

Step 1: Local Consultations (March/April)

Highton Background and Priorities

Highton is on the edge of Anytown. It is predominantly council housing and most residents have not bought their homes. There is a major stock transfer to a housing trust planned. A rail station is one of the only good things about living in the area, but it is poorly lit and signposted. Drug use is common. Crime is a problem as is low youth employment and a high teenage pregnancy rate. Heavy industry and pollution blights the area.

Population:

The resident population of Highton was 13,100 people, 3 per cent of the population of Anytown. 24% of Highton's population are aged under 16, higher than the average of the rest of anytown

Employee Jobs and housing:

There are 25,000 employee jobs being offered in Highton, 12 per cent of the Anytown total. This means that around twice as many people come to work than actually live in the area. Most of those jobs are in the motor and chemical industries

Income Support:

In August 1998 there were 2,400 Income Support claimants in Highton. This represents 23% of the working population.

Indices of Deprivation:

The Indices of Deprivation (with rank 1 being the most deprived ward) gave Highton the rank of 133 out of a total of 8414 wards. This makes it significantly deprived in relation to other areas. It qualifies for special regeneration money.

Crime

There were around 5 crimes per 1000 households every month in the area, above the average of elsewhere in Anytown

Step 1: Group task:

- Select the five highest priorities for your area from the listed themes.
- There are 9 themes to consider. Some themes will not get any score.
- Give the top five priorities a score between 5 and 1. (5 = Highest priority)

Themes	Crime and CS	Social care	Children and families	Transport	Education	Housing	Leisure	Youth employment	Physical environment
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