



# New Wortley Community Plan June 2009







**Cover:** Leeds City Centre  
**Above:** New Wortley

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## Foreword

This is the first plan produced by the New Wortley residents and is intended to guide not only Leeds City Council, but also all the other agencies who deliver services within this community.

The Action Plan has been produced following extensive consultation with all sections of the local community and is here to inform both residents and key outside agencies about residents' priorities for social and structural development for the future of New Wortley. However, it will not be a permanent and unchangeable document, as the intention is to consult, review, and give feedback to residents and other agencies at regular intervals, so that it continues to reflect the needs and aspirations of the local community.

We would like to thank all of the people who took part in the various stages of producing this plan.

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### Quotes from residents:

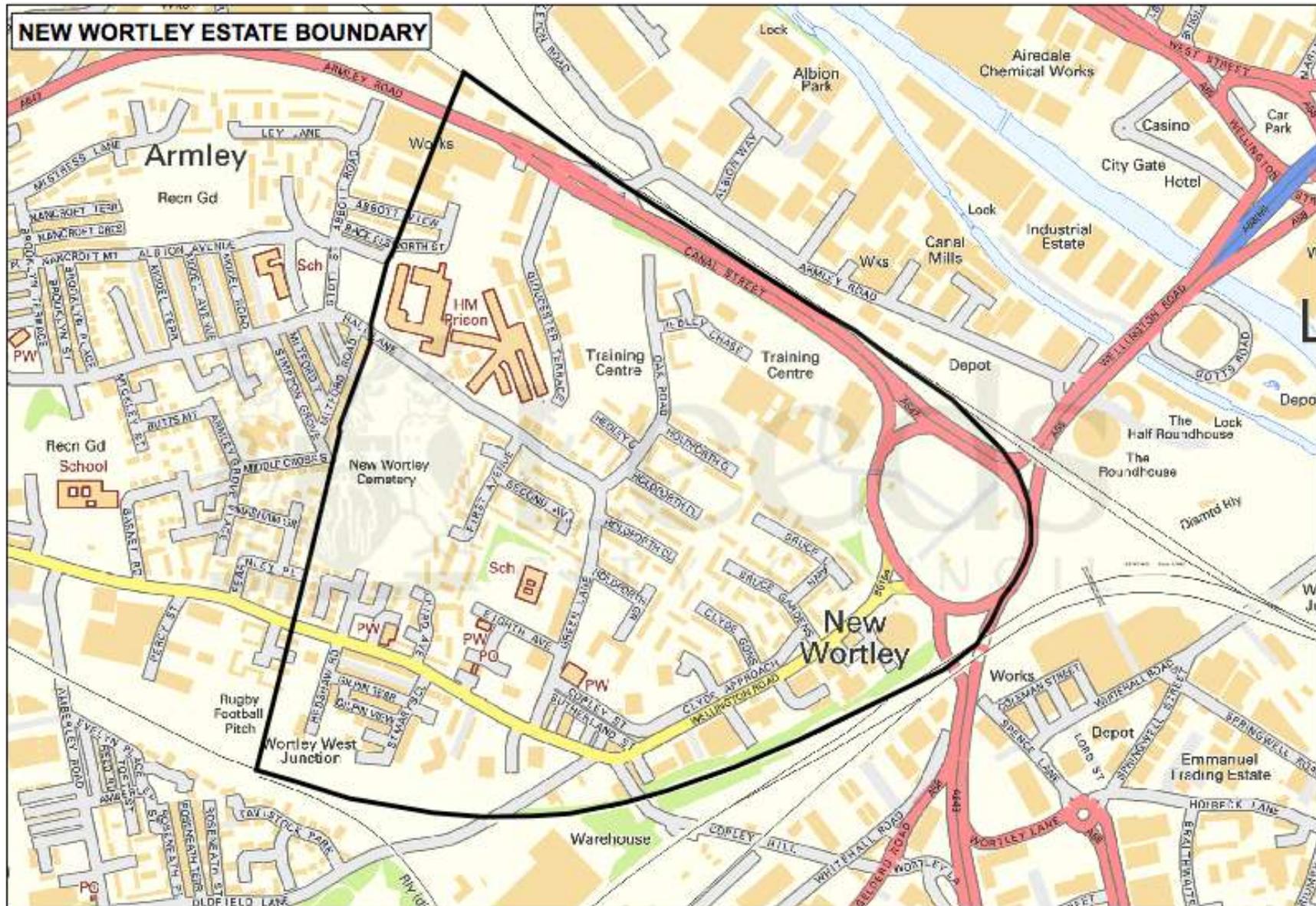
*"It really bugs me when people say, 'oh you are from Armley then' or 'oh, you mean Holbeck' or what ever, and what I say is, 'we are not! We are from New Wortley', I'm really passionate that people should call the area New Wortley, because that's what it is!"*

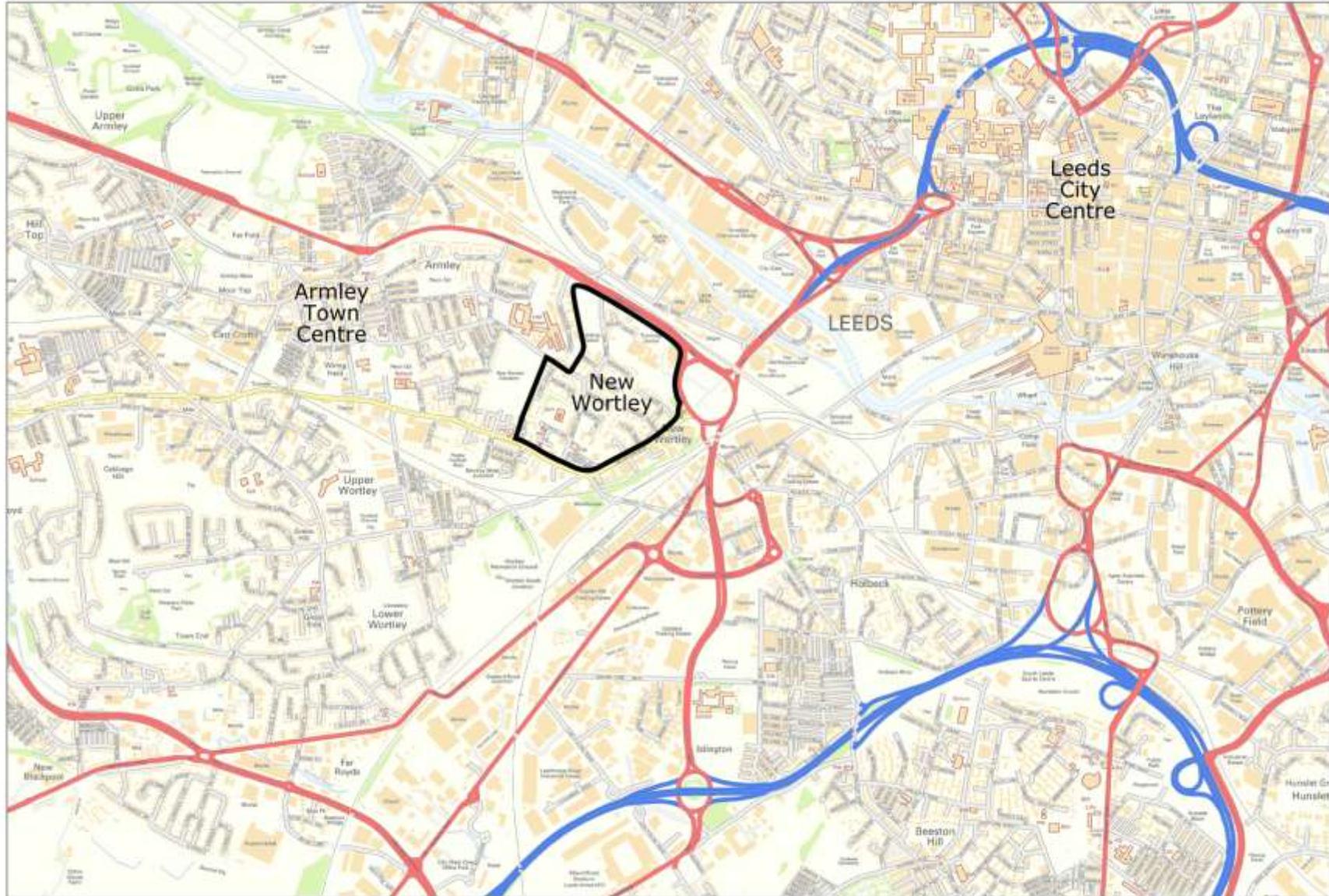
*"We are a village in our own right"*

# Area Presently Covered by the Residents' Associations



# Estate Boundary





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## Introduction

The New Wortley Community Plan has been produced to give the local community a strong voice at a time of decisive change. 2009 will see Leeds City Council (LCC) produce a final consultation paper for the West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan (WLGAAAP). Once completed the WLGAAAP will be a statutory document. As such it will play a central role in informing development decisions for the West Leeds and New Wortley area.

Although the New Wortley Community Plan is not a statutory document, central government policy states that:

*“Local planning authorities should pay close attention to the contents of non-statutory parish and community plans as part of their community involvement.”*

(Planning Policy Statement 12)

Local residents decided to take up the challenge of producing the Community Plan in order to inform and inspire the nature of future development in New Wortley.



## The Extent of New Wortley

In the context of this Community Planning process New Wortley is defined by the following geographic boundaries as decided by the Community Planning steering group:

- The New Wortley estate is the heart of the plan
- The northern edge is defined as Canal Street
- To the east the Plan area extends to Wellington Road with some consideration for the adjoining light industrial sites
- On the southern edge the Plan considers the Wortley Tower Flats and the area of Gilpin View and the immediately surrounding streets
- To the west the boundary of the Plan area is defined by New Wortley Cemetery and Armley Prison

Modern residents agree that this area is the rough extent of New Wortley and indeed defend the identity of their area proudly.

## Why Produce a Community Plan?

The Plan contains a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues which local people have decided to be important.

- It will provide evidence to support the policy-making decisions of LCC and other important agencies
- It can influence the local development framework and key local authority policy documents, in particular the WLGAAP
- It is an excellent tool to find out what local people want and need
- It will aid the people of New Wortley in getting the services they require from the LCC, the Arms length Management Organisation (ALMO), and other key agencies
- It could have positive effects in improving community spirit and causing progress to happen in areas where it might otherwise have not

The members of two key local organisations have been central to ensuring that the Plan is a success. The members of the New Wortley Residents' Association (NWRA) and the New Wortley Residents' Action Group (NWRAG) have worked together as an informal steering group to produce the plan. Yorkshire Planning Aid were also asked to provide expert advice and assistance, particularly in facilitating the community consultation events.

The members of the steering group have worked with a variety of key contacts and agencies in producing the plan. These organisations are:

LCC Planning, Regeneration and Area Management  
West North West Homes Leeds (WNWHL)  
West Yorkshire Police  
Youth Services



# Introduction

The key aims of the Community Plan are:

- To involve all sectors of the community
- To cover all the issues of concern
- To produce a clear action plan

To get all sectors of the community involved in the process, and to make sure that anyone who wanted to was able to have a say, the members of NWRA and NWRAG ran the following activities:

- Information provision through producing posters and leaflets
- Information provided at community meetings
- Planning For Real® community consultation training day
- Door to door publicity drives
- Recruitment of volunteers
- Involvement of school children in producing an area model
- New Wortley community planning event open day
- A 'prioritisation' evening
- An 'action planning' evening
- A draft action plan consultation open day

Over 300 members of the community have been involved in the New Wortley Community Plan through the events set out opposite.

The Community Plan and issues raised in its production have attracted numerous articles and news bulletin items within professional and voluntary organisations.

Yorkshire Planning Aid has assisted the community of New Wortley to produce the Community Plan providing resources, training, and advice alongside LCC, WNWHL and other professional bodies with stakeholder interests in New Wortley.

Yorkshire Planning Aid have also monitored all community consultation events ensuring the accuracy and validity of the work of the residents of the New Wortley community in producing this plan.



## New Wortley – The Past

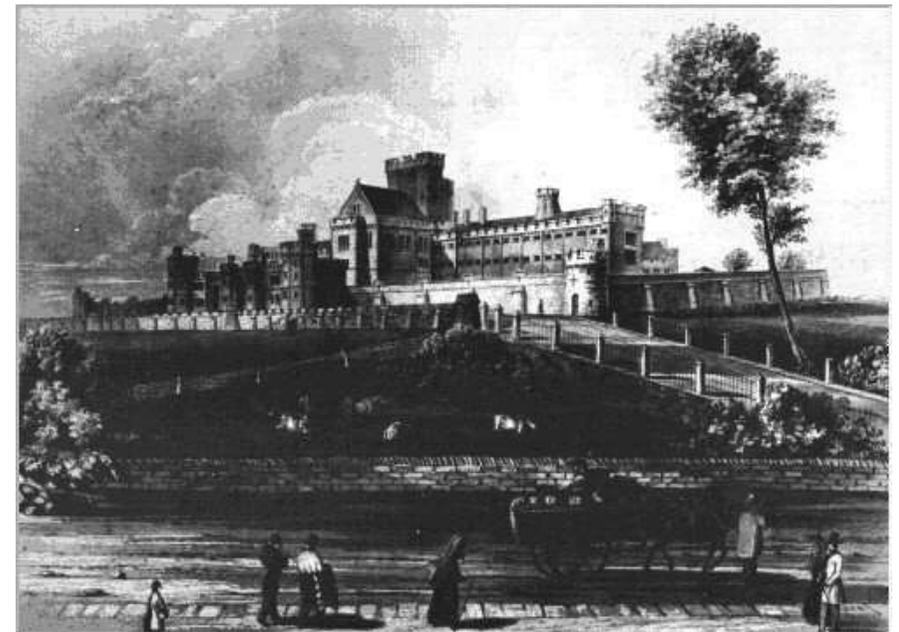
Historic records show that a key road out of Leeds, south west bound, has run through the New Wortley area for centuries. Unfortunately it is difficult to build a more extensive and independent historical narrative about New Wortley prior to the early nineteenth century. By the 1840's Leeds had become a central city of the industrial revolution. It is in this climate of industrial expansion that New Wortley emerged as an independent and proud community of the wider Leeds area.

### Pre 1850

In the early nineteenth century New Wortley was a quiet and largely agricultural area of land with some detachment from the early industrial centres of Leeds. Whilst nearby historic villages like Armley were expanding, the only concentrated settlement in the Community Plan area lay to the south at the junction of Wellington Road, Copley Hill and Low Lane (today known as Tong Road). This area in fact lay on the edge of a larger area of settlement which would be considered to be in Holbeck today but was considered to be the heart of New Wortley at the time.

It is in the 1840's that industrial development began to change the face of New Wortley. Whilst the Leeds Liverpool Canal had been completed in 1816 and had brought freight goods into Leeds, it was only with the invention of rail travel that the industrial revolution began to change the face of New Wortley. Two major rail routes cut through New Wortley, firstly came the Manchester Leeds Railway completed in 1839, and secondly the Leeds and Bradford Railway which was opened in 1846.

HM Prison Leeds (formally known as Armley Gaol) was completed the following year in 1847. The prison was built from stone quarried in the New Wortley area.



Armley in the late 19th century

# A History of New Wortley



Boars Lane by Candlelight  
J A Grimshaw (1881)

## 1850 to 1900

With the arrival of the railway and a station to serve the area, industry boomed in New Wortley, and with it, the size of the local population rapidly increased. Between 1850 and 1890 thousands of back to back homes were built in the area to house the hordes of workers migrating to the city. Two famous figures can be listed amongst the many who made New Wortley their home in the late 19th century. John Atkinson Grimshaw, the internationally renowned painter of moonlit scenes, rented a house with his wife 'Fanny' on Wallace Street (now non-existent, roughly situated in line with Bruce Lawn) in 1858. In 1864 Phil May was born on Wallace Street. Many years later in the 1890's he would rise to national prominence as a cartoonist for Punch magazine and a great commentator of life in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Few of the terraced homes built in this period had gardens and none had indoor toilets. Conditions were often cramped and the houses were notoriously difficult to keep clean. Yet the proud housewives of New Wortley worked tirelessly to keep their homes tidy and respectable. A real sense of community spirit developed with the expanding community, everybody knew everyone, and with such strong bonds few dared to disobey the law for fear that the local bobby would inevitably find

It is with a different but equally powerful sense of community pride and strength that one of the most significant events in New Wortley history was to take place. Through the 19th century many businesses provided employment for the local population. These included woollen and linen mills, engineering works, foundries, printers, the hide and skin works, clothing factories and even jam making factories! One of the biggest employers was the Gas Works, which was on the site still occupied by Centrica gas storage to this day. On the 23rd of June 1890, due to a dispute over pay and hours, the workers of the Gas Works were given a week's notice by the Gas Committee. Over the following week the mood of anger amongst local workers grew to such a height that when replacement labourers from Manchester and London were sent in to the Gas Works they had to be escorted by a 500 strong force of police officers and soldiers from Leeds Barracks. The situation became so hostile that the Mayor of Leeds had to read the Riot Act to dissipate the angry crowd of New Wortley residents.

Historical map 1849-1854 New Wortley



## 1900 to 1950

Whilst the period from 1850 to 1900 was characterised by industrial expansion and physical change to the New Wortley landscape, the most notable developments between 1900 and 1950 were social rather than environmental. Few social changes rival that represented by the outbreak of World War One. Like so many communities across the UK New Wortley lost many men to the tragedy of war. But not every community in the UK had a war hero like New Wortley resident, Arthur Poulter. Arthur saved a great many lives under heavy enemy fire, and for his efforts he received the highest possible military honour, the Victoria Cross. After the war he returned to New Wortley and Arthur is buried in New Wortley cemetery.

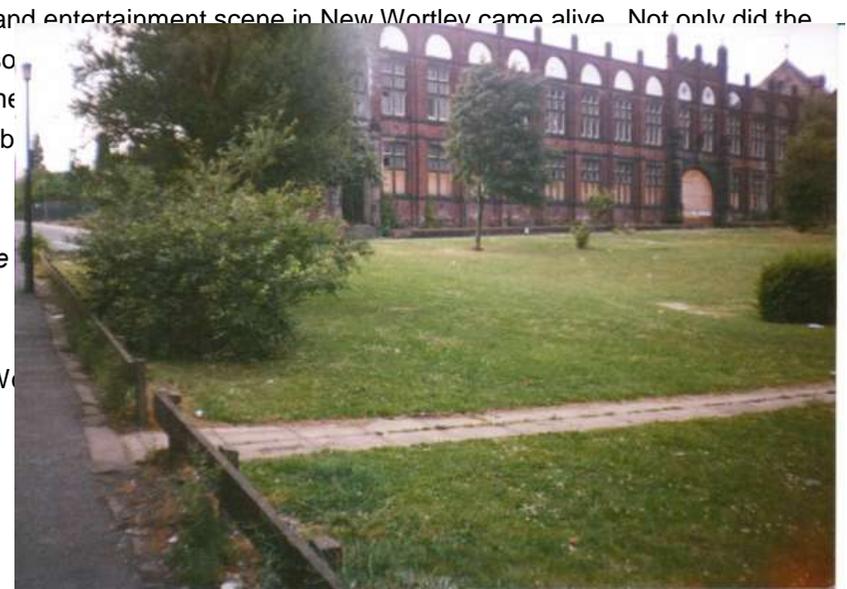
Soon after World War One came 'The Roaring Twenties' and like so many other places the social and entertainment scene in New Wortley came alive. Not only did the area enjoy regular dances attended by all the local youth but right through this period there was also entertainment was 'The Crown' picture house, opening 1911. The Crown was to be followed by 'The along Tong Road to cater for all the community needs. Going into Leeds centre was a big day out but Wortley!

*"There used to be loads of pubs and shops, there was one pub about every five minutes, and there doing that was a treat".*

The Second World War brought another great social upheaval and more tragic loss of life to New Wortley which were to follow the war were also to bring massive change to the New Wortley landscape....

## 1950 to 2009...

*"If you want to see a picture of life in New Wortley in those days, you can look for that scene in the film 'Billy Liar' which is shot in Green Lane (1963) with Green Lane School that was."*



Green Lane School (Green Lane, New Wortley) before it was demolished and replaced by a nursing home.

The school actually had a playground on the roof.

Photograph taken by the late Frank Hemsley©

## The Slum Clearance of the 60's

The powers that be decided on a programme which touched most of the district, as in other parts of Leeds. It could take about 3 years between people having to leave and themselves or others moving into the new constructions.

The brick built terraces of Clyde Chase and Gardens were finished first in 1967, then the blocks of flats in 1968, the rest of the estate being built in the fashionable American Radburn style. The Avenues part of the original slum clearance was rebuilt in the mid to late 1970s.

The shops in the main streets where people were employed had mostly gone in the process, but there was still some employment in the vicinity.

For people moving into the tower blocks, the experience was something new and not experienced before with the communal areas on the ground floor open to all comers, indeed there were often *"tables where a welcome cup of tea and a natter could be had before going upstairs before the evening meal"*.

*"The people from the original clearance who were able to move back into the area were carrying over the old traditions of looking after one another and liked and respected the place they lived in, once again community was being slowly rebuilt, and respect and values from the old school instilled in the young and traditions again retained. People commented once again it was a great place to be"*.



'Slum Clearance' in Wortley in 1960s  
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## New Wortley Community Centre (1982)

With the same community spirit, residents came together, in the Green Lane school building where New Wortley Community Association was formed. One key purpose was to have a local centre where everyone could meet, and events organised within the community could take place in a safe communal environment.

*“Fund raising started by people sponsoring 50 pence a brick “ten bob in old money” alongside many other activities to reach the target goal, a brand new Community Centre”*

And the New Wortley Community Centre as we now know it, was built on land donated to them by Leeds City Council.

One great landmark event was Charles and Diana’s wedding (29th July 1981), where people organised different street events to have a really good celebration.

*“ We had a party in the afternoon for’t little uns and a party int evening for’t big un’s”*

At that time, following the death of a child on Tong Road, the newly formed Community Association organised several demonstrations in the area showing the strength of feeling this caused, such as a demonstration at 4.30pm) refusing to move, and police were accosted by parents wielding umbrellas where the Community Centre is the result of the campaign and there has not been an accident since, proving w

The old Green Lane listed school building was pulled down in the early 1990s, making place for the new Community Centre (the old school building remains standing on Green Lane, built in 1895, and is a focus for Catholic wor



# A History of New Wortley

The Community Centre opened in 1982, was very well used by people of all ages, but in later years went the other way, as people preferred to go out, rather than stay within the area. It was on the verge of closing in 2004 but LCC stepped in to provide further funding from Europe, and with a committee once again in place.

A refit of the once unused Café area allowed the centre to become a warm and welcoming focal point in the area, offering sandwiches, meals, tea's, coffee, and Dean's homemade scones, with the now ever popular and increasing number of people attending weekly surgeries, and now, well established as a popular outside catering available, frequently used by working parents with expert on site child care facilities.



## New Wortley Housing Estate

People say 'the bidding system', with no vetting (as there used to be), proved to be a very negative factor.

*"Before that, if you put your name on the Council Housing list, the officers would check if you were previous parents were tenants, they would call in and check previous records..."*

The end of the Children's Home on Holdforth Place (in the early 90s) coincided with the rise in anti-social behaviour (2-storey buildings with 3 flats on each floor). It gave a bad feeling in the neighbourhood, and the T-blocks were a way to move troublesome people away. This is what can be seen at present, and has remained like this for

*"Violence and drug abuse had started, not only in New Wortley, and seemed to follow a loss of social skills and respect, which had skipped the morals at the same time."*



specifically to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime. Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) were introduced. A Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch was inaugurated in 2006), all working with our Councillors, LCC Area Councillors, and the LCC Area came on board.

Armley ward in 2004. The support from Armley Councillors (from 2003) was invaluable to bring back



# A History of New Wortley

In Autumn 2006 the City Council launched an Issues and Alternatives Paper which, in the face of the 'serious decline' in the West Leeds Gateway area (comprising of the New Wortley estate, Armley, including the town centre, Lower Wortley, Upper Wortley, The Aviaries, Armley Park and Wortley Recreation Ground) was setting out 3 broad options, offering minor change, moderate change, or major change.

A consultation followed, promising regeneration. Nothing came out in 2007; and the 'preferred option' (moderate change) was presented in detail in 2008...

This raised a flood of petitions and questions, because together with the improvements proposed, 60 to 100 homes were earmarked for demolition, making way for unspecified new development.

In April 2008, the New Wortley Residents Action Group had their 1st public meeting, taking on the challenge of fighting the demolitions.

After the mass objections from residents, LCC changed their regeneration scheme, plus 6 adjoining houses.

The various targets / proposals from LCC Regeneration Service are still being addressed.

The decency work programme, which is supposed to be completed by West North pending the decision regarding demolitions. Local residents feel that decisions are consultation.

*"Whether it's council owned or not, your house is your home, it's your castle".*



# A History of New Wortley



*"This is community action at its best".*  
**Councillor Alison Lowe**

## Conclusion

Whilst New Wortley has seen many physical changes down the years, the community has retained the same pride in their homes that has defined the area since the birth of the industrial revolution.

For the 19th and early 20th century inhabitants of the area there would be little left to recognise in the modern day New Wortley.

Beside The Crown and The Beech public houses on Tong Road, The Crown Cinema has become a Chemists, but of course the gasometer and prison are still standing.

**It is community pride that past inhabitants would recognise so clearly and which remains as one of New Wortley's most prized assets to this day.**

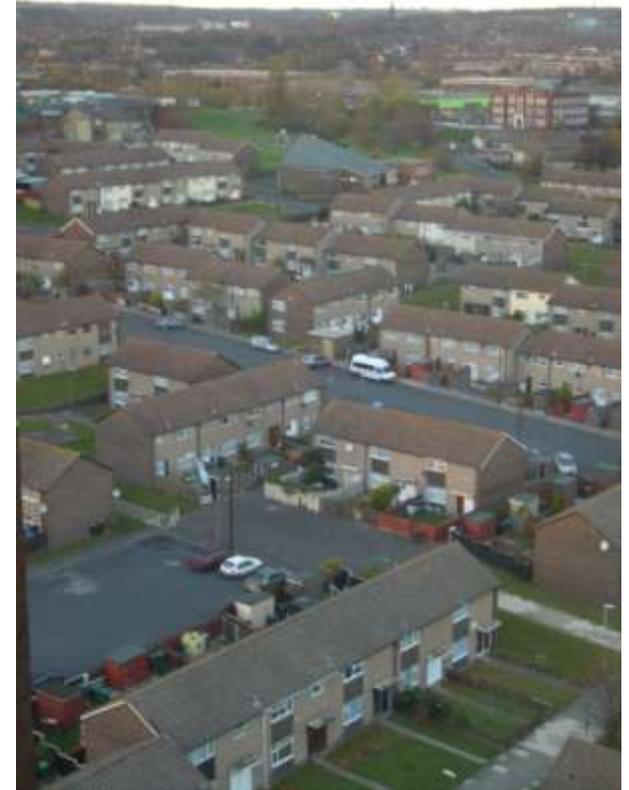
# New Wortley Today

## New Wortley Today

The New Wortley estate occupies a land area of 57.4 hectares in the Armley Council Ward, and will form part of the Leeds West Parliamentary Constituency (at the next general election). The maps on pages 5-7 show the location of New Wortley within inner West Leeds. New Wortley is located extremely close to the opportunities and facilities of Leeds City Centre, including the Leeds Teaching Hospitals and Leeds universities and colleges. The central railway and bus stations are also less than 2 miles away. New Wortley also offers good access to the M621 (1 mile away), connecting to the M62 and M1 motorways offering national connections, and Leeds - Bradford International Airport is only 9 miles away and is accessible by public transport.

The maps (pages 5-7) also show the boundary of New Wortley as a distinct estate within these surroundings, which this Community Plan seeks to support and enhance. This boundary was used during all discussions in the 'Planning for Real' process and captures all the character and key elements of New Wortley. Within the New Wortley estate boundary there are approximately:

- 10.7ha of land used for employment or local facilities
- 23.06ha of residential property
- 9.53ha of open space



New Wortley has an identity and issues separate from many of those in the surrounding West Leeds locality, which this Community Plan aims to capture and work within. Statistical information reflects this distinction. A great majority of the estate boundary (all except Wortley Towers) lies within one census Super Output Area (Leeds 071E). This helps capture the nature of the New Wortley estate accurately. The most up to date statistics available are shown here, and are still considered representative of New Wortley. This gives a clear indication of current conditions and issues requiring attention.

## Key Population Statistics - 2001 Census

Theme	Leeds 071E SOA - New Wortley	Leeds Metropolitan District
Total Population	1551	715402
Average Age (years)	38.87	37.64
Total Number Households	684	301614
Average Household Size (people)	2.27	2.37
Tenure - Owner Occupied	24.27%	62.22%
Tenure - Local Authority/RSL/Other Rented	75.73%	37.78%
Households with No Car	64.96%	34.48%
Households with One or More Persons with Limiting Long Term Illness	43.86%	33.64%

## Economic Deprivation Statistics

Theme	Leeds 071E SOA - New Wortley	Leeds Metropolitan District
Number of Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit Claims (2005) <sup>2</sup>	375	70120
People of Working Age Claiming Key Benefit (2006) <sup>2</sup>	37%	13%
People Claiming Jobseekers (2006) <sup>2</sup>	10%	3%
People Claiming Incapacity Benefit (2006) <sup>2</sup>	15%	6%

## Incidence of Crime Statistics

Area - Armley East	Feb '09 Incidents In The Area	Total For This Area	Over The Last 12 Months			
			For Every 1000 Population			
			In The Area	In The Division	In The District	In West Yorkshire
Criminal Damage <sup>3</sup>	10	245	37.9	20.7	23.2	22.3
Anti-Social Behaviour <sup>3</sup>	51	490	75.8	38.3	49.1	52.1
Other Violent Crime <sup>3</sup>	4	62	9.6	6.5	9.1	8.2
Serious Violent Crime <sup>3</sup>	0	2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Vehicle Crime <sup>3</sup>	7	147	22.7	13.5	14.7	13.3
Burglary Dwelling <sup>3</sup>	7	125	42.9	32	29.3	23.4
<b>Area Population</b>	6468					
<b>Households</b>	2917					

Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Statistics - 2007 Data for Leeds 071E SOA <sup>4</sup>			Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Statistics - 2004 Data for Leeds 071E SOA <sup>4</sup>	
IMD Theme	New Wortley Rank out of 32,482, 1 being most deprived	Rank In Bottom 3%, 5% or 10% Nationally?	New Wortley Rank out of 32,482, 1 being most deprived	Rank In Bottom 3%, 5% or 10% Nationally?
Income	1829	Bottom 10%	1975	Bottom 10%
Employment	609	Bottom 3%	1412	Bottom 5%
Health Deprivation and Disability	1251	Bottom 5%	1580	Bottom 5%
Education, Skills and Training	1056	Bottom 5%	846	Bottom 3%
Barriers To Housing and Services	22380	No	13927	No
Crime	4707	No	768	Bottom 3%
Living Environment	8458	No	8866	No
<b>Overall Rank of Combined IMD Themes</b>	<b>1088</b>	Bottom 5%	<b>1063</b>	Bottom 5%

Statistics show that New Wortley suffers from many of the socio-economic issues associated with inner-city deprivation. However, these problems do not mean there is a lack of character or desire for improvement in the area, as this Community Plan proves. New Wortley has been in the bottom 3% or 5% of areas nationally in terms of 'Employment', 'Health', 'Education' and 'Overall' IMD scores for several years and continues to suffer from above average crime and anti-social behaviour. However, achieving the goals set out in the Action Plan can reverse these trends and deliver a new prosperity to the area. The potential to improve these issues while achieving the goals within the Community Plan should help raise further support for the proposals in this document.

**More statistics on these issues can be found on the following websites:**

<sup>1</sup>[www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadDatasetList.do?a=7&b=295731&c=Leeds+071E&d=141&g=382554&i=1001x1003&m=0&r=1&s=1242940027015&enc=1&domainId=16](http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadDatasetList.do?a=7&b=295731&c=Leeds+071E&d=141&g=382554&i=1001x1003&m=0&r=1&s=1242940027015&enc=1&domainId=16)

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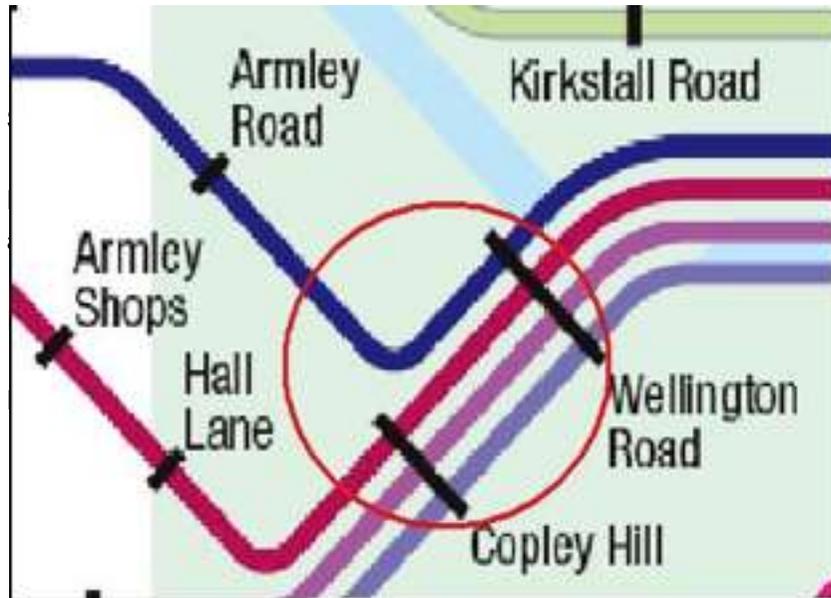
<sup>3</sup>[www.beatcrime.info](http://www.beatcrime.info) (West Yorkshire Police crime statistics)

<sup>4</sup>[www.leeds.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadDatasetList.do?a=3&b=295731&c=LS12+1XN&d=141&g=382564&i=1001x1003&m=0&r=0&s=1242215314057&enc=1&domainId=10](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadDatasetList.do?a=3&b=295731&c=LS12+1XN&d=141&g=382564&i=1001x1003&m=0&r=0&s=1242215314057&enc=1&domainId=10)

[www.leeds.gov.uk/Business/Business\\_support\\_and\\_advice/Local\\_economy\\_\\_reports\\_and\\_forecasts/Indices\\_of\\_Deprivation\\_2007\\_\(Wards\).aspx](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/Business/Business_support_and_advice/Local_economy__reports_and_forecasts/Indices_of_Deprivation_2007_(Wards).aspx)

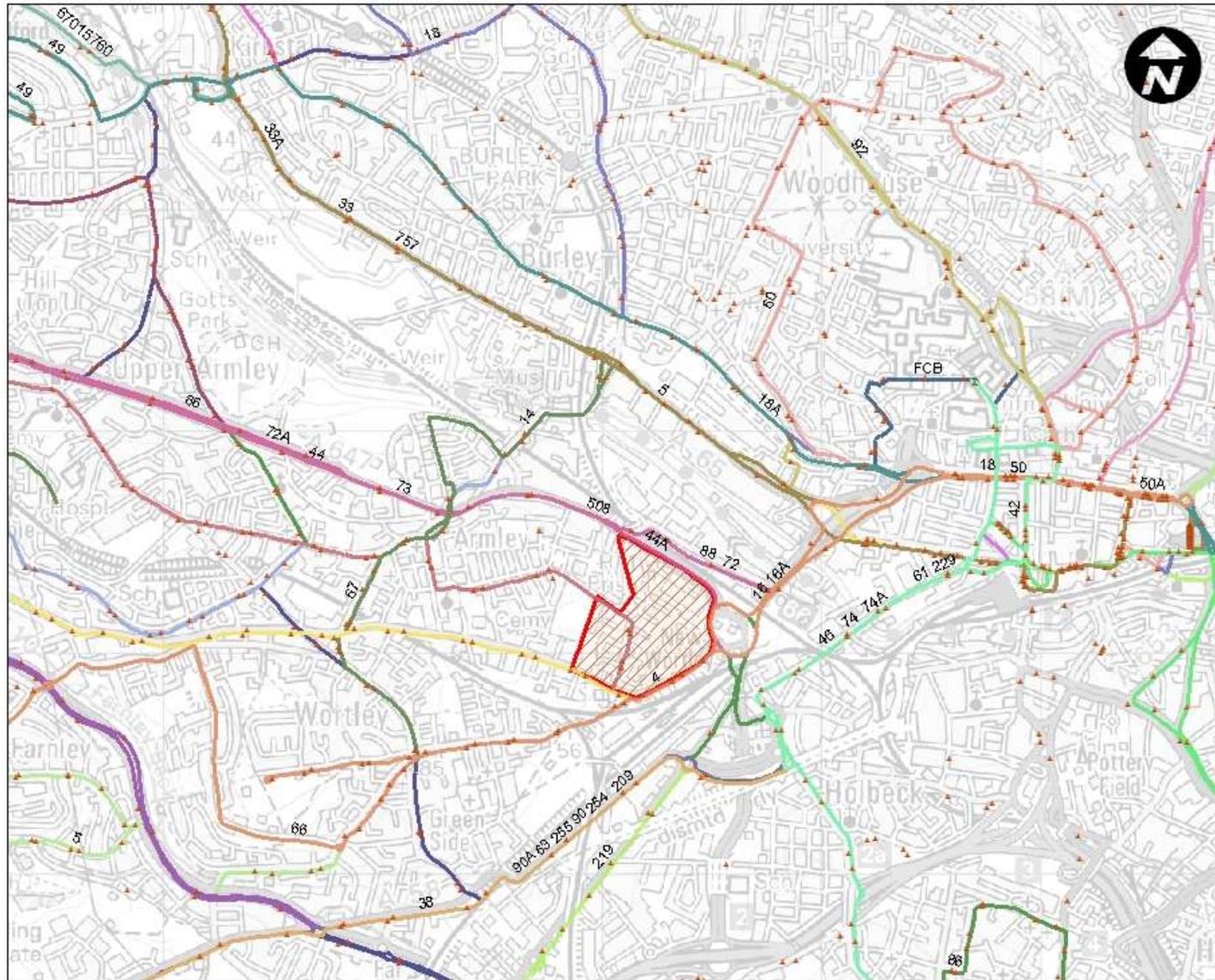


## Bus Services Through New Wortley



<b>over ground</b>	Services which operate at 10 minute intervals or better Monday to Saturday daytime*
<b>4ft Route</b>	
<b>Claret Line 16</b>	
<b>Indigo Line 40 40A</b>	
<b>Mauve Line 42</b>	

# New Wortley Today



Key	
bus routes	
SNO	30
14	308
15	30A
16	60
16A	61
18	63
18A	66
209	67
219	670
229	72
254	72A
255	73
33	74
33A	74A
38	757
4	760
42	86
44	88
44A	88
46	90
49	90A
5	92
	FCB

**New Wortley Bus Routes**  
**West Leeds Gateway AAP**  
**May 2009**



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## Local Services and Facilities in New Wortley

New Wortley offers a range of community, retail and recreational facilities which this Community Plan aims to work alongside and help improve where necessary. These include:

Sports Facilities	Community Buildings	Places of Worship	Shops	Pubs and Clubs
Boys football clubs	Day care centre for children	Sikh Temple	Mini supermarkets x 3	White Rose PH
Boxing club	Community centre	Catholic Church	Hairdressers	The Beech PH
Playing field (Jaily fields)		Bethel Free Church	Betting shop	The Crown PH
Multi use games area			Newsagents x 2	Working men's clubs x 4
			Post office	
			Off-licence x 2	

Food and Take-aways	Groups and Societies	Schools	Health	Businesses and Commerce
Fish and chip take-away	Job club	Castleton Primary School	Doctors / clinics x 2	Taxi company
Indian take-away	Youth drop in café club		Pharmacies x 2	Accountants
Pizza take-away				Tile shop
Café				Car maintenance garages x2
Sandwich shops x 3				Tyre and exhaust fitters
				D.I.Y. shop
				Car sales

## Key Objectives

**“Our main objective must be to protect and champion the rights and aspirations of our community, and to help those who wish to remain or be a part of it.”**

### BETTER HIGHWAYS & BYEWAYS

Making our roads and traffic infrastructure safer and more user-friendly for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike, whether they be on the move or stationary.

### BETTER HOMES FOR ALL TO LIVE IN

Regenerating existing and providing new sustainable housing to cater for all needs within our community, not forgetting affordable housing. Ensuring that all housing is energy-efficient, fits in with the existing estate, incorporates garden space and is accompanied by the supporting facilities and services necessary to make life liveable.

### BETTER COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES FOR ALL

Improving and increasing the range and standard of community facilities and services available across the estate, with a particular emphasis on health and youth provision. Increasing awareness and information available regarding services & facilities amongst the wider community.

### BETTER LEISURE FACILITIES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Providing residents with varied and top quality play, sport and recreational facilities, with a particular emphasis on giving the estate's young people meaningful and worthwhile diversionary activities.

### BETTER ESTATE ENVIRONMENT

Ensuring our streets and open spaces are maintained to the highest standards of cleanliness and attractiveness. Clearing areas of dereliction and dumping. Creating pleasant places to live, walk and sit.

### BETTER SAFETY & SECURITY

Creating a safer environment by reducing crime and all forms of anti-social behaviour. Campaigning to keep Neighbourhood Wardens in their current role. Enabling estate residents of all ages to carry out their lives free from the fear of crime and intimidation. Ensuring rapid access to and proper responses from the police and other support services.

## LCC Designs

These were supplied by the Design Department of LCC for display at our consultation events.

## Indicative Sketches New Wortley



Holdforth Close potential Home Zone Opportunity  
- Pedestrian-friendly parking court and  
attractive landscaped communal areas



## Indicative Sketches New Wortley



Clyde Walk - looking towards a potential new square with pedestrian-friendly spaces and attractive landscaping



West Leeds Gateway New Wortley

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Clyde Walk / Holdforth Place – looking towards a potential new square with pedestrian dominant street and attractive landscaping



## Indicative Sketches New Wortley

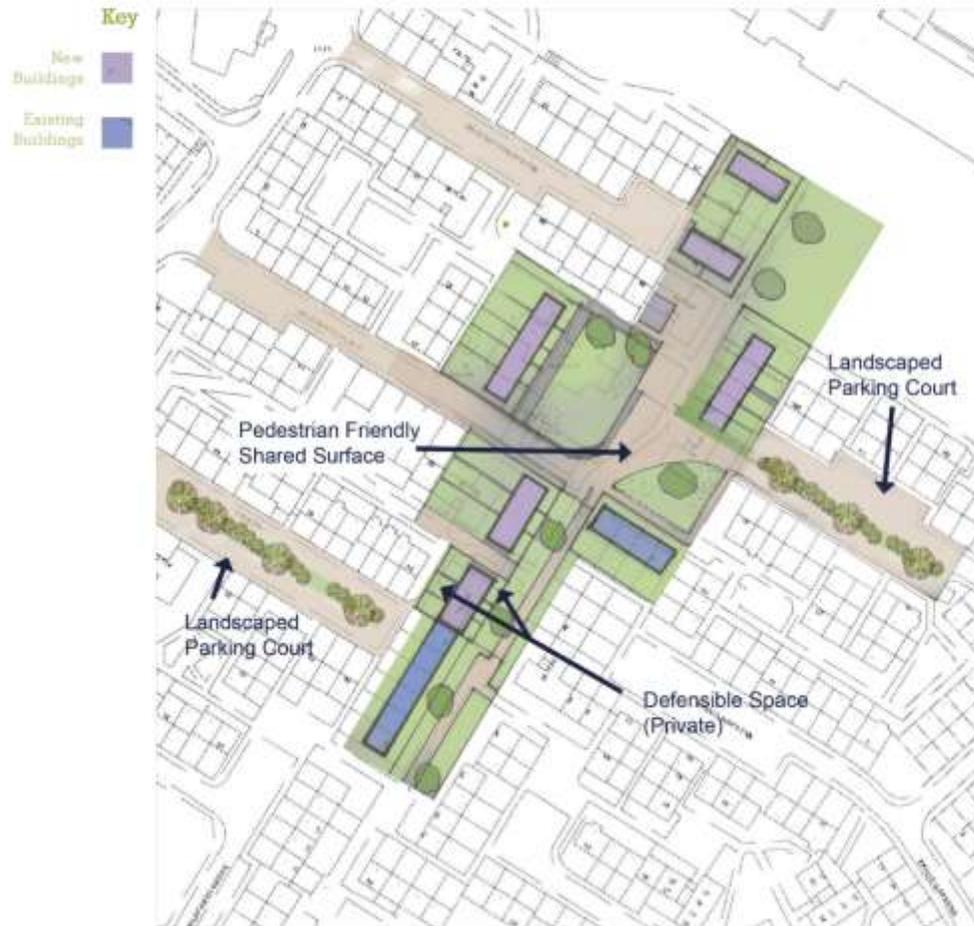


Clyde Walk - showing the potential for an improved pedestrian walkway and improvements to front gardens with new boundary treatments



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## Initial Thoughts on Potential New Layout... New Wortley



Bed Zed eco housing scheme v



< A Winpey Homes/Wayne Homes/way A collaboration in Slough, Goshend.



< New Hall, Harlow



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## 'Do Nothing' Option – Retaining the T-Blocks New Wortley



Views of existing T-Blocks along Clyde Walk



West Leads Gateway New Wortley

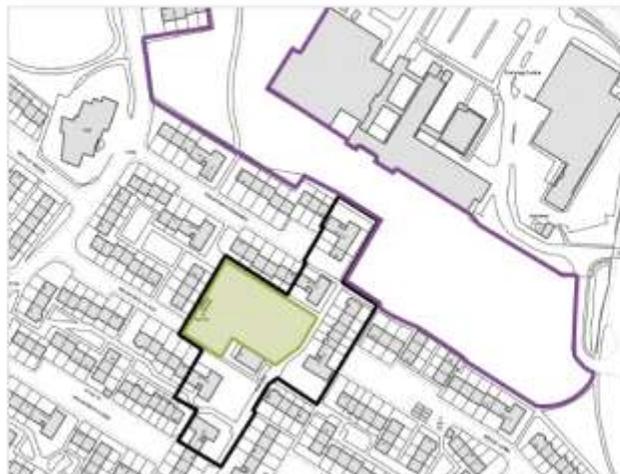
## Holdforth Place - Temporary Solution New Wortley

### 'Pictorial Meadow'

A temporary solution prior to regeneration to transform the cleared site at Holdforth Place. Pictorial meadows have been widely used by 'Green Estate Ltd' in Sheffield, on sites awaiting regeneration proposals.

#### Pictorial Meadows

- Pictorial Meadows Limited forms part of Green Estate Limited.
- Green Estate Limited is a Social Enterprise created to turn the neglected open spaces of the Manor & Castle area of Sheffield into useful places. They are committed to managing green spaces in a way that maximises social, environmental and economic benefits for the neighbourhood.
- Pictorial Meadows' colourful meadow flower seed mixes rapidly produce a naturally vibrant display throughout an extended flowering season to create a dramatic, wildlife-friendly meadow. The seed mixes contain no grass content to give the meadow flowers a chance to establish themselves.
- These mixes have been used successfully in many settings including private and public gardens, alongside highways, in parks or temporary urban sites.
- Footpaths could wind through the site to allow access through the planting.
- To find out more contact tel: 0114 276 2626 or visit [www.greenestate.org.uk](http://www.greenestate.org.uk)
- Pictorial Meadows Ltd, Manor Lodge, 115 Manor Lane, Sheffield, S2 1LH.



## Examples of Public Realm Improvements New Wortley



Residential development in Malmö, Sweden ^

Skaithe, Goteborg >

Arcordia, Cambridge >>



### Public Realm

The development of a high quality public realm, both within the new development sites and throughout the existing housing, is seen as crucial to the intended transformation of New Wortley. Clyde Walk is an existing pedestrian walkway that runs through the heart of New Wortley and will be retained and enhanced. Clearly there are opportunities for new and improved pedestrian links that should focus on the existing social/community hubs and that also link to Clyde Walk. As a future aspiration, the possible link to the Canal Street pedestrian footbridge should be explored.



^ New pedestrian footbridge links to residential areas (Malmö, Sweden)

< Excellent natural surveillance with overlooked communal areas

New Emswick, York:  
Well-established pedestrian walkways  
in this traditional Garden Village >



West Leeds Gateway New Wortley

## The Action Plan

The Action Plan which follows sets out the actions which local people want to see, under each of our objectives.



Model made with help from children at Castleton Primary School

*"The community is making a massive statement of intent - we want to be the architects of our own destiny"*

**Councillor Alison Lowe**

*"The residents' groups have put a great deal of time and effort into this project and we've all been impressed by their commitment and enthusiasm.*

*The development of a community plan is a very positive step and it will provide a clear statement of what residents themselves feel are the priorities for the future of their estate."*

**Jacqui Baines, Regional Manager of Yorkshire Planning Aid**

## HIGHWAYS

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<p><b>H1:</b> More / new speed limit signs and enforcement of limit at Holdforth Place, Green and Gardens, Hall Lane (south east end), Armley Road and Gloucester Terrace.</p>	Residents' groups to lobby council highways and police stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Police Highways and Planning - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<p><b>H2:</b> Traffic management measures to address accident / blind spots at Green Lane, Oak Road, Hall Lane and junction of Oldfield Lane / Tong Road.</p>	Residents' groups to lobby council highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Police Highways - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<p><b>H3:</b> Zebra / pedestrian crossings at Green Lane (vicinity of school / Nursing Home), Tong Road (between Sikh Temple / 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.</p>	Residents' groups to lobby council highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Highways and Planning - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<p><b>H4:</b> Measures to address on-street parking problems at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clyde Approach (Bus Stop / Clyde View Junction)</li> <li>• Clyde View</li> <li>• Hall Lane (south east end)</li> <li>• Hall Lane / 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (bottom end)</li> <li>• Holdforth Close (top half)</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (between numbers 1-3)</li> <li>• Green Lane (Hall Lane end)</li> </ul>	Residents' groups to lobby council highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Highways - LCC Police	Short Term High Priority
<p><b>H5:</b> Introduce residents' parking scheme at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clyde Approach</li> <li>• Holdforth Green</li> <li>• Bruce Lawn</li> </ul>	Residents' groups to lobby LCC highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Highways - LCC	Short Term Medium Priority

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<b>H6:</b> Improve road and pavement surfacing estate-wide.	Residents' groups to lobby LCC Highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Highways - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>H7:</b> Cycle lanes at Tong Road and Bruce Lawn.	Residents' groups to lobby LCC Highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Highways - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>H8:</b> Traffic lights at Wellington Road / Gyrotory junction.	Residents' groups to lobby LCC Highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	Highways and Planning - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>H9:</b> New parking areas at Clyde Walk (block 3, north end), Hall Lane (numbers 5-21) and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue (adjacent to numbers 12-18).	Residents' groups to lobby WNWHL stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	WNWHL Highways - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>H10:</b> New disabled parking area at Hall Lane (numbers 5-21).	Residents' groups to lobby LCC Highways stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	WNWHL Highways - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>H11:</b> Bollards At Bruce Lawn, near to Gyrotory junction.	Residents' groups to lobby WNWHL stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area and a LCC Priority Area.	WNWHL Highways - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>H12:</b> Pedestrian / green bridge spanning Canal Street, connecting estate to Armley Road employment area.	Residents' groups to make representations to support idea in West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan pre-submission document and to make representations on future developer planning applications as and when appropriate.	Planning, Regeneration & Highways - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>H13:</b> Bus shelters for bus stops at:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Lane (opposite church)</li> <li>• Green Lane (Hall Lane end)</li> <li>• Wellington Road (near car showroom)</li> </ul>	Residents' groups to lobby Metro and First Travel stressing that estate is part of West Leeds Gateway Regeneration area and a LCC Priority Area.	Metro/ First Travel Planning - LCC	Short Term High Priority

## DEVELOPMENT

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<b>D1:</b> Establish viability of refurbishing T-blocks as houses / larger flats within proposed estate Regeneration Area (see map opposite).	Residents' groups to request full evidence on costs, likely life of refurbishing T-blocks and overall viability of refurbishment.	Planning, Regeneration, Housing – LCC  WNWHL	Short Term  High Priority
<b>D2A:</b> Refurbish T-blocks as houses / larger flats within proposed estate Regeneration Area (see map opposite).	If evidence from D1 supports refurbishment, residents' groups to lobby LCC Regeneration / Housing, WNWHL and LCC development (via representations on West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan pre-submission document) re retention and refurbishment.	Planning, Regeneration, Housing – LCC  WNWHL	Short-Medium Term High Priority
<b>or D2B:</b> Demolish T-blocks within proposed Regeneration Area (see map) and replace with new mixed and largely social housing.	If evidence from D1 does not support refurbishment, residents' groups to lobby for / request detailed plans on redevelopment for community-wide consultation and to lobby for proper compensation for displaced homeowners.	Planning, Regeneration, Housing – LCC  WNWHL	Medium-Long Term High Priority
<b>D3:</b> New housing at Gassy Fields and former Liberal Club site – to be of mixed tenure and in keeping with existing properties, and incorporating renewable energy features and gardens.	Residents' groups to support through representations at next stage of West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan, and to lobby LCC Housing and WNWHL as and when appropriate, and to make representations on future developer planning applications as and when appropriate.	Planning, Regeneration, Housing – LCC  WNWHL	Medium-Long Term Medium Priority
<b>D4:</b> New housing on the estate to meet specific needs in the community – the elderly, disabled, and young people.	Residents' groups to lobby LCC Housing and WNWHL as and when appropriate, and to make representations on future developer planning applications as and when appropriate.	Planning, Regeneration, Housing – LCC  WNWHL	Long Term Medium Priority
<b>D5:</b> Small mini-market (max 1500 Sq Ft) / new shop incorporating Cash Point at north end of estate.	Residents' groups to look out for opportunities and support commercial proposals through monitoring / commenting on appropriate planning applications.	Commercial Developers  Planning, Regeneration - LCC	Long Term Medium Priority
<b>D6:</b> No development at land in front of Phil May Court.	Residents' groups to support retention as protected open space in West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan pre-submission document.	Planning - LCC	Short Term High Priority

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<b>D7:</b> Modernisation / renovation of properties and improvement of estate environment at specific locations across the estate.	Residents' groups to pass on details of specific locations and requested actions to WNWHL, to request a formal response and to monitor progress on action.	WNWHL	Short-Medium Term High Priority
<b>D8:</b> Improvement / provision of new street lighting estate-wide.	Residents' groups to clarify responsibility for estate lighting (LCC or Southern Electric) and to pass on details of specific locations to responsible body/bodies.	Highways – LCC    Southern Electric    WNWHL	Medium Term    High Priority



## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<b>CF1:</b> Improve information about activities and services for young people – outreach work / youth provision / activity clubs / vocational training.	LCC Youth Work Manager to submit regular schedule of activities for WNWHL Newsletter and provide leaflets for display at NWCC. Residents' groups to make any further recommendations regarding publicity to Youth Work Manager.	NWCC Youth Services – LCC WNWHL	Short Term High Priority
<b>CF2:</b> Provide a monthly disco for young people at NWCC.	NWCC committee to run these (not a Youth Service Priority). NWCC to check whether other age groups interested in discos.	NWCC committee Youth Services - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>CF3:</b> Provide a music club at Prison for kids of all ages, including dance.	Residents' groups to form a sub-group with partner groups, e.g. Youth Service and get help to research demand and get funding. Residents' groups to get Youth Service to promote existing facilities, e.g. Street Dance at Lazer Centre, Lenhurst Avenue.	Armley Jail - HM Prison Services Youth Services - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>CF4:</b> Provide a recording studio / rehearsal room.	Residents' groups to research access to current facilities at City Learning Centre, Interplay, and Bramley Community Centre via LCC Youth Work Manager. Improve publicity about current services.	Interplay City Learning Centre Youth Services – LCC NWCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>CF5:</b> Community Laundry – Tong Road shops.	Residents' groups to research in partnership with WNWHL.	WNWHL	Medium Term High Priority
<b>CF6:</b> Get the Mobile Library to stop opposite school.	Residents' groups to write to relevant LCC department and local Councillors.	Leeds Library and Information Service - LCC	Short Term High Priority

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<b>CF7:</b> Gardening service.	Residents' groups to research with Probation Service gardening services and improve publicity about this, or find partner to help develop a local service, if Probation Service not suitable.	Armley Jail - HM Prison Services  National Probation Service - West Yorkshire	Short Term High Priority
<b>CF8:</b> Help needed with gardens at Clyde Walk and Phil May Court.	Residents' groups to refer request to Neighbourhood Wardens.	Neighbourhood Wardens, Area Management, Regeneration - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>CF9:</b> Resident Caretaker for Castleton Primary School.	Residents' groups to research status of current school caretaker.	Castleton Primary School	Short Term High Priority
<b>CF10:</b> Scheme for growing and selling food locally - Gassy Field / Tong Road Shops.	Residents' groups to set up a Steering Group involving Groundwork and LCC Parks Department to explore locations and funding.	National Probation Service - West Yorkshire Groundwork Parks and Countryside - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>CF12:</b> Improved Health Services at Health Centre:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Dentist</li> <li>• Mobile breast screening</li> <li>• Well Man/Well Women clinic</li> <li>• Cancer screening for men</li> <li>• Reduced waiting times</li> </ul>	Residents' groups to contact Leeds PCT about current services and whether anything needs better publicity, and follow-up with local Councillors if necessary.	Health Trainers - Leeds PCT  New Wortley GPs  Councillors	Medium Term High Priority
<b>CF13:</b> Bereavement counselling service at NWCC.	Residents' groups to check what is provided at Health Centre and provide information about this. Contact Cruse Bereavement Care (charity) re providing service at NWCC if necessary.	Cruse Bereavement Care Leeds PCT New Wortley GPs	Medium Term High Priority

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<b>CF14:</b> Provide support and counselling for terminally ill at NWCC.	Residents' groups to check what is provided at Health Centre and provide information about this.	NWCC committee PCT Leeds New Wortley GPs	Medium Term	High Priority
<b>CF15:</b> Set up a volunteer centre at NWCC.	NWCC committee to contact LCC for voluntary service to develop this.	NWCC committee Leeds Voluntary Action	Short Term	High Priority
<b>CF16:</b> Provide local childminder information at NWCC.	NWCC committee to research and provide information on notice board.	NWCC committee	Short Term	High Priority
<b>CF17:</b> Provide more information about healthy meals.	Residents' groups to contact school and Healthy Living Network Leeds (HLNL) about running events. Get Jamie Oliver to run an event!	HLNL School Castleton Primary	Short Term	High Priority
<b>CF18:</b> Support for school non-attenders / homework club / support for Parents with homework - all at NWCC.	NWCC committee to contact Education Leeds to take this forward.	Education Leeds Primary School committee Castleton NWCC	Short Term	High Priority
<b>CF19:</b> Provide ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes at NWCC.	NWCC committee to promote what is provided elsewhere.	WNWHL	Short Term	High Priority
<b>CF20:</b> Provide more support at NWCC for people seeking work.	NWCC to promote what is already provided at the Community Centre and elsewhere, e.g. Armley One Stop Shop and publicise information in WNWHL newsletter and Community Centre. Provide telephone link to One Stop Shop.	NWCC WNWHL LCC	Short Term	High Priority
<b>CF21:</b> Post boxes wanted at Bruce Lawn near Gyrotory, and grass between Bruce Gardens and Wellington Road.	Residents' groups to write to Royal Mail.	Royal Mail	Medium Term	High Priority

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<b>CF23:</b> Provide day trips from NWCC.	NWCC committee to do some research to find out what trips people are interested in and what age groups. Possible link to community minibus idea (CF24).	NWCC committee	Short Term Medium Priority
<b>CF24:</b> Provide a community minibus based at Tong Road shops.	Residents' groups to form a sub committee to research what residents might want from a community minibus, then look at whether there are minibuses provided by other community organisations which could be used.	NWCC FIT4FUNDING V oluntary Action Leeds	Medium Term Low Priority
<b>CF25:</b> Keep fit classes at NWCC.	NWCC committee to research and organise.	NWCC committee	Short Term Medium Priority
<b>CF26:</b> Provide welfare rights / legal advice at NWCC or Tong Road Shops.	NWCC committee to check what nearby Citizens' Advice Bureau and One Stop Centre provide and promote this at the Community Centre.	Citizens Advice Bureau One Stop Centre – LCC NWCC committee	Short Term Medium Priority
<b>CF27:</b> Provide alternative health facilities.	Residents' groups to check with Leeds Primary Care Trust (PCT) into what is provided at Health Centre, and compile information about what is available and promote at NWCC.	Leeds PCT	Medium Term Medium Priority
<b>CF28:</b> Smoking cessation group at NWCC.	Residents' groups to check what is provided at the Health Centre. If nothing provided there follow up with Leeds PCT and NWCC.	Health Centre NWCC	Short Term Low Priority

## LEISURE

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<p><b>L1:</b> New football facilities at Jaily Fields to include football pitch &amp; goal posts. <b>Projects L1, L3 &amp; L5 are all short term but the community decided to try and achieve one at a time.</b></p>	<p>Create a Jaily Fields Project Team (see action EE13). Contact LCC to find out who owns the land. Look at examples of other community sports projects. Find partners including Leeds United Football Club. Produce a simple proposal (1 A4 sheet). Enlist local Councillor support to lobby Council departments. Raise the necessary funding.</p>	<p>Recreation, Councillors - LCC Sport England National Lottery Leeds United Football Club</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>L3:</b> Combined youth play facility including skateboard / rollerblade park and ages 6-12 adventure playground at north Jaily Fields or Gassy Field.</p>	<p>Decide on a location. Create a Youth Play Working Group (see action EE1). Look at examples of other play areas. Consider natural play. Look at skate parks that lock up at night. Provide lighting and ensure the play area is well overlooked. Find partners. Produce a simple proposal (1 A4 sheet). Enlist local Councillor support to lobby LCC departments. Raise the necessary funding.</p>	<p>Recreation, Parks and Countryside, Locality Enabler (Children's Services Unit), Councillors - LCC Princes Trust Groundwork National Lottery FIT4FUNDING</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>L5:</b> Under 5's playground (toddlers only) at grassed area between Holdforth Gardens and Phil May Court.</p>	<p>Decide on a location. Follow the same action plan as in point L3.</p>	<p>Recreation, Parks and Countryside, Locality Enabler (Children's Services Unit), Councillors - LCC Princes Trust Groundwork FIT4FUNDING</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>L7:</b> Fitness trail / outdoor gym at grassed area next to Phil May Court, NWCC, North Jaily Field, or Gassy Fields.</p>	<p>Decide on one location. Contact Old People's Housing Associations and Parks &amp; Countryside Department of the LCC to sponsor fitness trail / outdoor gym, that could be used by all. Locate within dog free zone (low fenced area) - to be created.</p>	<p>Parks and countryside, Regeneration - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term Medium Priority</p>

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<b>L8:</b> Outdoor bowling green at grassed area next to Phil May Court.	Contact Old People's Housing Associations and Parks & Countryside Department of LCC, outdoor bowling green that could be used by all. Locate within dog free zone (low fenced area) - to be created.	Recreation - LCC	Medium Term Low Priority
<b>L9:</b> Tennis club, cricket facilities and community events at Jaily Fields.	As part of Jaily Fields Project Team (see action EE13). Contact LCC to find out who owns the land. Look at examples of other community sports projects. Find partners including Leeds United FC. Produce a simple proposal (1 A4 sheet). Enlist local Councillor support to lobby LCC departments. Raise the necessary funding.	Recreation, Councillors - LCC Sports Leeds Leeds Initiative Sport England	Medium Term Mediu m Priority
<b>L10:</b> West Leeds Social Club - sports complex including Astro turf, changing rooms and floodlights.	Support from Social Club and Leeds Rhinos. Help create fenced off dog walking area and protect the playing pitch for sports by seeking funding for fences.	West Leeds Social Club Leeds Rhinos Recreation - LCC	Long Term Low Priority
<b>L11:</b> Establish play area / youth shelter / bike riding facility at Ley Lane.	Support from other groups as the area is off the New Wortley estate.	Parks and Countryside - LCC	Long Term Mediu m Priority
<b>L12:</b> Indoor bowls at Gilpin Terrace, north side.	Contact Old People's Housing Associations and Leisure Facilities Department of LCC. Look at LCC sports facilities plan. Consider dual uses e.g. bingo.	Recreation - LCC	Long Term Low Priority

## ESTATE ENVIRONMENT

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<p><b>EE1:</b> Gassy Fields - estate improvements including: Do it up, stop fly tipping, plant trees and wildlife planting, community events area.</p>	<p>As part of a Gassy Fields Working Group (see action L2), contact Groundwork, Parks &amp; Countryside Department, Nature Conservation Officer and Drug Rehabilitation Agencies.</p>	<p>Parks and Countryside Nature Conservation Officer, City Development Department Environmental Services - LCC PCT – Drug Rehabilitation Unit Groundwork</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>EE2:</b> Cleaning up of estate and installation of litter bins to keep estate tidy.</p>	<p>Request assistance from Environmental Health. Request skips every quarter. These should be managed by the Neighbourhood Wardens and organised by the ALMO. Inform residents and residents' groups where the skips are going to ensure that the skip locations are advertised. Have a clean up day, make sure leaflet goes out. Focus on drug detritus and ground clean up in areas where children play. Focus on clean up of glass etc in areas where children play.</p>	<p>Environmental Services, Neighbourhood Wardens - LCC WNWHL Community Pay Back Workers</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>EE3:</b> Temporary community vegetable garden at Holdforth Place (former Children's Home site), to incorporate planting to encourage wildlife. Protective boundary treatment and bottle bank and litter bin/bins.</p>	<p>Residents' groups to lobby / liaise with relevant LCC departments.</p>	<p>Parks and Countryside, Planning - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term Medium Term</p>
<p><b>EE4:</b> Tackle pest problems at Hall Lane and New Wortley cemetery.</p>	<p>Residents' groups to pass on details of locations to LCC (Hall Lane) and Church Authorities (cemetery).</p>	<p>Environmental Services - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term Medium Priority</p>
<p><b>EE5:</b> Publicise LCC cleansing contact numbers re wheely bins and collection of large items in forum sheet.</p>	<p>Residents' groups to include information in forum sheet and distribute door-to-door estate-wide.</p>	<p>Environmental Services - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>

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<p><b>EE6:</b> Install a number of poop scoop bins estate wide to reduce the dog mess issues on the estate.</p> <p>Locations of bins:</p> <p>South End Clyde Walk, Block 3 Clyde Walk north end, Gassy Fields, land between Holdforth Green and Phil May Court, Jaily Field South Field, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue - north far end, Gassy Fields along Gyrary.</p>	<p>Contact Councillors - write to them stating there are no poop scoop bins in the area. Contact Environmental Health. Include Council contact number on all poop scoop bins. Raise awareness and take a census of the number of dogs on the estate. Identify volunteer for the dog census or volunteer 'Dog Tzar' to take care of all matters relating to dogs on the estate.</p>	<p>Councillors, Environmental Services - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>EE7:</b> Dog walking area.</p>	<p>Identify dog walking area. Consider Holdforth Close as a location. Look at other established dog walking areas at Burley Park and top of Armley Ridge Road. Prepare scheme with partner in LCC and Councillor support. Identify landowner. Identify capital and maintenance funding.</p>	<p>Environmental Services, Councillors - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>EE8:</b> Dog walking area and dog free sports fields at West Leeds Social Club.</p>	<p>Create awareness of dog poo on sports fields. Contact Leeds Rhinos and landlady of West Leeds Social Club and suggest partnership. Identify areas to be designated for dog walking between St. Mary's and Gilpin Terrace. Identify fences to protect sports fields. Seek capital funding for fences / signs and seek maintenance funding.</p>	<p>Leeds Rhinos, Rugby Club, West Leeds Social Club Leeds Community Foundation Voluntary Action Leeds FIT4FUNDING</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>EE9:</b> Dog free zone at Phil May Court.</p>	<p>Identify area to be fenced off as part of fitness trail / outdoor gym or children's play area. Identify low (1 metre) fence. Identify partners in LCC and seek Councillor support. Sort out signs for dog free area. Look for funding sources from main LCC budgets.</p>	<p>Environmental Services, Councillors - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>
<p><b>EE10:</b> Bigger dog poo notices.</p>	<p>Schools to design signs as part of awareness campaign at schools. Include LCC contact number on all dog poo signs. Grant funding to be applied for by Residents Associations.</p>	<p>Environmental Services - LCC</p>	<p>Short Term High Priority</p>

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<b>EE11:</b> Recycling facility at land between Holdforth Green and Phil May Court.	Contact Refuse Collection Agency and Environmental Health - LCC.	Environmental Services - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>EE12:</b> Improve walkway hard and soft landscaping at Clyde Walk.	Contact LCC Parks and Countryside and Planning Departments to help with design. Enlist local Councillor support to lobby Council departments and then raise necessary funding.	Parks & Countryside, Planning, Regeneration, Councillors - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>EE13:</b> Estate improvements at Jaily Fields including community gardens, circular footpath suitable for disabled, seating areas (not wooden) and community events space.	Create a Jaily Fields project team (see action L1), contact the LCC to find out who owns the land, look at examples of other estate projects, find partners, produce a simple proposal (1 A4 sheet). Enlist local Councillor support to lobby LCC departments and then raise the necessary funding.	Parks and Countryside Estates, Councillors - LCC Armley Jail – HM Prison Services	Medium Term High Priority
<b>EE14:</b> Request trees to be kept at Children’s Centre opposite Bethel Church.	Contact Tree Preservation Team at LCC. Write letter to Council requesting a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).	Planning, Tree Preservation Officer - LCC	Short Term Medium Priority
<b>EE15:</b> Community gardens Hedley Chase former Liberal Club (including planting to encourage wildlife) and fields near Clyde View / Grange.	Create working group local to site identified by leaflet drop, identify 1 A4 proposal, seek support from Councillors and seek partnership with the Nature Conservation Officer and Parks and Countryside Department in LCC.	Parks and Countryside, Councillors - LCC Groundwork	Medium Term Medium Priority
<b>EE16:</b> Village Green to be created on land between Bruce Gardens and Clyde Gardens.	Create a Bruce Gardens / Clyde Gardens project. Talk to neighbouring residents to seek support via simple questionnaire. Describe project on 1 piece of A4. Lobby Councillors to make the project a priority. Seek partners. Community to do part of it themselves in agreement with partners such as Groundwork.	Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs  Councillors - LCC The Open Spaces Society Groundwork	Medium Term Medium Priority
<b>EE17:</b> Community composting scheme on Gassy Fields, land between Holdforth Green and Phil May Court, north Jaily Field.	To be associated with community allotments / gardens. Contact Parks and Countryside Department - allotments section.	Environmental Services Parks and Countryside, Allotments Section - LCC	Medium Term Medium Priority

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<b>EE18:</b> Street flower beds at fields near Clyde Grange / View and Clyde Walk next to Wellington Stores.	Create working group local to site identified by leaflet drop, identify 1 A4 proposal, and seek support from Councillors. Contact Parks & Countryside Department of LCC. Seek maintenance commitment.	Councillors, Parks and Countryside - LCC WNWHL	Short Term Low Priority
<b>EE19:</b> Install public art on gasholder on Gyrary.	Contact Public Arts Officer Vanessa Scarth. Write to Regional Arts Board. Write to Gas Board for permission.	Public Arts Officer - LCC Centrica Regional Arts Board	Medium Term Low Priority
<b>EE20:</b> Railings required on Wellington Road along Bruce Lawn.	Contact Highways agency.	Highways, Parks and Countryside - LCC	Medium Term Low Priority
<b>EE21:</b> Replacement community vegetable garden (in event of redevelopment of Holdforth Place Site) at either Gassy Fields or Jaily Fields (south end).	Residents' groups to work with LCC / future developer as, when and if the time comes.	Parks & Countryside, Allotments Section, Housing - LCC Developers	Long Term Medium Priority

## CRIME & SAFETY

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<b>CS1:</b> Establish an estate-wide / Cheltenham Street Neighbourhood Watch scheme.	Contact police to get information leaflets. Campaign residents. Hold meetings, keep recruiting members.	Police	Short Term High Priority
<b>CS2:</b> Prevent cars being dumped and burned Ley Lane, Headley Chase former Liberal Club, Gassy Fields.	Maintain bollard prevention. Maintain Neighbourhood Warden presence.	Police Regeneration, Area Management, Neighbourhood Wardens - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>CS3:</b> Eliminate drug dealing / drug taking from the estate.	Police to monitor 'hot spots' e.g. phone box. Community to monitor 'hot spots' e.g. phone box / problem houses. Police to close down the 'hot spots' e.g. problem houses. LCC to monitor / take action against problem tenants.	Police WNWHL	Short Term High Priority
<b>CS4:</b> Prevention of illegal dumping estate-wide.	Provide anti-dumping contact details and warning information. Regular waste pick up service.	Environmental Services - LCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>CS5:</b> Install security alarms for Clyde Walk / Holdforth Close and Security Lighting estate wide.	Contact Neighbourhood Wardens / police. Contact Community Action and Support Against Crime (CASAC). Police led.	Police Neighbourhood Wardens Highways & Planning - LCC CASAC	Short Term High Priority

Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<b>CS6:</b> Develop activities / services to prevent young people hanging around the estate.	Organise sports / youth activities. Better community police relations. More / better youth work. Provide somewhere to go e.g. youth club, drop in coffee shop, covered shelter, legal graffiti wall.	Youth Services - LCC Leeds Community Foundation Voluntary Action Leeds FIT4FUNDING local businesses Police	Short Term High Priority
<b>CS7:</b> Put measures in place to combat bullying problem at Clyde Walk.	Contact Neighbourhood Wardens.	Police Neighbourhood Wardens Clubs Boxing NWCC	Short Term High Priority
<b>CS8:</b> Tackle house burglary problem at Ley Lane / Cheltenham Street.	More community police patrol / CCTV / Neighbourhood Watch. Open day - police provision of security education.	Police	Long Term High Priority
<b>CS9:</b> Install CCTV system estate-wide and at Ley Lane.	Contact the LCC to ask for funding for camera system. Ask police for funding and monitoring.	Police LCC WNWHL	Medium Term High Priority
<b>CS10:</b> Increase the number of police foot patrols on the estate.	Contact Councillors via email. Contact police – invite to meetings.	Police Councillors - LCC	Medium Term High Priority

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Suggestion	Action Required	Agencies Involved	Timescale Priority
<b>CS11:</b> Prevention of car crime (theft and damage) estate-wide.	Car security education with residents' groups creating leaflets to put on all cars to try and re-educate people not to leave valuables in their cars, and try to keep things out of view etc. Name and shame the culprits. Work with the police and obtain crime initiative packs.	Police Neighbourhood Wardens	Medium Term High Priority
<b>CS12:</b> Tackle motorbike problems at Gassy Fields east and 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue.	Work with the police.	Police Neighbourhood Wardens, Highways - LCC	Medium Term High Priority
<b>CS13:</b> Eliminate kerb crawling / prostitution problems at Holdforth Gardens, Bruce Lawn, Wellington Road, Holdforth Green, Rhodes Terrace, Green Lane Bus Stop, Corner Green Lane and Tong Road, Corner Oldfield Lane and Tong Road.	Get police to take action against kerb crawlers. Get them housed (i.e. set up legal brothels?). Police to move them on.	Police Neighbourhood Wardens	Long Term High Priority
<b>CS14:</b> Put measures in place to combat drinking problems at Gilpin Terrace, Booze Plus and Tong Road, NWCC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue.	Inform police. Speak to shop owner. Expand the anti-drinking order.	Shop Owner Police Legal Services - LCC	Medium Term Medium Priority
<b>CS15:</b> Reduce the outdoor night noise and rowdiness. Problems at Clyde Walk, Holdforth Close, Holdforth Gardens, Oak Road Labour Club, Clyde Court Car Park, Booze Plus & Tong Road, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue.	Call the police. Speak to the LCC - Environmental Health. Speak to the neighbours if possible.	Police Neighbourhood Wardens	Short Term Low Priority
<b>CS16:</b> Prevention of graffiti and vandalism at Oak Road, Ley Lane, Holdforth Close, Clyde Gardens.	Security e.g. CCTV and signs. Get further community police action. Get LCC to clean up graffiti. Bring disused buildings into use.	Police Youth Services – LCC	Short Term Low Priority
<b>CS17:</b> Maintain Neighbourhood Warden presence.	Lobby LCC and Councillors to ensure that a Neighbourhood Wardens are retained as at present, based at NWCC.	Councillors, Regeneration, Area Management - LCC	Short Term High Priority

## THE NEXT STEPS

The process of creating the New Wortley Community Plan has involved the most comprehensive and wide-ranging consultation with the people of New Wortley that has ever been undertaken. A lot of hard work and many hours of meetings led to its creation. But the real challenge begins now. A plan, however well produced, is no good if it just stays on the shelf gathering dust.

To make sure the people of New Wortley get the neighbourhood they want both now and for the future, we have to make sure that the ideas within the Plan are put into practice. The Plan is an action plan that needs to be used by Leeds City Council and other agencies to fulfill the community's vision for their neighbourhood.

Copies of the Community Plan will be sent to all the agencies listed on page 55 (Role of Agencies). In particular we will work closely with Leeds City Council to ensure that the Plan, even if it is not formally incorporated into the Local Development Framework, is used as key supplementary planning guidance for any major scheme that will affect New Wortley.

The Plan will act as an important lobbying tool to get things changed. The neighbourhood now has a well-produced and professional plan which will demonstrate to a wide range of organisations that New Wortley has an active community that is eager to get things done.

The Plan will also be used to provide information to funding bodies. All funding agencies insist on evidence to show that public consultation has taken place to back up the proposals made. Groups and organisations within New Wortley will be able to use this Plan as evidence when they are applying for grants. Indeed the whole community can make use of the action plan to advocate for, and promote the image of New Wortley.

Work may have already started on some of the actions at the time of publication. However, the Plan does not guarantee that all the issues raised will be resolved immediately as some of the projects will require lobbying for change and some, by their nature, are long term projects. It is nevertheless a powerful tool for bringing about change.

### **Measuring Success**

The residents' groups will keep the implementation of the Community Plan on their meeting agendas. This, in conjunction with the support of other associated groups, will make sure that issues are taken forward with the appropriate agencies. There will be regular updates during the public meetings, and a formal report at the Annual General Meetings.

The Annual General Meetings will be an occasion for local people to comment on the plan and make suggestions for further action. Comments and suggestions are also welcome at any time by contacting any member of the Residents' Committees, or by leaving a message at the New Wortley Community Centre, 40 Tong Road, LEEDS LS12 1LZ, Tel: 0113 2793466, where it will be passed on.

Requests for further copies of this Community Plan can also be made as above.

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## **The Role of Agencies** - the following agencies are involved in the delivery or funding of services in community.

### **Central Government**

Government sets out legislation, regulations and guidance which other agencies are required to follow. In some cases, for example, with major or controversial planning applications, the Secretary of State will make the decisions.

### **Leeds City Council**

The Council is the Local Planning Authority and is also responsible for education, social services, highways, parks and leisure, refuse collection, (including recycling schemes) and street cleaning. Key departments/sections for New Wortley are:

- Development (i.e. Planning)
- Regeneration Services
- Area Management (Inner West Leeds)
- Housing Services
- Youth and Children's Services
- Highways
- Cleansing
- Parks and Countryside

The Council produced the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) which sets out its policies for land use and development throughout the district and is responsible for drawing up the new Local Development Framework (LDF) including the West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan.

### **Local Area Partnership**

Acting on guidance from central government, the Council has set up Local Area Partnerships, based on parliamentary constituencies, which bring together the local authorities, police, primary care trusts, and the voluntary and business sectors to set up priorities and allocate funding.

### **West Yorkshire Police**

Covering the whole of West Yorkshire, the police have set up Neighbourhood Policing Teams with the aim of delivering a service to meet the needs of local communities. Their strategy is guided through the Local Area Partnerships (see above), and by consultation events with local councils. Their resources are inevitably targeted where crime and anti-social behaviour are most prevalent and currently New Wortley is perceived by the police to have significant problems.

### **Primary Care Trust**

Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) have been established to manage local healthcare services in the community and to ensure that local patients, doctors, nurses and other frontline staff are involved in developing and improving all healthcare services in the area.

The PCTs are responsible for the provision of community health services including GPs, district and community nurses, dentists and pharmacists buying hospital services and improving the health in the local community.

The Armley district is within the area covered by Leeds PCT based in Leeds.

### **Metro, with the operator First Leeds**

Who are responsible for local transport issues and shelters in the area.

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