

Salisbury Area Board – 17 March 2011

Feedback from roundtable discussion on Salisbury Vision (agenda item 8)

Question 1 – How do I want to see Salisbury in 20 years' time?

- To retain itself as a pleasant market town.
- Road Structure and access into the city – unless the road network improves, people will remain cautious on visiting (coaches). Highways authority on the Vision board would help.
- Retain and increase short-term parking (for locals). Visitors will remain longer (to spend money) if the price is okay.
- Evening parking required – needs to be safe and well lit
- Replace the trees in the Market Place if felling is considered necessary

- Proud of its history, which includes its multi-cultural nature (history and people)
- Prosperous, use what we have
- Tidy and focussed, pavement facilities
- “One vision”
- Visitors approach, visit and use facilities
- Park and Ride – late for office users and late shoppers
- Supply Services from birth to grace – keep education, residency and use our facilities and town
- Family friendly

- Transport hub
- Churchfields re-allocation
- More open spaces/parks
- By-pass (north>south)
- Blue chip company on central car park
- High-quality public realm, maintained to the highest standard

- Good public transport system (cheaper trains and buses; safe for pedestrians and cycleway users; night-time/evening/daytime; rural links)
- Thriving business community (daytime/evening/night-time)
- Safe and family-friendly – evening, sporting and pastimes.

- A University
- Less traffic in the city
- Much improved walking and cycling links
- Making better use of the rivers – riverside walks etc
- Better road and pavement surfaces
- Less privately-owned cars – big swing towards car share clubs, much less space in Salisbury to be devoted to cars and more to people and the environment (happening in London and bigger cities already)
- A city where people are much more aware of the impact their lifestyles have on the planet and scarce/over-used resources. Move to a one-planet lifestyle from current “three-planet”.

- More green spaces and a recognition that smart and manicured lawns/flower beds may not be the best option for biodiversity. At least some of the paths should be devoted to permaculture - hanging baskets and planters which require lots of watering are not a sustainable option.
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- Vibrant and promoting distinctive initiatives
 - Scenic – build and scenic community
 - Design and Craft Work – more workshops
 - Farming and horticulture – increasingly needed in future
 - Preserve best of old, but promote high quality new build
 - Sort traffic – consult with Bruges, who have achieved it an a bigger city than ours.
 - University to support these related items
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- Less traffic
 - More people

Question 2 – How can the Salisbury Vision contribute to this?

- Ensuring there are sufficient parking places near the city centre. Short-term parking (1 hour) to be retained.
 - Market Place to be renovated – needs to retain its present character of a medieval market town.
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- Listen to the residents
 - Learn by previous mistakes
 - Make it happen now
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- Stick to its guns and not be deflected
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- Regular, reliable, and affordable transport
 - Listen to businesses – ways to grow, and ways to enhance Salisbury visitor numbers
 - Sort out parking / park and ride debacle
 - Move Churchfields out and housing into Salisbury – affordable housing to support young people.
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- Transport and movement strategy is vital and needs to be sorted out first
 - Pedestrian and cycle friendly street scene to encourage walking and cycling.
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- Scenic – Support the development of scenic-based enterprise
 - Design – Support design studios / workshops for architects, graphic and IT designers, craft studios
 - Food production – Work with farming and horticultural community to promote regular farmers markets
 - Traffic – How does Bruges do it – Traffic before 10am and after 4pm
 - University – support new style university
 - Intergenerational meeting place, linked with community action.
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- More use of Park and Ride sites
 - More pedestrianisation of busy shopping areas.