

Paddock's Priorities



Paddock Priorities action plan

November 2023



Paddock Priorities – turning our conversations into action

What we did in Paddock

In November 2023, Greenhead ward councillors, Kirklees Council services and partners asked people in Paddock to tell them about what life is like here. Conversations were either one to one, in groups or took place online. 77 people took part, completing 54 Place Standard Assessments. 29 people completed the questionnaire online.

We used a tool called the Place Standard. This is a way of having conversations about any place – it could be your street, neighbourhood, or town – using some simple questions.

Kirklees Council helped to analyse what everyone has told us. We then shared the results online. Greenhead ward councillors, along with Kirklees Council staff, have created an action plan for the area based on local people's priorities.

There will be many more opportunities to continue the conversation about how we can make our local places better, and ways for people to get involved in the actions and to share ideas and comments.

The aim is to use the information and insights gathered from people, along with what we've learned from other local activities, to implement the action plan in Paddock. It will also help to build an evidence base to influence future planning, funding, and work with partners such as West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Police, local community-based organisations, and the local community.

Paddock Priorities overview & results summary with full data

<https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/paddocks-priorities/>

<https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2023/10/31/paddocks-priorities-results/>

Paddock Place Standard Action Plan

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The following actions have been developed from the Paddock place standard engagement, with priorities identified following re-engagement in November 2023 with ward councillors, schools, local residents and community groups. Over 80 people engaged with these activities.

Funding approved £25K from Place Standard.

Action plan

Action	Theme	Suggestions / Concerns	Actions being progressed	Funding	Lead / partners	Comments
1.Transport	Moving around	Limited footpath infrastructure for safe cycling, canal paths, TP woods and side streets.	To work with parks and open spaces, friends off TP woods, Riverside trust to explore.	To be determined.	To be decided.	
	Traffic and Parking	Crossing the roads by the schools and the top of Lowergate roundabout is dangerous. No zebra crossing or lollipop person. No crossing or hand railings by Jubilee centre. Parking on the pavement at the junction from the	Zebra crossing, road safety measures? This has previously been raised with Highways. To ask Highways re road safety from Paddock village hall to the triangle, look at putting down double yellow lines.	To be costed but will be more than £50K	Highways	Email sent to highways. No response.

		<p>roundabout towards Lowergate. This parking blocks sight lines for traffic and pedestrians.</p> <p>Parking issues – Church St, Luck lane, Paddock village hall, Paddock head roundabout, cars on pavements.</p> <p>Speeding vehicles – Heaton Road, Lowergate, Longwood road. Side streets rat runs, Fir road, Larch road, Beech street.</p> <p>Electric scooters on pavements. Traffic calming measurers at the bottom of Gledholt.</p> <p>Not reliable and expensive. Poor connectivity of buses from Paddock to Marsh. Bus stops untidy and poor conditions of footpaths.</p>	<p>Bollards - Paddock Triangle by garage. Junc. for safety measures.</p> <p>Costs.</p> <p>To discuss with residents, schools, businesses, highways, and police around any measures that can be implemented.</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>Public transport companies determine costs and routes.</p>	Officer time, campaigns.	To be decided.	
2. Economy	Facilities and amenities	A lack of facilities, limited shops, lack of events and no	Business growth and encouragement needed by private businesses.			

	Work and local economy	<p>places to meet friend and places to eat, cafes.</p> <p>Parking issues</p> <p>A lack of businesses and opportunities to work or volunteer. A lack of information on opportunities.</p>	<p>Limited parking available in Paddock.</p> <p>To look at local opportunities and promote them.</p> <p>Employment fair events.</p>	£1,000	Claire Howe Business management team.	
3. Leisure	Streets and Spaces	<p>Businesses and houses not maintained, empty derelict buildings, loss of pubs, village hall and youth club.</p> <p>Paths overgrown, in need of maintenance, Victory avenue, Beech, Branch, Wren St, Heaton Road. Litter, fly tipping, dog fowling.</p>	<p>Private owners, landlords and businesses to invest.</p> <p>Public clean up. Back streets of Paddock. all signs clean, and clear, including the yellow bollards in the middle of roads. All signs renewed where needed.</p>	£6,000	Parks and open spaces. Green action team. TRA, Residents.	
	Natural Spaces	<p>Current areas are not maintained, trees and greenery on Church St and Market St, particularly around the area of shops to help with air quality.</p> <p>More access and better green</p>	<p>To look at what can be achieved in the short, medium, and long term.</p>	£10,000	Parks and open spaces. Allotments, Friends of groups. Businesses.	

	Play and Recreation	spaces, TP woods – replace bench, mend platform. Footpaths, graffiti, dog fowling. Wall by canal unsafe. Lack of facilities, play areas, safe areas to play, more activities and opportunities for children and teenagers. MUGA Allotments in Paddock. Anti-social behaviour –	The MUGA consultation is now closed, re-engagement will do once a design has been drafted. The schoolwork’s procurement is expected to go out in early January 2024. To work with and build on what Playable spaces are investing.	£8,000	Playable spaces team.	
4. Living	Housing and communities	A lack of affordable housing, need modernising and too many landlords.	To discuss with partners where appropriate.	Homes and neighbourhoods.		
	Care and maintenance	lack of care and maintenance. A Lack of development of empty buildings. Fly tipping.	As above.			

5. Social	<p>Influence and sense of control Social contact Identifying / belonging</p> <p>Feeling safe</p>	<p>A lack of community buildings and space, lack of events. More signage.</p> <p>A feeling of a lack of influence and would like more opportunities.</p> <p>Paddock does not have a positive identity, run down and dirty, prostitutes, car criminals, cars speeding, vandalism, fly tipping and drug dealing.</p> <p>Generally, feel safe but there is cannabis smoking, drug dealing, alcohol and mental health issues, youths hanging around.</p> <p>Some people do not feel safe, particularly at night. Areas are poorly lit, a lot of trees on Luck lane block the light making it feel unsafe to walk. Paddock high school does not feel safe at night for a woman. Do not feel safe especially on the way to and from school.</p>	<p>To look at what community engagement there is. Encourage attendance at ward partnership meetings. Develop Business networks. Look at establishing local event. What's on guide.</p> <p>Discuss with schools re issues, messages, training, and campaigns that can benefit young people.</p> <p>To look at areas that can be improved.</p>		<p>TRA Community hub coordinator.</p> <p>Community hub coordinator.</p> <p>Neighbourhood watch. Schools. Residents, TRA.</p>	
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Get involved.

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