

# BALLYBEEN DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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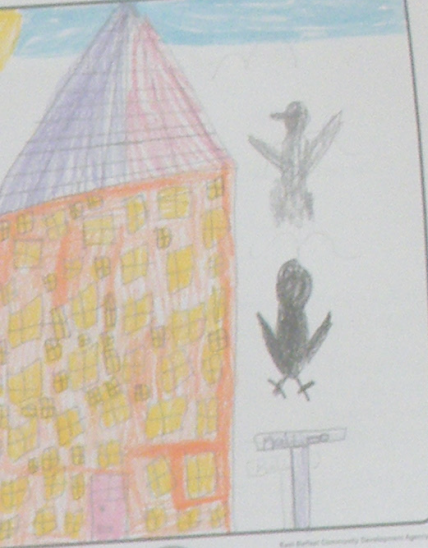
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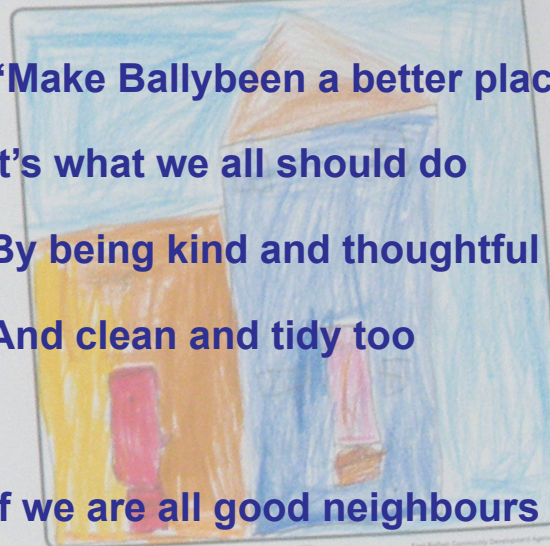
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**“Make Ballybeen a better place  
It’s what we all should do  
By being kind and thoughtful  
And clean and tidy too**

**If we are all good neighbours  
To all both old and young**

**Then surely we can make it great  
A home for everyone**

**Don’t drop lots of litter  
Clean up after pets  
And then the estate will be  
The best place you can get**

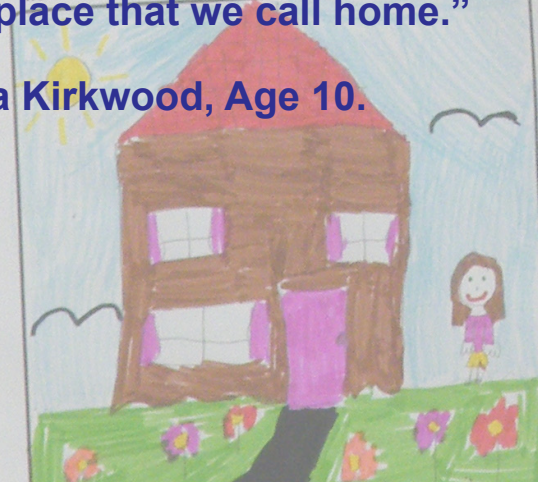
**If we do all these things  
Then no matter where we roam  
Ballybeen will always be**

**The place that we call home.”**

**Anna Kirkwood, Age 10.**

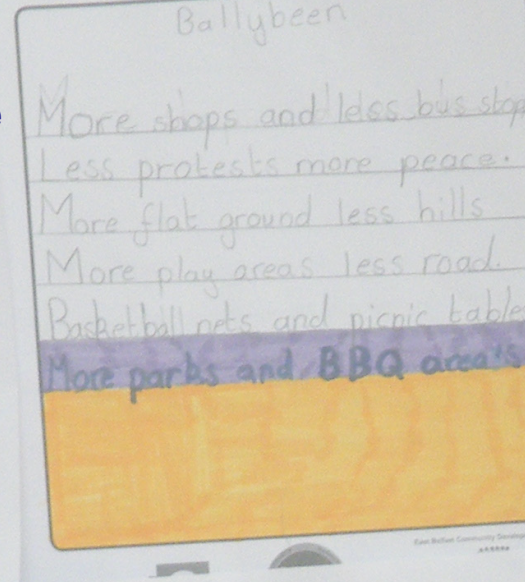
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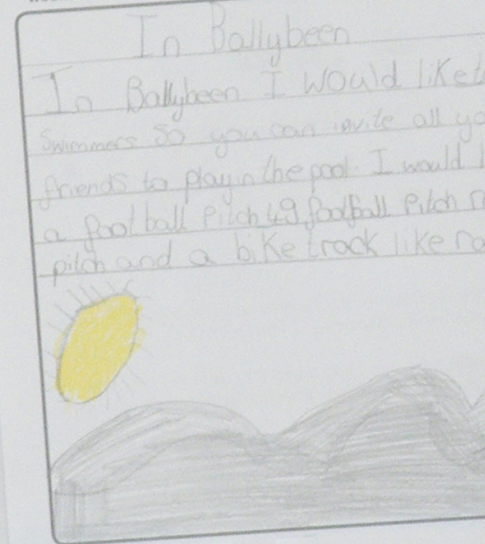
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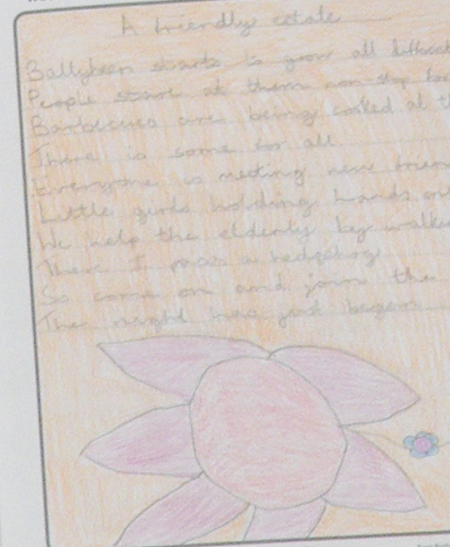
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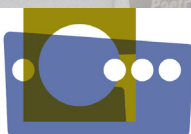


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# Background and Introduction

This Development Plan for the Ballybeen area was produced between February and June, 2013. Local residents, groups and other stakeholders put forward their views about how they would like to see Ballybeen develop over the next five years. This process was assisted by the Ballybeen Improvement Group (BIG) and EBCDA, and was facilitated by Community Places.

Ballybeen is located on the outskirts of East Belfast in Castlereagh Borough Council and is part of the Belfast Metropolitan Urban Area and the East Belfast Constituency. In 2015, as part of the Reform of Public Administration Ballybeen will become part of the newly formed Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council. Ballybeen lies within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust; the South Eastern Education and Library Board; within the PEACE III cluster of Lisburn; and the East Belfast Community Development Agency is the local Community Development Network.

Ballybeen has a population of 7,259 people and comprises 3,205 households. It was identified by DSD in 2007 as an Area At Risk.

Ballybeen Improvement Group has been active in its current form since 2006 and consists of an amalgam of statutory, voluntary and church organisations from the area.

BIG's mission is: **"To create and sustain a vision and identity for Ballybeen as a self-sufficient progressive community and place to live."**

BIG's membership includes representatives from: Castlereagh Borough Council, PSNI, Brooklands Primary School, Dundonald High School, Brooklands Youth Centre, NIHE, Health Trust, Dundonald Methodist Church, Christ Church, St Mary's Church, Ballybeen Women's Centre, Ballybeen Action Group Initiative Trust, Ballybeen Men's Health and Motivation Group, Dungoyne FC, Dundonald FC and Moat Park Rangers. It's Board of Directors is currently drawn from local churches, Ballybeen Women's Centre, BAGIT, Moat Park Rangers and Dungoyne Football Club. There are many community groups within Ballybeen these are detailed on page 8 and on-line at [www.ballybeenimprovementgroup.org](http://www.ballybeenimprovementgroup.org)



# Development Plan Process

A range of methods were used to maximise participation in the plan process and to gather views and ideas from groups and local people in the area.

Posters and flyers were distributed across the estate to raise awareness of the process and the opportunities to get involved to help shape the future of Ballybeen.

Over 45 volunteers took part in the Ballybeen Survey Day on Saturday, 02 March, 2013 distributing surveys door to door across the estate. The survey was also made available on-line. 225 completed surveys were returned.

A Community Engagement Open Day was held in the Enler Centre on Tuesday, 26 March 2013 so that local people could drop in throughout the day to give their views. 38 people attended the Engagement Open Day.

Around 300 local school children took part in a Poetry and Art Competition putting forward their ideas on how they would like to see Ballybeen become a better place. 112 young people from Dundonald High School also provided their views. In total, over 675 people participated in the development of the plan.

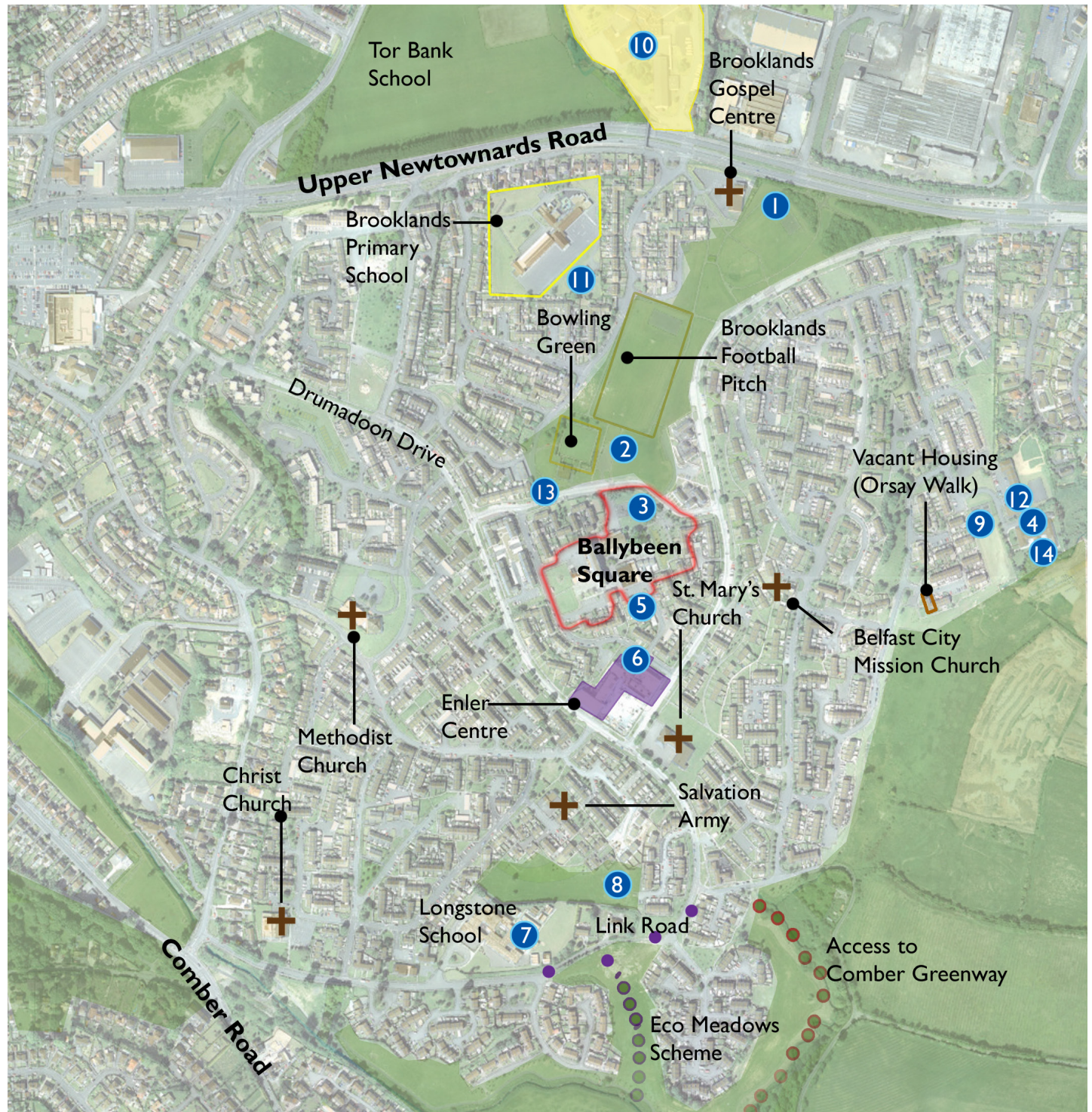
In addition to gathering views from local people, a baseline survey was carried out mapping the different services and facilities currently available in the area. Existing plans, strategies and statistics relevant to the area were reviewed.

Findings were discussed with Ballybeen Improvement Group, representatives from Castlereagh Borough Council and with relevant statutory agencies to develop an action plan for the area. This action plan sets out how the issues identified by local people will be addressed over the coming years.



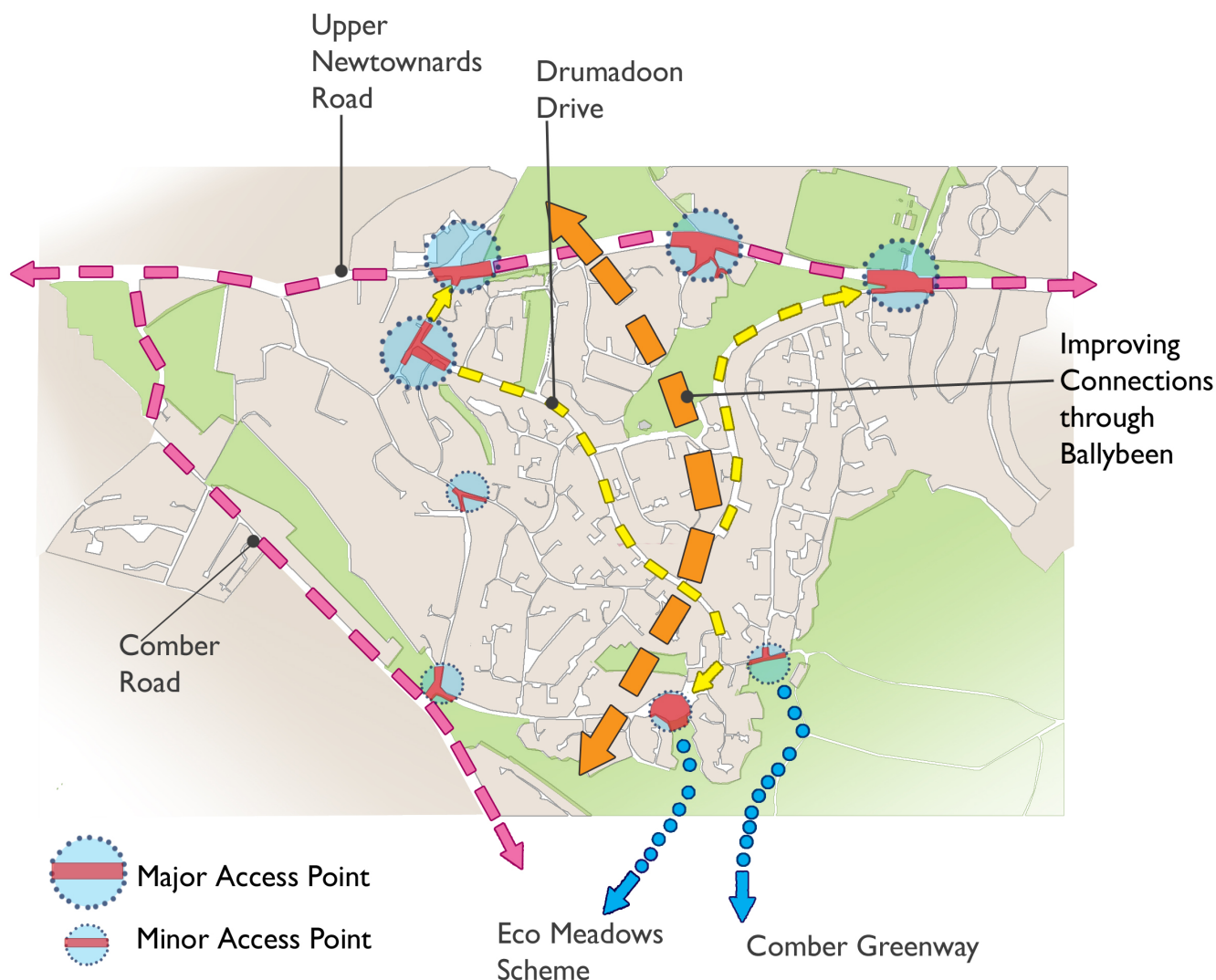
# Spatial Analysis Audit

The following illustrations and tables set out a baseline spatial audit of the social, community, environmental and council assets available in Ballybeen. The illustration over leaf highlights how the existing access points and linkages can be improved and better connected.



Asset	Name	Baseline Map No
<b>Key Services and Facilities</b>	Enler Complex: Boots Chemist; MACE; Hairdressers; Takeaway; Ballybeen Improvement Group	6
	Enler Centre*	
	Women's Centre*: Crèche; Pre School; Summer Programme; Peer Education Project; Health Promotion and Education; Education and Training Programmes; Good Relations Activities; Young Mother's Club; Over 50's Club	5
	Play Parks	3 9
	Brooklands Primary School	
	Dundonald High School	10
	Longstone School	
	Tor Bank School	
	Jubilee Allotments	8
	Bowling Green	
<b>New Development and Regeneration Projects</b>	Brooklands Football Pitch	1
	Basketball Court	
	Millar's Lane Day Centre (Closed)	7
	Dungoyne Centre	13
	Ballyoran Centre and 3G Pitch	4
	Recycling Facilities	2
	Ballyoran Units: Private Taxi Depot; Mechanic; Welder; Men's Health and Motivation Group	12
	Brooklands Youth Centre	11
	Aaran House	14
<b>Churches</b>	Enler Complex	8
	Jubilee Allotments	
	Wildflower Eco- Meadows Scheme	
	NIHE Multi Element Improvements* Link Road	
<b>Communications and Promotion</b>	St Mary's Church	
	Christ Church	
	Methodist Church	
	Brooklands Gospel Centre	
	Ballybeen Mission	
	Salvation Army	
	Community Notice Board	
	Community Group Websites	
	Social Media: Facebook and Twitter	

# Spatial Analysis Audit



## Local Groups, Clubs and Associations

<p>Ballybeen Action Group Initiative Trust</p> <p>Ballybeen Improvement Group</p> <p>Ballybeen Women's Centre</p> <p>Beenie Parent and Toddler</p> <p>Bowling Club</p> <p>Brooklands Youth Centre</p> <p>Choir/Praise Group</p> <p>Dundonald Foodbank</p> <p>Dungoyne Football Club - 20 teams</p>	<p>Dundonald Football Club</p> <p>Girls and Boys Brigades</p> <p>Jubilee Allotments Group</p> <p>Men's Health and Motivation Group</p> <p>Moat Park Rangers Football Club</p> <p>Salvation Army</p> <p>Silver Threads and 60 plus</p> <p>Youth Clubs</p>
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\* The Women's Centre provides a range of services in other facilities due to the demand on their service and the limited space available within the Women's Centre. This includes: the Women's Centre Toddlers Group and After School Club in the Enler Centre; and the Women's Centre Pre-School in a facility near the Women's Centre in the Square.

\* A number of groups provide a range of services and activities based in the Enler Centre: Gymnastics; Judo; Taekwon-Do; Needlework Class; Dance Class; Youth Club; Job Club Gems, Counselling and Advice NI. The majority of groups in Ballybeen offer a range of services and activities across a number of age groups - see [www.ballybeenimprovementgroup.org](http://www.ballybeenimprovementgroup.org) for full details.

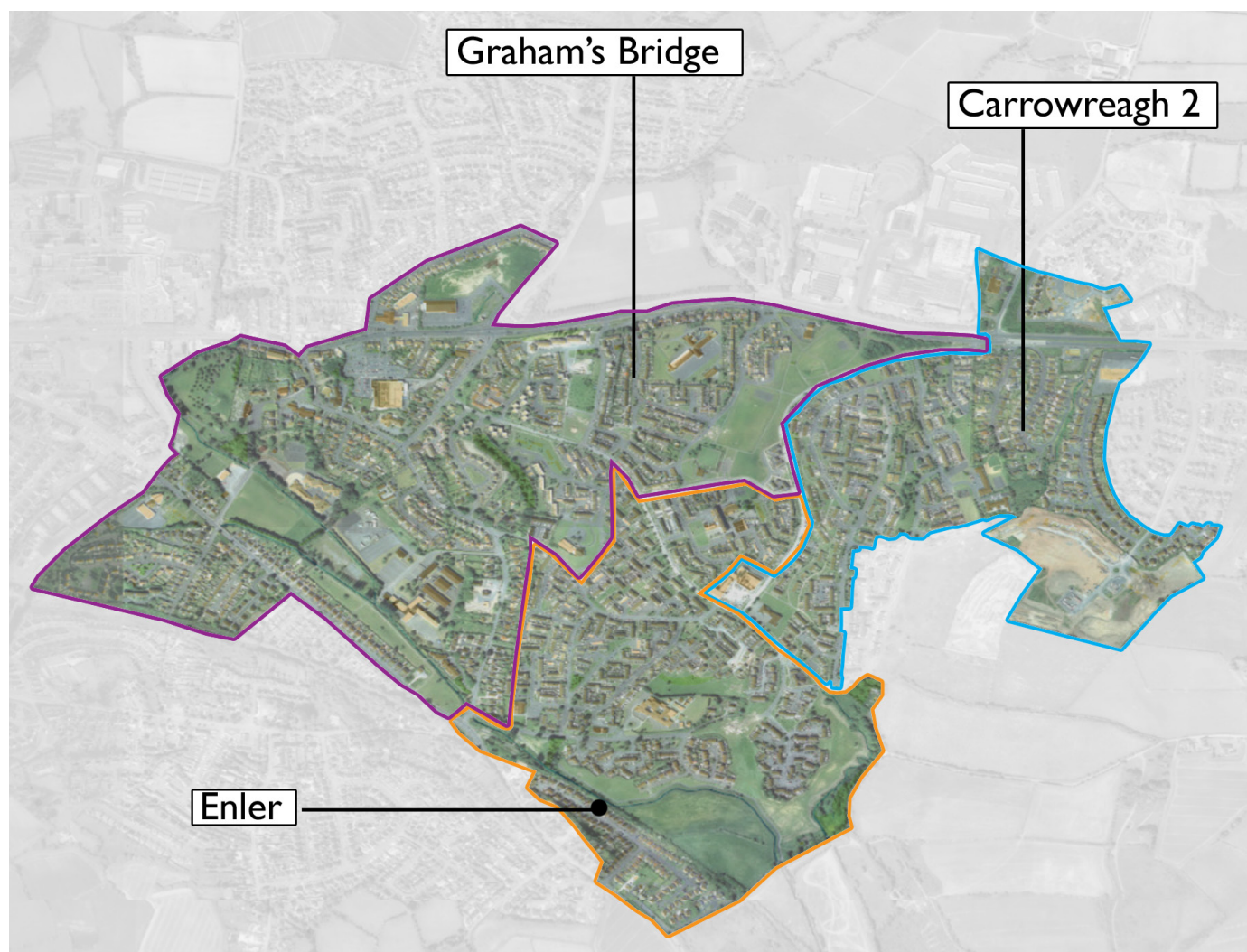
\* NIHE Multi Element Improvements: Craigleith Dungoyne Flats to Multi Element Improvements in 2007; Drumadoon Beaulys Flats to Multi Element Improvements; Drumadoon Drive bed sits to new development by Hagan Homes; Craigleith Crescent maisonettes to Multi Element Improvements; and Bennan Park Flats to BIH Housing Association New Build; and Ardnoe Avenue Bed sits to Bailey Manor.

# Area Profile Summary

## Location and Background

Ballybeen comprises three super output areas: Carrowreagh 2, Enler and Graham's Bridge. Carrowreagh takes in the Ballyoran area of Ballybeen but also includes a number of new and private housing developments. The Enler ward covers the central section of the estate and is characterised by a 1960s estate layout. Graham's Bridge covers the south western area of Ballybeen and includes a more affluent private housing area along Grahamsbridge Road.

See p.48 for a detailed statistical profile of the Ballybeen Area.

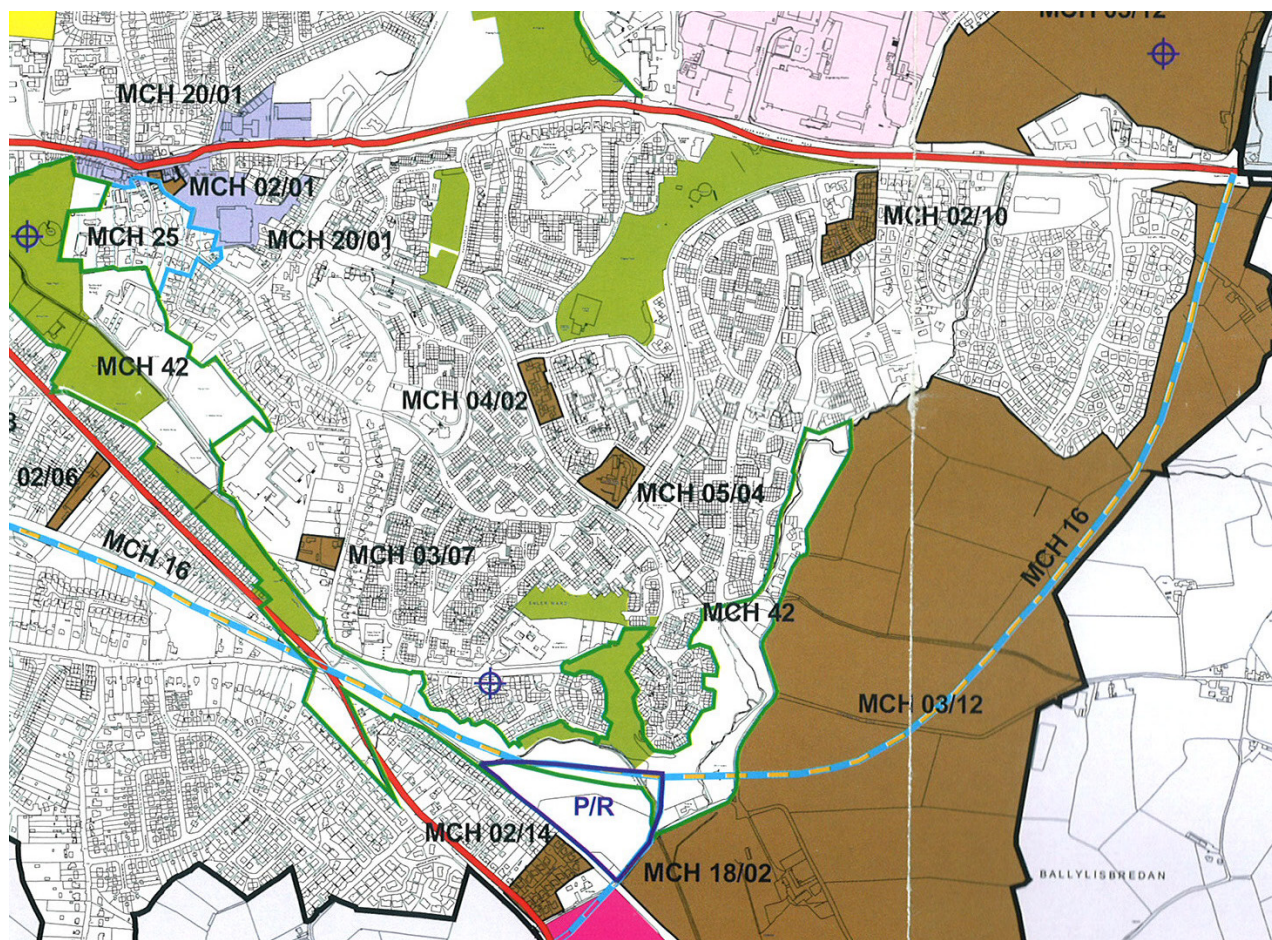





## Draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan BMAP (2015)

The main land zonings (shown in the map overleaf) in the Ballybeen Estate area relate to land zoned for Housing including a large area to the south west of the map (MCH 18/02, 03/12, 16) and a number of sites throughout the estate (at Normady Court MCH 02/01; Grahamsbridge Road MCH 03/07; Drumadoon Drive and Ballybeen Park MCH 04/02; Craigleith Drive and Drumadon Drive MCH 05/04; Strone Hill and Roseneath Court MCH 02/10). A number of areas of existing open space are identified to the north and south of Ballybeen Square.

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A Local Landscape Policy Area Moat/Enler frames the edges of the estate MCH 42 which safeguards the environmental quality, integrity and character of the area including a medieval 17th century settlement site in Ballyoran and the Enler River and associated riverbanks.



-  Area of Existing Open Space
-  Land zoned for Housing
-  Local Landscape Policy Area

## Population

The 2011 Census undertaken on 27th March 2011 records a total population across the three super output areas of 7,259 people, equivalent to 10.79% of the population of Castlereagh Local Government District. The overall population of Ballybeen has increased by 2.01% (201 people) since the last census. The estate comprises approximately 3,205 households with an average household size of 2.28.

There are significant older and younger populations within Ballybeen. 17.4% (1,263) of the population is aged 65 and over as compared with 14.56% of the overall Northern Ireland population. Additionally, 13.69% (439) of households are comprised of a single person aged 65 and over. 19.49% (1,415) of

the population is under 16 years, an increase of 0.93% since the 2001 Census.

	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh	Northern Ireland
Population (2011)	1,965	2,592	2,702	7,259	67,242	1,810,900

Usual Resident Population - KS101NI

## Ethnicity, Identity and Religion

The majority of the Ballybeen population 96.81% (7,028) consists of those from a White (including Irish Traveller) ethnic group. The majority of the population belong to or were brought up in the Protestant and Other Christian religion 82.93% (6,020). 79.07% (5,740) of those who live in Ballybeen indicated that they had a British national identity and 28.57% (2,074) had a Northern Irish national identity. A very small percentage of 2.41% (168) of the population aged over three years did not have English as their first language.

## Multiple Deprivation Measure

The NIMDM 2010 provides information on seven types of deprivation and an overall measure of multiple deprivation for small areas. Super Output Areas (SOA) are ordered from most deprived to least deprived on each type of deprivation and then assigned a rank. The most deprived SOA is ranked 1, and as there are 890 SOAs the least deprived has a rank of 890.

All of the Super Output Areas (SOA) that make up the Ballybeen area are ranked by NIMDM as being in the bottom 40% most disadvantaged SOAs in the region: Graham's Bridge ranks in the bottom 39.3% (350 of 890); Carrowreagh 2 ranks in the bottom 36.2% (323 of 890) and Enler SOA is ranked in the bottom 27.64% (246 of 890). The SOAs Carrowreagh 2 and Enler are both ranked as being less disadvantaged since the last NIMDM in 2005 (rising from 318 to 323 and 183 to 246, while Graham's Bridge is ranked as being more disadvantaged than in 2005 (dropping to 350 from 413).

Enler ranks in the top 20% most deprived across a number of measures including: Health and Disability Deprivation; Education Skills and Training Disability; and Income Deprivation affecting Older People. It ranks in the top 30% most deprived for Income Deprivation and Income Deprivation affecting Children. All three areas rank in the top 30% most deprived for Health and Disability Deprivation and Education Skills and Training Disability. Both Carrowreagh 2 and Enler rank in the top 32% most deprived in relation to Living Environment. The three areas perform better in relation to the Proximity to Services and Crime and Disorder measures.

Scores for Income Deprivation measures and Employment Deprivation are also given below. These scores can be interpreted as the percentage of people/children/older people in the area that are income deprived, and the percentage of the working age population that are employment deprived. Older people across all three of the SOAs experience high levels of income deprivation, with over half (55%) of all older people in the Enler SOA experiencing income deprivation.

Income deprivation affecting children is also high across all three SOAs, with children in Carrowreagh 2 SOA experiencing higher levels of income deprivation.

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	<b>Carrowreagh 2 Rank 1-890 (Score)</b>	<b>Enler Rank 1-890 (Score)</b>	<b>Graham's Bridge Rank 1- 890 (Score)</b>
<b>NI Multiple Deprivation Measure</b>	323	246	350
<b>Top 20% Most Deprived Across Deprivation Domains</b>		Health Deprivation and Disability Deprivation  Education Skills and Training Disability  Income Deprivation Affecting Older People	Health Deprivation and Disability Deprivation  Education Skills and Training Disability
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## Income Deprivation Measures

	<b>Carrowreagh 2 Rank (Score)</b>	<b>Enler Rank (Score)</b>	<b>Graham's Bridge Rank (Score)</b>
<b>Employment Deprivation</b>	295 (15%)	289 (15%)	380 (13%)
<b>Income Deprivation Affecting Children</b>	193 (39%)	263 (34%)	346 (29%)
<b>Income Deprivation Affecting Older People</b>	465 (37%)	175 (55%)	405 (41%)

## Housing and Accommodation

57.72% (1,850) of households in Ballybeen are owner occupied and 38.47% (1,233) are rented. There are 330 (10.29%) lone parent households with dependent children, compared to 6.52% in the Castlereagh Local Government District. 29.95% (960) of households in Ballybeen are without access to a car or van, compared to 18.10% (5,019) of households in Castlereagh.

The most recent available waiting list figures for Ballybeen Common Landlord Area (CLA) are from December 2012 and show a total of 297 applicants with 146 of these in housing stress and an annual allocation of 70. Nearly half of these applicants are 'Singles' (138; 46%) 76 of whom are experiencing housing stress - there have been 34 allocations. 'Small Family' makes up the second largest category on the waiting list with 69 applicants (23.23%), with over half of these experiencing housing stress - 25 allocations have been made. 'Older Person' is the third largest category with 53 applicants (17.84%), 23 of which are experiencing housing stress - only 8 allocations have been made. There are a smaller number of 'Large adult' and 'Large family' applicants (7; 2.3%) - there have been no allocations for either of these categories. There are 12 voids in Ballybeen, 2 of which at Orsay Walk have been transferred to a Housing Association.

## Educational Attainment

Levels of educational attainment across the three wards within Ballybeen: Carrowreagh; Enler and Graham's Bridge are below that of the NI Average. Only 24% of school leavers are attaining 2 or more A-levels or equivalent in Graham's Bridge; 35% in Enler and 53% in Carrowreagh. Just over half of school leavers are attaining 5+ GCSEs at grades A\*-C in Graham's Bridge (52%) and Enler (56%) with Carrowreagh at 69% compared to the NI average of 73%. In terms of leavers attaining no GCSEs there were less than 7 in the Graham's Bridge ward. The percentage of school leavers in Higher Education is lower than the NI average (41%). Only 10% of school leavers are in Higher Education in Graham's Bridge; 24% in Enler; and 37% in Carrowreagh. The percentages of school leavers in Further Education are however higher than the NI average of 32%: 69% in Graham's Bridge; 56% in Enler and 45% in Carrowreagh. The percentage of school leavers in employment and training is lower than the NI average with 10% in Graham's Bridge; 9% in Enler and 6% in Carrowreagh compared to 19% in Northern Ireland.

## Qualifications

Considering the population aged 16 years old and over in Ballybeen, almost half 49.82% (2,912) have no or low (Level 1 - 1-4 O Levels/CSE/GCSE any grades or equivalent) qualifications. This is substantially higher compared with the figures for Castlereagh and the region: over 14.89% higher compared to that of Castlereagh (34.93%) and over 9% higher than the Northern Ireland (40.63%) figures.

## Early Years Provision

Statistics from the Regional Day Care Profile illustrate that early years provision across the 3 wards in Ballybeen is well under provided in comparison to the number of 0-4 year olds. The Women's Centre currently provides 118 spaces across Toddlers, Crèche and After Schools and has a waiting list of 40 children (this requires a 34% increase in number of spaces provided to meet current demand).

# Area Profile Summary

## Labour Market

Considering the population aged 16-74 years old in Ballybeen 66.39% (3,522) are Economically Active, slightly lower than figures for Castlereagh (69.99%) but higher compared to those for the region as a whole (62.27%). 14.19% (753) of people work part-time which is higher than figures for both Castlereagh (13.91%) and Northern Ireland (9.93%). 33.57% (1,781) are Economically Inactive. Unemployed figures are higher compared to both Castlereagh and the region at 5.05%. Of those who are unemployed 44.10% (116) are Long-term Unemployed; 29.47% (79) are aged 16-24; and 43.28% (116) have Never Worked. 4.18% (222) of the population Look After Family or Home compared to 3.05% for the Castlereagh Local Government District. Those who are Long-term Sick or Disabled equate to 7.69% (408) of the population compared to 4.87% (2,365) for Castlereagh. Ballybeen has a higher Retired population (15.26%, 810) compared to 14.84% for Castlereagh and 10.97% for the region. 19.69% (1,430) of those living in Ballybeen claim a Retirement Pension.

## Health

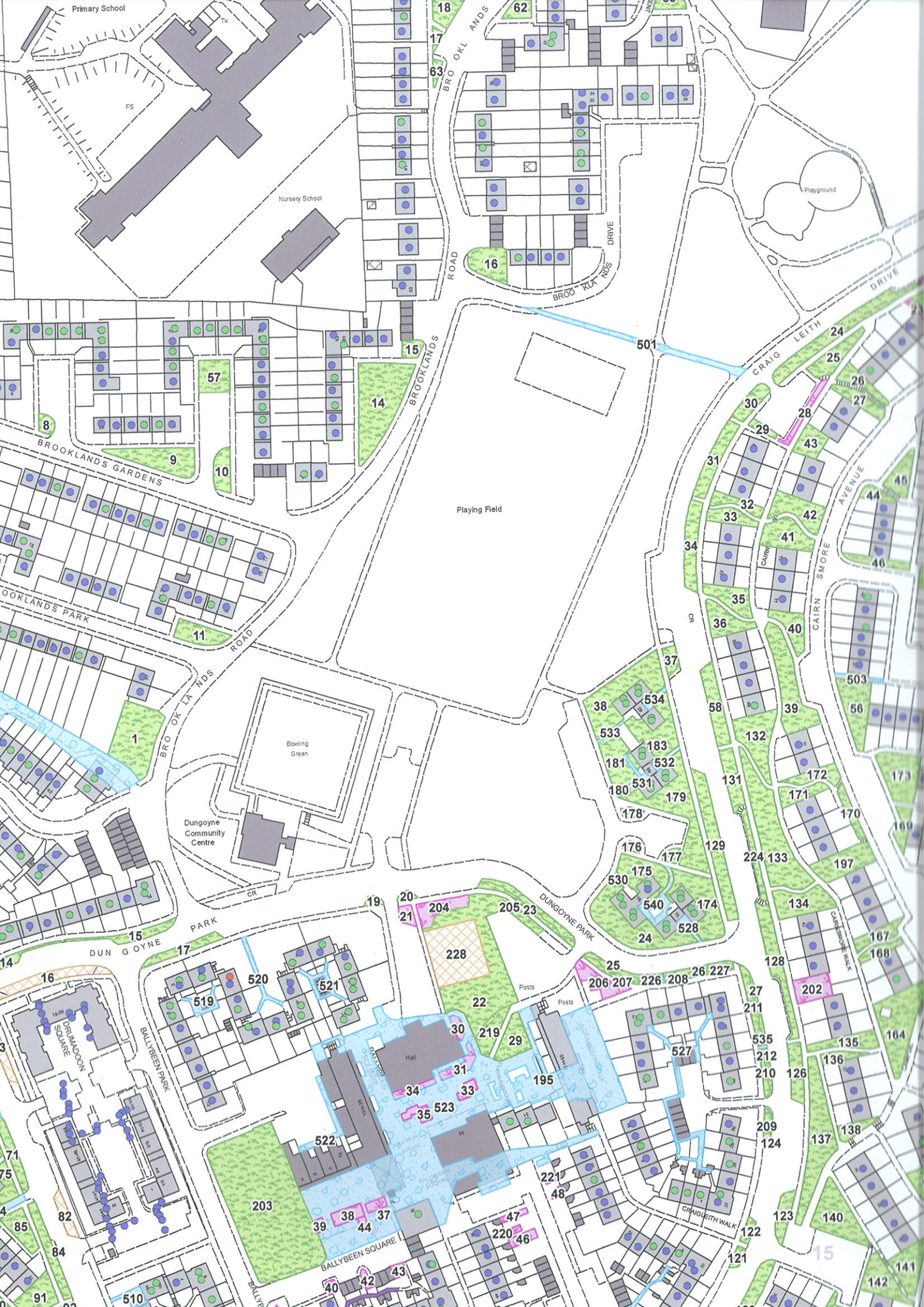
On Census Day 2011 the majority of people in Ballybeen 73.02% (5,301) stated that their general health was either good or very good. Around one quarter of the population stated that they had a long term health problem or disability that limited their day to day activities, as compared to one fifth of those who live in the Castlereagh Local Government District. Over one tenth of the population 13.29% (965) stated that they provide unpaid care to family, friends, neighbours or others. In terms of health related benefits: 12.94% (940) of people in Ballybeen are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance; 18.73% (1,360) are in receipt of Multiple Disability Benefit; and 2.47% (180) receive Incapacity Benefits.

## Crime

Ballybeen has relatively low levels of crime, the NIMDM Crime and Disorder measure (where 1 is the most deprived and 890 is the least deprived) ranks Carrowreagh 2 at 637 in the top 70%; Enler ranks 448 (top 50%); and Graham's Bridge ranks 406 (top 45%). Despite this, the survey responses indicate that the perception of levels of crime and anti-social behaviour are much higher than actual levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. This perception and fear of crime must be tackled. In terms of the overall number of recorded crime offences there were 1,898 in the Castlereagh area, 13% (259) of these occurred in Ballybeen. There were 1,479 reported anti social behaviour incidents in the Castlereagh Area in 2011, 14% (208) of these occurred in Ballybeen. Of the 255 burglaries which occurred in Castlereagh, 10% (26) of these were in Ballybeen. 30 (18%) out of 164 offences recorded with a domestic abuse motivation occurred in Ballybeen.

## Regional and Local Policy, Plans and Strategies

It is important that the Plan recognises and connects to key regional and local government policy, priorities and outcomes. A summary of the relevant policies are presented below - this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all policies.



# Policy, Plans and Strategies

## **Programme for Government 2011-2015.**

The primary focus of the Executive over the next four years will be to grow the economy and tackle deprivation. The Programme for Government sets out the Executive's 5 key priorities:

- Growing a Sustainable Economy and Investing in the future
- Creating Opportunities, Tackling Disadvantage and Improving Health and Well-being
- Protecting our People, the Environment and Creating Safer Communities
- Building a Strong and Shared community
- Delivering High Quality and Efficient public services.

It contains 82 commitments which the Executive will work on over the next four years. Five of these have been prioritised: supporting the promotion of over 25,000 new jobs; achieving £1 billion of investment in the Northern Ireland economy; increasing visitor numbers to 4.2 million and tourist revenue to £676 million; support young people into employment by providing skills and training; and reform and modernise the delivery of health and social care. The Programme also refers to the Social Investment Fund and commits the Government to providing £40 million to address dereliction and promote investment in the physical regeneration of deprived areas and investing £40 million to improve pathways to employment, tackle systemic issues linked to deprivation and increase community services in these areas.

## **Regional Development Strategy 2035, Department for Regional Development.**

The recently published Regional Development Strategy 2035 is the spatial strategy of the NI Executive. Its purpose is to deliver the spatial aspects of the Programme for Government. It complements the Sustainable Development Strategy and informs the spatial aspects of the strategies of all Government Departments. The Strategy's vision is of: "an outward looking, dynamic and liveable region with a strong sense of its place in the wider world; a region of opportunity where people enjoy living and working in a healthy environment which enhances the quality of their lives and where diversity is a source of strength rather than division." The Strategy contains eight broad aims including: Strengthen Belfast as the regional economic driver; Promote development which improves the health and well-being of communities; Improve connectivity to enhance the movement of people, goods, energy and information between place; and to Protect and enhance the environment for its own sake.

## **Social Investment Fund (OFMDFM).**

The NI Executive agreed a new Social Investment Fund (SIF) on 17 May 2012. The Fund budget is £80 million and will operate over four years. It will be managed by OFMDFM with a Steering Group in each region. Each Group will be composed of four people from each of the community and voluntary sector, political parties and the statutory sector and two people from the business sector. Eligible areas within each zone will be: areas within the top 10% most deprived Super Output Areas on the Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010; areas within the top 20% most deprived Super Output Areas on the key domains of income, employment, education and health; areas which can provide independently verified and robust evidence of objective need linked to the four strategic objectives of SIF. The Fund objectives are to: build pathways to employment; tackle the systematic issues linked to deprivation; increase community services; and address dereliction. The Fund will seek to: reduce unemployment by tackling the barriers to employment, including through training and education; increase the number of people in quality jobs in the areas; reduce poverty in the areas; build capable community networks; build sustainable communities; attract private and other agency investment to contribute to increased overall investment in the areas; increase the amount of productive space in areas; and reduce anti-social behaviour.

## **Anti Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy, Lifetime Opportunities - OFMDFM.**

OFMDFM's Lifetime Opportunities strategy focuses on social isolation and poverty and in particular individuals and families who suffer from multiple social problems. It is concerned with supporting people who are low skilled, unemployed, have a low income or are living with difficult home circumstances. It also recognises that people can be cut off from society for a number of reasons including discrimination, disability, mental illness, or being excluded as a member of a particular minority.

## **Children and Young People Strategy 2006-2016, OFMDFM.**

The aim of this strategy is to ensure that by 2016 all children and young people are fulfilling their potential. The strategy sets out a vision that all children and young people living in NI will thrive and look forward with confidence to the future. It takes into account the role of parents and families and examines developing a more joined up approach within Government to children's issues.

## **Improving Children's Life Chances – the Child Poverty Strategy, March 2011.**

The strategy sets out the actions proposed by the Northern Ireland Executive to address the issue of Child Poverty in fulfilment of its obligations under the Child Poverty Act 2010. The over arching aim is to provide the opportunity for all children and young people to thrive and to address the causes and consequences of disadvantage. There are four strategic objectives:

1. Ensure, as far as possible, that poverty and disadvantage in childhood does not translate into poorer outcomes for children as they move into adulthood
2. Support more parents to be in work that pays, or pays better
3. Ensure the child's environment supports them to thrive
4. Target financial support to be responsive to family situations.

## **Together: Building a United Community (Good Relations Strategy, OFMDFM).**

The First Minister and deputy First Minister released a statement at the beginning of May 2013 stating their intention to publish within two weeks a new good relations strategy, Together: Building a United Community. A package of strategic actions have been agreed including: the creation of 10,000 one year placements in a 'United Youth Programme'; 100 Shared Summer Schools; four urban village regeneration projects; ten shared educational campuses to be commenced within five years; 10 new shared neighbourhood developments; cross community sports programme and a 10 year programme to reduce and eventually remove all interface barriers, working together with the community. The statement outlined a vision of "a united community, based on equality of opportunity, the desirability of good relations and reconciliation- one which is strengthened by its diversity, where cultural expression is celebrated and embraced and where everyone can live, learn, work and socialise together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance." An All Party Group is to be established which will consider issues such as parades and protests; flags; symbols and emblems and the past.

## **Racial Equality Strategy, OFMDFM.**

This strategy aims to tackle inequalities and to open up opportunities for all; to eradicate racism and hate crime; and to promote good race relations. It sets out a long-term vision of "a society where racial diversity is supported, understood and valued and respected, where racism in any of its forms is not tolerated and where we live together as a society and enjoy equality of opportunity and equal protection." It contains six strategic aims: elimination of racial inequality; equal protection; equality of service provision; participation; dialogue; and capacity building.

# Policy, Plans and Strategies

## Community Support Plan, 2011-2015, Castlereagh Borough Council.

The plan notes that the council wishes to see communities articulate their needs and help them to develop and achieve a vision which improves local quality of life. The Vision for the Castlereagh Community Support Plan is: "Across Castlereagh Borough, to strengthen local communities, increase community participation and promote cohesion and social inclusion through the stimulation and support of community groups, community activity and local advice services using a self help, empowering, integrated and proactive approach." The plan contains eight aims under a number of themes: Leadership for Change; Capacity Building and Partnership Building; Networking and Information; Resourcing the sector towards sustainable communities; and Efficient and effective operation. There are three Council Community Centres in the Ballybeen area: The Enler Centre; The Ballyoran Centre and the Dungoyne Community Centre. The plan specifically notes that the Council's economic units next to the Ballyoran Centre and the Dungoyne Community Centre require upgrading and refurbishment. In relation to the units the plan notes that a more joined up approach to their use could be explored with Economic Development particularly in relation to social enterprise. It notes that the refurbishment of the Dungoyne Centre could be community driven in partnership with the council.

## Areas at Risk Programme, Voluntary and Community Unit, DSD.

The Areas at Risk Pilot programme was established in 2006 to intervene in areas at risk of slipping into a spiral of decline. Ballybeen was identified as an Area at Risk under Phase 2 announced by Minister Margaret Ritchie in 2007. The programme's key objectives are to:

- reduce the level, frequency and impact of interface violence within the community;
- increase levels of economic activity within the targeted areas;
- stabilise targeted areas to the point that the area is either no longer considered as an 'area at risk', or that the risk of the area slipping into decline is prevented;
- increase community cohesion and capacity;
- strengthen community infrastructure in those areas where it is weak; and
- achieve a more sustainable approach to community participation and development.

## Castlereagh District Housing Plan and Local Housing Strategy 2012/13, NIHE.

The strategy sets out four Corporate Objectives: Better homes for all; Supporting independent living; building stronger communities; and delivering quality services. The strategy sets out the Housing Executive's commitment to improving housing and living conditions in the Castlereagh District while also ensuring that the community is developed and supported through the delivery of neighbourhood based services and community regeneration initiatives. The Local Housing Areas include Dundonald Urban, Dundonald Small Estates, Tullycarnet, Ballygowan Road, Braniel, Cregagh/Castlereagh and Newtownbreda. Ballybeen Common Landlord Area falls within the wider Dundonald Urban LHA. The housing executive stock in Ballybeen in March 2012 consisted off:

Common Landlord Area	Bungalow	Flat	House	Maisonette	Cottage	Total	Void
Ballybeen	171	295	336	118	0	920	12
	<b>18</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,252</b>	

Appendix 6, p.58. (Sold stock is in bold).

The most recent available waiting list figures are from December 2012 (See p.50) and detail a total number of 297 applicants of which 146 applicants are experiencing housing stress. Only

70 allocations (23.5%) have been made leaving a shortfall of 227 allocations. The projection for Dundonald Urban is for a further 105 social housing units in the five years to March 2017. Over the last number of years the Housing Executive has undertaken a substantial programme of Multi Element Improvements as part of their strategy to regenerate the Ballybeen Estate. This has included the redevelopment of Craigleith Dungoyne Flats; Drumadoon Beaully Flats, Drumadoon Drive bed sits to a new development by Hagan Homes; Craigleith Crescent maisonettes; Bennan Park flats to BIH Housing Association and New build Ardnoe Avenue Bed sits to Bailey Manor. These MEIs have made a significant positive transformation to the physical regeneration and visual appearance of the estate.



There have been a number of other regeneration initiatives in Ballybeen including an Eco-seeds and Wildflower Meadow developed with BIG, local churches and schools. The development of the Jubilee Allotments was the NIHE's first allotment scheme. The scheme includes a mix of individual plots, raised beds for use by Longstone Special Needs School and older residents.

The redevelopment of Ballybeen Square will play a central role in the overall redevelopment of the estate. The demolition of the Square commenced in September 2010 through to November. The site was then cleared and fenced by the end of the following year, 2011. The Housing Executive have demonstrated their commitment to working in conjunction with the community throughout this period. It will be important that meaningful engagement with the community continues to ensure the redevelopment of the square meets local need, contributes to the overall regeneration of the estate and ultimately is successful. This plan plays a critical role in expressing the views and needs of local people and BIG and other community representatives look forward to continuing to work with the NIHE to produce the best possible outcomes for Ballybeen.

The Housing Executive also implement a Building Relationships in Communities (BRIC) Programme which aims to put good relations at the heart of social housing and promote greater levels of social integration. The programme has three main themes: Changing minds; Sharing Visions and Crossing Borders.

### **'Inside Out' Community Audit, March 2011.**

St Mary's Church undertook a comprehensive Community Audit 'Inside Out' in March 2011 in order to review its facilities and to inform the parish's future strategic services and activities with a focus on the wider community. This included audits, questionnaires and semi-structured interviews.

### **Dundonald High School Working Group Plan.**

The Dundonald High School Working Group have produced a Plan setting out concerns regarding the area based plan and High School provision in Dundonald and the Greater East Belfast Area. The community and High School are committed to working in partnership to secure the future of the Dundonald High School.

# Recent Planning Applications

Recent planning applications of interest are mapped below and detailed over leaf. The majority of the planning applications relate to residential development, including private developments and one application for social housing. Several of the private developments have already been built or are currently being constructed (south of Coopers Mill and east of Ardmore Avenue). Other applications of interest include: a retail application (5) by Sainsbury's Supermarket Limited; an application for the construction of a new Presbyterian church (7) at Church Green; and an extension to St Mary's Church buildings (2).



# Recent Planning Applications

Planning Reference Number	Site Address	Proposal	Decision	Map
Y/2013/0043/F	Lands 100m East of No's 24-48 Ardmore Avenue and accessed from Old Mill Heights	Erection of 11 detached and 42 semi detached dwellings totalling 53 and all associated siteworks on lands previously approved under Y/2009/0332/F	NEIGHBOURS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED	1
Y/2013/0097/F	St Mary's Parish Church Ballybeen Craigleith Drive Dundonald, BT16 2RY	Erection of extension and associated alterations to existing Church buildings and car park	NEIGHBOURS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED	2
Y/2012/0073/F	Old Mill Heights Upper Newtownards Road Belfast	Erection of 22 dwellings and 8 garages on plot No's 256-258 and 283-295 (Change of housetype to previous approval Y/2009/0332/RM.)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 04/04/2013	3
Y/2012/0304/F	1027-1035 Upper Newtownards Road (odd numbers only) Ballybeen Dundonald BT16 1RN	Erection of social housing scheme of 32 No apartments in 2 No blocks (to include 20 No. 3 person 2 bed category 1 (active elderly) and 12 No. 3 person 2 bed generic needs) with associated parking and ancillary works. (Additional Information - Private Streets)	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	4
Y/2010/0087/O	Lands at the former Rolls Royce factory, Upper Newtownards Road/Carrowreagh Road Dundonald	Demolition of existing buildings and structures and the construction of a retail store (Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd) (Class A1); Petrol Filling Station (sui generis); industrial units (Class B2 and B4); and associated highway, footpaths, landscaping and other works and improvements. (TA addendum, revised supporting documents and revised plan received)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 07/06/2013	5
Y/2010/0056/F	Lands adjacent to 764 Upper Newtownards Road and north of no.1 Dunlady Road, Dundonald	Erection of a new school for children with learning difficulties and special needs, including associated car parking, open space, outdoor recreational space and landscaping	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 30/06/2010	6
Y/2010/0285/F	Dundonald Presbyterian Church and adjacent former nursery site Church Green Dundonald BT16 2LP	Demolition of existing church and construction of new church worship building, halls accommodation, meeting rooms and associated car parking (Additional Information - Transport Assessment Form and Issues Report)	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	7
Y/2010/0161/F	Open area at Drumadoon Park, Ballybeen, Dundonald (Enler Ward), BT16 2PW	Provision of allotment gardens for NIHE to include eleven car parking spaces, cycle parking, 2m high perimeter fence and hedge to boundary and twenty-one allotments and timber sheds with compacted dust paths to access gardens. Proposal includes lowering kerbs at Drumadoon Park to facilitate pedestrian and vehicular access and parking.	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 28/09/2010	8

# Recent Planning Applications

Planning Reference Number	Site Address	Proposal	Decision	Map
Y/2009/0395/F	Units 7 and 8 Ballyoran Centre, Ballybeen, 30 Rosneath Gardens, Dundonald, BT16 1UN.	Change of use from retail outlets to gym. (Units 7 and 8)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 06/01/2012	9
Y/2009/0257/F	Lands adjoining and to the southwest of No's 32 - 42 Old Mill Meadows and accessed from Old Mill Heights, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast.	Erection of 51 units consisting of 4 detached dwellings, 30 semi detached dwellings, 13 townhouses, 4 apartments and all associated site works (Amendments and alterations to previously approved application Y/2007/0026 to include amendments to private streets determination by way of revised road levels.) (additional information - landscape detail)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 30/11/2009	10
Y/2009/0185/F	Lands to the southwest of Old Mill Park, Dundonald - Sites 10, 11, 12 and 12a, phase 01a, Millmount, Dundonald.	Erection of 4no. apartments in 2 blocks (change of housetypes on plot 10 and 11 of previous approval Y/2006/0618) and accessed from Old Mill Heights	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 06/10/2009	11
Y/2009/0332/RM	Lands to the east and south of No's 17 - 48 Ardmore Avenue, south of No's 1 - 4 Orsay Walk, southwest of No's 2 - 24 Old Mill Park and accessed from Old Mill Heights, Dundonald, Belfast	Erection of 142 dwellings in accordance with existing approval Y/2003/0595/F to consist of 49 No. detached, 80 No. semi detached and 13 No. townhouse dwellings and all associated site works (amended description, reduced proposal)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 13/10/2011	12
Y/2009/0330/RM	Lands to the south of No's 2 - 8 Orsay Walk and Aaron House (No.40) and southwest of No's 2- 24 Old Mill Park and accessed from Old Mill Heights, Dundonald, Belfast.	Erection of 37 dwellings in accordance with existing approval Y/2003/0595/F consisting of 1 No. detached dwelling, 30 Semi-detached dwellings, 6 townhouses and all associated site works (additional information)	PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED 10/03/2011	13
Y/2009/0303/RM	Lands surrounding 9 Millmount Road, Dundonald, comprising lands NE of Millars Forge & Comber Greenway, east of Millmount Rd, incl. Greengraves Rd (access from Comber Rd)	Residential development of 510 dwellings comprising detached and semi-detached houses, townhouses and apartments including distributor road, cycle/footpaths, access, landscaping and associated site works (Additional Information - Ecological Report)	CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED	14



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# Activities and Projects

## Redevelopment of Ballybeen Square

## Sport's Facilities and Projects



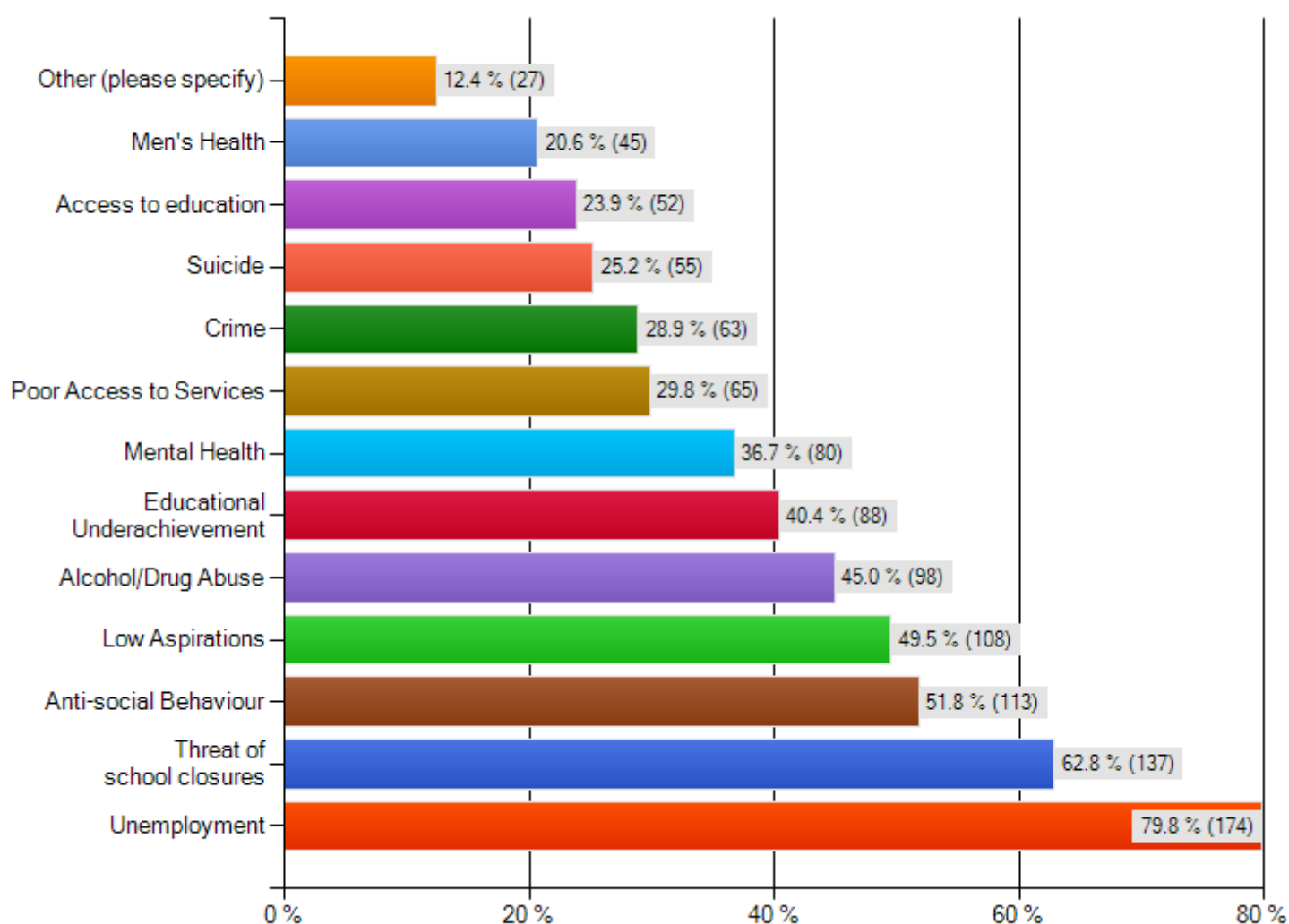
# Summary of Engagement Findings

The key findings from the Community Survey, Engagement Open Day and Youth Engagement are summarised below.

## What do you think are the main issues facing Ballybeen?

79.8% of respondents highlighted 'unemployment' as the main issue facing Ballybeen. This was followed by the 'threat of school closures' (62.8%) (Dundonald High School) and Anti-social Behaviour (51.8%).

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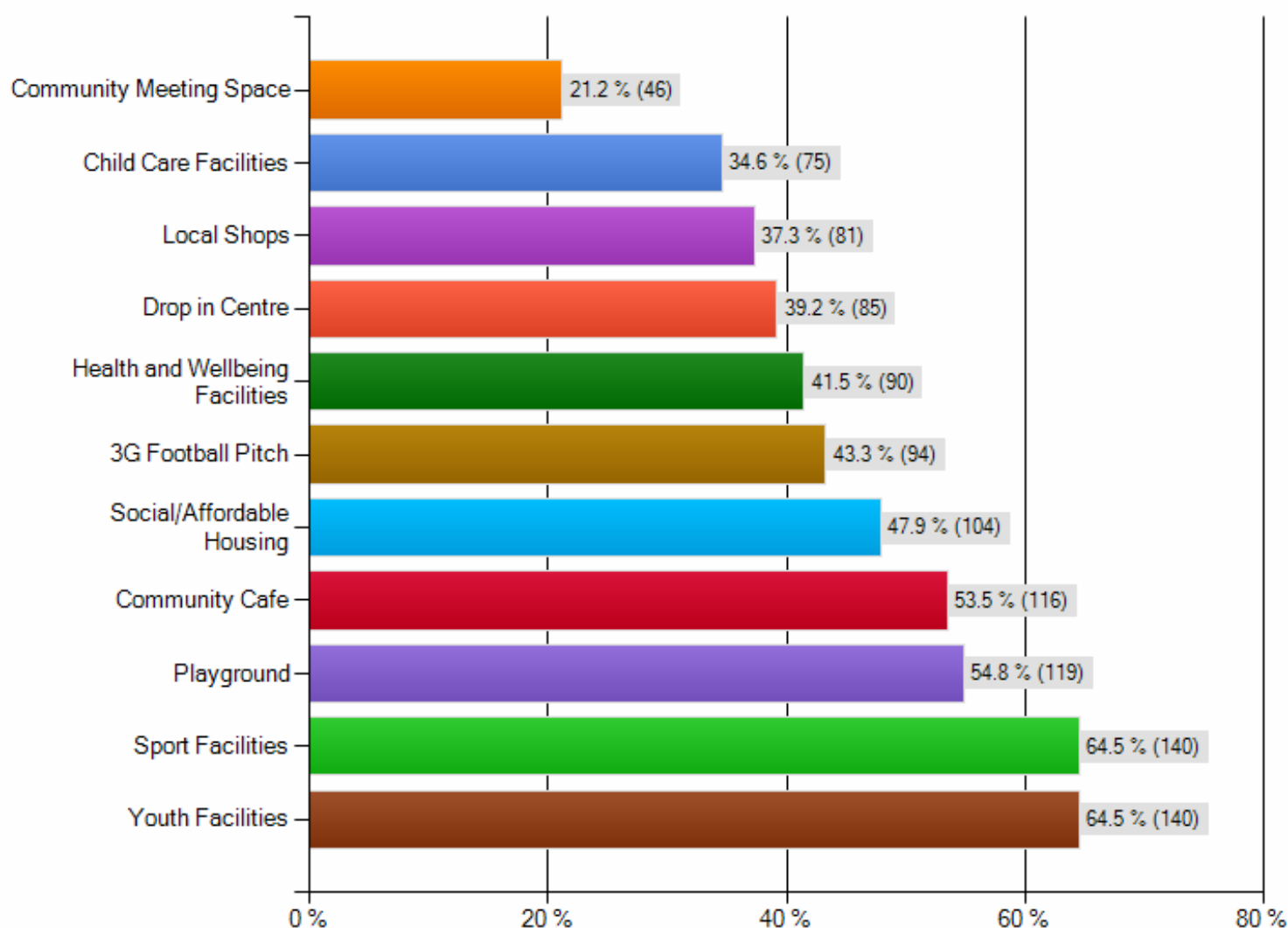


Other issues raised included: a lack of leisure facilities e.g. 3G or 4G pitch; lack of police patrols on foot; negative influence of paramilitaries; lack of parental guidance and responsibility; lack of play activities for younger children; older people's issues; poor community spirit; lack of social housing; fuel poverty; lack of information on what is available; dog fouling and traffic and parking in the estate.

## Services and facilities which are needed or could be improved

The top 5 services and facilities which respondents felt could be improved or were needed included: Sports Facilities (64.5%) and Youth Facilities (64.5%); Playground (54.8%); Community Café (53.5%) and Social and Affordable Housing (47.9%).

### Which of the following services/facilities are needed or could be improved in Ballybeen?

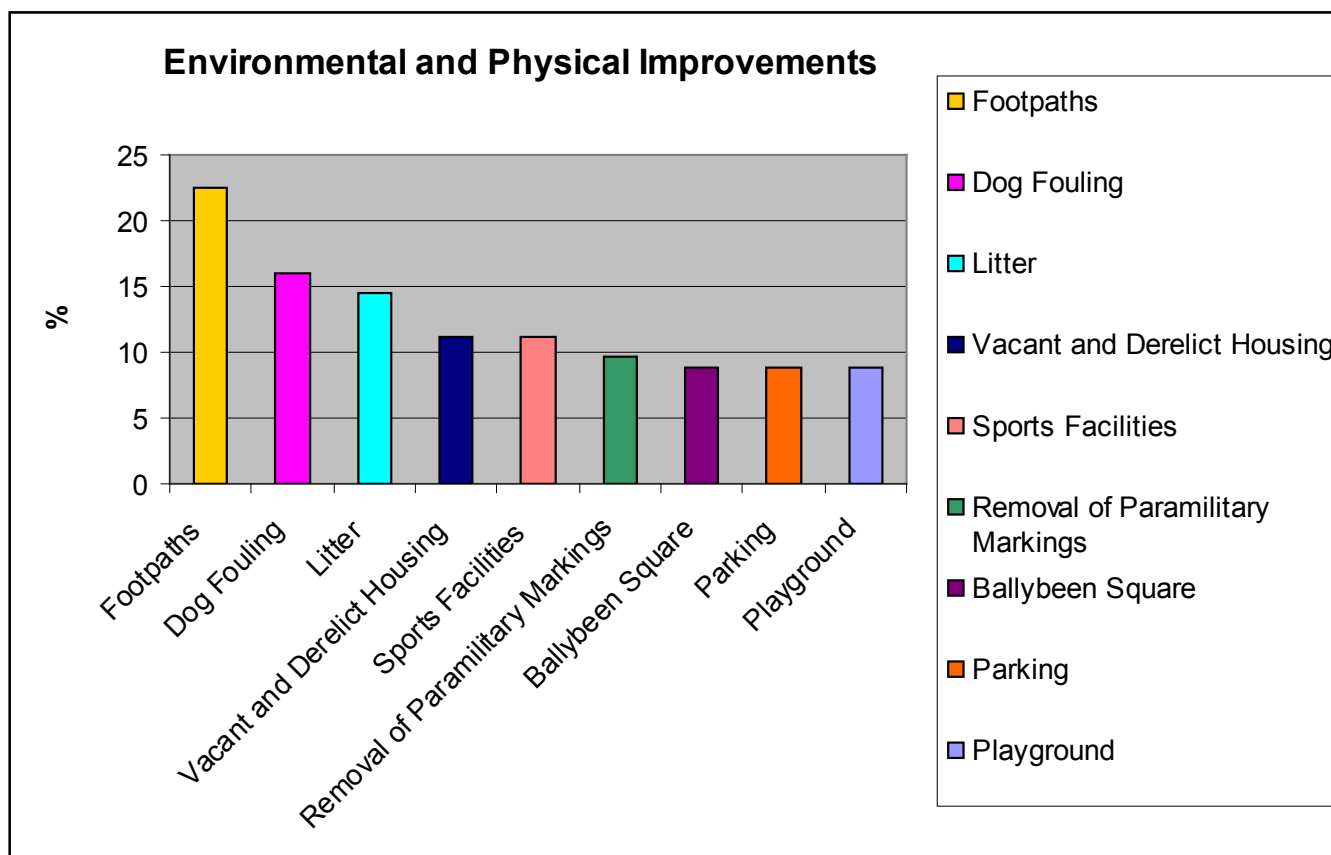


Other services and facilities which were suggested included: gym; welfare advice including information on benefits, housing, debt, health and employment; investment in the local secondary school to help increase pupil numbers; bakery; police surgery; community activities throughout the year building on the success of Christmas events and improved information and wider promotion of community events.

# Summary of Engagement Findings

## Environmental and Physical Improvements

The poor condition of roads and footpaths (uneven, weeds) was highlighted as the top physical and environmental issue requiring improvement (22.5%). This was followed by: dog fouling (16%); Litter (14.5%); Vacant and derelict housing (11.2%); the need for a sports facility and pitch upgrade (11.2%) and removal of paramilitary murals and kerb painting (9.6%).



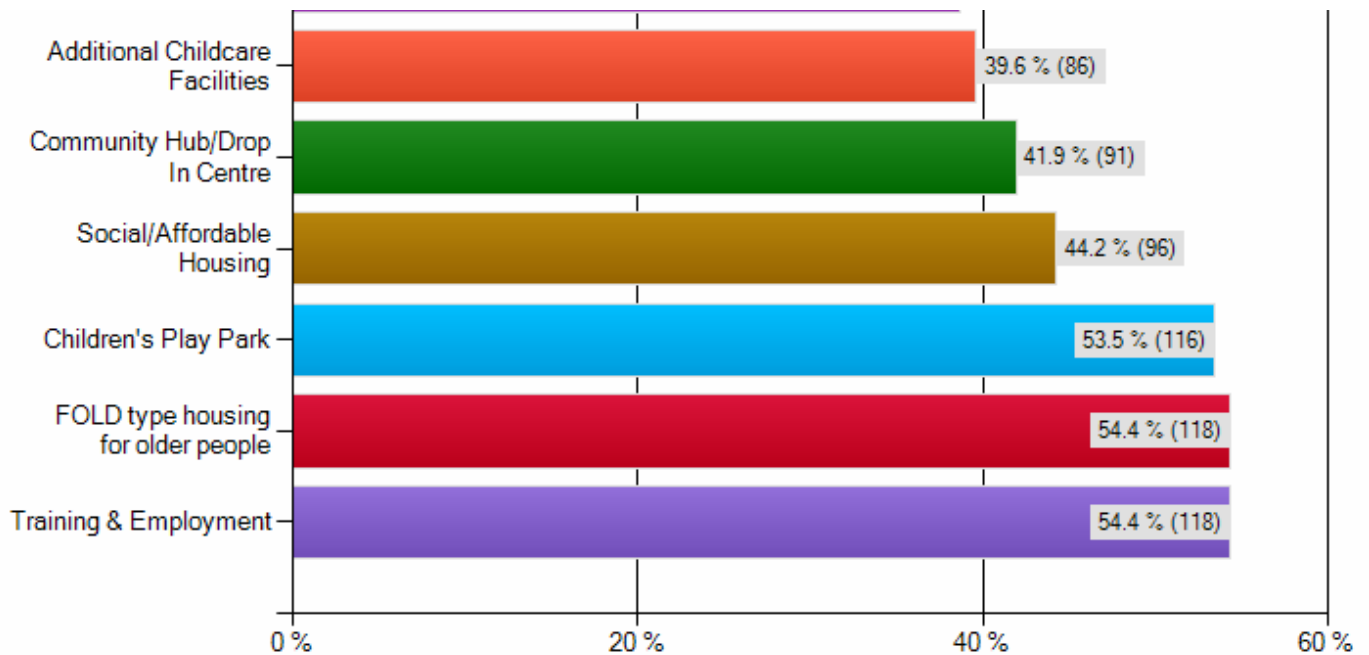
## Top five areas of Ballybeen that need to be improved

Ballybeen Square was seen as the top priority area for improvement with 33.80% of people stating that it needed to be redeveloped. 23.90% of people noted that the Whole Estate needed to be improved. This was followed by: Morven Park (15.70%); Brooklands Pitch (10.70%) and Longstone (8.20%).

## Types of services and facilities which should be included in the redevelopment of Ballybeen Square

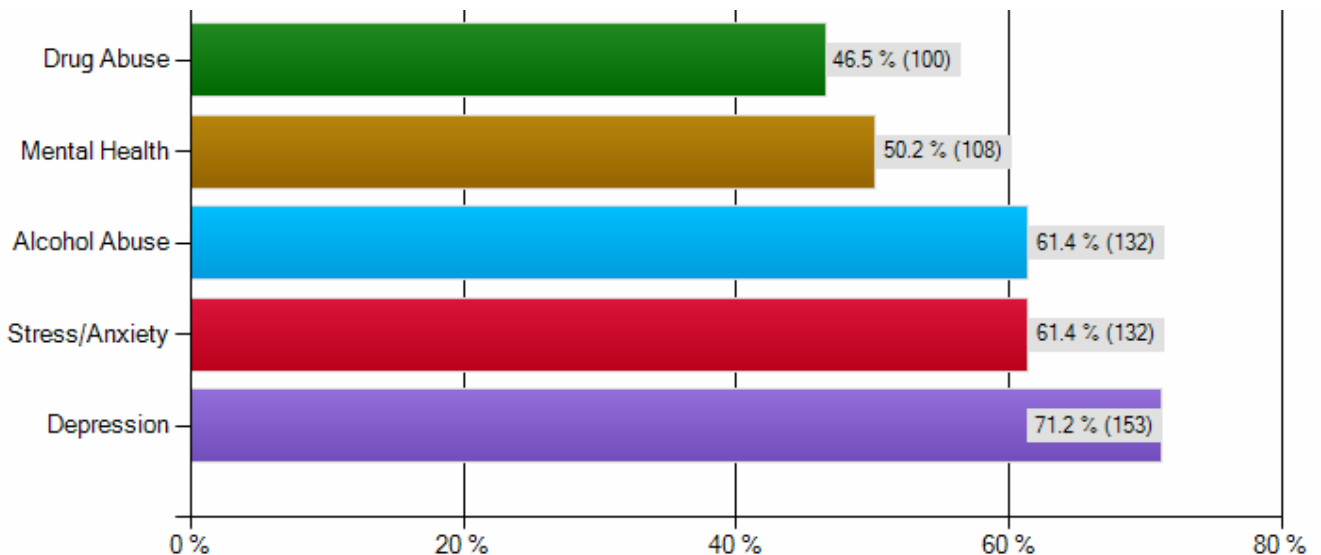
Over half of respondents (54.5%) felt that Training and Employment and FOLD type housing for older people should be included in the redevelopment of Ballybeen Square. A Children's Play Park was the second most important facility which should be included with 53.5%. This was followed by the inclusion of: Social/ Affordable Housing (44.2%); Community Hub or Drop In Centre; and Additional Childcare Facilities (39.6%). Some respondents noted that the Square site should be well designed and include good lighting to increase the sense of safety and to minimise anti-social behaviour.

## Which of the following would you like to see included in the redevelopment of Ballybeen Square?



## Health Issues

Respondents identified Depression (71.2%) as the top health issue impacting on people in Ballybeen. This was followed by Stress/Anxiety and Alcohol Abuse both highlighted by 61.4% of people. Mental Health was also a key health concern identified by half of the respondents (50.02%). Drug Abuse was also of concern (46.5%).

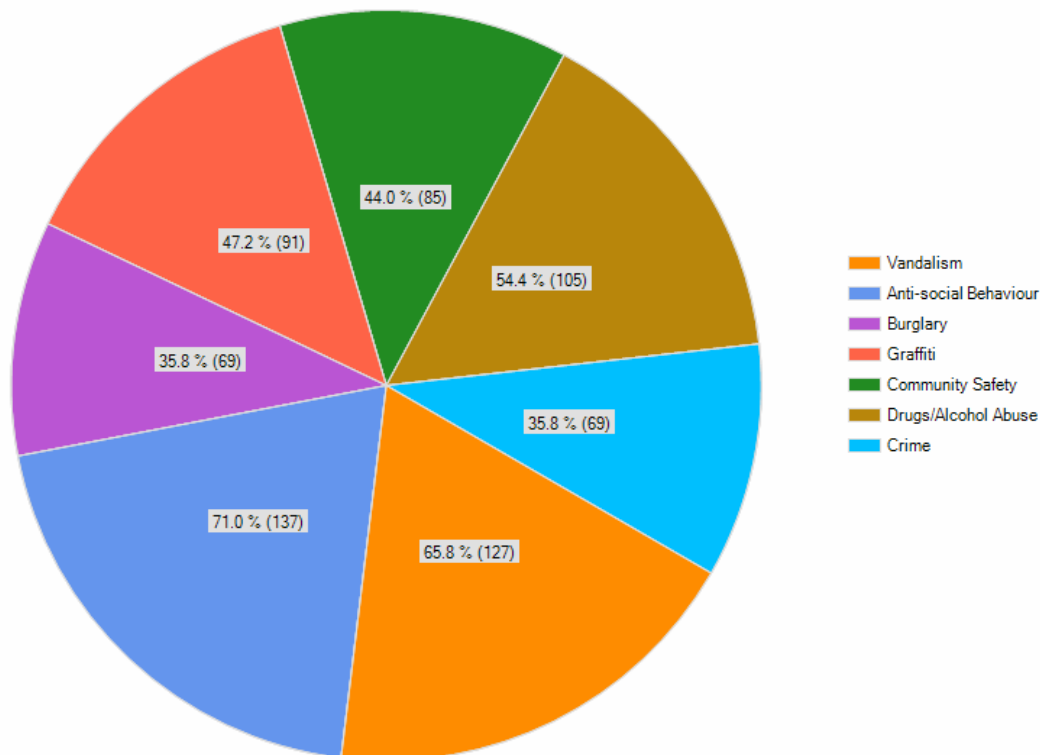


## Classes and Support Provision in Ballybeen

The majority of respondents (77.2%) felt that Training and Employment Skills was the most important form of support which should be provided to residents in Ballybeen. This was followed by Alcohol and Drug Support (59.8%); Youth Coaching and Mentoring (58.9%); Getting Active Classes (57.1%); Information and Advice (54.3%) and Mental Health Awareness and Support (54.3%).

# Summary of Engagement Findings

Are you concerned about any of the following issues in Ballybeen?



## Issues of Concern

Nearly three quarters of respondents (71.0%) noted that they were concerned about Anti-Social Behaviour. Vandalism was the second highest issue of concern (65.8%) followed by Drugs/Alcohol Abuse (54.5%); Graffiti (47.2%); Community Safety (44.0%) and Crime and Burglary (35.8%). Looking at the area profile statistics it appears the perception and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour are much greater than the actual levels of recorded crime and other anti-social behaviour incidents.

## Encouraging use of existing facilities and services

Respondents identified a range of approaches which could be used to encourage the community to make greater use of existing services and facilities. The majority of respondents (37%) felt that better information and promotion was required detailing the types of facilities and services that are currently available. Suggestions included developing a community telegraph or community leaflets and targeting specific groups associated with a particular activity or event. Others felt that more people would be attracted to use services and facilities if they were: upgraded (16%) and welcoming and safe (13%). Others felt that an effort should be made to encourage and welcome new people to get involved (7%) and that a greater variety of facilities would encourage higher user levels.

## Awareness of Ballybeen Improvement Group

Over half of respondents were aware of Ballybeen Improvement Group (55.3%) and felt that they provided an important role for the community. 44.7% of respondents were unaware of BIG - this demonstrates the need to raise the profile and awareness of the work and achievements of BIG.

## Issues for Ballybeen Improvement Group to focus on

Respondents identified a range of issues which they felt BIG should focus on: the majority of respondents stated that BIG should work with key stakeholders to secure the provision of community,

sporting and social facilities and develop community activities in Ballybeen e.g. Annual programme of community events, improvement of the football pitch and a 3G Pitch and sport's centre, community gym, and an improved women's centre. Others felt that BIG should address isolation of the elderly, intergenerational activities and activities for younger people. Several respondents stated that BIG should work with Education, Training and Employment providers to encourage people to retrain, address youth unemployment and educational underachievement and provide incentives to enable people to get back into the labour market e.g. Provision of nursery places. Others felt that BIG should work with stakeholders to improve the appearance of the estate and help make it more welcoming.

### **How would you like to see Ballybeen improve?**

Responses largely echoed those above which BIG should drive with a particular focus on: provision of additional community activities which are accessible and welcoming to all; sporting and social activities; getting more people involved and enabling the different groups to come together and work collaboratively for the benefit of the whole estate; and improvement in the physical appearance and aesthetics of the estate.

### **Respondent Information**

The majority of respondents (72.4%) have lived in Ballybeen for over 20 years. This indicates that the estate has an established population and residents have a strong sense of belonging to the area. Only 6% of respondents have lived in Ballybeen for less than 5 years. 62.8% of respondents were female and 37.2% male. The age groups of respondents was well distributed across all groups: 27.95% were between 19-35 years; 27% were between 36- 50 years; 14.9% were between 51 - 60 years; and 30.2% were over 60 years.

### **Comments from the Engagement Open Day**

38 people attended and contributed ideas at the Community Engagement Open Day. Participants were asked to comment on a number of themes identified from the Community Survey: Making Ballybeen a more welcoming place; Youth; Community Involvement and Community Safety; Facilities and Services; Environmental Improvements and Projects; Sports Facilities and Projects; Redevelopment of Ballybeen Square; Older People; Training and Employment Activities and Projects; Road Safety and Parking Solutions; Health and Advice; and Other Comments.

#### **Making Ballybeen a more welcoming place**

Participants commented that the appearance of the whole estate should be improved with a focus on improving the murals in the area; addressing the boarded up houses at the front of Brooklands School and developing Ballybeen in Bloom initiatives to make the area more attractive. Others felt that facilities which the whole community can use should be provided.

#### **Youth**

People acknowledged a number of existing facilities which are available for younger people while also suggesting additional facilities which could be provided including: swimming lessons, summer scheme and trampolining. Several people noted that the park equipment needs to be upgraded and made more appealing to children.

#### **Community Involvement and Community Safety**

Participants stressed that there is currently a lack of opportunities for the different groups within Ballybeen to exchange ideas and get to know each other. Some felt that a community hub might promote interaction. Others noted that engaging with the community can be challenging and that it requires consistent effort to be meaningful.

# Summary of Engagement Findings

## Facilities and Services

Comments focused on the provision of facilities and services which would address health; men's health and enable the long term sick and unemployed to return to work e.g. drop in centre for all age groups; job skills; workshop and volunteering. Others noted that quality affordable child care was essential. It was also felt that the BIG Office should continue to act as an important community information point.

## Environmental Improvements and Projects

Several people commented on the need to repair uneven footpaths and tackle dog fouling in the estate. Others noted that the Jubilee Allotments had been a great success and were well used. It was felt that these could be extended and other projects developed from them e.g. flower beds and hanging baskets.

## Health and Advice

Several people raised issues relating to accessing health services and the need for local community based projects. Others noted that a one stop shop approach e.g. a Health and Wellbeing Centre with a range of facilities would work well. Others highlighted the success of the Tullycarnet model and felt that it could be replicated in Ballybeen.

## Road Safety and Parking

Several people stressed issues concerning traffic congestion and road safety, particularly at the Brooklands Primary School. Others commented that the roads in the estate are too narrow to accommodate levels of traffic and buses which drive through the estate. A number of people also raised concerns relating to a lack of parking and lay-bys throughout the estate which can add to congestion and reduces road safety.

## Training and Employment Activities and Projects

Participants noted that incentives, help and support should be provided to help people get back to work with a particular focus on supporting young people. Others noted that the Ballyoran Units could be used to develop social economy projects e.g. retraining and developing skills of local men. It was also suggested that the school could be utilised in the evenings to provide adult education classes.

## Sports Facilities and Projects

A number of people commented that there was a high demand for sports facilities in the area and that the existing football facilities needed upgraded to include a 3G/4G pitch (with pitches to accommodate children's matches), training facilities and a community gym.

## Older People

A number of people recognised the existing facilities which are available for older people e.g. Silver Threads Club but felt that more could be provided. Other suggestions included: Days Out, Social Events at the Enler Centre, Information Talks and Exchanges. Others commented that it is important to look out for and support older people in the community.

## Redevelopment of Ballybeen Square

Several people commented that the square is currently an eyesore and should be redeveloped as a priority. Suggested uses to be incorporated into the redevelopment included: housing with the inclusion of bungalow style accommodation for older people with small gardens; play park; family and child care centre of excellence, a community hub and a community cafe.

## Other Comments

A number of other comments were made including: developing a directory of groups and activities in Ballybeen; small scale gym equipment; men's centre; the importance of engaging on the ground to know what people need and want; and reference to the high housing waiting list figures.

## Youth Engagement

112 pupils from Year's 9 to 12 at Dundonald High School participated in focus groups on Thursday, 21 March 2013 facilitated by peer educators from the Ballybeen Peer Education Project. They discussed the main issues which affect young people in Ballybeen and how these could be addressed; whether they attend any youth provision in the area; the types of services and facilities which they would use; any environmental or physical improvements needed; and ideas for the redevelopment of Ballybeen Square. The key messages from young people included:

- Age specific youth provision - at different times and days depending on the age group
- Drop in centre for young people with internet provision located in Ballybeen Square
- Programmes run from the drop in centre which address issues around bullying, relationships, alcohol and drugs, peer pressure and access to councillors or 'trusted adults' who you can talk to for advice, support and who could direct you to services
- Park or playground for teens e.g. skate park, adventure park
- Dealing with influence and fear or threat of paramilitaries
- Affordable and accessible sporting facilities e.g. 3G Pitch, access to a swimming pool, gym, sports clubs (boxing, netball, trampolining)
- Image, reputation and appearance of the estate e.g. litter, painted kerb stones, spray painting, window breaking, anti-social behaviour at Morven Park, Ballybeen Square
- Concern over the threat of the school closure; the need to modernise and improve the school facilities; and opportunities to hold fund raising events to help support the school
- Information on what is available for young people in the area
- Upgrade women's centre and a new nursery
- Cross community activities and trips outside of the area.



# Summary of Engagement Findings

## Key Messages from the Development Plan and Engagement Process

A number of clear messages have emerged from the Development plan and engagement processes:

- The importance of dedicated workers to sustain the work of BIG and to drive the plan forward
- Improving communications between BIG, groups and the community
- Programme of activities and events to get people more active and involved in the community and to improve connections and relationships between the different groups
- Improving the physical appearance, image and perception of Ballybeen
- Making Ballybeen more welcoming and safe
- Support, activities and facilities for younger and older people
- Building relationships and respect and reducing the isolation of younger and older people
- Affordable sports facilities for the community
- Promoting healthy lifestyles especially men's health
- Quality affordable family and childcare facilities
- Support to develop sustainable social economy projects
- Support to help people enter or get back to work, especially younger people
- Social and affordable housing which meets existing needs
- Increasing access to services, facilities and opportunities
- Building the capacity of all groups and individuals to get involved and support each other
- Developing community ownership and pride and
- Securing the future of Dundonald High School.

The findings from the Area profile analysis, Community Survey, Engagement Open Day and Youth Engagement were discussed at a key stakeholder workshop which included relevant statutory agencies, community organisations and groups to assist with the development of key projects and actions to take these forward.

# Priority Projects

The table below sets out thematic projects to address the issues identified through the development plan and community engagement processes. Key partners are identified who should assist in the design and delivery of these projects in order to build community ownership and support. More detailed project descriptions and specific actions alongside **lead** partners are identified in the pages which follow.

Theme	Key Partners
<b>Communications, Community Involvement and Spirit</b>	<b>BIG</b>  All groups and stakeholders within Ballybeen.
<b>Image, Aesthetics and Environmental Improvement of Ballybeen Estate</b>	<b>BIG</b>  Castlereagh Borough Council; NIHE; PSNI; Brooklands Youth Centre; BAGIT; Youth Clubs; Local Schools; Jubilee Allotments Group; Men's Health and Motivation Group; Churches.
<b>Redevelopment of Ballybeen Square</b>	<b>BIG</b>  Women's Centre; Peer Education Programme; GEMS; Schools; Youth Clubs; Brooklands Youth Centre; DEL NIHE; NIHA; Men's Health and Motivation Group; Castlereagh Borough Council.
<b>Sports and Youth Facilities</b>	<b>BIG</b>  Dungoyne FC; Moat Park FC; Castlereagh Borough Council; BAGIT; NIHE; Local Schools: Brooklands PS and Nursery; Dundonald PS; Tor Bank; Longstone, Dundonald High School, Sports NI; Brooklands Youth Centre; Youth Clubs; Men's Health and Motivation Group.
<b>Road Safety and Parking</b>	<b>BIG</b>  PSNI; Roads Service; Local Schools; NIHE; Brooklands Youth Centre.

# Priority Projects

Theme	Key Partners
Health and Advice	<b>BIG</b>  Belfast Health Trust; Men's Health and Motivation Group; Women's Centre; Castlereagh Borough Council.
Social Economy	<b>BIG</b>  Castlereagh Borough Council; East Belfast Enterprise; Business in the Community; Social Enterprise NI; NIHE; All Groups.
Community Transport	<b>BIG</b>  All groups and stakeholders within Ballybeen.
Building relationships and respect and reducing isolation	<b>BIG</b>  Jubilee Allotment's Group; NIHE; PSNI; Youth Clubs; Local Schools; Brooklands Youth Centre; Older People's Clubs; Local Churches.
Threat of School Closure	<b>BIG</b>  All groups and stakeholders; Local Churches; Primary Schools and Nurseries; Youth Clubs; Brooklands Youth Centre.

*\*It is important to note that during the lifetime of the plan other or new opportunities may arise to implement projects or to address issues which may not be contained in the plan.*

Many of the priority projects are connected and complement each other and it is important to note that the overall regeneration of Ballybeen will require progress on each project. It is essential that community and other stakeholders continue to collaborate and support each other to ensure the successful implementation of these projects. The illustration below demonstrates the linkages between the projects and particularly how the successful redevelopment of Ballybeen Square can open up the whole estate: developing linkages to the north with the Centre of Excellence for Youth and Sports Project which connects to the Dundonald High School; and to the south linking with the Enler Complex, Jubilee Allotments and access to the Wildflower Meadow and Comber Greenway. Other projects are not site specific and have the potential to impact positively on the entire estate e.g. building positive relations, making the estate more welcoming and safe and encouraging greater community participation.



### Projects Key

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| Ballybeen Square         | Social Economy   |
| Threat of School Closure | Health & Advice  |
| Sport & Youth            | Ballybeen Square |

# Project Details

This section sets out more detail about each of the priority projects identified including lead partners, short and medium term actions, potential sources of funding and useful links where appropriate.

## Communications, Community Involvement and Spirit

The need for improved communications and information exchange between BIG, the range of community groups within Ballybeen and people who live in the estate was identified as a key area for improvement. It was felt that better promotion of the existing services and facilities available in Ballybeen would encourage more people to get involved. An annual programme of affordable community events which are welcoming to all should be developed to provide opportunities for the community and the many groups in Ballybeen to interact with each other, share experience and good practice and work collaboratively to help improve the area for all and build community spirit and trust. There should be a particular focus on activities and events for families and younger and older people.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Showcase and promote information on BIG, key services and planned activities and events	ST		BIG and All Groups
Utilise the community notice board and existing Church and Group bulletins or information sheets	ST		
Target specific groups especially the harder to reach to encourage participation	ST		
Support and Promote the Dundonald Food Bank - recruit volunteers and identify collection centres	ST		
Actively encourage new members to join BIG	ST		
Establish a database of people who are interested in helping with community projects	ST		BIG
Develop and promote an annual Programme of Community Events and Activities		MT	BIG
Capacity Building and support to benefit all groups e.g. advice and information clinics; training and mentoring		MT	BIG CBC
Develop an online directory of community groups and key services/events available in Ballybeen e.g. Ballybeen Diary and Calendar		MT	BIG
Develop a Community Newsletter to keep the community informed and engaged		MT	BIG
Establish a Community Café		MT	Church Groups

## Potential Funding Opportunities

- BIG Lottery Fund's Awards for all
- Tudor Trust
- Lloyds TSB Foundation: [lloydstsbfoundationni.org](http://lloydstsbfoundationni.org)
- The Co-operative Community Fund
- Turkington Fund

## Environmental Improvements, Image and Community Safety

Improving the image, general appearance and upkeep of the whole estate was a key priority across all age groups. An Environmental Improvement Scheme which includes entrance features, additional planting (building on the success of previous hanging basket projects and the wildflower meadows), litter bins, dog fouling bins and a dog park could be developed. This should be complemented by a 'Ballybeen In Bloom' project and community and school publicity campaigns which tackle litter, dog fouling, vandalism and graffiti. BIG should contact TidyNI to develop annual community based campaigns and work with all groups to maximise impact and community involvement. BIG should meet with Castlereagh Borough Council, NIHE and DRD Roads Service to discuss street cleansing, bin collections, maintenance and appearance of the estate, education and awareness raising and repair of footpaths. A directory of key estate maintenance and service providers should be developed and circulated to all households.

There was widespread support to work towards making the estate more welcoming and improving community safety and the perception and image of Ballybeen. This was particularly important for younger people. BIG should co-ordinate a project with local schools, youth clubs, the Policing and Community Safety Partnership, Community Police Officers, Castlereagh Borough Council and NIHE's BRIC - Building Relationships in Communities Initiative to address community safety issues, fear of crime and anti social behaviour, negative perceptions of the estate and community pride and ownership. Good Neighbour Schemes or a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could also be established.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners	Potential Funders
Environmental Improvement Scheme	ST		BIG, NIHE	CBC, NIHE
Develop campaign to Keep Ballybeen Tidy: tackling litter, vandalism and anti dog fouling	ST		BIG, Local Schools and Youth Clubs	BIG Lottery Awards for All
Meet with CBC and NIHE to discuss cleansing, appearance of estate and play park provision	ST		BIG, CBC, NIHE, Men's Health and Motivation Group	-
Meet with DRD Roads Service to discuss maintenance and repair of uneven Footpaths	ST		BIG	-
Develop Ballybeen in Bloom Initiative	ST	MT	BIG, NIHE, Jubilee Allotments	NIHE CBC
Develop a Directory of key Estate Maintenance and Service Providers		MT	BIG, NIHE	BIG Lottery Awards for All
Making Ballybeen Welcoming and Safe for all Project	ST	MT	BIG, PSNI, NIHE, CBC	PCSP, NIHE, CBC
Work with Community Police to promote information and access to police services. Lobby for High Visibility Police Patrols (foot and cycle)	ST	MT	BIG, PSNI, All Groups.	-

### Useful Links

TidyNI: Big Spring Clean and Anti-dog Fouling Campaign

[www.bigspringcleanni.org/index.aspx](http://www.bigspringcleanni.org/index.aspx) & [www.tidynorthernireland.org/campaigns/dog-fouling/index.php](http://www.tidynorthernireland.org/campaigns/dog-fouling/index.php)

NIHE: BRIC and Community and Education Partnership Award

[www.nihe.gov.uk/index/community/community\\_cohesion/bric.htm](http://www.nihe.gov.uk/index/community/community_cohesion/bric.htm)

[www.nihe.gov.uk/index/community/get\\_involved/community\\_education\\_partnership\\_awards.htm](http://www.nihe.gov.uk/index/community/get_involved/community_education_partnership_awards.htm)

[www.communityrepaint.org.uk](http://www.communityrepaint.org.uk)

# Project Details

## Ballybeen Square Redevelopment

There was widespread support to redevelop Ballybeen Square and recognition of the important role the redevelopment of the square will play in opening up, connecting and making linkages within and across the whole estate (See p.35). Any redevelopment of the square should adhere to good design and layout principles including 'Secured by design' which aims to produce high quality places which take account of health, crime prevention, community safety and social interaction; and employ natural surveillance techniques by promoting an active and vibrant development. The community advanced a clear and consistent message of how they feel the square should be redeveloped to contribute to the overall improvement of Ballybeen.

**Centre of Excellence for Family and Childcare:** providing a range of services and advice (child care, education, health and family support) to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. There continues to be a shortfall in the provision of child care in Ballybeen and it is important that this is addressed: the Women's Centre currently provides 118 spaces across Toddlers, Crèche and After Schools and has a waiting list of 40 children (this requires a 34% increase in number of spaces provided to meet current demand). The Centre of Excellence should include a dedicated Centre for Young People to enable increased access to the Peer Education Project and other health, personal development and skills and training projects and services.

**Play Park:** there was support for the provision of a play park with spaces and equipment for a range of ages including teenagers. This would contribute to both active places and lifestyles and provide opportunities for young people and others in the community to interact.

**Social Housing:** there was widespread support for the development of social and affordable housing which reflects need and demand in the area. It was felt that it would be important to provide a mixed tenure scheme which could accommodate singles, families and older people.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Continue to work with NIHE and NIHA to develop a shared and successful redevelopment proposal	ST	MT	BIG, NIHE, NIHA, Women's Centre, PEP
Feasibility study for a Centre of Excellence for Family and Childcare	ST	MT	BIG, Women's Centre, PEP
Develop plans for a Play Park to be incorporated into the overall Square redevelopment	ST		BIG, Women's Centre, CBC; NIHE; Men's Health and Motivation Group
Adhere to 'Secured by Design' Standards		MT	BIG, NIHE, NIHA, CBC, PSNI

### Useful Links

[www.securedbydesign.com/](http://www.securedbydesign.com/)

### Potential Funding Opportunities

- Social Investment Fund
- BIG Lottery Fund Space and Place
- BIG Lottery Awards for All
- The Co-operative Community Fund
- NIHE
- CBC

## Sports and Youth Facilities

There is a clear need and demand for new and upgraded sports and youth facilities to be provided in Ballybeen. A centre of excellence could be developed providing support and affordable facilities and services to the community. The regeneration subcommittee should continue to pursue plans to develop an official size 3G Pitch with flood lighting and changing facilities. There is support for other complementary facilities such as a community gym, outdoor gym, play park and a BMX/ Skate park. A range of intervention activities and training projects should be developed which focus on education, coaching, mentoring, health, volunteering and citizenship and employment. These activities and projects should be developed in conjunction with other partners from the community, PSNI, Community Safety Partnership, Brooklands Youth Centre, schools, arts and business. There are clear linkages between this project and the Centre of Excellence for Family and Childcare Project. Facilities should be accessible and affordable for the local community particularly younger people. The Hanwood centre social economy project in Tullycarnet provides a good practice model which could be tailored and replicated in Ballybeen.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Feasibility study for a Centre of Excellence for Sport and Youth	ST	MT	BIG, Dungoyne FC, Moat Park FC, BAGIT, CBC, NIHE
Regeneration Subcommittee should continue to pursue the development of a 3G Pitch	ST	MT	BIG, Dungoyne and Moat Park FCs, BAGIT, Local Schools, CBC, NIHE
Continue to work with partners to progress a BMX/ Skate Park	ST		BIG, Men's Health and Motivation Group
Work with partners to develop activities, intervention, mentoring and training projects	ST	MT	BIG, Dungoyne and Moat Park FC, BAGIT, PSNI, Schools, NIHE, Brooklands Youth Centre, Youth Clubs, Men's Health and Motivation Group
Secure funding to employ Sports and Community Development Officers		MT	BIG, Dungoyne and Moat Park FCs, BAGIT, CBC

### Potential Funders

- Sports Council for Northern Ireland
- Sport Northern Ireland
- Castlereagh Borough Council
- Social Investment Fund
- BIG Lottery Fund Space and Place
- 02's Think Big
- The Co-operative Community Fund
- McDonald's KickStart Grants

### Useful Links

Sport NI Participation and Active Communities Castlereagh and Lisburn  
[www.sportni.net/](http://www.sportni.net/)

# Project Details

## Road Safety and Parking

A clear message from the engagement process was the need to tackle concerns related to road safety and parking issues within the estate. A number of traffic calming measures should be introduced to ease congestion and improve road safety, particularly at the Brooklands School. BIG, Brooklands PS, Brooklands Youth Centre and PSNI should meet with and lobby DRD Roads Service and the Education and Library Board to discuss a joint approach to road safety issues. A local education and publicity campaign could be developed in conjunction with local schools, youth clubs and community groups. Problems relating to insufficient parking and the road design and layout of the estate were also raised. A number of solutions were suggested including: introduction of new parking bays, road widening, one way systems and better signage. BIG and NIHE should meet with and lobby DRD Roads Service on these issues.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Meet and lobby DRD Roads Service: Traffic calming measures, Assessment for Pedestrian Crossings and additional parking bays	ST		BIG, Brooklands PS, NIHE, PSNI, Brooklands Youth Centre
Lobby Education and Library Board for an additional Lollipop person at Brookland's Primary School	ST		BIG, Brooklands PS, Brooklands Youth Centre
Develop a local Road Safety education and publicity campaign		MT	BIG, PSNI, Local Schools, Brooklands Youth Centre

## Improving Health

The need to improve access to health services through local community based projects was highlighted. A number of specific areas were identified: mental health and well being; drug and alcohol dependency and depression and anxiety. There was also support to focus on improving Men's health. The Men's Health and Motivation Group have secured premises in one of the Ballyoran Units. This could be developed as part of the 'MensShed' Network providing information, a drop in service, community gym and opportunities to develop a range of social economy projects which include training and apprenticeships. The group is currently developing a Cycle Scheme which refurbishes, maintains and provides access to bikes for men and their families. Linkages should be developed between the Women's Centre and Men's Health and Motivation Group to share good practice and to support and promote the services available from both groups.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Promote and signpost to existing health services and facilities	ST		BIG, Belfast Health Trust Women's Centre, Men's Health & Motivation Group, Youth Groups
Develop community based health projects		MT	
Continue to develop a 'MensShed'	ST	MT	Men's Health and Motivation Group, Belfast Health Trust, CBC
Develop linkages between the Women's Centre and the Men's Health and Motivation Group	ST		Women's Centre, Men's Health & Motivation Group
Utilise Community Transport Scheme* to improve access to health services and facilities		MT	BIG and All Groups.

\* Community Transport Project

## Useful Links

[www.menssheds.org.uk](http://www.menssheds.org.uk)

## Potential Funding Opportunities

- Lloyds TSB Foundation: [lloydstsbfoundationni.org](http://lloydstsbfoundationni.org)
- BIG Lottery Awards for All

## Social Economy

There was support to explore the potential of developing social economy projects and business start up opportunities e.g. at the Ballyoran Units to provide local employment, training, community services, leisure and to develop greater sustainability for community groups. Support and training should be provided to the Men's Health and Motivation Group and other groups interested in developing social economy projects. There are opportunities for projects to be developed which build on the existing skills and trade expertise in the area e.g. engineering, technology, bike maintenance. Apprenticeships and mentoring opportunities could be developed in conjunction with local schools, youth and training providers and local businesses. BIG should meet with Business in the Community, Social Enterprise NI, NIHE, East Belfast Community Development Association and Castlereagh Borough Council to identify the support available for developing social economy projects. Representatives from BIG, community groups and churches should visit and learn from near by good practice examples.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Identify opportunities and support available to develop Social Economy Projects	ST		BIG, NIHE, CBC, All Groups, Local Schools.
Organise study visits to other social economy projects in the area e.g. Skainos	ST		BIG, NIHE and All Groups.
Meet and lobby CBC to develop dedicated social economy units at Ballyoran and explore other opportunities	ST	MT	BIG, EBCDA, Men's Health and Motivation Group

## Useful Links

Skainos: [www.ebm.org.uk/skainos/index.php](http://www.ebm.org.uk/skainos/index.php)

Business in the Community: [www.bitc.org.uk/northern\\_ireland/index.html](http://www.bitc.org.uk/northern_ireland/index.html)

Invest NI: [www.investni.com](http://www.investni.com)

Social Enterprise NI: [www.socialenterpriseni.org/](http://www.socialenterpriseni.org/)

## Potential Funding Opportunities

- Charity Bank: [www.charitybank.org](http://www.charitybank.org)
- Lloyds TSB Foundation: [lloydstsbfoundationni.org](http://lloydstsbfoundationni.org)
- Community Action Network: [www.can-online.org.uk](http://www.can-online.org.uk)
- UnLtd: [www.unltd.org.uk/regions.php?id=25](http://www.unltd.org.uk/regions.php?id=25)
- BIG Space and Place

# Project Details

## Community Transport

A community bus would help to address unmet transport needs and improve access to services for both younger and older people, particularly in relation to health services and social activities. The bus could be used to help improve access to: work, training or apprenticeships; day care; early years; hospital visiting; medical appointments and meet other local transport needs reducing social exclusion and isolation.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Establish a Steering Group to co-ordinate the use of the Community Bus	ST		BIG
Apply to Asda for funding to secure a Community Bus	ST		BIG
Identify and train potential volunteers		MT	BIG
Work with All Groups to promote use of the bus particularly harder to reach groups		MT	BIG and All Groups

### Potential Funding Opportunities

- The Asda Foundation
- Sainsbury's

### Useful Links

- [www.communitytransport.com](http://www.communitytransport.com)
- [www.communitytransport-ni.com/](http://www.communitytransport-ni.com/)

## Intergenerational Project

There was support for the development of intergenerational projects which could help build and promote relationships and understanding and breakdown stereotypes between younger and older people in the community. Community projects could focus on a number of thematic areas including: community safety; healthy lifestyles; shared history; information technology and sharing skills and trades. Participating in such projects can help both older and younger people become less isolated, reduce loneliness, benefit from positive role models and give a renewed sense of purpose. There is an opportunity to build on the success of the Jubilee Allotments for example, an Incredible Edibles project could be developed which encourages both young and old people to get more involved in the local community and learn how to grow local fresh produce. There may also be opportunities to connect with and support the Dundonald Food Bank. A good practice visit to Incredible Edibles Cloughmills is suggested to enable local people to examine the potential to develop a similar project in Ballybeen and to see first hand the many benefits of such projects.

Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Hold an open morning to enable groups (youth, schools, sports, older people, individuals) to meet	ST		BIG, Jubilee Allotments, Youth Clubs, Brooklands Youth Centre, Older People's Groups, Local Schools
Good practice visit to Incredible Edibles Cloughmills	ST		
Develop a funding proposal		MT	

### Potential Funding Opportunities

- BIG Lottery Fund Awards for all
- BIG Lottery Fund Space and Place
- The Asda Foundation
- Turkington Fund

### Useful Links

- [www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/home](http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/home)
- [www.facebook.com/CloughmillsCAT](https://www.facebook.com/CloughmillsCAT)

## Support and Lobby for Dundonald High School

There is widespread concern over the threat of the closure of Dundonald High School particularly from the younger people who participated in the community engagement processes. The community are keen to demonstrate their unanimous support to continue to work in partnership to support the Dundonald High School Working Group and to develop initiatives which benefit both the school and the local community.

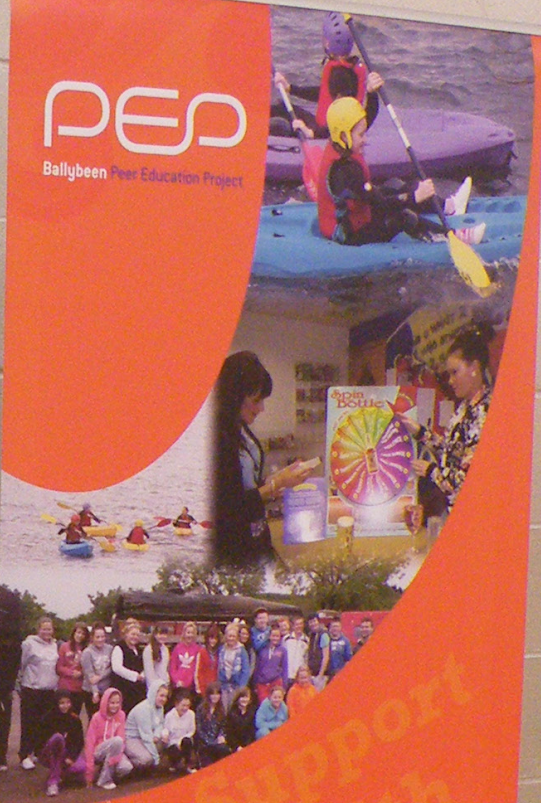
Actions	ST	MT	Lead Partners
Lobby for and support Dundonald High School	ST		BIG, All Groups
Promote the School Petition and Working Group	ST		

## Project Connections

Projects	Community Safety	Welcoming and Involved	Healthy Lifestyles	Investing in People	Building Relationships and Respect	Physical, Image and Perception
Programme of Events	★	★		★	★	★
Volunteering	★	★	★	★	★	
Capacity Building				★	★	
Environmental Improvements	★	★	★		★	★
Making the estate more welcoming	★	★			★	★
Family and Childcare Centre of Excellence		★	★	★	★	★
Play Park	★	★	★			★
Social Housing		★		★		★
Sport and Youth Centre of Excellence	★	★	★	★	★	★
Road Safety and Parking	★	★				★
MensShed		★	★	★	★	★
Promote Existing Health and advice services		★	★	★	★	
Social Economy Opportunities		★	★	★	★	★
Community Bus		★	★	★	★	
Intergenerational Project	★	★	★	★	★	★
Support School		★		★	★	★

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# Making It Happen: Implementation

The Plan presents details of the actions needed to take forward the key projects and identifies the stakeholders who will be involved in implementing the Plan. Central to the successful implementation will be the Ballybeen Improvement Group and dedicated support officers driving the plan forward and working in collaboration with other groups, stakeholders, service providers and the wider community to 'make the plan happen'. The Ballybeen Improvement Group will:

- Provide MLAs and elected representatives with copies of the Plan and seek their support;
- Identify individuals across all stakeholders who will be BIGs key contact for each action point;
- Develop an Implementation Plan to monitor and review progress;
- Support and encourage joined up partnership working to progress the plan;
- Provide a welcoming environment which encourages all stakeholders to get involved;
- Review progress in taking forward the Action Plan bi-monthly;
- Communicate the progress of the Plan with the wider community;and
- Organise an annual review of the Action Plan with key stakeholders.

The Plan includes actions to involve local people in shaping and delivering projects and activities and to increase awareness and visibility of the Ballybeen Improvement Group and its work. These will be important steps in maintaining and building the momentum and support needed to achieve the Plan's vision and help make Ballybeen a better place. The importance of the sustainability of BIG and dedicated officers to drive and co-ordinate the implementation of the plan cannot be understated.

# Glossary

BAGIT	Ballybeen Action Group Initiative Trust
BIG	Ballybeen Improvement Group
BRIC	Building Relations in Communities
CBC	Castlereagh Borough Council
DRD	Department of Regional Development
F	Full Planning Permission
MEI	Multiple Element Improvements
NIHE	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
NISRA	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
NINIS	Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service
NIMDM	Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure
O	Outline Planning Permission
PCSP	Policing and Community Safety Partnership
PEP	Peer Education Project
PSNI	Police Service for Northern Ireland
RM	Reserved Matters
SOA	Super Output Area

# Appendices

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# 1: Area Profile Statistics

The area covered by the development plan is located in the Castlereagh Borough Council and is part of the East Belfast Constituency. The areas includes the Carrowreagh, Enler and Graham's Bridge Wards. The following data, unless otherwise stated is from the NISRA Census Office.

## Demography

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh
Usually resident population	1,965	2,592	2,702	7,259	67,242
No of households	808	1,144	1,253	3,205	27,733
Average household size	2.42	2.27	2.16	2.28	2.40
Aged 16 and under	437 22.24%	474 18.29%	504 18.65%	1415 19.49%	12,842 19.10%
Aged 65 and over	263 13.38%	458 17.67%	542 20.05%	1,263 17.4%	11,814 17.57%
Male	931 47.38%	1,237 47.76%	1,283 47.52%	3,451 47.54%	32,289 48.02%
Female	1,033 52.62%	1,354 52.24%	1,418 52.48%	3,805 52.41%	34,952 51.98%

## Ethnicity, Identity, Religion and Language

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh
White (including Irish Traveller) Ethnic Group	1,930 98.22%	2,547 98.30%	2,551 98.82%	7,028 96.81%	97.08% 65,278
Belong to or brought up in Protestant and Other Christian religion	1,639 83.415	2,200 84.885	2,182 80.79%	6,020 82.93%	45,670 67.92%
Belong to or brought up in Catholic Religion	81 4.17%	88 3.405	182 6.745	351 4.83%	14,954 22.24%
British National Identity	1,598 81.37%	2,078 80.17%	2,064 76.42%	5,740 79.07%	44,514 66.20%
Irish National Identity	56 2.85%	97 3.78%	100 3.70%	253 3.48%	9,850 14.65%
Northern Irish National Identity	606 30.84%	694 26.81%	774 28.65%	2,074 28.57%	21,046 31.30%
Not have English as their first Language	23 1.22%	40 1.60%	105 4.07%	168 2.41%	1,534 2.37%

## Multiple Deprivation

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010 (NIMDM 2010) report was published in May 2010. The report identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across Northern Ireland and provides information on seven types of deprivation and an overall measure of multiple deprivation for small areas. Super Output Areas (SOA) are ordered from most deprived to least deprived on each type of deprivation and then assigned a rank.

The most deprived SOA is ranked 1, and as there are 890 SOAs, the least deprived SOA has a rank of 890. Scores for three Income Deprivation measures and Employment Deprivation are also given. These scores can be interpreted as the percentage people/children/older people in the area that are income deprived, and the percentage of the working age population that are employment deprived. The Health Deprivation and Disability Domain identifies areas with relatively high rates of premature deaths and areas where relatively high proportions of the population's quality of life is impaired by poor health or who are disabled.

	<b>Carrowreagh 2 Rank (Score)</b>	<b>Enler Rank (Score)</b>	<b>Graham's Bridge Rank (Score)</b>
<b>Multiple Deprivation Measure</b>	323	246	350
<b>Income Deprivation</b>	311	254	331
<b>Employment Deprivation</b>	295 (15%)	289 (15%)	380 (13%)
<b>Health Deprivation and Disability Deprivation</b>	247	159	243
<b>Education, Skills and Training</b>	221	166	217
<b>Proximity to Services Deprivation</b>	621	625	769
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	637	448	406
<b>Living Environment</b>	286	270	292
<b>Income Deprivation Affecting Children</b>	193 (39%)	263 (34%)	346 (29%)
<b>Income Deprivation Affecting Older People</b>	465 (37%)	175 (55%)	405 (41%)

NIMDM 2010  
(Statistical Geographies),  
NISRA Demography

# 1: Area Profile Statistics

## Housing and Accommodation

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh
<b>Number of Households</b>	808	1,144	1,253	3,205	27,733
<b>Households owner occupied</b>	529 65.59%	647 56.56%	674 53.79%	1,850 57.72%	20,694 74.62%
<b>Households rented</b>	255 31.56%	446 38.99%	532 42.46%	1,232 38.47%	6,317 22.78%
<b>Households comprised of a single person aged 65+</b>	66 8.29%	169 14.77%	204 16.28%	439 13.69%	3,657 13.19%
<b>Lone parent households with dependent children</b>	87 10.77%	126 11.01%	117 9.34%	330 10.29%	1,808 6.52%
<b>Households without access to a car or van</b>	223 27.72%	369 32.26%	368 29.95%	960 29.95%	5,019 18.10%

## Ballybeen CLA Housing Applicants December 2012, NIHE

	Singles	Small Adult	Small Family	Large Adult	Large Family	Older Person	Total
<b>Total Applicants</b>	138	23	69	7	7	53	297
<b>Housing Stress</b>	76	7	36	2	2	23	146
<b>Annual Allocations</b>	34	3	25	0	0	8	70

## Early Years Provision November 2011

	Census 2011 Population 0-4 yrs	Play groups	Day Nurseries	Out of School Club	Creches	Child-minders
<b>Carrowreagh</b>	278	16	40	-	-	42
<b>Enler</b>	152	44	26	-	-	4
<b>Graham's Bridges</b>	199	16	-	-	-	23

Source: Regional Daycare Profile

## Qualifications

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh
Usually resident population	1,965	2,592	2,702	7,259	67,242
Aged over 16 with degree or higher qualification	249 16.30%	259 12.23%	362 16.47%	870 14.88%	16,303 29.97%
Aged over 16 with no or low (level 1) qualification	747 48.89%	1,119 52.885	1,046 47.59%	2,912 49.82%	19,001 34.93%

## Educational Attainment

2011	Carrowreagh	Enler	Graham's Bridge	NI Average
% of School Leavers attaining 2 or more A levels or Equivalent	53%	35%	24%	53%
% of School Leavers attaining 5+ GCSEs at grades A* to C	69%	56%	52%	73%
Number of Leavers attaining no GCSEs	0	0	<7	-
% of School Leavers in Higher Education	37%	24%	10%	41%
% of School Leavers in Further Education	45%	56%	69%	32%
% of School Leavers in Employment and Training	6%	9%	10%	19%
Number of School Leavers Unemployed/ Unknown	3	3	3	-

# 1: Area Profile Statistics

## Labour Market

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh	Northern Ireland
Usually resident population 16-74 years	1,965	2,592	2,702	7,259	67,242	1,810,900
Economically active	977 67.38%	1,233 63.995	1,312 68.10%	3,522 66.39%	33,980 69.99%	739,194 62.27%
Economically Active Part Time	221 15.24%	283 14.69%	294 15.25%	753 14.19%	6,752 13.91%	117,981 9.93%
Economically Active Full Time	575 39.66%	688 35.7%	739 38.33%	2,002 37.73%	20,493 42.21%	445,789 37.55%
Economically Active Self Employed	64 4.41%	84 4.36%	122 6.33%	270 5.08%	3421 7.05%	98,234 8.27%
Full Time Student	48 3.31%	77 4%	60 3.11%	185 3.48%	1,731 3.57%	28,032 2.36%
Economically inactive	472 32.62%	694 36.01%	615 31.90%	1,781 33.57%	14,570 30.01%	448,003 37.74%
Paid Employment	859 59.31%	1,055 54.75%	1,155 59.91%	3,069 57.85%	30,664 63.16%	-
Unemployed	69 4.76%	101 5.24%	98 5.08%	268 5.05%	1,582 3.26%	49,098 4.01%
Unemployed 16-24	22 31.88%	34 33.66%	23 23.47%	79 29.47%	472 29.78%	13,130 26.27%
Unemployed 50-74	12 17.39%	14 13.86%	18 18.37%	44 16.41%	322 20.32%	8,526 17.36%
Unemployed Never Worked	25 18.84%	45 14.855	46 15.31%	116 43.28%	205 12.93%	6,164 12.55%
Long-term Unemployed	25 36.23%	45 44.55%	46 46.94%	116 44.10%	687 43.34%	19,841 40.41%
Looking After Family or Home	63 4.34%	86 4.46%	73 3.79%	222 4.18%	1,480 3.05%	88,207 7.43%
Long-term Sick or Disabled	117 8.07%	151 7.84%	140 7.26%	408 7.69%	2,365 4.87%	110,787 9.33%
Retired	200 13.79%	312 16.9%	298 15.46%	810 15.26%	7,204 14.84%	130,313 10.97%

## Health

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh
Usually resident population	1,965	2,592	2,702	7,259	67,242
Long term health problem/ disability that limited their day to day activities	437 22.29%	707 27.31%	699 25.98%	1,843 25.38%	13,488 20.06%
People stated their general health was either good or very good	1,472 74.96%	1,848 71.30%	1,981 73.35%	5,301 73.02%	53,948 80.23%
Provide unpaid care to family, friends, neighbours or others	247 12.62%	345 13.31%	373 13.81%	965 13.29%	9,050 13.46%

## Type of Long-term Condition

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen
A Chronic illness	155 7.89%	268 10.34%	228 8.44%	651 8.96%
Deafness or partial hearing	104 5.29%	174 6.71%	185 6.85%	463 6.37%
Blindness or partial sight loss	32 1.63%	43 1.66%	57 2.11%	132 1.8%
Mobility or dexterity difficulty	238 12.11%	437 16.86%	426 15.77%	1,101 15.16%
Emotional, psychological or mental health condition	133 6.77%	215 8.29%	201 7.44%	549 7.56%
Long term pain or discomfort	233 11.86%	389 15.01%	380 14.06%	1,002 13.80%
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	202 10.28%	334 12.89%	310 11.47%	846 11.65%

# 1: Area Profile Statistics

## Benefit Claimants and Recipients

2012 unless otherwise stated	Carrowreagh 2	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen
<b>Child Benefit Claimants 2011</b>	299	342	352	993 13.6%
<b>Carers Allowance Claimants</b>	80	120	100	300 4.13%
<b>Disability Living Allowance Recipients</b>	250	370	320	940 12.94%
<b>Employment and Support Allowance Claimants</b>	60	50	50	160 2.20%
<b>Housing Benefit Claimants</b>	180	330	320	830 11.43%
<b>Incapacity Benefit Claimants</b>	40	70	70	180 2.47%
<b>Jobseekers Allowance Claimants</b>	60	90	80	230 3.16%
<b>Multiple Disability Benefit Recipients</b>	330	520	510	1,360 18.73%
<b>Pension Credit Claimants</b>	90	200	200	490 6.75%
<b>Retirement Pension Claimants</b>	310	500	620	1,430 19.69%
<b>Severe Disablement Allowance Recipients</b>	30	10	10	50 0.68%

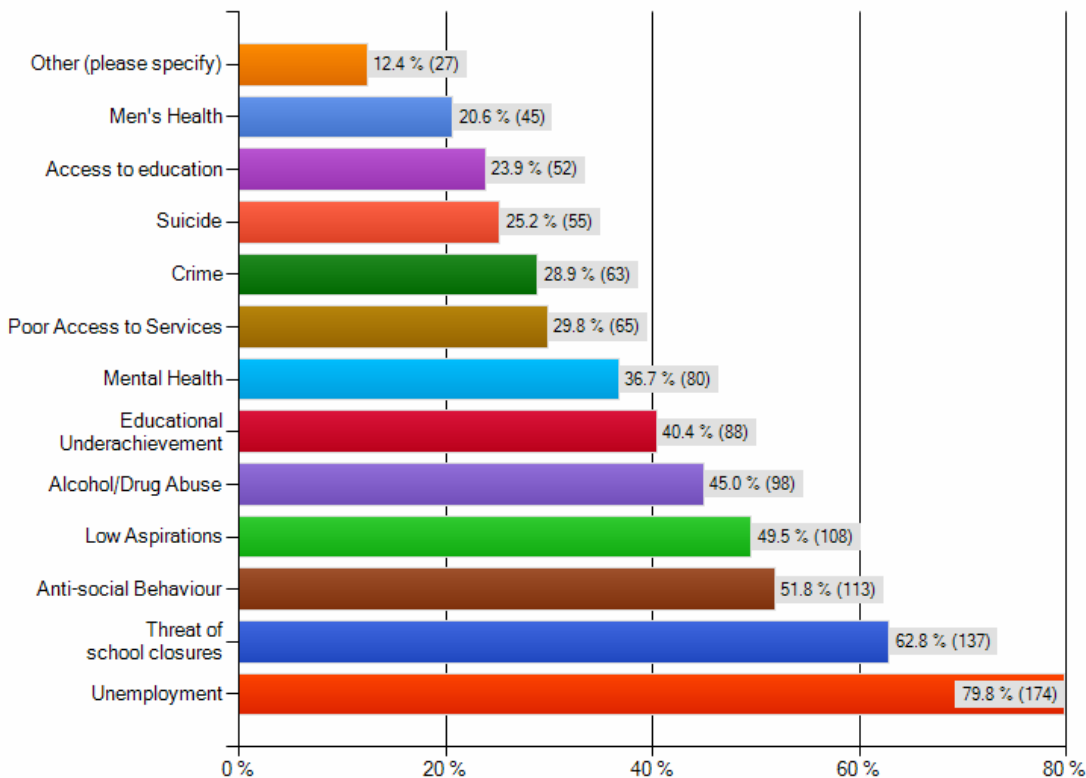
## Crime and Justice

On Census Day 27 March 2011	Carrowreagh	Enler	Graham's Bridge	Ballybeen	Castlereagh
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	65	65	78	208	1479
Offences Recorded with a Domestic Abuse Motivation	4	12	14	30	164
Recorded Crime Offences	77	60	122	259	1898
Violence Against the person	23	16	28	67	494
Criminal Damage	24	29	24	77	379
Robbery	3	3	3	9	17
Burglary	6	3	17	26	255
Sexual Offences	3	3	3	9	42
Drug Offences	3	3	4	10	86
Fraud and Forgery	3	3	8	14	97

Crime and Justice 2011 at Ward level.

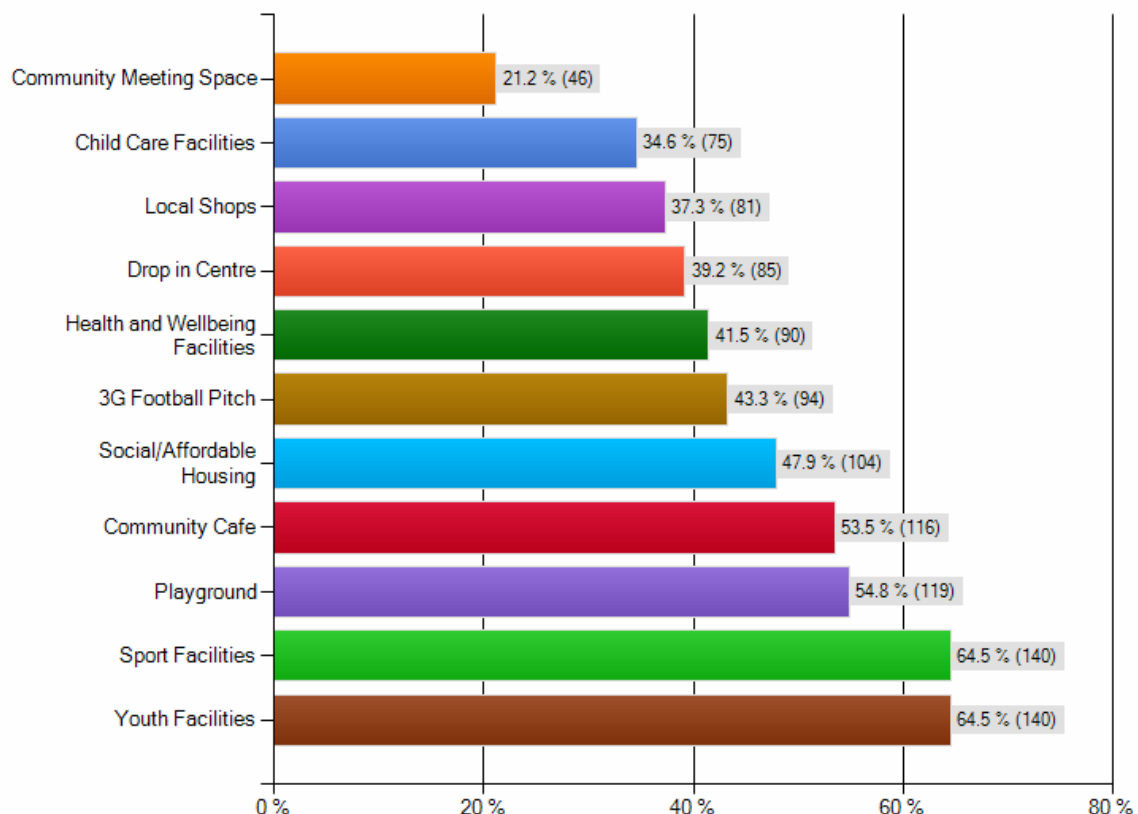
# 2: Survey Results

**What do you think are the main issues facing Ballybeen?**



Other issues raised included: a lack of leisure facilities e.g. 3G or 4G pitch; lack of police patrols on foot; negative influence of paramilitaries; lack of parental guidance and responsibility; lack of play activities for younger children; older people's issues; poor community spirit; lack of social housing; fuel poverty; lack of information on what is available; dog fouling and traffic and parking in the estate.

**Which of the following services/facilities are needed or could be improved in Ballybeen?**

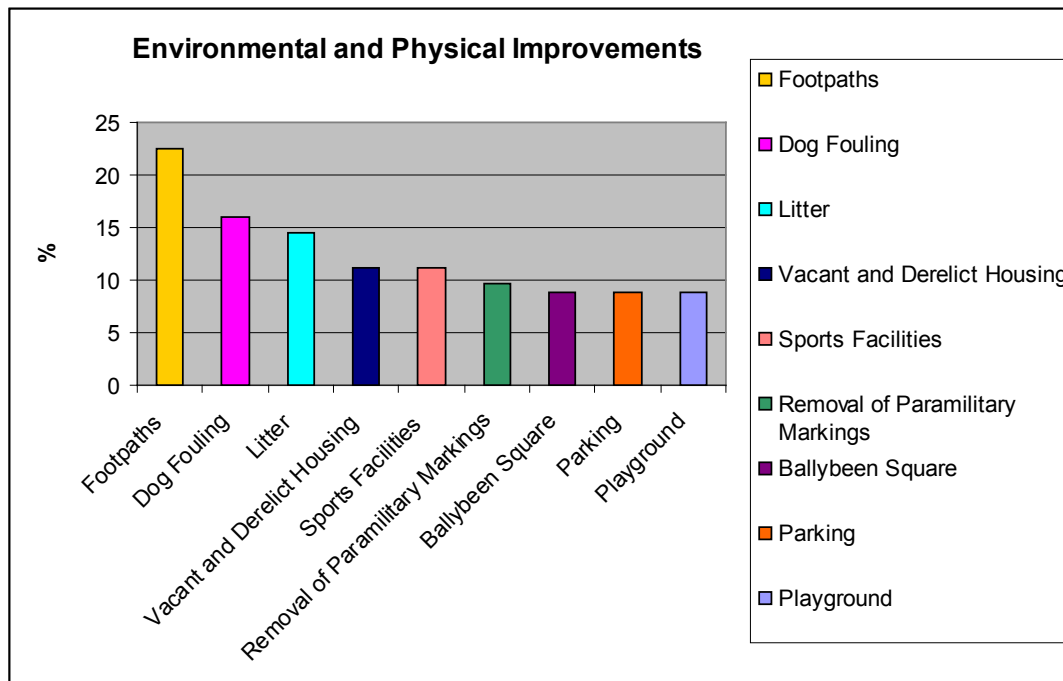


## Services and Facilities which are needed or could be improved

Other services and facilities which were suggested included: gym; welfare advice including information on benefits, housing, debt, health and employment; investment in the local secondary school to help increase pupil numbers; bakery; police surgery; community activities throughout the year building on the success of Christmas events and improved information and wider promotion of community events.

## Environmental and Physical Improvements

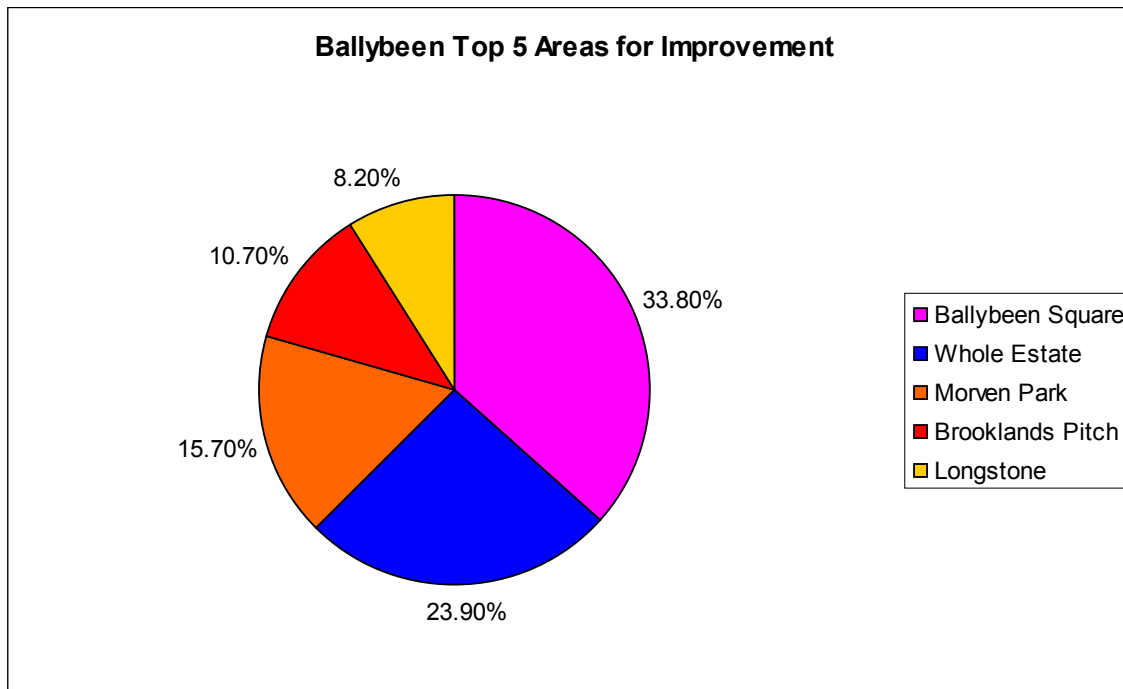
The poor condition of roads and footpaths (uneven, weeds) was highlighted as the top physical and environmental issue requiring improvement (22.5%). This was followed by: dog fouling (16%); Litter (14.5%); Vacant and derelict housing (11.2%); the need for a sports facility and pitch upgrade (11.2%); removal of paramilitary murals and kerb painting (9.6%); Ballybeen Square (8.8%); Parking (8.8%) and Playground (8.8%).



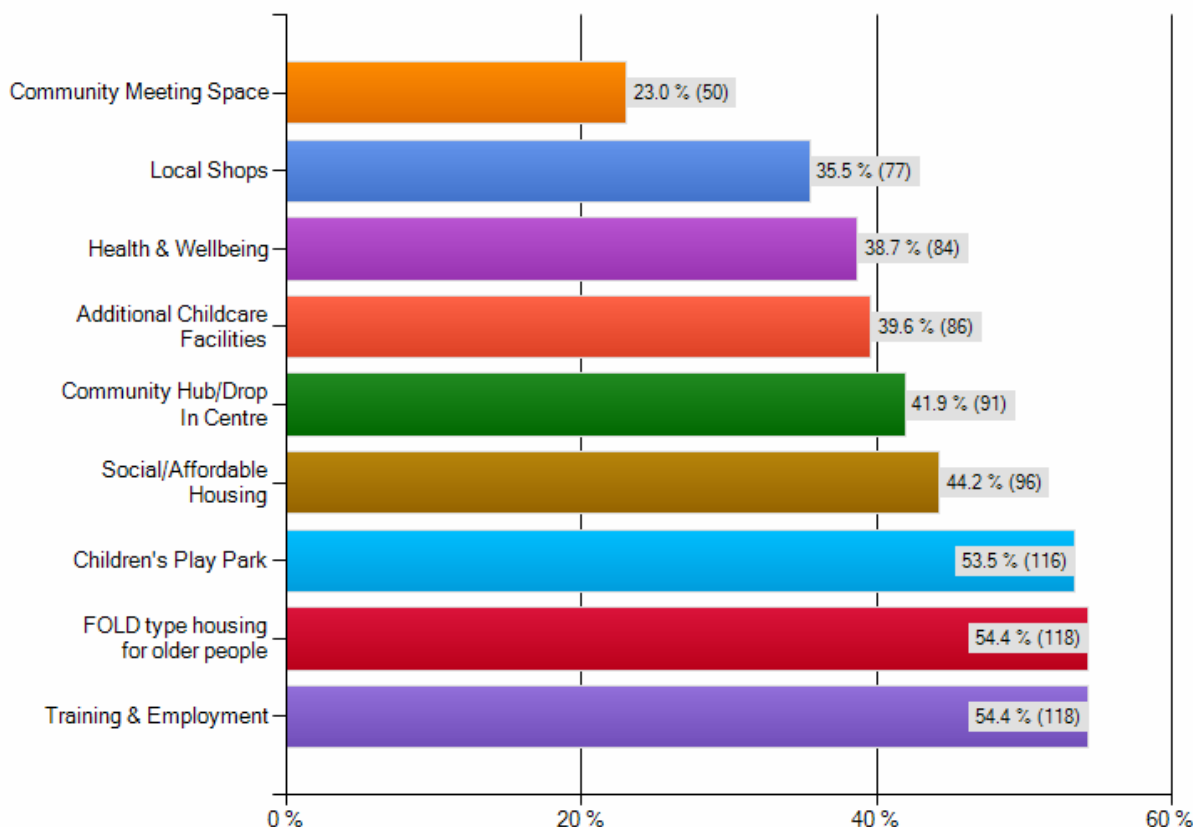
Other suggestions included:

Environmental and Physical Improvement	% of Responses	Environmental and Physical Improvement	% of Responses
Public benches/flowers/green space/paths	8%	Post Office and Box at Enler	2.4%
Road Safety and Traffic	7.2%	Recycling Facilities	2.4%
More Social Housing and Upgrade of stock	6.4%	Invest in High School	1.6%
Bus Schedule to include Millar's Lane	3.2%	Remove Bonfires	1.6%

## 2: Survey Results

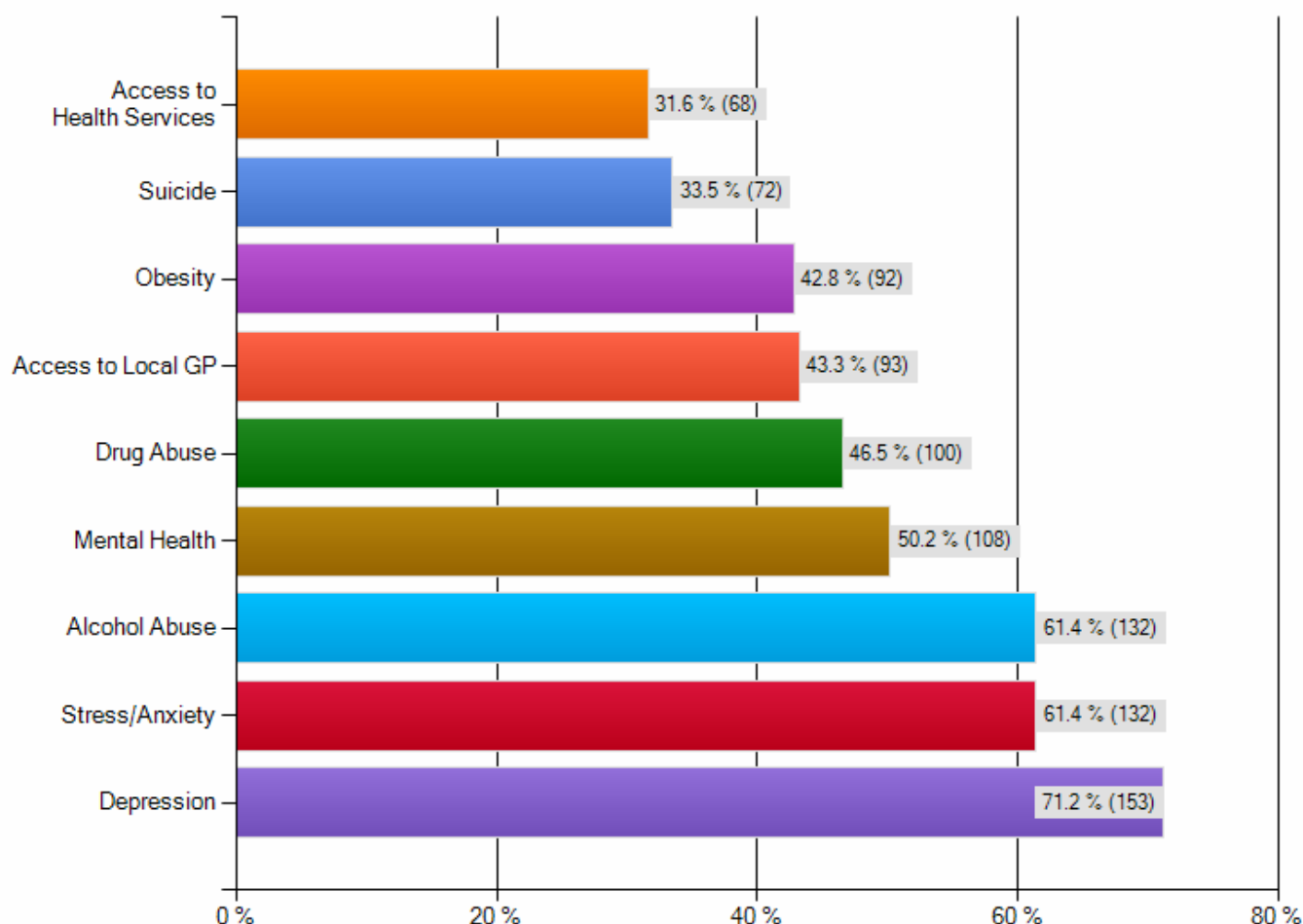


**Which of the following would you like to see included in the redevelopment of Ballybeen Square?**



Other suggestions of facilities and services which should be included in the redevelopment of Ballybeen Square included: gym and sports facilities; indoor play park, local shops e.g. post office, butcher and bakery; internet café; day-care facilities for older people; welfare and advice services including space for community surgeries for elected representatives and the police. Some respondents noted that the site should be well designed and include good lighting to increase the sense of safety and reduce anti-social behaviour.

### What are the health issues in Ballybeen?



Respondents identified Depression (71.2%) as the top health issue impacting on people in Ballybeen. This was followed by Stress/Anxiety and Alcohol Abuse both highlighted by 61.4% of people. Mental Health was also a key health concern identified by half of the respondents (50.02%).

Others issues highlighted included: isolation, loneliness, access to mental health services and services for children with physical and mental health issues e.g. Autism; prescription drug abuse, and the provision of a central health centre.

### Types of classes and support which should be provided or continue to be provided

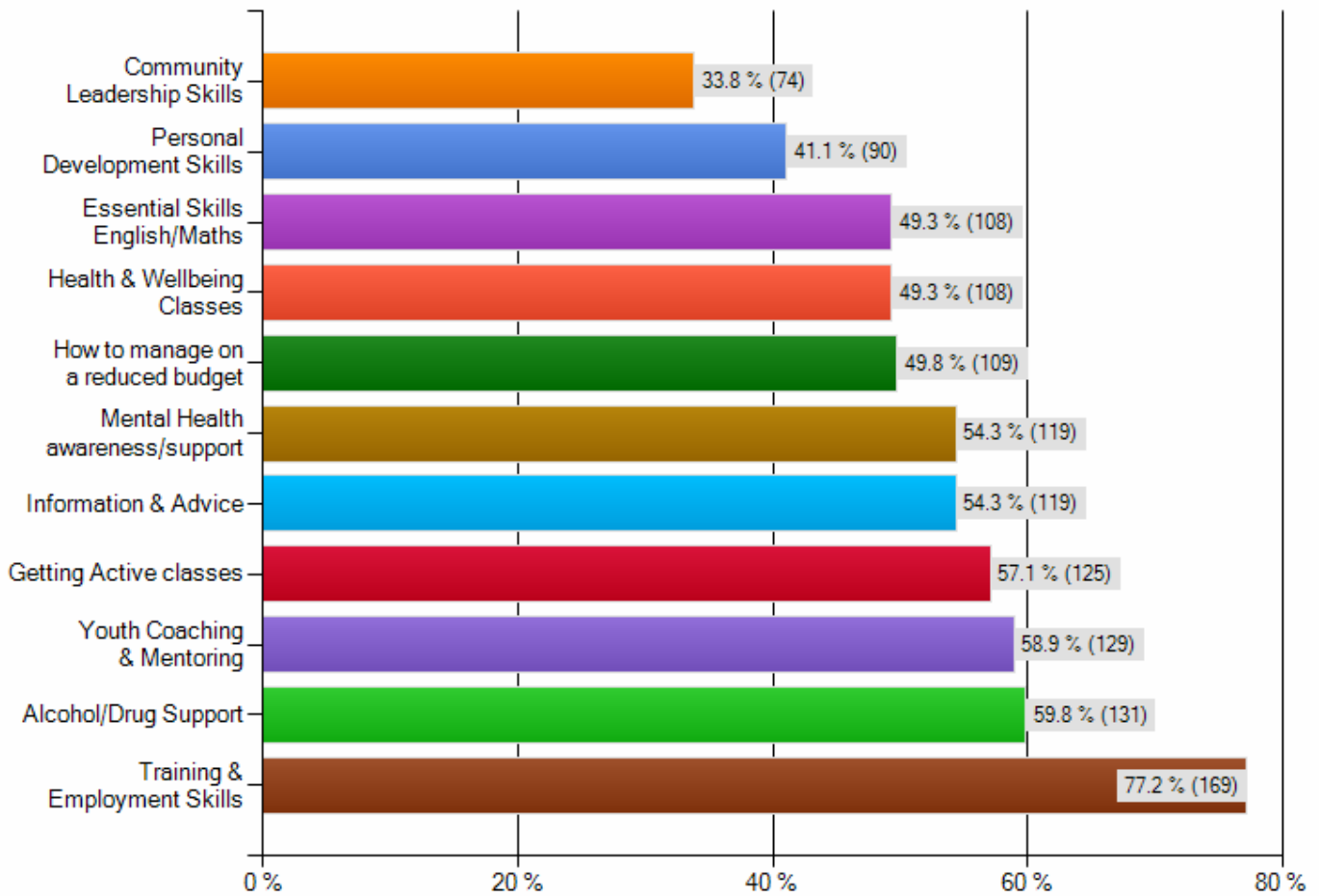
The majority of respondents (77.2%) felt that Training and Employment Skills was the most important form of support which should be provided to residents in Ballybeen. This was followed by Alcohol and Drug Support (59.8%); Youth Coaching and Mentoring (58.9%) and Getting Active Classes (57.1%). Other comments included: help and support for the elderly in winter; Driving and Theory test classes; craft classes and life skill classes.

### Issues of Concern

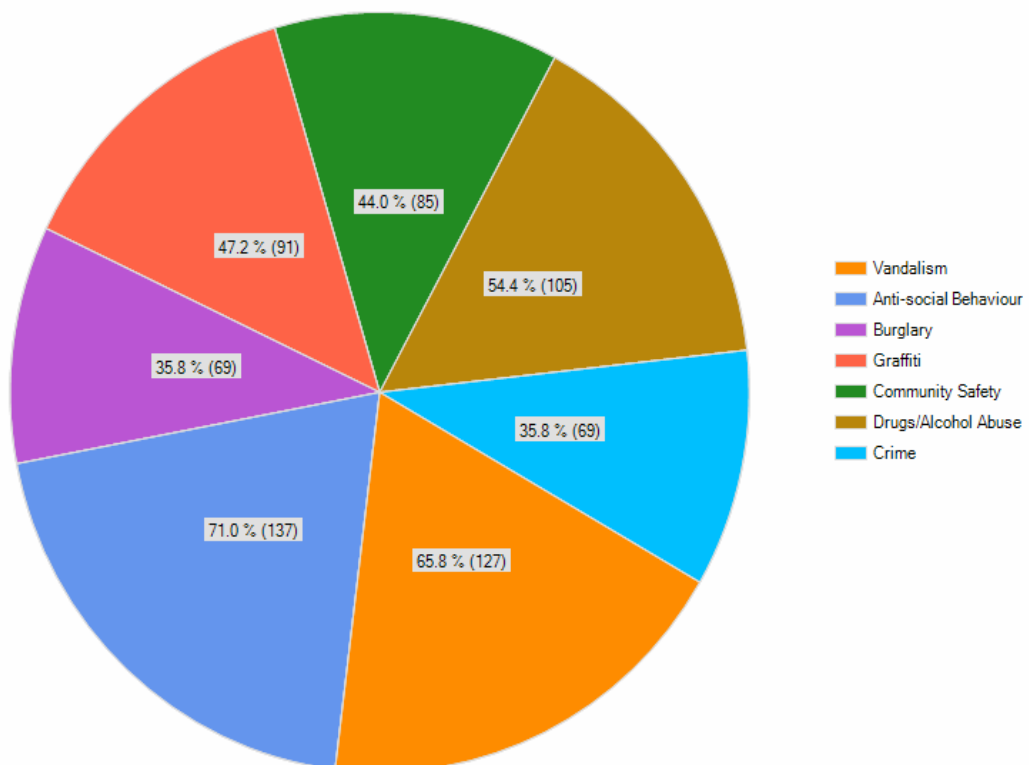
Others issues raised in addition to the pie chart overleaf included: lack of welfare help and advice; Dog Fouling; Litter; Poor condition of Footpaths; poor road surfaces; Road safety, high volume of traffic and speeding; Threat of the closure of the High School; and rioting and fear associated with paramilitary activity.

## 2: Survey Results

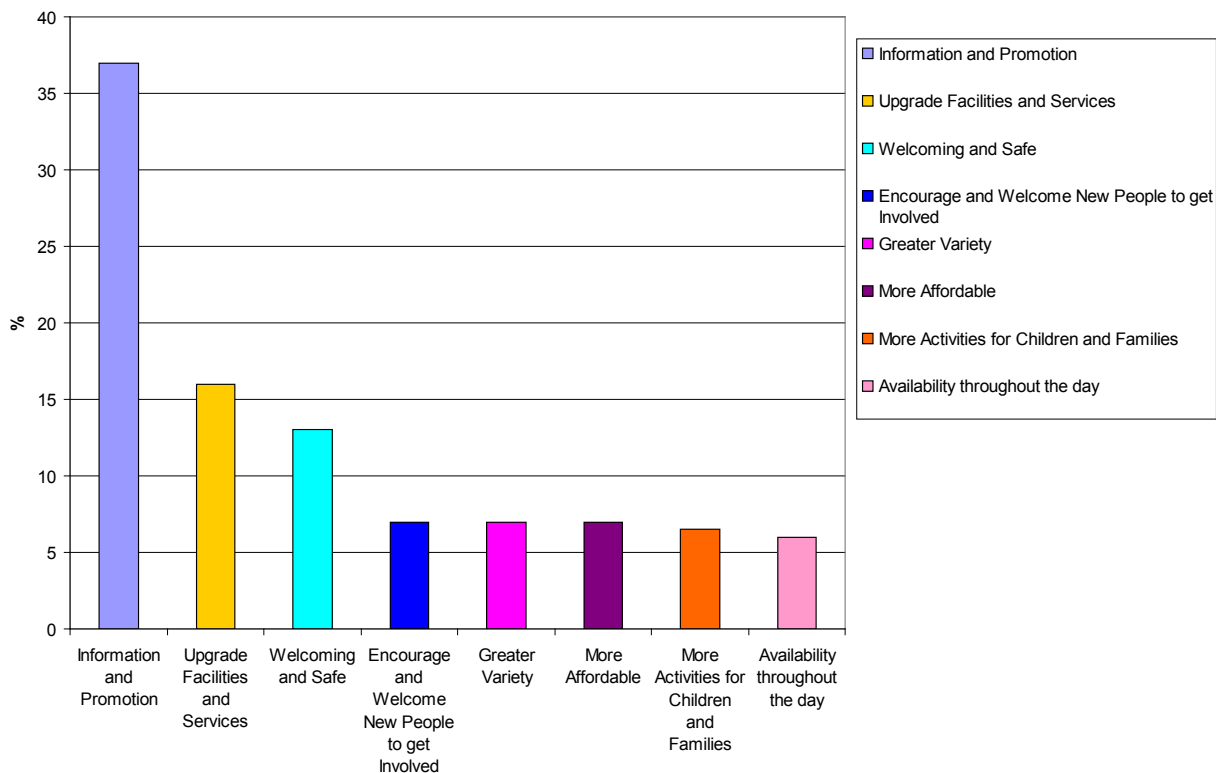
Which of the following classes/support would you like to see or should continue to be provided in Ballybeen?



Are you concerned about any of the following issues in Ballybeen?

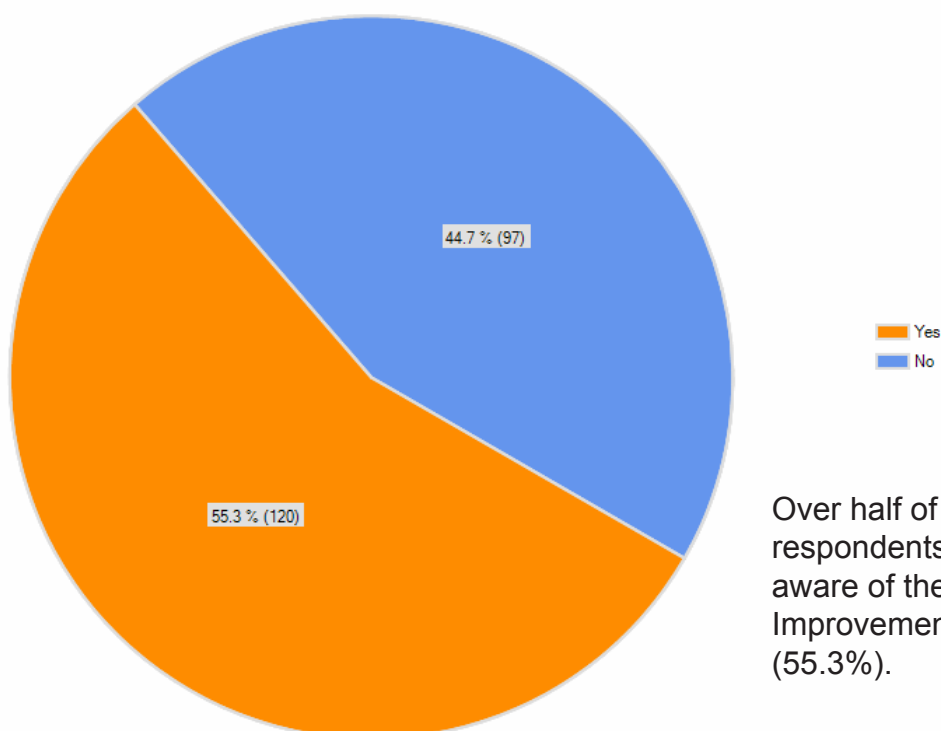


## Encouraging use of existing facilities and services



Other comments included: address young people 'hanging out' and associated anti social behaviour which can be intimidating; provision of a community hall; increased child care provision; facilities and services which are accessible and welcoming to those with disabilities and pensioners; local shops (bakery, fruit and vegetable, butcher); more activities for teenagers; seasonal activities e.g. Build on the success of the Christmas Fair; trained supervision of young people; and young people and others feeling more comfortable and welcome to use church facilities and services.

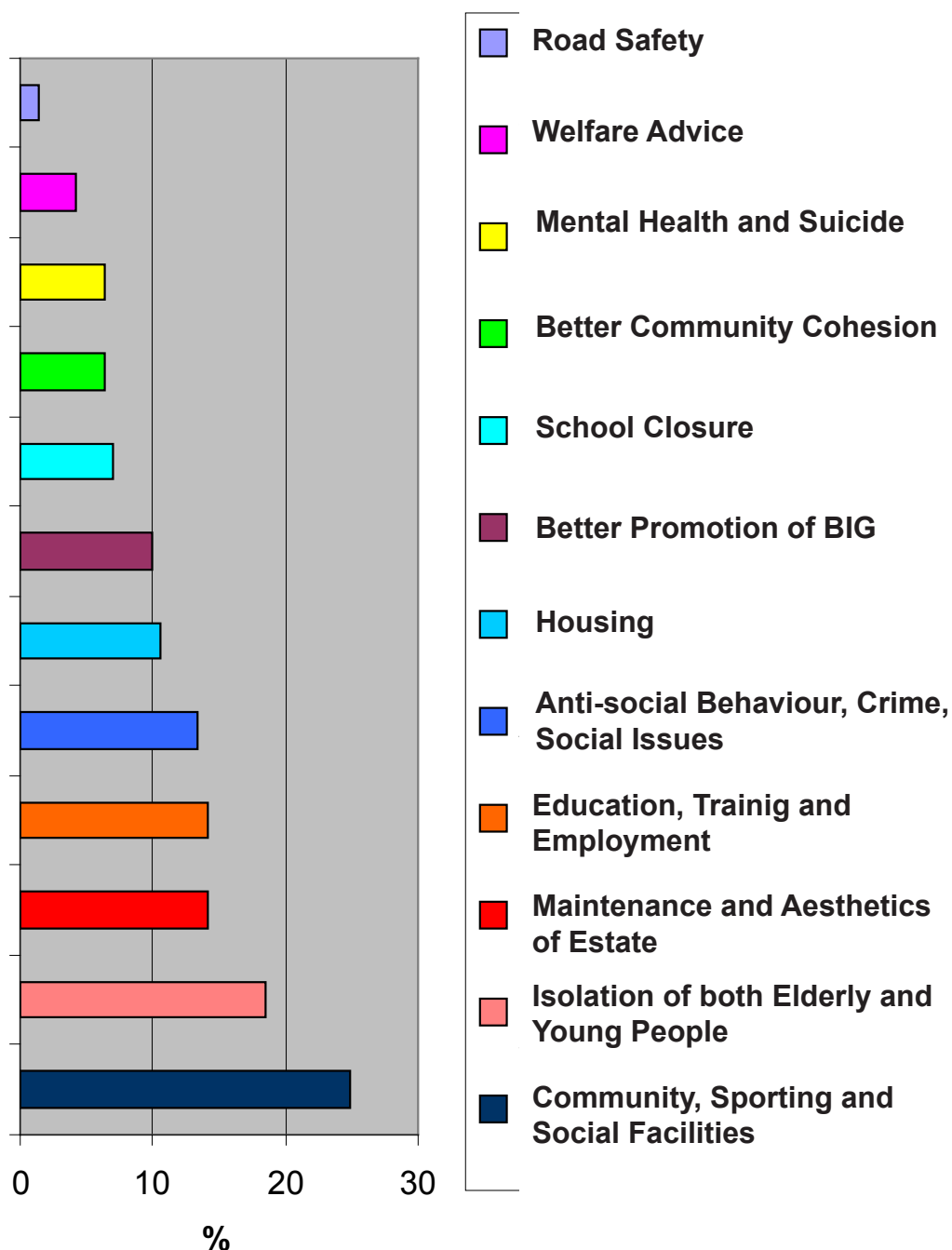
## Are you aware of the Ballybeen Improvement Group?



Over half of respondents were aware of the Ballybeen Improvement Group (55.3%).

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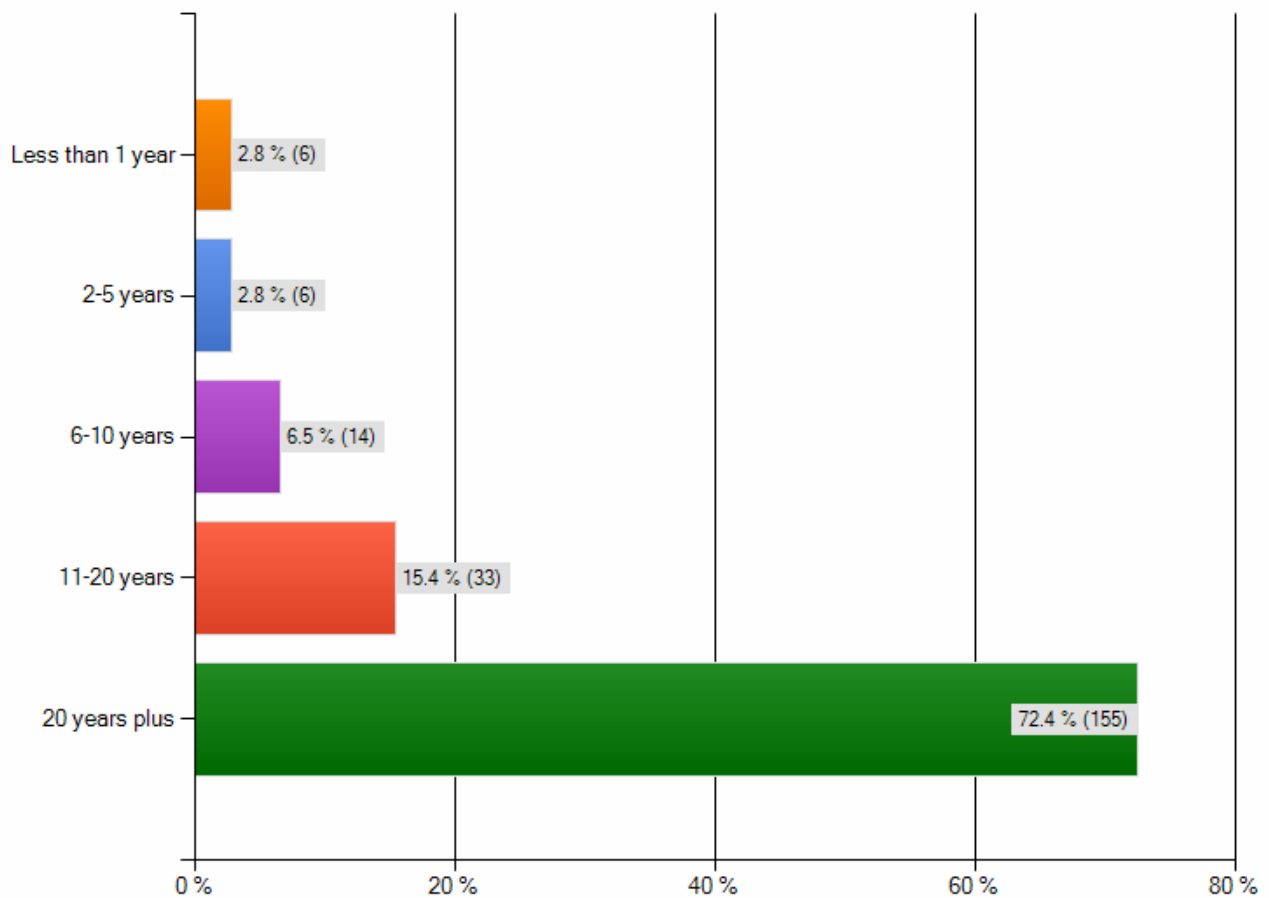
### Issues for Ballybeen Improvement Group to focus on



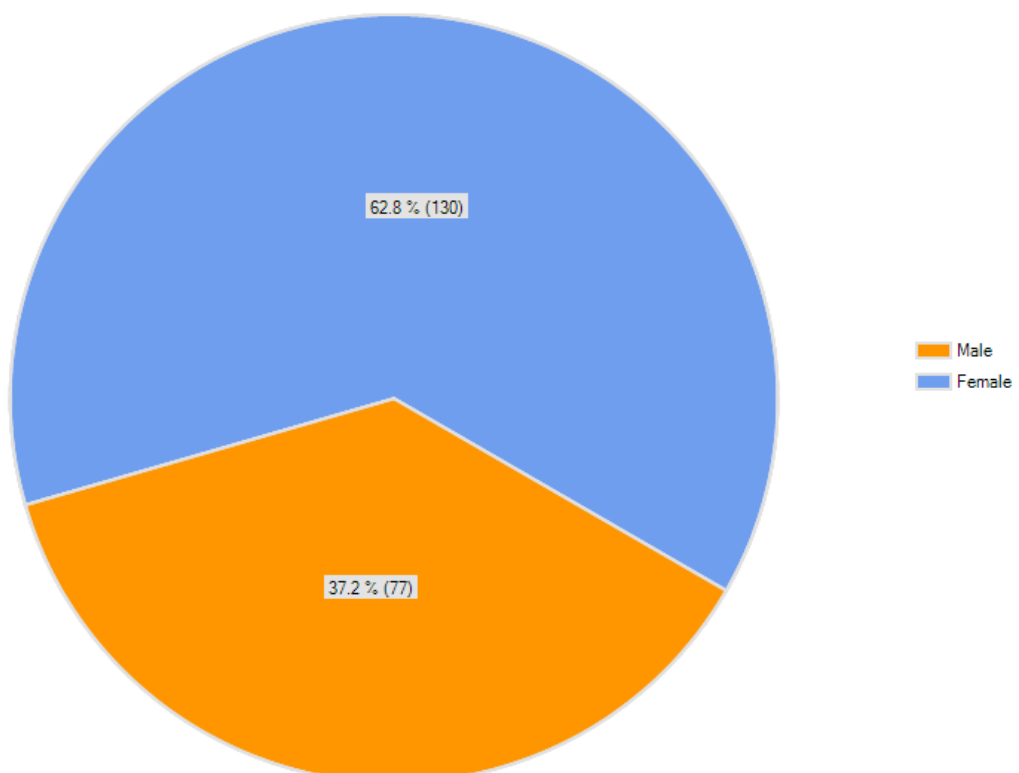
### Other suggestions of how Ballybeen could be improved

Issue	% of Respondents	Issue	% of Respondents
Community, Sporting and Social Facilities	33.3%	Address Anti-Social Behaviour	10.6%
Community Involvement and Safety	31.8%	Housing	7.5%
Maintenance and Aesthetics of Estate	16.6%	School Closure	1.5%

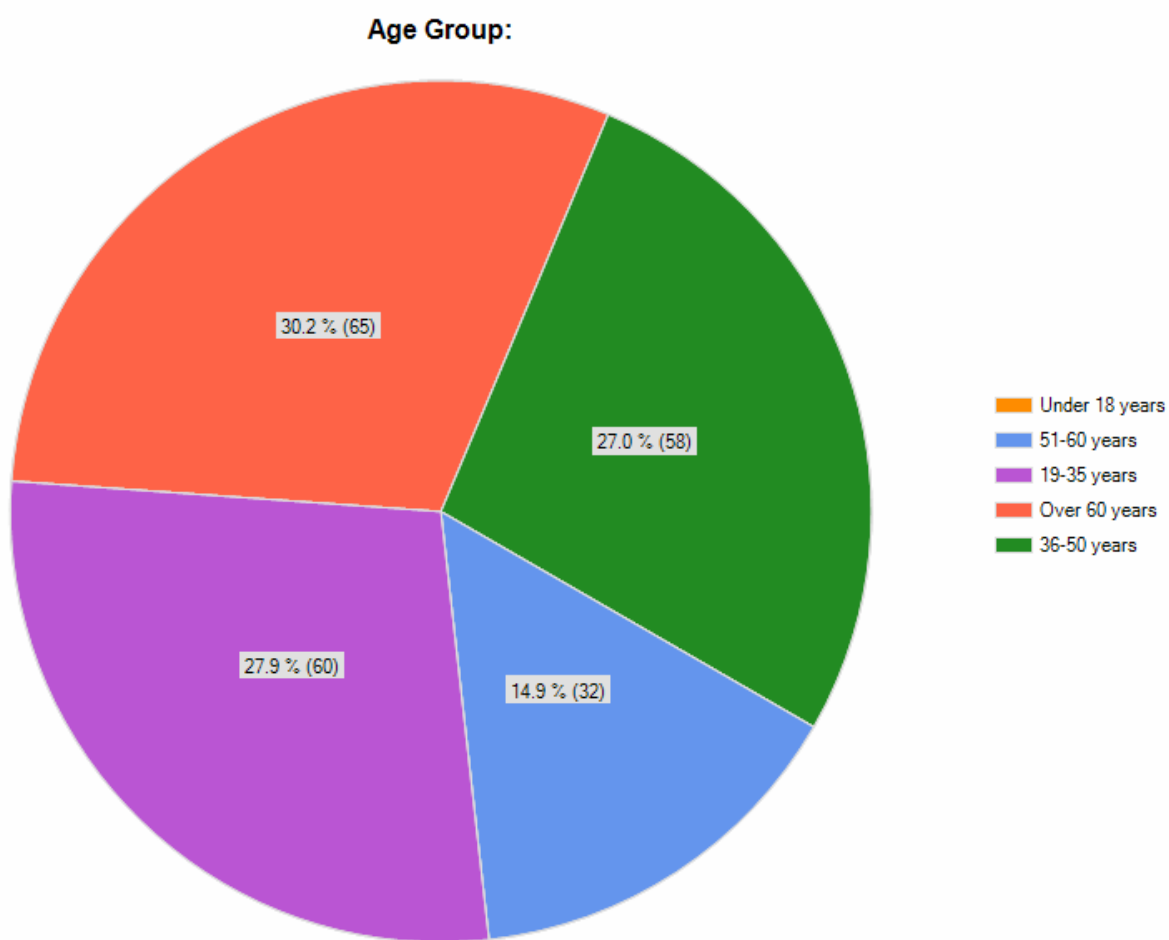
### How long have you lived in Ballybeen?



### Are you:



# 2: Survey Results



# 3: Engagement Open Day Comments

## Ideas to make Ballybeen a more Welcoming Place

General appearance could be improved  
Facilities for all of the community  
Improve murals to make the area friendlier  
Ballybeen In Bloom – more pretty  
Houses boarded up at the front of Brooklands School gives a poor image

## Youth

Trampolining no longer available  
Park beside my house (Orsay Walk area) but the kids don't use it  
Park is poor – broken glass and not maintained  
No summer scheme  
Trying to get youths involved in the youth club- its hard  
Brooklands Youth Club and PEP peer education project in the women's centre  
Swimming lessons would be good  
Youth Club is really good and so is the Women's Centre peer education  
Aware of Activities in the Enler Centre  
There is a Church Youth Club in St Mary's on a Thursday night  
Upgrade park equipment and make it more appealing fro kids and comfortable for parents  
Free counselling in Enler Centre  
Kids attend youth club on Thursdays  
Kids attend crèche

## Community Involvement and Community Safety

Field at Brooklands Road (near Bowling Green) could be used for something  
Enler Men's Bowling Club  
Community Hub would be good e.g. Grove Health and Wellbeing Centre  
Not a great mix of groups- events to help get to know each other  
Interaction between groups is difficult  
Exchange groups (with activities) could be set up  
Community engagement can be difficult – needs sustainable work

## Facilities and Services

Men's health all age groups drop in centre  
LT sick and unemployed skills getting back into work, CV, job skills, enabling volunteering without fear of losing benefits - Repair and workshops in the community  
Accessible health service  
Quality affordable child care  
Existing services at Enler Complex well used  
Sustaining BIG Office as community information point  
Post box at Enler Centre

## Environmental Improvements and Projects

Dog fouling x2  
30 people using allotments – could be extended  
People enjoy the allotments  
Flower beds at Enler – nice but changed to seating - Maybe flower beds would get vandalised – tackle this

# 3: Engagement Open Day Comments

Grass cutting – not properly picked up after being cut

Footpaths – uneven and weeds

Roots on footpaths affects the tarmac and may impact on houses near by

## **Sports Facilities and Projects**

Ballyoran 4G Outdoor pitch – being extended by CBC

Parking with football – ensure no traffic problems

3G Pitch and training facilities x4

3G Pitch can hurt you if you fall on it

Small soccer pitches for kids matches

A community gym that would be affordable to people in the area

Dungoyne Football Club established for over 30 years

Over 20 football teams- high demand for facilities

A community gym would be very welcome

## **Redevelopment of Ballybeen Square**

Housing Older people's bungalows

Bungalows with gardens- central location to services

Housing was supposed to go here

Community Hub at the Square

No idea of what could be done at the square-needs money

Still an eye sore better use would be social housing

New play park for young kids and toddlers

Family and Childcare Centre of Excellence

Community Café

Play park as existing 2 parks are poor for the size of the area

## **Older People**

Older people need activities e.g. Days Out

Elim Church has a bowls club – 20 people in Bowling Club

Social Events and Dane to be held in Enler Centre for older people

Information talks and events e.g. Luncheons

Silver Threads club for women is in St Mary's on a Monday

Good activities are available in the area for older people

Good facilities at Enler and Ballyoran

Men's Health

Look out for older people- support

## **Training and Employment - Activities and Projects**

Incentives help and support to help people get back to work

Re-open units at Ballyoran

More information for young people to get into employment

Make use of space at Ballyoran for social economy business focus on local men

Utilise the school in the evening for adult education classes

## **Road Safety and Parking - Solutions**

Narrow road for buses- dangerous

Lay by for bus is poor- roads too narrow to accommodate buses and traffic

More lollypop people

More help out there on a local basis in terms of health

Housing Waiting list is high – had to wait 8 years for a house

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