

Neighbourhood community priorities November 2010

Neighbourhood	Claremont, Weaste and Seedley
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Community priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for more community facilities for recreation, youth and general community use across the area but on the Eccles New Road corridor as a priority.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for improvement to the condition of local highways.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to reduce the impact of traffic (moving and parked) on the area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to reduce crime targeted at businesses on Bolton Road.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to reduce worklessness in Weaste (especially Tootal / Willows and New Weaste areas).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to improve health in Weaste focussing on smoking, drinking, diet and exercise (especially Tootal / Willows and New Weaste areas).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to reduce teenage conceptions in Weaste
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to resolve imbalance of demand and supply of school places.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to improve outdoor playing fields' (Stott Lane and Duncan Mathieson) condition and use.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to bring the sports area (tennis courts, etc) in Lightoaks Park up to a decent standard.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolve the future of the former Oakwood School, Tootal Drive School and All Souls School sites and maintain the sites in the interim.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the conditions and facilities at Dolby Park and Kirkham Street (Eccles New Road corridor).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Weaste Allotments and the adjoining piece of land.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolve the future of Buile Hill Park Mansion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce a limit to the proportion of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within defined areas.

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Description of priorities

The picture on progress with last year's priorities is mixed (see appendix A to this document) so this year's priorities include some carried forward from last year where local people either want to see some action or want to see actions continued.

The lack of facilities, most particularly in Weaste continues to be an issue. Worklessness and health in Weaste, both associated with deprivation are significant priorities. More recently, an imbalance between local demand and local provision of primary school places has emerged as a priority. This follows the closure of three schools and their replacement with one new school.

The condition of open spaces, particularly parks, continues to be a priority. Community Committee has identified specific spaces for consideration when e.g., S106 funding becomes available (see Appendix B below). Lightoaks Park sports area and Stott Lane and Duncan Mathieson Playing Fields are long-standing local issues. The future of Buile Hill Park mansion has another long-standing local priority. This will come back into focus next year if the current planning permission is not discharged before it expires.

There have been a significant number of repairs to local highways this year but road conditions continues to be a priority as does the impact of both moving and parked traffic on those roads.

Whilst overall, the situation regarding crime and disorder is a positive one, crime targeted at businesses on Bolton Road at the Height is a continuing concern.

Should the current plans to improve drainage at Weaste allotments be implemented, this will hopefully go a long way to addressing one local priority.

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Data

General:

The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 shows Weaste and Seedley as the 7th most-deprived and Claremont as the 18th most deprived ward, out of 20, in the city. Parts of the Eccles New Road and Tootal / Willows areas of Weaste are within the 3% - 7% most-deprived in the country.

The ACORN classification of neighbourhoods shows a significant proportion of households in Claremont as “mature families in suburban semis” and “established home owning workers”. There are no such predominant groups identified for Weaste and Seedley but diverse areas ranging from “comfortably off” to “moderate means” to “hard-pressed”.

The Manchester Independent Economic Review also identifies Weaste and Seedley as an area of deprivation but identifies three “types” of neighbourhood within the southern part of the ward:

- transit areas in which most in-movers come from less deprived areas and most out-movers go to less deprived areas. This implies young or newly established households coming from less deprived areas, such as their parental home and starting out on the housing ladder.
- escalator areas where most of the in-movers come from areas that are equally, or more deprived, and most out-movers go to less deprived areas, so that the neighbourhood can be thought of as a stage on the progression through the housing and labour markets; and
- isolate areas where most households both come from and move to areas that are equally or more deprived. They can therefore be seen as neighbourhoods that are associated with a degree of entrapment of poor households, unable to break out of living in deprived areas.

The ‘isolate’ category is principally comprised of households who are ‘left behind’ and could therefore be argued to be the greatest priority for comprehensive area-based interventions.

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Crime:

Comparing September '09 to August '10 with the previous 12 months, burglary dwelling is down 38% (21 reported crimes) in Claremont and 33% (31) in Weaste and Seedley: robbery is down 53% (17) [C] and 14% (3) [W&S]; anti-social behaviour is down 24% (113) [C] and 12% (121) [W&S]: serious violent crime is down 67% (2) [C] and up 36% (4) [W&S]; theft of motor vehicle is up 12% (4) [C] and down 18% (8) [W&S]

Health and Wellbeing:

the proportion of people smoking is 21.8% [C] and 32.2% [W&S]; binge drinking is 24.5% [C] and 26.2% [W&S]; consuming more than 5 or more pieces of fresh fruit or vegetables is 21.2% [C] and 19.4% [W&S]; exercising for 30 minutes three or more times per week is 20.0% [C] and 19.0% [W&S]

The proportion of obese people is 27.1% [C] and 25.8% [W&S]. The figures for children in reception class is 23.3% [C] and 28.0% [W&S] and for year 6 children 31.7% [C] and 39.5% [W&S].

The number of conceptions per 1000 people under 18 is 47.4 [C] and 70.6 [W&S].

The Standardised Mortality Ratio for people under 75 is 96 for men and 88 for women [C] and 131 for men and 117 for women [W&S]. Mortality from cancers is high in Weaste

Worklessness;

The Eccles New Road corridor and the Tootal Drive estate have been identified as the parts of the area with the highest rates of claiming for out-of-work benefits.

In July 2010 the rate of claiming of Job Seekers Allowance was 3.4 [C], 5.1 [W&S], 4.8 [Salford], 4.3 [Greater Manchester], 4.0 [North West] and 3.6 [UK].

Environment:

The 2008/09 Street Cleansing Survey found 67% (12) [C] and 33% (7) [W&S] satisfied with street cleansing services compared with an overall 40% for the whole city.

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Opportunities	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wider MediaCityUk area includes part of Weaste and the MediaCity developments are close to the area. • The proposed relocation of Salford Reds and Oasis Academy will leave and the closure of Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital has already left large areas for redevelopment. • This area has the second lowest levels of perception of drug use / dealing and drunken / rowdy behaviour as problems (<i>Big Listening 13</i>) • This area has the second highest (out of eight) level of resident satisfaction with the area (<i>Big Listening 13</i>) • The area has third highest rate of feeling safe in the day (<i>Big Listening 13</i>) • The area has the lowest rates of thinking that there is a problem with (a) teenagers on the street and (b) rubbish and litter (<i>Big Listening 13</i>) • The area has the second lowest rates of thinking that there is a problem with (a) vandalism, damage and graffiti, (b) using and dealing drugs, (c) drunkenness or rowdiness in public, (d) burnt out cars and (e) off-road bikes (<i>Big Listening 13</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are limited built facilities for youth and community use across the area. • The funding available for highway maintenance is not sufficient to carry out all necessary work. • The need to link training and employment opportunities to potential beneficiaries. • Weaste and Seedley has been identified as one of eleven Salford Wards which are hotspots for teenage pregnancy. • Only 51% of local residents are satisfied with council services (<i>Big Listening 9</i>) • More people feel unsafe now than they did two years ago (<i>Big Listening 13</i>) • The area has the second lowest proportion of residents who feel that people from different backgrounds get on well (<i>Big Listening 13</i>) • The anticipated reductions in local authority funds.

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Results of consultation			
Source	Priorities	Who involved	Why/when/where took place
e.g. GMP, PCT, Housing organisations, contact centre, 3 rd sector, Big Listening, Neighbourhood Management, elected members	Focus on issues	Include names of groups, numbers of people involved	When it took place, location and why
Residents' group, Councillors, community committee, consultation events, Salix walkabouts	improve open space along Eccles New road, especially; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolby Park • Borough / Humber Park • Kirkham Street • Anti-social behaviour 	New Weaste Residents; Salix; Sustainable Regeneration; NHS Salford; Salford Community Leisure (approx 80)	Special events on 4/8 and 24/8 at Dolby Park and Borough / Humber plus ongoing engagement.
Claremont Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleygating • Buile Hill Park mansion • Business crime / CCTV on Bolton Road 	local residents, up to 20 per meeting approximately plus large mailing list	regular meetings at the Height
Environment Task Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition of highways and footways • Condition of pockets of land • Weaste Cemetery 	Community representatives. Councillors and partners	meets bi-monthly

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<p>Park walkabouts / Friends of Lightoaks Park / Salford Community Leisure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition of sports area in Lightoaks Park • Drinking at night in the park 	<p>residents – up to 20 per meeting and approx 10 per walkabout</p>	<p>several meetings / walkabouts per year</p>
<p>Community Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buile Hill Park mansion • Former Weaste cricket ground • Availability of primary school places in Weaste • On-street parking especially associated with Salford Royal Hospital • Condition of highways and footways • Hope village shopping parade • Bolton road shopping parade • Facilities and activities for children and young people • Future of Duncan Mathieson playing fields • Future of Stott Lane playing fields 	<p>local residents and elected members; approx 20-30 per meeting</p>	<p>six meetings a year</p>

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Weaste and Seedley SNAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition of alleyways and various pockets of land 	local people	one-off major event in July '10
Health Action Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diet • Levels of exercise • Weight management • Infant feeding • Sexual health • Emotional health 	NHS Salford; Unlimited Potential; Salford Community Leisure; Salix; several formal and informal groupings	different groupings meeting at various frequencies
Hayfield and Lightoaks (HALO) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-resident on-street parking • Management of gated alley 	residents (approx 60)	ongoing
Church Avenue Residents Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of gated alley 	residents (approx 100)	ongoing

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Baltic, Chandos, Derby (BCD) Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of gated alley 	residents (approx 70)	ongoing
residents of Fairfield Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of gated alley / use of alley by shops 	residents (approx 80)	ongoing
residents of Daisy Bank Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of traffic associated with St John's School 	residents (approx 30)	ongoing
Homewatch Co-ordinators Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home security 	residents (several hundred)	ongoing, meetings at least bi-monthly of approx 20 people
Claremont / Weaste Carers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to information 	roughly 8 – 15 carers at each meeting; NHS Salford	meets weekly

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APPENDIX A - PROGRESS WITH CLAREMONT / WEASTE NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES 2010.

Headlines

- Community Committee continues to fund facilities for children and young people through its contracts with Fairbridge, Salford Community Leisure, Child Action NorthWest and Fun4All and through one-off payments to a range of clubs and organisations.
- The additional investment in highway repairs and maintenance in 2010 has improved many roads in the area. Community Committee has again allocated its devolved highways budgets for further improvements.
- New security bollards have been placed in front of the shops on Irlam Square, Bolton Road; business crime in the area remains a concern however.
- People have been signposted to work and training opportunities through the Working Neighbourhood Team / “Better Off in New Weaste” initiative.
- The Health Improvement Team has delivered a wide range of activities in the area.
- Decent Homes investment improved 334 properties in New Weaste.
- Crime figures showed a significant decrease in crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Specifics

- Three further alleys have been gated.
- There are plans to improve Weaste Allotments.
- Consultation is ongoing about how to spend S106 funds on Dolby Park (and Borough / Humber park)
- Some additional yellow-lining has been introduced on streets affected by hospital-related parking.

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- CCTV has not been installed on Bolton Road but some other security measures have been introduced.
- There has been no progress on the ground at Duncan Mathieson Playing Fields.
- The sports area in Lightoaks Park has not been renovated. However, an outdoor gym should be introduced into the park before the end of 2010.
- The former Oakwood School site remains unchanged and has not been well maintained.
- There have been no recent developments announced concerning the former Children's hospital site.
- No limit has been introduced on the number of HMOs in the area.
- There has been no change to Stott Lane Playing Fields.

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APPENDIX B - schemes for consideration against S106 funds
(updated 24/9/10)

- Improvements to Eccles New Road corridor area, including:
 - Improvements to former Hazel Grove play area
 - Improvements to Foster Street play area
 - Improvements to Humber Street park and surrounds
 - Improvement of open space at Kirkham Street
 - Improvements to Dolby Park
 - Public realm at Borough Road / Humber Street
- Improvements to Willows area public realm.
- Improvements to area around Royal Manchester Children's Hospital after it closes.
- Development of Stott Lane Playing Fields as a neighbourhood park
- Improvement to Weaste Allotments and adjoining land
- Improvement to Hope Village area
- Improvement to Bolton Road shopping area
- Improvements to Lightoaks Park, including:
 - Improved multi-sports area
- Improvements to Oakwood Park
- Improvements to Westlands Park
- Improvements to Weaste Cemetery
- Development of Duncan Mathieson Playing fields