

MINUTES

Committee: Epping Forest Youth Council **Date:** Tuesday, 5 July 2022

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 7.00 - 8.30 pm
High Street, Epping

Members Present: A Akers Furbank, M Carter, S Chu Foon, I Harrison, S Hinkely, F Hussain, A S Kabir, S Khan, N Moffat, P Patel, L Powell, M Prinsloo, O Prosser, E Skingsley, Sydnae Smith and E Ugur

Apologies: O Ayandare, W Ayrton, K Gohil, S Marx and A Zarras

Officers Present: K Lucas (Young Person's Assistant), I Cray and P Arnold (Senior Community Engagement Officer)

Guest Present

28. WELCOME

Welcome by Chairman Oscar Prosser and Vice Chair Sydnae Smith

29. APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from, William Ayrton, Natalie Moffat, Krish Gohil, Suki Marx and Di Gilson- Butler (Officer)

30. CONSULTATION

Guest speakers, Ione Braddick, Melissa Lacide, and Matt Phillips from the Harlow & Gilston Garden Town project consulted with the Youth Councillors, ensuring that young people from the Epping Forest district were included in the HGGT consultation. (see appendix A)

31. YOUTH PARLIAMENT AND YOUNG ESSEX ASSEMBLY FEEDBACK

Youth Councillor Martin Prinsloo updated the Youth Council about his work and involvement in the Youth Parliament and Young Essex Assembly work.

32. DISCUSSION ON UPCOMING DEBATE

The Youth Councillors are hosting a debate with the Southend Youth Council on 26 July in the Council

Chamber. They discussed the debate topic. Topics included:

- Abortion be legalised in all countries.
 - Wild animals should not be kept in zoos,
 - National Service should be mandatory for young people aged 16+
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- Graffiti should be recognised as art and not vandalism.
 - University should be free to all students aged 16 +
 - Electric vehicles should be made a compulsory purchase to reduce emissions
 - Tackling Climate Action should be the responsibility of the Corporations and not the individual

33. FEEDBACK FROM DAVENANT FOUNDATION SCHOOL

Pupils from Davenant Foundation school fed back about the Leader, Cllr. Chris Whitbread's school visit. Youth Councillors Martin, Olu, Suki, Oscar, & Erika all thought the visit was informative and it was an opportunity for the Leader to meet their Head Teacher Mr Adam Thorne and fellow pupils on the school council.

34. EFYC UPDATES

Youth Councillors feedback on their schools, they mentioned the teachers who are leaving, Mr Andrew Jones is the new Head of School at King Harold Academy. The Leader, Cllr. Chris Whitbread will continue visiting the Youth Councillors in their schools in the new school year.

35. JACK PETCHEY

Katie announced Suki Marx is this terms winner. Katie reported that Suki is an outstanding Youth Councillor as she is the youngest representative at her school, yet she is confident to put herself forward for any challenge. Suki recently volunteered to help the district council team during the Bike London event where 25,000 cyclists passed through the district, Suki helped host the children's street painting workshop and promote the smoothie drinks powered by bikes. Suki has made lots of friends within the group and she is highly respected and valued. Suki reported that she would like to organise sign language training for the group.

Youth Councillors discussed away day ideas and the winners discussed how they wanted to spend their £300 grant. Will and Paarth agreed to spend their grants on the cost of a coach to take the group to the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court. They would cover the cost of the lunches whilst in London. Matthew would like to spend his grant on a caving experience at the Lambourne End centre for outdoor education. Sydnae and Natalie are both organising a bowling date for the group, this will include lunch.

36. EFYC AOB

Sonny Bazzoni has decided to resign from the Epping Forest Youth Council after serving 2 full years. On behalf of staff and Youth Councillors we all wish Sonny the best and thanked him for his service.

Jack Petechey Awards evening on Monday 11 July @ Sir James Hawkey Hall, Woodford Green @ 19:30 – 21:00 Sydnae, Matthew, Will, Paarth, Sukey will be attending with their parents. Congratulations to all our winners.

Independent Advisory Group (IAG) will meet on Wednesday 13 July, 18:30 – 20:30 at the Zinc Arts centre, Ongar. This is Martin Prinsloo's final meeting; thanks were given for his 2-year service. Three new Youth Council representatives, Sarah Chufoon, Matthew Carter, and Izellah Harrison will be attending to take up their new position for 2 years as IAG members.

Houses of Parliament Tour is on Monday 1 August

Lambourne End Away Day on Tuesday 2 August the activities are Caving, zip wire and project 2022/23 planning.

IPads are still having problems, Katie will collect broken ones for resetting or repair.

CHAIRMAN

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Harlow and Gilston Garden Town

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Your Photos

What do you value in your area?



Your Garden Town

Where is it?

Harlow & Gilston Garden Town is located in and around Harlow, with parts in Harlow, East Herts and Epping Forest Districts.

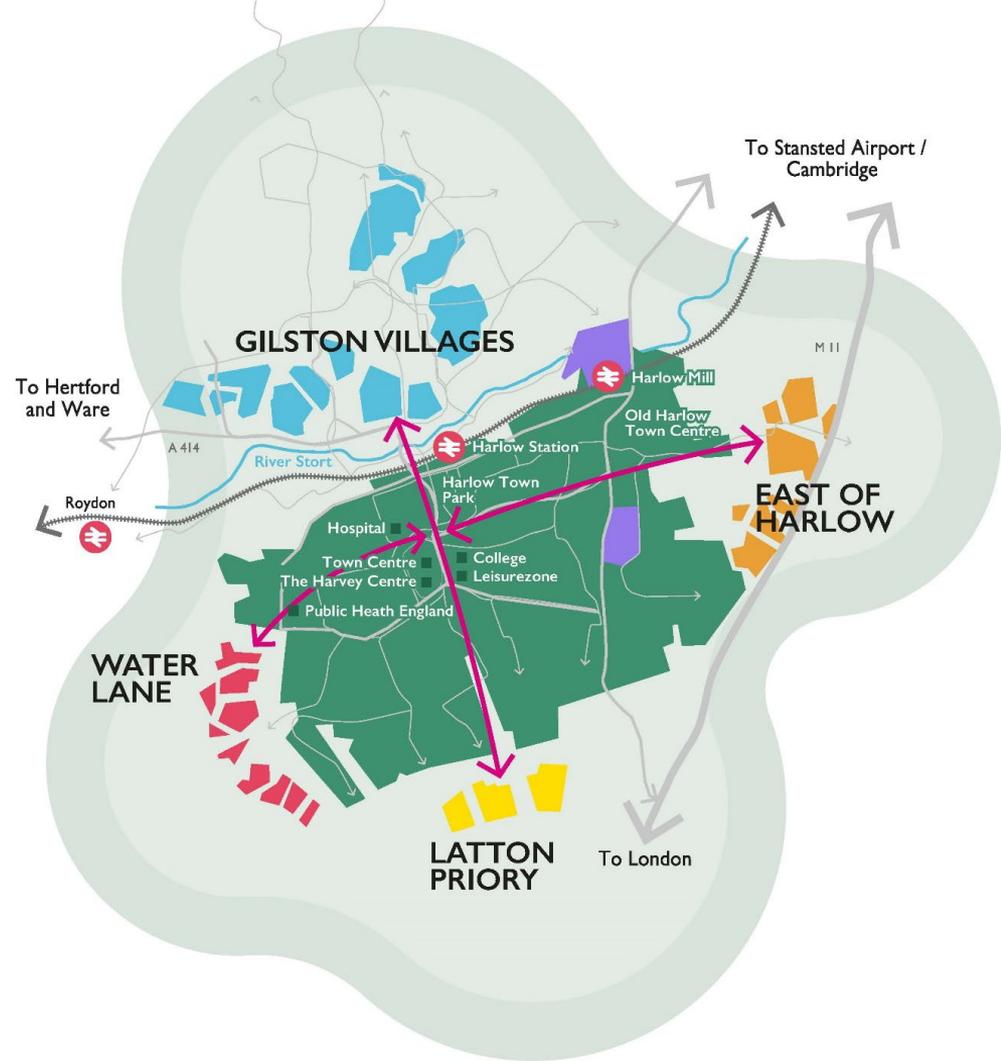
It sits close to Epping, Bishop's Stortford, Broxbourne, and on the UK Innovation Corridor, between London, Stansted Airport and Cambridge.



Your Garden Town

What is it?

- ✓ 5 Councils working together
- ✓ 24,000 new homes
- ✓ 10,000 jobs created
- ✓ 4 new neighbourhoods
- ✓ Shift to sustainable and active travel
- ✓ Vibrant Town Centre
- ✓ Tackling climate emergency
- ✓ Opportunities of growth and change



Your Quality of Life Map

What and why?

We will be talking to people across the Garden Town to **map the places and things they value and need** in their local area.

Getting involved and sharing your views is a chance for young people, like you, to share ideas and feelings about your wellbeing and quality of life. This will help shape future development and change in the area.

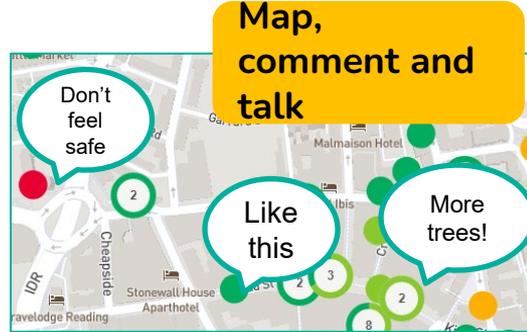
A digital map launches on 15th July, and we want you to help us to test our plans today



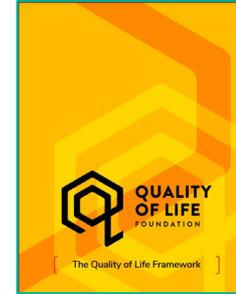
Your Quality of Life Map

How it works

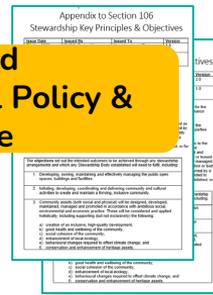
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Future



Map,
comment and
talk



Local and
National Policy &
Guidance



Your Quality of Life Map Example



Comment on the map of your neighbourhood

Comments 290
Agreements 17

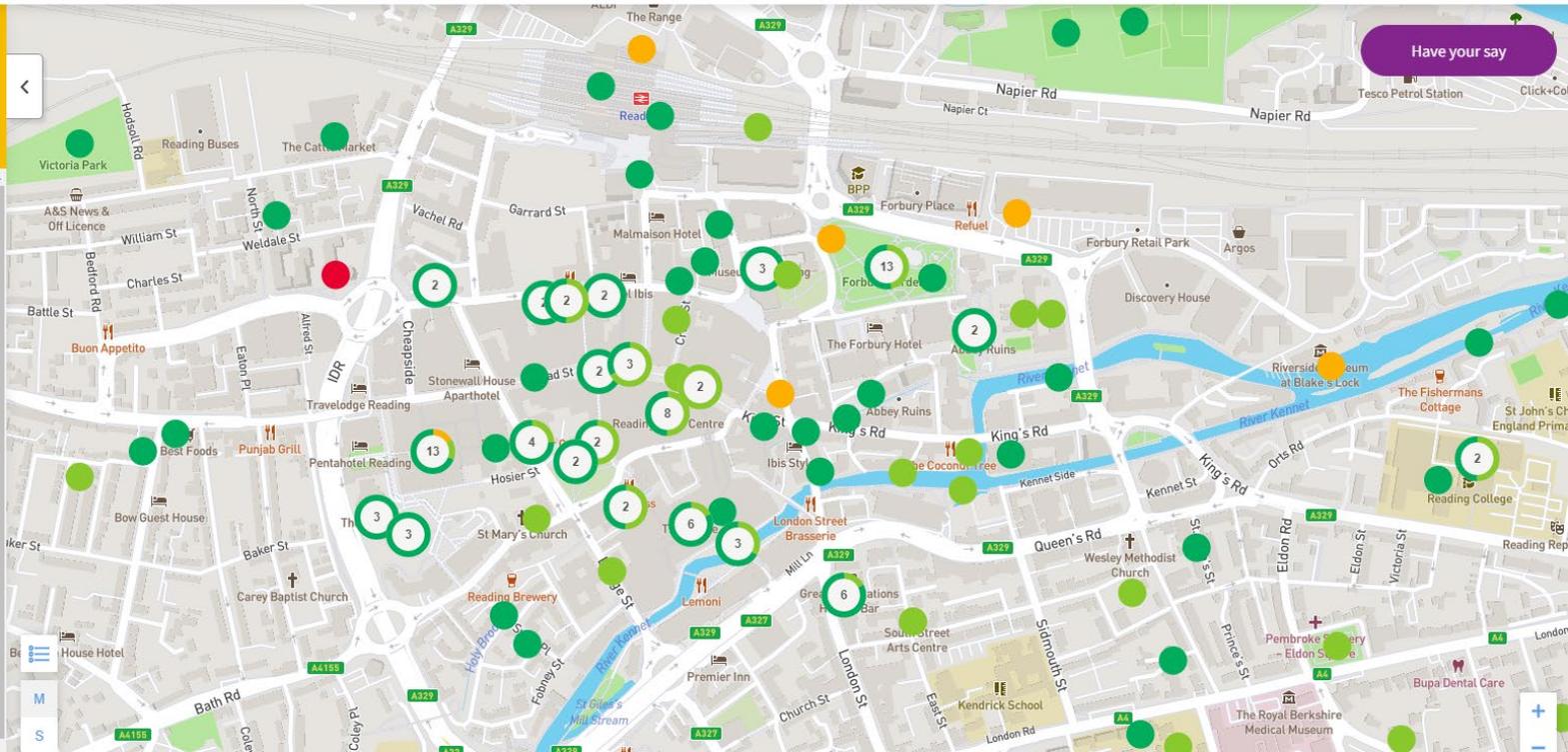


Click on the purple "Have your say" button and drop a pin on a location where:

- You connect with nature
- You go to feel healthy
- You feel a sense of belonging
- You feel a sense of wonder
- You feel you have a sense of control over your environment
- You find it easy to get around your area.

You can come back and place multiple pins on the map.

[Learn more about CCQoL Reading](#)



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Belonging



(Sense of) Control



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To achieve a sense of control we need to feel safe in all aspects of our lives, and stable in our homes, jobs and living situation.

We also need to feel that we can influence our own circumstances in life, and have a say over issues that affect us.

Health

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Health



The places where we live and spend most of our time greatly affect our physical and mental health and wellbeing.

This in turn impacts our quality of life - as well as the health of the environment.



Nature

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Nature



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Connections with nature and access to biodiverse green and water spaces are central to our sense of wellbeing.

This includes spending time in natural environments, living in green neighbourhoods and near amenities such as parks, beaches and woodlands.

Wonder



When neighbourhoods offer a range of things to see and do, we may be delighted and surprised by new encounters that bring inspiration and a sense of wonder to our lives.



Arts and culture, as well as community pride and a sense of play, have a key role to play in this.

Movement



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Walking and cycling, along with public transport networks, are key to improving health, cleaning the air we breathe, and reducing carbon emissions.

Belonging (Community)

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Belonging



There are many different ways someone can feel a sense of community.

It's about whether you feel at home, how your area accommodates diversity, and how it encourages social connections and a sense of neighbourliness.

It's also about neighbourhood design and what services and amenities people can/should be able to access.

