

Southmead Community Plan

“a better future for Southmead”



“Being a pensioner, people in Southmead are still very friendly and willing to help”

Summary Report 2015-2025

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A Community Plan for Southmead

Residents and workers came together to shape a plan for the area in order to:

- Increase the likelihood of Southmead receiving financial investment
- Support community groups and residents to work together
- Influence decisions that will have an impact on Southmead.

A Vision for Southmead

Our vision is that Southmead is known as a great place for everyone to live, a strong community where residents work together, inspire each other and people of all ages have the skills and confidence to achieve their full potential.

What has happened so far?

Work on the Community Plan began in 2012 and has included:

- **The Southmead Survey**

Door knocking the area and asking residents what is good and what could be improved.

- **Community Planning Day**

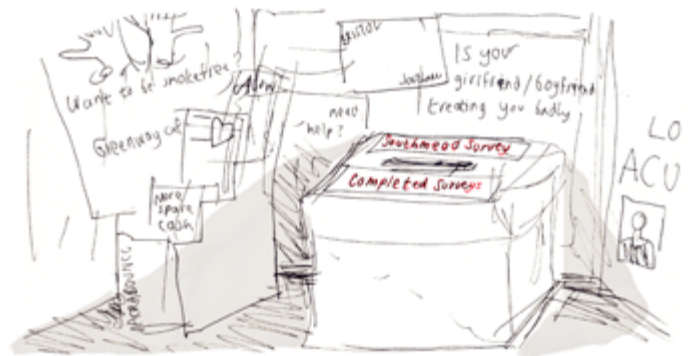
We brought residents and organisations together to plan the future

- **Ongoing Consultation**

We checked back and involved local people and groups in the plan

- **Launch Event**

March 2015. Due to the work the community put into the Plan Southmead has already attracted an award of significant funding.



Contents

What does the plan include?

The plan has 9 themes which are set out in 9 chapters. Each chapter has a summary of what works well and what needs to be improved. There is also a set of actions. This document is a summary of the plan.

The full document is available at www.southmeadcommunityplan.co.uk

What will happen next?

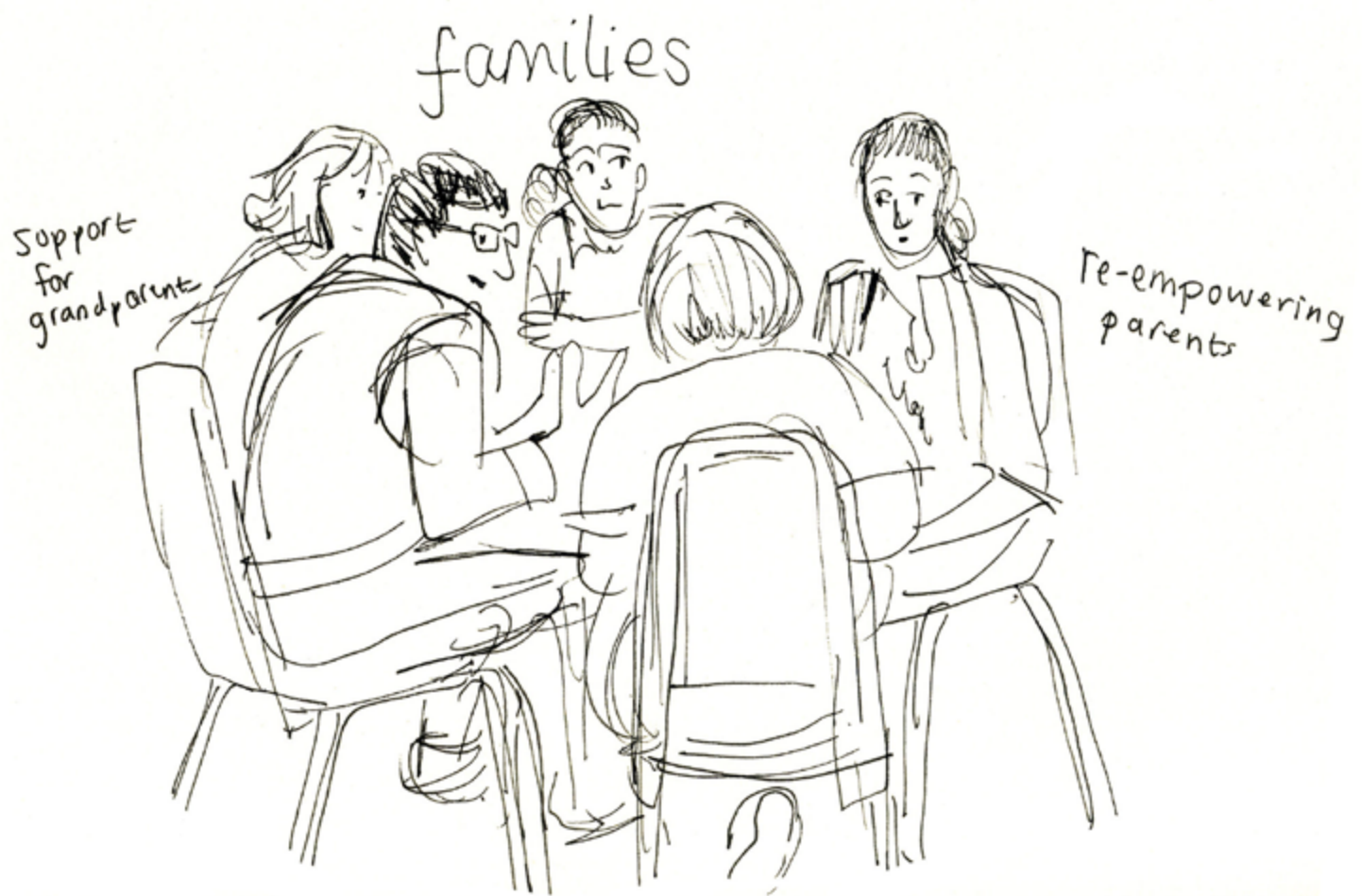
A Community Plan Action Group (CPAG) will be set up to ensure that the actions in the plan are monitored and delivered and that service providers are held to account. Progress on the plan will be reported annually at the Southmead Development Trust (SDT) annual general meeting (AGM).

How can you get involved?

Whether you are a resident, local group, business, city wide or national organisation, we would love you to be involved. To find out how you can contribute to this exciting work please contact Alex Kittow on alexkittow@southmead.org, call 0117 950 3335 or drop in to the Greenway Centre and ask at reception.



1. Young People, Children & Families



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What's working

There are lots of services for children, young people and families.

There is lots of green space for families to use, such as Badocks Wood and Glencoyne Square.

Good quality advice services are available (from North Bristol Advice Centre and Citizens Advice Bureau).

PCSOs provide valuable support for families.

Educational attainment has improved dramatically in recent years in line with Bristol, and is now around the average for the city.

Good Family support groups.

“I'd like to see free sports activities. Families on low income find it very hard to attend [them] because very little sports-wise is free, yet it is essential to maintain good health, physically and mentally.”

Survey respondent

What we want

Support for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren.

Follow up support for families that have been through interventions to reduce the chances of relapse.

More family activities at weekends, but publicised. Youth cafe.

Improve the times and age limits of

activities to make them more accessible to families, out of work hours and at weekends.

Improve relationships between local schools, parents and community groups.

1. Young People, Children & Families

Let's improve

Green space could be improved for families and young people and could be better cared for.

Need for more advice services for families. High levels of domestic violence impacts on children and young people.

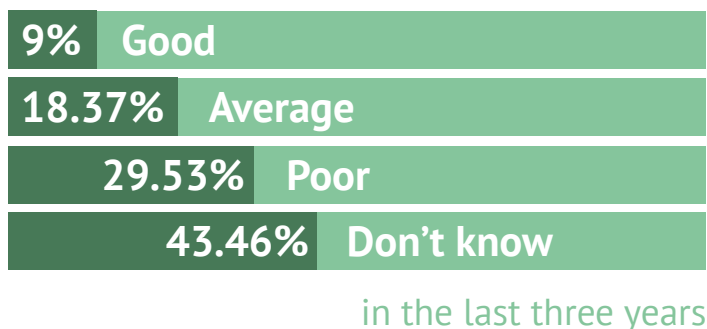
Not enough activities for children and families at weekends.

Social and health problems - alcohol misuse, mental health issues, money worries and social isolation - impact on family life.

Funding for family support groups is often short term.

Services are not always well advertised.

Activities for teenagers in the area are rated in the community as:



Changes on the horizon



Southmead Childrens Centre reaching out.

New support group for grandparents caring for their grandchildren.

Southmead Youth Centre has been saved and is continuing to be the base for a range of activities and services.

1. Young People, Children & Families

Action Plan

- 1.1 Improve the quality and quantity of activities and services available to young people and families.
- 1.2 Reduce the incidence of domestic violence and unhealthy relationships among young people and families.
- 1.3 Improve opportunities for young people to have a say in what happens locally.
- 1.4 Improve communication between young people and community members and workers.
- 1.5 Address drug and alcohol misuse amongst young people.
- 1.6 Support young parents.
- 1.7 Target children at late primary and early secondary level to widen their horizons about opportunities.
- 1.8 Engage young people not currently engaged in extra-curricular activities.
- 1.9 Improve progression rates for school leavers.
- 1.10 Raise levels of awareness and interest in apprenticeships and vocational training.
- 1.11 Create a young people, employability & training hub in the Youth Centre.
- 1.12 Improve links between schools and the community.
- 1.13 Create Families and Schools Together (FAST) programme and FAST friends model in all schools.
- 1.14 Increase number of residents becoming Governors and taking part in PTA.
- 1.15 Build links between Schools Councils and adult residents.
- 1.16 Develop links between residents and schools through volunteering.

2. Older People



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What's working

Lots of local groups for older people.

Long standing older resident community with relatively high levels of community engagement. 15% of residents of Southmead are over 65 (against 13% Bristol average, 2011 census)

In the Community Survey, 7% of people of all ages said they feel lonely, and 23% said they sometimes feel lonely. Not as high as expected. Need further research to see how loneliness affects older people.

Over 65's living in Southmead



What we want

Opportunity to involve older people's views in developing the Greystoke Strip.

More Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) residents moving into Southmead - need to know how many are older.

Bristol Ageing Better (BAB) Lottery funding to address social isolation - Southmead will be one of first areas to benefit.

Cities of Service is developing volunteer programmes.



2. Older People

Let's improve

Some people do not attend activities due to age, caring responsibilities, lack of transport and mobility issues.

Some older people and support organisations do not know what services and activities are available locally.

There is little free or subsidised community transport locally for older people.

Some older people live in larger properties and need to downsize. Lack of understanding amongst some people about dementia.

Some shops and parks are not very accessible for less mobile people. Lifestyle clashes between old and younger residents.

“We don't like being called ‘meaders’ but we love Southmead and won't have a bad word said against it!”

Elderly couple at Pentecostal Church.

Changes on the horizon

All current services and groups for older people continue to run.

Provide activities to promote mental stimulation, relaxation and exercise.

Provide appropriate support and activities for older BME people.

More support with home and personal safety.

Improve access and transport with a shuttle bus between homes, services and shops.

Develop a programme where older volunteers support other older people to access groups.

2. Older People

Action Plan

2.1 Improve older people's ability to access services and activities.

2.2 Make contact with people who are isolated and not accessing services and activities.

2.3 Improve community links and support for people in sheltered housing and care homes.

2.4 Explore what is needed to make an Age Friendly Southmead.





What's working

79% of residents are satisfied with Southmead. Survey records 40% rating Southmead as a good place to live, 52% as average.

Volunteering rates are about average for Bristol.

Some partnership working between agencies is good.

Higher proportion of children 0-15 years and older people over 65 years than the Bristol average.

Strong sense of community. Lots of residents involved in community life. Good community newsletter.

“We moved here two years ago and still can't believe how many things there are to do. The festival is fantastic.”

Two residents in Elmfield Road

What we want

Southmead is changing - since 2001 the BME population has increased from 6% to 16% (Bristol average). Polish is the most spoken second language in Southmead.

Initiatives: Aging Better, Cities of Service, Bristol 2015 Green Capital.

Opportunities to improve the quality and shape of community spaces.



3. Communication and Community Involvement, Equalities, Strong Communities

Let's improve

Fewer people feel they belong to the neighbourhood than the Bristol average.

A higher proportion of residents report feeling discriminated against because of ethnicity/race/disability than the Bristol ward average.

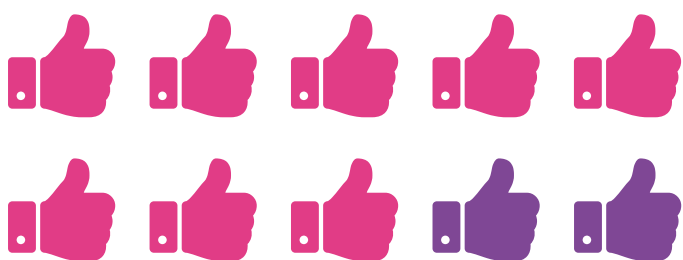
Some partnership working could be better.

Some residents report a lack of goodwill and little contact with neighbours.

Poor access to information.

The voices of residents from all communities are not being heard and do not influence decisions.

8 out of 10 residents are satisfied with Southmead as a place to live



Changes on the horizon

The Mead community newsletter to be produced a minimum of 4 times per year.

Specific welcome information for new residents.

Activities to strengthen the sense of community for all.

Community, organisations and schools to be working together.

A communication plan including digital and traditional methods - better spread of information about events and activities for all ages.

Build on the outreach achieved of the Southmead Survey to improve the involvement of all residents in Southmead life, especially less-represented residents.

Action Plan

- 3.1 Identify and engage organisations in the Community Plan.
- 3.2 Reinstate Southmead Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) networking events.
- 3.3 Hold events in parks, streets, open spaces and schools that bring people from different cultures together.
- 3.4 Increase pride in Southmead by creating Community Awards.
- 3.5 Make sure Southmead Festival better reflects different communities.
- 3.6 Make new residents feel welcome and help them get to know their neighbours.
- 3.7 Increase links to Southmead churches and other faith groups.
- 3.8 Secure future of SCART - central 'one-stop-shop' service.
- 3.9 Create communication and engagement programme.
- 3.10 Increase access to affordable WIFI and computers for residents.
- 3.11 Develop the mead.net site as 'hub site' to link up Southmead information.
- 3.12 Create a 'Southmead info' app.
- 3.13 Internet cafes/outlets developed and advertised.
- 3.14 Increase communication through Southmead radio and TV.
- 3.15 Secure and improve The Mead newsletter.
- 3.16 Develop a community activities database.
- 3.17 Install public noticeboards at key sites.
- 3.18 Install maps with key community resources identified.

Action Plan

3.19 Information brochure printed and distributed for older people.

3.20 Information stall at Arnside shops developed.

3.21 Deliver free or low-cost computer training.

3.22 Evaluate effectiveness of communication methods for different sections of the community.

3.23 Ensure group for Community Plan delivery has diverse members.

3.24 Ensure Community Plan news and diary of events is regularly communicated.

3.25 Community Plan engagement programme developed.



4. Health and Wellbeing



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What's working

In the Southmead Survey, the top three factors with a positive effect on health were access to health services; parks and green spaces; and good sports and exercise facilities.

Good access to fresh food and vegetables.
There is a well-used food bank.

When asked how they relax, residents described enjoying a range of activities - particularly reading, socialising and creative activities.

Main factors affecting residents health



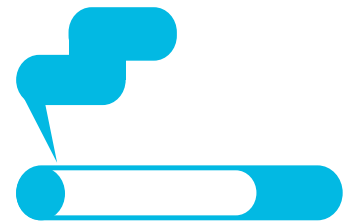
Drug misuse
48%



Money worries
46%



Alcohol misuse
42%



Smoking
42%

What we want

Residents would like better information on what is available; more joined up services; affordable healthy food; weight management help; more sports and activities for children; help with money worries; support for single parents; help for isolation; and prescription drug withdrawal support.

Residents would like: physiotherapy, faster and out of hours access to GP's mental health support; arthritis support; exercise for self-help; chiropody for diabetics; more young people friendly sexual health services; drop-in clinics for health checks.

4. Health and Wellbeing

Let's improve

Main factors affecting resident health as identified by residents: drug misuse (48%); money worries (46%); alcohol misuse (42%); and smoking (42%).

More knowledge about healthy eating and cooking skills is required.

Obesity is significantly above the average for reception aged children and has increased in adults. (33% of Southmead residents)

Residents report open smoking of cannabis.

28% of people live in a household with a smoker.

At the Southmead Festival consultation 2014, residents chose mental health as the top health priority to address.

There is no open/direct access drug or alcohol service in Southmead.

“Healthcare provisions seem [generally] adequate in Southmead, whether at the doctors surgeries or at Southmead Hospital.”

Survey respondent on health facilities

Changes on the horizon

The Recovery Bristol Partnership led by Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) new service.

Smokefree Southmead.

Healthy Living Centre model for Southmead.

Identification and Brief Advice for alcohol misuse to be introduced.

Personal health budgets.



4. Health and Wellbeing

Action Plan

- 4.1 Train more workers as Quit Smoking Advisors.
- 4.2 Train workers and volunteers in brief intervention regarding smoking.
- 4.3 Join up with partners at events to promote quit smoking services.
- 4.4 Review the effectiveness of Southmead quit smoking services.
- 4.5 Quit Smoking Southmead advertising campaign.
- 4.6 Neighbourhood Quit Smoking Ambassadors (NQSA) work developed and evaluated.
- 4.7 Raise awareness locally about domestic violence.
- 4.8 Improve training for volunteers and workers.
- 4.9 Work with North Bristol Domestic Abuse Forum, North Delivery Team (NDT) and BAVA to identify & implement actions.
- 4.10 Develop specific support for young women.
- 4.11 Develop work with men and health.
- 4.12 Improve sexual health services for local young people.
- 4.13 Identify and respond to the sexual health needs of the wider population.
- 4.14 Develop a Southmead food network.
- 4.15 Deliver cooking classes.
- 4.16 Research developing a community kitchen that can be used for kitchen on prescription /healthy eating advice.
- 4.17 Raise awareness of physical activity groups and services.
- 4.18 Increase cycling in Southmead.

4. Health and Wellbeing

Action Plan

- 4.19 Identify activities that are fun and family friendly.
- 4.20 Increase participation in existing clubs and groups.
- 4.21 Public Health, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP) and Community Access Support Services (CASS) worker to collaborate to improve understanding and take up of mental health services.
- 4.22 Raise awareness of Mental Health.
- 4.23 Develop a Social Prescribing Hub in North Bristol.
- 4.24 Co-ordinate a local Meeting re: Drug Misuse.
- 4.25 Map service provision and improve co-ordination between service providers.
- 4.26 Deliver regular campaigns on safer drinking.
- 4.27 Establish a 'Pathways to Recovery' programme.
- 4.28 Improve the co-ordination and linkage between services and activities.
- 4.29 Develop a local Health Champions Project.
- 4.30 Improve access to GP appointments or other appropriate support.

5. Employment, Training and Enterprise



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What's working

History of craft/skilled technical work (particularly relating to Aerospace at Filton).
Mall at Cribbs Causeway has had a positive impact on local employment.

Employment opportunities at Southmead Hospital.

Transport links are OK.

Some local courses and support.

Schools and attainment are improving.

“I have a degree but also have young children... flexible work can be hard to find particularly as I have no work experience after uni.”

Survey respondent on barriers to work

What we want

In the Southmead Survey, 56% of residents said that they would like to see employment, debt and benefit support including; Employability training for young people; Support for job applications and interviews; Better links between all the support agencies; Raising local aspirations; Local jobs and better visibility for the jobs there are, especially in small firms; Access to local training and education for basic, IT and vocational skills; Bristol Free School

on board; Engagement's need to identify and engage those who are sitting at home. Skills Fair, a jobs fair to promote skills and training.

5. Employment, Training and Enterprise

Let's improve

In the Southmead Survey, residents identified the top three barriers to work as lack of appropriate jobs, lack of appropriate qualifications and lack of confidence. Childcare problems and poor health also feature strongly.

There are few local businesses in the immediate area.

Unemployment is above the Bristol average. Skill levels are lower than the city average. Low levels of self-employment locally.

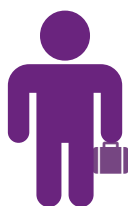
Fewer residents have access to cars or vans than other areas of the city.

Barriers to work

23.96% lack of qualifications

33.01% no appropriate job

23.24% lack of confidence



Changes on the horizon

Introduction of Universal Credit will make it worthwhile for benefit claimants to take up part-time jobs.

Mall at Cribbs Causeway may be expanding in the near future with potential new job opportunities.

Potential for an employment hub for the North to be in Southmead.

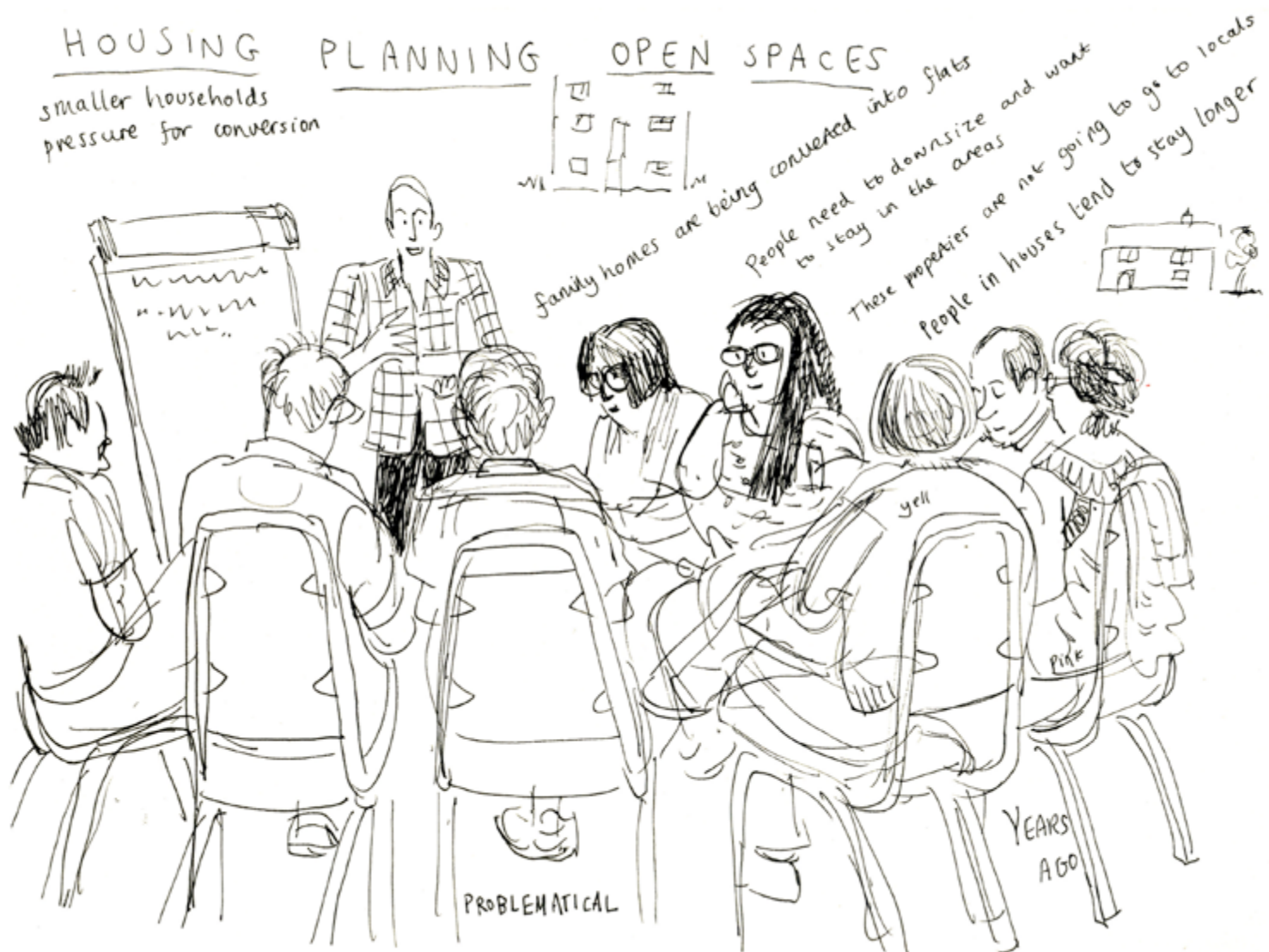
Major developments in the Bristol area over the next 20 years (Temple Quarter, Avonmouth and Severnside, Filton.) will create thousands of jobs.

5. Employment, Training and Enterprise

Action Plan

- 5.1 Ensure good accessible local training and employment advice for all residents.
- 5.2 Identify those who are not engaged and start them on their journey.
- 5.3 Improve skill and qualification levels across the population. Increase literacy, numeracy and IT skills, and provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses where needed.
- 5.4 Hold an annual Southmead Skills and Advice Fair led by local organisations.
- 5.5 Create more local affordable small business space.
- 5.6 Increase levels of self-employment and business start-up.
- 5.7 Develop support and networking opportunities for small businesses.
- 5.8 Establish new businesses in Southmead.
- 5.9 Work with employers to help them open up to local people for both training and jobs.
- 5.10 Change perceptions of the area both among residents and more widely.
- 5.11 Work with people to widen their horizons about possible work opportunities.
- 5.12 Increase knowledge of transport options to enable people to gain work outside their area.
- 5.13 Improve provision of childcare options.
- 5.14 Ensure adequate and accessible debt and money instruction.

6. Housing, Planning, Parks and Green Spaces



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What's working

Residents strongly value Southmead's existing parks and green spaces with a number of 'friends of' groups - Badocks Wood, Elderberry Walk.

Charlton Common, located in South Gloucestershire, is an important green asset for Southmead.

Lots of family housing. Mixed ownership. Around 50% of homes are owner occupied. 35% are socially rented.

Property is more affordable than in other parts of the city.

There is a higher proportion of lone parents households with children



Southmead 12.7%

Bristol 8.9%

England and Wales 7.9%

What we want

Green spaces to cater for all age groups and needs and be accessible to all.

Southmead to have a positive image and visitors to feel welcome.

The community to shape future planning of the area.

The impacts of development outside the area to be addressed.

Local residents want to be able to remain in Southmead if their housing needs change. New development should be high quality, safe, healthy and sustainable with a mix of homes.

Southmead's parks and green spaces to be protected and improved and residents to be engaged in their care and improvement.

6. Housing, Planning, Parks and Green Spaces

Let's improve

Residents report that those wishing to downsize or have changed housing needs may not be able to find suitable accommodation in the local area.

Poorly maintained front gardens are considered a problem in parts of Southmead.

Many of the parks and green spaces would benefit from improvements. Some are not accessible for mobility scooters and wheel chair users.

“I have lived in Southmead all my life - first in the old estate and then the new one. I would never want to live anywhere else.”

81-year-old man

Changes on the horizon

Dunmail site will be sold for development.

South Gloucestershire development will see 1500 new homes developed on the doorstep of Southmead.

Increasing population and more demand for housing including affordable housing.



6. Housing, Planning, Parks and Green Spaces

Action Plan

- 6.1 Complete a local housing needs study for the area.
- 6.2 Ensure that new housing meets local housing needs by helping to diversify the housing offered in Southmead.
- 6.3 Establish a Local Lettings policy.
- 6.4 Explore options and appetite for a local community owned housing scheme.
- 6.5 Identify and establish a positive working relationship with a housing association as an investment partner for Southmead.
- 6.6 Ensure Dunmail site development contributes to improvements at Elderberry Walk.
- 6.7 Explore whether a Neighbourhood Development Plan would be beneficial for Southmead.
- 6.8 Carry out a feasibility study to unlock potential small housing sites.
- 6.9 Ensure that the BS10 Parks and Planning group is properly resourced.
- 6.10 Consult the community on future options for the Fonthill site.
- 6.11 Install 'Welcome to Southmead' signs.
- 6.12 Encourage Bristol City Council to use Section 215 powers to improve badly maintained gardens.
- 6.13 Ensure that Southmead is resilient to the effects of climate change.
- 6.14 Continue to protect parks and green spaces through local planning documents.
- 6.15 Further develop and support "Friends" groups for all open spaces.
- 6.16 Improve seating, paths and entrance points for parks & green spaces.
- 6.17 Ensure that residents are engaged and involved in caring for Charlton Common.
- 6.18 Identify sites and provide support to develop growing spaces and community orchards.
- 6.19 Introduce a 'Good Gardener' Scheme.

7. Community Buildings and Facilities

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS and facilities



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What's working

There are lots of community buildings in Southmead and some are well used. Lots of local indoor and outdoor facilities for sports and gym, and most are well used.

Groups managing community buildings are beginning to work together to help them improve services and to maintain and modernise facilities.



“Love all the green spaces, Fonthill Park, and the place opposite where the Wayfarer pub used to be especially!”

Survey respondent

What we want

Modern, accessible and well-designed community buildings. Genuine involvement and consultation in the development of community facilities.

Improved facilities for employment support and training; business start-ups; advice and counselling services; young people services; health and wellbeing services; and family, carers and older peoples support.

Better marketing and outreach work so that all residents know about what is going on locally.

Residents in Charlton Mead would like some community facilities in their area.

7. Community Buildings and Facilities

Let's improve

There are some gaps in community space, including a lack of small advice or counselling rooms, a soft play room and a family contact centre.

Some community buildings are not accessible to all residents, especially those with mobility problems, young children, or no car.

There are some gaps in community space, including a lack of small advice or counselling rooms, a soft play room and a family contact centre.

Local community and faith groups lack the resources needed to build effective community networks and support new community initiatives.

Many buildings are old and in poor condition, have limited disability access and are expensive to run and upkeep. The Community Survey showed that some people do not know what goes on in community facilities.

If they were to close, Southmead residents would most miss...



The Library
51.73%



Greenway Centre
44.28%



Post Office
43%

Changes on the horizon

Local organisations have begun to work together to develop a new community centre and affordable housing on Greystoke Avenue.

There are a number of facilities for children along Doncaster Road that could be improved.

The Southmead community is becoming more diverse.

Southmead Development Trust now manages Southmead Youth Centre. BCC will be keen to see the community manage more buildings. The review of the Police Station and the Library presents an opportunity to house local services in other community buildings.

7. Community Buildings and Facilities

Action Plan

- 7.1 Appoint a community worker to co-ordinate a community buildings network.
- 7.2 Set up a Southmead Community Building Network.
- 7.3 Plan community buildings improvement.
- 7.4 Undertake energy efficiency improvements to appropriate community buildings.
- 7.5 Explore the potential for more sharing of space amongst faith groups.
- 7.6 Research the development of a new community building on the Greystoke Strip.
- 7.7 Complete a feasibility study and create a future strategy for Arnside.
- 7.8 Complete a feasibility study on the future of the Doncaster Strip.
- 7.9 Improve residents knowledge about the activities and services being delivered in community buildings.
- 7.10 Implement the 20 recommendations from the Southmead Community Buildings Review July 2014.
- 7.11 Conduct a Community Buildings Usage & State of Repair Audit.

8. Traffic and Transport



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What's working

There are some good bus routes. Bus services have improved in recent years.

There are some good off-road walking routes.

Some residential streets offer safer cycling.

Community Transport provides a valuable service.



Southmead households with no cars is at an all time high



Southmead 31.5%

Bristol 28.9%

England and Wales 25.6%

What we want

Measures to reduce congestion at pinch points. Measures to address commuter and hospital visitor parking in residential streets and the removal of all dangerous and antisocial parking. Improve safety at junctions.

Better servicing for shops.

Appropriate plan to minimise impacts of new South Glos development.

Improved cycle, walking and crossing facilities.

Investigate options for improving safety at junctions.

Improved Community Transport services. Henbury Loop not spur.

An improved bus network. A reviewed network of bus lanes.

8. Traffic and Transport

Let's improve

Buses are expensive. Some areas aren't close to a bus route. Poor bus links to Bristol Parkway rail station and the wider rail network. Poorly located bus lanes. Insufficient community transport.

On-street parking inconvenient for residents and other road users. Visitors to Southmead Hospital park in residential streets.

Some walking routes are unattractive, particularly after dark.

Cycling facilities are limited. There is a lack of safe crossing points.

Congestion of local roads particularly at peak times.

“Traffic in the area is already a problem. Extensive re-development must only be allowed if sufficient infrastructure comes with it - roads, buses, schools, shops.”

Survey respondent on Filton development

Changes on the horizon

The redevelopment of Filton Airfield in South Gloucestershire.

Phased city-wide roll-out of 20 mph speed limits.

Wider development of Southmead Hospital will include new staff parking.

Improved cycle routes to Southmead Hospital are being prepared.

New bus services through Southmead Hospital are planned.

The MetroWest rail project is currently being developed, including the reintroduction of passenger services on the Henbury line.

8. Traffic and Transport

Action Plan

- 8.1 Address commuter parking.
- 8.2 Set up a cycle loan scheme.
- 8.3 Review public transport accessibility.
- 8.4 Improve cycling facilities.
- 8.5 Improve safety by providing cycle training and awareness.
- 8.6 Establish a car club in Southmead.
- 8.7 Campaign for more rail services.
- 8.8 Conclude dialogue with Southmead Hospital on parking issues.
- 8.9 Map parking hotspots.
- 8.10 Improve traffic management.
- 8.11 Improve 'LIDL' roundabouts.
- 8.12 Campaign to ensure Southmead benefits from improved bus services linked to the Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) development.
- 8.13 Ensure Southmead gets appropriate traffic management measures linked to the Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) development.
- 8.14 Improve Community Transport services.

9. Crime and Community Safety



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What's working

Reported crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) have fallen recently.

Tackling hate crime and promoting integration in Southmead has been a police focus for many years and good progress has been made.

Southmead is policed by a local Neighbourhood Team of one Sergeant, two Beat Managers and three Police Community Support Officers. 24/7 patrol and emergency cover is provided by the response teams. All these officers are currently based at Southmead police station.

“We moved here 2 years ago and the children are happy at school with no trouble. I don't think that Southmead deserves its bad reputation”

Young mum

What we want

Residents would like the police to prioritise action to tackle:

- Street based anti-social behaviour, particularly at Arnside Road.
- Drug dealing and misuse.
- Environmental anti-social behaviour such as dog fouling, littering.
- Street drinking and licensed premises.
- Additional community priorities relate more to on-going work and include:

- Stopping the seasonal series of arson offences.
- Tackling hate crime and promoting integration.
- Raising awareness of and reducing domestic abuse.

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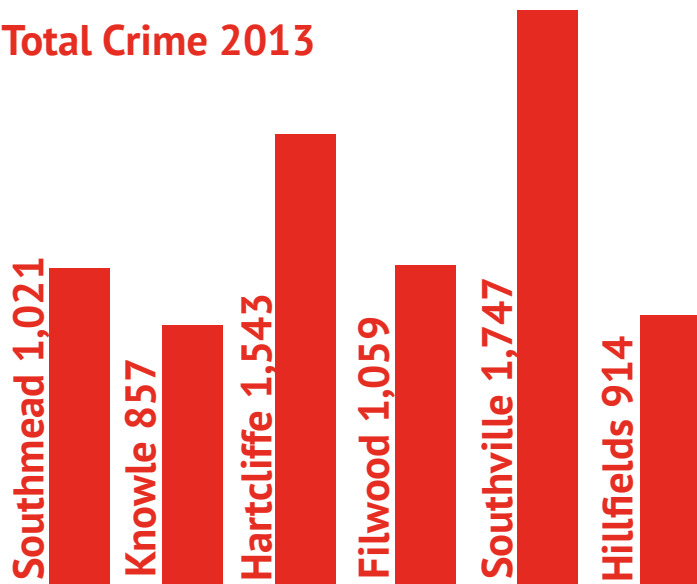
Let's improve

Littering, dog fouling and vandalism all contribute to creating a negative impression of Southmead.

Arson offences (mainly in the summer) continue to concern residents.

Shoplifting offences have steadily increased over recent years.

Total Crime 2013



Residents are most concerned about crime, domestic abuse, drug / alcohol misuse, racist incidents and particularly anti-social behaviour (ASB). Street-based ASB such as rowdy behaviour and drunkenness is a particular concern.



Changes on the horizon

From 2015, local Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be aligned to response teams working from Southmead police station. There will be the same number of Neighbourhood officers but shift patterns will be varied. The Neighbourhood Inspector will have responsibility for a bigger area.

Southmead police station is being sold and will be vacated by 2016/17. Neighbourhood and response teams will relocate to a new site, possibly in Southmead.

9. Crime and Community Safety

Action Plan

- 9.1 Monitor and respond to ASB trends.
- 9.2 Increase visible police presence at the Arnside Road shops.
- 9.3 Reduce opportunities to commit theft offences in local shops.
- 9.4 Maintain drugs enforcement activity.
- 9.5 Increase the information flow from the local community relating to drugs offences.
- 9.6 Ensure the local police team are linked into existing and new street survey activity.
- 9.7 Make regular licensing enforcement visits to premises identified as being of concern.
- 9.8 Reduce arson and improve awareness of fire safety.
- 9.9 Coordinate responses to arson offences.
- 9.10 Maintain and develop the 'Planet Southmead' partnership.
- 9.11 Continue to raise the awareness of victims of domestic abuse and how they can be supported.
- 9.12 Relocate Southmead police station within Southmead.

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