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Welcome to the latest edition of the Drumchapel 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 Drumchapel.

The GoWell study covers all but the most southerly parts of the Drumchapel as shown on the map above.



KEY FINDINGS

694 Drumchapel residents took part in the first survey in 2006 and 476 took part in the second one in 2008.

- Most people in Drumchapel say they are satisfied with their **home** and this increased slightly from 81% in 2006 to 84% in 2008.
- The number of people who are satisfied with their **neighbourhood** as a place to live is also high and has stayed almost the same at 78% in 2006 and 77% in 2008.
- Most of the **public services and amenities** in Drumchapel are seen to have improved. For example, the number of people who rated childcare or nurseries as 'good' increased from 48% in 2006 to 71% in 2008; ratings for parks/open spaces rose from 33% in 2006 to 60% in 2008; and ratings for children's play areas rose from 28% in 2006 to 48% in 2008.
- We asked some questions about whether **anti-social behaviour** issues were a problem in Drumchapel. Over a third of people felt that teenagers hanging around on the street; people using or dealing drugs; and people being drunk or rowdy in public places; and gang activity are a 'serious problem' in the area.
- Feelings of **safety** at night-time have declined. In 2006, 13% of people said they either felt very unsafe or never walk alone after dark but this had increased to 38% of people feeling this way in 2008.

- When asked whether they felt the **reputation** of Drumchapel had changed over the past two years: half felt it had stayed the same; while the remaining half was split equally between those who felt it had got better (a quarter) and those that felt it had got worse (a quarter).
- There is a strong **sense of belonging** in Drumchapel, with 82% of people saying they feel they belong to the neighbourhood. However, this is a slight decrease from 87% in 2006.
- Many 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 56% in 2006 to 71% in 2008. More people also feel that either on their own or with others they can **influence decisions** affecting the local area – from 30% in 2006 to 48% in 2008.
- **Smoking** appears to be falling with 45% of people saying they smoke in 2008, compared to 56% in 2006.
- **Self-reported health** has fallen very slightly but still remains high with 72% of people saying their health is excellent or good in 2008. This figure was 75% in 2006



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 Drumchapel 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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