

Step 1: Local Consultations (March/April)

Low Hill Background and Priorities

Low Hill is close to the city centre. It houses the cities hospital and part of the retail shopping centre, as well as high density new housing, many privately owned flats built in the last 5 years. It is predominately white, with a growing middle class population, mainly single households. New trendy cafes line the old canalside. There is a long established gay pride festival held every August.

Population

The resident population of Low Hill was 14,200 people, 4% of the population of Anytown.

The age range statistics are the same as the national average, with slightly more people aged 20-40.

Jobs:

There were 24,000 employed people in Low Hill, 12 per cent of the Anytown total. Many work in service industries

Income Support:

In August 1998 there were 1,175 Income Support claimants in Low Hill. This represents 10% of the resident population aged 16 or over. For Anytown the proportion was 9% compared with an average of 8% nationally.

Indices of Deprivation:

The Indices of Deprivation (with rank 1 being the most deprived) gave Low Hill the rank of 4100 out of a total of 8414 . This places it in the middle 50% of wards nationally.

Crime

There were approximately 2 crimes per 1000 households recorded every month in the area.

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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