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Welcome to the latest edition of the 'Wider Scotstoun' 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 SCOTSTOUN'?



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

The GoWell study includes the multi-storey flats at Kingsway Court and Plean Street – which we call Scotstoun 'core' and also the surrounding houses and tenements of wider Scotstoun and Yoker – which we call 'wider Scotstoun'. The boundaries of this wider area are shown on the map.

The key findings over the page are the responses from the residents in these Wider Scotstoun neighbourhoods.



KEY FINDINGS

308 residents took part in the first survey in 2006 and 214 took part in the second survey in 2008. Below is a summary of some of the things they told us about living in your neighbourhood.

- Most people are satisfied with their **homes** and this has increased from 80% of people in 2006 to 87% in 2008.
- Satisfaction with the **neighbourhood** as a place to live is high but this has fallen from 90% of people in 2006 to 78% in 2008.
- Local **public services and amenities** in the area are seen to have got better. Most notably, the number of people who rated childcare or nurseries as 'good' increased from 42% in 2006 to 83% in 2008; ratings for shops rose from 67% in 2006 to 88% in 2008; and ratings for youth and leisure services rose from 38% in 2006 to 66% in 2008.
- We asked some questions about whether **anti-social behaviour** issues are a problem in your neighbourhood. A quarter of all respondents said that people using or dealing drugs; and people being drunk or rowdy in public places are a 'serious problem' in the area.
- Feelings of **safety** at night-time have declined. In 2006, 12% of people said they either felt very unsafe or never walk alone after dark but this had risen to 31% 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; 15% felt it had got better; while 16% felt it had got worse.
- Many more people now feel that **people from different backgrounds** in the area get on well together. This increased from 79% in 2006 to 86% in 2008.
- 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 65% in 2006 to 78% in 2008. More people also feel that either on their own or with others they can influence decisions affecting the local area – from 39% in 2006 to 54% in 2008.
- Rates of **smoking** have increased from 39% of people saying they are a smoker in 2006 to 44% of people in 2008. However, 60% of people who smoke said they intend to give up smoking in the future.
- **Self-reported health** has fallen very slightly but still remains high with 77% of people saying their health is excellent or good in 2008. 83% of people said their health was excellent or good 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 'Wider Scotstoun' 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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