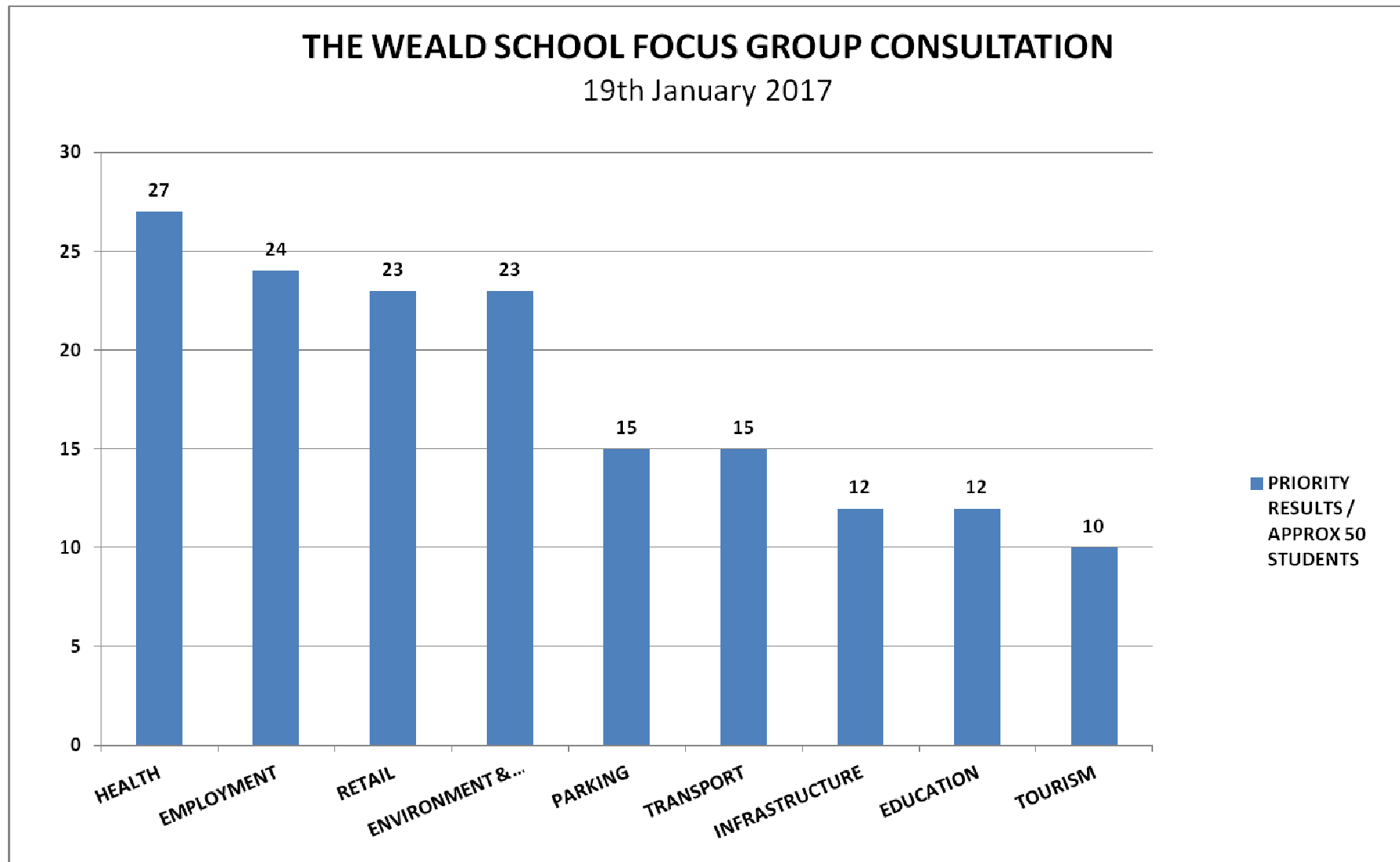


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Approx. 50 students asked to give their five priorities for the future

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COMMENTS FROM WEALD SCHOOL FOCUS GROUP

HEALTH

- THE DOCTOR'S SURGERY AT BILLINGSHURST HAS BEEN NEEDING A REJUVENATED WAITING ROOM FOR A LONG TIME
- HEALTHCARE NATIONALLY IS A PROBLEM AND THE GOVERNMENT **NEED** TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THOUGH WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO EXPAND ON HEALTHCARE IF WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY GOT IS A STRONG BASE
- IF THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE COMING INTO BILLINGSHURST THE FACILITIES SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND EXPANDED. FOR EXAMPLE BILLINGSHURST SURGERY IS ALWAYS RUNNING LATE, EXTREMELY BUSY AND IT IS HARD TO GET APPOINTMENTS SO IF IT WAS BIGGER IT WOULD BE BETTER.
- THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER SURGERY BECAUSE THEY ARE BUILDING MORE HOUSES SO THERE WILL BE MORE PEOPLE. ALSO BECAUSE IF YOU NEED A DOCTOR YOU HAVE TO WAIT ABOUT THREE DAYS BEFORE YOU CAN GO.

TRANSPORT

- NEED CYCLING PATHS; MANY ROADS ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO CYCLE ON.
- NO MAIN LINK TO THE DOWNSLINK WHICH IS A GREAT CYCLE ROUTE.
- I FEEL THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN BILLINGSHURST IS LACKING. WE HAVE MANY OPTIONS (TRAINS, BUS, TAXI) THOUGH THEY CAN BE UNRELIABLE AND CAN AFFECT THINGS LIKE WORK, SCHOOL AND SOCIALISING

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

- AT THE WEEKEND PEOPLE GO RACING DOWN THE BYPASS PUTTING LOCAL PEOPLE AND PETS AT RISK. EITHER A SPEED LIMIT OR ANOTHER PLAN NEEDS TO BE PUT IN.
- WE SHOULD HAVE SPEED CAMERAS ON THE BYPASS AND IN SOME OF THE LOCAL ESTATES AND WHERE BILLINGSHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE WEALD IS.
- LOTS OF SPEEDING – THROUGH SILVER LANE AND ON THE HIGH STREET FOR EXAMPLE
- PARKING IN JENGER'S MEAD – REALLY BAD
- IMPROVE PARKING ON STATION ROAD AND SILVER LANE. PARKING PERMITS? MAYBE THE WEALD CAR PARK COULD BE USED ON WEEKENDS.
- IN THIS VILLAGE THERE IS VERY LITTLE PARKING ESPECIALLY AT HALLOWEEN AND YOU FIND PEOPLE BLOCKING YOUR DRIVE. ALSO IN THE TOWN YOU ONLY HAVE JENGER'S MEAD, SAINSBURY'S CAR PARK AND THE SMALL ONE NEXT TO LLOYD'S BANK. ALL THESE GET OVERCROWDED.
- ALSO AN EXTRA NOTE - OPEN (EXTEND) THE ROAD FROM THE BYPASS TO JUST PAST FIVE OAKS AS IF YOU ARE GOING TO SLINFOLD AND FIVE OAKS WON'T BE AS BUSY.

EMPLOYMENT

- IN THE VILLAGE THERE ARE A LOT OF JOBS UP FOR OFFER AND SAINSBURY'S HAS JUST OPENED THE DOORS FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR WORK. BUT MANY PEOPLE DRIVE TO GET TO WORK OR GET THE TRAIN SO I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A FEW MORE OPPORTUNITIES
- WE NEED MORE BUSINESSES IN BILLINGSHURST, SO WHEN WE ARE OLDER AND LOOKING FOR JOBS WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE EMPLOYED AND JOBS WILL BE NEARBY.

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RETAIL

- A COFFEE SHOP IN THE HIGH STREET YES, WOULD BE USED A LOT BY TEENAGERS AND MUMS.
- THERE SHOULD BE A CAFÉ THAT IS ONLY OPEN AT NIGHT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO CAFÉS OPEN AT NIGHT SO PEOPLE COULD GO AFTER SCHOOL.
- THERE SHOULD BE BIGGER CAFÉS WHERE TEENAGERS CAN HANG OUT TOGETHER IN; HAVE SOMETHING TO DRINK LIKE MILKSHAKES AND A SNACK. IT SHOULD BE BIG ENOUGH TO THEY CAN SIT INSIDE THE WARM, RATHER THAN GETTING INTO TROUBLE AT A PARK.
- CAFÉS YOU CAN SIT AND EAT IN - eg. COSTAS
- HAVE TO TRAVEL TO HORSHAM FOR A DECENT MEAL OUT. REGENERATE THE HIGH STREET.
- FAST FOOD PLACES OR RESTAURANT
- MORE DIFFERENT TYPES OF RESTAURANTS – SUBWAY
- MORE SHOPS
- PUT A MACDONALDS IN THE SPACE ACROSS FROM SAINSBURY OR SHOPS
- MORE SHOPS DOWN HIGH STREET
- CLOTHING SHOPS
- CLARITY IS NEEDED OVER THE VACANT BUILDING OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S IN THE HIGH STREET.
- WE NEED MORE CLOTHES SHOPS AND GOOD SHOPS – SHAKEAWAY /SUGAR & SNOW/MACDONALDS /KFC.
- MORE RESTAURANTS SUCH AS ITALIAN BECAUSE THE ONLY PROPER RESTAURANTS ARE INDIAN/CURRY AND NOT ALL YOUNG KIDS OR ADULTS LIKE THESE TYPE OF FOODS.
- RANGE OF RESTAURANTS, NOT JUST CURRY HOUSES.
- THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE SHOPS e.g. SHOES, CLOTHES; SO THERE IS A BIGGER VARIETY OF SHOPS.
- THERE SHOULD BE MORE RESTAURANTS SO PEOPLE COULD EAT OUT MORE.
- WE SHOULD INVEST IN SOME NEW FOOD SHOPS SUCH AS: COOK, MR SIMS, MACDONALDS.
- WE NEED MORE RESTAURANTS SUCH AS ITALIANS, CAFÉS, AND AMERICAN DINERS.
- THERE SHOULD BE A POUNDLAND, PRIMARK, KFC AND MACDONALDS
- THERE SHOULD BE MORE CLOTHING SHOPS AND SHOPS TO BUY MORE PRACTICAL THINGS FROM SUCH AS SHOES, CLOTHES ETC. RATHER THAN JUST FOOD AND A COUPLE OF CHARITY SHOPS
- SPORTS SHOPS
- MARKETS

RECREATION

- NOT MUCH SPORT GOING ON OUTSIDE SCHOOL –CYCLING & JOGGING CLUBS? PEOPLE SHOULD USE JUBILEE FIELDS MORE.
- CREATE A NEW ASTRO TURF THAT IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE.
- JUBILEE FIELDS IS A GREAT FACILITY.
- CAR PARK PRICES MUST NOT INCREASE AS THAT WOULD DECREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD USE THE LIBRARY
- FOAM, BALL AND TRAMPOLINE PARK
- PAINTBALL ARENA

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- THEATRE
- YMCA
- A CHORAL SOCIETY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE GREAT THEY COULD VISIT OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES AND SING FOR THEM. LACKING COMMUNITY GROUPS SUCH AS THESE
- MORE COMMUNITY CENTRES
- MORE ARTS AND CRAFT
- EYE PROJECT WOULD BE GOOD BUT STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE AN INPUT ON HOW IT'S RUN AND WHAT GOES ON THERE IF IT'S GOING TO BE USED BY US. NO-ONE WILL USE IT IF IT SEEMS IT IS RUN BY ADULTS TO GET US TO PARTICIPATE IN SOMETHING.
- MORE SKATEPARKS – INDOOR
- YOUTH CLUB
- WE SHOULD HAVE A THEME PARK IN THE FUTURE
- THERE SHOULD BE A THEME PARK IN BILLINGSHURST
- THERE SHOULD BE MORE FIELDS TO PLAY IN. THERE SHOULD BE MORE PLACES WITH FOOTBALL GOALS, SO CHILDREN/TEENAGERS CAN GO AND PLAY FOOTBALL.
- THERE SHOULD BE A RUNNING TRACK IN A FIELD BECAUSE THERE ARE LOADS OF PLAIN FIELDS THAT ARE NOT BEING USED.
- THERE SHOULD BE A BOWLING ALLEY, CINEMA AND AN ICE RINK OPEN ALL SEASONS
- WE SHOULD HAVE AN ICE RINK EVERY WINTER AND ON THE OTHER SIDE A BOWLING ALLEY CONNECTED TO THE LEISURE CENTRE.
- MORE FUN ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE IN BILLINGSHURST, SUCH AS TRAMPOLINE PARKS, MUSEUMS AND MAYBE EVEN ADD A WATER SLIDE OR DIVING BOARDS TO THE SWIMMING POOL TO MAKE IT MUCH MORE FUN.
- MORE SPORTS FACILITIES – ICE RINK, ATHLETICS TRACK, FOOTBALL PITCH
- ARCADE / BOWLING
- AT CHRISTMAS EVERYONE FROM THE VILLAGE SHOULD COME TO THE HIGH STREET AND THERE WOULD BE CAROLS, FOOD, AND DRINK ETC.

HOUSING

- NEED A BALANCE BETWEEN HOUSES AND FIELDS.
- IT IS SAD TO SEE GREEN AREAS BEING BUILT ON SO I THINK SOME FIELDS NEED TO BE PROTECTED BUT WE DO NEED MORE HOUSING! BILLINGSHURST EXPANDING IN POPULATION IS INEVITABLE AND MUST BE EMBRACED AND PREPARED FOR.
- TOO MANY HOUSES
- THERE ARE MANY HOUSES IN BILLINGSHURST BUT THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE FAIRLY FAR AWAY FROM MOST OF THE SHOPS AND THIS MEANS THAT IT IS FURTHER DISTANCE TO GET TO THE SHOPS AND TO ACCESS TRANSPORT.

EDUCATION

- ANOTHER PRIMARY SCHOOL
- BETTER FUNDING FOR SCHOOL HERE

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- THOUGH THE SCHOOL IS EXPANDING, THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF FUNDING IN WEST SUSSEX WHICH WE BELIEVE IS A PROBLEM AND COULD HAVE A LARGE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE
- WITH GREATER NUMBERS OF STUDENTS COMING IN EVERY YEAR, THE SCHOOL IS HAVING TO EXPAND AND ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY FOR MORE STAFF. MORE MONEY SHOULD BE PUT INTO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IF MORE HOUSES ARE BEING BUILT.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- SOME OF THE ROADS AND PAVEMENTS IN BILLINGSHURST NEED RESURFACING. eg. THE ROUNDABOUT BY ROMAN WAY
- FIX THE GATE/FENCE BEHIND THE LEISURE CENTRE.
- IF MORE HOUSES ARE BUILT THEN BILLINGSHURST SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SHOPS, SURGERIES, DENTAL PRACTICES, PARKS, CAR PARKS, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE

- THE LIBRARY IS A VALUABLE FACILITY. DO SOMETHING TO APPEAL TO OLDER STUDENTS – A QUIET STUDY SPACE. AND FOR OLDER PEOPLE
- THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE ADVERTISED TO TEENAGERS AS A FACILITY FOR THEM TOO – QUIET STUDY SPACE.
- THERE ARE LIMITED FACILITIES IN BILLINGSHURST AVAILABLE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE
- TOURISM IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WILL BRING MANY PEOPLE INTO THE VILLAGE AND GIVE SHOPS THE OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW THEIR BUSINESSES

ENVIRONMENT

- THERE ARE MANY GREEN SPACES IN BILLINGSHURST, SOME OF THEM ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY BY NEW HOUSING AND SO WE STILL NEED GREEN SPACES AND FIELDS.
- WE SHOULD PROTECT THE FIELDS AND OPEN SPACE BECAUSE THERE IS NOT MUCH LEFT AND IT SHOULD BE PROTECTED.
- WE ARE LUCKY TO LIVE IN AN AREA WITH PLENTY OF FIELDS AND GREENERY AROUND. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN GOING INTO THE FUTURE. WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH WILL BE LEFT IN FIFTEEN YEARS TIME IF WE DON'T CONSERVE IT?
- THERE SHOULD BE FLOWERS IN THE PARKS BECAUSE THERE USED TO BE LOADS OF FLOWERS IN THE PARK NEXT TO THE WEALD SCHOOL BUT NOW THERE ARE JUST WEEDS. ALSO PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE WINDOW BOXES OUTSIDE THEIR HOUSES TO MAKE THE VILLAGE MORE COLOURFUL AND BRIGHT.
- HOW MUCH DO PEOPLE KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BILLINGSHURST AS A ROMAN TOWN?