

Burton On Trent Consultation

Appendix G: Notes from consultation with Young People

November 2024

This Appendix contains notes from the two consultations with young people undertaken as part of this project.

They took place in October 2024 – one at Burton and South Derbyshire College, the other at the Youth for Christ group.

Both reports were compiled by Tilly Wheatley.

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Burton And South Derbyshire College

08 October 2024, 11:45am to 4pm

Tilly Wheatley and Christine Sefton of RMR ran the pop-up stall at Burton and South Derbyshire College. They were there from 11:45am - 4pm (the end of the college day).

Around 130 people engaged, either verbally or in writing. The majority of participants were students, mostly teenagers and young adults (many of whom commuted from Birmingham and Derby), but a handful of staff members also participated, providing a slightly older demographic alongside.

If you could build a new statue in Burton, what would it be?

- Statue of my mate
- The Splash Van
- Neville Brown (boxing champ)
- Beer
- Large poppy flower
- Beer
- A heart
- Shaking hands
- Let the people decide

- CEX
- Rebuild the statue of the miner near the train tracks
- A child playing
- My face
- Me – a beautiful young woman
- A big poppy flower
- A Greggs sausage roll
- Smarties statue
- Marmite
- A tree
- The person who built the college
- A penis

Which 3 words best describe Burton?

- Peaceful
- I don't know
- Making friends
- Big – Busy – Beautiful
- Loud – Cosy – Comfortable
- It's too small
- Fun – Entertaining – Tiring
- Promote the Washlands
- Get me out!!!
- Full of sceneries
- Close – City centre – Big
- Is a shithole
- Leave!
- Beer – Marmite – Branston Pickle
- There's loads of gangs
- Cold – Grey – Traffic
- Amazing
- Compact city centre
- Cutesy

Where would you take someone who is new to Burton?

- The Arboretum
- Primark
- The park
- The brewery
- Café Zen for a chicken burger meal
- Nandos
- The college
- The Octagon
- Primark
- Café Zen (best chicken burgers)
- Bella Italia
- Food Shops
- HMV, Macdonalds, and Lloyds Bank

What's the best thing about Burton?

- The College
- Domino's pepperoni and mushroom pizza
- B&M
- Lloyd's Bank building – it's great
- Favourite Thai restaurant bangs
- The river
- Rosliston Forest
- Most of it
- The sunset
- Café B
- The students
- The park (for photography)
- The shopping centre
- Good beer
- Maccies
- The Winery
- The College

- Primark
- Stretton
- Play parks for kids
- It's always busy in the shops – good place to open businesses
- Going to college
- Bella Italia
- The community
- The cinema
- Shopping and walks
- Nothing
- Entertainment from the crack heads
- Having friends in Burton
- Flat skating ground
- The College (by staff)
- The Pirelli Stadium
- Mexican restaurant
- Nothing
- Stapenhill Gardens
- Nandos
- Everything
- The riverside and bridge
- Nothing (I live here)
- The town centre
- Quaint shopping centre – small and cozy
- The bridge at nighttime
- Royal Harris Chinese
- It's shite, leave
- KFC
- Primark
- Loads of shops
- Architecture
- Carling
- The town centre

- Statutes Fair
- China King in Branston
- The market

What's Burton's best kept secret?

- The first Poundland was made in Burton
- Zen Community Café
- Nandos
- The shopping centre
- Wing Wah Chinese Buffet
- Isabel's Bar and Restaurant
- The college canteen food
- Tahoua restaurant slaps

What's your Burton story?

- I moved to Burton about three years ago. I moved from a bigger city (Bradford), which made me realise how quiet and peaceful Burton is, with some hidden gems.
- I moved here from Derby a month ago and it's wonderful – nice to be in a new place!
- There are tunnels beneath Sinai House that lead all the way to the church, and there are underground wells where the monks used to drown their pregnant mistresses.
- The Ruby restaurant used to be the best Chinese, until they lost it in a poker match and it got taken over.
- My great-grandad helped build the railway in Burton (near the courts).
- The history is important. The friendliness and welcoming community. The access to countryside, river walks and the town/other cities are in easy reach.

Youth for Christ Consultation

Friday 18 October 2024

Number One Ferry Street, Stapenhill, Burton

Consultation was attended by Tilly Wheatley of RMR. The setting was an after-school club style community space for young people, hosted by the Youth for Christ group. There were around 25 children and young adults, who looked to range from 10 to 17/18 in age, with the majority around 14/15. There were a handful of adults present who also answered some of the questions.

What's the best thing about Burton?

- Statutes fair every year
- Stapenhill Gardens and all the swans and geese
- The church
- Absolutely nothing
- Breweries
- Youth club
- Riding your bike through Stapenhill Gardens at sunset
- Public transport (but it's a bit unreliable)
- Activities like the Escape Rooms
- The pubs – Brews of the World
- Wing Wah Chinese
- Leaving
- New Hong Kong
- Everything is within walking distance
- Lots of links to other places
- Church
- My bed
- Cineworld
- Bella Italia

What 3 words best describe Burton?

(Not all the young people could think of three, so individual words were taken instead)

- Atrocious
- Rubbish
- Busy

- Peaceful
- Random fireworks
- Trampy
- Beer
- Marmite
- Druggies
- Social
- Wide variety
- Rubbish
- Busy
- Vapes
- Home
- Watered-down cider
- Shithole
- School
- Floody
- Bridges
- Pot-holes
- Unsanitary
- Muddy
- Absolute shit hole
- Ey up me duck
- Chaotic
- Funny
- Dramatic
- Rubbish
- Questionable

If you could build a new statue in Burton, what would it be?

- Ben (YfC staff) playing the guitar
- A swan drinking beer, smoking and eating marmite
- Birds
- Youth for Christ
- Beer

- A brewer's statue
- Marmite
- Bella Italia
- Matt (YfC staff) playing the drums

What is Burton's best-kept secret?

- Nathan Door (DJ) lives here!
- There are old bunkers
- It floods
- There's an Olympian that lives here
- Lots of shops
- Marmite
- Waterstones
- Great Pokémon
- 3x tennis courts in Newton Park
- It's a brewing town
- There's an alleyway between the town centre and the river Trent and it brings you out on a grassy patch that not many people know about
- The forest and the Washlands

What's your Burton story?

- At Statutes Fair one year, me and my dad rode the waltzers at the same time as the mayor!
- Some of the young people don't believe that the mayor of Burton is real, despite having been shown photos. They think the mayor is just something that exists in London.
- One time I was chased by 6 big dogs in Stapenhill Gardens
- I was walking down the street, and a man stopped his car, rolled down the window, and tried to sell me his phone
- I moved to Burton so my commute to work would be shorter
- The best Pokémon I caught in Burton was a shiny Shinx, down the Dingle.
- I moved from Derby to Burton for a better job, plus it's a bit quieter, and there's more countryside.
- I'm pretty sure that the picture on the side of the Carling glasses is a street or a bridge in Burton
- There are lots of weirdos at the bus stop, but not in a bad way, just funky characters. There is one guy that dresses completely in green, one guy that dresses like Tommy Shelby from Peaky Blinders, and another guy who is always wearing sunglasses and tonnes of gold chains.