

Catshill Consultation- response analysis

The survey went live 26th October and was open until Monday 14th December.

A promotional postcard was sent to every residential and business address in the Catshill wards week commencing 2nd November.

127 people responded to at least the first question (postcode).

2. What do you like about living / working in Catshill?

119 responses. Comments included:

- Friendly- place & people/neighbours
- Community feel- sense of belonging
- Great location- for work & travel/travel links
- Green spaces/access to countryside
- Great amenities- shops, parks, doctors, school, library, restaurants
- Safe place
- Peace & quiet
 - Small number of negative comments

3. What venues / services / activities / organisations in the local community do you really value? Please tick all that apply and tell us about any ones we've missed!

128 responses. Top 5 were:

- 1) Shops
- 2) Green spaces/play areas
- 3) NHS facilities
- 4) Pubs/restaurants
- 5) Schools

4. Is there anything you dislike about living /working in Catshill?

110 responses. Comments included:

- Traffic- congestion, speeding, HGV cut through, motorway noise, pollution
- Highways- poor condition, lack of footpaths, pedestrian crossings & lighting, roadworks
- Parking- lack of, inconsiderate (including school parking), on pavements
- Crime & ASB- lack of police presence, lack of CCTV, graffiti, vandalism, nuisance, feel unsafe
- Lack of young people's activities- young people hanging around
- Litter- rubbish left, dog fouling
- Drugs- use & dealing, county-lines concerns
- Limited public transport
- Deprivation
- Bromsgrove Hotel- behaviour of asylum seekers, lack of community consultation
- Parks- outdated & poorly maintained

- Too many new houses being built- too much social housing
- Area rundown- upkeep of some houses
- Limited resources/amenities- closure of Tulip Tree Centre
- Amenities underutilised
- Lack of respect in wider community
- Too many takeaways
- Cost of living- high rents, high petrol costs
 - Over 10% of responses said there was nothing they disliked.

5. What do you think are the most important issues for you / your local community?

120 responses. Top 5 were:

- 1) Safety/Crime/ASB
- 2) Clean streets
- 3) Mental Health & Wellbeing
- 4) Alcohol/drug misuse
- 5) Environmental issues
 - Other issues stated were traffic, dangerous driving, development & venues for youth activities.

6. What would make a positive difference to you / your local community?

82 responses. Comments included:

- Activities for children & teenagers- a youth centre/group, gaming, coding, music, sports other than football
- Better play areas- for all ages, skate park
- Local interest groups- craft, gardening, film nights, woodwork, book club
- Community learning- adult education, family learning opportunities, retraining for people out of work, volunteering opportunities, first aid, computer classes
- Local support/outreach groups- over 50's, older people, job coaching, job opportunities for young people benefits/form support, early years, single dads
- Exercise classes/groups- outdoor, walking group, family friendly, for older people, gym
- Community events- annual events, scarecrow festival, summer fete, Christmas Gala, bank holiday events, jumble sales, clothes swaps
- Accessible events- after school, after work, weekend, holidays, affordable, more capacity, better promotion (promote local use)
- Update/utilise/involve amenities- refurbish Social Club, more on at Village Hall, greater involvement in the village by the schools, shops & clubs, promote library
- Mental health support- worker, local group/helpline, support for loneliness
- Young people's health clinic
- Police presence- more patrols, more visible, evenings & weekends, tackling drug dealing
- Neighbourhood Watch

- Address parking issues- parking on pavements & verges, stricter parking regulations, more bays
- Address traffic & speeding concerns- HGV's, cut through traffic, review/enforce speed limits, implement traffic calming measures, speed cameras
- Highways- Western bypass, more pedestrian crossings
- Green spaces- better upkeep, more trees, flowers & garden beds, community garden & composting facility, preserve wildlife, volunteering opportunities
- Local environment- more litter picks (involve middle school), more dog mess bins, better street lighting, block alley by Co-op, more investment in 'run down' areas
- Less new housing- pressure on infrastructure
- Help for homeless
- More affordable housing
- Move asylum seekers
- Better public transport
- Asset based community development- polling assets
- More amenities- a bank, a greengrocer, a DIY shop
- Respect
- Things going 'back to normal'

7. Is there anything any local partners (e.g. Council, NHS, Police, Job Centre, Housing Trust etc) could do differently that would have a positive impact on your community?

71 responses. Comments included:

- Address problems when they happen- not on Monday morning
- Assets based approach to community development
- Greater police presence- more patrols, on foot, daily, evenings, a *known* local community officer, prevent anti-social gatherings, drivers on phones, proactive pre-emptive engagement with young people
- Address speeding- Police take concerns seriously, review speed limits, discrete speeding survey
- More CCTV
- Address reports of antisocial tenants- how does a non-tenant engage with BDHT?
Tenant responsibility
- Litter- more bins, more education
- Drugs- address drug taking & dealing, more support for drug/alcohol issues
- Enforce parking restrictions- over drives, pavements, school parking, council officer more often in area
- Improve/maintain social housing
- Maintain local environment- cutting back hedges & trees
- Improve roads & pavements
- Improve parks
- More affordable housing
- More accessible doctors & dentists
- An information/support/signposting service in Catshill

- Parish Council more visible
- More listening events
- Promote 'gocatshill.co.uk'
- A 'Friends of Catshill Meadow'
- More flowers
- Consideration of the local impact of development- no more major developments
- Door to door campaigning
- A Summer Fair
- Address behaviour of asylum seekers
 - Small number said there was nothing

8. Is there anything that you would like to set up if you had the support you needed?

23 responses. Suggestions included:

- Mentoring
- CV & interview skills
- Computer training
- Budgeting advice
- Weekend café @ Catshill Meadow
- Neighbourhood Watch- only with Police involvement
- Information/support/signposting service
- Homework club
- Arts & crafts club
- Computer training
- Pensioners club
- Community based police activities
- Mental health support- non-judgemental space
- Young people's support
- Book club
- Mother & toddler group
- Community meetings
- Toy library
- Community support for the library
- Children's holiday clubs
- Children's hot holiday meals
- Advance 'gocatshill.co.uk'

9. Want to be more involved?

32 people gave their details- thank you so much!

10. Finally, is there anything else you would like to say about Catshill?

47 responses. Comments included:

- 'Lovely village'- 'I love Catshill'- 'cracking place'- 'proud to live in'- 'happy village'- 'I still like it'- 'Spar staff excellent'- 'young people are considerate'- 'a lovely place to live and we appreciate the things around us- especially during these hard times'- 'Well done all in ensuring it runs smoothly'- 'Nice area in Worcestershire'- 'We use the pubs, shops and parks a lot'
- More houses = more strain on infrastructure- more thought should be given, new housing should be of a high standard, sensitive to surroundings, increases number of cars, congestion & pollution, over populated & over built. How will new housing needs be met?
- Deal with antisocial tenants
- Please don't run it down online!
- Introduce a smokeless zone
- There is too much crime
- Community policing- get them out & about, reduces antisocial behaviour & vandalism
- Install CCTV
- Address issues surrounding the Bromsgrove Hotel- better communication & consultation, negative experiences often not reported to Police
- Reinstate Catshill Carnival
- More family events
- Develop/preserve the village community- village needs protecting & investing, 'we need to care for our village', maintain community spirit
- Area has deteriorated/declined- lost local businesses
- It is a 'big roundabout'
- Impact of traffic- potential for accidents
- More parking
- Single parents can struggle with living costs
- Young people should have more input
- Encourage partners & communities to work together- build on positive aspects
- The schools are wonderful- but could take a wider role in the community
- Doctors surgery is great
- Stop mowing verges unless for safety

Demographics

Which best describes your gender?

- 68.6% Female
- 28.4% Male
- 2.9% Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your age?

- 14-19 years = 1.0%
- 20-29 year = 3.9%
- 30-39 years = 26.5%
- 40-49 years = 15.7%
- 50-59 years = 23.5%
- 60-69 years = 15.7%
- 70-79 years = 8.8%
- 80+ years = 1%
- Prefer not to say = 3.9%

Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?

- White English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British = 89.2%
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups = 1%
- Asian or Asian British = 1%
- Black / African / Caribbean / Black British = 1%
- Any other ethnic group = 1%
- Prefer not to say = 6.9%

Which of the following best describes your religion or belief?

- Atheist = 7.8%
- Christian = 52.9%
- Hindu = 1%
- Pagan = 1%
- No religion/belief = 24.5%
- Prefer not to say = 7.8%
- Other = 4.9%

Do you have any long-term health condition or disability?

- Yes = 28.7%
- No = 64.4%
- Prefer not to say = 6.9%

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

- Bisexual = 1%
- Heterosexual = 78.4%
- Lesbian or Gay = 3.9%
- Prefer not to say = 14.7%
- Other = 2%