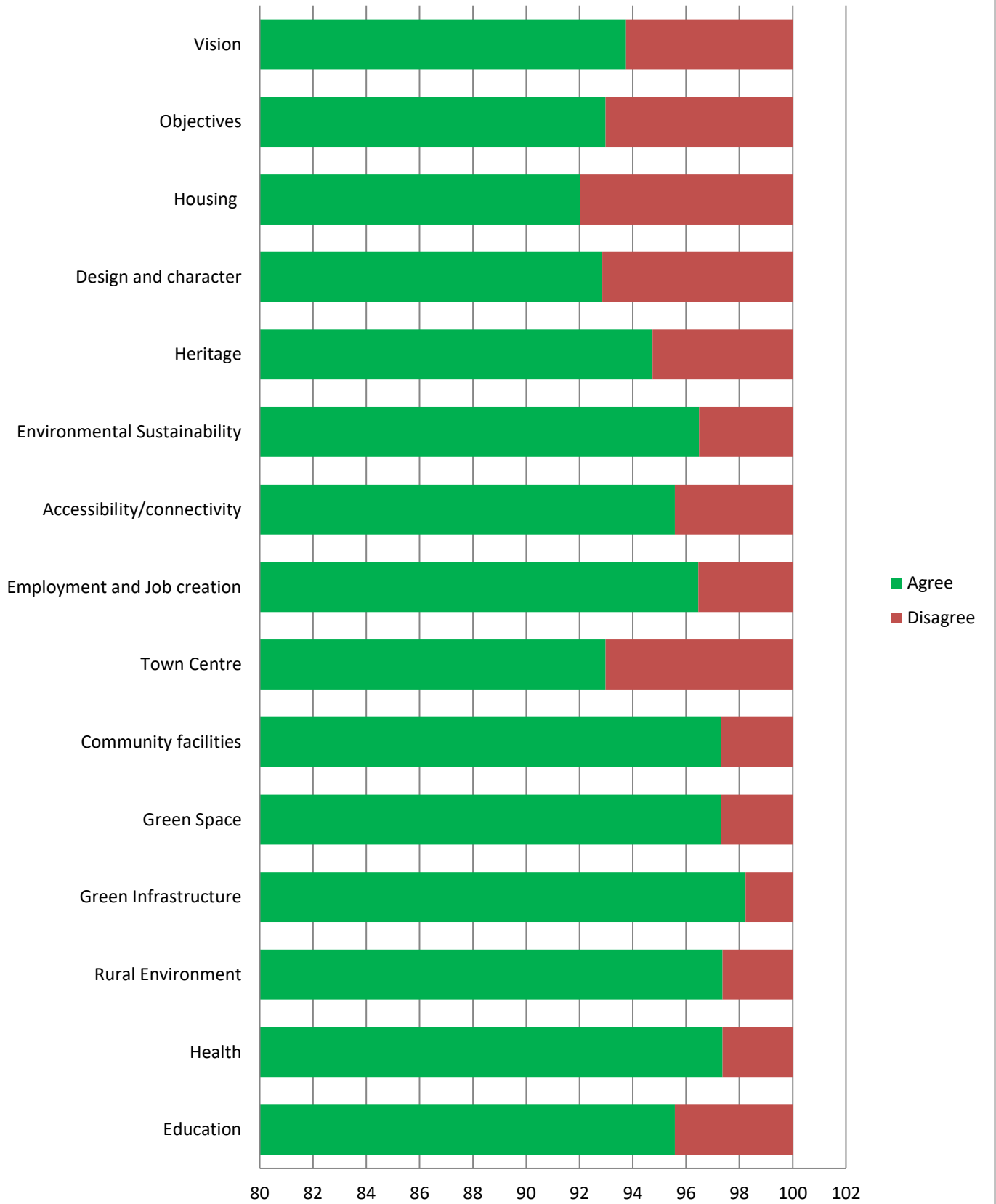


Vision and Policy Intentions Survey 2019

Garforth Plan Vision, Objectives and Policies



About this Survey

There were 115 responses to this survey commenting on 15 aspects of the plan content

The graphs show the percentages agreeing and disagreeing with the content of each section of the report.

The minimum response was 112 and the maximum was 114 in every section

The comments made on each section are detailed below.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR VISION FOR GARFORTH?



	Comment
No	Dont want even more houses,schools,leisure centres as we have more than enough
No	Garforth will loose its village atmosphere
No	How can this be guaranteed or even predicted when all that is happening is building on green belt land and an influx of chain businesses? Rents are too high for individual shops in many cases; there is no parking for vehicles, unless they block the route for buses and no encouragement to help people walk or an access bus to cut down the number of vehicles. There seems to be no real, clear vision from the council and no means of delivery of the above, it's a pie in the sky notion which would be great if it could be fulfilled..
No	Need to include traffic consideration, doctors and dentists in appropriate infrastructure in penultimate paragraph.
No	No statement on social housing i.e. we should have some interspersed with normal housing the executive 4 bedrooms they seem to only build now.
No	Where will the land for even more housing come from ? the local roads are already at capacity as are all the utilities
No	
	We already have a good Main Street for shopping. How and where are you going to put any more shops and businesses? Trains are not as good as previous! Buses - very good service.
Yes	A very lucid and all-embracing vision
Yes	Agreed in principal but should include impact on education and employment
Yes	As long as young people can afford to live and buy property in Garforth
Yes	But where will all these sustainable homes be built, and the infrastructure to support all this vision, without encroaching on green belt land.
Yes	consisting of homes suitable to a variety of residents,so that people of all ages live alongside each other
Yes	However I do have concerns regarding any new developments as mentioned in the penultimate paragraph. Where will these be built? Is there any spare land available within Garforth itself other than the top of Garforth Cliff, in which case I thought we were totally against this?
Yes	however we will need to be careful how this document is worded and ensure that our vision is likely to materialise. It will not help to imply that all the issues mentioned in the vision will be implemented when so many will be beyond our control
Yes	I feel it's important that leisure facilities and parks are added as Garforth increases in size
Yes	I LIKE THE IDEA OF A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY. I THINK THIS IS SOMETIMES LACKING AT THE MOMENT.
Yes	I like the reference to "sustainable homes" but to emphasise the sustainability element I'd like to suggest adding the text "built to the best environmental standards".

Yes	I think you will need better parking arrangements, if you wish Main Street to be re-invigorated. Not sure how though!
Yes	if it happens. Lets be realistic here. Garforth is a lot worse now than it ever was.
Yes	In order to maintain the identity and community spirit, a clear boundary of greenbelt should be protected. Leisure greenspace should be created and developed to a good standard. Garforth Masin St should be better paved to enhance its safety for pedestrians and overall appearance
Yes	It is a very good projection of how we look toward 2033, let us hope that young adults can be encouraged to support this vision, as it is their future that is at stake.
Yes	It would be nice if the Leeds city Council respected our wishes, but history indicates that they won't.
Yes	Its wonderful to see a vision for Garforth forming as it has been under-represented and neglected in the decades I have lived there, likely due to the lack of a parish council in my opinion. It is the easily accessible countryside that makes me stay here so it is very important to me to see that preserved.
Yes	Keep our parks and green spaces. This is important for people's well being and mental health. I lived in Garforth for 45 years. The town is better now than it has been for many years, thanks to groups like you
Yes	Leisure and greenspace is particularly important to me
Yes	make sure you look after pensioners
Yes	make sure you look after pensioners
Yes	More parks, schools, doctors, dentist +leisure facilities need to be provided.
Yes	needs positive plan to provide diverse shops and businesses with adequate parking
Yes	No further new homes/developments are needed in Garforth
Yes	Para4. Reference to infrastructure only includes parks, schools, leisure and I think it is important to include ref, at this point, to other infrastructure aspects such as doctors. Alternatively just say appropriate infrastructure.
Yes	Possibly "Pie in the sky" with this council.
Yes	Providing opportunities are available for the younger people of the community eg youth groups, places they can go rather than hanging round the streets. More schools & health service provision is a must
Yes	Providing the plan includes adequate scope for parking
Yes	Should vision also include that homes also need to be affordable and suitable for the local people? (ie not for incomers from wealthier areas!!) I know it's in the objectives.
Yes	That added schools/ health centre/ dental services will support the volume of new homes.
Yes	the vision looks and sounds great on paper but I doubt it ever happening in view of the fact we have been agitating for step free access at Garforth railway station since 2006 and despite the efforts of both labour initially and conservative latterly the elderly and infirm and persons with pushchairs, luggage etc are still unable to access the platform which deals with rail traffic going east and north east
Yes	The vision statement is positive and something we would both support, however the increasing numbers of houses already being built will result in further pressure on already limited town centre parking. We would also ask that a local swimming pool is considered, to add to existing leisure facilities. We would also ask for encouragement and actual planning infrastructure to encourage residents to cycle, by taking this into account when planning
Yes	This is just how a small town, and particularly Garforth, ought to be.
Yes	Unfortunately I doubt I will still be alive in 2033 but your vision appears to be the same as mine.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR OBJECTIVES?



	Comment
No	Again, in principle, I agree with your vision but in 2A where do you envision the houses to be built? Also in 2C how can we increase the amount of parks and green space within Garforth and provide housing too?
No	as one of the town's green spaces as you are calling them has already been built on and a second to be built on very soon I doubt the sincerity of those concerned.
No	Dont need more houses, parks, leisure centres, schools
No	Dont need more houses, parks, leisure centres, schools
No	I think the objectives are admirable and exactly what we need in Garforth; yet again there is no clear path of delivery. Building new, unaffordable housing and "exclusive" projects on what little land we have left is not the way forward as these are never affordable to the majority of people.
No	Should be limiting new houses, we are already struggling to cope with current round of housing and facilities available to support them.
Yes	A lot of thought has gone into this document on our behalf. Thank you planning forum
Yes	A part from more housing. New Housing in Garforth is not affordable & I can't see that it will be in the future. There has been more than enough new builds in the recent years - no more
Yes	Consideration also needs to be given to roads ,particularly through routes to reduce congestion and keep through traffic from town centre
Yes	Each section is important in this section as they have a knock on effect
Yes	Final para. Not sure that "support and encourage" is enough. To my mind this implies a less than positive approach and we need to ensure they are definitely provided appropriate to the expansion of the population.
Yes	Focus on dental facilities - particularly access to NHS services
Yes	Good set of objectives. Are we sure that developers will implement them?
Yes	however wording is important. This statement is implying that the vision can be achieved through our policies. We need to remember that there are so many issues beyond our control
Yes	Hugely positive on these aims, wellbeing should be the focus of all development surely, not just in Garforth but we sorely need it with community spaces almost non-existent. I would suggest more emphasis on greenspace as there is a severe shortage with most of the useable greenspace being football and rugby pitches (not exactly ideal for picnics). The only space resembling a park was the top of gleblands which is now a continually growing burial site, can this stop please? And fix us up with a nice park with trees, seating, ducks if possible please. All this would increase social cohesion, mental health, air quality and for very little cost.
Yes	I am sorry to be negative but where would a park be placed, already the cricket field on Church Lane is being sold for housing. A new cricket field is being earmarked on Green belt land, is that Green belt not protected.
Yes	I would like to see improvement/more of footpaths from around Garforth in all directions
Yes	Ideal objectives but not getting any results in this present day. How will it be changed.

Yes	If these objectives can be achieved then the vision can be realised.
Yes	Infrastructure is required now for the existing number of houses in Garforth and certainly before any further development. Garforth needs schools, doctors and parking with additional road rail links.
Yes	Infrastructure needs to be taken into account before any more houses are built.
Yes	Infrastructure needs to be taken into account before any more houses are built.
Yes	make sure you look after pensioners
Yes	Makes sense.
Yes	More opportunities for school leavers who can be employed in businesses in the local area
Yes	<p>Move "To ensure all new build housing meets high standards of design and sustainability" to the top of section 2B and change "high" to "highest".</p> <p>In section 2C should the sentence "To protect links between separated areas of public green space and corridors" read "To protect links between separated areas of public green space by way of green corridors"?</p> <p>Should there be an overarching or holistic objective that ties these together? An objective to best balance the objectives in 2A to 2D? There maybe times where one objective becomes inconsistent with another so I guess the key will be to strike up a balance..?</p>
Yes	Must find more parking places for visitors and shoppers at reasonable cost to them
Yes	Nothing mentioned about the aging community provision.
Yes	sounds good but it won't happen
Yes	The area does need more leisure areas now not in 2033 once again there's no spare space to build any other f this
Yes	The focus needs to be on 2 things....a thriving (and local) shopping environment and housing that caters for all members of society, not just those who can afford East Garforth Housing prices...the current housing and shopping environment does neither
Yes	This will not be easy to achieve. But it does need to be so thoughtful and caring.
Yes	Vey comprehensive. I can't disagree with any of them
Yes	We do need a CLINIC plus all the services we used to have. Podiatry, speech therapy, warfarin clinic, baby clinic etc.
Yes	We need a much bigger secondary school, if this is to happen, and better healthcare provision. Elderly people who live in Garforth having to go to Kippax for the clinic is ludicrous.
Yes	<p>We need infrastructure to accommodate the increase in housing development. Traffic is a major problem in Garforth and illegal parking, especially around schools is dangerous and inconsiderate. Speeding is still an issue on Ninelands Lane.</p> <p>Parking restrictions on Main Street is affecting local businesses as 1hr is not long enough to do shopping.</p>
Yes	<p>What is affordable?</p> <p>The difference between a millionaire and low paid worker is enormous. Affordable is a stupid marketing word!</p>
Yes	when planning further housing we would argue for genuinely low cost housing for rent to buy. Too often new housing is extremely expensive, which denies local first time buyers remaining in their home area
Yes	Whilst still being environmental and climate change aware taking measures to support Green energy
Yes	Would like a bit more about housing for elderly
Yes	would like to see more provision of personnel to promote facilities that exist e.g. tennis courts
Yes	Would like to see new housing developments restricted to brownfield sites to protect our green spaces and surrounding countryside. Could look at community led housing scheme to provide affordable housing for young local people only to enable them to get on the housing ladder.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - HOUSING?



Housing and Built Environment	Comment
	DID NOT TICK EITHER YES OR NO BUT COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: Not sure what this means but would like to see more smaller first time buyer affordable homes being built for local people and not the large 4/5 bedroom houses that are being built to attract yet more commuters to the town
No	Dont need more houses
No	Dont need more houses
No	I came to live in Garforth in 1971 and chose this area because my wife and I liked its location, type of housing, plenty of doctors, dentists and schools which we were assured for local people only. The policy intentions above are all necessary but if I understand it correctly does not include for any higher standard up market housing. This will not effect me as I couldn't afford them but it would help with retaining its reputation for a lovely place to live.
No	More housing seems your main priority what is being built now isn't affordable for many more housing means more cars, more children who will need schools. Traffic on Church Lane is already a problem it's practically one way with cars parked on one side Ninelands Lane is another problem area and as for public transport train services are late and at peak times overcrowded
No	There is already much lower cost housing in Garforth. a broader selection of larger homes would attract those who bring and spend more money into the town to support local businesses
No	This is a difficult section if these housing needs come at the expense of losing the cricket field (Church Lane) then Ino I do not agree
No	Whilst I agree with objectives insofar as yes, we need the housing - WHERE IS IT GOING TO GO?! On playing fields, roundabouts and arable land?
Yes	Also to include sufficient quality nursery/ pre-school provision
Yes	Agree with plan but must cover all peoples budgets when building new homes.
Yes	Apart from the horrendous development on Garforth cliff most of Garforth is bungalow & dormer style. Keeping this type would be ideal, no high rises if it can be avoided although there are some wonderful views that should be utilised without being ruined I feel.
Yes	BUT what should be in the place of x y & hashtag??
Yes	hand written copy put a cross beside the first 2 intentions stating that they were ambiguous supported the statement on independent living
Yes	Has the Ninelands Lane scheme respected theswe intentions?

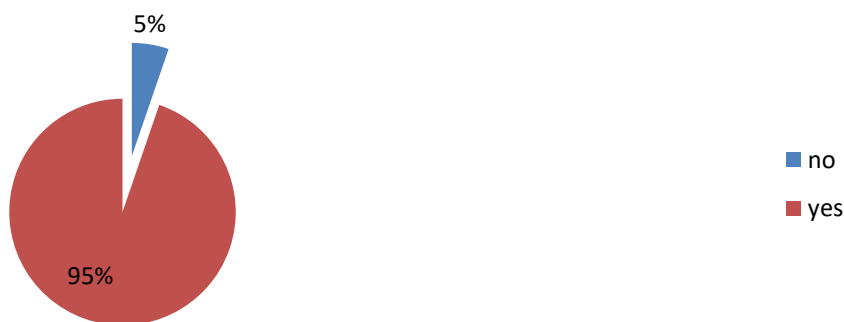
	however LCC core strategy states %s of different size housing city wide but are not specific to an area or any one development. It is recognised that the population is aging and yet there are no minimum requirements for single persons household. We have a situation in Garforth where many people who purchased homes new in the 1960s are unable to downsize into suitable properties as practically all the new homes currently under construction are family size properties at prices currently exceeding the value of their current home. Affordable homes should be for rent for local residents. The new homes currently built will (even with a 20% reduction) be more expensive than some more modestly properties built in the 1960s. Therefore there is no need for an 'affordable' home to be purchased.
Yes	
Yes	I agree with the intentions but am very sceptical of the plans ever coming to fruition.
Yes	I think there are some correct intentions but what are the numbers? For example, what are x and y in Housing mix? Maybe there needs to be something about the methodology to determine the numbers rather than the numbers themselves as I suspect that the numbers will change over time...?
Yes	Independent living has yet to be fully researched and explored in the light of people living longer. Perhaps Garforth could lead on this matter.
Yes	Independent living seems to be excellent in Garforth. Mobility scooters, elderly and young access facilities easily, it wasn't always so.
Yes	Independent living support is welcome and needed as people are living longer, however housing is not that affordable in Garforth especially for 1st time buyers, plus the amount of building for housing proposed/existing/developmental in this area, is creating pressure on existing service provision, and there is even less land protected for future development. Garforth used to be a semi-rural area to live but not any more. It needs preserving.
Yes	It is all a matter of how affordable it is, should you not mention social housing here as this is the accepted term or do you not want to include any?
Yes	NEED FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED/IGNORED - (NINELANDS LANE NEW BUILDS)
Yes	need for second drainage system based to the east of Garforth ,with good maintenance of becks and ditches
Yes	Needs clarification. What does 'x and y#', 'NP' and 'Independent Living' mean?
Yes	please see previous page
Yes	PROVIDED there is sufficient infrastructure to support this efficiently afterwards. Many of the infrastructure systems are already crumbling - thinking of the difficulty of getting an appointment with a GP (ludicrous system, having to stay up until midnight to get an appointment online or ring at a different time every day while you're trying to get to work - or waiting three weeks for an appointment), the lack of a clinic, and the appalling provision for rail commuters where you're lucky if you can get on the train, especially returning from work, let alone find a seat. We really don't need this situation to become any worse.
Yes	Same concerns as previously
Yes	Support for independent living would be wonderful.
Yes	Too many 3-4 Bedroom houses, smaller units are needed.
Yes	Truly affordable housing required. Perhaps we should agree up front where our share of council housing should go, so we are ahead of the game!
Yes	Unclear about number of bedrooms per house that policy supports, assume a minimum of 3
Yes	What do you call affordable? At present affordable housing isn't affordable to local people working to move back to the area
Yes	Would like more about housing for active elderly eg complex with leisure and restaurant facilities
Yes	young people will still not be able to havr a house, landlords buy them and charge very high rents

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - DESIGN?



Design and Character	Comment
	Neither agree nor disagree
No	"generic" sums it up
No	I do not recognise "character" as an issue in this sort of planning
No	I fundamentally disagree with this. I feel Garforth should stand apart and not create the same style houses of the 70's or mock tudor and embrace progressive design, high standards and encourage different and unique housing. Grand Designs - The Street was a good example and across Europe, there are much more varied housing and not encouraged to blend in. Why generic, why not be the focal point for challenging the norm, it'd make it more appealing for people to move to and reflect the modern age, not the past. Please also look at Wikihaus and other prefab housing, seriously high quality, low waste and rapid approach - offering affordable housing in the process.
No	Once again you are assuming all the town's residents have access to the internet
Yes	Generally
Yes	however there is nothing that I can see in the core strategy that design is to reflect the local character. Eg The Clinic site with 3 bed townhouses backing onto bungalows and ordinary 3 bed semis, totally out of character for the local area. I am unclear how the third statement will work in practice as LCC planners do not consult us on design etc.
Yes	I hope relevant opportunities are available.
Yes	I think that there may need to be a little flexibility as I wouldn't want the rules to be so rigid that there can't be some creativity.
Yes	in principle yes, but this statement is rather generalised and open to wide interpretation. Could the above be reconsidered so it is more specific?
Yes	Industrial development should have a good motorway access and kept away from residential developments .
Yes	New developments should fit in to the character of the area in which they are being built
Yes	not sure what this implies
Yes	Plenty of green space. Safe play and Sport, Seating for the elderly
Yes	Variety within developments as is Garforth style and GREENSPACE AND PARKS to make up for the massive deficit (am I emphasising this enough?)
Yes	What is meant by 'a generic design' ?
Yes	Would like to see less cramped developments with greater space between houses, more open recreational space and wider roads to facilitate better access. Particularly concerned about access for emergency vehicles.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - HERITAGE?



HERITAGE	Comment
No	Heritage spending should not be prioritised over more important areas
No	It would be nice to think this would be upheld but since the supposedly grade 2 listed building from Trench Pit was bulldozed to make way for Redrow properties of “generic” design, I hardly trust this. We don’t have much of historical interest..the roman & Bronze Age sites became land for housing; the rare timber frame properties on Newhold are long gone, schools have been bulldozed.. we’ve got three churches and a water tower left...
No	The first and last statement needs to be much more specific as they are open to interpretation by both planners and developers who are only anxious to ensure development at any cost. Eg The last vestige of Garforth's mining heritage was lost overnight when the pit head on the Stock site was demolished without any prior notification.
Yes	A list of our 'heritage' buildings is a good start.
Yes	Definitely agree! The mining heritage e.g fly line, 41 and 43 mine managers cottages and other heritage assists must not get lost in the rush for building new structures
Yes	Excellent. Landscape character is about all the heritage we have left and should be protected against soul destroying and eye-torchering developments like Garforth cliff.
Yes	greed will not allow this
Yes	Personally any building/heritage sites have been done away with
Yes	Policies are loose and un-defined
Yes	PROVIDED there is sufficient infrastructure to deal with this in the long term
Yes	Very important to Garforth in the future.
Yes	we are surprised that there is no attention given to the previous coal-mining heritage that shaped Garforth and the surrounding area. Surely there should be some honouring of this locally
Yes	wooded areas and green space need protection
Yes	Wooded areas need particular protection
Yes	Yes. Keep the history evident. It informs the future.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY?



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	Comment
No	Don't like the last four statements they could clash with keeping the Garforth as we visually know it.
Yes	90% of Garforth is in the Lin Dyke catchment area. Who knows anything about PassivHaus?
Yes	A start could be made by cleaning drains on a regular basis as they were years ago.
Yes	above are all worthwhile. Might Garforth take practical, achievable steps to encourage to seriously consider solar power as a cost effective alternative
Yes	All very important items particularly the rainwater collection and the SUDS item and the energy efficiency ideals
Yes	Common Sense
Yes	Development should mandate solar what is 'encouragement' here? If it is just nice words then it is unlikely to come to anything
Yes	Drains are blocked and need regular cleaning like they used to be years ago - to stop flooding
Yes	Flood prevention should be a priority
Yes	Flooding seems to be less of an issue now thankfully. If rainwater could be collected in a pond type arrangement for ducks then great.
Yes	How can we encourage the design of developments to optimise solar power opportunities given that the large development on the stocks site is only providing one home with solar power. Same applies re orientation and materials. This is an opportunity to request different and modular methods of construction in order to reduce the cost of new homes.
Yes	how will this be policed ?
Yes	however I am not sure how effective solar power is at this latitude, maybe focus more on energy efficiency , new homes to have vehicle charging point built in as standard etc
Yes	I am sure flood prevention committees I'll have a view/input
Yes	I strongly support policies which use sustainable "green" solutions to solve flooding and energy generation issues. Incentives should be given to encourage the use of green solutions, although this is more of a nationwide issue, local support though would be helpful.
Yes	I would like to see consideration of trees to be planted/ protected in the area to help in flood prevention as appropriate & climate change

	<p>In some of the above it says "policy will require" and others a weaker "policy will support or encourage" I think the sentences should be made stronger and be requiring more.</p> <p>Re: SUDS there are opportunities to add trees as well as hedges.</p>
Yes	Re: Water how about encouraging ponds to store water and to enhance ecosystem diversity?
Yes	It has to be implemented before new builds get planning
Yes	<p>Largely supportive but concerned about the word 'restrict' in para 4. No surface water that crosses surfaces used by vehicles from new developments should be allowed into the Lin Dyke catchment without treatment to remove the hydrocarbon deposits.</p> <p>Separate surface water and sewage drainage requirements already exist on newbuild sites. The massive problem that remains is that new drainage pipes are constantly given permission to connect into the already overstretched and frail combined system that is what most of the rest of the town relies on. Combined means that surface water and foul discharge are carried in the same sewers, regularly risking surcharge of foul sewage into properties, gardens and school premises when there is a torrential downpour.</p>
Yes	maybe somewhere include maintenance of infrastructure in flood prevention
Yes	Perhaps by 2033, the flooding on Ninelands Lane, after heavy rainfall will have been resolved, as yet it still floods, I am speaking from experience after being drenched by a passing car.
Yes	Stop residents from removing garden and grass areas to provide hard surface for cars, advise use stones.
Yes	This is important factor in helping carbon capture and our environment
Yes	This is very important but will it actually be done?? Building on open land means concreting it and preventing water from soaking away, leading to flooding. As a land locked town which already has flooding issues, this needs to be taken into consideration..
Yes	This may avoid future problems such as past issues like asbestos in buildings and inadequate services.
Yes	This section will require a lot of hard work by the group to ensure that each requirement is supplied as they do fall by the wayside once planning is passed
Yes	Vital to protect the needs of wild-life and especially trees for birds, many of whom are at risk
Yes	Would like to see all future developments to be required to install solar panels and car electric charging points.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - ACCESS?



ACCESSIBILITY, CONNECTIVITY	Comment
No	At present there is not enough parking within the shopping areas plus parking in Main Street causes havoc for Buses and other road users.
No	No to cycle lanes roads aren't suitable public transport had to be improved now not later. Residential parking permits on all the Estates should be mandatory too many leave their vehicles anywhere now especially those taking their kids to school
No	What about cars etc no mention of accessibility / connectivity for the elderly or infirm. I cannot walk very far walking/ cycling fine for young fit people
Yes	A ban on pavement parking would be a big advantage, especially for prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with limited vision.
Yes	A little bus to connect to the main routes would help. Getting to Main Street could be made easier (independent living). Then we could get buses to all existing destinations.
Yes	Absolutely essential ,new building never allows for the fact that most units have more than one vehicle
Yes	As above more require and less encourage.
Yes	"children, pedestrians and cyclists" should also include "wheelchair / mobility scooter users"
Yes	As seen, the rail situation needs urgent improvement.
Yes	Being an EV owner this is vital. With Garforth being a commuter town with innadequate parking, plenty of provision for green vehicles is a must
Yes	creation of separate cycle & pedestrian routes would be welcome
Yes	Definitely more emphasis on cycling around garforth which will help environment, well- being and it will also encourage people to use more local businesses if it gets easy access to them
Yes	Designated cycle paths around the town would encourage more cycling by making it much safer to do so. Definitely need new developments to provide sufficient on-site parking facilities and roads wide enough to allow emergency vehicles to pass should any vehicles be parked on the road. Suggest electric charging points are a requirement for any new developments.

Yes	Greater public parking is essential for local residents to use existing transport links, i.e. train station parking and shops. Restrict parking on busy local roads e.g. Church Lane, Ninelands Lane, to allow traffic to flow (double yellow lines)
Yes	I do agree with the vision but will it actually happen or be “forgotten” or shelved due to cost??
Yes	MISSING - IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVISION - SUNDAY MAINLY BUT ALSO TRAIN SERVICES. 2 PER HOUR TO YORK WOULD BE GOOD AND BETTER SPREAD FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING - NEEDS OF VISITORS. DISABLED ACCESS - GARFORTH STATION IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO NON-WALKERS ON THE DOWNSIDE.
Yes	More parking for shoppers
Yes	Needs to be affordable and sustainable
Yes	Parking is a major issue, especially for shoppers in Main Street. Once train station has been expanded, this may help, however commuters are coming from surrounding villages in N. Yorks and parking at Garforth to get the train(s) as the travel fare is cheaper in W. Yorks. As a consequence, local residents are disadvantaged. E. Garforth train station is well utilised and would be a significant loss of service to residents on Fairburn Estate.
Yes	Please make the fly line into a more accessible cycle/bridle path. Improve so can be used in wet weather like the “lines” ideally. Garforth/Aberford links improved
Yes	something needs to be done about parking now. Whoever planned Main St parking could'nt organise a booze up in a brewery. It's unbelievable someone could agree those plans
Yes	Spot on
Yes	the above are all good and are to be applauded. Practical steps to improve rights of way for walkers and cyclists need to be encouraged along with partnerships with organisations such as Sustrans which draws on local knowledge and makes use of volunteers who seek to assist local councils. It would be excellent if mention of such organisations could be added in this document as a statement of positive intent
Yes	The Garforth railway station access from platform still needs addressing as it is not user friendly for elderly, infirm, people with suitcases and people with prams and small children, climbing stairs that are not very good
Yes	THERE IS DEFINITELY A NEED FOR MORE CAR PARKS. IN GARFORTH
Yes	These intentions will become even more important as we strive to become carbon neutral. Walking and cycling are healthy ways to travel.
Yes	This is going to be a difficult section to achieve as all good ideas go out of the door when rushing to get children to school and going to work.
Yes	To some extent this is already considered in planning applications as all are passes onto the highways department and all recent applications state EV charging points. Residential parking is an issue with all 2 mandatory parking spaces per dwelling mostly at the front of the house resembling large car parks at weekends and evenings.
Yes	totally agree with electric vehicles charging infrastructure as this will lower emissions from cars, making Garforth a healthier place for children to grow up in
Yes	Town centre should be pedestrianised
Yes	use the existing paths and cycle tracks and upgrade without spending copious amounts which will never be justified
Yes	What about public toilets - some of which have been removed?

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - EMPLOYMENT



BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT	Comment
Yes	. . . if parking is provided for local businesses, meaning they are not parking/obstructing residential areas.
Yes	? Trains (public transport underlined on paper copy)
Yes	and positively encourage use of routes which avoid residential areas
Yes	Hopefully there will be more opportunities for local employment if new businesses open
Yes	However this needs to be balanced against the needs of affordable housing needs so as not to build on Green field areas.
Yes	if it happens
Yes	Is there a need for smaller industrial units? We seem to have a lot of offices. 5000 sq ft light industrial. Our Garforth business needed smaller industrial units and waited for years for Fusion Point to become available. Start up manufacturing needs smaller light industrial units e.g. Quirky Beers
Yes	Jobs are always welcome, as someone who has been made redundant, I see this as extremely important but the question remains: where will the jobs be created and will they be short term for the council's building projects? Will local "dignitaries" still go on social media to belittle people for using chain shops as they are not local businesses, even though they provide jobs for local people?
Yes	Just what working age people need.
Yes	local job creation should reduce need to travel and benefit home/work balance
Yes	More research and development employment please
Yes	Please try to use brownfield sites which are of limited agricultural value where possible.
Yes	Priority must always be given to the use of brownfield sites (where possible) before any more encroachment onto green areas
Yes	The more employment we have in Garforth, the less fuel will be used for transport and less time will be wasted.
Yes	Think that all brownfield is already identified within the sites reserved for employment on the industrial estate. What will be meant by no adverse impact on local residential amenity. Eg Aberford road proposal granted to build a large warehouse opposite Cedar Ridge. Industrial vehicles pass along the A642. This could be an opportunity to resquest that a separate access to the industrial estate be constructed at the back of the industrial estate straight to the Jct 47
Yes	this is all very positive and deserves support
Yes	Unfortunately Business rent and rates in Garforth are extremely high,making it very hard for new business to open and succeed
Yes	Whilst I wouldn't want to discourage businesses moving to Garforth, the north west corner of the town is the industrial bit and that should be where they are directed to, particularly with its good motorway access, keeping heavy vehicles out of the town

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - TOWN CENTRE?



TOWN CENTRE	Comment
No	Making the the town centre too big & moving away from small community base
No	Much work needs to be done to enhance buildings with character onto the mainstreet and do away with the 60's and 70's monstrosities such as the one occupied by TOFS. Much also needs to be done to attract more professionals and young professionals into the area. A few good restaurants (not related to take aways) would be great.
No	Should also include changes to main street parking which is currently causing problems by being able to park in both sides and next to junctions.
No	Should sepcifically state removal of parking on main street a major source of congestion
No	Site specifics such as? please
Yes	Again this is difficult to support all your ideas - why want to change Victorian units frontage? you ask for support of heritage sites etc then want to change them and 70's buildings, they are the character of Main Street
Yes	At present there are too many takeaways, charity shops, beauticians. Years ago Garforth was self sufficient with no need to go out of Garforth to shop. We had shoe shops, wool shops, menswear, electrical, everything we needed
Yes	Bit unclear what this means: (including supporting restaurants, temporary/meanwhile uses & pop-up shops) - are these included in the harm caused by over-representation of... ? Or that they will be supported?
Yes	Broaden "pedestrian accessibility" to include wheelchair and mobility scooters. I think there is one missing to encourage people to walk or use public transport to access Main Street... We need to minimise car usage as the more space that is created the more people use the car. Or be creative - car packing spaces for more than one occupant or other idea to encourage car share?
Yes	but sort out Main St parking now. Disabled parking only. Wetherspoons take up a bus stop space. They should only be able to park before 9am and after 6pm
Yes	Car parking is a big issue in Garforth!
Yes	Car parking owned by private Landlords should be held to account to ensure that they are operating within the needs of the local community and the shop owners
Yes	car parks are needed urgently to make Main St safe for everyone
Yes	consider an alternative use of Main St traffic control, ie one way traffic or pedestrianisation

Yes	Definitely need more town centre car parking. It can be difficult to park during the day so I tend to avoid trying to park and do shopping elsewhere. It is essential to allow customers short-term convenient parking if the town centre businesses are to thrive. Suggest current car parks are made short term parking and another site slightly furtheraway (eg Town End) is made into a long term car park for those parking all day (e.g. workers). Would like a better mix of shops - too many hair/beauty and food shops. Like the idea of community based uses.
Yes	Diversity needs monitoring, too many charity shops. Two others maximum for each type of shop in a 500m radius of any particular shop I reckon.
Yes	Don't know where extra off-street parking can be provided. Main Street parking is already over capacity before any new housing area are complete so will only get worse.
Yes	Ensure Town End is discussed & problem sorted!!!!
Yes	first paragraph is sensible ie Townend but would we welcome a multi story blocking the view to the west of Townend ? We need to remember that Main St was mainly residential until the building boom in the 1960s. Given the difficulties high street shops are facing we need to suggest that offices , healthcare provision , gyms etc be provided at ground floor level to encourage more conversions to residential as flats suitable for younger people. It is difficult to see how we can minimise the over representation of A3,4 and 5 given that empty frontages ultimately are given a change of use and not replaced by traditional A1 retail. LCC core strategy states 70 :30 A1 to non A1 , it is already over 50% in Main St.
Yes	I think what constitutes a town centre has probably changed from the days when we had a butcher, a baker etc.I would like to see us more like Chapel Allerton than Harehills - restaurants instead of takeaways, fewer charity shops
Yes	It is quite good but could be better. This plan will help.
Yes	Lack of town centre parking is causing out of town visitors to no longer come to Garforth to shop on Main Street
Yes	Main St is a nightmare with car parking all along Main St. I dread to think how bus drivers and delivery drivers manage
Yes	Make car parks in centre time limited not like the one at the back of Barclays Bank where people park then go for the train or bus (all day and every day) 8am to 6pm
Yes	More car parks are needed but where they can be placed is difficult.
Yes	NEED MORE PARKS/PLAY AREAS FOR KIDS
Yes	Not sure what "improvements" are intended to Victorian Units as we don't want to destroy historical heritage.
Yes	On street parking should allow moving vehicles to pass each other without obstruction
Yes	Parking in Main Street is horrendous. The car parks need to have a time limit imposed on them to stop Leeds city centre workers using them. The times I have gone elsewhere because I can't get parked is too numerous to state. It's wrong that my business is taken away from Garforth.
Yes	Parking is a problem in Garforth
Yes	Parking is an issue but any policies have to ensure that it doesn't just push out the problem to the streets bordering or close to Main Street. Also ALL new build houses should have off road parking.
Yes	Parking needs to remain free to encourage people to use main 1st
Yes	Parking off the Main Street must be paramount. There is often huge congestion on the Main Street caused by the conflict between parked cars (or people parking cars) and essential traffic like busses.
Yes	parking on main street is horrendous .At peak times main street is blocked by the amount of cars parked on both sides ,new car park needed.

Yes	<p>Please be aware that other local communities such as Aberford and Barwick use Garforth town shops but parking is so difficult people are going to the larger supermarkets where there are parking facilities. I think some of the residents on,y parking should be 1 or 2 hours so people like me with heavy equipment can park. As a member of Garforth in Bloom I can'tpark up with my gardening equipment in some locations.</p> <p>Also using the local butcher and shops on Main Street can be difficult by car as there is no parking on Main Street and the station is limited.</p>
Yes	Providing adequate facilities for driving and walking available for elderly and infirm
Yes	Reduce rates to allow smaller local businesses to rent in Garforth Town Centre and reduce number of large chain/franchises, e.g. Subway, Costa, Dominoes. Avoid large chains/pubs on Main Street, taking up large parking places for shoppers and visitors and causing increased noise/anti-social behaviour.
Yes	RESIDENTIAL :Why restrict it, I can remember lots of homes in main street
Yes	Residents should be given every encouragement to park on their own property rather than the street, and certainly not on pavements compromising the safety of mobility scooter users, mums with prams/pushchairs and small children. This is becoming a big problem in Garforth, also causing traffic jams on bus routes. Main Street should have parking for disabled people and delivery vehicles only.
Yes	Restrict parking on Main Street to one side only and only for disabled parking. Double yellow lines all the way along Aberford Road from top on Main Street to East Garforth School.
Yes	Should support for residential use be restricted to above ground floor level as it becomes more difficult to let/sell retail space in the high street?
Yes	Support very much so, town end is an eyesore.
Yes	There needs to be an active programme with incentives to support a diverse range of shops and discouraging over representation of hairdressers/food/charity shops...also the upper third of Main Street is nowhere near as popular as the bottom end..how do we address the imbalance?
Yes	this is all great. Could it be reworded to be more specific with some examples of how these aims might be achieved?
Yes	Town End - Garforth - pay and display parking!! No more charity shops or hairdressers needed. Another restaurant/wine bar would be good in the village for adults/over 25s.
Yes	We need to encourage healthier independent offerings, good quality restaurants not franchise or chains
Yes	Yes, definitely. I've long said something needs to be done with Town End and NOT another over priced supermarket. Parking or a park - but they don't bring money do they? Regarding the parking, why not make it free to park behind the parade where the co-op is, instead of private companies placing heavy fines on drivers?

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - COMMUNITY?



COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Comment
No	No local police station anymore. Lack of visible policing.
Yes	A swimming pool has long been required and asked for in Garforth. This would not only be a leisure facility for the town but would benefit older residents such as myself, who would be able to use it for therapeutic mobility issues, therefore taking pressure off health services
Yes	An upmarket pub such as a vintage inn pub would compliment and complete the range of pubs already in garforth to suit the growing professional population.
Yes	As a reasonably large town we desperately needs better facilities to help with the well being of our community with out having to travel the distances currently needed. These will need to published and promoted and be affordable and available to all.
Yes	First one extremely important
Yes	Garforth cricket field is central at present.
Yes	I am concerned that the Church Lane cricket Fields maybe built on and the cricket club relocated to Selby Road. Younger people won't be able to access the cricket club independently if it is far out on the other side of a main road. The cricket field is a green space close to the cente and should be a community asset
Yes	I am fairly new to Garforth so don't know whether this already exists- to provide park style exercise machines. I see a lot of people jogging & am sure this equipment would be well used to improve well being
Yes	I don't agree that the cricket field in Garforth has been allowed to be moved away from the centre of Garforth. It is the only green area in the centre of Garforth we have left.
Yes	I think an asset doesn't have to be a building as described in the final paragraph (though maybe section on green space will cover this?)
Yes	LACKING PUBLIC TOILETS. WOULD PREGER NOT TO HAVE TO GO INTO SHOPS TO USE THEIRS.
Yes	More community facilities should be a priority
Yes	more detail needed for para. 3
Yes	New facilities and an improvement in what's on offer, particularly for young people, needs reviewing. I hoped the clinic could be made into a centre for a variety of uses. It would be useful to see somewhere for everyone to use, rather than just the welfare hall & Methodist church halls which can only provide so much in terms of space.
Yes	new facilities desperately needed especially focusing on 12 + age group
Yes	Not sure what X Y Z will be, though.

Yes	Our clinic for warfarin, physio, baby and another has already gone to Kippax - poor bus service, especially in winter. Not enough GPs etc. The land has been sold off - lots of precious space for health facility
Yes	Public toilets ?
Yes	see our earlier comments about building a local swimming pool. This would be a great leisure provision, which all ages would benefit from. The occasional use of the library to show films is a great initiative, could this be extended either at the library or the Miners' Welfare Hall?
Yes	Should take priority
Yes	Should there be something at X Y Z?
Yes	Sincerely hope that the above policies will come into effect to protect Church Lane Cricket Club as a central sporting venue and not be supportive of the proposed relocation which is well away from the centre and extremely dangerously situated. The adjacent stretch of the A63 is hugely busy and already has a bad reputation for accidents.
Yes	Sports centre with community swimming pool? Playground - more child friendly with café (Glebelands) like Rothwell Park
Yes	Still waiting for a Swimming Pool
Yes	This is all very well but if the young people don't support their facilities it will be lost
Yes	We definitely need to safeguard all land and buildings if possible for alternative community uses including health and social care. clinic lost to housing . Both fire and police station have been threatened with closure over the years. Last para important but will only be realistic with the support of a Parish council as we struggle to maintain enough support for let alone any other project.the GNPF
Yes	We should never have lost our clinic.
Yes	What are the 'X Y Z facilities' ? Examples would have been useful.
Yes	Whole heartedly agree, plus some kind of community spa would be nice
Yes	Would like to see proper purpose built facilities for junior football clubs.
Yes	You have to be concerned about the council owned assets given the financial constraints they are under. It's a pity our parish council application was blocked. With a parish council, we could as a community finance and own our own assets
	Garforth needs greater public leisure services, not private health clubs. Maintain sports facilities/clubs for young people in town.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - GREENSPACE?



GREENSPACE	Comment
No	Too many kids play areas already. We are surrounded by countryside, get out and about and exercise in that
No	WHAT GREEN SPACE/
Yes	*See page c Community Leisure and Wellbeing.
Yes	Again, as per my previous comments
Yes	Barley Hill play area has been made partly into a car park taking away children's space leaving them with a smaller area for ply
Yes	Being surrounded by fields I think we overestimate the amount of greenspace we have access to as residents, when the reality is that they constantly eat up every piece of land they can find in the town for houses. They haven't provided any more greenspace to accommodate the extra 1000 residents arriving at Ninelands, they seem happy to remove a cricket field in the centre of Garforth and replace it with a new one in Kippax and I don't think they provided any extra greenspace to replace the land taken by the cemetery extension. A bus terminus turning circle might be grassed over but to call it usable greenspace is not reasonable. I think this is my number one policy area.
Yes	BUT MORE NEEDED
Yes	CHILDREN'S PLAY : With supervision if needed
Yes	Children's play areas and facilities are a must perhaps gated and closed up on an evening to stop vandalism .
Yes	Definitely
Yes	Essential for Charity events
Yes	Garforth is probably the only town in outer Leeds that does not have a proper park where residents can walk,sit,relax. A park which is easily identified as a park
Yes	Garforth really needs this.
Yes	Green Space is essential especially Parlington Woods
Yes	Green space is health for absorbing pollutants, giving people the space for healthy exercise and providing general well-being.
Yes	It is debatable how LCC core strategy G3 will now be implemented given that Policy G4 has now been reduced by 50%. What will be our policy for proposals to relocate greenspace eg Cricket field? Can we be more specific and request that new children's play facilities are a mandatory policy for all new development given that front gardens are car parks and rear gardens almost non existent with the rate of extension and conservatory construction.
Yes	loss of front gardens to parking

Yes	Must ensure existing greenspaces are protected from development and any new developments provide sufficient greenspace for the new residents it creates.
	Perhaps there is also something here about encouraging or championing within the community that people get involved in supporting green space as part of improving it and enhancing their own well-being. Perhaps by encouraging partnership with Garforth In Bloom or getting the community to do some of the improvement work such as planting trees..? I think that there is also a case for cutting some of the grassed areas around Garforth less frequently - saving money and encouraging development of meadow grassland ecosystems. Reference statement on ponds further up.
Yes	(I'd be interested to understand what is considered as an improvement to a green space.)
Yes	Please protect what green space we have left!
Yes	See Comment 3C1 above
Yes	Stop building on what little green space we have! Do something with Town End. It's not really rocket science
Yes	Thank you. Our children need places to play ie places they can access safely and independently
Yes	The huge health benefits can accrue to all sectors of the community from adequate accessible green space. This needs more emphasis. I suggest you listen to the article on the BBC World Service broadcast on 4th October: Go to BBC World Service CrowdScience "Do Green Spaces Make us Healthier?"
Yes	these are excellent aims. Could some examples of how this could/ might be achieved added to this document?
Yes	Very important.
Yes	We need to maintain as far as possible our current green spaces this is vital to the well-being of the community
Yes	what green space? Garforth is a concrete jungle and housing estates. Now the greenspace has gone it won't be given back
Yes	Wherever people congregate public toilets should be provided
Yes	YES YES YES! Can we protect them from graves also? Graves aren't greenspace. I'll mention the need for a park again, even if it doesn't have ducks. Trees are compulsory in my opinion though, several Oaks.

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE?



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	Comment
Yes	A national objective again but builders are required at times to provide green spaces around new dwellings, then new householders immediately replace these green areas (gardens) with paving/shingle etc. This should be strongly discouraged.
Yes	Again as well as hedges planting trees.
Yes	And maintenance
Yes	As a forester and carer of hedgehog supporting them back in the wild we need everything we can to maintain the wildlife in the area as this then supports and creates a better place for us all to live in.
Yes	Avoid being absorbed into the Leeds suburbs. The countryside separating us from neighbouring communities is what makes Garforth what it is
Yes	Crucial but usually of extremely low priority.
Yes	DEFINITELY NECESSARY. THERE ARE SOME LOVELY GREEN SPACES IN GARFORTH, BUT NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH. I APPRECIATE THERE IS A HUGE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUT WE ALSO LACK GREEN SPACES AND CORRIDORS
Yes	Does this specifically protect a green belt separating garforth from east leeds?
Yes	Green belt to be preserved
Yes	hedges rather than walls as a planning requirement
Yes	Must ensure existing rights of way are maintained and improved where possible.
Yes	Possibly close the rights of way that Croats the dangerous railway line and improve the more accessible routes. Fly line to Aberford, track to Kippax and somewhere there is a right of way to Micklesfield. There use to be ponds with frogs and toads on the route. Also looks after Garforth hedgehogs thanks you
Yes	see previous comments
Yes	Stop building on every bit of free, green space. This is why I like the development where Lidl is. It took brown field sites of disused and under used industrial units and built facilities for the area, trees cut down have been replaced. There are several empty shops and derelict sites which can be repurposed before we build on open space
Yes	The bridlepaths are a key feature of Garforth. If we could protect the route from St Aiden's to Aberford, that would be ideal and develop several more cycle routes, dog walks, nature trails, all good things.
Yes	The development on SELBY ROAD (GARFORTH CLIFF) has been managed very well with hedges and trees.
Yes	these are all excellent. Signage in the town centre that highlights all the above would

	help people be more aware. Also the two excellent RSPB reserves at St Aidens and Fairburn lngs , plus the transpennine Trail could be publicly highlighted for local residents to be more aware of, and hopefully make use of.
Yes	Very important.
Yes	we need a policy to state that PROW which are in effect wildlife corridors are maintained in situ and not relocated with hard surfaces.. We need to include a list of PWOW etc to be protected. it is not clear what para 2 actually means in practice we need some examples.
Yes	Where will "proposals to improve the network" come from?
Yes	wildlife habitat must be protected as there is a decline in animals and insects

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS -RURAL ENVIRONMENT?



RURAL ENVIRONMENT	Comment
No	Don't agree re the Wildlife features section.
No	How can this be when at present land is taken up for new housing
Yes	A great priority
Yes	As biodiversity increases, we all benefit - not just the wildlife.
Yes	As previous comments
Yes	BUT I DON'T THINK THEY GO FAR ENOUGH.
Yes	Definitely. Garforth in Bloom have a wildlife area off Bar lane. Hedgehogs here too
Yes	Efforts must be made to prevent removal of trees, bushes and hedges/hedgerows (unless a proved threat to safety) as not only do the roots soak up a tremendous amount of water in this flood prone locality BUT they also do a great deal to protect us against pollution from traffic.
Yes	Have all the existing important trees been protected with Tree Preservation Orders.
Yes	In consultation with appropriate agencies
Yes	It is a great idea if it ever comes to pass
Yes	Links to other points made already.
Yes	More growing greenery is very much needed.
Yes	Oh yes, the more trees the merrier. Being over 30 I'm not such a fan of direct sunlight anymore anyway. Losing Hawksnest wood to HS2 is a real shame, I can't think of any ancient woodland left to visit on foot or bicycle.
Yes	Old Garforth farmers used to provide wildlife areas in their fields (e.g. Farmer cromack in his fields down wakefield road)
Yes	Planting and sustaining the natural habitat is more important now than ever
Yes	Preserve existing wildlife habitat. No new housing
Yes	Spot on
Yes	Support the creation of hedgehog highways throughout the community and ensure they are in place on all new builds as per the new building regulations
Yes	There is a need to be very specific re landscape features
Yes	these are all excellent aims, Again could these excellent ideas have some added examples where this could be implemented?
Yes	Very important
Yes	We definitely need a healthier environment with more houses, it means more pollution
Yes	Why not 100% swift boxes (not that ours attracted any birds this year!) and hedgehog runs incorporated into all fences?
Yes	Wildlife gardens Support Garforth in Bloom

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - HEALTH?



HEALTH	Comment
Yes	? Does this mean a CLINIC!
Yes	A very commendable vision if it ever comes to pass
Yes	additional healthcare needed as Garforth has a growing population and also an ageing one
Yes	all are excellent ideas, however there is no mention of home-based care support, which deserves inclusion
Yes	Desperate need for expansion. Too much given to Kippax - Garforth side-lined
Yes	good idea lets hope it happens
Yes	Health arrangements are too scattered about. A cohesive Garforth service would be valued by residents.
Yes	Health care facilities are stretched beyond the limit already in Garforth so the provision of all this extra housing is a major concern for all new inhabitants. same for space in schools
Yes	Hope this includes a new clinic especially to support the elderly who at present have to travel to Kippax for warfarin etc
Yes	Hopefully it will mean more doctors and a new clinic
Yes	how could the closure of the clinic be justified in a town where the housing numbers are increasing by such large amounts
Yes	How will the wording of these policies actually protect, remember the massive campaign to protect the clinic!
Yes	I'd have thought Health and Well-being would have been better together and put Education as a separate item.
Yes	I think the policy may need a bit more beefing up on well-being?
Yes	If it's not going to be private. We do need more NHS dentists as a lot of people don't have money to go private.
Yes	Modern practices are to maximise the size of medical centres ,while this practice produces economies of scale ,patient care tends to reduce
Yes	MORE GP FACILITIES NEEDED SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT SO LONG FOR APPOINTMENTS. ALSO, WE SEE A DIFFERENT GP EVERY TIME SO DON'T GET TO KNOW THEM, NOR THEY US!
Yes	More health care settings are definitely needed as GP's are already over stretched.
Yes	More healthcare sites spread through new developments required.

Yes	Most important - particularly dental provision with access for NHS patients.
Yes	Need a clinic as Kippax too small and too difficult to reach for some elderly or infirm persons
Yes	Need new clinic and more GP surgery. People are waiting for appointments, surgeries full so this is a must
Yes	New health Provision :(policy will support and positively encourage)
Yes	Providing it does not remove local services and facilities
Yes	This is a priority given the age profile of Garforth (currently at least)
Yes	This is an obvious yes but we lost the clinic to housing.
Yes	This is vital as we have an aging community
Yes	This must include NHS dentists for Garforth families and possible walk-in centre.
Yes	Urgently needed
Yes	Very, very important given that existing facilities are becoming increasingly stretched AND we have just lost a medical clinic to residential development.
Yes	Why can't we have a medical walk in centre like the other side of Leeds
Yes	Why was an existing clinic demolished, to provide more land for housing.
Yes	Will it happen though or will more surgeries be reduced/closed and patients told to travel outside the area?

DO YOU AGREE WITH OUR POLICY INTENTIONS - EDUCATION?



EDUCATION	Comment
No	all above are excellent. Could you please add the provision of safe cycling and walking routes to / from school to help the over reliance of cars? and the dangerous parking outside school to drop off and collect children
No	Garforth at present has four Junior Schools plus a Senior School
No	Got enough schools
No	School provision is always promised and never delivered.
No	Will schools be provided for local children in the first instance i.e. Before outside of Garforth.
Yes	Agree but only if expansion /new school provision is required to meet the need of Garforth residents. I do not want to see more schools for people from outside of Garforth as this will cause greater traffic/pollution problems with parents driving to drop off/pick up.
Yes	As with healthcare, more schools spread through new developments needed to cope with already overcrowded schools.
Yes	BUT AGAIN, I DON'T FEEL THEY GO FAR ENOUGH. FAR MORE SCHOOL PROVISION NEEDED FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS. ALSO ACCESSIBILITY IMPORTANCE. I AM ON TWO CRUTCHES AND A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO I TRIED TO JOIN THE GARFORTH COMMUNITY CHOIR IN THE ACADEMY. ACCESS TO THE BUILDING MADE THIS QUITE DIFFICULT FOR ME , SO I HAD TO LEAVE.
Yes	But people should use the schools near where they live instead of children commuting to schools in Garforth, blocking places for Garforth children born and living in Garforth
Yes	Common sense.
Yes	Could have a statement regarding the establishment of car free zones close to schools ,to minimise effects of exhaust emissions as well as promote safety
Yes	Don't spoil what we already have. We'd need a massive rebuild or rethink of Garforth Academy.
Yes	Garforth schools should give priority to children who live in Garforth.

Yes	Great care needs to be taken over the development of future schools and who finances them and then possibly has undue influence over the curriculum. Care also needs to be taken against encouraging too much entry into the Academy system whereby certain Trusts are answerable only to themselves in terms of quality of staff, curriculum and timetabling.
Yes	If you live in Garforth you should be able to go to a Garforth school, if you wish.
Yes	In principle yes. But, I do wonder where any new developments, whether it be housing or parks, can be placed within Garforth. However I look forward in the future to hearing of any new plans.
Yes	Long overdue - Garforth needs another school to accommodate families moving to the area, especially into housing development which we don't need in the village and surrounding areas as we are already overcrowded. Another high school locally is also required for future generations.
Yes	Ninelands school and green lane, possibly st Benedictus are older buildings. Ninelands is well passed it 'use by' date.
Yes	Only if this is does not cause problems to our current excellent schools. We also need to consider the need for before and after school, holiday provisions for families.
Yes	School parking needs to be addressed. Places preserved for local children. Continued working between schools in supporting local/community events is also important.
Yes	School sports grounds needs to be specific as a recent plan for a new school illustrated a much reduced school playing field which was shared with primary school. Again presumably to reduce land required to accommodate more housing. Garforth is one of the wards in Leeds with the highest incidence of obesity and opportunities for school sports should not be curtailed due to lack of opportunity/ availability of playing fields.
Yes	Schools already full with more housing the need for new schools so children don't have to trek miles.
Yes	Thing is, all the new "family" homes mean more kids - do we need more school places and where will the facilities & teaching staff come from?
Yes	Try to encourage pupils to walk to school. Too many parents drive to school to drop off and collect their children. This causes congestion and danger to all who travel in the area during the start and end of the school day
Yes	Will be enormously expensive. Nice to think it might happen!

Other Comments

A very comprehensive list of policies. Obviously some are more important to me than others. I'd suggest prioritising some policies but as everybody will have their own set of priorities there is no point. What isn't needed is any sort of loop hole that lets the planners sidestep our policies.

Allotments

As I read the policy I think that what was missing was a link to the first paragraph of the vision i.e. the "strong sense of community". How are we going to build and maintain a community in Garforth? I think there are opportunities. For example, can we link with all the Garforth based clubs and associations (community, allotment, Garforth In Bloom, Garforth Town, Festival, Velo, etc....) to drive this forward? How do we get schools to be more centres of the community? Supporting events like the Festival or getting people together to litter pick plastic or plant trees and so build friendship bonds....

Better visibility of your organisation eg links / news on facebook Garforth News and Events and / or Garforth Gossip, posters in Main Street. Am ashamed I've only just heard about you.
Better recycling facilities please.

Care for the elderly, possibly a dementia unit. Community area for elderly to meet.

Don't think so plan all encompassing

Excellent plan. Just the parkspace being taken over by sports pitches and burial sites might be mentioned for me, I think there should be greenspace divisions. There are plenty of football pitches but not enough table tennis, tennis, volleyball, bowls, spas, allotments and arboretums

I believe you have covered most things others may materialise in due course I'm sure but you can't find everything at the start of something as diverse as this!

I noted you state on page 3 what could happen. Just lets hope. I would'nt hold my breath

I think the biggest problem is ensuring Leeds City Council start to respect the residents of Garforth and doesn't ignore their wishes and needs. Not something that I see happening and until that happens we can have as many aims and goals as we wish but they will continue to work against us.

I think the plan is fantastic, admirable even. Call me a cynic but I've lived here all my life and I've seen a steady decline become much more rapid in recent years. It concerns me that there is only one way and that is down. Building new houses and enticing new families to the area is not the best way forward if the town cannot sustain this increase in population. We need to improve what we have; improve facilities and maintain the surrounding habitat, not build more house on an infrastructure that simply cannot support this.

impact of lack of facilities in Micklefield, Aberford and Barwick

Impossible to tell, I'm sure things will emerge over the course of time

It would all seem very commendable should any of it come to pass. i for one will hold my breath

Many policies are too loose and need clarification and explanation as to their intention, extent and coverage. In some cases it would be necessary to specify and qualify. The use of jargon i to be deplored.

No agree with policies as stated

No, seems pretty comprehensive to me. Great work.

Not quite sure how these policies will ensure that "Our town will be surrounded by protected and accessible countryside."

Nothing to disagree with

Policing local station, ambulance, fire brigade all will be required if the area is to enlarge

Quality work and well thought out, thank you.

Only other suggestions (aside from housing policy), would be to support a move to micro generation of electricity, to facilitate high quality office units, aimed at casual use/micro businesses/Start ups as Leeds Centre is doing.

Thanks to the people of Garforth Forum, for giving their time, energy and talents to protect and enhance our environment both now and in the future

The plan seems fine. I wish to make a few points:

It is essential that the COUNTRY corridor between Leeds and Garforth is protected from any building development. That is from Thorp park/ Springs and M1 tp Wakefield Road. Otherwise Garforth will become a sprawl.

A study needs to be undertaken to solve the rapidly growing problem of vehicle congestion in Garforth, the worst areas are Main Street, Wakefield Road from near Tesco to the traffic lights at the junction with Main Street and also Bar lane. Bar Lane will become far worse when the building development on Ninelands Lane is completed. Adding to the congestion in Main Street are the large lorries making deliveries during the working day, They can be there some time. This significantly adds to the congestion. The situation has been reached where deliveries should be made out of peak times. The worst problem is NISA. I managed to speak to Michelle King a council officer and gave them a summary of the problems which she will pass onto the Highways department. Another area that needs to be investigated is the lack of parking for Garforth residents shopping in Garforth. The 2 carparks are soon chocked with rail commuters unable to park at the station. They are now parking on both sides of the main road near the station. Obviously building of new houses is needed, but this should be by separate new towns with all the infrastructure included but away from towns like Garforth, which is virtually bursting at the seams.

The vision and objectives are commendable, however, given the pressures on the existing Garforth population with further development under construction and permission granted for yet a further large development on the Selby road and future development in the next planning period , it is not surprising that the population is sceptical on our ability to influence planning events. We will need our policy wording to be meaningful. The NPPF para 16c states ' that plan policies should be clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals'.

The LCC core strategy is good, however in practice it seems to be open to interpretation by developers and planners and the practical decision often does not reflect the core strategy intent.

If we wish the plan to be accepted by the residents then they will have to believe that the policies will be effective. Other plans have been passed with many policies stating 'support', however they are smaller communities not faced with the relentless development pressures .

There is no mention of facilities/improvements to disabled member of the community such as accessible shops, parking, pavements for wheelchairs crossing roads and accessible train station at Garforth.

There needs to be an active speed management programme of various routes in and around Garforth as well as active management of current and future levels of traffic on main street

This report is full of generalities by necessity,full of buzz words and phrases of the moment which are very ambiguous and need careful monitoring

Very comprehensive and well informed. A lot of hard work has been done to get to this stage. All good wishes.

YES. Disability access to Garforth Station (ongoing for 5 years). Train service worse than ever.

