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Welcome to the latest edition of the Carntyne GoWell newsletter. You may remember receiving our last newsletter earlier this year in which we told you about general progress for the GoWell programme and what we had planned for this year. This newsletter outlines what residents told us has changed about living in your neighbourhood since 2006.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with GoWell, it is a ten year programme looking at the impacts of housing and neighbourhood regeneration on the health and wellbeing of communities. One of the ways we do this is through our survey of residents.

Our first survey was in 2006 and we have already circulated newsletters with the findings from that. We completed our second survey in August 2008 and we are planning to carry out another two in 2011 and 2013. Over time this will give us a picture of how regeneration is affecting residents like yourself. What are the important changes? Have things got better or worse – and for whom? These findings will be used to help planners improve services and regeneration in your area and elsewhere in the future.

Many of you who read this may have taken part in one or both of our surveys. To those of you who did take part, once again we thank you very much for your time.

Since our last newsletter we have been comparing what residents told us in our most recent survey in 2008 with what they told us back in 2006. We are pleased to provide you with a summary of this. As you will see, some issues have remained much the same, some have improved, while others have got worse. We hope they will be of interest to you.



WHO'S INCLUDED?



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There are 15 different areas in Glasgow included in our study – one of which is Carntyne.

The entire neighbourhood of Carntyne is not involved in GoWell, but rather an outer ring of streets as shown on the map. This is because the streets in the centre of Carntyne contain the 'Wingets' which we do not include as they have structural problems and are being treated as a 'Special Project Area' by Glasgow Housing Association.



KEY FINDINGS

345 Carntyne residents took part in the first survey in 2006 and 266 took part in the second one in 2008.

- Most people are satisfied with their **homes** (89% in 2008) and the proportion who say they are 'very satisfied' has increased from 27% in 2006 to 47% in 2008.
- Most people are also satisfied with the **neighbourhood** as a place to live – 84% in 2008. Again there is an increase in the proportion saying they are 'very satisfied' with the neighbourhood from 20% in 2006 to 35% in 2008.
- More people think that the **public services and amenities** in Carntyne are good. For example, the number of participants rating youth and leisure services as 'good' has increased from 40% in 2006 to 50% in 2008; ratings for shops has risen by from 62% in 2006 to 82% in 2008; and the ratings for childcare and nurseries has risen from 35% in 2006 to 73% in 2008.
- We asked some questions about whether **anti-social behaviour** issues are a problem in Carntyne. The majority of people indicated they are 'not a problem' in the area. However, the two issues concerning people the most is rubbish or litter lying about and teenagers hanging around on the street.
- Fewer residents now believe that local people are willing to step in and personally **tackle anti-social behaviour**. The number of people agreeing that someone would be likely to intervene if a group were harassing someone in the local area has fallen from 71% in 2006 to 39% in 2008.
- Feelings of **safety** at night-time have declined. In 2006, 8% of people said they either felt very unsafe or never

walk alone after dark but 26% of people felt this way in 2008.

- When asked whether they feel the **reputation** of Carntyne had changed over the past two years: the majority (77%) felt it had stayed the same; 11% felt it had got better; and 12% felt it had got worse.
- There is a strong **sense of belonging** in Carntyne, with 87% of people saying they feel they belong to the neighbourhood in 2008. This has remained stable since 2006. There is also a strong feeling that Carntyne is a place where **people from different backgrounds** get on well together, with 94% of people saying this in 2008 – a slight increase from 91% in 2006.
- More people feel like they can **have a say in decisions** that affect them. For example, the number of people who feel their landlord or factor takes account of residents' views when making decisions increased from 63% in 2006 to 70% in 2008.
- Self-reported **health** has remained fairly stable with 73% of people rating their health as excellent or good in 2008. This figure was 75% in 2006.
- Rates of **smoking** have fallen slightly from 41% in 2006 to 38% in 2008.



WHAT NEXT:



Over the coming year we will send you a series of newsletters, each of which will focus on a particular issue and provide you with the survey responses for that issue in more detail.

In addition to sharing the survey findings with you and your neighbours through this newsletter, we're offering presentations to local stakeholders and service providers such as local housing organisations, community planning partnerships, and community health and care partnerships. If you belong to a community group that would be interested in hearing a presentation and discussion of the findings for Carntyne please contact Jennie Coyle on the details below.

All the personal information we collect is completely confidential and anonymous and is not shared with anyone outside the research team.

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