



# Community Survey

## Summary of Findings

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### What we did

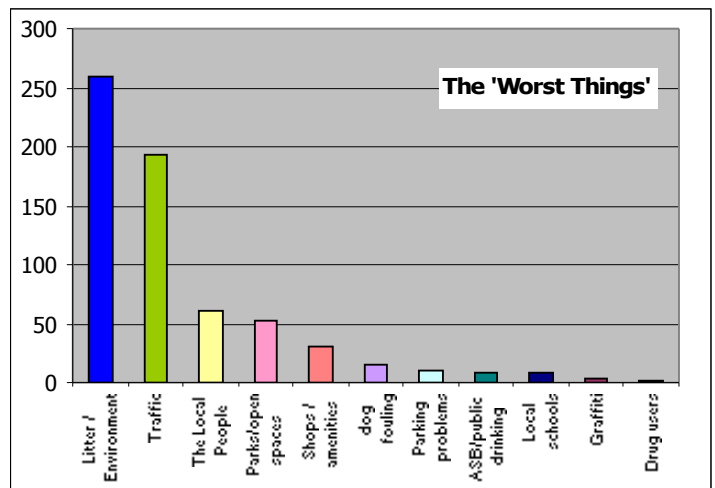
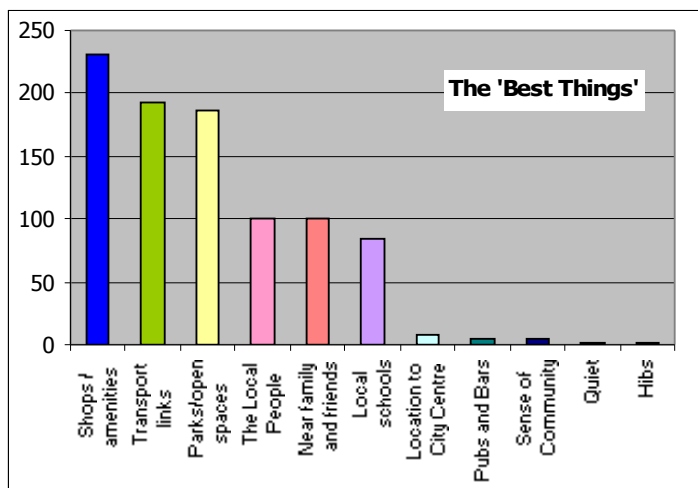
A survey was created by a group of local active residents to find out what the key issues and concerns were for residents living in and around the Hillside and Easter Road area. The surveys were handed out in supermarkets, cafes and local retailers. The results of the returned surveys are shown below and will be presented to the Community Council and the Neighbourhood Partnership in the Autumn.

### Response Statistics

- 396 main survey responses
- 33% response rate (1200 handed out)
- Additional 46 responses from the pupil 'youth' survey
- 136 email addresses and 184 postal addresses were provided
- 28% of respondents would like to get more involved in the community
- Responses were from a wide area including Hillside, Easter Rd sidestreets, the Colonies and Abbeyhill
- Around 1/3 were teenagers and another 1/3 were 35-50 with all other age groups also represented
- The majority were of White British/Scottish ethnic background but there were also responses from Asian and European communities, particularly higher in the youth survey.

### The findings – main survey

- 69% said they would like community activities to be held in a community centre and 57% said they thought re-opening of the Calton Centre as a really important issue.
- 67% agreed that the area had a sense of community. Those who disagreed felt the area needed a community centre, more events for families and a community noticeboard/'hub'
- The best and worst things about this area for residents:

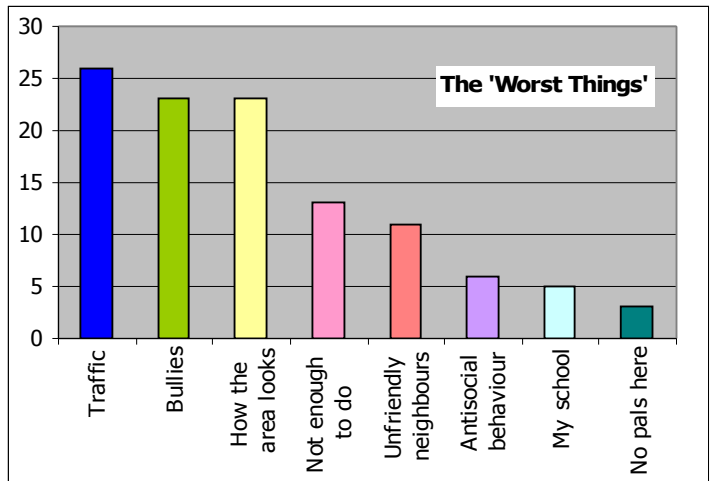
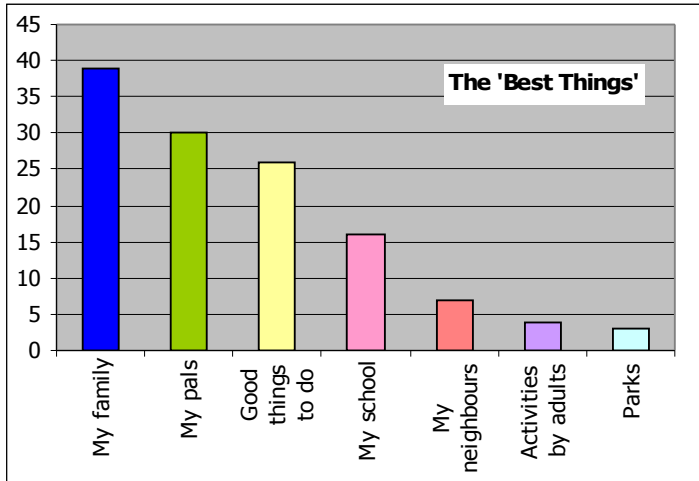


- When asked what were the most important issues in the area, the following scored highest:
  - Anti-social behaviour and public drinking
  - Environmental concerns
  - Lack of facilities for young people
  - Rubbish and recycling

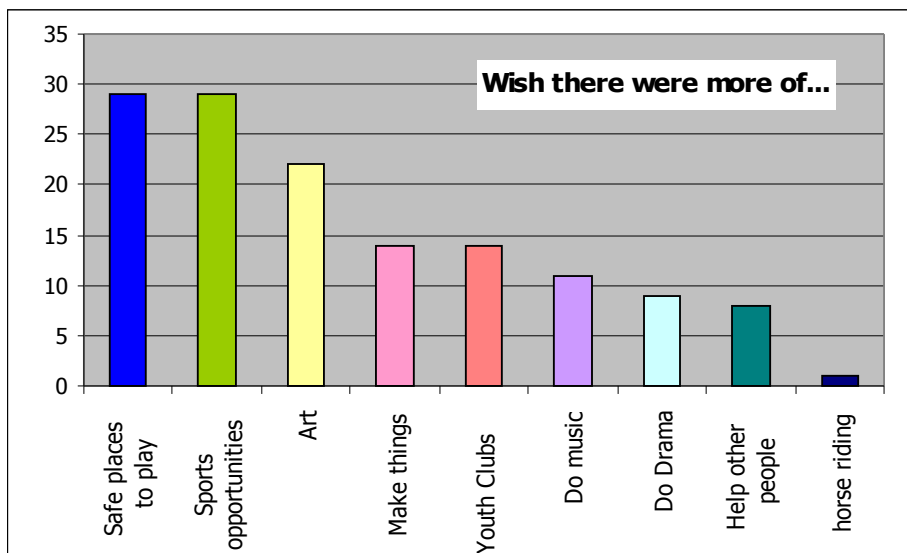
- When asked what activities they would most like to see in the area, a community centre with a café was ranked more than twice as highly as any other option – including youth clubs, sports and local events (e.g. BBQs, festivals)
- There was also a high level of interest in getting involved in more volunteering opportunities or local environmental projects.

### The findings – youth survey

- 59% of the youth respondents would like to see events held in their local park.
- A third of the young people have lived in the area all their lives.
- Just over a third are from an Asian background – highlighting the increase over recent years of a more diverse student population in the local area.
- **87%** of young people think this is a good place to live, play, go to school and grow up in.
- The best and worst things about this area for young people:



- The issue which young people are most annoyed about is 'dirt and litter' – mentioned twice as often as any other problem.
- When asked what they would like to see more of, young people said:



- And what they would most like to see happen locally, the most popular response was for events like BBQs and picnics.