

**Leeds City Centre Area Action Plan
Leeds Youth Council Meeting
15th October 2005**

Total time available 1 hour from 13.45 till 14.45 (over ran by 15 mins on the day)

Each member school of the council was sent 50 questionnaires 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. A summary sheet was enclosed with the package for youth council members to complete and bring to the meeting.

6 schools managed to circulate the questionnaires and bring the results to the meeting.

Following a brief introduction to the LDF and CCAAP, attendees were asked to split into 4 groups as per instructions on separate sheet.

What do you come to the city centre for?

German market
Embrace gig
Shopping
Socialising
Hospital
Cinema
Swimming
Meals
Library (free internet)
Art Gallery
Ice Skating

What is good about the city centre?

Safer than other UK cities
Range of activities
Renovation of Briggate
Nightlife
Play House / Yorkshire Dance
Shopping and range of shops (The Light)
Shops near stations (bus and train)
Millennium Square – multi uses
Cinema/ bowling
Armouries
Meeting people
Food
Hospital
Variety of places
Universities and colleges

What could be improved?

Litter

Public transport – lack of information

Needs an arena

Public safety especially at night

Homeless people

Not enough seating areas

Traffic

Skatepark – but may be better sites on the outskirts

A club for under 18s (no alcohol) needs to be in the city centre so its available to everyone

Trees / wilderness – but don't need grassy parks as don't come into the city centre to do that

Tram

More car parking

Something unique to Leeds ie. Go-karting / paint balling

Ice skating rink – more leisure facilities

New swimming pool in the city centre – not south Leeds

Merrion Centre – dated needs an update

Modernise areas of centre

Poor disabled facilities

Better publicity of events – cheaper entry for younger people

Youth club – more places to hang out

More maps in centre

Availability of information on public transport, events, maps of city etc

What stops you visiting more often?

Too many EMO's, tramps – Anti Social Behaviour

Poor public transport – timing

Nowhere to park – one way system

Bus fares too expensive

Lack of funds

Family commitments / safety fears

Shortage of available time

Where people live – poor access

Public safety

Too many band venues do not allow under 18s

Everything I need is near where I live so no need to visit the city centre

Too much concrete

International pool has cockroaches

Pick an issue which is a problem and discuss potential solutions

Issue: Transport

Make it more affordable

The way in which half fare passes are used

More buses, more often and more reliable

Improved enforcement of bus lanes

More park and ride in good locations

Discourage parking in the city centre

More public transport options – not just buses

More train stations nearer bus station