

Community Engagement – consultation summary

Event (eg name of group / event) :	Galileo Explorer Group (Balsall Common)
Nature of consultation (eg Community event; focus group; questionnaire) :	Focus group
Date : 20th Sept 2016	Venue : BC Methodist church hall
NDP lead : Wendy Wilson	Key contact (if applicable) : Andrew Clinton
Participant details (eg approximate number; attach register if available) :	19 Explorers aged 14 – 18. Mainly from BC
Purpose of consultation (ie nature of data to be collected incl. housing, education, traffic, public transport, retail, amenities and utilities. Focus on BC and/or rural areas incl. Berkswell) : Focus on BC. Likes/dislikes. Getting about. Facilities for young people	
Description of consultation (incl. photos; material presented / on display/ handouts) : Brief explanation of NDP process given. Explorers then split into 4 groups. Given 3 topic areas – approx. 15 mins on each topic. 1) Do you see yourself staying in BC? Why? Why not? 2) Getting about: Train/bus – Do you use? How often? Where to? Is there a need for more? Where to? Cycling / walking/ driving (for some) – Is it easy? Safe? Problems? 3) Facilities What facilities do you think are needed within the village for young people?	
Data collected (eg lists) : NB Each comment given by one group unless indicated otherwise Reasons to stay in BC: Good tennis courts Jobs for young people – Haigs, Co-op, Oakes LOVE Tamarinds All the childhood memories Its easy to leave (train, bus airport) Lots of driving instructors Transport good x 2 Tesco/Sainsbury Quiet x 3 Community protected Education available Low crime rate Only 3000 houses Local community Great countryside surrounding Easy to get to other places (transport) Reasons NOT to stay in BC: Solihull bus is too slow and often late No entertainment eg cinema x 2 Willow Park (drugs) All my mates live in Solihull Skatepark is BAD (smoking) Better data signal needed Starbucks (much better than Costa) – R.I.P. deli! Nothing to do in BC Bad internet lines on half of village – more people will make it slower Thug mentality due to kids showing no respect Thieves Expensive everything	

No jobs – have to commute to find a full time job x 2

Too many swegways

Older average population

Very conservative population

Too many hairdressers

Too many charity shops instead of normal shops

No big supermarkets

In the middle of nowhere – can't walk anywhere

Too many estate agents

Not enough shops

No swimming pool / gym

Poor signal

Crime has risen in Lavender Hall Park

BC of the 1500 houses no longer

Reduced amount of green spaces

Lack of local recreation

Rubbish traffic systems (eg central roundabout)

Too many local hoodies

Keep out plebs (!) – school already overcrowded

Getting about:

People don't pay for train which can't improve service

Bus to Dorridge needed

88 should run on Sunday

Need Maglev to school (!)

Some dodgy drivers up Station Rd

Get train to school everyday

Birmingham accessible

Bicycles nicked (not safe to leave)

Buses not frequent enough

Can't walk to Berkswell

Greenway

Roads aren't busy

Mainly get train to Birmingham and Coventry maybe once/month

No-one uses buses

Dangerous corners on Station Rd (eg junction with Kemps Green Rd)

Good train links

Good cycle paths

Good bus links

Good footpaths

Lack of pavement Meeting House Lane

Traffic in rush hour (Kenilworth Road)

Dangerous corners

Facilities needed:

No new houses

Gym (use Co-op building?) x 4

Need a pizza delivery place

Mobile signal – 4G PLEASE

Sports facility – astroturf / basketball x 2

Don't want big shops – not the correct target market

Need to update the library

Costa used lots – we approve !!

Nandos

Subway

Pet shop

Waterstones

Aldi / Lidl
Nandos (mid price restaurant)
Cinema
BMX track
Pool
Upmarket supermarket
Climbing wall
WHS
Hardware shop
Fast food
Town Hall
Functioning police force
Other religious building
Car parks
Increase policing on Needlers End
Vape lounge (WW – look on the www!!)

Analysis of Results relating to themes and location (eg pie charts; mindmaps):