

Erewash Play Strategy

SUMMARY REPORT ON INFORMAL INTERVIEWS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.

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1. Methodology

Informal interviews were undertaken in three different settings.

- (a) Discussions with twelve 'disaffected' groups or individuals who encountered in the street at known meeting points in the following locations¹:
- Four groups in Cotmanhay
 - Two groups in Ilkeston Town Centre
 - Two groups in Kirk Hallam
 - One group in Sandiacre
 - One group in Borrowash
 - One group in West Park, Long Eaton
 - One group in Petersham
- (b) Discussions with ten groups or individuals at the Cotmanhay Neighbourhood Management Group Visioning Day on Sun 13th March.
- (c) Discussions with four groups or individuals at Borrowash Youth Club and Draycott Detached Youth Work Project.

The interviews were informal but followed broadly the same structure. On average 25 responses were received to each question posed.

The groups were predominantly male although four groups were either all females or included females. Ages ranged from nine years up to eighteen years. Two BME individuals were interviewed.

2. Where Young People 'hang out'.

- (i) Individuals or groups were asked where they usually go to hang out and why they went there.

In Cotmanhay most young people replied that they usually hang around in the street. Some go to Cotmanhay Recreation Ground or another open space

¹ This element of the project was undertaken by Mike Elliot of Derby and Derbyshire Groundwork Trust

such as Granby Park or the open space off Langley Avenue. Two groups said that they go to Shipley Country Park to the woods.

A similar pattern emerged from discussions with young people living in Kirk Hallam where the small shopping centre is also an attractive meeting point. In Petersham the shops are also an attractor as they are opposite Petersham Green. In Draycott, the MUGA in the Leisure Green is a focal point.

Young people in Borrowash are attracted to a local field rather than Deans Drive Recreation Ground.

(ii) Young people were asked why they go to this particular location and what sort of things they do when they are there.

The most frequent response to this question was to meet up with friends with one in two respondents giving this as the main reason for going to a particular location. One in five replied that it was because it was close to home. Three individuals or groups offered the less positive response of 'nowhere else to go'. Six mentioned the nature of the space and its capacity for different types of activity such as somewhere to take bikes or play football. Only one mentioned the attraction of play equipment and one stated that it was because that was where his parents took him.

(iii) Individuals or groups were asked what sort of things do they usually do at this place.

Three in five of the responses to this question were that the prime activity is social and that they meet up and talk. This was main activity for all the girls although one group also played on equipment and did handstands. One in two play football sometimes as the main activity but often this was mentioned as a secondary activity to meeting with friends. One in five travel to the venue on their bikes and riding bikes is then the main focus of their activity. This was particularly true of the groups in Cotmanhay who go to Shipley Country Park. Only one mentioned a skateboard and only three mentioned smoking.

(iv) Individuals or groups were then asked what was good about the place they usually hang out.

The overwhelming response to this question was negative with three in five stating, 'nothing'. In some cases this was qualified with the statement that it was the only place where they could go to meet friends or that it was close to home. Four groups mentioned staying away from trouble. In two cases this referred to being hassled by adults and in the other two cases being safe from other older young people. However, there were some positive responses including the statement from the visitors to the woods that it was the only place with bike jumps. The group of skateboarders in Borrowash mentioned that the Somerfields supermarket car park where they meet is lit and that the management tolerates them using the car park as long as they stay away from cars and trolleys. Two of the girls groups mentioned a park which they like and equipment they can play on.

(v) Individuals and groups were asked where they go if they want to chill from other adults or children. One in two respondents stay at home in these circumstances and two escape to a grandparent's house. Nearly one in three goes to the local park or woods. Interestingly, one group goes to a local nature reserve to build dens. The remaining individuals go to the town centre.

3. Barriers to hanging out.

A series of questions were asked about personal safety including whether individuals encountered any problems or had a bad experience in the place where they usually hang out and whether they felt safe there.

One in two stated that they had not encountered any problems. Of those that had experienced problems, six complained that they were regularly hassled by the police, five mentioned bullying or threats from groups of older teenagers and four mentioned problems with complaints about adults. There was a mixed response to the attitude of shopkeepers with two groups specifically stating that they have a good relationship with local shopkeepers and another two mentioning problems. Disturbingly, in two cases involving bullying by older teenagers, the persons concerned were picked on because they had a disability and in one case involving an adult there was an attempt to entice a young person into a car.

Asked if they had ever had a 'dodgy' experience, most stated that they hadn't but four mentioned abusive behaviour by older teenagers and two mentioned threats from adults. One girl had received unwanted attention from an adult at night. Understandably, there was a reluctance to admit to causing any problems although one group admitted to causing problems for other young people and local residents.

When asked about whether they felt safe during the day, there was a virtually unanimous positive response with only one exception. In this case the respondent expressed concern about their safety in Granby and West Park. However, only seven groups or individuals provided a positive response to whether they felt safe at night.

4. Organised activities.

A question was asked of the individuals or groups about whether they participated in any organised activity.

One in two of those interviewed do not participate in any organised activity. The most popular activity for those that do participate is football with seven being members of a junior football club. Three of these are based in the rural areas and two in Ilkeston. Sport was also a preferred activity for seven others with four involved in cricket and others involved in boxing and swimming. Again, sport is a common activity for young people from rural areas. Three respondents attend a youth club and another three attend arts activities. One group plans to join a scout group.

Asked what it is that they enjoy about the organised activity that they attend, most responded that they enjoy sport. Youth clubs provide a warm dry place with a relaxed atmosphere where it is possible to meet friends and there are things to do such as pool.

For those who do not participate in any organised activity, reasons given were that such activities are boring (3), too organised (3) or that there is nowhere available close to where they live (5). The group in Draycott mentioned that they used to go to Youth Club but this was closed down and demolished and has never been replaced. They were not allowed to go into new table tennis club building that has replaced it.

In terms of using commercial leisure facilities such as cinemas or bowling alleys, only one in five replied in the negative. The most popular activity is going to the cinema which is attended fairly regularly by three in five respondents. A relatively small number go bowling and others go to the ice rink or a large park.

For those who don't go to the cinema or other commercial venue, the most frequent reasons given were distance and cost.

5. Ideal place.

The groups and individuals were asked a series of questions about what their ideal place to hang out would be like, whether an adult would be present.

One in three indicated that their ideal hanging out place would be indoors. A warm, dry drop-in centre was mentioned and appeared to be something that girls would appreciate. Some were looking for activities, not unlike a youth club, with pool, table tennis and games.

Two out of three respondents indicated that their ideal place would be outdoors. Six of these described a youth shelter with lighting and comfortable seats which could accommodate a reasonable number of young people. A further five wanted a park possibly with an adventure playground or more challenging equipment. The issue of a park appears to be strong in Cotmanhay where young people feel that the lost derelict ball court and BMX track offers the opportunity to create a facility that could meet their needs. Other ideal places included a bike track with jumps, a MUGA, and a large tarmac area for skating. Several respondents mentioned the need for lighting.

Three out of five felt that having an adult around in case of problems would be a good idea. This was qualified in one or two instances such as the comment, 'yes to a cool relaxed adult, not fussy or strict'.

The overriding message from young people about the location of their ideal place is that it should be close to home within a ten or fifteen minute walk time.

The factors that would make this place more enjoyable to relax and hangout with friends are many. The most frequently mentioned were::

Indoor Space - a dry indoors lit space, with places to sit and chat, food and drink, pool and games

Lighting - Better lighting to local hangout spots and lighting to MUGAs particularly over the weekend.

Bikes - A facility for bikes including ramps and jumps

Ball Courts - Facilities and space for Netball, Volleyball, Tennis, not just a basketball court because it's different.

Challenging Play Equipment - Challenging multi play equipment for older children.

Personal safety - Not leaving sites such as closed shops, derelict because they are more likely to be vandalised and become unsafe places.

Action on consultation carried out, has been asked to vote on things before but has seen no changes.

Skate park – needs to be well designed.

Adult Perceptions - Adults have stereotypes about young people and these need to be changed. Police are not the answer. We need someone we can talk to.

Better Quality - Young people in Draycott felt that fencing to their MUGA should have been high enough to keep the balls in. The surface is now uneven and needs to be replaced. Panels in fencing shouldn't keep falling out.

Something different - An outdoor movie screen.

APPENDIX I

Interviews with twelve 'disaffected' groups or individuals who encountered in the street at known meeting points.

Groundwork Survey of Disaffected Young People

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9	Group 10	Group 11
Consultation group	1 x Male - carrying Skateboard	1 x Male - walking to shops for mum	4 x Male - kicking a ball about on ball court in heavy rain	4 x Male, 1 x Female - playing on streets, some with bikes in heavy rain	1 x Male, 1 x Female - Hanging around market place in rain	4 x Females - Shopping still raining	2 x Male - Playing on swings in heavy rain	3 x Male - Walking the streets smoking, heavy rain	2 x Male - Skateboarding along road - overcast dry	5 x Male - Sitting talking on bikes - overcast dry	2 x Male - walking streets, one with bike, overcast dry
Age	15	13	1x 17, 1x 16, 1x 14, 1x 11/12	4x male 11 / 12, Female 10	Male 13, Female 14	All 12 - 13	Both 9	2 x 16 / 17, 1 x 15 / 16	1 x 14, 1 x 15	All 15 / 16	1 x 14, 1 x 17
Location	Cotmanhay - corner of Skeavingtons Lane and Botany Close.	Cotmanhay - corner of Skeavingtons Lane and Botany Close.	Cotmanhay - MUGA pavilion fields	Donner Crescent - around site of old shops	Outside co-op, Ilkeston Market Place Both live in Larklands area of town	Covered section of Ilkeston precinct shops All come from either West Hallam or Kirk Hallam	Wirksworth Rd play area - Kirk Hallam Both attend Ladywood school	Near central shops - Kirk Hallam Two live in Kirk Hallam, One - Sandiacre	Harrington Avenue, Borrowwash - One lives in Borrowwash, other used to now in Derby	Top of steps by canal entrance to West Park, Long Eaton, all from Long Eaton	Windermer Rd, Petersham estate, Long Eaton One Petersham other ex-Petersham now LE
Where do you usually hang out?	Outside old Rupresh Stores (shops), or Granby Park	Pavilion Rec or Fields beyond canal.	On pavilion fields or top end (Donner Crescent)	Local streets	UP town (town centre area), but will travel to other districts of town, e.g. Cotmanhay, if reason to go	West Hallam & Kirk Hallam - Streets and Recs	Wirksworth Rd play area, Kirk Hallam main shops, or near play area leading to open country	On the streets or around the main shops area Girls house if possible!!	Somerfield car park or Charnwood Avenue	Mostly West Park or Meadow Lane, but meet up all over Long Eaton.	Petersham Green or outside the Co-op
Why do you go there?	To meet up with mates	Its close and somewhere	Local place to meet up	Because its close to home	To meet up with mates and	Close to home	To play or muck about with		Smooth riding surfaces	To meet up with mates	Nowhere else to go

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		e to meet up with mates	with mates		other people they know.		friends				
What sort of things do you usually do there?	Hanging out or ride bikes	Hang out and talk, a bit of football occasionally, ride bikes locally	Football and Basketball on pavilion fields, sit, talk and smoke elsewhere	Ride bikes, play football, hangout	Hang out mostly - observation showed this to be mostly chatting, smoking and mucking about	Hang out with mates and chat	Play, use equipment play football / basketball on goal end	Hang out with mates, drink and smoke. Meeting mates seems a priority	Skateboarding or chilling with mates Skating is something to do that's active & positive	Bike around, hang out, talk	Hang out, talk and ride bikes
What's good about the place you usually hang out?	Nothing particular - No where else to go	Nothing particular - its local	Nothing particular, - Quiet, No hassle	Nothing at all, its just close to home	Nothing really, its just a place to meet people	Adults are not there to bother you on the Recs and parks	The equipment to play on and its quiet	Nothing - just somewhere to go and meet up. People know you so there are no fights	Its lit and Somerfield accept us using the space as long as we stay away from cars and trolleys	Nothing really - its out in the open, not overlooked and away from adults.	Nothing really just somewhere to meet mates
Do you ever have problems hanging out there? What are they?	Yes, - Verbal bullying due to physical disability	No real problems, know local youth	Yes hassle from police - really dislike them	No problems with other kids, well known locally Have had problems with adults, suggest tried to entice in to cars	Yes - police think we are always causing trouble Wardens are ok Have been banned from McDonalds	Police give us some hassle, especially when in large groups. Chavs.	Teenagers sometimes push us around and force us off the goal end	Regular hassle from the police - dislike intensely. Conversely shop owners rarely a problem.	Other gangs of youth try to cause trouble - we stay out of way. No problems with bottom shop owners, top shop always	Complaints from adults about blocking paths with their bikes. Generally no problems from police apart from them having no lights on bikes.	Complaints from old people saying they are drugs users, and police asking them to move on.

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How safe do you feel at your hangout during the day?	Ok during the day.	Quite safe because its local	Very safe locally know everyone	Safe because of close proximity to home	Safe during the day while there are shops open, other people about and your mates around	Very safe during the day	Safe during the daytime	Very safe day	Ok (50/50)	Very safe	Safe
How safe do you feel at your hangout at night?	Worried, not really safe at night.	Much less comfortable at night - spooky with lights along the canal	Very safe locally know everyone	Safe because of close proximity to home	Generally safe at night due to activity level there	Not so safe in the dark, extra lighting would be good	Not so safe at night - more lights would be good	Very safe nighttime as everyone knows each other including shop owners and residents.	Worse at night	Very safe, Hobos no problem and have mates around	Safe - because its close to home and mates are around
Have you ever had any dodgy experiences there?	Sometimes there are gangs of youth.	No	No	No	Girl has experienced unwanted adult attention at night	None	Have not had any problems with dodgy experiences	None	One had received threatening verbal abuse from adult, both received peer group abuse other gangs	Adults giving them grief, and other youth gangs (Chavs) trying to start a fight	Problems with older youths giving them grief when returning from town drunk
Have you ever caused	No	No	Yes - have caused problems	No	No	No	No	None admitted - would be	Possibly due to skating	Occasional bust up with other	None claimed

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someone else's dodgy experience there?			for others & residents who grass on them					surprised if they had not caused others a dodgy experience at some point	activity near cars and shops, not intentional but as part of activity	youth gangs, one stated that everyone has done so in the past	
Do you go to any organised activities?	No	None - Used to go to Cotmanhay kids club but it has moved away and is now too far to travel	None - would attend local youth club or drop in centre if one was set up	1 or 2 attend football sessions for 11-15 year olds others No	Boy - Yes, youth club by church occasionally Girl - No	No	No - both thinking of going to scouts in Ilkeston which they consider better than a youth club	No	Not really	Youth Club behind Community House, Derby Rd	Community house Youth club - Good Petersham hall Youth club - Not so good
If you go, what's good about them?				Enjoy the sports	Mostly because it's a warm dry place to meet mates but some good stuff to do					There are things to do and its relaxed. Estimate between 30 -50 youth attend regularly	Community house has pool and arcade games to play on with mates
If not, why not?	Would like to, but none close enough or provide for his age group.	None around	Would not attend scouts or other formal group - to organised	No youth clubs or other activities to attend	Not interested	Boring!! Probably not cool to attend	None around	Youth clubs considered boring and scouts etc, not even considered to organised	Youth Club in Borrowash too strict and boring	Commented that when club is not open there is nowhere else to go.	Petersham Hall has much less to do

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Do you go to the cinema or bowling? etc	Cinema sometimes	No, Usually stay local	Oldest - yes to cinema & bowling Others - not really	Most go to the cinema quite a bit, no other activities	Bowling alley quite regularly - good hangout to meet mates, drink, chat, play pool in the bright, dry and warm. Sometimes get chucked out if busy. Cinema occasionally	All go to the cinema and bowling approx 1 / month	1 goes bowling 1 / week, the other occasionally Neither go to the cinema much	Generally No	No to cinema and bowling, but do go into derby skateboarding the streets	All - cinema sometimes , Bowling rarely Reports of new Long Eaton cinema have not been positive	No
If not, why not?		To far away	Too far and expensive	Would imagine cash restricts other activities				Everything's boring	Not there thing so much	Too far away	Do not have access to them
Where do you go if you want to chill from other adults or kids?	To Granby Park or to his Grandmas where he is not judged.	Grandma's house where I can be myself with no hassle	Pavilion fields - its quiet with no one to bother you	Top end (old Donner Crescent shops), or Pavilion fields	Mostly in town with mates, sometimes to parks, Rutland & Victoria, summer only	Parks and Recs are the main locations but sometimes on the streets	The park - its quiet there are no adults to bother them	Central shops, streets or home - one allowed to drink and smoke at home	Somerfield's car park	West Park or Fox Covert - build dens and muck about.	Mostly the green. One sometimes goes to relatives house to babysit - good escape
What would your ideal hanging out place	A leisure centre or regular drop in centre	A warm chill out place inside, Not bothered	Would prefer a dry warm indoor space	If outside, a covered youth shelter with	Girl -indoor drop in centre in the town where you	A lit shelter with comfy seats in the park, with a lit	The play area as it is now but with better equipment,	Somewhere dry, lit and warm, not hassled by	A lit, largish area of fine tarmac with street	A warm covered seating shelter with	A lit, full MUGA and youth shelter

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be like?		about outside shelter, still outside	If outside a well covered, lit youth shelter	seating and lights	can meet mates and hangout in the warm and dry. Boy - youth club with interesting activities (not organised) like pool where you can chill with mates	area to run around in as well.	more active climbers etc for older kids	adults or little kids. A lit, covered youth shelter would be OK. Do not want skating equipment due to dislike of grunge youth users	course skating equipment	lighting that can accommodate large groups, similar to large brick huts leisure centre side of West Park	
Would there be an adult around in case of problems?	An adult assistant would be good	Yes, to supervise	No older youth to supervise	Yes	Both -yes to a cool relaxed adult, not fussy or strict	No adults there	Not bothered about adult supervision	No to adult supervision	Someone to call on and supervise would be good	No adult, leave them to sort themselves out.	Yes - Steve or Dave Flowers, already seen as estate youth leaders
How far away would it be from home?	Very close - Cotmanhay	Approx 1 mile	Maximum 10 min walk	Really close, 5 minutes walk	Closer the better, 10 minute walk max	10 mins walk, half a mile max	Closer the better - max 15 mins walk	Must be within Kirk Hallam	Inside Borrowash probably the Rec would be OK Preferably within a 10 min walk	Central Long Eaton so that all can get to it	Petersham estate, which suggests that it has to be the green.

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<p>What could be done to make it more enjoyable to relax and hangout with your friends?</p>	<p>Lighting or better lighting to local hangout spots. Action on consultation carried out, has been asked to vote on things before but has seen no changes. Do not leave old meeting sites, like closed shops, derelict. more likely to be vandalised and become unsafe.</p>	<p>More lighting and police patrols at night time of hangout areas. Other youth congregating around roundabout by old youth centre prevent further travel towards town by fear of attack.</p>	<p>Pavilion fields is very old and needs a complete revamp, all agreed there should be some more new play equipment. The youngest would like BMX or Skating facilities. All said they would like access to a motorbike/ motocross circuit. All would attend a youth football / basketball club run from pavilion fields if set up</p>	<p>Would like the old Donner crescent shops space converted into a clubs space/ building for activities like bike riding, football, basketball motocross / motorbiking with a youth club /drop in centre, lit and secure. Something similar to indoor sports centre JJB's in Derby</p>	<p>a dry indoors lit space, with places to sit and chat, food and drink, pool and games. Something like the bowling alley without having to do bowling. If it had to be outside, a lit well covered youth shelter with seating would be good.</p>	<p>Facilities and space for Netball, Volleyball, Tennis, not just a basketball court, its different</p>	<p>Bigger (more challenging) multi play equipment for older kids - current multi function unit more for toddlers and young. Increase goal end to full MUGA with lights if possible. An equipped skate park area.</p>	<p>More seating and bins around, spinning chairs? Possibly an outdoor movie screen (would suggest unlikely to watch anything suitable for general public). Strip Bar! A full basketball court with lighting - appeared possibly only constructive interest but not very motivated.</p>	<p>Skating facilities mentioned above More activities for young people, currently no MUGA facilities and only 1 youth shelter, which are rarely used, did not say why. Stated they knew lots of youth within Borrowash that never go out, as there is nothing for them to do.</p>	<p>Youth shelter as mentioned above. A decent BMX track - current on considered a dog circuit, Elvaston dirt track near Pride Park given as example. A decent skate park - current one poor design and damaged. MUGA ball court is good but would be better with lights. All enjoyed police chasing them around West park in the dark!!</p>	<p>A small area with ramps for BMX and skating. A play area for younger ones, there's nothing for them at all. West park equipment considered too far and was damaged</p>
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<p>Notes</p>	<p>Walking streets with skateboard , non skater, probably heading for park. Lives in Cotmanhay but goes to school in Kirk Hallam, had to change due to bullying. Would consider disaffected not because of trouble quota but relative social shunning.</p>	<p>Fairly well dressed polite lad, probably not disaffected and still approachable within the system.</p>	<p>All definitely within disaffected target group, describing regular run-ins with police and older ones alluding to drug taking habits. Would suggest that all have limited ambition with main interests focusing on smoking, drink, drugs and alcohol - possible interest in sport but need influential role model to ignite interest.</p>	<p>This group is marginalised by its location and surroundings and would generally fit into the disaffected category due to local deprivation . Not completely outside the system but without external influence or extreme individual effort likely to follow examples of group 3.</p>	<p>I would place these two within the target group due to their observed actions but again would be reluctant to say they are completely disaffected . I was surprised by the girl's age as she could have passed for 16-18 quite easily - this could explain the unwanted adult attention. The market place appears to be the main gathering place in</p>	<p>Upon reflection of the interview I feel these girls are outside the target group due to their responses, dress and activity.</p>	<p>I would again suggest that these two boys do not directly fit within the target group due to their responses and greater desire to mix with organised groups.</p>	<p>Definitely in disaffected target group with little ambition and the two eldest trying to out hard / cool each other during the conversation. Major interests of group seemed to be Girls, drink, smoking, possibly drugs but not evidenced. Verbal greeting of middle aged mum & daughter suggests semi respect of local community</p>	<p>Despite positive responses to questions I would still consider this group to be disaffected because of the activity they try to participate in. They are only part of a small group of local skaters (5/6) they know but this does not mean that there are not others around; lack of facilities probably precludes more activity.</p>	<p>Judge to be a mixed disaffected group with regard to responses, activity and dress. All honest and open about their issues and desires. Their bike mobility offers them wider social opportunities and integration. After dark access to their main meeting point was discussed as an unresolved issue.</p>	<p>Both considered to fit within the target group due to their dress, location and some responses. They were however positive on some points and considered some of other groups suggesting that they are still engaged to some extent - possibly through the influence of the above mentioned youth leaders.</p>
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APPENDIX II

**Interviews with groups of young people or individuals at Cotmanhay
Neighbourhood Management Group event on Sunday 13th May 2007.**

Cotmanhay Neighbourhood Management Group Event

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9	Group 10
Consultation group	Asian boy lives in Cotmanhay.	White boy lives in Cotmanhay.	Group of two boys and two girls	Group of three white girls.	White boy lives in Cotmanhay.	White boy lives in Cotmanhay	Two white boys who go to Bennerley School.	Asian boy lives in Cotmanhay.	Three white girls.	Single white boy
Age	13	13	14/15	10/11	12/13	9	10/11	9	12/13	12/13
Location	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion	Cotmanhay Pavilion
Where do you usually hang out?	Shipley where go to school.	Street or Cotmanhay Rec or Granby Park.	Shipley Woods/Bluebell Woods.	Field off Langley Avenue	Street	Street. Granby Park.	Victoria Park and playing fields in Kirk Hallam	Park in Cotmanhay (not specific)	Cotmanhay Recreation ground. Victoria Park. Granby Park.	Shipley Country Park (with parents)
Why do you go there?	Hang out	Hang out	Take bikes	Near to home	Nowhere else to go.	Large area of space. Basketball. Play equipment.	Play football	Meet friends	Hang out	Trip out with parents
What sort of things do you usually do there?	Meet friends	Meet friends	Chill out	Hand stands. Play football. Sit or swing on the bars.	Walk, talk, play football.	Play football with father.	Play football	Play football	Meet friends	Meet friends. Play football.
What's good about the place you usually hang out?	Nothing special	Nothing special	Bike jumps	Nothing special	Nothing special	Don't hang out.	Nothing special	Nothing special	Like Victoria Park.	Trails – go for adventure.
Do you ever have problems hanging out there? What are they?	No	Yes, other youths pick on the fact that I am disabled.	No	Occasionally a group of youths will pick on us.	No	No	No	No	No	No
How safe do you feel at	Feel safe	Reasonably safe.	Feel safe	Reasonably safe. Don't	Feel safe	Feel safe	Feel safe	Feel safe	Feel safe	Feel safe

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your hangout during the day?				go to Granby or West Park because don't feel safe.						
How safe do you feel at your hangout at night?	Don't	Don't	OK	Don't	Feel safe	Don't	Don't	Don't	Don't	Don't
Have you ever had any dodgy experiences there?	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Have you ever caused someone else's dodgy experience there?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Do you go to any organised activities?	Cricket matches	No	No	Xplosion at the Arena in Cotmanhay.	Cotmanhay Cobras	Drama in Nottingham. Choir at school.	No	Ilkeston Town Sharks and Cubs	No	SE Derbyshire College – football. Arts & craft after school. Junior Mechanics.
If you go , what's good about them?	Enjoy playing	N/A	N/A	Dancing plus arts and drama.	Play football	Enjoy.	N/A	Enjoy	N/A	Enjoy. Meet other people in safety.
If not,why not?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Do you go to the cinema or bowling,? etc	Cinema in Derby	Cinema in Ilkeston	Cinema in Ilkeston	Cinema in Ilkeston	Cinema in Ilkeston	Cinema in Ilkeston	Cinema in Ilkeston	Cinema in Ilkeston	Ice skating in Nottingham. Odeon Derby. Rollerworld.	No

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If not, why not?										Not allowed out.
Where do you go if you want to chill from other adults or kids?	Stay at home	Stay at home	Go to the woods	Stay at home	Stay at home	Stay at home	Stay at home	Stay at home	Stay at home	Stay at home
What would your ideal hanging out place be like?	Indoors	Indoors where it is warm and there are games.	BMX track with bike jumps	Park	Park	Park with ranger. Lots of equipment for different ages.	Park. Adventure Playground.	Football Centre like the JJB in Derby. Park.	Place with both indoor & outdoor.	Bike track with jumps
Would there be an adult around in case of problems?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
How far away would it be from home?	Reasonably close	Close to home.	Mile or so.	Close to home.	Close to home.	Close to home.	Reasonably close	Happy for it to be further from home	Reasonably close	Close to home.
What could be done to make it more enjoyable to relax and hangout with your friends?	Do something about adult perceptions. Adults have stereotypes about young people and these need to be changed. Police are not the answer. Need someone can talk to.	Would like a youth club. BMX track.	Bike circuit	Swimming Pool. Want a park in Cotmanhay. A maze.	Play equipment. MUGA and grass to play football.	New things in Granby Park – equipment and climbing facility.	Exciting and challenging equipment.	Park on Cotmanhay Road with a MUGA.	Lots of activities. Graffiti wall. Should rebuild the BMX track on Beauvale Drive. Swings and equipment.	Park on Cotmanhay. Should rebuild the BMX track on Beauvale Drive. Swimming Pool.

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Notes	Intelligent youth who didn't seem to be too involved in the local area.	Played down the fact that he is regularly bullied by older youths.	Only one out of the group spoke. The others weren't interested.	Close group of girls who feel threatened by gangs.	One of many boys who were involved with Cotmanhay Cobras and only really interested in football.	Young boy who is not allowed out on his own.	Definitely not disaffected.	Closely attended by his mother so probably not allowed out on his own too often.	All the group said that there was very little to do in Cotmanahay.	Closely attended by his mother and not allowed out on his own because fear of drugs.
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APPENDIX III

Interviews with groups of young people or individuals at Borrowash Youth Club and Draycott MUGA. Monday 14th May 2007.

Borrowwash Youth Club and Draycott Detached Youth Work Project

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9	Group 10
Consultation group	Two boys	One boy	One boy	Six young people including four boys and two girls.						
Age	12	11	13	16 to 18						
Location	Borrowwash Youth Club	Borrowwash Youth Club	Borrowwash Youth Club	Leisure Green in Draycott						
Where do you usually hang out?	Field in Ockbrook	Park	Field in Ockbrook	Play football on MUGA and hang out in youth shelter.						
Why do you go there?	Play on ropeswing	Nowhere else to go.	Play on ropeswing. Talk with friends. Mess about.	Only place to meet and hang out.						
What sort of things do you usually do there?	Swing. Play football.	Make up games. Play football.	Swing. Play football.	Meet friends. Play football.						
What's good about the place you usually hang out?	Good meeting place.	Meet friends	Good meeting place.	Accepted as place for young people.						
Do you ever have problems hanging out there? What are they?	No	No	No	Neighbours complain about footballs going over fence into gardens.						

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How safe do you feel at your hangout during the day?	Feel safe.	Feel safe.	Feel safe.	Feel safe.						
How safe do you feel at your hangout at night?	Don't	Don't	Don't	Feel safe.						
Have you ever had any dodgy experiences there?	No	No	No	No						
Have you ever caused someone else's dodgy experience there?	No	No	No	No						
Do you go to any organised activities?	Football at Chadesden. Ockbrook Cricket Club. Boxing at Row Farm. Swimming at West Park.	Junior Football – Draycott Utd. Ockbrook Cricket Club.	Junior Football – Draycott Utd Ockbrook Cricket Club. Borrowwash Tennis Club.	No.						
If you go , what's good about them?	Enjoy sport.	Enjoy sport	Enjoy sport	N/A						
If not,why not?	N/A	N/A	N/A	Used to go to Youth Club but this was closed down and demolished and has never been						

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				replaced. Not allowed to go into new table tennis club building.						
Do you go to the cinema or bowling, ? etc	Showcase, Derby.	Arboretum Park	Cinema in Derby.	Cinema in Derby.						
If not, why not?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Where do you go if you want to chill from other adults or kids?	Stay at home.	Stay at home.	Stay at home.	Stay at home.						
What would your ideal hanging out place be like?	Indoors with pool table and table tennis plus outdoor with football.	Have a tyre swing similar to one in Swadlincote.	Indoors with pool table, playstation and table tennis plus outdoor with football.	Would like to have youth shelter that didn't let in the rain and provided a bit more protection from the weather.						
Would there be an adult around in case of problems?	No	Yes	Yes	No						
How far away would it be from home?	Local in village.	Local.	Local.	Local in village.						

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<p>What could be done to make it more enjoyable to relax and hangout with your friends?</p>	<p>Activities.</p>	<p>Better equipment. Good outdoor space for football and cricket.</p>	<p>New surface for youth club football pitch. Basketball post.</p>	<p>Provide fencing to MUGA that was high enough to keep the balls in. Surface is very uneven and needs to be replaced. Panels in fencing shouldn't keep falling out. Keep the lights on for the MUGA at the weekends.</p>						
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Regular attenders.</p>	<p>Regular attender</p>	<p>Regular attender</p>							