

# Newington Neighbourhood Plan

## Initial Findings - July 2016

The following initial findings represent information received from 50 completed questionnaires, 33 respondents from mini online surveys, comments received from 3 open meetings and comments placed on display boards within Lonsdale community centre and finally from the existing options for the area taken from the Newington & St. Andrew's Area Action Plan. (AAP)

### Demographics

Gender		Age	
Male	22	Under 15	0
Female	22	16-19	1
		20-24	1
		25-34	5
Resident Status		35-44	7
Local resident	27	45-54	6
Work in the area	8	55-64	10
Business owner	1	65-74	5
Landlord	0	75-84	0
		84+	0

### Employment Status

Employed full-time (30 hours plus per week)	4
Employed part-time (less than 30 hours per week)	1
Self-employed full or part time	3
Retired	7
At school, college or university	0
Other training	0
Unemployed	18
Carer/Home Maker	4
Disabled/ESA	4

### Which of these describes your household sizes best?

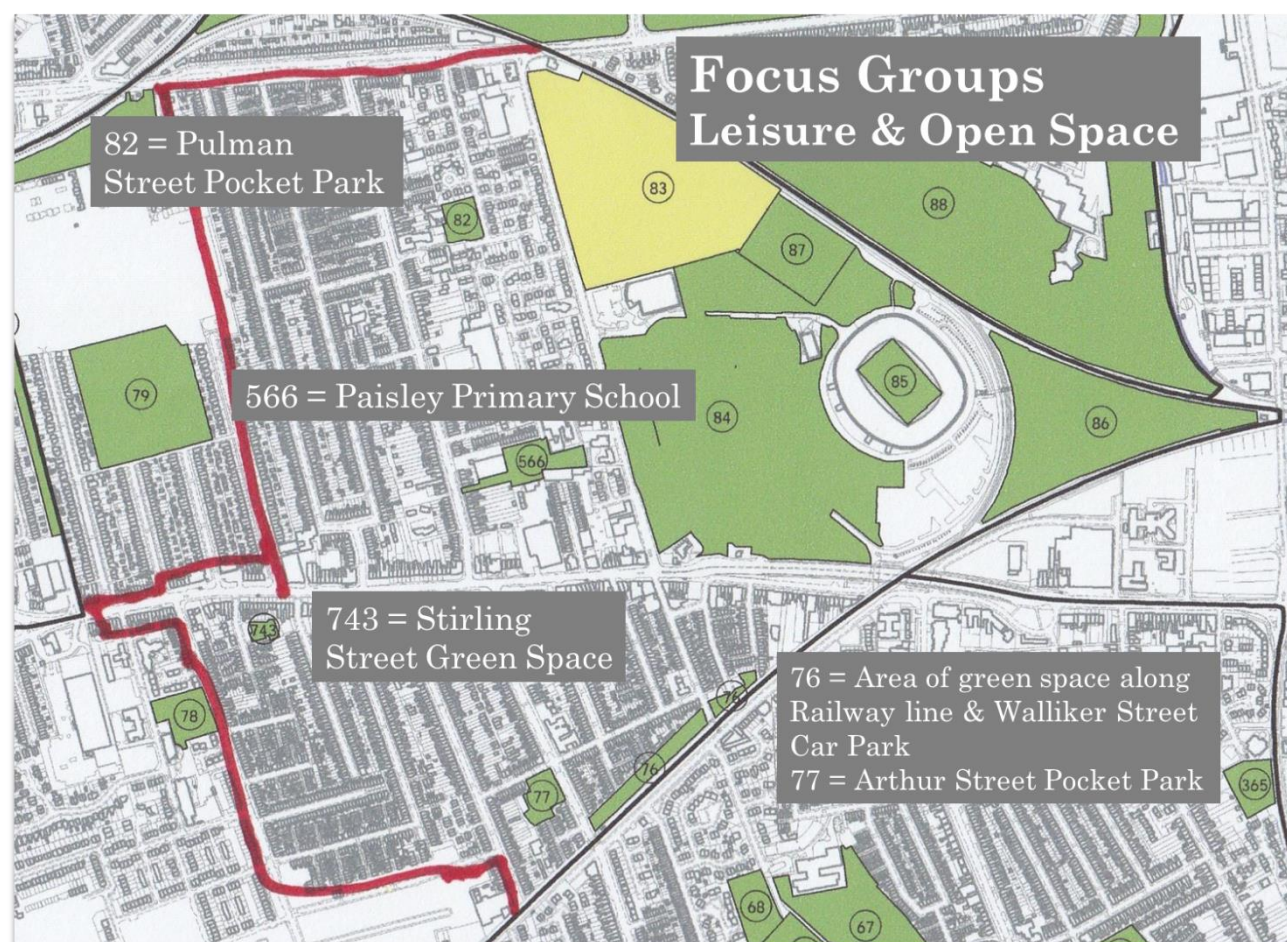
Single occupant	12
Two or more adults	10
Single parent with children living at home	7
Two or more adults with children living at home	8
Shared	2

### In which of these ways does your household occupy your current accommodation?

Owned outright	9
Buying on mortgage	6
Rent from housing association/trust	9
Rented from private landlord	15
Council	1

*N.B. Four people preferred not to disclose demographic information on the questionnaires and several were not fully completed*

## Leisure & Open Space



(N.B. The numbers on the above map relate to the schedule of open spaces for the Newington ward within the Hull Local Plan)

**West Park:** Within the existing Area Action Plan it is stated that *“The Park appears under-invested with signage, lighting, furniture and facilities all giving a tired impression. Additionally, the attractions seem fragmented and uncoordinated”*

Our initial findings strongly emphasise this statement and many people noted that there is a need for better integration of provision and for improved coordination of events & attractions in West Park. The words *“Needs to be more like East Park”* were repeatedly spoken and when asked to elaborate people stated they would like to see a yearly programme of events/activities, in the park, better management of the park in general and in particular improvements to the flower beds, the provision of multi-use green areas with picnic areas and some wheel chair friendly green spaces.

As far as we have been able to establish neither the Bowls groups or the Model Railway Club (open air theatre site) pay any rent to Hull City Council for use of the facilities they occupy and there appears to be no contracts in place other than verbal gentleman’s agreements made in the distant past. None of these groups seem open to shared usage of space and Pet Respect who train and run a therapy dog service currently using one of the pavilions one evening per week are the only group paying any rent to the Council. Pet Respect themselves are campaigning to occupy the vacant animal enclosure unit and are now represented on the forum.

The need for more youth clubs is one of the key findings we have uncovered so far and this was also mirrored in the responses about the park and green spaces in general with many people wishing to see youth activities actually placed in West Park with an emphasis on more exciting activities like go-karting, paint-balling, laser quest, motor bikes, boxing clubs an outdoor pool and adventure park



etc., and provided at key times such as during summer holidays. Likewise local people felt there should be more free events or activities in the park that would attract families and the wider community thereby bringing local people together.

Otherwise there was a call for the renovation of the derelict open air theatre, (which was also a feature within the Area Action Plan), and local conservation group 'Action for Hull' are campaigning to bring the site back into use which has been a consistent community aspiration over the years.

A café or sports bar perhaps situated in the renovated open air theatre or within the Carnegie Heritage Centre was also a popular proposal.



The development of the Railway triangle which was a proposed eco-park with interpenetration of wetland, scrub, meadows and woodland within the Area Action Plan also figured prominently and suggestions from our consultation so far have included a wildlife ecology park, a wild flower meadow, community allotments/community farm, a water feature, fruit trees, a herb/sensory garden, and the provision of high quality public art in this area. The area is currently being used by homeless people and we have received reports that there are up to 11 rough sleepers using the site.



Hull City Supporters Trust are seeking to commission a piece of public art on the pathway from Argyle Street to the stadium which cuts through the railway triangle with the intention of commemorating the original Hull City football ground which once occupied part of this space. The remaining ruins of the ground can be seen above. We have met with this group and they are keen to be involved in any consultation and future meetings.

### Key points about West Park as it is now

- The Railway triangle has restricted access is under used and gives a poor impression of the park & stadium. On the positive side it has good views to the city centre and could be actively managed as an 'eco' park.
- Art Deco 'open air theatre' is derelict
- Benches, bins and lighting need improving
- Vehicles in the park are in conflict with pedestrians and children playing
- Hull fair parking damages the park
- Few flowers and gardens
- Limited wildlife in park (animal enclosure and aviary have unused potential, animal enclosure currently unused)
- Model railway needs long term home
- Large bowling pavilion has poor facilities
- Older pavilion is deteriorating
- No signage and information signs at entrances
- No historic details or interpretation
- Signage relates mostly to the stadium



### Feedback from Questionnaires

#### What would you like to see in West Park?

Railway Triangle redeveloped	30
Improved management	26
Café/Sports bar	18
More free events/activities/festivals for the local community	17
Youth clubs	14
Improved animal enclosures (Pet Respect?)	13
Open Air Theatre redeveloped	13
More varied sports ( <i>Basketball, cricket, baseball, tennis</i> )	13
More Seating	6
Better lighting	2



*The currently vacant animal complex within West Park which 'Pet Respect' has aspirations to use as a venue for dog training courses and displays.*

## KC Stadium

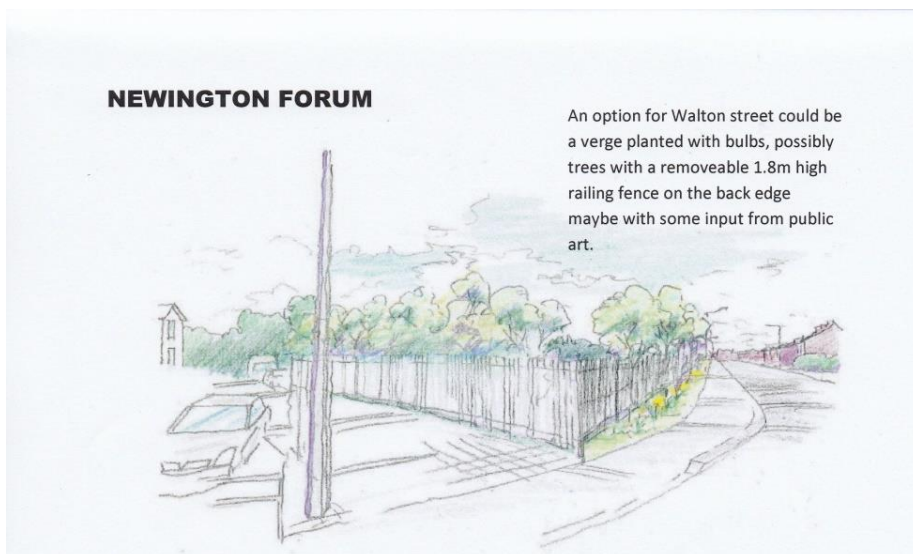
Many people expressed the opinion that the Stadium did not give anything back to the local community and it was strongly felt that residents suffered from the noise, litter, nuisance and traffic congestion as a consequence of events held at the Stadium with an especial grievance being parking down side streets in the area particularly in the light of newly introduced charges for residents parking permits. On a positive note what was suggested were more local artists appearing at Stadium events perhaps in support of celebrity performers and again more focus on activities for young people in the area. Several people suggested that a public gym could benefit local people and may be an economically profitable venture for the SMC particularly if it was used and endorsed by Hull City AFC & Hull FC players.

### Do you believe that the KC Stadium should take a more active role within the Newington area?

More concerts ( <i>especially featuring local talent</i> )	10
More & more varied sports events ( <i>Boxing, Tennis &amp; Wrestling, Gymnastics etc.</i> )	8
Youth clubs/activities for young people	7
Sporting facilities and events are too expensive	6
Airco arena should be used for more varied groups	5
Public Gym	5
Poor advertising/signage	4
Something for disabled people, keep fit for wheelchair users	4
Football tournaments for local people	2

### Ideas for West Park & Walton Street

- Walton Street improved with addition of tree avenues
- Animal enclosure and aviary improvements with events and activities promoted
- New wild flower meadow/wildlife park, or community orchard in railway triangle
- New park benches, litter bins, dog bins, and bollards
- New garden areas with scented flowers
- Vehicle access in park restricted to maintenance emergencies and access
- Planned use of sculpture and public art
- Possible conservation area?



### Other Green Spaces

One of the most consistent calls across the area was for a widespread clean-up with the provision of more litter bins and for more and improved green spaces and public seating. Suggestions included the provision of more street planters in the area, hanging baskets, initiatives like the Todmorden 'Incredible Edible' project, the better use of ten foots with the provision of planters, and greenery.



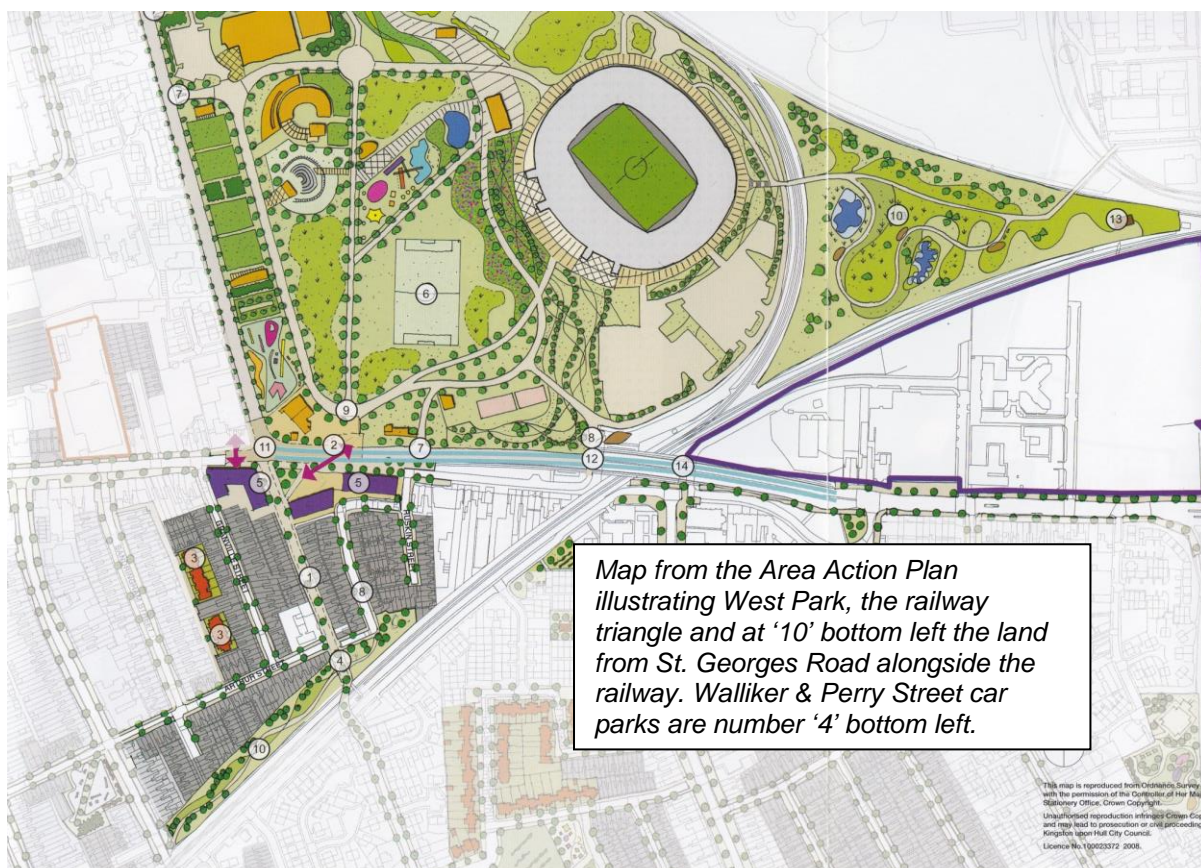
Specific sites identified were Walton Street Car Park, and the green space alongside the railway on St. George's Road including Walliker Street & Perry Street car parks. This land was intended to be an eco-park within the Area Action Plan and there is an interest by St. George's Primary school to improve and maintain the space as a community garden/allotment perhaps including the Walliker /Perry Street car parks, however residents living near the car parks would prefer the land to be used for infill housing since they report they are too insecure for use by residents as car parks and are only used on match days and during Hull Fair; there is also a problem with anti-social behaviour taking place within and around them. Several people suggested improvements to Walton Street could include resurfacing the tarmac, the provision of planters, hanging baskets, trees and public art. Within the design plans originally created by LDA Design as part of the former regeneration initiative the proposal was to plant trees within Walton Street car park.

### What issues are with other Green Spaces in the area?

More & Improved green spaces in the area	18
Walton Street Car Park improved	16
Improve green space alongside the railway on St. George's Road	8
Improve Stirling Street green area	2

### Next Steps

- We still need to engage fully with several of the stakeholder groups using facilities in West Park and a proposed meeting solely to look at issues within West Park for all stakeholder groups facilitated by our consultants has been proposed and is likely to be the best way forward with this.
- We need to meet further with the Hull City supporters club and Hull FC supporters group to explore their involvement in the Railway triangle.
- More consultation is required about the potential for the Walliker Street/Perry Street car parks to be used for infill housing or developed as green space.
- We need to meet with St. George's Primary school regarding the schools proposed use of the green space alongside the railway.







*Left: Walliker Street Car Park  
Below: The land around the car park near the bridge is a hot spot for anti-social behaviour*



*Above & Below: Rubbish on green space between Walliker Street & St. George's Road*



*Above: Views from St. George's Road*



## Culture & Community

People within the area are predominantly of white British ethnicity and this group makes up approximately 85% of the local population. The second highest ethnic group of around 7% are from other European countries with 3.5% being Polish. There are 2.8% people from Asian or Middle Eastern ethnic groups with the majority 1.7% being Indian or Pakistani; there is also a small Sikh community and a Sikh temple in the area. Of the remaining population 2.1% are from black ethnic groups with a small proportion being Congolese refugees that were resettled in the area in 2007/8 with the remainder being from mixed or Chinese ethnic groups. There is one ethnic minority support organisation in the area the Hull Ethnic Minorities Community Centre and one Community Centre the Lonsdale Community Centre which hosts an English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) group and a Lithuanian support group as well as numerous social and recreational activities open to people of all ethnic groups, ages and abilities. There is also a local branch of the National Autistic Society based in the area.

From the results of our initial findings it is clear that improved community services and facilities are a key priority within the area and this comes as no surprise since the Newington area is one of the most deprived areas in the country. Hull is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most deprived local authority in England, while Newington is the 8<sup>th</sup> most deprived ward in Hull. (IMD 2015). The two biggest challenges facing us are the combined problems of unemployment and poor health which are symptomatic of deprived urban areas. Illustrative of this is the fact that the life expectancy of men and women in Newington is five years lower than the national average. Prevalent risk factors being the high proportion of people that smoke, drink to excess, get insufficient exercise and are overweight or obese. (Source Hull 2014 Prevalence Survey: Newington Ward).

The cluster of Takeaways along Anlaby Road both near to local Primary schools is certainly a factor affecting the health of local people as is the high number of premises where alcohol is readily available, with several remaining open until the early hours of the morning selling cheap and high strength beer.

*The new 'Papa Johns' takeaway at 374 Anlaby Road*



*"The growing concentration of takeaway outlets in poorer areas might be reinforcing inequalities in diet and obesity, with unhealthy neighbourhoods making it more difficult to make healthy food choices" - Dr Pablo Monsivais, University of Cambridge Centre for Diet and Activity Research.*

Promoting the alternative use of empty premises and perhaps limiting the number of takeaways along Anlaby Road is something we can possibly achieve.



The principal viewpoint expressed by local people in the initial findings is that there is a lack of high quality social and cultural activities generally. It is recognised that the area has a poor image and that there is a lack of lively and 'upmarket' pubs, clubs and restaurants that are family friendly and would appeal to and attract people from outside the area. There is little variety in the local shops, no live music venues, cinemas, permanent exhibition spaces and very little in respect of local events, gigs, or shows. It is widely perceived that there needs to be much better provision in particular for children, young people, and for families. Of compelling concern is that there are no youth clubs in the area and that there are very limited affordable opportunities for children and young people in school holiday periods. Favoured activities mentioned are for more exciting options such as go-karting, paint-balling, motor biking and adventure parks or for more sporting opportunities such as boxing clubs, and local football tournaments etc.

## Feedback from Questionnaires

### What Facilities/Activities are lacking inside the Newington area?

Cultural Activities/Nightlife/More Entertainment	42
Youth Clubs/Kids play areas	29
More exciting activities	17
Summer holiday activities	15
Free events/festivals/activities for the local community	11
Meeting facilities for the elderly	4
Public library/children's Library	4
Gyms	3
Public toilets	3
Ethnic minority support groups	2
Dog walking areas	2
Activities for Disabled people	2

### Do you feel there is a good community spirit inside the Newington area?

Better integration needed between different age and ethnic groups	6
Lack of positive image & identity	4
Lack of activities to bring people together	4
Stop alcohol consumption in public	3

### What do you believe is missing from the Newington community?

Tackling anti-social behaviour	7
Community policing	3

## Priorities

- Improving the image of the area & creating a positive identity
- Youth Clubs
- Increased cultural activities and events locally, especially within West Park
- Improved access to green spaces
- Development of community based educational initiatives

## Next Steps

- Because there are no youth clubs or secondary schools in the area we have not adequately engaged with young people and therefore either street based engagement, or targeted sessions at the Boulevard Academy and youth providers outside the area is a priority.
- Similarly consultation with the local ethnic community is a priority especially the east European community who form a high percentage of the ethnic resident group.

## The Built Environment

Information from the Office for National Statistics about Newington reveals that the plan area (which comprises only part of the Newington ward) contains around 3,400 households totalling 7,400 people. The majority of the housing stock is terraced (64%) which is high in comparison with figures of 49% for Hull and 24% for England. Property tenure is somewhat mixed including 28% with a mortgage, 20% outright owners, and 38% renting from a landlord or agency. These figures compare with 30%, 20% and 19% respectively for Hull.

### Accommodation Type - Households

Source: Office for National Statistics Updated: 30 January 2013

	Newington	Hull
All Households	4,742	112,596
Unshared Dwelling; Total	4,708	112,398
Unshared Dwelling; Whole House or Bungalow; Total	4,049	94,208
Unshared Dwelling; Whole House or Bungalow; Detached	233	8,043
Unshared Dwelling; Whole House or Bungalow; Semi-Detached	1,012	30,853
Unshared Dwelling; Whole House or Bungalow; Terraced (Including End-Terrace)	2,804	55,312
Unshared Dwelling; Flat, Maisonette or Apartment; Total	656	18,114
Unshared Dwelling; Flat, Maisonette or Apartment; Purpose-Built Block of Flats or Tenement	330	13,882
Unshared Dwelling; Flat, Maisonette or Apartment; Part of a Converted or Shared House (Including Bed-Sits)	255	3,073
Unshared Dwelling; Flat, Maisonette or Apartment; In Commercial Building	71	1,159
Unshared Dwelling; Caravan or Other Mobile or Temporary Structure	3	76
Shared Dwelling	34	198

### Tenure - People

Source: Office for National Statistics Updated: 30 January 2013

	Newington	Hull
All Usual Residents in Households	11,043	252,748
Owned; Total	5,444	132,208
Owned; Owned Outright	1,620	42,407
Owned; Owned with a Mortgage or Loan	3,824	89,801
Shared Ownership (Part Owned and Part Rented)	45	993
Social Rented; Total	2,040	65,842
Social Rented; Rented from Council (Local Authority)	1,462	51,846
Social Rented; Other Social Rented	578	13,996
Private Rented; Total	3,410	51,021
Private Rented; Private Landlord or Letting Agency	3,278	47,575
Private Rented; Employer of a Household Member	5	153
Private Rented; Relative or Friend of Household Member	113	2,452
Private Rented; Other	14	841
Living Rent Free	104	2,684



## Listed Buildings

There are four listed buildings in the area, these are:

1. The former Carnegie Public Library
2. Two K6 telephone kiosks 15 metres south of Carnegie Heritage Centre
3. City of Hull police fire box number 6, and gates at south entrance to West Park
4. St George's primary school and boundary wall

Additionally there are several locally listed buildings the Council have a responsibility to protect as a heritage asset. These are:

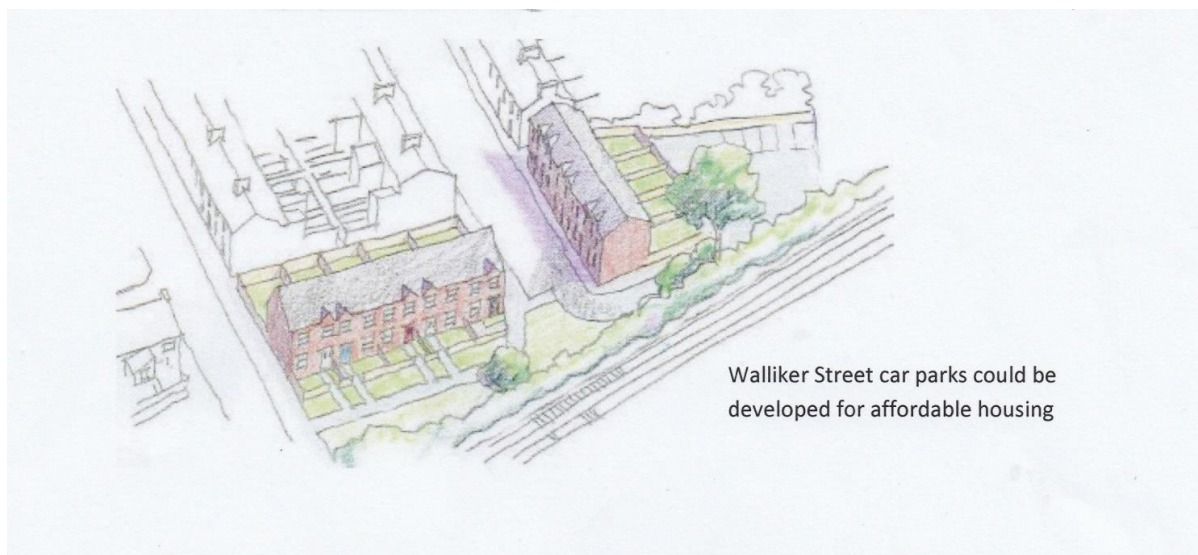
- The George Public House, 549 Spring Bank West
- Gas lamp column next to entrance to gents toilets at The George Public House, 549 Spring Bank West
- Former Cottage Baths, Albert Avenue
- Mecca Bingo, Former Carlton Theatre, Anlaby Road
- The New Griffin Public House, 501 Anlaby Road
- Three Crowns Public House, Former Hull Savings Bank, 499 Anlaby Road
- Premiere Bar, Former West Park Picture Palace, 419-21 Anlaby Road

## Vacant Land and Buildings

- Railway Triangle (*Conservation site?*)
- Premiere Bar (*Possible Community Asset?*)
- Charleston Club (*Demolition considered inevitable, possible in fill housing?*)
- Open air theatre (*Possible Community Asset?*)
- 16 vacant shops along Anlaby Road (*Possibilities to convert back to housing?*)

## Potential New Housing Sites

- Land to rear of 41-45 Albert Avenue (*Potential housing allocation within Local Plan*)
- West Park Hotel (*Possible conversion into 17 self-contained flats?*)
- 374 Anlaby Road (*Possible conversion into self-contained flats?*)
- Carlton Theatre (*Recently acquired by developer, formerly had planning permission for conversion into flats*)
- Use of upper floors over shops on Anlaby Road for housing?
- 'Quick Clutch' on Albert Avenue?
- Wenlock Barracks (*Identified in Area Action Plan as possible in fill housing site*)
- Under-used car-parks on Perry St and Walliker Street?
- 'Loran House' care home at 106a Albert Avenue?



## Feedback from Questionnaires

### Are there any issues with the type of housing available to rent or buy?

Disrepair/derelict/unsecure properties/lack of maintenance	30
Renovate existing housing	9
More flats/properties available for young people	5
Not enough available rented houses	3
Not many 4 bed houses	3
Rent and bonds are too high	3
Too many multi occupancy houses (shared houses)	3
Buying is too difficult	2
No regulation or strategy for rented properties	2

### What sites or buildings within the Newington area could be redeveloped?

Improvements to West Park including Railway Triangle	23
Anlaby Road Shops <i>(Pop-up use where local artists/crafters can sell their produce)</i>	21
Mecca/Carlton Bingo <i>(Theatre/Cinema/Music venue, add a car park, flats for single people)</i>	16
Premiere Bar <i>(Pub, theatre, cinema, live acts, music venue for local bands, performing arts, dance clubs)</i>	15
Open Air Theatre <i>(Multi-functional space, performing arts, plays areas, small cinema, café, school plays)</i>	12
Walton Street Car Park <i>(Resurface it, planters, trees, hanging baskets, statues, public art)</i>	12
Charleston Club <i>(Snooker place, Supporters club for Hull FC)</i>	8
Walliker Street Car Park <i>(Infill Housing or green space?)</i>	3
Granville Street/Walliker Street/Perry Street	3
Alliance Ave/De La Pole/Albert Ave	3
Wenlock Barracks MoD Territorial Army site <i>(Infill housing site in AAP)</i>	0



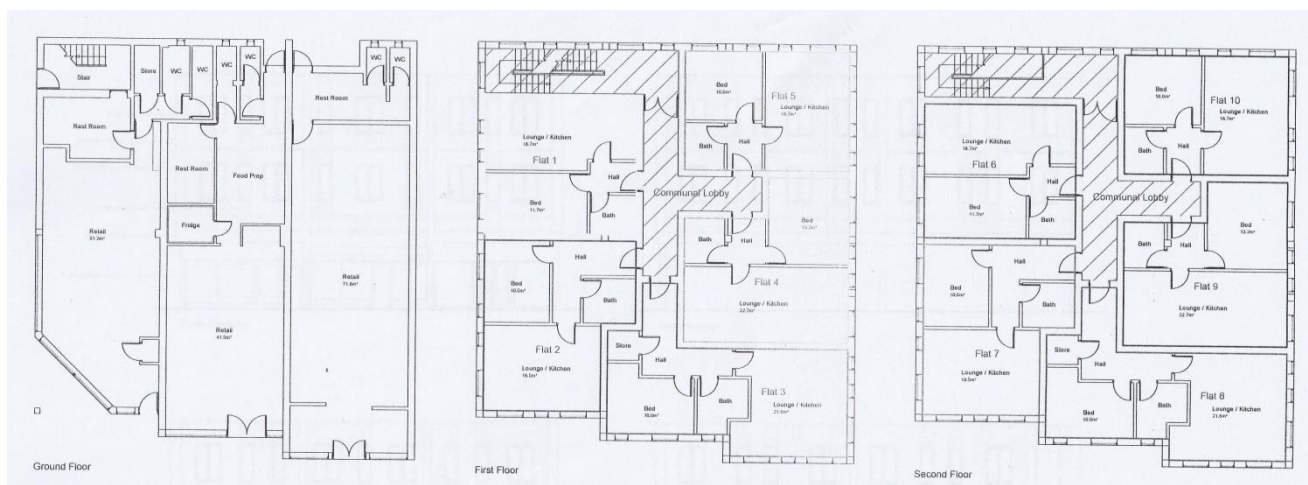
There was a draft proposal to agree planning permission for the Carlton Theatre in 2009 for the conversion of the building into 43 self-contained flats. This was originally refused on the grounds that the development made inadequate provision for off street parking however this application has now expired so the developer who acquired the building recently would have to resubmit anyway. Since the building is locally listed we could promote retention of the frontage should redevelopment become forthcoming.



There are two care homes in the area West Dene at 15/19 Alliance Avenue and 'Loran House' at 106a Albert Avenue which is pending planning permission for conversion into 16 self-contained flats. Taking into account the possible conversion of the former West Park Hotel into 17 self-contained flats and the two upper stories of 374 Anlaby Road also pending planning permission into flats, and finally the potential of the Carlton Theatre to be converted into flats too it may seem design guidance or a design code for self-contained flats is something the plan needs to take into consideration.



*374 Anlaby Road seen above with the ground floor unit becoming the latest takeaway on Anlaby Road to open and the planned two story flat conversion above the takeaway illustrated below.*



Apparently NPS are seeking to bundle the Hull City Council owned former Premiere Bar, Charleston Club, and vacant land opposite the Premiere Bar into a larger development site. If as seems likely the Charleston Club is demolished this would work against our aspirations to acquire the Premiere Bar as a commercially viable community asset featuring a possible music/cinema/arts and cultural venue.

### **In what way do you believe the urban design of Newington area could be improved?**

Clean the area, provide more bins including dog mess bins & children's fun bins	39
Street furniture on Anlaby Road ( <i>bins, seats, signage etc.</i> )	14
Reduce fly tipping/Improve waste disposal	8
Improved CCTV & Security	2
Improved signage/public noticeboards	2

### **Do you believe that Newington area has lost its heritage?**

Too many empty/derelict old properties	10
Protect the older buildings (Wenlock Barracks, Premiere bar, Mecca Bingo)	6

### **Next Steps**

- We need to consult with residents on Walliker & Perry Streets regarding the use of the car parks as possible infill housing sites.
- Should West Park & the Railway triangle be designated as a Conservation Area? We will need to consult widely and consider this as a possible option.
- It has been suggested that the area needs a landlords and tenant's organisation to ensure there is a local source of advice and support particularly in relation to dispute resolution. This perhaps requires further community consultation and investigation.



## The Local Economy

### Shops & Commercial/Public Premises

- 22 Takeaways (19 on Anlaby Road)
- 16 Vacant Shops
- 16 Hairdressers
- 13 Pubs
- 13 Convenience Stores
- 11 premises where alcohol is available

## Employment Related Developments

### Education & Employment in Newington

- Over a quarter of local people (28.2%) have no qualifications
- The number of unemployed people within the Newington ward (15.6%) is over twice the national average.
- 18% of working age males in Newington are unemployed.
- Of those in employment nearly half are in low paid, unskilled or low skilled jobs.
- Almost half (49.7%) of women in Newington are in part time employment which typically consists of agency work and limited/zero hour contracts.

### Local Plan

Within the Local Plan Anlaby Road is identified as a Local Centre as a preferred option. Additionally Hull City Council own The Premiere Bar, the former Charleston Club and much of the shop frontage space on Anlaby Road.

### Internet & Broadband

Several public and community venues benefit from the KCOM Lightstream broadband service which offers fast high speed internet connectivity including the Lonsdale community centre and Carnegie Heritage centre, however this service is not due to be rolled out to the general public until 2017 at the earliest. 'Pure' broadband based on Anlaby Road offer an alternative and competitively priced wireless broadband service which does not require a landline.

## Feedback from Questionnaires

### What shops would you like to see in the Newington area?

Too many takeaways	11
Clothes/shoe shops	9
Pubs with better family facilities	9
Quality restaurants/bars	9
Pop-up galleries in empty shops	6
Art /Craft/Antique/Curio shops	4
Subway / Farm foods	3
Rent of shops too high	2
Fruit and Veg shops	2
Health food shops	2
Too many pubs	2

## **Pop up shops in Hull**

Pop-up shops have been suggested as a means to set up short term commercial businesses or ventures from vacant shops on Anlaby Road permitting the chance to experiment and innovate with limited risk. Currently Pop up shops are available in the city centre from around £60 per day and there have been numerous successful examples of pop up shops being utilised successfully in Hull over the past several years. For example:

### **Princes Quay Shopping Centre**

The 'POP' (Pride Of Place) Arts Space on the Harbour Deck of Princess Quay Shopping Centre in the city centre. POP is run by the Creative & Cultural Company a not for profit arts development that manages art spaces, galleries, studios, stages, theatre spaces & rehearsal rooms. The space hosts a gallery for local artists and next door is the HIP (Hull International Photography) Gallery.

### **Prospect Shopping Centre**

In 2014 to celebrate the annual Hull BID Fashion Week, the Prospect Shopping Centre handed over one of its units to post graduate students from the Hull School of Art and Design, to give them the chance to run their own Pop Up fashion shop.

Another pop up shop in the Prospect centre which ran twice monthly from 2012 was 'UPmarket' providing space for 50 local traders and their unique items. After the success of UPmarket a retail unit was established in the centre to give small local traders a permanent base.

### **Union Mash Up, Princes Avenue**

Popular restaurant and cultural venue 'Union Mash Up' began selling vintage furniture and home wares, clothing and accessories including vintage jewellery in 2012, offering an array of items from a number of different sellers. Though no longer running the venture did demonstrate the possibilities of temporary pop up shops locally.

## **Pop-up possibilities along Anlaby Road could include:**

### **Women & Children's Clothes**

From sales within the two local charity shops on Anlaby Road and from feedback from our questionnaires we know that there is a high demand for shops selling recycled or cheaply priced shoes and clothing particularly for women and children, so this is another option.

### **Used Furniture Shop**

A second hand furniture shop would benefit the community directly by providing affordable furniture and could conceivably provide voluntary and training opportunities for making or renovating furniture including garden furniture and for upcycling, repainting and 'shabby chic-ing'.

### **A Community run 'LETS' - Local Exchange Trading Scheme**

- LETS - Local Exchange Trading Schemes - are local community-based mutual aid networks in which people exchange all kinds of goods and services with one another, without the need for money.
- LETS offer equal opportunities to all - whether employed or unemployed, financially secure or on low income, black or white, able or disabled.
- LETS use a system of community credits, so that direct exchanges do not have to be made. People earn LETS credits by providing a service, and can then spend the credits on whatever is offered by others on the scheme: for example childcare, transport, food, home repairs or the hire of tools and equipment.
- LETS members are able to conduct their activities without reference to the benefits authorities.

### Community Bicycle Shop

Giroscope currently have as tenants 'R-evolution' an organisation that provide offenders, ex-offenders and their families with skills, employment and resettlement support. R-evolution activity has been focussed on the development of a cycle initiative, which brings unwanted and recovered bikes back into use. These cycles are delivered to HMP Humber prison, where they are repaired by offenders in a dedicated workshop and then made available to the local community at affordable prices through local retail outlets. A community bicycle shop on Anlaby Road could offer reclaimed and renovated bike sales, bike repairs, cycle proficiency training for the two local Primary schools and possibly a bike loan/hire service featuring distinctively painted and customised bikes.



### Heathy Living Centre

This is a proposed green grocers/health food shop featuring produce from local businesses based at Giroscope's Arthur Street premises.

- Chilli Devil Sauces
- The Feast Rising Bakery
- Arthur Street Trading Company - (*organic fruit and vegetables*)

Prior to the recession a health food shop operated on Anlaby Road (What Comes Naturally) and at one point hosted two alternative health practitioners - a herbalist and stress management specialist, so conceivably it may be possible to combine health food shop sales on the ground level with a collective of therapists operating from upper floors who may also be able to offer talks and lectures as well as personal services. This would have the added benefit of ameliorating to some extent the cluster of takeaways and access to fast food. Feast Rising already runs training courses in bread making and Arthur Street Traders offer voluntary work opportunities so there is potential to develop this further.

### Next Steps

- We have not yet adequately engaged with shop keepers in the area particularly those on Anlaby Road so this is a key priority.
- The above examples of potential specialist pop-up shops are simply ideas to kick start the process and start to look at options we will need to consider in much more depth.
- We also have not adequately investigated the possibilities and opportunities for cultural pop-up activities in the area particularly options presented by the acquisition of the former Premiere Bar.



## Traffic & Parking



The most significant development recently in respect of traffic has been the campaign led by St. George's Road Primary school for a level crossing outside the school. After having campaigned actively for a crossing and featured within the Hull Daily Mail, the school gained much popular support ending with the Council quickly responding by recruiting a new lollipop school crossing patrol officer.

Within the Area Action Plan several crossings were planned for Anlaby Road as well as the proposed 'Super crossing' linking West Park to a new shopping development on Anlaby Road, however it may be the case that a crossing here may possibly still be an option? Other than this the Stadium Management Company have approached the Council to reopen discussions regarding traffic congestion surrounding event days. One of SMC's key concerns is that any new crossings would negatively affect traffic flow at peak times on the main road network. One of the main issues therefore is to improve connectivity by addressing key transport bottlenecks particularly those which impede access to and from Walton Street and the stadium.

There has been some positive response to suggestions to improve cycle lanes in the area and it is noted that this measure could have a positive effect upon people's health and fitness levels.

Within the Area Action Plan the Park & Ride site in Walton Street Car Park was to be protected with Anlaby Road being identified as a Bus Priority Corridor. However, the park and ride bus site operating from Walton Street car park and offering a service to and from the city centre closed in 2011 notwithstanding that this was the oldest route in the city. East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) at the time reported that the company had been hit by a "triple whammy" of rising fuel prices, increased fuel duty and a loss of concessionary fare payments – all at once, and that the site had never made any money. In the current climate of austerity its reintroduction therefore seems highly unlikely.

The other recent change has been the unpopular introduction of an annual £20 fee for residents parking permits within the stadium zone area. Even though it is the case that those residents with an existing permit the year beforehand were exempt from the £20 fee, anyone else without an existing permit for example those moving into the area or acquiring a car thereafter are now subject to the charge. Additionally two annual visitors' permits which were previously free to residents now cost £20 each, and limited exemption for visitors is only available by purchasing scratch cards at 75p each per day. Up to 10 cards may be purchased each month for use by visitors and trades people and act as a parking permit for one day only. Proof of residency is required when

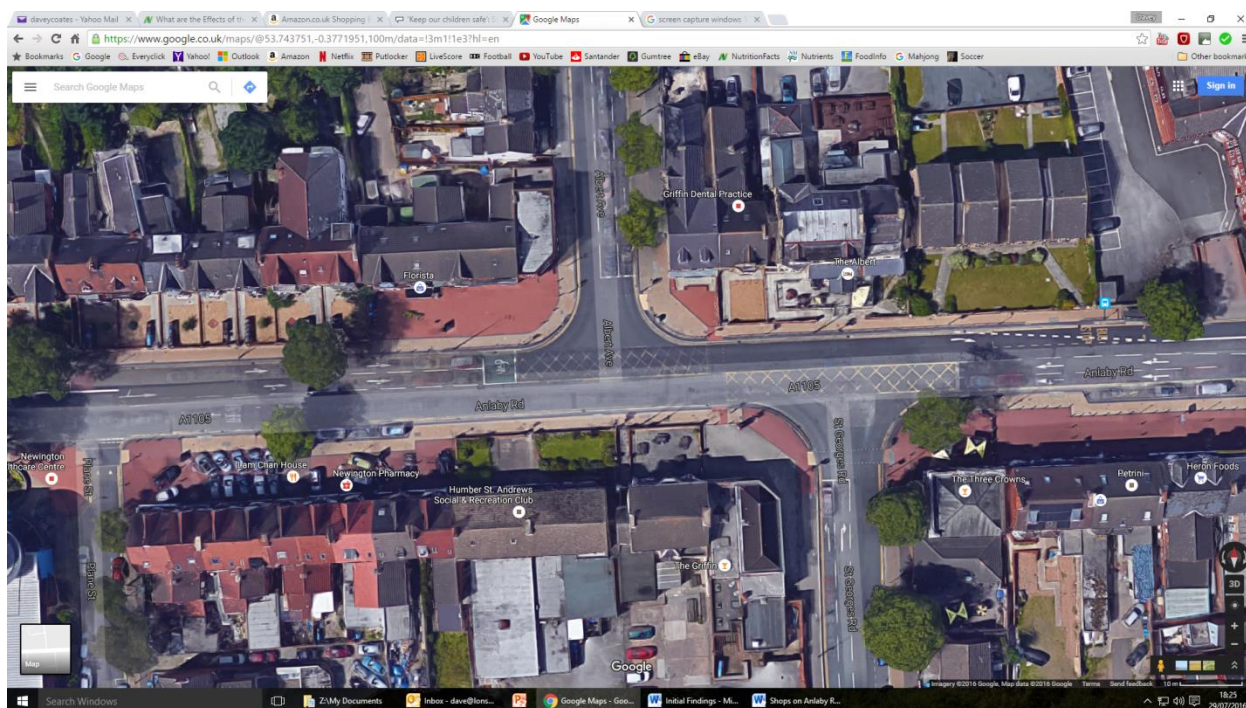
purchasing a scratch card. This causes problems for residents living in multiple occupancy properties divided into flats and other visitors including carers.

## Feedback from Questionnaires

### Do you have any concerns about transport within Newington area?

Reduce traffic congestion ( <i>particularly on match/event days</i> )	18
Need more crossings	12
Cycle lanes improved, more cycle racks (AAP)	9
More restriction on parking for non-residents	8
Improved parking permits for residents	7
Improve car parks & reduce parking on side streets	7
Buses more often including Sundays	4
Need the park and ride back on	4
Active parking patrols	3
Roads need repairing	2
Anlaby Road/Walton Street Improved junction layout (AAP)	1
More crossings on Anlaby Road (AAP)	1

Apart from the campaign for a crossing on St. Georges Road the other site identified as being in need of a crossing and considered potentially hazardous to pedestrians is the junction between Anlaby Road and Albert Avenue. The proposal would be to put a crossing on Albert Avenue bridging the Anlaby Road pavement.



## Next Steps

It is proposed to commission an assessment of traffic issues and the preparation of a report from a consultant with relevant experience and qualifications.

The initial findings presented above are intended to serve as a reference guide for continuing consultation and community engagement. Ongoing contributions by forum and community members are actively sought and appreciated.

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