

**Balsall Common Festival September 2015  
Post-it Feedback**

<b>GOOD</b>	
<p><b>Community</b>            Good Parish Council            Good Residents Association            Good neighbourhood            Community            Lovely Community feel            Community groups            Great community            Good community spirit (3)            Good community &amp; friendly people            Great homemade cakes at events            Nice people            Friendly community            Friendly place to live            Village atmosphere, community feel            Good local clubs for children            Good social area            Community – Festival, Fireworks etc            People            People are nice and friendly            Lovely people and sense of community            The People, The Community – “Days like Today”            Feels like a village            Not too busy            Sports            Sports clubs/facilities            Football pitches</p> <p><b>Location</b>            Beautiful area to live close to many main cities            London, Birmingham            Location            Good location to get to other locations            Nice area            Good place to live            Lovely place to live            Nice mix of urban and rural            Ability for visitors to park outside my house            Easy access to countryside            It's in the country            The area            Village has everything</p> <p><b>Retail &amp; Pubs</b>            Range of shops still in village despite Tesco &amp; Sainsbury'            Plenty of useful shops            Better shops than ever before            Decent shops/bank            Local shops i.e. Oakes Farm, Grace Interiors</p>	<p><b>Communications &amp; Transport Links</b>            Easy to get around on mobility scooter            Good transport            Public transport links            Good train service to Birmingham, Coventry, London            Buses            Proximity to motorways and rail            Motorway &amp; rail communications            Train service is brilliant            Train service            Train station            Rail station very good            Taxi bus service            Support the airport            Rail connections to Birmingham and London            Transport (bus, rail &amp; road)            Rail services            Reduced HGVs since motorway opened up (I live on main road)            Loves planes            HS2 is a good thing!!!</p> <p><b>Amenities</b>            Amenities within walking distance            Good health centre            Doctors surgery (3)            GP Surgery            Handy health centre            Medical centre much improved            Good Schools (2)            Schools            School – secondary            Great schools            Street lighting            Excellent Library            Library (2)            Range of village amenities – school, GPs            Excellent police shop            Vets            Dentist            Bank            Garage</p> <p><b>Environment</b>            Lavender Hall Park (2)            Good park            Park (3)            Park and playground            Local Greenbelt            Greenfields for dog walking            Parkland</p>

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Local shops	Close to countryside
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shops	Parkland
Good range of shops	Countryside
Range of shops/pubs	Love the green and physical environment
Shops in BC good especially chemist	Countryside walks
Nicer shops like Costa (not Charity shops)	Nice walks
Shops now in BC but why so many	Walking facility good – on roads in BC Village
hairdressers	Access to countryside
Local shops & Pubs	Park space and walkways
Nice Pubs	Green spaces
Selection of Pubs	Pleasant parks for walks
No MacDonald's or KFC	Green spaces
<b>Security</b>	The Greenway and other walks
Feel safe walking around estates even at night	Country walks
	The Greenway

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<p><b>Communications &amp; Transport</b>          Connect the Kenilworth Greenway cycle way to BC          Cycling from BC to Knowle          No cycleway to Kenilworth and Warwick University (without crossing fields or going on small lanes)          Need a by-pass          Speeding (2)          Speed of traffic on Station Road past Brickmakers Arms          Speeding traffic on B4101          Speeding on country road to Barston          Congestion on Kenilworth Road          Accidents on Fen End crossroads          Accidents on Brees Lane/Holly Lane crossroads          Parking in the village - what is the answer??          Parking in the village (2)          Too many cars in village centre – pedestrianise          Parking by the shops at busy times          Parking outside shops – bottlenecks          Parking in village centre is dangerous!          Poor parking          Crossing at road by garage dangerous for children          Lack of parking/drop-off points at schools          Lack of parking in both villages, esp. around schools          Leveson Crescent make one way          State of the road surface by the traffic lights near HOE school (Kenilworth Road)          No buses to Kenilworth          No buses in Berkswell <u>BUT</u> there are bus shelters!!!          Planes (2)          Airport noise – nobody listens to complaints          Increased aircraft noise          Aeroplanes flying low over village          Planes over flying village          Noisy aeroplanes over village          Stop HS2 (2)          HS2! (5)</p> <p><b>Environment</b>          Grounds maintenance e.g. verges          Mess in the car park behind the Coop          Litter          Unclean road signs          Dog mess in the parks (2) and on grass</p>	<p><b>Democracy</b>          Voting station for Balsall Common residents in Berkswell inaccessible by public transport          Police cut backs          No combined councils i.e. local authority fat cat jobs! Out of my council tax          Village!          Village no longer a village now a “small town”</p> <p><b>School</b>          What is the school plan for a growing village/parish          Primary school is expanding with little thought being given to access and parking          Future of schools – size, site          No pre-school areas for Mums to meet</p> <p><b>Housing</b>          Our young people need to move away to buy a house          More affordable housing to buy £200-250K for our kids          Lack of affordable housing          Lack of starter homes          Bad Drives Housing Del’s          Too many houses          I think it is really sad that there are no starter homes in the area and that young people are forced to move away. Every time a new house is built it seems to be a custom built mansion!          It's disgusting</p> <p><b>Amenity Facilities</b>          Village growing without thought of amenities e.g. school which was built 102 years ago for a <u>REAL</u> village          Need a fantastic skate park (with all weather surface)          BC needs a health club          No sports centres (2)          No gym or swimming pool – instead of an empty office right in the middle of town – could be a great community centre          Gym with pool          Could do with a gym/better fitness facilities          Swimming pool and more as village grows          Kids late at night in Willow Park          Vandalism (Lavender Hall Park play equipment)          Poor village facilities given size of council tax reserve</p>
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verges where children walk That we don't have a proper connection to the old rail track to Kenilworth without threat of being stamped on by cows Paths/street furniture around shops	Noisy kids on motorbikes  <b>Retail/Commercial</b> Too many supermarkets or shops of one type – like curry Crossing by shops not finished

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<p><b>1. Communications &amp; Transport</b></p> <p><b>1.1. Public Transport</b>          No buses to Kenilworth (4)          No buses to Leamington          No late night bus service to Solihull          Lack of transport to Warwick          Not much of a good route to Coventry          Lack of transport to adjacent areas          Bus shelters in Balsall Common          Chopping and changing bus routes</p> <p><b>1.2. Parking in BC Centre</b>          Not enough parking (3)          Parking at shops/centre (9)          Poor signage for off street parking          On street parking dangerous/difficult (5)          On street parking should be removed except disabled/police          Traffic through shopping area          Parking controls may make it difficult to live here</p> <p><b>1.3. Other parking</b>          Parking by BC schools (4)          Parking in Berkswell          No lollipop lady at Berkswell School</p> <p><b>1.4. Traffic</b>          Lorries in villages          Congestion in BC need bypass          Lorries on Waste/Kelsey Lanes</p> <p><b>1.5. Speeding/accidents</b>          Zebra crossing needed outside Tesco          Pedestrian crossing needed at Kelsey Lane/Kenilworth Road junction (2)          Accidents at Hodgett's/Waste Lane junction          Speeding Waste lane by Windmill lane junction          Speeding on main roads (2)          Speeding by BC shops (2)          Speeding on Station Road (2)          Speeding Balsall Street east by school</p> <p><b>1.6. Criminal issues</b>          Not easy to report litter droppers or car number plates</p> <p><b>1.7. Other</b>          HS2 is bad thing</p> <p><b>2. Environment</b>          Rubbish in Lavenderhall Park          Dog mess in parks          Dogs off lead in parks scare children</p>	<p>Mess broken glass in Co-op &amp; Part Co          Vandalism in Willow Park          Aircraft noise (3)</p> <p><b>Democracy</b>          Why have a police centre only open 1 hour/day          What happened to village plan</p> <p><b>School</b>          BC Primary becoming too big (2)          Not enough schools with increased housing          Heart of England School relationship with community (2)</p> <p><b>Housing</b>          In filling housing          Affordable housing          Don't want much more housing</p> <p><b>Amenity Facilities</b>          Lack of investment in relation to growth of village          Not enough young people involved in community          Need a Youth club (2)          Shutting down youth club (3)          Areas for teenagers needed not parks          Range of facilities for youngsters          Keep fit classes/facilities (3)          Lavenderhall Park dull as ditchwater          Insufficient seating/park benches          Few facilities for senior citizens          Few other leisure facilities          No swimming pool (4)</p> <p><b>Retail/Commercial</b>          1. Independent shops          No enough independent shops too many big Chains          Independent/small business opportunities          Need a few more independent stores          More support for independent retailers to encourage local &amp; small business          No need for Costa Coffee          Nice to have a nice cafe/bar          Need a wine bar          Tesco/Co-Op/Sainsbury cannot all survive.          Village will lose out.          Need reasonably priced restaurant £10          Derelict building behind co-op (2)          Italian restaurant (2)          Thai restaurant          Centre needs updating/be more attractive (2)</p>
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