

Ollerton Town Centre Regeneration

We asked, you said, we will...

In July 2024, Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC) consulted for second time with the public, primarily residents who live and work in Ollerton, on the proposed changes to the town centre.

The outcomes of this consultation have reinforced and informed the next stage in plans for the developments. This report outlines what we asked, what residents told us and the next steps.

We asked...

The regeneration team organised its second series of engagement events at Ollerton and Boughton Town Hall and Tesco. Members of the public were invited to attend to talk to members of the team, see the plans and architects' visualisations and provide feedback via online and paper feedback forms.

These events were attended by around **280 people** with the feedback form completed **65 times**.

You said...

Seven questions were designed to capture people's views on the town and what it means to them.

Qs 1. and 2. were location and age data. 65 responses

- Most respondents were from NG22
- Two thirds were aged 55+ with a third under 54

Q3.1 I have a sense of belonging to Ollerton. 65 responses

- **69% agreed (22) or strongly agreed (23)**
- 27% neither agreed nor disagreed (18)
- 3% disagreed (2) or strongly disagreed (0)

Q3.2 My current experience of Ollerton Town Centre is positive. 65 responses

- **37% neither agreed nor disagreed (24)**
- 32% disagreed (19) or strongly disagreed (2)

- 31% agreed (14) or strongly agreed (6)

Q3.3 This development will make me feel proud of the town centre. 65 responses

- **80% agreed (30) or strongly agreed (22)**
- 15.5% neither agreed nor disagreed (10)
- 4.5% disagreed (2) or strongly disagreed (1)

Q3.4 This development will enable me to use the town centre more. 65 responses

- **78% agreed (19) or strongly agreed (32)**
- 14% neither agreed nor disagreed (9)
- 8% disagreed (5) or strongly disagreed (0)

Q4. What do you think we could include to help celebrate Ollerton's heritage and history? 57 responses

- **53% Mining history (30)**
- 21% Other (12)
- 16% Ollerton history (9)
- 7% Hosiery factory (4)
- 3% Forest Centre heritage (2)

Comments by age group include:

- **25 and under:** 'A national museum of the history of Ollerton'
- **26-34:** 'Local info and displays', 'Green spaces', 'Info to teach the younger generations'
- **35-44:** 'Something for younger generations to learn how mining shaped the village', 'Refs to mining history in the architecture and refs to hosiery factory'
- **45-54:** 'An exhibition about the pit. Subtle colliery-based theming around the plaza', 'A history of the town and links from the past in a visual way'
- **55-64:** 'Ollerton needs to move on from mining and be more modern and forward thinking', 'A miners and hosiery museum', 'More links to the mining history'
- **65-74:** 'A mining museum', 'Central monument for all miners' community', 'Small exhibition centre to showcase heritage'
- **75+:** 'Photo display of the mining past with nod to future developments'

Q5. What do you like most about the regeneration plans? 72 responses (due to multiple selections)

- **32% Proposed facilities (23)**
- 29.5% Improves the look and feel of the town (21)
- 12.5% Other (9)
- 11% Opportunities for employment / investment (8)
- 5.5% Creates a link through the town (4)

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- 4% Housing (3)

Some of the comments under 'other': 1) The link to Tesco, would be nice to see crossing measures added on that road also as it can be a nightmare between fast cars and parked cars making it difficult to see. 2) Nothing as I don't see how it's going to help forest road is already linked to Tesco via Sherwood drive. 3) Hard to say till we see it.

Q6. What, if anything, do you dislike about the plans? 34 responses

- **29% Other (10)**
- 20% Parking (7)
- 18% Use (6)
- 12% Demolition (4)
- 12% Housing (4)
- 9% Traffic (3)

Some of the comments under 'other': 1) On the face of it nothing as long as materials used are sympathetic. 2) Seems like trying to get a lot in a small space. 3) No bank is included which is sorely missed in Ollerton.

Q7. Any other comments – 41 responses

The responses are grouped into the following themes with a sample of the feedback:

- **25% Facilities (10):** "The multiplex cinema is a great idea." "It would be good if the food and beverage place is open in the evening and of high quality or mainstream brand." "A history/heritage walk and info points on the new development."
- **17% Other (7):** "Bigger doctors is a must." "Very good news for regeneration. Sad no trainline again. This would be beneficial for the area." "Please make sure there are jobs available for our youngsters."
- **17% Parking and traffic (7):** "There doesn't seem to be any extra parking available." "Where will parking be? Disabled parking on Forest Road already a problem."
- **15% Improves the look and feel of the town (6):** "It will be a long awaited lift to Ollerton and I think it will be uplifting for the people of Ollerton and will bring in people from other areas." "It would be nice to provide a memorable and favourable impression to visitors to Ollerton."
- **7% Toilets and accessibility (3):** "Have community toilets been considered for this area? Even if it's just the one. I think this would make a huge difference to people considering using the high street." "A nice little bench area would be amazing, there's so many food places on the high street and nowhere to sit and eat."

- **7% Housing (3):** “We hope the houses being built will be well maintained and the community space will be a welcoming area.”
- **7% Safety (3):** “Will it be policed or similar as I can see it being used for skateboarders or bike and scooter users?”
- **5% Rent levels / business support (2):** “I hope to see the rent on the buildings for the shops kept at a reasonable level so we can keep our small businesses on the high street, particularly the ones already in the forest centre.”

We will...

Your feedback will inform our plans as we finalise the design of the town centre regeneration scheme ahead of our planning submission for early 2025. We will share the final plans with the Ollerton community before our submission.

We recognise that access to community health and public sector services is incredibly important to you as Ollerton residents and we will continue to engage with the NHS, with the public sector hub remaining as a key component at the heart of the redevelopment.

In addition, we also understand how vital a wider shopping offer and space for you to meet family and friends are—both of these elements have already been included heavily in our developed plans, and we are committed to making sure these continue to be included in our plans. The popularity of the cinema was raised and we are refining these elements further.

We are completely dedicated to ensuring that the new Ollerton Town Centre is shaped by what works for you. Your feedback is invaluable in informing our plans for your town.

If you have any additional comments or would like to get in touch with someone in the team, please email regeneration@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk .