

Years 5 and 6: Our Town – an environmental issue



Adapt QCA Units 12 and 20

This unit will provide the opportunity for young people to respond creatively to the issue of environmental regeneration in Castleford. Alternative key questions for investigating a current issue could be chosen from the selection below:

What is the issue? – identify it clearly from maps, photographs, local knowledge, e.g.

- *Should the high street be the new home for the market?*
- *Should Castleford have a new bridge across the river or a new underpass under the railway line?*
- *Should schools be involved in the re-development of The Green or Wilson Street?*
- *Should Cutsyke have a new playground?*
- *Should the Wheldale/Fryston colliery site become a new recycling centre?*
- *Should the new library/ museum become a research centre for Roman Castleford?*
- *Should Channel 4 be making a film about Castleford?*

- Research – use of digital images (photographs/ video)
- Positive/ negative features from children's perspective
- Ranking/ voting

Where is the issue? – how far does it extend?

- Where are these places?
- How do they make me feel?

Why is it an issue? – which groups are in favour of this scheme and which against?

- *Castleford Heritage Group*
- *Cutsyke Residents*
- *Wilson Street ???*
- *Channel 4*
- *The Council*
- *The Green Residents*

What are the views of the different groups involved?

- *The architects/ designers*
- *See list above*

What do the class think about the issue?

How might the issue develop in the future?