



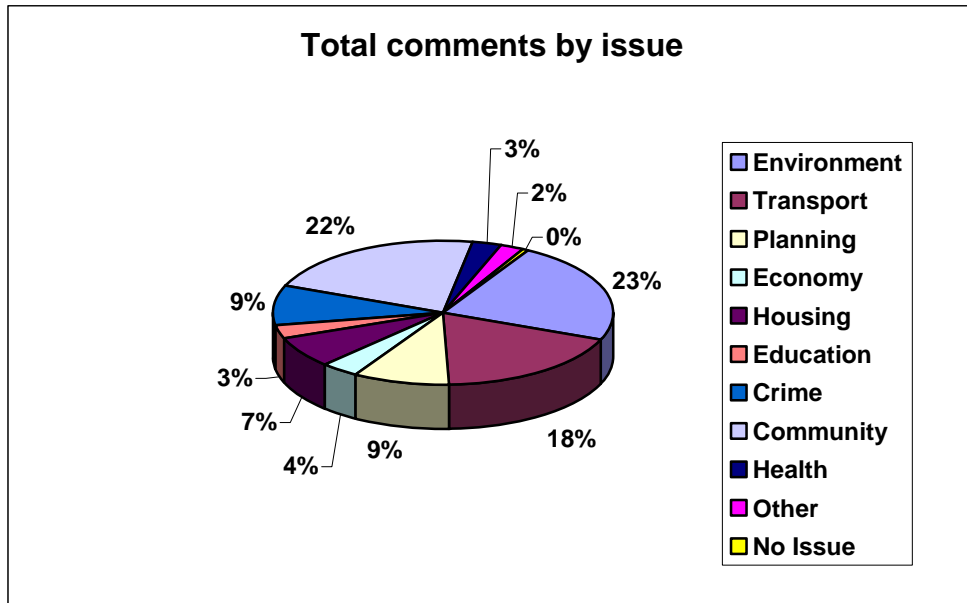
What's the Plan? 2005
Stakeholder Seminar and Library Tour
Public Consultation

Analysis of responses by issue



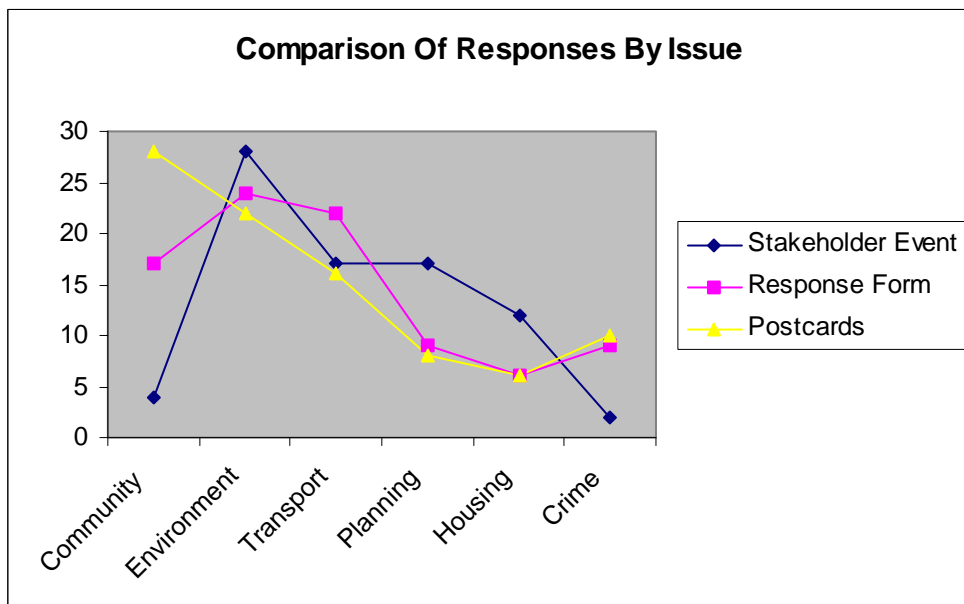
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Responses from the Stakeholder Event and Library Tour by issue



Number of comments: Environment 418 comments, Transport 331, Planning 170, Economy 66, Housing 128, Education 52, Crime 165, Community 398, Health 48, Other 43 (source MCC Planning Strategy Team 2005)

The environment (23%), transport (185) and community (22%) were those areas that were raised most often by respondents to the various consultation media. The graph below highlights correlation between the three consultation media on the number of responses relating to the environment and transport but less so on community and planning issues.



Crime comments breakdown (165/1819)

9% of comments received related to crime covering a range of issues that are difficult to sub categorise. However many related to issues around drugs and antisocial behaviour, the following are examples of a few of the comments received.

“Safety for young people - Frequent victims of crime, lots of children themselves talk about safety issues, especially young people / children being safe when sharing resources with other teenagers”

“Security in parks – CCTV”

“Better street lighting”

“Kids need controlling at night”

“less surveillance cameras”

“Street lamps are pretty poor.”

“Anti-social behaviour can ruin other peoples lives. Not helped by increased licensing hours. It often results in litter (rodents?) or broken glass eg bus stops - hazardous and costly to put right!”

“Safe & clean streets - so people are encouraged to get out & claim back streets from the yobs. Clean - feel good factor - also encourages visitors”

Health comments breakdown (48/1819)

3% of comments received related to health, most comments merely stated 'health' as an issue. The following are a sample of responses:

“Not enough doctors surgeries as long waiting time for appointments”

“Health (educating people how to improve their lifestyle - preventing illness and disease)”

“More leisure / sport facilities for children eg football pitches suitable for all ages”

“2 regeneration team people have said 'the plan' involves INCREASE in population in Longsight/Levenshulme area where there is shortage of GP's now - their lists are closed, overstretched and no out of hours availability. No plans to increase no of GP's”

“Air quality bad due to traffic problem in Longsight”

“Need more local leisure facilities in Longsight area. Indoor & outdoor. More staff to encourage people and children to use them”

Economy comments breakdown (66/1819)

4% of total responses were related to the economy, many stated the economy or employment as issues without further detail. The following are a few of the comments received.

“Sustainability is seen as economic growth. The services delivered by the voluntary sector in Manchester are often essential in contributing to economic growth”

“Define key employment sectors generously, danger of disadvantaging manufacturing and other non-key sectors”

“Unsustainability of current economic growth”

“Manchester must address the widening levels of deprivation in other wards and city centre prosperity”

“Encouraging economic growth - it makes everything else possible”

“Economy cannot be over riding aim”

“Development in Manchester shouldn't suck jobs out of surrounding Greater Manchester local authority areas - non sustainable development”

“How will MCC prioritise the spatial development of its economy through the core strategy will it promote growth in certain areas and restrict it in others?”

“10 extra member states and access to EU & Britain. How is the planning framework going to support diversity?”

“More jobs in local area”

“Encourage people to get into employment and jobs”

“Well paid employment for local people”

“Unemployment is the main source of many of our problems”

“To lower rents and taxes on shops so that we can have private own businesses and good markets”

“Reduce council tax for environmentally friendly homes”

“It is important to support small independent businesses to provide jobs for local people and keep money in the local economy as well as minimising the need for transportation of goods.”

“Need to encourage businesses - to create/sustain work locally”

Education comments breakdown (52/1819)

3% of the total responses received related to education, again many comments just listed 'education' as an important issue without further detail. The following are a few of the comments relating to education.

"Key to everything else. Improving schooling and reducing need to provide so much basic education after 18 years of age"

"Schools are built sustainably - buildings and teaching methods & contents are all sustainable"

"School improvements needed across city"

"Better education for young people"

"An educated population is much better able to tackle the city's problems than an ignorant one (including awareness of GM)"

"Ultimately this will tackle anti-social behaviour, employment and health in the long term. Without prioritising this a No.1 priority we will be caught in a vicious circle"

Other comments breakdown (43/1819)

2% of comments were classified in the 'other' comments category. The following are a few of those comments received.

"Redress the balance between the citizens empowerment and developers clout"

"Growing population and its effects on housing, transport, waste needs sustainable consumption"

"Develop a kids council to have a say in local development"

"Consultation. In my experience, consultation was non-existent. (yes) I was consulted but nothing of my views or opinions were taken into consideration, so to me the consultation was nothing more than a paper exercise."

"There is a general lack of transparency in corporate forms (this one included) which means that communication is next to impossible"