



# HAVING YOUR SAY

## OBJECTIVE

To consider some of the issues involved in making decisions about land use. To actively engage in the debate regarding local land use.

## KEY QUESTIONS

- > What is a local development framework? (LDF)
- > Are there enough leisure, retail and housing developments in Stafford?
- > Is the transport system good enough?
- > Are environmentally friendly means of travel encouraged?
- > Can disabled people access the town?
- > Are buildings looked after?
- > Is the environment looked after?
- > What does the town centre need?

## SUGGESTED APPROACH

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### Introduction

Link to previous lessons focusing on planning issues. Emphasise the significance of today's lesson, which will be an opportunity to have a say in what happens to the Borough, especially Stafford town centre in the future, (if you are in another area please substitute the local area authority name and town with you own local examples). Explain that a local development framework is a borough's plans for future development, which, amongst other things, take into account environmental considerations and the wishes of communities.

There are nine questions on the questionnaire. **It will be necessary to familiarise yourself with the questions BEFORE the lesson.** Issue each pupil with their own questionnaire and discuss EACH question before expecting pupils to write down their answers. **Please aim to stimulate thought and discussion, emphasising the importance of the pupils' responses: they are the voice of the local youth in this area and their views will be taken seriously.** Remember to consider the key questions in your discussion.

Completed questionnaires should be returned to your citizenship coordinator in the first instance. The questionnaires will should then go to the contact within the planning department of the Borough council if this project is being undertaken with their involvement.

## NEXT LESSON

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A planning officer working for the Borough Council could come to speak to representatives from each class in the year group regarding the results of the questionnaire and what will happen to the data and suggestions collected. Whilst this is taking place, each class could complete any unfinished written pieces and assemble a display of the whole project.



## PUPIL INSTRUCTION SHEET

### QUESTION 01

Look at the town plan that you designed. Did you put more services and shops in the middle of your towns? Did you want to put them in the middle? Why? Why do you think the most popular uses and buildings are normally in Stafford town centre? *PLEASE TICK BOX*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Most shops and services are in the middle of real towns</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Easy to get to from the houses</li> <li><input type="radio"/> So that everyone can use them</li> <li><input type="radio"/> So that the shops and services are near each other</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Didn't think about it</li> </ul> | <p>REASON FOR DESIGNING TOWN AS YOU DID</p> |
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### QUESTION 02

Do you like Stafford town centre? Why do you like to spend your spare time there? Which other town centres do you prefer to go to instead, and why? *PLEASE ONE TICK BOX*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Really like</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Quite like</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Neither like nor dislike</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Dislike</li> <li><input type="radio"/> No opinion</li> </ul> | <p>REASON</p>                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> I prefer a different town centre</li> </ul>   | <p>NAME OF TOWN &gt; AND REASON</p> |



**QUESTION 03**

Think about Stafford town centre at different times of the year. Are places more, or are they less pleasant because of the time? ,e.g. summer holidays, Christmas, daytime, evening. Consider the effects of different weather on how you feel about places.

**A] THE PARK**

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List 3 things you LIKE about Victoria Park in certain weather or at a specific time...

*E.g. (appearance, atmosphere, etc). Can you give reasons WHY?*

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

List 3 things you DON'T LIKE about Victoria Park in certain weather or at a specific time

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

## B] MARKET SQUARE

List 3 things you LIKE about The Market Square and town centre in certain weather or at a specific time ...  
*E.g. (appearance, atmosphere, etc). Can you give reasons WHY?*

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

List 3 things you DON'T LIKE about The Market Square and town centre in certain weather or at a specific time

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

## C] ARRIVING POINTS

List 3 things you LIKE about the town centre car parks / railway station / bus stops in certain weather or at a specific time...  
*E.g. (appearance, atmosphere, etc). Can you give reasons WHY?*

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

List 3 things you DON'T LIKE about the town centre car parks / railway station /bus stops...

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

**A] SHOPS**

List the top 3 types of shops in the town centre that you go to most often, or would like to visit more. What is it that you like about each of these places? E.g. Atmosphere? Seats?

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

**B] LEISURE TIME**

List the top 3 types of leisure uses in the town centre that you go to most often, or would like to visit more. What it is that you like about each of these places?

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

**C] RELAXATION SPACE**

List the top 3 places in the town centre that you like to just spend time in? What it is that you like about each of these places?

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON

## D] PLACES TO EAT

List the top 3 places in the town centre that you like to go to for something to eat?

1]	REASON
2]	REASON
3]	REASON



### QUESTION 05

Do you think there is a good mix and balance of different uses in the town centre? Are there too many of one type of shop or service, and not enough of others? What else would you like to see in the town centre?

PLEASE TICK BOX

- I think the current mix of uses is about right
- I think there are too many places to eat and drink
- I think that a few of these places are easy to get to
- I think there is a good range of leisure activities for young people
- There should be a better range of leisure activities for young people
- Tell us what else you would like to see in Stafford Town Centre

**QUESTION**

**06**

Are your favourite places in Stafford town centre easy to get to for everyone?

PLEASE ONE TICK BOX

- All are easy to get to
- Most are easy to get to
- A few are easy to get to
- None are easy to get to
- Depends...(reasons in next box)

REASON > TELL US HOW WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER

**QUESTION**

**07**

Think about Stafford town centre at different times of the year, e.g. summer holidays / Christmas, different times of the day, daytime / evening. Consider effects of different weather too.

List the top 3 places in Stafford town centre for each category that you DO NOT LIKE TO GO TO, or would not like to visit more often...

WHY don't you like each of these places?(e.g. dark, untidy, feels unsafe, etc) Can you suggest how we can make these places better?

1] Types of shops not liked?

REASON > TELL US HOW WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER

2] Types of leisure not liked?

REASON > TELL US HOW WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER

3] Types of open space not liked?

REASON > TELL US HOW WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER



Compare the differences in access below. How easy it is to get to Stafford town centre from your own house, as compared with these other attractions in out of town locations.

a] How easy is it to get to Greyfriars Retail Park (KFC / Megabowl).  
Is it more difficult than the town centre? How would you get there?

b] How easy is it to get to Stafford Castle (historical and cultural events).  
Is it more difficult than the town centre? How would you get there?

c] How easy is it to get to Queensville (indoor leisure attraction).  
Is it more difficult than the town centre? How would you get there?

d] How easy is it to get to Kingsmead Nature Reserve (recreation space, the River Sow).  
Is it more difficult than the town centre? How would you get there?

**QUESTION****09**

Can you list 3 things that may make it difficult for each of these different groups of people to get around Stafford Town Centre and out of town sites? Consider obstacles in the street, pathways, transport, etc.

**a] WHEELS IN A TOWN CENTRE**

*wheelchair users, or parent with a pushchair, bicycle, etc.*

- 1]
- 2]
- 3]

**b] FINDING THE WAY** *tourists visiting Stafford town centre, a new resident moving to the area*

- 1]
- 2]
- 3]

**c] PEOPLE WITHOUT A CAR** *e.g. You! Do you have to rely on parents, or buses, or can you walk to the town centre easily? Is the route nice to use?*

- 1]
- 2]
- 3]

**d] LESS MOBILE / VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

*e.g. some elderly people or people with less vision*

- 1]
- 2]
- 3]

**QUESTION****10**

Can you think of other things we can do to improve Stafford Town Centre and the outlying attractions? This is where to tell us any other ideas you may have.

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