

Appendix 2 – Resident Engagement Sessions

Residents main concern is there are not many places left for young people to go to in the local area:

Council's response: Ensure residents are fully informed of what is on offer at the local community centres / hubs. It was apparent that residents were not aware of some of the activities that take place.

Residents complained about the inaccessibility of The Way in the City Centre to Low Hill young people. There is a lack of affordable transport and parents are struggling to afford bus fares, especially if there is more than one sibling:

Council's response: The Way have received external funding to promote access to The Way through an outreach programme. Employees agreed to raise the residents' concerns with The Way and to facilitate an opportunity for residents to meet directly with representatives of the organisation.

Although residents would prefer for the site to continue as a provision for young people, it is recognised there are a lack of volunteers and investment funds for this to be viable. The majority of the residents concluded the only option available is for housing development as long as this is carried out by the Council. The residents did specify they would like to be involved in the planning consultation process.

Council's response: The Council has explored with community groups the option to take over the management of the site, but unfortunately due to the level of investment and ongoing maintenance requirements this has not proved to be a viable option. The Council is able to explore the viability of developing the site for Council housing and will include residents' opinions as part of the planning consultation process.