Section 3 Gathering Impressions Pre-Charrette Materials

The pre-charrette phase of public engagement was important in gathering material and impressions from the public to test against the desk research and interviews with Community Planning Partners.

Largely the data that we received from the public was clearly corroborated by the desk research and CPP interviews. However, there were a number of important issues where public perception differed from the official information, particularly where the issues had proved controversial to the public. For example the issues raised in conversations with youth groups at Pitstop varied dramatically from those with elderly groups. These became important talking points to clarify ahead of the charrette.

The pre-charrette phase was therefore invaluable for the project team to build a more nuanced picture of the issues around development in the town centre, ultimately resulting in more sensitive proposals.

The pre-charrette phase was also invaluable to the project team in establishing relationships and goodwill amongst the local community that helped to build momentum towards the intensive charrette phase.

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