

Appendix 4 : Mid Sussex Local Strategic Partnership Area Community Forum Consultation

Mid Sussex Local Strategic Partnership have held two meetings in East Grinstead for the northern area of the District that have also sought views about current issues and future actions within the area. These have complemented and added to the findings from the East Grinstead Healthcheck consultation.

The issues that were identified for the northern area of the District at the first public meeting are listed below. Those that are emboldened and are in italics are the issues that were considered at the second meeting to be a priority for action within the area.

Health Issues

Hospital waiting times
Elderly support services
Community Mental Health Services
Provision of hospice facilities
Transport to hospital and health services
Lack of NHS Dentists

Lifestyle Issues

Poor communications
Too many offices, not enough houses
Lack of activities for the young
Opportunities for people with a disability Don't make best use of the Voluntary sector
Parental choice of schools
Lack of childcare
Rural Leisure Provision

Environment Issues

Traffic congestion
Poor public transport
Gatwick noise pollution
Rubbish on the streets
Lack of by pass
HGV's in the town centre
Road Maintenance
Amenity tip not user friendly
Lack of traffic warden
Parking – lack of and cost

Community Safety Issues

Lack of police in the rural areas
Safety at night in East Grinstead
Hooliganism and anti social behaviour
Drug Abuse

Economic Issues

Skills shortages
Rural Economy
Variety of shops in East Grinstead
Key Worker housing
Traffic congestion

Inclusion Issues

After school and holiday activities
Affordable housing
Lack of community spirit
Access/opportunity/inclusion for those with a disability
Social Exclusion – juxtaposed with affluence
Rural Isolation
Increased provision for the elderly

The Local Strategic Partnership will be considering the issues and potential actions at future meetings scheduled for June. Work will be ongoing to develop a Community Plan for the Mid Sussex Area that will reflect the needs of the area.