

## VISION FOR HIGHFIELDS AND ST MATTHEWS

### STRENGTHS

### WEAKNESSES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong neighbourhood             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- togetherness (diverse cultures)</li> <li>- ready to challenge</li> <li>- common issues (alien culture)</li> <li>- relatively cheaper shared housing</li> <li>- common working experiences</li> <li>- cultural bond with others (inter-Caribbean + Asians)</li> <li>- mixed school population</li> <li>- trust, care and respect for and in each other (especially elders)</li> <li>- taking ownership for your family + community</li> <li>- political awareness</li> <li>- readiness to learn + discuss</li> <li>- identification with other similar communities</li> <li>- ‘fire in gut’ driving individuals</li> <li>- inheriting values (social + political)</li> <li>- valuing of education</li> <li>- high expectations</li> <li>- access to a range of education + training facilities</li> <li>- access to cultural facilities (mosques, temples, churches, shops, languages, family)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Less fear/lack of harassment</li> <li>• Central location – easy access to City Centre</li> <li>• High level of cultural awareness</li> <li>• High interest in lifelong learning opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of suitable public transport</li> <li>• Lack of open spaces</li> <li>• Poor maintenance of Spinney Park             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- crime/vandalism</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Litter</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low level of parental involvement in schools</li> <li>• Relatively low level achievement in schools</li> <li>• Schools shut during holidays + evenings + weekends</li> <li>• School life divorced from home + community life</li> <li>• Lack of/low expectations – alternative ‘success’ routes</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate health services, including absence of women doctors + uncaring doctors + lack of awareness of relevant issues e.g. drugs, mental health, complementary health</li> <li>• Provisions for elderly (day care, residential)</li> <li>• Lack of supported and sheltered accommodation</li> <li>• Lack of suitable local health centre</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absence of workshop-based vocational skills training facilities</li> <li>• High rates of unemployment</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of structured developmental opportunities for young people</li> <li>• Inadequate range of youth facilities</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decline of political awareness and resultant political disengagement</li> <li>• Groups working on own</li> <li>• Absorption of individuals into system as professionals</li> <li>• Individuals seizing opportunities for <u>self</u> – advancement</li> <li>• Separation of races and families</li> <li>• Inadequate provision for sports and fitness</li> <li>• Decline in residents and tenants associations</li> <li>• Inadequate housing provision and delays in effecting repairs</li> <li>• Inadequate residential parking spaces and abuse of same</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level of Class A drugs usage + supply</li> </ul>
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<b>H E A L T H</b>	<p>6) Health</p> <p>7) Elderly</p> <p>8) Special Needs and Disabled</p> <p>9) Domestic Violence</p>	<p>Very limited number of female general practitioners</p> <p>Inadequate health services</p> <p>Lack of appropriate and accessible service and facilities</p> <p>Lack of appropriate and accessible services and facilities</p> <p>Lack of support for children with individual/special needs</p> <p>Increasing incidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursue issue via Highfields Health Forum, women's groups and other community groups</li> <li>• Critically engage with Health Trust to consider efficacy of primary medical service centre</li> <li>• Need for more general practitioners – especially linked to need of new residents</li> <li>• Need for more home nursing, especially for elderly and sick</li> <li>• Need for awareness of cultural issues – also, diets, housing conditions, poverty, mental health, drugs, etc</li> <li>• Provision of a centrally located day care centre</li> <li>• Provision of culturally appropriate sheltered accommodation</li> <li>• Provision of recreational and lifelong learning courses and activities</li> <li>• Provision of a range of appropriate and accessible services (including adaptations to existing buildings).</li> <li>• Awareness raising programme/events</li> <li>• Provision of accessible and culturally appropriate services for victims</li> </ul>
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<p><b>J O B a n d R E G E N E R A T I O N</b></p>		<p>Absence of such facilities</p> <p>High rates, especially youth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and develop suitable facilities/buildings</li> <li>• Enhance individual skills and qualifications</li> <li>• Increase effectiveness of current job related services (e.g. HaSCEP, HITSLINK, Job Centre)</li> <li>• Increase effectiveness of current lifelong learning providers (e.g. HYCC, Moat, Shama, Leic College, BYCS, PYCA etc)</li> <li>• Influence and effect Learning and Skills Council funded developments in Highfields</li> <li>• Exert pressure for inclusion of local labour clause in all public funded projects (e.g. SRB 2) and monitor its effectiveness</li> <li>• Encourage development of entrepreneurial businesses (esp. for young people and older adults)</li> <li>• Need more work space for community based enterprises</li> <li>• Develop community based cooperatives, e.g. laundry, fresh food shops, credit unions, etc</li> <li>• Emphasise strategic developments for the areas – employment, training and education</li> </ul>
<p><b>C H I L D R E N a n d</b></p>	<p>13) Children (0 – 13years)</p>	<p>Inadequate childcare facilities</p> <p>Insufficient playschemes all year round</p> <p>Inadequate and poorly maintained outdoor play provision, especially in parks</p> <p>Absence of permanent indoor play areas</p> <p>Inadequate out of school/wrap around care provision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase numbers of registered childminders</li> <li>• Increased crèche provision</li> <li>• Increased playcare provision for 0-5's</li> <li>• Ensure all services are financially accessible</li> <li>• Increase provision for playschemes all year round</li> <li>• Increase outdoor play provision, including regular maintenance</li> <li>• Establish community run playzones</li> <li>• Establish appropriate out of school/wrap around care facilities</li> </ul>



R E G E N E R A T I O N	17) Groups/Organisations working on own	Not connecting with other projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure effective communication channels</li> <li>• Update relevant mailing lists e.g. Highfields Area Forum, Highfields Adult Education Forum, Highfields Advice Work Forum, Highfields Youth Workers Forum, Local Action Team, Highfields Early Years Forum, St Matthews Area Forum, etc</li> <li>• Ensure accountability of public funded projects (cf. Community Learning Forum)</li> <li>• Ensure central availability of annual reports for all local public funded organisations</li> <li>• Counter ethnic-specific developments</li> </ul>
	18) Sports and Fitness	Inadequate and inaccessible facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of a range of adequate and accessible services, especially completion of major HYCC Project in Highfields</li> </ul>
	19) Residents and Tenants Association	Decline in numbers and effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively support and develop residents and tenants associations</li> <li>• Identify and respond to service gaps and take up (esp. in lifelong learning, childcare and information, advice and guidance service)</li> </ul>
	20) Housing	Inadequate housing  Delays in effecting repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need larger family type properties</li> <li>• De-top some of the older maisonettes and tower blocks</li> <li>• Need for purpose built elderly citizens bungalows</li> <li>• Need for modernisation programme</li> <li>• Need to complete outstanding improvements, including internal refurbishment (especially, kitchens)</li> <li>• Need increased security for tenants, especially security doors and property windows</li> <li>• Need for repair system that is responsive to tenants' urgent requests</li> <li>• Specialist repairs need to be completed in an appropriate time</li> </ul>

	21) Car Parking	<p>Inadequate parking spaces</p> <p>Abuse of parking spaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for resident only parking in appropriate areas</li> <li>• Need for disabled parking spaces</li> <li>• Removable of road hump extensions (flanks) and pavement/bollard/tree extensions</li> <li>• More enforcement of residents' parking schemes, especially to prevent City centre workers and visitors parking in St Matthews and Highfields</li> </ul>
<p>C O M M U N I T Y S A F E T Y</p>	<p>22) Class A Drug usage and supply</p> <p>23) Community Safety</p>	<p>High level of usage and supply (e.g. young people and adults)</p> <p>Fear of crime (burglary and street crime)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify extent of use</li> <li>• Increase drug awareness programmes (i.e. prevention)</li> <li>• Increase outreach work programmes</li> <li>• Increase partnership working</li> <li>• Provide range of safety awareness events (elderly, women, young people)</li> <li>• Provide self defence and survival skills courses</li> <li>• Provide appropriate information packs (inc. community language)</li> <li>• Develop peer education</li> </ul>