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- Free wifi in the High Street
- I live in Fern Rd and the parking now is very bad - if something could be done about the commuter people parking. Farncombe at the weekend is a different place! Such a shame.
- Recreation ground behind Combe Rd and Warren Rd - as more and more young families come to the area, I feel we should have better facilities for play as other areas have
- Transport - ensure we keep local bus services as many elderly people could become isolated from Godalming
- Schools! Lots of house building but no plans for school building - nothing seems to be planned in advance - we know about bumper birth years, but no plans have been made for 2015 Junior school entry
- Farncombe is a lovely place to live except for:
- Bad bus service
- Litter
- Total abandonment of public footpath maintenance
- It (Farncombe) is welcoming and needs to regenerate with more young families
- Open more shops in Farncombe
- Cafe
- Have a better High St in Farncombe
- Stop commuters parking
- I think with more houses being build in the Key Site to Wey Side, a new infant /primary school needs to be considered for the Catteshall Lane area. This would relieve pressure at Busbridge and in Godalming in general
- Junior school places
- Local facilities - cafe
- Creche (gym and leisure centre)
- We need better facilities at Broadwater Park - decent toilets and care facilities
- Cheaper rents for business, reducing over-subscription of coffee shops and charity shops
- Outside swimming pool at Broadwater Park (splash pool)
- Cheaper public travel to encourage cars off the road
- More cycle facilities, especially paths to and from Guildford and to stations
- Community cafe
- Traffic calming on Catteshall Lane and yellow lines by new development
- Small cafe in Farncombe village
- No more building of residential housing unless there is adequate additional parking
- Stop Farncombe station commuters parking inconsiderately in the surrounding roads
- Exploiting more cultural events from within South East - music, theatre
- More council subsidised nursery places (age 0-4)

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- Lower rental rates for shops - too many are empty
- Love Godalming Museum:)
- Love the river and parks:)
- Love the new leisure centre:)
- Inappropriate planning for housing off Franklyn Road! No way!
- Please - 20mph speed limits in residential areas AND cycle paths
- Farncombe - repair boarding above shops on main road (above Pizza take-away, charity shops, Co-op etc.)
- Farncombe - make public car park on Borth Street into a traditional village green - pond, benches etc
- Outdoor paddling pool?
- Kebab shop by Co-op in Farncombe - requirement for them to keep the pavements outside clean and litter free
- More regular buses to Woking, Farnham etc., in peak times for those who do not drive
- These things might encourage people to lead more active lifestyles: more cycle paths and secure, covered places to leave your bike
- Good/cycle path across the Lammas land from Farncombe (Jewson's) to Godalming - so you can avoid the main road and enjoy the natural environment more
- I like Farncombe because:
- Good schools
- Broadwater Park and Golf - tennis, golf and cricket
- Friendly - generations grow up and stay here
- Lots of green space and a village feel
- a happy, welcoming place to live
- I don't like:
- Gangs of youths hanging around outside the kebab shop in Farncombe
- Litter and run down area - Farncombe Street
- Commuters parking all day, often grid-locking some roads - Summers Road, The Oval and Nursery Road
- I would like to ensure that local people are given social houses rather than other boroughs (London) sending their overflow to live here
- Binscombe Medical Centre needs more parking. Maybe, take some of the green land down side and round back of doctors for Dr and Nurses parking only and leave the front for patients - thank you
- More free clubs for young people, sport, music, etc..
- More activities for Junior School age
- Outdoor Gym
- Sympathetically designed housing
- Affordable/mixed model housing
- Better funds for Broadwater School
- More schools in Farncombe
- Keep running paths on the Farncombe Meadows open
- Put a shop and a pub in Busbridge to curb traffic in the town centre

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- I love Godalming and Farncombe because there is a sense of community - for a small town it has a lot going for it
- I don't want it (Gand F) to change too much
- Build over car parks
- More and better public loos
- Affordable houses - consider the number of bedrooms if targeted at families. Ensure they're big enough and meet family's needs e.g. gardens
- A free gym!
- Need more stock of 3 bedroom houses - but built well and sympathetic to the surroundings
- Do we need more GP surgeries?
- Parking - could they put the parking under houses?
- Railways could be more considerate to passengers - provide cheaper parking
- Difficult for older people to get to places
- Farncombe Day Centre is very good
- The Mill surgery is brilliant!
- I would like the residents of Farncombe and Godalming to have more regard to the look of our community - less/no litter, dog mess, keeping pavements clean and taking responsibility for your immediate surroundings and not expecting other to do it for you/us
- Encouraging people to make journeys by foot, bike or public transport rather than by car
- Encouraging motorists to have more regard to cyclists and pedestrians 'sharing the road'
- Coffee shop in Farncombe
- Parking for new builds - 2 spaces per build
- Green spaces around new builds
- Public art in green spaces
- Annual Race and Sports Day, BBQ, Band music
- More activities for young people are needed (teenage years) to give them something positive to do in the evenings
- It would be nice if there were an outdoor splash pool area (similar to the one in Guildford - Stoke Park)
- Bigger car park - Binscombe Medical Centre
- Knock down the flats in Farncombe -Long Gore and build more houses
- The cul-de-sac near Binscombe can have the 1 bed bungalows re-developed
- If 'South Bourne' goes ahead then new schools and doctors (sic) need to be built
- Public toilets need to be added
- Play areas need re-developing /updating
- Stop selling new properties to building contractors and going in with private firms and be solely responsible for them
- Local taxi app

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- Please do not develop Top Field/Binscombe Meadow
- Path through Lammas Land
- Re: Farming Community - requirements for extra trees and repaired bridal paths
- Re; Town - repaired pavements and lighting
- Re: 700 houses, 1941 WW2 bombing, repairs to water and loss of housing to be replaced - not rabbit hutches with no garden or no front garden
- Funding for activities, passes for resident and free swimming for under 14 year olds.
- Broadwater Park needs a crossing over meadow, would be nice to have a picnic and some gardens, a play area for toddlers which is enclosed. The current path is long and easy to lose children!!
- Broadwater - under cover play area
- Farncombe - shops are shabby - could do with a cafe
- I live in Elizabeth Road Farncombe - I think resident who want parking permits should be given the choice and if so maybe bays should be given with the house number of the permit holder to give residents priority parking
- Coffee shop in Farncombe
- More activities for teenagers
- 'Dog' wardens re dog mess in local parks and streets
- The lovely banks of the Wey have been wasted as an amenity
- Homebase and Sainsbury's should never have been build there. Instead....promenade, cafe's, benches, boat rides....how much better for the town that would be!
- Despite its idyllic setting , Godalming is actually deceptively diverse. There are many people being care for in this community, quietly by an unsung army of families and volunteers
- People of all walks of life are accepted. There are very rich and very poor pockets in our town and all fit together. Any new developments would need to reflect this mixed community vibe
- Improve the town market
- More local transport
- Slower speed limits
- Would like a Morrison's supermarket, Birch Road end; we are cut off with no shops.
- Would like things to do for kids and Adults
- Would also like to keep green space - too many houses being built
- I live in Ockford Ridge and think that the doctors at the Mill has too many patients with the addition of the new houses - it will add too much pressure to the doctors

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### **About this information:**

#### *Where has it come from?*

Members of the public attending this family fete on the Canon Bowring Field. The event was part of Godalming's Staycation. (The Staycation week is an established part of the annual events calendar for Godalming and Farncombe and is in its fifth year. Every household in the GU7 postal area receives a programme of events in the July publication of Vantage magazine, delivered by Royal Mail.)

#### *How was it gathered?*

The Neighbourhood Plan team manned an information stand on the field. People were invited to first locate and mark where they live and place a sticker on the town map. They were then invited to write what they felt about living in Godalming and Farncombe, with particular reference to its community and infrastructure. NP volunteers explained the reason for the Neighbourhood Plan and the need to plan for future housing development. People were asked if they had already participated in other consultation events, to avoid duplication.

#### *Did people understand what is meant by 'community and infrastructure'?*

The stand had a display to illustrate the various facets (education, health, sports, green spaces, arts and culture, venues, community groups etc) and a 'Please tell us what you think' list of prompts to get people thinking, for example:

What is the best thing about living here?

What do you really value?

What do you miss?

What is frustrating?

What would you like to see more of?

#### *How many responses were gathered and where are they?*

49 people posted their comments in the sealed box. There was no printed form of questions at all - people were free to write what they wished to say on a blank sheet. In all, 128 separate comments were made and they are typed out as written, above. All hand written slips submitted are on file for the groups to check and refer back to as necessary.

#### *How will this information be used?*

The information is a 'snapshot' and gathered as part of a public awareness exercise. The sample is a random one of residents at that day's event. This information is therefore of use to the group(s) in 'giving a steer' towards areas worthy of further investigation.

#### *Was it a representative cross-section of the community?*

Local residents - yes. The event was well attended by families with young children and often grandparents in attendance. There were activities and rides, tea tent, pony rides etc - a traditional fete style event.

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*Are there any significant areas which were not commented upon?*

The comments were more wide ranging than some previous consultations and covered a range of issues affecting all age groups

*Are there particular concerns that emerged?*

Transport issues and commuter parking were popular topics for comment.

The need for a cafe/coffee shop/meeting place in the centre of Farncombe emerges from the responses.

**Next Steps:**

This information will be made available to all working groups to study.

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