



Summary analysis of the public event
to discuss the future of Leeds city centre

APPENDICES

Held on 28th February 2008 6-9pm @ Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre.
Michael Sadler Building, University of Leeds.



NO THANKS: Professors Robert Vanderbeck and Sara Gonzalez who were handed fixed penalty notices when they gave out fliers about the decision to change the Corn Exchange into a food hall, a decision which has also angered traders at Leeds's historic Kirkgate Market

Experts ask: 'Is Leeds going in the right direction?'

BY DEBBIE LEIGH

AN imposing collection of Leeds academics researching cities have joined the clamour objecting to the "gentrification" of Leeds.

The group of professors from Leeds University and Leeds Met have written an open letter to Leeds City Council posing the question: "Is Leeds going in the right direction?"

They were inspired by the Yorkshire Evening Post's City at the Crossroads series over the past two weeks, which has been looking at this very issue,

along with the challenges facing the city in the future.

Rachel Hinworth, author of the *City Living in Leeds* reports in 2003, 2005 and 2007 and geography lecturer at Leeds University, said the decision to pen the letter and voice their opinions was also prompted by the proposed changes recently revealed for the Corn Exchange and Kirkgate Market.

ISSUES

She said: "That was the straw that broke the camel's back."

"But the wider issues raised in the letter are the long term views of many of my colleagues."

She added: "We are used to thinking critically about the way cities change over time and we don't expect our voice alone to be the ultimate deciding factor but it's adding considered opinion to the debate."

The letter, signed by 14 city specialists, begins: "As academics researching and teaching on urban regeneration issues locally and internationally, we are concerned to learn that most traders from the Corn Exchange will be evicted after Christmas to make way for an 'International Food Emporium'."

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In the process we will lose two of the few remaining public spaces in Leeds where citizens of all classes, ethnicities and ages can still afford to mingle and make a living.

More alarming is the council's apparent powerlessness to intervene to stop the Corn Exchange scheme because it has leased it out on a long-term basis to Zurich Assurance.

Landmark

Not only does this show the 'open goal' of surrendering long-term democratic public control of a city landmark for short-term cash, it also heightens our concerns that Kirkgate Market could go the same way as Leeds City Council considers entering in partnership with the private sector for its regeneration.

Gentrification by its very nature actively works against efforts to narrow the gap. It also erodes what is left of the public realm. In the obsession to compete with other cities, to go up a league and be the Barcelona of the North, Leeds is in danger of simply becoming a 'clone city', a place like anywhere else.

And a clone town promotes clone people. As the city changes shape, there is a real danger that it actually narrows the type of people that it attracts.

The city centre's speculatively driven new housing supply has already been criticised for offering too much of the same. Developers are starting to fear a downturn in the market and are now abandoning major developments.

In the same way, more and more shopping districts for the big brands may yield higher rental values for property owners and the Council, but they will lead to an unbalanced regeneration in which retail becomes overly dominant, making the city's economy vulnerable to consumer confidence.

Does a real estate and retail fuelled regeneration vision provide a sustainable future for the city? Our research and knowledge on cities and regeneration nationally and internationally suggests that it will not. Many citizens and stakeholders who feature in our research share these concerns.

At the same time, however, coming up with a vision for Leeds that everyone shares and can share in is obviously hard work that requires open and sustained democratic debate and negotiation something recognised as lacking in current consultation procedures."

Signed by:
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Petitions

Thousands of people have signed petitions in shops and online to "Save the Corn Exchange" since Zurich Assurance announced plans to kick out its tenants to make way for an upmarket food hall in the Grade I listed building and two protest demonstrations have been held.

The group of campaigning academ-

ics is following up its letter by holding a series of public debates.

They will complement a conference planned by the council for January - Developing a Vision for the City Centre - which will see key national and international speakers share their views.

The group has said it would welcome the council as its partner and is open to suggestions on themes for debate and how to put people's suggestions into practice.

The first event will take place on February 28 at 6pm in the Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, University of Leeds.

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LEEDS: ARE WE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

An evening discussion organised by members of the University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University.

Please fill in the boxes below. The evening will be based around discussion and feedback when you will get a chance to offer your answers.

We will collect all the sheets in at the end, write them up and place them on our website anonymously at: www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/groups/leedsdirection.

Thanks!

Debate 1.

Chat to the people around you and list the positive/negatives of Leeds city centre. Think widely - they could be about politics, culture, design, management, architecture, social issues etc.

POSITIVE features

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

NEGATIVE features

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Debate 2.

Chat to people around you and please write up to 3 proposals which would, in your opinion, significantly improve Leeds city centre.

Proposals

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

To guide our future work, please list up to 3 questions you have always wanted answering about Leeds city centre!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

YOUR EMAIL (or other contact info) so we can keep in touch:

Agenda of the night

6pm	People invited to take seats
6.15- 6.20	Welcome by Andrew Edwards (Chair)
6.20-6.30	Intro from David Bell, School of Geography. University of Leeds
6.30-6.40	Debate 1. Positives and negatives
6.40-7.10	Feedback led
7.10- 7.20	Debate 2. Proposals introduced by
7.20-7.45	Feedback
7.45-7.55	Rapporteur. Franco Bianchini. Leeds Met University. Prof of European Urban Cultural Policy
7.55 - 8	Next steps and announcements
8-9	Drinks and nibbles

LEEDS – ARE WE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

Leeds has enjoyed major economic success in recent years, becoming the fastest growing city in England and number one financial centre after London. Its universities attract thousands of students and retail is booming. All this is reflected in the changing face of the city centre. But is the price of success now too high? The well loved Corn Exchange shops are all but gone; Kirkgate Market traders await an uncertain fate; skyscrapers and over-priced flats are set to dominate the skyline with little consultation while affordable council housing is demolished.

So we ask:
Is Leeds going in the right direction?
What does the general public think?
Are there any alternatives?

This event will discuss the positive and negative things that are happening to Leeds as well as proposals for change. Leeds City Council has a major role to play but it is not alone – the public must have a big say in the future of the city.

Come to this Public Event where your views will be heard, debated and recorded in a public report.

February 28 at 6pm
 Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, Michael Sadler Building, University of Leeds
 Free: EVERYONE WELCOME. Drinks and nibbles afterwards
 Organised by academics at the University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University
Chaired by Andrew Edwards of BBC Radio Leeds 'Andrew and Georgey's Breakfast Show'
 For more information contact whorunsleeds@leeds.ac.uk

1. POSITIVES



ARCHITECTURE/PUBLIC SPACE AND DESIGN (134 proposals in total)

Preservation of old historical buildings (31)

1. Some fine individual nineteenth century buildings
2. Successful reuse/refurbishment of historic core
3. Historic buildings of interest & variety
4. Remaining historical heritage
5. Some great old buildings and areas
6. Leeds retained character/history of centre
7. Architecture- distinctive old buildings
8. Heritage- architecture etc.
9. Some older buildings
10. Old buildings- retains Victorian character in large part
11. Victorian heritage, understated buildings & people to be proud of
12. Good examples of historic architecture
13. Victoria buildings
14. Red brick & old stone quality, solid beautiful buildings, which evoke a warm and inviting sense of place.
15. Beautiful old & traditional buildings/New modern style of buildings
16. At long last some beautiful buildings saved- but very late.
17. Good Victorian buildings
18. Historic buildings
19. Traditional architecture
20. Old building retained in city centre - arcades etc.
21. Great bits of old architecture
22. Great old buildings for public use
23. It's a northern city- Victorian buildings e.g corn exchange
24. Kirkgate market- older architecture
25. Eclectic style of buildings. Character of old buildings retained
26. History evident in the buildings
27. Old architecture, Kirkgate market, Corn Exchange
28. Quality of historical architecture
29. Victorian Architecture
30. Texture & grain of old city is very good
31. Sense of history. Old buildings etc.

Compact city centre (27)

1. A walking city, compact
2. Compactness
3. Compact city centre
4. Compact- easy to access
5. Compact, easy to get around
6. Compactness
7. Compact city centre
8. Compact city centre (with all colleges & unis within walking distance)
9. Compact centre
10. Well defined city centre
11. Compact city centre
12. Contained
13. Compact sized city - human scale
14. Compact & distinctive sense of place
15. Compact
16. Compact
17. Walkable city centre
18. Compact city, easy to manoeuvre

19. Compact
20. Compact city centre- walkable
21. Compact
22. Compact - easy to walk around and and you always bump into people you
23. Compact 'walkable' city
24. Compact - easy to walk around city centre
25. Distinct walkable city centre
26. Compact city centralised
27. Business district fairly compact

Mix of old and new architecture (12)

1. Wonderful mix of historical & modern architecture. Old & ne-galleries, theatres & library
2. Contrasting buildings, great Georgian & Victorian area and some good new buildings
3. Good blend of traditional & modern buildings up until the recent rash of tall buildings
4. Good late 19th C and early 20h C architecture
5. Architecture including new skyscrapers
6. Aesthetically pleasing (contrast between old & new)
7. Good balance between the historical and the modern architecture
8. Visual appeal of broad range of architecture
9. Mixture of modern & historic architecture
10. Good mix of architecture
11. Lovely architecture- good mix of styles
12. Aesthetically pleasing (contrast of modern & Victorian)Variety of pubs/shops

Pedestrian areas (13)

1. Distinct area - can walk around
2. Pedestrianised Area
3. Pedestrianisation
4. Pedestrianisation/accessibility of city
5. Large pedestrianised area
6. Walking space/pedestrianisation
7. Large pedestrian area/café/pub culture
8. Pedestrianisation
9. Pedestrianization
10. Pedestrianisation
11. Victorian market & pedestrian areas: buskers etc.
12. Central pedestrian area
13. Pedestrianised Shopping centre

Particular buildings/areas/projects (29)

1. Beautiful architecture - Malmaison, Hotel Metropole, the inside of the library, Situation Leeds, buildings on Wellington Street etc.
2. Victoria Quarter architectural quality
3. Victoria quarter
4. Arcades
5. Millennium Square
6. Millennium square
7. Waterfront - but not used properly
8. New gallery refurbishment
9. Public space- Millennium square
10. Victoria quarter (but....)
11. Millennium Square
12. Millennium Square
13. Market building
14. Lovely buildings in the town hall & library
15. Good architecture in shopping areas
16. New municipal investments creating HQ public space- e.g. tiled hall, art gallery, new museum project
17. Some amazing architecture and public spaces-new investments on Briggate & King Edward Street are a great improvement
18. Park square
19. Architecture i.e. Market building. Victorian Quarter
20. Tilde Hall at Leeds City Art Gallery
21. Journey in from Micklefield on the train- Architecture
22. Victoria arcade buildings
23. Millennium Square
24. Granary Wharf
25. Kirkgate/Corn Exchange/Victoria Quarter
26. Millennium & Park squares
27. Victorian Quarter - good mix of new retail, but keeping original buildings etc
28. Architecture- distinctive sense of place e.g Victorian Quarter
29. Millennium square - German market

Architecture and urban landscape in general (18)

1. Buildings & market
2. General air of properties- few derelict buildings unlike in the 1970s
3. Architecture
4. The architecture & topography
5. City scape- it's architectural variety
6. Architecture
7. Architecturally attractive
8. More open than Manchester- less claustrophobic
9. Interesting urban grain/historical buildings
10. Grandeur of city centre/wealth
11. City centre
12. Physically attractive city centre- variety of buildings
13. Has a beautiful side in architecture
14. Beautiful architecture
15. Architecture
16. Architectural value of some modern buildings
17. Architecture
18. Potential with buildings it has

RETAIL AND BUSINESS (82 proposals in total)

Kirkgate Market (37)

1. Kirkgate market
2. Leeds Market- best in UK?
3. Leeds market
4. Market
5. Love the market, but feel traders are being pushed out (no doubt for more property developers)
6. Leeds market (but....)
7. Leeds Market
8. Leeds Market
9. Market
10. Leeds Market- best in UK
11. Leeds Market (as it is)
12. The market
13. Leeds market
14. Kirkgate market
15. Leeds market
16. Leeds market
17. Kirkgate Market
18. Markets/shopping
19. The market (covered)
20. Leeds market & independent shops
21. Market
22. The market & people
23. Kirkgate market & refurbishment of Trinity Quarter, Headrow & Merriion centre
24. Market- but not supported enough
25. Leeds market- brilliant variety
26. Kirkgate market/farmers market
27. Kirkgate market
28. Market
29. Leeds market
30. Leeds Market
31. Leeds market as it is now
32. Leeds market
33. Markets
34. Leeds market- variety, independent traders, multicultural
35. Market- but could improve in variety
36. Sunday market in the open where variety of produce etc.
37. Markets- farmers markets

Compact and varied city centre shopping (19)

1. Shopping centre
 2. Retention of shops in Leeds City Centre
 3. Wide range of retail shops
 4. Compact shopping centre
 5. Good shopping, eating, drinking
 6. Good range of shops
- In 4 years, should be a very good shopping centre, but it's a long wait
7. Good place to get out of to shop. e.g. London, Harrogate, Manchester, York
 8. Shopping destination
 9. it's shops and market stalls.
 10. Shopping tradition
 11. Shopping
 12. Shopping offer range
 13. Shopping arcades/Victoria Quarter/Leeds Market
 14. Shops
 15. Retail centre

16. A proper shopping centre- minimal out of town shopping
17. Range of retail
18. Good shops
19. Some good shops

Business (16)

20. Wealth - commercial investment
21. Economy
22. Growth/regeneration
23. Attracts investment
24. Large amount of business encourages competition
25. Financial, business and legal centre
26. Informal Leeds (job) opportunities- range for youth
27. Big business
28. Money/revenue to local govt.
29. Free businesses
30. Job opportunities for young professionals
31. Resources
32. Financial backing
33. Job opportunities/university
34. Corporate city
35. Large vibrant centre- underpinned by significant employment in growth sectors
36. High quality commercial services

Independent shopping (5)

1. Independent shops
2. Corn exchange- as it was including young people standing around outside it! With
3. Corn Exchange- unique
4. Mosaic market
5. Corn exchange

Brands and chains (4)

1. Harvey Nichols
2. Chain stores/clubs etc. give the advantage of reliability
3. Shopping-especially Victoria Quarter & Grand Arcade
4. Successful retailing with top chains

LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT (70 proposals in total)

Independent leisure venues/facilities/activities (23)

1. DIY Music Community - fight the man!
2. The traditional pubs
3. Independent pubs/café's
4. Independent bars & restaurants
5. Emergent visual art scene & DIY music
6. Street culture- theatre & music, buskers
7. Buskers
8. Non-chain pubs
9. Small traditional pubs
10. Grove Inn Pub- traditional pub (hard to find)
11. Traditional pubs
12. Independent bars, restaurants & café's
13. Independent bars, restaurants and café's
14. Traditional pubs & brewery
15. Independent pubs café's and gigs
16. Diverse musical scene. Much to offer for a culture vulture & alternative ear
17. Good pub culture
18. Old pubs like Whitelocks and the Merchants Yards of Leeds.
19. Street performers
20. Quality of independent café's/bars
21. Good music scene, independent pubs & clubs
22. Independent bars & stores
23. Voluntary activities

Activities and entertainment in general (13)

1. Film festival
2. Events, meetings, musical events
3. Leeds Abbey Dash & Leeds _ marathon
4. Music scene
5. Gigs Clarence Dock
6. Leisure- restaurants/nightlife/ Youth pubs
7. The light, good pubs, excellent entertainment
8. Food, drink and entertainment, but no better than other places
9. Nightlife
10. Music scene
11. City varieties

12. Fantastic nightlife
13. Cultural activities

Diversity and variety of entertainment choices (11)

1. Reasonable Selection of Arts/Entertainment facilities- pity about the prices
2. Vibrant range of cultural, political and social activities
3. Variety of evening events, performances- big & small
4. Diverse- greasy spoon cafés to Harvey Nichols. People from all over the world
5. Different music venues/genres
6. Various performance venues , easy access e.g. lunchtime concerts
7. Different festivals in each season - .e.g Music, Film...
8. Events (big & small)
9. Range of activities
10. Good(ish) range of shops, bars, coffee shops
11. Events such as lectures & conferences- Electric Press, Leeds Uni etc., Leeds Lights, 800 years events, Town Hall events.

Bars and Restaurants (10)

1. Wide variety of restaurants
2. Number of places to eat (inside)
3. Lots of coffee shops & bars
4. café culture
5. Range of restaurants
6. Bars
7. Eateries- good cultural lifestyle for food
8. Lots of bars/clubs
9. Good pubs & cafés
10. café culture

Activities for children/family (3)

1. Skating rink & activities for families, children etc.
2. Good opportunities for children
3. Range of activities for youth/children

Millennium Square (7)

1. Millennium Square - variety of events held there
2. Millennium square as a civic focus e.g. New Year German Market
3. Millennium Square- for all the events that happen in it, but not the awful TV screen
4. Millennium Square- the different activities
5. Millennium Square activities
6. Millenium square activities. Family activities
7. Animation of Millennium Square- family activities- brilliant!

PEOPLE AND PLACE (66 proposals in total)

Friendly/welcoming/safe (31)

1. Friendly/accessible
2. People
3. Positive 'vibe' that's still hanging over city- great opportunity
4. Friendly- people happy to talk to you
5. Friendly people city
6. Friendly city
7. Lively, loud, friendly people
8. Friendly
9. Caring city
10. Vibrant
11. Vibrant atmosphere
12. Vibrancy/change
13. The 'welcome'- the friendly nature of the city centre
14. Dynamic 'can do' feel
15. Friendly people
16. People love this city!
17. Lively, lot of people around
18. Lively atmosphere
19. The people
20. Fun- it's a good place to bring people to
21. Busy, clean- money
22. Rising people
23. Busy & attracts people
24. Busy- feels well used
25. Feels Safe
26. Safe city centre
27. Clean
28. Safe (incl. at night)
29. Safe, even at night
30. Safe to be in
31. Safe, dry, no alcoholic places for children



Cultural diversity (15)

1. Broad cultural mix
2. Multicultural city
3. More diversity in culture
4. Diversity
5. Multicultural city
6. Diversity- the world is our city
7. Young multicultural city
8. Cosmopolitan
9. Diverse population
10. Diverse mix of cultures, areas
11. Ethnic diversity
12. Diverse, multicultural city
13. Intercultural
14. Variety- multicultural
15. Global city

Young people/students (11)

1. Young people
2. Youth population/student culture
3. Young & vibrant atmosphere
4. Lots of youth
5. Youth and diverse cultures
6. Enhances potential of young people
7. Demographics- young pop.
8. Appealing for students
9. Lively students
10. Student population
11. Student population, bringing dynamism & revenue

Civil society (11)

1. Common Place
2. Common Place
3. There is no gentrification in Leeds. I love it!
4. Social activists- cutting edge ideas - e.g universities
5. The common place
6. Activist groups
7. The common place- an oasis in the city centre!
8. Active forums for discussion like this one!- Serious academics & motivated council members
9. Citizen's city
10. The common place
11. Civic Trust

Sense of identity and distinctiveness (9)

1. Leeds sense of identity
2. Long & proud history
3. Sense of place
4. Yorkshire culture- welcoming & warm
5. Clear sense of place- in places
6. Northern city- pride in what we have
7. People say it feels much nicer than Manchester
8. Still a sense of being a distinctive place- different to Bradford/Sheffield etc.
9. 'Taken for granted' grandeur & newness- most other cities jealous of variety of events & life

CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

(56 proposals in total)

Cultural facilities and offer (33)

1. Good facilities, theatres, cultural hubs etc. But dead during the day.
2. Lots of Exciting Arts Events - Situation Leeds, Leeds Night etc.
3. Theatres/film festivals (especially Childrens festival)
4. Culture
5. Cultural offer
6. Good cultural life.
7. Culture- Opera North/Playhouse/Concerts
8. Art gallery/library
9. City library & art gallery
10. City Library & Art Gallery
11. , city art gallery
12. Quality (if few) theatres
13. Theatres
14. Art Venues
15. Library
16. Culture e.g. art gallery
17. Good museum & art galleries
18. City library & art gallery
19. Good library
20. Library and art gallery are safe
21. Library/Art Gallery excellent
22. West Yorkshire Play House
23. Art Gallery/Henry Moore
24. City Library, built environment
25. Theatres & Yorkshire Dance- well publicised & used drama/dance staff with some affordable access
26. Cultural- art gallery etc.
27. West Yorkshire Playhouse
28. Playhouse
29. Grand theatre
30. Playhouse
31. Theatres
32. Art gallery/library- beautiful space
33. Armouries, art galleries, theatres

Universities and education (20)

1. Universities
2. Size of local university population very close to city centre
3. City centre universities (almost)
4. Two city centre unis
5. Universities
6. Good university facilities
7. Universities & colleges
8. Education
9. Universities & colleges
10. Education opportunities
11. Universities
12. Specialist colleges & universities easily in reach of city centre- v. good for students (especially in cultural disciplines)
13. Diversity of culture's the universities bring
14. Diversity of culture's the universities bring
15. Range of colleges
16. High quality research at universities
17. Education. University city- good.
18. Universities in the city centre
19. Education
20. University

ENVIRONMENT/COUNTRYSIDE (31 proposals in total)

Urban parks/green (11)

1. Access to green areas from city centre
2. Parks- Roundhay, Temple Newsam
3. Green spaces outside ring road
4. Good parks
5. 2 Green radial valleys- Meanwood & Kirkstall
6. Meanwood Urban Farm
7. Meanwood Valley Urban Farm- example of public space
8. Create green spaces- trees on Headrow
9. Green spaces in Roundhay, but under threat
10. Lots of green space outside city centre
11. Temple Newsam & Roundhay

Proximity to countryside (10)

1. The surrounding countryside and its close proximity- easy to access
2. The surrounding countryside and its close proximity- easy to access
3. Countryside near
4. Access to beautiful parts of northern England
5. We are surrounded by beautiful countryside
6. Proximity to countryside- Dales
7. Good linkage to countryside
8. Close to countryside
9. Access to countryside/Yorkshire Dales
10. Close to countryside

River and canal (8)

1. River
2. Canal towpath to Saltaire
3. River and canal running through the city
4. River Aire/Canal
5. River/Canal navigation
6. River-walk
7. The canal
8. River

Sustainable (2)

9. Energy- self sufficient power
10. Sustainable

TRANSPORT/ACCESSIBILITY (23 proposals in total)

Good connections (9)

1. Connections to other cities (geographical location)
2. Good arterial transport links- motorway, trains
3. Good transportation infrastructure
4. Railway station/transport links so we can minimise time spent there/ no need to stay overnight
5. The cycle provision & tracks are excellent
6. Transport- good links
7. Short distance between places- accessible
8. Great location, but more needs to be made about the city, countryside links
9. Living within walking distance of the city centre in a green, culturally diverse tree lined street in Chapeltown

Car and traffic free areas (8)

1. Parking fees deter cars & vehicles
2. Traffic free space
3. Loop road keeps traffic out
4. Cars are kept away from city centre
5. Lots of traffic-free space
6. Traffic free streets- walkable city centre
7. Traffic 'restricted' streets (wish they were traffic free)
8. Relatively not yet taken over by the car

Good public transport (5)

1. Transport - metrocards/accessible buses (not dayriders on buses as these don't cover all the city buses- need a joint ticket)
2. Bus & train stations improved
3. Some good public transport
4. Metro
5. Public transport into Leeds good

Planning and development (5)

1. Some good initiatives
2. Improved from 10-15 years ago
3. Future development in pipe line
4. Pragmatic approach to development/planning
5. Great potential - city centre surrounded by 'white land' waiting to be developed (e.g. road structures waiting to be turned into space for humans)

Health facilities (2)

1. Hospitals (although there is a problem with health care becoming centralised e.g. services at Seacroft run down)
2. Health Care expertise

2. NEGATIVES

PUBLIC SPACE AND DESIGN (111 proposals in total)

Poor Public Realm (17)

3. Disappointing public realm treatment
4. No character
5. Quality of public realm
6. Increasing homogenisation of the CBD
7. Lack of good quality public realm
8. Public space, public realm
9. Lack of public realm
10. 'Look' and environment of the city
11. Metal street furniture not in keeping with the city centre
12. Crazy paving
13. Pedestrian areas perpetually in a state of disrepair
14. Streets covered in chewing gum, litter & cigarette butts
15. Blank spots
16. May lose identity
17. Floor in pedestrian zone too cluttered, cannot look up & see the great architecture
18. Lack of use of the pedestrian area
19. Small pavements i.e. Park Row/Land & almost no rubbish bins

Gateways to City (1)

1. Access/Gateways to the city are all pretty ugly

Lack of central focus (6)

1. No central loci to the city
2. No city centre
3. No 'city centre' or has it? Where is it?
4. Lack of central focus point within Leeds
5. No focus on city centre. Do not know where exact city centre is - all over the place and segregated.
6. Spread city. Why not create a compact city. Less transport, safer and lively areas as a result.

Lack of free, non-commercial, public space (17)

1. Lack of 'free' space, not requiring money
2. Lack of public space- too much privatisation
3. Have to consume to sit in Victoria Quarter
4. Lack of non-commercial, public space
5. Too little free (i.e. Non-private) public space designed for convivial social interaction
6. Few public spaces
7. Creeping, increasing privatisation of space in Leeds- where can people sit, undercover for free in Leeds?
8. Few free spaces to hang out in, young folks particularly
9. Ownership of public space, few spaces not owned by corporations
10. 'Public' spaces are mostly aimed at consumerism
11. Lacks public spaces in city centre
12. No meeting points (squares, green areas, no waterfront use etc.) for people sharing the time and the company.
13. Privatisation of public space: Victorian Quarter, the Light etc.
14. Over-bureaucratic procedures for use of public spaces
15. Lack of public spaces/pubs
16. In Victorian Quarter, nowhere to sit except café
17. Commercialised, corporate takeover of the city centre

Poor architecture of new buildings (34)

1. Corporate architecture rather than cultural
2. Loss of heritage
3. Old looking big blocked buildings with no originality of design and architecture.
4. Terrible public sculpture
5. Poor quality recent buildings
6. Mediocre quality of new architectural buildings
7. Ugly new developments such as the 'Dalek' etc.
8. Architecture. Lack of signature/iconic buildings/features
9. Too many buildings built recently that look the same
10. Signature places of art
11. Dominated by property development and corporate values
12. Unexciting choices in architecture, planning & street artificial
13. Lack of bottle by Leeds City Council in the creation of good contemporary architecture within historic area
14. Most of the rest of the architecture
15. Crap new buildings, not in line with quality of architectural heritage

16. Lack of new iconic architecture (particularly residential)
17. Identikit recent developments
18. Millennium square - so ugly (why could we not have had a square by an international architect?)

Tall buildings (16)

19. Bland blocks
20. Ugly skyscrapers
21. Great big lumps - 'island' buildings e.g. Etap Hotel
22. Ugly skyscrapers
23. Ugly views across the city: Dalek building!
24. Rising & ugly skyline
25. New developments in Leeds - e.g. Bridgewater Place (looks like a giant cigarette lighter). City Island, Hotel Etap etc. are all tacky ugly, high rise cheap looking & make Leeds look like a third world city.
26. New plans for more ugly, glass, high rise buildings which will look even worse in next 10 years.
27. Too many high rise - Leeds Planners, what are you thinking of?
28. Cheap new tower blocks
29. Ad Hoc apartment building, disregard for local architecture
30. Proliferation of poor quality, ill designed & tall buildings which seem to be going up everywhere
31. Danger of skyscraper soullessness
32. Too many high rise flats
33. Unsightly high rise flats which are mainly empty
34. Missed opportunities e.g. planning approvals for 'lowest common denominator' buildings e.g. Post Office conversion on Wellington Street

Safety (3)

1. No lighting in Hyde Park
2. Personal Safety
3. Safety in the city- lack of security

Underutilised Waterfront (24)

1. Lack of use of river... general lack of investment
2. Dead waterfront, lack of vibrancy, shops etc.
3. What water features?
4. Under use of river area; lack of Green Space
5. What water features?
6. River area not developed
7. Turns back on river/canal area
8. City turns back on river
9. Riverfront isn't utilised
10. Cut off from river
11. Lack of use of river... general lack of investment
12. River undervalues. Lack of green space
13. Separation from the river
14. The river has been privatised and hidden from the city
15. Under-exploitation of canals- too much focus on residential
16. Underused river space
17. River undervalued
18. River
19. Area south of river sterile
20. Difficult to access tow path/canal & river
21. Kirkstall valley trashed- industrial wasteland
22. No public use of river front
23. Plans to destroy the character of the canal basin with bad architecture & unsuitable buildings.
24. Clarence Dock

Lack of facilities for elderly / children (4)

1. Nothing for elderly people or children
2. Nothing for elderly people or children
3. Not enough in the city centre for young people
4. Lack of facilities for children

Lack of public toilets (1)

1. Lack of public loos!

General (4)

1. The run of granary wharf/market
2. The horrible TV screen in Millennium Square
3. Station: inside & outside- access, quality, space
4. All the bloody CCTV

LEISURE AND CULTURE (78 proposals in total)

General (5)

1. City centre not 24 hours
2. Lack of cultural vision in recent years - no clear 'masterplan' or

'agenda' - has therefore disempowered positive decision making

3. Lack of cultural attractions, City identity
4. Lack of cultural promotion- Leeds film etc.
5. Shopping only

Lack of cultural diversity (12)

1. Lack of cultural diversity, domination of 'culture' focused towards students in city centre
2. Very 'white' city centre
3. When I walk through the centre, the type/range of people see bear little relation to those I see in the parts of Leeds where I live or friends do
4. Hostility towards asylum seekers
5. Students seem to be overrunning people who always lived there
6. Too many students, but love living in a university city- it's a question of numbers
7. Doesn't reflect the cultural and social diversity of the city
8. Doesn't reflect cultural diversity
9. Limited range of cultural activities
10. Lacks cultural diversity- cultural venues' programmes too heavily dominated by events aimed at 'white' Leeds, especially night
11. Too much focus on music, would be better if there are kinds of performances even in short lunchtimes
12. Shrinking diversity of city centre

Lack of Local Leeds culture (3)

1. Lack of celebration of history, local cultures in the city centre. What is Leeds all about?
2. Students love Leeds, but do they actually know the real culture within Leeds? How many have visited Kirkstall area etc.?
3. Does not celebrate its history/famous people

Nightlife dominated by drinking culture (30)

1. Lack of alcohol free venues in the evening i.e. No curry cafés as in Bradford or coffee shops open in evening as in London
2. Lack of alcohol free venues
3. Too many pubs and restaurants in the city centre
4. Over dominance of bars in certain quadrant of city
5. City centre is empty when shops close. Only options: bars. Since people do not live in the city centre, it is a 'ghost' area.
6. Very little open in city centre after 8pm apart from bars
7. One dimensional nightlife
8. Young drunken nightlife
9. Topless bars
10. Nightlife when you're not part of it
11. Drinking culture out of control! No one other than binge drinkers feel welcome on weekends and week nights
12. Not very relaxed weekend evenings
13. Booze culture
14. Domination of 'booze' culture
15. Huge drinking culture focus in the city centre, especially Fridays & Saturdays
16. No 'night culture' - just drinking
17. '24 Hour City'- unsafe for all except young drunks
18. Drunken behaviour at weekend nights
19. Alcohol filled nights
20. Perception of alcohol ghetto
21. Chavs
22. Overcrowded
23. Late night- drunk, loutish behaviour
24. Saturday nights, loutism, drunkards, vomit on streets etc.
25. All the lap-dancing bars
26. Drinking den for Londoners and the city is turning into the hell that is London
27. City centre not nice at night
28. Awful feeling in evenings: either empty many week nights or full of drunks at weekends
29. Night life is invading day time with vomit, glass and often drinks in the streets
30. Lack of places to eat/drink outside

LACK OF CULTURAL AND LEISURE FACILITIES (28 proposals in total)

Concert Arena (11)

1. No concert arena like M.E.N in Manchester
2. Lack of concert hall
3. Lack of cultural facilities/concert hall/galleries/cultural training
4. Lack of concert hall
5. No concert area

6. Regional, national venues for all activities, concerts
7. No arena/concert venue
8. Lack of Concert Hall e.g. Bridgewater Hall
9. Lack of substantial concert venue
10. Lack of concert venue
11. No big music venue

Arts/Music (8)

1. Not enough venues for arts/music
2. West Yorkshire Playhouse - so embarrassing
3. Lacks cultural centre
4. No art scene
5. No street art/public art
6. No decent venue for gigs- used to be 'town and country' club
7. No arts scene
8. Not enough variety of arts/cultures e.g. arts cinema

Sports (5)

1. Lack of public sports facilities in centre
2. Lack of city centre swimming
3. Lacks sport & leisure centres
4. No Leeds City Council leisure centre
5. Lack of free leisure activity e.g. green public space

Museum (3)

1. No public museum (yet)
2. Terrible Art Gallery, Museums, Concert Halls
3. Just bars & flats - losing culture. Free museums?

TRANSPORT (102)

General (6)

1. Poor transport system
2. Transportation
3. Lack of rapid transport system
4. Transport
5. Bad transportation
6. Poor Transport

Poor public transport (28)

1. Overcrowded public transport
2. Public transport poor and going round city difficult, particularly at night. The ridiculous one way system
3. Public transport
4. Public transport poor.
5. Public transport
6. Public transport network interchanges.
7. Increasing night bus services. Much better in Edinburgh & Manchester
8. Price of public transportation
9. Poor public transport, especially late at night
10. Public transport especially at night
11. Poor public transport
12. Public transport late at night poor
13. Public transport expensive
14. Undeveloped public facilities - space & transport
15. Infrastructure - public transport
16. Public transport poorly co-ordinated
17. Public transport is disgraceful for a city of Leeds size- guided bus lanes, metro
18. Appalling public transport and lack of vision/will to change
19. Unreliable public transport/no late night buses
20. Lack of public transport at night
21. Buses feel unsafe (driven like cars)
22. Train and local buses
23. Bus service run for the benefit of 'First' - not passengers
24. No night time buses
25. No late buses/transport
26. Nightlink buses
27. Lack of cheap public transport/night travel
28. Public transport too expensive, too infrequent

Congestion and cars (17)

1. Congestion on the roads
2. traffic
3. Too much traffic
4. Congestion in the city centre
5. Car too dominant
6. Car is too dominant
7. Too much traffic - cars & buses
8. Too much traffic

9. Too many cars & places to park
10. Motorway
11. Too many cars in town
12. Too many cars
13. Gridlock nearby
14. too much parking
15. Traffic congestion
16. Parking
17. Congestion in the city centre

Poor cycling and pedestrian provision (16)

1. Non-cycle friendly
2. More cycle routes.
3. Shocking cycling routes
4. Lack of adequate cycle lanes
5. Poor cycling accessibility
6. No cycle routes
7. Cycling = an extreme sport. Lack of cycling facilities
8. Also pretty bad for walkers & cyclists
9. Bicycle lanes
10. lack of access for cyclists
11. lack of cycle ways
12. Walking & cycling routes set
13. Bad pedestrian links
14. Transport/road systems inaccessible by pedestrians & cyclists
15. pedestrian walk ways
16. Poor pedestrian experience: Impossible to walk to and from (barriers, obstructions, long delays, floor street lighting)

Failure of Super Tram (5)

1. Need day and night Super Tram!
2. Failure of Super Tram proposal
3. No trams
4. No tram
5. No trams

Poor transport infrastructure and connectivity (38)

1. Road infrastructure
2. Very difficult to get around in the city by car = poor signage
3. Lack of infrastructure in public transport
4. Transport network rubbish within city centre, including infrastructure
5. Traffic loop that makes little sense to people outside Leeds
6. Need to re-utilise railway line
7. Gap between bus station and train station
8. Poor road infrastructure/planning
9. Transport orientated ('road mad') prioritised planning (roads over pedestrian areas)
10. City centre loop, especially outside rail station
11. Distance of bus station from rail station
12. Loop system/ring road
13. Connectivity
14. Transport safety
15. Not enough pedestrian areas. Criss-crossed with major roads
16. Getting across centre to M1
17. Intrusive roads (esp. in front of town hall)
18. Poor connection w/ the rest of the city
19. East and West Leeds divided- transport is circuitous e.g. Seacroft/ Harehills to Horsforth
20. No direct link from Oakwood to either bus or rail station
21. Highway: Infrastructure
22. Weak co-ordination
23. Leeds City Station connections
24. Transport links between bus station/train
25. Taxi regulation
26. 1960s ring roads around, in & out of city centre
27. Airport difficult to access if you live south of the city
28. Get rid of railings
29. Artificial 'barriers': loops, traffic. Aggressive. Sometimes is not pleasant walking to the centre
30. Poor connection w/ the rest of the city
31. Difficult to access on foot/bike from most local suburbs
32. Area south of railway poorly laid out- difficult to access
33. Tourists point of contact from outside Leeds City station- connections
34. Appalling gateway at Leeds Station- especially down back of Boar Lane car park
35. Access
36. Train station- no sense of arrival
37. Cramped station exit
38. Entry point at city station

Expensive Parking (2)

1. Expensive parking
2. Expensive parking/no affordable short stay

HOUSING (34 proposals in total)

Lack of social housing / affordable (22)

1. Lack of Council and Housing Association Homes
2. Lack of affordable housing
3. No affordable housing. Boring flats.
4. Not enough affordable homes for families
5. Lack of affordable social housing
6. No affordable family housing
7. Lack of social housing
8. House & flat prices. Nobody I know can get a mortgage for £80,000 +
9. No affordable housing
10. Young people can't access property
11. High student accommodation prices (£94 p/w)
12. High priced apartments
13. Total lack of affordable housing for families, young people, vulnerable people
14. House prices
15. Pricy flats
16. Lack of social housing
17. Not enough focus on housing/lack of affordable social housing
18. No quality social housing. Need affordable housing.
19. Affordable housing pushed into sink estates
20. No affordable measuring
21. No social housing!
22. More family homes needed (and affordable)

Lack of family housing (6)

1. No family houses within city centre/outskirts. Over-population of 1 bedroom flats
2. Narrow housing stock
3. Lack of family
4. Family homes
5. Not enough family homes.
6. No provision for family living.

Lack of Homeless Facilities (3)

1. Lack of facilities to deal with homelessness
2. Homelessness
3. Lack of facilities for homeless

General (3)

1. Ageing population- where do they live?
2. Housing
3. Lack of mixed housing and mixed communities

GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY AND PLANNING (70 proposals in total)

Criticism of Leeds City Council (21)

1. The Council (Waste of Space)

Complacency (2)

1. Complacent - city not as good as it thinks it is
2. Sense of smugness - Leeds has never had economic stress

Lack of leadership (7)

1. Lack of definitive, powerful, committed governance
2. Loss of development stories
3. Lack of spontaneity
4. Lack of effective leadership- electoral Mayor missed opportunity. Council officers fill leadership gap.
5. Lack of cohesive vision for the future
6. Bad vision and planning
7. No use of empty buildings

Privatisation of public assets and land (3)

1. Council selling too much land to private developers
2. They're selling the whole of the city, and they're selling it cheap
3. Destruction of facilities we love. Corn Exchange, International pool, civic theatre, Kirkgate market.

Lack of consultation, transparency and democracy (9)

1. Leeds Initiative effectively stifles debate/criticism for constituent parties
2. Dialogue between elites
3. Council which decides what will happen and fabricates reasons why it should
4. Lack of proper public consultation by Council
5. Lack of public forums where a range of people including the council/landowners can genuinely talk, be heard & influence where the city goes
6. Consultation process
7. More accountability from LCC representatives on decisions they make
8. Don't feel I have a say in what happens in the centre. How do you engage those who don't want to?
9. Don't get feeling that the people of the city engage as much as in other cities e.g. Manchester

Big business / commercialisation in control (10)

1. Political system love affair with corporations
2. Loss of city identity to MNCs
3. New development very profit orientated
4. Driven by capitalism, profit & consumerism
5. Driven by making money not making it a good place to be
6. Engulfment by big business
7. Money driven existence
8. Leeds is run for big business, not for its citizens
9. Too 'competitive' with other cities, focus on substance
10. Commercially led

IMBALANCED DEVELOPMENT (19 proposals in total)

Over-development (3)

1. Rampant development, re-development & regeneration
2. Irresponsible development
3. Unsustainable

Too concentrated on city centre (6)

1. Busy city, too much development. The high rise schemes increasing rent rates, only for the rich to enjoy. Loss of communities, social. More geared towards city centre. Imbalanced
2. Its relationship with outlying areas- sucks in money
3. Wealth concentrated in city centre, does not spread
4. Concentration of resources & facilities in city centre is often at the expense of expanding resources and facilities in outlying areas (Wetherby, Otley)
5. Industrial squalor south of the city
6. Don't celebrate areas outside enough - valleys, Temple Newsam, Roundhay etc.

Too concentrated on young, wealthy people (10)

1. Little care about poorer residents- little Londoners!
2. Emphasis on shopping exclude those on lower incomes
3. Not sufficiently wide range of ages of city centre residents
4. Young people leave due to lack of money & space
5. Too orientated to yuppies
6. Unbalanced mix of users
7. Not family orientated
8. Poor/less affluent, old, permanent Leeds residents etc. left out
9. Forbidding, not inclusive. Intimidating. Unless you're willing to flex the plastic.
10. Not family orientated

Lack of planning for city centre living - lack of facilities (15)

1. No inner-city schools. Therefore no families = no community
2. Lack of a community living in centre
3. No residential areas in the city centre
4. 'No-one' lives there, no-one cares
5. Too much focus on particular stereotypes with city living and new developments
6. You can't live there- infrastructure in poor housing expensive & inappropriate
7. Massive city centre living influx without consideration to families/ green space
8. Not enough medical centres, schools etc. to attract families to live in the city centre
9. Lack of supermarkets
10. Not enough opportunities to buy food (supermarkets)
11. Amenities for city centre residents: shops, doctors etc.
12. Lack of community facilities: shops, playgrounds etc.
13. Lack of real life/living-use opportunities in city centre (where to buy groceries etc.)
14. Lack of health provision
15. Lack of community

Other (5)

1. High rise flats, council estates (no-go zones), poverty and crime
2. Too much government interference in work of LCC
3. People (miserable, horrible, segregated)
4. Lack of skills
5. Problems with minor suburbs make city centre an island

RETAIL AND BUSINESS (50 proposals in total)

Lack of independent retailers (18)

1. Not enough independent retailers
2. Lack of shopping facilities for independent retail outlets
3. Lack of independent shops
4. Lack of independent shops, number decreasing
5. Loss of independent shops (e.g. corn exchange)
6. Insufficient independent shops - too many brands
7. Lack of variety from non corporate brands. Lack of facilities
8. Too many franchises & chains
9. No independent grocers
10. 'Clone' Britain - lots of chains/not enough independents
11. Not enough independent retailers
12. Lack of independent coffee shops
13. Lack of independent cafés/restaurants
14. Loss of independent large & medium shops dealing with particular problems
15. No smallish shops providing specialist services (due to high rents). Part of clone town Britain
16. Few independent shops, cafés
17. Few 'indy' shops
18. Poor variety of independent ethnic bars, restaurants & cafés

Clone Town, Too Many Brands/Chains (17)

1. Too many identikit shops/streets
2. Mainstream shops
3. Shops are more high street- small shops closing
4. Too many chain stores & restaurants
5. Clone city - rapidly getting rid of any 'non-clone' outlets
6. Chains - 'clone city'
7. Clone town - too many chains- highest bidder
8. One dimensional shopping - too much brand/designer labels in main retail areas
9. Uniform nature of consumption & retail
10. Not enough interesting shops
11. Too many shopping malls- some nearly derelict
12. Too many chains
13. Too many shiny expensive chain stores & food places
14. Almost complete lack of a nice & cheap café
15. Less diverse over time- cheaper options are going
16. Too many shopping malls
17. Accessible shops all in outlying towns

Market (6)

1. Not enough made of market
2. Market building condition & bad management
3. Market building condition & bad management
4. Leeds market needs support for its diversity, not a promise to keep the walls; a market evolves
5. Destruction of Kirkgate Market
6. Market is not as interesting as it used to be

Corn Exchange (5)

1. Closure of Corn Exchange
2. Corn Exchange not being run to its potential
3. A lack of truly independent spaces - Granary Wharf & Corn Exchange used to be a hive for them but these places are dull & corporate now.
4. Destruction of Corn Exchange
5. Confusion about Corn Exchange

Harvey Nichols (2)

1. Harvey Nichols
2. Harvey Nichols

Exclusivity (1)

1. Exclusivity

Street Sellers (1)

1. Street sellers



3. PROPOSALS

TRANSPORT (87 proposals in total)

Improve Buses/public transport (24)

1. Invest in better bus capacity and cheaper fares.
2. Improve public transport
3. Better public transport- stop bus companies charging more before 9.30 am/extra carriages on commuter trains/better park & ride schemes/air conditioning on new buses
4. More cohesive public transportation
5. Legislation to take buses back into full public control
6. Free public transport in city
7. Improve transport, buses
8. Cheaper public transport (Dayrider in Leeds - £3, in Manchester - £1)
9. Make transport public again!
10. Better public transport system
11. Council takes over 'First' Bus service, creates community transport.
12. Better public transport accessibility
13. Better, cleaner, more frequent public buses
14. Nightbus
15. Improved public transport into Leeds
16. Night transport all year round
17. Improve buses- they're too expensive and dirty
18. Night buses
19. Bring local public transport back into public ownership. Develop integrated, 24hour services
20. Massive improvement to public transport, massive disincentives to car usage in centre
21. Public transportation
22. Night time transport
23. Better publicly owned transport in & out of city centre
24. Community transport

Traffic free and pedestrian friendly (15)

1. Encourage walking, cycling and car sharing.
2. Increasing pedestrianised zone of the city centre
3. walking routes
4. Better pedestrian access in all directions
5. More pedestrianisation coupled with massively improved (and policed) public transport to the edges
6. Reduced through traffic to create pedestrian streets
7. No cars in the city centre
8. More pedestrianised spaces- especially adopted For use by disabled, elderly, people w/ children
9. Shift away from vehicle dominance
10. Get rid of the city centre one way system, give more space to pedestrians, cyclists & development
11. Traffic free zone
12. Make more of the centre pedestrian only
13. We need no cars (taxis allowed) - need no fiscal incentives
14. Pedestrian access/public spaces extended
15. Easier access for pedestrians in the areas round the pedestrian core that currently are zones of abandon, due to difficult access
16. Green infrastructure - pedestrian links to surrounding residential communities

Improve Cycling facilities (13)

1. Cycle routes
2. Cycle lanes from university
3. Bicycle orientation- its not that hilly. We need secure bike racks and paths.
4. We need better pedestrian & cycling areas
5. Need separate bus & cycle lanes
6. Cycle lanes for universities
7. Better pedestrian cycling access in all directions
8. Cycle routes & cycle-safe housing
9. Cycle routes
10. Proper cycle lanes
11. Improve cycling provision
12. Better public transport- cycle routes
13. Better city cycle routes

Create Tram/Rapid Transport (10)

20. Tram system
21. Transport- Supertram would help. Less cars within city centre.

22. Restart the super tram program
23. Bring back the tram system as was with new rolling stock
24. Monorail system utilising the air space above the existing road network with mag-lev technology
25. Reconsider the proposed tram system as a solution to the poor transport system
26. Rapid transport system- tram
27. Mass transport system needed
28. Super-tram system
29. Better public transport- tram

Better Connectivity (7)

1. Connect it better to residential areas with bike lanes and public transportation
2. Better links/quality routes connecting city centre with areas of regeneration. e.g. Holbeck
3. River/Canal navigation
4. Integrated transport system
5. Improved transport systems
6. Better road network
7. Access

Park and ride scheme (4)

1. Park & ride outside of city centre to decrease traffic presence
2. Develop park & ride
3. Park and ride at meadow lane/bridge end
4. Free park & ride

Improve the Loop (3)

1. Remove 'loop' one way system
2. Remove the loop/continually evolving transport system (rather than assuming the loop & inner ring road system is perfect!)
3. Change the priority of traffic on the loop, especially at the station

Introduce Congestion charge (3)

1. Transport: congestion charging? Could fund subsidised public transport. Increased numbers, cheaper fares.
2. Transport- congestion charging.
3. Congestion charge

Improve Trains (3)

1. More train stops
2. Reopen small train stations e.g. Armley
3. Improvements to the station

General (4)

1. Innovative ideas to improve transport system if trams are not to be considered
2. Do something about the ugly roads and bypasses
3. Put up better road signing
4. Better disabled access

PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS (62 proposals in total)

More/better quality public space (26)

1. Developing of public spaces
2. Quality public spaces with varied size
3. 'Informal space'
4. Encourage positive, creative use of the public spaces by artists & groups
5. More public art and use of public spaces
6. New public open space
7. Free public spaces
8. Open place and opportunities to listen to citizens opinion.
9. More public free covered meeting spaces in the city for the young, middle aged & elderly.
10. Public space: develop a large green non-commercial area which is not dominated by coffee shops
11. Covered space where you can sit without buying coffee (and isn't the bus or train station...). Think Sheffield Peace Garden
12. More public space not linked to money & shopping
13. Development of public spaces in the centre- e.g. Botanical Gardens in Sheffield
14. Creation of public open spaces
15. Higher quality public centres- less focus on commercial activity
16. More space to freely promote small cultural events across the city that would counter the 'booze Britain' perception. There is so much happening outside of pubs & clubs
17. More public spaces- benches etc. without having to spend money!

18. Covered Public Space- e.g. Peace Garden in Sheffield
19. Creation of significant city centre high quality public realm with a summer beach & winter ice rink
20. Improve Millennium Square & West Yorkshire Playhouse area
21. More friendly, mixed use areas
22. Improve Millennium Square
23. New development must include people friendly spaces
24. More seating
25. Dormund Squares should be activity area for local communities
26. More events in Hyde Park. Use it or lose it!

Increasing diversity and respect (8)

27. Respect for others and tolerance of other cultures and races
28. Re-focus towards the real culture of Leeds, and promoting it! Increase information making used of activities & diversity that does exist. So, students choose Leeds for Leeds not perceived student culture.
29. Balance of independent, fun and innovative, surprising development.
30. Development of a cultural programme which prioritises inter-cultural activity
31. A much bigger diversity of things to do for a much bigger diversity of people all over the centre, not the different things pushed out to the edges
32. Celebrate our historic past- you get no sense of the 1000 years of Leeds history walking round it.
33. Ensure city is a place for everyone
34. A policy of having a council-owned 'cultural quarter' with low rents for all the quirky, interesting things a city centre need: art, music & specialist shops

Design (7)

35. Make use of roofs, walls, corners- hanging baskets& green space
36. More permeable city
37. Landmark on the map. e.g. Angel in Leeds. Otherwise, why come here?
38. Architecture not just for wanton consumerism
39. Tighter controls on quality of buildings
40. Design pavements for all users including disabled and wheelchair users
41. By providing the city loop road with better crossing, fewer railings etc., marginal areas around the core can be opened up as pedestrian areas. The result of this would be extending the areas thought of as they 'city centre' to shoppers and visitors, meaning the extras supply of 'prime business land' would make city centre land at less of a premium, meaning that it is not the case that national chains are the only companies that can afford land. Thus, smaller, independent retailers can occupy land around the city centre and receive sufficient 'passing trade' type custom to sustain themselves. Covering the inner-city ring road, as was planned at the time of building, would make the Merrion Centre/ Woodhouse Lane area far more desirable for people to spend time

Facilities for families/children (6)

42. Family orientated developments in & around city centre. Housing/ water front developments
43. Family orientated city living
44. Provision of children friendly feats
45. More family centred and adult (I don't mean sex shops) related possibilities
46. Put more playgrounds & cafés in park
47. facilities for children: playground

Improve night time economy (5)

48. Ban the consumption of alcohol after sunset
49. Ban alcohol
50. More activities for over 30s in the evening
51. More mature responsible attitudes at night time
52. More projects run in city centre for all ages. Late night activities that don't involve drinking

Water and river features (6)

53. Do a deal with Yorkshire Water & create a CITY OF FOUNTAINS! - many, fountains
54. Beach open space on river
55. Redevelop waterways into safe public areas with walk/cycle ways into the city
56. Riverside park
57. River usage- public space, public areas
58. Vitalise areas near the river

Public art (4)

59. Sculpture & public buildings by internationally renowned architects
60. Art space- more for Millennium square
61. More public art
62. More public art

ENVIRONMENT (57 proposals in total)

Green space and trees (47)

1. Green space along river - keep some flood plain
2. Fig trees in Briggate
3. More free & green spaces
4. More green space & trees
5. Communal green area near all housing areas
6. Trees & green spaces throughout the city centre e.g. Millennium Square & the Headrow
7. More green space for recreation e.g. trees in Briggate- make it 'boulevard' style
8. Quality open green space e.g. park at Clarence Dock & trees on Briggate. Open up Merrion Park
9. More trees
10. More 'native species' trees planted in the city centre
11. Increased open space, public parks, trees delivered by developers 'on site'- through planning policies & committed payments
12. Create a green city centre park
13. Increase open, green space. Plant more trees using '106' money/ planning gain
14. Trees & greenery in city centre
15. Some big statement trees- shade, air quality, beauty
16. Green space
17. Green space/trees/quiet pockets within the city centre
18. Green space/city centre needed
19. Green public space in Briggate
20. Greening the city centre and keeping it clean!
21. We need more greenspaces & seats
22. More green spaces where people can sit comfortably
23. Conscious adoption of custodianship of the two green valleys that enter the city centre
24. Create public areas on waterside/more green space/trees
25. Trees!
26. Localised combined heat & power production in the City Centre
27. Greenery
28. Plant more trees
29. Stop Leeds becoming a concrete jungle- green spaces for people to sit- more trees
30. Green public spaces/roofs/trees for city centre & waterfront
31. Pockets of green space dispersed within the urban grain
32. Trees
33. More trees
34. More green/public spaces
35. Green space & trees
36. Plant trees along the throughfares & market stalls to liven up the atmosphere (e.g. Briggate)
37. More green spaces
38. More trees
39. Dig up the tarmac
40. Green up the central part of Headrow Road
41. Trees
42. Create more open green space
43. Make more pocket packs
44. Covering over the inner city ring road, thus providing usable greenspace and making this surrounding area feel more accessible
45. More incidental green space. Trees! Park square, St Johns Gardens etc. good, but need more of these. Not sure of merits of 'mega-park'
46. More big trees
47. More public green spaces

Recycling facilities (4)

48. Enforce recycling
49. Improve Recycling Service
50. Recycling facilities in the city centre
51. Recycling facilities: our Christmas tree is still on the balcony

Cleaner centre (2)

52. Shoot people who drop litter, graffiti or otherwise disrespect the city
53. Clean up the pavements and streets

Other (4)

54. Introduce a permaculture system akin to Havana
55. The council should give more support to Organic farmers outside Leeds
56. A comprehensive strategy to deal with climate change (e.g. city centre flooding etc.)
57. Combined heat & power/city centre self sustaining power (whole city or city zones)

PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE (34 proposals in total)

Increase participation (12)

1. Rein in city centre security guards
2. Management with specific briefs for special interest groups- elderly, youth, homeless etc.
3. Management of city centre to make it accessible to all Leeds citizens, young, old, less affluent, permanent residents, students, tourists, even the rich.
4. Remove all hierarchy
5. Not for profit co-operative to run Leeds City centre for people
6. Setting up a residents forum
7. Have proper consultation & feedback
8. Participatory democracy
9. Elected mayor
10. Wind up Leeds Initiative
11. Generate some real debate!
12. Proper consultation & feedback

Better planning (9)

13. Planning vision
14. More 'joined up' thinking re: planning
15. Commitment to a unified style for city centre- capitalising on compactness
16. Better city planning
17. Commitment to a unified style- a vision!
18. Planning and developing Leeds as a coexistence place old and new!
19. A good city centre plan, with some pro-active distinctive policies to positively shape development in the city centre. Requires bold leadership
20. Strategy- what is Leeds priorities? Decision easier to make with a few core values
21. Flats & offices/shops in every new build in city centre

Maintaining what exists (7)

22. Don't spoil the old valuable area
23. Improving run down areas e.g. Little London & giving people areas they are proud of & will look after- 'sense of place'
24. Preserve and value our heritage- stop letting finance availability determine what happens. e.g. Lottery used to destroy civic theatre, corn exchange under threat to maximise profits from it. We need to remember that PFI money is not free money.
25. Leave the Granary Wharf alone- it's a canal basin, don't ruin it!
26. Appreciate, celebrate & build on what's there already, instead of knocking things down, destroying small businesses, changing what doesn't need to be changed & building ugly, tacky, high rise buildings which we will probably pull down in 10 years time (if they don't fall down first)
27. Leaving some old/abandoned space for community and business enterprises
28. Tenants/owners of architecture- valuable/nice buildings must not be allowed to cover over original features with 'clone' frontages

Control over private sector (4)

29. Development of an economic strategic plan which balances the need for profit making enterprises with the need for socially responsible, non-profit activity
30. Stop relying on retail. Its not sustainable- economically (huge levels of personal debt) & environmentally- climate change
31. Have a more holistic vision for development- build what people actually want rather than be market-driven
32. More public sector money going into city & less private

Reduce tall buildings (2)

33. Stop high-rise building, more sensible planning
34. Rescinding some proposals/deals/planning applications for unnecessarily tall buildings

CULTURAL/SPORTS FACILITIES (31 proposals in total)

Concert venue/arena (14)

1. Large concert venue
2. Build a concert arena
3. Create a unique centre which would increase tourism, therefore increasing the economy
4. Music venue/concert arena
5. We need a conference venue for 200-300 people in city centre which is cheaper than competition
6. Build a concert arena
7. Arena- quality of new architecture
8. Concert Arena/Ballroom
9. Large venue- lack one compared to rival cities
10. Outdoor concerts
11. Concert arena
12. Concert arena for all age groups
13. Arena/leisure complex
14. Large concert arena

City centre sports facilities (4)

15. Leisure facilities, events space
16. Public sports facilities in city centre
17. Introduce new (replacement) city centre swimming pool
18. A leisure centre incorporating a prestige pool for serious swimmers and a 'fun' pool for children

Use Elland Road more (3)

19. Use Elland Road as a venue for concerts
20. Use Elland more as a large venue for concerts etc.
21. Use Elland Road as more of a general venue

Corn exchange as cultural venue (2)

22. Use corn exchange as a cultural centre
23. Turn the Corn Exchange into a concert arena

Other (8)

24. Leeds museum should be called Leeds Cultural Museum
25. Knock down Yorkshire Play House for better cinemas, concert halls, architecture & events
26. Don't build a concert venue! It will ruin the local musical, economic & cultural dynamics of the city
27. Carriage works/Brotherton wing should be used
28. City- where are the statues/museums/blue plaques etc.?
29. Ballroom for older adults- supports overwhelming social activity- glamour, romance and great exercise
30. Cultural quarter
31. Make more of the heritage buildings, developing art, music buildings

RETAIL AND BUSINESS (28 proposals in total)

Support independent outlets/businesses (19)

1. More independent retail outlets
2. Develop the area under the railways near the station as an area for small independent shops & businesses
3. Provision for independent retailers (i.e. Cheaper rents & rates)
4. Fed up with clone shops. Some independent retailers please
5. Subsidised rent for small businesses- shops & cafés
6. Subsidise independent shops
7. Affordable start up space for creative businesses
8. To support small businesses such as bakers, butchers, one off shops that sell up
9. Get back independent shops with realistic rents
10. More variety in shops e.g. mens clothing for older adults
11. Venue for independent retailers in a good city centre location to replace Corn Exchange
12. Shops available at lower rents for more individual shops
13. Move mosaic arts & crafts market to a central position. These kind of markets are very popular & will bring it tourists and create a vibrant atmosphere
14. Moratorium on chain stores buying currently non-chain shops, pubs and clubs
15. Keep the corn exchange open with more independent shops
16. More access & priority to independent shops

17. Why not put a moratorium on all new 'chain' city centre drinking venues?
18. More small funky alternative city centre venues
19. Better publicity for small venues & live music events- free space for week ahead

Retain/Improve Leeds Market (7)

20. Promote Leeds market
21. Promote & sustain Leeds market
22. Leeds Market- do not allow it to shrink
23. Invite artisans, photographers etc. to the market after being kicked out of the Corn Exchange
24. Keep the market as it is & protect small businesses and encourage social enterprise so they can be located within the city centre
25. Clean up Leeds Kirkgate market
26. Refurbish LKM not redevelop

Other (2)

27. Destroy Morrisons & the car park opposite Dry dock
28. Bring back town & country club

HOUSING (21 proposals in total)

Improve affordable/social housing (16)

1. Social housing (preferably public) for families/elderly in city centre (build a real community)
2. Affordable living in the city centre
3. More services for people. More social housing.
4. Affordable housing provided on site. Mixed communities
5. To return to good social housing policies, ensuring a range of people can live in the city.
6. Housing- require more affordable housing from new developments as part of council planning policy.
7. Affordable housing
8. Affordable housing
9. Suck life out of suburbs/areas dominated by multiple occupancy & short lets
10. More affordable rented housing
11. More social housing
12. Investment in affordable housing?
13. More council intervention to ensure low rents in certain parts of centre
14. Social housing near city centre
15. Improvement in housing- council housing of decent quality
16. More emphasis on low rent activities

Increase housing diversity (3)

17. We need mixed housing, gardens
18. Greater diversity of housing typologies that ensure a rich mix of demographic within centre (families even)
19. Build more family focussed homes instead of apartments aimed @ young singles

Change policy (2)

20. Different housing policy
21. Stop the PFI Little London funding

SOCIAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES (18 proposals in total)

More community facilities (education, health) (12)

1. Developers should integrate more community facilities in new developments
2. To develop a range of services in the centre e.g. primary schools, chemists, doctors etc.
3. Social infrastructure - schools/health etc.
4. Recognise the importance/value neighbourhood centres & strengthen links
5. Social infrastructure
6. Recognise that people need to use a city to work, live, play, relax & interact, not just work.
7. More health clinics and health related resources
8. More schools/GP etc. in city centre to meet the populations needs
9. More mix of housing & amenities- doctors, council gym/leisure centre, play area
10. Secure free or non-commercial spaces in the city for local communities

11. Need to create sustainable city i.e. Build the doctors, schools, supermarkets etc. for people who live in the city centre
12. Focus on building communities (centre flats have no facilities/centre entertainment).

More youth facilities (4)

13. Social centre for teenagers/activities/events. Not just cinema and bars.
14. A provision for youths so they do not disturb walkers in green spaces
15. Youth centres/café in centre- affordable & hospitable
16. Enhance pot of young people. Young people need to stay after education.

Facilities for elderly (2)

17. More provision for elderly people who are mostly ignored. They served their purpose, they were the ones who worked & got the city where it is today. Do not forget this!
18. Local point for senior citizen activities



4. QUESTIONS

PUBLIC SPACE AND DESIGN (16 proposals in total)

Open / Green Space (7)

1. How can we improve Millennium Square? It's so soulless
2. Why has the Council failed to develop Millennium Square as a convivial, intercultural, non-commercial public space?
3. Where are the FREE spaces to hang out?
4. Why do we hate trees? Lots of people like Park Square. So why not more? (Not clones, but nice spaces)
5. Why no main 'European' style public square?
6. Why are the open & park spaces so regulated in their usage, and consequently hardly used?
7. Why do you so rarely see people walking their dogs in Leeds?

Architecture and public realm (9)

1. Why didn't an architect with an international reputation design Millennium square?
2. Why was WY Playhouse designed by an unknown, untalented architect instead of an architect with an international reputation?
3. Why did LCC reject Anthony Gormley's 'Brick Man' when it was available at no cost whatsoever (full sponsorship was available)?
4. Why are there still so many horrible concrete 50's & 60's buildings around. Build better ones!
5. Why does it seem like LCC wants to clutter pavements and public space with walls etc. limiting line of sight and reducing sense of personal security when dark (e.g. millennium square)
6. Why such a lack of public art in the city centre?
7. Why is it so dirty?
8. Why not provide more public toilets?
9. Where are the public toilets?

RETAIL AND BUSINESS (12 proposals in total)

Independent shops (6)

30. Who let them build 3 McDonalds & 7 Subways? We need cafés with individuality
31. Why have rents in the Merrion Centre gone up so high that independent shop keepers cannot afford them, leading to empty stores?
32. Whatever happened to Granary Wharf?
33. Why do we have 24 hour licensing of bars and yet street performers are limited to a very few times & places?
34. What decides the rent of shops within the city centre?
35. What are the benefits of building John Lewis?

Kirkgate Area (6)

1. Why are Corn Exchange and Kirkgate Market being scrapped in favour of clone town syndrome?
2. Can the farmer's market be on every Sunday?
3. Why do LLC turn a blind eye to the poor management at Leeds Kirkgate market?
4. What's happening at the corn exchange?
5. Why isn't the Majestyk club redeveloped instead of Corn Exchange?
6. Why do LLC turn a blind eye to the poor management at Leeds Kirkgate market?

LEISURE AND CULTURE (10 proposals in total)

Diversity/Independent leisure (6)

1. What would it take for the city centre to become more diverse - why do the clubs 'own' the city?
2. Has it any plans to provide/enhance free or low-cost pleasure activities around the river? It should have!
3. What would a city centre not dominated by consumerism look like?
4. Where are the FREE spaces to hang out?
5. Why did the famous 'Duchess' close? (I didn't more here till after it closed)
6. Why are there so many restrictions in advertising/promotions of festivals and other events in the city centre on the day of the festival?

Lack of public Facilities (4)

1. Why don't we have a concert hall?
2. Why no main recreational facility e.g. a swimming pool

3. Why no major cultural facilities?
4. Why was the swimming pool allowed?

GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY AND PLANNING

(41 proposals in total)

Lack of consultation/people's power/democracy (16)

1. Why are the people of Leeds not asked what they want from the city?
2. Why do consultations go ahead & proposals do not change even if the consultees offer suggestions?
3. Will this meeting ever have any outcomes that ever translate into improvements/changes on the ground e.g. transport, greenspace etc.?
4. What and how do city politicians take away from the feedback sessions- how do we know there is an effect?
5. How can we reignite local democracy & the chance to participate & discuss Leeds future?
6. How can we reignite local democracy & the chance to participate & discuss Leeds future?
7. Realistically, what impact will my views have?
8. Why does LCC not listen to residents?
9. Why don't LCC listen to the people of Leeds?
10. How can Leeds residents really influence what happens in the city centre?
11. Why are people seldom/never consulted?
12. What is the Leeds initiative, and why do they keep doing the opposite of what we want?
13. Why isn't Leeds City Council more honest in the reports it produces for communities?
14. Can you remember that it is ordinary members of the public that have to live with your choices?
15. The LCC letter referred to 'expressed views' by the vast majority of city centre users. Expressed where, and what about those people who live in Leeds and avoid using the city centre?
16. Who actually makes the decisions?

Corporate Leeds (7)

1. Why is everything governed by large profit on rent?
2. Why isn't Leeds run for all its people, not just commercial interests
3. Are the council there to represent the people of Leeds or big business?
4. If narrowing the gap is essential to 'going up a league' & VFS money is being spent, why aren't the big developers forced to contribute to our funding?
5. Why so corporate/commercial rather than focused on people?
6. What makes Leeds so different from Manchester (and others) which means they sustain vibrant independent shops & cultural facilities where Leeds feels so faceless & corporate (at times). Is this a people problem?
7. Is our capitalist/consumerist way of life sustainable?

Equality (2)

1. How can those of all income groups use the city centre?
2. The children are our future, but why are the elderly not catered for?
3. Leeds looked after children- what futures do they have now?

Development in the city centre (16)

1. Why did the council give permission for so many privately built excess blocks of student accommodation?
2. Is there a limit to the number of flat developers Leeds City Council will allow?
3. Is there an agreed development plan for Leeds?
4. Is there minimum life/sustainability for the buildings going up?
5. Are they of good quality? (We don't want slums of the future)
6. Is there justification for corporate tall buildings (offices and residential) in Leeds?
7. How many people live in the city centre?
8. Why is there no GP practice in the city centre?
9. Who actually thinks the new high rise developments look good?
10. Who on earth let that new and ugly tall skyline happen & why?
11. Why have we ended up with so many small unit flats in the city centre?
12. Why has Leeds suddenly gone high rise in the city centre when so much high rise living has been recognised as unsuitable & has been demolished?
13. Why is the Eastgate project really felt necessary?
14. Why is there no GP practice in the city centre?
15. Was there never a masterplan for all the newly developed flats e.g. Whitehall Road? If not, why not?
16. Why is the river so excluded from the city?

Governance/functioning of LCC (14)

1. What the fuck are the council playing at?
2. How does the money move around the city?
3. Where can you get factual information about future plans for Leeds?
4. Are agencies fragmented, or do they work well together?
5. Is there a youth council for Leeds? Cities in New Zealand have them as a youth voice in the council.
6. What is the city council doing to generate energy on its own city centre buildings?
7. What is the city council doing to support a transition town initiative for Leeds?
8. Why can't Leeds like itself? It always seems to want to be some other city, when it should be celebrating its core beauty.
9. Who decides who is allowed to use the city centre (seems like there is a policy to push out the young, elderly people without money)
10. How is Leeds selling itself? What does live it, love it mean?
11. Where can you get factual information about future plans for Leeds?
12. Who owns the city centre?
13. Why did the rainbow alliance change its mind over the International Pool when they gained power?
14. Community charge- what do we as citizens get back from our hard earned taxes?

Housing (8)

1. Go back to the drawing board as regards housing policy. Do not destroy communities and push people out of the homes they have lived in for years.
2. Lack of mixed housing and mixed communities
3. What is it like living in an apartment block in the city centre? Is there any sense of community?
4. Social housing for families in the city centre- do we really want a return to Quarry Hill and high density social housing?
5. Please can we have more family homes built in Leeds, mainly affordable rented housing.
6. Why was there no development of social housing in the city centre- need mixed houses/flats and gardens, single person flat etc.
7. Would the council consider offering grants to families for converting unwanted multiple occupancy Victorian housing in Hyde Park and Woodhouse back to family homes?
8. Why is there no affordable housing projects built in the city centre (social housing)?

TRANSPORT (16 proposals in total)

Transport system (3)

1. Why do we want a one-way system in the city centre?
2. Transport pricing should not be the future solution
3. Why do all ideas for transport infrastructural initiatives in Leeds talk about radial (i.e. Commuter) when any informed study of successful infrastructure reveal their orbital transport (invariably, metro train systems are what cause and sustain urban coherence. There is actually enough money & available lands in Leeds to create an inner-city metro line, joining with existing lines (i.e. City centre to Headingley & City centre to York Road).

Sustainable transport (6)

1. Why doesn't Leeds really try to get people onto bikes & public transport and away from cars? But no supertram please
2. Why is the car valued over the pedestrian?
3. What are you doing about the high number of car users in Leeds esp- students?
4. How can we make public transport more user focused?
5. Why no 'park & rides'- which could have greatly reduced our road congestion problems? We need them fast, together with the necessary bus lane improvements.
6. How do I get into the city centre on a bike from Roundhay/ Chapeltown Road without risking my life?

Supertram/tram (7)

1. Will Leeds ever get a tram system?
2. Why didn't we go with congestion charging and therefore get the supertram?
3. Why do we need supertram?
4. Why when the supertram was rejected was the money not put into guided busses on the same routes?
5. Why was the supertram withdrawn?
6. No supertram, no future (I can't see)
7. Why did the council refuse road pricing as a means of part funding a European style mass transit system



LEEDS - ARE WE
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