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## 1.0 Introduction

Young peoples' views (under 18s) are not asked for their views in the National Place Survey (a cross section of residents in the District). To understand young peoples' points of view, a survey originally based on the National Best Value Satisfaction Survey was designed, with specific questions pertinent to young people added. By comparing directly with the previous young peoples surveys in 2004 and 2007/8, along with the 2008 Place Survey and the 2009 Warwickshire Partnership Survey, evaluation of the Council's policies and strategies can be done. Also by comparing with the adult population, we can see differences in attitudes to the service offered.

The survey also gives the Council valuable intelligence on the quality of life for young people, and to help improve the quality of services available.

## 2.0 Methodology

Questionnaires were distributed with the help of Warwickshire County Council (Children, Young People & Families Directorate) to pupils of Alcester High, Kineton High, Stratford High, Studley High, and Shipston High School. The survey took place between May and July 2010. 755 questionnaires were distributed into five schools who agreed to participate. 425 were completed and the responses received by school is shown in Table 1.

Table 1:

Name of School	(Base)	(425)
Alcester High		102
Kineton High		13
Stratford High		152
Studley High		94
Shipston High		64

Pupils gave the completed questionnaires back to the teachers who batched them up and were collected by Stratford District Council.

All questions with "Don't Know" or "It does not apply" as an option have been taken out of the answer and recalculated, where appropriate.

## **3.0 Summary of Results**

### **3.1 The Quality of Life in this Area**

- Young people were asked to say what were the five most important things making somewhere a good place to live. The top five in the District were activities for teenagers; health services; the low level of crime; shopping facilities and clean streets.
- Respondents were asked to think about their local area and indicate up to five things that most need improving. The top five improvements were better/more job opportunities; more youth facilities; better public transport; improved leisure facilities; and affordable housing opportunities.
- 63% of those surveyed are satisfied with the local area as a place to live.

### **3.2 Youth Facilities**

- Young residents were asked to think about the types of projects/activities they would like to see in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds. The top five responses were a place to relax with friends; chance to go on trips; sporting activities; access to the internet; and access to outdoor education.
- Young residents were asked what they felt a youth facility should be. The top five replies were somewhere to relax with your friends and chill out; somewhere to try out new things; somewhere to learn new skills; safe and supportive and somewhere to get support with problems.

### **3.3 Recreational Activities and Venues**

- 21% of young residents use SDC's sports/leisure facilities and events at least once a week, a lower percentage than in both 2007/8 and 2004. The number of young people never using them has fallen by 4 percentage points from 11% in 2007/8 to 7% in 2010.
- 31% of young residents surveyed use parks and open spaces in the District at least once a week, an increase of 6 percentage points from that of 25% recorded in 2007/8. The number of young people never using them fell by 3 percentage points from 7% in 2007/8 to 4% in 2010.
- Over three fifths of young residents (62%) were satisfied with the sports/leisure facilities and events provided by the Council, a higher percentage (that of 3 percentage points more) than in 2007/8.
- Just under two thirds of young residents (66%) were satisfied with the parks and open spaces provided by the Council, an increase of 9 percentage points over the 57% recorded in 2007/8.

### **3.4 Changes in Quality of Life**

- The top five services included in the survey that have improved in the last three years the most are; shopping facilities (better 33% against 17%); roads and pavement repairs (better 30% against 25% worse); sport and leisure facilities (better 30% against 14% worse); health services (better 25% against 16% worse); and education provision (better 24% against 12%).

### **3.5 Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Almost three-fifths of young residents (58%) felt rubbish and litter lying around is a very or fairly big problem. This represented a slight decrease of 1 percentage point compared to the 59% recorded in the 2007/2008 survey. Interestingly however, it represents a significant percentage points' difference, that of 37 percentage points, when compared to the findings of the Warwickshire Partnership survey in 2009 when all residents, not just young people, were surveyed.
- Just under half (48%) of young people also felt that vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles are a very or fairly big problem. This had fallen by 11 percentage points from that of 59% recorded in 2007/08. However, it is still noticeably higher, by 31 percentage points, than the 17% recorded by all residents in 2009.
- Similarly, just under half (48%) of the young surveyed thought people using or dealing drugs are a very or fairly big problem, a decrease of 6 percentage points from what young people thought in the earlier survey of 2007/8, yet still considerably higher (31 percentage points more) than the 17% of all residents thinking likewise in 2009.
- That same percentage of young people (48%) felt people being drunk/rowdy are a very or fairly big problem, a slight decrease of 1 percentage point from that of 49% recorded in 2007/8, but still significantly higher, by 33 percentage points, from the 15% recorded by all residents in 2009.
- 45% of the young surveyed thought teenagers hanging around the streets are a very or fairly big problem, and exactly half of those young people surveyed 2007/8, compared to exactly a quarter of all residents surveyed in 2009, felt teenagers hanging around the streets are a very or fairly big problem.
- Over three quarters of the young people surveyed felt abandoned or burnt out cars are not a very big problem or not a problem at all. 22% of young people in 2010 felt it was a very or fairly big problem, as did the same percentage of young people in 2007/8, however, just 3% of all residents in 2009 felt likewise.

### **3.6 Community Safety**

- Asked how safe or unsafe young residents felt after dark in Stratford District, 36% felt safe with 24% feeling unsafe. Compared to in 2007/8 when 39% felt safe and 33% felt unsafe. This is a 7 percentage points decrease than the 35% feeling safe in 2004.
- 78% of young residents in the Stratford District felt safe when outside during the day, compared to 2% that felt unsafe in the District. This is a slight fall on 2007/8 and 2004, of 1 percentage point and 2 percentage points respectively.

### **3.7 Information about the Council and its Services**

- Over three quarters of young residents (79%) felt not very well informed or not well informed at all about how they can get involved in local decision making and this figure has remained constant across both the 2010 and 2007/8 surveys.
- Just over a quarter of young residents (26%) claimed to be very or fairly well informed about how to complain to the Council, which represented a decrease of 6 percentage points over the 32% recorded in the 2007/8 survey.

- Over a quarter of young respondents (28%) indicated the local media is their main source to find out about SDC. This is slightly higher, by one percentage point, than the all residents figure (27%) from the 2009 Warwickshire Partnership Survey.
- Exactly a quarter of young respondents (25%) stated word of mouth is their main source to find out about SDC, which was 19 percentage points higher than the recorded 6% of all residents who stated this means.
- One in ten (9%) of young respondents found out about Stratford District Council through information provided by the Council, 18 percentage points less than when compared to 27% of all residents.
- 8% of young people claimed to have found out about SDC through social networking sites.
- Amongst young people, a higher number by 3 percentage points (13% versus 10% of all residents) do not know how to find out about SDC.

### **3.8 About the Respondents Area**

- Exactly three quarters (75%) of young residents agree that the local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together, 5 percentage points higher than the 2007/8 figure of 70%. Interestingly, however, findings from this latest survey were exactly the same as those in 2004, yet 6 percentage points lower than that of all residents (81% in the Warwickshire Partnership Survey of 2009).
- 70% of young residents feel very strongly or fairly strongly, that they belong to their neighbourhood, which represents an increase of 2 percentage points from the 68% recorded in 2007/08. This is also an improvement of 5 percentage points from the 2004 survey (65%) but still less than the all residents' survey (80%).
- Over two thirds (68%) of young respondents feel very strongly or fairly strongly, that they belong to their village or town. This is 3 percentage points higher than the 65% recorded in both the 2007/08 and 2004 surveys but is 10 percentage points below the all residents' result of 78%.
- 66% of young residents feel not very strongly or not at all strongly about belonging to the Stratford District Council area, 1 percentage point less than the 67% in 2007/08. This is higher than both the 2004 survey (63%) and the all resident's survey (53%).
- Over half (54%) of young residents disagree that they feel not very strongly or not at all strongly about belonging to the Warwickshire area, 3 percentage points higher than in 2007/08, and 8 percentage points higher than in 2004.
- 40% of young residents disagree that they feel they can influence decisions that affect their local area, compared to just over one quarter (27%) that agree. This compares to 47% disagreement with the statement in the 2007/08 survey and less than one third of respondents (32%) in the 2004 survey. Significantly, however, 66% of all residents from the 2009 Warwickshire Partnership Survey tended to disagree or definitely disagreed with the statement, which represented a difference of 24 percentage points from the 40% of young people in 2010.

## 4.0 Results in Detail

### 4.1 The Quality of Life in this Area

Young people were asked to state what were the five most important things making where they lived a good place to live. The top five in the District were activities for teenagers; health services; the low level of crime; shopping facilities and clean streets. A total of 6 other reasons were given and these can be found in Appendix 1.

*Table 2: Thinking generally, which of the things below would you say are most important in making somewhere a good place to live?*

<b>Quality of life in this area</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>All Residents</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(381)</i>	<i>(389)</i>	<i>(336)</i>	<i>(550)</i>
Activities for teenagers	45.1%	47.8%	53.6%	42.6%
Health services	44.1%	34.2%	41.1%	13.1%
Low level of crime	43.9%	46.5%	44.6%	13.3%
Shopping facilities	43.9%	35.0%	36.9%	15.5%
Clean streets	40.1%	38.0%	33.6%	14.4%
Sports & leisure facilities	33.6%	21.6%	37.5%	12.8%
Parks and open spaces	30.8%	26.2%	26.2%	8.5%
Affordable decent housing	27.6%	31.6%	22.0%	24.9%
Public transport	26.1%	26.7%	19.0%	35.1%
Job prospects	23.6%	26.5%	21.7%	20.7%
Cultural facilities	21.8%	24.9%	27.4%	6.9%
Education provision	20.6%	16.5%	20.2%	4.7%
Access to nature	17.8%	19.8%	15.5%	3.1%
Low level of traffic congestion	11.3%	12.9%	17.6%	34.0%
Facilities for young children	10.5%	12.9%	20.2%	12.5%
Low level of pollution	10.0%	12.1%	14.6%	6.7%
Road and pavement repairs	9.3%	26.5%	9.8%	40.0%
Community activities	9.3%	11.3%	11.6%	7.7%
Race relations	7.3%	7.2%	3.9%	0.9%
Wage levels & local cost of living	6.5%	1.5%	8.6%	13.1%

The survey then went on to ask young people what improvements could be put in place to make Stratford District a better place for young people in the future. The top five improvements were better/more job opportunities; more youth facilities; better public transport; improved leisure facilities; and affordable housing opportunities. The "other" results, 17 in total, are included in Appendix 2.

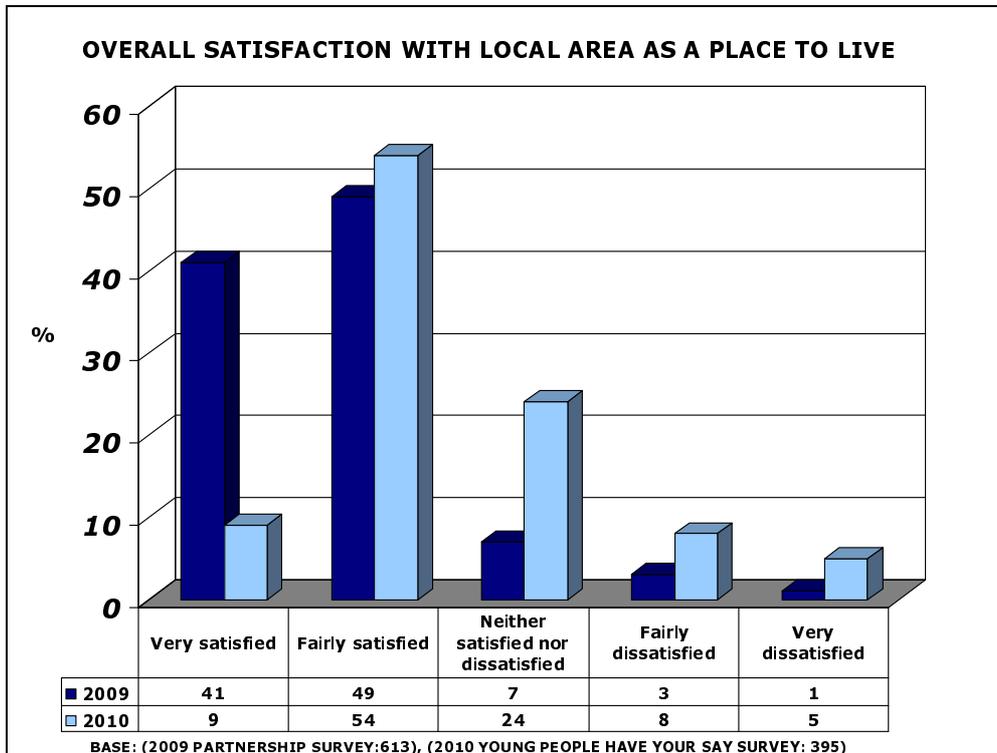
Looking at the percentage change compared with the 2007/8 survey, areas that have a higher improvement levels in 2010 compared with 2007/8 include better relations with police (+10.9%) and better / more job opportunities (+6.6%). Those areas showing a lower score compared with 2007/8 include better public transport (-9.6%) and improved leisure facilities (-7.7%).

Table 3: What improvements could be put in place to make Stratford district a better place for young people in the future?

<b>Improvements to Stratford District</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(410)</i>	<i>(413)</i>	<i>(337)</i>	
Better/more job opportunities	51.2%	44.6%	44.5%	+6.6
More youth facilities	46.1%	43.3%	50.4%	+2.8
Better public transport	44.6%	54.2%	45.1%	-9.6
Improved leisure facilities	40.2%	47.9%	50.7%	-7.7
Affordable housing opportunities	28.5%	32.9%	31.5%	-4.4
Better relations with police	26.6%	15.7%	21.4%	+10.9
Better sexual health advice	25.1%	18.6%	23.4%	+6.5
Improved relationships in school	23.4%	26.2%	23.4%	-2.8
More apprenticeship opportunities	22.4%	17.2%	16.3%	+5.2
Young people involved with decision-making bodies	22.2%	23.7%	12.5%	-1.5
Actions to improve the environment	19.3%	-	-	-
Better health information	15.9%	16.0%	23.4%	-0.1
Supported housing accommodation for young people	15.4%	16.0%	18.1%	-0.6
Better information services	14.9%	10.7%	16.6%	+4.2
More affordable childcare facilities	14.1%	14.5%	23.1%	-0.4
Training to run a house/flat	13.9%	15.3%	18.7%	-1.4
Accurate tamper proof ID cards	11.2%	9.9%	19.0%	+1.3
Other	4.6%	7.7%	6.2%	-
Don't know	3.7%	4.1%	2.7%	-

63% of those young people surveyed in 2010 are satisfied with the local area as a place to live, as opposed to exactly nine in ten (90%) of all residents surveyed in 2009.

Chart 1:



## 4.2 Youth Facilities

### Types of projects/activities

Young residents were asked to think about the types of projects/activities they would like to see in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds. The top five responses were a place to relax with friends; sporting activities; chance to go on trips; access to the internet; and access to outdoor education. The "other" results, totalling 12, are included in Appendix 3.

Looking at significant results:-

- 68% of male respondents as opposed to exactly one half of female respondents, would like to see *sporting activities* in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds.
- 65% of female respondents in contrast to exactly one half of male respondents would like a chance to *go on trips*.
- Over four fifths ((82%) of females versus 65% of males, would like a place to *relax with friends*.
- Almost a third of males (31%) compared to 18% of females would like to see *general games* in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds.
- Four in ten ((38%) of males as opposed to 9% of females wanted access to *computer games*.
- 16% of those aged 14, versus 2% of those aged 12, would like to see *volunteering opportunities* in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds.
- Almost three quarters (74%) of 12 year olds compared to 54% of 13 year olds, 53% of 15 year olds and 20% of 16 year olds, stated chance to *go on trips*.
- 44% of 11 year olds, 41% of 14 year olds, 30% of 13 year olds, and 28% of 15 year olds cited *basic recording studios* as opposed to 11% of 12 year olds citing likewise.

- 85% of 15 year olds in contrast to 69% of 13 year olds and 72% of 14 year olds said a place to *relax with friends*.
- 38% of 11 year olds, compared to 7% of 14 year olds and wanted *help with hobbies*.
- Over half (54%) of 14 year olds, as opposed to 35% of 13 year olds, stated *access to outdoor educations*, e.g. sailing, walking, climbing, etc.
- Exactly half of all those surveyed aged 12 and 31% of those aged 13 mentioned *access to computer games*, versus 13% of those aged 14.

Table 4:

<b>Type of projects/activities in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(411)</i>	<i>(407)</i>	<i>(338)</i>
Place to relax with friends	73.0%	71.3%	68.9%
Sporting activities	59.9%	58.5%	65.7%
Chance to go on trips	57.7%	59.2%	64.5%
Access to Internet	47.9%	43.7%	45.3%
Access to outdoor education	44.0%	44.2%	42.0%
Basic recording studios	29.4%	24.1%	31.4%
General games	24.1%	22.1%	28.4%
Access to computer games	22.9%	19.2%	28.7%
Training opportunities	20.7%	21.1%	15.4%
Competitions	20.2%	16.7%	24.0%
Help with hobbies	15.8%	17.4%	17.5%
Volunteering opportunities	10.9%	10.3%	9.8%
Parenting skills courses	9.2%	9.1%	10.4%
Counselling services	8.8%	12.5%	9.2%
Information services	5.6%	7.1%	6.8%
Other	3.2%	4.9%	3.8%
Don't know	1.9%	2.0%	1.5%

## What a youth facility should be

Young residents were asked what they felt a youth facility should be. The top five replies were somewhere to relax with your friends and chill out; somewhere to try out new things; somewhere to learn new skills; safe and supportive; and somewhere to get support with problems. Significantly, the top five replies were exactly the same across all three surveys from 2004 to 2010. The "other" results, numbering 20, are included in Appendix 4.

Overall, the 2010 results are very similar to those seen in 2007/8 except for "somewhere to learn new skills" which rose by 4 percentage points from 50% in 2007/8 to 54% in 2010 and "somewhere to get support with problems", which rose by 5 percentage points from 41% in 2007/8 to 46% in 2010.

Looking at significant results:-

- 59% of those aged 14 and 57% of those aged 12, in contrast to 37% of those aged 15, stated that a youth facility should be safe and supportive.
- 40% of 12 year olds in comparison with 21% of 13 year olds, said a youth facility should be led by young people.

Table 5:

<b>A youth facility should be.....?</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(419)</i>	<i>(417)</i>	<i>(329)</i>
Somewhere to relax with your friends and chill out	93.1%	93.5%	91.2%
Somewhere to try out new things	61.6%	60.9%	62.9%
Somewhere to learn new skills	53.5%	49.6%	59.0%
Safe and supportive	49.6%	47.5%	45.6%
Somewhere to get support with problems	45.8%	41.0%	42.9%
A place where young people can actively organise and run events	34.4%	37.6%	36.8%
Somewhere to take part in specific organised activities	29.6%	33.1%	30.1%
Led by young people	27.7%	26.9%	28.6%
Somewhere to get information on a wide range of issues	20.3%	17.7%	26.4%
Somewhere to develop activities with interested adults	15.0%	17.7%	16.1%
Other	5.0%	2.2%	4.0%

### 4.3 Recreational Activities and Venues

#### Usage of Sports/Leisure Facilities and Events

21% of young residents use SDC's sports/leisure facilities and events at least once a week, a lower percentage than in both 2007/8 and 2004. The number of young people never using them has fallen by 4 percentage points from 11% in 2007/8 to 7% in 2010. However, in 2004 this figure stood at 6%. Compared with the adult population, 7% of young people have never used SDC's facilities versus 27% of the adult population.

Looking at significant results:-

- 24% of young residents aged 12 years say they use sports / leisure facilities and events almost every day compared to only 1% of respondents aged 13 years.
- 11% of those aged 13, and 9% of those aged 14, versus 4% of those aged 12, claimed to have used the sports / leisure facilities and events longer ago than one year.

Table 6:

<b>Usage of the sports / leisure facilities and events provided or supported by SDC in the last 12 months</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>All Residents</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(377)</i>	<i>(384)</i>	<i>(324)</i>	<i>(545)</i>
Almost every day	11%	7%	12%	3%
At least once a week	21%	26%	37%	18%
About once a month	22%	22%	18%	9%
Within the last 6 months	18%	13%	13%	18%
Within the last year	13%	12%	9%	11%
Longer ago	9%	10%	5%	14%
Never used	7%	11%	6%	27%

## Usage of Parks and Open Spaces

31% of young residents surveyed use parks and open spaces in the District at least once a week, an increase of 6 percentage points from that of 25% recorded in 2007/8 and 3 percentage points higher than the 28% recorded in 2004. The number of young people never using them fell by 3 percentage points from 7% in 2007/8 to 4% in 2010. Compared to the adult population, a greater percentage of young people make use of the parks and open spaces almost every day (21% versus 16% respectively) and at least once a week (31% versus 27% respectively).

Looking at significant results:-

- 30% of young residents aged 15 years say they use parks and open spaces almost every day compared to 11% of respondents aged 13 years.
- 48% of those aged 12 in contrast to 27% of those aged 13, use parks and open spaces at least once a week.
- 32% of 14 year olds versus 17% of 13 year olds use parks and open spaces about once a month.
- 10% of those aged 13 as opposed to 1% of those aged 14 and claim they never use parks and open spaces.

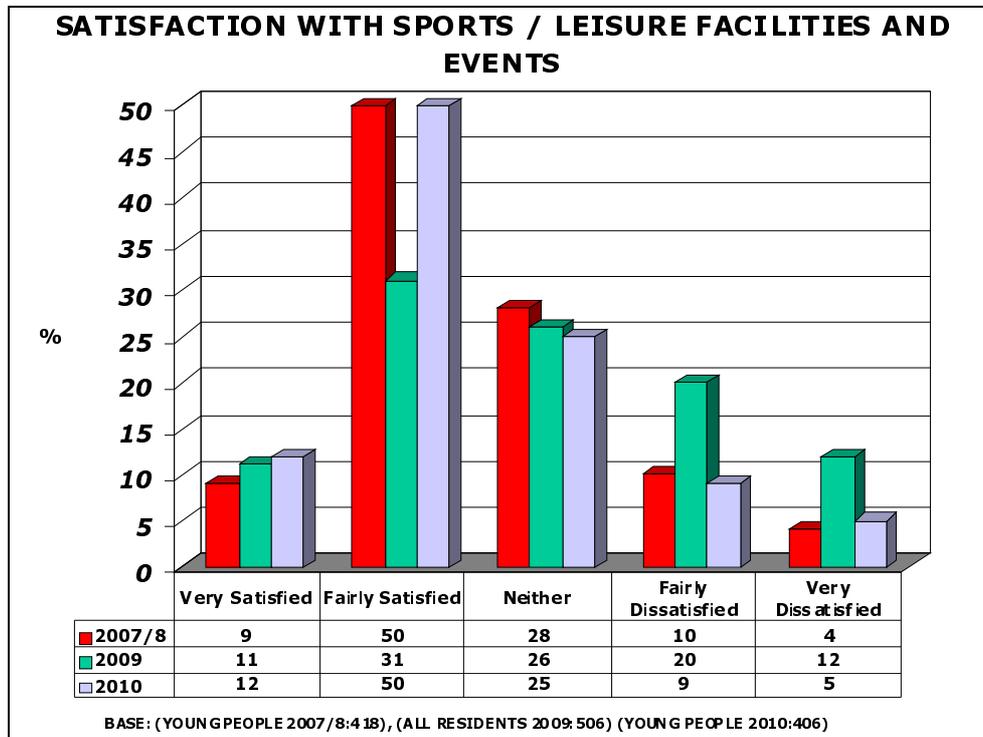
Table 7:

<b>Usage of the parks and open spaces provided or supported by SDC in the last 12 months</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>All Residents</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(377)</i>	<i>(380)</i>	<i>(316)</i>	<i>(574)</i>
Almost every day	21%	12%	25%	16%
At least once a week	31%	25%	28%	27%
About once a month	22%	25%	22%	23%
Within the last 6 months	12%	16%	9%	16%
Within the last year	7%	10%	6%	7%
Longer ago	3%	6%	4%	5%
Never used	4%	7%	5%	6%

## Satisfaction with Sports/Leisure Facilities and Events

Over three fifths of young residents (62%) were satisfied with the sports/leisure facilities and events provided by the Council, a higher percentage (that of 3 percentage points more) than the 59% recorded from young people surveyed in 2007/8. Interestingly, the 2010 satisfaction feedback was 20 percentage points higher than that of all residents in 2009 (42%).

Chart 2:

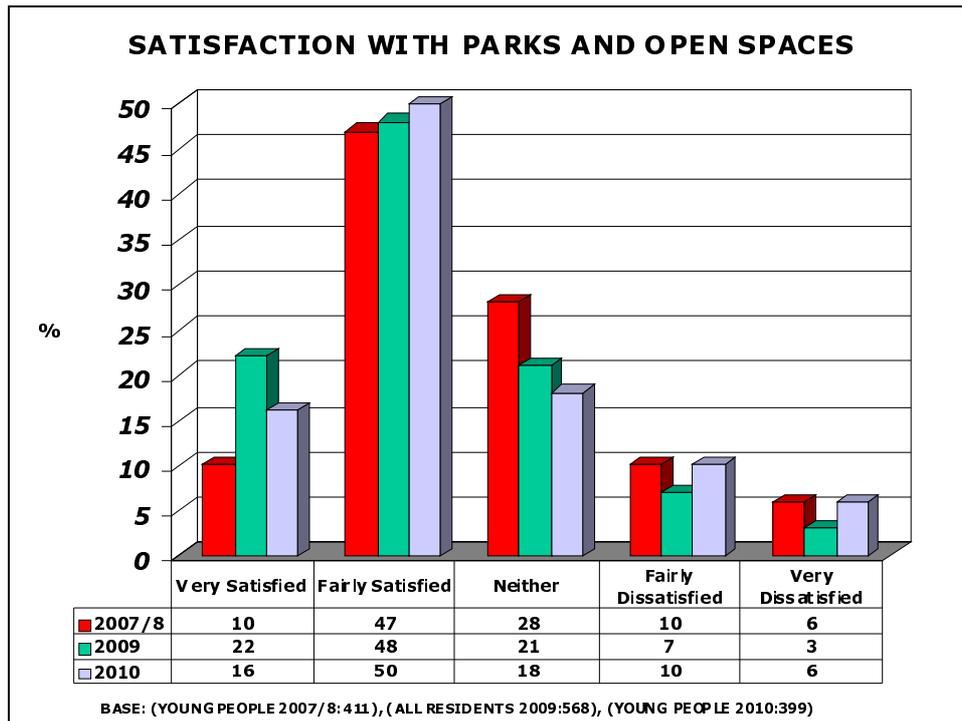


## Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces

In 2010, just under two thirds of young residents (66%) were satisfied with the parks and open spaces provided by the Council, an increase of 9 percentage points over the 57% recorded by young residents in 2007/8. However, this figure was 4 percentage points less than the 70% satisfaction figure recorded by all residents in 2009.

16% of young respondents were dissatisfied with the parks and open spaces across both surveys compared to 10% of all residents in 2009. Hence it can be seen here that dissatisfaction levels amongst young people are higher.

Chart 3:



#### 4.4 Changes in Quality of Life

The top five services included in the survey that have improved the most are; shopping facilities (better 33% against 17%); roads and pavement repairs (better 30% against 25% worse); sport and leisure facilities (better 30% against 14% worse); health services (better 25% against 16% worse); and education provision (better 24% against 12%).

Those getting worse are affordable decent housing (40%), clean streets (35%) and activities for teenagers (32%). Also, significantly worse for young people are the levels of crime (38% worse), pollution (40%) and traffic congestion (44%).

Looking at significant results:-

- 45% of females as opposed to 31% of males believed *job prospects* had got worse over the last year.
- 32% of males compared to 22% of females thought *road and pavement repairs* had got worse.
- 15% of 12 and 13 year olds and 13% of 15 year olds versus 5% of 14 year olds stated *access to nature* had got better over the last year.
- For *activities for teenagers*, three in ten (30%) of those aged 12, versus 11% of those aged 15, claimed they had got better over the last year. However, 39% of 15 year olds as opposed to 16% of 13 year olds said it had got worse.
- So far as *clean streets* were concerned, 17% of 12 year olds and 15% of 15 year olds in contrast to 9% of 14 year olds, believed they had got better.
- In connection with *community activities*, 17% of 12 year olds stated they had got better versus 5% of 15 year olds. Almost a quarter (24%) of 15 year olds, compared to 5% of 13 year olds, claimed they had got worse.
- Over a third (36%) of 12 year olds as opposed to 13% of 14 year olds and 14% of 15 year olds cited *cultural facilities* had got better.
- Just over a quarter (26%) of those aged 12 and 13, compared to 11% of those aged 15 stated *facilities for young children* had got better. However, 18% of those aged 15 versus 3% of those aged 13, claimed they had got worse.
- 37% of 15 year olds said *job prospects* had got worse over the last year, in contrast to 11% of 13 year olds and 26% of 14 year olds.
- Regarding *race relations*, 14% of 13 year olds versus 6% of 15 year olds and 7% of 14 year olds, claimed they had got worse over the last year.
- Almost a third (32%) of 12 year olds, as opposed to 17% of 15 year olds, believed *sports and leisure facilities* had got better.
- 21% of 12 year olds compared to 8% of 14 year olds and 10% of 15 year olds stated *the level of crime* had got better over the last year.
- In respect to the level of *traffic congestion*, significantly, over half (53%) of those aged 15, versus 23% of those aged 14, claimed it had got worse.

Chart 4:

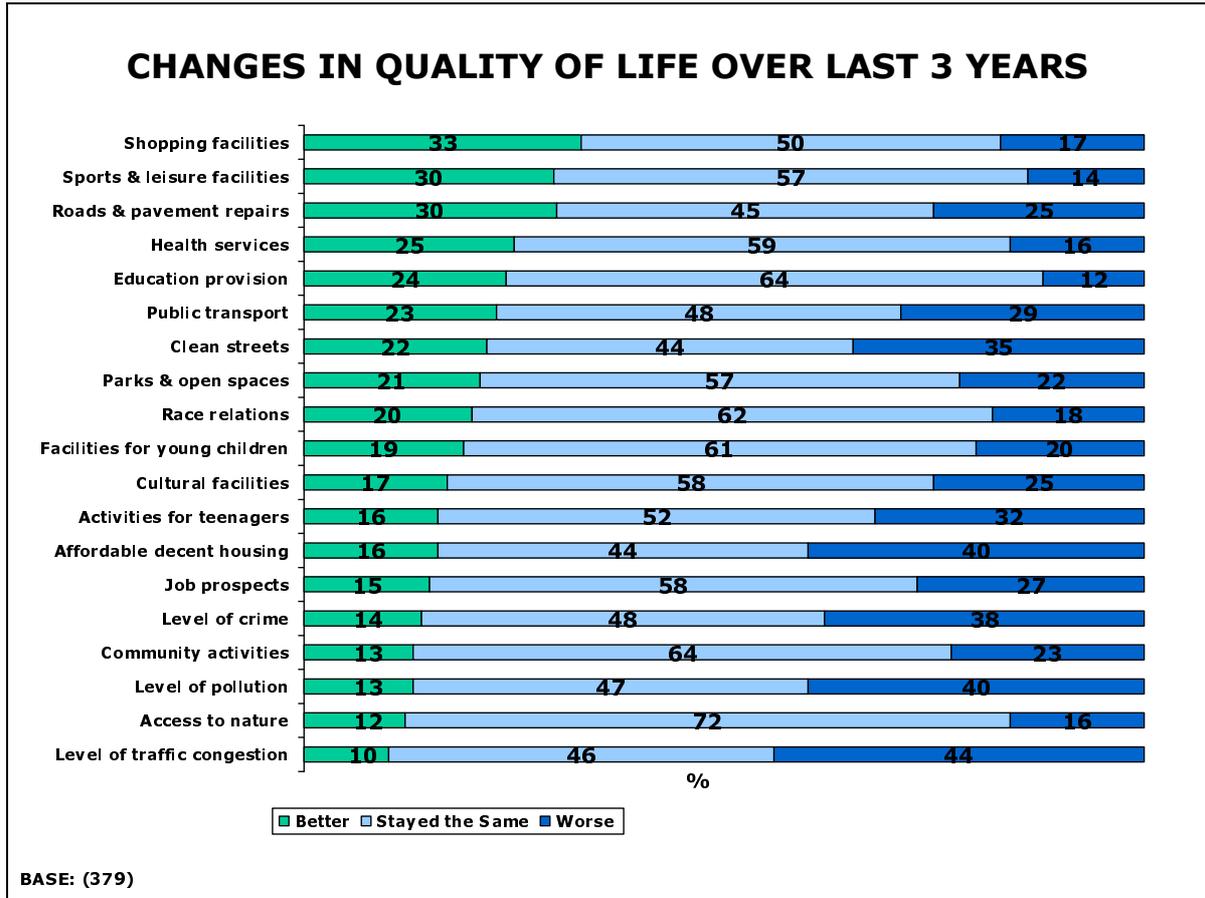


Table 8: Thinking about your local area, for each of the following things do you think each has got better or worse over the last three years, or has it stayed the same?

<b>Table 10: Changes in quality of life</b>			
<i>(Base 379)</i>			
	<b>Better</b>	<b>Stayed the Same</b>	<b>Worse</b>
Access to nature	11.6%	72.0%	16.4%
Activities for teenagers	15.9%	52.4%	31.7%
Affordable decent housing	15.7%	44.4%	39.9%
Clean streets	21.9%	43.5%	34.6%
Community activities	13.1%	63.9%	23.0%
Cultural facilities	16.8%	58.4%	24.8%
Education provision	24.0%	63.6%	12.3%
Facilities for young children	18.5%	61.3%	20.2%
Health services	24.9%	59.2%	16.0%
Job prospects	14.8%	58.2%	27.0%
Parks and open spaces	21.0%	56.6%	22.3%
Public transport	23.0%	48.1%	29.0%
Race relations	19.8%	61.8%	18.4%
Roads and pavement repairs	30.4%	44.8%	24.8%
Shopping facilities	32.6%	50.1%	17.3%
Sports & leisure facilities	30.1%	56.5%	13.5%
The level of crime	14.1%	48.4%	37.5%
The level of pollution	13.1%	47.0%	39.9%
The level of traffic congestion	9.6%	46.1%	44.3%

## 4.5 Anti Social Behaviour

Almost three fifths of young residents (58%) felt *rubbish and litter lying around* is a very or fairly big problem. This represented a slight decrease of 1 percentage point compared to the 59% recorded in the 2007/2008 survey. Interestingly however, it represents a significant percentage points' difference, that of 37 percentage points, when compared to the findings of the Warwickshire Partnership survey in 2009 when all residents, not just young people, were surveyed.

Just under half (48%) of young people in 2010 felt that *vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles* are a very or fairly big problem. This had fallen by 11 percentage points from that of 59% recorded in 2007/08. However, it is still noticeably higher, by 31 percentage points, than the 17% recorded by all residents in 2009.

Similarly, just under half (48%) of the young surveyed in 2010 thought *people using or dealing drugs* are a very or fairly big problem, a decrease of 6 percentage points from what young people thought in the earlier survey of 2007/8, yet still considerably higher (31 percentage points more) than the 17% of all residents thinking likewise in 2009.

That same percentage of young people (48%) believed *people being drunk / rowdy in public* are a very or fairly big problem, a slight decrease of 1 percentage point from that of 49% recorded in 2007/8, but still significantly higher, by 33 percentage points, from the 15% recorded by all residents in 2009.

Interestingly, 45% of young people in 2010, and exactly half of those young people surveyed 2007/8, compared to exactly a quarter of all residents surveyed in 2009, felt *teenagers hanging around the streets* are a very or fairly big problem.

Over three quarters of the young people surveyed felt abandoned or burnt out cars are not a very big problem or not a problem at all. 22% of young people in 2010 felt it was a very or fairly big problem, as did the same percentage of young people in 2007/8, however, just 3% of all residents in 2009 felt likewise.

Looking at significant results:-

- Six in ten (59%) of those aged 15 versus 40% of those aged 12 said other *teenagers hanging around on the streets* were not a very big problem or not a problem at all.
- Over half (57%) of respondents aged 13 years and exactly half of 15 year olds felt *vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles* were a very big or fairly big problem, as opposed to 43% of 14 year olds.
- Four in ten 13 year olds and 15 year olds (41% and 36% respectively) believed that *people being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion* was a very big or fairly big problem compared to 21% of those aged 14.
- Just under half (47%) of those aged 15 felt *people using or dealing drugs* was either not very big problem or not a problem at all, in contrast to 29% of 14 year olds and 30% of 13 year olds.
- Regarding *people sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places*, over half (56%) of those aged 15 and exactly a third of those aged 13 believe that it is a very big or fairly big problem, as opposed to 19% of those aged 12.

Table 9:

<b>How much of a problem do you think each of the following are (those responding either a very big problem or a fairly big problem)</b>	<b>Young People 2010 %</b>	<b>Young People 2007/8 %</b>	<b>All Residents 2009 %</b>
Rubbish / litter lying around	58	59	21
Vandalism, graffiti and other damage	48	59	17
People using or dealing drugs	48	54	17
People being drunk / rowdy in public	48	49	15
Teenagers hanging around the streets	45	50	25
People sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places	37	33	-
People being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion	33	33	-
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	26	25	8
Abandoned or burnt out cars	22	22	3

## 4.6 Community Safety

### Feeling safe after dark

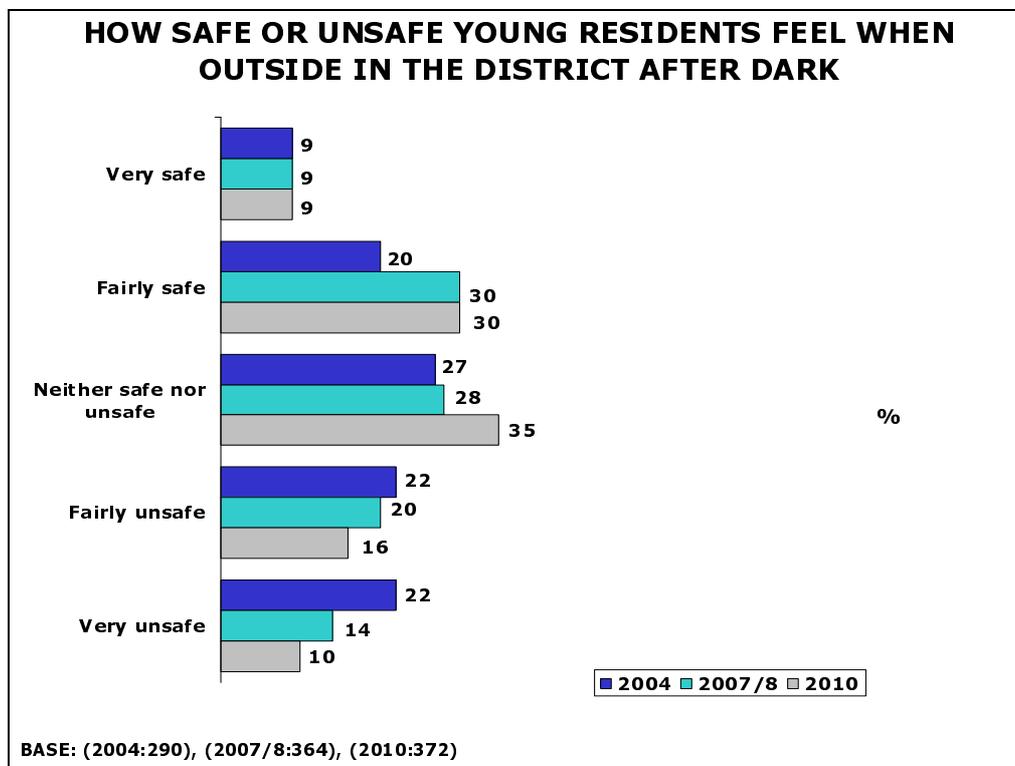
Asked how safe or unsafe young residents felt after dark in Stratford District, in 2010, 36% felt safe with 24% feeling unsafe, compared to in 2007/8 when 39% felt safe and 33% felt unsafe. This is a 7 percentage points decrease than the 35% feeling safe in 2004.

The 84 reasons given for answering "fairly unsafe" or "very unsafe" after dark are included in Appendix 5.

Looking at significant 2010 results:-

- Over half (52%) of 15 year olds, compared to 21% of 12 year olds, claimed to feel very or fairly safe when outside in the District after dark.

Chart 5:



## Feeling Safe During the Day

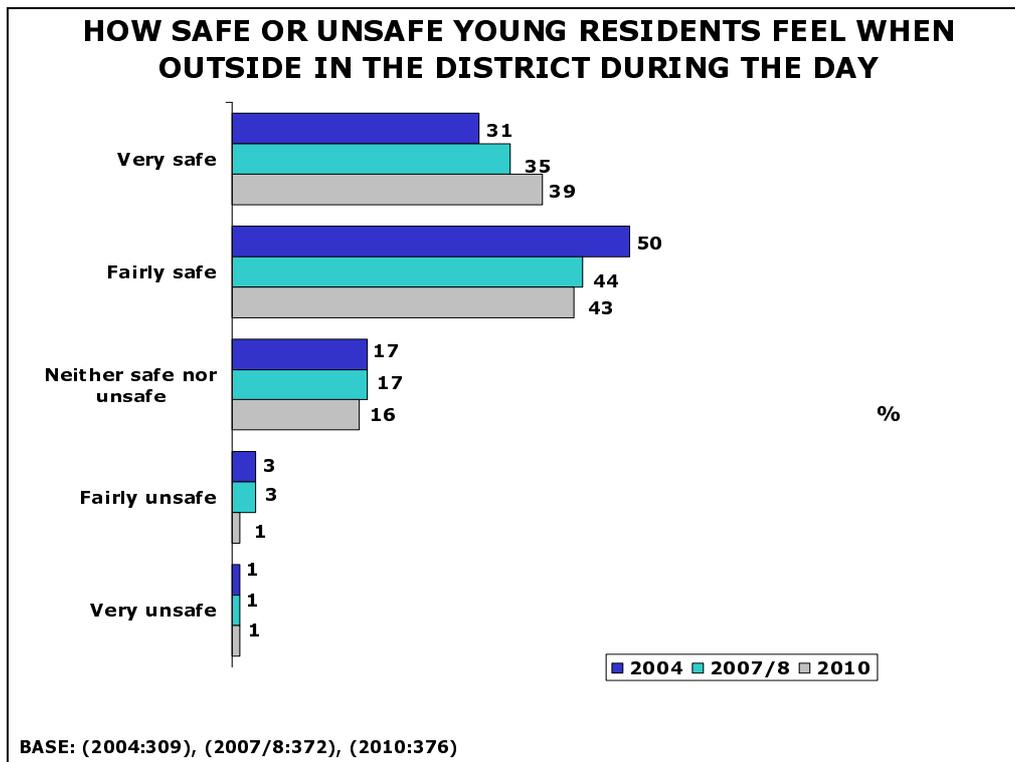
78% of young residents in Stratford District felt safe when outside during the day, compared to 2% that felt unsafe. This is a slight fall on 2007/8 and 2004, of 1 percentage point and 2 percentage points respectively.

The 4 reasons given by young people for answering “fairly unsafe” or “very unsafe” when outside in Stratford District during the day, are included in Appendix 6.

Looking at significant 2010 results:-

- 87% of females versus 79% of males feel fairly or very safe when outside in Stratford District during the day.

Chart 6:



## 4.7 Information about the Council and its Services

### How to get involved in local decision making

Over three quarters of young residents (79%) felt not very well informed or not well informed at all about how they can get involved in local decision making and this figure has remained constant across both surveys.

Over a quarter (27%) of 14 year olds versus 11% of 15 year olds, claimed to be very or fairly well informed on how they can get involved in local decision making.

Table 10:

How well informed do respondents feel on how they can get involved in local decision making	Very well informed	Fairly well informed	Not very well informed	Not well informed at all	Base
	%	%	%	%	()
2007/8	6	16	42	37	(338)
2010	3	18	43	36	(333)

### How to complain to the Council

Just over a quarter (26%) of young people in 2010 claimed to be very or fairly well informed about how to complain to the Council, which represented a decrease of 6 percentage points over the 32% recorded in the 2007/8 survey.

Four in ten (37%) of 12 year olds, as opposed to 19% of 15 year olds, stated they felt very or fairly well informed about how to complain to the Council.

Table 11:

How well informed do respondents feel on how to complain to the Council	Very well informed	Fairly well informed	Not very well informed	Not well informed at all	Base
	%	%	%	%	()
2007/8	8	24	38	30	(338)
2010	6	20	38	36	(329)

## What the Council spends its money on

Less than a fifth (18%) of those young people surveyed in 2010 versus exactly a quarter (25%) of those surveyed in 2007/8, stated that they felt very or fairly well informed about what the Council spends its money on. This shows a decrease of 7 percentage points on those feeling well informed across the time period.

Almost a quarter (24%) of 14 year olds, in contrast to 11% of 12 year olds and 12% of 15 year olds, feel very or fairly well informed about what the Council spends it money on.

Table 12:

<b>How well informed do respondents feel on what the Council spends its money on</b>	<b>Very well informed</b>	<b>Fairly well informed</b>	<b>Not very well informed</b>	<b>Not well informed at all</b>	<b>Base</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>( )</b>
2007/8	7	18	37	39	(338)
2010	5	13	35	47	(327)

## What the Council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour

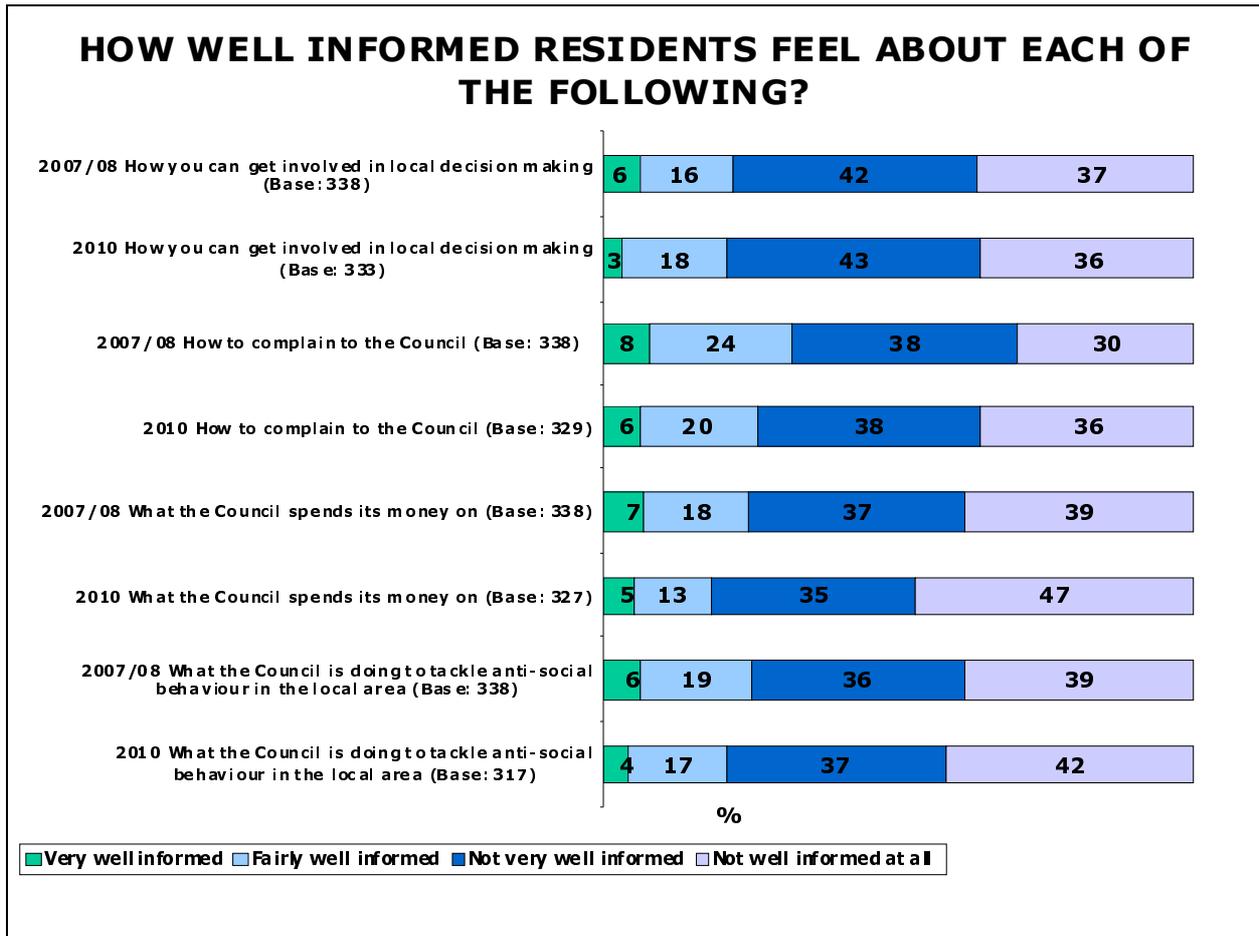
Just over a fifth (21%) of those surveyed in 2010 compared to exactly a quarter (25%) of young respondents feel informed about what the Council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in the local area, representing a decrease of 4 percentage points throughout the two surveys.

Over a third (36%) of 12 year olds, compared to 12% of 15 year olds, cited they were very or fairly well informed about what the Council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in their local area.

Table 13:

<b>How well informed do respondents feel on what the Council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in their local area</b>	<b>Very well informed</b>	<b>Fairly well informed</b>	<b>Not very well informed</b>	<b>Not well informed at all</b>	<b>Base</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>( )</b>
2007/8	6	19	36	39	(338)
2010	4	17	37	42	(317)

Chart 7:



## Where find out about SDC

Over a quarter of young respondents (28%) indicated the local media as their main source to find out about SDC. This is slightly higher, by one percentage point, than the all residents figure (27%) from the 2009 Warwickshire Partnership Survey.

Significantly, exactly a quarter (25%) of young people stated word of mouth, which was 19 percentage points higher than the recorded 6% of all residents who stated this means.

However, one in ten (9%) of young respondents found out about Stratford District Council through information provided by the Council, 18 percentage points less than when compared to 27% of all residents.

Interestingly, 8% of young people claimed to have found out about SDC through social networking sites: a means which had not been noted by all residents.

Amongst young people, a higher number by 3 percentage points (13% versus 10% of all residents) do not know how to find out about SDC.

Table 14:

<b>How respondents found out about SDC</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>All Residents</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(343)</i>	<i>(446)</i>
Local media (newspaper, television, radio)	28%	27%
Word of mouth (e.g. family or friends)	25%	6%
Information provided by the Council (newspaper/magazine, leaflet, posters)	9%	27%
Council website/internet	8%	18%
Social networking sites	8%	-
From local Councillor	1%	3%
Direct contact with the Council	1%	3%
Other source	1%	1%
None of the above	6%	4%
Don't know	13%	10%

Those answering "Other sources", 3 in total are included in Appendix 7.

## 4.8 About the Respondents Area

### Whether different backgrounds get on well together

Exactly three quarters (75%) of young residents agree that the local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together, 5 percentage points higher than the 2007/8 figure of 70%. Interestingly, however, findings from this latest survey were exactly the same as those in 2004, yet 6 percentage points lower than that of all residents (81% in the Warwickshire Partnership Survey of 2009).

Looking at significant 2010 results:-

- 82% of young female respondents definitely agree or tend to agree that the local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together, compared to 69% of young male respondents.

Table 15:

<b>Extent to which residents agree or disagree that the local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>All Residents</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(298)</i>	<i>(287)</i>	<i>(176)</i>	<i>(430)</i>
Definitely agree	12%	9%	11%	7%
Tend to agree	63%	61%	64%	74%
Tend to disagree	20%	22%	18%	14%
Definitely disagree	5%	8%	7%	5%

## Whether young people feel they belong to their local neighbourhood

70% of young residents feel very strongly or fairly strongly, that they belong to their *neighbourhood* which represents an increase of 2 percentage points from the 68% recorded in 2007/08. This is also an improvement of 5 percentage points from the 2004 survey (65%) but still less than the all residents' survey (80%).

Over two thirds (68%) of young respondents feel very strongly or fairly strongly, that they belong to their *village or town*. This is 3 percentage points higher than the 65% recorded in both the 2007/08 and 2004 surveys but is 10 percentage points below the all residents' result of 78%.

66% of young residents feel not very strongly or not at all strongly about belonging to the *Stratford District Council area*, 1 percentage point less than the 67% in 2007/08. This is higher than both the 2004 survey (63%) and the all resident's survey (53%).

Over half (54%) of young residents feel not very strongly or not at all strongly about belonging to the *Warwickshire area*, 3 percentage points higher than in 2007/08, and 8 percentage points higher than in 2004.

Looking at significant 2010 results:-

- 75% of young female respondents feel very strongly or fairly strongly, that they belong to their village or town, compared to 63% of young male respondents.
- Over a third (37%) of respondents aged 15 years feel very strongly or fairly strongly, that they belong to the Stratford District Council area. In comparison, 27% of respondents aged 12 years, felt likewise.

Table 16:

Strength of belonging to the following areas?		(2007/08 Base=350)			
		Very Strongly	Fairly Strongly	Not Very Strongly	Not At All Strongly
Your immediate neighbourhood	(2010 Base= 328)	17.7%	52.7%	24.7%	4.9%
	(2007/8)	20.8%	47.5%	23.8%	7.9%
	(2004)	22.2%	43.2%	19.9%	14.9%
	(All Residents)	32.5%	47.7%	15.1%	4.7%
Village or town	(2010 Base= 330)	18.2%	50.0%	27.0%	4.8%
	(2007/8)	17.4%	47.4%	26.6%	8.6%
	(2004)	19.7%	45.2%	24.4%	10.8%
	(All Residents)	29.8%	48.3%	16.3%	5.5%
SDC area	(2010 Base= 309)	6.5%	27.2%	48.2%	18.1%
	(2007/8)	8.3%	24.5%	40.5%	26.7%
	(2004)	11.3%	25.6%	38.6%	24.4%
	(All Residents)	9.3%	37.9%	34.8%	17.9%
Warwickshire	(2010 Base= 315)	9.8%	36.2%	32.4%	21.6%
	(2007/8)	16.1%	33.1%	30.7%	20.1%
	(2004)	19.7%	34.5%	23.7%	22.1%

## Whether young people feel they can influence decisions

Four in ten young residents (40%) disagree that they feel they can influence decisions that affect their local area, compared to just over one quarter (27%) that agree. This compares to 47% disagreement with the statement in the 2007/08 survey and less than one third of respondents (32%) in the 2004 survey. Significantly, however, 66% of all residents from the 2009 Warwickshire Partnership Survey tended to disagree or definitely disagreed with the statement, which represented a difference of 24 percentage points from the 40% of young people in 2010.

Looking at significant 2010 results:-

- 45% of respondents aged 15 years versus 37% of 13 year olds tend to disagree or strongly disagree that they can influence decisions affecting their local area.

Table 17:

<b>Whether residents agree or disagree that they can influence decisions affecting your local area</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(310)</i>	<i>(314)</i>	<i>(242)</i>
Definitely agree	4%	3%	12%
Tend to agree	23%	19%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	33%	31%	32%
Tend to disagree	20%	21%	23%
Definitely disagree	20%	26%	9%

## Other Comments

101 comments were received from respondents when asked whether there was anything else they wanted to add and these are listed in Appendix 8.

#### 4.9 Profile Information

Table 18:

<b>Gender</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(376)</i>	<i>(381)</i>	<i>(309)</i>
Male	51.3%	41.7%	43.7%
Female	48.7%	58.3%	56.3%

Table 19:

<b>Age</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(366)</i>	<i>(370)</i>	<i>(272)</i>
10	1.4%	0.3%	-
11	4.4%	3.2%	-
12	12.8%	11.6%	35.7%
13	22.1%	17.8%	25.7%
14	27.6%	26.2%	30.5%
15	28.4%	20.0%	7.4%
16	1.4%	9.7%	0.4%
17	1.6%	8.6%	0.4%
18	0.3%	2.4%	-

Table 20:

<b>Length of time living in Stratford District</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(369)</i>	<i>(349)</i>	<i>(289)</i>
Under 1 year	2.5%	5.2%	4.2%
1-2 years	4.4%	5.7%	8.3%
3-5 years	11.2%	8.3%	11.8%
6-10 years	16.9%	11.7%	9.6%
Over 10 years	48.4%	51.9%	51.2%
Don't know / can't remember	16.7%	17.2%	14.9%

Table 21:

<b>Long-standing illness, disability or infirmity</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(367)</i>	<i>(363)</i>	<i>(297)</i>
Yes	13.6%	11.0%	17.2%
No	86.4%	89.0%	82.8%

Table 22:

<b>Does this illness or disability limit activities in any way?</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(49)</i>	<i>(363)</i>	<i>(297)</i>
Yes	53.1%	<i>(39)</i>	<i>(48)</i>
No	46.9%	56.4%	66.7%

Table 23:

<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2004</b>
<i>(Base)</i>	<i>(361)</i>	<i>(373)</i>	<i>(296)</i>
White	94.5%	95.7%	99.0%
Mixed	1.4%	1.6%	0.3%
Asian or Asian British	1.8%	1.8%	-
Black or Black British	2.0%	0.8%	0.7%
Chinese	0.6%	-	-

# ***APPENDICES***

## **Appendix 1**

### **Question 1a – Other reasons respondents gave that are most important in making somewhere a good place to live (6)**

- "No rape"
- "Quiet area"
- "More buses"
- "Nature"
- "Shopping centre, clothes"
- "Policeman patrolling more"

## **Appendix 2**

### **Question 2a – Other improvements respondents gave which could be put in place to make Stratford District a better place for young people in the future (17)**

- "Smaller houses"
- "Better shows at cinema"
- "Treat everyone fairly"
- "More places of work for 14 year olds"
- "Better shops"
- "More teenage activities"
- "More things for teens"
- "More places to sit/go, cheaper buses and trains to London"
- "more places to just relax outdoors"
- "Improve schools (Kineton) (New school)"
- "Bigger skate park"
- "Football pitches"
- "Cheaper parking"
- "Cheaper transport"
- "Cheaper parking"
- "Trees and bushes"
- "A new skate park"

## **Appendix 3**

### **Question 4a – Other types of projects/activities respondents would like to see in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds (12)**

- "Help with relationships"
- "Skate Park"
- "Parties"
- "somewhere we can go after camping"
- "Raves"
- "Skate Park"
- "Youth cafe"
- "Film making groups"
- "Clubs, performing arts"
- "Skating activities"
- "Cinema's"
- "More access to the arts"

## Appendix 4

### Question 5a – Other suggestions given by respondents as to what a youth facility should be (20)

- "Nicely decorated"
- "Somewhere free that provides food, drink, games and relaxation areas"
- "High level of freedom"
- "Somewhere where you can go and has facilities for you to do what you like for a reduced price, tennis courts and football courts"
- "Physical activities, riding and Skate Park"
- "Drink coffee and laze about on sofas"
- "Football facilities"
- "Football facilities"
- "No adults with smoking area"
- "Sport (football)"
- "Skate Park!"
- "Somewhere to have fun"
- "A place to play video games"
- "Hold it around teatime and have a meal there"
- "Musical activities"
- "Musical activities"
- "Musical facilities"
- "Adventurous"
- "Chances to try out new things"
- "Chances to try out new things"

## Appendix 5

### Question 11 – Reasons why some respondents felt fairly or very unsafe when outside in Stratford District after dark (84)

- "You could get stabbed or killed"
- "There are always teenagers on the street corners and even if they don't do anything it's intimidating"
- "I never feel safe when out alone in the dark"
- "Youth groups hanging around corners, smoking and drinking"
- "Because you never know what kind of people are out there"
- "because there are gangs sometimes, drunk people and or lots of dodgy looking, older men"
- "you hear noises of people laughing when they are drunk and some follow you to your house"
- "Because you don't know who is out there and at the moment we have been told about stories about people offering people lifts etc and I wouldn't really want that to happen to me or anyone I know"
- "I don't know the area, but would feel safe with parents"
- "Because older gangs are always out at night"
- "Because there are pedophiles and druggies everywhere"
- "People come out of bars drunk, and in the dark it makes even frightening"
- "Because I'm scared I'll get vandalised or stabbed"
- "Because I had heard stories about people dealing drugs"
- "Because you can't see thugs coming your way"
- "Because I could get kidnapped"
- "Knife crime"
- "Because of people that are dealing drugs"
- "Because of teenagers"
- "Killers-mad men!"
- "because there are people outside who can kidnap or do worse to people"

- "because there are loads of unpleasant people about and crack heads and you never know what will happen"
- "People mugging you"
- "Teenagers, rough place, crazy people"
- "Because of the people who come out after dark, I do not want to face them"
- "I feel worried when I'm out at night because of drunk or loud gangs I see. Stratford is not the worst town for gangs but I still get worried"
- "Not enough lit areas"
- "I don't know who's around and gangs hang around at night"
- "Not enough street lights, more people hang out in the dark and not enough police out at night"
- "Because there are always fights and gangs"
- "Because I am scared of being around Stratford at night"
- "Anything can happen in the dark"
- "Because there are sickos everywhere"
- "Because old people on mobility scooters broke my legs"
- "Because I don't know the area very well"
- "because you don't know what creeps and druggies are out there"
- "Pedophiles"
- "Scary men, big groups of drunk people etc"
- "Because you see freaky men, and it's dark so you don't know what's around"
- "Groups of people hanging around can be intimidating sometimes"
- "I won't go down back streets because of drunken people"
- "I'm scared of most things when it's dark"
- "There are gangs etc around and I just don't feel safe, there are always dodgy people hanging around"
- "Randomness try to start a fight with people they don't know"
- "Not enough street lighting"
- "Pedophiles and big mick"
- "Chavs loiter"
- "Knife crime and drunk idiots"
- "Because I've seen crime that goes around Stratford"
- "If I'm on my own or with people, I don't trust the security and also I don't know who or what kind of people are hanging around"
- "Because teenagers hanging around"
- "There are lots of drunken teenagers"
- "Because people are rowdy to you and they have guns or knives. Drunk and want to kill you"
- "Because of people in Stratford. After dark get drunk and start fights"
- "Because I've seen teenage boys (rebels) dropping rubbish and they just don't look safe to me."
- "Because you probably get stabbed or attacked for money"
- "Chavs hanging round. Drunk people"
- "Because I hate standing around in the dark!"
- "Because of the drunk people"
- "Because there might be people drunk and they're strangers"
- "I don't but if I did I wouldn't be very comfortable because there are a lot of gangs that hang around after dark."
- "Because I'm afraid I might get attacked or raped"
- "The teenagers may have knives or guns"
- "Because teenagers hang around and I might die"
- "Because there are loads of teenagers and no street lamps"
- "There are not enough street lamps"
- "Because to many things on TV that persuade me that I would get followed"
- "Because of poor lighting"
- "Because of the drunk people around causing trouble"
- "People in white van tried to kidnap 2 girls in Shipston where I live"
- "Incase there's someone in an alleyway because you hear about knife crime all the time"
- "I'm scared of the dark (and pedos)"

- "People following you / Paranoia"
- "Because there's a lot of dodgy people around and there are a lot of dark alleyways"
- "Because you feel more vulnerable in the dark, wherever you are"
- "It's a scary world that we live in and nobody is doing anything about it"
- "CBA"
- "I'm scared who or what is round the next corner or at the shop"
- "People scare me I feel like everyone wants to rape me"
- "Because people hanging around in the streets, drunk teenagers"
- "Chavs hanging around and you don't know what they're going to do"
- "Because of unsafe people"
- "Because it is busy and I don't like the dark"
- "Teenagers aged around 13-19 are hanging around street corners and harassing people more frequently"

## **Appendix 6**

### **Question 13 - Reasons why some respondents felt fairly or very unsafe when outside in Stratford District during the day (4)**

- "You get beaten up or mugged in an alley"
- "Unless you're in a car it is unsafe"
- "Youths"
- "Because a dog bit me"

## **Appendix 7**

### **Question 15a – Other ways respondents found out about SDC (3)**

- "Going here"
- "Mum"
- "Educational visit with primary school"

## **Appendix 8**

### **Question 26 – Anything else respondents would like to add (101)**

- "No, I am fairly happy with where I live and I feel safe in my neighbourhood but teenagers can sometimes be intimidating"
- "Nope, thanks!"
- "I don't live in Studley or Stratford"
- "I don't understand why you gave our school a Stratford district questionnaire when every school in Studley high school lives in Redditch or Studley no one knows the answer"
- "I live in Redditch, not Stratford upon Avon"
- "W Warwickshire is a good place to live"
- "This was great to answer"
- "It's amazing"
- "No"
- "I sometimes get worried about walking past teenagers in the street"
- "I think that the district is good but there isn't a lot to do"
- "Studley has lots of things people can do but some of the places these things are held at aren't very nice. They are dirty and you don't really want to spend much time there"
- "Smoking and drugs are the worst"
- "The play areas could be improved and become safer as older teenagers hang around there so I do not like to play there"

- "I think this was a fun survey"
- "Thank you"
- "More places for teenagers so we're 'off the streets' where we can relax or go to the cinema or shopping or do activities"
- "I don't live in Warwickshire, I just go to a Warwickshire school"
- "I did not understand half of the things it asked"
- "Yes, I think that the council is really stupid and unfair for knocking the skate park down? You all moan about kids (teenagers) getting drunk, into fights etc but what else is there for us to do, nothing? I think you should create somewhere or something for us to do. Stratford gets very boring after you have done everything and lived here all your life!! Do something about it"
- "There needs more things to do!"
- "Too many smoking chairs"
- "Stratford has nothing for teenagers and also has a lot of grumpy elderly people! Stratford needs more activities for kids"
- "If you do make a youth facility base it in the centre of town or within walking distance of the centre of town"
- "The questions are too long and boring"
- "Bring back our skate park; it's the only place where we can hang out! (Pretty please with cherries on top)"
- "Not happy with this questionnaire, not suitable for young people"
- "My street is filled with drug addicts"
- "McDonalds charge too much"
- "Could we have a place for us to hang out with the beanbags etc"
- "There needs to be a place building for teenagers to go in the winter in town, because there is nowhere to go"
- "I feel that we need more places to eat in town and chill out rather than just McDonalds"
- "Can we have a cafe where we can chill and drink coffee and hot chocolate when it's raining please? Also, can we have massive sofas and bean bags and MTV please?"
- "I do think leisure activities are too expensive therefore not available to everyone"
- "Get the yobs off the street"
- "Old people need horns on scooters and bi annual eye tests to avoid vulnerable children being run over from being and severely injured"
- "People and young adults need a place to go when it's raining in town when we're out"
- "A big hall, where you can sit and relax when it rains. With big bean bags"
- "Somewhere for teenagers to go in winter/night/raining for them to chill"
- "I think age groups from (14-19) need more activities they can get involved with (including good clubs)"
- "I feel that teenagers (14-19) need more chances of activities in the area. Chances to interact with older members of the community and shed the image of all teenagers being the 'trouble makers'. Chance to do activities regularly on the weekends i.e. rock climbing wall etc"
- "Youth age"
- "Bring new wildlife to Stratford"
- "I live between a village and town and I have to get a bus but there is no bus stop round my area I have to get off in a dangerous spot and walk 2 and a half miles home!"
- "Thank you"
- "Really stupid how the council expects the 'youths' of today to not get into trouble when there is nothing to do. Police stereotype us and victimise us when all we want is somewhere to go and something to do and half the time they blame us because we're trouble makers? It isn't fair and you need to give us something to do or somewhere to go or we will just find something else to do and it probably isn't something creative"
- "No"
- "Fix the skate park"
- "There is nowhere for kids to go at night, nothing to do in the morning"

- "Teenagers need places to go and relax, preferable sheltered outside areas. It's not good now we have nothing to do all day and all night so we need something to do and chill out. Then we won't be out causing trouble on the streets and getting on the wrong side of the police"
- "The council doesn't inform teenagers about anything they do, we have no say in anything"
- "There isn't much to do for teenagers"
- "Teenagers get no say in Stratford"
- "Lack of places for us to play football, sit have a BBQ etc. A basketball court? I would like a restaurant/place to eat for teenagers because McDonalds is horrible, but there is no alternative"
- "Hey, I think there's not enough things to do, for example play football, get some goals and nets"
- "Skate Park"
- "Better facilities for teenagers"
- "Skate Park has been demolished and is going to cause a lot of teenagers issues"
- "Need more stuff for youth"
- "There really needs to be a place for teenagers to just relax with their friends particularly in winter, because that will stop kids hanging about in public places and getting in trouble"
- "Put me in charge, you're all useless!"
- "Nowhere for teenagers to go, always judged, thinking we are doing something wrong"
- "Don't build the estate in Shottery. It will ruin Stratford! You won't read this anyway.....oh well. It will really ruin Stratford!"
- "Stratford is unsafe after dark. We as teenagers are monitored too much. Legalise cannabis and it will resolve everything to do with crime-related problems etc"
- "Not enough being done for children, now conservatives, everything's changed -skate park, not a part of my life but my friends used it"
- "There needs to be more places for teenagers and children to hang around where they aren't going to be complained about 24/7. We're part of the community as well and I feel restricted - youth cafe needed?"
- "I hold the opinion that the council needs to focus more on the roads and pavements in areas around the Banbury road, as I have noticed a very serious decline in quality. The camber on roads and pavements, particularly in my postcode make it very difficult to negotiate. This I feel needs some attention as there are many elderly people, young children and disabled people in the area. I feel the area has been neglected, and restricts what the disadvantaged residents can do, this is a serious issue that urgently needs addressing"
- "More for teenagers to do in Stratford"
- "The increase in bus prices per team is ridiculous! It's encouraging students away from further education"
- "I feel that the council should do more to inform smaller communities and involve them more in decision making"
- "I feel that there is a lot of unrest in the local area. Young, brash and bold ""Chavs"" have made their home in my area and I am feeling their presence as I write this. Something must be done before this becomes a major problem for my family."
- "This was useless. Why are you giving these questionnaires to kids?"
- "There should be more done to woods and nature"
- "I kind of like my neighbourhood but I think the public should have more influence into the decisions of the council. I think that pollution is a big problem and council should do something about it"
- "I think it's boring because there aren't many things to do"
- "Please make more places like playgrounds with monkey bars and swings and stuff like that. I get bored just sitting at home"
- "Please improve the area so it's suitable for young people and don't send me letters unless it is regarding this"
- "I think that there aren't very many activities for disabled or very ill people as I like to forget about my disability and get on with my life"

- "There should be free transport for kids under 18 to go to places. Better community groups"
- "The activities are good but they could be better and on more often"
- "There isn't very much for young teenagers"
- "Perhaps more activities for under 13's and more advice for 11+ youngsters"
- "I don't live in Stratford exactly so some of the questions I'm not sure on but apart from that, nothing else to say"
- "Not enough facilities in Salford Priors to do anything"
- "There should definitely be a skate park. It got knocked down and kids will just play on the Bancroft"
- "I feel that there is a traffic problem in Stratford upon Avon town. I feel the crossing outside Specsavers opticians should be made into traffic lights as many traffic congestions and accidents are caused there because of that crossing. A few people I know have said the same thing as we think if it was a traffic light crossing then less traffic congestions and accidents would be caused at that particular crossing"
- "Trees"
- "I think a lot of the local activities and public transport is far too expensive. Teenagers cannot afford £4 for a return to Stratford from Bidford and it is causing more pollution because people can't afford a bus"
- "I like trees and nature and I want more trees because they make oxygen so we don't die so don't cut them down and we'll live right? Also, I do not want a new eco town near Binton. That is a stupid idea thank you very much! Also, I hate the fact you cut down all the trees in Bancroft. That was AWFUL! It made me cry!"
- "I live in Evesham but have lived in Stratford district (Studley) most of my life"
- "I don't live in Stratford or Stratford district"
- "I think there should be cheaper transport for teenagers (under 16) on weekends"
- "I don't think Stratford is a very safe place and there are too many people there!"
- "Yes I feel unsafe around the amount of traffic when I am meeting friends because I feel that the traffic won't stop to let me cross the road just to get to them"
- "Yes, I don't live in Stratford and some more facilities in Alcester"
- "Got better sports facilities in Alcester and Stratford!!"
- "Get some good facilities in Alcester area aka shops and football pitches and goals not just Stratford!"
- "I don't feel safe you asking me these personal questions"
- "Get rid of chavs and their abuse they shout in streets to other members of the community, especially towards people of 2 different genre (e.g. emo's, goths or normal people"
- "I don't live in the Stratford district"
- "I love England"

# Questionnaire

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**YOUNG PEOPLES "HAVE YOUR SAY" SURVEY 2010**

Please tick the appropriate box or answer in the space provided.

**THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS AREA**

**Q1. Thinking generally, which of the things below would you say are most important in making somewhere a good place to live?**  
 PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO **FIVE** BOXES ONLY

Access to nature <input type="checkbox"/>	Community activities <input type="checkbox"/>	Health services <input type="checkbox"/>	Low level of traffic congestion <input type="checkbox"/>	Road and pavement repairs <input type="checkbox"/>
Activities for teenagers <input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural facilities (e.g. cinemas, museums) <input type="checkbox"/>	Job prospects <input type="checkbox"/>	Parks and open spaces <input type="checkbox"/>	Shopping facilities <input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable decent housing <input type="checkbox"/>	Education provision <input type="checkbox"/>	Low level of crime <input type="checkbox"/>	Public transport <input type="checkbox"/>	Sports & leisure facilities <input type="checkbox"/>
Clean streets <input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for young children <input type="checkbox"/>	Low level of pollution <input type="checkbox"/>	Race relations <input type="checkbox"/>	Wage levels & local cost of living <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	None of these <input type="checkbox"/>	
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**Q2. What improvements should be put in place to make Stratford District a better place for young people in the future?**  
 PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO **FIVE** BOXES ONLY

Better public transport <input type="checkbox"/>	Better health information <input type="checkbox"/>	Better sexual health advice <input type="checkbox"/>	Improved relationships in school <input type="checkbox"/>
Improved leisure facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	Better/more job opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable housing opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported housing accommodation for young people <input type="checkbox"/>
Accurate tamper proof ID cards <input type="checkbox"/>	More youth facilities (like youth clubs) <input type="checkbox"/>	Young people involved with decision-making bodies (e.g. District Council) <input type="checkbox"/>	Training to run a house / flat <input type="checkbox"/>
More affordable child care facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	Better relations with police <input type="checkbox"/>	Better information services (for young people) <input type="checkbox"/>	More apprenticeship opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>

Actions to improve the environment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (PLEASE WRITE HERE) ..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
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**Q3. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local area as a place to live?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**YOUTH FACILITIES**

**Q4. What type of projects / activities would you like to see in a youth facility for 13-19 year olds?** PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO **FIVE** BOXES ONLY

Sporting activities <input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Recording studios <input type="checkbox"/>	Access to Internet <input type="checkbox"/>	General Games <input type="checkbox"/>
Counselling services <input type="checkbox"/>	Place to relax with friends <input type="checkbox"/>	Help with hobbies <input type="checkbox"/>	Access to computer games <input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteering opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>	Information Services, i.e. leaflets <input type="checkbox"/>	Access to Outdoor Education, e.g. sailing, walking, climbing etc <input type="checkbox"/>	Training Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>
Chance to go on trips <input type="checkbox"/>	Competitions <input type="checkbox"/>	Parenting skills courses <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW) <input type="checkbox"/> .....			

**Q5. A Youth Facility should be ...** PLEASE TICK ✓ UP TO **FIVE** BOXES ONLY

Somewhere to relax with your friends and chill out <input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhere to take part in specific organised activities <input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhere to develop activities with interested adults <input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhere to get information on a wide range of issues <input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhere to learn new skills <input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhere to try out new things <input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhere to get support with problems <input type="checkbox"/>	Safe and supportive <input type="checkbox"/>
A place where young people can actively organise and run events <input type="checkbox"/>	Led by young people <input type="checkbox"/>



**Q7. Please indicate how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with each of the following services provided or supported by Stratford-on-Avon District Council:**  
PLEASE ANSWER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU HAVE USED THESE SERVICES OR NOT.

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX FOR EACH

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Sports/leisure facilities and events ...	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Parks and open spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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**CHANGES IN YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Q8. Thinking about your local area, for each of the following things below, do you think each has got better or worse over the last year, or has it stayed the same? PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX FOR EACH**

	Better	Stayed the same	Worse	Don't know
Access to nature .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activities for teenagers .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable decent housing .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean streets .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community activities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural facilities (e.g. cinemas, museums).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education provision .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities for young children .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health services .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job prospects .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and open spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transport.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race relations.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road and pavement repairs.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shopping facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports & leisure facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The level of crime.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The level of pollution .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The level of traffic congestion .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**Q9. Thinking about this local area, how much of a problem do you think are...**

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ON EACH ROW

	A very big problem	A fairly big problem	Not a very big problem	Not a problem at all	Don't know
...noisy neighbours or loud parties .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...other teenagers hanging around on the streets.....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people using or dealing drugs .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people being drunk or rowdy in public places .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...people sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...rubbish and litter lying around .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
...abandoned or burnt out cars...	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**Q10. How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in Stratford district after dark?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Very safe	Fairly safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>					

**Q11. If you answered 'fairly unsafe' or 'very unsafe' please briefly explain why:**

**Q12. How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in Stratford district during the day?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Very safe	Fairly safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>					

**Q13. If you answered 'fairly unsafe' or 'very unsafe' please briefly explain why:**

**INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL AND ITS SERVICES**

**Q14. How well informed do you feel about each of the following?**

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX PER ROW

	Very well informed	Fairly well informed	Not very well informed	Not well informed at all	Don't know
How you can get involved in local decision making	<input type="checkbox"/>				
How to complain to the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>				
What the Council spends its money on	<input type="checkbox"/>				
What the Council is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour in your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**Q15. How do you find out about Stratford-on-Avon District Council? Please tick the MAIN source you use from the list below.**

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

- Local media (newspapers, television, radio)
- Information provided by the Council (newspaper/magazine, leaflets, posters)
- Council website/internet
- Social networking sites (e.g. Twitter, Facebook)
- From local Councillor
- Direct contact with the Council
- Word of mouth (e.g. family or friends)
- Other source (✓ and write in below)

None of the above

Don't know

**ABOUT YOUR AREA**

**Q16. To what extent do you agree or disagree that this local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?**

PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX ONLY

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Definitely agree         | Tend to agree            | Tend to disagree         | Definitely disagree      | Don't know               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Q17. How strongly do you feel you belong to each of the following?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX FOR EACH

	Very strongly	Fairly strongly	Not very strongly	Not at all strongly	Don't know
Your immediate neighbourhood .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Village or town .....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Stratford District Council area.....	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Warwickshire.....	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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**Q18. Do you agree or disagree that you can influence decisions affecting your local area?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Definitely agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**ABOUT YOURSELF**

**Q19. Are you...?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Male.....  Female.....

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**Q20. What was your age on your last birthday?**  
PLEASE WRITE IN

YEARS

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**Q21. How long have you lived in Stratford district?** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Under 1 year.....  1-2 years.....  3-5 years.....  6-10 years...   
Over 10 years.....  Don't know/can't remember.....

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**Q22. Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?**  
**(long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time)** PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes.....  Please answer the next question (Q23)  
No.....  Go to Q24

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**Q23. Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

Yes.....  No.....

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**Q24. To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?**  
PLEASE TICK ✓ ONE BOX

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>White</b></p> <p>British ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Irish ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other White background (PLEASE WRITE IN) ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Black or Black British</b></p> <p>Caribbean ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>African ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other Black background (PLEASE WRITE IN) ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mixed</b></p> <p>White &amp; Black Caribbean.... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>White &amp; Black African ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>White &amp; Asian ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other mixed background (PLEASE WRITE IN) ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Asian or Asian British</b></p> <p>Indian ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Pakistani ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Bangladeshi ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other Asian background (PLEASE WRITE IN) ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Chinese ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Other ethnic group (PLEASE WRITE IN) ..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>

**Q25. The Postcode of where you live?**  
PLEASE WRITE IN

**Is there anything else you would like to add?**  
PLEASE WRITE IN BOX BELOW

**Thank you very much for taking part in this survey. Please hand it to the person who gave you this questionnaire.**