

# DEDRIDGE



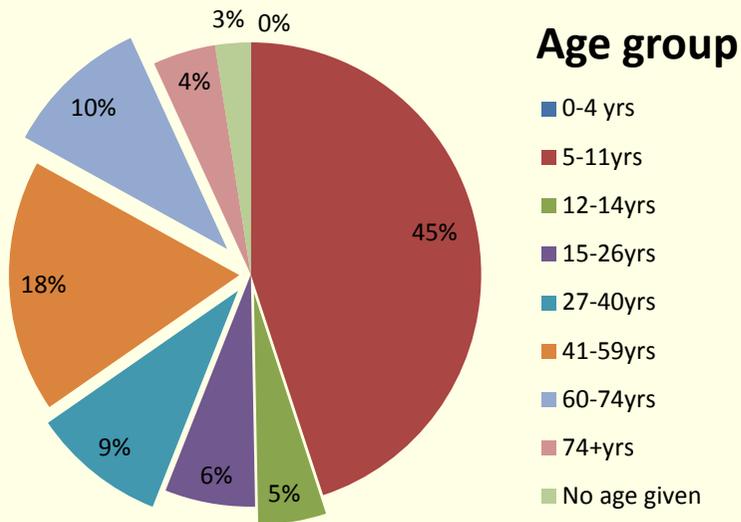
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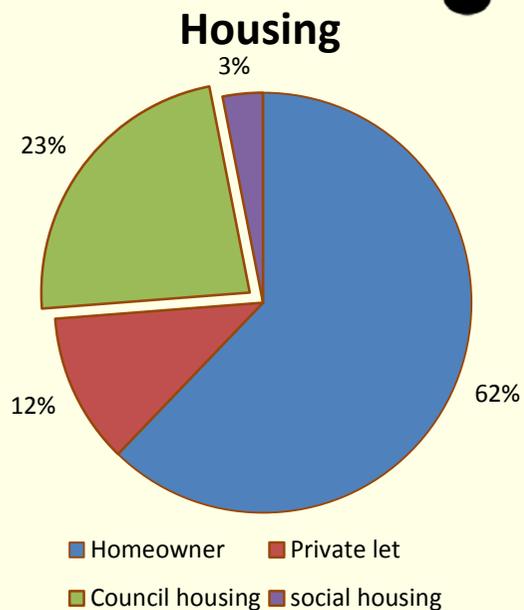
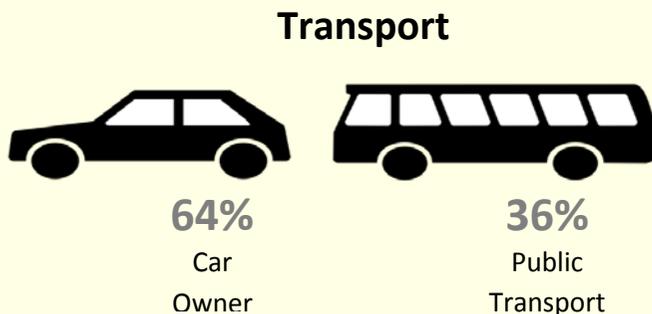
# Dedridge CONSULTATION 2017-2018

## Who we spoke to



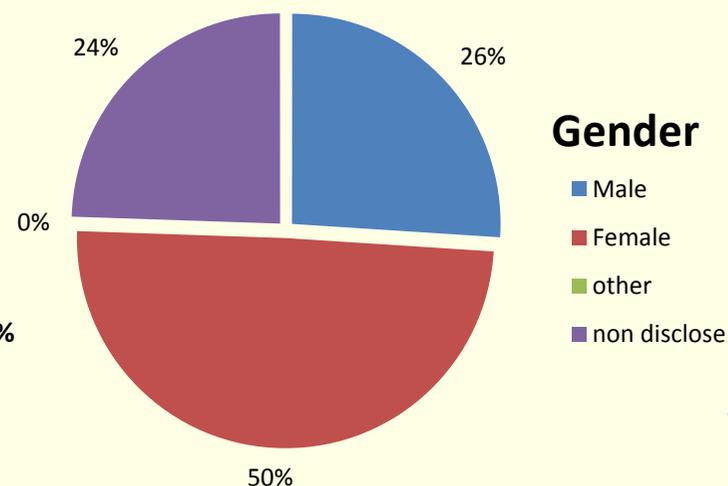
**89%** Scottish/British  
 Polish/Eastern European= 8%  
 other = 3%

location	number of questionnaires
Dedridge Arrochar House	3
Skills Dev Programme	3
Lanthorn	23
Dedridge H/C	44
Street engagement	29
JYHS	29
MCMC	1
DGNN	11
online survey	84
Baptist \church	18
St Ninians PS	250
other	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>523</b>



**31%** With a disability or cares for someone with a disability

74% of people provided their postcode: of these **33%** live in an area that is within the SIMD WLC most deprived 20%





# FINDINGS: summary and themes

All the information from the H Diagrams and Place Standards were gathered together. The comments on the H Diagrams were split up under the place standard themes. When we asked people what they liked about Dedridge this allowed us to identify what the communities assets were (illustration opposite). By asking what they don't like and any ideas to make it better, this has helped identify priorities and areas for

## What we like



These four themes had the most comments under them. These themes highlight what you like most about living in Dedridge

### Facilities and amenities

The variety, shops, Lanthorn, Community facilities

192 comments

### Moving around

Central, everything close by, the centre, Commuting links

172 comments

### Play and recreation

Parks, football, groups, clubs

158 comments

### Natural Space

The pond- Green spaces- great woodlands, Walking areas

## What we don't like



These four themes had the most comments under them for dislike. These themes highlight what you dislike most about living in Dedridge

### Care and Maintenance

General cleanliness, dog's dirt, litter, vandalism shopping trolleys, fly tipping, bins

404 comments

### Feeling safe

Anti-social behaviour, drugs, at night, dogs, youths

155 comments

### Play and recreation

Parks, youths, children,

91 comments

### Housing and community

Tired, outdated, gardens, allocations, housing issues

53 comments

## Our ideas

ments



These four themes had the most comments under ideas for improvement. These themes highlight ideas that residents have to improve Dedridge

### Play and Recreation

More football pitches, bigger, better and more parks, more youth activities, community

206 comments

### Care and Maintenance

More bins- clean paths- litter picking, dog mess, tired and messy areas, bins and trolleys

152 comments

### Facilities and amenities

More shops, Swimming pool, bigger Lanthorn, more community facilities

59 comments

### Feeling safe

Police, CCTV, anti-social behaviour, drugs, dogs

58 comments

# CONSULTATION: collated findings

## What we like



### Moving around 172

- **Central everything close:** school is near, I can walk to school, having school right next to home, Close to everything everything is nearby don't have to travel far, Near the centre and other shops, Close to shopping centre my mum doesn't drive and can get about everywhere Central location Area close to everything in the middle centre, not sure if I'd say I like living here but it's ideal for the short distance between things i.e. shopping centre and my family, doctors, dentist, etc. Close to park, pond, woodlands schools etc. Close to all the main facilities e.g. doctors, school, Near the nursery , primary schools and shops, Lanthorn Sports facilities nearby, Everywhere within walking distance, Easy to walk around, Everything is on doorstep schools and shops, Access to local services- dentist, health centre, shops, buses Close to centre- good path that take you there without crossing main roads, Routes schools and shops, park is close to my home, it's close to playing fields and the woods, shop beside my house and haircut shop, social activities are mainly close by and accessible, swimming pool cinema and eating places x 143
- **The Centre;** Lots of shops nearby (centre) Easy access to local shops and businesses e.g. the centre I like Dedridge because I can walk to the shops x20
- It's easy for commuting, close by transport links, Easy route to Edinburgh and Glasgow, Close to motorway for Edinburgh and Glasgow, Walk to Murieston near railway station x 8
- School nearby for transport

### Public Transport 27

- like the public transport into Edinburgh Good access to Edinburgh, Great destination for getting in and out of Edinburgh both on buses and trains, Easy access to A71 for travel into Edinburgh Very convenient for buses, Walking distance to train station and bus stops trains x 12
- Bus links, Transport links; Good public transport links x 8
- like the bus routes x 2
- the bus service is decent x 4
- generally good public transport

## Traffic and parking 1

- main roads are well maintained

## Streets & Spaces 28

- We can walk for miles and never cross a road, which makes me feel more confident taking the kids out on their bikes or for a long walk. streets are laid out nicely, the path through the park is great, Network of walking giving access to surrounding parks and walks plenty of paths for walking Good path network when walking around x 9
- I like living in our street, very nice street x 8
- Lots of places to walk dog x 4
- There is smooth paths, Bumps in the roads and paths x 2
- my street is not busy with cars so I can play in the street
- My street has grass areas which is great.
- The streets are swept relatively regularly too.
- Lanthorn and Murieston- Broad path- woods lovely flowers, Planted daffodils at the back in the grounds under the trees - beautiful makes me feel happy sunshine x 2

## Natural space 106

- **The Pond:** I like the pond and little ducks; the lakes, Dedridge pond ( swans) wildlife Good to go for a walk around the Lanthorn pond for exercise, Frog pond like the regeneration of it x 56
- **Woods,** I like how there are lots of trees Playing in the trees love the local woodland pond x 16
- **Green spaces,** Lots of fields to play anything you want, I love Dedridge the natural open spaces are beautiful, Cleaner open space x 14
- **walking areas;** Loads of places to go bike rides and walking; Good places to walk dogs; Good walks in the woods areas Three parks to go to with my dog x 8
- it's a lovely area because it has lots of animals and things to do good space for nature & children to explore x 6
- Plants; flowers; I like that in summer the flowers grow and that they built a new park x 3
- I like Dedridge because in the morning birds tweet for a long time
- fields to play in
- a big patch of grass to play football

## Play & Recreation 158

- **Parks:** I like the fact I can go to the parks; I like the park because it has cool stuff; I like the play park; I like when I pass the park; the park because it has a climbing frame; it is beside parks; the parks are good; there are lots of parks; there is a lot of good parks; I like how the park got upgraded; There is a park close to my house so I can go there to play; I like the big park in Dedridge, Lanthorn park looks good; Great park behind Ivanhoe; Good parks for kids (new park really good), Dedridge area playgrounds Like the work they have done at the pond area and park area, many of the parks updated which is great, the bump track/froggy pond is good x 92
- **Football:** beside my house they have a football pitch; Murieston football and park area, football pitch next to me x 28
- **Groups:** Lots of toddler groups at the community centre; Good toddler groups, activities Children's community play groups, Community groups YAP/YIP, Good places for like clubs x 6
- Lots to do, Lots to do with children Lots of activities for children Plenty things to do It's close to the centre, cinema, mini golf and other things for the kids X5
- Like the Dedridge good neighbour network; - its gets me out the house to meet friends and have my lunch x 3
- **Playing:** Playing outside with friends; Playing at the park; Playing in the playground x 3
- The variety of clubs at the Lanthorn x 2
- Great night life x 2
- I like Dedridge because there is loads to explore, There are lots of bits to play x 2
- My children play out as friends live nearby, My kids love playing in the woods x 2
- Good leaders of the Boys Brigade
- Basketball pitch, tennis courts,
- Athletic clubs ( schools)
- Karate club
- I like playing pokemon go here because there are good pokemon
- It has really fun things
- Good places for my litter brother to play
- Its good for younger people
- I am part of the outreach group on a Wednesday which I enjoy
- Mixing with other people at clubs in the afternoon it certainly stops you from being lonely
- Good groups at various venues
- BMX was good at Staunton Rise
- gymnastics

## Facilities & Amenities 192

- **Variety:** Can access various activities and library good all round services including schools and libraries Chemist near health centre, health centre staff friendly helpful good GP - big and good Dentist Close to church and facilities Good for local amenities, Local shops - hairdresser and chip shop etc Bank and post office service are easy to access - help the older people It's close to local amenities close to shops, doctors, vets etc; near to facilities There is a very good health centre near by Local shops, convenience stores, Facilities are very good, I use the library and attend the church local health centre; health centre very local Chemist handy can do a delivery service Live opposite doctors, Good place to bring up children lots to do bubbles-gym, Good choice of close by restaurants/fast food places, pubs, hairdressers, gyms, etc all available x **58**
- **Shops:** Sweet shops; Centre: I like that the centre is in Dedridge (x4); There is shops beside our house, Shops that are open late, shopping centre Walking distance to the centre and Morrison's Almondvale shopping centre , Variety of shops x **51**
- **Lanthorn:** I like the Lanthorn park and building because of the fun activities; Lanthorn Library, various groups, great asset Community centre is an amazing resource for all ages, The recent regeneration of the Lanthorn centre has improved the overall appearance of the immediate area surrounding it I like going to the Lanthorn; I like how I'm near Lanthorn Lanthorn - (do an amazing job for the community). It being in the centre and can be used by many different groups, Lanthorn done up and looking a lot nicer The Lanthorn is a lifeline to every resident. Especially the elderly and vulnerable; Good community centre on my doorstep, fantastic community centre where young and old can meet. It is a great place for young mothers to meet and make new friends. lots of groups The Lanthorn Centre is a needed place to go; gives somewhere to go to meet our friends and join in with the groups; Lanthorn various groups/ GNN , craft group, meeting people and the café, wee café quite good Lanthorn redone The Lanthorn is a great place, hub of the community where everyone is made to feel welcome- with lots and lots of things going on x **48**
- Community facilities for use, Meet new people get the uses of the community centre the library, Library, Library and computers we print out quite a lot there, we love the Baptist church who run absolutely fabulous playgroups/toddler group, plenty of groups for the little ones and children, amenities are good lots for kids x **10**
- **parking** x **5**
- I like how there is a lot of local places around; I like this area because there is different places that you can go; I have places to go with my parents, Lots of things to do x **4**
- GP surgery difficulty getting an appointment - find receptionists unhelpful - can't walk in got to phone, cant phone as in work, and unable to phone re health check due to previous heart attack x **4**
- Swimming x **4**
- Big haul x **2**
- Ice cream truck

- The facilities
- There is good sports facilities
- good service
- lots to do with the lads
- Church- split

#### Work and local economy 4

- The shopping centre; designer outlet good business bringing people from elsewhere x 3
- close drive to local employers

#### Housing & Community 14

- Houses, Home x 5
- All the houses in my street have been done up and they look much nicer and its not one of the really nice streets, most of housing in good state x 3
- Biggest home I've had, Houses are good size. X 2
- Attractive house prices, Cheap property costs x 2
- New council housing
- Have better houses and plots

#### Social interaction 83

- **People are nice:** Some nice people; everyone is kind and happy; friendly; kind; People are down to earth not snobby; I like everyone Dedridge is the best x 29
- **My friends live here:** lots of friends to play with; living in the same place with my friend; I am able to play with my friends; I have lots of friends; I like living here because I am close to my friends; I like playing with my friends; Making new friends; school friends, My mates are there, Friendly people in Crusader Court x 22
- **Friendly neighbours:** Nice neighbours, I have never worried about the people that live in my street they all seem okay. I only speak to a few neighbours who we interact with the rest don't bother their loss Neighbours and people are nice, and protective, All the neighbours work together , Everyone gets on with everyone, had the same neighbours for 25 years x22
- There is a lot of kids x2
- **Animals/pets:** Lots of dogs, Lots of cats x 2
- Everyone knows each other, Know lots of people x 2
- Good community

- Locals
- Lanthorn is good to meet people
- people keep themselves to themselves

### Identity and belonging 77

- **Family** - grew up here; Family stay in Dedridge so its within walking distance Brought up here The familiarity Feels like home Family nearby, Lived here since 1976; lived here 2- rs, I brought my children in Dedridge it always had a good sense of community. Family stay here to be close to family, It's a good place to live with a family; Family lives here; family local x **16**
- Quiet peaceful area to stay x **15**
- Community spirit: Community feel about the area; good community spirit lovely community spirit Family atmosphere It's a community together; Community's - many of the people are nice x **13**
- Lovely place, Good place to live, love it x **11**
- I lived here 33 years I've had no bother at all grew up in Dedridge so have a lot of childhood memories Children born here, I lived here 33 years I've had no bother at all, I've been fortunate in the area of Dedridge I have lived there for the past 15 years. I'm originally from Edinburgh. I thought it would be a good place with continue to raise my children fresh air open spaces plenty room to play X **10**
- I like Dedridge because it is a small place which I like because it is easy to get places unlike Edinburgh and Glasgow and it is not that busy; I like that it's a small place so everybody knows everybody x **2**
- Where I live , It's alright I mean it's good to live in it x **2**
- Lived here 3 years x **2**
- However I still see it as not one of the nicer areas to live in Livingston and plan to move once my mortgage is paid
- Country feel within the town
- Friendly environment
- Respectful area
- Fairly decent and bleak
- My home

### Feeling safe 49

- Feels safe, Quiet peaceful area to stay, Nice and quiet; quiet friendly neighbourhood I feel safe - maybe because its full of old people Area- no hassle, I've have lived in Dedridge for 40 years and have never felt unsafe, My 9 year old son can go out and play safely, schools easy accessible using footpaths creating safer environment for children x **24**
- Not noisy, Peaceful, its quiet, (quiet no people partying compared to when I lived in Craigshill and Knightsridge) x **22**

- I live in a lovely area of Dedridge
- Not as many young people hanging about
- That it is a safe and clean environment

### Care and maintenance 9

- Well-kept lovely area, it's a very nice area, Area is clean but need to keep on top of work done, The upper end of the alphabet from Peveril - Templar feels safe and looks nice. X 5
- Cleaned tidy parks
- Bin empty on time
- Plenty dog bins
- The work done is very impressive

### Childcare and respite 1

- I have care line and they are brilliant - best ever totally grateful for it gives me security and staff are so nice

### Education and lifelong learning 46

- **School:** coming to school; I like my school it is fun; our school x 25
- Schools; schools are good Good schools, Dedridge primary is a great school, i went there and so have my birth children, Jyhs is also a good school, happy that we are in their catchment, loves the interaction he has with the teachers and pupils at Dedridge primary school. all my kids went to Dedridge primary and my youngest is in 4th year at the James young high school. All my kids have attained good exam results due to the support of the teachers at the school x 12
- Dedridge Glenvue, Nursery has gave him support with his speech and language changed 1st choice to stay at Glenvue Local nurseries x 4
- Good schools , Bankton PS has three primary schools and a high school x 4
- After school clubs

### Influence and Self-control 16

- I don't like anything in the area I don't have anything good to say about Dedridge x 6
- Not a lot: Nothing much Nothing really x4
- I like everything x 2
- I love the sunset in Dedridge
- Open outlook
- Lots of changes some good

- Good support networks for carers and health services

## CONSULTATION: collated findings

What we don't like



### Moving around 6

- no pavements on some of the streets( takes much longer to walk through streets than would walk along the road - not pram friendly) not enough pathways in Dedridge x 4
- Don't like the shops because they are far away
- School is not close (St Ninians pupil)

### Public Transport 13

- buses don't turn up on time folk rely on them for work , public transport worse than its ever been, The bus service to Edinburgh no longer exists in Dedridge West I am disappointed in the reduction of bus service through Dedridge to Edinburgh and it would be great to see buses to the airport come through Dedridge too, since bus service changed in Dedridge west people now isolated getting to doctors, dentist and chemist also shops x6
- more frequent trains from livi south x3
- EX40 times never coincide with carers appointments leaving me with 2 hours waiting times in the morning or I have to get a taxi that I have to pay for myself. £1.20 bus £5 taxi one way fair
- good public transport
- transport now not quite as good
- transport to Oak bank park industrial estate is non existent

### Traffic & parking 49

- **Residential parking:** Not enough parking, sometimes not enough spaces in streets. Many of them taken up by vans, The parking in Norman rise is really bad and it's a struggle to get a space sometimes when you have kids and shopping; Lack of parking in Peveril Rise; Palmer Rise, One neighbour uses 6 parking spaces Parking - lack of spaces - grassed areas and bushes can be used for car parks, Slightly inconvenient parking, Parking in street is ridiculous no spaces cars are being deserted at side of road or having to park up on grass verge or pathways! Parking in street a lot of illegal parking and lack of parking for houses. People visiting the centre using Kenilworth Rise for parking to save parking cost -

causing residents parking issues I also don't like the lack of parking as more people have cars now than when Dedridge was first built what spaces there are often taken up by work X **28**

- **Speeding:** Bad drivers; Too much cars driving too fast; don't like living behind Clement street racers next to my house No speed restrictions in Nigel Rise very busy street with cars and lorries going to fast Cars not abiding the 20mph speed limit inconsiderate drivers speeding and parking ( only a few inconsiderate drivers) x **9**
- All the roads around Dedridge are all rocky and burst tires; Some of the paths are bumpy, Bumps in the roads and paths Street road surfaces are poorly maintained unless you complain then temporarily fixed x **4**
- The roads are very busy; Don't like roads because they are busy, Safer roads x **4**
- **School parking** at Quentin; I don't like that parents use private parking to wait to pick up their children. I counted over 8 cars in parking bays which made the car park full forcing me in a neighbouring street away from my home. There is just not enough parking in the streets for all residents, Parking live next to school and can never find a space to park me and toddler in our street x **2**
- don't like the sound of the traffic noise at busy times from the A71 and the dual carriageway also there is excessive fumes and pollution due to that
- traffic on A71 now using Mid Calder and East Calder as rat runs

## Streets & spaces **23**

- **footpaths** around local housing, Too many places in Livingston do not have enough appropriate walking space I hate the footpaths that have been dug up over the years and never been properly replaced/fixed very uneven not suitable when my in laws visit who walk with aids, The walkway down from Ivanhoe to the centre on the left hand side could really do with a hand rail as it becomes slippy with wet leaves and is a nightmare during snow and ice, footpaths cleaned and bushes cut back off public footpaths, Paths not gritted when icy x**10**
- **Street lights;** I don't like that there is not enough street lights so kids can stay out longer, street lights could be brighter especially at underpasses, Tunnels at night specially the asda tunnel leaving Dedridge x **3**
- **The garden fences!!!!** And lack of felling secure I don't like the fences x **2**
- They still have construction
- Rubbish street (Mowbray/Kern, underpass )
- I don't like the fact that green spaces have been removed and has unsightly trees and bushes planted in the space that have not been unkempt.
- It's like Belfast wall - bad wire
- Bikes riding on public pathways
- Speed bumps
- Bins not put back to parking areas left on street or in front of cars

- BDC- everything kept clean flowers blooming

## Natural space 5

- Children love the woods and the pond but a large grass area is wasted.
- Wooded area needs updating and better care of.
- Although there is a pond at the James Young side we could do with a play park there too.
- lack of dog friendly parks
- green spaces need tidying up

## Play & recreation 91

- **Parks:** Play park; I don't like the park can you make it better please; More soft surfaces in play area; More areas to play; More parks ; The park I would put more things in it to play on; Park because they need to add more swings; Not many parks; No park in Clement Rise not much to do in Clement Rise We want to encourage children to get outside and play get off PS4s but my children need me to visit the nearest park in Murieston or other side of Dedridge. Back of Ravenswood park not so good, the lack of play parks or activities in my very close area. I'm in Staunton Rise Foggy pond was upgraded as the BMX track. A play area with challenging monkey bars and balance logs would benefit that area massively. The BMX only caters for older children & teenagers. There is space and scope for a fitness/play area. No proper playgrounds for children, especially at the end of Dedridge, close to Adambrae, actually there is no any, The Lanthorn park needs more for small children, Play areas. Too obscure and rubbish equipment. When I was growing up Talisman Rise had a large park called the Fort. Build up in the wood area. This again no longer there. Children now a days are missing out on the fun I had as a child playing and socialising outdoors, lack of play parks, Having grown up in Dedridge in the 70's 80's I feel there is fewer places for children to play There are no play areas for children to access alone or supervised at Staunton Rise end of Dedridge, lack of play equipment for other primary children on the west side of Dedridge, lack of play equipment for other primary children on the west side of Dedridge Some areas are too far from the main play park and kids are too small to go to park themselves and they have nowhere to play. Nigel rise and Quentin rise are examples of areas that have had their 'green' areas planted over and they are now well overgrown and make the place look a mess, I don't like the fact that grass spaces had unsightly bushes and trees planted to stop kids from playing No proper playgrounds for children, especially at the end of Dedridge, close to Adambrae, actually there is not any x **34**
- **Youths:** Not much to do: There isn't much to do with teenagers to keep them out of trouble; Nothing to do Nowhere for teens to relax; nowhere to kick about, Older kids aren't really treated fairly in the Lanthorn - we get kicked out; younger kids allowed in Lanthorn more than teens no youth clubs at the community centre x **16**

- Don't like how there is not that much stuff for kids; I don't like that there is not much fun things to do; We don't do anything exciting; Nothing to do, Isn't any events, There is not many places to go to chill, Not enough youth clubs for kids; Not a lot to do for my older son (5-11); Nowhere to go for young people - nothing to do; nothing to do Not enough things or places for children to play at x **12**
- **Children:** Nothing in the community for children; Nowhere to sit and chill; x **6**
- Not enough for children to do during holidays especially for nursery age No facilities for the young, i.e. youth clubs, play schemes during holiday times in the Easter and Summer for kids, Nothing to do used to be a play scheme in the Easter and summer for kids x **5**
- no skate park, no tennis, Basketball court Took tennis courts away x **4**
- Not a lot to do for older people no clubs always waiting list, no entertainment for older ones x **4**
- No football, no football course x **3**
- nothing for men- women have the shops x **3**
- to make dens when we are playing tig
- **Outside activities:** lack of parks and activities to do outside
- Offering cheap classes for families to attend.
- no community activities,

#### Facilities & amenities **28**

- We don't have a big library; I don't like the library, shutting the library x**4**
- Hospital Can't get appointments at health centre I sometimes have to wait for 3 weeks which is unacceptable and only encourages you to go to A&E, waiting time at Dedridge health centre - 4 weeks for routine appointment x **4**
- Too much shops; Don't like the shops x **3**
- Not many places to go; I don't really like how there isn't much places to go; Not that much to go x **3**
- No swimming x **2**
- The Lanthorn x **2**
- Pubs shut, Not enough restaurants and pubs x **2**
- Need more food in the supermarkets
- waiting lists for dentist
- Little is quite bad and the youths need better facilities so they are not hanging about the streets
- No DIY store
- with new housing across the road, I think the health centre whom already struggle with appointments has to be addressed ...
- How much building there is, more houses but not keeping up with all the other amenities that go with them

- no central community /town centre
- Crofthead centre not as thriving as before

### Work and local economy 6

- not much work only retail jobs - nothing industrial, Not enough employment (YP)x 3
- Poverty
- there isn't a post office
- shopping areas look run down

### Housing & community 53

- **Tired outdated;** Don't like all/some of the houses, The houses look poor and dodgy Housing outdated , similar housing stock no change in years Also wondering when the "poorer" side of Dedridge will be given the facelift to the houses exterior, Run down big time a lot of private lets so some looking tired, poor state of the houses and gardens on the walk to Bankton primary ie Nigel and Kenilwoth Landlords not coming to fix fences etc. Houses are looking very run down .. can see two boarded up windows in different houses which isn't pleasant, What I don't like about Dedridge is it has become very shabby the houses look very tired and run down, neglected houses and garden seen occasionally, Gardens in Mowbray Rise are a mess, Gardens where rubbish is dumped and left for ages, All the houses look derelict and not looked after properly the gardens are a mess x 16
- **Gardens** - asking for help asking for £160 before help single parent 5 kids, State of some folks gardens, gardens filled with rocks are messy; Peoples gardens, Garden rubbish left lying x 8
- **Allocations;** Stop the Polish getting the houses- have been on the housing list for years, work and have an excellent tenancy history- and they just come here and get the new houses, Building all these new houses but not going to us- who have lived here whole life, Neighbours/Council Tennant's being mixed with owned houses Allocation of housing seems unfair and too long on the waiting list Lack of good quality housing: I don't like the way the council allocate the houses in Dedridge x 7
- **Housing problems** - dampness, still there, humidifiers - relationships unprofessional of workers; House issues- never got replacement skirting, woodwork, dooring, windows popped, plastic paper, warped floor boards dampness - health issue re pre-schooler. Windows have condensation event with double glazing units Council workers are cowboy fix bubble in ceiling. Poor quality housing, the length of time you have to wait for fencing repairs X 6
- housing associations
- Garden not attached to house; My garden, Not the best type of house maisonette garden not attached, It's weird living in a flat x 5

- **New build;** They are building all these new houses- just out the back of the centre - where are the kids going to go what school, health centre, what will they play with All these new builds- need to look at the nurserys and schools - with the new builds in Murieston. Need new schools and services for these and the roads to accommodate these x **3**
- Rents costly now homeless Allocation of affordable housing x **2**
- Private lets are unsocial neighbours in a HMO next door x **2**
- my house has a small bathroom and kitchen
- Rows and rows of houses.
- There are very little pensioner houses
- Bins being left out

### Social Interaction **37**

- People dodgy and loud: most people living there cause a disturbance such as drinking and shouting Some neighbours x **8**
- Neighbours (dogs) Clement rise, My new neighbours so noisy no regard for any one but themselves, We have a new family next door who have no regard for their neighbours they about when they talk leave the windows and doors open so you can hear them shout and the constant cry of a child which really gets on top of you. We have asked them to be quiet but just ignore us.. unsociable neighbours, Neighbours - too many cars and 8 dogs x **5**
- Be nicer to people; Some of the people x **4**
- People are bad: people that live there most are bad x **3**
- How people smoke and drink x **3**
- Noisy youths, too many young people x **2**
- In my street there is not anyone to play with, Nowhere to just sit and relax with little children x **2**
- People are loud and sometimes people act weird; bunch of mean people; The people- loud and disruptive
- you can't go to the shops without seeing junkies
- People don't talk to others anymore
- don't trust no one
- we have lots of eating places and not enough social places ie pubs- cocktail bar, lounges. I feel we have enough restaurants. We need this for the older people. This is so missing in Dedridge - shopping area
- reduced bus service means less social interaction for some
- children with no respect to people or surrounding area
- Yobs
- Pit bulls
- Get rid of unwanted human waste druggies etc

## Identity and belonging 11

- No sense of community (Norman) More community spirit, Lack of community if you haven't lived here for 20 years you are not accepted as part of the community, I think Dedridge particularly lacks any kind of community and cohesion There is no village feel like they had in the old days x 8
- The fact that my area is small
- There is nothing I don't like because I live where I live (Peveril Rise) and it isn't dodgy at all
- Don't like Livingston

## Feeling safe 155

- **Antisocial behaviour:** I don't like when any people are fighting outside; Some of the people who fight; I don't like it when people argue with you and fight, Noisy neighbours always scream and my dog always gets scared when he is sleeping; Bad kids next door; There's people that go around in my street that scream at like 1am and there a lot of bad people smoking and drinking; people are drinking too much; There are lots of bad people walking around and drunks; people who have had too much to drink gangs ( Kenilworth, Clement, Norman) People are scaring the animals are the pond, gangs and young people hanging around, youth anti-social behaviour makes it an unbearable place to live in Streets are unsafe a lot of break ins, a lot of trouble and fights, ASB - evict tenants - police around at this woman's house every weekend Don't feel safe walking around people are getting attacked, was walking down the street in a red and blue top and was attacked by guys in their garden drinking (had a black eye)- was walking dog with daughter, large groups youths loitering, drinking, and drug taking; Youths hanging around chemist and shop; Young people walk about in gangs at the weekend lots of young people drinking on the streets causing a nuisance, and underpasses and leaving a mess, Youths hanging about the pond drinking and smoking weed. Leaving broken bottles etc. anti-social behaviour, High up on my list is the fact that reporting people displaying on going anti-social behaviour can be very time consuming and can take months/years for action to be taken by the council which had a negative impact on how I feel in my immediate surroundings x 43
- **Drugs;** Too much junkies, Drink and drugs; Drugs lots of drugs happening, crawling with drug addicts, Safety wise there is drug dealing and antisocial behaviour problems - not somewhere I wish to bring my child up in illegal substances are a problem, drug dealing in nearly every underpass, lots of drugs in the area, Drug dealers and users; Drunks, Lots of drugs dealers and addicts which are a bad influence on the kids Drug users hanging about I know the council and police know who they are x 30
- **Feeling safe at night/general;** I don't feel safe when by myself from past experience within the area feel I need to be cautious all the time Feels unsafe: Some areas can be quite intimidating, wouldn't walk through at night when younger Threats to life; Dangerous place to live When it gets dark in Dedridge, feels unsafe at night; Feels unsafe near the

Dedridge pond; Some places are unsafe for young kids don't feel safe or secure in the community, in lots of areas, walking on my own anymore, Some areas are not good for people walking through in the evening and can feel threatening to older people or single people. I don't feel particularly safe walking the streets after dark, some areas quite dark, particularly the woods btween James young and Alexander drive. don't feel safe or secure in the community x 25

- **Dogs:** too many dogs; Dogs and cats; Don't like the noisy dogs; All the dogs not with an owner; vicious dogs, All the dogs running around without a lead, Dogs off leash, Lots of dogs running about had to get a spray for garden to keep them away x 12
- **Youths:** Lots of teenagers in large crowds weekends and night main path at Kenilworth and Mowbray, hanging about at underpasses smashing bottles and taking drugs There is a big drugs/drink problem with many teenagers Young people at shop on Nigel Rise at weekend; young people on the streets at night I don't like going out at night with all the young ones about especially at underpass , Youths out on mini motorbikes riding just along paths and over parks There are too many young people hanging around doing nothing and it makes me scared to go out x 10
- **Bullies:** When people beat me up in my street; Because people call me names; there are high school people that call me names x 5
- police going by every day, no community police officers to be seen, No police presence x 4
- More CCTV; There isn't many cameras, x 2
- People putting stuff n fire, x 2
- Inconsiderate noisy neighbours x 2
- Underpasses they are not safe to use x 2
- too much access to alcohol in small local shops, Check the shop are giving to under age drink and cigarettes x 2
- I don't like how many bad people are there like drunk people, don't feel safe under tunnel at night to much
- Children going missing/ Kidnapping
- Too quiet
- People steal stuff
- Too many open gates
- Older people selling bus passes outside shop
- The reputation of the area and some of the streets don't feel safe (i.e have CCTV) also bad area for council housing people with social issues
- Benefit fraud
- areas where there isn't any kids that are nice
- Lots of drinking in gardens

- A lot of ex-offenders & paedophiles are being housed close by to family areas & beside kids play parks & schools!! I have stayed here for many year & used to feel was a safe place however now feel it is not safe to walk around this area freely & have to restrain the freedom my kids get & should be entitled to for their own protection.
- Bins are stolen
- Street lights are not as bright as previously which can reduce the feeling of safety
- young drivers going at very high speeds along the streets
- the increase of crime in the area

## Care & maintenance

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- **Cleanliness of overall area** when out walking, lots of rubbish mounting up in gardens, The houses in some rises that the council rent out are a disgrace, people not looking after their gardens and dumping stuff everywhere, It's definitely embarrassing if you have friends and family visiting. at Crofthead There is a pile of rubbish in the car park of the units outside the food outlets i.e. toilet pan, wood, nappies etc. Bushes overgrown, The pathways for walking when alone with pet do not feel safe as more often they are over grown and feel unsafe, Certain streets appear neglected, weeds growing and not being cut or removed, Over the years I have also noticed that the landscaping is not as regular as previous years and there is a lot of over grown trees and bushes. This need to be cut back especially at paths, Grass cutting not getting cleared , bushes overgrown Lately lack of maintenance due to budget cuts, It's a mess, looks quite run down, Dedridge is not what it once was - very sad to see how it has been "left to rot" the massive mess left by ARK housing that is just an overgrown eye sore, The state of public areas, the state of the water going from the Lanthorn to falconer Rise, what a mess, people throw everything in there and it hardly ever gets cleaned out; As mentioned upkeep needs to be done to maintain Dedridge area The Livingston sculpture, Clement Rise pitch in much need of repair, next to train station dirty, area next to pond needs cleaned up there is duck and swans there, When the grass cutters cut the grass they leave the grass all muddy and horrible treated like a dump, , it smells from garbage older council housing in state of repair, Doesn't feel like any money is being spent to improve the area, Dedridge is very run down, I bought a home here and the street is decaying badly, pavements are poor and covered in weeds and the roads are crumbling. We have houses with boarded up windows in our street, the majority of gardens are unkempt and the housing association stock looks awful. We would move tomorrow if we had the opportunity x **135**
- **Dogs dirt:** Some people don't clean up - after dogs; I never like the grass - dogs poo; the amount of dog droppings; irresponsible people that leave dog poo around without cleaning it up; I don't like that there is jags and dog poo everywhere; There is swan poo on the ground in Dedridge Dog dirt really bad at schools and park; dog dirt lost count of how many times ran over it with my buggy; dog poo on the paths; Dog fouling is ridiculous in this area, you can't go ten feet without there being one right in the middle of the path. It's especially bad near the schools, x **80**

- **litter:** there is too much litter on the ground; but there is one thing the environment is rubbish it stinks and lots of litter; unclean streets; I don't like that bad people leave trash everywhere and graffiti do awful things People don't clean after themselves, Litter on paths and public walkways; Rubbish; Litter outside James young is awful; litter everywhere graffiti, Improve litter collection, Lots of litter in the water beside the Lanthorn , the underpass at Dunelm- Halfords rubbish has piled up play park at Lanthorn covered in litter, Rubbish getting dumped in the burn - going to overflow Furniture dumped in gardens People just dump old household goods at their doors or garden x **69**
- **Shopping trollies** being dumped. I have reported trolleys being dumped to the council previously but nothing seems to happen,, in pond , public spaces, lying about; Underpasses are untidy- trollies dumped; Trolleys on the footpaths, trollies in the burn Lanthorn dumping X **18**
- **Fly-tipping** in woodlands and parks and road verges People dumping rubbish, it is getting worse I do believe its because of the small bins that have been introduced; Waste dumping in the vacant places; The mess in some areas caused by people dumping old beds etc., Council put up the price for bulky uplifts now there is a lot of fly tipping not everyone has a car, Along the back road- people use their back doors because of the amount of rubbish dumping out the front, Fly tipping 9 since free uplift stopped) There are rats at the Lanthorn pond- people are feeding the ducks and leading to rats going around houses they are hiding near sheds, get loads when they clean the burn out, something to do with the displacement of water, Asda tunnel- someone putting black bin bags down there and causing rats council are aware of this issue, Collection of unwanted junk just dumped outside gate and walkways x **19**
- **Vandalism:** When people burn some peoples bins I don't like all the graffiti, vandalism in the unnies general, graffiti in underpasses melted bins Roads never gritted inside the schemes, parks x **15**
- **Glass:** Broken glass on a lot of paths, around parks and paths make it dangerous for children to play All of Livingston bad for waste and broken glass, especially near steps and shrubbery Bottle has broken before swing park next to St Ninans x **12**
- **Bins:** Not enough bins, New black bins are too small for people with kids, are too small I have the same amount of rubbish now have to take a weekly trip to the dump, Over flowing bins, Street cleaning bins not put out overflow because they are too small; Small grey bins not big enough x **9**
- Not enough street lights, Not enough lit up areas at night, pathways should be more open x **6**
- **Gritting:** Don't grit our path, Many side streets are not gritted, poor footpaths in ice and snow x **5**
- Grass cuttings Hedges at back can't see end of road when in car x**5**
- Poor maintenance of paths and other areas; Side streets are not maintained, Pot holes along the roads x **4**
- **Walkways:** un-swept areas and foot paths, How the council doesn't do anything about the paths in Winter the last snow was confined to house and had to rely on young neighbours to get milk and bread, main paths very icy unsafe for walking on up the Lanthorn path from the café especially as I'm infirm and have balance issues x **3**
- sometimes after the grass has been cut the paths are left with large clumps of grass which become slippery when wet x **3**

- **Gardens** are covered in rubbish, gardens an eyesore, fences are eyesores, Rubbish gets dropped in front garden x **2**
- **Poor street lighting**, not well light at night new lights worse not a good enough glare x **2**  
Dirt and people spitting x **2**
- At Everard and Durward mess underpass at Ivanhoe rise, mess, people not looking after surrounding areas x **2**
- Stones in the football pitch
- Cigarettes everywhere
- The eco system
- The residents have stopped taking pride in their gardens and it is unsanitary.
- Jaggy bushes, Virgin put cables in and still exposed from kerb to road ( loose into house)
- flower shrubs cut back much roses blooming now not as attractive
- art work of concrete painted up, other side for graffiti
- Signage on streets
- Condition of the roads
- Certain areas are kept ok but others are used as dumping grounds for people or families with problems. These areas will never be good if this keep on happening.
- Lack of policing in the area

### Education & lifelong learning **3**

- More schools
- Schools are lacking in care & support they offer to kids with additional needs & this desperately needs to be rectified
- Better schooling

### Childcare and respite **1**

- no provision for out of school care and nursery care

### Influence & self-control **41**

- Nothing to do x **13**
- Weather: Rain, snow and rain storms; no sun x **3**
- Too small x **3**
- Trapped in house, Dedridge is a prison due to disability Gone downhill massively different, embarrassing when families come to visit x **3**
- I don't like it when I don't finish my work, I don't like my work because I take 50 mins to finish my work x **2**
- Not enough freedom x **2**

- Lack of trust; Lack of trust in teens x 2
- Dedridge has always been more run down looking compared to the west side which shows more effort - is put into higher house price parts, forgotten about- overgrown, x 2
- My trainers get mucky
- Public health risks
- Bad reputation
- Lack of investment in community sports groups
- Gutted as had to move out of Dedridge where id lived for 26 years due to bedroom tax to downsize and move to Eliburn but still use services in Dedridge as feel secure and they know me
- Cut backs at council
- In the past 6 months community has went down hill
- Need to cut back growth
- Litter is influencing the perception of how the area looks embarrassed to have friends over
- not much
- some individuals less community minded
- At the moment I can't think of anything

## CONSULTATION: collated findings

### Ideas to make it better



#### Moving around

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- Schools to be closer (St Ninians pupils) x 2
- Having closer shops x 2

#### Public transport

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- No bus and not getting upstairs
- public transport - links better across Livingston - there's more than centre and Edinburgh
- EX40 bus - more of them only 1 per hour
- Connect Glasgow bus back on weekend (general service)

## Traffic and parking 34

- **Residents parking:** Quentin: better parking in our street, I'd like more street parking in the rises, with most households being a two + car family we don't have enough parking, giving everyone at least one parking space per home or limiting how many cars each household has (some have 4x cars per household!) I'd like more street parking in the rises, as families grow so do the drivers in one house hold .. unfair that some streets have driveways & garages & others streets fight for parking spaces, allocate spaces to house, make extra spaces, take away some areas in streets to create more parking bays, use portions of the grass, bushes for additional parking bays. sometimes you can't get parked in a space never mind anywhere near your own house, Ambrose Rise Parking better allocated x 22
- Safer streets with speed bumps to slow traffic down - we need speed bumps: in Mowbray, Norman, Nigel and Kenilworth Rise x 8
- remedial work on paths and roads, improve the roads as all are in poor states x 2
- More sports parking
- Lines on roads to stop parking When picking children from school

## Streets & spaces 21

- All the paths to be smooth; Make all the roads soft ( no rocky burst tires); Fix the roads and paths; Make some paths smoother better care of walking routes more so near wooded areas Broken pavement s, improve road and pavements
- Put paths beside the roads, Have more paths and crossings, Lack of footpaths definitely renew all paths and fix potholes on the roads x 13
- better street lighting, More walk ways well lit up many are enclosed by fencing what very high x 2
- People should plant seeds to help create fresh air
- Statues of silver
- Cycle path
- There is also nothing for kids to do within their own streets as the grass has been planted on or there is a post advising of no ball games.
- Garden fences re done and just a secure area
- I'd personally get rid of most of the shrubbery, although most of it is already disappearing and get grass planted. I think it would be easier for grass to be cut, rather than have teams of 5/6 council workers tidying up the shrubbery. Grassy areas would be tidier too.

## Natural space 11

- More natural space: Forrest; Make a waterfall; More trees; Encourage more wildlife; More grass to play on; More plants and flowers, plant more trees like a nature trail x 8

- There is a field next to my house and I think something could be done with it
- A community garden
- tidy up pond at the Lanthorn

## Play & recreation 206

- **More parks/ better park:** new park, new skate park; make a new park; more bigger swing parks and more parks; put a park in Clement Rise; put a park in clement Rise; park in Clement Rise; a better park; a park near the froggy park; Bigger park: Make the park a little bit bigger; bigger play park; Bigger park at the Lanthorn park; Park slides more swings; bigger park with a big slide and climbing wall; A bigger park with more slides; A park to be closer; Water park; More activities in the park, Re-do Everard Rise park and remove the park from Lanthorn because it injures people; Re-do the park because it was on fire Challenging equipment for children. Monkey bars are disappearing from all park these days. Children will play in a park that has challenging fun. Within my close area of Dedridge we have no good parks. The foggy pond could be much better. It's not used to its fullest. My children love outdoors but need more. Improving Play park to have more useful play equipment for ages 1-15 years. better local parks, Playground for children clos eto Adam Brae end More and better parks for kids in general, at Staunton end of Dedridge make a safe children's play park, Froggy side needs a play park/swings, etc. use green grass areas to put equipment in that people can climb on.....monkey bars...balance beams A water play area would be great with the water fountain and water area like in Burntisland x **82**
- **Youths activities;** Things that will appeal to teens; Have things to occupy teenagers instead of having them on the streets more things for young people at night More club groups for 13-16, More for young people to do funding for youth clubs for older children Friday's More for teenagers to do especially stop drinking, a community hall for teenagers in the area, so they are not just in the streets at night and have somewhere productive to go to and socialise together and help with any issues they may have and support with any additional help Start more youth clubs for the young; Youth clubs Youth clubs for children in school holidays, nothing decent for young people having to go to Edinburgh and include taxis somewhere like the forum for bands, ice rink, More facilities for young people, community hall for Young people to help them with issues and support them with help they may need. They have nowhere to go and keep them away from the underpasses x**34**
- **Community Events;** A gala day would be fun; Have community events; Have a festival and firework display every year, Dedridge should make more festivals so we don't go to Edinburgh to see them More community activities, gala days, Promoting a children's gala/ community day on the playing fields by Lanthorn/ fun day type thing would help with sense of community More community activities; More activities for people More things to do at the Lanthorn e.g evening events in the summer X **17**
- **More football pitches:** football goals and a nice, better football pitch x **14**

- More **play areas**. X 12
- more for kids more things and places to go for the young ones i.e. parks more kids clubs in Lanthorn centre , , play scheme more community groups for young and elderly x 12
- **Skate Park:** More skate parks x 7
- More **parks for dogs** and for children, something for animals, a dog park would be a fantastic idea x 6
- **More children's groups:** More community kids groups (e.g. sports and youth); Crafts groups for kids; x 5
- **Sports;** Renovate sports area same as Lanthorn park ( good job) More sport to make it fun and more athletic clubs; x 4
- **Older people:** More for older people to do, social places, lounges, cocktail bar for the older cliental - too many eating places we need a balance! I am part of the outreach service until I reach 65 and would like to go to a group in my community that caters for this age group; I have only been told that once I am 65 there is Braid House where there are people that are a lot older than me with different needs. X 4
- Get more things to entertain children; More stuff for kids x 2
- **Play:** My idea is doing art and golden time; More toys to play with x 2
- There should be a jump station x 2
- A place to hang out if it's raining
- Make it funnier
- some sort of community information sharing

## Facilities & amenities

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- **More Shops;** More toy shops; Make shops bigger; More shops more earring shops the centre is good but as people see it all the time they take it for granted and don't always want to be here x 12
- Swimming pool/swimming James young pool opened up to the community, James young pool open up for community Bigger swimming pool at xcite bubbles x 13
- **Bigger Lanthorn;** Make the Lanthorn a better place Add a café at the Lanthorn, let people use the Lanthorn toilets, Proper community centre- there is nothing at the Lanthorn , More going on within the community in the Lanthorn More community facilities, Lanthorn centre needs updating x 10
- More libraries; Have a huge/bigger library x 5
- Nowhere to go to meet up like a café; Somewhere for young people to go like cafes etc so they are not hanging about Need some entertainment such as live band, used to be the old forum, platter played there (band) american bands came x 3
- More places to go, Somewhere to go if the weather is poor, More public areas with roofs x 3
- Leisure centre x 2
- four weeks for a doctor's appointment, Get more doctors into the health centre x 2

- Kelpies to be closer
- Café: Starbucks
- Soft play
- New buildings
- investment in better care for vulnerable people
- local pub
- Improve services
- DIY store
- Civic centre - little

### Work and local economy 3

- more local shops - not just takeaways. Maybe a café?
- More suitable employment in the area
- post office facilities in one of the shops

### Housing & community 43

- **Appearance- upgrade/repairs:** Exterior rendering extended to Norman, Nigel, Mowbray etc. , If the scheme of providing insulation and re harling of properties could be rolled out further it would greatly improve the overall appearance of the area. If there are already plans for this could residents be made aware as both myself and my neighbour have considered undertaking work on our properties but have held off in the hope that something will happen in the future, Council houses and gardens to be given a fix up, Double glazing units replaced, Investigation into the dampness a 1st step, outside of houses, Upgrade of housing, Old houses need a tidy up to compete with the new ones, bring back the scheme for council owned houses to get the rough casting and roofs done. Some of the ones from before are now coming off, private let's not fixing it up, enforcing them to do so, Revamp the maisonettes - all the houses, If the houses were upgraded this might more people take pride in their homes...people who sublet their houses should be made take care of them, Council to subsidise more houses to receive external cladding as this transforms the look of the whole area like Templar Rise Enforcing landlords do necessary upgrade work, have roughcast funded all over Dedridge x 13
- **Housing allocation:** More houses for the people who stay in Dedridge; how housing is allocated, more housing (prioritised), stop rehousing scumbags in Dedridge, Allocate housing more fairly. Houses to our family who have been on the housing list for years and not to others who come into the country who think it is their right. Would we be treated like this in their country!!! More careful over who they give houses too x 8

- **Gardens:** Support from NETS to enable the garden issues - help ideas, a tidy up - properties gardens, More residents keep their gardens and houses nice, Make private landlords keep gardens tidy and clean Ensuring houses and gardens are maintained. Incentive schemes for home owners and support for those renting. x 6
- Like new buildings, Destroy the houses make new ones, Make better houses Housing could be updated by the council x 4
- **Affordability;** More social housing; more affordable housing, Reasonable rent x 3
- Bigger gardens, A better garden connected to my house x 3
- Get more baths and bigger kitchen
- I live in a pensioners house neighbours were young and having parties at night
- more housing provision
- Housing
- Undertake amendments to the house as per recommendations and health and social policy
- Local housing

### Social interaction 9

- Take out the bad people x 3
- Safe meeting point for new people, handy people More social opportunities etc. x 3
- Not much it's just the people
- aware of residents and lets into area
- limited bus services means less social interaction for some people

### Identity and belonging 5

- More welcoming community, better community spirit Could do with a bit more community spirit x 3
- pride in living and quality of standard of residents among families
- It needs to get back to a community feel where everyone looks out for one another

### Feeling safe 58

- **Police:** More security and police on watch Up the police patrols especially the more troubled areas ( Kenilworth and Ivanhoe Rise); Policing it more to stop chavs (Kenilworth, Ivanhoe and roundabout health centre); more patrols police tackling the gangs of young people, More interaction with community police; More police patrols, Community Policing, dedicated officer for the area who could be contacted directly and out on patrol at known problem areas , community police patrolling on either bikes, horse or foot to discourage anti-social behaviour More community police; police especially at playfield, More police, More police in the area to help keep drug users under control x 24

- **More CCTV:** put camera in some places to make sure it doesn't happen, more cameras to stop people smashing bottles  
Possibly having CCTV installed in areas where there are major issues with dog fouling on main paths and outside schools as a possible deterrent to those responsible x 12
- **Anti-social behaviour:** More support from local council regarding complaints of anti-social behaviours, Stop gangs, Make it safer at the park, Stop drunk people, Drunk men spew in toilet not the damn path x 6
- it would be a lot safer walking along the path from Bankton school past the pond and along past Ambrose rise if all trees and bushes on one side of the path were taken down it would be more open and would feel safer with the two sides of path having trees and bushes it feels very closed in and nobody can see you. Pavements the underpaths is not safe even in daylight x 3
- Get rid of drug users, Get rid of the junkies dealing with the drug dealing x 3
- **Any dogs** without an owner must have a tag so we can inform the owner that their dog was wandering; Get rid of noisy dogs x 2
- Respect people who don't smoke, smoke away from their house x 2
- Make Dedridge quieter
- No bullies
- **Allocations;** Thinking about area before housing ex-offenders.
- Youth action patrolling the streets
- better neighbourhood watch areas
- Get rid of sleeping policeman

## Care & maintenance

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- **Litter;** Improve litter collection, Rubbish taken care of, I don't know how we can stop people dumping rubbish etc though, Clean up litter, If community rubbish tidy ups could be arranged I would gladly attend. Proper advertising would be essential for success. Also repeating the event as others would attend if they saw someone out doing things to improve the area. Key to success would be having a second event already arranged so those taking part could let the public know when the next event was, why not offer out grabbers and bags for locals to do litter clean up in their street and maybe bond the neighbours, clean up the areas, volunteers, Bins to get emptied on the day they are meant to, Get the area/streets cleaned up more, regularly near the centre x 38
- **Dog mess:** Pick up dog poo, get rid of dog poo; poo patrol- paths up to and around the school, More done about dog fouling. I know manpower and money are two things that aren't readily available, but, my suggestion would be daily visits from someone to walk along the Waverley path and around the schools and lanthorn and other public spaces to check for dog dirt and clean it up, Put signs up for dog mess, Pick up dog poo more People picking up their dogs dirt Dog park, Having stronger dog litter bylaws (someone patrolling the Pathways at times) patrols around Bankton Primary

and Dedridge areas to stop people not picking up their animal poo. We dodge it constantly!, something done about it, Having stronger dog litter bylaws ( someone patrolling the Pathways at times) patrols around Bankton Primary and Dedridge areas to stop people not picking up their animal poo. We dodge it constantly!, something done about it, more dog poo buckets need more bins and dog poo bins, there is loads in Murieston x 30

- **Messy areas and tired buildings:** due to layout of streets this gets missed, clean up around the Crofthead centre and more people might use the facility which actually is a really nice, functional building, around school areas, better clean up after youths. Maybe community payback could assist, Tidy the place up -look at the gardens, encourage people to keep gardens tidy and paint fences, residents, owners and social housing tenants need to take more pride in their gardens and surrounding areas regular cutting back of huge bushes, Get pathways maintained more often, grass cut, hedges and trees trimmed more often, more planters, renovate the outside of the houses to make the streets look brighter and more respectable, whole of Dedridge area could go with facelift general look of houses roofs/render and fences not practical due to mixture of rented/owned houses but perhaps if discounts were offered by trusted honest trades people some people might be willing to upgrade properties, Just keeping the area in a better condition, it would be good if council would encourage people to empty their bin areas and maintain gardens, No everyone can afford the money to pay for rubbish uplifts so rubbish pilling up in gardens makes area look run down, Get rid of all the unsightly bushes, most are already sparse in some areas. Cutting grass has got to be a cheaper option and less time consuming for council workers than having 5/6 man teams cutting bushes. I'd also bring back small play areas for smaller kids who are too small to go to bigger park, allowing them to stay within their street Clean up dedridge pond the small one, cut the lawns more often near the primary school, More could be done to upkeep look of area e.g keeping grass and trees out and looking nice X 27
- **More bins** More poop bins and normal bins away with the skinny bins more bins, Bigger, more bins empty out bins, more often or give us back the large grey one more grey bins needed- recent weather proved that x 27
- **Trollies:** someone to collect shopping trolleys and return them to the shops x 5
- More gritters, more grit in bad weather, More gritting in schemes pot holes, Better gritting in the winter, Path with grit something would hold your foot or put salt down on main pathways where there particular slopes x 4
- **Glass** bank at Merdos chippy emptied more - ends up smashed on ground, clean glass of the floor empty glass/bottle bank more often x 3
- **Fly tipping;** Fine people on the spot for fly tipping, Look at the cost for picking up bulky uplifts, reinstate free uplifts or check local areas and uplift rubbish x 3
- **More street lights,** Street lighting faulty x 2
- Get rid of the spray paint
- Some paths have holes that need fixed
- More no smoking signs

- A better eco system
- give older council housing a new lease of life
- Is there a possibility to collect mowed grass and reuse as either compost or utilise for energy generation through anaerobic digestion.
- The council need to invest in the streets, and better vetting of tenants.
- Underpaths refurb
- Get rid of barbed wire
- People putting things in the bin
- Have more planted areas
- council fining people for not looking after gardens- on stop fines warden rubbish
- Clearing grass cuttings would also help keep pathways tidy

### Education & lifelong learning 9

- More schools
- Schools could be bigger
- encourage people to have better control of their dogs and dog poo x 2
- some community groups for improvement and discouraging anti-social behaviour (the car that was set alight outside our house was particularly awesome)
- Supporting kids with additional needs a home school diary for these children should be compulsory as would help parents as well as teachers to support the child's development on a daily basis.
- educate residents and encourage them to take pride in the community and their own property
- Improvement/enlargement of local schools and facilities to reflect the larger population
- community centre not used enough by residents

### Childcare and respite 1

- something to facilitate youths

### Influence & sense of control 31

- Have a community, Establish communities No community spirit I would love to help make Dedridge better, More community/volunteering x 5
- More sun sometimes-not rain as much, better weather , make it dry x 3
- More investment in youth sport and clubs; More investment in community centre as hub of the community; Investment in community groups/sports/education x 3

- This is a difficult question to answer as the cuts in the council money means things do not happen and that is not the council's fault, Council to take more of an interest, Increase council tax and employ more staff x **3**
- More charities, More organisations working in the area x **2**
- Let the kids be kids again, Children to be made to feel part of the community x **2**
- I think Dedridge is okay ( I don't know)
- to be honest it's more the people that live in it than the area itself dodgy? Lol.
- greater access to counselling for people after assault
- Neighbourhood watch programme or group.
- Change the name.... sounds depressing
- one to one worker - what would an advocacy worker- talking about issues in the house stayed there for 16 years never had issues until fire in the house
- I think we are very lucky in Dedridge we have had a lot of improvements lately all for the better
- allow homeowners to buy extra land at the fair price
- treat the East side the same as the west side and clean up streets a bit more
- Newsletter or FB page what's going on in area list of clubs etc?
- How do you get residents to take pride in their areas and not have it resembling a rubbish dump!
- There needs to be more input from the residents on how they want Dedridge to be run.
- More money needs to be reinvested in the area

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 5-11 years

What we like



Age spans 5-11 years (235 responses)

Demographic breakdown

**Ethnicity:** 74% Scottish/British 14% Polish/Eastern European 3% white other

**Gender:** 28% Female 24% Male 48% Non-disclosed

## Moving around

- school is near, I can walk to school, having school right next to home x **15**
- living near the shopping centre, I like Dedridge because I can walk to the shops x **2**
- library close
- park is close to my home
- shop beside my house and haircut shop

## Streets & Spaces

- I like living in our street, very nice street x **3**
- my street is not busy with cars so I can play in the street
- There is smooth paths

## Natural space

- The Pond: I like the pond and little ducks; the lakes, Good to go for a walk around the Lanthorn pond for exercise x **21**
- Woods, I like how there are lots of trees Playing in the trees x **4**
- Plants; flowers; I like that in summer the flowers grow and that they built a new park x **3**
- Green spaces x **2**
- it's a lovely area because it has lots of animals and things to do x **2**
- I like Dedridge because in the morning birds tweet for a long time
- fields to play in
- a big patch of grass to play football

## Play & Recreation

- **Parks:** I like the fact I can go to the parks; I like the park because it has cool stuff; I like the play park; I like when I pass the park; the park because it has a climbing frame; it is beside parks; the parks are good; there are lots of parks; there is a lot of good parks; I like how the park got upgraded; There is a park close to my house so I can go there to play; I like the big park in Dedridge, Dedridge area playgrounds x **52**
- **Football:** beside my house they have a football pitch; Murieston football and park area x **27**
- The variety of clubs at the Lanthorn x **2**
- Good leaders of the Boys Brigade
- **Playing:** Playing outside with friends; Playing at the park; Playing in the playground x **3**
- Basketball pitch
- I like Dedridge because there is loads to explore
- Athletic clubs ( schools)
- Karate club
- I like playing pokemon go here because there are good pokemon
- There are lots of bits to play
- It has really fun things

#### Facilities & Amenities

- Library x **14**
- **Shops:** Sweet shops; Centre: I like that the centre is in Dedridge (x4); There is shops beside our house x **11**
- **Lanthorn:** I like the Lanthorn park and building because of the fun activities; I like going to the Lanthorn; I like how I'm near Lanthorn x **6**
- I like how there is a lot of local places around; I like this area because there is different places that you can go; I have places to go with my parents x **3**
- Big haul x **2**
- Swimming x **2**
- Ice cream truck

#### Housing & Community

- Home x **2**
- Houses
- Have better houses and plots
- Biggest home I've had

### **Social interaction**

- **My friends live here:** lots of friends to play with; living in the same place with my friend; I am able to play with my friends; I have lots of friends; I like living here because I am close to my friends; I like playing with my friends; Making new friends; school friends x **17**
- **People are nice:** Some nice people; everyone is kind and happy; friendly; kind; I like everyone Dedridge is the best x **12**
- There is a lot of kids x **2**
- **Animals/pets:** Lots of dogs, Lots of cats x **2**
- Good community

### **Identity and belonging**

- I like Dedridge because it is a small place which I like because it is easy to get places unlike Edinburgh and Glasgow and it is not that busy; I like that it's a small place so everybody knows everybody x **2**
- Its peaceful x **2**
- Lovely place

### **Feeling safe**

- That it is a safe and clean environment

### **Education and lifelong learning**

- **School:** coming to school; I like my school it is fun; our school x **25**

### **Influence and Self control**

- I like everything x **3**
- I don't like anything in the area x **3**
- I love the sunset in Dedridge

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 5-11 years

## What we don't like



### Moving around

- Don't like the shops because they are far away
- School is not close ( St Ninians pupil)

### Traffic & parking

Bad drivers; Too much cars driving too fast; don't like living behind Clement street racers next to my house x 3

### Streets & spaces

- The roads are very busy; Don't like roads because they are busy, Safer roads x 3
- All the roads around Dedridge are all rocky and burst tires; Some of the paths are bumpy x 2
- I don't like the fences
- I don't like that there is not enough street lights so kids can stay out longer

### Play & recreation

- **Park:** Play park; I don't like the park can you make it better please; More soft surfaces in play area; More areas to play; More parks ; The park I would put more things in it to play on; Park because they need to add more swings; Not many parks; No park in Clement Rise not much to do in Clement Rise x 17
- Don't like how there is not that much stuff for kids; I don't like that there is not much fun things to do; We don't do anything exciting; Nothing to do, Isn't any events x 6
- No football, no football course x 3
- no skate park
- no tennis
- Basketball court
- to make dens when we are playing tig

### Facilities & amenities

- Too much shops; Don't like the shops x 3
- Not many places to go; I don't really like how there isn't much places to go; Not that much to go x 3
- We don't have a big library; I don't like the library x 2

- No swimming x 2
- The Lanthorn x 2
- Need more food in the supermarkets
- Hospital

### Housing & community

- Don't like all/some of the houses x 3
- Garden not attached to house; My garden x 3
- It's weird living in a flat
- my house has a small bathroom and kitchen

### Social Interaction

- Be nicer to people; Some of the people x 4
- People are bad: people that live there most are bad x 3
- How people smoke and drink x 2
- The people- loud and disruptive
- In my street there is not anyone to play with

### Identity and belonging

- The fact that my area is small

### Feeling safe

- **Dogs:** too many dogs; Dogs and cats; Don't like the noisy dogs; All the dogs not with an owner; vicious dogs, All the dogs running around without a lead x 7
- **Bullies:** When people beat me up in my street; Because people call me names; there are high school people that call me names x 5
- I don't like how many bad people are there like drunk people, don't feel safe under tunnel at night to much
- Too much junkies, Drink and drugs; Drugs x 3
- I don't like when any people are fighting outside; Some of the people who fight; I don't like it when people argue with you and fight, Noisy neighbours always scream and my dog always gets scared when he is sleeping; Bad kids next door; There's people that go around in my street that scream at like 1am and there a lot of bad people x 6
- More CCTV; There isn't many cameras x 2
- Children going missing/ Kidnapping

- When it gets dark in Dedridge
- Too quiet
- People steal stuff
- Too many open gates

### Care & maintenance

- **litter**: there is too much litter on the ground; but there is one thing the environment is rubbish it stinks and lots of litter; unclean streets; I don't like that bad people leave trash everywhere and graffiti do awful things People don't clean after themselves x **24**
- **Dogs dirt**: Some people don't clean up - after dogs; I never like the grass - dogs poo; the amount of dog droppings; irresponsible people that leave dog poo around without cleaning it up; I don't like that there is jags and dog poo everywhere; There is swan poo on the ground in Dedridge x **19**
- I don't like all the graffiti, vandalism in the unnies x **2**
- Stones in the football pitch
- Not enough bins
- Lot of glass
- When people burn some peoples bins
- Not enough street lights
- Cigarettes everywhere
- The eco system

### Education & lifelong learning

- More schools

### Influence & self-control

- Nothing to do x **13**
- Weather: Rain, snow and rain storms; no sun x **3**
- Too small x **3**
- My trainers get mucky
- I don't like it when I don't finish my work
- I don't like my work because I take 50 mins to finish my work



### Moving around

- Schools to be closer (St Ninians pupils) x 2
- Having closer shops x 2

### Public transport

- No bus and not getting upstairs

### Traffic and parking

- More sports parking

### Streets & spaces

- All the paths to be smooth; Make all the roads soft ( no rocky burst tires); Fix the roads and paths; Make some paths smoother x 4
- Put paths beside the roads, Have more paths and crossings x 2
- People should plant seeds to help create fresh air
- Statues of silver
- Cycle path

### Natural space

- More natural space: Forrest; Make a waterfall; More trees; Encourage more wildlife; More grass to play on; More plants and flowers x 6
- There is a field next to my house and I think something could be done with it
- A community garden

### Play & recreation

- **More parks/ better park:** new park, new skate park; make a new park; more bigger swing parks and more parks; put a park in Clement Rise; put a park in clement Rise; park in Clement Rise; a better park; a park near the froggy park; Bigger park: Make the park a little bit bigger; bigger play park; Bigger park at the Lanthorn park; Park slides more swings; bigger

park with a big slide and climbing wall; A bigger park with more slides; A park to be closer; Water park; More activities in the park x60

- **More football pitches:** football goals and a nice football pitch x 11
- **Skate Park:** More skateparks x 7
- **A gala day** would be fun; Have community events; Have a festival and firework display every year, Dedridge should make more festivals so we don't go to Edinburgh to see them x 5
- Get more things to entertain children; More stuff for kids x 2
- **Play:** My idea is doing art and golden time; More toys to play with x 2
- More sport to make it fun and more athletic clubs; More athletic x 2
- There should be a jump station x 2
- A place to hang out if its raining
- Make it funnier
- More clubs

#### **Facilities & amenities**

- More Shops; More toy shops; Make shops bigger; More shops x 10
- Swimming pool/swimming x 8
- More librarys; Have a huge/bigger library x 5
- More parks for dogs and for children, something for animals x 3
- Leisure centre x 2
- Bigger Lanthorn; Make the Lanthorn a better place x 2
- Kelpies to be closer
- More places to go
- more earring shops
- Café: starbucks
- Soft play
- New buildings

#### **Housing & community**

- Bigger gardens x 2
- Like new buildings
- Make better houses
- A better garden connected to my house

- Get more baths and bigger kitchen

### **Social interaction**

- Take out the bad people x 3
- Not much its just the people

### **Feeling safe**

- More CCTV: put camera in some places to make sure it doesn't happen x 4
- Any dogs without an owner must have a tag so we can inform the owner that their dog was wandering; Get rid of noisy dogs x 2
- Stop drunk people x 2
- More security and police on watch
- Make Dedridge quieter
- Make it safer at the park
- No bullies

### **Care & maintenance**

- **More bins x 15**
- **Clean paths:** litter and dogs dirt; make it more tidier; Cleaner area; Make the pond clean and make St Ninians clean; Better street cleaning service, Don't through your litter away x 6
- A club to help pick up trash and the environment, Pick up rubbish, Litter pickers x 4
- Put signs up for dog mess, Pick up dog poo more x 2
- Get rid of the spray paint
- Some paths have holes that need fixed
- More street lights
- More no smoking signs
- A better eco system

### **Education & lifelong learning**

- More schools
- Schools could be bigger

### **Influence & sense of control**

- More sun sometimes-not rain as much, better weather , make it dry x **3**
- Have a community
- I think Dedridge is okay ( I don't know)
- More charities

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 12-14 years

## What we like



Age spans 12-14 years (25 responses)

### Demographic breakdown

**Ethnicity:** 92% Scottish/British    4% Polish/Eastern European    4% white other

**Gender:** 16% Female    84% Male

### Moving around

- Lots of shops nearby (centre) Easy access to local shops and businesses e.g the centre x 4
- Close to everything; everything is nearby don't have to travel far x 3

### Streets and spaces

- Some streets are nice x 2

### Natural space

- Green areas that you can go to; loads of people go outside; Lots of fields to play anything you want; Great woodland areas surrounding Dedridge x 4
- Loads of places to go bike rides and walking; Good places to walk dogs; Good walks in the woods areas x 4

### Play & Recreation

- I like the parks, Amazing park area, parks and woodland areas x 9
- Tennis courts
- Good places for my litter brother to play
- Good places for like clubs
- It's good for younger people
- There is a football pitch next to my street

### Facilities and amenities

- **Shops:** shops really useful you can get anything you want; Centre shops; Corner shops everywhere x 10
- The Lanthorn x 2

- The facilities
- There is good sports facilities

### **Housing and Community**

- All the houses in my street have been done up and they look much nicer and its not one of the really nice streets
- Houses

### **Social Interaction**

- The people: nice people; Some of the people that live in the area; some of the locals x 6
- Everyone knows each other
- Neighbours and people are nice

### **Identify and belonging**

- Good community: It's a community together; Community's - many of the people are nice x 3
- Where I live , It's alright I mean it's good to live in it x 2

### **Feeling safe**

- Not noisy, its quiet x 2
- I feel safe

## **Dedridge CONSULTATION: 12-14 years**

What we don't like

### **Traffic & Parking**

- Carless drivers
- roads

### **Streets and spaces**

- Bumps in the roads and paths
- They still have construction

### **Play & Recreation**



- There is not many places to go to chill

### **Work and local economy**

- Not enough employment

### **Housing & Community**

- The houses look poor and dodgy

### **Social interaction**

- People are loud and sometimes people act weird; bunch of mean people; People dodgy and loud: most people living there cause a disturbance such as drinking and shouting Some neighbours x 7
- A lot of smoking
- Nowhere to just sit and relax with little children
- you can't go to the shops without seeing junkies

### **Identity and belonging**

- There is nothing I don't like because I live where I live (Peveril Rise) and it isn't dodgy at all

### **Feeling Safe**

- smoking and drinking; people are drinking too much; There are lots of bad people walking around and drunks; people who have had too much to drink gangs ( Kenilworth, Clement, Norman) x 10
- Drug users x 6
- feels unsafe at night; Feels unsafe near the Dedridge pond; Some places are unsafe for young kids x 5
- too much smoking x 2
- At night it feels a little unsafe
- There isn't many cameras
- Very sketchy
- Police going by everyday
- People put stuff on fire

### **Care & maintenance**

- Litter, People litter even in my garden x 6
- Dirty streets x 2

- Too many jaggy bushes
- More bins because there is litter everywhere
- Trolleys
- Dog poo
- Spray paint
- As mentioned upkeep needs to be done to maintain Dedridge area

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: 12-14 years

### Ideas to make it better



#### Traffic and parking

- Tell parents to stop parking in Quentin Rise to drop off and pick up children from school

#### Streets & spaces

- Better roads , Making road more flat, fix roads x 3

#### Natural space

- plant more trees like a nature trail
- More grass

#### Play & Recreation

- A better football pitch
- Re-do Everard Rise park and remove the park from Lanthorn because it injures people; Re-do the park because it was on fire x 2
- More events for the public
- Less dangerous parks

#### Facilities & amenities

- Add a café at the Lanthorn x 2
- More public areas with roofs
- Somewhere to go if the weather is poor

## Housing & Community

- More houses for the people who stay in Dedridge; How housing is allocated x 2
- Destroy the houses make new ones

## Feeling safe

- **More CCTV**; more cameras to stop people smashing bottles x 7
- More security more police x 2
- Get rid of the junkies
- Stop gangs

## Care & maintenance

- Clean litter, there's a lot of litter which makes area look bad x 3
- more bins; More poop bins and normal bins x 2
- Cleaner streets and smoother roads x 2
- I would fix all the pot holes on the road
- More could be done to upkeep look of area e.g keeping grass and trees out and looking nice.

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 15-26 years

## What we like



Age spans 15-26 years (33 responses)

### Demographic breakdown

**Ethnicity:** 91% Scottish/British 3% Polish/Eastern European 3%white other 3% none of the above

**Gender:** 67% Female 30% Male 3% non-disclosed

12% consider themselves or someone they care for to have a disability

### Moving around

- Near the centre and other shops, Close to shopping centre my mum doesn't drive and can get about everywhere  
Central location Area close to everything in the middle centre, not sure if id say I like living here but its ideal for the short distance between things i.e shopping centre and my family, doctors, dentist, etc. Close to park, pond, schools etc  
Close to all the main facilities e.g doctors, school x **24**
- Close- tight compact
- close to woodlands

### Public transport

- Walking distance to train station and bus stops x **2**
- Bus links

### Streets and spaces

- Lots of places to walk dog x **2**

### Natural space

- Ponds, Good for kids parks, ponds, ducks x **5**
- The nature parks and lovely woodland walks x **2**

### Play & recreation

- Parks x **3**

- Great nightlife x 2
- Community groups YAP/YIP
- Children's community play groups

### **Facilities & amenities**

- easy access to supermarkets and shopping centres, Local amenities; Library Health centre The idea of the Lanthorn x 8
- Lots of things to do x 2
- Shops that are open late

### **Work & local economy**

- The shopping centre; designer outlet good business bringing people from elsewhere x 3

### **Social interaction**

- People are friendly; People are down to earth not snobby; friendly x 7
- My mates are there

### **Identity & belonging**

- Family - grew up here; Family stay in Dedridge so its within walking distance Brought up here x 3
- Lived here 3 years
- The familiarity
- lovely community spirit x 2

### **Feeling safe**

- Quiet: street is quiet; (quiet no people partying compared to when I lived in Craigshill and Knightsridge) x 4
- The Dedridge West area has a good feel to it but Dedridge East is a bit scary
- Feel safe- maybe because its full of old people
- Peaceful

### **Care & maintenance**

- Clean

### **Education & lifelong learning**

- Schools; schools are good x 2

- Dedridge Glenvue, Nursery has gave him support with his speech and language changed 1st choice to stay at Glenvue x 2

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: 15-26 years

### What we don't like



#### Moving around

- no pavements on some of the streets( takes much longer to walk through streets than would walk along the road - n pram friendly) x 3

#### Traffic & parking

- **Residential parking:** Not enough parking, sometimes not enough spaces in streets. Many of them taken up by vans. X 2
- **School parking** at Quentin; I don't like that parents use private parking to wait to pick up their children. I counted over 8 cars in parking bays which made the car park full forcing me in a neighbouring street away from my home. There is just not enough parking in the streets for all residents, Parking live next to school and can never find a space to park me and toddler in our street x 2
- Careless drivers

#### Play & recreation

- **Youths:** Not much to do: There isn't much to do with teenagers to keep them out of trouble; Nothing to do Nowhere for teens to relax; nowhere to kick about, Older kids aren't really treated fairly in the Lanthorn - we get kicked out; younger kids allowed in Lanthorn more than teens x 7
- **Children:** Nothing in the community for children; Nowhere to sit and chill; x 4
- **Outside activities:** lack of parks and activities to do outside

#### Facilities & amenities

- new look of the library is hit

#### Work and local economy

- poverty

## Housing & Community

- Housing outdated , similar housing stock no change in years x 2
- Allocation of housing seems unfair and too long on the waiting list
- Rents costly now homeless

## Identity & Belonging

- Lack of community

## Feeling Safe

- **Safe at night**; I don't feel safe when by myself from past experience within the area feel I need to be cautious all the time Feels unsafe: Some areas can be quite intimidating, wouldn't walk through at night when younger Threats to life; Dangerous place to live x 8
- **Youths**: Lots of teenagers in large crowds weekends and night main path at Kenilworth and Mowbray, hanging about at underpasses smashing bottles and taking drugs There is a big drugs/drink problem with many teenagers Young people at shop on Nigel Rise at weekend; young people on the streets at night x 5
- **Drugs**; some dodgy people, lots of drugs happening, crawling with drug addicts x 4
- Older people selling bus passes outside shop
- People are scaring the animals are the pond

## Care & Maintenance

- **Glass**: Broken glass on a lot of paths x 2
- **Litter**, rubbish everywhere x 2
- **Bins**: New black bins are too small for people with kids
- **Gritting**: Don't grit our path x 2
- When the grass cutters cut the grass they leave the grass all muddy and horrible
- The Livingston sculpture
- Dog dirt
- Clement Rise pitch in much need of repair
- vandalism
- Not enough lit up areas at night, pathways should be more open
- next to train station dirty
- area next to pond needs cleaned up there is duck and swans there

## Influence and self-control

- Not enough freedom x 2
- Lack of trust; Lack of trust in teens x 2
- Public health risks
- Bad reputation

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 15-26 years

## Ideas to make it better



### Traffic & parking

- Quentin: better parking in our street

### Streets & spaces

- better care of walking routes more so near wooded areas

### Play & recreation

- **Youths activities;** Things that will appeal to teens; Have things to occupy teenagers instead of having them on the streets more things for young people at night More club groups for 13-16 x 7
- **More children's groups:** More community kids groups (e.g sports and youth); Crafts groups for kids; x 3
- **Community activities;** More community activities; More activities for people x 2
- **Sports;** Renovate sports area same as Lanthorn park ( good job) A football pitch that's good x 2
- More and better parks for kids in general

### Facilities & amenities

- Let people use the Lanthorn toilets
- he centre is good but as people see it all the time they take it for granted and don't always want to be here
- investment in better care for vulnerable people

### Housing and community

- More housing (prioritised), stop rehousing scumbags in Dedridge x 2
- Reasonable rent
- Housing could be updated by the council

## Identity and belonging

- More welcoming community

## Feeling Safe

- Respect people who don't smoke, smoke away from their house x 2
- Drunk men spew in toilet not the damn path
- Police presence

## Care & maintenance

- **Cleaner streets**, clean the place up, Council clean up after themselves x 4
- **Litter**; Improve litter collection, Rubbish taken care of x 3
- **Glass** bank at Merdos chippy emptied more - ends up smashed on ground, clean glass of the floor x 2
- **Dog mess**: Pick up dog poo
- Clean up Dedridge pond the small one
- More gritters
- cut the lawns more often near the primary school

## Influence & self-control

- Establish communities
- Let the kids be kids again
- To be honest its more the people that live in it than the area itself dodgy? Lol.
- greater access to counselling for people after assault

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 27-40 years

## What we like



Age spans 27-40 years (49 responses)

Demographic breakdown

**Ethnicity:** 92% Scottish/British      2% Polish/Eastern European      2% white other      2% non disclosed

**Gender:** 80% Female 20% Male

27% consider themselves or someone they care for to have a disability

Of the 92% that answered: 53% are house owners, 27% live in council housing and 20% live in private lets

Of the 86% that answered: 64% are car owners, and 36% use public transport

4% of those consulted with have used foodbanks and 14% are on benefit or have sought financial advice

33% of those consulted say access community groups and 27% say they are active within their community

### Moving around

- Close to all amenities; central to everywhere, Close can walk to everywhere dentist, school, nursery, centre, doctors, so central, The Lanthorn and library are close by and handy and we live close to the schools. I like that everything is within walking distance, whether it be to the school, doctors, shops or transport. Everything is on your doorstep Centre is close by x 24
- Close to parks
- School nearby for transport
- It's easy for commuting

### Public transport

- like the public transport into Edinburgh Good access to Edinburgh x 3
- like the bus routes

### Streets and spaces

- My street has grass areas which is great.
- We can walk for miles and never cross a road, which makes me feel more confident taking the kids out on their bikes or for a long walk.
- The streets are swept relatively regularly too.
- the path through the park is great
- I like the streets and spaces

### **Natural space**

- Dedridge pond, pond and ducks; pond lads to feed ducks x **8**
- I love Dedridge the natural open spaces are beautiful, Cleaner open space x **3**
- Green areas green areas but could be maintained better x **2**
- The woodlands

### **Play & recreation**

- **Parks:** Lanthorn park looks good; Great park behind Ivanhoe; Good parks for kids (new park really good), parks x **8**
- **Groups:** Lots of toddler groups at the community centre; Good toddler groups, activities x **3**
- Lots to do
- BMX was good at Staunton Rise
- gymnastics
- My children play out as friends live nearby.
- It's close to the centre, cinema, mini golf and other things for the kids.
- My kids love playing in the woods

### **Facilities & amenities**

- Lanthorn: Lanthorn Library, various groups, great asset Community centre is an amazing resource for all ages, The recent regeneration of the Lanthorn centre has improved the overall appearance of the immediate area surrounding it. x **8**
- shopping centre Walking distance to the centre and Morrison's. X **4**
- It's close to local amenities close to shops, doctors, vets etc; near to facilities There is a very good health centre near by x **4**
- Local shops, convenience stores x **2**
- Swimming pool near x **2**
- Good choice of close by restaurants/fast food places, pubs, hairdressers, gyms, etc. all available x **2**
- good service

- lots to do with the lads

### **Work & local economy**

- close drive to local employers

### **Housing and community**

- New council housing
- Attractive house prices
- Houses are good size.

### **Social interaction**

- Nice people; kind people, Mostly everyone is friendly and helpful x 4
- Neighbours are nice and protective

### **Identity & belonging**

- Grew up here/ family; lived here all my days x 2
- Feels like home
- Parents live here
- However I still see it as not one of the nicer areas to live in Livingston and plan to move once my mortgage is paid
- Family atmosphere

### **Feeling Safe**

- Quiet x 4
- generally no hassle
- I live in a lovely area of Dedridge

### **Education & lifelong learning**

- Good schools , Bankton PS has three primary schools and a high school x 4
- Local nurseries x 2

### **Influence and sense of control**

- Nothing really



#### Traffic and parking

- **Parking:** The parking in Norman rise is really bad and it's a struggle to get a space sometimes when you have kids and shopping; Lack of parking in Pervil Rise; Parking - lack of spaces - grassed areas and bushes can be used for car parks, Slightly inconvenient parking, Parking in street is ridiculous no spaces cars are being deserted at side of road or having to park up on grass verge or pathways! Parking in street a lot of illegal parking and lack of parking for houses. People visiting the centre using Kenilworth Rise for parking to save parking cost - causing residents parking issues I also don't like the lack of parking as more people have cars now than when Dedridge was first built x 8
- No speed restrictions in Nigel Rise very busy street with cars and lorries going to fast

#### Streets & Spaces

- Rubbish street (Mowbray/Kern, underpass )
- I don't like the fact that green spaces have been removed and has unsightly trees and bushes planted in the space that have not been unkempt.
- Tunnels at night specially the asda tunnel leaving Dedridge
- street lights could be brighter especially at underpasses

#### Natural space

- Children love the woods and the pond but a large grass area is wasted.

#### Play & Recreation

- Not a lot to do: Not enough youth clubs for kids; Not a lot to do for my older son (5-11); No where to go for young people - nothing to do; nothing to do Not enough things or places for children to play at x 5
- We want to encourage children to get outside and play get off PS4s but my children need me to visit the nearest park in Murieston or other side of Dedridge. Back of Ravenswood park not so good, the lack of play parks or activities in my very close area. I'm in Staunton Rise Foggy pond was upgraded as the BMX track. A play area with challenging monkey bars and balance logs would benefit that area massively. The BMX only caters for older children & teenagers. There is space and scope for a fitness/play area. No proper playgrounds for children, especially at the end of Dedridge,

close to Adambrae, actually there is no any, The Lanthorn park needs more for small children, Play areas. Too obscure and rubbish equipment. When I was growing up Talisman Rise had a large park called the Fort. Build up in the wood area. This again no longer there. Children now days are missing out on the fun I had as a child playing and socialising outdoors. x 8

- Offering cheap classes for families to attend.
- Not enough for children to do during holidays especially for nursery age

### **Facilities & Amenities**

- pubs shut
- Shutting the library
- waiting lists for dentist
- no youth facilities i.e. clubs

### **Work and local economy**

- not much work only retail jobs - nothing industrial x 2

### **Housing & Community**

- **Houses** dampness - health issue re pre-schooler. Windows have condensation event with double glazing units
- **Gardens** - asking for help asking for £160 before help single parent 5 kids, State of some folks gardens, gardens filled with rocks x 3
- **Allocations**; Stop the Polish getting the houses- have been on the housing list for years, work and have an excellent tenancy history- and they just come here and get the new houses, Building all these new houses but not going to us- who have lived here whole life, Neighbours/Council Tennant's being mixed with owned houses x 3
- Council workers are cowboy fix bubble in ceiling
- Also wondering when the "poorer" side of Dedridge will be given the facelift to the houses exterior.
- Rows and rows of houses.

### **Social Interaction**

- Noisy youths
- don't trust no one

### **Identity & Belonging**

- More community spirit,

## Feeling Safe

- **Anti-social behaviour:** gangs and young people hanging around, youth anti-social behaviour makes it an unbearable place to live in Streets are unsafe a lot of break ins, a lot of trouble and fights, ASB - evict tenants - police around at this woman's house every weekend Don't feel safe walking around people are getting attacked, was walking down the street in a red and blue top and was attacked by guys in their garden drinking (had a black eye)- was walking dog with daughter x 8
- **Drug** users; junkies, Safety wise there is drug dealing and antisocial behaviour problems - not somewhere I wish to bring my child up in illegal substances are a problem x 5
- wouldn't walk around at night x 2
- don't feel safe taking little one to the park, Feel unsafe x 2
- **Dogs** off their leads
- The reputation of the area and some of the streets don't feel safe (i.e. have CCTV) also bad area for council housing people with social issues
- Benefit fraud
- areas where there isn't any kids that are nice
- Lots of drinking in gardens
- A lot of ex-offenders & paedophiles are being housed close by to family areas & beside kids play parks & schools!! I have stayed here for many year & used to feel was a safe place however now feel it is not safe to walk around this area freely & have to restrain the freedom my kids get & should be entitled to for their own protection.
- no community police officers to be seen

## Care & maintenance

- **Dog dirt:** Dog dirt really bad at schools and park; dog dirt lost count of how many times ran over it with my buggy; dog poo on the paths; Dog fouling is ridiculous in this area, you can't go ten feet without there being one right in the middle of the path. It's especially bad near the schools, Dog fowling. X 16
- **Messy, its run down,** treated like a dump, , it smells from garbage older council housing in state of repair, Doesn't feel like any money is being spent to improve the area, Dedridge is very run down, I bought a home here and the street is decaying badly, pavements are poor and covered in weeds and the roads are crumbling. We have houses with boarded up windows in our street, the majority of gardens are unkempt and the housing association stock looks awful. We would move tomorrow if we had the opportunity X 8
- **Litter** everywhere, The amount of litter is ridiculous, The only thing I don't like is the rubbish cluttered with rubbish from fly tipping x 4

- **Broken glass** , Broken glass around parks and paths make it dangerous for children to play x 3
- sometimes after the grass has been cut the paths are left with large clumps of grass which become slippery when wet x 3
- Shopping trollies being dumped. I have reported trolled being dumped to the council previously but nothing seems to happen X 2
- Over flowing bins
- not well light at night new lights worse not a good enough glare
- poor footpaths in ice and snow
- The residents have stopped taking pride in their gardens and it is unsanitary.

### Education and lifelong learning

- Schools are lacking in care & support they offer to kids with additional needs & this desperately needs to be rectified

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: 27-40 years Ideas to make it better



### Public transport

- public transport - links better across Livingston - there's more than centre and Edinburgh

### Traffic & parking

- I'd like more street parking in the rises
- with most households being a two + car family we don't have enough parking
- Parking giving everyone at least one parking space per home or limiting how many cars each household has (some have 4x cars per household!)
- Safer streets with speed bumps to slow traffic down - Nigel Rise

### Streets & Spaces

- There is also nothing for kids to do within their own streets as the grass has been planted on or their is a post advising of no ball games.
- better street lighting

### Play & Recreation

- More **play areas**. Challenging equipment for children. Monkey bars are disappearing from all parks these days. Children will play in a park that has challenging fun. Within my close area of Dedridge we have no good parks. The foggy pond could be much better. It's not used to its fullest. My children love outdoors but need more. Improving Play Park to have more useful play equipment for ages 1-15 years. better local parks, Playground for children close to Adam Brae end X **12**
- Some sort of **youth** group More for young people to do funding for youth clubs for older children Friday's x **5**
- More **community events**. More things on for the community groups x **3**
- More things for **kids**; all ages x **2**
- I am part of the outreach service until I reach 65 and would like to go to a group in my community that caters for this age group

### **Facilities & Amenities**

- local pub
- Proper community centre- there is nothing at the Lanthorn

### **Work & local economy**

- More local shops - not just takeaways. Maybe a café?

### **Housing & Community**

- Exterior rendering extended to Norman, Nigel, Mowbray etc. , If the scheme of providing insulation and re harling of properties could be rolled out further it would greatly improve the overall appearance of the area. If there are already plans for this could residents be made aware as both myself and my neighbour have considered undertaking work on our properties but have held off in the hope that something will happen in the future x **2**
- Double glazing units replaced, Investigation into the dampness a 1st step
- Support from NETS to enable the garden issues - help ideas
- Council houses and gardens to be given a fix up

### **Identity & Belonging**

- better community spirit
- pride in living and quality of standard of residents among families

### **Feeling Safe**

- Up the police patrols especially the more troubled areas ( Kenilworth and Ivanhoe Rise); Policing it more to stop chavs (Kenilworth, Ivanhoe and roundabout health centre); more patrols police tackling the gangs of young people x **5**

- Get rid of the junkies
- Possibly having CCTV installed in areas where there is major issues with dog fouling on main paths and outside schools as a possible deterrent to those responsible.
- Thinking about area before housing ex-offenders.
- More support from local council regarding complaints of anti-social behaviours

### Care & maintenance

- get rid of **dog poo**; poo patrol- paths up to and around the school, More done about dog fouling. I know manpower and money are two things that aren't readily available, but, my suggestion would be daily visits from someone to walk along the Waverley path and around the schools and Lanthorn and other public spaces to check for dog dirt and clean it up x 5
- Clean up **litter**, I don't know how we can stop people dumping rubbish etc though, clean up litter, If community rubbish tidy ups could be arranged I would gladly attend. Proper advertising would be essential for success. Also repeating the event as others would attend if they saw someone out doing things to improve the area. Key to success would be having a second event already arranged so those taking part could let the public know when the next event was x 4
- **bins:** away with the skinny bins more bins x 3
- Get rid of all the unsightly bushes, most are already sparse in some areas. Cutting grass has got to be a cheaper option and less time consuming for council workers than having 5/6 man teams cutting bushes. I'd also bring back small play areas for smaller kids who are too small to go to bigger park, allowing them to stay within their street. X 3
- more grit in bad weather
- give older council housing a new lease of life
- Is there a possibility to collect mowed grass and reuse as either compost or utilise for energy generation through anaerobic digestion.
- The council need to invest in the streets, and better vetting of tenants.

### Education & Lifelong learning

- encourage people to have better control of their dogs
- some community groups for improvement and discouraging anti-social behaviour (the car that was set alight outside our house was particularly awesome)
- Supporting kids with additional needs a home school diary for these children should be compulsory as would help parents as well as teachers to support the child's development on a daily basis.

### Childcare & respite

- something to facilitate youths

### **Influence & Self Control**

- Children to made to feel part of the community
- No community spirit
- Neighbourhood watch programme or group.
- I would love to help make Dedridge better
- Change the name.... sounds depressing

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 41-59 years

## What we like



Age spans 41-59 years (92 responses)

### Demographic breakdown

**Ethnicity:** (From the 96% that responded) 95% Scottish/British 2% Polish/eastern European 2% white other 1% non-disclosed

**Gender:** 79% Female 18% Male 2% non-disclosed

(From the 96% that responded) 26% consider themselves or someone they care for to have a disability

(From the 93% that responded) 65% are homeowners, 21% in council housing, 6% social housing, 8% private let

(From the 92% that responded) 69% are car owners and 31% are using public transport

### For those that chose to answer:

12% access childcare 7% are in education or training 66% are in employment 3% looking for work  
1% accessed foodbanks 13% are on benefits or sought financial advice 32% are involved in community groups

### Moving around

- Close to lots of amenities , Easy access to all amenities, , schools, Lanthorn Close to GP, hospitals and shops centre of Livingston, community centre x **19**
- Handy for centre x **6**
- social activities are mainly close by and accessible, swimming pool cinema and eating places x **5**
- Close to motorway for Edinburgh and Glasgow x **2**
- Walk to Murieston near railway station

### Public transport

- Transport links; Good public transport links x **4**
- Great destination for getting in and out of Edinburgh both on buses and trains, Easy access to A71 for travel into Edinburgh x **2**
- good bus routes
- the bus service is decent

### **Traffic and parking**

- main roads are well maintained

### **Streets and spaces**

- streets are laid out nicely
- plenty of paths for walking

### **Natural space**

- I like the green areas - pond, woods and parks. Lovely walks x **21**
- Dedridge pond ( swans) wildlife x **8**
- good space for nature & children to explore x **4**
- love the local woodland pond, Lanthorn have lots of local shops and travel x **2**
- Three parks to go to with my dog

### **Play & recreation**

- Like the work they have done at the pond area and park area, many of the parks updated which is great x **9**
- Lots to do with children
- Play parks/areas are good, the bump track/froggy pond is good x **3**

### **Facilities & amenities**

- Lanthorn - (do an amazing job for the community). It being in the centre and can be used by many different groups, Lanthorn done up and looking a lot nicer x **15**
- Almondvale shopping centre , Variety of shops x **7**
- Community facilities for use, Meet new people get the uses of the community centre the library, Library, Library and computers we print out quite a lot there x **4**
- we love the Baptist church who run absolutely fabulous playgroups/toddler group x **3**
- Facilities; great location for local amenities Good amenities with doctor/dentists and chemist x **3**
- plenty of groups for the little ones and children x **2**
- GP surgery difficulty getting an appointment - find receptionists unhelpful - can't walk in got to phone, cant phone as in work, and unable to phone re health check due to previous heart attack

### **Housing and Community**

- Cheap property costs

- most of housing in good state

### **Social Interaction**

- Friendly neighbours; Nice neighbours, I have never worried about the people that live in my street they all seem okay. I only speak to a few neighbours who we interact with the rest don't bother their loss x **6**
- All the neighbours work together , Everyone gets on with everyone x **2**
- Locals
- Know lots of people
- had the same neighbours for 25 years

### **Identity & Belonging**

- I lived here 33 years I've had no bother at all grew up in Dedridge so have a lot of childhood memories Children born here, I lived here 33 years I've had no bother at all, I've been fortunate in the area of Dedridge I have lived there for the past 15 years. I'm originally from Edinburgh. I thought it would be a good place with continue to raise my children fresh air open spaces plenty room to play X **10**
- Quiet peaceful area to stay x **8**
- Community spirit: Community feel about the area; good community spirit x **5**
- Good place to live, love it x **3**
- Country feel within the town
- Friendly environment
- Family nearby

### **Feeling Safe**

- Feels safe, Quiet peaceful area to stay, Nice and quiet; quiet friendly neighbourhood x **10**
- Area- no hassle, I've have lived in Dedridge for 40 years and have never felt unsafe x **2**
- My 9 year old son can go out and play safely,
- schools easy accessible using footpaths creating safer environment for children

### **Care and maintenance**

- Cleaned tidy parks
- Well-kept lovely area
- Bin empty on time
- The upper end of the alphabet from Peveril - Templar feels safe and looks nice.

### Education & Life Long learning

- Good schools, Dedridge primary is a great school, i went there and so have my birth children, Jyhs is also a good school, happy that we are in their catchment, loves the interaction he has with the teachers and pupils at Dedridge primary school. All my kids went to Dedridge primary and my youngest is in 4th year at the James young high school. All my kids have attained good exam results due to the support of the teachers at the school x 8
- After school clubs

### Influence & Self Control

- Not a lot: Nothing much x2
- I don't have anything good to say about Dedridge

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: 41-59 years

### What we don't like



### Moving around

- not enough pathways in Dedridge

### Public transport

- buses don't turn up on time folk rely on them for work , public transport worse than its ever been, The bus service to Edinburgh no longer exists in Dedridge West I am disappointed in the reduction of bus service through Dedridge to Edinburgh and it would be great to see buses to the airport come through Dedridge too x 4
- more frequent trains from livi south
- EX40 times never coincide with carers appointments leaving me with 2 hours waiting times in the morning or I have to get a taxi that I have to pay for myself. £1.20 bus £5 taxi one way fair
- good public transport

### Traffic & parking

- **No enough parking spaces;** Parking spaces, especially for homeowners that don't have driveways, Parking in streets is limited and what spaces there are often taken up by work vehicles x 8
- don't like the sound of the traffic noise at busy times from the A71 and the dual carriageway also there is excessive fumes and pollution due to that

- traffic on A71 now using Mid Calder and East Calder as rat runs

### **Streets & Spaces**

- Lack of footpaths around local housing, Too many places in Livingston do not have enough appropriate walking space I hate the footpaths that have been dug up over the years and never been properly replaced/fixed very uneven not suitable when my in laws visit who walk with aids, The walkway down from Ivanhoe to the centre on the left hand side could really do with a hand rail as it becomes slippery with wet leaves and is a nightmare during snow and ice x **5**
- Street and pavements poor, footpaths cleaned and bushes cut back off public footpaths x **2**
- It's like Belfast wall - bad wire
- Bikes riding on public pathways
- The garden fences!!!! And lack of felling secure
- Street road surfaces are poorly maintained unless you complain then temporarily fixed

### **Natural spaces**

- Wooded area needs updating and better care of.
- Although there is a pond at the James Young side we could do with a play park there too.
- lack of dog friendly parks

### **Play & recreation**

- lack of play parks, Having grown up in Dedridge in the 70's 80's I feel there is fewer places for children to play There are no play areas for children to access alone or supervised at Staunton Rise end of Dedridge, lack of play equipment for other primary children on the west side of Dedridge, lack of play equipment for other primary children on the west side of Dedridge x **5**
- no youth clubs at the community centre x **4**
- No facilities for the young, i.e. youth clubs, playschemes during holiday times in the Easter and Summer for kids x **3**
- More for kids and teenagers x **2**
- no community activities,

### **Facilities & Amenities**

- Little is quite bad and the youths need better facilities so they are not hanging about the streets
- waiting time at Dedridge health centre - 4 weeks for routine appointment
- No DIY store

- with new housing across the road, I think the health centre whom already struggle with appointments has to be addressed ...
- How much building there is, more houses but not keeping up with all the other amenities that go with them
- Nothing to do used to be a play scheme in the Easter and summer for kids

### **Work & Local Economy**

- there isn't a post office
- shopping areas look run down

### **Housing & Community**

- Lack of good quality housing: Allocation of affordable housing x 2
- Housing problems - dampness, still there, humidifiers - relationships unprofessional of workers; House issues- never got replacement skirting, woodwork, dooring, windows popped, plastic paper, warped floor boards. X 2
- I don't like the way the council allocate the houses in Dedridge.
- Run down big time a lot of private lets so some looking tired, poor state of the houses and gardens on the walk to Bankton primary i.e. Nigel and Kenilworth Landlords not coming to fix fences etc. Houses are looking very run down .. can see two boarded up windows in different houses which isn't pleasant x 4
- housing associations

### **Social Interaction**

- Neighbours (dogs) 103 Clement rise, My new neighbours so noisy no regard for anyone but themselves, We have a new family next door who have no regard for their neighbours they about when they talk leave the windows and doors open so you can hear them shout and the constant cry of a child which really gets on top of you. We have asked them to be quiet but just ignore us.. x 3
- unsociable neighbours
- we have lots of eating places and not enough social places i.e. pubs- cocktail bar, lounges. I feel we have enough restaurants. We need this for the older people. This is so missing in Dedridge - shopping area
- reduced bus service means less social interaction for some
- children with no respect to people or surrounding area

### **Identity and belonging**

- No sense of community (Norman) x 2
- if you haven't lived here for 20 years you are not accepted as part of the community

- I think Dedridge particularly lacks any kind of community and cohesion

### Feeling Safe

- large groups youths loitering, drinking, and drug taking; Youths hanging around chemist and shop; Young people walk about in gangs at the weekend lots of young people drinking on the streets causing a nuisance, and underpasses and leaving a mess, Youths hanging about the pond drinking and smoking weed. Leaving broken bottles etc anti-social behaviour x **13**
- Drug dealers/users, drug dealers, drug dealing in nearly every underpass, lots of drugs in the area x **8**
- don't feel safe or secure in the community, in lots of areas, walking on my own anymore, Some areas are not good for people walking through in the evening and can feel threatening to older people or single people. I don't feel particularly safe walking the streets after dark, some areas quite dark, particularly the woods between James young and Alexander drive. don't feel safe or secure in the community X **6**
- Inconsiderate noisy neighbours x **2**
- **anti-social behaviour**, High up on my list is the fact that reporting people displaying on going anti-social behaviour can be very time consuming and can take months/years for action to be taken by the council which had a negative impact on how I feel in my immediate surroundings. X **2**
- Bins are stolen
- Out of control dogs
- Street lights are not as bright as previously which can reduce the feeling of safety
- Kids set stuff on fire
- too much access to alcohol in small local shops
- young drivers going at very high speeds along the streets

### Care & maintenance

- **Dog fouling** - general( on the paths), Dog owners not using bin provided, In areas around the schools there is a lot of dog mess which is not nice when walking the children to school, not enough poo bins, some dog owners are not being responsible i.e. not picking up and allowing their dogs to roam free x **22**
- **Cleanliness of overall area** when out walking, lots of rubbish mounting up in gardens, The houses in some rises that the council rent out are a disgrace, people not looking after their gardens and dumping stuff everywhere, It's definitely embarrassing if you have friends and family visiting. at Crofthead There is a pile of rubbish in the car park of the units outside the food outlets i.e. toilet pan, wood, nappies etc. Bushes overgrown, The pathways for walking when alone with pet do not feel safe as more often they are over grown and feel unsafe, Certain streets appear neglected, weeds growing and not being cut or removed, Over the years I have also noticed that the landscaping is not as regular as

previous years and there is a lot of over grown trees and bushes. This need to be cut back especially at paths, Grass cutting not getting cleared , bushes overgrown Lately lack of maintenance due to budget cuts, It's a mess, looks quite run down, Dedridge is not what it once was - very sad to see how it has been "left to rot" the massive mess left by ARK housing that is just an overgrown eye sore, The state of public areas, the state of the water going from the Lanthorn to falconer Rise, what a mess, people throw everything in there and it hardly ever gets cleaned out x 21

- **Littering:** There is lots of fag ends in the area, streets x 11
- Trolley dumping, in pond , public spaces x 7
- **Vandalism;** general, graffiti in underpasses melted bins x 6
- **Fly-tipping** in woodlands and parks and road verges People dumping rubbish x 7
- **Broken glass** on paths x 4
- Many side streets are not gritted x 2
- **Gardens** are covered in rubbish, gardens an eyesore, fences are eyesores, Rubbish gets dropped in front garden x 2
- Poor street lighting
- Black bins are too small I have the same amount of rubbish now have to take a weekly trip to the dump
- Signage on streets
- Condition of the roads
- Street cleaning bins not put out
- Certain areas are kept ok but others are used as dumping grounds for people or families with problems. These areas will never be good if this keep on happening.
- Lack of policing in the area

### **Education & lifelong learning**

- Better schooling

### **Influence & self-control**

- Trapped in house, Dedridge is a prison due to disability Gone downhill massively different, embarrassing when families come to visit x 3
- Dedridge has always been more run down looking compared to the west side which shows more effort - is put into higher house price parts, forgotten about- overgrown, x 2
- Lack of investment in community sports groups
- Gutted as had to move out of Dedridge where id lived for 26 years due to bedroom tax to downsize and move to Eliburn but still use services in Dedridge as feel secure and they know me
- Cut backs at council

# Ladywell CONSULTATION: 41-59 years

## Ideas to make it better



### Public transport

- EX40 bus - more of them only 1 per hour

### Traffic & parking

- More parking spaces ... as families grow so do the drivers in one house hold .. unfair that some streets have driveways & garages & others streets fight for parking spaces, allocate spaces to house, make extra spaces, take away some areas in streets to create more parking bays, use portions of the grass, bushes for additional parking bays. sometimes you can't get parked in a space never mind anywhere near your own house x **10**
- remedial work on paths and roads, improve the roads as all are in poor states x **2**
- we need speed bumps: in Mowbray, Norman, Nigel and Kenilworth Rise x **3**
- Lines on roads to stop parking When picking children from school

### Streets & Spaces

- Lack of footpaths
- More walk ways well lit up many are enclosed by fencing what very high
- Garden fences re done and just a secure area
- definitely renew all paths and fix potholes on the roads

### Play & recreation

- **Youths:** More for teenagers to do especially stop drinking, a community hall for teenagers in the area, so they are not just in the streets at night and have somewhere productive to go to and socialise together and help with any issues they may have and support with any additional help Start more youth clubs for the young; Youth clubs Youth clubs for children in school holidays, nothing decent for young people having to go to Edinburgh and include taxis somewhere like the forum for bands, ice rink, More facilities for young people, community hall for Young people to help them with issues and support them with help they may need. They have nowhere to go x **21**
- more for kids more things and places to go for the young ones i.e parks more kids clubs in Lanthorn centre , , play scheme x **10**

- **play park**, at Staunton end of Dedridge make a safe children's play park, Froggy side needs a play park/swings, etc. use green grass areas to put equipment in that people can climb on.....monkey bars...balance beams A water play area would be great with the water fountain and water area like in Burntisland x 5
- **Community Events**; More community activities, gala days, Promoting a children's gala/ community day on the playing fields by Lanthorn/ fun day type thing would help with sense of community x 4
- a dog park would be a fantastic idea x 3
- More for older people to do, social places, lounges, cocktail bar for the older cliental - too many eating places we need a balance! X 2
- More going on within the community in the Lanthorn
- some sort of community information sharing

### **Facilities & amenities**

- Improve services
- four weeks for a doctor's appointment
- More community facilities
- DIY store
- James young pool opened up to the community

### **Work & local economy**

- More suitable employment in the area
- post office facilities in one of the shops

### **Housing & community**

- More social housing; more affordable housing
- Housing
- Undertake amendments to the house as per recommendations and health and social policy
- Allocate housing more fairly. More residents keep their gardens and houses nice.
- Local housing
- Council to subsidise more houses to receive external cladding as this transforms the look of the whole area like Templar Rise.

### **Social Interaction**

- aware of residents and lets into area

- limited bus services means less social interaction for some people

### Feeling Safe

- More interaction with community police; More police patrols, Community Policing, dedicated officer for the area who could be contacted directly and out on patrol at known problem areas , community police patrolling on either bikes, horse or foot to discourage anti-social behaviour x 8
- Youth action patrolling the streets
- better neighbourhood watch areas

### Care & maintenance

- **Messy areas and tired buildings:** due to layout of streets this gets missed, Clean up around the Crofthead centre and more people might use the facility which actually is a really nice, functional building, around school areas, Better clean up after youths. Maybe community payback could assist, Tidy the place up -look at the gardens, encourage people to keep gardens tidy and paint fences, residents, owners and social housing tenants need to take more pride in their gardens and surrounding areas regular cutting back of huge bushes, Get pathways maintained more often, grass cut, hedges and trees trimmed more often, more planters, renovate the outside of the houses to make the streets look brighter and more respectable, whole of dedridge area could go with facelift general look of houses roofs/render and fences not practical due to mixture of rented/owned houses but perhaps if discounts were offered by trusted honest trades people some people might be willing to upgrade properties, Just keeping the area in a better condition, it would be good if council would encourage people to empty their bin areas and maintain gardens, No everyone can afford the money to pay for rubbish uplifts so rubbish pilling up in gardens makes area look run down x 21
- **Dog fouling** should be cleaned up; Dog poo should be put in bags, People picking up their dogs dirt Dog park, Having stronger dog litter bylaws (someone patrolling the Pathways at times) patrols around Bankton Primary and Dedridge areas to stop people not picking up their animal poo. We dodge it constantly!, something done about it, Having stronger dog litter bylaws ( someone patrolling the Pathways at times) patrols around Bankton Primary and Dedridge areas to stop people not picking up their animal poo. We dodge it constantly!, something done about it x 16
- **Litter** picking, why not offer out grabbers and bags for locals to do litter clean up in their street and maybe bond the neighbour, why not offer out grabbers and bags for locals to do litter clean up in their street and maybe bond the neighbours x 5
- **Bins:** Bigger, more bins empty out bins, more often or give us back the large grey one more grey bins needed- recent weather proved that x 5
- someone to collect shopping trolleys and return them to the shops x 2
- Street lighting faulty

- Underpaths refurb
- Better gritting in the winter
- Get rid of barbed wire
- People putting things in the bin
- empty glass/bottle bank more often
- Fine people on the spot for fly tipping.

### **Education & lifelong learning**

- educate residents and encourage them to take pride in the community and their own property
- Improvement/enlargement of local schools and facilities to reflect the larger population

### **Influence & self-Control**

- More investment in youth sport and clubs; More investment in community centre as hub of the community; Investment in community groups/sports/education x 3
- one to one worker - what would advocacy worker- talking about issues in the house stayed there for 16 years never had issues until fire in the house
- Increase council tax and employ more staff
- I think we are very lucky in Dedridge we have had a lot of improvements lately all for the better
- allow homeowners to buy extra land at the fair price
- treat the East side the same as the west side and clean up streets a bit more

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 60-74 years

## What we like



Age spans 60-74 years (53 responses)  
Demographic breakdown

**Ethnicity:** 100% Scottish/British

**Gender:** 77% Female 21% Male 2% non-disclosed

*(Of the 98% that answered)* 51% consider themselves or someone they care for to have a disability

*(Of the 98% that answered)* 72% are homeowners, 11% in council housing, 1% in social housing and 1% in private let

*(Of the 81% that answered)* 67% are car owners and 33% use public transport

### Moving around

- Near shops and health centre near local amenities ,Near the nursery , primary schools and shops, lanthorn Sports facilities nearby, Everywhere within walking distance, Easy to walk around, Everything is on doorstep schools and shops, Access to local services- dentist, health centre, shops, buses Close to centre- good path that take you there without crossing main roads, Routes schools and shops x **37**
- Near centre x **7**
- close by transport links, Easy route to Edinburgh and Glasgow x **3**
- it's close to playing fields and the woods

### Public Transport

- Close to bus; close to bus station x **2**
- bus service to Edinburgh x **2**
- Train station
- generally good public transport

### Streets and spaces

- Paths and parks, Good path network when walking around x **2**
- My street is nice, Nice area x **2**
- Good places to walk the dogs x **2**

### Natural Space

- Frog pond like the regeneration of it; Pond ducks x 5
- good green spaces x 2
- Lots of lovely walks in your area

### Play and recreation

- Parks- spent money and are nice; good parks, good children's play areas Park at bolquery x 5
- I am part of the outreach group on a Wednesday which I enjoy
- Mixing with other people at clubs in the afternoon it certainly stops you from being lonely

### Facilities & amenities

- **Variety:** Can access various activities and library good all round services including schools and libraries Chemist near health centre, health centre staff friendly helpful good GP - big and good Dentist Close to church and facilities Good for local amenities, Local shops - hairdresser and chip shop etc Bank and post office service are easy to access - help the older people x 17
- **Lanthorn:** The Lanthorn is a lifeline to every resident. Especially the elderly and vulnerable; Good community centre on my doorstep, fantastic community centre where young and old can meet. It is a great place for young mothers to meet and make new friends. lots of groups x 7
- **parking** x 5
- **Shops** x 3
- Services fine
- amenities are good lots for kids

### Housing & Community

- Buildings have been upgraded
- like the houses

### Social Interaction

- Good neighbours, all muck in good community spirit x 7
- Nice people; People are friendly x 6
- Lanthorn is good to meet people

## Identity & Belonging

- Lived here since 1976; lived here 2- rs, I brought my children in Dedridge it always had a good sense of community. Family stay here to be close to family, It's a good place to live with a family; Family lives here; family local x 6
- Dedridge is lovely, Nice place to live Love the place x 5
- Good neighbourhood feel they will support you, Good community place x 2
- Respectful area

## Feeling Safe

- Peaceful, quiet x 9
- Not as many young people hanging about
- no problems
- Feel safe waiting around area

## Care & maintenance

- Area is clean but need to keep on top of work done
- Plenty dog bins
- It's a very nice area

## Education & lifelong learning

- JYHS- good
- It has good schools

## Influence and self-control

- Open outlook
- Good support networks for carers and health services
- Nothing

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 60-74 years

What we don't like

## Public Transport

- transport now not quite as good
- transport to Oak bank park industrial estate is non existent



### Traffic & Parking

- Parking is bad, Not enough parking, Parking street in Palmer rise, One neighbour uses 6 parking spaces, Parking street in Palmer rise x **8**
- Cars not abiding the 20mph speed limit inconsiderate drivers speeding and parking ( only a few inconsiderate drivers) x **3**

### Streets & Spaces

- Dirty foot paths , street cleaning x **2**
- Speed bumps
- Paths not gritted when icy

### Natural Space

- green spaces need tidying up

### Play and recreation

- Not a lot to do for older people no clubs always waiting list, no entertainment for older ones x **3**
- Took tennis courts away
- nothing for men- women have the shops

### Facilities & Amenities

- no central community /town centre
- Crofthead centre not as thriving as before
- Waiting up to four weeks to see a doctor

### Housing & Community

- **Gardens** are messy; Peoples gardens x **4**
- **New build**; They are building all these new houses- just out the back of the centre - where are the kids going to go what school, health centre, what will they play with All these new builds- need to look at the nurseries and schools - with the new builds in Murieston. Need new schools and services for these and the roads to accommodate these x **3**
- There are very little pensioner houses
- Poor quality housing, the length of time you have to wait for fencing repairs, x **2**
- Private lets are unsocial neighbours in a HMO next door x **2**

- Not the best type of house maisonette garden not attached
- What I don't like about Dedridge is it has become very shabby the houses look very tired and run down.

### Social Interaction

- Yobs
- Pit bulls
- Neighbours - too many cars and 8 dogs
- Get rid of unwanted human waste druggies etc
- too many young people

### Identity & belonging

- Don't like Livingston

### Feeling safe

- Drug dealers and users; Drunks, Lots of drugs dealers and addicts which are a bad influence on the kids x 4
- **Antisocial behaviour:** gangs shouting and screaming pointless, Homeless people running a riot on a Saturday night
- **Youths:** I don't like going out at night with all the young ones about especially at underpass x 3
- Dogs off leash, Lots of dogs running about had to get a spray for garden to keep them away x 2
- No police presence x 2
- Youths out on mini motorbikes riding just along paths and over parks
- Wouldn't go out at night
- Check the shop are giving to under age drink and cigarettes
- the increase of crime in the area

### Care & Maintenance

- **dog dirt:** dog fouling on local paths especially at the school; up to school, Not seen a dog warden around Dog poo bags everywhere flown into neighbours garden and he doesn't own a dog within a day - picks it up, Years ago the council would have got them to tidy up the dog poo on the grass outside my house is ridiculous at times. It is the same all over. I think the council need to clean up the streets and burn more often x 18
- **Litter:** Litter on paths and public walkways; Rubbish; Litter outside James young is awful; litter everywhere graffiti, Improve litter collection, Lots of litter in the water beside the Lanthorn , the underpass at Dunelm- Halfords rubbish has piled up play park at Lanthorn covered in litter, Rubbish getting dumped in the burn - going to overflow Furniture dumped in gardens People just dump old household goods at their doors or garden X 17

- **Fly tipping** is getting worse I do believe its because of the small bins that have been introduced; Waste dumping in the vacant places; The mess in some areas caused by people dumping old beds etc., Council put up the price for bulky uplifts now there is a lot of fly tipping not everyone has a car, Along the back road- people use their back doors because of the amount of rubbish dumping out the front, Fly tipping 9 (since free uplift stopped) x 7
- **trolleys** lying about; Underpasses are untidy- trollies dumped; Trolleys on the footpaths, trolleys in the burn Lanthorn dumping x 7
- **Broken glass** All of Livingston bad for waste and broken glass, especially near steps and shrubbery Bottle has broken before swing park next to St Ninians x 6
- Poor maintenance of paths and other areas; Side streets are not maintained, Pot holes along the roads x 4
- Grass cuttings Hedges at back can't see end of road when in car x 3
- There are rats at the Lanthorn pond- people are feeding the ducks and leading to rats going around houses they are hiding near sheds, get loads when they clean the burn out, something to do with the displacement of water, Asda tunnel- someone putting black bin bags down there and causing rats council are aware of this issue x 3
- Dirt and people spitting x 2
- Roads never gritted inside the schemes
- At Everard and Durward mess underpass at Ivanhoe rise, mess, people not looking after surrounding areas x 2
- **Bins** overflow because they are too small; Small grey bins not big enough x 2

#### Child care and respite

- no provision for out of school care and nursery care

#### Influence & self-control

- In the past 6 months community has went down hill
- Need to cut back growth
- Litter is influencing the perception of how the area looks embarrassed to have friends over

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: 60-74 years Ideas to make it better



#### Traffic & parking

- Extra parking for the community; More residential parking Not enough parking spaces in Ambrose Rise see cab parked at night, more spaces- nearly everyone has a car now, problems when residents have visitors x 4

- speed bumps in more streets Speed bumps fill width the road x 2

### Streets & spaces

- Broken pavement s

### Natural space

- tidy up pond at the Lanthorn

### Play & Recreation

- I can only stay at my outreach group until I am 65 and there is a need for a group for this age group at the Lanthorn Community Centre. I have only been told that once I am 65 there is Braid House where there are people that are a lot older than me with different needs.
- More things for teenagers

### Facilities & Amenities

- Nowhere to go to meet up like a café; Somewhere for young people to go like cafes etc so they are not hanging about x 2
- Civic centre - little
- Lanthorn centre needs updating
- Need some entertainment such as live band, used to be the old forum, platter played there (band) american bands came

### Housing & Community

- **Modernise** outside of houses, Upgrade of housing, Old houses need a tidy up to compete with the new ones, bring back the scheme for council owned houses to get the rough casting and roofs done. Some of the ones from before are now coming off, private let's not fixing it up, enforcing them to do so, Revamp the maisonettes - all the houses, If the houses were upgraded this might more people take pride in their homes...people who sublet their houses should be made take care of them x 6
- **Allocation:** Houses to our family who have been on the housing list for years and not to others who come into the country who think it is their right. Would we be treated like this in their country!!! More careful over who they give houses to x 2
- a tidy up - properties gardens
- I live in a pensioners house neighbours were young and having parties at night

- more housing provision

### **Social interaction**

- Safe meeting point for new people, handy people etc.

### **Identity and belonging**

- Could do with a bit more community spirit

### **Feeling safe**

- Police patrols; More community police; police especially at playfield x 5
- Get rid of sleeping policeman
- it would be a lot safer walking along the path from Bankton school past the pond and along past Ambrose rise if all trees and bushes on one side of the path were taken down it would be more open and would feel safer with the two sides of path having trees and bushes it feels very closed in and nobody can see you.
- dealing with the drug dealing

### **Care & maintenance**

- Clear up **litter**, and stop people dumping rubbish; Clean up; Street cleaning ; Sweep cleaners on the pavements ( haven't seen one in years); Road sweeper ; clean up the areas, volunteers, Bins to get emptied on the day they are meant to, Get the area/streets cleaned up more, regularly near the centre x 16
- **Dog** patrols , more dog poo buckets need more bins and dog poo bins, there is loads in Murieston x 4
- Look at the cost for picking up bulky uplifts, reinstate free uplifts or check local areas and uplift rubbish x 2
- More gritting in schemes pot holes
- Have more planted areas
- council fining people for not looking after gardens- on stop fines warden rubbish
- Clearing grass cuttings would also help keep pathways tidy

### **Lifelong learning & education**

- Education regarding dog poo
- community centre not used enough by residents

### **Influence & self-control**

- This is a difficult question to answer as the cuts in the council money means things do not happen and that is not the council's fault, Council to take more of an interest x 2
- More community/volunteering
- More organisations working in the area
- Newsletter or FB page what's going on in area list of clubs etc?

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 74 +years

## What we like



Age spans 74+ years (23 responses)

### Demographic breakdown

**Ethnicity:** 96% Scottish/British      4% other white

**Gender:** 57% Female      43% Male

57% consider themselves or someone they care for to have a disability

*(Of the 87% that answered)* 70% are homeowners, 20% in council housing, 5% social housing and 5% private lets

*(Of the 83% that answered)* 37% are car owners, 70% use public transport

### Moving Around

- Near the shopping centre you can walk to get a bus; its handy for the shops as I don't drive the walk to the centre keeps me fit x 7
- Very close to health centre and chemist being next door
- it's close to shops railway station

### Public Transport

- Good bus service x 3
- Very convenient for buses, trains

### Streets & spaces

- Network of walking giving access to surrounding parks and walks, Nice paths x 2
- Lanthorn and Murieston- Broad path- woods lovely flowers, Planted daffodils at the back in the grounds under the trees - beautiful makes me feel happy sunshine x 2

### Natural Space

- Open spaces; Green spaces x 2
- I like going for walks by the pond and looking at the wild life in the area; swans and ducks x 2
- environmentally friendly

## **Play & Recreation**

- Like the Dedridge good neighbour network; - its gets me out the house to meet friends and have my lunch x **3**
- Plenty things to do
- Good groups at various venues
- Good job of the children playpark across from the Lanthorn
- Lots of activities for children

## **Facilities & amenities**

- Shops good, Handy for shops; Local shops near good variety; x **6**
- The Lanthorn Centre is a needed place to go; gives somewhere to go to meet our friends and join in with the groups; Lanthorn various groups/ GNN , craft group, meeting people and the café, wee café quite good Lanthorn redone x **7**
- Facilities are very good, I use the library and attend the church local health centre; health centre very local Chemist handy can do a delivery service Live opposite doctors x **10**
- Centre of town
- Church- split
- Good place to bring up children lots to do bubbles-gym

## **Social Interaction**

- Friendly people in Crusader Court, Everyone is friendly, People are nice x **4**
- Good neighbours; neighbours decent on either side, Neighbours nice x **3**

## **Identity & belonging**

- Nice place to live x **2**
- Quiet x **3**
- I love it here
- Fairly decent and bleak
- My home
- Lived here 30 years

## **Feeling safe**

- No trouble

## **Care & maintenance**

- The walk done is very impressive

### Childcare & respite

- I have care line and they are brilliant - best ever totally grateful for it gives me security and staff are so nice

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: 74 +years

### What we don't like



#### Public Transport

- Bus - train

#### Traffic & Parking

- Lack of parking spaces

#### Streets & spaces

- Bins not put back to parking areas left on street or in front of cars
- BDC- everything kept clean flowers blooming

#### Play & Recreation

- Not enough to do
- more groups for men

#### Facilities & Amenities

- Not enough restaurants and pubs
- Can't get appointments at health centre I sometimes have to wait for 3 weeks which is unacceptable and only encourages you to go to A&E
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#### Housing & Community

- neglected houses and garden seen occasionally, Gardens in Mowbray Rise are a mess, Gardens where rubbish is dumped and left for ages, All the houses look derelict and not looked after properly the gardens are a mess x 4

## Social interaction

- People don't talk to others anymore

## Identity & belonging

- Loss of community feel
- There is no village feel like they had in the old days

## Feeling safe

- Underpasses they are not safe to use x 2
- There are too many young people hanging around doing nothing and it makes me scared to go out
- Drug users hanging about I know the council and police know who they are

## Care & Maintenance

- **Litter** and broken glass that causes problems to mobility scooter; empty cans on broad path- rubbish spoiling paths x 5
- **Walkways:** un-swept areas and foot paths, How the council doesn't do anything about the paths in Winter the last snow was confined to house and had to rely on young neighbours to get milk and bread, main paths very icy unsafe for walking on up the Lanthorn path from the café especially as I'm infirm and have balance issues x 3
- Virgin put cables in and still exposed from kerb to road ( loose into house)
- Been **fly tipping**, Collection of unwanted junk just dumped outside gate and walkways x 2
- Dog fouling
- Shopping trolleys being left lying around
- flower shrubs cut back much roses blooming now not as attractive
- art work of concrete painted up, other side for graffiti
- dogs

# Dedridge CONSULTATION: 74 +years

Ideas to make it better

## Public transport

- Connect Glasgow bus back on weekend (general service)

## Traffic & parking



- More parking spaces

### **Streets & spaces**

- improve road and pavements

### **Play & recreation**

- give the young ones more to do and keep them away from the underpasses
- more community groups for young and elderly
- More things to do at the Lanthorn e.g evening events in the summer

### **Facilities & Amenities**

- Get more doctors into the health centre
- Bigger swimming pool at xcite bubbles
- James young pool open up for community

### **Housing & community**

- Make private landlords keep gardens tidy and clean

### **Social interaction**

- More social

### **Identity & belonging**

- It needs to get back to a community feel where everyone looks out for one another

### **Feeling safe**

- More police, More police in the area to help keep drug users under control x 2
- Pavements the underpaths is not safe even in daylight

### **Care & maintenance**

- Have people pick up split rubbish
- Path with grit something would hold your foot or put salt down on main pathways where there particular slopes

### **Influence & self-control**

- How do you get residents to take pride in their areas and not have it resembling a rubbish dump!
- There needs to be more input from the residents on how they want Dedridge to be run.
- More money needs to be reinvested in the area

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: no demographic information What we like



### No demographic age breakdown (13 responses)

#### Moving around

- I like the fact that everything from schools, doctors, shops and shopping centre are all within walking distance x 2

#### Public transport

- Access to public transport
- Good bus service

#### Streets & Spaces

- Easy walking

#### Natural space

- Dedridge pond
- lots of green spaces

#### Play & recreation

- Parks are fine x 2

#### Facilities & amenities

- The Lanthorn is a great place, hub of the community where everyone is made to feel welcome- with lots and lots of things going on x 3
- Church, Library, café, crafts etc. Something for everyone Excellent health centre, Access to centre, doctors x 3
- Shopping centre is terrific

#### Social Interaction

- good neighbours; I have lovely neighbours x 2

- people keep themselves to themselves

### Identity & belonging

- Lived here 3 years
- Good place to be
- I have been here for 41 years and I love living in Dedridge

### Feeling safe

- quiet x 2
- Good feel parts safe place

### Care & maintenance

- Area is reasonably well kept quiet and close to all facilities

### Influence & self-control

- Lots of changes some good
- Yes I like living in Dedridge
- sorry don't know Dedridge

## Dedridge CONSULTATION: no demographic information

What we don't like



### Public Transport

- since bus service changed in Dedridge west people now isolated getting to doctors, dentist and chemist also shops

### Traffic and parking

- Not enough parking

### Streets & spaces

- I don't like the fact that grass spaces had unsightly bushes and trees planted to stop kids from playing.

- Some areas are too far from the main play park and kids are too small to go to park themselves and they have nowhere to play. Nigel rise and Quentin rise are examples of areas that have had their 'green' areas planted over and they are now well overgrown and make the place look a mess.

### **Play and recreation**

- No proper playgrounds for children, especially at the end of Dedridge, close to Adambrae, actually there is not any

### **Housing & community**

- Garden rubbish left lying
- Bins being left out

### **Feeling safe**

- thinks its unsafe

### **Care & maintenance**

- don't look after gardens, Houses and garden needing maintenance x 2
- dog excrement on paths dealt with x 2
- Vandalising parks

### **Influence & self-control**

- not much
- some individuals less community minded
- At the moment I can't think of anything

## **Dedridge CONSULTATION: no demographic information**

Ideas to make it better

### **Traffic & parking**

- Parking better allocated

### **Streets & spaces**

- Speed bumps



- I'd personally get rid of most of the shrubbery, although most of it is already disappearing and get grass planted. I think it would be easier for grass to be cut, rather than have teams of 5/6 council workers tidying up the shrubbery. Grassy areas would be tidier too.

### **Play and recreation**

- Playground for children

### **Housing and community**

- Ensuring houses and gardens are maintained. Incentive schemes for home owners and support for those renting. Enforcing landlords do necessary upgrade work

### **Care & maintenance**

- Clean up the dog dirt, more dog poo bins x 2
- Gardens
- have roughcast funded all over Dedridge

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