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Schools Workshop Pack – Feedback - September 2016

Background and purpose of the event

The workshop pack was designed to give pupils a chance to have their say on the Caerphilly They Want in 2040. Every school in the Caerphilly County Borough is an Eco School, holding at least the Eco School Bronze Award, and 83% of the schools have achieved the Green Flag award. This highlights that the schools in the Caerphilly County Borough are committed to sustainable development and environmental education, and with education for sustainable development embedded in the curriculum the pupils are aware of the issues around sustainable development, the local environment and climate change.

In addition 100% of Caerphilly borough schools are actively engaged with the Network of Healthy Schools with 96% achieving level 3 or beyond and 63% achieve level 5 or beyond.

Method

The workshop pack was sent to every primary and secondary school in the Caerphilly County Borough, a total of 90 schools, (76 primary schools and 14 secondary schools).

Three primary schools returned the feedback from their workshops.

The workshop was split into four questions which asked

- What is the Top (best) thing about where you live
- What is the Pants (worst) thing about where you live
- What would you like your community to be like in 25 years
- If you had one wish to make your community a better place for 2040, what would it be

For the first section, the children looked at what they liked and didn't like about where they live and why. They wrote the Top things about their community (what they liked) on the Tops template and the Pants things (what they didn't like) on the Pants templates, which were then hung on the washing line.

The second section asked the children to draw what they would like their community to look like in 25 years time, and to explain their drawing. This was a difficult challenge as both children and adults struggled to think 25 years ahead.

The third section asked the children and adults, if they had one wish to do something to make their community a better place for 2040, what would their wish be? They wrote their wish on a coin template and placed it in the wishing well.

Summary of Key Findings

A number of key themes came out from the completed workshop. The following were seen as some of the key areas:

The children like:

- Sports fields/ football fields
- Green spaces
- Shops

The children don't like:

- Litter
- Traffic
- Cars parking on the pavement
- People smoking in public places

They would like their community to look like the following by 2040:

- Everyone to be safe
- Clean and tidy – free from litter
- People to respect their neighbourhood
- More recycling

Key Wishes for 2040:

- More hospitals
- Less stray animals
- Safe play areas for children
- Parks for children (different age groups)

Full details of the workshop can be found in **Appendix 1**.

Appendix 1

What are the Top (best) and Pants (worst) things about where you live and why?	
Top - Best - What	Top - Best - Why
Lots of wildlife (1) Football field (3) Park (5) Mugga and football field – good for sports (2) Shops (2) Grass – green spaces (2) Friendly people (1) Parks (2) Lots of space (1) Dogs kept on leads in park (4) Peaceful (1) Leisure centre (3) Friends (1) The law (1) Quiet (1) Skate park (2) School (1)	
Pants - Worst - What	Pants - Worst - Why
Some people are not very nice (1) Driveways are too busy – no place to play (2) The park isn't very good – it needs more play equipment (roundabout/ swings/ more colours/ more benches) (3) Too many drivers – busy roads (3) Too many flats – need more houses (1) Not enough local food shops (2) People smoke in public places (6) Litter (6) Traffic (3) Busy (1) Dog fouling (1) Cars parking on the pavement (4) Stray animals (1) Long walk to the park (1) The shelter used by people on drugs (2) Dogs not allowed in park (2) Shops and banks closing (1) Vandalism (1)	

What do YOU want your communities to look like in 2040?	
What	Why
Everyone to be safe in their community (2) Clean, tidy community – free from litter (2) Housing to look nicer (1) People to respect their neighbourhood (3) More recycling (2) Less litter – chewing gum on the floor (1) Friendly people and community (1)	

Wishing Well
Key Wishes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe area with paths to walk to facilities – library (2) 2. Being able to play outdoors – safe (3) 3. Getting around without a car – better public transport (1) 4. Keep the pavements clear for mums with pushchairs – no cars parking on the kerb (1) 5. The look of the community – make it pretty (2) 6. Parks for little children and big children – keep them separate (3) 7. Keep the area outside school litter free and tidy (2) 8. Cyber library (2) 9. Safe play areas for children (3) 10. Stop people smoking (1) 11. More hospitals (5) 12. Road markings (1) 13. Less stray animals (4) 14. More schools (2) 15. More shops and activities for kids (1) 16. Stop cutting down trees (1) 17. A girls football team (1) 18. Skate park (2) 19. Help us stop people doing bad things (1) 20. More jobs in the area (1)

