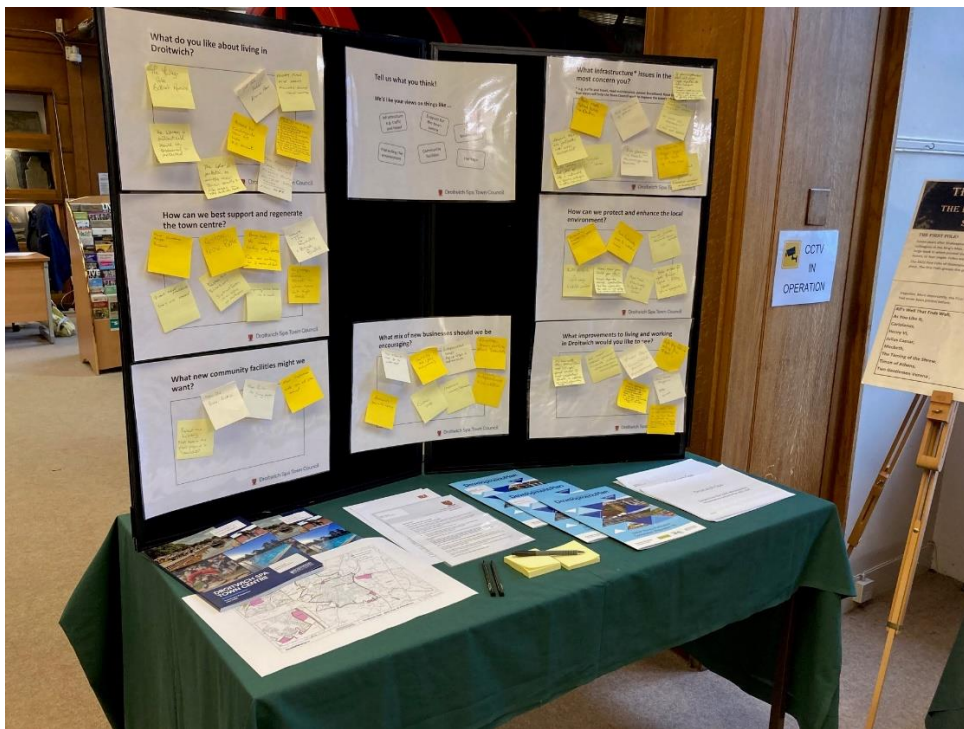


Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan

Launch consultation March/April 2023

Results report



Consultation display at Droitwich Heritage Centre, St. Richards House

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For Droitwich Spa Town Council

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1. Introduction

1.1 This report sets out the results of the community consultation that was undertaken as part of the Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan launch event during March and April 2023. The consultation sought initial views on living in the town and how the Neighbourhood Plan could be used to benefit the community, as a basis for a proposed questionnaire survey and for plan formulation.

1.2 This report:

- documents how the launch consultation was undertaken and explains the consultation that was carried out (section 2).
- summarises the responses received (section 3).
- provides conclusions and recommendations (section 4).

1.3 The report has been independently prepared for Droitwich Spa Town Council by DJN Planning Ltd. Data inputting by Katy Prew, Deputy Town Clerk, Droitwich Spa Town Council.

July 2023

2. The launch consultation

- 2.1 The launch consultation was publicised by means of a letter delivered to all households in the Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Area during February and early March 2023 (Appendix 1). The consultation was also publicised on the Town Council website and through posters and local press releases to Standard Group and Worcester News.
- 2.2 The consultation sought views as to how the town should develop and grow in the period up to 2041. The consultation posed seven open questions. These were devised to explore how the economic, social and environmental objectives of sustainable development¹ were seen to play out in the local context, and to provide a basis for more detailed questions in the proposed community questionnaire survey. The questions were:
- Question 1: What do you like about living in Droitwich?
Question 2: What new community facilities might we want?
Question 3: How can we best support and regenerate the town centre?
Question 4: What infrastructure issues in the town most concern you?
Question 5: What mix of new businesses should we be encouraging?
Question 6: How can we protect and enhance the local environment?
Question 7: What improvements to living and working in Droitwich would you like to see?
- 2.3 Responses to these questions could be made online or 'in-person'. Online responses could be submitted by following the link provided in the consultation publicity. In-person responses could be made either at the Neighbourhood Plan launch event or subsequently at the Droitwich Heritage Centre in St. Richard's House, a convenient location in the town centre.
- 2.4 The launch event was held in the Community Hall, Heritage Way, Droitwich Spa on Monday 13 March 2023 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The weather was cool and dry. The event was staffed by Town Councillors, Town Council officers, and the planning consultant.
- 2.5 A series of display sheets were prepared to introduce the Neighbourhood Plan, explain what it might contain, and how it was going to be prepared. The display also included the consultation questions. Responses to the questions were captured by means of post-it notes on the relevant sheet.
- 2.6 To expand on and further explain the display, two powerpoint presentations were delivered by the planning consultant. Each presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. These raised a wide range of topics concerning both the Neighbourhood Plan and other matters pertaining to recent developments in the town.
- 2.7 The launch event was attended by a total of 176 parishioners. The local planning authority, Wychavon District Council, was represented at both elected member and officer levels.

¹ National Planning Policy Framework 2021 para. 8.

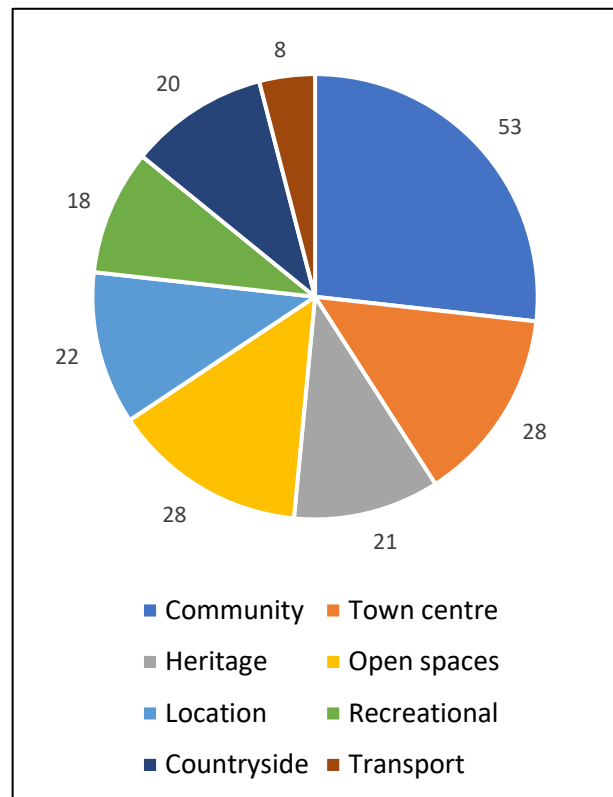
- 2.8 Following the launch event, the display was re-located to the Droitwich Heritage Centre. Its availability was publicised on social media (Heritage Centre platform at <https://www.facebook.com/DroitwichSpaHC>). As the consultation progressed and to maximise the opportunity to respond, the original closing date of the end of March was extended to 12 April 2023. The extension was publicised through social media and posters.
- 2.9 Responses to both the online survey and to the display have been collated by the Town Council and are set out in Appendix 2. Responses are given verbatim, with spelling and punctuation unchanged from that submitted. The overall pattern of responses is set out below (Table 1). This indicates that whilst both the online and display options generated feedback, the former was consistently the more effective.
- 2.10 Section 3 of this Report provides an analysis of the key topics raised in the consultation feedback. Individual consultation responses generally raise several topics.

Table 1 Responses	No.	% online	% display
Q1 Living in Droitwich	82	88%	12%
Q2 New community facilities	78	90%	10%
Q3 Town centre	86	83%	17%
Q4 Infrastructure	80	86%	14%
Q5 Businesses	77	86%	14%
Q6 Environment	74	86%	14%
Q7 Improvements	73	84%	16%

3. Responses

Question 1: What do you like about living in Droitwich?

- There were 82 responses to this question, pointing to a range of factors which were ‘liked’ about life in Droitwich.
- Almost two-thirds of responses mentioned positive features of **community life** in the town (53 comments). These included its perceived friendliness, cleanliness (aided by volunteer litter picking), safety, optimum size, quietness, and strong sense of community pride, embodied in festivals such as the Food Festival and Salt Feast. One respondent summed up the feelings of many: *“living in Droitwich feels like a very safe environment ... people are friendly and a clean and tidy place to live”*.
- There were 28 comments on the **town centre**. This was seen as having a good range of facilities and services, with references to the range of shops which, though recently depleted, was still sufficient for daily needs; cafes; library (the recent introduction of Libraries Unlocked was welcomed), and the Norbury Theatre, *“a little gem”*. Public spaces were seen as well-maintained and clean.
- Linked to this, many pointed to the **heritage** of the town as a defining feature (21 comments), including its historic buildings, High Street and the Canal.
- There were also 28 comments on the town’s public **open spaces**, with Lido and Vines Park both well-appreciated, and several mentions of the quality of the grounds maintenance both in the parks and throughout the town.
- The **central location** of Droitwich, with good motorway access and within easy reach of major cities and the West Midlands conurbation, was a boon for 22 respondents.
- The town’s **recreational opportunities** were liked by many (18 comments), embracing both formal and informal activities and including the Leisure Centre and the Lido, a welcome facility: *“please preserve this at all costs ... it is a great asset and brings people in from a wide area”*.
- The fact that the **open countryside** was nearby and easily accessed was liked by 20 respondents.
- There were eight comments on aspects of **transport and travel** in Droitwich, including the proximity of the railway station to the town centre, its ‘walkability’, and good car parking.

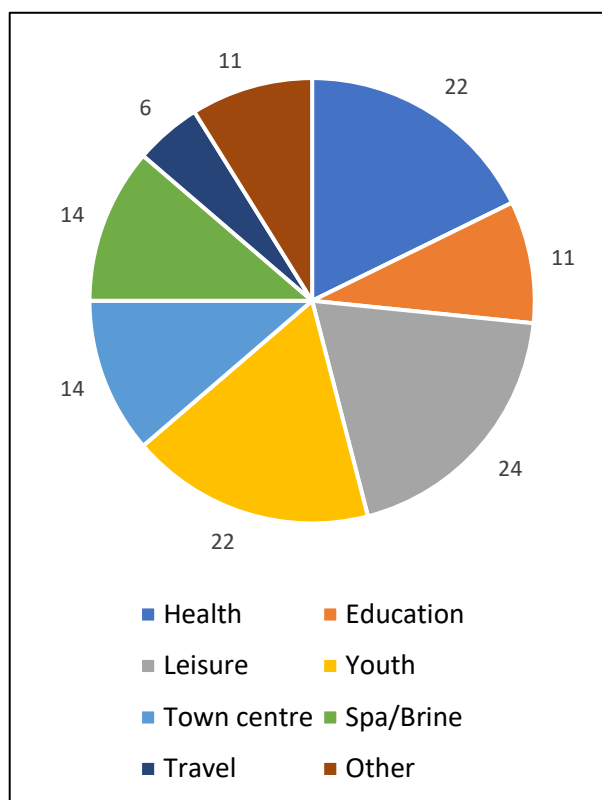


Question 2: What new community facilities might we want?

- There were 78 responses to this question.
- Issues related to **health care** were raised in 22 comments, with many calls for more GP's and NHS dentists, along with pharmacies, a minor injuries unit, and services for the growing elderly population. A particular concern was that health care provision in the town had not kept pace with the additional demands arising from recent housing development.

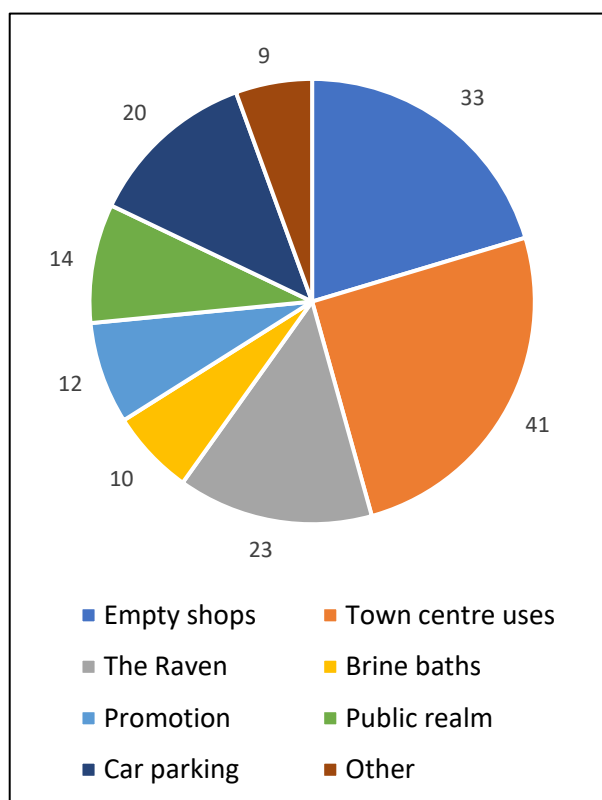
- This factor was also raised in relation to **educational provision** (11 comments): *"more schools – the town has grown but there are less schools than when I was a kid"*.

- **Leisure facilities** were the most-frequently raised topic in replies to this question (24 comments), with many suggestions as to how best to expand and diversify leisure opportunities. These included: upgrade Norbury Theatre; provide a venue for music; improved and expanded Leisure Centre; upgrade The Lido; joint Leisure Centre/Lido membership; and develop waterside bars and restaurants as part of a general widening of the 'evening economy'. Other ideas were for better facilities for disabled children, more open spaces, and outdoor gym facilities. There were also calls to broaden the range of music played at the Lido Park bandstand.
- Provision for **older children and teenagers** was mentioned in 22 comments, with identified need for a youth centre, better community education in schools, skateboard/BMX/pump track.
- There were 14 comments in respect of the **town centre**, suggesting fewer vacant retail units and charity shops; more independent traders; respecting the character of the High Street; better signage from the railway station; focus on tourism, with a summer Tourist Information Centre; and improvements to the Farmers Market.
- Many pointed to the need for a re-instated **Spa/Brine Baths** facility in the town (14 comments), as both a local facility and to encourage tourism. One view was that *"if we want to call Droitwich 'Droitwich Spa' surely the town should have a Spa!"*. There was support for the present proposals for The Raven Hotel in this context.
- Aspects of **travel** were mentioned in 6 comments, with several suggestions for more cycle lanes.
- A range of '**other**' suggestions (11 comments) included: community hub with meeting places for elderly, better promotion of existing groups and facilities, childcare facilities, wind turbines, facilities for truck drivers at Berry Hill, local history information, and police station.



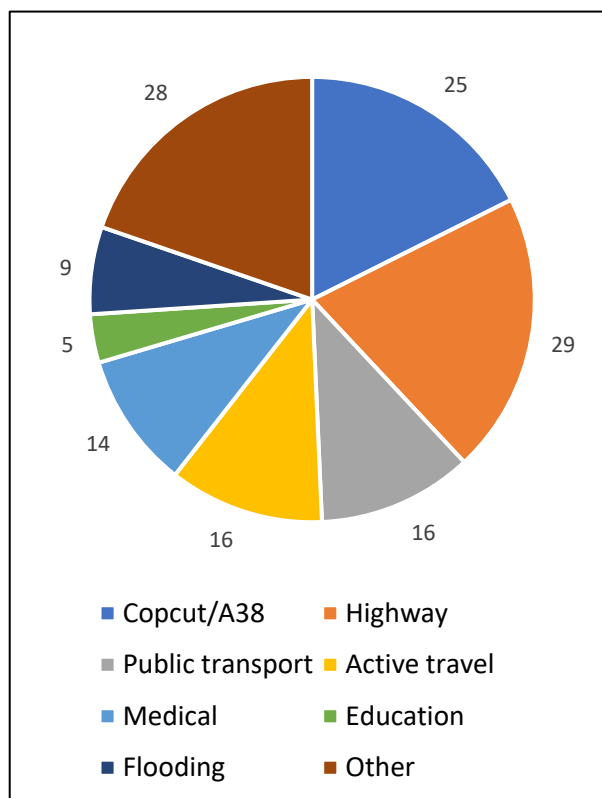
Question 3: How can we best support and regenerate the town centre?

- There were 86 responses to this question.
- Issues related to the number of **vacant shop units** were raised in 33 comments, with calls to reduce rents and business rates to improve occupancy. Some focussed on the size of some of the units involved (such as in the St Andrews shopping centre) and the need to be more flexible as to how this space was offered if activity and footfall was to be secured. For example, such units could be made available for use by several smaller retailers, pop-up stalls, or a market for independent traders.
- Many suggestions were made for suitable **town centre uses**, this being the most-frequently raised topic in replies to this question (41 comments). A key concern was that the variety of outlets in the centre was declining, with cafes, hairdressers and charity shops over-represented at the expense of (for example) clothing stores. Many suggested that a market be established. There were also suggestions for upgrading the Norbury Theatre, expanding the town centre supermarket, and developing the Netherwich Canal Basin and brownfield land by the railway station.
- The restoration of **The Raven Hotel** was raised in 23 comments. Respondents saw this as a key element in securing town centre regeneration.
- There were 10 comments calling for the re-instatement of the **Brine baths**.
- Many ways of **promoting** the town centre were put forward (12 comments), aiming to encourage visitors by holding festivals and events, and by linking to the history of the town, for example by offering town walks.
- Aspects of the **public realm** were raised in 14 comments. These included suggestions to improve or provide: the pedestrian link to/from the railway station; green corridors/spaces; signage; Brine Pump House display; active travel facilities to the town centre, such as wider shared use or segregated footways; and pedestrianisation of High Street/St Andrews Street.
- There were 20 comments on **car parking**, most calling for free or reduced charges for public car parks, to support and encourage footfall in the town centre.
- Issues raised in nine '**other**' comments included public transport integration, shuttle bus between housing areas and the town centre, lack of streetlights, overall need for investment, town council operation, restore barge in Canal basin, improve train services to Birmingham, and capacity of road network.



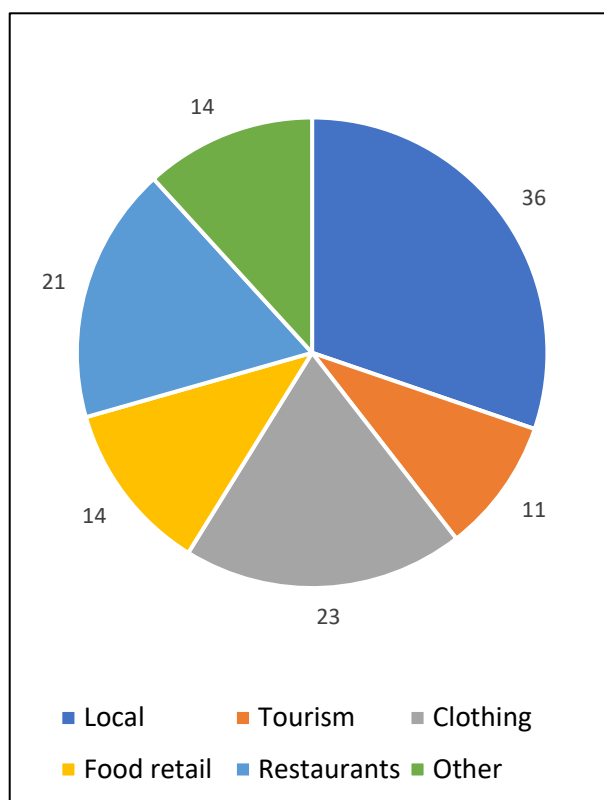
Question 4: What infrastructure issues in the town most concern you?

- There were 80 responses to this question, the overarching theme being that infrastructure provision had not matched the scale of recent housing development especially to the south of the town.
- The operation of the **A38/Copcut Lane/Pulley Lane junction** was raised in 25 comments (this junction is partly outside the Neighbourhood Area boundary): *“the main issue that has to be tackled is the despicable situation at the Copcut traffic lights”*.
- There were 29 comments on various aspects of the **highway network**. Many commented that the roads were not suitable for the volume, type and speed of traffic that was using them. Other aspects of concern were road maintenance, operation of M5 junction 5, and issues with specific road junctions in the town.
- **Public transport** issues were mentioned in 16 comments, with calls for more and improved bus (including electric) and train services and better integration between the two. The loss of the previous direct bus service to/from Birmingham was raised in several comments.
- **Active travel (walking and cycling)** was also raised in 16 comments. Issues of concern and suggestions for improvement included the need for: footpath maintenance; cutting back of hedges encroaching onto footways; better provision for pedestrians including road crossings for example across Primland Road and the Saltway (between Waitrose and Vines Park); and better provision for cyclists.
- The ability of **medical** and **education** services to meet demand consequent on housing growth was of concern in 14 and 5 comments respectively.
- **Flooding** was an issue in nine comments, with various locations around the town being mentioned including at Tagwell, road junctions, and the town centre.
- A wide range of **‘other’** issues were identified (28 comments), some of which had been raised in response to earlier questions. Issues of concern included too much or not enough new housing, restoration of The Raven Hotel, policing, street lighting, car parking in town centre and at railway station, dogs in parks, broadband, electric vehicle charging points, provision for older children/teenagers, loss of the Brine baths, empty shops, power cuts, and water stoppages.



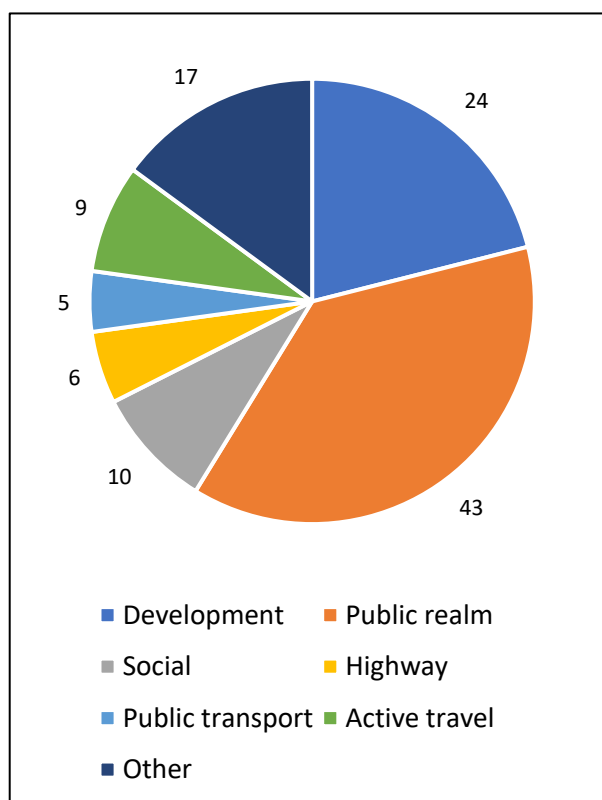
Question 5: What mix of new businesses should we be encouraging?

- There were 77 responses to this question, with many answering in relation to the town centre. Here, the overall sentiment was that a wider range of businesses was required, echoing replies to Question 3. The aim should be to recognise the realities of how the internet had changed town centres and to “encourage anything that creates community and socialising”.
- A common theme was that more **local independent** businesses should be sought in the town centre (36 comments, almost half those responding to this question): “I would prefer smaller businesses with more of a ‘local’ feel than major chains”. To do this, financial incentives for such enterprises to open in empty units should be considered.
- In boosting footfall, **tourism** was seen as one route to explore (11 comments), building on the town’s spa, salt, and canal heritage: “re-invent Droitwich as a health resort based on our natural salts ... bring in businesses keen to promote salt related benefits”.
- There was a clearly expressed need for more **clothing** shops for all ages (23 comments), with several mourning the closure of M&Co; shoes and sportswear were also suggested.
- There were 14 comments in respect of **food retail**, suggesting a range of specialist/local purveyors (fishmonger, butchers and greengrocers) as well as an M&S food hall, street food pop ups, and an enhanced role for the Farmers Market.
- **Restaurants, cafes and bars** were addressed in 21 comments, a common theme being a requirement for a wider range of cuisines and fewer take-aways.
- Issues raised in 14 **‘other’** comments included a need to sustain access to banks, building societies and cash machines, and to encourage other services such as ironing and an internet café. Two comments suggested co-working space for home workers, such as provided at 1 Mill Street, Leamington, for those “who wish to have an office environment with the ability to network and enable access to wider facilities”. Others suggested encouraging small manufacturing and hi-tech businesses.



Question 6: How can we protect and enhance the local environment?

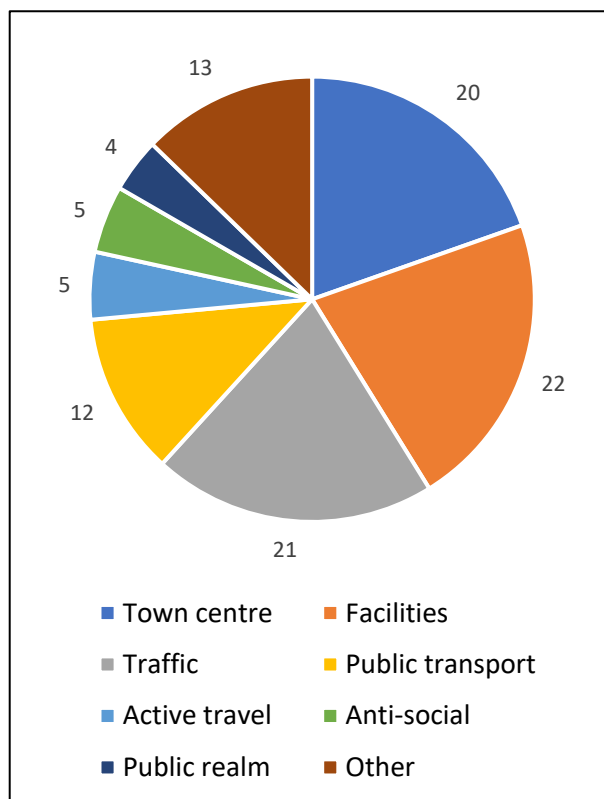
- There were 74 responses to this question.
- Issues relating to recent and proposed **developments** in the town were raised in 24 responses. Some were opposed to further housing development, especially to the south of the area or at Hanbury Road (a development plan proposal which is outside the Neighbourhood Area). Many others suggested that previously developed land, such as the former Baxenden Chemicals site by the railway station, should be built on instead of (or before) using greenfield land. Others emphasised that new housing should be accompanied by suitable services and facilities, including highway and wastewater infrastructure: *“ensure sewage infrastructure has the capacity to cope with new builds – no spillage into rivers and water courses!”*.



- There were 43 comments on aspects of the **public realm**, with key themes being litter, tree planting, maintenance of open spaces, and dog fouling.
- **Social aspects** raised in 10 comments including speeding vehicles, noise, and volunteering opportunities.
- There were six comments on **highway** matters, including traffic. These included tackling congestion bottlenecks and air quality, surface water flooding, issues on the M5, and a need to ensure new developments had adequate links to the road network: *“the Copcut experience needs to be avoided in the future”*.
- Calls and suggestions to improve **public transport** were made in five comments: *“improve public transport in and around the town with green energy vehicles and affordable, reliable and regular services”*.
- Ideas for the promotion of **active travel (walking and cycling)** were put forward in nine comments, such as High Street pedestrianisation and improvements to signage, footpaths and cyclist safety.
- There were 17 **‘other’** comments, including on the restoration of The Raven hotel, promotion of local heritage, restoration of the Brine baths, renewable energy generation, discharge of wastewater to River Salwarpe, and the installation of 5G.

Question 7: What improvements to living and working in Droitwich would you like to see?

- There were 73 responses to this final question, with many respondents taking the opportunity to emphasise points made in their earlier comments.
- More shop and leisure options including restaurants and cinema, a market, services such as a banking hub and hot desk facilities for home workers, and the redevelopment of the Baxenden Chemicals site and The Raven hotel were put forward as **town centre improvements** (20 comments).
- On **facilities**, there were 22 comments suggesting improvements to medical services, schools, the library, Norbury theatre, community support, services for disabled people, and for the re-instatement of the Brine baths.
- Aspects of **traffic** and associated matters were covered in 21 comments, dealing with road maintenance, traffic speed and noise, and parking, including calls as before for free parking in the town centre.
- Suggested improvements to **public transport** (12 comments) included more publicity and better links to by bus and train including to Worcestershire Parkway. There were several calls for the re-instatement of services to Worcester and Birmingham.
- There was support for **active travel** (walking and cycling) in five comments.
- There were also five comments on **anti-social behaviour** including calls for more visible policing, crime prevention and Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
- Four suggestions for improvements to the **public realm** included better facilities for dog walkers at King George Playing Fields and tree planting: *“Droitwich has so much to offer and so much history but it is not projecting that image”*.
- There were 13 **‘other’** comments, including on investment in social housing, council tax, levels of fishing in the canal, refuse, dog fouling, taxis, heritage, resident input to planning, electric vehicle charging points, food delivery, and town twinning.



4. Conclusions and recommendations for questionnaire survey

- 4.1 Responses to the questions posed in the launch event consultation provide some clear signals as to the key issues which the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to address through its planning policies.
- 4.2 The planning policies of the Neighbourhood Plan are limited by statute to matters of land use and development. However, neighbourhood plan policies do not exist in isolation from other contextual local issues. Concerns of this nature, outside the land use scope of the Neighbourhood Plan but providing the local context, were raised in response to all questions. They include existing conditions and service levels in respect of health care, education, highway maintenance, the operation of specific road junctions (notably A38/Copcut Lane), walking and cycling, public transport, traffic volumes and speed, car parking restrictions and charges, commercial rents, business rates, youth services, and policing.
- 4.3 Wider or longer-term community issues and aspirations can be referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan, provided they are clearly identified as such and are distinct from its planning policies. Aspirations and priorities recorded in this way in the Plan are termed 'Community Actions' and can provide a firmer basis than might otherwise be available for ongoing Town Council work with partners, such as Wychavon District Council, Worcestershire County Council, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent. In progressing such Actions the Town Council will be able to point to a level of community concern, for instance as evidenced in the replies to the launch event consultation, and that the Neighbourhood Plan has been written with them in mind.
- 4.4 Turning to the next stage in Plan preparation, the launch event consultation suggests the following topics should be addressed in the community questionnaire survey. This will confirm and provide further detail on the evidence base for both planning policies and reasonable Community Actions to be included in the Plan:
- Draft Vision and objectives. The consultation provides appropriate information to draft a Vision and supporting objectives, which should be included for consideration and comment in the survey.
 - Further exploration of the experience of living in Droitwich and priorities for improvement and additional/new provision, building on replies to Q1 and Q7 in the consultation.
 - Issues around new housing, including size and type and planning requirements.
 - Community facilities, informed by replies to Q2.
 - Town centre regeneration (Q3) including site redevelopment. Here, a key opportunity for town centre investment is that provided by the Netherwich Canal Basin, a highly visible site on the edge of the town centre between the Saltway and Lido Park. The Basin is allocated in the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) for housing, retail and leisure uses. There are a range of planning issues to be considered in such a

development including access, heritage, biodiversity, tourism, noise and contamination. The Neighbourhood Plan can include a policy setting out further detail on planning requirements to address these issues, thereby supporting and supplementing the SWDP allocation. Given the townscape prominence of the site, the uses proposed, and the issues involved it would be useful for a question on its redevelopment to be included in the questionnaire survey, so that community views can be reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan policy.

- Types of economic development and planning priorities (Q5).
- Environmental matters (Q6), including the impact of development on the environment and seeking information on key views, the potential for Local Green Space designation, and design.
- Infrastructure, to inform the drafting of Community Actions (Q4).

4.5 The questionnaire survey should serve to demonstrate that the results of the launch event consultation have been considered in shaping the questions asked.

4.6 This report should be posted to the Town Council website and its availability publicised on social media.

Appendix 1: Letter to all households



Droitwich Spa Town Council

ST RICHARD'S HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE, WR9 8DS

www.droitwichspa.gov.uk

February 2023

Letter to all Droitwich Spa households

Droitwich Spa in 2041 – our Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Council has decided to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Droitwich Spa, so that we can better influence development and deliver on community priorities.

As a first step, we are asking for your views as to how you want to see the town develop and grow in the coming years. We will use your feedback to draft a Vision for Droitwich Spa in 2041 – as a place to live, work and play.

The Neighbourhood Plan will help deliver the Vision by:

- Setting out suitable planning policies, for instance on town centre regeneration, building design and neighbourhood services and facilities.
- Identifying other community aspirations.

Come along to our Neighbourhood Plan launch event to find out more and to give us your thoughts.

When: between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday 13 March 2023, ahead of the annual Town Meeting which will follow thereafter. At 4.30 p.m. there will be a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan explaining the role of the Plan, what it can (and can't) cover, and how we are going about preparing it.

Where: Community Hall, Heritage Way, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8RF

If you'd prefer or can't make the launch event, you can still tell us what you think. Go to www.droitwichspa.gov.uk to let us know your priorities for the future of Droitwich Spa. The survey is open until 31st March 2023.

As our Neighbourhood Plan progresses, we will be posting regular updates to the Town Council website. Keep an eye on these for the latest news.

I look forward to hearing from you so that we can draw up our Neighbourhood Plan to help deliver on your priorities.

Councillor George Duffy, Mayor of Droitwich Spa

Frequently asked questions

What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

- A statutory planning document to guide decisions on land use and development in Droitwich Spa. It will add local detail to existing planning policies in the South Worcestershire Development Plan.
- Wychavon District Council will use the Neighbourhood Plan to guide its decisions on planning applications in the town, alongside the South Worcestershire Development Plan.
- Landowners and developers will have to take the Neighbourhood Plan into account if they want planning permission for their projects.

Who is involved in its preparation?

- The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared by a Steering Group made up of Town Councillors and residents, with some professional support.

Why are we preparing the Neighbourhood Plan?

- To set out a positive vision for how we want Droitwich Spa to develop and grow in the period up to 2041. The Plan will include practical policies to help deliver that vision, by guiding development and protecting the environment.

What topics will the Neighbourhood Plan address?

- The Neighbourhood Plan can include policies on any relevant aspect of land use and development – but it cannot promote less development than is already allowed for in the South Worcestershire Development Plan, or which has planning permission.

What is the process for developing the NDP?

- Consultation – including through the launch event.
- Drafting the Plan - developing policies to deliver what you want to see. Once the Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared, there will be a further opportunity for discussion, with a six-week consultation period.
- Submission to Wychavon District Council, with further consultation, followed by an independent examination and a referendum. If a majority of those who vote agree, the Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted as part of the statutory planning framework.

Appendix 2: Consultation responses

Question 1: What do you like about living in Droitwich?

Ref	Comment
Comments made online	
1	Waitrose / park / tennis club
2	I like the community feel of Droitwich and that it is relatively quiet compared to other towns. It's got just about everything for day-to-day life such as supermarkets, petrol stations, chemists, clothes outlets and coffee shops, not to mention an excellent leisure centre. I often say to people that it's good to go out in Worcester or Birmingham and then return to the relative tranquility of Droitwich.
3	Small compact town centre. Railway station is close ish to the town Low crime rate Friendly people Sense of community
4	With a few exceptions Droitwich is a peaceful, friendly and safe place to live.
5	A very compact town centre with lots of interesting old buildings, & easy to walk around. Generally good facilities available - supermarkets & petrol stations, restaurants, 3 doctors' practices, cafes, car parking in & around the centre. Superb quality of roundabout plants, hanging baskets, & grass cutting. The staff deserve our recognition of the quality of their work, Generally clean & litter-free streets & shopping areas. The volunteer litter pickers do an excellent job.
6	I love that it is easy to get anywhere from, so its locality means I have a great choice in things to do, 30 mins and I am in Birmingham or Cheltenham, I can choose to shop in Worcester or Bromsgrove. It has great access and road links. I like it is fairly attractive as a town, with some lovely historic properties I love that I can trace my family as far back as 1380 in this town It has been quite safe for bringing up families (some concerns at present about this) and my Son is now bringing up his children here too. It is just the right size. Salt Fest & St Richards Fest Libraries Unlocked is a brilliant idea -I attend craft club on a Monday there and it should be developed more
7	Good community facilities and support for small groups.
8	I like the friendliness of the town.
9	Convenience to town, community spirit and pride. Quick (not so quick now) access to the countryside.
10	Where we live feels semi-rural and we love looking out on fields and woods and being able to step out easily for walks. Town centre cafes are great The park is amazing. Food festival is great. People are lovely. Good sense of community here.
11	I feel safe here. Have no fears about walking out in the dark Generally clean and tidy. Good sport facilities for all ages:: Droitwich Golf Club, Droitwich Football Club, Cricket, Tennis, Hockey, Bowls, Leisure Centre..Two parks.. slower pace of life than Birmingham and Redditch.

Ref	Comment
12	We chose to move to Droitwich from Solihull five years ago. It is a quirky, friendly town. We love Lido Park and the fact it has a lido at all - please preserve this at all costs. It is a great asset and brings people in from a wide area. It is a small town on the edge of beautiful country and accessible to Worcester and Birmingham. We like the quirky festivals - though they all seem rather similar. Why not bring back a proper carnival. Floats, music etc
13	Easy access to main amenities - shopping, doctor, dentist, cafes and restaurants etc
14	It retains a small town community feel
15	It's quiet but has everything I need
16	It's a blend of town and rural living - Droitwich is not too small, but the countryside is close and the town feels community based and like it has tradition.
17	Good schools. Access to countryside and motorways
18	It still feels relatively safe and is well cared for, close to countryside and commuter links. The park is also beautiful along with the bonus of the lido Lovely feel as a town Heritage
19	Close to the countryside. Close to Worcester and Birmingham. We live in a peaceful part of the town. Climate is protected because we are surrounded by hills meaning little snow falls. Lots of history.
20	Green spaces, independent shops, safety
21	Having lived all my life up to April '21 in Birmingham Droitwich is like a nice quiet village.
22	Parks are nice to walk round
23	Nice size, friendly, adequate shops, good sports facilities
24	I love living in Droitwich, moved here from Birmingham April 2021
25	I have lived here all my life and so have most of my family, it's my home town
26	access to the countryside - train and bus services (although both abysmal at present!) Living in a (small) historic country town which although under duress is managing to retain some of its character
27	Tagwell Road from the Holloway junction needs to be widened. Cars 20/30 years ago were a lot narrower than present day vehicles. We also need another doctor's surgery as the present ones are overrun and overcrowded. Trying to get an appointment is a nightmare.
28	The freedom to travel without one way systems and local shops on roads without being blocked off from traffic
29	I like that Droitwich is surrounded by open countryside, is well connected by road and rail to the wider region, offers a good standard of housing and appears to have a relatively low crime rate which means I feel safe in my own neighbourhood
30	The friendly people Good neighbours Beautiful well kept Park
31	A relatively quiet town within very easy access to major motorways. There are plenty of green outside spaces and a good deal of facilities for the younger residents of the town
32	We enjoy the location of the town being accessible to lots of different areas with Worcester and Bromsgrove not too far away. We enjoy the Lido Park and the local canal network along with Hanbury Hall also close by. We like the size of the town

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	and feel it is a clean and safe and peaceful place to live. The library is an excellent facility and the libraries unlocked is an added bonus.
33	Access to local councillors who listen and take action when contacted re issues Green spaces which are well maintained - canal towpaths, parks, flower beds and baskets- there is a pride in our open spaces. Friendly people and neighbours. Festivals and band in park Trust in Wychavon DC to maintain street cleaning and litter picking and maintenance of greenery.
34	A great community with a vibrant schooling and family community
35	Close to green spaces Community feel Community events, such as the Food festival Canals
36	Droitwich is very convenient. Its location provides easy access to open country and large cities. It is a peasant place to live - in general the area is neat and tidy and looks attractive. Some services are good - waste collection is excellent and tips/re-cycling provision is good. Health provision in the 35 years we have lived here has deteriorated Increased housing has led to too few GPs and inadequate provision of pharmacies. Education facilities will also have been adversely affected by increased housing - services that will clearly be needed because of new housing developments have not been provided.
37	Small convenient town for essential shopping
38	Green spaces Well maintained parks and gardens Proximity to Worcester and Birmingham Easy access to motoway and railway network Our own little theatre Droitwich Leisure Centre and The lido
39	A very friendly place with residents who care about the town.
40	Love the historic buildings, waterways and countryside surrounding droitwich
41	Low crime is one of the main aspect that I like about living in Droitwich
42	A quiet, tidy town, lots of community support
43	Droitwich is a small historic town which unfortunately is at risk of being over developed and losing its character.. Please be careful.
44	Community Heritage Local amenities
45	Leisure centre, well maintained parks, lido, norbury
46	ITS GREAT FOR M5 FULL OF HISTORY
47	It's a quiet town
48	It is a small town with a rich history.
49	Having moved here four years ago I would not want to leave. It's hard to explain why, I can't put my finger on it. It's just a lovely well maintained town.

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50	It has potential
51	Peaceful. Good selection of pubs. Great countryside and lovely canal walks.
52	Its quaint. Its historic. A hidden gem
53	It a small town with a big history. It has good rail and road connections. It has some shops but these are a lot less than there used to be. Easy to get round and good parking in the centre. People in general care about this town not because they were born here but because they choice to live here as a result of good housing, public facilities and its welcoming nature. A well functioning library that is welcoming.
54	Living in Droitwich feels like a very safe environment. People are friendly and generally a clean and tidy place to live
55	That it is centred around an identifiable town with many facilities but with plenty of open space [eg. Lido Park etc} This sense of a town is diminishing as Droitwich expands.
56	The feeling of community
57	The Norbury Theatre, I have been a member since I was 5 and I'm now 24. It is a crucial part of Droitwich and so many people don't know Droitwich has a theatre. The theatre are always welcoming new locals and the joy it bring to so many people is fantastic.
58	Small enough to walk most places People are friendly The Norbury Theatre is a little gem and deserves as much support as other theatres in Wychavon.
59	That it has heritage but sadly has let too much of it be destroyed. The people are friendly (I moved here from warwick which is lovely but not as friendly). It has some lovely green spaces to run in like the lido and the canals.
60	History of town, parks, canals, rural location, walks, dog friendly, local individual shops, leisure centre, pubs, restaurants cinema, golf & tennis facilities, train to univ of bham, b'ham city and Worcester Many supermarkets, heritage centre, proximity to Worcester Cotswolds, pershore, Hanbury & Bromsgrove & local small villages, salwarpe, hibberton, Crowle, feckenham, alcester etc Need to keep the historic & unique nature of the town, restore historic. Buildings, avoid overdevelopment & traffic areas, designate more green belt & preserve countryside
61	Proximity to the M5. Excellent health centre. Good easy access to the tip. Seeing the Chateau Impney on my way to work
62	It's a relatively peaceful place to live. Normally kept very clean and tidy. Good geographical location with decent access to train lines (sadly, with poor train services) and motorways. Worcestershire is a beautiful county
63	convenience Of access to motorways and getting out into the countryside, train station in the town library in the town.
64	Living in a small community. Open spaces, not too much traffic. Amenities close by
65	Nice people. Convenient location to access other areas of the country
66	Its size and location. Close to countryside, but the facilities of a 'proper town, with cities reachable in under an hour by public transport
67	History, established housing and parkland

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68	I think Droitwich is a great place to live with lovely parks which are well kept The improvement to the Lido park facilities , the tennis courts and children's play area are a great asset The downside are the empty shops and prevalence of coffee shops and charity shops which, although necessary to some extent: fail to draw people from further afield.
69	when we moved to droitwich eight years ago we loved it because of the green spaces and the more tranquil way of life coming from the city this is what we wanted but now as it is getting more built up it is spoiling that ,and i gather where we live tagwell heights there IS a proposal for a 100 new houses on the field at the top of tagwell and that horrifies us because of all the noise and the mess and the traffic we have enough noise and pollution from the motorway as it is it would be nice to have a 100 trees planted instead of houses .
70	I think the close knit community makes it a wonderful place to life, however it is growing out of control and encouraging the wrong type of people to move in. Our priorities are completely wrong and the town is too small to accommodate the numbers it now has to.
71	The green spaces, heritage, lido, theatre festivals and the town centre which has a wonderful community feel .
72	As my place of birth I have witnessed many changes to the town, not all good but I still like living here. My friends and family are here and I enjoy the surrounding countryside We have lovely parks and the canal is a great asset to the town offering a home to wildlife and attracting visitors. The Heritage Centre/Tourist office is an excellent feature.
Comments made on the display	
73	The Heritage Centre. Brilliant resource
74	It has nice flowers
75	It's a friendly town and its parks are good
76	Friendly place, Nice parks. Flowers around the town centre
77	Access to countryside. Near M5. Lido. High Street
78	The library is brilliant and should be treasured and protected
79	The Lido is fantastic as are the new tyennis courts & play areas in the Lido park.
80	The parks. Canal walks. Friendly people. Droitwich Litter Squad. Feel safe
81	Friendly town. Beautiful park. Access to countryside
82	Friendly town. Good range of shops for most everyday needs. Proximity to countryside. Excellent parks. The history, which still can be traced in many buildings. Good access to M5 and hence quick access to motorway network and many parts of the country. Beautiful and historic churches. The canal system

Question 2: What new community facilities might we want?

Ref	Comment
Comments made online	
1	more facilities
2	Return of the DAN hub More joined up promotion of the community groups and facilities we already have
3	I am pensioner so I am not familiar with facilities available for teenagers and young adults but the recent defacing of the beautiful attempts at improving underpasses probably means there is a lack of these in tangent with better community education within our schools
4	More doctors' facilities, schools, NHS dental practices, & shops within the recent major housing developments. These should be agreed when planning consent is given to developers with very strict control exercised to ensure that the building of these facilities goes ahead as per the planning consent agreements, & not some time after the developments are completed & families have moved in. Better quality of independent retail outlets in the centre, & fewer Charity shops.
5	Youth clubs - used to have brilliant ones but they have been cut - need them back as the teens are becoming an issue in town as they have nothing to do plus activities for the young, so they don't have to go out of town to have fun (we had a cinema when I was young and the town was smaller then) Not just brass bands in the park - lets have rock/pop something for the under 80's too Improve the theatre - No 8 in Pershore is brilliant why can't we have something similar Decent music venue would be a luxury More schools - the town has grown but there are less schools than when I was a kid More Dr's & NHS Dentists Brine Baths
6	Growing older populations so forward plan for day centres and access for older people with walkers, wheels chairs etc. More drop in information centres and places to go for help. Pop up healthcare access like Covid vaccination clinics for things like blood pressure testing, skin cancer checks, diabetic testing, drop in children weight advice clinics. Another initiative like moving forward the other side of town/town centre so open to everyone
7	Doctors surgeries for the new build developments - it's hard enough getting an appointment now without lots of extra people trying to access the same facilities. Schools, dentists and other infrastructure for the new build estates
8	Grass, open fields.
9	Access to the doctor is hard because the ratio of doctors to residents is not ideal. Dentists - no access to NHS dentists here. Public transport Getting to the train station from Newland to commute to B'ham or Worcs to work is impossible.
10	Minor injuries Unit, like the one in Bromsgrove. Would take some of the pressure off GP surgery's and A&E in Worcester.
11	A quality community hub right in the town centre - somewhere activities can go on e.g community cooking workshops, crafts and workspace.

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12	Better disabled facilities and playground equipment for disabled children; cycle lanes; traffic calming measures in some areas
13	Doctors surgery, childcare facilities
14	Wind turbines
15	I think it's important to maintain, if not grow, the amount of green infrastructure in the town - parks, open spaces and woodlands.
16	I sometimes go out and do some litter picking as part of the Droitwich Litter Picking Squad and am often surprised about the amount of litter and type of litter. Trust me that Droitwich Spa would look not half as nice without the help of all the members of the DLPS. Not so long ago I was litter picking in the Berry Hill estate and actually found human excrement bagged up (next to all the 'Fanta' bottles'). I would like to see all companies on the Berry Hill Estate together with Droitwich Spa Town Council to chip in a small amount of money (say £1000 each) together with a small contribution for upkeep and cleaning to build a small public building that houses (pay-as-you-go?) showers, toilets and some large bins in a convenient location for all 20 – 30 truck drivers that stay the night there, every night, 365 days in the year. Lets be the first Council that provides such a convenience as a sample to others. Keep Britain tidy
17	Youth services
18	Another doctors surgery More schools Better infrastructure to support the huge increase in population from the extensive developments surrounding the town. Cycle paths/lanes A better leisure centre with a bigger indoor pool
19	Youth clubs, Night life, Waterside bars and restaurants. A British Legion club. More Cycle lanes.
20	GP's and more shops in empty units
21	the youngsters need somewhere to meet up perhaps a youth centre would discourage a lot of the vandalism the occurs.
22	Skate boarding, BMXing Youth centre
23	Need to expand on shopping facilities to suit customer needs, but don't change the old part of the High Street
24	Youth club for teenagers
25	to update and promote the use of those we already have, making the best use of money available Not spend millions on a new leisure centre that is mainly used by those who can afford the subscription fees. As many of these facilities are closing due to high running costs is this financially viable? With the huge new housing estates that have been built within the last few years it is essential education and health facilities are available to meet need
26	Improvement to the lido bring it up to data
27	To cater for the population increase better local healthcare provision to improve access to GP and NHS dentistry. Community open space for walking and relaxation is good in Droitwich and should be preserved
28	Somewhere for the teenagers (youth club) perhaps.

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	Make sure people are aware of what's on offer in Droitwich ie clubs etc Perhaps have somewhere where the elderly can go for help not everyone has broadband or family that can help or can understand the world of today
29	The reinstatement of the brine baths would be an added attraction to tourists
30	Encourage more quality live music into the town using the Norbury Theatre as a venue A family friendly facility activity hub which is not just for locals with facilities such as 10 pin bowling, table tennis pool and snooker tables serving food and drink. The improved public transport should support the accessibility of such facilities the Raven Hotel would be an ideal site with added interest of an historical building.
31	Better signage from the Train station to the Town Centre - regularly find lost visitors outside the Salters/Spa Medical centre wondering where the town centre is. Better quality of stalls at Farmers market it needs to be refreshed and attract people to go to it, look at the markets in other local towns for ideas - make it an indoor market? Alternative music for the Lido park bandstand - such as Blues, Swing, Modern - music that attracts people under 50yrs old.
32	More playground facilities for older children 5 to 12 year olds as the current Lido park playground is really for younger children
33	Schools to south of town More for older children to do outside
34	More GP practices - when Corbett Medical Centre opened it had 6000 patients - it now has 15,000. Pharmacies cannot cope - more are needed in the area, not necessarily in the town centre School facilities need checking to see how education provision can best serve the increasing population
35	Youth club for young residents. Brine baths
36	Recent housing developments within/on the outskirts of town have put more pressure on the existing infrastructure I would like to see: Increased medical 'surgery provision Is there enough educational provision going forward? More youth provision? A central hub?? Expansion of leisure facilities (increasingly difficult to book classes at leisure centre) Another all year round swimming pool (maybe facilitate this at the Lido rather than build new) Combined leisure centre/lido membership. Return of the brine baths.
37	More information about the amazing history of Droitwich
38	A youth club
39	The town council needs to keep up to date with the hugely expanding housing development in the area and ensure that medical and education resources are built to match the demand.
40	More facilities for youngsters, meeting places for the elderly. Places where leisure courses can be held
41	Law and order is worrying and the lack of a working police station in the town is shocking for a community this size
42	Central youth centre More GP practices & minor injuries unit

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	Skate park, pump track
43	Cinema
44	Addition electric vehicle charging points
45	Skate park for teens the one on KGPF is outdated
46	Brine baths ran as a charity
47	From my experience there is an abundance of community facilities already
48	More evening entertainment to complement the Norbury
49	If we want to call Droitwich 'Droitwich Spa' surely the town should have a Spa!
50	Improve the use of the Norbury Theatre by improving its entrance and make it more inviting and improve signage. Bring back the spa!
51	High quality restaurant/pub similar to the Queens Head at Stoke Prior so that it encourage people out into the centre in an evening.
52	out door gym facilities to allow, residents, who struggle with the costs of gym membership to access facilities free of charge This will help with wellbeing and health
53	It has got a lot but a spa hotel would be good.
54	Better facilities to keep youngsters occupied. Norbury has a youth group but they cannot afford trips or outside speakers
55	Help upgrade the theatre so we can offer more classes and facilities to its members. More shops, all of our shops are charity shops. The table tennis club are desperate for a venue however unable to find one Droitwich is really letting down the people who need it most and are helping the community thrive.
56	More independent shops in St Andrews Square
57	I think the focus should be on regeneration of what is already here-particularly reinstating the brine baths. Bringing in more tourists so boost the economy Then the whole community benefits. More facilities to give young people something to do so they don't spend their time vandalising and terrorising people would be good.
58	See first question, also need to preserve outdoor lido, leisure Center with indoor pool courts for badminton, squash, yoga etc
59	A hospital with a minor injuries unit
60	More GP surgeries Perhaps a cinema or another theatre
61	fill the shops in the centre with shops which attract community to visit the centre. More groups available for different ages. Consider more for the younger/middle aged - park run, sport clubs - walking sport groups
62	Gym equipment in the park
63	More GP surgeries and pharmacies
64	Not to be used by me, but a Youth Club would be an asset A lot of visitors to the town will arrive by car and park near Waitrose. I'd suggest a Tourist Information kiosk in the Summer months in Vines Park or Gurneys Lane would be a boon.
65	Improved Sport Centre
66	The Raven Hotel has now been empty for almost 13 years and is in a decrepit state! After seeing the plans for new Brine Baths and a Gin bar I was excited and hoped that work would start but to no avail! This facility which was housed on the site of the private hospital attracted people from all parts of the country and would do so

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	again, enhancing the footfall in the town and encouraging new retail premises to establish themselves. Please, please provide some more money to allow building to begin which would be so beneficial to Droitwich Spa.
67	well i think there should be somewhere for people to go and see the history of the town and be able to sit and chat with other people and learn , about the area of worcester and malvem a kind of community hub where people can go and see old pictures of droitwich as it used to be and give people a sense of pride in where they live. it would be good for visitors to the town to show how it all began.
68	Promote Droitwich generally to fill the empty shops, the Brine Baths is an absolute must, a refurbished and larger leisure centre, remodel the Raven hotel before it crumbles to the ground, I dread to think who the squatters are who live in it.
69	Perhaps a community space dedicated to young people with climbing wall, table tennis, skittles, soft play etc
70	We desperately need more schools and medical facilities
Comments made on the display	
71	Open the brine baths
72	Sport centre brilliant! New one please
73	More surgeries. Lido open all year round
74	More facilities for young people
75	Open the brine baths but not to set times
76	Protect the library. Not keen on the plans proposal to consolidate
77	More GP surgeries and another high school
78	Brine baths

Question 3: How can we best support and regenerate the town centre?

Ref	Comment
Comments made online	
1	support more housing as this supports the town centre
2	<p>While I enjoy a coffee out in the town on Saturday mornings, the amount of empty units in St Andrews Shopping Centre is a concern. I'm not privy to the rates charged by the management company but surely having a business occupy a unit paying something is preferable to having the unit sitting empty. One solution could be to open a couple of the bigger units, such as the old Argos or Carphone Warehouse buildings, as spaces for pop-up stalls similar to a market for independent or sole traders - that might bring something different to the area.</p> <p>I would also like to see some progress made with the Raven. The cynic in me thinks that any potential developer is simply waiting for it to fall down so they don't have to repair it but the building has the potential to be the jewel in Droitwich's crown. At the moment, though, that area of town is an eyesore.</p>
3	<p>Attracting new businesses isn't easy especially in tough economic times. However lower parking charges and better more integrated public transport would help. Also a clearer and easier walk from the train station to the town centre. It also looks very rundown around the station which is off putting for visitors Making sure the festivals bring people into the town and use the town businesses, but just the Lido Park car park.</p>
4	<p>There are far too many empty retail units in the town centre and I include the area adjacent to Lloyds Bank, opposite the Salvation Army charity shop, which has been an eyesore for so long now that forget what was originally there. I'm guessing key to addressing this issue is negotiating more affordable rental terms. So serious discussions with the companies that determine those rents would be helpful. Surety, economics say that it is better to rent lower and have an income than have empty venues that provide no income for months and years. Clearly a lack of clothing outlets now is an incentive to shop in Worcester or Birmingham as an alternative, so that takes shoppers away from the rest of the town shops and cafés.</p>
5	<p>Encourage the growth of quality Independent retail outlets with a range of incentives on offer on lease/rental agreements, shop-fitting & marketing costs for their initial start-up.</p> <p>This would reduce the number of Charity shops appearing in the town centre with all the incentives & allowances which they enjoy.</p> <p>Where national multiples have closed their stores, eg M & Co, one possible alternative to leaving them empty could be the development of several small retailers taking up space within the building in a controlled & quality way.</p> <p>Continue to push hard for the Raven & surrounding land development solution, & find ways to head off the "Nimby" & professional objectors to what have been sensible & quality planning applications in recent years.</p>
6	lower the rates & rents & get more variety back into town - not just coffee shops/hairdressers

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	<p>Bring back events that encourage people into town - Buskers festival was a good one or specialist markets</p> <p>Make more of the history of the town - we should attract a lot more tourism - enlarge the town museum - have a set of town walks for historical points of interest</p> <p>Stop putting housing in town - town is for shops/facilities not housing - because housing means complaints about everything and parking issues</p>
7	<p>Encourage unique businesses and pop up shops to encourage visitors. Make most of assets we have such as parks reopen brine pool and market as tourist destination for short breaks. Encourage food festivals and change format of salt festival which is same old stalls every year, look for new ways of encouraging people out and about Most of town councillors don't know the people become isolated go to places where people are and consultant with charities who know what's happening on ground and see changes Stop building new houses until town centre can support the population already has.</p>
8	<p>It is sad to see so many empty shop units. Can the rent go down so businesses can afford to rent the units?</p>
9	<p>Make the high street useful, with the car parks being at the end of the high street, unless you need to why would you use the high street at all. Give people a reason to walk through it. Use the area designated for a market for an actual market, at least have a couple of stores there or does that not sit well with Waitrose now, isn't it time to fix the street lights in that area. Saltberrow market is it?</p>
10	<p>A shuttle bus between housing estates and town centre both during the day and last thing at night. We can't go out for a meal and a drink at night because we can't get home. We can't walk home because most of the route from town to new housing estates is in darkness. Offer free parking to council tax payers - our council tax is expensive here and for what? We have no street light outside our house and the trees are overgrown. We pay an estate charge so the council is not responsible for the green areas where we live. As hard working tax payers we get our bins emptied and that is it. It is not good value for money in terms of local amenities.</p>
11	<p>Make sure Waitrose and Morrisons never close. Without sounding snobbish, having a Waitrose is a coup for the town. I don't think you can regenerate the town centre. It's just a fact of life that people shop at big stores out-of-town and online ... Ex-Argos, Ex-M&Co, who is going to want to take those on. I wonder if 'Coffee No 1' might expand into ex-M&Co unit, if you gave an attractive lease rate, as it's always difficult to get a seat.</p>
12	<p>Convert empty shops into dwellings. MAKE SURE BROWNFIELD SITES ARE REGENERATED"! It is a disgrace that so much brownfield land e.g. around the station, and the Raven etc is left derelict. This is the biggest issue for me. Getting rid of that awful tunnel by Humphries shoes shop/Card factory. Green corridors and green spaces. Green walls - general greening up the town centre.</p>
13	<p>I was sorry to see M and Co go and feel clothes shopping is now lacking. There are a disproportionate amount of cafes hair dressers and charity shops.</p>
14	<p>Run down areas need investment.</p>
15	<p>Free parking</p>
16	<p>The variety of shop in the town centre is on the decline with a large number of charity shops and coffee shops. I know a lot of business is moving online, but a</p>

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	variety of shops in the town centre is vital to keeping it an attractive place to visit I'm not sure what incentives could be offered to tempt in more businesses. Farmers market is excellent, as is the condition of the town centre. Continued events (Saltfest etc) are important too.
17	Reduce rent to encourage new businesses to set up in town. Put a limit on coffee shops/charity shops to encourage a variety of businesses. Sort out The Raven Hotel as currently it looks awful.
18	Try and attract businesses that customers will want to shop at. There are far too many charity shops and takeaway shops.
19	Stop destroying our beautiful building and stop building more and more houses.
20	Lower rents
21	Have a proper farmers' market on a regular basis like you find in French towns. Develop the Mariner to be a focal point of the town, with bars & restaurants, the same way that Brindley & Gas St Basin are in Birmingham.
22	clean up the area around the Raven Hotel and opposite the Hotel (closed shops cordoned off) it looks a complete eyesore.
23	Fill the empty shops Sort out the raven hotel
24	Also something needs to be done with the Old Raven Hotel. Lido and park are excellent.
25	Free Carpark in town centre would make more people use the town centre. Town market on the weekends.
26	encourage people to use the facilities, reduce car parking charges. Why have so many shops been empty for years! Make more of the Lido and the Brine baths. The town history, heritage of the salt workings and the old high street Promote Droitwich as a tourist destination. We are still designated a SPA! A Regular Farmers Market more widely promoted to encourage visitors to Droitwich.
27	The disabled bay by the library need to be expanded there is just about enough room for 1 car 2 at a pinch.
28	By being honest with the public make it easy to get to minutes if meetings, full viewing of any contracts with corporations etc
29	I'd like to see the Town Council work with others to encourage the main shopping centre support an expanded supermarket to cater for extra demand and more encouragement for smaller retail businesses to occupy vacant premises
30	There is talk that the market is to re-open but sadly because of the charges (I believe) the stalls will be few. I was speaking to a lady who used to run a stall in Droitwich (she is now in Kidderminster Thurs/Sat) and she said your charges were too high. Sadly I think the town centres are depleting rapidly due to high rents. Landlords should be penalised if shops re empty for eg: over 1 year.
31	Encouraging the take-up of now empty shops both in the town centre and the square.
32	Support small businesses and independent traders into the town by making the rental facilities for permanent shops more flexible and affordable. For example more than one small businesses sharing a space and rent. The signage in the town should be improved with maps of the location of various parts, for example when visiting Waitrose there should be clear signage to other areas such as St Andrew's square. Redevelopment of the Norbury area of the town should include shops, bars,

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	restaurants and accommodation. Development of the Norbury Theatre to compete with other local places such as Number 8. The Raven Hotel should also be included in re development plans with an idea outlined above
33	<p>Clean up the Brine Pump House display off the High St, its full of dirt and dead leaves, make it an operating exhibit.</p> <p>One of the empty High St shops in the Heritage area I believe has been empty for a while and is collapsing under one of the bay windows - does it have and Heritage protection?</p> <p>Push harder for Volunteer barge to be restored it's been 3 years and is an eyesore in a prominent position in Droitwich- chase up Wychavon re English Heritage referral - I have already! Put the pressure on to get it sorted out! Restore the 2 floors of the Lido Pool building so that businesses could rent the space.</p>
34	Improve walking and other active travel facilities into the town centre, allowing small children and parents to walk into town easier with wider shared use or segregated footways.
35	<p>Lower rents</p> <p>More events to draw people in like markets</p> <p>Free parking</p> <p>More varied evening activities eg late night bars (appreciate this is improving already)</p> <p>Support the theatre</p>
36	<p>The High Street is, or could be, attractive - and provision of shops there needs encouraging. The train station area needs development - increased parking to encourage more use of trains and a better link between the station and town centre for pedestrians. The train service to Birmingham is in desperate need of improvement - more coaches are needed so that it is possible to sit for the journey. The area around the Raven Hotel needs some action rather than just words - it has been allowed to become dilapidated and is now in need of inspired re-development to give a lift to the whole town centre.</p>
37	redevelopment of Raven Hotel site
38	<p>Despite the extra financial cost to prepare, we should be pressurising government to prioritise/financially support the use of 'brownfield' sites. The old chemical works by the railway station is absolutely ideal to build affordable homes/apartments for young professionals and families, within walking distance of the town, schools and easy access to Birmingham and Worcester for work. These should be under some kind of 'local occupancy' plan so they do not fall foul of the 'buy to let' market. Not the big four/five bedroom detached homes or retirement properties that are already catered for. Ensure affordable rents for shops for small businesses.</p> <p>Ensure maintenance of properties that are empty - pop up events/shops/community use in those that are vacant</p> <p>Further promotion of Droitwich as a tourist destination.</p> <p>Development of the The Raven site (an eyesore and long overdue).</p> <p>Development of the end of Vines Park by the marina to make it more appealing to both residents and visitors; public toilets, coffee shop, retail??</p> <p>If I purchase a 3 hour parking ticket why can't that be applicable to all council car parks within the town? 1 am under the impression that this is not the case?</p>

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39	Reinstate the Brine Baths to attract visitors.
40	Clothes shops, household shops, bars but not late night opening,
41	As above but also support to local businesses are needed to ensure that the high street is not developonIng into a town full of coffee and charity shops anymore.
42	More vibrant, more outside Meeting places. Invite businesses that sell environmentally friendly items such as items without packaging. Offer better business rates.
43	I feel it would be a good idea to predestrianise the High St and St Andrews Street
44	Solution to the Raven Hotel Implement vision in the Town Prospectus
45	Free parking, lower rates, work with landlords regarding rising rents. Council support with promotion.
46	ALL CAR PARKS NEED TO BE MADE FREE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COME AND SHOP IN OUR TOWN. NEW SHOPS WITH LEADING NAMES NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE CENTRE TO REPLACE THE EMPLY LARGE SHOPS, LIKE PRIMARKAND M&S. PRIMARK WOULD SUIT KIDS, TENNAGES, LADIES AND MENS CLOTHS. WITH THE CIOST OF TRAVEL TO WORCESTER
47	Diversify businesses to cater to different age groups
48	Make the running of high street shops wishing to have an outlet more cost effective for them.
49	Firstly, the food festival should be in the town centre drawing people in the town and giving shopkeepers an extra couple of days of brisk business. Last year our takings were down festival weekend, unlike Jubilee weekend which was bumper business for all shopkeepers in town, including the food and coffee bars. I understand Saint Andrews Square is privately owned, however, could the council not work with the management there to find a way of filling the empty units? Perhaps business rates breaks there could help? The town centre is just about holding its own currently it seems, however, with the loss of Argos, M and Co and others it is teetering close to becoming not so good. More events in the town centre would drive extra footfall.
50	occasional free parking. Better markets. Fill the empty shops. Improve the look of the tired precinct.
51	Cheaper parking. Make it easier and cheaper for businesses to move into empty units.
52	Tax breaks for small businesses and keep rents low/ competitive.
53	Regenerate the high Street by improving the look of the shops, Open close shops and banks. People have got to have a reason to go into town and that reason is slowly but surly being removed.
54	More events to get people to come into the centre and see what Droitwich has to offer
55	Free parking. Charging for parking kills town centres and breeds out of town developments [with free parking usually!] What use has been made of the Raven Hotel car park for instance?

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56	More shops that aren't charity shops We currently have one clothes shop which is nearly closing every year. If Peacocks went then Droitwich would not have a single clothes shop.
57	Get the owners of St Andrews Square to reduce asking price for retail units some have been empty for years now
58	Bring in some incentives for retailers to move into the empty units. The square could be lovely and a hive of activity-bring back a market but not on a Friday when most people who work full time can't get there! Put on some events like a good festival, a chocolate festival etc. learn from local tourist towns that are flourishing-like warwick and stratford. Focus on getting the raven sorted and the shops opposite it which create an eye sore when you visit and drive down the high street and up past them!
59	Continue to preserve historic buildings, keep individual shops cafes pubs, dog friendly, expand heritage centre, keep post office banks supermarkets chemist etc for local residents, access with bus services pedestrians bikes, medical care, all important
60	Increase the size of Morrisons supermarket – its too small for the number of people using it
61	The prominent issue in the town centre must be the sad state of the Raven. Once a beautiful building, now a broken down, dirty building that looks completely neglected I read some time ago that plans have been approved for some restoration Don't know if that has moved forward?
62	fill the existing shop outlets with shops which are well kept, presented and appealing - not more saver shops or charity shops or hair dressers. Make car parking free in the centre to encourage people to come into Droitwich. upgrade the cafes to make them more inviting and better quality.
63	Lower rent so that shops can survive or try to attract some bigger high street names
64	Free parking and lower rents for shops
65	The town lacks an old-fashioned "M&S" style department store There's nowhere to buy clothes if you are a man, and with M&Co folding, not many for women either. Car-parking is always mentioned. Maybe there could be a discount scheme for parking, as run by Waitrose, for other retailers in the Town centre.
66	Offer long-term low rent to encourage shops to stay longer.
67	I feel the town would be regenerated by the renovation and rebuilding of the Raven Hotel by encouraging lots more people to visit the town.
68	it needs the empty shops to be opened up for a start and not as food shops or cafes it would be nice if we could have a decent steak bar in town and maybe a fashion shop like next or similar. also when we first came here there used to be a lovely street market all up the high street with jazz band and all different stalls it was lovely it needs more thing going on like that
69	Listen to your people, they know best and ensure the road networks are sufficient enough to cope with the traffic which will encourage people to visit, remove the utter monstrosity of the Copcut Lights. Also the area behind what was M and Co needs to be cleaned up and remodelled (where the tool hire shop was)
70	Having spoken to shop traders and seen decline of independent businesses and banks most of them say that shop rents are too high for the footfall in the town . Is

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	their anything the council can do to make rental of shop space affordable for these struggling independents. Car parking can be an issue, perhaps more days when the charges are free to encourage people into the centre
71	By encouraging shops to stay open - the loss of M&Co is a sad and significant occurrence The Raven Hotel is a disgrace and desperately needs a workable solution.
Comments made on the display	
72	More clothes shops. Bakers
73	Restore the brine baths
74	Bring back the cinema. Bowling alley. Free car parking for at least 2 hours
75	Save the Raven & Brine Baths
76	2 hour free car parking. Sort the Raven
77	Save the Raven Hotel and restore Brine Baths
78	Restore the Brine Baths. Sort the Raven Hotel – it's an eyesore
79	Bring back the brine baths as a tourist facility
80	Bring back the brine baths as a tourist facility
81	Save the Raven
82	Save the Raven
83	Signage from the canal in Vines Lane into High Street
84	Update Heritage Centre and museum
85	Restore a hotel in the town
86	Opening brine baths is a must

Question 4: What infrastructure* issues in the town most concern you?

* e.g. traffic and travel, road maintenance, power, broadband, flood risk, drainage. Your views will help the Town Council work to improve the town's infrastructure.

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Comments made online	
1	need more housing - for higher incomes to help regenerate the town centre and affordable housing for Lower incomes.
2	The traffic control at the Copcut island is, quite frankly, appalling. It hasn't been right from day one with seemingly permanent cones in place, there are always huge tailbacks and nobody seems to know what is happening. I actively avoid it every day and use alternative routes to get to work. Similarly, cars cutting up the grass verges when parking by Westacre on the school run is, while perhaps unavoidable, messy to look at.
3	A decent bus service that links up with trains. As a non driver unless I get somewhere by train or walk I'm stuck especially on evenings and weekends Many of the pavements need resurfacing and there are some places even close to the town centre which don't have any pavements at all. There also needs to be a crossing at or around the train station. If you get off the bus at the stop across the road from the station you have to walk on the grass or the road to access the underpass or cross the road. Lights on that junction would also help during the evening rush hour. The other big issue is access to GP appointments. The current surgeries really can't cope with capacity despite what they might say.
4	Probably outside the Council's remit, but the major issue is the Pulley lane junction with the A38. The responsible agency can't seem to make it's mind up on what to do on what has been a flawed traffic flow plan since first completed some time ago All this "tinkering" around the edges creates a serious build up of A38 traffic in both directions especially at peak times, resulting in frequent gridlock on the nearby A38 roundabout. The Raven development issue has been detailed above
5	Copcut Island - dangerous - it never was a problem until that 'road improvement' made it all dangerous and a tail back at peak travel times Junction 5 - it should be left lane to go to Droitwich and Right to go North only would make that junction a lot less of a risk, less stressful and speed traffic up as it is the 2 won't go into 1 situation that causes the queues there Westlands Roundabout - crossing and traffic lights at peak times (not all the time) Bus Service needs resurrecting - for those without cars it is difficult to get anywhere after 6pm
6	Need to have budget and plan for tree/hedge cutting/path clearing as some places becoming inaccessible eg scholars walk, copcut park Sort out copcut traffic lights. Make parking accessible to encourage people to visit Taiwan and clear bus routes that connect to encourage please o come to Droitwich. Reduction in local policing is an issue for more vandalism and antisocial behaviour spoiling kings like libraries unlocked
7	The ongoing traffic chaos at the Copcut site, when will this be sorted?

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	Trying to cross the road from the Westlands estate to the Aldi side is dangerous Could we have pedestrian lights or a bridge to walk over?
8	Cycling, lets say to Worcester what a nightmare, going through the pully lane mess.
9	Public transport. Street lighting.
10	For heavens sake get those junctions at the Copcut Pub sorted out once and for all. All it needs is one lane for straight on and a filter for turning right (in each direction). Ifthe person responsible for the waste of money spent up there with barriers up, barriers down etc etc is still working for highways, it say's it all.
11	Flood risk an issue.
12	Lack of disabled play equipment as we have a disabled child who struggles to access much; speeding down Lyttelton Road ; shops closing down , the state of the old Raven Hotel
13	Generally good, but parking areas need improving with better pricing to attract people into town shops. Too many opt for out of town commercial centres with free parking. Parking spaces should be much bigger to accommodate the larger cars. Damage to body and paintwork is a great discouragement to parking in town.
14	Too much housing development
15	Traffic is often too heavy for the town - the roundabout by the Copcut Elm especially struggles heavily with traffic volumes at key times, as does the A38 exit towards Wychbold. As the town expands, traffic will surely increase and the current road systems seem like they will come under pressure. The town centre is definitely in decline
16	The Copcut traffic lights. Every morning I get stuck in traffic at the Copcut island because of tailbacks to the traffic lights. A decision needs to be made on the lights and further thought into the island to prevent all other roads to be blocked in. Encourage doctors to go back to proper appointment systems eg pre covid!
17	Roads and road surfaces The traffic volume on smaller roads such as tagwell and primslan has increased massively The new estates have been built but the infrastructure hasn't been improved to support this.
18	Traffic caused by far too many new housing developments. Road and path maintenance is near invisible. Plant, bush and tree growth mean that you have to walk in the road sometimes to be clear of it Get dogs on leads on public paths and parks at all times. How on earth can a family sit down in the lido park for a picnic with un-controlled dogs running all over the place? Introduce "Worcester City" style controls in parks where dogs must be kept on a lead apart from dedicated areas Do a proper risk assessment on dogs not on leads in a public area. Re-introduce the dog licence and use the funds to pay for the supply of dog waste bins and emptying of them.
19	Traffic on Copcut island
20	Inefficient public transport It is & will be an utterly futile exercise improving the community facilities, up-grading the town centre, bringing in new business, & or allowing businesses especially bars & restaurants to stay open longer if - there are no buses to support it Presently the public cannot get a bus after 17:30 Mon-Sat There are no services on a Sunday or Bank Holidays.

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	Therefore public has either the choice of; leaving town early, staying out late but using expensive taxis on top of any expense for the evening, or being forced to use their car, encouraging drink/driving.
21	Pavements require clearing from encroaching Ivy and bushes Walking is not a pleasure anymore in Droitwich with narrow or even non existent pavements due to overgrown shrubbery.
22	Copcot roundabout and traffic lights The derelict area around the train station, could this be made into a drop off/pick up area for the station Back leisure centre car park, full of potholes
23	There needs to be better bus services use the 19 from home to Droitwich, OK every hour not too bad but need the buses to operate in the evening. Not everyone has a car nor be able to use taxis all the while. It would be also nice to see 144 bus service route to Birmingham restored, as I've hear a lot of people complaining
24	Traffic along Hanbury road can be very bad at certain times of the day Not enough School places for students Doctor surgery's are terrible Raven Hotel looks terrible in the town centre
25	Improve Train and bus services Reducing carbon emissions is surely necessary and people will not use these services if they are not reliable or affordable The roads around the town are becoming more and more congested. especially Tagwell Lane Pulley Lane, Copcut and Chawson Lane. We are reaching saturation point as to what this town can accommodate
26	I am worried that the 5g/6g will destroy trees just to install it. If possible the main traffic lights clogs up traffic is there away to take some traffic away to the bypass rather than through the town so its just local traffic
27	The potential closure of the Town's railway station booking office and the longer term provision of an expanded rail travel offer which had been promised but now appears under threat Availability of publicly available EV charging points - that work!
28	Too many new homes being built, not enough NHS Doctors, Schools, Dentists to cope with influx. Traffic chaos taking years to sort (Copcut lights), Empty shops behind Lloyds Bank, The Raven Hotel. are such a mess. Too many restaurants, hairdressers, etc
29	Many housing estates have been developed in the town centre area. The infrastructure (road and lanes mainly) cannot cope with the significant increase in traffic
30	Improved public electric transport around the town to all areas such as the Lidl/Aldi retail area, train station, sports centre, Lido Park, Vines Park and in and around the housing estates from Tagwell Heights to Salwarpe, Celvestune, Westacre and Westlands, etc. The service should be frequent and affordable with visible signage/routes and encouragement for people to use it rather than using cars. There should be season ticket availability with a hop on/hop off facility.
31	Pedestrian crossing needed from Waitrose car park to Vines Park - this is a busy crossing with no protection for the public New housing estates causing heavy traffic along Tagwell Rd - which is narrow and winding and The Holloway which has a lot of parked cars on it and school traffic/parking.

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	Area outside the Droitwich medical centre needs better public protection from cars parking, it has lots of footfall from public towards the underpass, the mixture of Parking/ moving cars and pedestrians with children going to/from the subway is a dangerous combination.
32	The ability to cross Primsland Road from the north is a major issue I think there should be a shared use footway along Primsland with the road narrowed to help reduce speeding along this route (there is plenty of room). With crossing points this would help to facilitate cycle and pedestrian facilities from the new estates, through Tagwell heights, Primsland open space and down into the lido park
33	Flood risks - on new estates (permission) spreading into Tagwell Heights open space, ground floods too easily. Too much housing in south of town - roads are now too busy for their width/style and this increases risk of accident along with creating delays eg on The Holloway, Tagwell Road
34	Broadband is just about coping - it would have been good to see BTservice here improved rather than more private firms installing additional provision at an extra cost Rail services need improvement - not necessarily more routes but far better provision for passengers - current provision does not encourage people to use public transport rather than private cars. Roads are not as bad as in some areas of UK - but constant maintenance IS essential. Adequate provision for EV charging will become increasingly important - there are too few charging points at present and they are slow chargers - they need to be at least 50kw.
35	Footpaths especially around Leisure Centre
36	The Pulley Lane junction! Why did the traffic lights at the Saltway/Hanbury Road junction not have cameras fitted (so many jump the lights') as they were being replaced? Empty shops Youth (teenagers) provision Loss of the brine baths The Raven site
37	Traffic issues, buses to rural villages
38	Flooding at the junction of David Neville store during peak rainfall needs to be addressed once and for all Like many of Droitwich residents, the main issue that has to be tackled is the despicable situation at the Copcut Traffic lights This as the council will be fully aware, was a pre requisite of the South Worcestershire Development Plan for this to be in place well before houses on the Copcut estate were allowed to be sold. The Town Council has to apply immediate pressure on Highways England to ensure this is resolved as a matter of urgency. The back log of traffic back to the Showell roundabout and well beyond to other roads that feed into that area IS getting to be a major issue for the town.
39	The amount of blocked drains which cause flooding. Parking issues. Houses are being built around the town but no extra medical & school facilities.
40	Road side drains are never cleaned by which is causing flooding.
41	Youth facilities School provision

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	GPs Westlands crossing BP garage crossing Congestion relief at commuter times north and south of the town
42	Roadworks and building maintenance eg Raven and back of St Andrews square
43	THE TRAFFIC LIGHT WORK AT THE COP CUT JUNCTION HAVE BEEN ONGOING FOR 3 YEARS AND ARE CAUSING MAJOUR DISRUPTION TO THE ROADS IN AND OUT OF DROITWICH,THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS CAUSE TRAFFIC TO BACK UP INTO DROITWICH AND THE AJOINING ROADS OFF THE ISLAND CAUSING MAJOUR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, THIS SHOULD BE A PRIORITY TO RESOLVE AFTER 3 YEARS OF ROAD WORKS AND STILL UNRESOLVED JUNCTION ISSUES. FREE CAR PARKING SHOULD ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO TOWN CENTRE SHOPS AND SERVICES.
44	Broadband and connectivity.. some areas of Droitwich aren't capable of 5G speeds and have limited 4G connections
45	So many housing estates being built with no GPS, dentists, schools being built to support the new community
46	The biggest issue concerning infrastructure for me has been the loss of the direct bus route from Birmingham. We have lost many regular customers due to this. Some free parking dates would be good.
47	Copcut island is not coping with the traffic. Over building on the outskirts is causing pressure on the medical facilities and services
48	Disjointed and very limited public transport
49	Town centre flooding. A lot of signs around the town are in a poor state (old and filthy).
50	Medical, un used brown field sites. A premier inn or similar in the centre so it brings people in Better used of our history like the brine baths advertised on the motorway and roads into the town Perhaps a French style air for motorhomes and campervan users, again bringing people in. Encourage residents to use Droitwich as a centre rather than going to near by towns for shopping and entertainment
51	The traffic concern that has been going on at Copcut IS worse than it ever has at busy times.
52	Surface water flooding around Tagwell and Newland Roads area.
53	Free parking
54	The traffic light system by the Copcut need to be fixed. The traffic in the morning is horrendous and I have witness so many near crashes. Witton School needs to be yellow lines the hole road as the amount of car parking and causing close accidents. Droitwich is very lucky a child hasn't been killed because of this. Stop building houses as the town doesn't facilitate the environment and roads to make this feasible.
55	It may not be in your remit but the last bus to and from Worcester leaves around six o'clock 144 no longer goes to Birmingham, stopping in Catshill
56	Traffic and travel. It can take me 20 minutes plus to just get to the motorway which is less than 5 miles away Dentists, doctors, schools too. The town feels like it's expanding massively with copcut still expanding and new developments being agreed and no facilities being added for them On copcut they're going to put a 24 hour Costa coffee and a Sainsburys local and light industrial units-none of which are essential to the

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	town, but a new doctors and dentist would have been A nursery would have helped as there are so many children on the estate too.
57	Traffic, speed limits too high on local country roads, need better broadband, avoid power cuts and water stoppages Flood management Expand walkways canals etc.
58	The congestion at the traffic lights by Copcut Elm pub
59	The carbuncle that is the junction of Pulley Lane/A38, opposite the Copcut Elm pub has been going on far too long and still causes numerous traffic jams. Surely there must be someone with some expertise in traffic management that can sort this problem out? I would really like to see the builders be held to responsibility to develop and widen roads where they build and to make substantial contribution to infrastructure and facilities improvement
60	the traffic on tagwell road is dangerous due to amount of traffic, narrow road and speed of traffic and has not been thought through before considering building even more houses. Buses, vans, waste lorries are too wide to remain on one side of the road The doctors and dentists are full and a long waiting list. The schools are full and little thought has been taken where families will send children in all the new developments.
61	Traffic, mostly by the Copcut island towards Worcester by the Hungry Horse. Traffic builds up at busy times in and out of Droitwich since those lights were put in, junction has been poorly designed.
62	Pulley Lane is a classic example of how not to deal with the road infrastructure. New housing estates need good road access and public transport.
63	I am lucky enough to be able to avoid rush-hour travel, but I see the traffic backed up at those hours I can't see how some roads can be modified to cope with extra traffic from new housing (e.g. Hanbury Road and Hanbury Street if new houses are approved along Hanbury Road near the motorway).
64	Parking in the town centre - cheaper or free to encourage use of town centre General Practice building sizes too small and parking an issue
65	well for a start there is too much traffic in the area now we think the high street should be pedestrianised the trouble is no one thinks about the pedestrians when they design things these days priority is given to the car, it would bring more footfall into the area which surely would be better for the shops and businesses also with more houses and more people we haven't got enough doctors in the area
66	Traffic lights at the Copcut are an abomination, Pulley Lane is a disgrace always filthy which must be as a result of the new houses as it was never like this before the houses were built The other thing that concerns me is the fact the Pear Tree Hotel is now a facility to house immigrants, WHY
67	The traffic can be an issue especially if the motorway has issues. The work on the traffic lights recently took far too long with days of nothing much happening . I am concerned with proposed new building on the Hanbury Road not only will it cause chaos on an existing road that is very busy but make congestion in the town centre far worse
68	The Raven Hotel and The Chateau Impney must be renovated and become uesful features for the town. Some of our historic buildings, for example some in the High Street, are falling into sad disrepair.
Comments made on the display	

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69	Potholes in Morrisons carpark near trolleys are left. Bothers us every time it rains getting wet feet
70	Much more school buses. Electric
71	Road maintenance eg pot holes
72	Strain on doctors unacceptable
73	Ensure there are footpaths with every development. Cycle lanes that join up into a network in towns, villages and other towns
74	Cycle lanes
75	Cycle lanes that allow safe cycling into town centre
76	Free parking un town centre to encourage new business
77	Deal with flooding on Tagwell Road and Lyttleton junctions
78	Sort out Copcut Lights. No more M5 improvements. 2 hours free parking.
79	Copcut Elm traffic light and the state of Pulley Lane
80	Sort out Copcut Elm traffic light junction. Pedestrian protection on Pulley lane

Question 5: What mix of new businesses should we be encouraging?

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Comments made online	
1	restaurants and start ups
2	Independent retailers. Also, make parking free on Saturdays to encourage people into the town.
3	We need a good mix of small independents and larger stores, but we need to increase footfall first or shops will close due to lack of business
4	As above, affordable clothing is the big gap in our town
5	Quality retail outlets with their own niche business On or two more quality restaurants to complement those that have opened in recent years, & no more take-aways. NHS dentist A plan to replace the fast disappearing cash machines.
6	Shopping has changed with the internet, café boutique shops we should encourage, crafts, things that require to mix socially, things you cannot buy in supermarkets, things people want to see to choose like clothes, or shoes Other business would be more leisure and activities options – not just sports either Petrol Station near Westlands would be good Encourage anything that creates community and socialising
7	Clothing, pop up shops for local crafts/talents to showcase and sell locally made things. Farmers market is nice but too small and not regular enough long time to wait for your favourite things and if working miss a month Encourage farm shops to town eg Bannunt tree farm shop, broomfields if can have pop up space on regular basis.
8	We now only have one clothes shop in the town so perhaps instead of just one shop to choose from there could be others This could be the same for shoe shops, restaurants etc.
9	Farming
10	I think we have a good mix in town in spite of the empty units. Empty units need to be repurposed but not sure how to be honest.
11	The town IS crying out for a 'ZIZZI's ... or 'PREZZO' ... and the plans for The Chateau Impney and it's grounds are superb and were passed in September, so give the MD Rod Spollon as much encouragement and help to get it moving faster
12	With so many people working for home is there need for a café/co-work/training hub like 1 Mill Street, Leamington https://1millstreet.com . Dynamic tourist strategy – working with coach companies to make Droitwich a place to visit, particularly during festivals, and as a cold water swimming Mecca.
13	Clothes shops
14	Better restaurants, not curry or pizza establishments, as we have far too many That goes the same for charity shops. The town needs to attract people... where's the mens good clothing shop?
15	I don't think we need any new businesses, half the shops are empty/ charity shops
16	A greater variety of shops – I would prefer smaller businesses with more of a 'local' feel than major chains A variety of restaurants would also be welcome.
17	Independent shops. Clothes. Really miss New Look and now M&Co too!

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18	Less takeaway shops More small independent businesses Plant shops, micro brewery, toy shop / children's/ babies clothes, equipment A diy store
19	Hi tech in the industrial estates. Look at new technologies. The use of drones in carrying out day to day tasks for the council. Re-invent Droitwich as a health resort based on our natural salts. Develop new and exciting ways in the use of our brine, push us to the forefront of Salt medication. Bring in businesses keen to promote salt related benefits. Encourage more, high quality eating establishments that will get more people into the town centre. Stop the eating at home culture.
20	Market places
21	Encourage more diverse restaurants as opposed to too many of the same type of take-away outlets More artisan shops are needed like bread-makers, cheese shops or a fishmonger
22	New shops there are too many closed shops nothing to encourage visitors or residents to shop in the town The old shop that has been put back to its original café in High St still not open to the public this would be a good advert to encourage visitors to our town.
23	Independent shops Clothing Sportswear Bakery/sandwich shop
24	More food shops like local food
25	To attract tourism more independent traders. We have enough charity shops but a shop for children's clothes and secondhand school uniforms I am sure would be welcome. Promote the Farmers Market more stalls on a regular basis, use of Vines Park
26	More shops and business maybe give a reduced business rates for start ups or relief for 3-5 years
27	Any retail business prepared to locate vacant units in either StAndrews precinct or High St Particularly small independent businesses. Offering something different
28	Would be an idea to have several market stalls in one of the empty shops all week. (already in place at Redditch Kingfisher by Poundland) Shops like Primark, Iceland , Poundland, Sports Direct etc
29	Many shops are now empty perhaps some financial incentive would encourage business owners to locate in the area
30	Small local produce in the town centre with a variety of independent shops and mid-range high street stores, eg M and S or Next outlet Clothing basics such as underwear, socks, tights, nightwear
31	Launderette in town. A good quality clothes shop – we only have one low end shop now. Better quality businesses in the High St and heritage area – look at Ludlow as an example, it has heritage like us, it has a great market, good quality shops and is a tourist destination – what can we learn from them.
32	Co-working space for home workers who wish to have an office environment with the ability to network and enable access to wider facilities (many people now work I a

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	hybrid manner but could meet with colleagues in Droitwich instead of heading into Birmingham as this is easier.
33	Shops primarily that are local but also some larger names to compensate closures of other shops, such as clothing stores.
34	Internet Café, the only computers I know of in the town are in the library which is good but we desperately need more for those in need applying for benefits, jobs etc those who use the towns foodbank struggle desperately to try to make IT contact when they only have basic 'pay as you go' phones I still think we could be offering more for young people in the town. Pharmacies!!
35	Anything except hairdressers and coffee shops
36	Small independent businesses that encourage tourists and 'make us different' from any other High Street
37	Specialist retail shops like the model shop to attract visitors. Small manufacturing businesses to provide more employment
38	M&S food hall, street food pop ups
39	Clothing, DIY, household goods, additional pharmacy
40	More shops are obviously needed for the town centre and I would like to see the development of the old Witco site.
41	Independent shops Well being
42	Independent retail, fashion, quality restaurants
43	BANKS , AND A MIX OF RETAIN SHOPS ARE REQUIRED TO REJUVENATE THE CENTRE. HIGH STREET BRAND NAMES NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED TO COME BACK TO DROITWICH CATERING FOR ALL AGES , SO THAT PEOPLE DO. NOT HAVE TO GO TO WORCESTER TO DO ALL THEIR CLOTHS SHOPPING THE EMPTY SHOPS ARE NOW ONLY BEING TAKEN UP BY CHARITY SHOPS
44	A wide range
45	You should certainly be discouraging restaurants, coffee bars etc and giving planning permission for a late night licence in the High st was ridiculous. We need big names in town to attract visitors.
46	Artisan shops seem to fail due to high rents so people resort to online.. they need incentive. How does it work so well in Pershore.. we should be like that
47	Less takeaways, and more places to buy local fruit and veg
48	Small/ medium sizes supermarkets. Greengrocers. Hardware shop
49	Focus businesses in to the centre so it build a vibrant atmosphere
50	various cuisines that are not too expensive to get residents into the centre
51	Spa treatments, specialist food stores. Businesses should be encouraged that attract footfall in the town centre and discouraged from taking up out of centre residential properties. Support the local theatre
52	Clothes shops, independent sellers.
53	Choice of clothes shops Fresh fruit and vegetables which is not a supermarket Reasonably priced butchers
54	Independent retailers, growth opportunities to employ local people,
55	Local shops, antiques, cafes etc, farmers markets, local grown produce, canals Craft fairs
56	Hi tech companies paying higher wages

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57	Encourage more restaurants to open. There must be opportunities in such a fast-growing residential area. A good hardware store would be useful (since Homebase moved out)
58	Businesses which attract the younger generation to use the town centre – maybe a fresh approach such as interior design shops, furniture/bathroom/kitchen shops. Books shops with well presented and high quality café
59	Clothes and bars
60	Desperately need cloths shops now M&Co has gone
61	As above – clothing retailers. An Ironing service (Redditch has one in Mason Road) would get used. The future of retail has to be in those activities that can't be done as well on-line as face-toface.
62	Clothing stores, Increase in ethnically diverse restaurants, independent food stores, larger food store – Morrisons is a poor show compared to other local Morrisons
63	As MandCo has now disappeared, it would be useful to have a clothes shop to suit all ages
64	well it is always good to have a mixed assortment of shops we seem to be getting more fast food shops and cafes the thing we miss is the banks it is not convenient now to have to go all the way into worcester to go to the bank we do not bank online i think people should be given a choice on that .it also would be nice to get the brine baths opened because that would bring more people in and a decent hotel and its about time the raven was opened up because that gives a bad impression for visitors.
65	We need a sports shop, another clothes shop to replace M and Co, and general hardware shop and ensure that rent is a reasonable amount to encourage small boutique shops to take up residency We need to encourage banks and building societies back into the town
66	It would be good to see someway of encouraging local crafts people to have permanent space for them to sell what they make Perhaps more regular Farmers markets to celebrate what is grown locally Book shop, specialised deli, Cocktail/Gin bar
Comments made on the display	
67	Some restaurants and bars for the middle aged
68	Fruit and veg shop (local produce)
69	Independent shops. Pop up shops & restaurants
70	Micro brewers
71	Encourage high tech business solar/ tide/ wind energy
72	Restaurants open in the evening
73	Clothes shops
74	Record/ vinyl store
75	Pavement cafes/ restaurants
76	Independent and exclusive
77	The Raven. Brine Baths. St Richards statue – around the statue promote the saints connection with the salt and spa. The miracle he is said to have performed – attract more history

Question 6: How can we protect and enhance the local environment?

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Comments made online	
1	ban cars and buses from town centre
2	Fully pedestrianise the high street
3	At the moment most development seems to be on the outskirts of the town on green land. The large site next to the station really needs to be developed before we take any more green land.
4	Incidents of speeding and noisy vehicles seem to have dramatically increased since I've lived here (40 years). This angers, frustrates and annoys in equal measures, as well as increasing the likelihood of accidents.
5	Put pressure on the relevant Agencies to sort out the traffic bottleneck areas & stationary vehicle emissions. More planting of flowers & small trees etc in the current green areas - encourage local business sponsorship to mitigate the additional costs. Put pressure on the owners of long term vacant brownfield sites to develop them, or sell them on to a Developer.
6	Get the ditches put back at the edges of roads to stop the issues when it rains with flooding - especially A38 past Webbs and Kiddi Road. Plant more trees Vic Isaacs had the kids at youth club make bat boxes to put around town in the 80's - this could be done again if town had a youth service again Stop developing greenfield sites while there are still brownfield sites that could be used
7	Stop building more houses like copcut rise and pulley lane which use up our green spaces and destroy local environment for ever and make Droitwich less appealing, eg traffic, noise
8	When I walk to work I use the path from Westlands to the canal. The little river is always bunged up with rubbish. It would be lovely to see it cleaned up. I've seen dragon and damsel flies, ducks and fish in there. I love seeing the subway paintings that have been done. I was saddened to see the Westlands one had been painted over but it seems to have been sorted again, thank you I have an allotment on the Westwood site and lots of people walk the Monarch way. We often have people looking for the path in the allotments so how about a better sign to mark the path.
9	Stop building houses on all the green land
10	This is a tough one. People like to be proud of where they live and most people are respectful. Litter seems to be the biggest issue. The quicker the dilapidated hotel is refurbished the better because at the mo it is attracting vandalism. We need to make more of the heritage of Droitwich.
11	Take a strong stand against non-recyclable plastic, fly-tipping and pollution and dog fouling.
12	Restoration of the Raven would make a big difference and I would like to see the Brine baths reopened; replacement of some trees lining roadsides as many of these are old / unsuitable and have seen better days
13	Police should be on the beat, not in cars. Community policing is sadly missed by many.
14	More people moving into it (and wind turbines)
15	Maintain the woodlands and parks – do not shrink the green spaces. The canal and river has seen a dramatic increase in fishing the last few years around the playing fields area –

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	at times it is impossible to walk alongside the canal towards Worcester/Salwarpe due to the volume of fishermen crowding the bank and parking large vehicles nearby.
16	Keep the Lido park as lovely as it is. Ensure pathways are accessible, bushes overgrown
17	Planting more trees Protect the open spaces we have by maintaining them and not building more houses. Primsland doorstep green is a good example of how small pockets of green space provide open safe areas for people to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air. Continue to invest in these to give people more than just the park to walk in and enjoy
18	Stop building more and more houses It is killing the town. Introduce no car zones. Stop people driving to a park to walk their dogs. Put up Solar powered e-bike charging stations. Plant more plants [text redacted – personal information].
19	More natural area
20	keep parks well looked after a few more benches would be nice. The 'Boat' in Vines park should be repaired asap it looks awful. There is nothing to encourage visitors. Droitwich used to be a lovely place to shop and walk round but not anymore-too much litter, dog dirt and general shabbiness. We have a historical town more should be shown about the history perhaps any Roman remains that may have been found put on show also the salt works and workers.
21	More dog waste bins in popular dog walking areas
22	I think Droitwich as a town is clean and looked after.
23	Stop building new homes we are losing our countryslde_it's so very sad all the new homes
24	Involve school children practically with litter picks, perhaps they could adopt a particular area to care for Those using the playing fields should be responsible for clearing up. Do they pay to use the facilities? Supermarkets need to ensure their trolleys are safely stored A point where trolleys automaticaly stop (as at Waitrose) perhaps this will prevent them being thrown into the Salwarpe or Canal. Or left in the town and car parks The River Salwarpe/canal more involvement from the River Trust and Town Council for water quality and wildlife
25	Don't allow 5g make fibre so good there's no use for it
26	Continue to maintain to a high standard the various parks and gardens and green wayside on the various estates. Plant more trees where appropriate AND improve the care of existing trees, particularly in Copcut Linear Park West where minimal attention to nuisance trees is paid.
27	Keep the town a close community Look into why we have so many issues on the M5. The chaos as the traffic goes through our town.
28	I have noticed many dog bins In the area but the maintenance of these are a bit lacking
29	Continue to maintain the canal and parks, supporting local trusts and environmental groups such Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and the Canal and Rivers Trust. Use green energy and improve public transport in and around the town with green energy vehicles and affordable, reliable and regular services.
30	The route from the railway station to the town centre is not clear and follows an ugly looking route whichever way you go. For example there are 3 ways to go - 1. down Union Lane to Vines Park .not good, 2. along Ombersley Way leads you to Morrisons car

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	park it doesn't invite you towards the town centre, 3. Down to the underpass which is often covered in litter and broken glass to Ombersley Rd to Ombersley rd east this area can smell of cannabis and undesirables hanging outside grocery shop leads to underpass by Droitwich medical centre then no signage to town.
31	Improve the pedestrian and active travel environment to reduce the reliance on the car to get into town. Also better bus facilities into the town
32	Stop building houses to the south. Use other spaces, such as the industrial estate that's mostly empty to the north or around Westlands to regenerate that area.
33	Housing will be the big issue - national demands for more housing will increase pressure to use green land for housing. There will be a need for the Development Plan to indicate clearly where housing should be allowed making use of areas where there can be a change of use and areas where green land could be used - and developers need to be obliged to contribute in realistic terms to the demands made by an increasing population e.g. schools, GPs, local shops, adequate links/access to existing road networks - the Copcut experience needs to be avoided in the future. Access to green/rural areas needs to be protected. Less dependence on private cars should be considered - so local transport services need improving and will need support while people find it helpful to use local public transport rather than cars. Current housing developments have offered few local provisions, meaning that people use cars to travel for shops, GP"s etc.
34	Redevelopment of Baxenden site on Union Road
35	Limit development on greenfield sites Continue to support and finance Parks & Gardens (they do a fantastic job) and initiatives such as the nature reserves/ reed beds
36	Ensure our existing parks and green open spaces cannot be sold off for development
37	More bins, segregation of refuse, that is more recycling bins. More planting of flora & fauna. Request that supermarkets collect shopping trolleys at night so that they don't end up on the streets or in the River Salwarpe Better clearing of canal & river. Target businesses in the area that do not clean up their litter. Change street lamps to LED bulbs
38	Firstly by not building on every bit green space in the town , In recent years planning has been allowed on virtually every green space in the town no matter how small . Conserve rather than spoil I have noticed that there are a lot cases where homeowners have extended their boundary fences to grab council land, I don't know why they are not made to pay for what they have stole from the community in some cases footpaths have disappeared.
39	Not build into green fields Better maintenance of parks
40	More work on litter
41	REPURPOSES EXISTING DISUSED BUILDING FOR ETHEIR LOW COST RETAL HOUSING OR NEW START UP BUSINESS. EXISTING PLANNING NEED TO LOOKAT DROITWICH ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AS POOR DISSECTIONS HAVE CUASED ROAD TRAFFIC CONGESTION DUE TO TO LARGER HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ALLOWED PROCEEDED WITH OUT ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNED AND BUILT FIRST AS A REQUIREMENT FOR PLANNING ACCEPTANCE DROITWICH IS NOW SUFFERING FROM MAJOUR CONGESTION LESSONS SHOULD BE

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	LEARNED AND NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITHOUT THE-ESE FUNDAMENTALS RESOLVED. DROITWICH HAS HISTORIC BRINE WATER STREAMS AND WAST WATER FROM DROITWICH SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS SHOULD BE MADE TO ONLY DISCHARGE RAW SEWAGE INTO RIVER OUTFALL UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, NOT JUST WHEN IT RAINS AND THE STORM TANKS BECOME FULL DUE TO LACK OF CAPACITY , ANY RAW SEWAGE DISCHARGE SHOULD BE SCREENED .
42	Basic simple practical campaigns, eg advice against littering, respecting property, respecting countryside, that can be easily followed and become second nature
43	First on any list MUST be to solve the issues holding up the development of the Raven before a juvenile gets badly injured or worst still killed. There is also the issue for surrounding businesses if ever someone put a match to the place I suffer sleepless nights over this.
44	The Lido park is well maintained. We need to replace what is destroyed by new build
45	Parts of the town are well supplied with bins but quite a bit of the area has no bins at all encouraging rubbish to be lazily discarded
46	encourage less waste. Maintain public areas better (like Copcut Park)
47	Set out clearly new green areas over and above that which we already have The council with help should take control of these new areas and development them without delay. Those areas we have should/must be continued to be maintained at a high standard that they presently are.
48	Allow more green spaces and not take away with developments
49	Require all new supermarket and warehouse developments to be solar powered on their acres of roofing All new housing to have solar panels. Trees to be replanted in residential roads e.g Corbett and Lyttleton Roads. Encourage gardening and preservation of front gardens
50	Support local clubs with funding during difficult time and help them build what we have left
51	Get the new owners of The Raven to do something about it, or are they waiting for it to fall down as local opinion seems to suggest. I am unconvinced that the one access proposed is in the right place, I think it will cause increased traffic problems.
52	Restore the raven, stop allowing planning to destroy buildings with heritage! Make the town look better with all the closed down buildings and derelict shops opposite the raven. Keep the canal and parks clean (which they generally are). Crack down on the young gangs in the town as that prevents people wanting to be out and about. Generally keep the area clean!
53	Avoid overdevelopment, protect farming, support local businesses Ongoing promotion of volunteer opportunities
54	Ensure lots of trees are planted and green spaces maintained
55	Over the past 18 years the police seem to be rather thin on the ground. More evident policing, perhaps even occasionally on foot might raise their profile
56	improve the footpaths, improve the bus service and train service, improve safety for cyclists on the narrow roads.
57	invest in open spaces or protect them. Too much building over the years has lost wildlife
58	No building on green belt. More pollinator areas, love the wild flowers that some of them produce

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59	Don't build so many houses. Okay, that's intentionally a bit facetious, but is also relevant
60	Do not allow house building outside of the designated "Droitwich" area. IE - do not allow the proposed and highly controversial development near Hadzor and limit the development on Copcut and Yew Tree Hill
61	keep as many green spaces as we can and open up some more areas for people to get out and walk in the fresh air ,this is supposed to be a spa town but it is not living up to it's name
62	Stop building on it would be a starting point and ensure those that litter our streets and allow their dogs to foul them are prosecuted. Clean up the canal tow paths and start planting more trees.
63	Stop further housing developments I understand that proposals on the Hanbury road will take us over the quota of houses that need to be built and see this as another green space being lost. It concerns me if this development goes ahead that more building permission will be passed along the Hanbury road I have regularly seen deer and hares in the fields and know that a lot of people in Droitwich walk out to Hadzor and Hanbury because it is so beautiful with easy access to walks on the canal system When we are trying to encourage mental well being and exercise and tourism to our town this is an asset to be protected. This proposed development will change the whole area and devastate the wild life
64	Providing and maintaining litter bins across the town and encouraging people to use them! Ensuring staff hired to maintain outdoor facilities are aware of the impact they have on wildlife, such as refraining from mowing at inappropriate times.
Comments made on the display	
65	Solar panels on street lamps
66	Protect existing green spaces
67	Better footpaths and cycle ways. Wildlife corridors
68	Plant food friendly plants for wildlife & humans
69	Follow Worcester City Council and introduce 'dogs on lead' policy
70	Flower display around town centre
71	Wild flower planting
72	Ensure sewage infrastructure has the capacity to cope with new builds – no spillage into rivers and water courses!
73	More tree planting in parks and streets
74	Better surface for walk through Copcut and Pulley woods- it's a quagmire!

Question 7: What improvements to living and working in Droitwich would you like to see?

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Comments made online	
1	more restaurants, entertainment and night life - all would be supported by encouraging aspirational housing to bring in new money into the area
2	Improved Infrastructure to support the amount of new build housing, such as schools or medical facilities.
3	Better integrated transport, development focused on sites in or near the town like the station, Raven hotel etc, more local independent shops and better support for them during the various festivals. I'd also like to take issue with the food festival. Firstly there should be a real emphasis on local businesses as we should be showcasing what the town has to offer. Secondly is it right that in tough economic times we are holding a food festival where much of the food on sale will be out of the reach of many people in the town.
4	I work in Worcester. I live in a housing association flat with no garden and a path all the way around - I have no options to move to a place with a garden, it is impossible to swap, it should be easier to transfer to a different property than it is - a garden would mean I could sit outside, we could have a dog (not possible as it is) and open windows when it is hot without risking people bumping into them or being a security risk So more investment in social housing There also needs to be more social housing and affordable rents for the next generation to get places of their own. Parking on housing estates needs addressing, not enough thought was put in before and now roads become impassible with parking on comers, in turning areas, on green areas -made worse by garages being turned into more housing - it is putting lives at risk as ambulances/fire engines cannot get through, kids could be at risk as not seen, accidents where people try & get out of places and cannot see what is coming because of cars being parked in stupid places
5	Swimming pool with more older people designated timetable drive to encourage groups to offer a free place for someone struggling to Improve wellbeing. Have small grants available for things like wonderful warm space initiative so they can continue. Penalties for a platform Housing who do not maintain their properties making Life for some residents unbearable Have parking permits for people who work in Droitwich as hard to park if you have to go out for meetings or Visit clients. more things like Community a transport Scheme trips. Banking hub, we have lost so many banks/building societies and when HSBC closes in July only leave 2 banks and post office are t able to offer banking services that were available at branches so no where for small business to bank cash and not everyone has app/mobile banking.
6	Our town is beautiful, the roundabouts and hanging baskets are always well maintained. I generally feel safe when walking around. So, I think apart from some of the issues I've raised above, we are very fortunate to live in a lovely part of the country I try to see the positive in things, so just keep doing what you are doing please.
7	As above, leave the countryside alone, use the high street, car park is in the wrong place. Better cycling infrastructure, Maybe the library could stop sending everything to Worcester.

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8	Public transport. Old neglected spaces and buildings repurposed Better value for money for council tax - if you think that is what we get be transparent about where it is spent
9	More NHS Dentist and Doctors practices.
10	Fewer roadworks - on A38 in particular. But more attention to potholes Better cycling strategy that will enable more cycling for fitness and groups to form to encourage people to get out in fresh air. Town centre regenerated and updated
11	More variety in shops; some more traffic calming measures; more focus on facilities for disabled people
12	Bus routes need to pick up on the new housing developments.
13	I don't think it needs "improving" – as long as it does not get more crowded
14	More traffic crossings, especially in the area around the station. Restricted / enforced levels of fishing on the canal. More community events
15	Make Droitwich Spa a Cycling Town www.sustrans.org=uk) Every road improvement should be carried out with cyclists in mind. Everything in Droitwich Spa is in principle easily to do by bicycle but currently too dangerous to do so.
16	No more development and expansion, the town is definitely at maximum limit with the increase in population it's had Another doctors surgery and school, everything feels at bursting point Community groups and community centres supported Keep the library supported and use it for different things so it becomes multi use and a hub Better roads Cycle lanes Paths that allow to walk instead of driving. Some paths just stop, others are not maintained The new paths round the new estates aren't even finished
17	Get the police out of their hideaway and put them on the streets I have counted as many as 12 police vehicle standing idle outside Police station... Doing absolutely nothing while Spotted Droitwich on Facebook is full of illegal acts going on around the town. Get out and sort out the gang culture. Am I the only one who see's Young men all over town, dressed in black, wearing black masks and riding black, illegal, Scooters with no lights?? They are in the local underpasses smoking weed which stinks the whole area. Why aren't the police patrolling? It's their duty! We have illegal scrap men touring out streets daily Why is this not being addressed? They stand out a mile. Last week I witnessed one of then pull up alongside a fridge freezer that someone had left on there drive. The scrap man went up to it and bashed out the copper tank with a hammer, releasing dangerous gasses into the atmosphere and leaving the rest of the fridge on the persons drive!
18	Traffic at copcut sorted. More GP's
19	Bigger household refuse bins without restrictions on getting them (must have a family or pay extra) or weekly collections The Droitwich Council Tax is disproportionately high (compared to Birmingham) to not be able to do this
20	Less dog mess on pavements
21	Free parking
22	A good range of Resturant's to suit individuals But keep it's heritage.

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23	It would be nice to have a local cinema like we used too! Better taxi service at night time
24	If the above are taken into consideration then living and working in Droitwich would improve.
25	Make doctors to go back to their practices and stop working from home.
26	Improved frequency of public transport links to encourage increased use and less car journeys. Sort out with WCC as a matter of urgency the absolute mess created by the traffic signal controlled junction opposite Copcut Elm which frequently causes traffic to block back along Worcester Road in both directions and bring traffic to a stand around the Copcut Roundabout preventing egress and access to both Chawson and Ridings estates as well as the added pollution experienced by my neighbourhood created by the traffic congestion created This has been a demonstration of appalling mismanagement by the Highways authority impacting on us all
27	We would like the town to remain a small close community. No noisy bars/clubs etc late into the night The bus service to restart to travel to Birmingham. Advertise Bus routes details currently in Droitwich. No further properties to be built until infrastructure is put in place. Cheaper parking to 50p an hour Current pricing doesn't encourage anyone to shop in the town
28	Park areas could include permanent table tennis tables which are in and around other areas in the county Facilities for teenagers which are based centrally and engage with the local schools to find out what teenagers from all backgrounds would like to see in the town Hot desk facilities for home workers which are based close to the town centre. The booking facility at the Lido in the summer is much better but I think residents of the town should be able to buy a season ticket which would mean an overall reduced rate for them but would mean money up front for the Lido.
29	A comment re the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on 13/3/23 - the presentation concentrated too much on what the Town Council Do Not cover from the beginning - allowing the audience too much time trying to discuss subjects you did not want to discuss, You could have had a stronger presenter, who outlined the role of the Town Council, explained what the Neighbourhood plan could cover and encouraging ideas and discussion on that in a positive way, instead afterwards many people were still wondering what you actually wanted in the Neighbourhood plan - an opportunity sadly missed
30	More schools to help manage the larger amount of young children being brought into Droitwich by the new housing developments. Better train into Birmingham is a must, with the then ability to go onward to larger cities such as London. Another option would be a really good bus network to Worcestershire Parkway, if the train service there could be better linked to cities such as Leeds, Bristol, Manchester etc. This would help encourage larger more diverse businesses to move to Droitwich in addition to the great access to the motorway network.
31	Greater affordability. My wife and I are both teachers, we earn what should be decent wages. We can rarely afford to eat out or do any local activities that aren't free because of the cost of living This in turn has an impact on the community as no money is generated within Droitwich.

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32	We have enjoyed being in Droitwich for 35 years Efforts should be made to ensure the area remains as attractive as it is now. Current services are generally good but similar provision in the future could well be a challenge. A balance between rural areas and developed areas must be maintained - the creep towards joining Worcester should be avoided.
33	Free town centre and rail station parking to encourage parking off street and encourage shoppers to spend longer in the town.
34	Something to keep the kids from hanging around on the streets. Greater policing of youths, ASB being dealt with, police stop and checking for knife crime, consequences for offenders and the families, dispersing of troublesome families, street racing dealt with
35	Better crime prevention, more encouragement for Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Better transport network
36	More community involvement with healthcare issue's in the town for example waiting times for doctors appointments should monitored and we as the local community should be able to question and get answers as to what and why , if there's a problem
37	Free car parking for 2hrs Bus service from train station to industrial estates Better buses
38	More shops opening and leisure options in town
39	COMMUTTING TO AND FROM WORK IS A MAJOUR REASON FOR PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN DROITWICH, RESOLUTION OF THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE COPCUT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE RESOLVED. FROM GEORGE BAYLIS ROAD. PAST LIDL NEEDS TO BE TWO WAY, LINES, AS THE FOOTPATH ISN;T USED AND VERY WIDE PEDESTALS ONIY USE THE CUT THROUGH. IDEALLY PLANNING SHOULD Have PUT THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT FROM THE ISAND ONTO SWARPE ROAD THE LACK OF OFF ROAD PARKING FOR SCHOOLS TO PREVENT MOMS AND DADS PARKING ILLEGALLY ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, IN CYCLE LANES , ON GRASS VERGES AND GENERALLY BLOCKING THE FREE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. AND RESIDENCES DRIVEWAYS
40	Infrastructure that supports the new housing estates. A new Brine Baths that is non profit and for the use, primarily of the community.
41	Maximise the heritage
42	Less derelict building like the Raven. Make Droitwich back into a SPA town. Bring back a regular market to town.
43	Encourage better transport links
44	Solve the above, there is lots of talk but very little action on the ground it would appear. Better communication, with true time lines would help so you can be judged again it PS have a form that spells UK English not American
45	King George Playing Fields were developed for Football, however there was a large walking community of Dog walkers and others who enjoyed just accessing these fields. We have lost a lot of the appeal as the netting for the pitches has meant that the views are restricted A path that would go around the perimeter of King Georges could then be enjoyed by all and not making it a mud bath as it currently is This would allow other users of the area to enjoy and not just footballers.

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46	Provide or encourage businesses to provide car parking for commuters and people working in Droitwich. Discourage parking in residential roads.
47	The theatre building. The owners of the building are not maintaining it causing huge expenses for the theatre
48	New School as the current high school is unfit for purpose. It was unfit when I attended let alone now with more students. Help put funds into the art! The Norbury theatre regularly apply for funding and don't get anything or get advised we don't meet the criteria? Where does this money go as I speak to the other art in the area and they get told the same thing? I think the council pocket this money for themselves as it doesn't go to the local arts clubs that run all year round More jobs we are loosing a lot of local trade in the town so more businesses need to be promoted as currently the town is pointless.
49	Local restaurants are closing or changing hands,, the centre is like a ghost town after 6 O'clock Branches of banks are also due to close
50	Traffic issues dealt with. I am considering moving out of Droitwich and that's the reason. And a crack down on the crime that happens.
51	Better traffic flow, good planning resident input giving plenty of time to respond & suggestions. More direct train to London. Keepin up with advances.
52	Free parking in the town centre for an hour.
53	My wife and I have lived in Droitwich for a total of 18 years and continue to be surprised by the lack of restaurants (other than pubs, chip shops and Indian restaurants) By and large though, we think living in Droitwich is pretty good. The council do a decent job.
54	it needs a good tidy and clean up. The place looks tired and uninviting and nothing happening Empty shops, too many charity shops and saver shops. Old and out of date pubs which are not welcoming.
55	More electric charging points
56	Road noise is increasingly becoming an issue
57	The most pressing issues, and have ben for many years, are the unused land on Union Lane (anyone arriving by train must think we are a derelict town) and the Raven Hotel. These have been added to by the more recent closure of the Chateau.
58	Utilisation of old industrial land near Acre Lane and Vines Park near Railway Pub - its a mess Ability to use Uber and food delivery services to all WR9 post-codes
59	well for a start i think the town could do with a face lift and it would be nice to maybe have some more trees around and some bunting up in the square and down the high street to make it look welcoming so people want to stay around and spend more time in the area. Droitwich has so much to offer and so much history but it is not projecting that image
60	Stop building houses and regenerate the Raven Hotel and Brine Baths.
61	I think the town centre is an Historic gem and that the buildings we have need to be protected I'm sad to see the gradual demise of the Raven hotel when their was such vision and promising plans to resurrect such an historic building. More organised walks around the area. 1 know that their are historical talks but I think much more could be done to promote the history of Droitwich
Comments made on the display	

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62	Children need an adventure playground
63	Free parking or 1 hour roadside parking in 45 min areas
64	Take 144 to Rubery not just to Catshill. This will open up buses to Birmingham
65	No more large estates. Restore infrastructure – doctors/ dentists
66	Vines Park volunteer barge renovation
67	Get the police out of the station!
68	More doctors surgeries
69	More doctors surgeries
70	More doctors surgeries
71	Bring back 144 in the evenings so we can have a night out in Worcester as there is nothing in the town
72	Twin Droitwich with a town in Ukraine – plenty of Spa towns there. Show support for freedom and democracy and also get some publicity for our Spa
73	In line with other towns add '20 mph' speed limits to most residential streets, in addition to school where they already exist