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Wigan Borough Local Plan Consultation Log: Parts 1-6

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Introduction

- 1.1 Consultation is core to the preparation of Local Plans as “a platform for local people to shape their surroundings”, as noted in paragraph 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, December 2023). The subsequent paragraph is clear that plans should, amongst other key requirements: “c) be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan-makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees”. This is in addition to the duty to cooperate, which is covered by a separate Statement of Compliance report and Statement of Common Ground.
- 1.2 In order to ensure early, proportionate and effective engagement, councils are required, under section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to prepare a statement of community involvement (SCI). The council's SCI was last updated in September 2023 and is available [here](#). In preparing the Local Plan, the council must comply with its SCI.

Wigan Statement of Community Involvement, September 2023

- 1.3 The SCI sets out who we will involve at appropriate times during the preparation of a plan, namely:
- **Specific consultation bodies** – these are organisations specified by law for consultation as appropriate, including those responsible for services, utilities and infrastructure provision, Parish Councils in and adjacent to the borough, adjoining councils and Government departments.
 - **Duty to co-operate prescribed bodies** - these include neighbouring councils and other prescribed bodies as set out in law, many of whom are also specific consultation bodies.
 - **General consultation bodies** - these are community and voluntary bodies with an interest in the borough and bodies that represent different racial, ethnic, national or religious groups, disabled persons or persons carrying on business in the borough.
 - **Elected representatives** - this includes local councillors, Members of Parliament and the Mayor of Greater Manchester.
 - **The general public** - this includes people who live in, work in or visit the borough or have another interest in the borough.
 - **Businesses** – those with business interests in the borough.
 - **Landowners, developers and agents** – those who have a direct interest in future development and have a major role to play in providing the facilities and services the borough needs.

1.4 It also sets out when we will involve people:

- At **commencement**, asking what the plan should contain and engaging with relevant bodies to identify the issues and the evidence needed.
- During **preparation**, as appropriate, when we are gathering evidence, confirming the issues, developing the options for addressing the issues and then the preferred options/approaches, specifically inviting comments on a draft document during a specified time period and considering them prior to the next stage.
- At the **publication** stage, when we publish the proposed submission version of the plan - the draft plan we want to adopt - for formal representations during a period of at least six weeks on the soundness of the plan or whether it complies with legal requirements. Significantly, only representations made at this stage can be considered at the public examination.
- From **submission**, when we submit the plan to the Government, an independent inspector will be appointed to undertake a **public examination**. People who have made representations at the previous stage can participate in the examination.
- For **proposed modifications** required by the Inspector before the council can adopt the plan, on which we will consult for at least 6 weeks. This is usually procedural as the issues arising should have been fully considered at the public examination.

1.5 It then sets out how we will involve people:

- We will contact appropriate organisations and individuals as set out in the 'Who?' section directly by email, or by post when it is the only means available. For the general public and businesses, we will only notify those directly who are registered on our Local Plan consultation database. To register, please email planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk. If you submit comments on our Local Plan during one of our consultations, you will be added to the consultation database unless you choose to opt out.
- We will publicise consultations by methods such as our website, other websites as appropriate, our social media as applicable by press releases to local newspapers and radio, our Borough Life magazine and site notices, as appropriate.
- We will organise meetings, workshops and drop-in sessions in person and/or online as appropriate.
- We will consult online through our website, and on other websites as appropriate, including through questionnaires and consultation documentation.

- We will make paper versions of our consultation documents available at the Wigan Life Centre, The Wiend, Wigan, which is our principal office for visiting members of public, specifically in Wigan Library within that building. Paper copies may also be made available in other public libraries as appropriate. Access to our online consultations will be available on computers in all of our libraries for residents without internet access, with assistance available from library staff if needed.
- We will publish comments received, or a summary of them, as soon as reasonably possible after receipt, and explain subsequently how comments received have been taken into account in preparing the plan. The exception to this is at the formal 'publication' or 'proposed submission' stage of the plan, after which representations are passed to the independent inspector to consider at the public examination, and following the examination when the inspector recommends proposed modifications to the plan which need to be consulted upon.
- All public buildings used for consultation purposes will be accessible and meet wheelchair access regulations.

1.6 This consultation log is a log of the consultation activity undertaken by the council during the preparation of the Wigan Borough Local Plan to date. It includes the who, when and how and is set out in 7 parts, one for each key stage of consultation (the when), as follows:

Part 1: Initial consultation – Planning for the Future

This covers the consultation period from 17 October 2022 to 11 December 2022.

Part 2: Ongoing engagement

This covers the period of development and informal engagement with stakeholders from January to September 2023.

Part 3: Options and Preferences – Planning for the Future to 2040

This covers the consultation period from 24 October to 18 December 2023.

Part 4: Ongoing engagement

This covers the period of plan development and informal engagement from January 2024 to April 2025.

Part 5: Initial Draft Local Plan

This covers the consultation period from 30 April to 24 June 2025 with a small amount of subsequent activity.

Part 6: Ongoing engagement

This covers the period of development and informal engagement with stakeholders prior to producing the formal publication and submission version of the plan for consultation, over the period from July 2025 to May 2026.

Part 7: Publication and Submission

This will cover the period of formal publication of the Local Plan (the Regulation 19 consultation stage) and through to notification of submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent public examination. The combined consultation log of parts 1-7 will then inform and support the Regulation 22 statement that is submitted alongside the Plan.

- 1.7 This combined Consultation Log includes Parts 1-6 and sits alongside the three consultation reports that have been produced following each full stage of consultation during the Regulation 18 stage of the plan's development.

Part 1: Initial consultation – Planning for the Future

17 October 2022 – 11 December 2022

Part 1: Initial consultation

In line with the Statement of Community Involvement, engagement at this stage included:

- Website coverage, including online questionnaire
- Press releases
- Press articles
- Social media coverage
- Facebook adverts
- Notification via email
- Wigan Council Member briefings
- Newspaper adverts
- Posters and leaflets
- Paper questionnaire on request
- Engagement in the community
- Internal communications
- Meetings with community groups

Details of these methods of engagement are set out in turn below.

Website

All promotion was linked/directed to www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040 and this is a screenshot of that homepage at that time.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/index.aspx>

The screenshot shows the Wigan Council website with a blue header. The main navigation bar includes links for Resident, Business, Council, MyAccount, and Visit Us. A search bar is located on the right. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Council / Consultations and engagement / . The main content area features a large banner titled 'Planning for the Future to 2040' with a subtitle: 'Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People'. Below the banner, a message states: 'We want residents to have their say about the future of our borough and help us address some of our biggest challenges. This will inform a new Local Plan which will help shape how the borough develops over the next 20 years.' The page is organized into a grid of nine consultation topics, each with an icon and a brief description:

- Have your say**: Complete the questionnaire by 11 December to set out your priorities for the future of Wigan Borough.
- Homes**: Have your say on key priorities for housing.
- Jobs**: Have your say on how the borough should attract and retain businesses and create opportunities for local people.
- Town centres**: Have your say on how town centres need to adapt.
- Transport**: Have your say on transportation.
- Places**: Have your say on the quality of places.
- Environment**: Have your say on climate change and the protection of wildlife and habitats.
- People**: Have your say on how people can adopt healthier lifestyles and the need for local facilities and services.
- Engagement in the community**: Come and meet the team and discuss your priorities for the borough.

First link 'Have your say'

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Have-your-say.aspx>

The screenshot shows the Wigan Council website page for 'Have your say on the future of our borough'. The header is identical to the previous screenshot. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Council / Consultations and engagement / Future plan / . The main heading is 'Have your say on the future of our borough'. Below the heading, a paragraph states: 'We want as many residents as possible to have their say about the future of our borough and to help us address some of our biggest challenges like fighting climate change, improving housing affordability, protecting our heritage and natural environment, plus ensuring we have enough homes, jobs, leisure and cultural facilities and infrastructure.' A sub-heading reads: 'Please complete the questionnaire to have your say by 11.45pm on 11 December 2022.' A final paragraph states: 'Your views are really important to us and will inform the preparation of a new Wigan Local Plan which will help shape and manage how the borough develops over the next 15-20 years.' On the right side, there is a sidebar titled 'In this section' with a list of links:

- Planning for the Future to 2040
- Have your say on the future of our borough**
- Theme: Homes
- Theme: Jobs
- Theme: Town centres
- Theme: Transport
- Theme: Places
- Theme: Environment
- Theme: People
- Engagement in the community

Extract from the questionnaire

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cw4gqj3DQWZLNxL1JFMtj-ndh1wN0qHuk&_stQ_1UM1V7S09GT1lyNDdPMTRHQVY7S2CV1RLV4u

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Planning for the Future to 2040

* Required

1

Please can we have your email address so that we can feedback to you on the results of this survey and keep you informed.

We will use your email address only in connection with future work directly related back to this questionnaire.

We will not share it with anyone else and you will be able to unsubscribe at any time. When you do we will delete your email address from our records.

Data Protection Statement - The information which you give when completing this survey will only be used for the purposes of this consultation and will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and is GDPR compliant. No information that would identify you as an individual will be published. The information will be kept securely, and will be kept no longer than necessary. *

Enter your answer

2

Where do you live or have the strongest connection to in Wigan Borough?

☐ Aspull

☐ Ashton-in-Makerfield

☐ Atherton

A total of 1,413 responses were received to the questionnaire, of which 238 were gained through the engagement in the community sessions.

Second link: 'Homes'

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Jobs.aspx>

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Planning for the future - Jobs

Having a rewarding job is good for people's self-esteem and enables greater control over their life choices.



18.6%

the percentage of people who work in retail and wholesale - higher than the regional and national average



£525

Average weekly wages - 9% below the national average



78.6%

Residents have GCSE level qualifications (lower than the regional and national average)



30 minutes

The time it takes to travel from Wigan to Manchester by train



289

Local businesses signed up to the Deal for Business



£590

On average residents working outside Wigan Borough earn £590 each week

Key facts

- 81% of people of working age in Wigan Borough are economically active, which is higher than the average for the North West or nationally.
- Half of the borough's current supply of available employment land has been vacant for at least 10 years.

Please [complete this questionnaire](#) to tell us what you think are the key priorities for the next 10-20 years. The response deadline is 11 December 2022.

In addition to jobs, the questionnaire also includes questions on 6 other key themes that the borough needs to plan for to 2040, including homes, town centres, transport and the environment.

[View more details on these themes, and information on engagement opportunities available to the public.](#)

 **Say It**

[Jobs - complete questionnaire](#) [>](#)

In this section

[→ Planning for the Future to 2040](#)

[→ Have your say on the future of our borough](#)

[→ Theme: Homes](#)

Theme: Jobs

[→ Theme: Town centres](#)

[→ Theme: Transport](#)

[→ Theme: Places](#)

[→ Theme: Environment](#)

[→ Theme: People](#)

[→ Engagement in the community](#)

Third link: 'Jobs'

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Fourth link: 'Town centres'

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Town-centres.aspx>

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Planning for the future - Town centres

Changing shopping habits and the way retail and services are delivered means that the role of town centres needs to adapt.



8,700

The number of chain stores that closed in first half of 2021 in the UK



30.7%

online retail sales in 2021, compared with 3.4% in 2007



9

The number of Town Centres in the borough



10%

some town centres have vacancy levels above 10%

Say It

Town centre - complete the questionnaire

In this section

→ Planning for the Future to 2040

→ Have your say on the future of our borough

→ Theme: Homes

→ Theme: Jobs

Theme: Town centres

→ Theme: Transport

→ Theme: Places

→ Theme: Environment

→ Theme: People

→ Engagement in the community

Key facts

- The Galleries shopping centre is being redeveloped to provide a wider mix of town centre uses including retail, leisure, commercial and residential uses.
- There are around 30 local centres across the borough providing shops and services to meet day to day needs.
- Despite increasing vacancy rates in some of our town centres, there are very low levels of vacant stores at Robin Retail Park in Wigan and Parsonage Retail Park in Leigh.

Please [complete this questionnaire](#) to tell us what you think are the key priorities for the next 10-20 years. The response deadline is 11 December 2022.

In addition to town centres, the questionnaire also includes questions on 6 other key themes that the borough needs to plan for to 2040, including homes, jobs, transport and the environment.

View more details on these themes, and information on engagement opportunities available to the public.

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Fifth link: 'Transport'

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Transport.aspx>

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Planning for the future - Transport

The private car remains the mode of choice for many people, including for short journeys, contributing to congestion, poor air quality and less healthy lifestyles.



14%

The increase in vehicle miles in Wigan Borough since 2013



40%

Over the last 30 years bus journeys across England (outside London) have fallen by over 40%



23%

of households do not have a car



0.3%

of resident's cycle to work at least 3 times per week

Key facts

- Walking and cycling can reduce the risk of a number of serious illnesses such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and stroke. They can also boost your mood, improving the symptoms of some mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety, and also help you maintain a healthy weight.
- Every day millions of deliveries are made in the UK, including goods purchased in a shop, parcels received at a front door, and components delivered to a factory. Lorries and vans are the main method of transporting freight, accounting for 77.4% of all goods moved in the UK in 2020.

Please [complete this questionnaire](#) to tell us what you think are the key priorities for the next 10-20 years. The response deadline is 11 December 2022.

In addition to transport, the questionnaire also includes questions on 6 other key themes that the borough needs to plan for to 2040, including homes, jobs, town centres and the environment.

[View more details on these themes, and information on engagement opportunities available to the public.](#)

 **Say It**

[Transport - complete the questionnaire](#) >

In this section

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Sixth link: 'Places'

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Planning for the future - Places

There is a large and rapidly growing body of evidence on the importance of quality of place for health and economic outcomes.



23

Conservation Areas



Over 500

The number of listed buildings in Wigan Borough



12

Ancient Monuments

Key facts

- The borough has a number of familiar local landmarks and recreation destinations including Haigh Hall, Wigan Pier, Wigan and Pennington Flashes and the Astley Mining Museum.
- There are two Heritage Action Zones in the borough at King Street in Wigan and Tyldesley. These aim to transform and revive the historic environment in these areas through sensitive development and the reuse of historic buildings.

Please [complete this questionnaire](#) to tell us what you think are the key priorities for the next 10-20 years. The response deadline is 11 December 2022.

In addition to places, the questionnaire also includes questions on 6 other key themes that the borough needs to plan for to 2040, including homes, jobs, town centres, transport and the environment.

[View more details on these themes, and information on engagement opportunities available to the public.](#)

Say It

Places - complete the questionnaire

In this section

→ Planning for the Future to 2040

→ Have your say on the future of our borough

→ Theme: Homes

→ Theme: Jobs

→ Theme: Town centres

→ Theme: Transport

Theme: Places

→ Theme: Environment

→ Theme: People

→ Engagement in the community

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Seventh link: 'Environment'

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Planning for the future - Environment

Climate change is real and is happening now, with over 99% of climate scientists worldwide identifying that humans have directly caused the warming we have seen over the past century.



40.3°C

The highest temperature ever recorded in the UK was in 2022



Emissions

in the borough. 34% - domestic, 33% - transport, 16% - industry, 7% - commercial, 10% - other



2019

Wigan Council declared a climate emergency



3rd Oct 2022

The Flashes of Wigan and Leigh formally declared a National Nature Reserve (NNR)

Say It

Environment - complete the questionnaire [>](#)

In this section

- Planning for the Future to 2040
- Have your say on the future of our borough
- Theme: Homes
- Theme: Jobs
- Theme: Town centres
- Theme: Transport
- Theme: Places

Theme: Environment

- Theme: People
- Engagement in the community

Key facts

- The Earth is now about 1.1°C warmer than it was in the 1800s, with 17 of the 18 warmest years on record having taken place since 2001.
- The Paris Climate Agreement is an international treaty that aims to limit global warming to 1.5°C but this is likely to be reached by 2026.
- On the current path of carbon dioxide emissions, the temperature could increase by as much as 4.4°C by the end of the century.
- House sparrows, hedgehogs and some types of bees are amongst the species that have declined significantly in number in the UK since the 1970s.

Please [complete this questionnaire](#) to tell us what you think are the key priorities for the next 10-20 years. The response deadline is 11 December 2022.

In addition to the environment, the questionnaire also includes questions on 6 other key themes that the borough needs to plan for to 2040, including homes, jobs, town centres, and transport.

[View more details on these themes, and information on engagement opportunities available to the public.](#)

Eighth link: 'People'

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/People.aspx>

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Planning for the future - People

The built environment plays a key role in supporting strong, vibrant and healthier communities, helping to create places that encourage people to adopt healthy lifestyles.



68.7%
of borough residents are overweight



62%
of adults in the borough are physically active,
lower than the regional and national average of
65% and 66% respectively



77.9
Life expectancy for males



81.2
Life expectancy for women



93.2%
of pupils were offered places at their first-choice
primary school



70%
of the borough is open greenspace

Please [complete this questionnaire](#) to tell us what you think are the key priorities for the next 10-20 years. The response deadline is 11 December 2022.

In addition to people, the questionnaire also includes questions on 6 other key themes that the borough needs to plan for to 2040, including homes, jobs, town centres, transport and the environment.

[View more details on these themes, and information on engagement opportunities available to the public.](#)

 **Say It**

[People - complete the questionnaire](#) 

In this section

- Planning for the Future to 2040
- Have your say on the future of our borough
- Theme: Homes
- Theme: Jobs
- Theme: Town centres
- Theme: Transport
- Theme: Places
- Theme: Environment

Theme: People

- Engagement in the community

Ninth link: 'Engagement in the community'

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Engagement.aspx>

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- [Theme: People](#)

Engagement in the community

Number of visits to the nine webpages overall

Week commencing	Visits	Page Views	Notes
17/10/2022	1166	3427	Full page press ads printed
24/10/2022	399	1113	
31/10/2022	712	1930	
07/11/2022	315	905	
14/11/2022	285	806	Front page ads printed
21/11/2022	211	542	
28/11/2022	279	710	
05/12/2022	213	570	
Total	3580	10003	

Number of visits to the individual webpages

w/c	Planning for the Future	Have your say	Town centres	Homes	Jobs	Environment	Places	Transport	People	Engagement	Total Visits
17 Oct 2022	1668	720	207	368	67	88	64	107	41	77	3407
24 Oct 2022	558	203	42	99	44	17	17	43	17	43	1083
31 Oct 2022	942	498	198	124	44	36	24	24	20	20	1930
7 Nov 2022	471	201	29	69	12	18	20	63	6	16	905
14 Nov 2022	412	150	29	71	15	21	26	53	12	17	806
21 Nov 2022	286	109	20	51	14	26	10	11	6	9	542
28 Nov 2022	381	150	22	54	25	13	18	20	17	10	710
5 Dec 2022	305	117	20	60	14	12	8	11	11	12	570
	5023	2148	567	896	235	231	187	332	130	204	9953

Small variations in sub-totals and the resultant totals in the early weeks are not explained but negligible.

Press release

17 October 2022 (extract from website)

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/News/Articles/2022/Oct/Planning-for-the-future.aspx>

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Feedback encouraged as part of 'planning for the future'

Wigan Council would like to hear from as many local residents as possible on the future of our borough in its 'planning for the future' consultation which has opened today.

This consultation will ask for people's views on seven different themes: homes, jobs, town centres, transport, places, the environment, and people to help shape a refreshed Local Plan.

It also sets out some of the challenges Wigan Borough is facing- such as climate change, affordable housing availability and reducing inequality - and invites ideas and thoughts on how they can be addressed.

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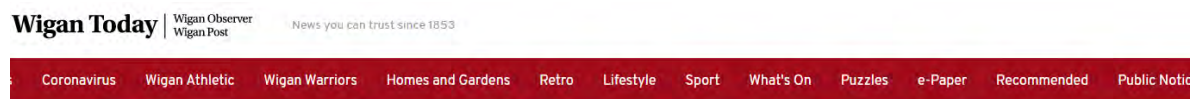
Posted on Monday 17th October 2022

Coverage achieved in the Leigh Journal in print and online and in Wigan Today online and the Wigan Observer – details below.

Press articles

Wigan Today, 19 October 2022

<https://www.leighjournal.co.uk/news/23054794.leigh-residents-views-wanted-town-centres-transport-jobs/>



Politics

Wigan Council encourages residents feedback as part of 'planning for the future'

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By Sian Jones

5 days ago - 2 min read

Updated 17th Oct 2022, 12:40pm



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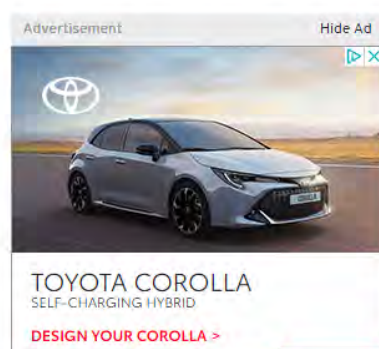
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Leigh Journal online, 17 October 2022

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Leigh residents views wanted on town cent

JOBS

17th October



Leigh Town Hall - people are urged to share their views on the planning for the future consultation

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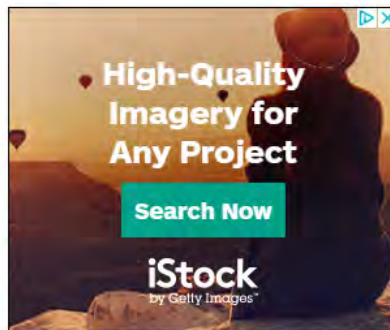
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[READ>Man broke victim's jaw](#)

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Leigh Journal, 20 October 2022

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LEIGH Town Hall

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**Wigan Observer, 18 October
2022**

Have your say on future Local Plan

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Extract from BoroughLife, Winter 2022 edition

Published 1 December 2022 online, including via social media, and delivered to every household in the borough.

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Best of our borough's time to shine

Pillars of Wigan Borough's communities were recognised at two glitzy awards ceremonies held in November.

Community heroes were recognised at the Our Town awards, and rising stars of the borough's sporting world celebrated at the Believe Sports Awards.

The Our Town awards shone a light on the unsung heroes, kind carers and community projects that make our borough so brilliant.

And the sporting volunteers - the cogs that keep our borough's sporting clubs running - were recognised at the Believe Sports Awards.

A more extensive round-up of the ceremonies will feature in the spring edition of BoroughLife.





Free weekday parking boost

Council owned car parks in Wigan and Leigh town centres will be free to use from 3pm on weekdays ahead of the festive season.

To help everyone make a head-start on Christmas shopping, the scheme will run through until January 6.

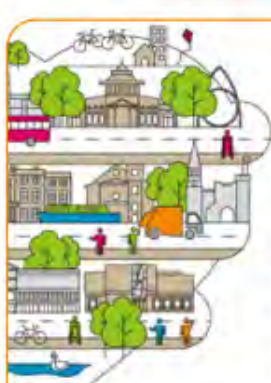
This offer is in addition to the usual free weekend parking schemes that are due to continue through to March 2023.

For full terms and conditions, and to see where council owned car parks are located in the borough, visit: www.wigan.gov.uk/carparking

Christmas bin collections

There are no changes to your bin collection day over the festive period for your black, brown or blue bins. Please put your bin out on your usual day by 6.30am.

Between Monday, December 27 and Friday, January 7 there will be no green bin collections, to help prioritise the collection of the other bins.



Have your say on future plans

There's still time to share your opinions to help shape Wigan Borough over the next few decades.

Feedback from the Planning For The Future consultation will influence the area's Local Plan, which outlines where development - such as homes, roads and facilities - can take place.

It also sets out some of the challenges the borough is facing,

such as climate change, housing availability and inequality, and asks for options on how these can be addressed.

The deadline for responses is approaching though, so please complete the online survey by Sunday, December 11.

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Social media posts

Wigan Council had the following numbers of followers on social media, as at 24 October 2022: Facebook, 48,000; Twitter, 39,300; Instagram, 10,476.

In terms of how many people see a social media post, reach is the number of times a post is displayed on a unique screen, while impressions are the total number of times a post is displayed on a screen. The figures quoted are from December 2022.

Wigan Council Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

17 October 2022



Reach: 7,179, Reactions: 82, Comments: 180, Shares: 26



Impressions: 2,103, Engagement: 87, Likes: 11, Retweets: 14



Reach: 33, Impressions: 1,032, Comments: 0, Shares: 12

Linc2

Linc2 has the following numbers of followers on social media, as at 24 October 2022: Facebook, 560; Twitter, 1,128.

Facebook and Twitter

17 October 2022



Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

19 October 2022



Reach: 36, Reactions: 0, Comments: 0, Shares: 1



Reactions: Impressions: 752, Engagement: 6, Likes: 0, Retweets: 1

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

20 October 2022



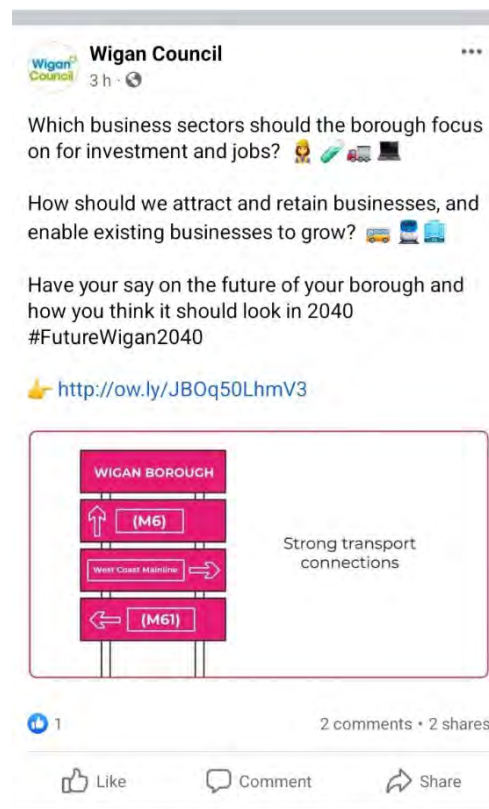
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Comments: 0, Shares: 0



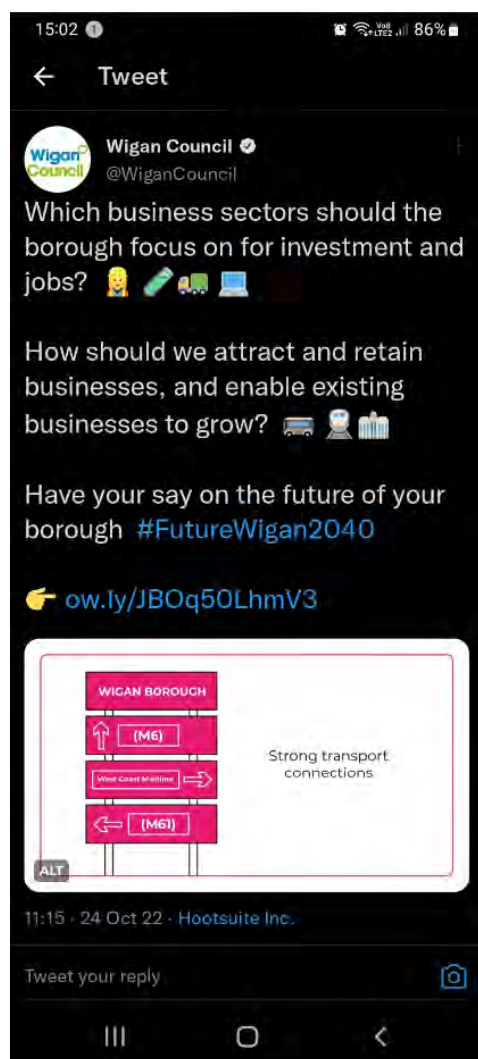
Impressions: 910, Engagement: 11,
Likes: 0, Retweets: 2

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

24 October 2022



Reach: 15,795, Reactions: 1,
Comments: 9, Shares: 27



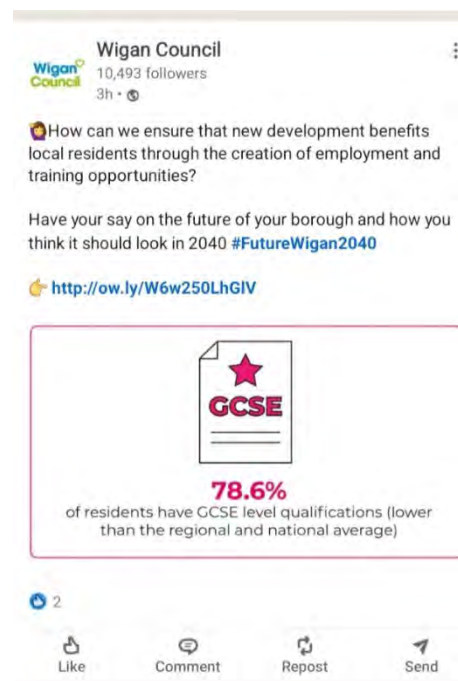
Impressions: 873, Engagement: 7, Likes: 1, Retweets: 1

Wigan Council Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

26 October 2022



Reach: 27, Reactions: 0, Comments: 0, Shares: 0



Reach: 7, Impressions: 1,179, Comments: 1, Shares: 4

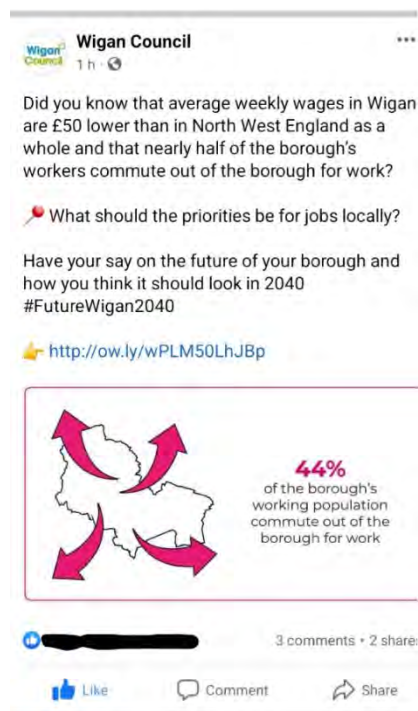
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Impressions: 956, Engagement: 10,
Likes: 1, Retweets: 1

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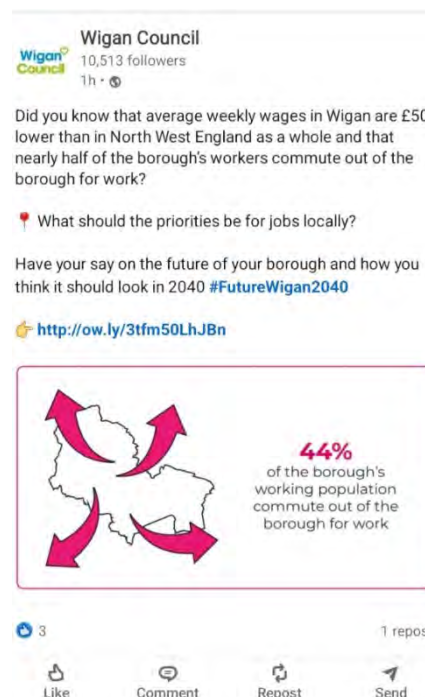
28 October 2022



Reach: 101, Reactions: 13,
Comments: 15, Shares: 3



Impressions: 994, Engagement:
25, Likes: 2, Retweets: 3



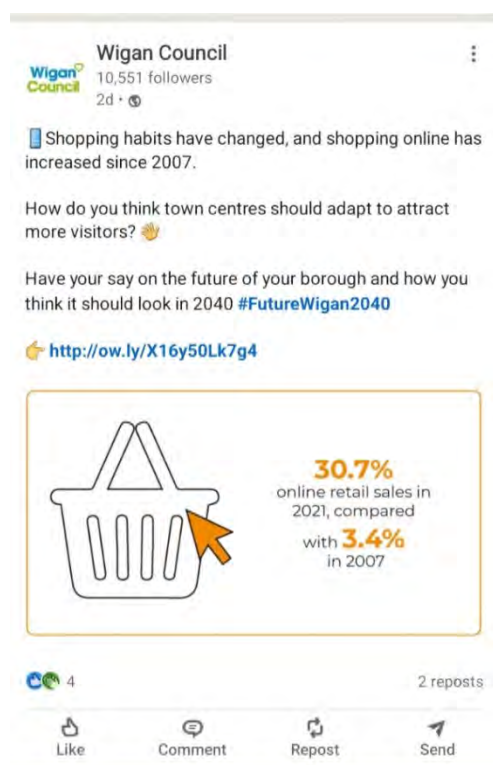
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Comments: 8, Shares: 1

Wigan Council Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

1 November 2022



Reach: 10,160, Reactions: 1, Comments: 3, Shares: 3



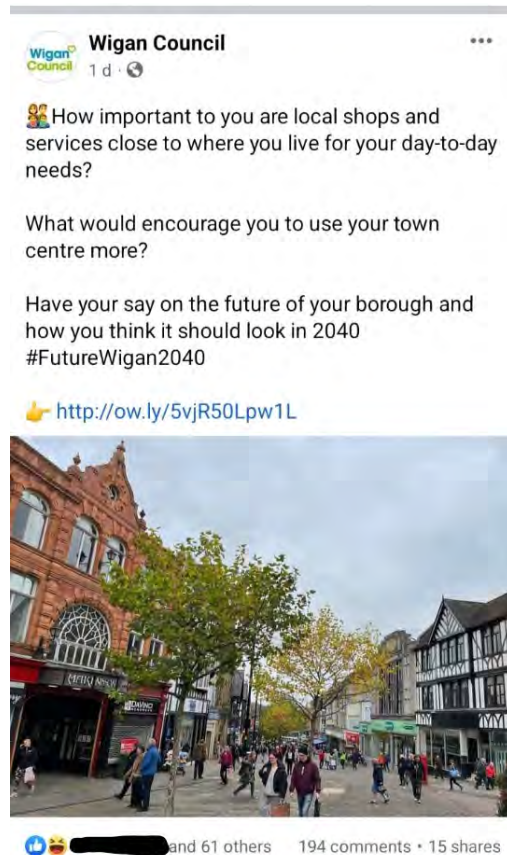
Reach: 4, Impressions: 947, Comments: 0, Shares: 2



Impressions: 822, Engagement: 16, Likes: 0, Retweets: 3

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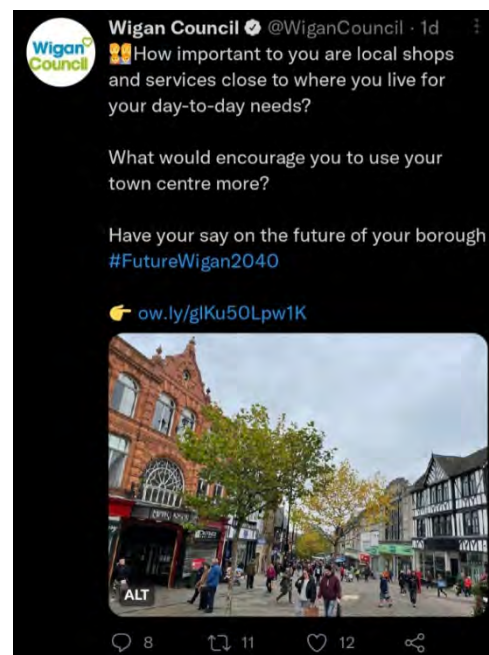
2 November 2022



Reach: 5,866, Reactions: 101,
Comments: 276, Shares: 16



Reach: 3,948, Likes: 82,
Comments: 18



Impressions: 4,367, Engagement:
135, Likes: 13, Retweets: 11

Wigan Council Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter

4 November 2022



Reach: 5,760, Reactions: 8, Comments: 6, Shares: 20



Reach: 6, Impressions: 451, Comments: 0, Shares: 2



Reach: 702, Likes: 4, Comments: 0



Impressions: 771, Engagement: 5, Likes: 0, Retweets: 0

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

7 November 2022



Reach: 29, Reactions: 6,
Comments: 20, Shares: 0



Impressions: 1,031, Engagement: 3,
Likes: 2, Retweets: 1

Wigan Council Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter

9 November 2022



Reach: 953, Reactions: 7,
Comments: 3, Shares: 3



Reach: 16, Impressions: 722,
Comments: 0, Shares: 4

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Reach: 861, Likes: 5, Comments: 1



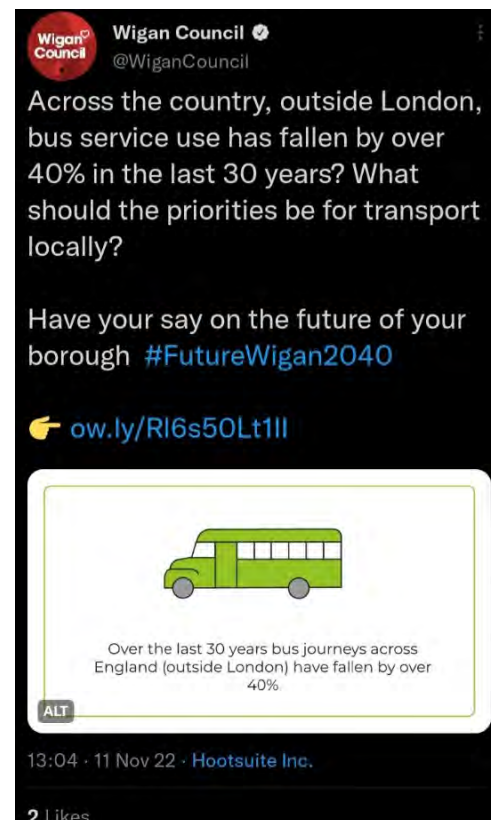
Impressions: 954, Engagement: 15, Likes: 1, Retweets: 3

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

11 November 2022



Reach: 12,691, Reactions: 2, Comments: 14, Shares: 17



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Impressions: 820, Engagement: 19,
Likes: 2, Retweets: 0

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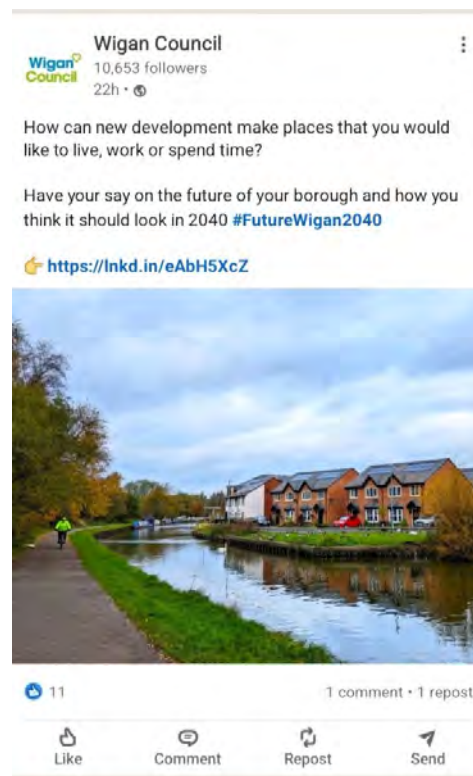
15 November 2022



Reach: 18,208, Reactions: 30,
Comments: 46, Shares: 24



Impressions: 1,738, Engagement:
48, Likes: 7, Retweets: 4



Reach: 34, Impressions: 2,495,
Comments: 1, Shares: 5

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

23 November 2022



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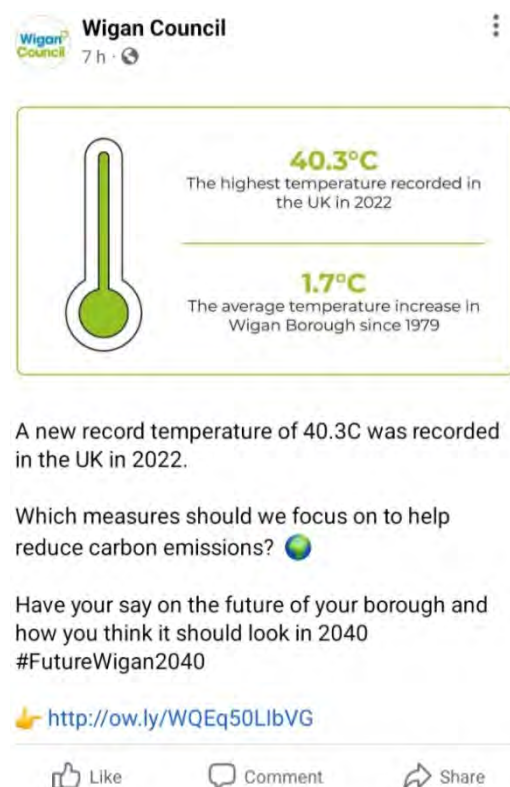
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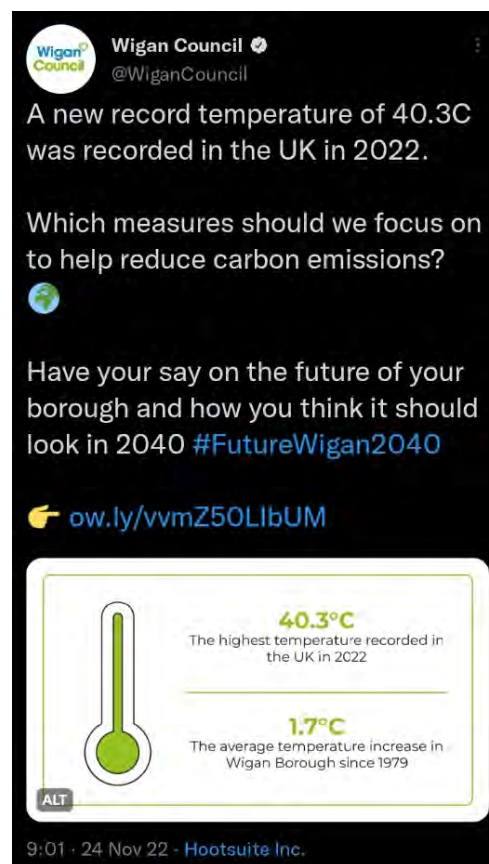
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33, Likes: 3, Retweets: 4

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

24 November 2022



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Comments: 4, Shares: 0

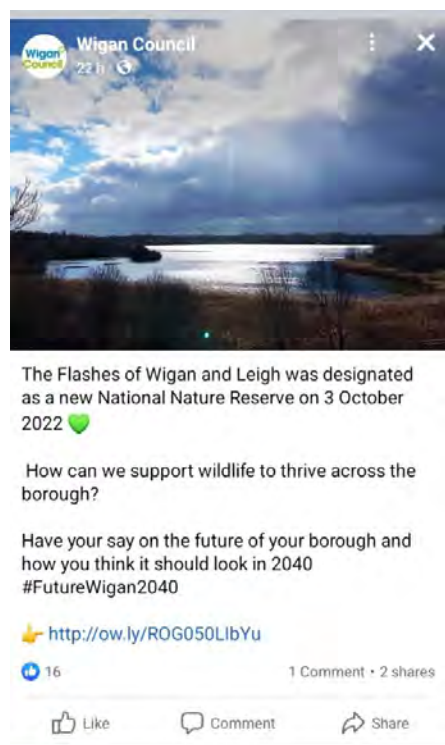


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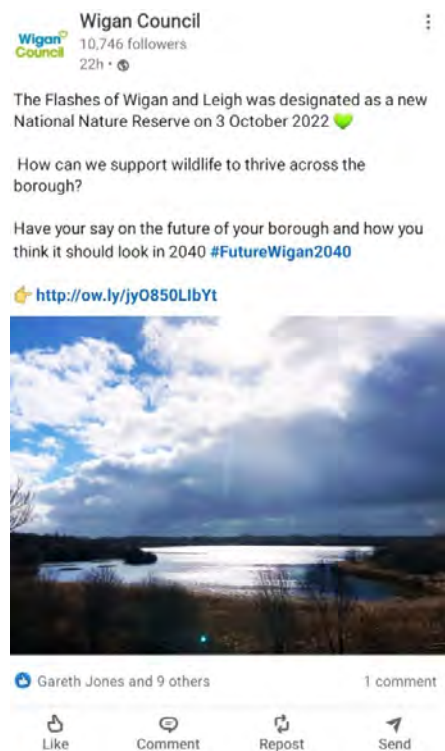
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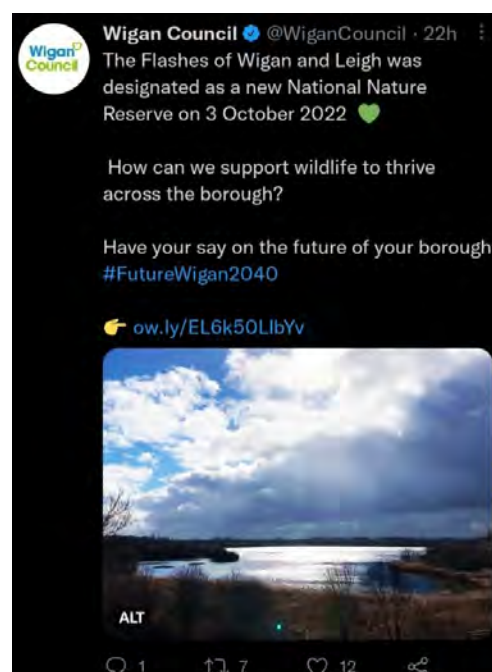
Reach: 102, Reactions: 43, Comments: 10, Shares: 4



Reach: 24, Impressions: 938, Comments: 1, Shares: 1



Reach: 889, Likes: 25, Comments: 0



Impressions: 1,697, Engagement: 36, Likes: 12, Retweets: 8

Wigan Council Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

28 November 2022



Reach: 10,179, Reactions: 23,
Comments: 82, Shares: 20



Reach: 5, Impressions: 642,
Comments: 1, Shares: 4



Impressions: 1,118, Engagement:
24, Likes: 7, Retweets: 6

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29 November 2022



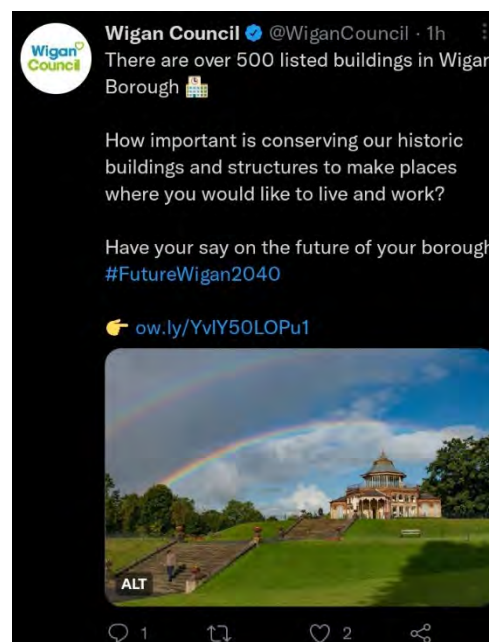
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Reach: 22, Impressions: 1,083, Comments: 0, Shares: 0



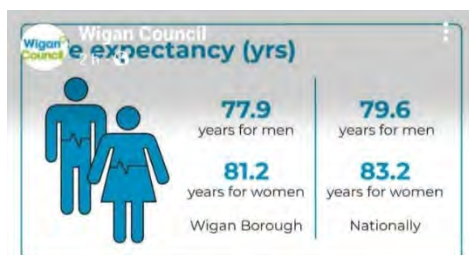
Reach: 1,794, Likes: 70, Comments: 1



Impressions: 1,307, Engagement: 31, Likes: 9, Retweets: 2

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

1 December 2022



Sadly, average life expectancy in Wigan Borough is 2 years lower than the national average.

What do you think are the most important factors in supporting people's health and wellbeing? 🧑🏻🧑🏻

Have your say on the future of your borough and how you think it should look in 2040
#FutureWigan2040

👉 <http://ow.ly/KzHy50LOPxo>

1 share



Reach: 147, Reactions: 3,
Comments: 6, Shares: 3

Wigan Council Facebook and Twitter

2 December 2022



What types of sports and recreation facilities or open space do you think need to be better provided for? 🏀🏈⚽

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👉 <http://ow.ly/2YpK50LOSPs>



Reach: 4, Reactions: 0, Comments:
0, Shares: 0

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Impressions: 1,342, Engagement:
46, Likes: 2, Retweets: 4

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👉 ow.ly/JgmY50LOSPt

ALT

Impressions: 877, Engagement: 13,
Likes: 1, Retweets: 1

Wigan Council Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter

6 December 2022



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Make sure you have your say:

<http://ow.ly/MBzV50LOPXc>

Like Comment Share

Reach: 785, Reactions: 4, Comments: 3, Shares: 4



Wigan Council
10,793 followers
1h · 🌐

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Make sure you have your say:

<http://ow.ly/Kcng50LOPXe>

Like Comment Repost Send

Reach: 2, Comments: 0, Shares: 2, Impressions: 431



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www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040

1 hour ago

Reach: 751, Likes: 3, Comments: 0



Wigan Council @WiganCouncil · 1h
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Make sure you have your say:

ow.ly/sYrF50LOPXf

Impressions: 795, Engagement: 12, Likes: 0, Retweets: 0

Wigan Council Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter

9 December 2022



Reach: 18, Reactions: 0, Comments: 8, Shares: 0



Reach: 7, Impressions: 398, Comments: 0, Shares: 0



Reach: 778, Likes: 4, Comments: 0



Impressions: 1,200, Engagement: 11, Likes: 0, Retweets: 4

Facebook Adverts

Facebook adverts included both a generic sponsored post, as well as sponsored posts that focused on the different themes. Between 17th October - 11th December 2022 the adverts were seen over 123,000 times, with 4,961 clicks arising to www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040. The target audience was all Wigan Borough residents aged 16 and over.

Theme	Start date	Advert	Reach	Impressions	Links Clicks
General	17 Oct	📣 We have launched our 'Planning for the Future' consultation, and we want to hear from you! We are asking for your views on 7 themes: homes 🏠 jobs 🧑 town centres 🚶 transport 🚗 places 🌳 the environment 💚 and people 👥 Have your say on the future of your borough and how you think it should look in 2040 #FutureWigan2040 👉 http://ow.ly/7skE50LbvYL	10,376	58,512	2,026
Homes	31 Oct	Have your say on key priorities for housing in 2040: 🏠 What would be your top 3 priorities for new housing over the next 10-20 years? 👥 How can housing be made more accessible for young people wanting their own home? Click here to complete the survey: 👉 www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040 In addition to 🏠 homes, also have your say on: 🧑 jobs 🚶 town centres	3,317	16,836	871

Theme	Start date	Advert	Reach	Impressions	Links Clicks
		transport places the environment people How do you think Wigan borough should look in 2040 #FutureWigan2040 http://ow.ly/4RXx50Lk7g6			
Jobs	4 Nov	Have your say on key priorities for jobs in 2040... Which business sectors should the borough focus on for investment and jobs? How should we attract and retain businesses, and enable existing businesses to grow? Click here to complete the survey: www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040 In addition to jobs, also have your say on: homes town centres transport places the environment people How do you think Wigan borough should look in 2040 #FutureWigan2040 Complete the survey today www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040	1,632	5,503	245
Transport	11 Nov	What should the priorities be for transport locally? Did you know that nearly one-in-four households in Wigan Borough have no	4,902	15,495	606

Theme	Start date	Advert	Reach	Impressions	Links Clicks
		car. Click here to complete the survey: 👉 www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040 In addition to 🚗 transport, also have your say on: 🏠 homes 📍 town centres 👤 jobs 🌳 places 💚 the environment 👥 people How do you think Wigan borough should look in 2040 #FutureWigan2040 Complete the survey today 👉 www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040			
Town Centres	11 Nov	🛒 Shopping habits have changed, and shopping online has increased since 2007. How do you think town centres should adapt to attract more visitors? Click here to complete the survey: 👉 www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040 In addition to 📍 town centres, also have your say on: 🏠 homes 👤 jobs 🌳 places 🚗 transport 💚 the environment 👥 people How do you think Wigan borough should look in	3,701	19,195	989

Theme	Start date	Advert	Reach	Impressions	Links Clicks
		2040 #FutureWigan2040 Complete the survey today 👉 www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040			
Places	17 Nov	How can new development make places that you would like to live, work or spend time? Have your say on the future of your borough and how you think it should look in 2040 #FutureWigan2040 👉 www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040 In addition to 🌳 places, also have your say on: 🏠 homes 📍 town centres 👷 jobs 🚗 transport 💚 the environment 👥 people 👉 www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040	715	2,120	61
Environment	22 Nov	🌍 Wigan Council declared a climate emergency in 2019. Which measures should we focus on to help reduce carbon emissions? 🌿 The Flashes of Wigan and Leigh was designated as a new National Nature Reserve on 3 October 2022. How can we support wildlife to thrive across the borough? Have your say on the future of your borough and how you think it should look in 2040. 👉	1,788	6,208	163

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		www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040 In addition to  the environment, also have your say on:  homes  town centres  jobs  transport  places  people #FutureWigan2040			
		Total	26,431	123,869	4,961

Emails

From planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk, 17 October 2022 (redacted), sent in three batches to 492 emails addresses on our consultation database, of which 4 'bounced back' as not recognised.

Engagement: Planning for the Future of Wigan Borough to 2040



To: [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 17/10/2022 07:35

Dear Resident,

Wigan Council is seeking your views about the future of the borough to 2040 to help us address our biggest challenges like fighting climate change, improving housing affordability and reducing inequality. Your answers will help us plan for the future; ensuring decisions reflect what matters to you. From ensuring we have enough homes, jobs, leisure and cultural facilities and infrastructure, to protecting our heritage and natural environment.

To find out more information and to have your say on the priorities for the future of Wigan Borough, please visit the council's website at www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040 and complete the online questionnaire by 11.45pm on **11 December 2022**.

Your views are really important to us and will inform the preparation of a new Wigan Local Plan which will help shape and manage how the borough develops over the next 15-20 years.

You can also meet council officers to discuss your priorities for the future of Wigan Borough at a number of drop-in sessions across the borough – details available via the above weblink.

We look forward to hearing your views!

Many thanks

Strategic Planning team
Wigan Council

From thedealforcommunities@wigan.gov.uk, 18 October 2022, sent to approximately 800 Volunteer/ Community/ Faith/ Social Enterprise group members

Have your say - engagement on the future of Wigan Borough to 2040



To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Reply Reply All Forward

Tue 18/10/2022 14:47

You replied to this message on 18/10/2022 14:55.



A5 flyer_Planning for the Future.pdf
151 KB

This email has been sent out to all of our contacts and Boroughwide Community Newsletter have been asked to promote this also.

Administration Officer
Deal for Communities Team
Customer Transformation
Wigan Council
PO Box 100
WN1 3DS

Engagement on the future of the borough to 2040

We are seeking the views of local residents and community groups on what the priorities are for the future of Wigan Borough to 2040 to help us address some of our biggest challenges like fighting climate change, improving housing affordability, and reducing inequality.

To have your say, we have prepared an online questionnaire with questions on the following 7 key themes: Homes, Jobs, Town Centres, Transport, Places, Environment and People. The questionnaire is accessible online at www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040, along with key statistics and useful information on each of the 7 themes. An e-flyer publicising the consultation is attached for reference.

The deadline for comments is 23.45pm on Sunday 11 December.

As an established community group, we would like to encourage you to discuss and complete the questionnaire collectively if this would be possible, though individual submissions will also be very welcome.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us at planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing your views!

Many thanks

David Kearsley
Strategic Planning Team Leader
Places Directorate Economy and Environment



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From Wigan Council personal email, 21 October 2022, sent to the 25 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group members.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 2:56 pm
Subject: Have your say - engagement on the future of Wigan Borough to 2040

Hi EDI member 😊

We are chatting to the community at the moment about planning for the future. This is early stages of engagement for our Local Plan.

I would be most grateful if you could share with your networks please. Any ideas on how to raise awareness and how to circulate it further, would be appreciated – thank you!

Main information page: [Planning for the Future to 2040 \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/planning-for-the-future-to-2040)
Questionnaire: [Planning for the Future to 2040 \(office.com\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/planning-for-the-future-to-2040/questionnaire)

Many thanks

[REDACTED] Policy and Strategy Manager
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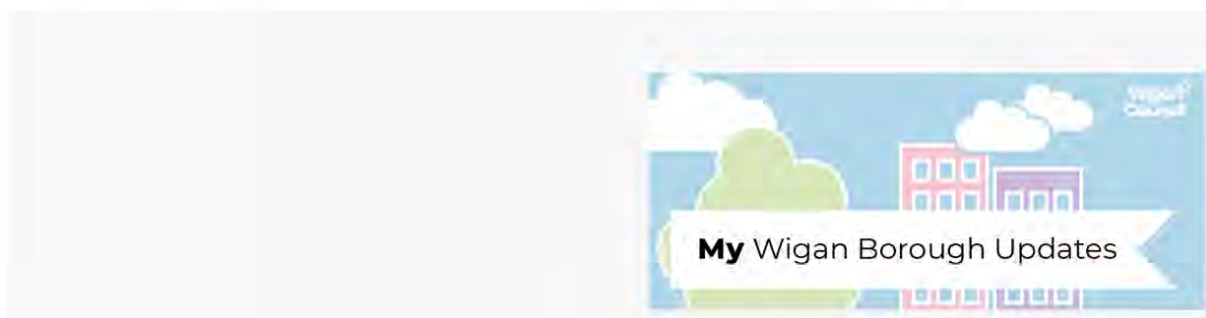


Weekly council Borough Life email from BoroughNews@wigan.gov.uk, sent to around 96,000 residents, extracts, 21 October 2022

From: Wigan Council <BoroughNews@wigan.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 October 2022 19:02
To: Subject: Light up your world with our mesmerising exhibition ✨

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This email claims to contain information about COVID-19, please verify this is not a Phishing email before clicking any links, or opening any attachments



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Planning for the future

We would like to hear from as many local residents as possible on the future of our borough in our 'planning for the future' consultation which has opened this week.

This consultation is asking for people's views on seven different themes: homes, jobs, town centres, transport, places, the environment, and people to help shape a refreshed Local Plan.

Find out more and have your say



From planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk, 24 October 2022, followed up on 25 October with replacement email addresses for 'bounce-backs' as applicable and also on 1 and 2, sent to a total of 822 of stakeholders including statutory consultees and duty to cooperate bodies, as well as developers and agents.

Consultation on the subject and scope of a new Wigan Local Plan



To

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Reply Reply All Forward ...

Mon 24/10/2022 15:51

Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on the subject and scope of a new Wigan Local Plan

Wigan Council is preparing a new **Wigan Local Plan** to replace the existing Wigan Local Plan Core Strategy (2013) and saved policies in the Wigan Replacement Unitary Development Plan (2006). The Local Plan will be consistent with, and sit alongside, the emerging Places for Everyone Plan and the existing joint Greater Manchester Waste and Minerals Plans to form the development plan for Wigan Borough. The proposed timetable for its preparation is set out in our new [Wigan Local Development Scheme](#).

Consistent with the strategic policies in the emerging Places for Everyone Plan, it is proposed that the Local Plan will include planning policies for Homes, Jobs, Centres, Transport, Places, Environment and People. We are consulting widely on a very initial basis with residents and other members of the public with a strong interest in the borough at present and, for information, details can be found at www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040.

It is envisaged that the Local Plan will allocate specific sites for development to facilitate sustainable development; deliver associated infrastructure and address development needs over the next 15 years. We intend to focus particularly on ensuring that the Plan will support future bids for regeneration, transport and other funding opportunities.

To inform the preparation of the Wigan Local Plan, we are inviting your comments on what you think the plan should contain. Please do so by email to planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk by **23:45 on Sunday 11 December 2022**.

We want to work closely with key stakeholders on the preparation of this Plan and we intend to embrace a continuous engagement approach, so if you would like to meet we would be happy to do so, and that does not need to be before 11 December.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes and kind regards
David

Places Directorate Economy and Environment

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Email sent from Wigan Council email address to people who provided their email address when completing a questionnaire at one of the Engage in the Community sessions. These were sent ASAP after the session, usually on the same day.

Planning for the Future to 2040 - engagement



Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for stopping to answer a few questions for us in Ashton town centre on Tuesday lunchtime.

There are seven themes to the questionnaire as a whole, including homes, jobs, town centres, transport, places, people and the environment, so if you didn't complete it all, you can find further information and access the questionnaire online at www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040. The consultation closes at 23:45 on Sunday 11 December.

Your views are really important to us as we plan for the future of Wigan Borough through to 2040.

We will retain your email address to feedback on the results of the consultation and advise on future opportunities to get involved, but will not use it for any other purposes.

Thank you again and best wishes.

David Kearsley
Strategic Planning team
Wigan Council

Weekly internal email to all council staff, 28 October 2022, extract

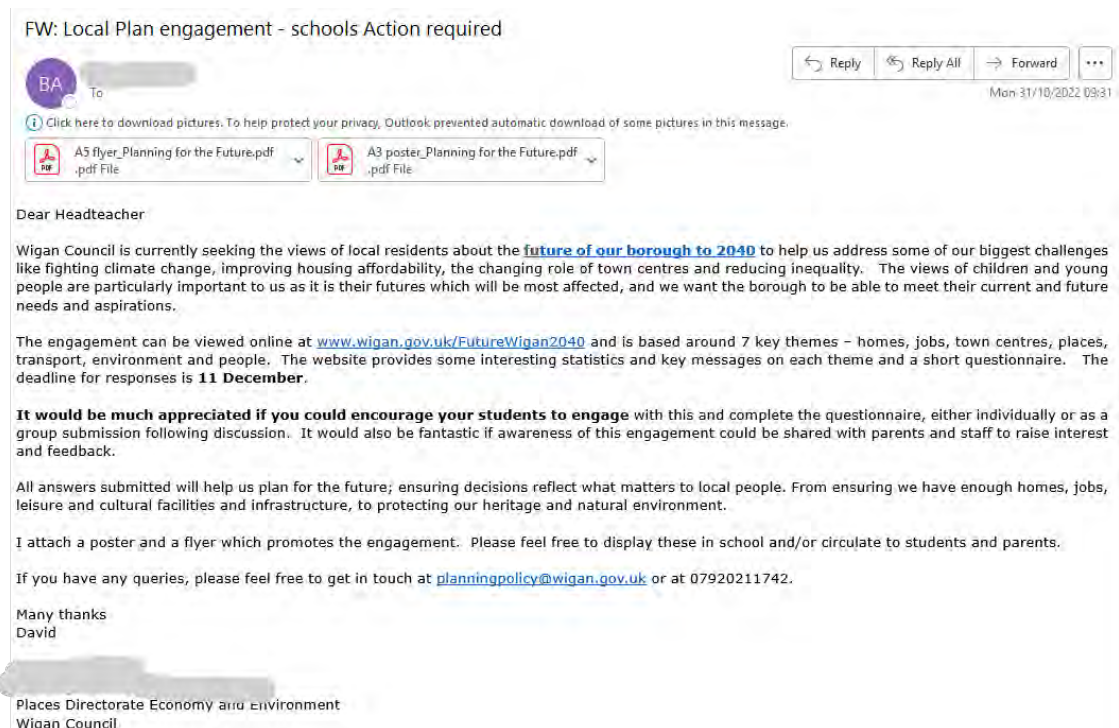
Future Wigan 2040: Homes, Jobs, Town Centres, Places, Transport, Environment, People

The Strategic Planning team has successfully launched a big conversation on the future of Wigan Borough through to 2040, to help us address our biggest challenges like fighting climate change, improving housing affordability and reducing inequalities, and it looks great. They have been greatly helped in doing so by colleagues in Media and Comms, the Web Team, the Joint Intelligence Unit and Deal for Communities teams, plus many others. Please look out for the regular posts on the council's social media, or go to www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040 and complete the questionnaire. There are questions on Homes, Jobs, Centres, Transport, Places, Environment and People, so something for everyone. Your answers will inform the preparation of a new Wigan Local Plan, which will help shape and manage how the borough develops over the next 15-20 years. The consultation will also be featuring on a screen saver near you soon too, hopefully, so no excuses.

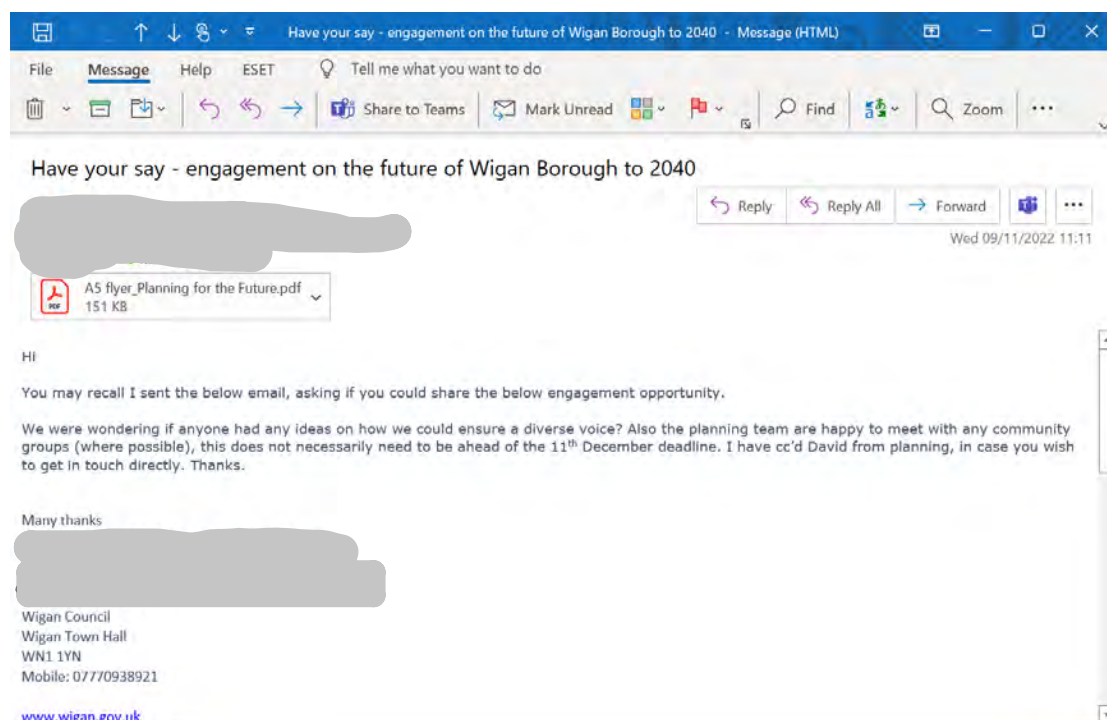
A graphic titled 'Planning for the Future...' with the Wigan Council logo. It features a navigation bar with links: 'Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People'. The main content area contains two paragraphs of text and a colorful illustration of a town scene with a bus, a school, a park, and a river. The bottom section has a QR code and a call to action: 'What are your priorities for the future of Wigan Borough? Come have your say at one of the drop-in sessions (see over for details), or complete the online survey at: www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040 Online survey to be completed by 11th December 2022.'

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Email sent from the PA to the Assistant Director - Education on 31 October 2022 to all Secondary School Headteachers and Colleges in the borough



Follow-up email from Wigan Council to EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) members, 9 November 2022.



Email sent from the Activation Manager to around 56 non-council members (plus 45 council employees) of the Wigan Walking and Cycling Forum, 18 November 2022

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Wigan Walking & Cycling Forum - 16th November - Message (HTML)

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Wigan Walking & Cycling Forum - 16th November

SR [Redacted] To: [Redacted] Cc: Major Projects Team

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Wigan Borough W & C Forum 16th November 2022.pdf 3 MB

Wigan Walking Connects info sheet.docx 25 KB

Activation stats Jan-Oct 22.pdf 660 KB

Morning all,

Firstly I wanted to thank everyone that attended this week's forum held at The Brickworks on Wednesday evening. We had 29 people attend, which I think is fantastic!

Attached is a copy of the presentation for your reference, which I hope you'll agree was extremely informative. Thanks to all of our speakers; Susan Culshaw, Nick Clarke, Dave Stevens, Pete Z, Vicki Naylor and Kerrell Boardman.

Next up is our Infrastructure Sub Group, which takes place via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 29th November, 6pm-7:30pm. If you would like to attend please email [Redacted] to be sent a link to the meeting.

The November Infrastructure Sub Group will concentrate on Active Neighbours, with a particular focus on Leigh Neighbours, Golborne and Beech Hill.

The action tracker will be updated in due course and notes from the group discussions will be shared, but in the meantime we wanted to share some important information with you about **Local Plans** and the **Walking Connects** programme that Nick Clarke and Liz Neary talked about on Wednesday.

Local Plans

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As always we welcome feedback from our forums so please get in touch if you have any comments whether positive or negative.

Have a lovely weekend,

Regards

[Redacted]

Activation Manager - Walking & Cycling

Email sent from the Programme Office to members of the Wigan Enterprise Board on 24 November 2022

Wigan Enterprise Board - Questionnaire - Message (HTML)

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Wigan Enterprise Board - Questionnaire

SL [Redacted] To: [Redacted]

You replied to this message on 24/11/2022 15:51.

Good Morning

Thank you for attending the Wigan Enterprise Board Meeting yesterday.

As mentioned at the meeting, I have included the link to the 'Planning for the Future to 2040' questionnaire should you wish to complete this. The deadline to complete this questionnaire is 11th December 2022.

www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks

[Redacted]

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Wigan Council Members Briefing

Email to all Councillors, 21 October 2022

Planning for the future

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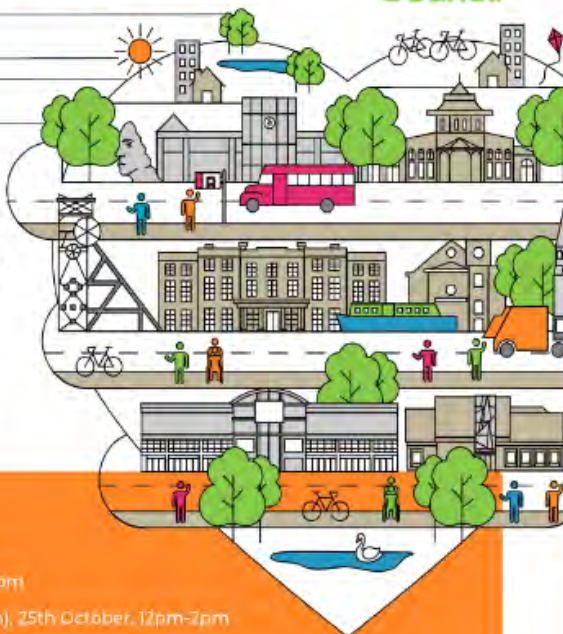
It also sets out some of the challenges Wigan Borough is facing- such as climate change, affordable housing availability and reducing inequality - and invites ideas and thoughts on how they can be addressed.

Find out more and have your say: [Planning for the Future to 2040](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/planning-for-the-future-to-2040)
([wigan.gov.uk](https://www.wigan.gov.uk))

[Find out more and have your say](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/planning-for-the-future-to-2040)

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 Come have your say at one of the drop-in sessions, or complete the online survey* at: www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040



Wigan: Town Hall Atrium, Hewlett Street, 28th November, 6-8pm

Drop in numbers are expected to change. For the latest event details visit www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may wish to ask family, friends or neighbours to help you. Alternatively, you can visit one of our libraries to use our computers and ask for support if needed. Anyone who is unable to access the survey online or attend one of the sessions can call 01942 489004 (weekdays 8am-6pm and Saturdays 8am-12:30pm between 17th October and 10th December).



Leigh Journal, 17 November 2022

Leigh Journal

Tyldesley and Atherton

Thursday
November 17,
2022

leighjournal.co.uk

TRUSTED NEWS READ BY 54,112 EVERY MONTH *Page 2

ONLY 50p

Christmas television appeal in memory of Holly

Full story on page 4



Toone signs new Utd deal

Turn to page 3



INSIDE - Seven-day TV guide and four puzzle pages

MAN JAILED FOR ASSAULT OF TEEN GIRL



BEHIND BARS:
Michael Owen

See
P11



Planning for the Future...

Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People

What are your priorities for the future of Wigan Borough?
Please complete the online survey today www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040

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Posters and leaflets

Leaflet

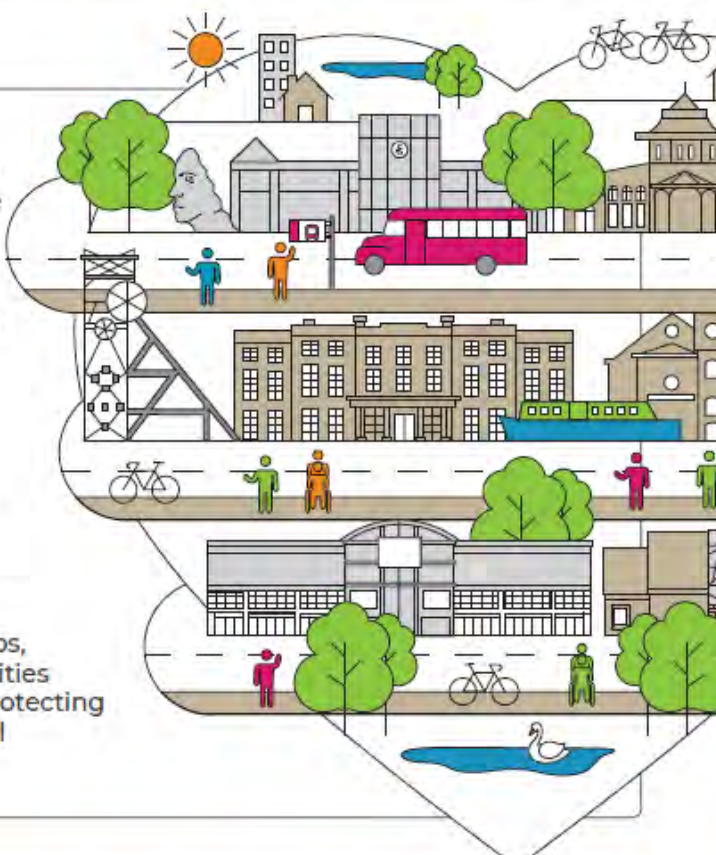
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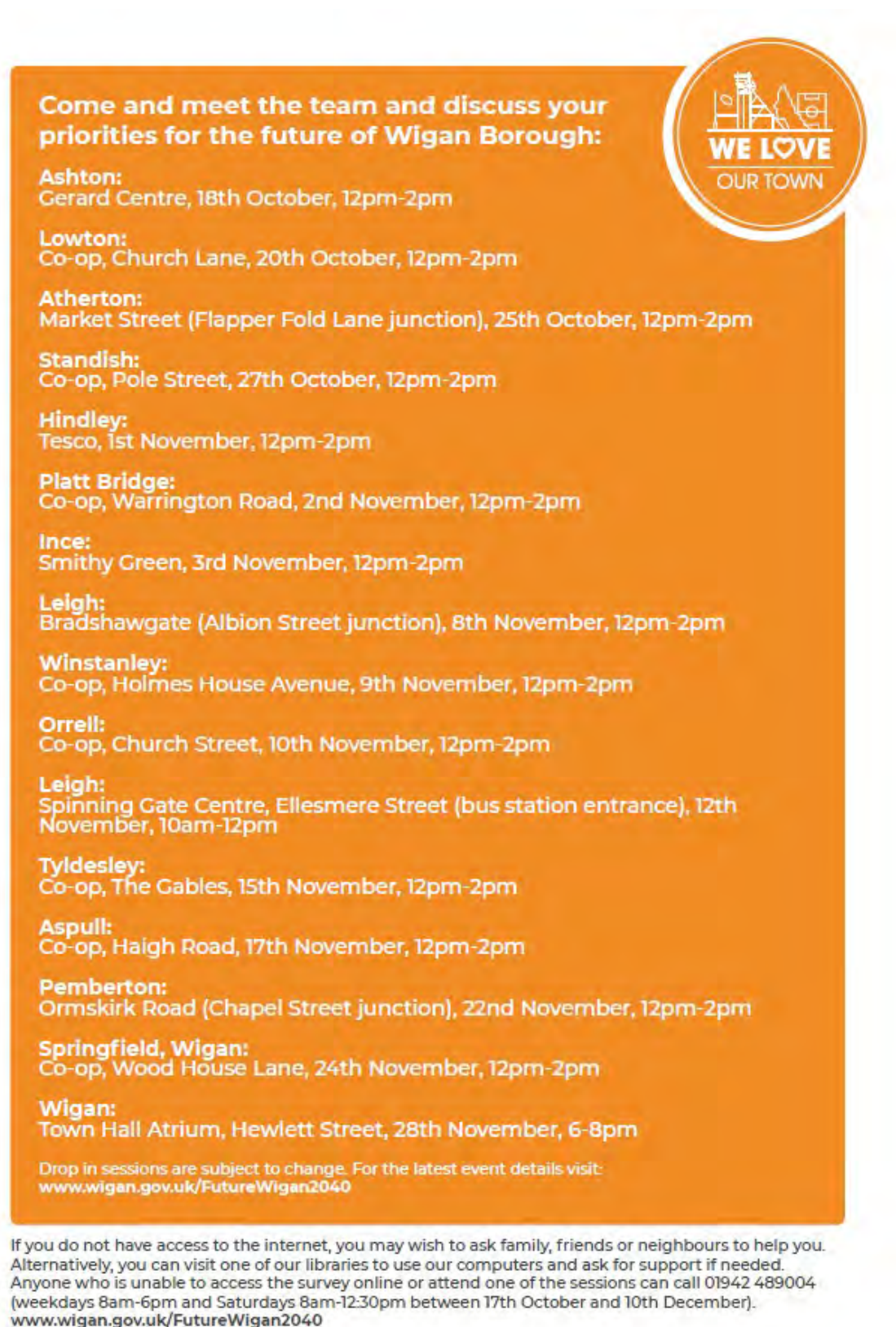




What are your priorities for the future of Wigan Borough?

Come have your say at one of the drop-in sessions (see over for details), or complete the online survey at: www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureWigan2040

Online survey to be completed by 11th December 2022.



Come and meet the team and discuss your priorities for the future of Wigan Borough:

Ashton:
Gerard Centre, 18th October, 12pm-2pm

Lowton:
Co-op, Church Lane, 20th October, 12pm-2pm

Atherton:
Market Street (Flapper Fold Lane junction), 25th October, 12pm-2pm

Standish:
Co-op, Pole Street, 27th October, 12pm-2pm

Hindley:
Tesco, 1st November, 12pm-2pm

Platt Bridge:
Co-op, Warrington Road, 2nd November, 12pm-2pm

Ince:
Smithy Green, 3rd November, 12pm-2pm

Leigh:
Bradshawgate (Albion Street junction), 8th November, 12pm-2pm

Winstanley:
Co-op, Holmes House Avenue, 9th November, 12pm-2pm

Orrell:
Co-op, Church Street, 10th November, 12pm-2pm

Leigh:
Spinning Gate Centre, Ellesmere Street (bus station entrance), 12th November, 10am-12pm

Tyldesley:
Co-op, The Gables, 15th November, 12pm-2pm

Aspull:
Co-op, Haigh Road, 17th November, 12pm-2pm

Pemberton:
Ormskirk Road (Chapel Street junction), 22nd November, 12pm-2pm

Springfield, Wigan:
Co-op, Wood House Lane, 24th November, 12pm-2pm

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Around 2,000 leaflets were distributed. In addition to handing them out on the street at the engagement in the community sessions, these were made available in borough libraries and leisure centres and both the Grand Arcade and Leigh Spinning Gate shopping centres.

Paper questionnaire

Extract of questionnaire available on request – see leaflet and adverts etc

The image shows a printed questionnaire from Wigan Council. The title is 'Questionnaire: Planning for the Future'. It contains three main sections. Section 1 asks for an email address for feedback, with a data protection statement and a text box for the email. Section 2 asks where the respondent lives or has the strongest connection to in Wigan Borough, with a list of 13 areas and an 'Other' option. Section 3 asks for key priorities to shape the future of the area over the next 10-20 years, with a large empty box for the response. The Wigan Council logo is in the top right corner.

Wigan Council

Questionnaire: Planning for the Future

1. Please can we have your email address so that we can feedback to you on the results of this survey and keep you informed.

We will use your email address only in connection with future work directly related back to this questionnaire.

We will not share it with anyone else and you will be able to unsubscribe at any time. When you do, we will delete your email address from our records.

Data Protection Statement: The information which you give when completing this survey will only be used for the purposes of this consultation and will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and is GDPR compliant. No information that would identify you as an individual will be published. The information will be kept securely and will be kept no longer than necessary.

Please insert your email address below:

2. Where do you live or have the strongest connection to in Wigan Borough?

(Please tick)

☐ Aspull

☐ Ashton-in-Makerfield

☐ Atherton

☐ Golborne / Lowton

☐ Hindley

☐ Ince-in-Makerfield

☐ Leigh

☐ Orrell / Billinge

☐ Platt Bridge / Abram

☐ Shevington

☐ Standish

☐ Tyldesley / Astley

☐ Wigan

☐ Other:

3. What do you think should be the key priorities to shape the future of your area over the next 10-20 years?

Number received: 2

Engagement in the community

Ashton-in-Makerfield

Gerard Centre, 18 October 12-2pm
- number of conversations / survey responses: 21



Atherton

Market Street (Flapper Fold Lane junction), 25 October 12-2pm –
number of conversations / survey responses: 7



Lowton

Co-op, Church Lane, 20 October 12-2pm – number of conversations / survey responses: 17



Standish

Co-op, Pole Street, 27 October 12-2pm – number of conversations / survey responses: 23

Hindley

Tesco, 1 November 12-2pm –
number of conversations / survey responses: 18

Platt Bridge

Co-op, Warrington Road, 2 November 12-2pm – number of conversations / survey responses: 18



Ince

Smithy Green, 3 November 12-2pm – number of conversations / survey responses: 15



conversations / survey responses: 13



Leigh

Bradshawgate (Albion Street junction) 8 November 12-2pm – number of conversations / survey responses: 22



Leigh:

Spinning Gate Centre, Ellesmere Street (bus station entrance) and Bradshawgate (Albion Street junction), 12 November 10am-12pm – number of conversations / survey responses: 36



Winstanley

Co-op, Holmes House Avenue, 9 November 12-2pm – number of conversations / survey responses: 8

Orrell

Co-op, Church Street, 10 November 12-2pm – number of

Tyldesley

Co-op, The Gables, 15 November
12-2pm – number of conversations
/ survey responses: 13



Wigan

Town Hall Atrium, Hewlett Street,
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conversations / survey responses:
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Aspull

Co-op, Haigh Road, 17 November
12-2pm – number of conversations
/ survey responses: 4

Pemberton: Ormskirk Road
(Chapel Street junction), 22
November 12-2pm – number of
conversations / survey responses:
13



Springfield, Wigan

Co-op, Wood House Lane, 24
November 12-2pm – number of
conversations / survey responses:
8

Internal communications

Weekly email to all council staff, Friday 28 October

Included the following content:



Planning for the future

During the recent Big Conversation - Shaping our future, we asked you to help us decide our future priorities and if you had any ideas and thoughts on how we could do things differently to save money. Now it's our residents turn!

We want as many residents as possible to have their say about the future of our borough and to help us address some of our biggest challenges like fighting climate change, improving housing affordability, protecting our heritage and natural environment, plus ensuring we have enough homes, jobs, leisure and cultural facilities and infrastructure.

If you're a resident of the borough, [please complete the questionnaire](#), get involved and have your say by 11th December 2022.

Your views are really important to us and will inform the preparation of a new Wigan Local Plan which will help shape and manage how the borough develops over the next 15-20 years.

For more information, visit [Future Wigan 2040](#).

Wigan Council BeWigan Staff Facebook Group, 4 November 2022



Meetings with community groups

Council planners attended the following **Community Network** meetings to publicise and discuss the engagement amongst community groups, and circulate some leaflets, as follows:

Date	Neighbourhood	Venue	Contacts attended
11/11/2022 (6-7.30pm)	SWAN (South Wigan and Ashton North)	Clifton St Community Centre, Clifton Street, Wigan WN3 5HN	• Better Brighter Orrell • Friends of Parsons Meadow • Cllr Hurst (Orrell) • Cllr Rotherham (Worsley Mesnes)
14/11/2022 (6-7.30pm)	Leigh	Higher Folds Community Centre, Stirling Close, Leigh WN7 2UB	• Groundwork • Christians Against Poverty • The Baby Room at Spinners CIC

16/11/2022 (1.30-3pm)	PASHI (Platt Bridge, Ashton, Scholes, Hindley, Ince)	Armed Forces Community HQ CIC, Molyneux House, School Lane, Wigan WN1 3SE	• Friends of Low Hall Nature Reserve • Friends of Borsdane Group • Rayner Park Friends Group • Beyond the Binary • Wigan & Leigh Carers Centre • Shines
16/11/2022 (1-3pm)	Wigan Central (Beech Hill, Kitt Green, Marsh Green, Norley Hall, Pemberton, Springfield, Worsley Hall)	St Anne's Community Centre, 152 Beech Hill, Wigan WN6 7TA	• Cllr Cullen (Wigan West)

Planners also attended the meeting of the **Wigan Borough Youth Cabinet** on 8 November in the Rushton Building at Wigan and Leigh College. The meeting was well attended and there were lots of contributions from members of the Youth Cabinet such that we only covered two of the 7 themes in the hour available. Notes of this session are available.

The consultation was also covered at the **Wigan Borough Walking and Cycling Forum** on 16 November, with an outline of the themes focusing on the transport theme, and where to find it online, and leaflets were left on each table for people to take away. Notes of this meeting are available.

The consultation was also covered at the meeting of **Wigan Enterprise Board** on 23 November in the Rushton Building (Central for Alternative Technology) at Wigan and Leigh College, focusing on the jobs theme. There was a good contribution concerning the borough's ambitions and the relationship between the Local Plan and the Economic Vision, as well as planning and other activities that need to be more joined up. Notes of this meeting are available.

Part 2: Ongoing engagement

January – September 2023

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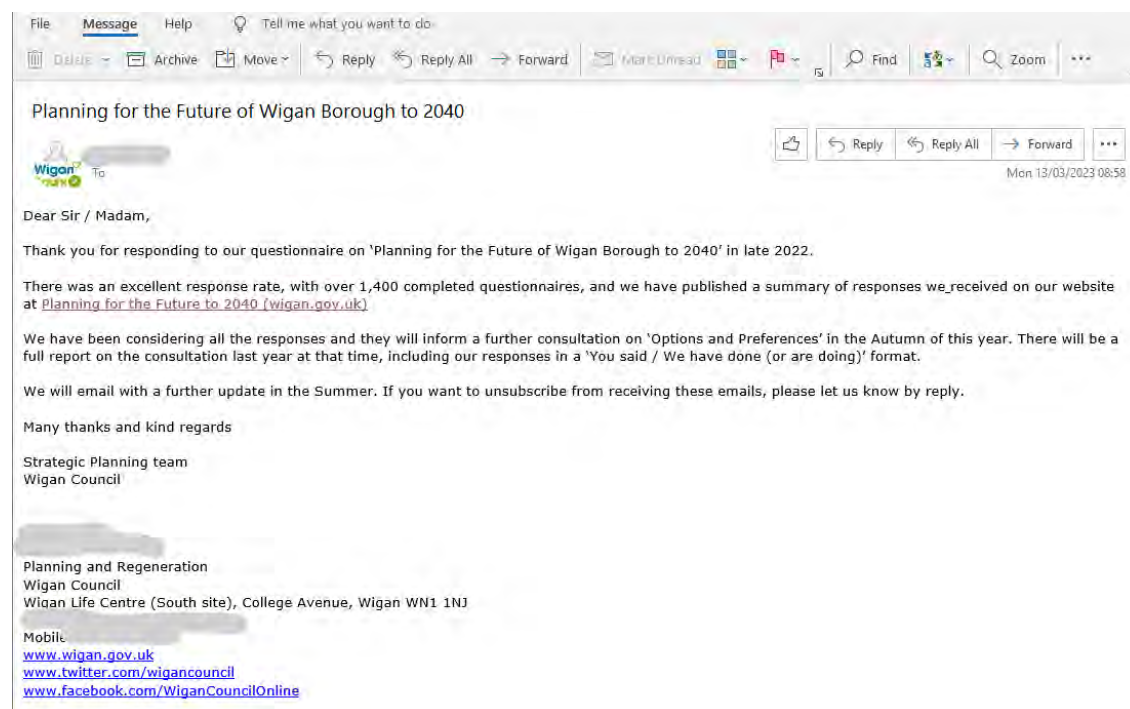
In line with the Statement of Community Involvement, engagement at this stage included:

- Email acknowledgement and initial feedback on the Planning for the Future consultation
- Engaging young people
- Engaging key stakeholders
- A 'Call for Sites' consultation
- Ongoing engagement with stakeholders

Details of these methods of engagement are set out in turn below.

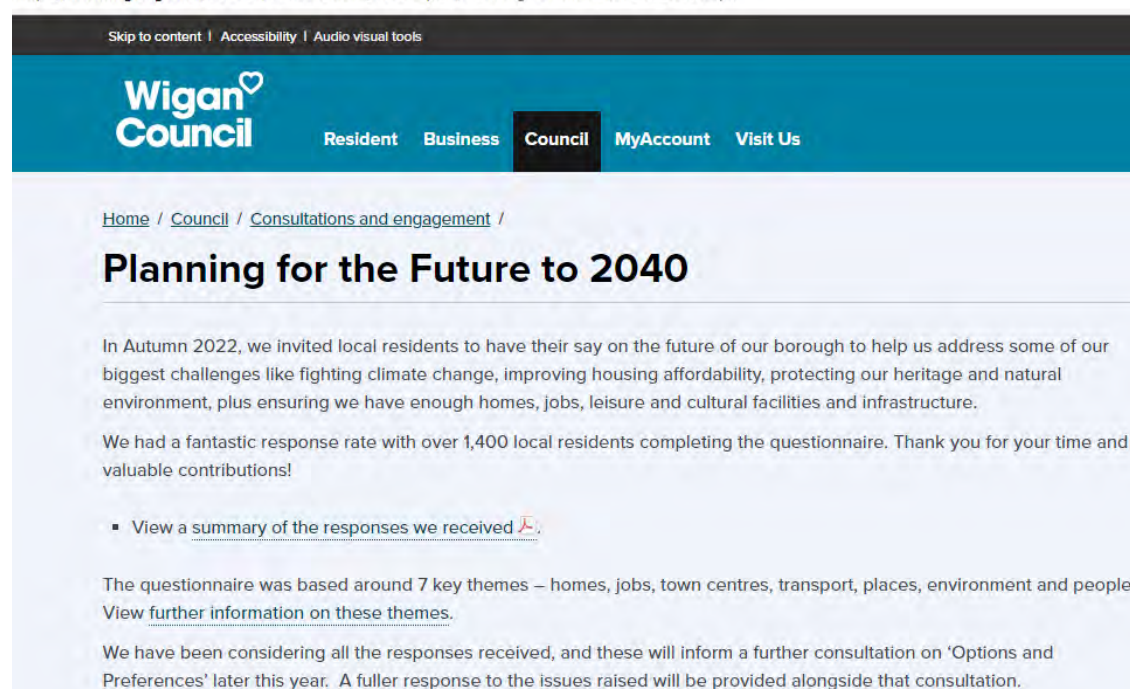
Email acknowledgement and initial feedback on the Planning for the Future consultation

1,156 emails (total does not include emails that bounced back) were sent from planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk on 13 March 2023 to all respondents to our questionnaires during the Planning for the Future consultation, 17 October – 11 December 2022.



The link in those emails was to this webpage:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Planning-for-the-Future-to-2040.aspx>



The summary of the responses we received including the following content hosted at <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Council/Consultations/Planning-for-the-future-responses.pdf> :

Planning for the Future to 2040 – local engagement in Autumn 2022

Key headlines from the questionnaire responses by theme

Homes

- Top priorities for housing: homes for first time buyers, social housing to rent, family homes, special accommodation for older people, and more affordable housing.
- Strong support for adaptable homes meeting people's needs over their lifetime.
- Many respondents believe that there is not a need for more homes and that there is insufficient supporting infrastructure and road capacity to support further development.

Jobs

- Priorities for business sectors to focus on: health and social care, green business sectors, general manufacturing, advanced manufacturing.
- Priorities to help attract and retain businesses: improve transport links, redevelop older industrial areas, make town centres more attractive for business to locate in.
- There was wide support for targeting jobs and training to people locally, providing better paid jobs and providing a wider range of job types from respondents of all age groups and from all areas.
- A number of respondents felt that higher paid jobs were needed in the borough to enable the retention of talented youngsters and graduates.
- Many respondents felt that local business growth would be encouraged through lower rents, reduced business rates and the provision of smaller units to facilitate business start-ups.

Town centres

- Priorities for attracting more visitors to our town centres: more independent shops, bars, cafes and restaurants, creating a safer environment.
- Better transport links to our town centres was also considered a priority
- Many respondents consider their local shops and services as important or very important for meeting their day to day needs.
- A number of respondents were concerned about the range of shops and about anti-social behaviour in town centres

- A number of respondents also wanted more free car parking in Wigan town centre, and more parking provision in many other centres.

Transport

- An integrated, affordable and effective public transport system was most likely to encourage around two-thirds of respondents to travel less by car. Safe, direct and attractive walking routes were also supported.
- A number of respondents however said that nothing would encourage them to reduce their car use, and that roads should not be designed to give more space to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport and less to cars.

Places

- Making people feel safe, social and included, and having good quality greenspace and greenery were the consistent top two priorities for respondents for what new development should do to make places that you would like to live, work or spend time in.
- Many respondents think that conserving our historic buildings is important or very important in making places that they would like to live, work and spend time in.

Environment

- Optimising alternative energy sources, improving public transport, more green infrastructure and retrofitting existing buildings with low carbon / energy efficient measures were considered the priorities to help reduce carbon emissions.
- Improving existing wildlife sites; additional planting in urban areas (including green walls, green roofs, street trees); and increasing woodland and tree cover were considered the top three priorities for supporting wildlife in the borough.

People

- Better access to nature and the natural environment, and access to affordable healthy food were considered the most important factors in supporting people's health and wellbeing. Creating safer and more attractive routes for walking and cycling was also popular, as was the creation of spaces for people to meet and interact.
- Respondents felt that open space and sport provision for children and young people needed to be better provided for in their area.
- Parks and gardens, allotments and community gardens and accessible natural greenspace were also identified by many as needing to be better provided for.
- Additional healthcare provision was considered the top priority needed to support further housing development, with additional primary school provision being the second priority overall, and a community hall or centre the third priority overall.

Engaging young people

It was identified that there was a deficiency in the number and proportion of responses from young people through the Planning for the Future to 2040 consultation in Autumn 2022. Therefore, it was decided that it needed to be supplemented through separate sessions with groups of young people, including from different parts of the borough and different backgrounds.

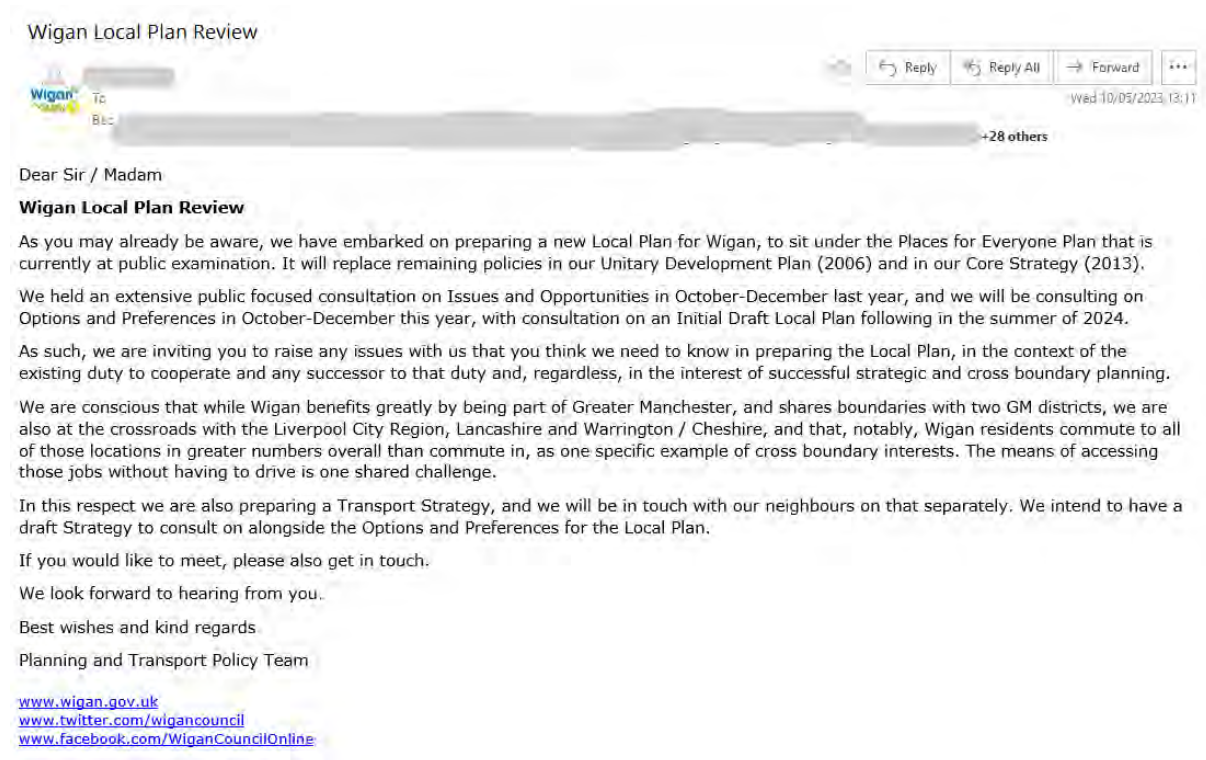
In total 13 focus group sessions were held from March – May 2023 involving 121 young people. The focus groups held are listed below:

- **Byrchall High School** - 11 young people aged 11-15.
- **Standish Community High School** - 9 young people aged 11-14.
- **Hope School** - 8 young people aged 14-18.
- **Engagement Centre (Leigh)** - 6 young people aged 13-15.
- **St Mary's Catholic High School** – 10 young people aged 14-15.
- **Wigan & Leigh College** – 8 young people aged 16-18.
- **Winstanley College** – 9 young people aged 16-18.
- **Leigh Prince's Trust team** – 6 young people aged 16-24.
- **St John Fisher Catholic High School** – 16 young people aged 11-15.
- **BYOU (Wigan Youth Zone)** – 13 young people aged 13-18.
- **Global Friends (Leigh Youth Hub)** – 17 young people aged 13-18.
- **Care Leavers Hub** – 4 young people aged 21-25.
- **Care Leavers Hub** – 4 young people aged 16-20.

Engaging key stakeholders

109 emails (total does not include emails that bounced back) were sent from planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk on 10 May 2023, including to neighbouring councils and strategic bodies (email copied below), other statutory bodies, local community groups and representatives and other local organisations and residents groups, with changes of emphasis in content after the first two paragraphs to the different groups as applicable.

Specifically, the emails invited all parties to raise any issues with us that they think we need to know in preparing the Local Plan.



Related to the above, 259 similar emails (total does not include emails that bounced back) were sent from planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk on 11 May 2023 to landowners and developers, commercial agents and planning consultancies, which also invited them to raise any issues with us that they think we need to know in preparing the Local Plan. These emails also included a call for any sites they wanted to promote through the Local Plan process.

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Wigan Local Plan Review, including call for sites



Dear Sir / Madam

Wigan Local Plan Review, including call for sites

As you may already be aware, we have embarked on preparing a new Local Plan for Wigan, to sit under the Places for Everyone Plan that is currently at public examination. It will replace remaining policies in our Unitary Development Plan (2006) and in our Core Strategy (2013).

We held an extensive public focused consultation on Issues and Opportunities in October-December last year, and we will be consulting on Options and Preferences in October-December this year, with consultation on an Initial Draft Local Plan following in the summer of 2024.

As such, if you haven't already, we are inviting you to raise any issues with us that you think we need to know in preparing the Local Plan, in the interest of successful local planning.

Included in this is a call for any sites you want to promote through the Local Plan process, although it is not our intention to further amend the Green Belt for housing allocations following the amendments through the Places for Everyone Plan.

If you would like to meet, please also get in touch, although we will have to manage the demand for meetings carefully in order to make sure we can deliver the plan consultation on time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes and kind regards.

Planning and Transport Policy Team

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Call for Sites

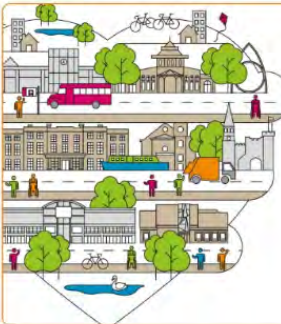
In addition to the emails sent as noted above, content was also included as part of Business Bulletin Issue 34 - May 2023, from business@wigan.gov.uk to 1,269 recipients, predominantly local businesses and charities/CIC's.

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Wigan Local Plan Review, including call for sites



Planning for the Future...

Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places |
Transport | Environment | People

The Council's planning team is working on a new Local Plan for Wigan, to sit under the Places for Everyone Plan that is currently at public examination (that covers 9 Greater Manchester districts – not Stockport). The Local Plan will replace remaining policies in our Unitary Development Plan (2006) and in our Core Strategy (2013).

They held an extensive public focused consultation on Issues and Opportunities in October-December last year, and will be consulting on Options and Preferences in October-December this year, with consultation on an Initial Draft Local Plan following in the summer of 2024.

At this stage, they are inviting you to raise any issues with them that you think they need to know in preparing the Local Plan, in the interest of successful local planning.

Included in this is a call for any sites you want to see promoted through the Local Plan process, although it is not our intention to further amend the Green Belt for housing allocations following the amendments through the Places for Everyone Plan.

Everyone Plan.

If you would like to get in touch with them about issues to be addressed or about sites to promote, please email planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk, **before the end of June.**

If you would like to go on their mailing list for future consultations, please email planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk.

Ongoing engagement with stakeholders

This table sets out a summary record of ongoing engagement with key stakeholders:

Date	Name	Description	Outcome / next steps
29/06/23	Meeting with Wigan Enterprise Board	Presentation to the Wigan Enterprise Board on the Local Plan, key emerging issues and EMELA. (DP and NC)	
19/07/23	Meeting with WWL NHS Foundation Trust	Presentation to the WWL NHS Trust Board on the Local Plan, key development sites in Wigan Town Centre and future joint working. (DK and DP)	Commitment from both Wigan Council and the WWL NHS Foundation Trust to collaborate on planning issues going forward, as appropriate, including on the preparation of the Local Plan.

Part 3: Options and Preferences – Planning for the Future to 2040

24 October – 18 December 2023

Part 3: Options and Preferences – Planning for the Future to 2040

In line with the Statement of Community Involvement, engagement at this stage included:

- Website coverage
- Community engagement events
- Media releases
- Social media posts
- Facebook adverts
- Internal emails and bulletins
- External email notifications
- Newspaper / webpage adverts and articles
- Posters and leaflets
- Engagement in the community
- Internal communications
- Meetings with stakeholders

Details of these methods of engagement are set out in turn below.

Website

The screenshot shows the Wigan Council website with the URL <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Planning-for-the-Future-to-2040.aspx>. The page title is "Wigan Borough Local Plan: Planning for the Future to 2040". The content includes:

- A breadcrumb trail: Home / Council / Consultations and engagement /
- A main heading: **Wigan Borough Local Plan: Planning for the Future to 2040**
- Text: "We are preparing a new Local Plan for Wigan Borough, to sit under the emerging Places for Everyone Plan. On adoption, it will replace remaining policies in our Unitary Development Plan (2006) and in our Core Strategy (2013). Consultation is taking place on Options and Preferences for our Local Plan from 24 October - 18 December 2023. The Local Plan will be informed by a robust and up-to-date evidence base, which is currently in the process of being reviewed and updated."
- A link: [View Local Plan evidence base.](#)
- Text: "Local residents and key stakeholders will have the opportunity to be involved throughout the plan's preparation, including through formal consultation at key stages."
- A link: [View the consultation on the Wigan Local Plan.](#)
- Text: "The Local Plan will be subject to [Integrated Assessment](#) to ensure that sustainability, health and equality issues are taken into account during plan preparation."

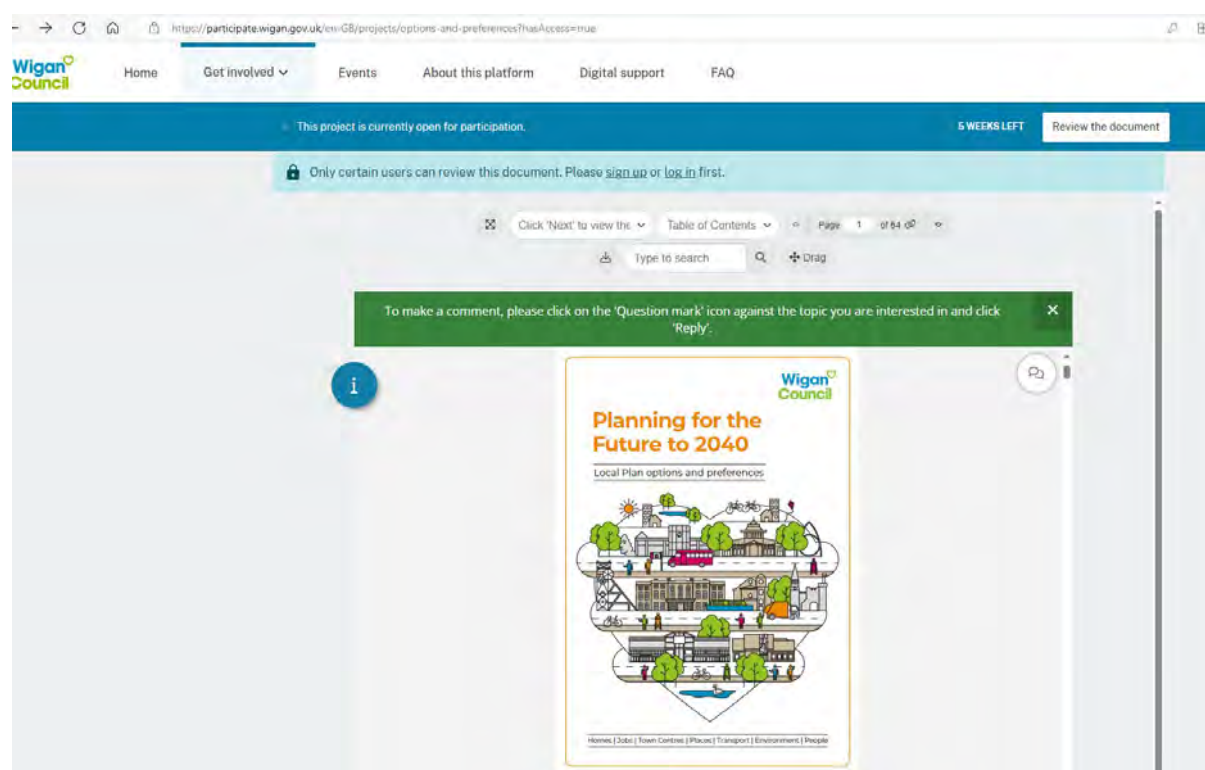
On the right, there is a sidebar titled "In this section" with a link to "Planning for the Future to 2040" and a list of themes: Planning for the Future to 2040 - Key themes, Theme: Homes, Theme: Jobs, Theme: Town centres, Theme: Transport, Theme: Places, Theme: Environment, Theme: People.

Subsequent links to Options and Preferences consultation webpage

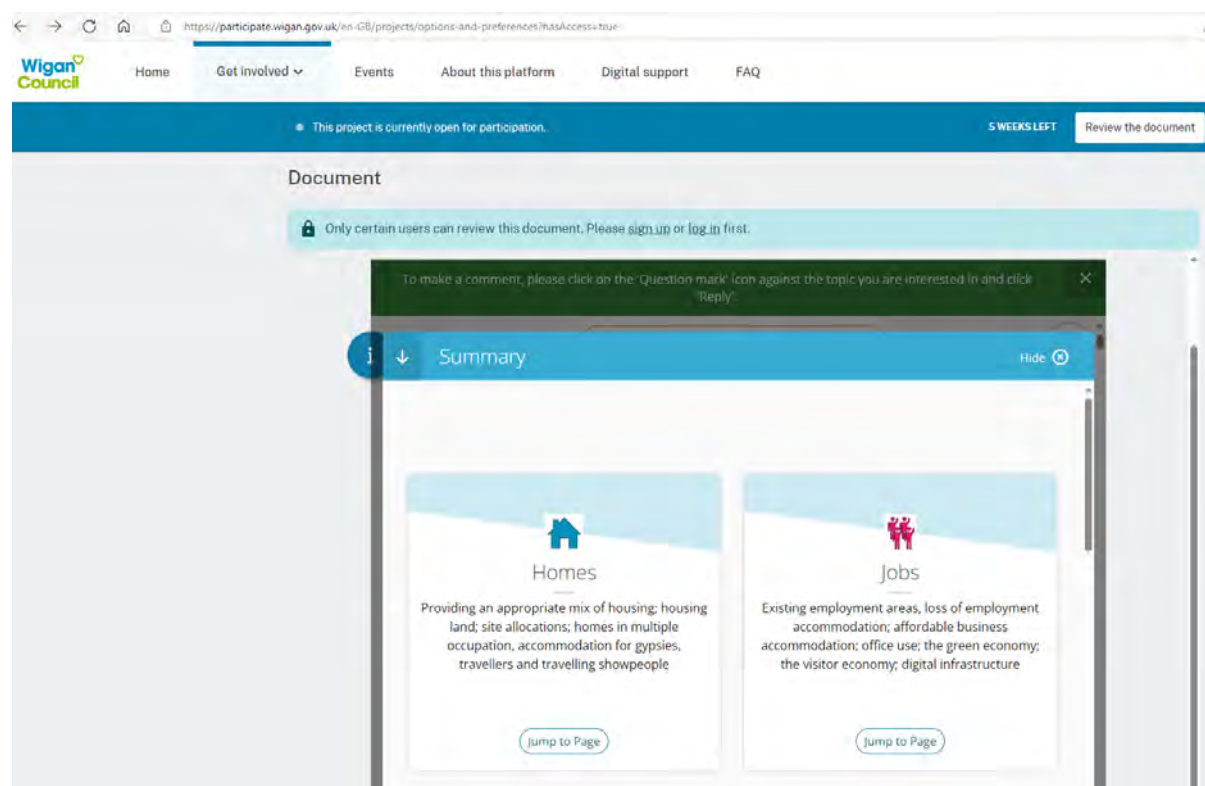
The screenshot shows the "Options and Preferences" consultation webpage. The URL is <https://participate.wigan.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/options-and-preferences>. The page features a navigation bar with links: Home, Get involved, Events, About this platform, Digital support, and FAQ. The main content area includes:

- A header: "Local Plan - Planning for our future to 2040." with a "Follow (162)" button.
- A large aerial photograph of Wigan.
- A section titled "Options and preferences" with the subheading "Welcome to this Options and Preferences consultation for the new Wigan Borough Local Plan."
- Text: "We intend the Local Plan to be ambitious for the future of the borough, and this is a key stage for people to get involved."
- Text: "The Options and Preferences have been informed by what people told us at the initial 'Issues and Opportunities' consultation stage in Autumn 2022, and this consultation will inform the Initial Draft Local Plan, which will be published in 2024."
- Text: "The views of local residents, businesses and other stakeholders are really important to us, so we encourage you to review the document and to share your views."
- A section titled "To view and make comments:" with the text: "You can view and make comments on the Options and Preferences document below until 23:59 on **Monday 18 December 2023**."
- A sidebar titled "About" with the following information: 2 phases, 1 document to review in the current phase, 10 events, and a "Share" link.
- Two buttons: "See upcoming events" and "Review the document".

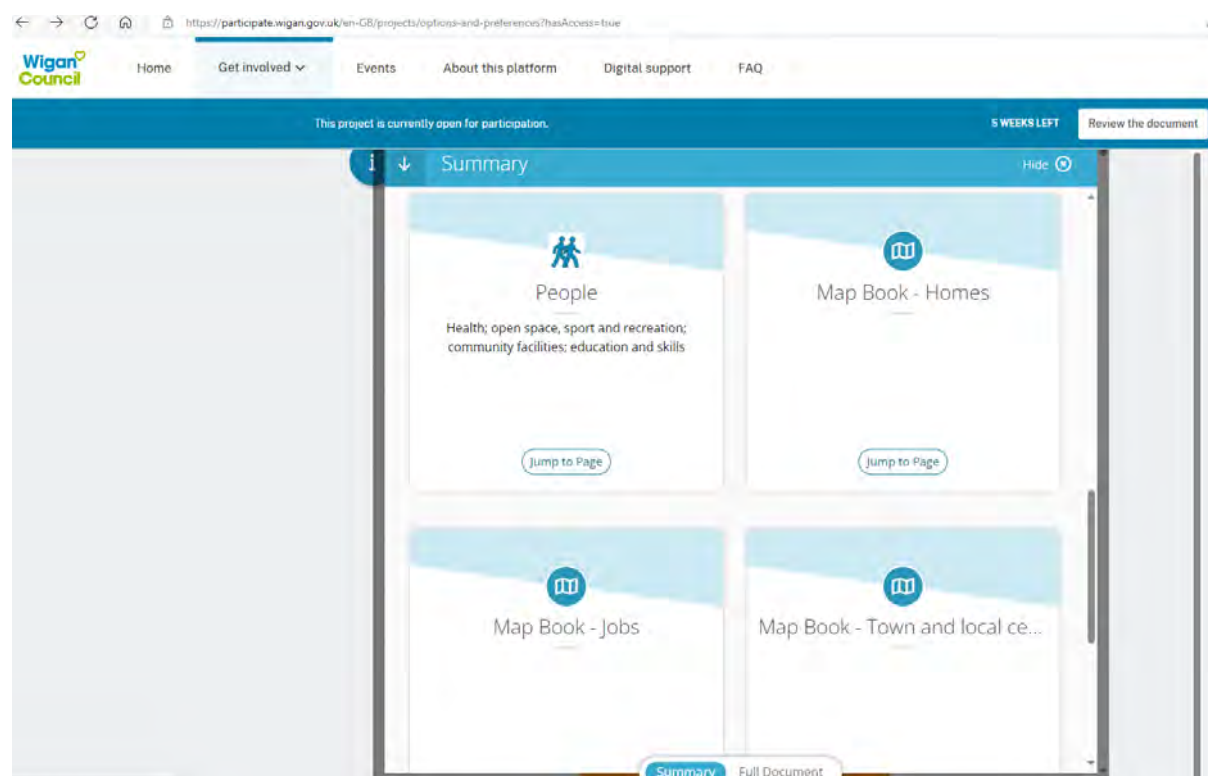
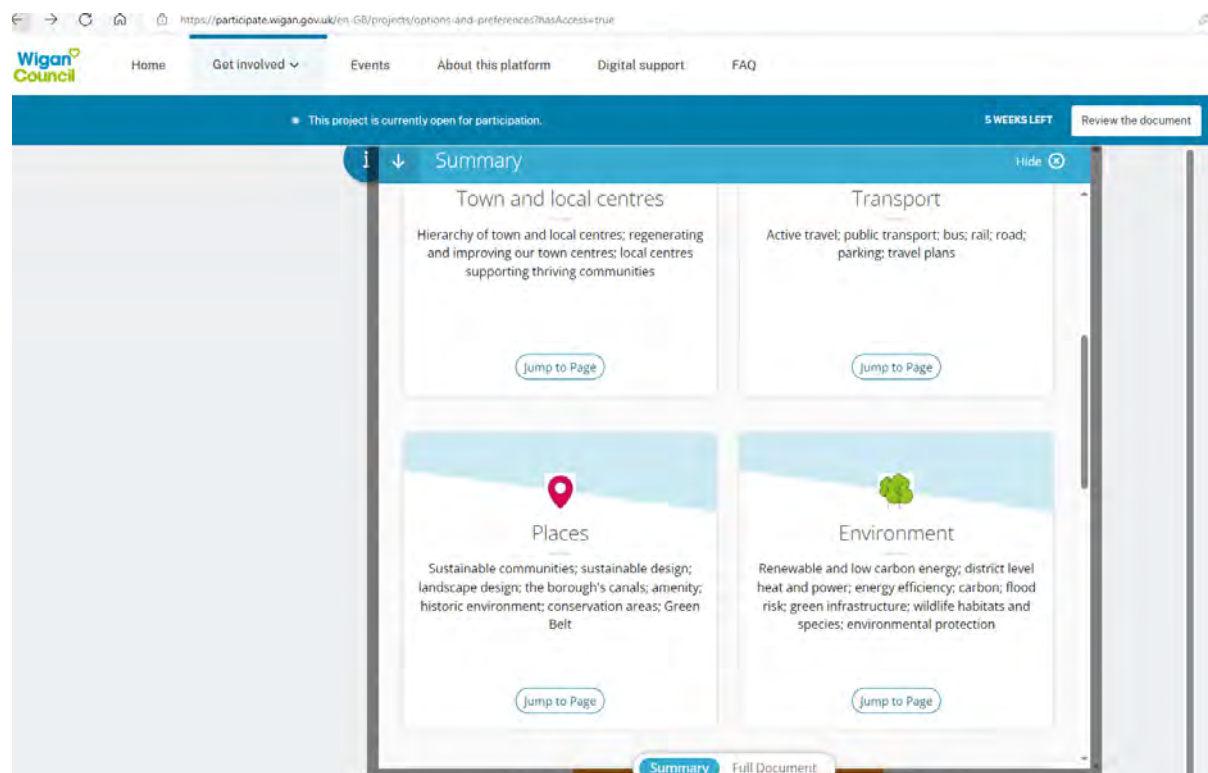
Links to: Options and Preferences consultation document



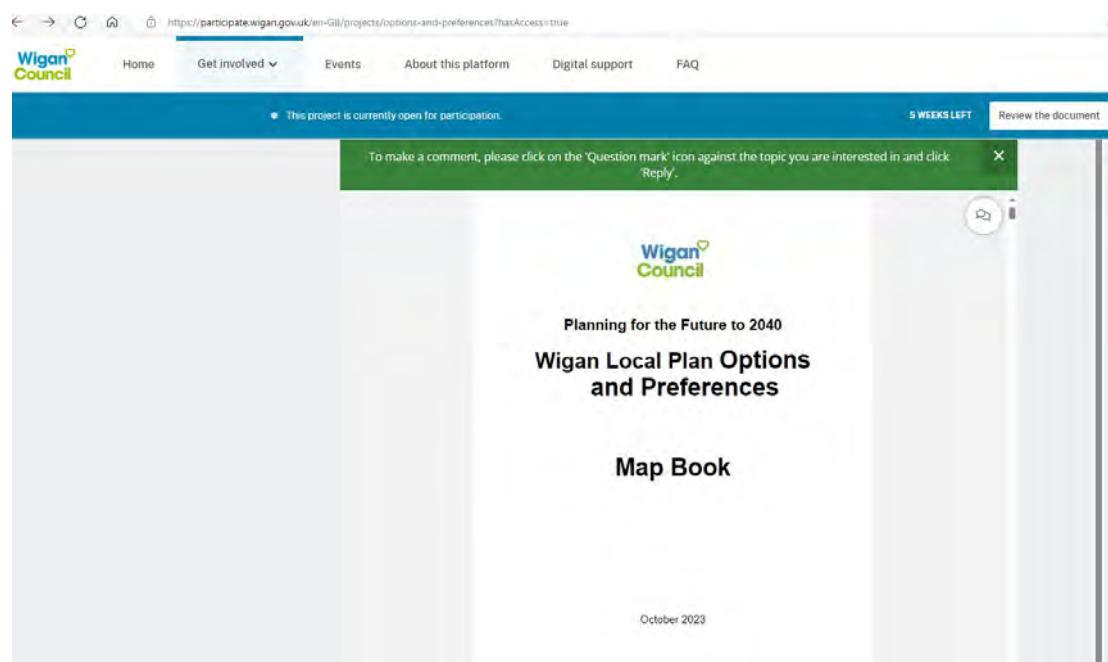
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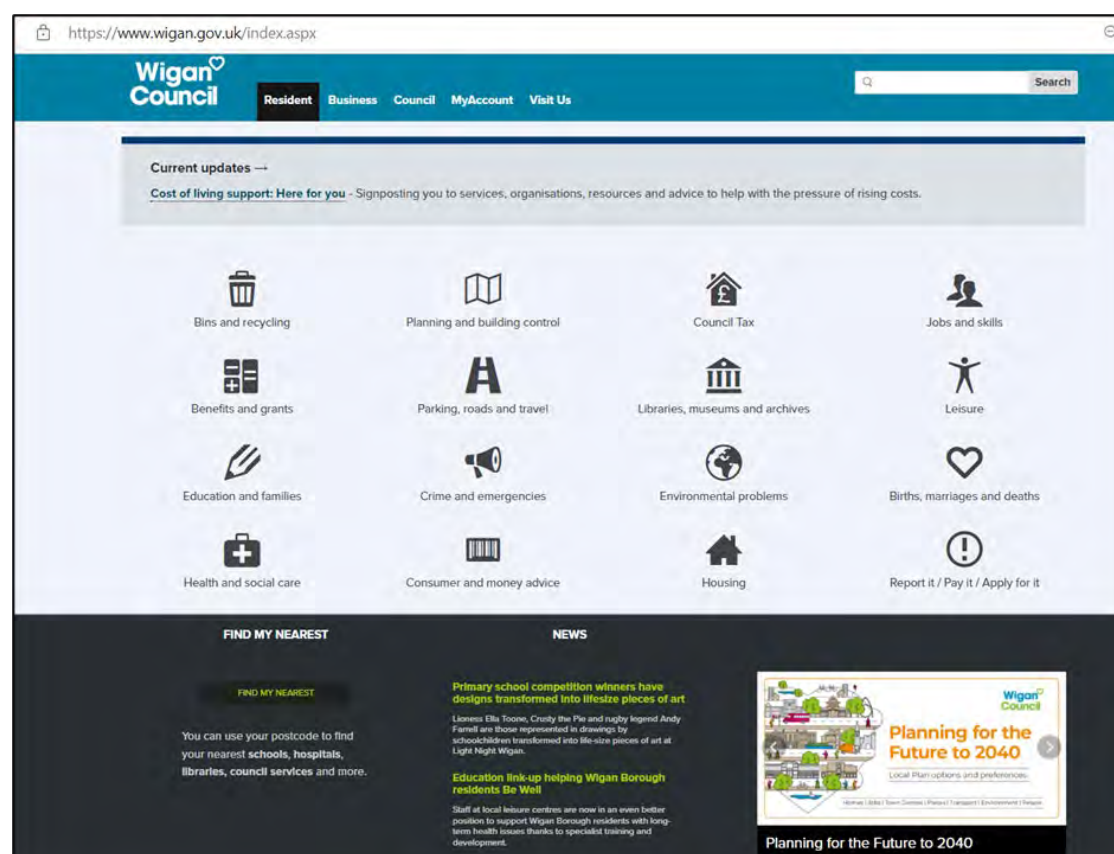
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Links to: Options and Preferences consultation Map Book



Consultation publicised on Wigan Council's home webpage



Community engagement events

An extract of the Council's Options and Preferences summary webpage, continued.

The screenshot displays the Wigan Council's 'Options and Preferences' webpage. The page features a navigation bar with links to Home, Get involved, Events, About this platform, Digital support, and FAQ. A status bar indicates the project is open for participation with 5 weeks left and a 'Review the document' button. The main content is divided into two sections: 'Upcoming and ongoing events' and 'Past events'. Each event card provides details on the date, time, location, and number of attendees, along with an 'Attend' or 'Read more' button.

Upcoming and ongoing events

Event Title	Date	Time	Location	Attendees	Action
Planning for the future to 2040 - Atherton	09 NOV 2023	9 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Atherton Town Hall	14 attending	Attend
Planning for the future to 2040 - Ashton-in-Makerfield	14 NOV 2023	14 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	The Salvation Army	11 attending	Attend
Planning for the future to 2040 - Pemberton	15 NOV 2023	15 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Lamberhead Green Working Men's Club	10 attending	Attend
Planning for the future to 2040 - Standish	16 NOV 2023	16 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Standish Community Centre	24 attending	Attend
Planning for the future to 2040 - Wigan	21 NOV 2023	21 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Sunshine House Community Hub	16 attending	Attend
Planning for the future to 2040 - Golborne	22 NOV 2023	22 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club	14 attending	Attend

Past events

Event Title	Date	Time	Location	Action
Planning for the future to 2040 - Leigh	07 NOV 2023	7 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	The Turnpike Gallery	Read more
Planning for the future to 2040 - Platt Bridge	02 NOV 2023	2 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Platt Bridge Community Zone	Read more
Planning for the future to 2040 - Hindley	01 NOV 2023	1 November 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Hindley Library	Read more
Planning for the future to 2040 - Tyldesley	31 OCT 2023	31 October 2023 • 19:00-21:00	Tyldesley Rugby Union Football Club	Read more

Media Releases

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Take part in planning for the future of your borough

'Planning for the future to 2040'- Wigan Council's second consultation to prepare a Local Plan for the borough to 2040- is now open.

Local Plans set out a vision for how a borough can grow and develop into the future, including sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure.

Councillor David Molyneux MBE, Leader of Wigan Council, said: "Local Plans are really important documents, setting out the council's ambitions and visions for the borough and how we plan to get there alongside our businesses, residents and wider communities.

"With vital themes including homes, jobs, town and local centres, transport, places, environment, and people, this consultation is a really important opportunity to have your say on the future of your borough and what it could look like in 15 years' time."

'Planning for the future to 2040' sets out proposals for an ambitious future for our town and local centres, identifying key centres across our borough, and how the council and partners can work together to ensure they thrive.

It also sets out a vision for transport in our borough including ambitions for the new rail station at Golborne, advocating for metrolink to come here, and ensuring a strong Bee Network offer in our borough.

Housing is another key issue, ensuring there are the right homes for our population, from affordable homes and houses designed for families and older people, and ensuring developers contribute to infrastructure from roads to healthcare.

Coun Molyneux, added “This ‘options and preferences’ consultation covers a lot of ground, building on what residents told us in the consultation late last year.

“This second phase of the consultation gives residents the opportunity to tell us what they think about our ideas so far, including potential sites for development based on emerging priorities and demand.

“This consultation closes on Monday, December 18. To have your say, please visit bit.ly/optionsandpreferences or you can find a hard copy of the consultation pack in public libraries across the borough.

“There will be also 10 consultation workshops held across the borough, all from 7pm, for people to find out more and take part, with a particular focus on that area.”

The workshops are:

Tuesday 31 October: Tyldesley Rugby Union Club, **Tyldesley**

Wednesday 1 November: Hindley Library and Community Centre, **Hindley**

Thursday 2 November: Platt Bridge Community Zone, **Platt Bridge**

Monday 6 November: Sunshine House, Scholes, **Wigan**

Tuesday 7 November: The Turnpike Gallery, **Leigh**

Thursday 9 November: Atherton Town Hall, **Atherton**

Tuesday 14 November: Salvation Army, Chapel Street, **Ashton**

Wednesday 15 November: Lamberhead Working Men's Club, **Pemberton**

Thursday 16 November: Standish Community Centre, **Standish**

Wednesday 22 November: Golborne Parkside Club, **Golborne**

Residents are being encouraged to book to attend these events. To book a place at one of these events, please visit bit.ly/optionsandpreferences

Media release



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04 December 2023

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Last chance to have your say on major Wigan Borough plan

A consultation phase of a major Wigan Borough development plan closes this month with everyone urged to have their say.

Planning for the Future to 2040 is Wigan Council's second consultation on its Local Plan; a vision for how the borough can grow and develop, including sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure.

The deadline for responses is midnight on Monday, December 18, with residents across the borough encouraged to share their feedback.

Councillor David Molyneux MBE, Leader of Wigan Council, said: "This 'options and preferences' consultation gives residents the chance to comment on the council's ideas for the future of our borough, and really make their voices heard.

"The document is split into seven themes- homes, jobs, town and local centres, transport, places, environment and people- so you can comment on all of it, or just jump to the bit you are interested in and give us your thoughts.

"Please have a look at the plan and have your say, this is about the future of our borough for the next 20 years."

Proposals include identifying key centres for the borough and how they can be sustainable and thrive, ambitions for the rail network including a new station at Golborne; advocating for Metrolink extensions, ensuring we have the right homes for the future, playing our part to tackle the climate crisis, and much more.

For more information and to take part in the consultation, visit bit.ly/OptionsAndPreferences

Hard copies of the consultation papers can also be found at local libraries.

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Social media posts

Wigan Council Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn

LinkedIn and X – 18 October 2023

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📌 Our next Planning for the Future consultation launches next week

This paper sets out options and preferences, and builds on the feedback that we received during last year's consultation

There will also be 10 consultation events across the borough where you can come have your say and ask any questions you might have:

- Tues 31 Oct, Tyldesley
- Wed 1 Nov, Hindley
- Thurs 2 Nov, Platt Bridge
- Mon 6 Nov, Wigan
- Tues 7 Nov, Leigh
- Thurs 9 Nov, Atherton
- Tues 14 Nov, Ashton
- Wed 15 Nov, Pemberton
- Thurs 16 Nov, Standish
- Wed 22 Nov, Golborne

Find out more and book at 📌 <https://ow.ly/2szh50PY2I1>



The graphic features a stylized illustration of a town with various buildings, trees, and a bus. The text 'Planning for the Future...' is prominently displayed in orange. Below it, the Wigan Council logo is shown. At the bottom, there is a list of topics: Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People.

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This paper builds on the feedback that we received during last year's consultation and there will be 10 consultation events across the borough

Find out more and book at 📌 ow.ly/hHY350PY2I2



The graphic is similar to the one above, but includes the text 'Local Plan options and preferences' and 'ALT' in the bottom left corner. The list of topics at the bottom is: Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People.

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We've set out proposals and ideas for how our borough could look in 15 years time from 🏠 homes, 💼 jobs, 🏘️ town & local centres, 🚗 transport, 🌳 places, 🌱 environment, and 👤 people

Have your say and sign up for one of our ten workshops in locations across our borough

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📌 Do you want to help us plan for the future to 2040?

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📌 participate.wigan.gov.uk/en-GB/projects...



The graphic features a stylized illustration of a town with various buildings, trees, and a bus. The text 'Planning for the Future to 2040' is prominently displayed in orange. Below it, the Wigan Council logo is shown. At the bottom, there is a list of topics: Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People.



Instagram and LinkedIn- 3 Nov 2023



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'A place where people are proud to live, with a range of attractive and affordable housing options that meet the needs of all.'

That's our initial vision for homes in Wigan Borough by 2040

Find out how we plan to get there and have your say in our Planning for the Future to 2040 consultation

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Facebook and X – 6 November 2023

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Our second consultation of 'Planning for the Future to 2040' has started, and we're holding workshops throughout the borough for people to have their say and find out more.

📅 **TONIGHT!** Monday 6 November, 7pm, Sunshine House, Scholes
📅 **TOMORROW!** Tuesday 7 November, 7pm, Turnpike Gallery Leigh
📅 Thursday 9 November, 7pm, Atherton Town Hall, Atherton

Book your place here 👉 <https://participate.wigan.gov.uk/.../options-and-preferences>



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Book your place here 👉 participate.wigan.gov.uk/en-GB/projects...



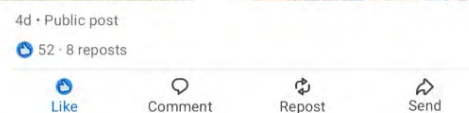
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"A place with a range of strong, vibrant and diverse town centres which serve their local communities and where people want to spend time."

That's our initial vision for town and local centres in Wigan Borough by 2040.

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'A place where people can travel safely and conveniently both within, and to destinations outside the borough, with active travel the first and natural choice for short journeys.'

That's our initial vision for transport in Wigan Borough by 2040.

Find out how we plan to get there and have your say in our Planning for the Future consultation

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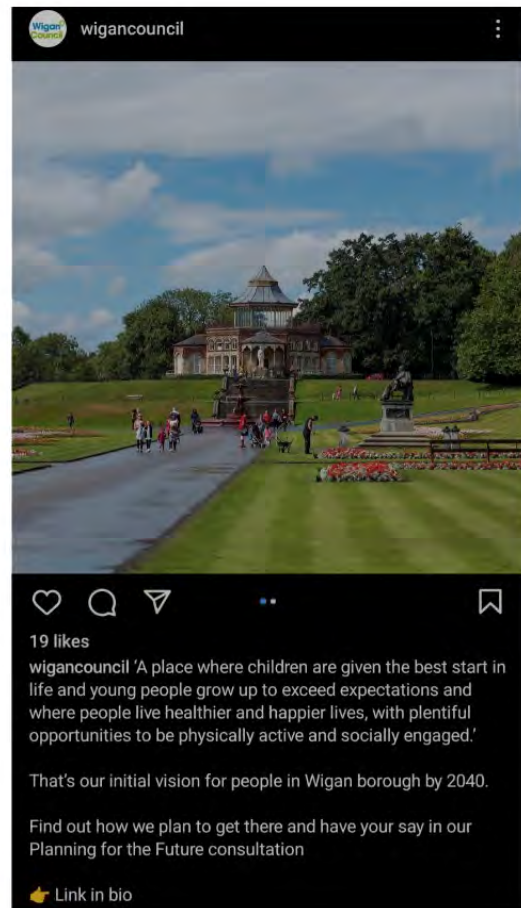
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That's our initial vision for people in Wigan borough by 2040.

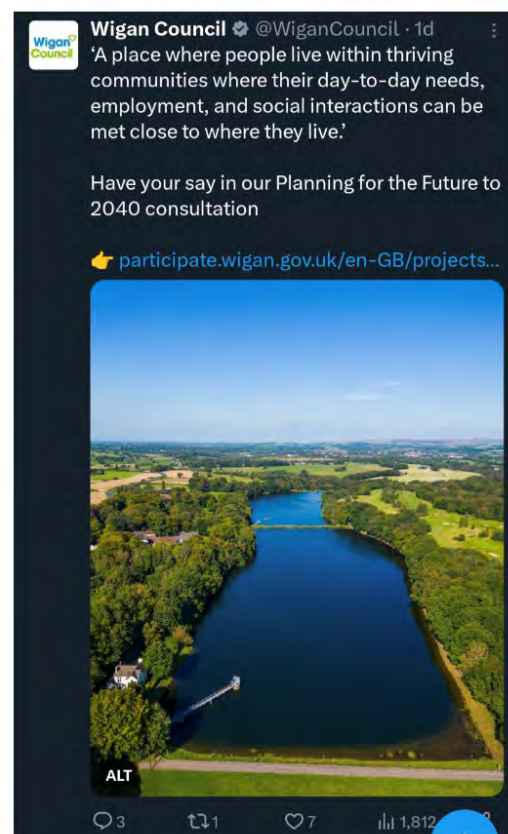
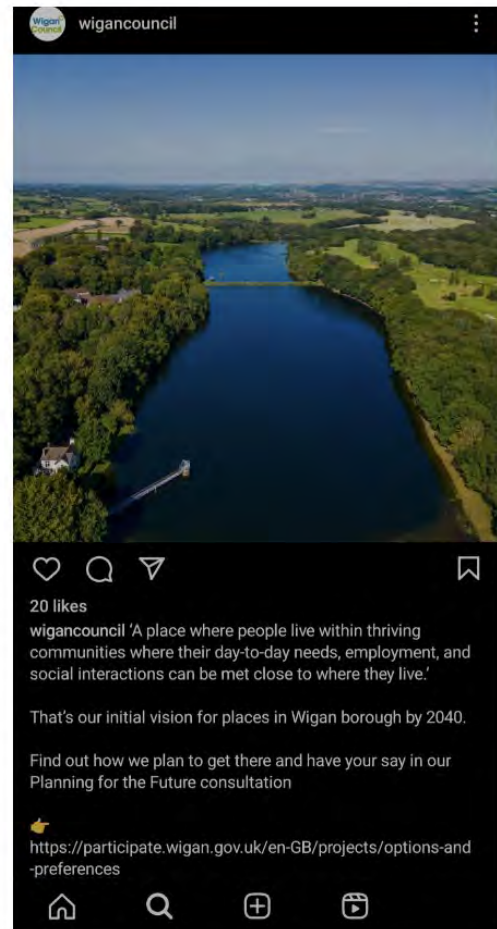
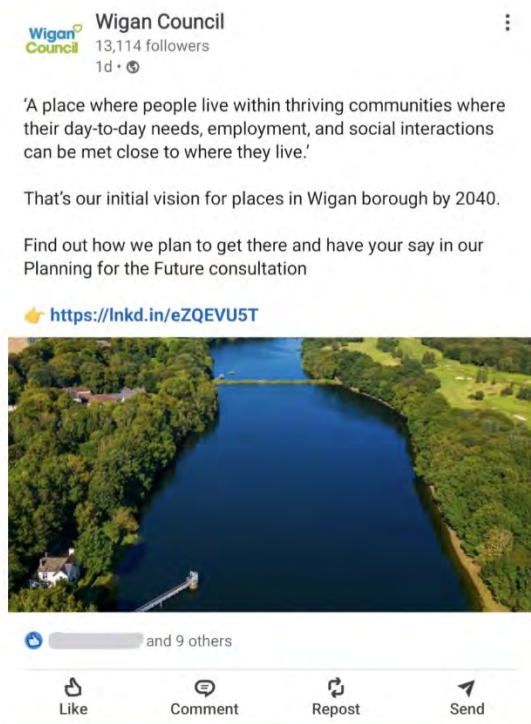
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'A place where people live within thriving communities where their day-to-day needs, employment, and social interactions can be met close to where they live.'

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We've set out proposals and ideas for how our borough could look in 15 years time from 🏠 homes, 👤 jobs, 🏘️ town & local centres, 🚗 transport, 🌳 places, 🌱 environment, and 👥 people

This consultation closes on Monday 18 December so there's not long left!

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Local Plans set out a vision for how a borough can grow and develop into the future, including sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure.

This workshop is taking place at Sunshine House, to enable people to find out more and contribute to the Local Plan.

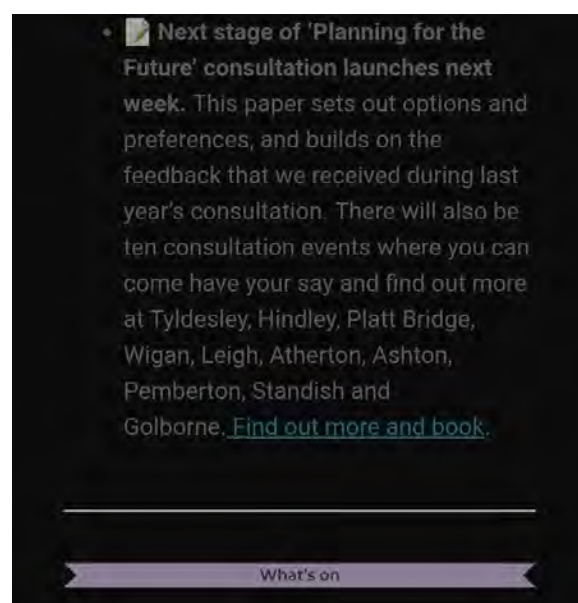
We're encouraging people to register for the event here:
<https://participate.wigan.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/options-and-preferences>



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Planning for the Future to 2040- Wigan ★ Interested
Workshop

Internal emails and bulletins

Council weekly email sent to residents on 20th October 2023



•  Next stage of 'Planning for the Future' consultation launches next week. This paper sets out options and preferences, and builds on the feedback that we received during last year's consultation. There will also be ten consultation events where you can come have your say and find out more at Tyldesley, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Wigan, Leigh, Atherton, Ashton, Pemberton, Standish and Golborne. [Find out more and book.](#)

What's on

Council weekly email sent to residents on 27th October 2023

[our visitor survey](#) and let us know!

- 📝 **Do you want to help us plan for the future?** We've set out proposals and ideas for how our borough could look in 15 years time from homes, jobs, town & local centres, transport, places, environment, and people. Have your say and sign up for one of our ten workshops in Tyldesley, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Wigan, Leigh, Atherton, Ashton, Pemberton, Standish and Golborne. [Have your say.](#)
- 🕒 **Don't forget...** This Sunday, October 29- when the clocks go back- our recycling centres move to their winter opening hours: 9am-5.45pm. They are open 7 days a week, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. [Find out more.](#)

What's on

Council weekly email sent to residents on 3rd November 2023

Reserve! What would you like to see in the future? Let us know by completing our [visitor experience survey](#) and you could win £50 to spend at The Hide Coffee House!!! (T&Cs apply)

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What's on

Council weekly email sent to residents on 1st December 2023

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What's on

Council weekly email sent to residents on 8th December 2023

In more news...

-  Our new draft transport strategy highlights our main priorities including Wigan Station Gateway, West Coast Main Line rail capacity, Wigan east-west strategic route, enhancing the bus network and much more. [Find out more and have your say.](#)
-  Please complete this [visitor survey](#) about our local Greenheart. It is one of the ways you can tell us about how you explore and enjoy different Wigan Greenheart sites across the borough.
-  Our latest consultation on our Local Plan- 'Planning for the Future to 2040' closes on 18 December. [Find out more and have your say.](#)

Council weekly email sent to residents on 15th December 2023

In other news...

- 🎧 The Borough Life podcast is now live! Rosie and James caught up with Andy, Raf and Sarah from Harwoods Patisserie about their Bake Off: the Professionals journey, and Jane from Wigan Borough Domestic Abuse Service. [Listen here.](#)
- ❤️ New evidence due to be submitted to government backs an investment-led Clean Air Plan for Greater Manchester, with NO charging Clean Air Zone. [Find out more on the Clean Air GM website.](#)
- ➡️ This is the final weekend to have your say in our 'Planning for the Future to 2040' consultation. [Find out more and have your say.](#)

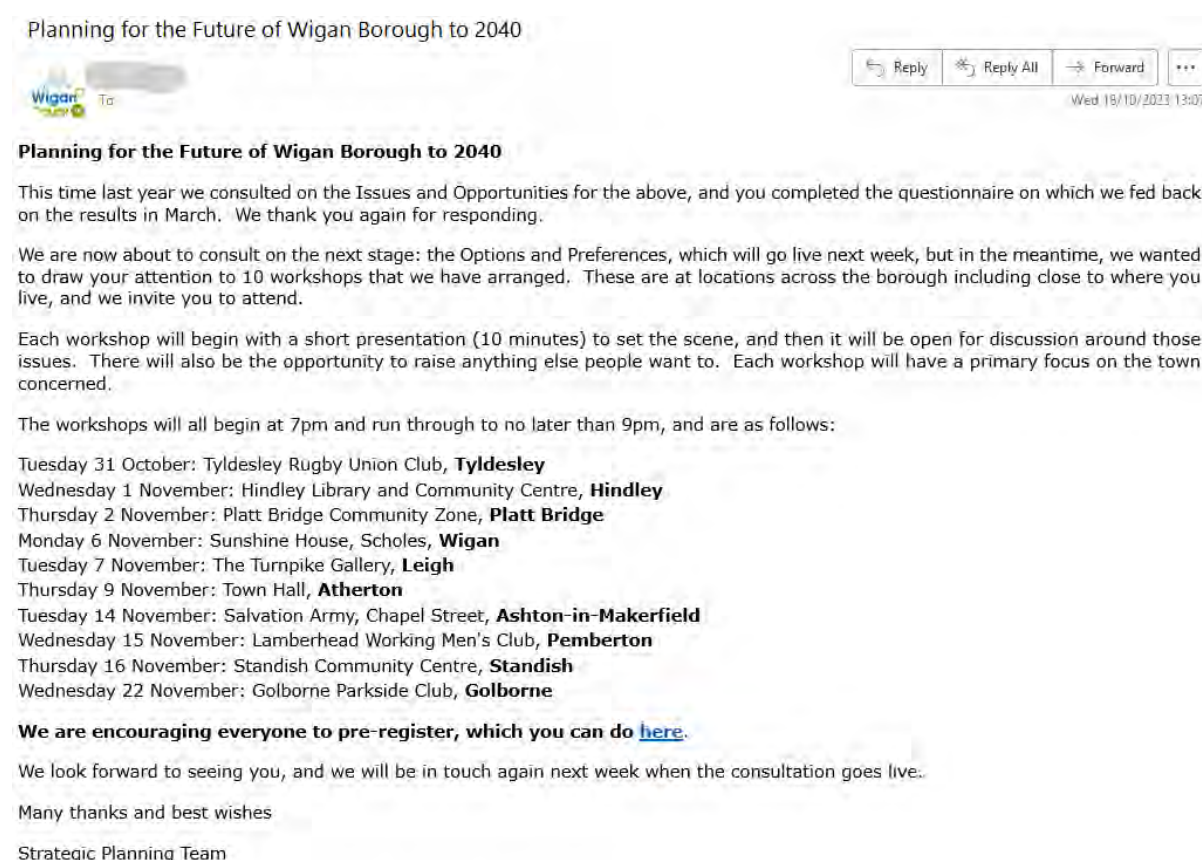
External email notifications

4 rounds of emails were sent out in support of the consultation activity.

The first round of emails gave notification of the consultation workshop events. Emails were sent to:

- Wigan Council Members on 18 October 2023.
- All registered interests (from our contact database) on 18 October 2023.
- VCFSE community group contacts on 18 October 2023.
- All schools on 20 October 2023.

Example email, 18 October 2023



The second round of emails was sent giving notification for the Options and Preferences consultation, and a reminder of the consultation workshop events. Emails were sent to:

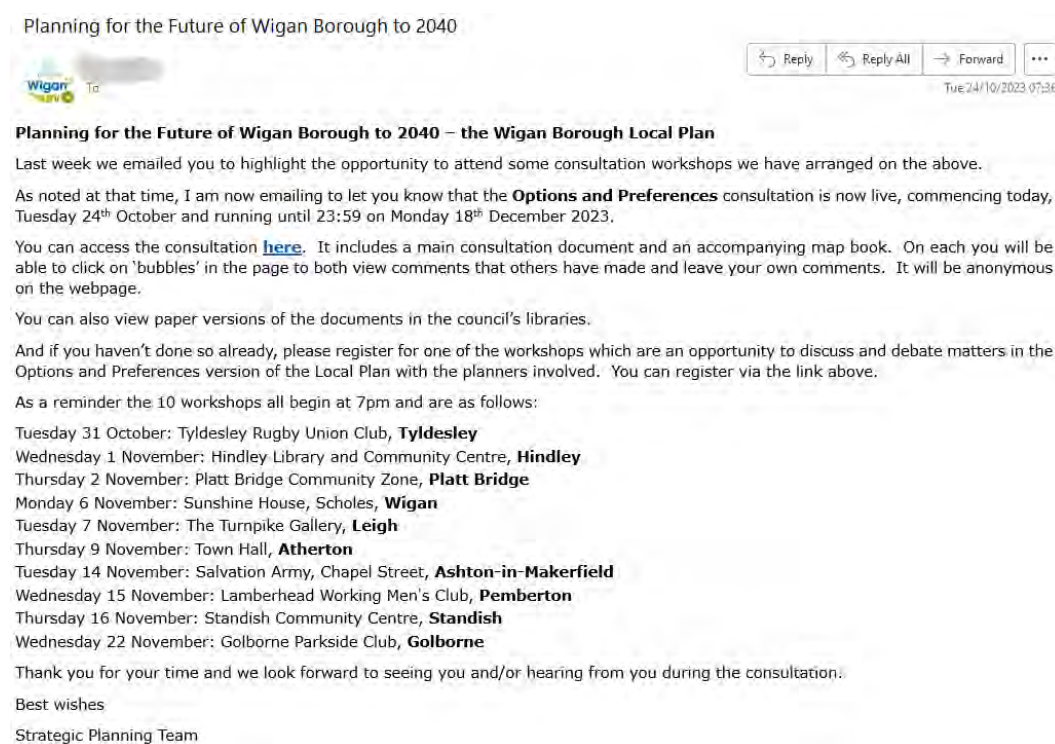
- All Wigan Council Members on 24 October 2023.
- All registered interests (from our contact database) on 24 October 2023.
- All other interests (commercial agents, planning consultants, landowners and developers, MPs, GMCA, neighbouring authorities, formal agencies, local organisations, other key and specific groups,

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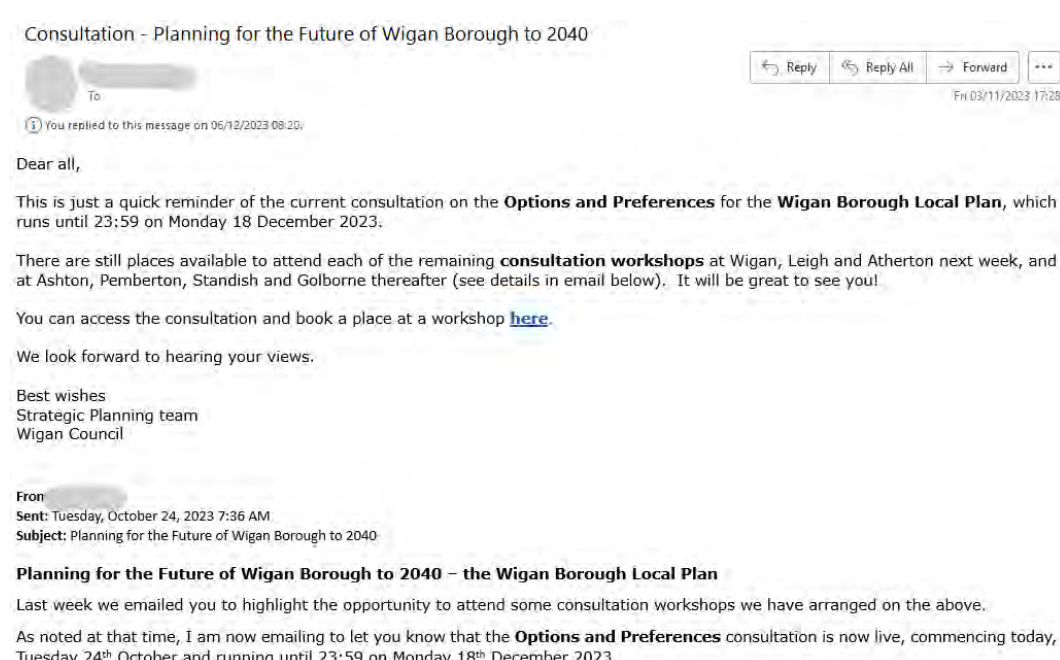
local innovation boards, residents groups on 24 October 2023, and walking and cycling groups on 25 October 2023.

- VCFSE community group contacts on 24 October 2023.
- All schools on 24 October 2023.

Example email

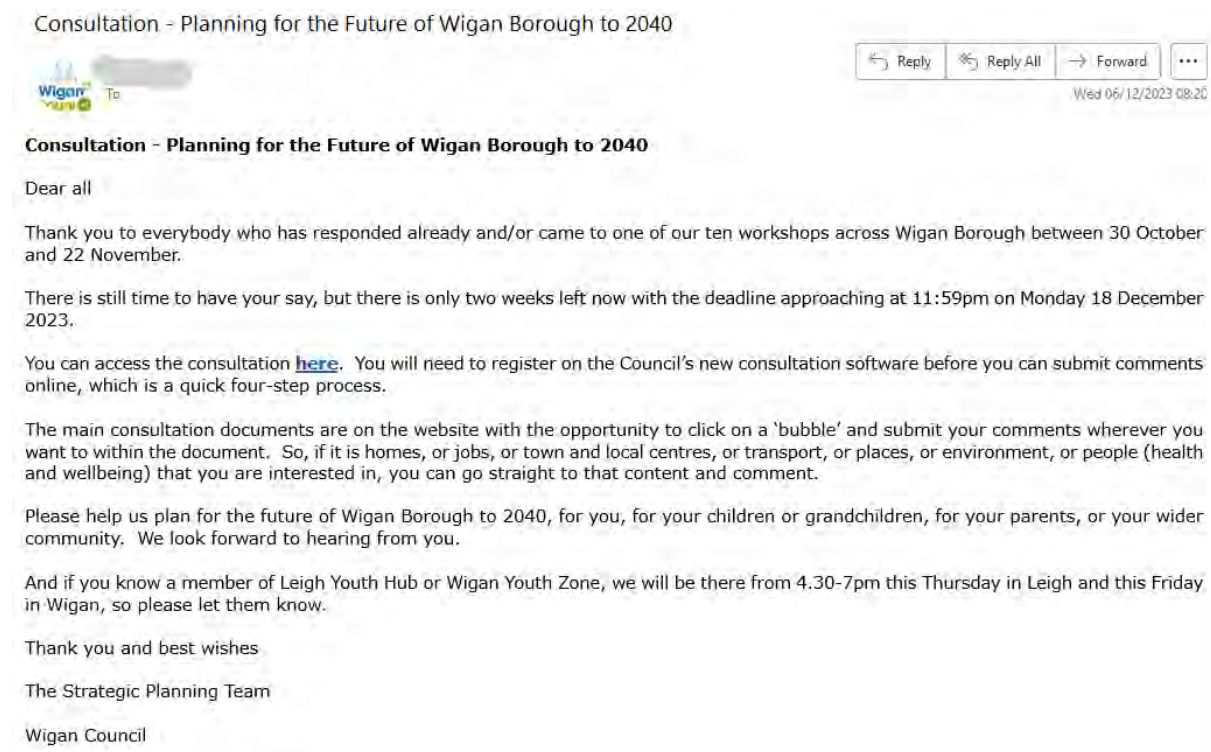


The first reminder email was sent to all registered interests (from our contact database) giving notification of the deadline date for the consultation and for the consultation workshop events on 3rd November 2023: example email, extract



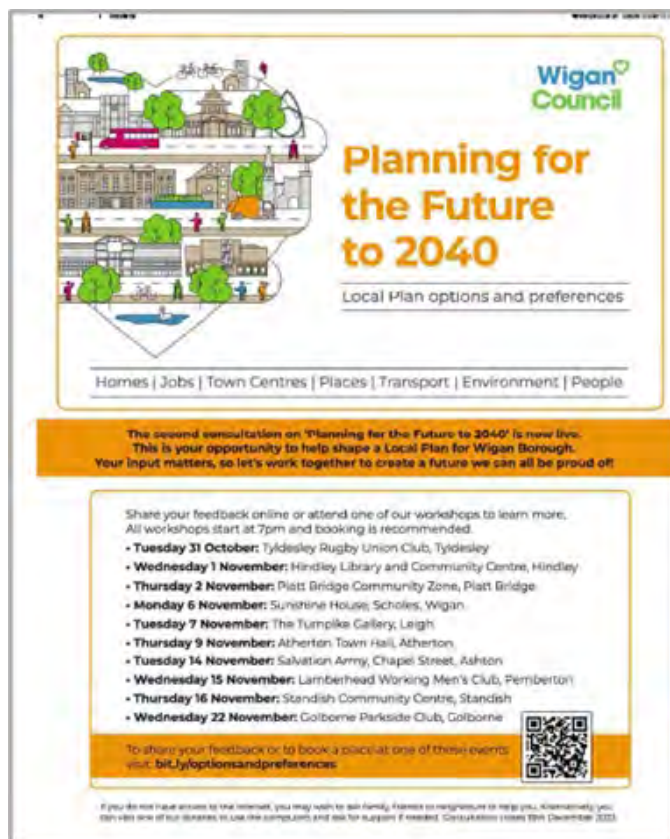
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The final reminder email was sent on 6th December 2023 to all those identified in the second-round email: example email:



Newspaper / webpage adverts and articles

Wigan Observer advert – 24th October 2023



The poster features a stylized illustration of Wigan's town centre with various buildings, green spaces, and people. The Wigan Council logo is in the top right corner. The main title 'Planning for the Future to 2040' is in large orange letters, with 'Local Plan options and preferences' below it. A list of topics is at the bottom: Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People. An orange banner states: 'The second consultation on "Planning for the Future to 2040" is now live. This is your opportunity to help shape a Local Plan for Wigan Borough. Your input matters, so let's work together to create a future we can all be proud of.' Below this, a box lists workshop dates and locations, and a QR code is provided for more information. A small note at the bottom mentions accessibility for those without internet access.

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Planning for the Future to 2040

Local Plan options and preferences

Homes | Jobs | Town Centres | Places | Transport | Environment | People

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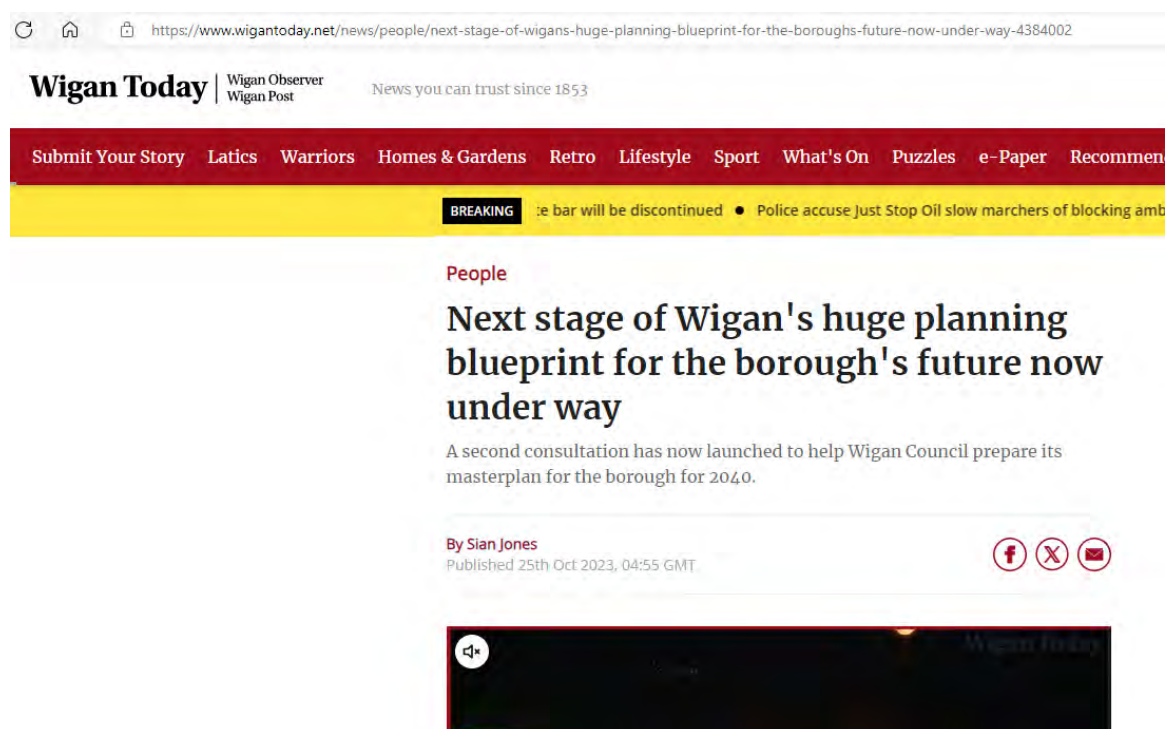
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Wigan Today – 25th October 2023 - online



The screenshot shows a news article on the Wigan Today website. The URL is https://www.wigantoday.net/news/people/next-stage-of-wigans-huge-planning-blueprint-for-the-boroughs-future-now-under-way-4384002. The page header includes 'Wigan Today' and 'Wigan Observer Wigan Post' with the tagline 'News you can trust since 1853'. A red navigation bar contains links like 'Submit Your Story', 'Latics', 'Warriors', 'Homes & Gardens', 'Retro', 'Lifestyle', 'Sport', 'What's On', 'Puzzles', 'e-Paper', and 'Recommend'. A yellow banner with a 'BREAKING' label states 'The bar will be discontinued' and 'Police accuse Just Stop Oil slow marchers of blocking amb'. The article is titled 'Next stage of Wigan's huge planning blueprint for the borough's future now under way' and is categorized under 'People'. The sub-headline reads: 'A second consultation has now launched to help Wigan Council prepare its masterplan for the borough for 2040.' The author is 'By Sian Jones' and it was published on '25th Oct 2023, 04:55 GMT'. Social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email are present. A video player is at the bottom, showing a dark scene with the Wigan Today logo in the top right corner.

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Planning for the future to 2040 - Ashton-in-Makerfield

BY SHIP BERNSON

October 27, 2023

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The Council is consulting on 'Options and Preferences' for the new Wigan Local Plan from Tuesday 17 October – Monday 11 December. We intend the Local Plan to be ambitious for the future of the borough as far forward as 2040, and this is a key stage for people to get involved and influence what it is in the Local Plan.

This is one of 10 consultation events taking place during the consultation period to enable residents and interested parties the opportunity to discuss the Options and Preferences with us prior to submitting comments. Each event will focus on that particular locality.

It will begin with a short presentation from the Council, providing an overview of the Local Plan and our vision to 2040, followed by interactive sessions where you can discuss and raise views on the future of your local area, including its town centre, housing mix, open space provision and community infrastructure.

Venue:

The Salvation Army
Chapel Street
Ashton-in-Makerfield
WN4 8PB
Time: 7pm – 9pm

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Last chance to have your say on major Wigan borough plan

A consultation phase of a major Wigan borough development plan closes this month with everyone urged to have their say.

By Charles Graham
Published 4th Dec 2023, 15:45 GMT



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Planning for the Future to 2040 is Wigan Council's second consultation on its

Wigan Observer – 5th December 2023 - in print

Have your say on the town's future

A consultation phase of a major Wigan borough development plan closes this month with everyone urged to have their say.

Planning for the Future to 2040 is Wigan Council's second consultation on its Local Plan; a vision for how the borough can grow and develop, including sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure.

The deadline for responses is midnight on Monday, December 18, with residents across the borough encouraged to share their feedback.

Wigan Council leader David Molyneux MBE said: "This 'options and preferences' consultation gives residents the chance to comment on the council's ideas for the future of our borough, and really make their voices heard.

"The document is split into seven themes – homes, jobs, town and local centres, transport, places, environ-

ment and people – so you can comment on all of it, or just jump to the bit you are interested in and give us your thoughts.

"Please have a look at the plan and have your say, this is about the future of our borough for the next 20 years."

Proposals include identifying key centres for the borough and how they can be sustainable and thrive, ambitions for the rail network including a new station at Golborne, advocating for Metrolink extensions, ensuring we have the right homes for the future, playing our part to tackle the climate crisis, and much more.

For more information and to take part in the consultation, visit [Project • Options and preferences \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#).

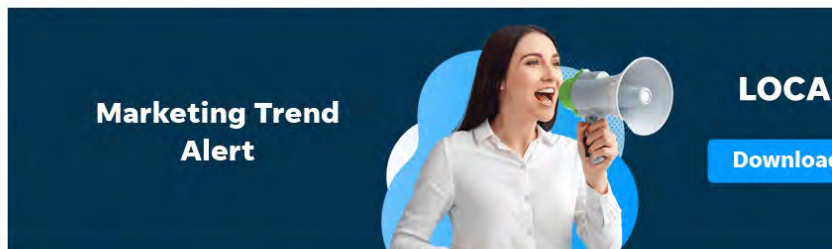
Hard copies of the consultation papers can also be found at local libraries.



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Example of one of two displays screen stand used, covering the different themes. One was used at the youth workshops and one was in the foyer at the Life Centre South Building, for the final few days of the consultation.



Engagement in the community

10 community-based workshops

Face-to-face consultation was undertaken at 10 community-based workshops, as follows:

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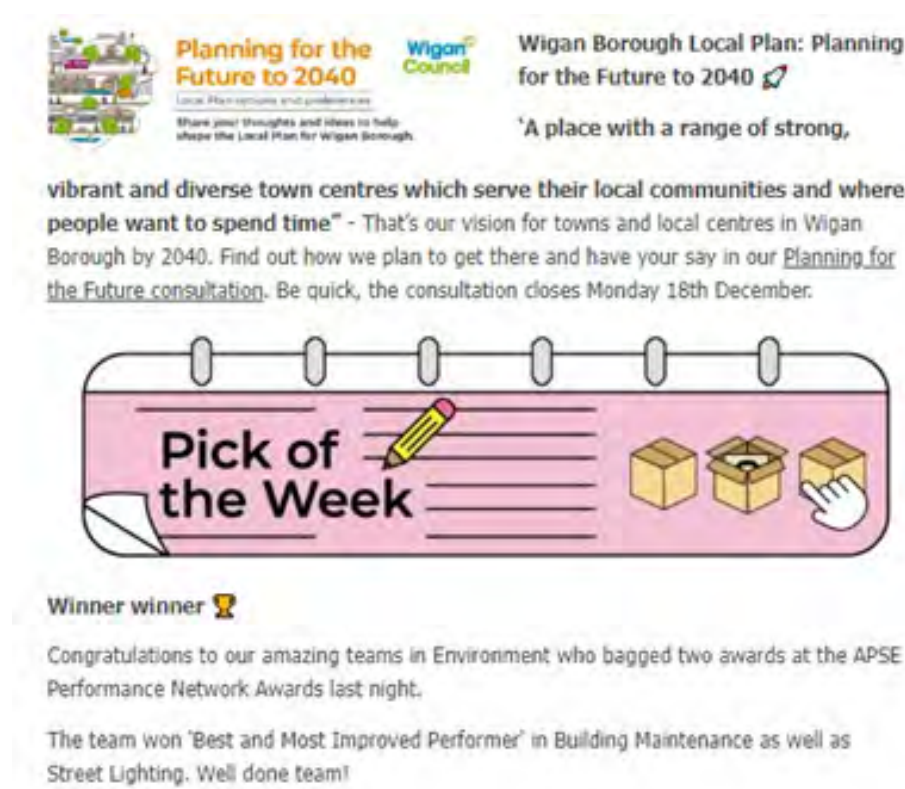
These were facilitated sessions with roundtable discussions. 198 people attended in total, with the Leigh, Atherton and Golborne workshops being the best attended.

Engagement with younger people

In continuing our engagement with younger people in the borough, in line with our previous consultation activity, two further sessions were held at Leigh Youth Zone and Wigan Youth Zone on 7 and 8 December. Around 50 young people, aged 11-16, contributed across the two evenings.

Internal communications

Staff e-news sent 7th December 2023



Background image on staff Council's computer screens

Posted during the latter part of the consultation period as a prompt for staff to be aware and engage in the consultation



Staff Intranet



Meetings with stakeholders

Meetings attended to discuss and inform the Options and Preferences consultation included meetings with the 3 town centre innovation boards to signpost the consultation activity:

- Ashton Innovation Board on 04/09/2023
- Wigan Innovation Board on 06/09/2023
- Leigh Innovation Board on 10/09/2023