

YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN EAST LANCASHIRE

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM STUDENTS OF EDGE END HIGH SCHOOL

14 questionnaires returned

How would you rate the area where you currently live?

Excellent	3
Good	0
Average	7
Poor	2
Very poor	2

What do you think of the following in your local area?

	Good	OK	Needs some imp	Needs a great deal of imp	Don't know
Activities for young people	1	3	4	5	1
Nightlife	0	0	6	5	3
Shopping	1	4	2	7	0
Sports facilities	4	3	2	5	0
Employment	0	3	2	8	1
Housing	2	3	5	4	0
Further education	5	5	2	2	0
Higher education	1	10	2	1	0
Environment	0	1	7	6	0
Public transport	5	4	3	2	0

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The other surprising result is the positive view of public transport. This certainly doesn't come out in other resident surveys. Could this be because they never use it?

In 5 years time where do you see yourself living?

Same area	4
Elsewhere in East Lancashire	2
Elsewhere in NW	7
Elsewhere in England	1
Abroad	0

What is attracting you to the area where you are thinking of living?

Employment opportunities	9
University provision	5
Choice of housing	6
Lifestyle / nightlife	4
Environment	7
Family / friends in the area	8

What sort of property will be the first you own / what would be your ideal?

	First	Ideal
Detached	1	10
Semi	4	1
Terraced	5	2
Bungalow	0	0
Flat	3	1

Detached housing comes out strongly as the housing type they aspire to.

12 out of 14 thought that it was better to buy

Maybe worth exploring where this comes from. Do their parents tell them that it is better to buy than rent? Are all their parents currently owner occupiers?

8 out of 14 thought that they would be able to afford to buy

Again this may be worth exploring further. Why do those who disagree think they will not be able to afford to buy? Most of them say that they think they will go on to university so they must be thinking that they will get a 'decent' job. How much does the media influence their views on this?

9 out of 14 thought that at some time they would move out of East Lancashire to study. All thought that they would have to do this because they want to go to university.

Only 4 thought that they would work in East Lancashire. The 6 who responded that they didn't think they would didn't have a reason for this.

Could we tease out of them the reasons why?

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