



Consulting with the Community Nov/Dec 2008

The highlights from our survey

In November and December 2008 we consulted over 1000 people in South Holland. We talked to all sections of the community, including young people, older people, working age people, disabled people, parish groups, Gypsies and Travellers, faith groups and migrant workers. We talked to people in towns, villages and isolated rural communities.

We set out to establish **what is most important to the people** of South Holland and to gauge the relative importance of each issue to different population groups.

People told us what was important to them about a year ago and we wanted to make sure those priorities were still important to the public and see if there is a consensus.

On the **reverse of this sheet** you will find how the different interest groups rated the priorities. All the items listed on the table are important. The ticks show where people's priorities are and the more ticks in a row shows us there is a consensus among the people for that particular issue. The RAZ and its partner organisations will take these views into account when they are planning for the next few years.

We wish to record our thanks to everyone who took part in the consultation.

The **major priorities** identified in each Key Area are:-

Health

Encouraging exercise and sport

Reducing drug abuse

The difficulty of getting appointments at doctor/dentist/hospital

Economic Development /Work and Jobs

Attracting new businesses to the area

Providing affordable housing

Getting more young people into education and training

Our Environment

Keeping our towns and villages clean and tidy, with a reduction in litter and graffiti

Increasing the recycling of waste

Our Communities

Feeling safe in the neighbourhood and places visited

Tackling anti-social behaviour

People from different backgrounds and age groups getting along together.

More police on the streets

Transport and Accessibility

Improving transport to leisure facilities, shops and doctors

Road safety

Key Areas	Priority	Younger People	Older People	Working Age	Disabled People	People in Isolated Rural Settlements	People in hard to reach communities	Migrant Workers	Parish Groups	Number of groups setting this priority as important
Health	Encouraging exercise and sport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	10
	Providing cultural activities		✓	✓		✓				3
	Reducing drug abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		8
	Reducing smoking	✓		✓						2
	Reducing levels of obesity	✓		✓	✓					3
	<i>Doctors appointments & health support</i>	✓	✓			✓		✓		4
	<i>Reducing alcohol abuse</i>	✓		✓			✓		✓	4
	<i>Increase availability of NHS dentists</i>		✓					✓		2
Economic Development	Increasing numbers of young people in education and training	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	8
	Improving skill levels in the workforce	✓	✓	✓				✓		4
	Increasing workplace training					✓		✓		2
	Attracting new businesses to the area	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	7
	Providing affordable housing in the area	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	5
Our Environment	Keeping our towns and villages tidy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
	Increasing the proportion of waste we recycle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
	Reducing carbon emissions			✓				✓	✓	3
	Planning for climate change			✓				✓		2
	Being aware of flood danger	✓		✓				✓	✓	4
	<i>Provision of dog waste bins</i>			✓						1
Our Communities	Feeling safe in the neighbourhood and places you visit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
	Feeling able to take part in and influence local decision making		✓	✓				✓	✓	4
	People from different backgrounds getting along together		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	5
	Tackling antisocial behaviour		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		6
	Reducing litter and graffiti in your neighbourhood		✓	✓			✓	✓		4
	Living in cared for towns and villages			✓				✓		2
	<i>More police on the streets</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7
Transport and Accessibility	Access to leisure, shops, doctors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
	Public transport	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	6
	Community transport		✓							1
	Cycle routes			✓		✓				2
	Road safety	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	5
	Using the internet to access services			✓						1
	<i>Sunday and evening public transport</i>	✓	✓							2
	<i>Transport costs</i>	✓								1

Key: ✓ High Priority *Priorities in italics were added in by the public*