

APPENDIX 11

INCLUSIVE YORK FORUM SUMMARY

York Northwest Area Action Plan Issues and Options

Presentation to Inclusive York Forum 12 December 2007

At a meeting of the Inclusive York Forum on 12 December 2008, views of representative organisations were sought on the issues and opportunities relating to the key themes of the York Northwest Area Action Plan, as part of the first stage of public consultation.

The following organisations were represented at the meeting:

York CVS
Mental Health Forum
Older People's Assembly
Citizen's Advice Bureau/York CLASP
York Homelessness Forum
York Churches together
YREN
Age Concern York
York Women's Aid
Youth Volunteering
Learning Difficulties

Views about Key Themes

Views about Employment

- There is a need to provide jobs with training and career prospects for those currently starting at low skills levels.
- York Northwest provides an opportunity to develop Social Enterprises that address employment and local community need, and create for people with learning difficulties or low educational ability.

Views about Housing

- Housing should be provided and not flats
- At least one, if not both sites should have a very sheltered housing scheme in it for old people.
- Extra care housing should be provided.
- There is potential to provide social housing, as well as affordable housing.
- Affordable housing should be provided, especially for families.
- Opportunities should be created for housing with changing models of individual accommodation for people with learning difficulties and other support needs, such as clustered flats etc.

Views about Community and Social Facilities

- Respite Centres are in short supply across the UK – there is an opportunity to provide a respite centre at York Northwest.
- There is a huge demand in York for community facilities. A community facility like New Earswick Folk Hall could be provided at York Northwest.
- York Northwest could provide a flagship facility for young people.
- A sports stadium could be provided near the Station, football included.
- A Social Enterprise Centre – Cafes, Training Centres, Services etc. could be provided.
- A Social Enterprise Activity Centre to provide safe/educational environment for young people and families eg. ice skating, internet café, central gym, learning skill environment could be provided.
- Any Community Centre could have shared facilities which a number of voluntary organisations could share.
- Accessibility for people with multiple and profound disability eg. changing plain toilets with hoists to allow improved inclusion, should be provided as part of any communities facilities.

Views about Culture and Tourism

- There is a huge need for affordable artists workshops in York.
- York Northwest could provide a future venue for events – depending on what the Barbican will offer in the future.
- A good modern music venue and rock/jazz/country aimed at young could be provided.
- An arts centre with live music could be provided.

Views about Transport and Accessibility

- A fully integrated public transport central hub could be provided at York Northwest.
- Effective public transport builds opportunities for inclusion for people with learning difficulties

Views about Open Space and Built Sporting Facilities

- Limited affordable sporting facilities are currently available.
- Affordable sports facilities open for all – positive activities for young people.
- Sporting facilities should include access for people with multiple and profound disabilities eg. changing plain toilets with hoists promotes inclusion.
- Open space could include sensory gardens, formal gardens, develop rare species.

Views about Urban Design

There is an opportunity for York Northwest to:

- Celebrate the diversity in York.
- Provide a model of environmental sustainability.
- Provide a model of good accessibility
- Become a status of excellence for design/environment/access.