

TAUPO DISTRICT YOUTH VOICE CONSULTATION

How young people from Taupo, Turangi and Mangakino would like to be engaged in Council decision-making



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Introduction

This consultation was undertaken in partnership with the Taupo District Council (TDC), to hear how young people would like to engage with the Council and what issues are important to them. Young people were approached through a number of community organisations across the Taupo District and participated in a structured group discussion or completed a qualitative survey.

The Taupo District (the District) is made up of three towns: Taupo, Turangi and Mangakino. Demographically and in terms of service provision the three places are very different. The TDC is interested in hearing what engagement works best for young people from the three distinct communities that make up the District.

Executive Summary

The consultation asked 337 young people from across Taupo, Turangi and Mangakino how they want to be involved in the District decision-making processes. The four themes that emerged from the consultation were:

Digital media and communication (i.e. email and Facebook). This form of engagement highlights the importance of digital forms of communication for which young people send, receive and share information.

Face to face meetings or talks. While young people use technology to communicate, they value meaningful engagement through face to face meetings and talks. The importance of this interaction was mentioned anecdotally in some structured group discussions, with young people commenting that they would like to see people from the Council in their community and be able to interact with them directly.

Traditional media channels (i.e. phone, letter, newspaper or surveys) still featured highly in young peoples responses. While young people suggested that they could write letters to the Council we are unsure if this method is currently used by young people and what may need to be in place to help support this method.

Representative bodies, polling or representation via school bodies. A number of young people recognise existing structures within schools and community groups as possible avenues for voicing their opinions through a representative group (Taupo Youth Reps, Youth Town and School bodies). However the establishment of youth meetings/council or youth voting systems highlight a want for structure in which young people can engage with the Council.

Currently, there is one youth advisory group in Taupo, supported by a Community Development Worker (Youth) from REAP. This group develops initiatives that help to increase young peoples knowledge of and access to services. No existing youth structures provide advice or input directly into decision making for the TDC. The TDC did once host a Youth Council, but this was disbanded. There are no other groups similar to this in Turangi or Mangakino.

TOWN VIEW - RESPONSES COLLATED BY TOWN

The 'Executive Summary' highlights the main themes to emerge on how young people would like to engage with TDC across the district as a whole. During the consultation, young people were also asked what they liked and what they would change within their community, including the types of Council functions they would like to have their say on. The following information is a break down of information by town - Turangi (68 surveys), Mangakino (11 surveys) and Taupo (254 surveys). The results give an indication of the subtle differences that exist across the three towns whilst still being in the same district.

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY

Turangi

Young people see Turangi as a place that has a strong sense of community (also listed as whanaungatanga and whanau) commenting that people are generally friendly which contributes to Turangi feeling like home.

The natural resources in and around Turangi also featured highly for what young people liked about their community. The lake, river, outdoor areas, skiing, hot pools and hunting were amongst the answers provided and indicates that young people are well connected to the natural surrounds in Turangi and utilise them for recreational purposes.

Some young people view the size of Turangi as an asset, commenting that the size of the town allows things to be within walking distance for them (including the shops and Aquatic Centre which also feature higher in the responses).

Table 1: What Turangi young people like about their community

Sense of community/whanau	14	Nothing	3
Lake and River	13	Safe	2
Accessible (small size)	7	Skiing	2
Pools (Aquatic Centre)	7	Hot pools	2
Food shops	7	Hunting	2
Friends	5	Gym	1
Outdoor areas	5	Rock wall	1
School	4	Turangi Council	1
Tidy	3	Youth town	1
Sports	3	Events	1

Mangakino

In line with Turangi, young people in Mangakino value the people in their community (including their friends) with this answer ranking highest for what they like about Mangakino.

Activity based resources such as the basketball courts, gym, sports, the swimming pool and youth club all featured in the young people’s responses.

Table 2: What Mangakino young people like about their community

People (inc. friends)	5	Youth club	1
Basketball courts	3	Swimming pool	1
Gym	1	Tidy town	1
Sports	1	Hanging out uptown	1

Taupo

Taupo young people view their town as friendly with a clean green image (with many references to the lake and natural landscape). Young people experience a strong sense of community due to the people in Taupo who are viewed as friendly and helpful which is enhanced by its size and accessibility.

Sport and recreation opportunities are strong themes that young people identified, with some young people commenting that Taupo has a number of different sporting opportunities, from rugby league through to adventure sports. Young people’s experience of opportunities in Taupo also extends to them participating in youth services (such as Apopo and YouthTown). These services provide some young people with the sense of involvement and engagement in their community.

Overall, Taupo young people have a positive view of their town and are well connected to their friends, the town and the natural, safe environment it provides.

Table 3: What Taupo young people like about their community

The community	56	Events	12
Lake	47	Sporting facilities	11
Clean environment	40	Nothing/don’t know	10
Recreational Opportunities	31	Natural environment	10
Small size/accessibility	31	Good in Summer	7
Sports	23	School	4
Youth opportunities/involvement	13	Apopo	4
Friends	13	Food	3
Safety	12	Family	3

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD CHANGE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY

Turangi

The highest response in what young people would change about Turangi was for more activities (or a lack of activities currently) and things to do. A small number of young people suggested a Skate Park (4) or Youth Centre (5) and while the responses acknowledge the presence of the park in Turangi they state that it is too run down and only caters to younger children. It should be noted that while a youth centre is featured in the responses it appears that young people are more concerned with increasing the amount of activities within Turangi which could include but is not limited to a youth centre.

More shops, generally chain stores are mentioned as something young people would like to see in Turangi. This could highlight their isolation from bigger centres and suggest that they need to travel outside Turangi to buy things that they like. In terms of transport some young people see this as an issue (4) with one suggestion of a free bus to Taupo.

Young people are aware of gangs in their community and in their responses voiced that they would like to remove them from Turangi. In some responses regarding gangs, the answers were also paired with drugs which could imply that some young people view gangs as users of drugs.

Table 6: What Turangi young people would change about their community

More activities	15	Drug use	2
More shops	12	Everything	2
Gangs in Turangi	7	Bullies	1
Park	6	School	1
Lack of Youth Centre	5	Family	1
Skate park	4	Tagging	1
Upgrade the town	4	Nothing	1
Transport Issues	4	Lack of jobs	1

Mangakino

The young people mention a number of issues with parks and open space facilities and their desire for these to be upgraded by stating that 'I nearly twisted my ankle' and 'it is hakari (in this context meaning run down) and rusty'. If the facilities in Mangakino are to be upgraded, young people who have experience utilising the current facilities, could be an important connection for TDC to ensure any improvements meet the needs of young people.

Table 7: What Mangakino young people would change about their community

Upgrade park & open space facilities	6	Town is untidy	1
No answer	2	Town is too small	1
More people at our school	1		

Gangs were not featured in what young people did not like about their community; however in what young people think is the most important thing for making their community a better place their highest response was for gangs to be removed from Mangakino.

Table 8: What Mangakino young people see as most important to improve their community

Get rid of Gangs	4	Education	1
More sports	2	Communication	1
Bigger youth centre	1		

Taupo

Young people identify the need for more recreational facilities and activities in their community. Whilst there are existing activities available, some young people commented that they would like low cost or no cost options while others would like to see the development of new activities (such as a bowling alley). Reference is made by some young people to the limited number of activities and facilities during winter months.

The shops in Taupo rate highly in what young people would change about their community. Young people do not view the existing shops as appealing for teenagers, however this could also reflect that young people are wanting a place to 'hang out'.

Reinforcing young people's sense of connectedness to Taupo, a significant number of young people noted that they would not change anything about Taupo or did not know what they would change about their community.

Table 9: What Taupo young people would change about their community

Recreational facilities	43	Transport	5
Recreational activities	39	Size of town	5
Shopping	36	Nothing to do in winter	5
Nothing/Don't know	30	People who gossip	5
Cleaner environment	16	Alcohol/drugs	3
Safer environment	13	Allow longboards in town	3
Social spaces	12	Less surveys	3
Civic facilities	10	Child/family friendly	2
School	9	Youth Centre	2

WHAT COUNCIL FUNCTIONS YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON

Young people from Turangi, Mangakino and Taupo would like the opportunity to express their opinions on all aspects of Council work and not be limited to ‘youth issues’.

Turangi

Activity based functions of the Council were most highly rated in young people’s responses. Sports centres, sport and cultural events, parks and open spaces were areas which young people most wanted the opportunity to have their say. This aligns with their comments in earlier questions that suggest that young people find natural resources useful in keeping them entertained however there is a lack of structured activities.

Mangakino

Reflecting their like for physical activities, the Mangakino respondents were interested in having their say on Sport and Cultural events, swimming pools and the sport centre. All options on the list of Council functions were selected by young people, apart from animal control.

Taupo

Taupo young people provided similar responses to Turangi and Mangakino for the TDC services that they are interested in providing their view. The sports centre, parks and open spaces and sporting/cultural events reinforces the importance of recreational activities for young people.

Table 10: TDC areas of interest - Turangi and Mangakino young people

Function of TDC you are interested in having your say (you can tick more than one)	Turangi		Mangakino		Taupo	
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
Public Libraries	6.5	4	37.5	3	18.8	44
Water Supply	14.5	9	37.5	3	7.3	17
Sports Centre	61.3	38	62.5	5	50	117
Parks and open spaces	59.7	37	37.5	3	42.3	99
Sewage	3.2	2	12.5	1	5.6	13
Pavement and roads	19.4	12	12.5	1	9.4	22
Recycling and rubbish	6.5	4	25.0	2	12.4	29
Swimming pools	38.7	24	62.5	5	33.8	79
Public transport	22.6	14	25.0	2	23.1	54
Animal control	29.0	18	0.0	0	23.1	54
Sport and cultural events	61.3	38	75.0	6	47.9	112
Council planning	8.1	5	12.5	1	9.4	22
answered question	62		8		234	
skipped question	6		3		20	

HOW YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE WITH THE COUNCIL

Turangi

Young people value face to face meetings and youth only meetings as forums for them to have their say. The use of technology (Facebook, email and texting) is suggested as another way to engage and inform young people of Council work.

When asked what the most important thing for making Turangi a better place for young people, their response was for adults to ask what young people want and then to listen to what they have to say (9).

Importantly Turangi young people feel that they do not have the opportunity to have their say to Council (62 – No, 4 – Yes), citing that adults do not value their opinions because they are young and are seen as 'little kids' and 'silly'.

Projects such as this consultation are one of many tools used to hear from young people and could be viewed as a stepping stone towards the further establishment of best practice in youth participation.

Table 11: How Turangi young people would like to engage with the Council

Face to face	19	Invitation to Council meeting	2
Facebook, text, email	13	Petitions	2
Youth meetings	12	Events	1
School representatives	9	Opinion box	1
Letter	7	Notices	1
Surveys	5	Don't know	1

Mangakino

The suggested methods of communication between the Council and young people included writing letters (4), face to face meetings to talk with young people (3) and electronic methods such as email (1) and Facebook (1).

A majority of the young people stated they did not feel like they had an opportunity to have their voice heard.

Taupo

Taupo young people identified a range of methods for engaging with the Council. The most popular individual responses were face-to-face meetings, surveys, letters and school based contact. Facebook, text, email, web and internet only featured highly if combined as 'digital media' which differs from Turangi and Mangakino (digital media featured in the top three methods for both towns).

These differences could indicate the differing types of engagement that young people are exposed to in Taupo or perhaps just reflects the larger number of participants in Taupo. Of some concern is the number of young people that don't know how they could engage with the Council.

The establishment of a Youth Council featured in the responses which along with face-to-face meetings and school based representatives supports the desire for quality contact and communication between young people and the Taupo District Council.

Table 12: How Taupo young people would like to engage with the Council

Face-to-face meetings	43	Website	11
Survey	43	Internet	10
Letters	42	Youth voting system	6
At/through school	30	Phone call	3
Don't know	26	Youth town	3
Facebook	25	Door-knocking	3
Suggestion box	22	Information services	3
Youth/Child Council	21	Text	2
Email	21		

EXAMINING YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A majority of young people surveyed wanted to have input into Council decision making and did not feel like they currently have this opportunity. This consultation has highlighted some practical solutions to this issue.

The four methods for young people to give their views to Council were: digital media (i.e. email and Facebook), face to face meetings or talks, traditional media (letters, phone, surveys) and representative bodies.

These responses reflect the importance of technology as a method for young people to maintain communication, however young people have highlighted face to face meetings and talks almost equally as important.

The use of media (digital or traditional) as a communication tool can be helpful in relaying information but this method has the potential of one way communication and not necessarily a quality partnership between the Council and young people. When using media as a form of communication, these questions could be helpful:

- What do you want to achieve using this media? Do you want to share information only?
- What level of engagement do you want to achieve? Is this a tool for a wider youth engagement project? How can young people get more involved
- What audience do you want to reach? How do these young people receive information? What types of media are appropriate for what you want to achieve?

The face to face meetings and representative bodies do provide space for dialogue and meaningful engagement; again this method requires work to ensure that it is effective and should consider:

- Organisational readiness: Is the organisation ready to let young people join in decision-making processes? What needs to be in place for this to happen?
- Formalising the process: Is there a procedure that enables young people to join in decision-making processes? How do you engage young people and what role do existing groups of young people play in this process?
- Policy requirements: Is it a policy requirement to have young people involved in decision-making processes? What decisions will young people have input in to and how will they know they have effected change?

CONCLUSION

Young people in the Taupo District have a strong connection to the area because of the community relationships they hold and their affinity with the natural resources they have access to. Within this consultation they have identified a number of areas that they would like to change or improve to make the Taupo District a better place for young people. Youth participation in decision making could have long term gains such as good decisions and

increased efficiency because resources are going towards services that young people want to use. Youth participation contributes to positive youth development outcomes and young people become more active citizens in their community.

The Ministry of Youth Development is able to assist the Council in achieving their youth participation and youth development goals, for the continued development in the Taupo District.

APPENDIX ONE - KEY RESULTS AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Key Results

In describing what they liked about their community, the respondents were most likely to mention:

- community relationships (71 responses)
- the lake (60 responses)
- the clean environment (44 responses).

Asked about what they would like changed in their community, respondents were most likely to mention:

- more or improved recreational facilities (61 responses)
- more recreational activities (54 responses)
- better shopping (48 responses).

Asked about the most important thing to make the community better for young people, respondents were most likely to mention:

- safe environment (52 responses)
- some kind of social space to hang out in (39 responses)
- recreational activities (38 responses).

Asked if there were opportunities in their community to have their views and opinions heard:

- 232 responses were negative
- 85 were affirmative
- 10 were uncertain.

Asked about ways young people could give their views to Council, four broad themes ran through the responses:

- 86 responses for forms of digital media, such as email and Facebook
- 80 responses for face-to-face meetings or talks
- 75 responses for traditional media channels such as phone, letter, newspapers, or surveys
- 71 responses for representative bodies, polling or representation via school bodies.

Method

Young people participated in the consultation through structured group discussions (which included completing a survey, see appendix two) or by completing a survey overseen by their group coordinators. Young people were approached through the following organisations:

- Taupo Youth Reps
- Epic Youth Group
- REAP NCEA Teen Mums Group
- Taupo-nui-a-tia College
- Tongariro College
- Apopo
- Mangakino Youth Centre
- Te Kura o Hirangi
- Alternative Education (TNAT College)
- Tauhara College (leaders group & SADD)

Demographic Information

The estimated youth population (age 12-24) for the Taupo District, based on census 2006 data, is approximately 5,400 young people, making up 17 percent of the local population.

Table 13: Participant breakdown by gender

Gender		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	46.3%	156
Female	53.7%	181
<i>answered question</i>		337
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Table 14: Participant breakdown by age

Age		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
10-11	0.9%	3
12-13	19.0%	64
14-16	58.5%	197
17-18	17.2%	58
19-20	2.4%	8
21-24	2.1%	7
<i>answered question</i>		337
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Table 15: Participant breakdown by ethnic group

Ethnic group (you can tick more than one)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Māori	45.4%	153
Pakeha/NZ European	62.9%	212
Pacific Peoples	3.6%	12
Chinese	2.1%	7
Indian	2.4%	8
Other (please specify)	7	
	<i>answered question</i>	337
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

Table 16: Participant breakdown by town of residence

What town do you live in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Taupo	75.7%	255
Turangi	19.9%	67
Mangakino	3.9%	13
Reporoa	0.2%	1
Unknown	0.2%	1
Other (please specify)	0	
	<i>answered question</i>	337
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

APPENDIX TWO - COLLATED RESPONSES ACROSS THE TAUPO DISTRICT

Q1. Describe one thing you really like about your community and why?

Community	71	(people are nice, know everyone, polite)
Lake	60	
Clean environment	44	(tidy, quiet, drinking water)
Recreational opportunities	42	(Parks, swimming, hunting, library)
Small size/accessibility	38	(walking)
Sports	27	(Rugby, Soccer, netball, basketball)
Youth opportunities/involvement	26	(Youth town)
Sporting facilities	25	(Skate park, pool, gym, rock wall)
Friends	21	
River	15	
Safety	14	(law, order, peaceful)
Events	13	(activities)
Nothing/don't know	13	
Natural environment	12	(views, mountains, nature, beaches)
Food	10	(Burger King and other franchises)
School	8	
Good in Summer	7	
Family	5	
Apopo	4	(a youth work NGO)

Two responses each for: everything, A&E, girls, and shops.

One response each for: boys, hometown, movies, support, lovely town, cultural opportunities, not racist, workplace, Turangi City Council, RSPCA, and GLC (Great Lakes Centre).

Q2. Tell us one thing you would change about your community and why?

NB: “why” statements not always present, and wording of some changes does not indicate if the respondent wants more or less of the item mentioned. Some statements had multiple items of change.

Recreational facilities	61	(skating, bowling, arcade, park, theatres)
Recreational activities	54	(ongoing, entertainment, more stuff to do)
Shopping	48	(franchises, shops for YP, mall)
Nothing/don't know	33	
Safer environment	21	(bullies, gangs, crime)
Cleaner environment	18	(rubbish, graffiti)
Social spaces	12	(hanging out, affordable)
Civic facilities	12	(water, road, lighting, toilets, pedestrian Xing)
School	11	(learning opportunities)
Transport	9	(cost, public)
Youth Centre	7	
Size of town	6	(bigger, one for layout)
Alcohol/drugs	5	
People who gossip	5	
Nothing to do in Winter	5	
Allow longboards in town	3	(a form of skateboard)
Child/family friendly	3	
Less surveys	3	

Two responses each for: everything, events make things cheaper, more sports, performing arts, remove ugly sculptures, stop stupid spending, work for young people, age of consent, attitudes to nice people, and girls.

One response each for: more dog control, library, hospital, the mayor, petrol prices, music centre, sex offenders registry, sex offenders, 1080 poison, police, support fisheries, empty villas on Norman smith st, GLC centre, and youth council.

Q3. What functions of Council would you be interested in having your say on?

What functions of the Council would you be interested in having your say on? (please tick)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Public Libraries	16.6%	51
Water Supply	9.4%	29
Sports Centre	52.3%	161
Parks and open spaces	45.8%	141
Sewage	5.2%	16
Pavement and roads	11.4%	35
Recycling and rubbish	11.4%	35
Swimming pools	36.4%	112
Public transport	23.4%	72
Animal control	23.4%	72
Sport and Cultural events	51.3%	158
Council planning	9.1%	28
Is there something else? Tell us what:	65	
	<i>answered question</i>	308
	<i>skipped question</i>	29

Free text responses mentioned the following areas:

Sports facilities	15	(bath temperature x4)
Recreational activities	10	
Shops	13	
Gaming Centre	6	
Youth centre	5	
Music	5	
Don't care/nothing	3	
Education	3	
Bus	2	

One response each for: rubbish, internet, everything, youth group, park shelters, petrol prices, skating in town, and performing arts.

Q4. Do you feel there are opportunities in your community to have your views and opinions heard? Please explain.

232 responses were negative, 85 were affirmative, and ten were uncertain.

No	137	
No – age, too young, teenagers	23	
Yes	21	
No – don't listen to us	19	
Yes, at youth town	18	
No, don't know how	17	
Yes, at school	12	
Yes, through youth reps	9	
Yes, through youth groups	9	(Youth Council)
No, we need a voice	8	
Don't think so	8	
Sometimes	8	
Yes, in surveys	7	
No – not advertised	6	
No – not enough time/too hard/cost	6	
Yes, in writing/email/the paper	5	
No – they think we are stupid	3	
Yes, for public consultations	3	

Two responses each for: No, just police and Never tried.

One response each for: No – no safe place to talk, No –Council does not talk to us, No – we can't vote, and Yes, Police.

Q5. What do you think is the most important thing for making your community a better place for young people?

Safe Environment	52
Social Space to Hang Out	39
Recreational Activities	38
Consulting Young People	37
Recreational Facilities	25
Don't Know/?	15
Affordable Activities	14
Youth Centre	10
Drugs, Smoking & Alcohol	10
Events	8
Get young people involved	7
Shopping	9
After School Activities	6
More sports	5
Weekend Activities	5
Tourist Activities	4
Close the Tobacco Store	4
Healthy Food	3
Role models	3
More police	3

Two responses each for: public transport, education, yes, sources of help, freedom, work as a team, and work opportunities.

One response each for: clean environment, indoor activities, youth council, free credit, respect, have a good community, everything, post-school opportunities, bigger library, youth, happy, less police, bad language use, and whanui.

Q6. What are some ways that young people could give their views and opinions to the Council?

Main themes: 80 responses for meetings/talks, 71 responses for representative bodies/schools/polls, 86 responses for different forms of digital media, 75 responses for traditional media (phone, letter, newspaper, survey).

Face-to-face meetings	65	
Letters	53	
Survey	48	(like this)
Facebook	35	(social media)
At/through school	30	(school boards)
Don't know	27	(? Not sure)
Email	24	
Suggestion box	23	
Youth/child council	21	
Talk to/with us	15	
Student Council	14	(reps)
Internet	10	
Website	11	
Youth voting system	6	
Text	4	
Phone call	3	
Youth town	3	
Door-knocking	3	
Information services	3	

Two responses each for: twitter, newspaper, what they do now, petitions, council open days, after school, and listen to our ideas.

One response each for: ideas to change the community, ask Nan, youth mayor, power point, at events, signs, sports, council building in town, rubbish, what other towns do, kids only day, more fun stuff in town, pick your ball and ask, someone with experience/training, more work time for teen mums, and we have to be responsible.

Q7. Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

No	25
Skating rink	12
Bowling Alley	8
Shops/Mall	8
Activities	8
Arcade	6
Consultation	6
Events, gigs	4
Transport	4
Youth involvement	3
Sports	3
Winter activities	3

Two responses each for: more surveys, equestrian activities and food.

One response each for: places to go when it rains, giant lake slide, binoculars at lookout, sports centre, legalise dope, better advertising, opinion boxes in schools, Rex Mince is great, bigger hospital, recycling bins in town, upgrade toilets, no docks, free driving courses, eliminate cemetery smell, and locals are more important than tourists.

Limitations of survey

Because answers to most questions were entered as free text, it is not possible to compare and contrast answers between different groups of young people.

Tabulation of answers into different categories has been done manually for all questions except question 3 (on Council functions).

In answering questions, it was possible for a response to mention more than one answer. Each answer was counted once for each category it fell into, so it is possible for the total number of responses to a question to exceed the number of people taking the survey.

APPENDIX THREE - CONSULTATION SURVEY



Taupo Youth Voices Consultation

The Taupo District Council are committed to hearing from young people and recognise that only young people understand how they would like their voice heard. As such we are consulting with young people and would like to hear your views on how you would like to engage with the Council about issues that are important to you.

Tell us a bit about you

We want to make sure that we hear the views of young people from lots of different backgrounds, so please help us achieve this by filling in this information.

Gender

Male

Female

Age _____

Ethnic group (you can tick more than one)

Māori

Pacific Peoples

Indian

Pakeha/NZ European

Chinese

Other

What town do you live in? _____

1. Describe one thing you really like about your community and why?

2. Tell us one thing you would change about your community and why?

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3. What functions of the Council would you be interested in having your say on? (please tick)

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Public Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> | Water Supply | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sports Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parks and open spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sewage | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pavement and roads | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recycling and rubbish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Swimming pools | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | Animal control | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sport and Cultural events | <input type="checkbox"/> | Council planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is there something else? Tell us what:

4. Do you feel there are opportunities in your community to have your views and opinions heard? Please explain

5. What do you think is the most important thing for making your community a better place for young people?

6. What are some ways that young people could give their views and opinions to the Council?

Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

