

**Area Priorities Consultation Findings:**  
**West Green & Bruce Grove**

From 21 September – 21 October 2011 an online and paper consultation took place to capture resident’s priorities in the West Green and Bruce Grove areas.

Residents were given a list of issues that had been identified in consultations undertaken in recent years and were asked to pick the 4 most important issues to them:

Overview of priorities:

- Safer parks and open spaces with more facilities
- Supporting young people into education and training
- Increasing the number of local people into work
- Anti-Social Behaviour (e.g. fly-tipping, verbal abuse, harassment and dangerous dogs)
- Crime (e.g. linked to domestic violence, violent crime and robbery)
- Decent affordable homes
- Services for older and vulnerable people
- Tackling childhood obesity
- High prevalence of smoking
- Recycling
- Access to public transport
- Provision of health services
- People taking responsibility for each other and respecting each other

Results:

Out of the 29 respondents in <b>West Green &amp; Bruce Grove</b> the following priorities were highlighted in order of frequency:	
SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN EDUCATION & TRAINING	Total = 17
PEOPLE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RESPECTING EACH OTHER	Total = 17
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF LOCAL PEOPLE INTO WORK	Total = 16
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	Total = 14
SERVICES FOR OLDER & VULNERABLE PEOPLE	Total = 14

## **Additional Priorities**

In addition, residents were asked to comment on priorities they felt were missing from the list provided. 48% (14 of 29) of respondents provided additional priorities, as follows:

### Youth Provision:

- Places for young people to go - youth clubs
- The Youth Centre is beautifully equipped
- We need the Bruce Grove youth centre to stay open

### Support for families:

- Supporting young children early and keeping services for early years
- Parenting support

### Urban Environment:

- Providing a greater variety of shops, not just betting shops and chicken shops on the High Road
- Properly coordinated regeneration of whole area: Wards Corner, High Rd, Broad Lane, Spurs development
- Involve residents and businesses in whole regeneration, in planned co-ordinated fashion
- The role of residents' associations and how they co-ordinate such a role
- The density of the ward Bruce Grove and West Green has increased too much over the past few years
- Need a purpose built sports centre

### Voluntary organisations:

- Supporting voluntary organisations

### Community Engagement:

- Increase 'real' participation democracy
- Empower local people in the decision making process
- Local members would be members of the area committee, not just observers