

Summary of responses to “What is the one thing you like best about Shipston?” Shipston High School May 2016

355 students responded to this question and 27% considered Shipston to be a safe and friendly place with a strong sense of community.

The range of shops figured strongly with 20% mentioning shops in general or specific outlets.

19% valued its small size and rural setting.

Sports facilities in general were also valued by 17% of respondents. The Sports Club was mentioned 27 times, the skate park 18, Leisure Centre/swimming pool 17, parks 12, rugby club 8, football club 3 and tennis 1.

Summary of Responses to “If you could make one improvement to Shipston what would it be?”

Out of 350 responses to this question the greatest demand is for shops that cater for teenage years especially clothing and fast food (29%).

There is also a significant demand for additional/improved sports facilities (17%). Astro turf surface is mentioned eleven times as is the skate board park, football eight times, rugby three, table tennis and motor cross trail twice each, BMX and netball once each.

More generally there is support for additional entertainment facilities specifically aimed at teenagers, in particular a place for them to meet, ranging from a bench to sit on, shelter for weather to a teen café/drop-in centre (12%).

An improved bus transport receives 7% support, less housing development 4% and improved parking 3%.

Summary: “What Do you Least Like About Shipston?” June 2016 PK

There is evidence that the 349 12 -16 year old High School students who responded to this question have the impression that the town suffers from too much traffic, general congestion and shortage of parking (15%) and that the recent rapid growth in housing development will add to these problems (9%).

There is also significant dissatisfaction with the retail outlets in the town which do not cater for teenage years especially lacking in clothing and fast food outlets (10%) and a call for a larger supermarket (4%).

Many of the young people feel that Shipston lacks appropriate entertainment and claim ‘there is nothing to do’(15%). Sport’s facilities generally need enhancing (4%) and the skate park improved (1%)

A further issue is poor public transport (3%), especially late running buses and connections to Ettiington. Flooding is noted by 2% as a problem.

In general the concerns of this group reflect those of the adult population, except for the understandable emphasis on teenage clothing and fast food outlets. There is also a plea for a

location in the town where young people can meet and socialise eg a teen café/ drop-in centre/ or at least somewhere they can shelter from the rain!