

Summary of #MyTown Comment for Town Board Update 14/08/2020

Between 10th July and 11th August

Overall 9 original comments, plus 3 further comments on 1 specific post.

NOT HAD AN UPDATE FROM MHCLG SO THIS IS DIRECT FROM WEBSITE:

Housing:

- CPO derelict housing and bring up to standard and back into use
- Demolish the old derelict houses... replace with more modern fit for purpose housing.
- Improving enforcement regarding bad tenants.
- More regular property checks by private landlords
- Problem with volume of private landlords owning property
- Reintroduce street cleaners.
- Employ gardeners to help teach people look after their gardens

General condition of area, Crime and ASB:

- Weeds at side of road and litter
- Warden enforcement for littering and unkempt gardens
- Crime and ASB – CCTV and more investment in policing – they are under-resourced

Improve the high street:

- Too many empty or shabby looking shops/pubs. The shop-keepers and residents who are trying really hard are outnumbered by those who don't have any pride in their community.
- Incentivise businesses to come to the area and impose stricter penalties on those who don't look after their property.
- Ex-school site: make a new police station that serves the local area. Put police on regular patrol in local areas. OR make Goldthorpe a market town once again, encourage local farmers markets to come along.

More training courses and facilities:

- Fund employability schemes to give people confidence, skills and mindset to apply for jobs, attend interviews and prepare to get back or into work.
- Trades courses from a local dedicated employability centre (not the jobcentre) on ex school site or demolish empty pubs.
- Need better local education and training opportunities for young people, and safe recreational activities to keep youths entertained and off the streets.

Re-think the Dearne Valley Eco Vision:

- A lot of potential for the introduction of 'green' employment opportunities, such as energy production from wind and solar, types of planting in the rural areas surrounding the Dearne Valley villages to reduce the area's carbon emissions and introduce new jobs to the area.
- Goldthorpe could be put on the map as a sustainable village, have 'green' training for the young and those struggling to find work.