p>No pedestrian crossing</p> <p>Police station closed</p> <p>No new baths</p> <p>Stainland mechanics Institute for sale</p> <p>No community centre for residents to meet (Stainland)</p>	<p>Poor public transport – Stainland – especially for older people</p> <p>Buses are unreliable</p> <p>No train station</p> <p>No bus route to the doctors from The Home</p> <p>Doctor's too far away – no bus service</p> <p>Public transport from Stainland expensive – especially if only shopping for a few items</p>	<p>Green belt under threat</p> <p>Plans to build on green spaces</p>	<p>housing potential and a way to make profit – usually with little benefit to villagers 'Infill' building</p> <p>Elland Centre seems to be fading away</p> <p>Brickworks – empty site</p> <p>That the brickworks chimney would be demolished – prominent landmark for miles around</p> <p>Broken down brickworks at Blackley</p> <p>Inappropriate development</p> <p>Mill conversions – too many flats</p> <p>Too many flats</p>

4 Associated negative impacts

Traffic / Travel	People	Environment
Speed of traffic in Stainland stops children playing out	The growth of NIMBYISM imbalances communities	Houses and buildings neglected - who cares!
Someone will be killed in Stainland re. too fast traffic	Nowhere to meet as a community in Stainland means there isn't a sense of community	Loss of Stainland's traditional rural setting through new housing
Road safety in Stainland - someone will be killed soon	Disengagement of youth	Building on green belt - I will move away
Unable to cross road safely	Antisocial behaviour and affects on quality of life	Fear of change through overdevelopment of area in which I have chosen to live
Volume of traffic to homes	Unable to swim if pool closes	Losing green belt reduces the quality of my environment
Poor air quality with traffic congestion - health impacted	I may move. I like living in Elland but unlikely to stay in the long term if there is no investment in the town	Constant fear of green belt development
Noise damage from traffic	Total feeling of frustration with CMBC	Litter - lack of individual responsibility
Can't use my drive for traffic - anger	Frustration at lack of investment / progress	Burning of rubbish behind industrial units deters local residents from sitting outside and enjoying their own gardens
Stress with 20mph in Stainland		Fear at night - lack of street lighting at good standard
Traffic accidents		
Unable to cross roads safely due to cars going too fast		
Quality of life near zero because of traffic		
Noise damage from traffic		
Park on main road in Stainland causes hold ups		
Cycling is risky - particularly in villages		
Poor bus service means I have to use the car		
No bus service		
I can catch a bus to get me there but I have a problem catching a bus to get back home		
No bus station causes build-up of traffic both ways in Southgate		
Impossible to commute to work in Leeds by public transport - bad for environment		
Have to travel to other towns to get a train		
Have to travel to Post Office		
Have to go to Halifax to shop		
Have to travel for most services		
Have to go to town to shop - cost of fuel, effect on environment		

5 Wishes for the future

ENVIRONMENTAL	
Quality built environment	<p>Preservation of the existing character of the area</p> <p>I wish we will live and build more sustainably</p> <p>I hope there are no more unsightly new builds</p> <p>I wish the built environment in Elland town centre is improved</p> <p>I wish the built areas be maintained-enhanced</p> <p>Have a nice house in Elland</p>
Green belt	<p>The countryside is protected and preserved for future generations</p> <p>That a halt is called to excessive building. When is enough enough?</p> <p>For Stainland's character to be largely preserved and appreciated. Not only for residents but for people who access the area for recreation and exercise.</p> <p>Protect the green areas we have</p> <p>Preserve the green belt around out town and villages</p> <p>I wish the green belt area remains at least the same</p> <p>I wish we still have a green belt</p> <p>I wish that our wildlife is thriving and valued</p> <p>More maintenance/sustainability of countryside/woodlands</p>
Sustainability	<p>Use solar panels but monitor wind turbines</p> <p>I hope we can manage recycling/waste management</p> <p>Greener community</p> <p>Homes with 'eco' features</p> <p>I wish Stainland were a green tourist area</p> <p>I wish this area was a beacon of sustainability and sustainable living</p>
COMMUNITY AND FACILITIES	
Elland	<p>Swimming baths</p> <p>Sports facilities</p> <p>I wish for a theatre in Elland</p> <p>Pedestrian shopping area</p> <p>Wouldn't it be great if Elland had a bustling centre and community</p> <p>That Elland be treated fairly</p>
Stainland	<p>A doctor's surgery in Stainland</p> <p>Feeling of security in the village</p> <p>I hope we are proud of our village</p> <p>Lots of arts, sports and social activities to bring the community together</p> <p>Local shop in Stainland</p> <p>A shop, PO in Stainland</p> <p>A central community facility to be a place for all ages which will help create pride in the community and village</p>
Other	<p>Sense of community</p> <p>I hope there is a community allotment to fulfil local needs</p> <p>I wish for facilities for older people</p> <p>More allotment provision so people can grow their own food.</p> <p>More allotments in the district could contribute to CO2 reduction</p> <p>I wish for a post office in West Vale</p> <p>I wish the youth are provided for re things to do in the future</p> <p>Not housebound - local groups for elderly</p> <p>Retaining libraries</p>

EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT / POLICING / HOUSING	
Housing	New houses to be affordable Less high rise flats in Elland More housing for the elderly
Education	Better skills training for young I wish we could have the best schools in the country
Employment	More local jobs I wish manufacturing would return Employment for all - young and old I wish Elland would attract new employers and businesses Stainland to build on its agricultural provision of local produce I wish Calderdale had unlimited facilities
Policing	I wish that we did not need policing at all I wish for more community policing
TRANSPORT / TRAFFIC / ROADS	
Transport	ELLAND I wish for a train station for easy access I wish Elland was better connected by train to Halifax, Leeds etc I wish for rail station with good services to Elland I wish Elland had a train station Improvement of public transport STAINLAND A bus service to Stainland
Roads	I wish for state of the art gritters and snow ploughs I wish that roads are in good condition I wish for more gritting and road clearing in severe winters
Traffic	Reduce traffic through Elland I wish for congestion free traffic flow generally Traffic free centre suitable for wheelchair use

6 Perceived impacts on wishes on quality of life

Feeling	Proud to live here in Stainland Feeling happier and content Feeling of pride and belonging Impressed Feel happier Happy to see others well and happy Feeling safe and secure Safe - respect for one another Got value for money Feeling fit and content Feeling a warm cosy glow I will feel Calderdale is working towards sustainability Feel more relaxed and safe Feeling like I live in Utopia
Thinking/Saying	A Thank you to planners Come and live in Stainland - it's great This is a good place to be

	<p>I'll be saying ' I was there at the workshop where it all began.' Gott in Himmel! It's happened at last That I love the place where I live I'll be saying what a great place this is to live I will be saying thanks to the planners for not building on the green belt Will it last? What a big improvement form 20 years ago? What about the next 30 years? All the hours spent on the documents was worth it and thanking the Council for listening</p>
Doing	<p>Spending more time in the local area Walking locally Spending more time and money in my local community Enjoying the leisure facilities Going to the PO in Stainland Watching live music I will be growing on our allotment Doing lots of arts activities Shopping locally Enjoying my environment cycling, walking Using bus services Watching plays Drinking real ale I will be playing my harp! Cycling locally Enjoying rural walks in Stainland Using baths, cinema, library, theatre, rail station,, gym I will need the doctor in Stainland after participating and enjoying all the facilities I will use the facilities in Elland Doing my bit to reduce/recycle the bit of waste which I now produce Part of community supporting Doing more activities locally Going for walks free of fly tippers Travelling there and back on a good bus service Going to the doctors in Stainland I will be enjoying living in Elland</p>
Seeing	<p>Clean well kept streets Investment in the environment Life as it should be No litter Seeing that youth no longer hang about on the streets Stainland's traditional setting in a rural area remain intact A community which has pride in its village – Stainland - and has a central community facility for all ages Seeing full employment Elland without 1960s flats People wanting to live in Stainland Happy smiling faces Older people using a more frequent bus service A thriving community</p>

7 Suggested positive actions

KEEP	<p>COUNTRYSIDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countryside free of fly tippers Importance of wildlife corridors Stop urban sprawl The green open spaces & unspoilt countryside in Stainland & surrounding area Keep walks open Keep green belt. Develop brown field Keep the greenbelt Keep the greenbelt around Stainland intact Green belt Keep the green belt in Stainland Keep the green belt – leave it alone Preserve the greenbelt around Stainland/Holywell green <p>ELLAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep Elland baths and gym open Keep the swimming pool Keep Elland Library and add a community area to it Keep the feel of Elland. Don't let it become like every other town Maintain a swimming pool in Elland Keep the high street chains out of Elland Regular bus link (503) to Halifax Elland's independent shops by enhancing the environment for shoppers, grant-aiding improvements to vacant units and not allocating sites for large supermarkets Keep the character of the Hollen Edge area of Elland by resisting development in gardens <p>STAINLAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve green belt around Stainland and Holywell Green Stainland Library Stainland a rural village Stainland recreation in good repair Invest in public transport – ensure Stainland is linked to other places Village school in Stainland Keep Stainland Library Stainland recreation and invest in play area Keep library facilities in Stainland Stainland park in good order Stainland mechanics institute for community use and invest in a beautiful building <p>HERITAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep our history and our museums Keep the wonderful old buildings Preserve the character of the local settlements Keep Blackley Brickworks Chimney as a landmark as part of any redevelopment of the site <p>OTHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep rubbish and green rubbish service free Basic services: street cleaning, green spaces Dog poo under control
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	<p>Gritting and snow ploughing in the winter</p> <p>Good primary and secondary schools</p> <p>Free recycling service</p> <p>Remain one council – don't merge – we have something special here</p> <p>Keep the dustbin collection service free</p>
LOSE/STOP	<p>ELLAND</p> <p>Demolish the flats near Elland Church and build a new park.</p> <p>Re-allocate existing park by the river for other uses</p> <p>Flats in Elland centre</p> <p>Stop large commercial vehicles coming through Elland town centre</p> <p>STAINLAND</p> <p>Stop forgetting about Stainland and its citizens</p> <p>Lose 20mph Stainland</p> <p>Including Stainland in the area of Elland. We are rural, Elland isn't</p> <p>Lose two of the pubs in Stainland. 4 is too many. Get rid of Bull & Dog and Red Lion</p> <p>OTHER</p> <p>Stop mill conversions to flats (too many)</p> <p>Remove heavy traffic in Elland and Stainland</p> <p>Lose the dilapidated Blackley brickworks</p> <p>Stop urban sprawl</p> <p>Prevent urban sprawl</p> <p>Detritus</p> <p>Civic newspaper – no-one reads it</p> <p>Stop pulling down refurbishable buildings</p> <p>Stop using PFI finance</p>
CHANGE	<p>ELLAND</p> <p>Elland Town Hall – face lift, repairs, change use of needed – prominent building needs to be priority</p> <p>Knock down 1960s flats and build affordable housing</p> <p>Change centre of Elland to pedestrian free zone</p> <p>Create open green space on old pilings site at the cross in Elland</p> <p>Change current lack of rail transport to locality</p> <p>Change centre of Elland to pedestrian zone</p> <p>Improve access to canal at Elland</p> <p>Enforce present speed limits in Elland</p> <p>STAINLAND</p> <p>Enforce present speed limits in Stainland</p> <p>OTHER</p> <p>More innovative homes</p> <p>Ensure all new build housing is affordable</p> <p>Change attitude to communicating with the public</p> <p>Change planning approach to renewable energy to ensure it delivers</p> <p>More public involvement in decisions for area</p> <p>CMBC change attitude to Elland and District, instead of concentrating on Brighouse and Sowerby Bridge</p>
ADD	<p>ELLAND</p> <p>New swimming pool</p>

	<p>Provide bus station close to Elland town centre</p> <p>A train station in Elland</p> <p>Provide a train station with ample cheap parking</p> <p>Direct bus route from Halifax to Huddersfield, not via Elland</p> <p>A good supermarket</p> <p>Morrison's supermarket</p> <p>STAINLAND</p> <p>Stainland needs a doctor's surgery</p> <p>Stainland needs a post office</p> <p>Community centre in Stainland</p> <p>Better bus service in Stainland</p> <p>Central community facility for Stainland</p> <p>A shop in Stainland stocking local produce with newspapers and post office</p> <p>Add value to Stain mechanics - improve and use</p> <p>Doctor in Stainland</p> <p>Stainland needs a better bus service</p> <p>Invest in Stainland Mechanics Hall</p> <p>OTHER</p> <p>Accountability to residents</p> <p>Add allotment provision</p> <p>More facilities and activities for young people</p> <p>A public transport strategy which is frequent and reliable such that people use it rather than cars</p> <p>More housing for the elderly</p> <p>Local community centres for both young and old</p> <p>Make up unadopted roads</p> <p>Local centres for advice and help</p> <p>Greater awareness and clearing of litter</p> <p>More arts and cultural facilities and activities</p> <p>Provide high quality environmentally sound homes</p> <p>Assist energy conservation and green power</p> <p>Recognise residents associations</p> <p>Develop access to sport for fledgling groups</p> <p>Better street lighting</p> <p>Develop skills of job seekers to match job availability</p> <p>Develop local budgets and devolved decision making</p> <p>Add a positive approach to encouraging new businesses to the area</p> <p>Use Brownfield sites for development</p>
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