

ANF – Living in Aireborough Research Synthesis

This document contains a synthesis of all the research data that was received from the first stage of a Grounded Theory, qualitative, inductive, research programme: it is not an interpretive report. The work was carried out between June 2012 and April 2013 regarding, what people like, dislike and want to improve about Aireborough. In all research and consultation people have been asked what they do like, followed by what they would like to see improved. The place awareness walks, allowed people to identify particular hot spots and treasures in their area.

Aireborough in this case primarily refers to Guiseley, Yeadon, Hawksworth and High Royds: Rawdon is not included in this instance as it has its own parish council, however Rawdon is part of the Leeds district of Aireborough, and much of the content of this document is applicable to Rawdon.

Research has been synthesised from the following sources, with the aim of covering a wide range of residents, and some businesses:-

- Six thinking hat qualitative research June – October 2012 (92 responses including those aged around 16, and those aged around 90)
- Local Representative in depth interviews – Summer 2012 (6 responses)
- ANF workshop exercises, specifically Mapping Aireborough - February 2012 (52 detailed responses including place awareness walks. And 20 emails with different views.)
- Pop Up Exhibition (30 responses from key questions posed)
- Aireborough Youth Forum Conference, Schools Drawing and Poetry competitions – March 2013 (over 100 children aged 6 to 17)

More detailed business research and other primary and secondary evidence gathering for the Neighbourhood Plan is currently underway.

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1. Area Wide Issues, Hot Spots & Treasures

1. Traffic , Transport and Mobility; is the most frequently mentioned issue

- ❖ **A65/A658 Congestion – over capacity and getting worse.**
 - Area attractions eg Hobbycraft, airport, bringing more visitors to the area
 - Too many people work out of the area and need to use the car
- ❖ **Traffic congestion on local roads– bad for motorists and makes people feel unsafe**
 - Yeadon town street is a ‘rat run’
 - Guiseley Oxford Road is dangerous and frightening to school children
 - Too many cars and poor crossings in general mean more people go by car*
- ❖ **Balance of vehicular traffic and pedestrians – A65 splits communities**
 - Crossings the A65 – Nunroyd Park, Guiseley gyratory,
 - Crossing of A65 at Station Hotel Guiseley is a barrier, and difficult
 - Too many crossing areas along A65 impeding traffic flow
 - Guiseley gyratory, traffic and pedestrian imbalance – the turn into Morrison at Park Road often means that the gyratory is gridlocked.
 - Too much road and white line at Nunroyd Park, not enough pavement
 - Too much road, Guiseley Otley Road, not enough pavement for local shops
- ❖ **Ginnels/snickets/green ways are not networked and in poor condition**
 - Pedestrian bridge at Guiseley railway station is a mess
 - Access and barriers on footpaths around Silverdale
 - Ginnel that runs from St Andrews Church to the Coppice Wood area is a slimy muddy mess, others in Guiseley eg Queensway to Church Street, are overgrown with brambles and nettles
- ❖ **Parking provision**
 - Parking on pavements from old Yeadon to new High Royds - Parking provision
 - Parking is difficult in Yeadon with Morrisons restrictions
 - Parking for local shops on Otley Road Guiseley is poor, many complaints
 - Guiseley station parking, people still using a variety of roads and streets, not car park
- ❖ **Overcrowded trains**
- ❖ **Poor bus services**
- ❖ **Airport noise**

People Treasure – Transport & Mobility

- Legacy of greenways, lanes, and ginnels – safe quick routes
- Old Railway Line (Aireborough Greenway) – paths: Guiseley to Yeadon are well kept*
- Kelcliffe Lane, the uncovered part, which is an ancient hollow way
- Guiseley Railway Station which connects us to places beyond Leeds
- The proximity of the Leeds/ Bradford Airport giving access to all of the UK and Europe for business and leisure.

2. Threat To Character of the Area; is deeply felt with a fear being a suburban dormitory

- ❖ **Town meets country- preserve this feel with right mix of rural and urban**
 - The jarring sight of electricity pylons marching across semi-rural setting at High Royds.
 - Destruction of trees lining roads and parks eg Nunroyd and Netherfield Road
 - Housing design at Crompton Parkinson's that does not fit the area (block of flats)
 - New housing developments, particularly in Guiseley, are bringing urban sprawl
- ❖ **Strong argument for preserving green fields which remain between Rawdon, Yeadon and Guiseley as our green infrastructure, as few central parks . Fields are what gives character**
 - Threat to green belt and green spaces from SHLAA sites
- ❖ **Skyline views ie hills, notable buildings, and views of green fields in general, under threat**
 - Some SHLAA sites eg Kelcliffe Lane and Yeadon Banks would spoil the green skyline
 - Lack of respect of views to the landscape
- ❖ **Historic features not respected**
 - Clapper bridge, Esholt woods
 - Steps behind the Steep in Yeadon a mess, along with Ivegate features
 - Gordon's mill pond being filled up to make a car park
 - Green Lane mill ponds being filled up for development
 - What is Birks Farm (Ings Lane) and Green Lane Mills to be used for – as they are character properties?
 - Direct walking route between Ivegate and the Engine Fields and Old Dog Mill (the first in Yeadon to have steam power) It is believed that the Yeadon Town Wells lie under the steps
- ❖ **Ginnels/snickets are not networked and in poor condition (see above)**
- ❖ **Quality of signage is urban and non sympathetic to the character of the area (see below)**

People Treasure - Character of the Area

- Medieval strips and paddocks at Wills Gill, Guiseley Town Street. Also other field patterns.
- Medieval clapper bridge and forge near Esholt Woods
- Medieval hamlet of Thrope on Hawksworth Moor
- SSI areas Hawksworth and Yeadon
- The fields and green space between Cookridge and Kelcliffe, Rawdon Billington to the Chevin Edge, should all have a habitat and archaeological survey done. This is an ancient historic area, with green ways, and features and more could be made of it.
- The tranquillity and peaceful ambience when strolling through High Royds Park. It can be blissful and relaxing, at one with nature in the woods of native trees, by the meandering Mire Beck with the majestic Odda as a backdrop. Space; to walk through greenery, the chance to meet or view a variety of wildlife: Foxes, Muntjac deer, Kestrels, the sound of a Woodpecker's hammering in Spring, Kites and the ubiquitous Rabbits
- Native trees lining parks and roads eg Nunroyd Park, Cemetery Road, Yeadon, Green Lane, and Kelcliffe Lane, Guiseley (this is also a feature of the local landscape, as given in the landscape assessment)
- Surprise View and the Chevin Park, Yorkgate area
- Guiseley Gap, landscape that can take you back to the ice-age, and bigger forces of nature
- Stone features, from the ancient eg Stoop and Bull Stone, to the medieval, and the Edwardian stone architecture.

- Stone architecture in sympathy with the landscape and history
- Iconic buildings eg Yeadon Town hall, High Royds clock
- Views from all angles of the surrounding hills, need to be careful that the building line does not break the feel of being in the country as this gives the area connection to the South Pennines. Need a list of well loved views eg from Carlton Lane to Yeadon Banks, or from York Gate, south, or the view of Aireborough from Hawksworth, or Tranmere from Apperley Lane.
- Views of feature buildings Yeadon Town Hall, Tranmere Park, Thorpe Medieval Village and High Royds Tower, Mill chimney at Green Lane and Gordon's Mill. Give you a sense of place
- Copse on Whale Jaws Hill

3. Unattractive Urban Developments and Development Issues; are replacing character

❖ Unattractive features and poor design of new housing

- Guiseley Library is a horror
- Yeadon Library is a poor front to the town square
- Unsympathetic street furniture – eg metro bus stop at Guiseley Theatre, plant containers near the bus area at Morrisons Yeadon, different forms of hand rails at old people's residences in Haw Lane Yeadon, and Albert Square
- Housing design at Crompton Parkinson's that does not fit the area (block of flats)
- Silver Cross housing has it's back to the main road – poor design
- Lack of respect for views to the landscape in general

❖ Condition and quality of materials in public space and sites.

- Direct walking route between Ivegate and the Engine Fields and Old Dog Mill. Steps are unnecessarily wide, and ugly, being made of concrete flags with utilitarian railings. Landscaping/ planting might offer the chance of a serpentine sloping path intersecting a narrower more direct flight of steps
- Reconstituted stone walls and many buildings look out of place and wear badly
- Flooding and draining issues Netherfield Road area that cannot be solved by developers
- Poor materials used in new developments that do not wear and weather
- Making good around new developments, pavements, drains, trees, very poor and leaves problems
- Unsightly slabs of concrete used to line bank into Nunroyd Park

❖ Street and public advertising – there does not seem to be any set and maintained policy, we have advertising on prominent and key buildings that does nothing to enhance the area.

- Advertising and street signs around Guiseley, and Yeadon in particular – welcome to Guiseley sign at Hollings Hill, and signage on Skin Clinic at the start of Back Lane.
- Guiseley gyratory advertising
- Nunroyd park advertising
- Too much graffiti *

People Treasure - Urban Developments

- Some of the destination stores on the new retail parks eg Hobbycraft

4. Lack of Community and Civic Pride Increasing Islands of Isolation; is the result of above

- ❖ **Isolated communities, housing developments, and no 'real centres'**
 - No centre in Guiseley – except for a car park and a gyratory
 - No link to west side retail park from Nunroyd
 - Definitive footpath through Bellway estate blocked and forgotten
- ❖ **Different areas not networked with walking/riding links (see above)**
- ❖ **Local civic pride is declining**
 - Historic features not respected (see above)
 - Fabric is deteriorating - poor road, green space, community buildings (second biggest area of concern for children)
 - Neglect of Nunroyd Park eg the sign announcing it
 - Neglect of Mickelfield Park
 - Deterioration of Aireborough Leisure Centre
 - Parkinson's Park was left to run wild
 - Roads and drains in poor state of repair on Oxford Road Guiseley, a key route for school children
 - Making good around new developments, pavements, drains, trees, very poor and leaves problems
 - Condition and quality of materials in public space and sites
 - Too few bins for litter, and too much grafetti *
 - Fewer people live and work in the area with decline in industry and land for economy
- ❖ **Lack/loss of 'big community' spirit**
 - Memorial garden and old centre of Guiseley is 'dead', and Parish church is not welcoming
 - Lack of Jubilee celebrations and Christmas Lights in Guiseley
 - Countering the anti-social behaviour around old people's bungalows, high street and children's playgrounds especially in Yeadon
 - Too much drug taking*
- ❖ **Lack of community facilities general**
 - Shops, pubs and clubs being turned in homes in Guiseley, leaving fewer community facilities and making the balance of public and private worse
 - Shires retail park is designed for cars, not for the pleasure of walking. And charging people who use it at night to go to the theatre
 - Need for bigger facilities for Guiseley FC
 - Airport watchers on The Haw leaving clutter
 - Kirk Lane Post Office
 - Removal of key services back to Leeds, and leaving deprived areas in Aireborough without easy access eg Credit Unions
- ❖ **Lack of community facilities for the young in particular (results from the Youth Forum)**
 - Not enough social areas to get together with friends
 - Parks not good enough, especially for older children – More people around who help to make safe and good place to go i.e. Police
 - Not enough activities throughout the day and in the evening – More clubs and places to go

People Treasure - Community, Civic Pride

- Guiseley stocks and memorial garden – traditional community gathering place
- Historic Core's – Town Street, Guiseley, The Steep, Yeadon to give a feeling of continuity and grounding
- Sense of history and continuity in local shops, pubs and leisure facilities
- Mill Chimney at Green Lane and Gordon's Mill
- Yeadon carnival, Guiseley carnival and Yeadon Christmas Lights
- **Safety** - you are unlikely to be mugged and your children are unlikely to be knifed (For my 25-yr-old son, this was the overriding reason to live here rather than central Leeds)

People Treasure - Facilities

- Yeadon Tarn area*
- Moor Lane Allotments, Guiseley, and Victory Allotments Yeadon
- All our green spaces eg Yeadon Banks, The Haw, Wills Gill, Parkinson's Park, Engine Fields
- Leisure Centre Park (Springfield) *
- Skate park – Nunroyd and Rawdon*
- Nunroyd Park *
- Bradford Golf Course
- Sporting facilities and heritage– but need upgrading
- Leisure Centre – swimming, gym, friends, clubs and activities, Jungle Gymnies*
- St Oswalds Church, the old Parish Church for the whole of Aireborough (the old and ancient Parish of Guiseley which was the whole area of Aireborough)
- High Royds buildings and Clock Tower, the magnificence of Victorian Architecture oozing its sense of history
- Guiseley Theatre
- Yeadon Town Hall, as an Aireborough icon
- Dramatic or Operatic Societies – but need the facilities to suit – Aireborough produces a lot of entertainers
- Good schools abound in the area for the children – St Mary's School, Guiseley School*

5. Local Economy, Jobs & Industry; are needed for a vital, sustainable area

❖ Lack of required commercial property for growing firms

- Large number of growing companies looking for bigger and better premises and having to move out of the area
- New companies wanting to move into the area and cannot find premises

❖ Poor quality of facilities in commercial enclaves

- Certain business parks are not places you would want to take clients too eg Yeadon Kirk Lane, or Henshaw Lane
- Containers added to buildings makes you wonder if the right property is available locally
- Issue with parking for EMIS at Rawdon

❖ Dying Independent High Streets & Lack of Visitor Facilities

- Yeadon centre – why cannot it be pedestrian, parking is difficult with Morrisons restrictions
- Lower end of Yeadon HighStreet/Ivegate, neglected, yet historic – bad for trade – no one comes here for fun.
- Retail balance supermarkets vs local shops. Domination of William Morrisons in both Guiseley and Yeadon with not enough independent shops
- Serious lack of parking for Guiseley shops – even though the centre of Guiseley is a car park!
- Tarn visitors not being attracted to the rest of Yeadon
- Retail park destination shop visitors, having nowhere to easily walk too, to look around
- Too many charity shops and hairdressers *
- Policy needed for empty shops
- Lack of 'decent' pubs/restaurants with family gardens and good quality menu

People Treasure - Local Economy – Jobs & Industry

- Naylor Jennings Stone Building, Green Lane
- Signs in some companies and buildings that design, textiles and innovation are still here
- EMIS – a growing international company
- Airport
- Destinations, bringing people to the area

People Treasure - High Streets & Shops, Pubs

- Ings Public House, Guiseley, good 1930's architecture
- The Royalty on Yorkgate
- Harry Ramsden's (now Wetherby Whaler), and old destination and community gathering place (Trans Pennine Run stops here in August)
- Small Shops – local independents/family companies, variety*
- Hobby Craft*

6. Housing; shortages are specific, and development needs to enhance not detract

- ❖ Housing shortages
 - Very affordable homes. Affordable homes recently build are NOT affordable
 - Retirement homes for a population that is older than that of Leeds in general. Anxiety over where people will go in the future
- ❖ Planning gaps in the built environment
 - Yeadon, between Ivegate and Haw Lane
- ❖ Veto any more proposals for housing, until empty houses are filled first. Brownfield sites must be used constructively, and green field site loss must be resisted. All development must be sustainable regarding the pressure on overcrowded and congested resources.

People Treasure - Housing

- Hawksworth village
- Birks Farm, Ings Lane
- Terraced housing. Solid stone terraces in Yeadon. Edwardian terraces in Guiseley.
- **Balanced mixed-age settled community**, where you are valued for who you are and not for what your husband earns, and every time you go out you meet at least one person you know well enough to say hello to.

7. Overcrowded Services; are the result of over development and under investment

- ❖ Huge pressure on schools, primary especially, and secondary
- ❖ Huge pressure on doctors and dentists
- ❖ Pressure on burial spaces

2. Opportunities for Improvements

1. Traffic, Transport and Mobility –

Objective: Reduce car use by increasing the pleasure and accessibility of a network of green ways and ginnels. This would greatly help with parking issues (see below)

- Create a network of the snickets, ginnels, and green ways through the whole area to allow people to move around in traffic free conditions on foot, horse or by bike.
- The existing footpaths and Bridleways should have extensions developed in particular a path through from Rawdon Billing to Planetrees Hill overlooking the Airport and continuing across to Cookridge – this could extend the country Way network in the North of Leeds and provide a green link between Airedale and Wharfedale. The Yeadon Banks Bridleway to the Chevin should also be one of the green corridors.
- Ensure that there is pedestrian access to areas for convenience eg access to the retail parks from the Nunroyd area. Or access to the countryside for families with push chairs and young children, that does not include walks along busy roads eg access to Chevin from top of Netherfield Road or Moor Road. This would include making new ginnels and paths for people to get around the area eg Moor Lane to The Elms. If walking easy more will do it.
- Improve the links and knowledge of the Aireborough Greenway, the Sustrans route between Guiseley and Yeadon. Sad that the fields along Silverdale are scheduled for housing – they give a “country walk” on our doorstep, and in the last couple of weeks have been full of sledges. But the effect would be much mitigated if a wildlife strip (with trees) were left joining the Sustrans track to Queens Wood above Esholt. You would lose the open views over fields, but the quasi-rural mood of the Sustrans track could be continued until you were into the woods themselves. Since we have the Sustrans track running from the centre of Yeadon, it would be tragic if it simply ended in a housing estate.
- Direct walking route between Ivegate and the Engine Fields Landscaping/ planting might offer the chance of a serpentine sloping path intersecting a narrower more direct steps
- Direct access from the Crompton Parkinson car park to the Railway Station, with relevant facilities for travellers eg cafe, this could also link to a station quarter
- Cycle paths to Nunroyd from different parts of the area *

Objective: To replan the road and rail network FIRST, in conjunction with the airport before any further development, so that we can get that right. In its turn, that may create development opportunities.

- Airport traffic and transport plans could help alleviate the A65 congestion. Guiseley could have a by-pass via old Railway to Esholt/Bradford, but nothing should be done the land between Guiseley and the airport, until the traffic infrastructure is sorted out.
- Railway station – build a rail link to the airport into Leeds, and so relieving the A65 and making commuting quicker

Objective: To look at shared space solutions, particularly along the A65 from Nunroyd to White Cross

- Station Hotel junction needs redesigning, so it is easier for pedestrians, and does not create a barrier between one area of Guiseley and another – particularly for the schoolchildren. Could this area also include an improved 2nd exit from Morrisons Car Park, to help with the congestion on the gyratory?
- A shared space solution from Nunroyd to White Cross would enhance the centre of Guiseley and give it back to the community. It would also likely boost the local economy
- A shared space solution at Town Gate Guiseley, would enhance the old heart, and give it back to the community for ‘community activity’.
- Improve existing road network and traffic flows, we don’t need any more piecemeal traffic calming measures and traffic lights
- Better high street, more landscaping along the A65. Trees to separate traffic from paths

Objective: To improve parking in line with need, at key pressure points

- A structured approach to transport issues and parking, to ensure that it is balanced between long term and short term - adequate for local shops, theatres in the evening, and for the station and business during the day.
- Park and ride to station More parking at the station
- Car parks on retail parks, need better landscaping to make the areas attractive
- Underground car park , and free airport parking

Objective: To improve public transport, in order to reduce car use

- Longer trains and more train capacity at peak times. More frequent train services
- Open a station at Apperley Bridge and develop railway line into Leeds and Bradford a long this disused line that would also stop at discarded stations near Horsforth eg Newlaithes
- A bus right along the A65 without detours – straight to Burley/Menston/Ilkley
- A65 – reduce traffic and congestion by public transport improvements. Bus lanes, low local fares buses to station

2. Character of the Area

Objective: To conserve the historic features, landscape and feel of the area, and to become eventually part of the South Pennines National park. “Future economic and cultural prosperity depends upon protecting and valuing the past whilst finding new ways to create a ‘living landscape’ for the 21st century.” <http://www.pennineprospects.co.uk/south-pennines>

- Becoming part of the South Pennine National Park
- Improve the surroundings of the old clapper bridge/old forge, down to Esholt, which is a real asset, but very much hidden currently.
- Make far more of the Steep area of Yeadon, could be as good as Haworth and attract small interesting businesses
- Old mills kept and reused for generations to see their past - Green lane mills saved for posterity

- Stop the infill of the old Mill Pond at Gordon's Mill, and Green Lane and turn into a community asset if possible.

Objective: Start the plan by creating a green infrastructure for recreational use first, in line with the character of the area, around and through the townships

- Green space linking Chevin to Yeadon Banks, Cookridge to Kelcliffe needs to be classified as green infrastructure, as it is the Park for Guiseley, that reflects the character of the area. It is also an area of many ancient features, and a natural habit, in an increasingly urban landscape.
- Two fields between the railway line and the old Coach Road, crossed by the public footpath to Esholt Woods and lying just outside the Bradford boundary and adjoining the Silverdale estate, should be conserved as open space.
- Fields around Tranmere Park and the medieval village of Thrope, should be put in conservation area.
- Fields running from Kelcliffe Lane toward the Chevin should be conserved as green belt – building here would damage the landscape as the building line would be too high, and impinge on the iconic copse on Whale Jaws Hill.
- Ensure that there are green spaces around the area that local people are encouraged to look after, to engender civic pride
- Improve the access and use of Engine Fields, Yeadon Banks and Parkinson's Park, as three important green space areas.
- Improve Esholt Woods area. Improved use/management of green space down through Esholt sewage works, more leisure and recreation here

3. Unattractive Urban Developments and Development Issues

Objectives: Put in design standards suitable for the rural character of the area

- Use Bfl 12 standards
- Terraces would be far more in keeping than poorly spaced detached housing – that isn't.
- More real, not reconstituted stone buildings
- Use our heritage for a distinctive identity and to improve design
- Incentives to use heritage buildings
- Improve conservation areas by management and initiatives
- Ensure all new development has walking links to countryside and facilities

Objectives: Put in street signage standards suitable for the rural nature of the area

- Control advertising signage, especially on signs welcoming to Guiseley
- More native trees along streets and in various places around the area *

Objectives: All development should be properly finished off to fit in with the area, everything should be made good, and any damage rectified

- Planned facilities for High Royds site need to be implemented

4. Community and Civic Pride

Objective: Attract a 'destination' facility to the area eg Eden Project, or Hepworth Gallery for Civic Pride, that would also enhance local skills and design, and be a social enterprise helping to regenerate the area.

- Ings Lane Farm could be made into a community facility eg training centre or something similar to Lineham Farm.

Objective: Identify key hub parks and areas for nature reserves and ensure linked in to all areas via cycle tracks and greenways

- Make a 'central park' for the whole of Aireborough out of Nunroyd Park – the heart of the district, and a destination park. **Park Ranger, better looked after equipment and spaces***
- Create Rawdon Billing as a nature reserve
- Maintain the Chevin Park area in link in with the rest of the area

Objective: Create gathering spaces and experiences in a network of linked 'quarter' centres, across Aireborough. All ages should be catered for, from the young, who come to Aireborough rather than Bradford (or even Leeds), to the more elderly who now live alone.

- Preservation and improvements of Parks for people of all ages
- Better variety of play areas for children, particularly older children eg Westfield
- An overhaul of Guiseley gyratory, linked with Springfield Park area, and the Retail Park, to create a better centre of Guiseley around the historic Theatre, and connected to the old centre. This is increasingly an area where young people come from all over the area, and the opportunity should be taken to give them cultural and recreational access. Centre of Guiseley at the moment is a car park and the gyratory. Suggestion of extending the railway tunnel to allow for better use of this space. Liaison with Morrisons to improve the centre, their car park is a key issue
- Make the Guiseley memorial garden area a gathering space again; that is starting to happen on Remembrance Sunday, but it also used to be the centre for Guiseley's Saint Oswald's Festival in August, when crowds would gather. Discussion also of making the Parish Church more open and welcoming as a heart of the community (Roy Strong would approve).
- The Springhead mills site, which is at the present allocated for housing could be developed in conjunction with the Leisure Centre to provide these facilities. These could include a new library, cinema, a "drop in centre" where the public could meet their local councillors. MP's etc. A Community room for meetings, clubs etc. ie The Luncheon Club for the Elderly. See also employment use below.
- Place making at White Cross to create a community hub – would this be instead of at High Royds?
- Create a pleasant barrier between traffic and pavements in Guiseley, or widen pavements. This would encourage more people to meet, greet, and linger near the shops. And stop children being fearful of the traffic.
- Better connection between shopping areas of the towns

Objective: Stop erosion of community facilities to residential and build up a plan for what is needed

- Create an innovate plane watching area and aviation museum in Yeadon
- Do up *or move Aireborough Leisure Centre to the Sports Park at High Royds, and create a better centre for Guiseley. Leisure Centre would need to be linked with cycle tracks and walks, not along the roads.
- The Guiseley area is populated to a large extent by elderly and retired people. The Leisure Centre could provide an indoor bowling area, one activity that the elderly could participate in and one which would provide a winter facility that many of the bowling clubs in the area could use.
- More recreation facilities, cinemas, bowling alley , youth bar, and anything else that makes young people feel they belong. *
- Put Coach Road allotments back into use, and put allotments on all new developments
- Children’s play parks that are themed across the area for different forms of play and different age groups – instead of the boring swings in a variety of sites that are not well used
- Need for centralised services – eg Kirklands, Queensway? People cannot be expected to travel all the way into Leeds for key services – particularly from poorer backgrounds.
- Increase facilities for adult learning and skills similar to the Yorkshire School of Beauty.
- More sporting facilities, to give wider choice, and build on area’s strength – promote sport as an area asset*
- More Clubs/Activities promoted and available. Decent and realistic things for 13 – 18 year olds to do more youth groups and other social groups*

Objective: Build on the heritage of amateur and professional entertainment and music, with relevant performing arts and music centres, space and cinemas. Encourage local children to develop their skills from an early age .

- Create outdoor performance space in community areas. Have more community events
- Reinstatement of market Market space/Arts space
- Make Yeadon high street a pedestrian area – have street performers at weekends
- Upgrade of Guiseley Theatre and Yeadon Town Hall for entertaining and entertainment
- Festival to bring together local businesses and community*
- Regular festival with local bands - link this to schools *
- Theatre in Nunroyd Park in the Summer – like Regents Park*

Objective: Find ways to get people excited about Aireborough as a place to live – not just a house

- More education on what Guiseley, Yeadon does have to offer residents,
- Bring back commitment and involvement. Look to schools, churches and groups.
- Improve local website for news and organizations
- Do more Civic Society walks to increase knowledge of the area
- Christmas lights display for Guiseley
- Move Guiseley Library to a better building and create a ‘modern’ information centre including Local History Centre that is moving from Rawdon. Library – brighter, painting railings, walls and upkeep*
- Museum to show off history of Aireborough*

Objective: Improve basic maintenance of facilities

- Clean streets, community organised management for policing cleaning etc
- Litter bins emptied more regularly eg path from Yorkshire Rose to Bransdale
- Drains and grates cleared out more frequently
- More and appropriately placed dog waste bins *
- Make parks less boring and less messy
- Park Ranger at Nunroyd to oversee upkeep and encourage good behaviour, help challenge litter and dog-dirt, better lighting on the park

5. Local Economy - Jobs and Industry

Objective: Use the skills in the area to encourage living and working in Aireborough. Skills include engineering, design, digital economy and business services. We would like to encourage innovative, international new businesses in these areas, with the airport as a key hub. This should be done in conjunction with Leeds Bradford Airport.

- An area for small business. Guiseley station area could be made into a thriving creative business hub, which would improve the 'gateway' to Guiseley
- Green Lane mills could be made into a micro-business hub
- Springhead Mills to have employment workshops needed in the area as part of the development, as per the original application to develop this site.
- Potential for a science park near the airport
- More communal business facilities eg state of the art conferencing, shared office space, more support for local business services companies, to make it attractive for them to set up
- More local jobs, more employment opportunities – using the remaining brownfield sites
- InGuiseley business networking – better business community and shops
- More facilities for learning outside of the education system – build on facilities like the school of beauty, and put adult learning back the way it used to be
- Links between local industry and schools

Objective: Rebuild high streets to attract independent shops, services and experiences

- Link retail parks and shops for a wider circulation of customers
- Regenerate the Stone Trough in Yeadon
- Improvement at Oxford Road area quieter and nicer
- Grocer type shop to walk too
- More competition for Morrisons, which is acting as a premier shopping outlet for the area. Create an undercover area for small shops around Morrisons *

6. Potential for Housing

Objective : Housing requirements should be for the people of Aireborough, and those that local industry wants to attract. Jobs first.

Objective: To look at housing in the built up areas where a building would be an enhancement. Housing should be attractive and fulfil Bfl 12 standards. We should not be looking at large estates that just create isolation, are not what is required.

- Plot of land in Church Street Guiseley
- Possible plot at Coppice Wood
- Westview/Milners Road
- Kirklands onQueensway, rebuild a retirement home – good position linked to both Nunroyd Park, and transport.
- Sites around Yeadon centre could improve the integrity of the old centre with stone buildings that are low rent
- Replace the bungalows for the ‘elderly’, with retirement homes eg Guiseley, New Road Side, and Yeadon Albert Square
- Some parts of Ings Lane, but green break still needed to get the feel, so a garden village feel too easy town into country, and still make it pleasant to walk through
- Similar at Wills Gill, small area of old stone cottages to enhance the old part of Guiseley, and easy the township into the fields.

7. Overcrowded Services

Objective: Ensure that Aireborough has the right level of infrastructure for its population, and population profile. Infrastructure must be planned along with any housing.

- We need to reduce stress on infrastructure
- Ensure capacity of schools, doctors, dentists, keep pace with development
- Pubs regenerated eg Stone Trough becomes a decent pub
- Reopen post office in Kirk Lane
- New Junior and Senior Schools