

Next steps for 'Listening to Linthwaite and Cowlersley' results July 2022

What we did

In May 2019, volunteers from Pride in Linthwaite worked with the Colne Valley and Golcar Ward Councillors and staff from Kirklees Council, to speak to people from across Linthwaite and Cowlersley about what life is like there. 258 people took part in conversations across the 2 villages in a variety of different places such as online, in the street, at local schools such as Cowlersley Junior School and in local cafés such as Rudi's Retreat. The results from <u>Listen to Linthwaite</u> and <u>Listen to Cowlersley</u> were published in September 2019.





Progress stalled due to the pandemic and lockdown measures. In summer 2022 Pride in Linthwaite created further opportunities for local people to get involved. More people in Linthwaite shared what they think about the area. They added some new things that were missed earlier, and shared their views on the priorities for action. The group organised six workshops, along with visits to local venues, events and schools. 473 people responded, 214 of which were online. People who shared their views in person did so at one of the 6 public drop-in sessions held in Cowlersley and Linthwaite in places such as Cowlersley Community Out of School Club, The UCHM, The Sair, at the Linthwaite Leadboilers Festival or outside the Premier Store on Manchester Road, and at visits to local junior schools.

Who participated?

483 people took part in our 'Next steps' activities in Linthwaite and Cowlersley.

741 people have taken part in 'Listening to Linthwaite and Cowlersley' overall.

Age	Number of participants	Percentage of participants
Under 16	53	30.5
16 to 24	3	1.7
25 to 34	28	16.1
35 to 44	30	17.2
45 to 54	30	17.2
55 to 64	19	10.9
65 to 74	10	5.7
75+	1	0.6
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Gender	Number of participants	Percentage of participants
Male	33	26.7
Female	87	70.3
Non-binary	0	0
Prefer not to say	4	3.2
	124	100

These figures are for the participants who chose to share this information during our Next Steps engagement.

What we've learned

In Cowlersley people said that their top 4 priorities collectively are Traffic and Parking, Play and Recreation, Care and Maintenance, Facilities and Amenities. Natural Space and Moving Around also feature highly amongst people's top priorities.

In Linthwaite the top 4 priorities identified were Play and Recreation, Feeling Safe, Natural Space and Traffic and Parking. Public Transport and Facilities and Amenities also feature highly in people's top priorities.



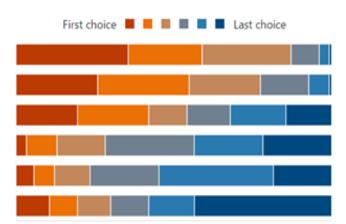
Example of one of the ways we collected feedback from citizens

Next steps questionnaire results

Play and recreation

Participants said their top priority was to try to better publicise existing activities, clubs and groups in the area, whilst investigating options around creating a youth club in Linthwaite. Installing dog poo bag dispensers across Linthwaite and Cowlersley is also a priority.

- 1. Try to better publicise existing local recreational activities, clubs and groups
- 2. Investigate creating a youth club in Linthwaite
- 3. Install and manage dog poo bag dispensers across the area
- 4. Investigate creating a local art hub
- 5. Investigate improving disabled access to local parks
- 6. Develop natural play spaces in Cowlersley



People told us their thoughts and suggestions:

- "There needs to be more exciting recreational parks for children in both areas."
- "It would be fantastic to have a youth club for age 12+ in Linthwaite. I've been taking some kids to the Cowlersley one, but some are too old now and the Slaithwaite one is just a bit too far for them. More funding for the Cowlersley youth club would be great too."
- "More development to the children's play park on Broad Oak."
- "Cowlersley is in desperate need of money spending at the park just off Kinder Avenue. The playing field and park needs so much work to create a nice space for what could be a busy little area for young growing children to interact!"
- "Better parks and playgrounds for children in Cowlersley. Local Linthwaite FC field, better drainage system needed and support with this."
- "Improve children's outdoor facilities, particularly football pitches."
- "Coronation Park football field is in bad condition, it has holes, a bog, football goals not fit for purpose and full of rubbish/dog poo. Local kids play there regularly, if would be great for them to play on there more if better kept."



How we collected feedback from citizens about play and recreation **In Cowlersley** people said they would like to see better promotion of existing recreational activities, and would prioritise the development of natural play spaces. Some people suggested they would like a basketball court and refurbishing the existing parks was important. Others would like a local running club to be set up and would be interested in taster sessions for a

range of activities. People said installing dog poo bag dispensers is very important to them.

In Linthwaite people said their priorities for play and recreation were to develop natural play spaces, whilst also supporting the creation of a Linthwaite based youth club and better promotion

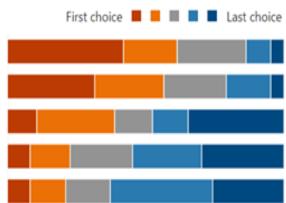
of existing activities. People also said creating nicer paths that lead to nature trails and investigating options for a skate park in Linthwaite or Cowlersley. Installing dog poo bag dispensers is very important.

Young people from Clough and Ardron schools said broken glass and graffiti in parks is a problem, they would like more football pitches and access to activities like golf, tennis, off road biking and monkey bars.

Traffic and parking

Participants in Linthwaite and Cowlersley said that a local stopper bus offer for the area is a top priority, whilst continuing to lobby for improved public transport services is important. Developing an E-Bike taster or rental scheme also received a lot of support, making these the communities 3 most important priorities.

- Investigate ways of increasing the amount of available parking in Linthwaite and Cowlersley.
- 2. Investigate traffic calming measures at Clough School.
- 3. Support residents to create nature friendly parking options on their drives.
- 4. Create more disabled parking bays near shops.
- 5. Investigate traffic calming measures on Warneford Drive and Manse Drive.



- "Concerned for the level of traffic that will build up around Church Lane, Gillroyd Lane and Cowlersley Lane (Especially during school drop off times)."
- "Concerns regarding Manchester Road used like a race track from early evening until late. Been reported to police, however not interested...from the shops at Linthwaite towards Slaithwaite."
- "Speeding on Cowlersley Lane is ridiculous now. Set some speed traps up before someone is killed."
- "The junction of Gillroyd Lane to Blackmoorfoot Road is very dangerous and I feel traffic calming measures should be taken. There should be road humps in this area and also the trees at the top of Cowlersley Lane should be cut back for the safety of both pedestrians and drivers as both have to move to the middle of the road to get past them. I also feel that with the new housing development planned to join Church Lane the road speed limit should be moved higher up so Heath Road is 40mph, also at the Blackmoorfoot end as traffic doesn't slow down soon enough. Mind you the signs already there can't be seen easily and need repainting and vegetation trimming back."

In Cowlersley people said the most important action is to increase the amount of available parking across Linthwaite and Cowlersley, whilst also supporting residents to develop nature friendly parking options for their property. A number of people also said there needs to be some traffic calming measures installed on Warneford Road and Manse Drive. A few people said double yellow lines are needed on the corner of Windsor Avenue and Josephine Road, the road surface on Warneford Road needs replacing and that it can be dangerous to join Cowlersley Lane; some mirrors to help improve visibility would be appreciated.

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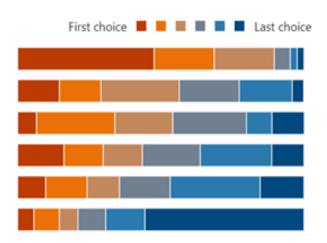
Clough School. Promoting nature friendly parking options and increasing the amount of disabled parking places is important. Others said there is a lot of double and pavement parking in Linthwaite, and that speeding on Gillroyd Lane and Manchester Road is a problem.

Feeling safe

People said to create a Linthwaite based youth club, and to promote the Cowlersley youth club, are priorities. Another priority is to create a local youth award to highlight positive citizenship amongst young people. Setting up local neighbourhood watches is another priority action.

- 1. Investigate options around creating a youth club in Linthwaite.
- 2. Develop a local 'youth award' to encourage positive citizenship from our local young people.
- 3. More promotion of Cowlersley Youth Club.
- Support people to set up local neighbourhood watch schemes.
- 5. Organise taster schemes to help local young people try activities.
- 6. Run an engagement campaign across the area to raise awareness of how to keep homes and vehicles secure.

- "There is definitely an issue with bored youths creating problems."
- "Too many youths on off road bikes or quads in the Roads."
- "Increased police presence to eliminate anti-social behaviour and prevent the return of the gang element there used to be around Clough School and Premier shop area.
- "Double yellows on corners is an urgent matter, as trying to cross or even walk on paths around here with a pram is dangerous, and impossible in places.
- People on Manse Drive park their cars on the pavement instead of putting them on their drives. I have to walk on the road all the way down as getting down with a pram or wheelchair is impossible."



In Cowlersley the top priority is to set up a funded activity taster scheme for local young people and promoting Cowlersley Youth club. Developing a local youth award for positive citizenship and setting up a Linthwaite youth club is also a priority. Some people suggested installing CCTV cameras to tackle vandalism.

In Linthwaite there is most support for creating a Linthwaite based youth club and significant support for more promotion of Cowlersley Youth Club. Setting up an activity taster scheme for local young people is also a priority, as is developing an engagement campaign to increase awareness about home and vehicle security. Other people referenced violent crime in the area, arguing for more police presence, whilst others said speeding traffic and parking is making the roads unsafe.

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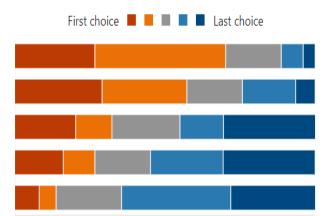
How we collected feedback from citizens about feeling safe

Natural spaces

Participants prioritised the development of a community garden or picnic area. There is also a lot of support for increasing the amount of outdoor seating in Linthwaite and Cowlersley and developing a community allotment and orchard.

- 1. Develop a community garden or picnic area in Linthwaite.
- 2. Increase the amount of available outdoor seating in the area.
- 3. Develop some allotments or community orchards in Linthwaite.
- 4. Investigate a free outdoor exercise facility.
- 5. Improve disabled access to natural spaces in Linthwaite and Cowlersley.

- "More Outdoor seating and eating spots would be amazing."
- "There is a dog poo issue in Linthwaite. There needs to be more exciting recreational parks for children in both areas and the wild plants on the side of the canal towards town needs better maintenance."
- "The increase in new build housing at the cost of all the green space, destroying the look of the village in the process."
- "Maybe nature signage identifying species, to encourage interest and protect green areas."



In Cowlersley most people support the creation of an outdoor exercise facility, also developing a community orchard or allotment and creating more outdoor seating. Some people said that not all natural spaces should be for humans and some should be left wild, that the quality of a lot of paths need to be improved and local parks in Cowlersley need to be improved for the benefit of young people.

In Linthwaite most support is for creating an outdoor exercise facility, increasing the amount of outdoor seating and developing a community garden or picnic area. Developing a community orchard or allotments is also a priority. Some people said they would like to see some rewilding projects, that there are too many new housing developments and that an enclosed dog running area would be good.

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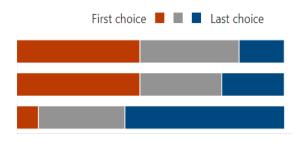
How we collected feedback from citizens about natural spaces

At Linthwaite Ardron we learnt that young people often utilise the canal and at Linthwaite Clough we were told that there are local natural woodlands, but they can be hard to access.

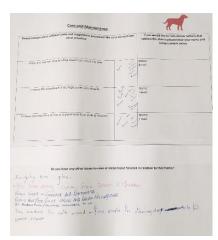
Care and maintenance

People prioritised addressing dog fouling through the installation of dog poo bag dispensers and improving the appearance of the high street through a shop front scheme, with some support for developing a community litter picking initiative.

- 1. Install and maintain dog poo bag dispensers across the area.
- 2. Improve the appearance of the high street in Linthwaite.
- 3. Increase promotion of how to support local litter picking schemes.



- "Maintain paths and walking routes as many become overgrown with weeds."
- "Linthwaite high street, Manchester Road really needs improvement. Looks very run down."
- "Improve the feel of the area by painting the external house walls on the Cowlersley council estate, starting on Winget Avenue, as it would give Woodside Green school a better feel, making it look less like a council estate. In other areas the council houses are painted cream and they look so much better than dirty pebble dashing."



How we collected feedback from citizens about care and maintenance

In Linthwaite people's top priority is installing dog poo bag dispensers across the village in the hope this reduces the amount of dog fouling in the area. There is also significant support for developing a shop front scheme to improve the appearance of the high street and for more community led litter picking. People also added they would like to see public toilets return to Linthwaite, that they would like public footpath signs to be refreshed and missing ones renewed. There is no way of disposing of rubble in Kirklees.

In Cowlersley people said installing dog poo bag dispensers is very important. A community led litter picking scheme and improving the appearance of Linthwaite's high street are also important. Other people said blocked drains are a problem. There are compliments to what Pride In Linthwaite have already achieved.

Facilities and amenities

Participants said they want the creation of a community space in Linthwaite and to have a community library. Setting up a local parent and toddler group is a priority. There is also a lot of support for trying to create a feeling of a village centre in Linthwaite.

- 1. Investigate creating a community space in Linthwaite that could host groups, a library and potentially public toilets.
- 2. Investigate possibilities for a community Library.
- 3. Investigate setting up parent and toddler group.
- 4. Investigate opportunities for creating a village centre feel near the business park.
- 5. Set up a regular Fairshare scheme in the area.
- 6. Investigate setting up a publicly accessible toilet in a community centre venue.
- 7. Promote and advertise the Wheelmate app and the Refuge Restrooms app.

First choice

- "Linthwaite football club is attended by 2 of my children. We have to travel all over Huddersfield mid-week to use training facilities. Despite lots of hard work to make the pitches playable at Colne Valley High they still become waterlogged. This is a large football club that also serves young people of Slaithwaite, who do not have a football club. Support for them to grow and improve their facilities would be welcomed."
- "Worried about the extent of new housing without the supporting infrastructure. Not enough doctors, dentists, schools, bus services and don't get me started on the state of the roads."
- "More schools, doctors and dentists are needed desperately."
- "We could really do with a proper shop for fresh fruit and veg, especially with more houses being built near the cricket club."

"Better local shops. Butcher, fruit and veg, chemist."

In Linthwaite there is noticeably more support for creating a community space than anything else. Trying to create a feeling of a village centre and opening some publicly accessible toilets is important. People said that Linthwaite doesn't have many amenities, that they would like a GP Surgery, more cafes, more parking and more independent shops, including one that sells fresh food. People said tidying up or improving the look of Mallinson's Mill and Manchester Road would be good.

In Cowlersley people said the creation of a community space in Linthwaite is a priority. Public toilets and a community library are also How we collected feedback from seen as things that would be beneficial to Cowlersley.

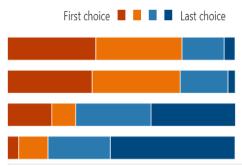
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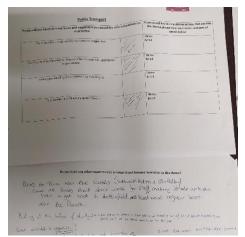
citizens about facilities and amenities

Public transport

People said developing a local community transport service and the need to continue to lobby for improved bus services to the area are most important, along with developing an E-Bike rental or taster scheme.

- 1. Try to develop a local community transport stopper bus
- 2. Continue to raise the need for improved bus services with appropriate organisations
- 3. Try to develop a local e-bike rental scheme
- 4. Investigate installing a bus shelter near The Heights





How we collected feedback from citizens about public transport

In Cowlersley people said they support some form of E-Bike scheme and for continuing to argue for improved services.

In Linthwaite participants said lobbying for improved services to the area and developing an E-Bike scheme and a community stopper bus are priorities. Other people said how expensive buses are, that they are unreliable and that they are too concentrated on Manchester Road, rather than the whole community. In contrast, some people did say that buses are frequent enough and a student at Linthwaite Clough commented that the bus stops are well placed and close enough to where they need to go.

Moving around

People said reducing air and noise pollution on Manchester Road and Cowlersley Lane and introducing 20mph zones in key places such as around schools, are priorities. Creating more traffic protected walking routes and improving the canal towpath were also said to be important.

- 1. Try to reduce air and noise pollution on Manchester Road and Cowlersley Lane.
- 2. Introduce 20mph zones in key areas.
- 3. Create more traffic protected walking routes.
- 4. Improve the canal towpath surface between Slaithwaite and Marsden.
- 5. Investigate possible improvements to cycling routes in the area.

People told us their thoughts and suggestions:

- "Maintain paths and walking routes as many become overgrown with weeds."
- "More outdoor seating and eating spots."
- "The number of people keeping wheelie bins out on the street is growing. It looks a mess and makes access difficult."
- "I feel there are more local walkers and cyclists in our villages since the Covid lockdown, enjoying our beautiful local area. So many people now head for Blackmoorfoot Reservoir, but the roads around it aren't pedestrian friendly."

In Linthwaite people said there is a need to improve cycling routes and the canal towpath, along with introducing 20mph zones in key areas.

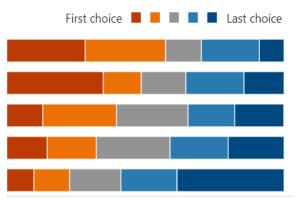
Students from Linthwaite Ardron and Linthwaite Clough said that speeding traffic can make moving around difficult and that even when sticking to the pavements it isn't easy, as there are cars parked on the pavement or unsafely and in some places the pavements can be too narrow, and curbs can be too high.

In Cowlersley people said the creation of 20mph zones in Key places is required, with someone suggesting this should include all side streets off Cowlersley Lane, with reducing noise and air pollution on Manchester Road and Cowlersley Lane also said to be a priority. There is also some support for developing more traffic protected walking routes, with a supporting comment to

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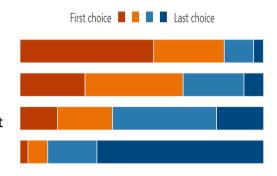
suggest a walking map and trail being a good idea. Someone else suggested they would like a passenger boat to run from Milnsbridge to Marsden along the canal.



Influence and sense of control

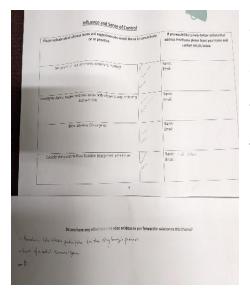
Participants said they would like ward or community partnership meetings to be introduced, and installing councillor suggestion boxes across Linthwaite and Cowlersley, along with better advertisement of Councillor surgeries.

- 1. Set up and run local community partnership meetings.
- 2. Investigate placing 'suggestion boxes' across both villages as a way of sharing ideas with councillors.
- 3. Better advertise councillor surgeries.
- 4. Consider doing another Place Standard Engagement in the future.



People told us their thoughts and suggestions:

- "Get more objections into planning, to stop overdevelopment."
- "Make councillors more accountable for local decisions."



In Linthwaite people said they want better advertising of councillor surgeries, introduction of community partnership meetings, installing councillor suggestion boxes and hosting another place standard engagement in the future. Some people suggested that locally people struggle to find out what's going on and so thought that a community email list, noticeboards and meetings were important. Others said that they would like to take part in a community budget setting process.

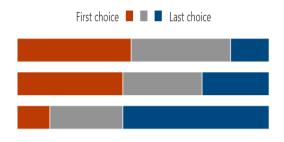
In Cowlersley people said they want councillor suggestion boxes installed across Linthwaite and Cowlersley.

How we collected feedback from citizens about influence and sense of control

Social contact

People said the wan to see increased advertisement of existing local activities. There is also a lot of support for creating a Linthwaite community centre.

- 1. Increase advertisement of local activities and events.
- 2. Investigate creating a community centre in Linthwaite.
- **3.** Better advertising of the Pride In Linthwaite website, calendar and noticeboards.

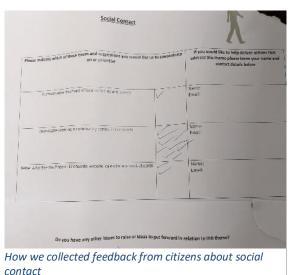


People told us their thoughts and suggestions:

- "Have more public gatherings. The Leadboilers festival is not just fun, but important, many people who never meet gathering together. Children running and playing together not on screens, events like this build a community."
- "The business centre could be used for so many things and create a sense of a village."
- "There needs to be more outdoor space for young people."
- "There are already some fantastic clubs, facilities up and running with keen volunteers in place. Support for these groups would be the best placed support I believe."
- "A community centre at the business park sounds fantastic. If done well, could be a hub for all members of the community and become a village centre."

In Linthwaite people said they need a community centre and increased advertisement of local activities, along with support for better promotion of the Pride In Linthwaite website. Additionally, people said there is a need for youth clubs in the area, particularly for those aged 12 upward. People want more pleasant cafes in the village.

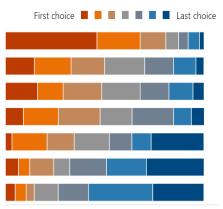
In Cowlersley people prioritised actions in the same way as people in Linthwaite. A few people said there is a desire for more activities and events that bring people together, with one person suggesting that local advice fairs would be of benefit to the area.



Streets and spaces

People in Linthwaite said they want to improve the appearance of Linthwaite high street and expressed support for creating a Linthwaite Community Centre, a monthly market, creating a local history trail, improving access routes to the canal, installing some welcome to Cowlersley signs and promoting existing community spaces in Cowlersley. People in Cowlersley said there should be a local history trail developed and improving access routes to the canal. People also indicated that they would like a monthly market and welcome to Cowlersley signs.

- 1. Improve the appearance of the high-street in Linthwaite.
- 2. Investigate the creation of a community centre in Linthwaite.
- 3. Develop a monthly market for local traders.
- 4. Develop a local 'history trail' around Linthwaite and Cowlersley that highlights local history and landmarks.
- 5. Clean and clear access routes to the canal.
- 6. Design and install some 'Welcome to Cowlersley' signage.
- 7. Work with and help promote existing community spaces in Cowlersley.



People told us their thoughts and suggestions:

- "The increase in new build housing at the cost of all the green space, destroying the look of the village in the process."
- "There is a need to be a more environmentally conscious town. The high street is the face of the area and has so many people passing through but it doesn't catch the attention of anyone as nothing remarkable. Think outside the box. Get a USP."
- "We need a high street where we can shop. All we have now is takeaway shops, hairdressers and sandwich shops. Nobody wants to wander in Linthwaite. Look at both Marsden and Slaithwaite – they have craft shops / antique shops / butchers / greengrocers/ charity shops / florists – places that people visit for a stroll and a coffee. We need to offer incentives to local businesses to encourage them to come to Linthwaite."
- "I believe that Linthwaite needs a 'village centre' potentially in the Colne valley business park creating a hub for the community as at the moment our high street is on a main road and looks run down. I tend to travel to Slaithwaite instead of walking to local shops/cafes. The dog poo issue needs to be addressed with poo bag dispensers and more bins around. Really like the new posters down by the business park linking back to the past and the mills and it makes that part of the mill look so much better and smarter."

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In Cowlersley people said potholes and pavement quality have a negative effect on the streets and spaces in Cowlersley, and one person mentioned that overgrown hedges can be a problem.

In Linthwaite people said improving the appearance of the high street and clearing or improving access routes to the canal is a priority. A local history trail and setting up a monthly market also received a lot of support. People also said that Linthwaite can look rather unkept and untidy at times.

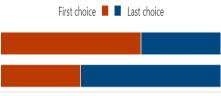
Students at Ardron and Clough told us they are concerned about fly tipping, littering and frequent parking on double yellow lines, and that the old run down mills and stagnant building sites ruin the look of the village.

How we collected feedback from citizens about streets and spaces

Housing and community

People said the top priority should be to create a community centre for Linthwaite. There is significant support for the need for local ward councillors to continue to raise and support local views on housing developments.

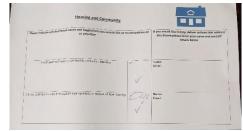
- 1. Investigate setting up a community centre in Linthwaite.
- 2. Councillors to continue to raise and support local views in respect of new housing.



People told us their thoughts and suggestions:

- "I think creating a new centre with links to the history of Linthwaite is a fabulous idea."
- "We are losing many green spaces to large housing developments. It is important that within these developments there is planned in places for children to meet, play, ride bikes safely. Developers cram houses in with no thought to recreational facilities. The roads are getting busier making safe places for children to meet and play even more important."
- "Improve the feel of the area by painting the external house walls on the Cowlersley council estate starting on Winget Avenue as it would give Woodside Green school a better feel too make it look less like a council estate, in other areas the council houses are painted cream and they look so much better than dirty pebble dashing."
- "A community centre at the business park sounds fantastic. If done well, could be a hub for all members of the community and become a village centre."

In Cowlersley and Linthwaite people support the creation of a community centre in Linthwaite, and support local views on housing. In Linthwaite lots of people said there are not sufficient facilities to accommodate the new housing planned, with expressions of frustration about the length of time some developments are taking.



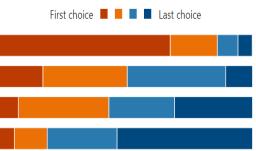
How we collected feedback from citizens about housing and communities

Work and local economy

People said the top priority should be to develop a monthly market to support local traders. Having a local jobs and opportunities page is well supported. People also expressed support for both promoting local child care providers and creating better links with the Colne Valley Business Network.

- 1. Set up a regular market / farmers market for local traders.
- 2. Investigate setting up a local jobs and opportunities page.
- 3. Promote existing local childcare providers.
- 4. Work with and promote Colne Valley Business Association.

- "We need a high street where we can shop. All we have now is takeaway shops, hairdressers and sandwich shops. Nobody wants to wander in Linthwaite. Look at both Marsden and Slaithwaite – they have craft and antique shops / butchers / greengrocers / charity shops / florists – places that people visit for a stroll and a coffee. We need to offer incentives to local businesses to encourage them to come to Linthwaite."
- "The 'high street' is so depressing but without adequate parking businesses will never thrive. More should be made of the businesses in the mill too, that's a treasure trove."



- "Linthwaite high street Manchester Road really needs improvement looks very run down and we could really do with a proper shop co-op tesco extra ect for fresh fruit and veg especially with more houses being built near the cricket club."
- "Better internet in the upper clough area of Linthwaite as we are still on copper lines at 2mbps."
- "Demand that all areas of Linthwaite and Cowlersley's broadband to full fibre, not just specific areas, cabinet 5 (which services Clough school) is on the old copper lines, new builds have to have access to fibre, we're being left behind."

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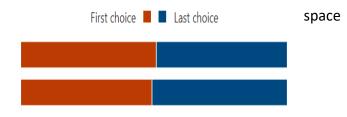
In Cowlersley people said they want a local jobs and opportunities page developed, and to promote local childcare providers. Setting up a monthly market and supporting Colne Valley Business Network is said to be important.

In Linthwaite people said they want a local market, and to promote local childcare providers, setting up a jobs and opportunities page and supporting the Colne Valley Business Network. Some people in Linthwaite said they thought the shop front scheme idea might help encourage more jobs and businesses to the area, whilst others simply said they would like there to be more work available locally. One person suggested a hotdesking and meeting space would be a good local asset.

Identity and sense of belonging

People said they want a community space in Linthwaite and investigating ways of improving connectivity within and across Linthwaite and Cowlersley is important.

- 1. Investigate creating a shard community for a range of activities and events.
- Investigate ways of improving connectivity across and within Linthwaite and Cowlersley.



- "The demolished dyeworks site at the bottom of Hoyle Ing is an absolute eye sore. I walk to work as I also work in Linthwaite and that proposed building site is a disgrace and embarrassment to the village!"
- "Have more public gatherings. The Leadboilers Festival is not just fun, but important, many people who never meet gathering together. Children running and playing together not on screens, events like this build a community."



How we collected feedback from citizens about identity and sense of belonging

In Linthwaite and Cowlersley people said they want creation of a community centre and improved connectivity in and across the villages. Other suggestions are that people in Cowlersley feel the village is often an afterthought or forgotten, and one comment from someone in Linthwaite highlighted that people feel as though they don't have a voice. One practical suggestion was to have some signs installed across both villages that have been designed by a local artist or some local school students.

Pride In Linthwaite will now use the information gathered through both engagement periods to compile an action plan for both villages. If you would like to follow the progress of both the Listen to Linthwaite and the Listen to Cowlersley Action plans, please follow the Pride In Linthwaite social media accounts and check the <u>Pride In Linthwaite Website</u> as well as the <u>Listen to</u> <u>Linthwaite</u> and <u>Listen to Cowlersley</u> websites.





If you would like to get involved in helping to deliver any element of the action plans, or would like to volunteer with Pride In Linthwaite more generally, please contact Liz through prideinlinthwaite@outlook.com