

**Feedback on Leeds City Centre Area Action Plan
‘Options’ Papers from sub-group of Leeds Youth
Council
2nd May 2006**

OPTIONS PAPER	QUESTION NO.	COMMENT
Strategic	1	Concern that with the expansion of the City Centre boundaries, this alters the character of areas, and can make house prices unaffordable, and push problem areas into neighbouring areas – Holbeck mentioned as an example
Access	3	More public toilets are needed all over the city. They should be clean and free. Paris mentioned as good example of what could be provided.
	4	Places to sit down and relax should be spread throughout the city centre.
	4	Better signage about main areas in the City is required – e.g. Millennium Square difficult to find
	6	Re. ‘Leeds Card’ – would be good idea if it could be used in shops/facilities that are not just Council run
	8	There is a need for better indoor facilities for young people, especially laser combat/bowling. Preference would be for lots of facilities in one place.
	9	Nightclub provision for U18s – good idea to require new venues to have one evening per week for teenagers, but would need to be Friday or Saturday. Evolution at Kirkstall operate this system – open to U18s between 7pm & 10pm once a month – but would be good if more central venues would do this
Design & Conservation	2	Support for improved security in building design. Young people can feel intimidated by narrow alley-ways with no over-looking
Entertainment	7	Strong support for an Arena. Comments that as well as adding an extra dimension to the City, there could be wider use for an Arena (e.g. school events). Preference for a central site because of ease of access, but acceptance that it may be difficult to find an acceptable city centre site. If an arena is developed on the outskirts of the city centre it would be important to ensure that there were good public transport links of some kind (e.g. shuttle bus)

Movement	1	A key issue regarding transport is the lack of links from one part of Leeds to another. One group member highlighted the rail system in Dublin which gives you good access to different parts of the city. Other young people liked the idea of Park & Ride and a Day Rider ticket which they had experienced in York.
	9	Support for better cycle routes, and for better places to leave bikes.
	10	Pedestrian routes should be improved with more places to stop and rest, improving alleyways, better signage, more public toilets
Open Space & Greenery	6	Support for centrally located skatepark – if not permanent, what about temporary one in Millennium Square during Summer holidays Support for a paintballing venue on the outskirts of the City Centre. Strong support for more public gardens and parks throughout the City Centre. Suggestion about picnic benches.
	7 & 8	Some finance should be allocated to improving security, maintenance and supervision in play areas on the outskirts of the City. Comment that the skatepark in Beeston had had to close due to lack of adequate supervision.

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