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Welcome to the latest edition of the Wider Red Road 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.



WHAT DO WE MEAN BY WIDER RED ROAD?



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

Included in the GoWell study are the Red Road flats and also the surrounding neighbourhoods of Balornock, Old Balornock, Petershill and Barmulloch – as shown on the map. We call these surrounding neighbourhoods 'Wider Red Road'

The key findings over the page are the responses from the residents in these 'Wider Red Road' neighbourhoods.



KEY FINDINGS

768 residents from the 'Wider Red Road' areas took part in the first survey in 2006 and 370 took part in the second one in 2008.

- Most people said they are satisfied with their **homes** (91% in 2008) and the proportion 'very satisfied' increased slightly from 24% in 2006 to 42% in 2008.
- Most people are also satisfied with the **neighbourhood** as a place to live – 86% in 2008. Again there is an increase in the proportion saying they are 'very satisfied' with the neighbourhood from 23% in 2006 to 34% in 2008.
- Most of the **public services and amenities** in and around the neighbourhood are seen to have improved. For example, the number of people who rated childcare or nurseries as 'good' increased from 54% in 2006 to 80% in 2008; ratings for shops rose from 57% in 2006 to 79% in 2008; and ratings for parks/open spaces rose from 52% in 2006 to 74% in 2008.
- We asked some questions about whether **anti-social behaviour** issues were a problem in your neighbourhood. The three most 'serious' problems are considered to be: people being drunk or rowdy in public places; people using or dealing drugs; and teenagers hanging around on the street.
- Feelings of **safety** at night-time have declined. In 2006, 9% of people said they either felt very unsafe or never walk alone after dark but this has risen to 27% of people feeling this way in 2008.

- When asked whether they felt the **reputation** of the area had changed over the past two years: the majority of people (almost 70%) felt it had stayed the same; 17% felt it had got better; while 14% felt it had got worse.
- There is a strong **sense of belonging** to the area, with 93% of people feeling they belong to the neighbourhood in 2008. This is the same figure as 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 slightly from 61% in 2006 to 67% in 2008. More people also feel that either on their own or with others they can **influence decisions** affecting the local area – from 40% in 2006 to 59% in 2008.
- There has been no change in the number of people reporting that they **smoke** between 2006 and 2008 (40%).
- **Self-reported health** is fairly high and has remained the same with 78% of people saying their health is excellent or good 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 Wider Red Road 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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