



Corsham Community Consultation Event 22nd February 2012

CCAN Report

CCAN were very pleased by the success of the Consultation Event at the Corsham Community Centre on 22nd February 2012 and are fully supportive of the initiative to provide the community area with the consolidated information to consider how it might better address its own issues and priorities.

As the Community Area Partnership we were pleased that over 80 people attended the consultation event with, importantly, the majority representing organisations or groups from within the community area. There was particularly strong representation from local Schools and general interest in the Children and Young People section but good levels of support in all the community themes within the JSA and the Community Area Plan.

As an immediate response CCAN has produced the attached list of community priorities that were the results of the Discussion Groups on the evening and then has the rest of the issues and ideas from this discussion and previous consultation opportunities to incorporate within an updated Community Plan.

We hope you will agree that this event was just a starting point. What matters now is to see some positive results. CCAN would therefore welcome the support of the Area Board to develop the expressed interest and ideas from the Consultation Event and to work with Wiltshire Council, the Town and Parish Councils, area groups and area leads to take forward these community priorities and suggested next steps.

We will report progress to the Area Board meeting in May and present our own forward work plan.

Corsham Community Area Network

12TH March 2012

Enclosure. Community Priorities from the Corsham Community Area Consultation Event 22/2/12

Corsham Community Planning Event 22nd February 2012

Community Priorities

Economy	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Encourage and support new local businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a panel of local business people with expertise and experience to provide mentoring support • Explore a Clinic/Start up Centre to provide advice
Promote the economic benefit of tourism to the Community Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to identify the tourism opportunities and to develop a Community Area Strategy
Urgent rollout of Superfast Broadband across the Community Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby Wiltshire Council and Local Economic Partnership

Transport	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Improve the Public Transport provision across the Community Area particularly links to and through the villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with Wiltshire Council to address identified shortcomings in information and infrastructure • Work with neighbouring Community Areas to address common issues including First Bus and Faresaver overlaps in service • Market research to understand why people don't use public transport and what will persuade them to do so. • Use the new Campus at the centre of the community area to tackle community wide transport links
Develop better understanding and use of all community transport – including LINK and community owned mini buses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate project to identify existing community transport across the community area and identify opportunities for expanding use
Promote the case for Corsham Station in light of changing opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the business case and evidence last provided in the 2005 local survey

Environment	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Encourage use of open and public space to increase biodiversity and wild flowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities and work with Corsham in Bloom and Parish Councils
Provide better information and support for recycling to include offering more local disposal options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby Wiltshire Council to improve kerbside collection • Use the Campus to help with education and promotion of recycling
Promote need for higher environmental standards for new build, extensions and housing developments (to include energy efficiency, planting, recycling and transport)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby Wiltshire Council • Convey community priorities in responses to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning applications ○ Wiltshire Council consultations ○ Discussions with Developers

Note:

Water Quality. More information needed on the issue of poor water quality reported in the JSA

Community Safety	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Support the provision of more positive activities for Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More outreach programmes especially in rural villages • Involve Young People in developing opportunities in the community campus • Improve transport links for Young People to engage with activities
Support speed reduction measures including Community Speed Watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore ways of finding more volunteers including use of the volunteer database • Promote better awareness of actual speeds from Speed Watch exercises

Housing	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Develop a better understanding and definition of local housing needs including infrastructure and employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby Wiltshire Council for a Housing Needs Assessment or Survey across all types of accommodation and tenure and all groups within the community
Support measures to tackle fuel poverty particularly in older houses and in social housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore with Wiltshire Council the scope for listed buildings and social housing the chance to generate energy and to save on energy costs
Make best use of existing stock of homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey the potential supply from empty houses

Health and Wellbeing	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Support measures to reduce the incidence of childhood obesity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and encourage all aspects of education for a healthy lifestyle including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walking and cycling to school, ○ education on healthy food
Support measures to reduce the incidence of alcohol abuse and alcohol related accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and educate on use of alcohol (what units are safe – and how much is too much)
Develop better understanding of what services are available and address access to Services across the community area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the NHS and Wiltshire Council to provide details of local services including plans for expanding capacity and plans for outreach to isolated areas

Children and Young People	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Support measures that provide early (pre-school) intervention leading to increased educational attainment, lower obesity and fewer NEETS in the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve pre-school opportunities and activities to better prepare young children for school • Find ways to take the services of the Children’s Centre out into the community
Promote increased parenting support both within and outside a school environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity and facilities for parenting classes • Support family activities that involve parents and their children both organised and to do on their own • Explore funding opportunities with Wiltshire Council to assist schools and community groups
Improve children’s access to local facilities and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better publicity of existing facilities/activities. • Safe cycle links • Community/public transport to tie in with planned events

Culture, Recreation and the Arts	
Priority Actions	Next Steps
Support the need for a wide and varied Arts/Culture/Heritage/Leisure programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request inclusion of theme in the JSA recognising the benefits for physical and mental health, tourism and employment • Build up the communication channels to promote the widest possible programme to the widest possible audience • Make the most of the opportunity offered by the community Campus
Improve the opportunities for late teens and early 20's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage closer working between schools/youth service and local Arts Groups
Celebrate and support the diverse local assets and facilities that benefit community and our economy,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the cultural assets of the Community Area are promoted for the benefit of tourism and local economy • Encourage the contribution of recreational assets to the health and wellbeing of the Community Area