

Budget 2015/16

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The responses we have received have not been altered in any way except to remove personal details or offensive material, where this has taken place the deleted text has been replaced with "XXXX".

Question 1 What is the best thing about the borough of Telford and Wrekin?

- Lots of green spaces. Good mix of rural and urban spaces
- Open spaces.
- Road Connections and the expansion of the Borough
- World Heritage site. Investment in Southwater. The Town Park
- You can get to most facilities easily. Telford has all the services and bus connections are good.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Proximity to Shropshire countryside.
- It has lots of shops in the Town centre. The new Southwater.
- I like the green space.
- Independant shops
- Spaces to ride my bike and walk my dog.
- Schools development programme and amount of green space.
- Green open spaces and wildlife friendly with tree lined roads, pond etc
- The first thing I like about Telford and Wrekin is the Wellington library. It helps children to get better at reading. Another thing I like is that hospitals are close and accessible. Old people can be fighting through death and if the hospitals are close by they might be saved.
- One of the things about Telford and Wrekin is that everyone is friends and that everyone gets on with each other. Another thing about Telford and Wrekin is that everyone can go and meet there friends eg Wellington library because you can meet them there and you can go swimming or you can go to the library to read books and have a chat. Telford and Wrekin is a great place.
- you get to meet your friends at the shops. Town centre because you can buy lots of things.. School because we go on trips.
- Telford Town park. The new Wellington library. New Southwater cinema, restaurants etc. Lots of supermarkets. The Wrekin walks. Brownies, Clubs etc. Leisure Centres, clubs for £1
- The best thing about Telford and Wrekin is football pitch because its great fun and get my better at football
- The best thing about Telford and Wrekin is the toy shops because they get brand new toys.
- The best thing about Telford and Wrekin is that there is a leisure center because I love swimming and to go to the library
- I tink Telford and Wrekin the best thing is the parks because the rocing horses
- My favorit plas is the park . I like the park bcuse it fun to play on the eqwitmer
- There are a lot of parrs around so we can play on them
- There are loads of parks around so we can play on them
- the shops becas of all the games
- All the games becuase I love playing on it. My house
- people leave dog poo
- The leisure center because it helps you educate yourself. You can see the Council, go swimming, have a wedding, read from the library and have a little snack in the cafe
- The parks because there are loads of things for children to play on them.
- Shortwood Primary school because it has what other schools dont have.
- shortwood can hang up shelter on the trees
- There are loads of kind people. The schools are nice. Telford schools. Shortwood. Community is safe. Lots of shops. The wrekin -you get amazing views at the top and can see all of Telford. Beautiful countryside.

- Hospitals are close and accessible. Lots of places to meet with friends. (for example Watling Street community centre, Wellington library, parks...) Shortwood school. Wellington library parks Shortwood school. Natural areas (for example The Wrekin, Cludely Pool/ Lake, forests/forest school, countryside.) Town Centre (The new shops, restaurants, the IMAX cinema) The people generally are nice and helpful. It's our home! Our community!
- The first thing I like about Telford is the Town Centre is because it is a nice place to meet your friends. The second thing that I like about Telford is our school library because there are lots of different books that you will like.
- The first thing what I like about Telford and Wrekin is places where you could meet friends is Wellington library because it is really quite and a nice place to have a talk also another thing I like about Telford and Wrekin is the Wrekin because it is a nice place to have a picnic finally Telford and Wrekin is our community.
- I personally think that the best thing about Telford and wrekin is that there are lots of places to meet with friends such as Watling centre, Wellington library and town centre...
- The first thing I like about Telford and Wrekin is the places that you can meet friends for example the town centre and retail park. I personally like these places because they have a lot of shops and food bars. I also think that the hospitals are close and that's a good thing because I am always getting hurt.
- I like that in Telford and Wrekin Hospitals are close and accesable furthermore there is places where you can meet your friends. May I also mention Short Wood Primary school which is the best school in the world!
- The best thing about Telford and Wrekin is that there are lots of places to meet your friends. For example, the Watling Street community centre because my friends go to the clubs. Another thing I like is the Wellington library because its quiet and there is a lot of choices of books to read. I also like Shortwood because there are kind teachers here.
- What I like about Telford and Wrekin is that there is lots of places to enjoy yourself like at Wellington library and the parks. I like Wellington library because you can read different books. And at parks you can play on the roundabouts or on the swings with your friends and family. Also Telford and Wrekin is a great place to show the other people like your cousins.
- The best thing about Telford and Wrekin is Shortwood School because everyone is kind and helpful but the most important thing is that our teachers are also kind and helpful especially our headteacher. The next best thing is it's our home our community. Telford and Wrekin is most people's home and I'm sure that lots of people are loving Telford and Wrekin. Finally trhe last thing is that most people live near hospitals so if anything happens then they can call an ambulance and it will be their in a flash.
- The first thing I like about Telford and Wrekin is that we have lots of nearby hospitals as they can save people's lives and help them get better. Another thing is that there are lots of places to meet people such as the community centre, wellington library, parks and shortwood school. The reason I think that parks are a good place to meet people is because in parks you can have lots of fun and be free to roam around.
- Within Telford and Wrekin there are numerous problems and concerns for people of all ages for example crime (theft, people hurting eachotehr, kidnapping, graffiti) aswell as dangerous car driving.
- I think Telford and Wrekin is good because it has hospitals and it has lots of plasis you can go out with your friends. Also the schools like Shortwood school. Thers a library so you can read books and take them out to home. Thers a sinema to watch movies if their not out on DVD.
- The first thing I like about Telford and Wrekin is that the wrekin is a amazing place to go for walks and have (Pikniks) The reason why I think this is because I have been there 2 times now and I have loved the way it looks. Also hospitals are closer to people and can get there faster and can save more peoples lives.
- Wellington library read scary wonderful books. Countryside you can go out with friends and family. In the town centre I like it because it is bigger and you can meet friends and buy wonderful things.
- The best thing about Telford is that there is lots of places to meet friends, for example Watling Street Community Centre. Natural areas like Wrekin forrest, countryside.
- We have what ufer school do not have, Shortwood because it has Rufer dont have.
- The Best thing about Telford and wrekin is people being kinde
- There are liter and Dog poo! That people drop and Dogs poo and the dont pick it up!

- thirstily the xxx is good because they can make people happy. And the Jim because they make you fit and xxxThe libry is good so you can get xxx and rid book like Gost bump.
- I think that telford and wrekin is lots of places to meet up with friends. For example Watling Street Community Center, would persons lick to meet someone at telford town center park. A Nother reson is that Hospitals are close and easy to axes. Also ther ar lots OF Amasing places to go (for example Welington Simming pool Welington swimming pool welington library and telford town center shopping center
- My personal opinion is that the best thing about Telford and Wrekin is the museums as well as the art garleys all of the facts interest me and all of are facts they have collected over the years. I am extremely intested in the fossils
- The best thing about Telford is the schools because the teachers are allways nice like miss xxx aat Shortwood. There is good friends at my school shortwood. Another reason the lessons are always fun like art and literacy because I can practice my handwriting.
- The best thing about Telford is the facilities because they give people exercise like parks. They give dogs a place to walk and play in. They make living in Telford fun. It helps childrens health. Also I really like the leisure centre because it has lots of facilities.
- In my opinion one of the best places are the Wrekin because it will give you more exesise and you enjoy it so much wodent no it because it is so fun. Also the view is byooteful! Nature! The conchery side. Schools are really helpful inparticular my school shortwood parmary school.The people are kind every day, caring, respectful to others people, children. Markets are grate because there is always something you wode ever if you dont get what you can for also manners like thank you, please And sorry.
- The best thing about Telford and Wrekin is the wildlife and the top of the Wrekin because of the view its so beautiful I love it so much. I like when I see people going on bike rides with their children because it makes me smile. My favourite thing is going bike rides around places in Telford and Wrekin.
- Snow wardens and snow clearing Good schools in Telford Good Shopping and walking spaces New Southwater development
- New library facilities General environment with excellent footpaths, graffiti-free and litter-free. Great green spaces Real effort in making the town and good place to live through revamping and regeneration.
- The services we have on our doorstep - Ironbridge, Town Park, Southwater.
- The feel good factor that has been created by the regeneration of the town over the past 3 years. Lots of green spaces.
- Green spaces, Ironbridge Gorge, easy to get around by car, shopping.
- free parking in Wellington , lots of shops and choice of supermarkets. leisure centres excellent,
- Positive place that is growing and establishing its own identity whilst other areas i.e. Shrewsbury fall behind
- Forward thinking authority. great position for both countryside and city. Good outdoor space
- The M54
- The development - in particular Southwater. There is not a lot happening in other areas so this is positive to see.
- Southwater!! Excellent facility in the heart of the town
- Our historic market towns - eg Wellington with its excellent indoor market and independent shops. The Wrekin hill - should be promoted for tourism.
- The mix between rural and urban. The great community feeling across Telford and Wrekin. The new Southwater is now giving Telford that community feel. great schools. great leisure offer. clean tidy send safe
- The people are great. I love that I can walk down the street and never fail to see someone I know.
- the development of southwater
- The improvements at Southwater and roads around town centre (when finished)
- The open spaces.
- Its mix of beautiful rural countryside with many of the advantages of more urban living as well.
- Road network - motorway link and the recent connection to London via Shrewsbury rail link
- Lots of things to see and do - a wide variety, from shops and restaurants to museums and scenic walks

- At the moment, our housing estates have 'green' areas close to them, turning soul less identical houses into communities
- Good shops and restaurants
- The new Southwater development, leisure activities and looking after people's health and welfare
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- Got most things people require - a good mix all locally
- Very clean
- The shopping centre is nice to visit and there is development of the town centre
- Can't think of anything positive
- Town Park
- Ironbridge
- Ironbridge Gorge, The Wrekin, household refuse collections
- The way in which it was planned between 1968 and 2008
- The trees and the open spaces which are left
- Beautiful landscaped areas including lovely established trees - which should be left alone and not felled unnecessarily
- All of the communities except Telford itself i.e. Wellington, Madeley, Ironbridge, Newport etc
- Best thing is new library and events going on there.
- It's a nice place to live most of the time. There are plenty of 'facilities', shops, gyms, restaurants etc. and a 'rural' feel to most places - you don't feel you're in a big city for example.
- Its forward looking town centre
- I think the town park and activities is fab
- Green spaces. Diversity of services.
- SEN provision/Haughton school services within
- Lots of green spaces in amongst all of the development
- Cleanliness and no significant overcrowding.
- the individual towns which all have their own character and individual appeal
- Provision for children. I have 2 children 8 and 6. 6 year old has SEN and I have been pleased with provision at all levels.
- Open space, green areas, landscaping, regeneration of town centres
- 1 It is set in beautiful scenery close to the iconic Wrekin Hill (which should be promoted more widely for tourism) and the Ironbridge Gorge. 2 There are some potentially attractive market towns in the borough with lots of history. 3 There is still lots of green space (but I am very concerned about the greenfields housing developments!)
- great balance of urban and rural areas ease of getting around from area to area 'free parking' lots of choice in communal facilities (leisure centres and the like)
- Green spaces.
- Has local leisure centres plotted all over easy for people to get to
- Good road network with very little congestion.
- The council run sports facilities
- Lots of open space, the Wrekin Hill (which has significant potential to draw a lot more tourists to our area) and our parks. 2) Potential for tourism with the rich history of the area. 3) Affordable housing is an advantage.
- Re-investment
- Living in a beautiful county with good leisure and library services.
- Brownfield open spaces and their environmental value within Telford.
- Hopefully 2015 will be a good year when we get a Conservative Administration back in power. On the night sleep out back in November the Labour councillors were drunk and really bullies especially the solicitor one.
- Safe place to live, nice houses, shops and facilities.

- It is keeping up with modern life like the new Southwater development but is also a place with heritage and rural views.
- Fauna and flora.
- That the original architect's vision is still here (?) i.e. That everyone who lives here can see a tree;/greenery. And, the new town centre has made Telford a more desirable place to come i.e. visitors to Ironbridge/Steam Trust and other places now have somewhere good to eat, drink and shop and will, hopefully, go away and say what a good place it is to visit.
- The History we have (the Ironbridge)
- All the new leisure developments at south water and the new 2 way road system.
- Rights of way and green spaces
- Its trying to be an investent area
- It is a nice place to live and the Council does it's very best to run things.
- The South water complex
- Shops and parking readily available!
- how close things are to each other. there are many different amenities and activities that are generally local to each major estate, or within a short bus/drive journey.
- The free walks in and around Telford. The improvement to the town park area.
- Keeps residents informed about what is happening in the area.
- education & new schools
- Green spaces
- Quite a pleasant place.
- It's shopping and entertainment facilities, it's regeneration policy, it's attempts to reduce the impact of government cuts on the elderly and the young.
- Plenty of accessible green space
- The green areas and space.
- Excellent town centre and bus services, which has meant that I have only covered 1,500 miles in my car since moving here 15 months ago! The new Southwater development is excellent, including the Library and Park; it is nice to see money spent on things that everybody has a chance of using.
- Quite a nice place to live
- Quality of life: housing, infrastructure
- If you do try to get in touch with someone, they are very polite and helpful.
- This is a formal budget response from 34 parents about music lesssons
- Beyond the town centre the rural countryside and the excellent attention given to the landscape
- open spaces with plenty of evergreen and lakes and well spaced out housing with minimum higher rise housing
- The open spaces and greenery.
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- The new development south water brill
- Ironbridge
- shopping cinemas natural areas eg wrekin
- rural areas
- Green space
- Close to countryside for access to open spaces.
- Spending to improve.
- New schools / Investing in education.
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- Having lived in Telford for 36 years and then moving to Stoke after my husband suffered a cardiac arrest we coped without any help or assistance from social services. My husband wanted to return to Telford as he was frightened to die in Stoke. When we moved back, we were given a great deal of advice and assistance that we

were unaware of our entitlements regarding benefits that were available to us. Then we had help from the Carers Contact Centre and when my husband died I was given support for a further year. I know of no other council that give this sort of help!

- Nature walks and the environment
- Very good road network. Plenty of open space. Not just parks and recreational areas but greens and trees that divide and hide individual neighbourhoods and industrial areas. The creation of the Telford flood preventions and all the lakes, pools, streams, and open spaces that comprise the system
- The blend of town and countryside.
- Its my Town But for me best thing is my football team Telford United
- The bin collection service is good. The road access network is excellent but local roads in 'old' Telford are in desperate need of repair.
- Ironbridge World Heritage
- Forward looking council, very creative looking at income generation not just cuts.
- being centrally located for working and also for travelling.
- I have minimal interaction with you.
- It is trying to plan ahead with regards to housing and business development.
- Green corridors, walking routes are good New Southwater area Feel safe where I live
- The way it is growing but able to keep its past
- green spaces
- you can see what the council spend the money on, facilities for the public, not spent on the council.
- The facilities and how rural it is.
- You do not have the problems that a lot of large towns and cities have, ie behavioural and criminal problems.
- Can't think of anything.
- Surrounding areas of Telford and Wrekin are very green and we hope it can be kept this way and not developed into housng estates, such as Lawley.
- Keeping council tax at the same price, people can't afford to spend more.
- Cannot think at this time.
- Keeping one informed
- For us the best thing about Telford and Wrekin is the way the green spaces are interspersed throughout the area. After we moved to the area my brother loved it so much he moved his business up from Coventry.
- Living here.
- The beautiful countryside.
- the shopping centre and southwater
- Nice area to live and work in. Local authority try to engage community well.
- Easy to get around the area so access to all local centres is quick. Also the town park and south water are impressive facilities.
- The community spirit in making it a better place
- The new southwater
- Town centre development and park
- Town park
- The town park for the children and the new southwater area.
- Green space. A mix of urban and rural
- It's diversity The councils concern for the people in the area and provision of facilities especially libraries as places to access not only books but computers, council facilities, coffee! And easy chairs etc It's open spaces, cycle tracks and footpaths It's free parking at most shopping centres.
- The Community, the green spaces, the PRH
- Fairly 'rural' town which is being spoilt by developments on green areas

- The facilities and amenities. From the tourist attractions of Ironbridge to the many excellent recreational and shopping facilities, all situated in a beautiful landscape.
- The new southwater complex,
- The level of social care
- Telford Town Park
- the integration of roads buildings and greenery. the fact that the council is always looking at ways of improving the environment the new southwater area is very attractive bin collection is brilliant as is the tip service excellent library services
- The amount of recycling is really good, it makes you think that you are really doing your part.
- satisfactory jobs in the area
- Geographic location, Road network and open spaces
- It's heritage. Individual District Centres, rather than one big town centre.
- The town park is an excellent attraction for all of the family.
- Reasonable house prices, it is still classed as rural and you dont need to travel far to go to the shopping centre. There are a good variety of resturants to choose from if you like eating out.
- Lots of green areas, Location within the midlands
- The surrounding countryside and visitor centres
- Open spaces and walks - please retain as much as possible. I think that although much has been lost over the last thirty years, that remaining is still more than enough to give the feeling of some space.
- Very good road network. Plenty of open space. Not just parks and recreational areas but greens and trees that divide and hide individual neighbourhoods and industrial areas. The creation of the Telford flood preventions and all the lakes, pools, streams, and open spaces that comprise the system
- The blend of town and countryside.
- Its my Town But for me best thing is my football team Telford United
- Not a lot
- Nothing, best disbanded and strat again
- The Wellington leisure centre and classes. The cycle paths and libraries.
- Access to motorway
- Green spaces. It doesn't feel as densely populated because of the spaces.
- The trees. When we moved here in 1990, T&W was going to be a tree landscaped town. Now in Autumn, the T&W trees are wonderful. It is a pleasure to see the trees and woodland surrounding T&W roads.
- Tpp many cuts are coming out of the socail care sector for vulnerable people, it should be evened out a bit more to other sectors.
- The library service particularly in Wellington. Sadly there is very little else that I can think of after living here for over 10 years.
- As a newcomer to telford I find it a great improvement from my previous home town.
- Southwater
- County side
- Being in the beautiful countryside of Shropshire
- the care in the community. The allocation of funds for care of roundabouts, verges etc and the maintenance of the infra structure. Also my perception is that it is a generally caring organisation for the people of T&W.
- A Council who are concerned with ordinary people's problems. They are trying to encourage new buisnesses and new jobs.
- Surrounding countryside, attractive landscape. Proximity to Shrewbury, attractive town.
- The amount of thought that goes into plans around telford, shrubs, hanging baskets and planters.
- Most of the people
- Lots of things to do i.e. Ice Rink, swimming, cinemas and town park.

- All of the lovely houses being built on fields and green space. Lots of taxes for telford and Wrekin to spend as they wish. It's great having no jobs for all.
- The sit 2where it is"
- It's more like a Town Centre now than shopping centre
- In time it will just get better and better (Town Centre)
- Green space and also Telford town park
- There are many restaurants available now and foreseeable city.
- The new Southwater development is excellent and shows a real drive for Telford to become a bustling centre. Telford has the unique advantage of having beautiful rural areas within a few minutes drive from nearly all housing areas. There is real heritage in the Ironbridge, Blists Hill and surrounding museums.
- Great mix of town and beautiful countryside
- It generally tries to listen to what residents want and staff respond to requests.
- It's a vibrant town with country and Motorway on the doorstep
- It generally tries to listen to what residents want and staff respond to requests.
- I have always been impressed with the foresight that the council has in providing in caring for the parks & green areas of Telford. I very much approve that planning permission was not allowed in Muxton
- Plenty of green spaces; potential for increasing the economy locally, without swamping the Borough with housing. Good quality of living overall. Most schools OK. Ease of access to a local hospital.
- Wellington is a friendly town and has good services with the new library.
- Lack of traffic congestion and a wealth of accessible local services.
- Quality of all services
- Nice small towns, never far from the countryside.
- The green space and landscape
- The council tries to fair to all.
- lack of traffic congestion and good state of roads compared to other places
- Central location nationally. Access to Countryside.
- It's decision to keep Council Tax under control
- Southwater and town centre facilities.
- The roads amongst the remaining green fields (very few sadly) are quick to get around on.
- The investments being made in the development of the Town Centre. The balance between urban and rural life in the region That there is an effort to provide better provision for cycling
- Its residents
- The libraries! Especially the on-line services, book reservations etc.
- Ironbridge
- Ironbridge and southwater
- Budget response
- Location is good and I feel safe in hadley where I live.
- Most of the services are good, hospitals, Council departments etc. New development Southwater.
- TLC card discounts at leisure centres
 - We have a good bus service. 2. A very good hospital. 3. Wrekin Housing Trust and repairs are excellent.
 - 4. Countryside not been spoilt - lovely country scenery. 5. Plenty of history and Ironbridge is beautiful
- This is a 'young at heart', vibrant, developing UK town and area; with a shopping centre, communication/transport hub, proximity to a beautiful, rural countryside, good travel links
- Telford Town Park
- Green spaces and green belt which make it a pleasant place to live
- The building of the new Southgate, but the only drawback it is taking people away from the small, local towns i.e. Dawley, Oakengates, Wellington, Madeley. These areas are mostly served by long time local people and you get that personal touch

- The lovely green spaces between towns
- Any roads leading out into the countryside
- The green spaces
- I hope that you look after the old. Old people should get a better life
- The way it started, with people from all across Great Britain, not just West Midlands that made it really work for the best
- Lots of green open spaces, plenty for families - the parks are amazing. Events that have take place have lifted the town. Southwater
- What most proud of is new restaurants and ice rink going to look better
- Urban trees and green spaces.
- The amount of green and open space near the areas of reasonably condensed housing. The original "New Town" planning with trees and wide roadsides inbetween the estates so that despite being in a reasonably sized town with employment opportunities nearby, it felt more rural. The opportunities for walking/cycling, even horse-riding near home and the opportunity this gave for a more environmentally friendly town
- Access to open green spaces. Abundance of wildlife, birds , wildflowers. Safe places for families to explore and play safely.
- Attractive landscaping, and hard working binmen.
- Its heritage and history and the green spaces around the heritage area.
- The m54
- How close we are to green spaces and the countryside, also our heritage sites including ironbridge museums
- Personally I think that you do a resonably good job anyway
- I'd like to give my support to the proposed budget for 2015/2016. I am especially pleased to see the fund put aside for the Gower in St Georges as this is a great community facility.
- I can not think that you, can do any better, keep up the good work.
- Bus and library service very good
- Can't think of one
- Nothing. Bury is a better place to live. You've just been playing catch up wasting people's tax paying money
- Southwater
- It's a nice part of England to live. If the Council did their bit to make living easier for the elderly and disabled
- The open spaces. The town centre
- The rural mix with urban life
- Can't think of anything
- Now it caters for all ages and it is a safe place with all amenities for everyone
- You're at least trying to make a pleasing environment. Shopping - lots of variety and choice
- They work very hard and invest in making Telford a lovely and pleasant place to live. When we came to live here, we loved it in 1981. All these years later it has improved in such good ways - cinema, bus services etc
- Green areas - parks, footpaths, open spaces
- In a nutshell, nothing. Give it 10 years, it will become a slum. No go area. You'll see
- There isn't really great about Telford and Wrekin
- That there are still some green areas in the borough
- Historical values. Places to visit. Community spirit of poeple coming together like a jigsaw, nuttering and growing
- Good transport system, good bus service. Very pleasant Southwater environment, good eating establishments and facilities such as library in both Southwater and Wellington. Safe to wait bus station
- Town Park leisure facilities
- The road system, although this is getting worse
- Building for the future, attracting investment
- Good variety of shops. Good play area for children. Plenty of green spaces
- Priority given to Community Care/activities etc and ease of involvement

- Town Park and leisure provisions
- Engage with public well. Cater for all gender, age, ethnicity
- Leisure facilities in Telford brilliant. It's called Aspirations.
- Access to employment.
- Investment in new schools for the future generations. Would be better if the designers and planners accept the simple fact that parents use their cars for delivering their children on the way to work, as such car parking or better facilities for dropping of pupils would be welcome.
- The spaces and greenery and countryside. The development at southwater seems to be working well. I particularly like the new library and the friendly open feel to it, with the coffee shop adjoining.
- Majority of the time the roads are looked after. There seems to be good support to adults with learning difficulties.
- Church Aston public transport. Town park gardens are very good. Southwater is very good.
- Libraries and refuse collection
- Town Centre is a very good example of a centre. The Council does a super job picking up litter. Wild flower roundabouts are good.
- Availability of facilities like libraries. Good for people who are house bound. Well done for the improvements to Newport Swimming baths.
- Redevelopment of Town Centre to provide wide range of entertainment venues as well as improving reatail offering.
- Excellent footpath/right of way maintenance when informed. Refuse collection. Protection of TPO trees on new developments. Planting of shrubs and flowers.
- Deer park estate is very good in terms of rubbish. You don't see rubbish on the street.
- The landscape setting for the existing new developments
- The green spaces - green roundabouts etc. Friendly people
- What Telford was all about in the beginning
- The security and access to all shops in Southwater for wheelchair users and people who don't walk very well
- The best thing I think personally is that it's progressing at last and the progress has been environmentally friendly. Southwater is amazing! Hats off to the planners and designers
- Too many benefits to mention them all, but best thing for me is how close I am to police/hospital/shops and entertainment. Also that it is a safe place to live
- New schools - new buildings and facilities. Suitable for children of today instead of old cramped buildings. New library at the Town Centre - providing don't start cutting the hours. Good roads.
- The Place is a good place to go to aswell.
- What has been done to Town Park -walks are pushchair friendly. Lake is nice. Summer playschemes were excellent. Fun zone for young people.
- Not a lot at the moment. It used to be a great place to live.
- The new Southwater development & Ironbridge & Coalbrookdale.
- Generally good services
- Southwater and Town Park
- Forward thinking local authority A town still growing A town where all cultures are made to feel welcome Green space still available to enjoy
- A formal budget response submission on behalf of 12 Telford and Wrekin primary schools to the Council's proposal around remissions and music lessons. Schools we will be responding to the other proposals in other submissions.
- Plenty of green spaces and room for wildlife.
- Environment and green areas
- The people who live here, especially those who have a positive attitude and care about Telford and its future.
- Easy to travel out into the countryside

- The environment - the easy accessibility of open and varied space regardless of wealth or personal transport. The natural environment within the Telford & Wrekin area provides a quality of life for its residents which few other towns can boast. It gives a feel-good factor to its residents and has so much potential for attracting tourists and boosting the economy across the whole area. You ask for the 'best thing' (singular), but there is so much about Telford and Wrekin which I am enthusiastic about. However, it is that feel of being a town within a forest, with so much variety of natural scenery and wildlife that makes it stand out for me.
- If and when I have had to contact the council, I have been treated and spoken to very well indeed, also the council is trying many new avenues to keep in touch with people. Such as social media,. So I congratulate the council for doing this. People like myself do not always buy daily newspapers, but I do read my emails, so at least I can find information this way.
- I just accept my local area. I feel that whatever I think, the Council will do what they want.
- The physical resources available in its area and expertise of its people.
- Young growing town surrounded by rural area
- You seem to still have what I call the old social values people still take time to talk to you
- So near to beautiful countryside
- The current 60's era road system as designed for a larger population than the current total of the borough is substantially congestion free and is a major benefit to the borough accordingly.
- watching it develop since moving here in 1963. Certainly wouldn't go back to Birmingham.
- A great area with a positive Council that aims to do the best within the available budget. The new Southwater development should have been done 25 years ago, and this now allows the centre to breathe and gives Telford more of a heart than just a shopping centre.
- The range within urban and rural areas. The essential green spaces. Keeping villages as villages. Supporting local centres. Developing Southwater and Town Centre.
- Facilities - Southwater and Telford Town Centre
- supportive local people and business
- Southwater development is good particularly eateries
- Modern Buildings
- Roads and environment and facilities
- PRH is good. Service is very good.
- It is improving its communication skills by the day. I have developed a sense of belonging in Oakengates and find that Telford and Wrekin staff are, helpful and understanding always ready to help when they can. I have lived in Oakengates for almost 70 years now, and this is the best it has ever been!
- Ability to get cheap reasonable housing- town park-
- redevelopment of southwater
- It's a cared for kind of place ! Beautiful country areas as well.
- Budget response
- The redevelopment of areas eg Sutton Hill etc. The redevelopment of telford Town Centre, the new area at Southwater is great.
- There is a lot of things to do with your children a variety of stuff to do a lot of space for children to ride their bikes.
- Sutton Hill family group but only on once a week
- Can't think of anything
- Good community spirit
- New leisure opportunities at Southwater
- Brilliant place to live within 5 minutes I can be in the Countryside. Community Centres.
- The shopping centre
- Diverse communities. Shopping facilities. Rural spaces
- Families in telford
- The roads out

- The Town park. The family restuarants, ice rink and library at Southwater. The central shopping Mall is family friendly
- Open spaces to walk and cycle. No high rise flats dominating the sky line. Sensible planning of houses linked to pathways and wooded areas.
- Southwater, love the restuarants. Town park is fantastic. Southwater library is a great place to take my grand children.
- The country side all around
- Quite a strong community
- Transport Links
- Plenty of interesting places and information available. Services also
- Its really good you have continued to support and keep open libraries
- Partner can walk to work. Countryside for walking and cycling. Library, market, swimming easy to get to.
- Good motorway links. Main line rail. Good hospital. Car parking very easy
- Iron bridge. Town park. The Wrekin.
- The diversity of the area. Alot of small package e.g. Ironbridge heritage is only a small drive away from the urban area of the town centre.
- It's new interest in bigger and bolder projects that have benefitted the community in a financial sense.
- Its close to motorways.
- The countryside
- Low crime,care for elderly,P.R. Hospital.
- Variety and standard of leisure facilities and library. Excellent recycling facilities/collections.
- Refuse disposal, green spaces/trees and wildflowers on roundabouts
- Pleased to have the direct line to London back
- Good place to live. Schools investment, Southwater regeneration, Southwater library, Town Park - specifically teenage park. Youth workers
- Adjacent countryside, industrial history/significance, leisure/sports facilities. Proximity of Shrewsbury
- New libraries Southwater and Wellington. Open spaces Apley Park The Wrekin
- The council do tend to listen to what people say ie keeping Market Street open and not pedestrianised
- Feel good factor - growth. Trees - please preserve and replace. Education
- Closeness from M54
- Caring communities across the Borough
- It's people are friendly
- Growing positively about the area. Buzz and great place to be
- Everything accessible - trains good, taxis good, shopping in Wellington accessible
- It's a great place to live - Telford now has a heart with Southwater and I visit library on a regular basis. It's still so much green and good to see market towns are not ignored
- The view from the Wrekin Hill
- The recycling and rubbish collections are very good. The workers are polite and efficient. The system is good (I am a Wellington resident)
- Wellington Market, The Wrekin Hill and history and heritage of our area
- The Town Park
- The history and heritage of our lovely market towns and the open green spaces
- I like the people
- Green spaces - The Wrekin and the Ercall Hill. Our historic market towns such as Wellington with its lovely market. AFC Telford Utd
- The badgers - I love the badgers
- The easy access to beautiful scenery and green spaces - The Wrekin / Ironbridge. The proper market hall at Wellington Market with its independent traders and its real community feel.

- The Wrekin and its legend of the giant
- The potential. The greenness and energy.
- It is elderly, friendly with plenty of benches to rest and lots of greenery
- open spaces
- Doing a good job helping old folk
- I love that wherever you are in Telford it is not far to a green space where anyone can enjoy for free the natural world - the trees, plants, animals, insects etc. These green spaces are vital to both the planet and the people of Telford. There are many volunteers who help maintain many of the green spaces.
- The best thing about living here is this area is young and developing town mostly full of young developing people. It is nice to be in an area like this where you can get involved with community groups and make a difference to the way the town is governed by the local council and you can help them to decide how things are done in their every day business up to a point.
- Co-operative Council which offers good support to children with special needs
- Sports - ice rink, town park, swimming, all sporting facilities. Recycling. Libraries
- Rural area surroundings
- Lots of beautiful green sites - The Wrekin and its legend of the Giant. Great history in heritage - regarding a major railway centre/junction, the brewing industry and mining. Lovely (potentially) market town centres with its markets and independent shops (but they are neglected and not supported by the council)
- I like leisure facilities and new Southwater library and restaurants to encourage more people
- Green spaces
- Access to motorway
- The Wrekin, the Ironbridge Gorge and the historic town centres and villages
- Environmental considerations - they appear (at any rate) to run a very efficient environmental recycling service with improvements coming along all the time. I am also impressed with the planting of wild flowers/hedgerows to encourage wild life.
- Southwater
- Open spaces / parks and Southwater development
- Community engagement and facilities
- Shops. Good facilities for young people like ice rink, cinemas, bowling alley
- Friendly people. Town Park
- Regeneration project especially Madeley
- I think Dawley is alright where I live is nice and quiet
- The dedication and caring nature of the Telford & Wrekin Council. Their policy on jobs, youth employment and the way they handle cuts.
- Leisure services - great committed to providing services to people of all backgrounds
- Southwater and shopping
- Town Centre
- Development impressive
- Southwater - nice but got rid of all the swans. Like to see ducks and swans
- There continues to be improvements within the town which is good. Access to the national road network is good and to the rest of Shropshire.
- More or less everything central
- Must be something, but don't know
- Its a caring authority - local people are listened to and problems/concerns are addressed with funding and initiatives. Lots of places to love and enjoy
- Not part of Shrewsbury
- Green spaces
- Southwater and bringing people in Telford town park

- Green spaces. Easy access around the Borough. Range of activities on offer to people and families
- A Borough that has everything you can possibly need
- Green space
- Not at all
- Town Centre. Good leisure centres
- Countryside and easiness of travelling within West Midlands
- Nothing as I can think of
- A town with great infrastructure and ambition
- Investment into the Borough creating new opportunities, jobs, careers, facilities. Southwater development. BSF scheme and creating new leisure and sporting facilities for local communities and investment in local Borough Wards - Brookside, Dawley, Woodside etc
- Investment in schools for the future. Investment in the town park. A lot of investment compared to local other authorities
- Plenty of open space put to various use - nature conservation, leisure activities (formal and informal), walking for health - access to facilities traffic free routes), cycling, dogs. Moderate climate air quality
- Nothing as I can see
- Daycentre coming together for ALD for transport
- The services we have linked to educating our children especially our disadvantaged children.
- I like living here, I like the new Southwater area, that the council seems to be investing in keeping jobs and businesses in Telford and keeping council services and jobs intact as far as possible.
- Its attempts to communicate.
- New schools and the new Southwater
- That it's not Westminster
- That there are shops, leisure spaces and countryside all within a very short drive.
- trees, green open spaces
- The green open spaces and the local communities.
- Music opportunities for young people in Telford eg lessons Rock Schools Band Nights work experience
- How Councillors are forward looking to attract businesses/Funding to the area as well as trying their utmost to protect services for ordinary people.
- Choice of libraries, leisure facilities and activities, shops etc. Lots to do in one place.
- Wrekin and Apley Woods
- Recycling
- The road out
- Lovely green open spaces not squashed in with housing. Residential areas very well planned. We live in Shawbirch.
- Space to breathe and unwind. Well designed areas. We love our library. Natural areas and wildlife
- The help available to support older people eg 'Homefix' gardening help you can stay in your own home as you get older. New library is great.
- I Like the library because it is big, modern and full of a variety of books. Also the flower gardens are really sensational.
- There are lots of fun places to go. You can never be bored. And new things going on in some places. I absolutely love the new houses.
- The Town centre is nice
- Decent gym facilities
- Surrounded by Shropshire Country side
- A green environment
- It is trying to keep services in spite of Government cuts
- Wrekin sounds like peeking

- easy to get laid, highest teen pregnancy rate in all of England
- The cool dragons
- The ice rink and town park
- Ice skating and town park
- Town Centre, swimming, town park
- Education
- Neat environment
- Some shops and thats it
- Town centre
- There are a couple of sight seeing features but otherwise nothing
- telford Town centre
- A lot of greenery and open space
- Lots of greenery
- A fair few opportunities for different jobs and a lot to do since the improvement of the Town centre
- Theres a lot here to do and a lot of job opportunities
- The new southwater development and the new job opportunities
- The Wrekin Giant/Hungry Horse. The Ice Rink. Telford Expo. Krispy Kreme
- Bus service is pretty good
- I don't know
- The Town Centre
- the Town centre shopping complex
- The new Southwater area is a good place to hang out. The Country side is all around telford.
- Not sure
- The local hangouts in town
- That it is a close community and there is alot to do
- The facilities that are available for all kinds of people
- Town Centre
- the shops and the banta
- Town park
- New facilities in the town centre
- Lots of new facilities being built and planned. Not afraid to invest and try new things
- Leisure facilities. Job opportunities and school facilities
- Town centre
- The new Southwater area looks good
- There are various developments taking place including Southwater, new schools and housing estates under construction
- Places to go
- All the new restuarnts in Southwater
- New Southwater
- Southwater
- Southwater
- Frequent bus service and always something to do
- Lots to do, cinema, restuarants, shopping. The bus service is good with frequent buses.

- Town Centre
- telford Town Centre
- Wrekin
- Wrekin
- the new part of up town., the Southwater group is the bset thing abouty telford
- Southwater
- The Wrekin
- Nothing jumps out at me - certainly not the new town centre development. I do not vistis Telford centre since car parking charges were imposed and I have not missed it
- When Telford Town was conceived it was built as a garden city with green spaces and a great many trees
- My guitar lessons at schools and band nights at The Place
- Proximity to Country side, relativeley low cost housing. Town park.
- Activities for 5+ years. Southwater and Town park.
- Southwater and Town park
- The activity scheme during half term where things to do for £1.00
- Website enables me to reach the right department with any concerns I have over a range of issues.
- Sure start services are good
- Small, ease of access to most places. A lot of shops etc close to me.
- New Southwater development to attract people to the town. New housing development.
- The different recreational activities available.
- Shopping
- Wellington
- Southwater and new modern developments
- Southwater
- telford Town Centre and Southwater
- Southwater and nandos
- Nice places to eat in Southwater
- Town Centre shops
- Southwater and all the food
- It has a huge variety of things to do. Theres a large shopping facility, the new Southwater is really good and attracts people from other areas.
- It has got a wide variety of places to go and a lot of places to shop.
- Good Education
- Education
- Good education system, there are quite a few courses available on a wide range of possible career paths
- The facilities, Southwater
- Shops and libraries
- Good jobs in various industries
- The Town Centre a great hub of activity for the area
- Southwater
- Southwater
- The Shops
- Southwater is the best things for older people and young people because there is the library and the resturants.
- Southwater/Town centre
- The entertainment for youth, cinemas, bowling alley, ice skating, Town park.
- Southwater
- Southwater and Telford Town Centre

- Shops, gyms, Oakengates Theatre when McFly came to Telford get them to come again
- Shops, gyms, food places
- Diversity and equality
- The new Southwater Place and the Telford Town Centre
- Southwater. Cinema
- Shopping centre.
- Shopping centre.
- Town centre. New Southwater.
- Town centre and Southwater. Leisure services and leisure centres.
- Town centre. New Southwater. M-CATS so cheap.
- Town centre. Nandos. Southwater
- Maccies
- Town centre. Bowling alleys.
- Nothing
- The benefits. Being able to work and still sign on
- History
- Southwater
- The food
- Nandos
- Cinema
- Nandos
- Southwater
- The new shops and buildings in Southwater
- The new Southwater.
- The new part about town
- Telford town centre and Southwater
- Town centre area, and Telford got nice places
- Town centre
- Telford shopping centre and that area
- The new Southwater and ASDA
- Education has improved vastly. The new Southwater park has opened up a lot of opportunities for younger people.
- The new Southwater square
- Southwater
- Nothing really
- The green - Wrekin, Town park, Ironbridge
- Nothing
- Nothing
- XXXXX. Powerhouse gym
- The support it has to provide with teenagers and education wise
- Southwater -food
- Career aspects. College
- Every where is low in traffic
- everywhere is easy to access
- Town centre
- The town centre is good as there is lots to do, its easy to get to and the new Southwater build has added character

- The scenery - fields, ironbridge, and all the animals in the fields
- Southwater
- Everything the variety of things you can do
- Ironbridge because its victorian based which catches tourists attention
- The best thing about Telford & Wrekin is so far Town Centre where they have different shops for people to look around and see what there is. But they need to look at things to see whether it will benifit both sides also things for disable people.
- Southwater
- it's a big place and environment and meet new people
- People are nice
- Really trying to help people - student support in TCAT
- The gyms, Oakengates theatre.
- Shopping centres, many shops
- It's tidy and safe, free from crime and has good resources eg library, town Centre
- Nature and green spaces
- The chips! They are yummy!
- KFC
- Telford Shopping Centre
- New shopping centre
- Southwater.
- Southwater restaurants
- N/A
- Balanced development and keeping green field sites, green. Town Centre development is people friendly, loads of walk ways to get around town.
- Travel links. Health Services. Education. Shopping. Rejuvenation of areas.
- Play groups are very well organised, plenty of activities for our children and very friendly.
- Town park. Shopping centre. School/nursery
- Facilities indoors and out. Southwater library.
- I like having lots of green spaces near by my house in St Georges. To run around with the kids. I love being close to town centre but also only 5 minutes from the countryside outside newport.
- The Council makes a genuine effort to communicate with the community, a website, volunteer consultation, sending out the voice at intervals. The Council is trying to develop the area.
- Lots of activities for children, lots of access to parks/swimming pools. Town park is very nice now with lots to do. The Southwater area is good but needs some more bars.
- The recent development in the town, making the town self sufficient with good cinema and various food outlets.
- Beautiful countryside
- Town Centre
- The best thing about T&W is it's not too built up and over populated and there are still plenty of green areas to visit.
- Any problems and the Council helps out
- Lots of greenery and trees. The town park, my family living in manchester love visiting it. Town Centre expansion and the high frequency bus services.
- There is still lots of quality and diverse green space, but at the same time more life has come into the Town Centre with the Southwater development.
- Not this website
- willing to address council spends on bureaucracy
- Town centre and Southwater
- Shopping and food

- New builds
- Good support for older people
- Shopping
- Shopping
- The best thing about living in telford is living close to telford Town Centre
- New Southwater town centre
- The new Southwater and town centre
- The new Southwater, restuarants and the cinema
- The new Southwater area
- Southwater
- Southwater and the town park
- Southwater attracts alot of tourism than many other places around T&W
- Southwater
- Southwater
- Nothing
- The new restuarants in Southwater
- New Southwater and services that are available to us
- The new Southwater bit by Telford Town Centre
- Town Centre
- AFC telford
- Town Centre
- Town Centre
- Town Centre and Southwater
- telford Town Centre and Southwater
- Town Centre and Southwater
- Places to go shopping Southwater
- Town Centre Southwater
- Friends and people
- Southwater and town centre
- The Amount of large stores, opening times and Christmas decorations in the centre
- The good thing are shops and park's because it's fun when you eat sweets and play
- I llike living at Telford because theres a school
- I like living here because I like school
- I like the shop because you get lot's of sweet's and drinks
- I like living here because ther is lots of of shops
- I like living here because they bild lots of shops
- I like Arlstem because ther are lotsd of contrsy sids and I like ball ay studison and music studio and cunfun and caraty
- I like living here because it has loads of parks
- I like telford because theres lots of football stadiums tha we can play in
- The good fact about telford is the telford football stadium is right by my house so I can watch the football matches
- I like living here because you have plenty of activity
- I like that we have electiisity to go on the internet
- I like the fact that I can go to nightclubs
- I like the facts that is that there are lots of cricket, football, boxing clubs in Telford
- I like that there's lots of clubs here
- I like that there is lots of clubs

- I like living here because there is loads of play areas like wacky ware house and jungle land
- I like that they done wite hotel because you could swim their
- I like the fact they bild houses becas some peapel live in the streat
- I like living here because there are lots of park's
- I like to live in Telford because you have different parks
- I think it is good because ther are play grounds
- I like living here because there is lots of parks
- I lov telfed becos we have more fmly
- I like that they have made cool cinimers
- I like wacy wer house becu you can play. I like the shops. I like the rinck becus you can scit on the ice
- I like the nacher but it will be sad if you cop the trees down
- I like living here bucau there are lots of boxing clubs
- I like life in tefud becud we has famle
- XXXXXX ciena XXXiits makeing me feels fee in the XXXXXX
- Transport - bus serices.
- Good range of activities to do
- hopefully they listen to the residents.
- Transport systems and shopping centre
- Countryside and museums.
- Good parking around town centre and especially like new development around South water Square including the town park
- The current road system without traffic lights
- Southwater
- Inivotive ideas
- Improvements being done to give Telford and wrekin city status
- The green spaces dotted all over the town. We simply mustn't allow them all to be built on. Telford is like a series of garden suburbs, all nicely linked together (although thanks to the lunacy of the Council a once smooth running transport system between these varied centres is now series of pointless traffic light created queues...)
- The mixture of industrial and commercial areas surrounded by rural settings including lovely villages and Hamlets offering a wide range of experiences to residents.
- The leisure facilities
- The prospect of free swimming for over 50's which will get people moving and fitter who would otherwise not be able to afford it.
- nothing outstanding, they seem to be set on a path of destroying the small market towns to justify how much is being spent on the Town Centre
- Refuge collection and recycling
- how well it look's after, pensioner's, with different ailment's, & the good housing.
- it's modern with countryside.
- Rural areas.
- The road network
- The Wrekin To climb up is vey nice. The cycle path to Stafford is great, well done Stafford for finishing it, such a shame Newport to telford has stopped at the Humber's. It would have been great to have seen a cycle path incorporated in the Newport high street regeneration, but no forward thinking there again (with Newport being so flat it would have been an ideal time to encourage everyone including children to cycle to school and into town.)
- Good choice of schools
- It's a good place to live there is still a lot of rural areas it does not have the noise of the big cities you ring up with concerns and things get dealt with fairly quickly
- The ongoing infrastructure improvements in the area such as the Southwater development.

- Open spaces
- Traffic is better than other towns
- New premises shops and restaurants
- New centre. Restaurants, good shops but not enough people because it costs too much to park
- transport, very good service to Town centre etc. Able to shop/eat out easily.
- Nothing
- I always feel safe
- A good mix of town and country
- Friendly people, good services, reliable transport
- The grass areas, and cemetaries are very well looked after compared to other authorities
- Cheap council tax
- The new Southwater but what a shame (apart from the lovely library) it sports nothing but very expensive restaurants. I would like to have seen a few select shops and outlets a good weekly market would be ok as well.
- It used to be lots of open space, but successive administrations combined with national politics mean this is rapidly disappearing. I'm born and bred here and I hate it now.
- Easy access to all amenities
- Lots of library facilities
- It's a 'New Town' with lots of open space and still relatively traffic free
- Cheap council tax!
- Proposed growth - new schools, leisure centres, southwater etc.
- Lovely environment - such as the Town Park, Wrekin and Ironbridge area. We have some great amenities and need to publicise them more.
- Southwater one development is great - 2 way system will be good around Town centre once finished
- Green open spaces - being not too far from the countryside and having lots of little towns and centres you can visit - I don't like the hustle and bustle of the city
- It is where my closest friends and family live. Also the Ironbridge - lovely part of Telford. Services within Telford & Wrekin are not bad compared to other areas.
- Rebuilding of schools across the borough
- The library service - excellent venues, good choice of books & a wide choice of opening hours
- Nice place to live. Crime has reduced. Investment in Southwater is good - more jobs being created.
- Easy access to all rail and motorway links
- The sense/feel of community - An inclusive network of people working generally for the good of the borough, even if a lot of individuals don't necessarily see it. There is generally a lot of help for those who need it - though I feel not a lot of advertising of "Sowing its out there" - Which there needs to be more of.
- Open Space - beautiful countryside
- The green open spaces. The positive comments from friends, relatives and friends is how well kept the green areas are. It is particularly important to maintain these areas for encouraging people and businesses to move here.
- It is easy to access and travel around by car. It has good schools, it has increased universal activities for families, shopping, choice of restaurants, easy access leisure centres, there is a hospital. It is generally tidy, crime rate is not high, friendly, it has access to trains.
- Town park/parkrun on a Saturday morning. It has changed my life.
- Green open spaces and great facilities
- Compared to other local authorities I get the impression that the council actually care about the borough and that those at the very top do actually want the Borough to be a success. Some of the things they try might not always be as successful as hoped but it gives me hope that they actually care. The council has done a good job with the budget cuts and they haven't been fun to work through and there is now a lot less people to do the same

amount of work but at least we met the cuts head on and didn't bury our heads in the sand. The free swimming initiative is fantastic.

- Green open spaces, Southwater and 2 way box road. Good school building programme.
- Lot of facilities without all the downside of living in a big city
- The best thing about the borough is the plans in place for it. Such as South water, improved links to train station etc... I feel when all work is done that the borough will be a much better/improved place. I like that there's a lot of places to go such as Town Centre, South water, Cinema's Pubs/Restaurants etc.... I also like the transport links to popular places. There's a lot of different ways to get to different places making transport much easier.
- Free access to the Town Park
- Almost a central position, not far from Birmingham and London. A good mix of greenery and development. Not like concrete city. Easy to get to places without being stuck in traffic, though over the years the traffic is getting worse and the amount of cars are ever increasing - the concern is that our road system isn't going to cope with it well.
- Forward thinking - willingness to develop. Lots of activities for families (especially school holidays)
- Being close to both the facilities of a city and the beautiful countryside all around
- The area is kept clean...traffic lights are at a minimum...Roundabouts and verges generally kept tidy and lovely foliage throughout the year making it pleasant for residents and visitors to the area. Library and Leisure services are second to none....a real pleasure to use. I think we as a council should win awards for the work we have done to promote the health and well being of the resident. I feel we have moved forward when other LA's are stationary or reducing their services and I think this is great insight.
- Professionals with shared values of protecting children
- Now with the new Southwater development Telford is starting to look a lot better. We also have some great country side around here which makes a huge different. And employment seems to be on the up.
- Nice people mostly clean plenty of choice for shopping eating etc.
- The open spaces with good cycling and walking paths
- I love living in Telford, its location and travel options are ideal for me with a car and growing family. I am happy with the facilities it offers.
- I like that the roads aren't too busy.... having moved here from a big city it's quite noticeable
- Its variety of rural and township offers. The fact that it's a central location to most places in the UK. Its diverse population. With Southwater we finally have a more sociable scene within the new town.
- I'm originally from London, it used to take me 2 hours to get to work. I love the fact that in Telford we have a lot of things are now on our door step. It used to only take 15 mins to get to work, restaurants are amazing now that Southwater has opened.
- I think the town park (and having a place for hot drinks is fab) and the new development of Southwater is excellent. As the shopping centre is quite small and compact but has everything you need (compared to other's) then this is why I would chose to come here rather than other shopping centres.
- The range of activities for children
- The balance between the history of the old districts - Ironbridge, Coalport etc. and the vibrancy of the new areas - i.e. Southwater. Also, the access to beautiful green spaces in the Gorge, surrounding the Wrekin, the Town Park
- Southwater - Excellent addition to the borough to attract people to come and spend their money and the creation of new jobs. The new 2 way road system around the town centre. Increased housing.
- The Southwater development has produced a reinvigorated centre for Telford and is a credit to the area which has brought nothing but good to the Borough.
- The business growth including housing and investment. Southwater one and increasing Arts and Culture offer.
- It is a town in the middle of countryside, and although a new town itself, has lot of history brought into it by the old villages which make up Telford
- The best thing about BTW is that it is "normal". It has mixed industry - not reliant on one or two companies. It has a mixed population. It has town and countryside - commuting not a problem. It has normal working people with elected members who are not extreme in their views.

- Although the borough is expanding with new housing etc. it retains its open spaces/recreational areas. Communities in the main, do not feel overcrowded - exceptions to this would be in South Telford within the large housing estates.
- The new Southwater building
- The openness and feeling of space as you travel about. The diversity of the buildings and the heritage.
- The new Southwater, restaurants, parks and landscape
- New vibrant area with development and leisure activities. Good green belt area and countryside to balance
- Friendly people, great Town Centre and great Town Centre park
- Cycle paths / bridle ways Telford town park Shops & facilities The people :)
- The regeneration town centre/ leisure centres/local centres, schools etc and the retail parks. We need a M and S home/food somewhere.
- The recreational facilities, especially the Town Park.
- For me the best thing is the fact that it remains rural while developing its town centre into a more attractive, inviting and exciting place to visit. Just ten to twenty minutes from being in green open spaces until you are sitting in a restaurant in the town centre with a superb park and further green views. Remarkable!
- Parks & library's
- Its retention of green areas/spaces. its forward thinking regarding the telford centre . Leisure facilities . Road infrastructure
- Its lively, compact, diverse, and forward thinking
- Green fields
- diversity of population, new business/housing/shopping centre
- Benefits of friendly excellent local market and community atmosphere with access to wider services
- The best thing about Telford and wrekin is there is a good transport system to places like to town centre, which will be better when the road system around the town center is finished, which seems to have taken years. the new library at the town center is great. as well as all the new shops. The local centers like oakengates and Donnington could do with some TLC. the new footpaths at the parade are an improvement.
- The new Southwater development.
- Mixture of beautiful countryside and good leisure facilities.
- I don't live in the borough but do work within it. Compared with other local authorities in the region it has coped better with the imposed cuts in funding from Central government. Seems also to have a greater amount of building of new homes which is a good thing
- It is being developed and is growing.
- Southwater and the town park.
- The people.
- Its people
- The diversity of services, including retail and entertainment is very good.
- The staff seems friendly whenever time you contact them over the telephone
- Living just outside Newport, it has been pleasing to see money spent in improving the swimming pool and some of the schools.
- The people - kind, caring and always ready to listen and help.
- The trees! It is a great place to live and I think the Council is committed and wants to make a difference. The ring road is a tremendous achievement, love Southwater.... Much to be proud of. Would have been great to see some really excellent, independent restaurants and a few quirky boutiques...
- It's a countryside borough with a town. In the same day I can climb the Wrekin and look out onto all of Shropshire or explore the surrounding woodland; eat at a homely, riverside restaurant in Ironbridge and do shopping in the modern facilities provided to the public at Southwater.
- The things that I like about T&W is Shortwood School because they help us children learn. Hospitals are always accessible and it's our home, our community.

- Something I like about T&W is that there is a library in the middle of Wellington. Plus you can access it with no staff at all. Furthermore the Town Centre is a brilliant place to meet up with friends, you can go shopping to the posh restaurants and even watch a movie at the new IMAX cinema
- The first thing that I like about T&W is there are a lot of nice people around to help us when we need help and they are there when you need them most. The second thing that I like about T&W is the natural areas that are close by so you can go for a walk and the walkway is always suitable for snow, rain or hail. The third thing I like about T&W is that it is our home and our community and we love it.
- The first thing I like about T&W is that it's our home. Our community. Another reason is that people are generally nice and helpful to you if you are in trouble and if you might need help. Finally I think T&W is a good place because there are lots of places you could go to meet your friends like the Wellington library to read books.
- the first thing I like about T&W is that hospitals are close and accessible. Also I like the local people because they're helpful and kind. Shortwood primary school because it's a wonderful place to learn and make friends.
- I sawly believe that of the great things in our community is that there are lots of places to meet with friends e.g. Parks, Watling Community Centre. Also the hospitals are close and are easy tto access in an emergency. Finally I think that the schools are very qualiterised.
- The first thing that I like about T&W is Shortwood primary School because it is a fun place to learn also it has it's own swimming pool. Hospitals are close and accessible.
- The first thing I like about T&W is the lovely library with the books because it helps children from all kind of ages and adults to have an opportunity to choose books. Another thing is the beautiful Wrekin I like it because you can go up it when ever you like and get the perfect view.
- I think that T&W is good because there are loads of cool places you can meet with friends e.g. Park and library. One reason why T&W is good is because people are kind and offer to help you e.g. If an old lady needs to cross a road people offer to help.
- I think that the best things about T&W is that hospitals are close and accessible because in case of emergency what would we do without hospitals. Another good thing about Telford is that there are lots and lots of places to meet with friends such as Watling Community Centre, Wellington Library and the parks. I personally like the Wellington library there are millions of books and poems to choose from. Furthermore I think that Shortwood primary school is the best school in telford. You can see the view of the Wrekin from the playground.
- the first thing that I like about T&W is natural areas like the Wrekin, Cludey pool/lake. I also like places where you can meet your friends like Wellington library and parks.
- I like the school that my children are in.
- Not a lot
- Nothing
- At present T&W as an area gives a balance between a bustling town with opportunities and rural living with beautiful green space and natural landscape.
- Good schools, good places to visit.
- new buildings
- Town Centre
- Investment in buildings and jobs
- The staff at Donnington Life Long Learning Centre. They are all very friendly. 1. The Dutchess 2. xxx our food tester 3. kitchen staff 4. xxxthe boss of the kitchen 5. xxx
- Shortwood primary school because we have things like the equipment in the playground.
- The best thing about T&W is that everyone is nice and kind.
- I think that the best thing about T&W is the houses because when you build them thay are perfect.
- I think that the best thing about T&W is that they provide homes to live in aand survive.
- The best thing about T&W is the kind and nice people.
- They have schools because people can learn. You can watch from the Wrekin and get a good view.
- The best thing about T&W is all the friendly people.

- The best thing about T&W is that make sure that nothing is broken.
- The best thing about T&W is loads of shopping centres around and theres loads of nice toy shops.
- The best thing about T&W is that there is lots of shops because I like playing with toys like frozen Elsa Doll.
- Recycling purple bins and TLC card for younger people
- Southwater and the appearance of roundabouts
- In my opinion the best thing about T&W is the new women and children's centre. As a frequent visitor the centre is always bright and cheery. Furthermore the staff are always really friendly. It definately looks like they have put lots of effort into making it.
- The best thing are the parks because there are lots of toys and you can play, and play with your friends at the park every day. I can go to the shop because it is by my house and you can go with your friends sometimes I go to the shop and get some sweets.
- My opinion is the schools in particular is Shortwood because its a good school. For being a young student I am excited to go to secondary school at Ercall Wood.
- The best thing about T&W (For me) Wellington and the libraries because Wellington is a nice place to hang out and its a lovely place. The libraries are so quite and traquil. It is a lovely place. As a frequent visitor of the libraries the libraries are always very welcoming.
- The best thing about T&W is how nice and kind everyone is to eachother. Also the best thing about T&W is that how all the houses are well looked after and the roads all around.
- The best thing about T&W is schools in particular Shortwood. I live by the shops because I can go to the shops and I get sweets from the shop. I can play football with my best friend and i can play in the park with my cousin.
- In my opinion the best thing about T&W is the Wellington market because their is a perfectly wide range of products and whenever I go there the people are always kind. Another thing is when your'e there and you can't find what you're looking fo they always give you a hand.
- In my opinion the best thing about T&W is the Wrekin because it is really good for running and walking up and down. Furthermore it has a good view at the top of the Wrekin.
- The best thing about T&W is the Wrekin because you can get to have a beautiful view from the top and good for exercise.
- The best thing about T&W is ironbridge power station because it is a landmark, furthermore without it many houses would have no power.
- My personal opinion is that T&W is great, but the best thing of all is the lovely leisure centre. It gives you time to go and sit back and relax in the amazing swimming pool. Or it gives you alot of time to go and have a swim with your family. Even better is a visit to the library, you can borrow up to 16 books. Overall I think the Wellington leisure centre is magnificant.
- The Wrekin
- The best thing about T&W is the schools particularly Shortwood primary School because I get lots of education. Furthermore the staff are really polite and kind. In my opinion I think that the people in T&W are very kind.
- Every body is kind and I like living here.
- The best thing about T&W is the Wrekin hill because it looks amazing all year round and is the biggest hill in the area.
- In my opinion the best thing about T&W is the market because everyone is friendly furthermore you can buy a wide range of goods that have value. I am of the belief that the market is a good asset to us.
- In my opinion the best thing about T&W are the schools in particular my school shortwood primary school. I think that I get a really good education because of the very nice, wonderful teachers and facilities
- The best thing about T&W is that there is a very good hospital called princess Royal. When ever you are ill they will make you better straight away. I like the princess Royal hospital because it has lots of things such as toys that you can play with while you wait.
- I think that the best thing about T&W is the wildlife because its fasinating to study and explore especially on the Wrekin.

- The best thing about T&W is that we have a beautiful view on top of the Wrekin seeing all the houses and how big it is.
- The amount of development especially around Town Centre
- We've got an ice rink
- There is quite a few leisure activities e.g. Ice rink, leisure centres, bowling.
- Southwater centre is wonderful
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- The Council do help people I am homeless at the moment
- Clean town all shops are there. Nice town friendly people.
- Southwater coming on great, lots more to do
- Shopping area OK, parking, historic town shouldn't be left to die. Seems quite sociable don't see many nuisance kids and homeless.
- The southwater area has added a lot to telford in terms of a newer look and more facilities
- Open access to main shopping/leisure areas especially Southwater. Very good access for people with disabilities to town centre, new library is fabulous an exciting interesting open space.
- Shopping, Wrekin and surrounding area
- Good mix of people, friendly, helpful, good socail
- History and links with industrial revolution, ironbridge etc
- Good sports facilities
- Southwater regeneration
- Southwater regeneration, good changes for the better, town centre brings people in.
- I have only recently moved to the area. My initial likes are the recycling and the library at Newport
- Nothing
- Convenience of Oakengates. SW1 whole complex is good.
- Proud of T&W trying to promote community and listening. Also providing something for everybody including disabled people.
- Its size. It is big enough to have all the main services and support but small enough that you should be able to speak to the right dept without having to trail through miles of red tape.
- Green open spaces (trees), good transport network, lack of congestion
- The best thing about Telford and Wrekin is that it has lots of great facilities, such as shopping centres, cinema's, and parks, yet you are still able to be in open countryside within a short space of time. I believe that Telford and Wrekin is a well maintained borough and that services such as refuse, lighting and street maintenance are very good. I feel quite safe in Telford and Wrekin and believe the police do a good job and have always responded apropriatly when I have called them.
- Recent investment in South water and road infrastructure. Heritage sites and potential for increased visitors and tourists to help the economy.
- Relatively central location makes it easy to travel elsewhere in the country.
- Lots of green space
- Southwater
- Green spces
- People who work for the Council as distinct from self-seeking politicians
- The library facilities are great,my family all use it regularly.
- Telford is a lovely area to live. Ironbridge with its history and the new Southwater complex is superb. The re vamp of libraris and leisure centres is money well spent The new Social Housing builds are superb and have helped many local families secure their childrens own future
- I have lived in telford for nearly 25 years so arrived when trees were small and Carrefour just about the only supermarket.I am privileged therefore to see the journey the borough has been on from development corportaiion to what is a vibrant town, finally with a good centre and a building programme which provides greater housing

choice for all incomes. Building schools for the future funding has provided great learning communities for our young people and communities. I love Southwater and feel it was a brave move in the face of austerity. I believe the Councils work to bring in new business to the area is also to be commended.

- The borough is an up and coming town now being in the doldrums and not really having a good name for itself to visitors. Southwater is a wonderful start to the improvements.
- The ethos and flexibility
- The Council has a firm focus on its disadvantaged priority areas, investing in and raising aspirations in the most challenged wards. This is at the same time as developing the economy of the area through the business winning approach, the Southwater development and continuing to make the town attractive to new employers.
- The green open space (until you give consent to build on them)
- The new Southwater development and park areas
- Good road system
- Green space. Keep the bus service around Woodside
- Town/country mix. Benefits of both easily available
- Easy shopping facilities. Good bus services. Good library facilities. Still lots of open spaces
- Reasonable community tax. When we ring the pothole line - the pothole is repaired within 24 hours. Safe area to live
- Green environment
- There isn't anything
- Telford has a lovely feel. The nature walks and greenery surroundings
- Clean and compact. Easy to travel around
- All the recent improvements ie new schools etc
- Wellington markets and the lovely stalls
- Walking routes/cycle routes
- Modern town and growth and vision and is surrounded by beautiful countryside
- It's beautiful open spaces, Countryside and Historical importance. I love the Old Market Towns, they still have a great sense of local community spirit.
- Libraries and open spaces i.e. Wrekin and Town Park
- The way the council will work and include residents in the choices regarding the borough.
- The countryside
- The investment put in to regeneration. Southwater and the town park are amazing to have on your doorstep.
- Its growing economy and more jobs being available.
- It's forward-looking and the Council is protecting front line services even with all the cuts in its funding
- The areas of green space. I think it is what sets Telford apart from the other towns in the midlands.
- It has a great variety of shops and places to eat. Telford Town Park is a great asset as is Ironbridge and Southwater.
- The open spaces, fields and countryside and the people.
- The regeneration is making a massive difference in terms of making a proper centre with places to eat and drink, a lot more social although somehow I think work needs doing on the train station and somehow making it more of a link to the centre. It would be nice to also have a couple of places that are bars and places you could just meet rather than eat. The green spaces we have in Telford are one of the best things and it would be a shame to continue at the rate we are building on every green space we have. I am also impressed with the amount of development of secondary schools in the borough.
- Improved schools, Housing development eg. Lawley Village Telford Shopping centre, local Investments/improvements.
- the mixture of buildings and grass. country near cities
- It has so many amenities so close together
- The brand new facilities in southwater. Access to free play provision. New restaurants and housing projects.

- lots of shops, playgroups. Easy to get around (buses) open spaces, fields and parks.
- New Southwater development, parent and toddler groups, town park and New hospital
- Excellent all round facilities, shopping, buses, trains, motorway access. Lots of newish parks for children and local clubs for young ones. Not sure about clubs for teenagers but sure if I looked there would be. Lived in Telford my whole life - good mix of town and rural areas. Town park is brilliant for all.
- Quite a lot to offer for kids and schools are good.
- Quite a lot of groups for children
- Town park, open spaces, shops, good childcare, southwater, free play groups (playing together sessions)
- Baby groups are good, bump to baby and playing together.
- It must be all right, I'm still here, places to go walking - safe
- I like the open spaces, new parks in Brookside and Stirchley. It's not built up and you can go for nice walks.
- like children's centres. Like new Southwater. It's important to encourage businesses.
- The current developments will bring further business to the town and bring it more up to date with better facilities
- The best thing about telford and Wrekin Council is the library especially the one in Donnington where the staff are first rate.
- The town park and the library, it has excellent facilities for children. In my area (The Rock) streets are kept clean and there is rarely any criminal incidents (and if there are they are very minor). Roads are also in good repair on the routes that I travel in telford. Lots of options for day care, schools, dental and doctors surgeries, vet surgeries. Wellington provides a great choice for charity shops. HLC has fantastic facilities for swimming. Great choice of supermarkets for all budgets.
- Finding places like where I am today finding place for Autism special needs kids. Nice club like that out there no people both with one people when we like everyone else.
- Autismn hub/ a vital service under the umberella of Listen not Label.
- The shopping centre
- Good shopping and resturants and IMAX. Good services e.g. Listen not label
- Meeting colleaques and XXXXX
- telford Shopping Centre, support for autism hub and drop in at (LNL) Listen Not Label Wellington.
- Green open spaces
- What has been done to the Town Park-walks are push chair friendly Lake is lovely. Summer playschemes were excellent. Fun Zone for Young People.
- Green network
- Good activities for families in the park and at half term all over the borough. Regeneration of the brough towns, like Dawley, Oakengates, Madeley. Excellent youth club run by Stirchley and Brookside Council. Dawley Town Hall is brilliant.
- New Southwater development. The potential free swim for over 50s is just brilliant.
- What is left of the rural parts of Telford and The heritage site
- The best thing at the moment is the sense that Telford is a town which is starting to believe in itself. This is somewhat due to actions of the local authority itself (despite the government's cutbacks), and somewhat due to the perception that the economy is on the mend. Whatever the reason, and despite the ramblings of usual pint-half-empty brigade, there is a shift in attitude both within the business community and the population as a whole. The Council needs to safegaurd and capitalise on this, and continue to promote the town as the place to live and do business.
- Nothing in particular although some things are equally as good,ease of getting to other locations via train and motorway,close to coast located in Shropshire.
- No matter where you live you are only ever 5 minutes away from the countryside
- My old market town of Wellington with its lovely market and great views of the Wrekin.
- Control of litter
- The Wrekin Hill and its views

- Plenty of leisure activity venues. The TLC card.
 - Its heritage and history (Which perhaps should be celebrated more coal mining, brewing, railways). The Wrekin Hill and its beach (again it needs to be highlighted for its tourism potential-how about a mini bus from Wellington to the Forest Glen car park?)
 - A good recycling project. A happy mix of town and country.
 - Our land marks, walks and sights. Telford Shopping Centre.
 - The history & heritage of the Wrekin area regarding the railways, brewing industry, farming and The Iron industry. Also the beautiful Wrekin hill which is iconic and could be developed much more for tourism
 - I am a 62 yr old women nothing about Telford (Dawley) has suprised me. I'm all for moving forward. I love the changes being made, the progression has been wonderful to see, hopefully I will be able to say (in a few years) that my gradchildren continue to make full use of the facilities until their children do the same
 - The green areas - for a new town I think T&W have done a great job on the green area. include the tree lined roads, the wild flowers on the roundabouts and the parks
 - Kind, helpful, understanding, easy to talk to people at desks
 - Surrounding countryside/landscapes. Variety of townscapes (but see below)
 - The Leisure Services, the committed attitude of the T&W outdoor services staff. The staff in the Wellington Library.
 - A number of good quality leisure facilities and libraries
 - Green spaces. Good arterial road systems. Good leisure facilities. Interesting performances at the theatre at Oakengates.
 - The new development has brought alot of job opportunities
 - Newport being a country town but this is rapidly diminishing.
 - Southwater is good. Council Tax and budget managed well. Kept clean and tidy. Kerb side recycling good. Newport library excellent. Staff here very helpful.
 - Up and coming place. Doesnt stand still eg Southwater. Finances are better than in Shropshire.
 - Town Centre Park - I like to see the children with all the entertainment. Superb. Southwater very impressive. I look forward to next phase. I love Newport, market town where everyone friendly including library, GP and dentist.
 - It is concerned about everybody's welfare.
 - Town Park good facility
 - Only been here for a few months. The shops in Newport are far better than where we lived before.
 - Schooling, business development, innovation
 - The old Newport when it wasn't Telford & Wrekin
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- Lots of things to do - plenty of shops, restaurants etc especially now that the Southwater development is open
 - A town that has an infrastructure: healthcare. roads, buses, trains etc. Location: hear to Bham but also near to countryside
 - Green open spaces, it is an attractive place to live with access to beautiful walk ways and scenery.
 - It's near to Shrewsbury
 - The rural feel mixed with the urban areas
 - It makes efforts to be an inclusive society. Money is spent on on recreation which is so important in these insular days - facebook e mails and remote contact.
 - They way in wich it seems to budget well, wich in turn keeps taxes down
 - Schools and small business support
 - The trees
 - Listening and reacting. Reasonable Council Tax charges. Easily accessible services.
 - It is encouraging small industry to come to Telford

- There are plenty of green areas for people to get out to for recreation.
- "village Feel" in some areas and fairly easy to get around.
- Its location. As a southerner who moved here 14 years ago I find it very easy to get anywhere in the country by road and rail.
- Beautiful outdoor space. Lots to see and do, strong heritage
- A pleasant and safe environment
- Not sure there is something 'best' about T&W
- A good mix of rural & urban areas
- Its investment in the borough, southwater and local centres, during a recession.
- The inclusion of green space and the particular identities of the towns that make up the Borough. All to be lost as Telford becomes a meaningless anonymous urban sprawl.
- Wellington
- Our beautiful green unspoilt areas of countryside
- The people
- Easy access to great countryside for cycling
- The landscaping and open spaces are very valuable and make for a nice living environment. Compared with the West Midlands urban sprawl with little greenery T&W is wonderful.
- Near the countryside with good access.
- It's potential for growth and improvements combined with a can do attitude. Also my friends live here
- The development of the town centre and green space
- The public facilities, I.e leisure centres, town park & libraries and some excellent schools
- No major traffic jams. When travelling to from work. Being so close to the country side. The fresh air. The school which my son goes to hlc. The nursery Hadley under fives my son goes to. The new centre in Hadley. Feeling safe when driving around at night with my job. Having a permanent police officer in my sons school is a fantastic idea. The kids love to see him there. Please keep him.
- Green spaces
- Nothing
- Swimming pools
- geographical location
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- The rural parts.
- Leisure facilities
- the work opportunities are very good. the public transport is good.
- green spaces, parks and health/fitness facilities
- not much
- Able to walk to local services.
- The Wrekin Hill and the proximity to the countryside.
- It is an inclusive place with generally good community spirit. It is generally clean and tidy with plenty of open space and a well planned urban environment
- Lots of open green space.
- It is a forward looking area
- Facilities, Leisure and transport links
- I love the sense of living in the country.
- The amount of green space, but that is shrinking.
- its green spaces, Telford's greatest attribute
- It's getting a lot better. You seem to be sorting out a lot problems
- We have the amenities of a town with good access to the countryside.
- Ono major robes. A good town but spoilt by having to pay for parking. It prevents lots of people trading in town.

- The new South water at Telford and the facilities especially the library
- silkin way & town park to walk our 2 dogs
- Youth unemployment falling, development of Southwater
- Plenty of green space
- Encouraging companies to take up buildings on the industrial parks, which provide excellent facilities and working environment.
- The greenery and the trees.
- Good housing stock.
- Countryside
- Green space
- Situation far enough from large towns to give a countryside effect
- Still some open spaces available for leisure activities
- Southwater
- Clean and safe environment on the whole. New development in the town makes it feel more vibrant
- mix of green open spaces but still have work, shops and facilities
- Town Park and new Southwater development, lots of places for family enjoyment.
- Lovely place to live with forward thinking council and friendly people.
- Wildlife rich brownfield sites
- Good access to lots of great facilities eg the Place
- all facilities are easily accessible. great open spaces
- Keeping Council Tax down.....keeping roads and green areas clean and litter free....excellent refuse collection and a superb recycle facility
- The road away from the town centre. Road repairs have improved
- The fall in the rate of crimes committed.
- Access to amenities and green spaces
- It's location in the heart of England providing easy access everywhere. Direct train links. Development of Southwater has brought greater vibrancy to area.
- It's got a good shopping center and a few good retail parks. The people are generally very friendly and helpful . I have lived in the Malinslee area for over ten years & have seen some very good changes to the schools and local amenities. It is starting to become a modern town once again . We also have a good hospital and doctors surgerys , as well as a good council imo .
- Crime & youth unemployment decreasing
- Well it was good for all the open country side but since you desided to sell our countryside to the house building people we will not be a nice country small town any more and our green space is being eaten up in the name of greed and now telford us turning into a not so nice place to live and is to big and turning into a large town like birmingham
- It does let people like me to have a say, & hopefully some of it is listened to.
- Its green spaces and relatively easy access to the surrounding countryside
- A very smart Town Centre
- The Organisation who have pride in their towns.
- green spaces
- Green spaces and feeling safe in large areas of the town
- It's where my friends live
- Green space, room to enjoy the great outdoors, proximity to the countryside.
- That is difficult to pinpoint as everything is being spoiled
- Reasonably clean & tidy environment in which to live
- Its juxtaposition to countryside and places of interest

- Despite a difficult financial situation there are many new initiatives that have been developed in response to observations from the public.
- Housing is plentiful and Telford Shopping Centre is very good. Central Park is very good.
- It has that countryside and town environment. Lots of nice places to walk / cycle nearby.
- It is still (for now) a green town with plenty of parks and green spaces along with a good network of paths/cycle routes which are not on roads.
- Combination of lots of amenities and green open spaces
- Open spaces
- Local projects and the open spaces projects are good and the road repair program.
- heritage
- It is a nice place to live with equal access to countryside and urban facilities.
- Its open spaces
- It's a forward thinking council. I think they care about the concerns of the people.
- Community spirit, much if the communities are spread out it nice to see the separate communities doing things for themselves.
- The town centre re-development with more bars and cinema etc.
- Reasonable bus system if using centre flat access countryside nearby ironbridge
- The town park.
- The amount of green space and trees within Telford. Our visitors always comment favourably on this factor.
- local facilities ,country aspect ,many residents like myself hail from a city background.
- LOCAL HISTORY
- A safe place to live and work. good public transport. Plenty of open spaces for walking and cycling with the family. Increasing leisure, dining and entertainment opportunities.
- It is easy to get around and has a good range of services
- Significant improvements in Council sports facilities.
- Open Spaces
- open spaces, safe environment, access to public services e.g. hospitals (A&E), libraries
- Quick access to beautiful countryside!
- Is aware of the needs of the local populace & tries where possible to address those needs. Is aware of the financial implications concerning the people, ie Council Tax, Rural County/Area therefore wages are not on par with other areas & budgets (both personal & Council) require control.
- It has access to the countryside and open spaces , whilst having the benefits of a town
- Keeping Council Tax pegged. Southwater development appears to be a success.
- Fairly well looked after, Council collections and main roads are reasonable, housing is good
- Bus Service town centre
- The mix of housing, business and open spaces.
- The Community Panel listening to the residents.
- Location and communications/transport network
- Mix of affordable housing, good jobs and good open spaces. A mix of city and countryside together
- Telford Town Park... excellent public/family facility - well done!
- I do not have a best thing about Telford and Wrekin. I do like the way that recycling is organised in the borough though, but wish that more people could be encouraged to use this doorstep facility.
- Town Park. The environment community project sounds great.
- Open spaces and parks. Tackling youth unemployment.
- Telford Town Centre is the best thing - it seems to be opening up a lot more and bringing in new shops.
- From a personal view and where I live (Malinslee) I have everything I need close by I:E Doctors, Dentists, bus station and shops I have lived here since 1983 and I think the town is improving every year. But the one thing that

is missing from the town centre is a swimming pool as I don't have transport, I know that having one closer to me (walking distance) I would have used it 2/3 times a week

- The improvements happening to the town centre
- It's position - a town with lots of facilities within easy reach of the
- Green spaces ,wild life , employment safe shopping , good place for
- Good combination of open space, business, retail and road links.
- Ercall and the Wrekin
- Green infrastructure
- Have lived here all my life ,still some green spaces left , and feel that as a full time carer we are very well looked after in T&W
- n/a
- can't think of anything at this moment in time
- The new Southwater development and town park
- The greenery. I run often and so much enjoy the scenery.
- Green Spaces
- Convenient small towns with local shops and markets, could do with more non chain shops
- There is still a reasonable amount of open space although we must have
- the open countryside all around us, neat villages and upgrades to buildings and local communities.
- The green spaces the Wrekin hill
- not a lot every thing looks as if it is all a Telford
- Telford still has a great policy for green spaces and should be wary of encroachments on these revered places, especially regarding fracking and house building.
- i love living in Telford as it is central and most places can be reached
- Investment for growth and amenities
- Good communication routes.
- Unable to answer such a general question. Telford & wrekin as a work place, residence. I came to live here because of the quality of schools in Newport.
- It's always improving: town centre; local towns; road systems.
- A newish 'town' formed through amalgamation of several boroughs so plenty of open spaces (which are being filled in sadly e.g. Lightmoor
- It's location as I travel extensively over the UK and abroad. Also it's proximity to the Wrekin hill for fitness, dog walking and views.
- The Countryside that is left
- na
- The overall contact is very good
- Green spaces, easy access to travel outside of telford
- A forward looking council that work hard for Telford & Wrekin,even with Government funding cuts.
- The green areas and the new southwater area
- Library and sunday opening thereof and footpaths
- Good shopping and facilities.
- Countryside
- Where I actually live! Also there are plenty of activities important if you are living on your own. Make new friends.
- The greenery, the history, having world heritage status and decent local facilities and a relatively safe environment.
- The feeling of being in or close to a rural area whilst having all the advantages of urban amenities.
- Its environment
- I just like the way the council operate and i have confidence in them
- The new Town Centre with all the extra facilities.

- In the area that I live the litter is cleaned up on a regular basis & the bin collection system is one of the best I have seen.(I have worked & lived in various parts of the UK.
- Our environment. We are surrounded everywhere by open spaces and woodlands
- Close to the countryside of Shropshire
- Lots of green space where I live. Plenty of retail outlets and
- I love that our town has so much to offer, with smaller towns becoming one in Telford for example; Wellington, Oakengates, Dawley etc. I love that we have plenty to offer now with a range of restaurants, shops, the ironbridge etc. I like that there is plenty of services within Telford and Wrekin. I LOVE the attraction of the drive in movie, I think Telford and Wrekin pulled this phenomenon off brilliantly, I think this what makes Telford special when everyone gets together and becomes excited about events happening in the town. I think they should do more of these events.
- Ithe remining wooded areas and parks.
- Its location in Shropshire
- Good quality of life
- Green field while close to cities, airports (Birmingham/ Manchester)
- New developments in the town centre just need to get the new development where the old DIY store use to b on the move !!!! Bit of an eye sore now .
- Open spaces and natural beauty, ironbrige.
- Easy to get around by car, not so sure about the buses
- Well positioned for access to the motorway network and the countryside.
- Relatively affordable housing.
- HOUSING, SCHOOLS, SHOPPING & LEISURE FACILITIES. PRINCESS ROYAL HOSPITAL & LOCAL GP SERVICES ESPECIALLY SHROPDOC. SOUTHWATER HAS IMPROVED THE TELFORD CENTER BUT THE TOWN PARK IS LOOKING VERY POOR IN PLACES.
- Generally a nice, safe place to live and work.
- They listen to the needs of people living in the area. They keep the general area well planted with trees etc. They provide good sports facilities except for squash courts.
- Affordability - thecost of living is till relitively cheap compared to other parts of the county.
- I like the roundabout centres - interesting idea
- Green spaces, Wellington a friendly place
- More places than before to shop and look for work
- Good roads, trees
- Lack of improvement in St Georges - poor footpaths and roads
- Shopping centre. Southgate a big bonus but still no real town centre
- Town Park
- As a retires person I find that Telford offers all the facilities and services which I require. Also, it has excellent countryside and is well situated for travel North or South
- Roads layout
- People friendly, open spaces, good public transport and leasure facilities
- Good parks, range of entertainment available
- That you can meet up with your friends, it can be a fun time in Town Park, shopping centre and cafes, cinema in Southwater
- the planning committee listen to people - one significant thing. Road networks to other destinations. The Southwater development
- Town Park - almost last unspoilt area left without some form of development Southwater has bought new life to the town centre
- Living in Newport

- The continuing programme of improvement and redevelopment and the attempts to maintain the character of the older areas
- Free parking in some towns. It's commitment to balancing it's budget
- Current redevelopment making the centre more attractive and more leisure choice
- The open spaces but footpaths need to be improved and less muddy. More rubbish bins - especially near seats
- cant think of anything
- cycle network
- Good facilities, refuse collection continual litter picking - keeps areas tidy etc
- the area
- Lots of countryside surrounding Telford
- Good shopping etc
- There are a lot of things to do
- The amount of effort been put into the development of the town centre. The amount of green open space surrounding it
- Wellington Newport and Oakengates
- The unspoilt rural areas
- The people who make the area what it is
- New developments and not standing still
- Plenty of green and wooded areas. Good shopping centre. Good roads
- It's not yet a city like Birmingham but at the rate that old and new areas are coming together, it could well be as crowded and unwelcoming. Many areas have a good bus service but too many dont.
- Council budgets - value for money Keeping household bills low - Council Tax
- It is still reasonably green but recent planned developments are destroying that
- The creation of a proper town instead of the shopping mall being described as the Town Centre
- Roads certain cycle paths Arriva buses
- It is a modern town with a good balances cross-section of people from all walks of life and different cultures
- Sports facilities and clubs
- Close to the countryside
- Low Council Tax
- Good networks of roads, good shopping experience, nice neighbours, good community spirit
- Building of new schools and Southwater One
- Town Park
- CSO's are visible on the streets
- The community panel - the council take note of what members say and use this information when making decisions
- Always evolving - hopefully in the correct way
- It's Town Shires and villages (not the shopping Centre) with their own distinctive characters
- Just position between town and the countryside
- Its clean and green. Lots of places to walk, run and cycle, especially around the lakes. Great town centre which is expanding
- Policy on recycling and reliability of collections
- Better roads, less pot holes
- Nice town to live compared to city
- Handy to get around
- The green and open spaces too live in
- I like Telford as it is nice town which is currently expanding and improving. The new Southwater building is a great success. My heart goes out to Councillor Kuldeep Sahota
- Easy access to Town Centre. Council listening more to people

- Southwater and Ironbridge
- The new town centre and town park
- There's more than 1 thing that's good about T&W like very nice places to visit like the Wrekin itself and the local museums
- A good mix of country and town
- Attractive place to live. Safe
- Living here
- Its combination of greenery, trees, open spaces in and encircling buildings, homes, shops, schools combined with inter-connecting roadways. (I confess I couldn't bring to mind or equal knowledge of cycle ways)
- Free parking at my local centre
- That it looks to the future
- The environment in general plus the council do try to keep us informed and consulted
- Lots of improvements
- The town centre is a lot nicer to walk round since Southwater is finished and the lake and play area is a lot nicer
- The rural is kept rural and the urban is kept urban
- Availability of housing (all price brackets). Good rail/motorway links. Good use of green spaces eg roundabouts with inventive planting
- Location, rural aspects, transports services, industrial parks, acceptable shopping facilities, reasonable employment prospects, low crime rate
- The council are trying to make Telford a good place to live and visit
- Green open spaces The road network
- Green space
- Countryside
- They brush off reporting off public and in streets especially 1 street they don't put tin cans in bins provided at all.
- I am 74 years old I have lived all my life in Dawley, born in Horsehay, now live in Priorslee.
- Town Park
- A growing town but keeping our open spaces not joining the rat race
- The change from a Birmingham overspill to an individual self contained town with diversity
- Ease of roadways
- Cycling routes
- Green spaces, good public transport, good local district centres
- Southwater - big boost to area surrounding natural environment
- Good bus services to town centre
- Telford Town Park - good for wildlife and enjoying outside equipment. Green space was best thing about Telford
- um?
- It's past
- Involving the community
- Open spaces - Town Park. Beautiful countryside but also numerous facilities within Telford (eg Wellington swimming baths
- It's my home. It's green and pleasant. Good shopping
- Very good place to live
- Town Park, landscaping/open space, good road network
- The people
- The green spaces
- It is modern and I like its proximity to beautiful countryside
- Close to the countryside
- Thriving economy, infrastructure improvements, road improvements, great schools and opportunities for family activities

- Too many green spaces
- We still have a few green areas but they are slowly being eaten up by new housing
- Great rural locations and an improved (work in progress) Telford Town Centre
- Vast opportunity to enjoy open spaces
- It is easy to travel about the areas using public transport
- Most services are available
- Love my house, love the history of the area. Close proximity to amenities yet not far from countryside
- It's in Shropshire
- The wonderful facilities at our modern town centre
- Good shopping facilities generally around the town centre
- It's green and open spaces
- Forward thinking and planning not knee jerk reaction
- The amount of recycling done and litter picking
- Ironbridge, Blists Hill, history, retail units, new road works
- Telford to me is a disjointed place, I prefer Wellington although this town has been neglected and is rather run down
- Where we live I can use my mobility scooter without going in the road so safety is good in Telford
- Leisure facilities
- Everything is basically in good order and correct
- Beautiful countryside
- Telford offers everything you need
- Easy access to countryside
- A fantastic lovely place to live. The greenery/woods, copses, hedgerows, grass verges, lovely roundabouts seeded and planted, the lakes. It is a pleasure to live here.
- It's a county environment
- Sorry, nothing comes to mind
- No comment
- A good road network and open spaces
- It is where I was born. I think council tries very hard to help those in need. Good road and rail links to the South and North
- Nothing special springs to mind
- There is a good variety of facilities sport leisure shops hotels restaurants etc
- Safe place to live
- Go ahead policies
- Improvements to town centre ie restaurants, shops etc
- The multi cultural nature
- The rural environment with modern amenities. I work in Birmingham and know a lot of people from there visit Telford and love it. I feel proud I live in Telford
- Is there anything good about it now? Used to be a pleasant place to live - (boasted, I was born here).
- The area is an excellent blend/balance of rural environment but with excellent shopping centers and industrial/enterprise parks
- It's not in power forever
- Town Park
- The open spaces that people get to easily for free
- The town park and the environment around it
- The fact that I live very near a countryside area which is very precious to me and superior in its value to Apley Park in my opinion and that I am near to other amenities ie retail. That I feel safe in my environment and do not witness anti social behaviour.

- Good combination of town, country, villages. Quiet places but ideal for young and old alike. We have a voice.
- Roads, play areas, Southwater
- Good layout and road links - everything is easy access - even I don't get lost
- Lots of things to do, theatres, cinemas, walks, fitness (excellent) but only if you have the money
- Facilities for young generation
- An approachable council
- Close to courtryside
- The Borough is trying to encourage new businesses to help unemployment, there is a lot of work being done to regenerate all the small local retail areas
- Open space. A council who care
- Town centre very good indeed
- The Wrekin, Ironbrige and happy communities
- Easy to drive around
- It tries to be innovative and involves citizens - the overall positive outlook
- All roads lead out
- Low crime rates. Brilliant cycle track routes 'best by far in the West Midlands
- The countryside around its borders
- Has an eye to the past - appreciate its heritage but not afraid to move onto the futues
- I believe they encourage local enterprise, shops rents should be reduced in local centres though
- Many retail outlets and a good bus service. Next to Severn Valley and Shropshire Countryside
- In places still like the country eg lots of green areas
- Nothing
- It is near to very attractive countryside
- Lots of road/rail links to encourage industry venues for exhibition use and variety of leisure
- More entertainment moving inot the area
- The remaining green spaces and development of town centre
- Open spaces and ease of getting around Telford
- Improved local areas with smaller communities
- It's forward looking
- Clean place to live, generally safe, and job prospects
- More housing, clean streets, school building improvements, local community shops
- Recent improvements to Southwater area of Telford Town Centre
- Telford & Wrekin not got a heart
- Hopefully the new development when it is finished
- The new Southwater development, places to eat and leisure pursuits
- In my area very little crime or vandalism
- Some of the people
- Facilities. Variety of ethnicities and no racism personally seen
- A good mixture of town and rural areas
- The trees and open spaces
- Flowers along the road. New Southwater area
- At the moment I don't see many good things about Telford & Wrekin
- A lovely town park
- Big improvement to town centre, proper town centre now. Just a shame on the road signs the coucnil seems embarrassed to use capital letters on the words town and centre
- Good firendly people
- People are friendly and everyone knows someone to talk to. The failities at the civic centre are perfect

- Still a place of growth and opportunity for families coming into the area
- Our council is usually willing to listen
- Plenty of things to do for most people who make the effort. Lovely flowers in some areas very bad
- The friends and family who live here. Shopping parks and tidyness.
- The free play spaces. The Southwater development is brilliant. The council listen and act on suggestions/ideas
- Local community events
- The effort being made to make Telford Town Centre into a place for the future
- In the past 4 years there has been no broken promises. Well done to Wrekin, Telford
- In lit well routes to bigger cities, access to trains
- Road system is generally good
- Within minutes you can be in the countryside and enjoying the outdoors but it is getting less and less
- Shopping centre - when driving on the road by car, cycling people are giving a lot of hassel to us on the roads
- The road out
- The rest of the country are taking notice of what we do
- New Southwater
- Schools are very good
- The town park and green spaces
- Easy access to countryside
- I don't know - some things are good some are bad. I don't think you do anything outstanding
- The green areas that make you feel you still in the countryside. Accessible for everyone
- Location, economy and new Southwater project
- Telford is surrounded by countryside all within easy reach of everyone any time of day.
- Go ahead council - thinking for future
- Green areas and open spaces
- When I moved to Telford 24 years ago I was particurly attracted by the green open spaces and abundance of countryside
- The new town centre and town park
- Up tp now green open spaces
- The new Southwater complex is excellent. I approve of the concept of bringing new businesses into the area
- Safe, clean and has great facilities
- A good road network but drivers don't signal approach to roundabouts is formost too fast where there is more than 4 points of exit they are frequently in the wrong lane and speeding up. Why cant you road mark the roads and crossings. Bicycle bekks - why not use them on pedestrian/cycle tracks also hi-viz clothing at all times
- No best thing
- I am happy with the current re-cycling arrangement and collections and the community support
- I feel the council is working for me. Many lovely green spaces to walk in. Council working for young jobless
- Ease of conversation and accessibility
- Progressive socially aware council
- A mixture of town and country with the benefits of both
- In general it is a very pleasant place to lve. The council try to do their best in what are difficut circumstances
- The amount of green spaces we have and not seeing a lot of litter and rubbish well done to TWS
- The mix of town and country. Lots of positive things - new Southwater is great. On the whole the LA doea a great job. Provision of specialist education for children with learning difficulties is fantastic. That we have specialist school - it is really good
- Free parking, but not enough of it in Wellington
- Clean and tidy town centre (ignore work going on) Fresh ideas seem to be taking shape in many areas.
- A compact unit bringing together a multitude of services

- Services provided to people and community generally whenever I have needed to speak to staff by telephone I have always received quick, polite , helpful responses
- There is nothing special about Telford
- Keeps developing and progressing eg Southwater and it's facilities and future development on Town Centre to progress.
- The new library both at Wellington and Telford Town Centre
- Refurbished leisure centres
- Easy to get to - fairly wide range of shops
- Design and marketing rural aspect

Question 2 - What is your biggest concern/problem in the borough?

- Scale of proposed new housing developments a lot of green spaces being over developed
- Traffic management - far too many traffic lights that people become blas? to and ignore/jump/speed through. Islands becoming more complicated and congested, slowing traffic and creating large jams. Junctions where the road opens to two lanes then immediately closes back to one, encouraging 'boy racers'; and accidents. The two major Telford roads of the A442 and A518 being constantly altered to congest traffic more rather than save the money until it can be done properly, this in the name of safety nut actually causes more accidents and probably with a lower throughput of traffic as people find alternatives such as through the Hortonwood estate.
- Have we got the infa structure for all the new building in Newport?
- Too many people. Too many houses.
- People parking on pavememnts. More enforcement is needed.
- Public transport routes, most journeys involve going into Telford and then out to other areas from Newport. Building on green space.
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- Total lack of understanding and 'blindness' from the Council towards Newport
- The Town centre is very busy.
- Fly tipping
- Lack of parking
- More parks for children
- Communication between the Council and the people of Newport.
- Increasing number of new properties being built resulting in larger population and increase in vehicles on the roads
- Within Telford and Wrekin there are numerous problems and concerns for people of all ages... For example the litter being thrown in public places. Many people can trip over or on litter. Also, some horrid teenagers are ruining parks and play areas.
- My biggest concern is that people are kidnapping children and people are stealing things from shops and there's a lot of criminals also another concern is that people are buying sweets and opening them and throwing their rubbish on the floor even when theres a bin right next to them.
- Traffic too many cars to get through. Dont feel safe on the wrekin. Lots of hills and trees and noone to keep us safe.
- Regent street park needs more equipment. Litter on the streets. Busy traffic. Arleston Park-more toys. Places to sit around the parks.
- My biggest concern is bad drivers on the street is because at 9 oclock sliding across my house.
- My biggest concern is that people litter everywhere
- My biggest problem in Telford and Wrekin is the way dog poo to stop this from happening people need to carry a doggy poo bag.
- My bigist problem in Telford and Wreking is dog poo because we can step in it.
- Litterr. Dog dropping bcuse it spre and you can get dzeisis
- Overs do not
- Litter because animals can get trapped in it
- dog poo becus people mite tred in it
- dog poo becuae I hate trading on it! Litter
- not anof librys
- litter:tires crisp packets chocolate bar packets. Could we put up signs that say put your litter in bins. Put more bins in the enviroment
- Dog poo because it will spread and you can get diseases

- people leave Dog to poo
- People throw rubbish on the ground. Robbers. Cars drive too fast. A lot of people smoke. Sometimes people are silly when walking on the pavements.
- Criminals (stealing/theft, people being hurt, kidnapping, graffiti.) Road safety lack of crossings and speeding. People ruining parks and play areas. Litter in public areas. People not following rules for example road works.
- My biggest concern is stealing because there are lots of robbery around Telford. They are taking phones and TV's things like that my other concern is people doing graffiti
- One of our biggest concerns are crimes for example (stealing, their kids being hurt and graffiti) our next concerns are cars going too fast and finally teenagers get the swings and put them too high.
- Within Telford and Wrekin there are numerous problems for people of all ages such as people ruining parks and play areas by taking things and throwing litter on the floor.
- My concern about Telford and Wrekin is the crimes that go on like graffiti, kidnapping and theft. My problem in Telford and Wrekin is the park because loads of teenagers are wrecking the park.
- There has been a number of disputes towards Telford and Wrekin for example vandalism has occurred very much around without permission. I also must add that there has been too much litter occurring in public areas. Thirdly parks have been dismantled all because of teenagers.
- I'm concerned about bullies because people are getting hurt inside and outside of school. Another thing I am concerned about is criminals, for example theft and kidnap. I'm also concerned about litter because when people eat crisps they throw the wrapper on the floor.
- Within Telford and Wrekin there are numerous problems for people of all ages. For example Litter in public areas. Although I have not seen people littering but I have seen rubbish on the floor sometimes in parks. Another concern is Graffiti teenagers go around and put rude words on such places.
- My first concern on Telford and Wrekin is that most people are putting the swings in the parks high so we the younger ones can't play on them and some other people which are mostly teenagers are in parks and start to bully people. My second reason is that people steal and hurt people which make people feel worried and it's not very nice. My last reason is that there isn't many zebra crossings so a lot of child adults or teenagers could get hurt.
- Within Telford and Wrekin there are numerous problems and concerns for people of all ages. For example, there are criminals stealing, theft, making people hurt, kidnapping, vandalising/graffiti all over Telford and Wrekin. Also there are people littering in public areas and ruining parks and play areas by making swings higher and abusing road work signs.
- To make Telford and Wrekin a better place to live in we could make mortgages cheaper for our houses.
- My biggest problem is the parks are getting destroyed by making the swings higher xxx so can not reach them. My biggest problem is robbers and people stealing from shops.
- Also crimes and graffiti. This is a big problem to people and shopkeepers, as graffiti is everywhere. My second concern is road safety and the lack of speed as some people may know that 2 or 3 people in their family have had accidents or have been hurt on road. For example speed and zebra crossings.
- criminals (stealing theft) if you see something happen you can tell some there's plenty of people around us to tell not just anyone but certain people who can help.
- within Telford there are numerous problems from people from all ages for example thief, graffiti, kidnapping, litter in public areas.
- Others do not pick their dog poo
- To clean up ever wharf in Telford!
- so the first thing is dog off the lead in park because they can xxx to tack people And that has happened!
- within Telford and Wrekin there are numerous problems such as criminals, stealing Bracking into private property or kidnapping and even people getting hurt. Some teenagers and sometimes ruin parks and stop kids from going on them. There are some people that do not go by the rules for example Road works. people sometimes don't obey the signs.
- My biggest concern in Telford and Wrekin is litter, dog poo, dirty houses, poor people, baby nappies I think the law should be stricter on people found littering.

- The worst thing about Telford is dog poo because when peoples dogs pook they just look at it and walk away and dont clean it up.
- My biggest concern is all the smoking because people around cigarettes start to cough. Also it can effect people's health. And the amount of dog poo left on streets is disgraceful.
- One of the worst things is dog poo because if you step on dog poo and wark or in the home. Smoking in poblike Because it makes you cough. Also litter is bad if you want Earth to rot and poloot
- My biggest concern is all the litter I dont like it when people throw litter on the ground but insects are dieing in litter and its hurting nature. They shouldnt throw litter on the ground they should hold on to it until they find a bin
- The budget proposal to cut remissions for music lessons published today in your budget. Hitting those who cannot afford to pay, hitting looked after children, hitting young people with special needs, impacting of young people's learning and GCSE preparation for such a small cut in your overall council budget. That is what underlies our concern that because of what you are planning, music and thearts are in danger of becoming: ?More remote from children from working class backgrounds; ?More remote from young people in our disadvantaged communities; ?More remote from young people in our regions; and ?More the prerogative of a metropolitan elite. This cannot be allowed to happen. At a time when people ask where the jobs of the future are going to come from, and how we?re going to pay our way in the world, we should be in no doubt about the importance of arts and the creative industries for jobs, growth and the economy. It is every child?s right to open up and explore their artistic and creative potential which should be a journey which goes on for the rest of their life. Research demonstrates that taking part in arts activities develops social skills like confidence and communication, giving young people wider social networks in school and in their wider community. Please reconsider this cut in funding.
- Destruction of NHS facilities - brilliant service being undermined and destroyed by cuts. Reduction in council services hitting most vulnerable.
- Accessibility and understanding of the needs of disabled and disadvantaged young people & children.
- Levels of deprivation in some areas, particularly the new town estates.
- I write with grave concern upon hearing the Telford & Wrekin Council are planning to cut all support for young people on free school meals or are looked after children to have access to music lessons and music education. The government?s own National Plan for Music Education sets out a vision for music education in England which depends on the combination of financial support of the Department for Education, schools and parents, and local authorities. It is important that music education is available to as many young people as possible across ALL of Telford & Wrekin: it must not become the preserve of those children whose families can afford to pay for music tuition. While music touches the lives of all young people, the disadvantaged can benefit most. The Labour Party is fully behind music education for young people, Harriet Harman MP, Labour?s Deputy Leader:- ?It is every child?s right to open up and explore their artistic and creative potential which should be a journey which goes on for the rest of their life. It gives them the opportunity to learn to enjoy, understand and make a rich contribution to every aspect of their lives ? social, political, economic, psychological. A sense of where they?ve come from historically, a sense of where they?re going; and how they may want to change that and take control of their lives. It helps them in every way to become that unique person that they, and they alone, have the potential to be. Creative and cultural learning supports attainment in all subjects including in literacy and maths." So, that being the case, how, then, can we accept a situation where some get that opportunity and others do not in modern day Telford? How can we tolerate cultural exclusion for such a small amount of funding within the Council budget? This small ammount of grant funding is highly critical in opening up opportunities for significant numbers of highly disadvantaged young people in Telford to access music education such as special needs pupils, looked after children and pupils on free school meals. ?Music makes a dramatic difference to children, academically, intellectually, socially and emotionally. Professor Sue Hallam of the Institute of Education wrote The Power of Music, which summarises the evidence in support of music. ?The creative industries are worth ?36.3 billion a year to the UK and the music industry is worth between ?3.5 billion and ?3.8 billion. [Research by UK Music and PRS for Music.] ?In a recent national poll, of those expressing an opinion, 85% of British adults back Michael Gove?s statement, taken from the foreword of the National Plan for Music, that ?music education must not become the preserve of those children whose families can afford to pay for music tuition.? ?The Department for Education own guidance notes 2015/16 (July 2014) on the local authority Education Services

Grant supports the use of this local authority grant funding to support music education for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds such as looked after children and free school meal pupils and makes up a small percentage of the overall grant the Council receives from the Department for Education around per year it would cost to support young people from Telford. Telford & Wrekin Council are already one of the lowest funding supporting authorities for arts and culture nationally and any further cuts to support for young people from highly disadvantaged background and looked after children from Telford will be the hardest hit. Source <http://www.50pforculture.org/>

- deprivation in the older estates such as woodside, lack of quality restaurants, lack of quality nightlife such a jazz clubs, adult entertainment , theatre, quality shops.
- Need to be more visionary. Still quite parochial in terms of investing in areas which do not need investment i.e. has pride funding been invested in the right areas on right schemes or has it been driven politically?
- Cuts to services for children and young people that can make a real difference to children's lives ie play provision,youth provision, library opening times and leisure activities
- An acute lack of sustainable long-term employment.
- Public transport and the condition of roads and footpaths. Some very silly traffic calming measures in place and too many unnecessary traffic lights!!
- That people are quick to judge what's on their doorstep, how many other towns have had so much investment, an ice rink, shopping centre etc in the middle of the town. Use it or lose it I'm guessing
- Lack of cultural facilities - no proper theatre or art gallery. Very poor public transport eg no bus service at all on boxing day or new years day - rail service needs improving to solve overcrowding.
- Crime over housing development poverty
- Southwater is great, but really need to address the district centres before they die completely.
- Roads and perception of crime,
- No re-cycling site in Newport
- Uncontrolled, indiscriminate large scale development on greenfield sites
- Poverty 2. A lack of character. The new Southwater complex is fantastic, but I think Telford could be improved by attracting more in the way of local businesses and local community events and clubs etc which are unique and personalised to the area. For example, Costa Coffee and chain restaurants help Telford to feel 'in touch' and modernised, but one-off coffee shops and independent retailers give personality provide identity.
- Litter 2. Estate roads and pavements - seems to be a lack of investment/remedial/planned maintenance works - getting worse, not better
- Public health issues such as obesity and smoking
- The way that all our 'green' spaces are being built on, with no weight applied to local views. More and more houses - ruining local environments
- Too many housing developments - huge strain on the NHS
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- Too many new houses built on green land site - road infrastructure cannot cope
- Ongoing road work - there should be a better schedule to help traffic build up
- Too much of the green space that originally made Telford an attractive place to live is being built on. Build on brown field land or not at all please
- Empty shops, charity shops, car parking charges, traffic lights, politics in local government
- Flytipping/litter
- Too many traffic islands with 5 or 6 roads - so confusing
- Catastrophic broadband and mobile communications in rural areas (particularly 01952 550 numbers) hamper/prelude running a home based business. High density rural development
- The sprawl of housing development caused by failures in its planning service

- The speed of traffic on Mossey Green Way. There needs traffic lights on the island by the Peugeot garage to slow the idiots down
- That it is going to be a city like Wolverhampton and Birmingham. I am glad that I will not be around to see that
- Noise pollution from the International Centre as the building was originally only a Tennis Racket Centre and soundproofing is inadequate, and should be forced to comply with new soundproofing
- The lunatic Labour group that wastes so much money
- Crisis Support
- The recent figures on crime - Telford came out top in Shropshire - awful. More and more green land is being built on - this is such a shame because of my comment above re feeling you are in a 'rural' environment - this won't last unless building on green land is stopped. Why do we need so many more houses? Where are all the people going to work, go to school and use services like the PRH? If one big employer left Telford, such as Capgemini and Fujitsu, on the HMRC contract an awful lot of people would be out of work - the current contract expires in 2017....
- Its lack of workers who take pride of service and not treat it as only a job
- Flytipping
- People not understanding what is available on their doorsteps!
- Any changes to the current level of services included in the above provision
- Over development
- Travelling community being pandered to with sites and lack of affirmative action to remove them from the borough in which they bring no benefit but claim plenty and dent both local and parish budgets in clean up operations.
- the amount of housing being built in areas that are unsuitable
- Anti-social behaviour e.g. Wellington Train Station at night. Deprivation of areas.
- Amount of road works, anti social behaviour, litter around schools
- 1 There is a serious lack of public transport - it is disgraceful that there were no bus services at all on Boxing Day and New Years Day and the Borough is becoming totally reliant on private cars which is unsustainable in the future. 2 There is a serious lack of cultural facilities - no real theatre, no independent cinema, no art gallery and no museums (apart from Ironbridge). 3 Our market towns are totally neglected, declining and reflect badly on the priorities of the Council in terms of investment - sadly the Council has wasted a lot of money funding and promoting the Southwater Centre (which is full of multi-national companies who do not buy local produce or support the local economy).
- poor state of some of the roads and housing estates in some areas litter and 'fly tipping'
- Youth unemployment
- Not to merge Newport with Muxton etc and make a big conurbation
- The town centre all road works
- Youth unemployment and associated problems
- Inadequate roads and other supporting infrastructures eg schools, GP surgeries and public transport to support unwanted large housing developments on the outer fringes of the borough.
- The decline of our historic market towns - most look tatty, uncared for and without any proper development plan for regeneration. 2) The lack of cultural facilities which create a negative wider image of Telford - no art gallery, no repertory theatre, no independent cinema, few museums to attract visitors. 3) Our Gateways look very unattractive - both Wellington and Telford railway stations need improving to create a pleasant and welcoming entry point to our area - murals with the history of the area, tourist information boards, public art, informative signposts and proper disabled access at Wellington station. 4) Very poor public transport - difficult to access Ironbridge and no transport at all to the Wrekin!
- There is not enough places for older children/ teenagers. New south water is lovely but groups hanging out as nowhere to go
- The amount of money which is wasted, for example, the amount of money wasted in primary schools. One primary school in Dawley has spent Â£5,000 on a new light fitting in the reception area following building work which has taken place and also taken out a loan for Â£53,000 to pay for unnecessary IT equipment. How can a headteacher be

able to authorise such wasteful spending and then not pay teachers and staff at the school correctly? I expect this to be investigated.

- Too much house building going way above government targets both within Telford and the surrounding rural area.
- Traffic Lights - why can we not switch them off after 1030 pm? Think of the saving over a year.
- Public transport where I live in shawbirch is very poor. One bus an hour to telford centre and one bus an hour to Wellington. I drive, but not ideal for my teenage daughter who needs to get around. Little activities for teenagers. Would be nice to have more events in the town. Concerns on how some money is spent - doesn't always seem best value for money, if local press reports are to be believed.
- Personally anti social behaviour.
- Wastefulness in terms of time, human resources and very clearly finance; which I would be more than happy to expand on, if the level of competence within the council to recognise these concerns, is inadequate.
- Too town is growing too quickly - too many new houses being thrown up, just to meet Gov't targets. Especially when it;s being built on green belt land.
- To many traffic lights, bring back better islands
- Doing of rubbish and anti social behaviour
- Care for older people and people with disabilities
- More and more green space used for housing to many buy to rent landlords ,definitely not enough affordable social housing ,older lack of investment and infrastructure care in the older more established areas ,looking run down.To many takeaways in areas that are needed ,people using the race card to get applicationspassed through.
- Maintaining what we have without having to spend more money
- The mad rush to build without consideration of the views expressed by local people.
- To many parasites living off hand-outs.
- the building work around the town centre, and the subsequent roadworks, are a major headache, causing traffic jams and hold ups on every road around the area, which i have noticed has dramatically decreased footfall in the centre. that said, wellington is dying too, this weekend it was like a ghost town. i went up to the new southwater to use the library, and only found it due to a child walking out of the building with a book! why is there no sign on the building? all the new building work around the town is quite annoying, to be honest. it seems that anywhere thats got a bit of space, gets a building put on it! my other half lives in ireland, but has been coming to telford since the early 80's to visit family living here, and even she has said its getting too much. public transport used to be the backbone of the area, but buses into and out of the main industrial estates arent very useful, especially for people that work shifts and have to be there early, or leave very late, i am very worried about the lack of police presence around centres late at night too, although in dawley i have witnessed people drinking in the controlled drinks area through the day, with seemingly NO police enforcement. i find this kind of thing quite scary as drinkers are inevitably unpredictable.
- Road works in the town centre. Hospital car park charges.
- Litter picking - doesn't happen enough on Sutton Hill. Poor state of roads around SH.
- Stretching of health services.
- Increasing crime
- New housing where there is inadequate transport, water, sewage facilities.
- The continuing cuts to social services and social worker numbers, police numbers and community facilities. Why did you cut funding to Listen and Care, the only mental health self help group in Telford?
- Development in unsuitable places (e.g. Paddock Mound)
- traffic lights on islands that cause tailbacks all the time night and day, And cause accidents. Total waste of tax payers money, worked better with just the islands. Parking charges especially the town centre where it seems everything is being moved too i.e... library council office.
- We do a lot of walking and find that the pavement areas are poor outside the central area. Also, the areas around and away from the centre, are looking a bit tired. The pavements in Old Park are full of repaired trenches, which have sunk and are uneven. Many of the traffic lights seem superfluous and the pedestrian controlled lights near Halfords, take too long to respond to the button being pressed.

- Amount of money spent on the box road system to what purpose. Amount of money spent on siting travellers in Granville Road, money could have been better spent on other services.
- Lack of investment in transport infrastructure to the rest of UK - i.e no electrified train line, no link to M6 and M6 toll, poor quality of M54, lack of frequency of trains to B'ham, small number of direct trains to B'ham etc
- TRying to contact the local Council on any matter, and having to keep trying different numbers.
- A budget response to your proposal to cutting remission support for vulnerable young people published last week This is an first initial response from a group of 34 parents who oppose this proposal Our initial response is 1. This hits the most vulnerable young people across Telford 2. This proposal hits non academy schools and not acadamey schools 3. The impossible timeframe for these cuts to get every school on board and agreed by 1 April 2015 4. The way this proposal has not be communicated and hidden buried with no conversations with parents or young people about this proposal 5. The council receives funding through the Education Services Grant to support Music Services and access to music lessons which the Department for Education confirmed in July 2014 so why are you cutting by 100% this support? 6. It only costs 4p per Telford household per week to fund this remission support for young people low cost investment for high impact 7. So far we have spoken to three primary head teachers non of them had heard about or been informed about this proposal and would not be able to replace the loss of this funding due to the council not passing on this funding to non academy schools 8. For the past two years you have used the Education Services grant to make up the losses of TLive why cannot you not use the funding to support vulnerable young and use coporate support and other grants to support Tlive <http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/01/27/40000-loss-for-t-live-sparks-rethink-call/> 9. If you are not running Tlive again why cannot you not use the funding from the Education Services Grant you have used for the past two years to support Tlive loses to fund remission support for music lessons This is our first initial response parents and schools will be sending in their own responses in addition to this one We will be contacting the head of the music service to discuss this proposal in full We will also be contacting the Musicians Union and the national Protect Music Education campaign for advice and support We oppose the proposal in the strongest terms
- Too much building which could spoil the lovely countryside.
- Don't let Telford end up like them cess pits down the M6, Get a iron grip on immigration and prohibit close knit communities / ghetto's
- Too many houses being built.
- High business rates stifling businesses
- Cars parking on pavements as if perdestrains don't have a right to be there. Black dustbins only being emtyed one a fortnight in the summer. No matter how much you try with living by fields you always get maggots. in winter fine. Rubbish not being picked up any more at muxton opposite St johns church opposite playing field getting a collection of bottles food containers and paper.
- The lack of a transport link between Telford railway station and the shopping centre.where I live in arleston the bus service is inadequate especially as there is no Sunday service.
- deprivation
- Council being focused on urban deprivation and services. The council seems to be out of touch with rural areas, illustrated by the recent planning debacles. The council does not seem to realise how increasing fuel prices and poor road maintenance impact on rural communities.
- Commuter transport to Birmingham and London is not frequent
- Too many traffic lights restricting traffic flow unnecessarily Having to constantly stop when there is no other traffic around is extremely frustrating, wastes fuel and creates more pollution.
- Planning for houses in local areas, too many remain empty & not signed off. Shouldn't therefore, have been built in the first place!
- Lack of affordable rental properties in the district / proliferation of traffic lights without intelligent controls which cause increased pollution and journey times
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- My biggest concern is the threat of closing The Princess Royal Hospital in Telford and the car parking charges there. When you look at how difficult it is to park in the hospital (always full) it shows how much this hospital is needed. Also the lack of parking facilities in Wellington stops people shopping there. Too many charity shops. The other concern I have is the amount of 'eating places' in Southwater and plans for yet another 6 where 'the green shed' was. Parking spaces for disabled in Telford Town Centre still mean quite a distance to walk into the shopping area. I am also concerned about the lack of facilities for teenagers which can lead to boredom and other problems.
- The loss of open spaces, and the greens and trees that divide and hide individual neighbourhoods and industrial areas. Lack of maintenance of Holmer Lake. It is becoming an over grown scrubland. The paths are disappearing under mud, grass and other vegetation. Some trees have become a nuisance to nearby residents. Missing bollards are allowing cars to drive over daffodil beds in an attempt to avoid the flooded and potholed lane
- Too much building and other activities destroying the countryside.
- The stupid traffic lights that seem to be popping up everywhere. Telford was a traffic light free zone at one time with it being the roundabout capital of the world. Roundabouts simply keep traffic flowing but some idiot has decided that traffic lights are the way forward, please can that person explain how sticking lights on medium size roundabouts works has it has caused mayhem around the junction 5 and Malinslee. I can understand lights on the large junction islands on Junction 4 & 6 and also on the Town centre junction of the Eastern Primary,. But please can you tell this city obsessed idiot Telford is NOT Birmingham !
- The local roads are in desperate need of repair
- Condition of the roads - potholes everywhere.
- Massive cuts council have to cope with, not sure if public realise these are national government led cuts not borough.
- Poor roads and litter.
- Bloated, inefficient public service, that is very poor value for the tax I pay.
- Lack of interest in rural communities and too much control wielded by Council Officers
- Traffic congestion and dangerous junction Lawley by Morrisons. Badly designed and often accidents. Have contacted Ironstone and Council re this but never heard anything. Increasing traffic in areas becoming more built up. Parking not allowed for all the houses leading to congestion on narrow roads eg Lawley Village where buses and cars have to negotiate the parked vehicles.
- After care for the elderly
- too many houses are being built 90% OF PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO BE A CITY it seems to just be council brass who want to cover all our farm land with shops all this will do is cause gettos
- building on open spaces, Telford used to look very green with a lot of trees etc in between the different estates and areas.
- Over development
- Apart from the amount of new sets of traffic lights, which have sprung up every where, you can move around quite freely , which keeps the traffic flowing smoothly.
- Far too much house building. We simply do not need any more people.
- We live in Shakespeare Way and our concern is that the area beyond Shakespeare Way, which are the council houses in Sutton Hill and their general condition are keeping the prices low on the three bedroom semi's in Shakespeare Way and the surrounding areas. The houses in this area are very difficult to sell. We have noticed that building works have started on a part of Sutton Hill which can only be an improvement. Is it the Council's intention to replace all the houses in this area?
- I've lived here for 30yrs. in various parts of T & W , but for 20yrs in Newport. A ridiculous amount of housing is being built, very quickly in Newport, nearly all on Greenfield sites. There are no jobs in Newport, so all the newcomers will have to travel. Prices of houses dropped since 2008 and I know young couples who bought then in Newport and have sold at a loss recently. We will have a glut of houses with no one to purchase them. My youngest son works in London, he couldn't get a job around here. The politicians keep saying build more houses, Yes, in the south east where there is a demand, but it's a totally different story here!
- That they don't listen to the public concerning paths and the road structure.
- Congestion

- In such austere times my biggest concern is the ego's of the council members. When we need to consider aligning front and back office services to save money, i feel ego gets in the way of better decision making
- The town centre is enjoying lots of money being spent on new road surfaces and footways but look outside the orb. Travel down to Priorslee campus, I don't know who you employ to fill in the pot holes they were filled in six weeks ago and need doing again. This is just one example out of hundreds around the district, also on the afore said stretch of road the illegal parking of cars needs to be looked at and the damage to the verges rectified.
- Too many houses being built,
- the roads at rush hour are a nightmare. I travel in from Market Drayton and it can take me 30 minutes to make a 10 minute journey to Ketley.
- Services gradually being eroded.
- I would like to see better maintenance of the many pathways and also less litter.
- Places like Woodside/Brookside scare me. The levels of crime in areas like these are worrying.
- Disabled parking
- Dangerous footpaths
- Housing conditions on old council estates. I.e. Sutton Hill
- Crime rates, I feel streets need more and better lighting in area,s.
- Inappropriate housing development. The rural area is being turned into part of Telford for no sensible reason. This is damaging to the overall attractiveness of the area.
- The loss of things we care about due to budget! Lack of policing Lack of local people in the form of councillors or officers having influence in local school and facilities
- Hospital services and health generally
- Too many houses being built with little thought into infrastructure such as roads and schools
- Too many large building projects are raising concern as to whether there will be sufficient infrastructure to support them, i.e. roads, schools, medical facilities
- Drug and alcohol issues,
- Youth unemployment and the high cost of public transport
- Lack of facilities for recreation and worship on new housing developments.
- the reduction in social services for older people. 5 years ago i felt comfortable with the level of services that were then available to support me as I grow older, but now I feel rather vulnerable I have a dog and enjoy walking in lots of areas in Telford, but there are many roads that do not have pavements I think it was a real shame that the plan to build a new council offices was abandoned. I know it was used as a political pawn in the process of counsellors election, but I was all for it
- The state of the roads, some are really really bad and seem to be ignored. people are suppose to be employed to inspect roads and either this is not being done or they are not doing their jobs properly. The state of the speed humps down woodside avenue is bad, they wreck your car over time and it is not practical to go 10mph over them.
- Lack of police presence especially around the Brookside area. why isn't there more patrolling more CCTV. New waste collection company not collecting rubbish because of lack of supervision by their management team. Potholes and roads still in a bad state even though you have had extra funding from central government.
- Over-development and loss of green spaces, especially when there is a lot of waste brownfield sites.
- Private landlords and the sale of Wrekin Housing Trust property to Private Landlords.
- Selling green belt to home builders. Not providing more doctors and schools for these developments. I know that's how you are able to freeze council tax. Id rather have had an increase.
- Crime, it is not one of the worst areas but i see a lot of youngsters in gangs particularly in the Brookside area usually gathered around the local shops. My wife and i visit friends there on occasions and sometimes you feel threatened when walking to the local shops when they gather there. I was told by the person we visit that drugs are a problem where she lives and she is looking at moving away from the area because of this. I think that a police presents would be a good idea in such areas.
- Lack of respect for the community, littering, dogfouling and fly tipping

- My biggest concern is loss of green space and the explosion of houses and new roads and traffic lights that are being built which actually destroy the attractiveness of Telford. I know a few executives in Wrekin council and Planning Dept have long desired city status with its allure of financial benefits but who wants to live in a city where only houses exist with no green spaces for our children to grow up in?
- Transport - it is still difficult to get around if you do not have a car at certain times of the day. The busses are cut back too early - many commuters do not finish work within Telford or return from outside of the town until after 6pm and so have fewer options to get home and often have to wait around to get home. I have raised this point before, but no one seems to be able to offer an affordable service I am guessing or a change may have happened already.
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- Potholes, too many houses and too many immigrants.
- Car parking in Wellington is non existant, most car parking is taken up by Telford & Wrekin pen pushers especially the library car park. Anti social behavior. Too many charity shops not enough small reatailers given help. Housing rents far too high.
- Wellington leisure centre parking
- Wellington market town is being destroyed. Not enough green spaces
- I have a 16 year old skateboarding mad son and live in Wellington. He has nowhere to go close by.
- Telford and Wrekin are not interested in helping people with no voice. Children in care are torn away from siblings with no thought as to future effects on that child. Mental health services are cut, youth clubs and parent help groups closed due to funding cuts. Small businesses that deal with the Council are not paid on time and are forced to reduce prices to a level where they can't make a profit and in the case of carers pay them less than minimum wage as they are not paid for travel between clients. Old people are not cared for as they are given 15 minute visits which is a disgrace.
- Uncontrolled mass house building. (partly the Governments fault) especially non affordable housing
- Please do not cut down trees. Please do not let developers ignore the planting of new trees.
- Do we need 2 cinemas? Are there enough people? There is plenty for T&W residents.
- Litter in the streets. Cars parking on pavements restricting access(even in residential areas). The poor quality of shops in Wellington.
- No doubt there are problems but as yet I find none.
- Southwater needs more entertainment and less restrurants.
- Over development
- Litter. Bad manners. Transport.
- The quality of the water and poor mobile signal
- Trying to protect services at PRH for ALL the people saving the NHS
- Condition of Wellington, poor planning decisions on design, quality, infrastructure for new housing.
- Southwater should not be full of American restrurant chains
- Crime and shop lifters there's no support for the retailers

- Building in open spaces encroaching on the town park, clearing of LOTS of trees and shrubs and making the place less environmentally friendly. Taking away the bus service of where I live in Overdale, selling off Council properties for gain.
- Not enough ugly houses being built on fields and green space. Telford and wrekin using funds as they wish. Not enough areas for frogs to play.
- Crime - drugs. Unemployment
- I live in Wellington...huge amount of charity shops.
- Closure of local services in smaller towns such as police stations, recycling centres, etc. and loss of greenspace which is almost irreversible
 - I am concerned about the fact that we have not yet developed a specific tourist attraction entity such as a Tower or anything that will stand out across the country. It should not target just the UK tourist but also of global interest. 2)The green leafy tree should not be constantly cut down to pave way for new homes.
- Anti-social behaviour and there appears to be a general consensus between people both in and out of Telford that it is a town for, want of a better word, ***.
- Not necessarily the biggest but one that springs to mind is an experience I had at the weekend observing a young mother being horrible to her two children. I hadn't seen what had gone before, but I just felt so sad both for her and her children. There are lots of people who need help to rise above their situation.. Fortunately in T&W there are also lots of ways of getting help (social service cuts are not good tho)
- Building on agricultural/ greenfield sites. Once it's gone, it's gone. It sometimes feels as if services for residents in Newport and surrounding areas are less important than for areas nearer to Telford - in particular recycling services.
- To me its community space eg the entrance to the Phoenix is like a building site .Its a disgrace.It puts me off using the library and the town Hall and makes the end of the high street look neglected and unfinished
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- 1.The proliferation of traffic signals that are not necessary in some of the areas that they are being placed, such as around the island at junction five. The ones at the entrance to the M54 are a positive hazard as they do not allow enough space for cars sitting at a red light. 2. I am deeply concerned that budget cuts are affecting people with learning difficulties who can no longer access care unless they can afford to pay for it, I always knew Telford & Wrekin as a caring council compared to others. 3. More use of houses that are standing empty and could help towards the necessity to constantly have to build new.
- Highways congestion due to increasing population and lack of infrastructure, in combination with a mania for traffic light controlled roundabouts which used to operate perfectly well and ease traffic flow before control lights were introduced, together with an overabundance of lane markings which positively encourage drivers to switch lanes across one another's path. Loss of local hospital facilities especially A&E.
- Would it not be better to make a small increase in Council Tax each year so that a large one is not needed later? If it would help to reduce the cuts to services that would be better in my view.
- The building of more and more tightly packed housing/development which will end up with all our local infrastructure being overloaded and our quality of life compromised by overcrowding. Our medical and Police services are already at full stretch.
- My life here as I get even older
- Low pay in most jobs leading to poverty, also far too many betting shops causing at times an uneasy atmosphere. Litter in the streets and anti social activity.
- Building so much housing that are effecting doctors and schools. And not keeping some green space in older estates. New ones have nice parks and maintained grass and shrubs the older estate's get built on and any green space just left to look messy.
- Parking. Especially in Newport. Town is getting bigger but no extra parking provision.
- It may sound very minor but the people who let their dog foul right outside my house - disgusting! At a more serious level - opportunities for young people to get a rewarding well paid career in the borough and to be able to afford a home of their own even though we have "comparatively low" house prices.

- Poverty of low income families with children
- There is no real regeneration of areas such as Wellington. Until we get rid of the "charity shop culture" there is no reason for people to shop there. This is not helped by the poor state of the roads, the large number of traffic lights (some people won't visit because it takes so long to get into Wellington) and the lack of parking since the increase in council staff in the town. It is now impossible to park at the leisure centre and I suspect that Aldi will get very tired of this soon as most leisure centre users are parking in Aldi's carpark. It's a good idea to offer free swimming to the over 50s but some of those people need access to parking as well.
- Safety - constantly see too many young kids, shouting, smoking and swearing.
- In response to your Council budget proposal to remove support for music lessons through remissions An alternative to removing this support for families and young people is outlined below. The Education Services Grant from the Department for Education which was confirmed by the Department in Education in July 2014 can be used to support music services by local authorities but Telford & Wrekin Council have used this grant according to a Freedom of Information Request and an article in the Shropshire Star to cover the losses of two T-Live events. Shropshire Star article:- <http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/01/27/40000-loss-for-t-live-sparks-rethink-call/> Freedom of Information Request:- <http://www.thekooz.co.uk/images/t-live/RS382076.pdf> Now that you have had two years of developing the TLive and arts events concept spending £75,000 of the Education Services Grant it should not need this level of grant support going forward into 2015/16 from the Education Services Grant and the savings from not covering TLive losses such as through more sponsorship, ticket sales, traded income could be used to support remissions for vulnerable young people to access music lessons across the Borough while allowing still to make a budget saving. I am a supporter of arts events and TLive but think this needs to move to a more commercial traded model after two years of piloting and support should not be removed from some of our most vulnerable young people and families to access music lessons.
- There is no heart to Telford. Telford is a shopping centre. Until the politicians understand that people in Telford have no affinity with the brand Telford, but instead identify themselves with their village/town (Madeley, Oakengates, Wellington), we will continue to have a soul-less Telford with shiny new stores.
- That development will erode the rural areas The amount of litter That the level and quality of services will deteriorate as austerity measures continue to affect us all
- A council that wastes money for no apparent reason. e.g. the provision of traffic lights at roundabouts.
- Dreadful state of the roads. What is the point of spending a fortune on new roundabouts etc., and yet letting existing roads get so bad. They are full of potholes!
- Services and support for those that need it and youth services.
- Crime and drugs
- Why are you making cuts to music lessons for young people who are looked after children or/both on free school meals supporting some of the most disadvantaged young people in Telford with a range of complex and additional needs? The Council gets funding from the Department for Education through the Services for Education Grant for this area of work and does not come out of your core funding/budget. This funding is highly critical in opening up opportunities for significant numbers of highly disadvantaged young people in Telford to access music education such as special needs pupils, looked after children and pupils on free school meals supporting their wellbeing and academic achievement. Page 3 of this document covers what is funded and supported through the Education Services grant which academies get direct into their budgets and the LA retains for non academy schools. <http://www.whitingandpartners.co.uk/Pages/DocumentManager/Academy%20Factsheet%20-%20Budget%20&%20Finance%20Factsheet.pdf> According to a Freedom of Information Request and an article in the Shropshire Star Education Services Grant covered the losses of two T-Live events. Shropshire Star article:- <http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/01/27/40000-loss-for-t-live-sparks-rethink-call/> Freedom of Information Request:- <http://www.thekooz.co.uk/images/t-live/RS382076.pdf> Now that you have had two years of developing the TLive and arts events concept spending £75,000 of the Education Services Grant it should not need this level of grant support going forward into 2015/16 from the Education Services Grant and the savings from not covering TLive losses such as through more sponsorship, ticket sales, traded income could be used to support remissions for vulnerable young people to access music lessons across the Borough while allowing still to make a budget saving. 1. Has any

- Anti social behaviour, especially young car drivers
- That the public transport will not be able to cope with all the proposed housing
- Would like, beyond ensuring good living standard for all, cultural provision beyond that at Oakengates
- Building on green field sites when we don't have enough productive farmland. Housing should be based near and around the old market towns to keep them alive
- Any housing development a Southwater site
- I live in Wellington things wrong. Too many charity shops. Takeaways. Betting shops .
- All the lights are going out - coming up to a roundabout (eg on the A464 at the back of Stafford Park) in the dark in poor visibility and/or on a wet/slippery road can be disconcerting when one finds that the lights are not switched on.
- State of roads (pot holes) and street lighting in some areas.
- Cutting of services. Worries about libraries reducing hours and closing. Development. Would like to see emphasis on using brown field sites rather than huge developments on countryside. Condition of roads. Many potholes. Services and help for sick and low income families being eroded.
- Closure of Newport recycling centre. Political in fighting and niggles.
- Lack of financial support for carers. Carers need money for adaptations.
- It's a pity that the Council doesn't think enough about Newport, spending is not thought about enough in Newport, it is not prioritised. Lack of recycling centre in Newport.
- Lack of recycling centre in Newport. Lack of infra structure for all the new building.
- The way that houses are being built in unsuitable places, far too many houses without the infrastructure. Build on brown fields first.
- Speed of traffic of Chetwyn Rd from junction with Forton Rd and Chetwyn Hill., beyond the housing estate.
- Lack of investment in market towns. Both a vibrant telford centre and cohesive market towns should be able to exist together.
- Lack of recycling facilities in Newport. No evidence that money from S106 agreement is returned to the 'local' area where new developments are being built. Lack of neighbourhood development plan.
- Building on green field spaces, no confidence in professional ability of the Council.
- Council's inconsistent attitude to planning on green field land.
- No public transport available from Deer park estate.
- Houses in Wellington Road not good. You can't park in Newport because of school coaches. Parking a real concern.
- We have concerns that the 'green network' is at risk from high density developments - mostly for housing
- Too much house building, particularly on green belt. Not enough use of brown field sites. The amount of grossly overweight people waddling around town centre. The abuse of blue parking badge by people who don't actually need it. Council not making enough effort to collect Council tax owed to them
- No doctors in Horsehay. No dentists in Horsehay. Buses every hour but not to Dawley for doctors or dentist
- Since Asda moved to their new place, I am unable to shop there because it is uphill and my legs don't work so well now
- On a personal level, it's the same thing. A ? Of 25 years+. Malinslee. The access to the park and town from the back of Lawnswood. We keep asking, pleading, begging but still nothing is done. The steps are a real hazard (especially winter). Also, the whole section is a complete eyesore to the town park image. Why should the disabled and elderly, sick and young mothers have to be forced to go 3/4 of a mile out of the way to go to town!
- Litter. I myself go out regularly and pick up as much as I can when I feel able to face the outside as I have mental health problems, but I do what I can to improve the look of my community. I think people out of work could be organised to clean the streets and make it a better place to live
- Building too many houses - becoming a city. Despite housing still better than ever been - facilities, and infrastructure. District centers - not enough car parking, particularly Wellington.
- I think in Wellington too many charity shops . Degrade Town. I'd rather see them shut down.
- Shocked at amount of charity shops in Wellington when I went there for Christmas lights switch on.

- Important to keep organisations like ours running to get help. We need to keep meetings like this open. Unfair places like ours are cut
- Very concerning when elderley in care home just been moved. Major concern they wont have the right care.
- My concern is not enough spent on my Day Center
- Too much building work being carried out in green areas. Not enough jobs being created. Why build houses when there is no work for the people who are going to live in them ?. You are just encouraging unemployment and putting an unnecessary strain on the health service.
- Housing development seems to be happening everywhere with plans for more. The lack of any coherent strategy or housing plan is worrying. Green spaces are reducing very quickly.
- Reducing services for the old. Too many traffic lights in ridiculous places causing traffic problems and hold ups.
- Traffic lights - Town Centre, New School in Woodside - not a good place for a school entrance. Rubbish not picked up after bin collection.
- Poverty Drug abuse Poor care for people with mental health issues
- Response to passing on the cost of the Council's remissions policy for music lessons to schools. We have a number of concerns, issues and objections to this proposal: 1. This proposal targets and hit the most hardest and vulnerable pupils in our schools. 2. Telford and Wrekin Council receives from the Department for Education through the Education Services Grant funding to support music services for non academy Telford schools while academy schools get this funding direct putting us at a budget disadvantage and supports academy schools over non academy schools around providing access to opportunities. Is Telford and Wrekin Council planning to delegate the ESG funding to non academy schools? 3. This budget proposal runs against national Labour, Conservative and Lib Dem polices for the arts and education especially around access to music lessons for disadvantage young people which is stated in all three parties policies, the Education Services Grant Guidance notes 2015 and the DfE National Plan for Music Education. 4. The contract for music lessons through Telford and Wrekin Council is between individual parents and the Council not the school and is covered by the Council's own published remissions policy as per the Music Charging Regulations 2007 and not our school's policy. The legal contract for music lessons is between the Council and parents. 5. Current pupil premium advice from Telford and Wrekin Council is to spend the pupil premium funding on supporting core subjects. Had this advice and position changed and could it be stated and confirmed Telford and Wrekin Council supports the use of pupil premium to support access to music, the arts and culture. We would like noted the lack so far of notice and consultation with schools around this proposal. We would like the Head of the Music Service and Head of Arts and Culture to come to the next available Schools Forum to explain and talk through the proposal with school heads as a matter of urgency and the basis for this proposal. On behalf of 12 Telford and Wrekin primary schools.
- That we will lose our green spaces.
- Litter - in China you never see any litter. Council employees many more operatives.
- Unemployment of young people and the lack of jobs with good pay, prospects and progression coupled with an inadequate provision for those with 'specific educational difficulties' such as dyslexia.
- Too many houses built on estates where do not seem to be invented. Why are the roads so narrow with parking available Poor access to retail parks. Enrty roads designed buy someone who never goes shopping or drives a car. Why no new indusrty to match housing development.
- As it would be wherever I was living these days - how we are to care for the most vulnerable in our society and give opportunity to those most disadvantaged.
- Speaking as a widow who lives alone, and also have disabilitys, I think there is a lack of knowing about and helping people like myself to find out what help is available. Maybe for home help, or help when they are ill etc. I can understand why hospitals have more older people than they can deal with, because it is almost impossible to get a home visit from a Dr when you live alone and are ill. I know this from personal experience. The council can check things like the electoral role to see how many over 60s ,70s,80s etc there are, but how do we know these people are eating enough, can afford to heat their houses etc. so basically that is my worry for the future, The old days of knowing all your neighbours have gone, as more and more family's use a car to get to work or go shopping,taking children to school,so there is hardly any verbal communication between neighbours.now.

- Anti social behaviour
- Spiralling bad condition of local town centres
- Access to services and information to improve the health and well being of its residents
- Low incomes, deprivation in local centres. Crime and anti social behavior.
- I do not have one
- Unemployment for the young now that pensionable age has increased. Lack of appropriate housing for the elderly i.e. One bedroom properties with walk in showers.
- The growth of areas such as lawley seems to require a significant increase in traffic lights on the road network and there is a risk that telford's current advantage could be lost to Shresbury and Wolverhampton if an increase in congestion is caused by these.
- Not enough for teenagers in evenings and school holidays to get involved in bus fares for students are too expensive.
- I would also like to say what an important role the Telford and Wrekin Music Dept has played in my sons development through school. Speaking as a parent who has paid for private lessons for my son as well as paying for school lessons, i feel lucky that i have been able to give my kids a headstart and how my son has benefitted from his love and passion for music. To those kids who cannot afford private lessons its vital to let these kids have the opportunity of music lessons through schools for free. The job the music teachers do is such an important role and the opportunity to get into music probably gives some of the poorer kids a way into things they would not normally be exposed to at home. Please keep the funds available for free lessons for the poorer kids, and also the grants that allow all kids in the borough the opportunity to learn new instruments and perform through Telford and Wrekin Music!!
- Inappropriate building in rural areas.
- Lack of Police -Difficult to get the message through because Newport Police station has now closed. Got passed around the houses but when I got to the right person the response was ok.
- Not enough housing for disabled people/bedroom tax restricts living with parents until 25 even though disabled
- Jobs applying for lots but not much around.
- Recycling centre closure has led to flytipping in laybys on the A41
- Finding a job
- Need more help for young people and people with disabilities and special needs
- I just hope that the restrictions that difficult budgets bring will still allow areas (such as Oakengates) to retain some individual identity and allow some financial support for local activities.
- The issues that appear to be constantly arising by some members of the community around child exploitation and sexual attacks.
- Traffic lights, poor road management decisions. Lack of consistency with planning, i.e. Aldi are allowed to go to Newport but not Lidl. Aldi outstrip Lidl 6to1 in Telford.
- that our lovely rural areas are eradicated, and too much development takes place
- Good evening, my response to your budget proposal around the removal of remissions support for music lessons from the 1st April My three main issues with the current proposal. It effects and has an impact on non academy schools in Telford and does not affect academy schools in Telford - so unfair / unequal you want to make this proposal happen i.e. 1st April 2015 - 1 month to make this proposal happen and to get every school in Telford on board and signed up to this proposal. The Music Tuition Charges Regulations 2007 - states free music lessons for looked after children and making lessons affordable for all young people where LA's charge for music lessons and must have a remissions policy in place where charges are made for music lessons. To how does this proposal fit with your current LA remissions policy for music lessons and the Music Tuition Charges Regulations? Each local authority receives an Education Services grant from the Department for Education to support a range of central education services including music services. The DfE confirmed in July 2014 that the Education Services Grant could be still used by councils to support music services and access to music lessons as it supports the Department for Education's National Plan for Music Education, 2007 Music Charging Regulations and the department's aspirations for every child to learn an musical instrument. The Education Services Grant Guidance Document 2015/16 states:- "We believe that every child is entitled to a high-quality music education. We have confirmed music as a compulsory subject for all children from key stage 1 to key stage 3 in the new national curriculum. The new programmes of study for music

include an increased focus on the need for activities to be undertaken 'musically' with reference to learning to play a musical instrument and an increased focus on singing." Last year Councils in England nationally spent £15 million of the Education Services Grant on supporting their local music services and the year before they spent £18 million of their grant on supporting music services. (Source: Department for Education website) The Education Services Grant is worth in 2015/16 2.26 million to Telford & Wrekin Council according to the Department for Education website figures and would be a very small percentage of this grant could be used to help support the remissions policy for non academy schools in Telford. (about 1.5% of the grant it would cost based on your budget proposal figures on your website) Academy schools get this funding direct from the DfE and I agree totally with you that they should cover their cost of this proposal in academy schools as they get the funding for this and not the LA. So yes agree with this part of your proposal that academy schools pay for their remissions offer. The big issue is the non academy schools in Telford don't get this funding as it held centrally by the local authority and not passed on the non academy schools creating a postcode lottery and impacting on a large number of vulnerable young people across Telford with lack of equal access to opportunities which academy schools in Telford can afford to buy into. Which in my view is unfair. The staff man hours the council will have to get every school on board also bill every school for their pupils will negate most of the savings planned. This proposal runs against the national Labour and Tory policy for access to music have a look at Labours Arts and Young People policy around access to the arts and music and the Deputy Labour Leaders speech on the issue. The contract for music lessons is between the Council and the parent and is covered by the LAs own Charges and Remissions Policy and not the individual school's policy. So schools don't have the funding for this and the contract rests with the Council. Please drop this proposal and not accept it.

- Public transport with pushchairs, have to wait 20 mins for a bus with only limited pushchair spaces. Sometimes have to wait 40 mins.
- Its just a pain how everything is a distance specially when you have children, the buses with pushchairs, sometimes you have to wait a while if there is already 2 pushchairs on there.
- Nothing round Sutton Hill for children. I have an 8 year old and there is nothing to do. The parks is used by young people drinking.
- Anti social behaviour by children and young people whose parents do not supervise them or control them.
- Lack of parental control over children
- Unemployment especially for young people. Young people's language
- Activities and facilities for young people need to be affordable
- Young people and anti social behaviour due to boredom
- The community centre is too small
- Better equipment on local parks
- Availability of chosen schools. Lack of affordable housing in certain areas. Poor road surfaces. Poor up keep of parks. Dog fouling.
- better play areas in Sutton Hill
- Traffic lights instead of free flow roundabouts. Drugs. Developers. Mis spending and losses by Telford & Wrekin Council/Councillors
- Lack of cultural activities. No good concerts (B'ham Symphony Orchestra in park? or International Centre) No good theatre (The Place is small) No festival Drayton even (The Clifton?)
- We hope that our library in Wellington is safe. Great concern re maxell site in Shawbirch. It's impact on Apley Wood and wildlife in the area. The danger that our open spaces woodland and fields will be built on. Litter around schools especially by bridge Apley.
- Wellington Leisure centre does not have enough disabled parking bays especially in front of the entrance.
- None better than living in a city
- Massive building programme all on the Wellington/Shawbirch side. Maxell, sugarbeet factory, industrial units expansion in hadley- over development, roads can't cope.
- Dog fouling in Dot Hill
- The decaying Thomas telford Guillotine Locks in Hadley. Restore the area for Thomas Telford
- Not enough health care as population increases.

- Planning chaos. Inconsistent approach. Seems a determination to allow development of greenfield sites. This is not Government policy but Yours.
- Immigration
- Too many road works in centre going on too long and not really needed.
- The politicians really only care about their political success rather than the interest of those who vote them into office.
- The loss of all the green space across the whole Borough, and the development on green space. Need to make sure its appropriate to the environment and local area.
- The lack of interest they have in local beauty spots. Recently, the main foot path was cleared by Holmer Lake. Yet, the pretty stone path (now mud) and the 'balconies' for fisherman that are in disrepair haven't been addressed. Maintenance seems to be overlooked. Every year during autumn and winter, the leaves are left to rot on the paths and when it ices up it becomes dangerous. Whether it be roads, footpaths, underpasses, bushes, trees... Something Telford Development Corporation were able to fund, Telford and Wrekin seem unable to do.
- overbuilding housing. Too many houses in too small an area. Too many green spaces being taken away. Regeneration of local shopping areas is not working as there are too many Supermarkets. Smaller shops being taken over by charity shops- Wellington is spoilt now.
- Overbuilding
- Lack of new LOW COST housing, more jobs,
- Council not listening to residents concerns particularly about inappropriate housing developments. Litter.
- Lack of architectural interest in the buildings
- I shop in Wellington - quite a few shops closing. Buses not going down North Road Wellington. Kerbs not good in Queen Street - corner Smithfield Bridge Road - too big for mobility scooters
- Recomends planned reduction of retail in Wellington and increased housing. More use of T&WC facilities for ssrts and literary event - celebrate the arts.
- Decline of district centres in appearance , retails variety and quality especially Wellington
- Youth unemployment and homeless in Wellington. Parking on pavements. Litter. Tarmacroads and pavements, Empty shops Wellington and Oakengates
- Lack of investment at anytime to keep small businesses open
- That services can be adequately maintained even though we have had government money cut
- Housing development and lack of infrastructure. Constant road works. Water and electric power cuts
- Road improvements at Town Centre taking too long to complete. Access to bus terminal for the disabled
- Too much investment in developments like Southwater at the expense of smaller market towns
- Transport awful
- Not so many children's groups as I would like. Temperature in swimming pool too cold - never comes back
- Young people in Telford need decent affordable housing. Fed up with nimbys saying don't want housing next door to them. My daughter has bought new build in Lawley and lots of her friends are moving there - they love it
- Failure of the Borough Council to support the regeneration of our market towns (especially Wellington) due to the total focus in spending on The Southwater project. I am ashamed of the state of New Street in Wellington - 19 closed or boarded up shops - itis very tatty. It creates an awful environment
- Our lovel Market Towns are badly neglected and full of charity shops and closed shops creating poor environments. Very poor public transport - no buses at all on Boxing Day / New Years Day which isolates many people. Lack of culture - no proper theatre like the Theatre Severn or the Market Hall Cinema
- The threat of burglary
- Terrible state/neglect of our Market towns, especially Wellington. Waste of funds on Southwater and more roundabouts.
- Traffic lights and humps
- The total failure of successive council's to support and regenerate our historic market towns at the waste of tax payers money on plastic Telford Town Centre/Southwater. I am ashamed of the state f my town Wellington with 15/20 empty/boarded up shops and the strategy of the council has caused this

- The pavement slabs in Burton Street opposite side to the shops from Hartshorne Court not level - you stand on one and it flips up
- I would like to know what happened to the green structure that was in Hadley Centre for many years. Nobody was consulted about it; where is it now. Please contact me
- Lack of cultural facilities we have no art gallery no proper theatre no independent cinemas or arts centre. Poor public transport - inadequate bus service and overcrowded trains. Not valuing our local historic heritage
- The badger killers
- The very poor image of the Borough due to the limited cultural facilities for music, theatre and ballet and independent cinema. The rest of Shropshire would not even consider visiting Telford for an evening out as the only offer is chain fast food restaurants, pubs. The Place is hopeless only offering wrestling, tribute bands and panto. I have not been there for 10 years. Lack of cultural opportunity only reinforces the low image of Telford. The Council need to acknowledge this and work with partners to do something about it.
- The lack of culture and access to higher education - the council should be working to get TCAT eventually developed as a university to raise the areas aspiration. A proper theatre and art gallery would attract tourism to visitors
- The needs of young people who are out future
- Parking. With all the extra houses being added especially in Wellington the parking is being squeezed
- Too much building on green space - Hadley Park Road/Proposed at Maxell site - please turn this down. Lets us keep the rest of Apley - it is a historic site.
- No regeneration or real cultural facilities in the Wellington area giving the area a poor image and no community pride. There are no facilities or leisure facilities for young people in Wellington. Lots of community buildings neglected e.g. Charlton Arms Hotel and the Clifton cinema building. It is very disappointing the council fail to support the Clifton through the Community Pride scheme! (Gower Street £650,000)???
- Burton Street - one way street - cars crossing - speeding someone going to get hurt visiting shop
- I am very worried that these green spaces are not only being encroached on but will be destroyed by housing and industrial development in the area, although some green spaces are threatened if vital wildlife corridors are not preserved. The green spaces cannot survive in isolation
- Increasing older population of residents changing the goalposts which one will potentially deserve one ages. To be more explicit, my security is a potential worry on our estate also I am worried that with cost of independence rising with decrease of fuel and car maintenance prices all rocketing how will I be able to live like I do now in 5-10 years time?
- Erosion of support for adults with special needs and disabilities and the elderly population
- The moribund town centres in Wellington, Oakengates etc. No regeneration or subsidies for builders to renovate the town centres.
- Nowhere for young people to go. They are hanging around the streets when its dark
- Very unsatisfactory public transport. Far too much money wasted on new roundabouts and the Southwater project. Terrible state of our real high streets ie Wellington and Oakengates. Lack of any decent cultural facilities. Too much reliance on cars. Too much development on our green fields ie housing
- Amount of housing development without provision of schools and then infrastructure afterwards instead of other way round
- Council not looking at enough staff cuts and the reducing salary levels of senior positions
- Over development and too many social housing ghettos
- Lack of arts and cultural facilities that interface both professional and amateur performers, creative artists, musicians and the community on a regular, open basis
- Lack of arts - in funding and performance. T & W concentrate on Leisure (i.e.sport and exercise) but fail to give any money to the real arts such as ballet, film, theatre. Unashamedly admit I would like to see the Clifton project get off the ground with T & W providing the grant to purchase the building in support of the 534 shareholders - but I would also like compliment this with the building of a fully equipped theatre (with fly tower) so that we can have the same programme of popular material shown at the Grand in Wolverhampton, the Gatehouse in Stafford and other venues throughout the land.

- Lack of supermarket in Dawley. Lack of litter picking and dog waste in Dawley
- Burglary, vandalism, safety
- Trafficlights and roundabouts
- At the moment parking around the town centre. Lighting around Dawley Bank
- Lots of people are lonely
- Traffic management
- Fireworks. They are not required to open the Christmas Lights. They are noisy and disturb me. Having scrimped and saved to meet my tax payments I am not happy to see it being burnt by fireworks which are also a nuisance for weeks before and after the 5th November
- Litter and the environment
- Dog fouling. Car parking on pavements
- Safety
- I would like to give the council proper funding to carry on the good work
- That despite policies and promises to the contrary, there will be areas of cramming new buildings. I am concerned this is more likely to happen in areas of residents who may be less informed/vocal/affluent
- Too many houses
- Traffic
- Too many older people properties struggling to let 1 bed flats for
- Where are the activities for old people - don't just want bingo; shows and decent meals
- There are social problems and the decline of the local pubs is a disappointment
- Traffic lights on island bottom of Malinslee on town centre causing major tail backs, sometimes up to Malinslee centre.
- Dog fouling
- It's trying to be a city and it's not. Telford & Wrekin Council
- Cleanliness of streets, dog fouling on school route - Duce Drive. No bus routes from Old Office Road which is being developed and costs of transport.. Concern all fields being built on. Health
- It can be difficult to find things to aspire to large chunks of community have poor finance/low esteem.
- Low aspirations of many who live here. Need to extend people beyond bingo beer and fags
- Too built up with houses
- Speed of house building
- Dawley High Street - lack of good shops and bad parking
- State of road surfaces
- Changes have been happening without us knowing
- Litter. Anti social behaviour
- Telford Town Centre roadworks
- Traffic and parking on pavements in Dawley. All bus routes seem to involve changing in Telford and the connections are not well organised.
- No hope - no opportunities. More facilities for young people. Vulnerable people in society both children and adults. I want in services don't cut budgets. Abolish council tax - don't replace. Too many traffic lights, road works, immigration
- Lack of direct bus routes
- Public transport at night. Cuts to front line services
- Drugs. Car parking on pavements. Alter use of traffic lights. Destruction of under passes. Informing residents what's happening through postage.
- Pockets of real poverty
- No real support for genuine people. Live the lives of real people. Proposals neglect reality
- Sustainability and safety with jobs due to the constant savings that have to be achieved
- Safety in the community. There are areas of Telford I would be concerned to walk through alone

- Development which threatens some of the valuable open space areas. NB some so called brown field sites are more valuable than greenfield sites for biodiversity and public amenity
- No supermarket in Dawley after consultation and promising locals of one. No significant development of Dawley except housing in any plot available. Lying to the voting population of Dawley. Not connecting with working tax payers who have to work out the area as not enough jobs available
- Adult social care - cover for disability carer. Bedroom tax an issue. Respite difficulties at Church Parade leading to use of Respite with overall no holiday respite for carer and no prospects of change
- the fact that budgets are under threat to linked to funding disadvantaged children
- I would like to see more environmentally friendly buildings, community gardens, new housing developments not being put up in green spaces. I like that Telford is a town in the country and I would like to keep this feeling and safeguard it for future generations.
- The poor broadband service in rural areas.
- local high streets need some attention.
- That T&W continues to be strangled by unfair and unbalanced austerity impositions by a government that has eroded our social infrastructure and failed to reduce either the deficit or the national debt and borrowed record amounts.
- Building too many houses in Wellington.
- bad/corrupt planning decisions filling in green spaces and spreading out onto farm land (as in muxton andWellington)
- The serious decline of our historic market towns and their 'high streets' partly because of the huge investment into the Telford shopping centre. Our market towns are looking very tatty and urgently need a boost and the regeneration of them should a major council priority.
- Cutting funding to vulnerable young people to access music lessons and music opportunities and instead using the funding on loss making events like Tlive this is a bad idea Change this proposal
- That Government are not looking after Councils by cutting funding to them with massive cuts
- Litter and dog fouling
- Parking in Wellington (Since Council workers park all up our road and elsewhere)
- Adult disabled services
- Vandalism and thieving
- Too much development and poor planning will change telford and the natural areas with suffer.
- Over development is a constant fear. Especially in the Apley Wood area. Open spaces are essential to the well being of us residents
- Some pavements are rather rugged and moss has covered them. Feel choice of town centre shops could be larger also range of shops in wellington
- Chewing gum on the pavements and run down appartments opposite the church. Plus dog mess on Mill bank.
- Buses
- Thiefs near some places and most places are ruined especailly houses.
- Ruff areas are being neglected
- Finding work. I am in my 30's and most jobs are aimed at local youth which is fine but more is needs to be done and seen to be done for those over the age of 25 and like me those who even have University qualifications. The job centres do not seem to be suited to this.
- Too much development concrete housing bad name
- Poverty, health issues related to life styles and economics. Decline of our market towns especailly Wellington.
- No money to purchase anything
- Hospital services must keep A/E at telford PRH and full hospital specialities
- I feel like I can't leave the house without my stab proof vest
- Lack of condoms and lots of STDs
- The amount of people being set on fire by the dragons
- Too many nasty people
- Not enough fresh air

- Behaviour of Chavs
- Roadworks it's been going on for too long
- Not enough activities
- There only seems to be one town centre really
- Scum and boy racers and light pollution
- Chavs
- 75% of the streets are a mess, more bins are not the answer, its not just rubbish they just look disgusting
- Not enough job opportunities, few places to hang out at night for teenagers
- The roads near housing estates are not built and designed well
- Country roads are over grown and damaged
- the bus service is either late or majority of the time stalling
- Pot holes in the roads
- Roads and potholes and also the bus service is not reliable.
- Sutton Hill, Brookside and Woodside. Schools. Teenage pregnancy.
- Chavs/scum
- The job centre
- Not enough places to socailise and have fun. Places cost money and do not allow recreational time. Crime and teenage pregnancy and job opportunities are limited.
- Places cost too uch money for young people to afford entry prices shouls be lowered.
- the bus service isn't the greatest as they are either late or jammed full of people. Telford Town centre has a lot of traffic even before the roadworks began. There aren't a lot of job prospects for young people
- People on the streets
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- So many people unemployed or searching for jobs
- So many people unemployed
- Drugs
- The people
- The people and the drugs
- Not much to do in telford
- Potholes, bad road surfaces. Lack of entertainment for 18 -30 year olds.
- Potholes and road maintenance
- Crime and bullies
- Bullies, crime. Need a double decker bus to TCAT
- Crime, not enough shops for people
- Pedos, crime, dangers and crime involving elderly people. Arriva Buses
- Unemployment
- Unemployment
- As a fan of sport, I believe that the lack of facilities for sports enthusiasts is obvious and the lack of encouragement to get younger people to engage in sporting activities.
- There are not enough places to go for young people to soacialise. Prices for things are too high. Roadworks happening around telford town centre. No disability places for disabled people.
- Price of bus fares. No KFC in Town Centre. Places to take children that is not too expensive.
- No jobs
- People not being able to get jobs
- Nothing
- I think that roadworks and things that disrupt the bus routes because I get the bus every day and its important that they are on time

- The roadworks at the moment are very annoying. Always disrupting the route of the buses by the town centre and creates a lot of traffic which makes me late to college sometimes.
- Drugs being used by young people
- Drugs being used by young people, people going missing, murder and rape.
- Chavs anti social behaviour
- More places to go in the Winter
- My biggest concern is that it won't change/develop. Lack of diversity of restaurants/shops/places to hang out for young people.
- The Wrekin
- The lack of a housing plan which is causing housing to be built all over the place in inappropriate places
- Although I appreciate these questionnaires, when it comes to the final wishes of the council they make no difference
- Houses being built on greenfield sites instead of brown field sites
- I just would like to say not to cut help for those who can't afford to pay for music lessons like my parents can't, everyone should have the chance to play an instrument. thank you
- vandalism and anti social behaviour and lack of activities for 13+ teenagers
- As a resident of ironbridge there are very few (if any) children's services near me. I travel to Overdale to attend a group with my 1 year old but this has had cuts in funding recently (snack time) I am concerned about resources for this age group.
- Child care funding for 2 year olds should only be available for people who work not for those people who choose to be at home and not contributing
- Anti social behavior and crime
- No facilities and activities for under 3's. Anti Social behavior.
- Maintenance of public footpaths, bridleways are overgrown so horses are on footpaths. Hedges are overgrown especially around gateways.
- Lack of things to do as a family there are not many parks.
- the change and disruption of roadworks around the town centre. School places to meet demands of housing.
- We need more clothes shops in the town centre
- Too much population (Traffic)
- Areas are too detached
- Roads and road safety, crossings and traffic lights. Construction vehicles acting like they own the roads.
- Traffic
- Traffic
- Bus fares to the Rock, from the Rock to Wellington
- Nothing to do for young people
- Roadworks
- All of the run down areas around telford. Roads closed.
- All the time M54 roads are always closed because they are doing some work
- The biggest concern in telford is unemployment and poverty
- Unemployment, poverty, not a wide range of activities for young people.
- Not enough jobs available for young people.
- The budget and transport
- Roads
- Local authority debt
- That services aren't used enough and may be cut as a result
- Anti social behavior
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- The space is too small so there are sometimes no places to stand, walk or sit, especially during the weekends.
- Gangs hanging around in the dark areas. Roadworks near telford Town centre.

- Public transport costs. Buses are expensive for students and awful customer service from drivers and complaints are not acknowledged (Arriva)
- Anti social behavior that occurs usually late at night
- Chavs
- Chavs, Youth Crime
- Crime rate, river safety, not enough to do for children. Thugs and stray animals. People poisoning cats. Dole dossers. Benefit frauds.
- The estates - rough
- The roads/roadworks
- Chavs. Drugs
- Crime. Vandalism. Lack of activities.
- Crime. Vandalism. Lack of activities to do.
- Buses take ages and are too full. Topshop to expensive.
- Transport in public, Arriva Buses - late, always too busy, not enough, need bigger buses. Things to do are expensive in general, big attractions.
- Buses. They're always late, and there aren't enough of them.
- Buses - times, availability. Nothing to do - only shops, fake skiing and ice skating.
- Weird men
- Too much crime.
- XXXX hole.
- The increasing population of non-British people within our community. The fact the Council do nothing to help the development of the borough.
- Business are failing. Nature is not being respected.
- Drugs and chavs
- I cannot say that Telford and Wrekin are not the best as I never got listen to or helped. Young people are not getting help or advice when needed.
- Lack of subways in sub-towns
- Lack of facilities. Dossers.
- Traffic. Certain people, complicated road markings, doll dossers
- Not enough activities/facilities for 16 - 20 yrs. Hard for young people to get a job.
- All the new traffic lights are causing more trouble on the road
- Crime rate is rising. Traffic lights on road abouts
- Too much crime. Loads of people getting away with drug dealing.
- Littering
- Littering
- Roads are disccrasful
- The rundown areas such as Wellington
- Not enough for teenagers to do around Telford. The buses are constantly.
- I think there should be more jobs available for younger people. Furthermore, I think they should be relevent to the sutdents college course. Ex. Photography course - photography job. Companys should give people a chance to gain experience rather than dismiss them because of the lack of experience.
- Young people unemployment
- The people, chavs - looks of some of the streets - dirty. More police around to stop people worrying
- The people, the way they look/live
- Southwater building on green areas
- The people are disrespectful and it's dirty/unclean
- The people, dirty, distrespectful
- Most people are wastes

- Chav's
- Drugs XXXXXXXX
- Lack of police on streets. Response times for Emergency Services needs improving. Lack of punishment/community service for criminal offenders
- drugs and crime/sex gangs
- crime and its not haldoloed quick, jobs are only for adults lots not accessible to students. Need another Burger King.
- Homelessness
- The growing numbers of sexual attacks on girls e.g. The girl who was attacked outside of new college
- All the teenagers that ruin the local parks with graffeti etc.
- Crime/Wellington/peados
- Chav's, drugs, theif's
- People who think its okay to do drugs, theft! Builders are building everywhere causing traffic
- Make door ways where disabled people or elderely and open. Not enough slopes for chair (wheel) or push-chairs to get into places or spaces (car park) for different people as the people who does not need to be there park there. Then they say one thing and it come a differnt thing for both sides.
- buses run slow and they get you to places late, sometimes same as taxis
- It would be good to finish one area of regeneration before moving on to another i.e. Woodside not finished before starting on Brookside, Hadley and St. Georges
- Facilities need to be better for young people - more entertainment
- Chavs
- Gangs, young people don't feel safe
- Woodside/Malinslee not feel safe
- Not so good taxis
- Ruining town by adding pointless things. The whole place has been a disaster since they got rid of old Town Park, the traffic is a joke, why does it take over a year to finish one road
- Lack of opportunities (careers). Rude people. (Rapists, paedophiles not having to move. Arson.
- Peer pressure within schools. Lack of activities for teens.
- Nothing
- Young people not having enough to do
- What is this place?
- Too built up
- My biggest concern is that there are not enough jobs available around Telford and Wrekin. Also there isnt much to do and not enough places for young people to go.
- People who dont work.
- I think the road works around the Town Centre are making it harder to find a way to work. They should be done one after the other not all at once
- There is so many places for leisure
- There is not too many attractive places for leisure such as aquapark
- Traffic
- Traffic
- This a a formal response consideration from five further Telford & Wrekin primary schools following an earlier response submitted by our fellow 15 schools to the proposal to remove remissons support for music tuition. We would like to add our voice and echo the previous response against this proposal to remove support for music tuition and echo the view that while the Education Services Grant remains with Telford & Wrekin Council this funding is to be used to support non academy school pupils to access affordable music tuition and cost should not be a barrier for families wanting to access music tuition in the spirit of the current government's aspirations around music education and cultural education. "As part of our plan for education we believe every child should be able to enjoy music and the arts while they are at school. Our plan for education is ensuring all pupils experience a broad and balanced

education which will prepare them for life in modern Britain and enable them to access a wide range of jobs in a competitive global market. Today we are sending a clear message that arts education can be every bit as rigorous as the rest of the school curriculum. These subjects can lead to creative and rewarding careers in everything from engineering and design to our emerging digital industries." Nicky Morgan, Education Secretary, January 2015 "I want to see all children have access to the arts regardless of where they live and go to school." Sajid Javid, Culture Secretary, January 2015 "That is why I am determined that, in our manifesto, we will give arts their proper place in education - a point that you have emphasised so clearly and so publicly. In discussion with you, we want to shape a clear commitment for a Labour government to a universal cultural entitlement for every child. That would mean two things - experiencing excellence and participation. Labour strongly believes there's a public policy imperative for the government to support the arts. I am very clear that, for all the reasons I've set out, we must have state support through public funds for the arts. It cannot be left to the private market or philanthropy." Harriet Harman MP, Labour's Deputy Leader, 2014 Access to music and the arts is an important part of this government's plan and Labour's plan for education to ensure all children receive a broad and balanced education. The guidance notes issued by the Department for Education for the Education Services Grant also reflect this position and the press release last Monday from the Department for Education also echoes this. We would argue these pupils accessing music tuition through the Music Services falls under the current published Telford & Wrekin Council Remissions Policy and its a private contract between the Council and parent which the school is not a party of. We also would like noted that the Education Services Grant is delegated to academy schools and is used in Telford academy schools to support access to music tuition and not the pupil premium funding. This proposal will create a two tier school system in Telford where the funding is delegated and where the funding is not delegated and held back by the Council. We would like to place on record our support and appreciation for the great work the Music Service does and for its staff team who are always supportive and accessible to us as schools and hope this proposal does not undermine their great award winning work to date. We would ask the Council to drop this proposal or delegate the funding from the Education Services Grant from the Department for Education to the Music Service to support access to music tuition.

- Some areas which still need developing i.e. parts of Woodside, Brookside etc. Rubbish dumping Litter
- Anti social behavior - foreign drivers driving too fast. Empty run down buildings encouraging anti social behavior, bad state of roads with potholes
- Sometimes we have anti social problems we want to improve our safety in parks, shops etc in Donnington.
- Empty buildings. Anti social people. Gangs of kids drinking in parks. Breakins on my estate.
- I'm concerned with the lack of local ammenities in St Georges. The volume of traffic outside the school is an accident waiting to happen. The lack of youth provision in the area.
- I volunteer in hadley but live in newport. There are two very different sets of needs and concerns and there is not always a good mix or compromise between diverse areas. Building/development projects don't seem quite thought through concerning infrastructure and economy.
- Lack of youth provision, nothing for them to do, especially in the holidays. The new ring round 2 way access to the centre is confusing. The price of parking at the town centre £6.00 for 3 hours!
- The budget cuts especially impacting the toddler group
- Lack of youth club provision weekend and evenings
- Too many rented properties with tenanats who don't respect their neighbours and their homes. Flytipping and dog fouling.
- Anti social behaviour. People judging other people and bullying them even as adults.
- Public transport and prams. Some bus drivers are arrogant and drive past people waiting with prams.
- Biggest concerns are housing maintenance on some of the older estates like Woodside, Brookside and Sutton Hill.
- Rubbish and litter on Woodside
- As a street champion since December 14 for Woodside, Willowfield in particular, having to continually report flytipping and abandoned whellie bins. The worst offenders are private lanlords propoerties. Getting Viola to remove purple top bins has been especially difficult.
- That local services needed for a growing population can keep pace with the demands.
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- Excessive house building on greenfield sites with little regard to the populations who live in the local areas It appears that planning gain and the prospect of extra Council tax revenues trumps all other matters in T&W
- Traffic especially near Severn Gorge and Town Centre and traffic lights when theres no reason for them.
- Traffic and finding your way around
- Drug related crimes
- can't think of anything that is bad about telford
- Arriva buses and bus fares. Shopping variety.
- Tracksuits
- People taking drugs at a young age
- Buses are late, litter everywhere and roadworks
- The bus station and late buses, the road works, the litter and rubbish, roads are too thin and paths are too big
- The road works are taking too long, buses arrive late and litter.
- the road works, buses are late litter
- Roadworks, buses are always late, rubbish on the streets no where for young people to go.
- The roadworks and traffic because it takes too long to get around telford
- Traffic congestion, roadworks. I don't see any reason why the Council have decided to make the paths 5ft wider than before, when no one evens uses those pavements.
- Too many traffic lights, litter on the street. Not enough entertainment facilities, too expensive. Not enough jobs, getting rid of Morrisons in Donnington. Cardboard bins instead of bags recycle.
- Not enough job opportunities, not enough entertainment facilities, too many resturanats, cinema and bowling that's all. Too many traffic lights.
- Everyting
- Road works around town. Hardly any security around town. Buses are always late or don't turn up. Litter bins not cleaned/emptied. Burgelry around alot more.
- Roadworks cause disruption Arriva buses are late all the time even though people pay alot of money. Police don't take crime seriously as they should. Street lamps are not always working flytipping/litter not dealt with.
- The ammount of teenagers getting pregnant. Police are lazy. Road works. Price of things e.g. Cinema. Crimes rapes and stabbings. How unsafe the evenings are.
- Crime and street gangs
- fighting and gangs
- Fighting and gangs
- Fighting and trouble
- Transport prices
- Transport too expensive and not much of it
- Transport prices
- prices of transport
- Anti social behavior, boring for young people under 18
- Roadworks round town
- Traffic
- Lack of police or Community Support Officers within the town. Lack of communication between those in the know of re-arrangement od stores, road layouts. Access routes to stores being shut off without notice, especially rural people coming into town. Road layoutlanes, wrong islands.
- i dont like and othrs my XXXX the XXXX street safty and lack of respeact for things around (proprtey)
- UNPOPULAR NEW housing DEVELOPMENTS.
- Lack of interest in regenerating Dawley and rubbish tipping
- crime
- Lack of investment into Wellington town centre.
- The prospect of fracking under my house.

- Parking in Dawley, cars on pavements (yet ample car parks)and misuse of disabled spaces.
- The spending plans of the Labour administration which I consider to be reckless
- Too much house building without enough thought having been given to supporting services e.g. fire service/schools/hospital/infrastructure. Any change to the web sites results in problems for users e.g. registering existing TLC cards on 'new look' booking system which worked perfectly well before the change. Now every time I try to register I get the message 'This number is already in use' I KNOW it is in use. It is in use by me but I cannot fathom out how to get past this message!! Very frustrating!!
- Fly tipping around the Wrekin
- No job opportunities for the blacks and other minorities in Telford
- The proliferation of traffic lights especially on roundabouts. There is a considerable body of evidence, including from America, that traffic lights cause congestion and pollution and do not improve road safety. The social and economic cost of the Council's obsession with imposing traffic lights everywhere is immense. Doing things that make getting around the town a veritable nightmare is hardly conducive to creating a relaxed, responsible community.
- Telford and Wrekin benefits in many ways from having many pretty and historic villages within its area. The opening comments mention the income arising from ' New House Bonus '. Whilst land for large numbers of new homes within the Borough has been identified developers are submitting applications for lots of houses in the villages, many on central sites in conservation areas that will change the nature of habitation irrevocably and for the worse. The numbers proposed of 300+ each for Tibberton and Edgmond will destroy the fabric of these rural areas and lose T & W the huge benefit of having these small villages as part of its heritage. The equivalent would be to take the summit of the Wrekin to create a plateau for houses to be built on.
- The High st in Wellington - shops closed, too many charity shops.
- Too many permanent traffic lights when part time ones would suffice. Dreadful state of roads
- cuts in budget for children, elderly and mental health.
- Poor Broadband in rural areas - below 1Mbs download speeds causing issues with day to day internet use and only allowing one of my daughters to be able to do homework on line. Whilst they are on line no one else can use it.
- Badly looked after roads & pavements .
- parking, and the abhorant building of houses
- Immigration, crime.
- Healthcare
- The services are not good , in Newport we have no police station, no rubbish recycle centre. The social services are a shambles. The services for special needs young adults are atrocious. The elderly services are not good. The doctors in Newport are good but the services are stretched and that is before all the new houses that are built, so when new houses are occupied, those services will deteriorate I am sure, Roads within Newport are muddy with all the building going on There are very few NHS dentists in Newport (we have to go to telford) The roads are breaking up. We are over 50, but we don't think that free swimming for our age group is a good thing. Simply reduce the cost for all. We need common sense leadership not vested interests and an end to the vindictive attitude towards Newport. House building on numerous green field sites within Newport all at the same time is utterly stupid. End any further building of houses on green field sites in and around Newport ; the infrastructure and services simply will not cope!
- Lack of available funds in schools for all kids. Got to the point where they struggle to provide pencils and glue
- Roads and pathway not being kept pothole free
- Planning for housing on Green Field sites when there are numerous Brown Field sites around that would be much better used for housing. There are very large estates planned and they seem excessive when there are no plans to create more schools, doctors surgery, dentists etc. There doesn't seem to be any plans for expansion of roads or other systems. They are already cutting the budgets on everything but these large housing estates that are planned will upscale the need for more services.
- Ignoring the general public
- Not many job opportunities, too many houses built recently

- The refusal to keep through traffic out of the access only zone on the Northside of the Ironbridge Gorge. Two roads Lincoln Hill and Church Hill are now rat runs with speeding vehicles using them on a regular basis to avoid Madeley Bank the wharfage and Dale Road.
- Council Tax
- Paying for parking Telford Centre
- Planning officers are inconsistent in their approach. Planning committee members seem unable to have the courage of their convictions to oppose the planning directors views and opinions.
- Railway stations. Chewing gum over platform, strange smell sometimes on Wellington footbridge. Not good impression for visitors, large advert boards generally need to improve. Also area around stations need brightening up. Pavements cracked, broken eg. Roslyn Road, Wellington
- The people and the contagious attitude problem. The excess in drugs and alcohol, violent behaviours.
- The trees at the back of my house they block out all of the day light so I have to put the lights on early. I'm 83 years old
- paying full Council tax on empty properties. Paying a % for police and fire authority is acceptable, even a single person get a discount, giving a landlord 8 weeks to turn a property around would at least be fair charging for a service not receive is wrong, dishonest and fraudulent. Has this been passed by your trading standards department?
- Too many new houses being built
- No cinemas not a lot of night life hospitals not too healthy
- Building on green belt rather than brown sites
- Too much housing going on and we could do with a few more attractions - parks, museums etc
- Too much development. All it's doing is making the area a commuter area. Go and stand on the station in Wellington Centre every night and you will see how many work outside the area. Wellington and Oakengates car parks are full every day which stops people shopping in these towns and they don't spend anything in these towns
- Congestion on the roads
- Not enough for youths to do (on a budget). Ice skating is too expensive to take a family for one visit. Also I would like to see Roller Skating added. There is a local small business 'Let's Roll' doing skating at HLC on Sunday mornings. I would like to see T & W give them a grant to help get them going so that children in the borough can participate in this good sport.
- The building of the new 'ghetto' style estates with narrow streets and small gardens. This will create problems with crime in the future - drug dealing is alleyways and corners to hide particularly as private landlords owned properties deteriorate through lack of maintenance and start to make the areas look and feel shabby. Lack of public transport for older people who no longer can or want to drive.
- Not many recycling points
- Too many road works at one time
- That reduced central government funding will have a direct impact upon service provision. This could affect some of the most vulnerable people in the community.
- Not enough AFFORDABLE housing for people trying to get on the property ladder. Roadworks constantly all over Telford.
- Unemployment in the over 40s. The Council seem to have provided for under 24s with the Job Box and jobs fairs, apprenticeships etc., unfortunately my husband was made redundant at the age of 44 and there seems to be no help and support for older people who are unemployed - even from the Job Centres - it took him over 2 years to find himself a 12 hour temporary job which may come to the end in February 2015. More help and assistance would be appreciated by the older population.
- The fact that the same areas always get the funding and attention. Rubbish bus service, especially in the more rural areas. The Town Centre is not very good - there is no decent supermarket within the town centre - not very convenient.
- We seem to be making efforts to slow down traffic instead of allowing it to be free flowing, lane restriction on A442, lights on traffic islands. Heavily based on manufacturing, not sure what efforts are being made to bring in science, specialist areas of employment.

- Traffic congestion
- Too many houses being built on green land. Landscape being spoilt. Areas are becoming too built up.
- 3/4 bedroom houses on Holliswood in particular, being allowed to become multiple LET !! Not enough regulation and check ups!!! Low level of Education. So many Houses being built without jobs in the area.
- Rubbish/fly tipping - I find with my job, a lot of unscrupulous individuals continually fly time because they know we will clear it up. - I know NOT clearing it up would be a negative thing also - Bus constantly cleaning up the mess of people fly tipping is creating a feeling of "Its ok if we don't get caught" - I think our fly tip policy should change. I also feel as though information to help those coming out of benefits and into work should be more pronounced - It should be hammered into the Jobcentre as services that exist to help those transitioning from one 'world' to another.
- Proposed changes at Princess Royal Hospital - We need to keep a local A&E/hospital to serve the growing population of Telford. Lack of Job prospects for our young people. Crime rates/Anti-Social behaviour.
- Too many houses being built, which is the opposite of the above. Job creation and improvement in pay. Telford still has a perception of being a low skill economy and pay to match. Too many of our children are seeking work elsewhere.
- Public transport is limited ie buses. Reduction in public services. Specialised education provision within the borough for hard to reach children is limited.
- Building houses where infrastructure is not adequate. Specifically the old Sugar Beet Factory.
- Unhealthy lifestyles of many residents
- That it is so small (compared to other boroughs) that it will get swallowed up by other authorities due to all the budget cuts. I look at other neighbouring LAs and I think we are doing a good job with a small budget. That the investment that is clearly needed and wanted won't come and the economy will stall. That borough towns like Newport will lose their identity due to all the housing that is being planned and will become a suburb instead of being a unique market town.
- Run down estates like Woodside
- The increase in litter and dog waste in my area - Cherry Tree Close/Limekiln Lane/Mount Gilbert - I believe as a result of the building works re Ercall Wood School and social housing. People now walk their dogs on the estate roads rather than on the open field that is now the housing site.
- My biggest problem/concern is with the traffic especially within the morning and evenings. The main cause of this is all the road works that's going on. There seems to be so many different road works and it feels like there's too much going on at the same time. Such as Near town centre some of the roads are closed off or there's traffic lights or one side of the road is blocked. Then just round the corner near Staples there's more traffic lights there and work going on which is causing so much traffic due to the amount of work that's been done all so close together. Also there's seems to be a lot of roads/footpaths closed that aren't been worked on. For example outside Darby House in town centre one side of the road is closed but I rarely see any work been done there. It seems that they should focus on working on one bit of road/footpath first before they start shutting down other roads/paths then this would help cause less traffic jams especially at peak times.
- the fact that my car was seriously scratched in Sutton Hill 12 months ago, causing a £3,000 respray, and that this is still continuing to happen only last week. Car parking at the Town Centre - would prefer it to be free of charge
- Traffic congestion. Growth in jobs and companies re-locating to create jobs. Demand for housing. Borough town centres.
- Jobs and the economy
- Young people having meaningful activities to be engaged in/youth unemployment/antisocial behaviour and crime
- Over development of green spaces and rural area. Whilst I appreciate the need and importance of growth with the income it generates I do feel the rural communities are not being protected enough and growth in particular areas relates to political influence and priority. More work should be done to build and develop existing brownfield sites, communicating better with and taking into account the opinions and concerns of existing service users more so that more agreeable compromise can be achieved.
- Turnover of social workers is high and this impacts directly on children

- Some of the boroughs still have a huge unemployment rate and those seem to also have high drugs and alcohol problem. Benefits being abused and not used for the purpose intended but that is not only a T & W thing but national. With council working so hard to improve services, all the cuts could affect this. Property being put up on our country sides when seem to have a lot of empty property that would benefit from makeover and getting people in them to stop antisocial behaviour around them.
- Housing/work
- Budget constraints on services
- I fail to understand the need to change the box road into a two way road, the road works and chaos it has created have been badly managed and seem to have taken forever. No one area is finished before they start working on another. I totally disagree with all the traffic lights that have been inserted on roadabouts - see my comment below.
- The state of the roads, large amount of potholes, especially dangerous for cyclist.
- Telford still appears to hold a stigma by some. I'm unsure as to why this may be but the town still seems to be the butt of many a joke. My concern is that despite all the re development and all Telford has to offer peoples perceptions still appear to be taking a long time to catch up.
- It is chaotic in Telford at the moment. The road works are hideous, an elderly lady came out of M & S car park the other day and nearly went into me as she was looking the wrong way. There are way too many road works going on at the same time at the moment and is taking forever. There is no need to put lights onot a roundable which has created traffic issues coming onto the roundabout and crashes. And drivers driving more dangerously to get round the roundabouts. My journey to work used to take 15min - it now takes at least 30mins. My other concern would be the standard of education within Telford schools - my sons school's exam pass rates has decreased since 2011. I am concerned about my sons future.
- I don't live in the Borough - I don't have any concerns
- The demise of local communities with new developments such as Tesco's then taking away the opportunities for more independent retailers.
- The amount of new houses being built - I fear that T&W will lose the balance that is it's best feature by becoming an area full of new builds and traffic lights. The continual raodworks are a real hassle too - it's just so widespread, it would be great if one area could be completed before another area of roadworks starts!
- Risk of T & W employee job losses. Not enough 1 bedroom properties to cope with the high demands. Local cuts in Policing. Potentially losing A & E.
- That the prosperity and growth bought to borough recently by expansion needs to be channelled to improve the living conditions of residents, not sure has they feel engaged and tht they are buying into the brighter future and the possibilities it offers.
- How we continue to offer vital services with savings targets and reduced income from central government.
- Can only give views on my area (St. Georges)- dog fouling has increased in the last few years. (fyi, I am not a dog hater, have tow of my own).
- The take over of services by neighbouring authorities and/or predatory companies such as Civica or Capita. Shropshire is going private this year, Worcester Joint Services is being reformatted. BTW has redesigned itself over the last few years to enable its sustainability depsite loss of revenue from central government. We should carry on in the same vein.
- The easy access to illegal drugs within the borough and the negative impact this is having on young people and their families. Cannabis use in particular seems to be having a significant impact on young people.
- crime
- The over development of some areas, the development of unsuitable land and the underdevelopment of affordable housing in rural areas.
- Market towns becoming run down
- Too much development in some areas i.e. Newport ruining what makes it attractive to people. Issues with anti-social behaviour in public places i.e. Language, bikes, litter, drugs in public places
- I have 2 grandchildren and we have been visiting local play parks - some of them are in a really poor state of repair (Leegomery, Dothill and Bratton in particular, so it would be good if these could be given a makeover. Sometimes its

a bit intimidating visiting them too as there are lots of older teenagers hanging around so it would be good if there were more places/clubs teenagers could go to in the evening.

- **** Speeding vehicles: 30mph & 40mph roads are treated like motor ways.
- Too much new housing and issues this is creating for services eg doctors surgeries and the hospital. We MUSt keep the hospital AND A and E, especially with the increased number of housing/people. Traffic lights at Lawley. Why is the road speed passing Horsehay golf club STILL 50mph when everywhere else is 40mph. Please reduce this in keeping with the rest of the roads? It is not the EP. Also please repair the increasing subsidence /ramp/dip in road here. Trees around the beautiful Horehay pool need improved maintenance and replanting, many perishing and falling. They are not receiving enough attention re pruning and care. Increased visibility of policing of local areas and especially security/wardens in town centre and park as it gets busier. 50 is too young for free swimming, pensioners maybe! Not 50 this should be 60-65+
- Fly tipping in Telford, particularly in Purbeck Dale, Dawley.
- My biggest concern is how big Telford and Wrekin becomes with so much developement and housing etc. will it drive people out to more rural areas and will it have the infrastructure to support its growth in relation to doctors, schools etc. It is already impossible to get a doctors/dental appointment when you need one. Also, the money spent on priority neighbourhoods. We are still spending money on the same places years on but are we spending money on other areas to prevent these locations becoming a high priority neighbourhood in the future... not sure what the answer is to this one.
- Roads
- private landlords properties (especially on old council estates)- the upkeep of some of their properties and the tenants not being made to keep their homes in a reasonable condition
- Poor transport links make it virtually impossible to get about the town. trying to get a bus 2 miles down the road is impossible without having to go round the wrekin to the town center and back again and still having a long walk. My children live in Doseley and school in Madeley to get home they would have to get one bus that runs every 30 minutes to town center and then one to Dawley and then walk over a mile home!! Making it impossible for me to take up full time employment as i need to be able to clect my children from school. I believe Telford is probably 15 miles wide boundry to boundry, surely a better bus service could opearate, to all areas of Telford.
- Too rapid growth with housing
- unemployment and deprived areas. Poor performace of schools. Lack of support for the food bank/crisis network
- Prospect of increased building (particularly if it spoils 'green' sites when brown are available(such as empty wasted maxell site)) but also concern about the health and education inrastructure being available to serve the increased population-and of course are there enough jobs!
- I feel there is a drug problem in Telford, which brings problems with youths hanging around. breaking and entering. and spray painting walls and fenching.Easy access to drink.
- The fact that local communities may lose their identity as Telford becomes bigger.
- Public transport issues, in particular the unreliability of Arriva bus services and the price of tickets. I recently took myself and my daughter on a bus journey from Admaston Road in Wellington to Telford Shopping centre which cost Â£5.50 for two of us and took 50 minutes. It would have been only slightly more money to get a taxi and would have taken 15 minutes at the most. My daughter also relies on buses to get her to and from Telford College. The bus regularly doesn't show up and she is late to school and has to pay out for a taxi or rely on other family members to take her at the last minute.
- Can't think of one but then don't know the surrounding areas outside of Telford town centre all that well.
- Local shops in Wellington, Newport, Oakengates are being replaced by too many charity shops or bargain shops. It appears we are not able to support and attract small businesses and also retain them.
- Public transport links both within the borough and to other towns and cities. The location of the Telford Central railway station in relation to the bus station and Telford centre is not great.
- Not enough things for young people to do.
- Traffic lights causing hold ups.

- Parking. New developments are built with no thought about parking. Houses are currently being built opposite Apley Wood Primary school where my son attends, on land that was previously a car park, and there were already problems being able to park before the car park was taken away.
- Racism is one of my biggest concern facing the minority within Telford. The roads around Telford needs more parking restriction and double yellow line, for example on most side roads leading to residential quarters, some drivers often times show no concern for the local people who lives on the road or street and park their vehicle directly in front of driveway and entrance to property. I would like to see the local policing team showing their prescience more often in areas such as Donnington, Oakengate and ST George
- It is very concerning to see so many greenfield sites and conservation areas being allowed planning permission. These vast developments, in some areas, are totally going to transform the landscape and not for the better. What about the pressure on the infrastructure - schools, GP surgeries, hospitals, parking in the smaller towns of the borough?
- That with all the new building expansion currently being undertaken that we don't lose the level of care and services through an overload.
- The impact of the Coalition Government cuts on councils in general and particularly adult social care / NHS.
- Litter in places where nature is thriving and is key to the area - the Silkin Way, for instance.
- Litter everyone is throwing their rubbish on the floor instead of bins. People are not following the rules. People are ruining parks and play areas.
- In addition there is also some crime. I have heard about stealing, theft, people being hurt, kidnapping and graffiti. Also nobody has been able to ride on the swings in the local parks because teelagers have been wrapping the seats around the cross bar. There has also been loads of litter around Wellington.
- Within T&W there are numerous problems and concerns for people of all ages, for example the litter around our own homes and other public areas. Why can't they use bins? My second concern is that people are doing graffiti and it isn't a type of art they are doing it as a crime and it is ruining our community and homes. My final reason is the road safety and the lack of zebra crossings and people not stopping on red lights. We need to be safer when we cross.
- Within T&W there are numerous problems and concerns for people of all ages, for example criminals who are stealing, theft, people being hurt, kidnapping and graffiti. Also there has been lots of litter in the public areas.
- Within T&W numerous problems and concerns for people of all ages like ruining parks and play areas. Also criminals are also a big concern because criminals are stealing and doing graffiti without permission.
- Within our town there are numerous concerns and problems for people of all ages, for example there are a lot of bad people that are doing crimes that include kidnapping and graffiti.
- There are people ruining rides in the parks, for example swings being pulled up so that children can't reach them. Another thing that I worry about is graffiti, many people think that it is a cool thing to do but it is not cool when it is done on your back fence.
- Within T&W there are several problems and concerns for people of all ages, for example litter on roads and parks this is not a good environment for us.
- Within T&W there are numerous problems like criminals stealing, graffiti, kidnapping. I think that are not enough zebra crossings.
- Within T&W there are numerous problems and concerns for people of all ages. For example there are criminals around. Around T&W there has been people stealing, theft, people being hurt, kidnapping and graffiti. Also there has been lots of litter around on roads and near lakes. This could cause pollution. people like teenagers have been wrecking local parks and play areas. For example swings have been put higher so smaller children cannot reach.
- Within T&W there are numerous problems for people of all ages for example teenagers ruining parks and play areas and people not following rules like road works.
- No lollipop person at the school as there is a new road outside.
- Too many drug takers/dealers
- Everything
- that over development will destroy 'the balance' listed above. Significant natural resource and eco systems have already been plundered for housing. How much more can we loose before the town loses it's unique identity?

- vandals and worry about my children growing up around here.
- Homelessness
- Single moms that struggle
- Low aspirations of many in the community
- Vandals are not hit hard enough when they are fined etc by the Courts.
- The litter and do poo because people don't pick it up.
- There is litter and dog poo that people drop and dogs and they don't pick it up.
- My biggest problem in T&W is the litter because an animal can get hurt.
- My biggest concern is dog poo. It's disgusting.
- My biggest concern is the litter because animals can get stuck in litter.
- Dog poo people should pick it up but they don't and litter. People throw litter everywhere and things get dirty.
- My biggest problem is people chucking litter on the floor.
- My biggest problem in T&W is people throwing litter everywhere.
- My big concerns are the parks because they need new equipment and dog poo. Also the litter.
- My biggest concern in T&W is the litter and poo on the floor.
- Not enough variety on high streets. Too many charity shops and fast food outlets in local centres. Flytipping. Wrekin Housing Trust selling off too many properties to private landlords.
- Dangerous condition of illuminated bollards in the middle of roads, bulbs are not lit sufficiently and the units needs cleaning. Improve local areas with regeneration.
- Limited disabled parking in Oakengates
- I think that the biggest problem is people swearing in places like the library because it is really unpleasant when you are trying to read.
- The big boy is outside there fighting was the boy in the park where little children playing. Sometimes children can get hit and they are crying. Their parents get angry with them because they don't come back to the park of the big boy.
- My biggest concern is smoking because it makes me cough. Smoking is very bad for you so I think smoking should be banned in public places because it is unhealthy.
- My biggest problem in T&W is the hygiene. Near where I live there is a black bin and nearly every day there are black bags full of smelly rubbish. Nearly everyday O I go past the bins and they make me feel sick! Please improve these things.
- My biggest problem in T&W is that the people on the streets are regularly smoking. A lot of people don't want smoke blown into their face.
- I don't like fighting in the park.
- My biggest concern in T&W is the litter. I think that we need to keep the streets tidy and stop people from littering everywhere. I also think there should be more people to help pick up the litter and not leave it lying around.
- My biggest concern is dog poo because owners allow them to poo all round and another reason that owners let them run all around people's streets and they should be on leads.
- My biggest concern is awful dog mess the dog owners don't pick it up and it makes a mess.
- My biggest concern in T&W is dangerous drivers because when I walk to school cars are always wizzing around and the car park is full of taxis. My suggestion would be to try and encourage people to walk.
- I strongly believe that T&W is great but there are a few problems, my biggest problem is that there are a lot of people in public places smoking which is bad for people's health. In that respect it makes some people cough! So it should be banned on the street.
- Smoking
- My biggest concern in T&W is smoking because when you go outside and people are smoking you can get a cough. Often dogs and cats poo and it is horrible people step in it. My opinion is that we need to stop the people from smoking because people can die by having cancer. Even though for parents it can be even worse for them.
- My personal opinion is that people or owners of dogs do not pick the dog's poo and children sometimes don't see the poo and they stamp on it. The person has to get new shoes.

- My biggest problem is the bad traffic in some places such as in front of shortwood in the morning.
- The biggest problem in T&W is the constant smoking in public areas where children are playing. Smoking is polluting the air. In addition to this people/parents smoking near kids is really bad for their heart and health.
- One of my biggest concerns is people smoking because its not good for children's health. People smoke and then other people cough.
- My biggest concern about T&W is that there is a lot of rubbish around. I am worried that there is lots of wildlife around and the litter could kill them. To overcome this problem we could put more bins round Telford.
- My biggest concern about T&W is dog poo because its messy and it sticks to your shoe making a foul smell that follows you til it is cleaned.
- My biggest concern is that there is dog poo everywhere the dog owners don't pick up after them
- Cost of public transport especially for teenagers
- Parks on estates
- Litter
- I don't like this choose your own home. Homeless have to wait and other people make it quick
- Still a bit of a rabbit warren, some of restuarants aiming too high for people coming off estates.
- keep old towns going or they will die a death. Worst thing to allow 2 storey supermarkets, where I come from they are not allowed as they kill the town
- Parking fees for a whole day are off putting
- Speed of traffic in rural areas
- Private rented tenant, homeless with child. Private landlords need to be better controlled, need to publise what to do if you have problems.
- State of roads, more facilities for teenagers to do at low cost
- Generally OK
- More job opportunities are needed, too much violence and drug abuse.
- Rubbish and litter, support for people who are stuck in a rut
- My initial ideas are - Newport library - no tables for laptop use only) like computer terminus. Newport swimming pool - staff seem reluctant to change/not open to customer suggestions. I find the lack of swimming lanes during morning swim - only 1 creates chaos
- Housing Estates are rund down and not looked after. Wrekin Housing Trust are selling off houses.
- Reductions in funding for Adults with Learning Disabilities.
- cuts to funding for social services and education
- Losing green spaces whilst brown sites could be used first. Lack of jobs for graduates and higher as young people are leaving.
- The amount of new homes being built, especially around Lawley
- I am very concerned about the amount of new estates that are being built and that eventually Telford and Wrekin will become one big urban conurbation. This will totaly spoil what I see as being Telford and Wrekin's greatest assest (see above). i believe that money would be better spent on improving the housing stock Telford and Wrekin already has. I am also concerned that there is a very limited train link direct to London. Living in Wellington, I am also concerned that the local centre has few really useful or nice shops and that there are too many charity shops and hair salons. Wellington could become a very nice and trendy market town if the right sort of shops, restaurants and cafe's were being attracted to the area by the council considering attractive incentives. I also feel that here is generally a real lack of good restaurants in Telford Although Southwater has been a great addition to the area, I still feel it lacks any real individual character (could be any town centre anywherer in the UK) as all the restaurants are chain restaurants and produce extremely 'formulised' food. I also really hate the sculpture that is basically a rectangle with nasty dangerous tubes that could very easilly really a hurt a child.
- Demise of the smaller towns particularly Wellington, needs investment in the town centre to encourage more viable shops less charity shops. More to support the market its viable and lively, more should be done to encourage a culture change and attitude.

- Very poor road infrastructure, accidents/roadworks cause far more disruption than is reasonable.
- Antisocial behaviour and crime
- Beggars
- Ageing population
- Too many houses are being built especially in Newport where they are not needed Money is being wasted on aim to become a City Not enough done to help re-cycling
- The amount of dog fouling is atrocious. Especially in Dawley Bank and malinslee.
- Local areas like Dawley, Wellington, Oakengates have far too many shops closed. I think small business's should be encouraged to take over these premises with rent concessions and incentives
- I live in Ironbridge. Aside from the land instability issue I feel that it is a jewel that is being allowed to tarnish. It is visited by 10's of thousands of people and when businesses such as the brewery are not supported and now closed is sad. There are too many eateries. It needs a re think. I also hope that the proposed new housing programme does not go ahead as proposed. Not as a NIMBY, that is not how I think but more about the blot on the landscape from Benthall Edge, the effect on further land instability, drainage etc. I would much prefer to see the old Beeches hospital building converted to flats - its a great building.
- Rats and flytipping. The introduction of charges for these areas has caused an increase with these problems. I do think the Council should take more steps to address the rat infection and the flytipping is getting to be more prolific. Also the fact that those with vans can get a licence for just 6 (?????)visits a year to the tip. I think that if you are a small business it should be more visits or even non restricted amount of visits.
- Homelessness and use of foodbanks
- There are many areas of health inequality which will have a longer term impact. Smoking in pregnancy, excess weight in reception and year 6 and low breastfeeding rates. They are not improving quickly enough.
- Fly tipping and lack of decent young children's play areas
- State of the road network
- Road in between Tesco and Madeley library - cars are a real problem - thought it should have been realised
- Over development
- Jobs for young people - if roaming - possibly do more crime
- Poverty - inequality seems to be increasing
- Condition of roads
- In the Gorge conservation area - consult the people who live there - be more supportive when residents want to improve their properties. Planning is like wading through treacle
- Clearer feeling due to free diseases and impact on the watercourse via saturation like Wythibrook
- My biggest concern is bedroom tax and when you need things fixing done someone to come round right away
- Housing - much more houses needed for younger people, affordable rents, young people having to live or return to parents. Young people need independence
- Theserious failure of T&W Telford Council to support our market towns. They are in a mess especially Wellington with closed/boarded up shops full of tatt, charity shops that are not attractive to investors. I am ashamed of the state of Wellington
- Litter in Arleston. Overgrown walkways/cycle routes
- Telford hasn't got the best reputation outside of it. However for me personally as a resident, I love it and know it has lots of merits. We need to be know for excellene at something/s and more recognition to put us on the map for our postive aspects.
- Large Scale Housing Development in the Market Towns and Rural Areas & the high number of properties being sold by WHT to private landlords
- Social/private landlords the fear of who is going to move in next door to you and lack of car parking in the borough
- Litter
- Lack of bus services/routes. Fortnightly rubbish collections.
- Shrinking of 'green land'.

- Cuts in funding to the Council
- Some areas have gained a poor reputation; some residents don't have any pride or expectation of their areas and the living conditions aren't desirable. I.E. fly tipping hotspots, drug paraphernalia, bikes and quads ripping up turf etc.
- Deprived areas. Unemployment and all that comes with it - drugs, alcohol which leads to boredom, vandalism, violence etc - all of which that create pressures for our recourses.
- Poverty and deprivation in some of our neighbourhoods.
- The amount of homes being built on already declining green spaces. The amount of roadworks everywhere in Telford and amount of traffic lights on perfectly operational roundabouts. I know this is relatively short term but the traffic is horrendous especially around the centre.
- A&E must be retained at the PRH. The increased population demands this. Don't waste money on St. Georges youth club if the benefits do not match the expenditure. Stop wasting money on traffic lights on roundabouts.
- social care lack of spaces for vulnerable people. bulky items left outside peoples front doors who either can't pay or won't pay to have them removed. People s attitude to each other ie swearing, spitting
- Footpaths on the walk to school (littered with dog mess)
- Not enough activities for older school children and teenagers
- Not enough activities/amenities for older primary school children and teenagers.
- I don't want them to build to much and decrease the open spaces and fields.
- Crime, untidy areas on housing estates, lack of half term activities.
- In my local area (Brookside) my biggest concern is the amount of dog mess around the pavements, especially the local primary school. Have seen plenty of bins and signs around so not sure how this problem can be improved though unfortunately.
- More to look after areas and improve things generally.
- Speed of traffic down Priorslee Ave there is going to be an accident.
- Childcare providers not been supported. Children's safety, access to free play provision
- Activities for children cost money, cinema, ice skating both enjoyed. Town park good but not if the weather is rubbish.
- Anti social behavior, crime and littering, fly tipping, street lighting.
- That essential and vital services like libraries and social services should be protected from cuts.
- How the Council is spending the money that it recieves from central Government. I have been informed £3 million is coming in which must be spent on superfast broadband, but the borough is putting a further £1 m towards it. I think this should be spent in other areas - specifically social care.
- Not enough 1 bedroom properties
- Rubbish, litter every where and clean tidy. More place for people no fight or bullying be nice other every round here. Stop other people from foreign places taking all jobs.
- Social are funding cuts for vulnerable people. Insufficieint support in finding siutable supported employment.
- Pot holes/road works
- Roundabouts and roadworks
- Police and people misunderstanding you aspergus or not.
- Housing lack of 1 bedroom rented properties
- Negative attitude towards telford from people living in the outskirts such as Newport, wellington etc
- The way cuts to groups are affecting opportunities for me and my daughter. Eg childrens centre, music and rhyme, story time. Child care once available at a session has been cut so people cant attend.
- Over development
- Care for elderly is worrying for my family and me.
- The new traffic islands in the town centre, some of the traffic islands cause backing up.
- The impact of the Southwater development on accessing the area around the town centre. Taffic is queuing from the Eastern Primary causing traffic jams at peak times and concern of accidents occuring. Even during quiet times negoting this area is unappealing. With such a fiancial impact that recent redundancies and cuts to services from local businesses and the local authority and health services how are local people able to afford to access the new

facilities at the Southwater development? So far the visual impact of the different architectural styles has made the town centre look mismatched and parts look very untidy and dated. The new parts look too futuristic and unappealing. The surrounding area has also begun to look untidy as recently newly built buildings suffer the impact of the winter weather.

- Health of our young people. Certainly we are not alone in this, but the health of the general population gives pause for concern, and that of young people in the Borough especially so. We could certainly benefit from some programmes related to diet and weight, and maybe some physical activities for children that don't involve travel and are low cost or free - and ensure that children have open spaces to play in the new housing developments.
- General lack of maintenance. Poor dirty overgrown pavements, dirty roads and Dreadful traffic management awful congestion and with traffic lights still apparently using 1940s technology
- Abandoned vacant vandalized properties
- Lack of arts and culture in the Borough. There is no proper Theatre (Like Theatre Severn) or independent Cinema (like the old market hall in Shrewsbury)
- The neglect and decline of Wellington due to all the focus on the Telford Town Centre and their lack of leisure facilities in my town. There is a lack of Community pride in Wellington due to all the closed shops and tatty experience.
- lack of arts provision and live professional stage plays
- lack of cultural opportunity and venues for community/leisure facilities in Wellington
- the intent on gaining city status against the wishes of the majority of residents
- Lack of Co-operative working with the local community. There have been no projects in Wellington - only in Dawley, St Georges and Malinslee! I wonder why!
- The poor state of our gateways for visitors e.g. Wellington railway and bus station provide a disappointing first impression of the Borough. The railway station urgently needs a proper (disabled friendly) link to the bus station and better staffing and security. The bus station is a miserable place with no 'real time information', staffing, cafe cover etc.
- The state of the roads
- No Community feel/or entertainment for people in their 40's and 50's. Litter on streets and paths, dog waste in public areas.
- The decline in poor state of our market towns. The lack of cultural facilities as we do have a proper theatre or Independent Arts Cinema. The lack of public transport is isolating some of our communities
- I had concerns about all the public houses being closed down as being a non drinker I have been bought up with the camaraderie of community but have seen 1st hand that there are equally many opportunities in the community extras that are being built around us. Need to be advertised a bit more - I myself make good use of what I can. I have not any problems
- Although the town centre is now looking great there are still some areas which need tidying up - e.g. parts of Wellington - when an area looks run down one doesn't feel very safe.
- Wellington Centre is Desperately in need of regeneration!
- The amount of housebuilding agreed by the Council when the infrastructure won't and can't be equal to the needs of the community in the future.
- Over development and the impact it is having and will have on wildlife sites and other green spaces. E.g. Near to Apley Woods
- Since we moved here 18 months ago, the amount of litter on the main roads has increased significantly. Either the refuse service isn't sufficient or education is lacking
- Continual buildign of private homes that are too expensive. No properties available for rent with associations such as Sanctuary no scope to transfer
- Housing-overcrowding. Lack of facilities eg cinema. Traffic especially in view of all developments. Parking in view of all the developments.
- Fly tipping hotspots. Litter.

- Provision for Children and Young people in Newport is poor especially parks, particularly Victoria Park. Cutting grass and dog fouling a health and safety concern. Removal of recycling centre
- Newport - lack of social housing and big waiting list. More car parking needed.
- Transport-481 is every half an hour. When houses are built that wont be enough. Traffic lights needed at end of wellington Road when developments are made.
- Recycling in Newport (large/bulk items.) Protect our community green spaces (Borough owned).
- Town Centre shopping - but charges for parking mean I go by bus. Low on open spaces.
- Stafford Street Car Park. On three occasions been an ice rink and I was informed no money to do car parks.
- Over development of Newport. Population of town increased but they have shut police station. Schools and doctors are full.
- I am concerned re the extent of buildings when there is brown field land to use.
- From a Newport perspective, parking is a problem..especially with development). Bridging the skills gap - particularly re engineering, manufacturing. Joined up thinking.
- Big is NOT beautiful. I would rather Newport separate from Telford & Wrekin.
- Litter and dog mess
- The slashing of funding for social care. AFFORDABLE homes to RENT.
- Attitude of some residents is really poor. There is also a them and us attitude in some of the smaller towns.
- Some areas of telford are very dodgy.
- Far too much development. People move here because it has a rural feel and then far too many houses are built! There is a lack of supporting infrastructure to go alongside the overdevelopment. House builders should pay for new schools and GP surgeries to accommodate the ever growing population.
- That focus on recreational facilities will wane. Why build in the country park for instance? Why not put more money into the ski training facilities? Why not sponsor targetted social group meetings?
- They seem to spend or should I say treat Telford centre and a 3-4 mile radius of the center better than the old market town and rural parts of the district
- Large increase in Housing without the infrastructure to support. Green field sites are being taken too readily.
- Worried about food safety
- Litter.
- They are using too many green spaces to build houses and don't seem to care about the quality of life in more rural areas. Why spoil the quaint places within the borough. Telford will end up as just one big urban sprawl with places of character being destroyed for ever. You have already ruined Newport and are continuing to try and build up many other outlying areas.
- There are massive expansion plans which will use up green land and close the gap between Telford and the outlying towns and villages.
- Proliferation of traffic lights every time money is available for traffic schemes, whilst state of roads becomes worse.
- None.
- Inequality, poverty. Too many obviously workless/hopeless
- Reported increase in Violence / Sex Offences
- Roads are still in appalling conditions.
- Becoming overdeveloped. A council that only considers development with rose colored spectacles
- Its housing policy or lack of one. It appears to me that the council does not have a clear idea in its response to National planning giving its recent pronouncements on planning applications. If I look around the borough there are houses being built everywhere and numerous other sites granted planning permission. Nobody appears in control and at the current rate the whole of the borough will be one big urban area.
- The massive increase in house building, the Council's apparent obsession with growth & revenue, and the corresponding implication that there is little/no concern for the individual Telford resident's quality of life.
- traffic

- Building of housing & roads on green areas which will ruin the area for generations to come. Affordable housing should be built in brown sites or infill areas in or near to towns where there are facilities and transport for people on low incomes. We shall have future major social problems if the council allows indiscriminate building in rural areas.
- anti social behaviour by the minority
- constant roadworks
- Inconsiderate parking is becoming a real problem. Where I live we are blighted by visitors to the hospital wanting to avoid the parking charges and getting off the road in the morning can be difficult because of parking too close to the junction, chicane parking. The offenders know they are doing it because on bin collection day they avoid parking that way so that the bin lorries can get on and off. However if a resident is expecting a delivery or there were an emergency vehicle access need then the rest of the time they don't consider this. The turning space is taken up by cars most days. Pavement parking is rife - so much so that it's difficult to walk past let alone take a wheelchair or pushchair past.
- dog poop while cycling/walking, littering and minor antisocial behaviour (kids kicking footballs on my property etc.)
- Drug and alcohol misuse with the associated problems
- Excessive house building far beyond population growth predictions. Priorslee will lose vast areas of green space and this is unacceptable
- Anymore cuts in government funding which result in more severe cuts to services. 2. The spread of traffic lights on roads around the borough which for most of the time are not needed. 3. Increase in anti social behaviour in certain parts of the town. 4. Over building of houses in the borough, especially in Green Network
- The boy racers speeding on our roads. Intimidating you when you are driving at the correct speed. Cars parking on the pavement so you can't get past when your walking. The parking outside my sons school. Hlc. Need to be able to recycle more. When we have our bins emptied ex food wastes.
- Social care and NHS cuts
- Looks a mess
- Cutting the trees down just for the sake of it . I notice its contractors as well .Waste on money on things that are not important
- Over development in greenbelt, reckless supermarket proposals
- Pockets of crime and antisocial behaviour; speeding vehicles
- Anti social behaviour
- Immigration.
- Homelessness and people living below the poverty line
- the youngsters particularly school kids are feral, especially on the buses
- traffic and lack of community based health teams
- petty crime
- Lack of support for voluntary youth work.
- The serious decline and neglect of our historic market towns.
- Speeding motorists
- The supposedly road improvements with all the resulting traffic lights which is causing traffic jams. Also all the new building that is taking place where there isn't the infrastructure (roads, schools etc) to support it.
- Now that I am retired I worry about care I
- Over development!
- I worry that it will become like a city.
- The rising Council tax rate for those who pay it.
- Traveller sites
- the threat to the green spaces from indiscriminate building. The lack of an agreed green infrastructure.
- Over population, which is putting too much strain on services. Ie hospital, Medical centres, housing, Transport and roads.

- New housing being built on what is left of our lovely open green spaces. I have lived in the area all my life and very sad to see how dense the housing now is in parts of the Borough.
- Traffic control, or lack of it.
- Lack of facilities in Newport it's all up Telford
- keep putting people with drink & drug problems on good estates
- Deprived areas Road systems - traffic lights and flows
- Over reliance on cars- especially for short trips leading to a sedentary population- obesity etc.
- The huge number of houses being built. Telford is becoming an urban sprawl which many people are very unhappy about as it is happening so rapidly. Additionally, Telford and Wrekin seems to be becoming detached from the county of Shropshire - I AM A SALOPIAN - my county town is Shrewsbury. I speak for many people who definitely DO NOT want to become part of the black country!!! Additionally, we are losing our heritage in some of the old buildings that have been around that are integral to the history of the area, St Georges Youth Club and Oakengates Technical College spring to mind - both of these buildings were left by the Council for far too long to the point where it made it easy to say they should be knocked down. The Black Horse pub in Oakengates, being Grade 2 listed should have been made a priority to be looked after, again TWC seemed to dither for years when action should have been taken with the owner to preserve the frontage. Buildings like these will never be replaced with the building methods of today and as part of the history of the original towns and villages must be given better care.
- Healthcare
- Planning to build more housing on greenfield sites before using up the many brown field areas. A view from the air, as I have seen thousands of times during the last 18 years, clearly indicated an abundance of brown sites awaiting development. Let us remember that Shropshire is a rich arable land producing much food for the country. Once it is built on it is gone forever and we will end up importing even more by road and air - not good for the environment. It may cost a little more to utilise brownfield sites but that should not stop us. If we do not then the long term outlook is a nice new and pleasant modern town covered in old brown field areas. WHY NOT MAKE THE BIG DEVELOPERS TAKE ON SOME OF THE SMALLER BROWN AREAS AS A CONDITION FOR THEM BEING ALLOWED TO DEVELOP SOME OF THE GREEN AREAS. We could also offer some incentives for some of the smaller builders to take on some of these old sites.
- Parking costs
- Building on Green belt/brown belt.
- Bad parking at school sites
- Building on green sites everywhere I look
- Road works around the town centre, appears to be a complete waste of time and money. Traffic lights seem to be breeding throughout Telford and Wrekin. Vast amounts of money have been spent around the town centre while the pavements and potholes around Dawley and Springhill road continue to deteriorate, giving problems to the elderly and the less mobile because of the uneven surfaces. Has someone got to be seriously injured before something is done?
- Many jobs available are low paid. With an engineering corridor opening up at and around i54 it must be an opportunity to entice high end engineering companies rather than relying on retail and a deindustrial requirement for IT work or public sector jobs
- Lack of opportunities for young people/ Youth unemployment. and Shortage of staff at PRH
- Building on green spaces and fields at the town edges. Urban creep
- State of the roads and footpaths, too much litter on verges etc. more community events for over 50 age group.
- None
- Too much house building
- Crime
- the building work - far too many houses being built at too higher cost especially the added stewardship costs!! They have not been put into use to help the local area.
- Decimation of large healthy trees....taking down completely as opposed to professional pruning.....AWFUL!!

- £21M wasted on the Sainsbury farce in Newport & no one held responsible for the misuse of tax payers money. Pavement parking, lack of a recycle centre in Newport, loss of local police station,
- The failure to persuade the ethnic minorities community (XXXX), to become 'more British'.
- the amount of new housing
- Demography of area continues to impact quality, variety and scale of retail outlets.
- Lack of development of jobs and training . There is also not enough sign posting for different types of services available to people from disability , mental health and making people aware they are career's and support them in their caring role.
- Road and path conditions deteriorating..
- Large numbers of potholes still on roads
- not enough rented houseing being built to many private houseing being built not enough police to cope with te the amount of people who live here the threat of our hospital being closed not enough schools
- The total infrastructure is not balanced,as there is so much bad feeling about various subjects in the localities. Tge transport system has been an absolute disaster from the very beginning, but nobody seems to listen to the general public.As usual, the councils seem to think there their word is gospel. I have worked with councils during my working life when the company I worked for was asked by councils to give advice, but the general reaction was that they already knew the answers but wanted us to 'rubber stamp' their decisions. As this was their way of working, we pulled out of discussions.
- Support for WALKING groups is minimal and is being overrun by a concentration on cycling projects. This survey starts by saying it is about Walking and Cycling but only focusses on cycling!!!! There is a policy of "accepted neglect" on the maintenance of Rights of Way especially in North Telford to save money even though the pay-back for improving health & attracting visiting walkers to the area FAR OUTWEIGHS the small amounts of funding that could keep the local volunteer groups operating successfully.
- Roads are already an issue and with the large number of houses to be built they are going to get worse. Its already difficult to get to the PR Hospital whats going to happen when there are more houses built. If you do not act quickly the A&E will be moved to Shrewsbury were work on improving the roads is already under way.
- Anti-social behaviour due to late night drinking. Building in Green Spaces. We need to encourage the community to take more pride in where they live and help to keep the area's clean and tidy. School children should assist in cleaning area's up which might help them understand about the litter they drop and the chewing gum spit out over the pavings.
- too many houses being built when in church walk donnington ther is a large complex that was built on the old summercroft site that has stood empty and never been used it is now being vandilised and looks like a ghetto
- Over development lots of houses and not many jobs or any jobs created are poorly paid and part-time. People live in Telford but commute to Birmingham etc for work which does not help community or ensure trade for the businesses in the town.
- unemployment/drugs
- Health facilities that dont support the growing population, Failing care in the community facilities. Congestion: early signs of a road network that isn't supporting the growing population
- Waste of resouces
- The amount of public monies being spent on, what a large proportion of the 'silent majority' of local residents think, are unwarranted projects.
- The lack of a cohesive and sustainable housing policy.
- Impact of government contribution to public expenditure.
- Crime.
- Policing of problem areas in Telford, not much Police presence in hot spot trouble areas like the estate centres late at night,
- Transport both in terms of connections out of town (increasing problems with M54 - congestion, frequent roadworks) as well as the limited and crowded rail services and within the town itself. At peak times certain routes are starting to back up quite badly.

- Health services, despite the new women and children's centre we have had poor admission experiences. Community paediatric health is also causing significant issue; long OT/ physio and CDC waiting lists. Also availability of 2 year old spaces in good early years providers is extremely challenging.
- Explosion of traffic lights on roundabouts, which defeat the object. Council Dogma.
- High street shopping, it's almost impossible to do food or clothes shopping without having to drive out of town to retail parks which is killing off the Highstreets leaving only fast food, charity shops and nail and hair bars.
- pot holes; inconsistent planning decisions; paying 'lip service' to working with community
- The absence of quality shops in local areas, particularly Wellington.
- jobs, employment and house building on green spaces and waste of money by council on legal issues (i.e. fighting planning issues that dont go there way_
- Litter.
- Unemployment and lack if opportunities
- Not enough housing in general and affordable housing in particular.
- Loss of small shopping areas jobs
- Ever growing number of new houses being built. new estates also need all the facilities that go with them, schools, doctors etc. The estates need proper pavements and road markings, the latest estates the houses have no front gardens and trees appear to be planted in the middle of what looks like a road. I've contacted the council, but the response is simply they are not the responsibility of the council, contact the developers. This is short sighted, it needs planning properly from the start.
- Litter and vandalism. eg the new area near the library. Smokers have left their mark as have those who spit out chewing gum. Most smokers ignore no smoking signs eg outside MacDonalds in the Town centre. Closely followed by drivers exceeding the speed limits on most roads. More speed cameras would help to stop this.
- speed humps too high causing damage to vehicles .agreed they are necessary but for smaller vehicles too wide /too high.some in a degraded state.
- ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR SCARED IN MY OWN HOME
- That the Council will still be able to maintain Telford and Wrekin to a high standard. Don't let anything get into a poor condition
- Building on greenfield sites
- Communicating the availability of new initiatives.
- Not looking after the elderly
- threat to open spaces through new build - some poor planning decisions. Mixed communities aren't what we all want
- Not enough independent local shops - too much globalisation!
- I have no major concerns, however, street parking, pot holes, speeding (especially on "estate" roads are of concern.
- Green space is being eroded
- Giving planning permission for huge swathes of housing development in small towns (e.g. Newport) without commensurate road improvements and service provision.
- Drugs/Dog Fouling pavements/Fly tipping/Litter in certain areas
- State of Rural Roads
- The often poor quality and limited choice of social housing.
- Untidiness of the area
- Anti social behavior, perception of amount of crime.
- Lack of consultation.....who is taking any notice of this, for instance?
- Labour council Wasting millions on that Newport supermarket fiasco. Also. Timed traffic lights on traffic islands. Especially around town centre. Dangerous!!
- Youth unemployment and zero hour contracts. I have noticed in particular a huge increase in zero hour contracts, especially in youth (18 -25 year old) employment. Speaking with many of my young, close family members, they tell me that they find it very hard to get 'proper' jobs, resulting in job insecurity and impossible to get on the housing ladder.

- There are too many new homes being built in the area with not enough schools, surgeries and dentists to match the influx of people they attract.
- Not enough inexpensive places and safe things for young people to do eg the cinemas are great however expensive.
- I am concerned that the council is trying to do too much house building in unsuitable areas and that this growth will cause environmental problems driving wildlife into even smaller pockets.
- Building houses in newport.
- Road works - they are never ending. Paying for parking
- Anti social behaviour
- Far to many traffic lights, you seem obsessed by them, switch the lot off for a week as an
- Too many fields being turned into houses. Our countryside is disappearing rapidly. We seem to be turning into a city!
Too many traffic lights on roundabouts that don't need them and are now dangerous as a result.
Potholes....everywhere. Resurfacing would surely be cheaper than constantly filling in pot holes that don't last!
- Wasted money on roadworks and por state of footpaths and overgrown
- flytipping continues...can the council re-look at the cost of picking it up (£250,000 a year) and the profit made from permits to use recycling centre. I think these are restrictive. I also believe camras should be used at flytip hotspots to catch the perpetrators who live nearby to hotspots.
- Wastage of money , e.g campaigning against sainsburys and lidl in newport , building numerous houses no thought has gone into facilities Drs , schools new supermarkets, electricity sub stations , sewage etc, councillors donot look at the bigger picture these facilities should have been agreed before the commencement of future house
- Public transport for out lying area's. Rapid urbanisation of open space
- Bring disabled I cannot use my motobility scooter because car's are always parked on the pavement. If car's were parked on the road I would then I could use my scooter.
- That planners are ruining the borough. Giving consent to The Haygate fields, Wellington and Back/Plantation Rd in Tibberton are two that immediately spring to mind that should never have been given permission. Michael Barker and his cronies give permission to anything. We will look back in years to come at these slum estates which are being built and hang our
- Apart from Southwater much of the town centre remains unattractive.
- The increase in private landlords that let the properties to anyone without regard for the locals and the council not seeming to have any powers
- n/a
- cuts in facilities for adults with a learning difficulties,
- Really, really bad traffic schemes with traffic lights on roundabouts - who EVER thought that was a good idea. Bad road signage. How is a stranger to Telford ever going to figure out what lane to get in when the markings are on the road and covered by traffic? I refer particularly to the Town centre roundabout off the EP. The traffic lights at Lawley are terrible and queues can be very lengthy - I could go on and on but won't!!
- Public transportation. I hope a lot more thought is put in place when building shopping centres and retail parks. At the moment two main retail parks do not have a bus route or any busses stopping near them at all. Also with the population growing I believe it would be wise to have bus routes along the industrial estates. For example Hortonwood.
- That the green spaces are slowly disappearing around T&W for housing
- Increasing congestion on the roads as edge of town developments produce
- Traffic lights
- rubbish seems to be ongoing and a particular problem all around, whenever and wherever i go in Telford there is rubbish strewn on pathways and roads.
- The state of our market towns many of which look very neglected with boarded up shops and tatty.
- all schools in telford are having all new compleat rebuilds Burton borough school as only got part if all the new housing gos up where will all the new children go. housing in Edmond we don't wont large builds we need propriety for are children to live in and affordable not 6or 7 hundred pound s

- Dog mess, litter and scrap metal dealers that tend to come around every day especially in the summer months when you are trying to relax in the garden, using their amplified bugles and calling, against the new regulations introduced some two years ago.
- i don't like shopping in the town centre and avoid it where
- The future of our hospital services
- Over development of housing on green field sites.
- Seem far to eager to build in Telford without taking the publics interest
- the lack of a suitable modern sporting facility in Newport. Swimming pool too small and parking for it inadequate. No all weather multi-purpose
- Litter and low quality development.
- Closure of shops in the High Street
- The absence of cultural facilities, the Mall of a town centre with chain shops that sell nothing I buy and it's surrounding roundabout. Public transport that takes 2 hours from Haughton to Wellington.
- Closure of small shops
- State of the minor roads.Also the obsession with siteing traffic lights on roundabouts,which impedes traffic.Building too many houses where they are not needed e.g.Newport Lillishall etc,particularly on greenfield sites.
- Presently the disruption by constant and long-lasting road works.
- Social Care cuts for the elderly, disabled & people with special needs i.e. learning disabilities, mental health.
- Building too many houses
- Homelessness and mental health services
- Changes to the road system with traffic lights and signal controlled junctions. These are a menace and cause congestion with added danger for road users. The condition of roads and cycle paths needs to be considered a priority as many roads are now in such a poor state they are embarrassing and dangerous.
- Use of open countryside for building houses.
- Bus routes are rather limited, and the ones near me run at the same time - 2 different buses. Not very frequent.
- State of road surfaces, pavements and maintenance of landscaping making the town look 'scruffy' compared to other towns. Good road network from the 70's/80's but not maintained very well.
- The focus on the characterless town centre to the detriment of the district centres.
- Homes of multiple occupancy
- Volume of house building. Possibility of loosing it's A&E Department.
- Care for the elderly concerned that care inthe home with 15 min calls wont work and will result in more ederly ending up in hospital savings made
- Too much housing development. Everywhere you go, more houses being thrown up. What about leaving some green fields. On a local Newport level - all the new houses being built and the Council removes the Recycling Centre. Bonkers.
- Road maintenance/potholes/worn out road service signage virtually illegible.
- Underpasses. They are unnecessary, a haven for bad behaviour and fly
- Too many houses being built on green site.
- Roads, put holes and the maintence of some of the walkways particulary through Beanhill Woods up to the Dothill. These paths are so uneven as the trees have grown and the roots have splict the pavements and muddy in parts where they haven't bee tarmacked/concreated. The safety of the new road layout around the town centre.
- To improve factors of lower socioeconomic groups as the majority of Telford and Wrekin is made up of deprived areas, and we need to improve factors of these areas such as; crime, environmental factors, high unemployment.
- That houses are been build on green sites and farm land. That the welfare state is being roled back when we have a more needy population. That more money is being spent on shopping centres than anything else such as youthclubs.
- The Telford highways department is doing its best to make life impossible for motorists in the town with the pointless and expensive changes to the town centre box road and the increasing use of traffic lights at many roundabouts. The

clue is in the name ROUNDABOUT, i.e. a system to allow traffic to flow. Putting traffic lights on a roundabout causes delays and reduces safety.

- Unlit roads at night
- Excessive house building.
- Open spaces being used for new housing , are the council listening to the local residence !!
- Lack of activities for teenagers. Traffic management and road maintenance.
- Lack of opportunities for young people, youth service drastically cut.
- Despite a bus service Telford is designed for the car.
- The obsession with traffic lights - usually totally unnecessary. Commuting/travelling times have increased dramatically.
- CRIME & UNEMPLOYMENT
- Continuing to slow traffic down by using traffic lights on junctions and
- Unemployment for 30-59 year olds as everyone keeps pondering towards the young employed or elderly. I'm 41 nearly 42 year old i'm unemployed - desperate for work within accountancy but can't afford a suit, shoes, shirts. Plus training courses are virtually non existant
- Lack of public transport to the Academy Schools from places like Horsehay. It means parents have to take children themselves. Timing of traffic lights - also increase of lights.
- Too many houses being built without improvements in infrastructure such as the road network. This will make it very difficult to travel around the town.
- The attitude of the planning department towards over development of country areas and Newport in particular
- Too many houses being built - no infrastructure ie roads to cope. Enough jobs/ school places. Very poor public transport. Telford could be just a big housing estate, poor sense of community
- The lack of suitable homes
- High density housing, on road parking
- Selling all the houses that come empty - you want people to down size. How can they 7 2 bed houses in Fifth Avenue have been sold that's not counting all the other avenues. But you are taking green land - what happened to the promises you made - load of rubbish
- Lack of cleaning our road drains and road sweeping
- Too many houses being built - loosing rural image. Fields disappearing quickly
- Newport has the 4th highest crime figures in West Mercia police area. Police station closed no real police officers walking the beat anymore only in cars or vans. PCSOs only walk now
- Fly tipping, litter
- I personally don't really have any concerns/problems with living in Telford. It probably has similar social and economic issues like any town of similar size in the UK
- Length of time roadworks take. Telford is getting know as cone city
- We need a taxi pickup facility at the bus/coach station in the town centre
- Perhaps regeneration of local areas - very difficult to solve charity shops, takeaways somewhat rundown perception in comparison to Southwater
- Town Centre hasn't got leisure centre, swimming pool or Waterworld for younger people
- Affordable housing
- Poor public transport which is expensive. Road conditions. Reducing public services and local poverty
- Overdevelopment generally too many traffic lights and islands causing congestion
- Too many houses being allowed to be built without the jobs and other infrastructure items
- The hardness of the water - I am told that the air here is quite polluted compared with other areas. I have not done any research to confirm or otherwise.
- Building many houses on greenfield sites around Newport. The planning department passing plans for estates of houses like little plain boxes
- The children commute too far for schools

- Still too many youngsters unemployed and seem content to stay that way
- the state of the roads
- Town Centre box road - the contractors are dragging out this job causing unnecessary disruption to bus services
- Cars parked on footpaths, cyclists using footpaths instead of roads
- Pavement parking
- Where I live on Queen Elizabeth Way the lane leading down to the school car park for teachers is a nightmare - they drive as if it's a main road no consideration for those walking
- Still the footpaths and roads
- That there are a lot of things for kids but they can not pay as there is no money
- The amount of new building (housing) and that it may just turn into a suburb of Wolverhampton. The pressure that the infrastructure is under to support it.
- What do the police actually do and where do they hide all tooled up
- Youth employment and anti-social behaviour still
- Lack of effective lighting/street lighting in many places a night around Telford
- People abusing parking - parking in restricted parking bays all day in Oakengates
- New developments not having proper footpaths (see Cookson Close or Celandine Way) The amount of litter dumped and not cleaned up
- Some areas have far too few usable open spaces, too few or no public transport including no direct bus to stations, hospitals etc
- The increase in crime
- Lack of investment in cycling/walking infrastructure. Concerned about Town Centre box - spent 5 minutes waiting to cross Woodhouse Central before a vehicle stopped and it wasn't rush hour. Plan for shared space doesn't seem to be working
- Fly-tipping, shopping trolleys, the general state of the walkways
- Building on green sites. Telford Council not being aware of local wishes and needs - Newport Sainsbury
- The problem of having developments in already crowded areas and the infrastructure (schools, doctors etc, water services) need to cope with large developments.
- Crime / travellers
- Lack of things for late teens to do locally
- Number of non British people
- Anti social behaviour and litter/rubbish
- Potential loss of A&E. Stress in children's services and shortage of social workers
- Footpaths not suitable for my husband's wheelchair in lots of places. Dropped kerbs, a lot or too high
- Lights on roundabouts
- Drug dealing openly on some streets
- The number of 18-25 year olds who are not in full time education or work
- The New Town is sprawling into rural areas - the Council do not seem to listen to local concerns re: suitability, access, neighbourhood plans etc.
- Destruction of Heritage buildings of local cultural, social and economic interest
- Crime
- Increase in immigrants, especially XXXXXXXX
- Rubbish around Woodside areas and antisocial behaviour
- People that can work yet stay on benefit
- Drugs and burglaries and animal fouling
- Foot ways
- The large amount of new housing being built when there is a large amount of empty housing on this estate - is this going to swing estates

- As Telford is expanding, I believe the crime statistics has gone up too. As I have seen and experienced being burgled, it is very hard seeing loved ones in distress
- Southwater project did not take into consideration the effect of wind between high buildings - it is like wind city
- Rubbish/fly tipping
- Fly tipping and vandalism on empty properties
- Not enough help or easy access to jobs for young people like myself who have not got my up to date references and we need to get local employers on board to give people like myself a chance even if its work trials or placements instead of us having to do voluntary work for so long before we can be able to apply for jobs
- It's growing too fast
- Lack of public parking in Newport
- The labour council do not stand their ground and are unfair to disabled with bedroom tax - disgraceful
- Maintaining and developing a wide range of community facilities involving all groups in the population and so reducing isolation and increasing social responsibility in particular keeping Wellington a viable local centre
- The need for more disabled parking bays and the lack of policing the use of the bays
- Lack of work for the young
- Road repairs need doing but the congestion in Town Centre is horrendous
- Attacks - safety in general
- Wellington has got no shops if it wasn't for the market it wouldn't be worth going all it is is charity shops in fact its dead
- Building houses in villages that have no services or jobs
- Still many areas that look run down and neglected. Centre still soulless but improving
- ALD long term provision
- Your overwhelming desire to build on any piece of grass you can find just because there is a shortage of housing . In London and Government incentives to build does not mean that you should destroy our countryside to meet our sympathetic targets
- Rubbish blown about
- The road network. The increase of traffic lights and road calming is ruining the road system
- Too many houses
- Not enough suitable accommodation for the elderly and disabled in Leegomery
- On bikes who think they own the footpaths on bikes with no lights at night or flood lights that blind pedestrians.
- On bikes with defective brakes
- People throwing rubbish in peoples gardens
- The council need to recoup all outstanding community arrears. Not subsidise Telford with money which could be used to enhance the area. Footpaths/ roads
- Insufficient housing (affordable). Adult social care facilities under strain
- Better planning of bus services linking village to town and vice versa
- Urbanisation of rural areas and lack of concern for individual identity of outer areas
- Getting too big. I don't think this town will never stop building
- Too much building spoiling the reason people like living in this area. Reducing funding in care - over stretched GP services and hospital
- Too many jobs with zero hours contract
- Too much building/overdevelopment. It is becoming completely urbanised with increasing strain on infrastructure
- The politics of local government - it should all be a political then progress will be made
- No social housing for 3rd/4th/5th generation of families
- Housing - too many private houses
- Parking charges in Telford centre areas. Too many unnecessary traffic lights
- The help and provision of facilities for the young, particularly in North Telford. The help and provision of care for disabled of all ages both mentally and physical disabilities. The care of children in care, child abuse

- Council wasting millions as per Newport supermarket saga
- Secondary education standards are poor in South Telford - worse than parts of inner London
- Not enough council properties reasonably priced rents for 2nd/3rd generation children. No help to our own people financially to graduates to get homes to settle in
- Untidy properties
- Dawley village and similar towns in Telford are rundown and lacking in good locally owned shops
- High council taxes
- The ever increasing population here putting massive pressure on services. Too much new housing
- Bulding on the green spaces
- Lack of investment in Oakengates and other local centres
- Reduction in police patrols in local towns and villages. Pot holes and weather damage to roads
- Bulding everywhere and making it a concrete jungle e.g. Reading
- Considering the amount of money spent recently improvign the road system around the Town Centre the place really seems really sad
- Certain pavements and footpaths are in need of repair. The speed of some motorists
- Over development - too many homes / people for the current infrastructure. Loss of identity and open space
- Unsocial behaviour, litter/speeding vehicles/parking on pavements
- The tremendous amount of new and proposed new house building. It makes it difficult to sell a house and keeps prices artificially depressed. I am concerned that hospitals/schools will be able to cope.
- Roads
- Council expenditure, waste and recycling
- Crime and burglary seems to be on the increase in a few local areas
- The number of new houses being built
- Too much house building on green field sites. Car park charges. The down grading of the hospital
- Some of the paths on the estate in winter are very slippy due to moss and algae and wet leaves not being cleared away.
- Deprived areas especially the estates, road damae/potholes
- Poor road markings, too many charity shops in Wellington, too many bookies
- State of road surfaces near me (Sambooke). High levels of new builds in the area
- Gangs of youths - I never go out alone - I always feel vunrable
- Safety/ foul language
- The number of elderly peole needing support
- Gren areas being destroyed for house developemnt. Unemployment
- Conndition of footpaths
- Lack of investment in Ironbridge. The jewel in the cown of Telford. Footpaths falling into state of disrepair
- Roads and pavements, roundabouts
- The waste of money on schemes such as the town centre roads - how many are going to walk on the wide pavement etc
- Council wasting vast amounts of money e.g.Southwater development
- Eurovia - working all the time
- Housing, crime
- To keep well maintained green areas and open spaces
- Wellington needs a boost, shops lacking - no hotel in town since the Charlton closed - the Charlton must be made a going concern
- Litter, overgrown footpaths, accessibility, parking charges, travel costs
- People parking on double yellow lines and just about anywhere they choose to even if casuing danger
- Too much of the budgets are spent on the Telford Rown Centre area
- Bikes with no bells when they come up behind you - very scary

- Short of funds
- Roads/pathways and litter
- Social care provision for all age groups, particularly in the elderly in conjunction with health care
- Bad roadways getting to some retail parks is a joke - too many pot holes
- Too much development too quickly to absorb growing population
- Traffic around the centre are including the Southwater . Uncontrolled developments particularly housing
- Investment in local towns - Wellington, Oakengates etc. Too many vacant shops
- In Newport the lack of green space with all proposed developments - no public footpaths is in countryside all will run through housing estates
- Low wages
- That too much building will create more run down estates
- Places and areas looking unkempt and the amount of rubbish left lying about
- Not enough being spent on Oakengates - what happened to our proposed community centre in the old Woolworth building
- The danger of too much new development in villages. The danger of too much new development without basic infrastructure (drainage, schools, doctors,etc)anywhere
- Job opportunities and support for young people, the worry that CATE is possibly still occurring on a scale that we are unaware of.
- Driving stanards, anti-social behaviour in some areas
- Litter
- New house builds - large housing estates being constructed in areas where there is not the supporting infrastructure - parking schools, doctors/dentists etc - increased traffic
- Crime, state of the roads, care homes for the elderly, unemployment, lots of things to help the young people but does cost a lot of money - ok if they work
- Building an supposed green belt land and not enough recycling points ie Newport
- The population will outgrow the amenities
- Litter. Too many sets of traffic lights appearing - they only collect queues - traffic flows better when lights not working
- Southwater is not disable friendly - no disabled parking close to the area which all pedestrianised. My husband and I are subjected to loud music Friday and Saturday nights until 3/4 am and have to stay downstairs with the windows locked - this is totally unacceptable. Complained to the environmental team but are getting nowhere.
- Litter, cycle paths not used, riding on main roads rather than use the cycle paths
- Public footpaths that are still uneven after being aptched up in 2014 and still never top coated as promised
- Side roads in snowy weather not grited
- Lighting and potholes
- Unkept verges and paths. Too many traffic lights
- Lack of sufficient hospital - police cover and elderly assistance
- Roadwork disruption
- Obsession with town centre
- Low grade Victorian Style companies movign into Telford - long hours = poor wages
- Telford will stop in-filling and expand outwards
- Services closing, people slipping to the cracks, turning to the voluntary sector which is over stretched and under funded
- The amount of community land and the number of council houses being sold off
- Very few good accessible local public houses. Poor consultation with public on planning applications
- Telford trying to become city like
- Local high streets especially Dawley where I live are dying - ashops are too specialised and no bank means you have to travel elsewhere to do any business other than using a cash machine
- The possibility that hospital faciiliites might decline

- Crime/street crime and drugs. Bad roads surfaces
- Lack of police patrolling (not in cars)
- Too many new housing estates using every scrap of green left cannot be sustained as lack of jobs, too much social housing no longer rural town but has designs on being a city - second hand home market in decline
- Litter and loss of green spaces
- Continual roadworks
- Anti social behaviour e.g. motor bikes where children play
- Condition of roads and new estates being built but no increase in size of PRH hospital - more wards needed to cope with increase of population
- Budget cuts, pot holes. Money on wasted projects ie Sainsbury in Newport
- Housing increasing and using wildlife open spaces
- Them and us situation
- Being disabled the humps in the road around Brookside and some of the pathways are uneven. Briarwood roads are not suitable for the heavy traffic - highways department say they have no money
- Not enough footpaths in rural areas
- Car drivers on mobile phone
- The amount of houses, the number of people moving in where do they work, and the strain it is putting on services
- Drugs / anti social behaviour
- That it may become too big - outgrow itself
- Building too many houses on green field sites. Also too many unsold houses around due to new development. People in older houses can't sell due to this.
- Ethnic violence in the current climate
- Still anti social behaviour and still there seems to be lots of refugees being given priority
- Litter - no matter where you walk the ground is strewn with litter
- Ridiculous unnecessary use of traffic lights on islands - complete obsession with this
- Unabated noise, poor public rights of way, dog mess
- Crime - it's a shame it happens
- The crimes against vulnerable girls outside schools, trafficking and drugs problems
- Priorities - we must still have the worst roads/potholes and pavements in the region. Having met those in charge (via a Radio Shropshire interview) I have lost faith in the broken promises (we monitored them) and no longer report problems
- Pavements in some areas very bad
- The amount of people walking about and not working - some where I live have never worked and got away with it
- Roundabouts / traffic islands. Green should mean go - not check to see if anything coming
- Crime / anti social behaviour
- We might get bogged down with traffic lights near new developing areas close proximity at non synchronised lights
- For me I think housing
- Behaviour of people - spitting should be punished as this helps to spread TB and other diseases - disgusting in front of young children
- Public transport is quite poor and expensive
- The reduction in the green areas, building of more factory units when some have been empty for years and housing taking all the green areas - like Lawley meeting Wellington
- We are not happy with the buses in Priorslee area. They run every 1 hour
- A Labour run council
- Lack of things to do and enjoy night life, also no regular bus route
- Recycling skips and fly tipping everywhere I look - it is a disgrace
- Litter and fly tipping around the area
- There is a lot done for old and young but there are a lot of people in between who also need facilities

- That Telford & Wrekin will not be able to cope adequately with services that will be needed with the large increases in population
- Infrastructure - not keeping pace with developments, roads, car parking
- Houses being built on green fields sites. There seems to be a bad attitude towards the town of Newport which affects the people who live here.
- Expanding housing estates taking up lots of what used to be beautiful countryside
- With all the new houses being built - serious road congestion, stress on doctors and hospital. Policing - reactive not proactive. Losing shops/markets in smaller areas due to too many supermarkets
- Building houses on green belt land because when it's gone it's gone for good lost for ever.
- State of the roads
- Litter and rubbish. Travellers setting up camps
- Losing too much countryside in the rush to build homes
- One of my concerns is the possibility that the council will do a deal to merge with other councils. My advice is to keep well away from merging with Stoke-on-Trent and be aware of teaming up with Wolverhampton as I think the latter will be bankrupt within the next 2 years. If you want to go further into the depths of despair then take a good look at what Wolverhampton have to offer; nothing. These councils are no longer the driving force they were years ago. Telford is showing more promise than most so keep it that way.
- The approval of building on greenfield sites when the planning department confirm there are brownfield sites available with a potential for 31,500 homes
- Unemployment, a low wage economy, nil hours and part time contracts. Need real permanent full time jobs
- That my adult daughter with severe learning difficulties will not receive the care package needed to keep her living at home
- Condition of footpaths - apart from the broken worn out tarmac, I have come to the conclusion that the ability to use a split level is obsolete when it comes to laying safe walking areas. I am not related to a mountain goat
- Bad roads and bad pavements. I use a mobility scooter and the access to a pavement - drop kerbs is very poor
- Congestion caused by excessive traffic lights now installed
- Fly-tipping in rural locations
- Health and social care are at risk everywhere. Must be aware of the green areas and protect the ones with the greatest diversity of wild life at the same time as building housing, some with decent gardens.
- Not enough for youngsters to do that is free. Local parks are vandalised and trashed and never replaced
- Protect environment - don't lose green space
- So many roads need mending and vandalism. Provision for healthcare within reasonable traveling distance from home
- Rampant housing building on greenfield sites in many locations. Council seem to be hiding behind planning rules - they can say no. Infrastructure doctors / schools not sufficient for planned housing
- The lack of investment in the road and pavement area of Wellington mainly the Brooklands Estate and Dothill. The amount of charity shops in Wellington and feeling unsafe in Wellington at night
- Lack of linkage between some services and the attitude of some services to legitimate concerns when raised - my son has a place at special school which is great, his transport does not get him to school on time and exceeds 45 minutes journey time each day - this affects many children / most secondary school children at special school
- Very poor state of roads especially on estates
- Pot holes - pleased this is now being dealt with. Homeless people not having enough places to sleep inside during the night especially in the winter
- Isolation of individual communities
- My future here as I get older
- There is no incentives
- Telford & Wrekin allowing too much house building in Newport - this should be more gradual
- Crime, anti-social behaviour and people with no pride or ambition

- Too many charity shops in original town centres
- Employment for people over 50 years with health issues
- Lack of recycle facilities in Newport
- The massive new housing estates being thrown up with no infrastructure and improved facilities eg Newport and Muxton
- Use of cycles in town carparks, using pedestrian crossings, pavements and unemployment

Question 3 – If you could do one thing to improve the borough what would it be?

- Protect the green spaces already available, scale back proposed new housing developments so that there are fewer houses but the houses have more outdoor space available to them. Stop the opening of more fast food restaurants in the borough we have enough already
- Sort out the traffic management - it seems as if the people undertaking this do not live in Telford, don't understand human nature or are just experimenting/trying things out to see if they work (or not).
- Stop the Politics and look after the area. It's the area that matters. Political football costs alot of money.
- Move the boundary to make Newport NOT part of Telford and Wrekin.
- Building on green land should be stopped or seriously curtailed.
- Reduce Council tax for senior citizens. Give Newport autonomy.Re open the recycling centre. We have no faith that the Council actually re cycles what it collects.
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- Councillors to offer meaningful responses to resident concerns.
- Less litter and rubbish.
- Make sure that Council money is spent wisely. Ask local people what is needed.
- Litter and parking.
- More space for outdoor activities
- The condidion of the roads, there are too many pot holes. More consideration over the effects of housing developments on the infra structure and traffic movement.
- Stop building more houses
- To make Telford and Wrekin a better place to live in we could have more parks, fun fayres and events so we can have more fun. I think that every 6 months or so provide reflective jackets to families to keep them safe.
- One thing to improve Telford and Wrekin is more parks and swimming baths so people can have more time.
- More adventure playgrounds. More clubs to meet friends
- Develop the parks and add more toys.
- If I could improve one thing is more chirty shops so children will be better.
- One thing to improve Telford and Wrekin is no litter
- I dont think anything needs improving.
- I think that Telford and Wrekin could impoo is more dog poo bins.
- The pac we can have more money bac
- You could put monkey bars in the park on churchill road
- add more shops for more toys
- Make more games so they can play them. The park becuae more people can play on it
- more campsits
- expand our environment because people need to have more space for Bike rides
- The parks so we could have monkey bars.
- have more playtime equipment beacs we have not got that much toys
- no chopping trees down
- Stop littering - make it cleaner. Pick up all the rubbish. Make the roads safer. Have fewer shops. Tell people to start walking to school. More parks-improve the parks.
- More parks and fun fayres and events. More zebra crossings and safer areas on roads. More books, people coming to schools to talk about books. Police having a more active role with schools, looking at traffic and other worries. Bigger role looking at bullying in and OUTSIDE school. Every six months or so, provide reflective jackets to families.

- If I could improve one thing about Telford it would be more parks also more fun fair's and events and more equipment for schools.
- One thing we can improve about Telford is more adventurous things in the park.
- To make Telford and Wrekin a better place to live in we could include zebra crossings because there are lots of busy streets that would make you wait forever to cross.
- The one thing that I would change in Telford and Wrekin would be to have different parks for different aged people so then the teenagers wont wreck the parks.
- One thing we could improve is the parks because all parks have been dismantled and sometimes people dont want to go to the park, due to these number of disputes around Telford and Wrekin.
- To make Telford and Wrekin a better place we could arrange more activities with the community so we could get to know each other better.
- To make Telford and Wrekin a better place to live in we could do is provide more zebra crossings in certain places this will help children not go hospitals more offer.
- To make Telford and Wrekin a better place to livein we could have more parks, fun fayres and events. This could make them more fun. Furthermore the police could have a more active role with schools, looking at traffic and other worries as people go around breaking rules all the time. One final thing is that people could have a bigger role in bullying outside school.
- I like Telford and Wrekin because it is our home and our community. We also have many places to meet and make new friends such as: The Welington library, Welington swimming baths and many more.
- To make it safer we shud stop people going xxx to stop people getting erd from cars.
- For children I would agree more playgrounds and fun events.
- More bins so people cant just throw rubbish on the floor. Safety footpath so people dont fall over. Safe driving in cars.
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- Add some exiting things such as Abig fair grand and some more swimming pools and xxx a Face See Side to mack every day a happy day
- I think a way in which Telford and Wrekin could be improved is to do someing about the stray cat roaming the streets.
- If I could improve Telford I would put more decorations in the market because it would improve the look of it
- If there was anything I could do to improve Telford and Wrekin it would be to ban smoking. Also I would have watch men on the streets watching for people who dont clear up after their dog and fine them.
- Timings of public buses running to plan
- If I could do one thing I would improve more bins around Telford because people keep throwing litter on the ground so if we have more bins insects wont die
- Change your plans for cutting funding for music lessons
- Ensure the end to a Tory government.
- Understanding the needs of disabled people and their families across all services.
- Improved services for children with behavioural issues in the primary age range.
- Continue to fund music for young people from disadvangted backgrounds and looked after children
- a theatre
- Invest more money into Wellington, Newport and Ironbridge to transform these areas into places that people want to live, work and visit.
- more free activities for local people whether it be luncheon clubs for the elderly or lonely or summer and term time play activities for children
- Insist that all incoming employers pay the 'Living wage'
- Introduce better life skills to the young - before they leave school. A lot of the issues we have relate to people not knowing how best to look after themselves, financially and health wise. At the moment the emphasis is on parents to

teach their children, but in many cases it is the parents who have lost site of this and so do not lead by example. Children need to understand how to manage their finances, for example - opening up a bank account, what a mortgage is, the dangers of taking out credit and how to budget etc. Also advice on diet and fitness and looking after your health - all of this will help them on their way to independence and may even prevent some of the issues that we are now tackling, that are costing the Council money. We need to get back to basics.

- The location of the train station...difficult one!
- A change of policy to regenerate our market towns rather than supporting and promoting South water centre with its foreign owned multinational restaurants etc. We should be proud of our heritage rather than trying to create an artificial shopping centre. There is too much proposed development for housing on greenfield sites.
- invest in roads and the environment
- Preserve green spaces. We should be famous for our proximity to nature.
- the image others have of the town
- Provide re-cycling site in Newport
- Improve the Market Towns and encourage more varied retailers in and improve the parking (possibly low rise multistorey along the lines of Biscester retail park)
- A summer festival of local events, celebrating what is fantastic about Telford. For example, a festival of Ironbridge, where local food producers and craftspeople can have stalls, local community, dance groups and musicians provide a range of entertainment. There could be a family-friendly wrekin festival where families have fun interactive walks up the wrekin with frequent stops along the way for led activities, puzzles or games.
- Ensure all new/existing schools and public facilities have adequate parking. Nuisance/inconsiderate parking outside schools on grass verges and in estate roads is inconsiderate - needs addressing by planners/designers
- Regular repairs and development of footpaths and cyclepaths
- Stop power hungry councillors in search of knighthoods or other symbolic decorations before there are no green areas left
- Turn the traffic lights at Trench Lock onto sensors out of peak hours
- More bars and pubs. More younger shops. Does not seem to be very versatile in the town centre. Ticket system at the PRH should be like the town centre i.e. £1 per hour
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- Stop building due to inadequate infrastructure
- More notification on the electronic recycle outlets. More info on roadworks in the past
- The grass verges, hedges, islands and road sides were once kept neat and tidy. Over the last few years, they have been allowed to get overgrown and untidy. Get the grass cut more often please
- Get rid of politics in local government and if, it is possible, draft in people from local areas who understand what is required for their town. Will the above make any difference?
- New bus station with restaurant/toilets
- Not build apartments by Southwater lake
- Improve broadband and tele communications. Reinstate Newport Recycling Centre. Stop high density housing development
- Ensure that it had a 'fit for purpose' planning service to plan the future of Telford properly
- Bring it back to the place which people escaped to. Kath Han, author of the book 'Welcome to Telford'
- Remove foreigners. Hollinswood is becoming like living in another country, where's often don't hear English spoken. UKIP for me and everyone I know
- Sack the ruling Labour group and replace it with Councillors who care about the people and are not dominated by left wing policies and ideologies
- improve services and/or funding for those in crisis/ debt/ homeless.
- Ring fence our green spaces - keep them for recreation and leisure not build houses on them.
- Instill pride of service to local community in its workers and not treat it as only a job

- Schools attitude towards helping family's with children with special needs
- More awareness of dis/add needs and accessibility of services for those with needs
- Litter
- Limit future housing development on green field sites
- See above.
- stop building so many new houses, focus on keeping towns unique
- Equality of opportunity - enabling and facilitating vulnerable members of the community to access services.
- More initiatives to address anti social behaviour especially by young people.
- There needs to be a change of strategy throughout the Council to support our Market Towns with their history and rich heritage rather than the existing foolish policy of trying to create a new 'plastic and artifical' town centre with no cultural heart.
- reduce the amount of 'speed control bumps' in areas ensure road surfaces are pot hole free have a co-ed grammar type school as well as the two single sex ones already here
- More youth facilities
- Keep the Princess Royal and A & E
- Make activities cheaper and make more groups for everyone
- Greater recognition of industrial heritage.
- Have the opinions of the local residents actioned and less self gratification of the town councillors.
- There needs to be a serious attempt to regenerate and revitalise our historic market towns - the present policy of only developing/supporting the Telford Shopping Centre/Southwater is creating a huge problem by drawing shoppers and footfall away from our local high streets, creating unnecessary extra car journeys and leaving the areas in which most people live with empty shops/rundown streets. There are for example: 16 empty shops in the centre of Wellington, many which have been empty for a long time. This works completely against developing any 'pride in the community'. The Â£1 million proposed support for our market towns is just tokenism, compared to the Â£40 million council resources which have been poured into Southwater. There needs to be serious regeneration and real investment in our market towns.
- Invest in telford future and support young people
- Ensure that funds are being spent properly and make sure that budgets are being checked
- Telford and Wrekin should take more notice of what residents want. e.g. not as much house building.
- Have a good focal proper council office. We pay for too many offices. Scrap the town and parish councils they do very little but cost a lot to us tax payers.
- Help to bring junior parkrun to Telford by providing Â£3k funding. Telford parkrun is so successful, shame T&W can't help support the junior one - get young people active and involved in the local community (volunteering, making friends, staying out of trouble!)
- Better care in housing neighbourhoods ie tackling anti social behaviour and keeping green spaces clear.
- Recruit more professional decision-makers. - People who have the 'practical' experience in being able to, for example, foresee the utter waste of legal costs and to act before matters escalate to the extent that existing managers and council members, are viewed as a bunch of incompetent amateurs. The funding for this change could be gained by disposing of under par senior personnel who have been allowed to become complacent about the challenges ahead
- Ask the colleagues/mangement/councillors etc to really listen to their customers.
- Get rid of the traffic lights around Lawley and islands that don't need them
- A new leisure centre with a large swimming pool and water slides, wave machine and a cafe,
- Improve the care provided to older people
- Invest in more Social affordable housing
- Have better more well maintained roads and more sunshine !
- Help for older people.
- Leave it as it is.

- plough money into the police to combat anti social behaviour, graffiti, drinking and gang culture. if you think that because we are a town we dont have these problems, then you are burying your head in the sand
- Have all the shopping areas joined by a free bus service every ten minutes.
- nothing springs to mind.
- Reduce use of electricity for street lighting.
- Regenerate poorer areas and build higher value homes in other areas which generate higher council tax revenue
- Better bus services. My local bus service stops at 1900hrs. If I want to go into Wellington to meet mates at a pub I can't have a drink because I have to drive.
- Increase police nos
- Shuttle bus to the Wrekin from Wellington and Coalbrookdale.
- I would make the planners who plan the changes to drive around the areas for a few weeks before they change things, then after for a few days to see the consequence of what they have done. We have to deal with what they do every day. They should live and work in Telford not be outsiders.
- Stop pavement parking.
- Not have so many managers in the council.
- Provide high quality employers in Telford who can create opportunities for well educated, high achieving local youths.
- Alter the refuse collection service, so that one person households have very small bins instead of the larger ones, which would be a saving for all concerned.
- This is a formal budget response and ask that it is forwarded and considered as part of the budget consultation process
- Cheaper parking charges In the town centre. We do not stop for a coffee or lunch anymore due to the parking costs - makes an expensive coffee!
- No more large or medium sized residential housing builds / estates
- Stop digging up the roads.
- End business rates
- Stop building houses on green belts and good fields plenty of scrubland around.
- Improve the above mentioned.
- sure start nursery places
- Get councillors to visit and speak to residents in rural areas. It was good to see Mr Sahota visiting Newport recently.
- Cycle infrastructure
- Get rid of traffic lights on roundabouts or at least have them operate only at peak traffic times
- Free/cheaper parking at town centre
- The council should build independently or with partners, homes for rent on economically viable brownfield sites it already owns.
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- More variety of shops in the smaller districts of Telford. Oakengates, Dawley, Madeley to name a few. To encourage larger market stall to come to these areas. Oakengates used to have a really good market.
- Bring forward to this year the building of a link on and off the M54 to the Eastern Primary so to avoid Telford Centre
- Only let construction companies build on brownfield sites.
- Get rid of the Traffic lights !!!!
- Monitor contractors work more. Many of the infrastructure repairs seem to be done to a poor standard with the work having to be redone within days weeks.. This is either being done on the cheap or the contractors are cutting corners to increase their profits. More effective monitoring would reduce this.
- Invest in the roads (repairs, etc)
- increase litter picking especially around gateway entrances to the borough
- I would like to roads cleaned and also main access points into the town improved. Very little is done around planting and making areas look inviting and cared for.

- Sack 30% of the staff.
- More investment (time, money and effort) in rural areas
- Allow for more off-road parking for new builds and improve Morrison's junction asap to avoid further accidents.
- Build housing for rent and supply small units for our local small business at affordable rents
- sack all the council and start again with people who have lived here all there lives and understand the area
- re work all the public transport to make it cheaper and to make the links to different area easier
- Not sure
- Move the Hospital to a decent location. It should have been built near to the M54, i would have suggested near to junction 4.
- Impose a total halt to all housebuilding
- Although some areas of Sutton Hill have been improved, I think there is room for more improvement in the area.
- Stop this crazy amount of building in a small market town.
- That they listen to us (the public) who commute in the area who do not want traffic lights at the roundabouts. Roundabouts keep the flow of traffic. At traffic lights the pollution of exhaust fumes emit into the atmosphere as a result of standing traffic. I thought the Government wants to stop pollution. The sequence of traffic lights are ridiculous and change unnecessarily when there is nothing coming the other way, therefore wasting time and polluting the atmosphere again. It also adds time to a person's journey. Everyone myself and family talk to has the same opinion and concern along with the members of public writing to the Journal expressing their concern. Telford was built with roundabouts in mind which help run the flow of traffic but putting traffic lights at all junctions is a stupid idea. You can't say that it stops accidents when I don't know when the last accident was at my nearest roundabouts. The money should be best spent on making good the roads and filling in pot holes all over Telford, not spending it on traffic lights which are not necessary and creating road works whilst installing traffic lights. WE DON'T NEED TRAFFIC LIGHTS. Extra houses do not need to be built either which I suppose is making the reason for introducing traffic lights. Schools around the area will not be able to take any more children. There are far too many houses on the market to warrant any more housing estates being built. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE NEW HOUSING. With regards the PRH, we need all hospital facilities keeping there. For a lot of emergencies, travelling to Shrewsbury will be over half an hour's away and too late for lives when there is a good enough hospital at PRH.
- Better traffic management
- target the amount of migrants coming into the area. You can't *** **
- Look out side the town centre, spend money where it is needed.
- Action should be taken to stamp out the dog muck. People should be caught and fined. Around Muxton Lane and Sutherland Drive security cameras should be installed or clearer notices warning people who let their dogs muck on the path. Elderly persons walking in the dark cannot see when they walk in it. Also in winter leaves should be swept up from paths as they are really dangerous to walk on when wet or frosty.
- the roads.
- Make sure we are looking after those less able to look after themselves, elderly, sick, unemployed, poor, vulnerable children and young people. Any decent society has an obligation to do this.
- Better quality restaurants and pubs.
- Get more people into work. Reduce parking charges in the shopping centre to encourage more visitors to stay for longer. (I know that is two things :))
- Renting within telford and wrekin to be more available and cheaper.
- A theatre
- Flatten old council houses and replace with decent accommodation. Get rid o private landlords.
- More nightlife for young and older generations, bars near the restraunts at southwater would be nice so didn't have to travel around. The jobless people need more to do,e.g more funding for training towards getting jobs instead of walking round the streets early mornings with a can of lager.

- Protect smaller and rural settlements. Ensure development is carefully considered and appropriate for the location. The development which has been approved in the last couple of years, particularly in the rural area, will in the medium/long term impose heavy costs on the District.
- Allocate more money and facilities to schools, social care and public facilities and to increase access and participation
- Support services for young families and youths
- Have a proper 'town centre' atmosphere as the town centre at the moment lacks choice. I would rather go to Birmingham or do online shopping.
- Remove the traffic lights from the major traffic roundabouts, or at least turn them off after the evening rush hour
- public transport
- Give the unemployed under 25 free 6 month bus passes
- Wellington Town Centre is still very much an eyesore despite the spending in recent years on the swimming pool area.
- continue with planting schemes ensure there are robust systems in place where the prh and social services work in a seamless way to prevent avoidable admissions to hosp and support discharge review pavement construction and repair policy
- As above, the state of the roads, why not install speed cameras instead of speed bumps? decent law abiding drivers having their cars wrecked by speed humps is not very nice. even driving slow over them damages the cars.
- Please could we have more litter picking. The amount of waste is an eyesore and is definitely on the rise since the Labour controlled council have taken charge. Surely we can have one person to do this each week.
- Curb anti-social behaviour.
- Enforce against the worst landlords.
- Stop selling our fields to developers.
- More police on the beat particularly in problem areas. The amount of traffic lights in telford and wrekin are in my view over the top, it would be good if they were operated on sensors at night when the traffic is much less, or even turn some of the unnecessary ones off in the evening when the roads are quiet, this would possibly save a lot of money on electricity.
- Encourage More small buisnesses /start up units within the local area to generate employment.
- Remove most of the traffic lights that have been erected that make driving around the Telford area not only frustrating but dangerous as it induces road rage and risk taking and poor air quality from exhaust gasses.
- Get local councils, eg Dawley, Stirchley and Brookside, Hollinswood, Randlay and others to look at what each other do and where there is useful/good practice, that they replicate it. Please can parish councils leaflet everyone or email everyone in their area that might like up to date information of what is happening in their area.
- Bring forward to this year the building of a link on and off the M54 to the Eastern Primary so to avoid Telford Centre
- Only let construction companies build on brownfield sites.
- Get rid of the Traffic lights !!!!
- Return to Shropshire County Council. Spend more on small towns like Wellington instead of the Town Centre. Less chartiy shops. Telford Town Centre is no more than a concrete jungle for strutting peacocks.
- Clean the shower area in Wellington leisure suite more frequently
- Reduce shop rents and encourage new buisnesses
- Build a skate park/ramp at Bowring park.
- Improve all of the above and Telford will be a better place
- Reduce social poverty/create jobs (Do you realise about 2000 jobs are likely to be lost in 2017 in Telford when HMRC re tenders its IT contract later this year for 2017
- Continue to look after the trees and landscaping. This will help make people happier and more relaxed.
- Maybe look into more houses fro rent
- Terminate the employment of all employees of T&W Council who have an annual salary of over £30.000. Reduce expenses for Councillors.

- More leisure activities and a bit cheaper not everyone can afford the leisure activities and want to use the facilities.
- Spend on health services and on transport. Improve wages and pensions on the lower incomes.
- The water is awful far too much limescale
- Potholes in road
- Get a labour Government in power on May 7th
- Regeneration of Wellington town centre, including the Clifton Cinema as a cultural/arts facility.
- More plants
- Car parking in Wellington
- Build more on brown field sites. Protect the greenery more. DO NOT CUT down any trees unless you have to. Plant more woodland areas to conserve for future generations. Get a better transport system (public) to encourage use.
- To have an annual Richard Nixon day where we could celebrate the great ones achievements (excluding impeachment)
- Educate people about life
- What needs to be improved is the amount of shops closing down
- Every bus goes to Telford Centre -an officer should look at this.
- Apart from having less ambiguous and vague survey questionnaires , if I could do one thing to improve Telford and Wrekin it would be to preserve and protect greenspace like parks and fields by building on brownfield land only
- 1)Telford should create an open space outdoor keep fit basic gym training facility free for all. It will then be equipped with weatherproof table tennis, exercise bike, and many others. 2) Council should make Grit Salt available to residents via stations whereby we can have access and not only main roads
- Tackling anti-social behaviours and increasing prospects of youth in the area.
- Increase dialogue between different parts of the community
- Bring back a community recycling centre in Newport. It does not make sense for individuals to have to drive 15 MILES to recycle items and with the increase in house building in the area demand and fly tipping will increase.
- Cycle route along the Dawley Road
- Bring back a community recycling centre in Newport. It does not make sense for individuals to have to drive 15 MILES to recycle items and with the increase in house building in the area demand and fly tipping will increase.
- Take care of the green areas and do not allow housing in every scrap of land that has been not built on.
- Retain PRH Hospital and A&E, or negotiate a new site altogether for a super hospital at Atcham to serve both Telford & Shrewsbury. Abandon traffic light controls. Prevent over population. Vote off most of the present Council in May.
- We already recycle everything we can and have never fly tipped anything. We are elderly but coping at the moment although the legal side of employing a cleaner is a deterrent to getting help which is becoming more necessary. The agencies just say it is clean because it is tidy but I would like the grease removed in the kitchen and I can't stand long enough to do it. Maybe there could be some support there?
- Could we have some softer water I wonder? A mix between the lovely Welsh water that Birmingham enjoys and less of the chalky artesian well water that was tapped for industry many years ago. It clogs everything around here incurring huge descaling costs for business and domestic users alike. Just wishing!!!
- Get people to pick up their own litter
- tackle the poverty which is destroying our towns.
- Stop thd lies to get residents to agree to regeneration that makes an area look worse because the promises are false.
- Extra public car parks.
- Shame the dog foulers!
- Range of more quality cultural events and more independant shops in local centres.
- Apply some real joined-up thinking. Everything you do has a knock on effect somewhere and I really don't think this is being borne in mind - just look at the mess made of the traffic flow approaching Telford centre off the M54, especially from the Shifnal direction. You might just as well have installed a fair-ground dodgems ride for all the safety we now have on these systems.
- More community police offers on patrol.

- Dissolve the Council, re-form the towns, and re-join Shropshire. And stop building on every square inch of green land.
- Get a message out to all residents that they too have a responsibility for their community. They cannot rely on T&W to do it all. Residents of Telford and Wrekin please be considerate to your environment and your fellow residents to help improve the lifestyle for everyone.
- Stop cars parking on footpaths and enforce yellow line parking regulations.
- Stop spending on mega road improvement projects and use the money to fix existing problems.
- Services more things to do for people. Sticking with projects not backing out just because one person has complained
- Redevelopment is needed in a lot of areas money should be spent on the areas that need it most rather than spending it on lost causes (I.e the Gower)
- Budget response
- More new leisure and recreational facilities. Better winter road care.
- More activities for children.
- Have an indoor market and a swimming pool. A swimming pool could be used in the day by schools etc, and for anyone in the evenings. I was born in Wellington, lived there for 35 years and now live in Malinslee, so I've seen the changes. I feel sorry for the youngsters - cinema too expensive, ice skating and have put their prices up, so what have they got?
- Definitely retain vital A&E services at PRH. Please. 2. Reduce significant amount of dog waste/litter about/on pavements. 3. Improve pedestrianisation (throughout the town centre) to vital transport links/hubs etc. 4. Enforce traffic calming around Telford please
- UKIP to take over Telford and Wrekin. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- More conservation areas
- Stop all the illegal and dangerous parking on footpaths, on junctions and grass verges. Don't put yellow lines and signs up, when no-one is ever going to police it
- Crime - kick out any criminals from Council property and housing lists. This would act as a big prevention
- XX
- Improve the bus service to Priorslee and Shifnal
- Make sure new housing projects are provided with schools, surgery, shops and are on 'brownfield' sites where possible
- To be the first Council in the UK to look after us old one's - help with Council taxes, help with housing. Look after us if it was your mom and dad
- Improve St Michael's graveyard in Madeley. It's an insult to the dead and has deteriorated in the last ten years. Long grass, weeds, mole hills and dog muck
- Provide more opportunities for young people to have work experience, apprenticeships, work based learning.
- Formalise, enhance and protect a fully linked green network.
- Publish a proposed protected green network for Telford soon.
- Stop building new houses and appreciate what we already have! We don't want to become a vast urban sprawl, if that's what i wanted i'd live in a city! Telford has an abundance of heritage which is becoming lost as small towns lose their identity and become one big mass!
- Insist on fast foods outlets use biodegradable containers/wrappings.
- Have a well defined policy regarding the building of houses which is available to all. Commitment to define and preserve green spaces. Sustain investment in heritage.
- Put it in Barbados
- For places in and around ironbridge to be protected such as the walking paths and places like beeches field for tourists and locals, we need more support and awareness to the beauty of this county
- Please consider re opening the recycling centre in newport.
- It would be sensible alongside bringing back the proposal for free swimming for the over 50's to allow over 60's 1 hour a day or every other day at a chosen gym. This could be done at non peak usage times free or half price to encourage people to get healthy. As they get to feel better they may join full time. We know exercise works.

- I cannot agree with free swimming for over 50's. I am over 50 but this is a waste of valuable funds which should be spent on more essential and vital services. Additionally why does the Council pay for scores of taxis to take excluded and difficult (not SEN) children to and from school, which is often the other side of town from their residence? Surely a dedicated bus service would be more efficient.
- may I take this opportunity to point out that there are a number of unsafe derelict buildings in St Georges, some semi detached which must be affecting those next door and the house prices as well as posing a risk to children/residents so I hope the Council will be looking at funding this problem too. Thank you.
- Why have I started to pay Council tax after not paying Council Tax for 2 years, I am still a man that uses a walk in shower, with a pace maker, metal screws in my right shoulder, part sight, deaf in left ear and hostier arthritis WHY?
- Stop all the development now
- xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx I work 12 hours a day. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Not enough places. I was ???? this time last year, 2014
- Less traffic lights. Traffic wardens needed
- As we are all doing our bit with recycling etc which must be saving them thousands of pounds, they should reduce Council tax to show appreciation to us all
- Resurface the pavements around Brookside. I have lived here for 43 years and most of them haven't had any maintenance since cable television cables were laid
- Better race relationships
- Get rid of present thoughtless Council. 2. Build doctors surgeries, hospital and more dentists to cope with stupid growth in housing. This current Council has it all wrong. Roll on May elections
- If you are building more houses, especially Newport, make sure the town can take them i.e. More car parks. Start to cater for the older people now
- Pot holes, road surfaces
- Where I live in Wealdstone with my husband, I feel Telford and Wrekin could improve the appearance of Wealdstone. As you see, we now have a very lovely new estate i.e. The Pastures being built, and a revamp is now needed for bordering areas to it. This would be great as we feel Wealdstone could be even better. The fences need attention, mending and painting roads and footpaths, and plants need desperate attention and have litter collectors etc
- Continue and develop cycle ways and traffic - separated footpaths including A442 to Crudgington (from Shawbirch)
- Bulldoze Madeley and put it back as it used to be. Whoever thought this up ought to be put on the next flight to Mars and left there
- You can't solely do one thing to improve Telford and Wrekin because there is multiple problems with the area
- For myself and others, I'd like to have lifts to get me in and out of swimming pools. Swimming would really help me and others who are disabled. Also better help for those of us who can't use buses
- More education for all people which is free. This encourages people to socialise, grow in confidence, learn new skills and at some point, make them more employable or able to climb an extended social ladder and be accepted
- Have a greater range of high quality shops in shopping centre, especially food shops
- Education to all that throwing litter down is so wrong installing pride in the lovely parks etc. Employing someone full time to pick up litter in Town Park. Fines to stop littering
- Stop the expansion of the area
- Clamp down on reckless and high speed driving. Patrol the common race roads
- Build a theatre. Review the road traffic and improve the flow with more traffic lights
- Prestigious theatre/museum/arts complex
- Reduce all pollution including light pollution in the countryside which is detrimental to animals and people. Councillors take note
- Improved leisure facilities at town centre - suggestion would be a swimming pool. Why more restaurants as understand staff have been laid off in existing restaurants.

- Remove (or at least turn off) the traffic lights on the roundabouts. Whose silly idea was it to put up lights that serve no purpose for at least 22 hours a day except to disrupt the free flow of traffic? How much money was spent on them which could have been better spent upon something useful?
- Make an effort to repair the pot holes properly and replacing failing road surfaces.
- Increase funds available to the council. (preferably from the government) Expecting you to maintain services etc with a budget that isn't keeping pace with inflation etc is lunacy.
- Stop housing development on green field sites and conservation areas.
- More support for carers.
- Spend more money in Newport
- The white lines on A41 Newport bypass need to be refreshed. Need to clean road signs, you could encourage volunteers to clean signs.
- Give Newport a bigger input. Stop building on green field sites.
- Library in Newport is excellent, Maintain all of the others as you do here. In many ways you are doing a super job but be careful not to impose unsuitable housing.
- Crossing roads very difficult. Make it easier.
- Move away from national party Politics making local authority meetings 'confrontational' as opposed to rational consideration of what is best for Council Tax payers.
- Joined up thinking NOT joined up villages. Any new housing to be built must have green (eco) credentials - if at all possible solar PV. Roofs should be south facing.
- Listen to the people of Newport
- we are really quite happy with what the Council is doing for us.
- More financial support for carers.
- Angle of slopes from drives to houses can be too steep for people who use scooters and when walking in ice.
- We live in Wellington. Much more could be done to further lift the appearance of the town centre. The former cinema project for a community arts centre is brilliant and should be supported
- After years and years of vast expansion, call an immediate halt to further house building for the time being. Reduce the number of councillors by at least one third. Stop paying union leaders out of our council tax
- Put more doctor surgeries in Horsehay. There are more houses going up
- Have a supermarket in Southwater side, in place of the old Asda
- Advertise better all the things that are going on in the area. Not everyone has the internet or even wants or can afford it! We miss a lot because we don't know what's being held or where until it's too late to support!
- I'd make every single resident look at the whole Telford and Wrekin area and show people how it would look if nobody cared about making it the place it is. I'd show them a vision of it covered in the waste and dumped stuff that people discard then of it clean and tidy, then tell them that this is our home and we all should make it a cleaner, better place to live our lives. Some people need to see that it could be a tip but with the love of all of us, it could be the nicest place in England
- Hospital aftercare - cottage hospitals in area people come from, or at home with a package of care to prevent bed blocking.
- Stop building houses until there is zero unemployment in the area.
- Preserve the remaining green spaces and have a clear policy for doing so and celebrate what is left properly.
- Remove all parking charges at the Town Centre so that the place becomes more attractive for shoppers and therefore attracts better shops.
- Town Centre Park not good to charge for parking and not a decent car park it needs tarmac.
- Improve the support and care given to people with mental health issues and or living in poverty
- A schools response to the budget proposal around music lessons.
- Create more nature reserves and wildlife sites.
- Remove party politics from the borough council - stop councillors from voting purely on political party lines, instead they need to vote on what is best for Telford and Wrekin and for us who live here.

- Get rid all the Traffic lights Put all Council offices in one building. What happened to the 40 million the council got from Asda ???
- Within budgets available I find it hard to suggest how you improve on what is provided already. My natural inclination is to put direct services to people and provision / maintenance of good quality housing first, but I'm also aware of the strong, negative, psychological impact created by neglect of the visual appearance of an area, such as failure to clear litter / remove signs of vandalism. For the sake of the mental health of all in the area, keeping it a place where people want come and stay to live, and a place to attract tourists and industry I think maintenance of the visual aspects of the environment (litter etc.) is the one thing that would most improve Telford & Wrekin.
- more information on the telford and Wrekin website about what is going on in various areas, such as craft clubs, lunch clubs, meeting places etc I joined the web site "Streetlife" and found out such a lot about all the things going on in my area, which I could not find anywhere else.. Maybe a link to this could be put on the Telford.and Wrekin site, as people can ask about their own areas and spread information that way.
- Cheaper car parking at Town Centre. Better access to railway station.
- Lower car parking charges at Southwater, as it stands it is far too expensive
- Give or make available good advice about their everyday needs
- Bulldoze some of the local centres. Stop building estates with local centres, they don't work.
- Have lifts at Telford Central railway station to help those who can't negotiate the current ramp
- Improve the failing areas/local centres such as Wellington, dawley etc
- make sure that the infrastructure of roads keeps up with the growth to the town and that bus services are supportive to ensure that those less able are able to get around the town in the evening as well as the day time.
- Free parking in Town centre. Keep the green spaces as much as possible.
- For the rural areas of North Telford to contribute to the roadshow the suggestions is a village hall like Waters Upton would be best. For working people and college students to contribute there are no/few evening roadshows and would like more. The roadshow is a tix box exercise so woud not be taking part even if it were at a north Telford rural location.
- Its important that Telford grows, but one eye needs to consider carefully the impact of the increased traffic from the new housing development that are popping up all over Telford. We don't want it to become a gridlocked town? One way of ensuring less traffic is to support and encourage more cyclist by providing proper cycle ways, not just wide pacement that end at all major traffic islands and junctions. seamless cycle ways to the the town centre should be available from all of it main towns without having to stop every 100m. Also encouraging more development and support for the main towns and their shopping centres on Wellington, Oakengates, Madeley etc. the building of the retail parks has strangled the small towns that have become havens for fast food outlets and charity shops. Support and encourage more small shops and businesses wher epossible.
- Ensure planning policies are appropriate and adhered to.
- Quality of the roads rather that repair potholes continuously resurface for a longer term solution.
- More work experience and opportunities to get into work - wolunteering, support with transport, driving. General living costs are expensive for a young person. Business like Wavelength will help.
- Toddler activities in the park there are not manay in the area
- Shopping are is excellent and the bin service is too. Accessing council services via website is difficult. Diffifcult to find information so tend to use e-mail becasue you have to login to the forms and remember passwords.
- Looking more after people and children - their care needs and supporting them like benefits support and advice. Supporting people when they need help
- Improvement and awareness of workers rights for young people and employer enforcement as sometimes young people seem to be exploited
- Just do what you are doing now, (unfortunately with less money due to nationwide cutbacks). When its tough we all have to work smarter not just harder. Make the next five years count and continue to be a forward moving Council.
- Look at parking in the surrounding towns- there still isnt enough.
- Let me run Telford and Wrekin council, the leaders have no common sense at all, ***

- get a first class market selling fresh fruit, veg, meat, fish etc. a covered, plus an open market would be a huge attraction taking custom from a very wide area and good for shoppers too. A state of the art swimming pool, complex right in the heart of Telford would be amazing and so easily accessible for all.
- Budget response
- Regular funding for groups like telford Families group, so they can run more sessions for pre school children.
- Push chair space on buses
- People speeding down Stonedale on Sutton Hill. There was a petition 6- 8 months ago to look at it? Have a room for young people to play safely.
- More activities and facilities for 11 - 18 year olds
- Cut down on private landlords who don't do their jobs properly
- More morals and respect
- More concessions for young people to get them off street
- better public transport links and better routes until later at night. Lower the prices of activities for young people.
- Make a bigger community centre and have more charity events
- Give houses their own drives to stop people having to park on car parks
- More affordable housing in St Georges
- Holiday club for out of school
- Bring back telford Development Corporation
- Good Arts programme ballet, theatre, concerts, Proms in the park, telford International Eistedfod?
- Install outdoor gym equipment in play areas. They have it in other areas in Wales and it is a great asset.
- More disabled parking at Wellington leisure centre
- Have more facilities/community events for over 50's. More flowers in unused green areas.
- Stop building of huge estates. Improve public transport into Telford Centre.
- Get rid of road works
- More information to tell people who don't go out what is going on
- Less roundabouts/traffic lights and new builds.
- Better cycle lanes especially at junctions. I cycle a lot, any decent cyclists won't use current lanes. Look at Dutch system and you'll see what I mean. To be fair telford and Wrekin is better than where I used to live.
- Restore Thomas telford's locks in hadley as an area for wildlife park
- The existing politicians voted out and new ways of engaging residents.
- Build the local high street and not just see all the investment go into Southwater. To develop a programme to encourage new/small business in High Street.
- More concern for maintenance. It's all well and good building new local centres, but when the estate looks poorly maintained, it's hardly impressive.
- Increase Park and ride sites, The ironbridge site is really no use closed October to April. There should be more sites around Telford, Take a look at Exeter in Devon. If there were more sites and routes perhaps A Hail and Ride System could be Considered. The Park and ride from top of Jiggers Bank is so underused, if it could run to telford maybe it would increase usage,
- We must hold on to our countryside or we will be nothing but one giant housing estate (with islands).
- Build more low cost housing. Starting at 1000 /year increasing to 5000/year after 10 years.
- Don't let run down parts of town decline further. Support (financially and otherwise) initiatives that aim to do this eg Clifton Cinema, old Charlton Arms and quality of Wellington shops. This would attract new visitors/money to Wellington/Telford area and also improve existing pride in the community.
- I am writing to express my disappointment at Telford Council's failure to support developments in Wellington, especially the exciting Clifton Cinema project. The Council seem to be putting all the resources and focus into Southwater centre and totally neglecting our town. Could I urge you to fight for the regeneration of Wellington and get the Council to help the Clifton project. The telford Council could easily buy the Clifton site (for less than £650,000 they have suddenly found the money for the Gower Street site in St Georges) and then lease it to the Clifton project group.

The Council would not be taking on any risks as they would own the valuable freehold and it would be a positive indicator, that the Council want to 'eventually' do something in our town (which is in a terrible state at the moment!) A positive response could earn the Council some votes in the forthcoming election.

- Less building on green spaces
- Interest in Clifton - community groups gets community together particularly young people
- International dance festival and more cultural events in Town Park rather than pop concerts - multi-cultural Polish dance company in Wellington. Proms in the Park - make use of international centres - Birmingham orchestra, ballet in international centre
- Town Centre regeneration at Wellington
- Encourage more local business/shops to Wellington and Oakengates
- Encourage free parking throughout the borough
- Have good communication between NHS and council leading to greater co-operation between all agencies
- An in depth look at bus services being re-routed past estates rather than main routes
- Make access from railway to Telford Central better and access from all bus stations and train stations in local centres too
- Internet
- Increase activities for children
- Using our community facilities more - make them more interesting and accessible to everyone. The more we get people together the better the community
- Take Market Town regeneration seriously. In Wellington there is 100% potential. The Clifton cinema project could create jobs, bring back a redundant building and give the community some pride (and show that the council is trying to be a co-operative council for everyone even North of the M54. Wellington railway station needs a proper link to the bus station to create a decent disabled access and a proper public transport interchange
- Start to spend some of the wasted £40 million on Southwater in our historic market towns. There needs to be a major change of thinking to some of our towns.
- That Wellington Health Centre be made fit for purpose. I do think it puts pressure on PRH A&E because people just can't get help from it
- Proper investment in regeneration for our Market Towns - £40 million for 2 towns would really develop some pride in 2 communities instead of rows of boarded up shops or charity shops. This will be an issue at the forthcoming election
- Recruit some professional traffic engineer with positive ideas on traffic flow
- Proper and serious regeneration of our historic market towns especially Wellington as its key role as the gateway to the Wrekin. Arriving at Wellington railway gives a very poor impression of the whole borough and reflects the failure of the council to invest in our real towns not to artificial shopping centre.
- Improve pavements
- I would like to know what happened to the green structure that was in Hadley Centre for many years. Nobody was consulted about it; where is it now. Please contact me
- Put serious funding into our market towns to regenerate and revitalise the high street and no more taxpayer money into Southwater
- Badger village - for the badgers
- The council need to realise the extreme lack of cultural facilities and take this issue seriously. Working with TCAT/New College to develop a centre of excellence for music. Working with The Clifton Cinema group in Wellington to develop an independent cinema and arts centre for experimental theatre. Establish a link with Wrekin College to use their facilities for arts centre. Sell off The Place - in wrong location - to fund an arts base.
- How about developing tourism to create jobs to visitor economy to The Wrekin by developing Wellington with its convenient railway station as a gateway with a mini-bus service and proper signage and much better tourism information. This would also help benefit Wellington by providing extra footfall.
- Support the efforts to reduce alcohol/drug addiction, crime and anti social behaviour
- Reduce the volume of traffic to make air quality better

- The Council has got an opportunity to work with the Clifton group to buy the building to create an independent cinema and arts centre for North Telford to help the regeneration of Wellington and give some community pride and provide some cultural facilities for our community. The council will be judged by its approach to this potential opportunity
- Deal with people taking drugs - move them on.
- To have a council policy put together by the council and wildlife partnerships on the preservation and development of the green spaces that will protect them and the important wildlife corridors that link them together.
- I would be happy to guarantee my future existence and also to maintain the way we manage to live now. It would be nice to be able to think we will be ok in the coming years as I am now retired and times are harder without my employment income. I see some people doing much better than us but wonder how I will cope in a few years as my situation probably won't change very much. I am retired but how will I be able to support myself.
- Stop blighting service delivery and planning by having constant re-organisations
- Increase public swimming times - sometimes the pool is closed for the public - aquaerobics - but only the shallow end is needed. Provide subsidies to buy and renovate town centre accommodation
- The new energy street lights should be dimmed in residential areas because they are too bright and shine into bedrooms
- A major change in strategy is needed to get large investments (not small crumbs) to regenerate our major market towns - Wellington and Newport. The Council should focus on this issue as a major priority. Too much money has been spent on the Telford/Southwater shopping centre.
- Discourage cars coming in and get people cycling. Walking park and ride needed for people living in Wellington. Parking gone for people living in Wellington.
- Reduce the number of councillors and staff numbers in the council
- Reduces costs at the council by cutting jobs
- Provide a proper, vibrant arts and cultural facility that is open to all, seven days a week, which brings all backgrounds, races and faiths into contact with the diverse creative talent that lies hidden and un-coordinated throughout the community
- More arts - and consultations taking place at evening meetings from 19.00 to 21.00 hours - when all the working community would be able to attend
- Health services and access to GPs - seems overloaded at the moment
- Improve footpaths around pools and lakes
- Invest in local high streets rather than just Southwater
- Continue to improve the nightlife
- More night time activities for people of all ages. Nothing entices you to come out
- Attract more visitors
- Response have from the council - no acknowledgement
- Open the public toilet in Dawley
- Improve high street. More activities for older people in the day
- I would like to think the planning committee was a genuine and effective watchdog for this - the people's champion eg for Badgers Rise development
- More day care provision for older people
- Need an elegant bar in Southwater - cocktails etc, somewhere to dress up after dinner
- More starter homes
- Introduce activities for older people eg dancing shows
- Improved cycle routes that go places and don't stop in the middle of nowhere. Bus between Dawley and Wellington
- Listen to young people growing up because they are up and coming generation. Better hedging over paths, people want or cannot do - Windsor Road, Little Dawley and Chesterfield Road, Dawley. Better policing. Better road sweeping
- Need to find a way to encourage / foster more pride to sell Telford

- Encourage tourism across the Borough rather than concentrate on Ironbridge , The history of Dawley of Dawley, St Georges (Granville Park) is just as important. Exploit it
- Places are getting harder to get to - too built up, harder to get to on public transport. People feel isolated as we have poor public transport.
- Better bus service across the Borough - need to be better to get about
- Need to target people - any changes directly affect
- More police patrols. We need a family pub in Dawley
- Street lighting in Dawley Bank - more and stronger bulbs
- Keep green spaces
- People not listened too. Government / council don't respond. Imput of bedroom tax on disabled people. Justice system is rubbish - no protection for victims - dealt with properly.
- More investment in local markets. Improvements to Dawley Park
- Offer lower cost transport - costs on buses like in the West Midlands so people can travel and explore future
- Bring back TDC - they developed for the future
- A living wage
- Possibility for outside gym facilities ie Town Park
- More evenign entertainment facilities that aren't restaurants
- Council should finish its local plan to prevent inappropriate development
- Develop it with community services - decent library, valued supermarket, banks, decent shops, less takeaways, seedy establishments/betting shops, giving decent people decent living conditions/standards
- Traffic on King Street - doesn't function - been changed twice in 7 years or so. Impact of articulated corners
- Stop building - no green space will be left - Lawley will join Dawley. Fear of reassurance and reassessment - fears less valued as a carer
- continue the subsidy of Arthog and music tuition as it stands without asking schools to use PPG funding that in the vast majority of cases is already allocated (and more) internally in school.
- I would love to see The Clifton cinema being supported by Telford and Wrekin council, I think this would be a real asset in attracting more visitors and business to Wellington and the Telford area in general.
- Join the Shropshire initiative to provide modern communications to rural communities.
- local high street improvements
- Oppose unfair austerity measures that redistribute the share of the pain down the social pyramid in order to provide tax rebates for the very well off. I don't want to see further reductions in T&W services justified through a freeze on community charges - go for the 1.9% increase and use it to manage services in an a manner that demonstrates capable and responsible management of budget and resources that deserves and wins real devolution of power to T&W and reduces the level of political interference from the Westminster Government - they are the ones who are destroying our social infrastructure.
- Reduce business rates for those on High Streets - Wellington, Dawley, Ironbridge... so that our High Streets can buck the trend and begin to thrive rather than turn into Charity shop retail centres. We could lead the way!
- only build houses in line with actual needs,not simply to generate cash, make buy to let landlords keep their properties smart and not degrade the area
- In my town of Wellington, the Council could help its regeneration by supporting (in all the ways possible) the community to buy the Clifton cinema site to develop a new independent cinema and arts centre creating jobs, bringing a redundant building back into use and giving the borough a cultural boost.
- My budget response
- Let people know how broadband is funded. Most people are confised and think Council tax money could be spent on Socail Services.
- Demolish or renovate empty buildings like hadley flats
- Improve litter collection. Tree cropping (Bushes Union Road). Improve pavements

- More opening times for families to go swimming. Ensure that the changing area at the pool is clean at ALL times. People often walk into shower area in their outdoor shoes.
- Allocate more funding for disabled services
- Increase the number of police on the beat
- Mobile phone signal. It's so erratic and frustrating going in seconds. We have no landline and are dependant on our mobiles
- I would love to see Wellington High Street developed into a retro almost Dickensian area to draw people in. It's made for that.
- Improve main shopping centre.
- Build another Army Cadets Centre
- More buses improve roads.
- To have another water park, even though there is one in the Town park, I have really enjoyed this.
- New football facilities around Telford
- Better transport, especially public, plans for bad weather in the snow. This is a big problem in rural areas.
- Stop building
- Invest more in District Centres and encourage more private investment in the older district centres.
- To get people jobs and improve living standards.
- More whores and less drug dealers
- make all the girls hot i.e. Put plastic bags over their face
- More unicorns please
- Try to improve the rougher areas
- Create a water park
- Ban smoking
- More night life and clubs. Extend the bus times
- Activities for young people entertainment, fun and music festivals
- More buses. More fun youth activities
- Divide west side and east side and keep the Chavs on the west. Legalise marijuana, this would mean less crime, dealers would go out of business, less loud cars due to drug money
- Stop littering
- Near enough everything needs to be changed. Everything needs to be cleaner and tidier.
- have more free things to do around Telford and Wrekin
- Re-vamp the Silkin Way
- Maintenance of walkways
- The bus service
- Pot holes
- The roads and more job opportunities
- Improve Schools. Improve traffic and road works. Sort out certain areas with Police records. Make it look nicer
- Replace old buildings with new ones
- More of an opportunity to work
- The Town Centre having nightlife and clubs and more places for young people to hang out.
- More entertainment for young people, prices should be lowered.
- Traffic congestion and job prospects for young people
- Less people on the streets
- Sort out the community
- Hire more people to work
- For everyone to have a job so bills can be paid
- More shops

- get the drugs out and light around football pitches
- get lights around the skate parks and the dirt tracks
- Introduce more youth clubs
- More things to do in the evenings
- Investing money correctly and beneficial for the community
- Easier transport, more shops
- Easy transport, more shops and more tidy
- More attractions and easier transport
- Arriva buses arriving on time and overall a better service
- More things for young people as most go to other cities for better entertainment
- More things for younger people to do to get them off the streets
- With the constant development of areas in telford taking place it inevitably brings roadworks and the roads are clogged up as it is so a new initiative towards this would be a good plan to start.
- More places for teenagers to go to instead of hanging around bus stations and shops causing havoc. Make things more wheel chair friendly.
- make places more accessible for disabled people and wheel chair users.
- More training opportunities related to work
- More buses being provided and improved, more lamp posts
- Nothing
- Organise the roadworks and send buses a different way and miss out places.
- More traffic lights/zebra crossings because I don't like crossing roads without the green man showing.
- The Ploice should do more to stop crimes in telford. Add more youth clubs.
- More variety of things for all ages to do
- Anti social behaviour in town Centre Bus Station
- I would help the town to become a city.
- More shops and resturants in town. More activities to do. Dawley High street needs tidying up and empty shops.
- The Wrekin
- Agree a list of green open spaces which will not be built on and kept for nature or public leisure
- Smarten areas outside the town centre of Telford
- More music opprotunties fo young people such as after school
- More characterful new builds. More activities for 13+
- Improve services for 0 -5 stop cutting funding
- The play group which I attend is excellent however funding has been cut so it is not able to continue through half term. So I would like more funding so that this can happen
- Improve anti social behavior and crime
- Make it look nicer, sort out environmental issues like litter.
- Improve activities for children after school and stop cutting funding from playgroups.
- More age range at the local parks, duck ponds and nature. More fun days and family activities.
- More for children in the school holidays above the age of 5
- More womens clothes shops in the town centre. More to do up the town park.
- Don't mess with roundabouts e.g. Town centre
- Bring back individuality into town and districts. Improve the reputation (in the dictionary/online it says that we are Chav city of Europe)
- More safe areas for teens 16- 18
- More places to hang out for under 18's
- Places to hang out with friends under 18
- More free running e.g park hall between climbing frame and wonderland in town park.

- Rugby hornets pitch and town [park pathway is very dark and needs lights not safe.
- Need more things to do
- More bus routes from Rock to Wellington. Better night clubs
- More football pitches
- Put on more shows and entertainment
- More sporting areas to go play sports
- have a wider range of activities for young children and adults.
- Wider range of clubs and activities
- Roadworks and building work sorted quicker. Higher qualification courses available for make up artistry.
- More jobs
- Entertainment and buses
- Cut the lot
- Improve train connections within the Borough, especially those with Newport
- Parking, more of it, libraries need to rotate/get new books more often.
- Roadworks and buses.
- More space, build bigger shops and prevent overcrowding
- Increase recycling to reduce littering
- The pigeon issue in Wellington
- Better education
- Better roads and crossings, more youth clubs or things for children, better street lights in Woodside, stop putting peadophiles by schools, better bus service
- Put more money into sorting our the estates e.g. Woodside. More street lighting near the skatepark etc.
- The roads in Telford. Needs more subways (food). More parks
- Get rid of Chavs and drugs
- Youth centres. Activities - water park - indoor
- Youth centres. Activity centre.
- More shops. Bigger and more buses.
- Need newer shops. Need more efficient buses.
- More buses, better timing. A children's giant indoor/outdoor play centre to stop them doing drugs and getting mugged. New town park.
- Need more things for teenagers to do. No more smoking, drugs and teenage pregnancies.
- More KFC's
- Sporting facilities
- Make it less of a XXXX hole.
- More investment towards education and nature. More business.
- Get rid of chavs and drugs
- Social workers should help and listen to people and also communicate
- A KFC in town. Maybe a Burger King.
- Eastern Primary (EP)
- better roads
- More stuff to do
- Provide more things for young people to do. Increase minimum wage.
- When trying to achieve a job, finish the job because they are making Telford look rubbish
- More activities for people to take part in
- More things for teenagers to do
- Get rid of the roadworks. Indoor bike tracks.
- More modern buildings

- Improve the tarmac
- Improve the entire Telford and Wrekin area not just the main part of Telford like Southwater
- Improve the bus service
- Honestly, more jobs
- More advice and guidance for young people to get employed
- Unemployed claiming benefits. More employment
- The amount of unemployed people living on benefits
- Increase police presence in problem areas
- Stricter rules on people's behaviour
- Better rules on behaviour and making it cleaner
- Get rid of most people
- More places for social event
- More activities for teens and more foods. More shelters.
- Increase of support for people with learning disabilities. Increase psychological services for people with psychological issues. Set up more links with cities.
- rebuild brookside/woodside and Wellington, and offer more jobs. Need more churches.
- another Burger King and jobs are more accessible for students
- Build or renovate a building for people who have no home or money to stay over night
- More places to help people e.g. Homeless people, sexual victims
- Stop all the house building on nice lands
- Bullying
- Stop all the criminals and drugs that go on
- Not so many building sites
- Buck up there ideas make it better place for kids/teenagers/-parents or family where they can go out or shopping - to enjoy themselves. And make it for everybody especially disabled people to get out and enjoy it to.
- Environmental pollution
- More facilities/entertainment for young people
- Too many houses in green areas and schools
- More green areas
- People used to be more community spirited
- Poverty, sort out the poorer areas because they are a tip, stop trying to bring in more people by making it look more like Birmingham when really its just made it worse than it already was.
- Sort out road qualities, crossings. More regular buses to Shawbirch! Better signal at libraries.
- More community groups
- Buses, more frequency, Dawley, Newdale
- Not move here.
- Knock it down
- Less chavs. Bike road improvement. Lighting dark roads.
- I would build an aquapark
- Bigger shops like Jack Wills/Hollister
- More big branded shops eg Jack Wills, Hollister etc
- N/A
- Increase the use of alternative energy for public lighting and households.
- More help for families working to return to work after having children. Instead of giving free child care to people who don't work, give it to people who do!!
- We miss our snacks at playgroup for our children.
- Help people who want to work after having kids give more benefits to working mums and dads. Give more free baby/toddler groups.

- Parking @ Dawley Town Hall
- Better infrastructure around schools and the busiest areas not just Southwater which seems to be the only thing the Council is concerned with at the moment.
- maintain education and early years provision at the highest level possible and encourage everyone in public positions to support volunteering. Parents in school, companies to support community projects, appeals for help the disabled, elderly and poor.
- Ensure other areas of telford are not neglected due to funds/money being put into Southwater provision.
- Cheaper parking at the town during any weekday and Saturday (Just like it is on Sundays)
- Cover speed humps so that they do not damage cars. Make traffic calming measures more appropriate.
- Make improvements THROUGHOUT estates rather than just in particular streets
- More police on the street. More family activities.
- Have an affordable ball pit in Park Lane centre. Have a chip shop in Woodside.
- MP's cost too much their wages and allowances.
- Something which would probably prove quite difficult, finding ways to deal with problem residents and land lords that would result in gardens/properties being maintained properly, wheelie bins being used correctly or fines imposed.
- More variety of things for young people to do near where they live, or an improved and safe evening transport system allowing easy access to facilities elsewhere in the Borough
- this website
- Address the issue above
- Stop building houses and improve hospital
- Bigger range of shops
- make more things for young kids to do so they are not influenced by drugs
- More efficient bus service
- More buses running from bridgnorth
- Get somewhere teenagers can hang out
- Update bus station and make it cleaner. More opportunities for kids
- More bins and update the bus station
- More bins. The bus station needs to be more appealing. Roads need extending and the new road works need completing.
- Improve bus station and bus service. More opportunities for children
- Make it cleaner
- I would provide activities and events in local areas e.g. Fundays.
- Provide more job opportunities for residents host more events to help smaller communities around T&W. Better bus services.
- More low cost entertainment facilities, clean the streets, litter picking. New cardboard recycle bins
- More entertainment facilities or opportunities.
- Improve the safety of areas around
- Bring a competitor bus company so that standards gets better. Get telford and wrekin Council more aware of situations and more strict on their workers, always getting a bad service from them. More police patrolling high crime areas.
- Improve the police to make people feel safe e.g. Older people/pensioners.
- More sporting opportunities
- More fight clubs to stop on street fighting
- More fighting clubs
- More skate parks, football pitches and more areas to do activities
- Something for the teenage age group
- have more things to do for ALL ages, make it less boring
- Something younger people can do

- More places for younger people to go to and new things they can do
- More places for families to be together
- More night clubs
- Bigger shops
- Improve the useage of swimming pools for the over 60s - free access to encourage mobility and healthy lifestyle. Swimming lessons to be available at a moderate cost for over 50s. Space and time put aside for over 50's swimming
- I want them to improve the litter
- I think it would be better if there was not litter everywhere
- I they need to improuve litter picking
- I think telford would be better if they had more bins for litter
- I think it would be better if we had more bins
- The thing that needs to be improved is water fountains so when you get hot in the summer you can drink from there
- I fink it wold be better ther were mor swet shops
- I dont like the fact ther is lots of robbers
- Fill the pot hols in
- I think it would be better if the school be better
- I want to improve and build new playgrounds
- I think it would be better if they build more bowling rings. And if they clear up the dog poo
- because the dogs poo on the floor
- I think it would be better if there werent any poss on the floor
- Dont let dogs poo in the parck
- I dont like that we have to go in the car becasue we need to exasis
- I think it could be better if there were more activeteys and games to play
- I think Telford Wriken shoud build a swimming pool at each Telford park for swimmer so the parks will be fun
- I think that telford could be better if we had moor water parks
- Imprv bolling allis and liter and pools
- How about outside you can put a pool out side then go in the pool firse then when you are don you pay lase
- I dont like the litter
- It would be better that if that you dont put rubbish on the floor
- I think we will put mor bins and beter bin men trucks
- I dont like when people chuck rubish on the flor
- I think it would be better if you sell more games for xbox 360 a different things
- I think it would be better if there is no rubish around
- That there is more consle for a cheaper price
- I think you colde mak it better by more sweet shops
- playgrounds
- what you can do in shops
- Keep up health/ caring/ nursing services.
- Clean dog mess off pavements and hold dog owners to account, ie instead of fines make them clean up for a few hours a week.
- more money spent on policing.
- More investment into Wellington improve pedestrianised areas and assistance to shop owners to improve shop frontages, to attract more independent businesses to the town. Realisation that Wellington could be a successful town offering unique shopping and eateries and subsequent positive marketing strategies.
- Make public transport free.
- Cheaper or free parking at PRH
- Elect a Conservative administration who are careful with our money

- Consolidate/expand the existing services and infrastructure before trying to expand population beyond the capabilities of the council.
- Reinstate national speed limits where now reduced to 50/40 as it just causes huge delays for no other benefit
- Create opportunities for the black minority and the poorer class of people.
- Remove the traffic lights from junctions and roundabouts and do what is being done in enlightened countries such as Holland and America - traffic calmed junctions and roundabouts, where traffic slows down and people are encouraged to act responsibly without having to obey the diktats of mindless, blinking robots. It works there so why not here?
- Have more stringent control of house building.
- Get investment back in to the High St
- Improve the state of the roads.
- stop wasting money on projects that only improve life for a few
- Look at more innovative ways of achieving matched funding with the BDUK and get the whole of Telford and Wrekin to the 21st Century and not just the towns.
- Look after the young & teenager's , I.E. Job's & schooling .
- knock some housing estates down, and deter councillors from going for 'city status'.
- Stop building all over the rural areas.
- Shorter waiting times at the hospital
- improve services for children young people, disabled young adults and the elderly (sorry 2 things)
- Training courses for adults to improve themselves without being costly
- Keep as much green land as possible but also make houses more affordable
- Change people's perception of Telford and Wrekin which I have found is not very good and can be very derogatory. I really like the area and I am not a local and have lived in many places all over the UK and abroad.
- Better transport, helping the sick more stop waisting money
- Make it business friendly
- Stop Council tax for unemployed and people over 60
- Stop parking fees
- Get consistency in all planning development matters.
- Make railway stations more attractive
- Nuke it
- Improve the bus service
- Open a cinema/arts centre in Wellington - The Cliffton
- New cinema, hospital upgraded or at least better staffed.
- Remove traffic lights from islands or at least make them part -time - such a waste of money having them 24/7
- Long Lane is a nightmare for people who live there surrounded by fields which we have no access to at all. Dog walkers take their lives in their hands. Huge lorries should not be allowed up there. Humps and speed limits should be put in to try and stop idiot drivers going too fast and there are far too many of them. They use it as a short cut between LL and Shawbirch
- Listen to the existing residents over developments - ie the old Arriva bus site in Wellington centre - this must be developed for older people, shops are then nearby and trains /buses. They won't want cars then. Families need to live on estates not in town centres. I know tis won't be read or listened to and I am a Labour voter
- Better island, road layouts, easier flow of traffic
- Less redundant traffic lights, especially on ring roads
- Create a caring community (Community integration) where people have time for each other and care about the less able/aged - achievable through local community events, Residents associations, church groups.
- A recycling point in Newport. We are encouraged to recycle but without a car the nearest point is miles away!
- Better range of shops
- Protect funding for Social Care and increase income generation

- Eradicate anti-social behaviour in town centre and surrounding areas - Can improvements be made to Wellington similar to those in Telford (Southwater)?
- Keeping the streets tidy of litter prevent trees/grass/weeds from becoming overgrown - poor and dangerous footpaths. There are several poor and dangerous footpaths where I live. Borough of Telford and Wrekin is beautiful place to visit but there are areas that would look poor to visitors and may prevent them from returning.
- Drastically improve the bus service
- Good question not sure
- Slow down the rate of building new houses on green belt land
- Preserve more of the fields & green areas. Build houses elsewhere.
- People taking ownership of their actions
- Housing, there needs to be more one bedroom property for sale. There are thousands of houses for sale and to let but mostly all of them do not accept DSS which I find is disgusting - Surely a landlord has more likely hood of being paid on time with DSS - But I Digress, I feel the lack of sufficient 1/2 bed room property put a strain on small families that only have the option to have a larger property and then they feel the short fall when it comes to paying bedroom tax - Which honestly I feel needs to be abolished. Its almost draconian.
- Better bigger shopping centre - all in one place similar to Merry Hill Centre which would keep spending/jobs local. Opening times at Doctors and Dentists to be extended to suit working people.
- Better affordable public transport, better cycle/walking routes in and around the Town Centre. There are still only 2 trains per hour from Telford to Birmingham.
- Increase the public transport ie buses
- Provide all households with recycling equipment. There is still an inequality with people that live in flats/sheltered housing etc.
- Reduce the number of people who smoke
- To revamp Wellington. It has great links via the motorway and train station, it is next to the Wrekin but its town centre is dying. It could be another jewel in the crown for Telford but needs more investment and for people to believe and want to develop it. it is the opposite end of the borough to Ironbridge so is the perfect area to develop Telford further.
- Donnington gets MOD contract
- More bins on busy dog walking roads
- I would work on all the road works. I think too much is trying to be done at the same time and its causing a lot of traffic. Unnecessary roads are been closed and when they are been closed most of the time there not been worked on enough/at all. Time on work needs to be better time managed and planned.
- Cycle paths on some of the roads
- Help to retain businesses in the borough towns to survive and grow. I would like to see these centres increase in footfall and vibrant like they used to be.
- Build a splash pool (the nearest one is Stoke) - would be excellent for the economy and would attract lots of visitors Make T Live cheaper to attend - a good idea but too expensive for most families to consider. If need be, try the same format but with cheaper acts.
- Reduce the costs of public transport for young people to increase their mobility
- Improve the road surface conditions
- Secure stable workforce, particularly in children's services (that is the area I work in so unable to comment elsewhere)
- We have some great restaurants now but lacking adult night life but also some activities for young people
- More jobs
- Tidy up the shopping Mall and particularly the Courts area
- Turn off the traffic lights on the roundabouts!! Let them be roundabouts! They are a nuisance, ill timed, create queues and are not necessary
- Get everyone to take pride in their community/area and not go about vandalising, littering etc.
- Better transport links in the small rural areas. I live in Wrockwardine village and public transport through the village is very infrequent. I drive so this isn't a problem to me but could be isolating to some.

- Look at the standard of secondary school education within the borough. I know the Phoenix Academy is being taken over but is this too late for some of the children... Turn off the traffic lights on the roundabouts.
- Have more socialising opportunities for adults. More independent bars and restaurants and better bus and train timetables.
- Make Southwater more 'local' - it's great for the economy to have the certainty of well established chains of businesses - but all of the bars and restaurants are nationwide - it would be great to celebrate something unique at Telford, have an area that supports local, independent restaurants and businesses. You can get a Pizza Express at any town across the country - make Telford the place to come for something different!
- Safeguarding of T & W employees jobs. Southwater - as good as it is, I personally feel additions of bars to the area would also attract more visitors as it is just mainly restaurants. Improve car parking charges - A cheaper annual pass? People using Southwater facilities could be given free parking. A bigger and improved theatre, which would attract bigger names and people to the borough. If near to the Southwater development then people may be more likely to have a meal/drinks before and after shows. New entertainment facilities such as a Casino, dog/horse racing ground, museums and a facility to occupy music concerts. Increased 1 bedroom properties to accommodate single occupancy tenants. Increased day facilities/ activities for people with learning and physical disabilities.
- Extend and encourage a feel good factor about living in Telford to residents and make sure they get involved and seize opportunities.
- The mental health and wellbeing of our residents ensure enough affordable care homes and support for residents to avoid bed blocking and reduce the pressure on the hospitals
- More bins for dog mess, they do not appear to be spaced very well, none for four hundred yards then 2, 1 on each side of road. Not that it is an excuse for leaving it on the floor, but may encourage people not to leave the bags behind.
- Improve the walkway between the Station and the centre. Looks very down at heel.
- Joint action across the council services and the Police in addressing the ease of access to illegal drugs - I realise that there is action taken to reduce the level of availability however young people seem to have easy access. I am not sure how proactive the borough is in addressing this growing problem.
- More job opportunities for younger people
- Parking. Improve parking for the office areas and areas around high streets like Newport to encourage people to use them.
- More investment in landmark buildings such as the Charlton Arms Hotel in Wellington, the YMCA building, Clifton Cinema as leisure/entertainment centre to boost and generate income in the area
- Crackdown on antisocial behaviour and minor offences
- Remove all the disgusting chewing gum off the streets
- If someone pleads guilty to a sick crime throw it in jail! What's the delay!!!! I would make car parks free in the town centre as I avoid going as I can visit the retail parks and park for free. Get rid of the road works in town it looks awful and it's ability to halt traffic is another reason to avoid town! A cool pool... We drive to Wolverhampton once a month because they have flumes, waves etc etc and it's clean unlike the filthy shrewsbury pool! Invest instead of giving free swimming to working aged people, personally I feel saying 'over 50's' sounds patronising! Make a nicer pool and charge more for it, then you can afford to give over 50's free swimming without using precious budget next year! More police enforcement /pedestrian crossings to stop speeding cars killing us all! Clean up bridle ways and cycle lanes full of animal waste. More bins for dog waste and rubbish. Get the bin men to return your bin to where they found it not 2 streets away in a garage entrance (weekly issue!)
- Spend money on local improvements eg for my area Horsehay pool needs dredging/cleaning and the improved maintenance of the trees etc.
- Scrap the charges you've introduced for taking away large items of rubbish, eg TV sets, furniture, carpets etc. I think this charge is what has led to the increase in fly tipping in recent years.
- Ensuring that we grow at the right pace, with the right infrastructure to support our growth and also ensuring that we have the local skills to meet growth and inward investment and making sure that any new businesses understand the

need for local social responsibility when they come to Telford and Wrekin. But ensuring that we do not lose our purpose in being there when local people need us.

- Roads and path/bush maintenance
- The older towns -Oakengates, Dawley in particular - some of the shop frontages either need improving like the ones improved in wellington or demolishing, and new shops with traditional frontages built. The shops near to Oakengates railway bridge (the second hand furniture shop and the shops that run below the railway track opposite "The Place " car park are an eyesore).
- Improve transport links
- Better Aspirations facilities in Newport. The gym is full every evening. Surely evening classes would ease the congestion in the gym. A number of people are considering leaving the gym as we often can't use the equipment we would like to use or have to cut our training sessions much shorter than planned.
- rejig some of the council estate areas away from the town centre, actively encourage people into work.
- I love living here-it has always been home-I still insist i live in Shropshire - I do not think Telford and Wrekin should be seen to be separate. More car parking in Wellington would be useful and less double yellow lines. I do not understand politics but I think locally all parties should work together for the good of all the people ahead of party differences.
- You could have more litter picks along motor ways, and alley ways.
- Improve Community Spirited behaviour between individuals.
- Improve the sense of pride and social responsibility of individuals. I regularly hear people talk down about Telford amd its residents who fail to realise that they live in telford and have responsibility for its image and also the local surroundings.
- The public transport infastructure could be improved. Two trains an hour at peak times could easily be increased & may encourage more employers to relocate. Accept probably stymied by private train companies to an extent.
- Continue to invest is schools and raise the level of attainment across the borough. Improve parenting skills - I hear too many parents out and about not taking the time to listen to their children, its very easy to do and results in happier children.
- The transport links to help both people living in the borough to reach other towns and cities more easily, with only one train line between Telford and the Midlands if this line is closed for any reason (and this happens frequently) there are not trains out of Telford to the Midlands and connections are missed.
- Provide a central skate park in Telford Town Park.
- Remove all humps in roads, I have a spinal problem and they are torture!
- Provide more free or cheap parking
- More police presence and interaction with local people, to helm minimise on crime and the use of Drugs by young people
- Link Newport to Telford and the railway station with a Metro.
- Make sure that services and care needs are not compromised in the effort to keep rates and taxes down.
- Attract more professionals to live in the area, thereby increasing economic stability and, if I could have a second one, invest in young people and give them both a voice and some real power to make a contribution and decisions.
- Clean it up. Hollinswood is a big concern for me, personally (and I live in Aqueduct!). The litter there is atrocious. The Silkin Way (and surrounding areas) near my home is fantastic and spotting all manner of birds - including birds of prey - down there is no issue at all. Badgers, foxes and rabbits all thrive and the 'wild Telford' aspect of our borough should be preserved and attract people keen to experience both our unique countryside and our town life.
- We could improve T&W by having more events and fun days going on. More books, people coming into school to talk about books.
- I personally think the Council should stop bullying because I have seen a lot in and outside school.
- If I could improve one thing about T&W it would be more control over bullying going on in and outside school because sometimes no one realizes how hurt we are being.
- To make T&W a better place to live in we could have more zebra crossings and more safer areas on roads so nobody gets hurt.

- To make T&W a better place to live in we could have more police doing a more active role with schools looking at traffic and other worries.
- To make our community a better place to live in we could get a few more crossings by schools so that none gets hit.
- Deliver reflective jackets to people every 6 months.
- To make T&W a better place to live in we could have more zebra crossings so people could cross easier.
- To make T&W a better place to live in we could get police standing outside of schools so people can be safe and make sure people don't park in the middle of road.
- To make T&W a better place to live we could have more parks and fun days. More of these events could get people healthy and not be so lazy. Also the police could have a more active role with schools and other worries. They should also help to prevent bullying.
- Have more parks and fun fayres and bouncy castles.
- Improve child friendly areas
- Make more space for kids to grow
- Everything
- carefully consider future developments. Our industrial estates could re develop brown belt/empty units for new business and housing estates such as Woodside, Brookside and Sutton Hill do have affordable housing they just need re adjusting to make them more desirable places for ne 'owner occupier' buyers.
- Improve all the parks, have youth centres and more stuff for children to do in the holidays.
- Support for people who are paying the bedroom tax or in crisis. More support for foodbanks.
- Places for young people to go
- Develop a university offer that is comprehensive so that young people who wouldn't /couldn't consider leaving home would still have degree level opportunities and an expectation that this is a route they could also choose.
- More one bedroom places, more lolipop people to help children cross the road.
- We could have scoops to pick up the dog poo and dog poo bins and more bins to put the litter in. To have more equipment in the parks, like a climbing frame, slides, roundabout because people like to come and play in the park.
- Ask people to clean their mess with a dustpan. They can go home and quickly clean it.
- I think that one thing T&W could provide is more litter bins.
- Sell more dog scoopers in the shops. I think that I would make the houses cheaper because my mom is trying to buy a house but they are all too expensive.
- Get new equipment in the Arleston park because there is old stuff there.
- I want to have a massive football pitch to be made in telford.
- If I could improve T&W I would put more litter bins on the streets.
- To improve T&W is giving out a list to people and saying please don't throw litter everywhere and pick up dog poo!!
- The one thing to improve is the litter and dog poo. Thank you for reading this.
- The one thing that I could improve is town park because lots of people like parks.
- More investment into Borough towns, re develop empty houses and flats so that homeless people can use them.
- Too many houses being built losing green belt.
- More wide spread gritting of roads
- I would improve it by getting dog wardens on the street and fining people on the spot if they don't pick up the dog poo.
- That the park there is sometimes dog poo on the floor and dogs are not allowed in the park because the little children they can get hit by footballs.
- To improve T&W it is more CCTV cameras so people feel more safer in T&W.
- T&W is already a lovely place, but the one thing I would improve are the parks, there should be a bit more obstacle courses to let people have exercise.
- I think that I would change all smoking so it couldn't be in public and so people wouldn't keep getting upset.
- The dogs are not allowed in the park because they poo on the floor.
- If I could do one thing to improve T&W it would be to put more CCTV cameras on roads to help prevent accidents

- My personal opinion is about improving T&W is more litter bins and boxes because there is litter everywhere in places like the parks and on streets.
- If I could improve one thing I would have more CCTV to make people feel safer
- If I could do one thing to improve T&W it would be not to knock down Ironbridge Power Station. Ironbridge Power Station is one of the oldest working power stations left in England and has rare artifacts inside such as an engraving machine which could be used as a medal engraver and a map which includes already knocked down power stations which could be used for school tours as well.
- Further to my previous concern I would put in some more smoking areas, because if there are more smoking areas people will use them instead of walking past children, adults or the elderly making them cough this would stop polluting the area and help people's health.
- More CCTV cameras and ban smoking in public places
- If I could do one thing to improve T&W it will be the market because the pathways are too small and people feel too small in the market and too tight and also the market needs to be bigger.
- I think that it could be improved by more CCTV cameras
- I would change the traffic lights so there would be no traffic jams and better traffic lights to make it safer for people crossing the road.
- If I could improve one thing in T&W it would be to add extra parks close to houses because some children rarely go outside and play. They will get exercise daily.
- If I could improve something in T&W it would be making paths bigger and roads wider.
- If I could change one thing about T&W I would put more signs up saying drive slowly and carefully so people don't end up in hospital.
- If I could change one thing about T&W it would be that you had to pick up your dog's poo or you will get a fine from a warden.
- The thing that I would improve would be that to have more CCTV cameras on the motorway because to see all the car crashes to see what happened and who started it then arrest them.
- A central venue for young people to drop in using Southwater area more
- Improve parks, something for young people on the weekends
- Some kind of youth cafe on weekends in Southwater
- make websites easier for people like me
- Got to satisfy people who are off estates not just coming from outside. You're gonna be able to compete with other areas
- Try and help small businesses and retail new Southwater spread money more evenly
- Better bus links to surrounding areas from/to Telford particularly helpful for students
- Attract more young people to the centre by offering exercise and fitness centre (Council run) not just private gyms with better student discount and family deals. Community Art project would be valuable in improving the look of the area.
- Social care for older people 'bed blocking'
- Communication with vulnerable groups/people. Radio, adverts and briefings. Catch people in public spaces use social networks for publicity. Job centre for advertising, getting message out.
- Support for local groups for older people. More investment/ freshening up of smaller local parks, need to protect green spaces. Better signal for mobile phones.
- Review traffic speeds in rural areas
- More house renovations and support for homeless people. Access all people's salaries and have a data base so when people need to claim benefits/council tax rebates the info is there.
- Too early to say. First impressions are positive
- Lower cost of entertainment and housing for young people
- More evening buses
- "More money to improve social services and education.

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- Ensure the PRH maintains its A&E facility.
- Free parking in Telford Town Centre
- I would like to see more cultural events in terms of art galleries, theatres and better choice of privately run restaurants.
- Improve the surrounding towns to match Telford Centre, invest in areas of low deprivation. Encourage more social enterprise 'Make people proud to be living in Telford and Wrekin and a place for others to want to come too'
- Encourage the opening of more independent stores - This will give our highstreets and shopping centers a much needed variety, as well as increase tourism in the area - people are more likely to travel from places like Wolverhampton or Shrewsbury if there's a shop which sells unique merchandise - Currently the town is over-saturated by chain stores/restaurants. It will also lead to an increase in jobs, boosting the economy.
- Loss of green spaces to housing developments.
- For Southwater to have some bars and not just eating establishments.
- Stop spending money on "vanity" projects such as T-Live and tarring up pavements and spend the money where it's needed. Cut down on number of councilors and cut their expenses
- Really start to listen to local opinion and vote to help not destroy. Start to make decisions in the interests of people NOT party politics
- Prosecute people who drop litter, fly tip or who don't clear up after their dogs.
- Encourage business's to take over empty shops by offering cheaper rent or council tax incentives
- I suppose the centre has been refurbished its about continuing to market the area to bring in business and therefore business owners and workers to our fair town. Apparently young professionals are leaving London in droves, Birmingham being a prime destination. With a 'cooler' nightlife including non - chain restaurants, bars and maybe clubs, why not telford?? Sorry working from home and lap top playing up.
- get rid of rats and flytipping!!!!!!
- Affordable housing and link to poverty
- There is university provision developing in nearby Shrewsbury. A greater focus on attracting university students to study and live in Telford with a more formal university partnership.
- Preserve open spaces and prevent over development of the semi rural areas. Improve play provision for young children.
- Fix the roads not just patch them up
- Intimidating young people in Sutton Hill Centre - not safe at night
- Better broadband
- Dirty in places. Recycling stuff left in the street and blown around
- When you build new houses you need to add solar panels
- Transport - upgrade train station and finish roadworks
- More openness in council meetings and less party dictation. Too many empty houses
- Social education of young people to take responsibility for their actions and their contribution to society
- I would give the homeless somewhere to live
- A place for the youth to go for entertainment and dose not cost a lot
- Improvement to high street. Need a few more traditional shops eg flowers, butchers
- A crime crackdown and tougher penalties for bad behaviour
- The council needs a new strategy to boost our market towns instead of wasting money on Southwater or roundabouts & the Telford shopping centre. There is potential opportunity in Wellington to give the town a huge boost by buying the old Clifton Cinema and working with the community group to reopen it as seriously regeneration of the town. This is an opportunity that should not be missed
- More street cleaners and pride in the community
- Focus on one aspect/area and become known for excellents.....A flagship that we are envied for and attracted for. I am proud of Telford and Wrekin, I would be prouder still if we were the Town that was known for ????

- Address the issue of privately rented properties - Enforce Landlors to keep their properties maintained in to a good standard, both internally and externally. So many families are forced to live in poor conditions and feel powerless, neighbouring properties suffer to.
- Local primary schools are not very good in Wellington. Town Centres in districts need improving i.e. Wellington and Oakengates
- When new housing estates or building are designed to have better car parking facilities
- Clean it up
- I don't agree with the free swimming for the over 50's in the budget proposal. I think this money could be better spent else where. This is the age group where people have money to pay for things like this. You should be helping working families more and encouraging children to take more exercise.
- Provide more new affordable houses on sites already used for housing, e.g. Sutton Hill.
- Make sure there is good quality housing for everyone
- Improve the facilities available for young people. I think that when young people are integrated with a diverse range of people they have more empathy and understanding about what other people want.
- Help independant businesses thrive more, making Telford known for more than just chain resturants.
- More support for young people when they are in school to help them raise their aspirations in terms of education and work.
- A few bars (as opposed to 'clubs') would be nice to increase the social element of the new development. From a personal viewpoint a couple of alternative routes out of the priorslee estate (on the redhill side) other than the very restricted 2 routes onto castlefarm way. At peak times especially around school times it can be a nightmare trying to get out onto castlefarm way sometimes taking 10 minutes and with the introudction of so many new build homes on this side I would suggest this needs to be taken into consideration.
- Do all you can to create the right conditions for businesses to create jobs and good apprenticeships.
- fine people for dropping rubbish in the street, spitting in the street
- Better street cleaning
- More after school activities
- Concentrate on improving treatment and recognition of front line staff in specific departments.
- Would like a dog park, a safe enclosed space to take your dogs and socialise them
- more community projects to tidy and reduce crime e.g. Unemployed/volunteers etc.
- Hmm not really sure. I'm more than happy with all the facilities and areas I access at present.
- Make areas more appealing in general
- Support for children and young people.
- I think that after school clubs are important they improve confidence
- Encourage more jobs for young people.
- To make areas safer for people when out in the community. I do not allow my children out after it drops dark who are 12 and 15 due to fears for their safety. Street lighting is often poor and they do not feel safe from others.
- To stop wasting money on unnecessary projects like for example St Georges youth club, the money can be spent on the more important services.
- Less chain restuarants, it is disappointing that Southwater is made up of these, I was hoping for something more original.
- Make it better place for people visiting place people other towns and city come visit use so nice to visit.
- Ensure the 'powers that be' are aware of how difficult life is for the carer and cared for and that sufficient support and funding is readily available.
- More one bedroom houses, more greenery
- Make it more accessible. Appeal to people outside T&W e.g. Evening entertainment
- More services for disabled people xxxxx people
- Social support supporting people with mental health problems
- Better nightlife

- Family learning groups stopped at Community Centre-nobody there knows when back. Snack time at Childrens Centre has stopped- nobody there knows why.
- More walkways, cycle lane
- Road state of all roads in general. Contractors leave it in a state. No parking at DTH.
- Tackle the issue of road congestion caused by the developments in the area and remove the traffic lights from major roundabouts to increase the steady traffic flow that the roundabouts were first introduced for. Introduce a more aesthetically pleasing architectural style more in keeping with the heritage site and the rural roots of Telford and less so with the likes of Wolverhampton and Birmingham.
- I think I would start to work out ways to make Telford & Wrekin much more cycle friendly and challenging the car culture. I realise that there are a many miles of cycle paths, but these are not well lit and people (especially women) feel nervous about using them, especially after dark. It is not easy to reach places of work by cycling either which can inhibit the young from finding work. So, provide more routes for where people really want to get to, provide secure parking for cycles, and maybe a cycle pick up and drop off scheme. Helps with the health concern above as well.
- Spend less on capital projects and more on day to day maintenance which will remove the need to "regenerate" neglected areas.
- Encourage the building/ or bringing back into use single occupancy properties
- How about the Council supporting the save the Clifton project in Wellington (www.theclifton.org) to create a new arts centre for the Borough (and create jobs, regenerate Wellington AND BRING A REDUNDANT BUILDING BACK TO LIFE)
- Can I suggest that the Council help the 'save the Clifton' project in Wellington to give the whole Borough a new arts centre and independant cinema. This project is a great opportunity for the whole borough to revitalise an iconic building, work closely with the local community to create an exciting new venue. This would give Wellington a huge boost and develop some civic pride. It would also give an important message that the Borough cares about its market towns.
- Have you invested in the Clifton?
- The project to save the Clifton is a great opportunity for the Community and the Council to work together to develop a 'residential' building for the community use and to enhance leisure and cultural opportunities in the Borough.
- Road surfaces and markings
- It would be good to see the Council working cooperatively with the community on such projects as the 'Save the Clifton' cinema scheme in Wellington. It's a great opportunity to show what could be achieved by a 'real' cooperative Council.
- How about a project to really improve Wellington railway station to include, a proper covered link to the bus station which is disabled friendly and creates a joined up transport interchange. A double storey car park to increase car parking capacity (which is an issue in Wellington) Have a look at Bicester Railway Station new park! Funding can come from LEP/Network rails Access for all/DFT
- Save the Clifton cinema
- Open a community centre for people old and young to go to enjoy art, dance, music and theatre and to be able to use areas to develop their hobbies and interests.
- Get the council to develop a new and much more positive strategy for revitalising our market towns - putting events on in the market towns - not Southwater and looking at business rates in the struggling high streets
- I think that Telford & Wrekin Council are making a damn good job of things. It's exciting to see if I could say I think it would be parks - Apley, Dawley etc are amazing. Town Park is brilliant now the pool has gone - my babies love it and you don't have to spend. If young mums don't make the best of park facilities they must only be idle or uninterested.
- Cycle routes - we need to get more people exercising and to improve links for those wishing to use their bike to get to work.
- Nothing that I could think off
- Regenerate Wellington Centre to create a 'Quality' shopping/cultural centre, of benefit to whole of Telford.

- Improve the consultation on the Local Plan in future, because the initial consultation was very poorly advertised and ended up as a failure on the Council's part
- The road infrastructure cannot handle the current traffic in the district. Existing future development will exacerbate this problem. This issue needs addressing without further delay.
- Stop spending large amounts of money on re-organisation again and again. Put more money into the third sector to provide care and services they could manage and perform on your behalf.
- Build more housing associations homes in Newport and surrounding areas
- Down to earth people who can see problems and do something about it. I understand you need housing but this is way over the top. Need more schools in view of people moving in, more GP's and surgeries too.
- I think CCTV cameras should be used from Roden to Shawbirch past the Gate pub and up the lane 100 yards on the left. Also use CCTV cameras up on the road to the Wrekin.
- Provision for Children and Young people especially parks.
- Provide more social housing in Newport. Stop patching up. False economy.
- The services I use are brilliant. Extremely fond of library-don't automate it like Wellington.
- More visits by leader/deputy and officers. Explain things better. Officers and leaders familiarise themselves with the town.
- To ask Newport residents in advance about major developments. Sainsburys- 21 million going in a central pot rather than Newport in particular.
- Treat any car parks as necessary
- Improvement would be no more development - town is full.
- Getting things correct in the first place eg affordable homes issue and having to go back to planners.
- Traffic control around Newport
- To use the money to make up the money wasted on Sainsbury's issue
- Slow the traffic down on residential estates and link roads - need to enforce the 30 mph speed limit, especially where families are walking to school or kids are playing out - cars just speed everywhere.
- Improve relations between different areas. Create a better community spirit. Make the people of Telford and Wrekin (surrounding areas) feel proud to be part of this county rather than hateful towards it.
- More economic development
- Stop building houses. Take traffic lights off roundabouts. Where is the evidence that traffic lights on roundabouts improves traffic flow? Remove the excessive amount of road signs, people have passed their driving test and should know how to drive. Stop spoon feeding us and treating us like idiots. It's information overload driving around the borough.
- Increase the recreation and community social facilities and venues respectively.
- To be fair the council don't seem to be doing a bad job at the moment we will just see how things go this next financial year
- Help improve the employment opportunities by giving incentives for business to expand.
- More priority for protecting the safety of consumers
- More regular litter picking and some publicity for littering prosecutions as a deterrent.
- Return more local amenities. People now have to travel to recycle, they have fewer local libraries, have to travel for certain hospital services. Why are we centralising everything? I know it may save money but it hardly improves local people's lives. The council should care more about the local people and less about making money which is often spent on trendy things like creating cycle paths -maybe to reach targets.
- Stop putting traffic lights on roundabouts and installing mini-roundabouts that are too small to work effectively.
- Make roundabout traffic lights part time so they only operate when needed to regulate biased traffic flows.
- Pick it up and put it down in the Caribbean. No seriously I find it, compared to where we lived before on the outskirts of Basildon new town, a great place to be and cannot really think of anything to make things better.
- More investment in/around market towns like Madeley to bring in jobs
- Introduce CPE -

- Continue to improve policing in community.
- A more resident considerate planning process
- Sort out its planning.
- Stop the relentless & unsustainable pursuit of growth - cease granting planning permission for houses & commercial purposes and plan instead for a steady & sustainable future where the individual Telford resident's quality of life is the prime concern for the council, not being at the top of some imaginary West Midlands growth 'league' serving only to inflate council executives' egos.
- new road to relieve congestion around the BRJ, hospital and leegomery areas.
- Improve cycling safety - cycle lanes, signage, education for public, road surface maintenance etc
- Encourage more recycling
- plan roadworks. it was almost impossible to get into wellington for a month recently
- Introduce more resident only car parking on streets to discourage shorter journeys by car. Our neighbours' family is huge and they all come in individual cars parking on the verges and pavements and completely dominating the streets yet many of them live within walking or car sharing distance.
- Educate residents in having respect for others.
- Claiming back the local centres. More housing and culture within these centres
- Communicate with its people better.
- Regeneration in the older areas of the Town like St George's
- Care for our elderly. Stop changing care packages. Stop reducing the services to them just to save money.
- Clear up the streets
- Perhaps listen to the resident and not the council their own way .
- Have a planning department that is consistent in its approach to development
- Keep doing what you're doing - you are on the right track; Keep asking residents what they think
- Close all underpasses
- Stop building all over the small, rural towns and villages.
- make it compulsory to give your seat on a bus up to pensioner.
- I feel that currently the council is working well
- More Police patrols
- Provide easy access to grants to support ongoing costs of voluntary youth work. Good return on investment. Improve state of roads in residential areas.
- Develop a comprehensive project to regenerate our market towns (and fully involve the communities).
- Fix potholes
- Put paths for walking and cycling beside every road so that if you want to get about without using a car, you feel safer because you are visible to others and not hidden by shrubbery.
- Look at costa
- Switch off traffic lights at night - I have waited at the lights at Ketley Brook/Tesco roundabout at 4am, not another vehicle in sight. If Birmingham can do it so can T & W!!!-
- clean the pavements.
- Reduce Council levels of spending.
- Improve further the market towns Sort out parking facilities Pedestrianise more
- Protect its assets-as above
- More medical centres
- No more new housing!! I don't think Telford should always be aiming to be a bigger town. We are fine as we are.
- Develop I Ron bridge into more of. A holiday place, a lift to the top of the Wrekin in clouding ski lift between hills . Dam coalbrookdale dale t make a wonderful cresses tear lake . Submarine trips to. See the seven bridge
- Cheaper public transport and free parking in the Telford centre
- don` t know
- Switch off traffic lights at roundabouts to improve traffic movement

- Better public transport- including to the Wrekin
- Add 'Shropshire' after the word 'Wrekin'and give people back the county identity
- Change the local government for a NON political one
- Make more use of the rail freight terminal built at great expence.
- Build park and rides
- Infill by building in between built up areas and not use brown belt.
- Improve road surfaces
- Stop building on our fields!
- Leave the road around Telford town centre alone , remove the traffic lights, ans sack the person whose stupid idea it was in the first place
- Improve the roads (Potholes) Give more money to improve Social Care in the community.
- Stop urban creep and infill instead
- Better rail access.
- Keep up the good work
- The local authority should be more responsive to the wishes of the local people, i.e. too much development is imposed rather than agreed upon with the local community.
- pot holes are terrible!!quick fix!?
- Reduce the cost of Helping to reduce the cost of renting shop premises to keep the High Streets flushing
- Closer consultation with people relative to plans for their area with heads on block for council failures to consult with people (Newport Sainsbury farce.)
- Try to instill a feeling of pride in the immediate local community, inclusive of all faiths, colours and any other divisive differences.
- Have a better range of shops in the town centre...more quality outlets
- Raise its profile to improve demography. Promote proximity of connectivity across uk, beauty of Shropshire and Wales, Attract suppliers by potential of a Shropshire silicone valley.
- Make sure people are aware of any help / service's that are available in the area . Also making sure everyone getting the correct help / service . I would also like to see more places of safety in Telford .
- Roads and paths cleaned and maintained more
- Finish roadworks around telford shopping centre
- There is no one thing that will improve telford there are to many things that need doing and you will not do the things that need doing as you keep saying you dont have enough money
- Too many to contemplate
- Increase the budget for the Highways/Rights of Way departments so that our network of paths can be maintained properly and developed properly to attract visitors (and revenue) to the Wrekin Forest area.
- Improve the roads
- To purchase the Charlton Arms in Wellington from the builder which could then become a community project, also save the car park for use by the towns people which is much needed.
- sack the current council members and start again with local english people who understand our area and not ther own pockets
- Ensure that proper jobs are created to support any house building
- Improve cycle routes
- Improved care in the community for the elderly
- Get rid of the traffic lights
- Remove the increasing crop of unnecessary 'Traffic Lights' around the Borough - Roundabouts are there to speed the flow of traffic not to hold that traffic up with unnecessary traffic lights. Traffic lights should be reserved for normal road junctions !

- Ensure a supply of housing stock that not only meets the needs of those requiring low-cost or rentable housing but also provides accommodation within an attractive environment for the "wealth-earning" sector. There is evidence of outwards migration of this later sector that can only be to the detriment of the Borough.
- More regular cleaning of urban footpaths through estates.
- More policemen on the beat.
- Improve access to the Retail parks, one way in and one way out is ridiculous, its only going to get worse as more estates are built in Telford
- Promote tourism particularly focussing on Telford as a hub for wider Shropshire attractions. This would encourage inward investment and employment and raise the town's profile.
- Improve health care, reduce waiting lists and improve quality of experience
- Stop politicians playing politics with the town.
- Stop building houses on every field and unused piece ground it's getting out of hand and needs to be stopped.
- listen to concerns rather than suggest issues
- Increase the level of employment.
- More openness in the planning
- The footpaths could be improved.
- Bring more businesses in that can employ larger groups if people such as call centres.
- The local economy, in particular jobs for older workers. Tackling youth unemployment is important but now people have to work longer those at the other end of the age spectrum have problems getting jobs as well and may need retraining etc.
- Replace night clubs with more youth/family centred places
- don't know
- Ensure that all new planning guarantees green areas.
- provide meet/greet facilities for teens and youngsters.
- MORE ACTION AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE ANTI SOCIAL
- Keep standards high and don't let cost cutting go too far, causing people to suffer
- stop building on greenfield sites until all brown sites are used up
- Get more people taking responsibility for improving health and fitness to take pressure off the over burdened surgeries and hospitals.
- Stop paying B/Councillors expenses
- value the environment we have and preserve it for future generations
- Improved services to London
- Nothing in particular, am quite happy with the Council & the services provided. Keep it up.
- Make provision for the whole borough and not just the Telford conurbation.
- Increase visibility of police or CPO's around, reduce drug trafficking
- As above
- Slash the number of traffic lights on roundabouts.
- Have adequate street cleaning operatives.
- Publicise successes and new initiatives to as broad an audience as possible. This has been done with the improvement in the Town Centre and Southwater is already showing positive results for the town.
- Would suggest T & W consult the people who live here BEFORE they undertake projects. e.g., who thought that replacing a few kerb stones was a good idea when it obviously meant making even more of a "patchwork" of the pavement?? Who thought that that dreadful self binding material was just what the Town Park needed?
- Better night time economy
- Crime reduction.
- without adequate information I cannot give an informed opinion.
- Getting the community involved. Things like DIY SOS on the TV - people like to come together to help others and will rally round as a community to help - more projects like this. I know you said one thing however continuing on the

theme of the 'pride in your community' what about community litter collection, getting school children to do sponsored litter pick to encourage them to be responsible for their area. I have dog walked past my local junior and picked litter on several occasions only to find it just as bad the next week. More fines for litter droppers, in town especially. More publicity that makes it socially unacceptable. Fines for not scooping the poop. Encourage people to clean up after their dog(s) - I have an idea if you want to contact me (work hours)01939 250 351 x7207. We should all be proud of our Community.

- Stop building on every bit of green space in Telford & Wrekin
- Better transport
- Have more of a police on foot around shopping areas
- as above --- the swimming pool
- I'm not sure who owns the Wrekin, but if it is the council, I would make much better use of such an asset, Build an alpine style cafe on the top to encourage even more visitors, build into the hill (sympathetically) a four or five pitch Kletterstike (Via farata) style climbing route to the top of
- Stop building!!!!
- Engage the community more
- Have Spring and Summer flower displays at roundabouts to cheer us all up and remind ourselves what a beautiful place this is!
- Stop the wastage of rate payers money
- Stop housing developments in villages. Improved public transport for rural area's.
- Be more open at meetings and not hold so many meeting in camera.
- Take a good hard look at the type of houses being built and ask if they are fit for future generations. Houses which overlook each other (no privacy)and with a postage stamp for a garden. Hmmm I don't think so!
- Better use of the heavy rail infrastructure in and around Telford.
- Purely from my experience more respite care for under 60's
- n/a
- ensure sufficient funding for those who cannot make themselves heard i.e
- Remove parking charges from the Town Centre.
- Create bus routes at all shopping centres and retail parks and restructure the bus routes including current ones.
- Traffic flow perhaps removing traffic lights and replacing with (mini)
- Stop building round the edges
- low cost starter business units in local areas ie £50 per week small unit or a business hub for a small fee you can use the facilities for the times that working from home is not convenient - such as meeting clients A proper sports centre for the whole town or South Telford not more rubbish facilities attached to schools who dont like to share...
- making the area clean and tidy, to penalise those that do not comply, to give more care to vulnerable adults.
- Major regeneration of our market town - Wellington especially needs investment and a major boost.
- low cost housing in and around newport and edgmond
- Help reduce the obscene prices for bus fares, costs across the Country are far better than in Telford, the cities are far cheaper than in the Telford area. eg. Brookside to Madely £1.30p a distance of a mile and a quarter, Brookside to Stirchley (two stops) £1.30p and the same going around Brookside, where is the fairness in this? Can anything be done to
- Perhaps you could look at easier access to recycling sites for businesses
- Expand manufacturing to enable more skilled jobs in the region
- Replace the whole planning department
- Build a large multi-purpose sports and leisure centre on the edge of
- See above.
- Lower rents ?
- Keep all the green spaces that make it bearable to live here.
- go back to how i was 50 years ago

- find someone with some experience of sensible traffic management skills.
- Bring road works to a satisfactory conclusion
- More concerts and entrainment in town park and to encourage people to
- I would have put in tramways on every new major road in Telford. Something that Telford Development Corporation should have done when planning the new town of Telford. We would now have a transport system to be proud of not like the shambles of a bus service we have now.
- Improve the green areas with planting and sculpture etc
- Keep castle lodge open
- Get rid of the traffic lights.
- Be on top of litter and the way areas like old play areas on Sutton hill
- Buses
- Maintain roads better, improve landscaping and tidy up the town with litter picking to reverse the 'tired' look of the town. An example of lost pride is the area of the Law Courts, hard landscaping dirty, water feature not working, greenery not maintained. inappropriate make-do repairs. Very sad and neglected!
- Do more to encourage small local enterprises whether it be in the areas of food (growing, making or restaurants), crafts of all types, services. We need the big companies for jobs but small local enterprises can improve the quality of life.
- Preserve our green spaces
- Ensure that it continues to have it's own hospital together with A&E.
- Avoiding extra traffic by building too many houses in one area i.e Shawbirch Allscott Wellington the roads are under pressure now and the
- Stop letting housing developers take over Telford and Wrekin and do something about the appalling condition of the roads.
- Ensure all of the ditches & water conduits are properly maintained instead of overflowing onto paths & eroding the underlying structure.
- Fill in all the underpasses on estate perimeters
- Make the Council approve building in areas not of outstanding beauty.
- Offer more activities for young persons.
- Put more services in place in Telford and Wrekin and focus on the needs of the community. Aspire the town to have more attractions rather just than shopping and restaurants. Have more schemes put in place that are publicised enough to get people involved and talking, whether this be employment or cycling schemes. As I mentioned earlier, putting more events in place like the 'Race for Life, T in the Park, Drive-in Movie'.
- Value all its residents by offering more than just shopping centres.
- See above ditch the traffic lights at roundabouts
- Lit roads at night
- Listen to the people who live here and not the developers.
- Improve what I call the gateways into Telford , they do look a mess and off putting to the eye.
- More off-road cycle routes to get around Telford without having to confront car traffic.
- More independent restaurants
- Rebuild areas like Sutton Hill
- Remove the traffic lights.
- BETTER USE OF THE COUNCIL BUILDINGS - AQUEDUCT COMMUNITY CENTER RUINED BY THE CURRENT USE & ENCOURAGES YOUNG ADULTS TO HANG AROUND OUTSIDE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE COMMUNITY GROUPS SET UP FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN TO SET UP PROJECTS IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS INCLUDING ASSISTING PEOPLE WITH DIFFICULTIES & KEEPING PUBLIC AREAS CLEAN & USEABLE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THESE TYPES OF THING SET UP FOR VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE PART IN EVENING & WEEKENDS SO WORKING PEOPLE CAN JOIN. FACILITIES DO SEEM BIASED TOWARDS SERVICING NON WORKERS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BALANCE.

- Change and improve road layout around Madeley Court School and
- Get Jobcentre staff at Wellington Jobcentre to treat me and others with respect. Don't look down their noses at us. Also get more businesses to commit to in work training and work for those of us over 30 years.
- There is only 1 place to play squash in Telford and this is due to close in September this year. We need 4 squash courts somewhere in Telford. They can also be used for racket ball which children and the elderly can enjoy. In Winter it is good to have indoor sports facilities
- Improve public transport - extra trains at peak times and better bus services from the edge of the town - e.g. Shawbirch
- Stiffen the resolve of our planners to stand up more strongly to Government directives
- Stop building houses
- Don't know
- Make sure every home had a front of house drive for parking 1 or 2 cars
- Bring in proper maintenance of roads and footpaths
- A proper town centre - I realise this is not possible. Develop the older town centres
- Newport own police station and more local police on the streets walking and not always in vehicles
- Empty litter bins on a more regular basis - always overflowing
- Can't think of any. You appeared to be progressing well enough. Carry on the good work
- Give contractors tight targets to complete works. Re-surfacing the Brockton roundabout took nearly 6 weeks causing traffic chaos and a 4 mile detour to end up 100 yards from where it started. How green is that?
- Alter the traffic lights in Hadley Castle they only let 2 cars through at a time it is pitiful at 4.30-5.30
- Some social facilities for the elderly
- Somehow attract good quality independent shops to local areas
- Offer financial support through small grants to local charities to support their increasing work loads
- Get rid of traffic lights at all roundabouts
- Spend more money on social care to allow hospitals to discharge patients when ready
- Soften the water
- Re-instate the re-cycling facilities in Newport. Increase litter picking across the borough
- Bring back trains or improve bus services
- Try to organise venues where senior citizens could meet and have coffee etc. Do the same for unemployed youngsters both with introductions to various skills or activities
- sack the council
- Evict the contractors Eurovia
- Charge a licence fee for dog owners to pay for more wardens (cut out dog mess)
- It's improving extremely well maybe one thing needed is a swimming pool. Surely there is space near the Telford park no more hotels - cater for people who live in Telford
- I don't know
- More free things for the kids
- Stop trying to appeal to minority interests
- Halt housing building in rural areas
- Spend more money on keeping places lit up and safe at night
- Enforcing illegal parking
- 40mph on all through roads except dual carriageways (save a fortune on signage and cut accidents)
- Make travel easier for all disabled not just those on certain bus routes to include protective bus shelters and sufficient facilities on the buses. This will help parents with children also those with loads of shopping or luggage including sports/school bags etc. as we are encouraging sporting facilities and access to them
- Better policing to keep crime down

- Improve condition of cycle and walkways. Install flush crossing points and make sure they flush. Pavements throughout Telford are extremely poor for those who use wheelchairs - no easy route from Priorslee to Oakengates without either having to go on through or jump kerbs. Pavement planning is also more than a nuisance
- Re-vamp the footpaths around where I live it is like a modern slum
- Share out the maintenance/repair budget fairly over Telford & Wrekin
- Better transport facilities for outlying areas. Smaller buses running more regularly, rather than large buses running infrequently
- Put barriers around all potential grassy areas
- Improve roads
- Less money wasted on silly projects
- Clean up litter and dog waste
- Public transport needs to be improved. Bus fares expensive which means people use cars
- Footpaths not suitable for my husband's wheelchair in lots of places. Dropped kerbs, a lot or too high
- Encourage more integration amongst communities if possible
- Encouraging young people to take more pride in their local community
- Make the owners of brown field sites reinstate the land to enable reuse (the polluter pays). T&W shouldn't have to pay ie the Council Tax Payers
- Create a Telford conurbation museum and local archives building (nothing to do with the Ironbridge Museums)
- Encourage residents to take pride in themselves and their environment
- Improve the athletics facilities. Oakengates is a health & safety hazard with its broken perimeter fence around the track. The place is an embarrassment
- Better police presence in ghetto type areas
- More jobs. Adoption to properties where children with special needs
- Make it safe from drug dealers
- Bus routes
- More help for retired people to keep fit - maybe bigger concession prices at gyms
- If I could improve Telford I would crack down on criminal activities such as drugs
- more jobs for over 30s
- Clear all the dog fouling because it's everywhere on every path and patch of grass
- Get more employers on board to give people of my age range a chance to get work towards any qualifications in order to get back to work but all that's holding us back is a lack of references
- Make a list of clubs and societies so that people can see what is on offer
- More public car parks
- Stop treating disabled people as numbers
- Support the development of the community and arts project for redevelopment of Wellington Clifton
- Parking on pavements
- There is nothing I could do but encourage the youth into apprenticeships
- Road repairs - less congestion esp in Town Centre and A5
- Big trees and hedges - keep cut as not to block views, traffic etc
- Get some decent shops in Wellington
- I would develop urban areas so people have jobs and services and never build on virgin land
- Improve access to/from Wellington (Wrekin) Retail Park to ease congestion
- Good affordable housing
- Curtail this unreasonable building programme. Investigate the number of unsold properties and adjust your building programme to suit demand, not just encourage specific building without a sustainable market
- Help Oakengates and Wellington to encourage shoppers
- Remove parking charges from all car parks especially the hospital as it was when I moved here in 1999. Telford was a nice place for the motorist now with traffic lights, road calming, car park charges its

- Things for the children to do
- More facilities in North Telford. Smartening up Wellington and encouraging more business to move there and entertainment. There are a lot of elderly and disabled people who can't travel to the town centre
- Police to stop and check bikes. Executive offenders
- The festival held in the town park should be self sufficient
- Have a family type swimming facility (with shutes and waves) near the town centre
- Clamp down hard on fly tipping. Traveller parking ie illegal camps, tatters cold calling
- More dispersed employment locations
- Build better housing at old Telford. Developmental housing ie Sutton Hill, Woodside, Brookside should be rebuilt not centers
- Stop to further building, infrastructure overload
- Improve the standard of care for those in residential homes
- Planning needs to incorporate wider roads, bigger house sizes, so people are not crammed - ghettos in the making - learn from mistakes when creating Telford New Town
- The politics of local government - it should all be a political then progress will be made
- Community work for unemployed - picking up litter, cutting hedges, digging gardens of the elderly/disabled
- Improve housing
- Remove or make part-time traffic lights - replace with traffic islands or conventional junctions
- Give 5 million pounds if I won lottery to the provision of care and support for those needing care of all ages
- Stop house building on green areas
- Training and support for mentoring young employed
- My personal opinion is to cut down on immigrants coming to Telford *** and ***
- Open recycle points 7 days
- I think that Telford is expanding too quickly. There are too many new houses being built and local amenities cannot cope ie Lawley. There aren't enough GPs in the area to cope with 3,500 new homes and potentially 7,00-8,00 new residents
- Reduce council taxes
- Control development rate
- Repair the roads
- Spend less of our money on the Town Centre and a lot more on local centres
- Increase the frequency of my cycle journeys - keeps the car off the road
- Get more litter picking done and footpath - more bins and street lighting. Footpath maintaining
- More emphasis on open space, leisure activities e.g.walk - free and everyone can do it easily
- Look at pavements and repair them properly for safety reasons
- Speeding motorists
- Look after this existing open spaces. Reclaim walks / footpaths lost to homes and communities
- Employ litter pickers. Do the council still have them? If it wasn't for local volunteers the state of our parks and roads would be even worse than they are now (which is disgusting). What sort of message does this send to visitors
- Switch off all the unnecessary traffic lights particularly at night. Put a better junction at Lawley
- A very difficult question
- Make it safer
- Stricter planning regulations
- Take the traffic lights off the roundabouts
- To continue repairing pot holes on roads and pavements
- Create a positive incentive driven voluntary task force to clean up deprived areas and turn abandoned houses into homes with volunteers
- Some shops in Wellington for people to use as homes - this is a great waste of space
- Improve broadband speed in my area

- Have more police on the street walking - I never see police on patrol like years ago
- Publish leisure activity leaflets in schools - if people don't go to leisure centres they won't know. Exercise classes for kids
- Road repairs off main roads
- Improve bus services
- More communication with people in local towns, e.g. Community action groups like clean up groups in partnership with the council
- Roads and pavements
- Not to waste money on some things that some nutter thinks up
- Have a strong Tory council
- No comment
- Keep streets clean
- Repair footpaths and ensure parking value in Wellington
- Ensure that we have people making decisions who know what they are talking about. Listen to local people about local concerns. Get council staff out in the community to talk to locals and listen to what they are saying
- Get some traffic wardens back
- Provide more social housing to enable young people/families to get accommodation
- Better roads and fibre broadband in rural areas
- Improve roads / pathways and litter
- Ensure new housing has sufficient space between the housing and local space is kept for people to walk, children to play
- Improvements to roads - especially M54 which is noisy and full of potholes
- Stop building for a while and absorb into the environment what is already here
- Put more resources into areas such as Newport. Encourage more local employment. Foster survival of local shopping areas
- More live music acts in local venues
- Listen to local concerns again in Newport, re-instate recycling for bulk items we cannot get in ordinary bins
- Stop building houses
- Make a place for young people to meet in each area ie youth club - Madeley, Dawley, Sutton Hill, Woodside, Brookside - as an example. I know this takes money, but it would encourage the youth of today to look after their area and take a pride in it
- Clean it up
- Spend money in smaller towns to give more community meeting places for the older generation - our age group doesn't want cafes etc in Town Centre
- Stop the widespread building of ugly estates ie Lalwey and regenerate other areas
- Increased help and support for areas surrounding the central core of Telford. There is a feeling of neglect in outlying areas
- As previous comments - we are well informed about housing planning but not about infrastructure
- Get people who are not working to clean and keep the area tidy
- Spring bulbs on all the islands
- Quarterly large item collections from all areas to avoid fly tipping or local dumping
- Cut the amount of money given to section that arranges installation of traffic lights and spend it on removing potholes or reducing council tax
- Make it user friendly for disabled people - my husband cannot use the centre as we cannot use the barrier system because of our disabilities
- Pot holes. More youth employment
- Less litter and fly tipping

- Drains - in a lot of roads around Dawley - are blocked. What has happened to the gully wagon which used to unblock drains?
- Invite more tourists and advertise
- Keep verges and paths clean, cut hedges. Less traffic lights, more roundabouts
- Increase house building on brownfields sites instead of seeking to overload small communities which very often have many empty properties
- Knock town centre down
- Save COD Donnington from being demolished and turned into faceless housing estates
- Have the spare money to do better with litter and grassed areas
- A joined up approach to providing services between the council and the voluntary services. Respect, honesty and mutual co-operation
- Not sure I would consider introducing subsidised sink waste disposal units - not free
- Restore free parking for cars in town centre
- Bring life back to the small town centres eg Hadley, Oakengates. Its not all about Telford town centre
- Local centres are declining as all the emphasis is centred on the town centre to the detriment of small towns
- Reduce the effects of pollution of the environment such as litter, fly tipping, dog fouling etc. This could be achieved by reinstating recycling centres such as Newport and perhaps by appointing litter and dog wardens who could impose on the spot fines as necessary
- More bobby's on beat and clubs to rehabilitate offenders. More senior entertainment
- Get rid of roundabout and traffic lights (very stupid) which makes traffic build up
- Cease building new estates and destroying our local heritage and ruralness
- Reduce litter
- Street lighting
- Ban motorbikes in the streets
- Sort out hospital. Encourage more manufacturing jobs
- Put money into a new kitchen and eating area at the Leegomery Community Cafe. Funding needed for this development. Especially for equipment, advertising to bring the community together
- Conditions of roads and whiteline road markings
- Improve the district estates not built by passes around them
- Re-design Briarwood - take away the cobbles to make the road wider or make an entrance in and one way out
- Improve verges and traffic islands in terms of planting - daffodils, wild flowers - Telford in Bloom appears to be fading
- Give more attention to further flung villages
- Provide more facilities to keep youth busy
- Update Wellington's pavements in Market Street
- Look after the public places better ie parks
- Leave
- More collection of litter from around the town park
- Trim, clean side bushes alongside the cycle and walking tracks - also clean in the Autumn - leaves
- Remove traffic lights from islands
- Control use of motorbikes on common land
- More buses around the Dothill area. The elderly cannot get out after 6pm or Sundays and Bank holidays - no busses at all
- More visible police force and more bed spaces for care homes
- Be the first council to be truly publicly accountable. Publish all costs on any given project (on request) and let us see who has paid for what/when authorised it/who checks and all the tenders involved together with full specifications. If it is all above board - and it should be - what have you got to lose...unless.....
- Get more shops in local areas - not all charity shops or fast food outlets
- Better public transport

- The Southwater needs a classy wine bar/cocktail type space - somewhere to dress up and go after dinner out
- Childcare facilities for hard working parents / subsidised childcare
- Give Wrekin retail park another access or exit road
- Make areas safer for kids and elderly
- Behaviour of people - spitting should be punished as this helps to spread TB and other diseases - disgusting in front of young children
- Try and preserve the Wrekin area as much as possible with villages and plenty of green areas before it becomes like Birmingham - just one mass of houses and people
- Why do we have to live n fear - we need more police on the roads near the houses
- Sack *** and get rid of the call center
- Bus to town from Priorslee (Red Hill)
- Put recycling centre bakc in Newport
- More recycling centres
- Just let people get on with their jobs instead of trying to score political points all the time. Don't go blaming the opposition you do a good job. I will remember your name and vote for you.
- Better public transport
- Get the council to listen to local residents more and act on what is said
- Create more jobs
- More community events including T&W, police, fire etc - get communities together
- Make councillors listen to local people who where born here and understand what we will loose if they dont. Listen - care about people
- Provide free car parking
- More green areas and less house / factory development
- Better maintenance of road markings/street lights
- Allow buiding on brownfield sites only - stop playing politics with government policy
- Increase employment prospects
- Get shop owners and offices to clean up their property. Paint railings around the town. Get householders to clean up their the hedges gardens etc. Sweep up after trees shredding leaves and branches throughout the year.
- Ref cycling - improve pavement and access. To pavements - drop kerbs and keep roads in good state of repair because they are in a very poor condition and have been for a great number of years
- Removal of unecessary lights or suspension of these duing quiet times to allow traffic to flow on roundabouts as they were designed to do
- Continue the re-generation of Wellington as a market town to visit
- Roads and footpaths - some need resurfacing
- More input into the smaller towns rather than just Telford Centre
- Waste of money on lost causes - supermarkets not in Newport
- Ask council to take views of residents more into account
- More road sweeping. Traffic islands with flowers instead of weeds
- More integrated transport for the special school runs. Maybe a user group to have constructive conversations with schools, parents and members of the education service. The children are missing a lot of school time and overly tired by the journey time. A lot of money is spent for child for a school place - false economy to not get them to school on time and able to full benefit
- Regeneration of Wellington and Clifton Building for a comprehensive facility
- Provide more shelter/help for homeless and stop cutting funding for the elderly and/or those with special needs/vulnerable etc
- An appreciation in all areas that Telford & Wrekin Borough is not a 3 mile radius from the Town Centre
- Stop dropping litter
- Gety rid of some of the councillors - money for old rope some of their wages

- Give more say on Newport building schemes to Newport people - the Sainsburys wasn't wanted and it was a disgrace for the council to fight to decimate more green belt land
- Certain areas look a bit sad and some roads arnt in a brilliant condition
- Road - Hollies to Admaston Junction it is disgraceful.
- Better public travel facilities for rural areas
- Respect Newport as a semi-rural market town not part of the the Telford construction
- Stop buildng more homes and improve existing facilities, especially for teenagers - youth clubs
- Corporation public transport prepared to say why present bus service unsuitable

Investment Comments

£1 million for high streets and local centres

- Encourage businesses to reduce empty shops. No point in having lovely paved streets when no shops to get to
- Money well spent
- Yes needed but probably not enough.
- Support this but must be allocated fairly for bids that can demonstrate economic growth.
- I approve of the recycling
- It is crucial to spend money on borough towns. I disagree with the 'drive' to get people up to Southwater. Our local high streets are going down hill.
- Laudable aim, but don't kill it with out of town supermarkets.
- Support but we should encourage the provision of basic goods/food availability. We need bus services to link communities to high street. We need to address local issues
- Needs to be done
- There should be ongoing investment into local centres. This is where we all live.
- Dawley, madeley and other towns will benefit with Government spending on the high street. Wellington is a great place to shop but lacks variety.
- This is very important but private funding is required as well as public funding
- About time
- Yes
- Yes as in Wellington, 13 charity shops
- Should be much more
- These are the nearest centres to where we live and are vital to the life of the town (I never use the town centre)
- Agree local centres are in a poor state
- agree
- obviously not enough
- Well done
- I agree but to make people buy more stuff it needs to be cheaper than Primark.
- Yes and no. I think that the streets are OK but local centres need improvement.
- Small centres yes like Wellington, Leegomery etc.
- yes a good idea, especially since it should revitalise surrounding areas
- Yes good for economy some places need it
- Good, some areas probably need more focus than others however
- Yes and no..I think that they could do with some money for improvements but not that much
- I think its a little too much. I think around £500.0000 is Okay
- Yes because the streets need to be clean and the local centres are not very suitable
- Because it will help places like Wellington high street and local businesses and attract more people to these places other than Southwater
- £1million isn't enough, i would like to see more plants and natural environmental things going on in the High Streets.
- Agree people need to be attracted to come to local centres rather than further away
- Money well spent it involves heart of local community.
- Yes
- yes
- Yes For the parks

- *** 1 million boost to high streets isnt going to make a blind bit of difference when you keep letting the large supermarkets build everywhere. i mean, just how many tesco/aldi/lidl/asdas etc do we actually need!!!!???
- *** No point at all, the bigger supermarkets have saturated the smaller shops. You need to invest in new businesses or help people start up. It doesn't matter what we think though does it? I saw the majority of people comment saying they didn't want even more shops to replace DO IT ALL but your'e doing it anyway. When will you wake up and realize that Telford is a boring place? We have 2 cinemas , bowling alley, ice rink and a Park. Every big name artist that apparently will gig at the International centre cancels. What about the old ASDA, more shops?
- *** Perhaps you could put that 1 million to better use.....social care for vulnerable adults...the council have cut so much from these areas...then you put that you want to 'boost' the high streets....re look at the priorities!!!!!! Seems the council don't have a clue what they're doing!!!! The above was published only 7 days ago and perhaps they should ask the vulnerable adults if their 'not being affected'
- *** Council get so much money year if it isn't spent by a certain time they have 2 blow it on crap !!
- *** Help small businesses keep going by keeping the business rates low for them!
- *** We dont need no more big shops restaurants etc put the money to good use like homeless old people youth kids and start making activity centers to keep the people of the streets we dont need big flashy thungs in telford thats not who we all are save it for the bigger cities leave telford to be rural town
- *** Stuff building more shops, what about investing money in building some outdoor places for kids, tourists, the elderly etc. And what's with all the flippin house building in Telford? Its as though you can't bare to see abit of green land free, better pu...
- *** Wow.... You cut funds to mental health services, the community mental health teams and wheelchair services, and now you can afford new shops!!!! What the point ... Really!! We have enough bloody shops. Oh and yeah the cuts have affected a lot of service users actually, a lot of us now don't have help from cmht or anyone!!! But thanks Telford & Wrekin
- *** Money should be spent in better areas such as adult care and mental Health
- *** guys in the long run this model could bring tw council more money into the services
- **** *** Hadley centre, the ward in which I live and grew up transformed for the better and forever, THANK YOU!
- *** stop calling them 'district centres' give them back 'towns' & 'villages'. Be aspirational, not 1970's.
- *** I live in a Town (Wellington), not a district centre. Please respect that. Thanks.
- *** £1m is welcome, of course. But pales in comparison to the public spend at you-know-where."
- *** I live in a town too... Telford!
- *** well, its just a postal district to me. Catch-all term for the area :)

£250,000 (over 3 years) to attract more visitors to the borough

- You may be aware that the rebid for the HMRC IT contract takes effect in 2017, which may result in a significant reduction in the number of staff employed by both HMRC & the IT suppliers in Telford. Although not all employees live locally, the majority do - & those who don't contribute to the economy by regularly using the local shops. I believe that even with the best efforts of the Council the burden of potential job losses for borough residents (plus the knock on effect of reduced local spending) could make the 'Destination Telford' initiative a millstone for the Council if you have planned & budgeted for growth without being aware of this possibly significant reduction in employment.
- Money well spent
- Is this necessary?
- Agree you have to speculate to accumulate. Just cutting is short sighted
- We should encourage more tug boats on the canal, but there would need to be more in Newport in order for people to spend a day.
- Yes so long as it is across the whole borough, not just focussed on Telford. I do not support T Live concerts.
- car parking and tioletes need to be made available for visitors
- Good idea
- We need more people to come to the Borough and spend in our centre

- The Ironbridge Gorge already attracts many visitors, what may be required is to encourage those visitors to extend their stay and visit other parts of the Borough.
- If it is to all the Borough not just to telford Town Centre
- Should be greater investment. The money that we could generate from our World Class facilities is enormous but we must invest more.
- OK but need more individual shops in Town Centre, are the rents too high?
- need to speculate to get buisness and people to visit
- What are the attractions?
- Yes providing this supports employment in the borough in the leisure/tourism sectors
- Important
- agree
- good
- Good thinking
- I agree because of the Ironbridge
- Yes to help visitors to enjoy the Borough
- T Live Fund? Enough money has been spent getting people inttto Southwater.
- Yes for the same reason as before
- Yes prevents telford from becomming a back water
- Yes again its important for the economy
- Good idea tourism is important. How would this happen though?
- Yes with more visitors we would make much more money
- I think that its OK because the more visitors are attracted the more money we get since they will sleep in out hotels. Buy food and other things which will cost money.
- Tourism can really help local buisnesses
- This is great any investment to attract more visitors is always good.
- Good idea
- Depends on how/where it is spent
- yes
- yes
- yes

Almost £4 million to roll out superfast broadband across the borough

- Why is this the responsibility of Government. It appears to be a business subsidy which is unnecessary
- Ensure this includes rural areas
- Definitely needed
- Well overdue. Urban T&W very fast. Rural area with most home based ventures needing broad band stuck with rubbish speeds
- This is essential. Many businesses are ???, located in homes or small offices in the towns and villages and having superfast broadband would help businesses to grow and support new start ups.
- Cool
- Not a priority
- No comment
- What do you have to do, when I had top pay to have mine installed
- Would be good to have faster broadband as more and more people are able to get on the internet
- Are you helping with the cost to buy computers?

- Can something be done to address mobile phone coverage?
- Yes, it is required
- Seems such a large figure in comparison to money spent on local high streets
- Only in this supports employment and businesses in the borough
- very important I live in an area without super fast broadband and work from home
- agree
- good
- Well done
- Yes, yes, yes
- Yes the internet system is not strong enough and is one thing the Government must look at very well.
- Agree. Infrastructure good for business
- No not a bad thing persay just think there could be better uses for the money
- Yes keeps telford modernised good for business and personal usage
- Yes definitely needed for communication and is very important overall
- Would help businesses as well as people
- no make people talk and be social this is not the Council's problem
- I think the amount of money is too much for just broadband. We should use the money for better things like building more free hospitals and helping the poor.
- Great for the community, broad band always good investment
- Too much money. Why don't network providers pay for this?
- Not being an internet user I have no strong opinions either way
- yes
- yes
- yes be faster
- *** cant make tomorrow, but can we have faster broadband in Longdon On Tern and other rural communities. Villages are ignored.

A further £650,000 for youth unemployment initiatives

- I think your efforts to reduce youth unemployment & your success are impressive. However, if you are planning ahead, have you considered the contribution that the 1500+ staff employed locally by HMRC and on HMRC's IT contract make to the local economy?
- Make sure the initiatives are in the right areas. Consider transport issues.
- If unemployment figures for youth unemployment are down then its good investment
- Yes good investment.
- Support this but it has to be more than a short term fix and leave a legacy of ongoing support that is sustainable.
- The more you can do on this the better.
- This is really important. Youngsters are struggling we need more apprenticeships.
- I support this
- Definitely.
- Need to attract companies
- Its a pity that more can't be spent
- Really good. Great to help the younger people to get work.
- This is vital for the future. We must be concerned about the young people with limited qualifications and encourage them to get involved in training.
- What about older unemployed people and people with difficulties such as aspergers syndrome
- Perhaps more money should be directed at schools to teach children to read and write. I invigilate at a number of schools and last week there were 51 children who needed help with reading. Disgraceful!

- Youth require jobs so that they have a work ethic
- Great
- We have to support our youth in the longer term interests of the economy locally and nationally.
- I have children and so also support this
- Agree but should be on a carrot and stick basis to ensure money not wasted
- ongoing problem so must always be invested in
- Yes to stop people on the streets
- Yes i think if youths get jobs it will improve the Country and make it in a better state.
- Yes
- Yes youth are the future
- Yes
- Yes very important for young people to have jobs
- Seems like a lot for this, considering how much youth unemployment has already fallen.
- Yes there is a lot of youth unemployment in telford so this would be good
- I think that its OK because there are a lot of jobless youths and that will not help the country's economy. They will always rely on social welfare for money
- People have jobs around the area and young people don't have any jobs at all.
- Always good
- Good idea for kids to get into the work place
- Money well spent, giving more young people hope and sense of self worth is always beneficial.
- yes
- yes
- yes for jobs when young people leave school

£6 million (over 3 years) to maintain and improve our roads

- Probably not enough but I understand the constraints.
- Do the right job! Too many potholes are filled in a poor way, so need doing after a few months..
- Needed
- Well needed
- Support this but needs to be done alongside traffic management and enforcement to stop large vehicles damaging roads.
- The Council seems to look after the roads fairly well. Church Aston footpaths and roads are a concern. Dropped kerbs are at a wrong angle for electric chairs and dangerous on ice.
- This seems a lot?
- You can't spend enough on this, it is essential to spend money to maintain infrastructure
- Support, must ensure that pot holes are done properly and correctly sealed. The cycle path along the A518 to telford shouldn't have been done before linking Newport to Lilleshall safely.
- Not enough is spent on roads
- Don't think that the roads are too bad, need to focus on winter gritting and pot holes. Not too much of a problem just need to be passable.
- A good idea because roads are breaking up
- More of this money should go to Borough towns
- Good very pleased
- Maintatining the infra structure is vital for the local community.
- Good idea, what about footpaths
- Improve roads surfaces but not more traffic lights which slow traffic flow.
- Be aware of pothole/raised manholes on pavements as well as roads

- Good
- Essential to maintain the road infrastructure to maintain its town attractions to developers and new businesses.
- Agree
- Agree it is a priority but better to do the job properly than patch not enough
- Very good in Wellington But what about Albert Road off King Street, Wellington?
- No don't agree with this
- Yes the Government gets a huge amount of money from road tax.
- Agree perhaps scrapping excessive traffic lights would reduce maintenance costs.
- Yes though more should be done to encourage use of public transport (i.e trains) and walking/cycling to places.
- yes
- Yes infrastructure is very important to maintain main part of almost everyone's lives
- maintenance yes, unsure of how much improvement is required.
- Yes there has been a lot of wear and damage to our roads which causes accidents and damages.
- I think it's OK since better roads are really useful. Better roads prevent more accidents
- I don't think that so much money is needed for road maintenance and that money should be used in high streets and local centres.
- We always need road improvements and potholes
- Definitely potholes are getting bigger.
- Provided it is not just spent too thinly in patching up/sticking plaster way it should be beneficial. Best to make real solid long term difference in a few schemes/areas.
- yes
- yes

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- Good use of money
- Definitely NOT needed. Money spent in some cases in helping individuals
- Support this
- Anything that supports the Community and keeps people interested. Newport in bloom is good to keep people together.
- I support this
- Definite support but consider a covenant to make people feel safer that the use will be prioritised for local people
- Yes but not for religious settings
- Good
- Encourages local community involvement
- Yes
- good
- Only in support of Parish Council efforts.
- Not sure about this how well does it work
- Agree
- OK
- yes
- Waste of money. If you invest in the other things efficiently then this project would be nil anyway

- Yes can change things and is good for the economy. Good for getting everybody in a community to be an active citizen.
- Good idea and encourages people to get involved in their area as well.
- ? Not sure to be honest
- Good idea
- All monies for local schemes welcome. Do feel though that the figure should be higher important that everyone knows about it from the start.
- yes
- yes
- yes swimming pool
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- However, I have three relatively simple questions, namely:
- What proportion of the monies is spent on administrative costs?
- Who actually monitors the spending of the monies?
- How are the successes, as well as failures, recorded and reported and to whom?
- Good luck with this exercise if it is truly fit for purpose AND value for money.
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£750,000 (over 2 years) to address residents' key environmental issues

- I do think the 'advert' for 6 things people can do to help is really good as it brings funding to the council while making people aware of the services & facilities available, but I think it could be more effectively publicised than hidden in the website.
- Good
- Is this just for new town areas or all of the Borough?
- Now that the CRC is gone from Newport the rubbish goes in the bin now.
- I support this
- Definate support
- yes support
- Good
- Again vital to maintain our environment and and the community
- Get on with it then
- Good
- I agree
- Good
- Yes to maintain quality of life for population at large
- Cannot comment as do not know what issues are involved
- Agree
- OK
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes and no It needs doing but we could get volunteers from the local area.
- Brilliant working with PET good at responding.
- Good idea, but would need to find out what local people think is an issue
- Excellent idea if residents are involved in identifying problems/eyesores where they live
- yes
- yes
- yes

£650,000 for St. Georges regeneration (including Gower Street youth centre)

- The £650 allocated to bring the building into a useable state, is in my view, too low. The reported asbestos content and replacement of heating plant and retiling of the roof and related insulation will quickly eat up that grant. What happens when there is an overspend? Does the scheme grind to a halt?
- I fully support any budget proposals for The Gower Former Youth Centre becoming a building for community activities and resources once again. I support this providing the local community and independent volunteers are involved with any decision making in the buildings future. This includes ownership of the building. At present there is not enough representation on the building plans from the wider community. Valuable research that would engage different

partners and other organisations with proven track records of sustainability is not being considered. The community should become more knowledgeable on the different options available for regeneration and the partners and organisations that can support. The community should be engaged in making the choices of who will do what during The Gower's regeneration. The budget proposal needs to include costs to put restrictions, once more, at land registry on any future sale of The Gower. The building was given to the community for its residents. To support this further The Asset of Community Value application for The Gower should be encouraged. I would like to raise concerns about Labour's recent political campaign and the use of Gower within it. It's unfair on all the 100's of hours by volunteers that have played a part in saving the building and forming an unincorporated group with members and volunteers. Please can you confirm this has been passed onto the budget evaluation department. I look forward to receiving feedback soon.

- Not convinced about Gower Street
- Too much for one area. Spread the money around more areas.
- More should be spent on regeneration of old buildings instead of knocking them down
- It does need preserving.
- No opinion
- Support
- Should be used for under 18's. Non alcoholic drinks. Should be a coffee cafe, not organised activities. Avoid kids hanging round on corners.
- It should look better than it does now.
- Great scheme
- Yes!
- About time
- Yes
- Yes Gower Street needs looking after
- Good
- It is the responsibility of the public sector to maintain and regenerate valuable old buildings where the private sector cannot make a suitable business case for regenerating buildings.
- Ok
- Agree
- Think this will fall short of what needs to be done
- Yes
- Thanks to XXXXXX, XXXXX wanted it knocked down and Council agreed
- Yes
- Yes and no it needs doing but it is a lot of money to put into development
- Yes
- Why not
- Unfamiliar with the area so not strong opinions either way. But improving a youth centre does sound worthwhile.
- yes
- yes
- yes re build centres
- *** But how are you going to pay for the maintenance, staffing, and other bills long term that comes with a building like this? Is it going to be closed down or have limited opening or reduced staffing in the future?
- *** Lovely building, glad its being restored
- *** FANTASTIC news
- *** Just a guess as to the refurbish plan, houses flats and shops be different for once, try small business units, community ctr
- Don't waste money on St. Georges youth club if the benefits do not match the expenditure.

- "No housing to be built on The Gower grounds or anymore plans passed through for new housing in St Georges at all. There is very little green / open space left in the area and services need to be built. Some children and young people are currently playing in cages because they are too close to roads and houses and there are huge neighbour disputes and danger risks with parking issues.
- The StGeorges infrastructure, school, roads, no local medical service, lack of open space, youth services, cannot cope with anymore housing for families. It is a social disaster.
- Accommodation space in the former caretakers residence could be used for housing single people, especially young men who are vulnerable to becoming homeless.
- St Georges businesses who supported all 3 petitions, Steve Handley's 2010, Ryan Wood's Change.org Aug 2013 and Independent volunteers door to door Dec 2013, should be given the option to run their business in The Gower building. All local commercial businesses should be involved with all stages of the regeneration plan.
- Commercial property from existing local businesses moving into The Gower space could be utilised for single person residential.
- This would be a positive step towards creating a central hub for the community with car parking whilst meeting some housing shortfalls for single people.
- Research work carried out by volunteers during The Gower's closure and subsequent withdrawal of demolition plans should be recognised. This is now part of The Gower's long history.
- Also, voluntary research work carried out for regeneration during this period should be considered as an option. This includes links made with Locality, English Heritage, Princes Regeneration Trust, local and national heritage and regeneration consultants.
- Volunteers with knowledge, expertise and skills on all different levels should be encouraged and supported. Volunteers with aspirations to develop skills and learn should feel valued in this process.
- Any employed or voluntary work related to regenerating The Gower, including coordination, project management, funding, construction, delivery partnerships etc should become open to tender with information on this shared to the community. This should start now and be a remit for any other agencies involved, now, and, in the future. This would support local employment and allow the community to become more knowledgeable on the choices that are available.
- Independent volunteers and residents should be encouraged to attend development meetings.
- Hope this can be included in T&W's plans and policies for Community Engagement in The Gower Regeneration.
- i notice that you are about to do a regeneration of st georges including the gower st area. As someone who has lived in this road for 30 years can I say that it definitely does not need more take away's or off licences. Also there are way too many new housing estates going up, and one of my biggest concerns is the number of busses using gower street. They often are doubled up and with few passengers. Please get this area back to what it was 30 years ago!
- Don` t waste money on St. Georges youth club if the benefits do not match the expenditure.

£200,000 (over 4 years) for free swimming for over 50's

- TelfordSupport could give users for one free session of ice skating or swimming? TelfordWrekin Take up of the issued vouchers would be small. Not much actual cost but lots of potential reward
- I am pleased to read about the free swimming for over 50's as I am a tight budget this would be great help to me. An entrance fee of £1 would be just as good if the free admission was refused.
- However, as you are asking people to contribute to the local economy by using Council facilities, it seems like a stupid idea to give free swimming to over 50s. Most 50-somethings are still working (we can't afford to retire now the pension age keeps moving!) & are able to afford to pay. Much as it pains me to agree with a Conservative member of the council, I believe XXXX alternative suggestion of 5 free lesson for non-swimmers is much more constructive, as if people learn to swim they may continue to use the facilities even once they have to pay. (Personally I would love to use the leisure facilities more, but the one & only evening yoga class on any of the sites is always fully booked / oversubscribed! I'm sure that with a good instructor like the one at Stirchley & a reasonable time slot you could easily fill another class to bring in more income.)

- Do not see the need. It is this age group that is generally most affluent. Suggest limiting to over 60's.
- Not required.
- Not needed
- I understand the rationale given health/ageing population and it isn't a lot of money, but lots of over 50's can afford to pay but many families with children can't.
- Don't agree. Money could be spent on frontline services . People can afford to pay. Charge half if wealthy. Protecting vulnerable people takes precedence.
- I swim, twice a week any way and I'm over 50
- Sounds good to me if at any time as it will encourage use.
- In favour, will improve enjoyment of life.
- Should only be for over 65's. Supporting walking groups would provide psychological benefits from walking in a group
- Not free, perhaps everyone should pay at least £1.00
- A good idea
- This would be great
- Yes! Vital to help to improve health and wellbeing
- Great idea, I'll go myself
- Yes
- Good idea
- Age should be increased in line with pensionable age
- Yes providing the Council's public health responsibilities justify this
- Agree fitness, tackling obesity, health prevention very important
- Agree
- Good but up the temperature of the water
- Very good get more people exercising
- Yes
- No I don't think that this is important or necessary enough
- Yes
- yes
- Yes
- Good idea to decrease the age so people get fitter
- Yes they need something to do and if retired may struggle to pay for it
- I think it's a bad idea because swimming has to be paid for and should only be free for medicinal purposes.
- yes and no, can over 50's afford to pay themselves? Could this money be used to encourage people to swim who can't afford it?
- Good idea for people to keep fit
- Feel money could be spent in other ways that benefit a higher percentage of the population.
- no
- no
- yes
- *** My only problem with this is that the free swimming for over 50's feels like you are effectively ignoring the younger age groups who, also have just as much need to exercise regularly. it's a good idea other than that.
- **** @TelfordWrekin it's all very well saying that it's free but swimming provision has been decimated since Madeley Crt closed
- *** Ab Dab has a cracking pool. Living in Dawley I wish I had one so close :)
- *** @TelfordWrekin its capacity that's the problem (half that of Madeley Court) I pointed this out during the AbDab consultation"
- **** How about swimming for <16? I would attend but in my experience T&WC staff treat Telford residents views as an inconvenience

- *** Hi. Under 16s in the Borough can already get free swimming at Council pools.
- *** the timetable at Abraham Darby (the only pool in South Telford) doesn't exactly encourage <16 does it?
- *** please drop me a line *** I'll look into your concerns
- *** @TelfordWrekin I already did email you in 2013 after I met *** & *** at Addenbrooke hse which was a farce"
- "**** I think it's great idea, but how much will this cost the council? Maybe reducing th cost to £1 per session? Some sessions at Newport are already full of OAPs, a lot of whom stand chatting, and block the pool, putting myself and others off using the pool during certain times.
- *** I think the idea is that so it will help improve their health and ultimately reduce health/social care costs
- *** Absolutely, and as I said first of all, I think it's a great idea. But surely those who are keen to improve their health will pay a small contribution for the facilities? Do they genuinely not currently care about their health but will do if they get something free? And what about those of us who want to use the pool, but can't physically swim in it due to the overcrowding of people who don't actually swim in it? How beneficial is it to people's health just to stand in a pool and have a natter, or may be do half a dozen lengths in an hour? What about those under 50 who want to improve their health, do we not matter? It will be interesting to see if more over 50s go swimming, or whether the council will just be giving away free swimming to those who are currently paying. The council used to offer free swimming to a certain age group. What happened to these people when they had to pay? Have the over 50s who don't currently partake in exercise been questioned about what they would be willing to pay, or would they only go if it were free? Will current Aspirations memberships, or session costs increase to combat the financial shortfall? The council should have these figures in place? As I said, its a great idea, but I think there needs to be a happy medium.
- *** , ***i f you follow the link it gives you the exact costings
- *** It only says it will cost £200k. I'd like to know how have they got to this figure? Is it just taken from the amount of over 50s who currently pay? How will this money be gained? Will staff lose their jobs? Or other prices go up?"
- *** I think the idea is that so it will help improve their health and ultimately reduce health/social care costs
- *** Great idea as I am fast approaching the big 50
- *** can you make it 45 pls?
- *** great idea
- *** how about funds for a junior @telfordparkrun get loads of kids into sport at a young age, but apparently there's no funds?
- "**** should be younger to encourage people so it sticks into later life. over 40's would be best .
- *** over 40's because that's when we need to focus on good exercise which is non impact.and introduce it early so it sticks "
- *** That sounds great! Over 50s would love that, we love swimming! :) When is it going to take place?
- "
- *** over the last 4yrs how much was spent in each area of the borough? le Donnington, Oakengates, Dawley,
- *** : We're looking to make swimming for over 50s free - What do you think ? #TFbudget" - give it to people on low incomes
- *** I completely agree with ***.
- *** Don't those on benefits already get free/heavily subsidised health centre membership?
- *** I thought that was stopped a few years ago? Also, I thought the same for the elderly.
- *** I haven't used municipal facilities for a while but last time I was there it was cheaper for them"
- *** That gives me 5 years to wait for free swims. Good idea but the cost of getting to a pool still high for some.
- "**** I know it's incredibly hard to finance but free swimming for all would help strengthen families.
- *** residents in the borough who are under 16 already get free swimming, helping families
- *** That's the kids, but giving the *family an hour of free escape to bond and be healthy 'd be good
- *** If choice of giving over 50s blanket free swimming or an hour session for families < the latter
- *** it is also about improving the health of residents and over 50's main health care users
- *** imagine your family has no time out, unable to afford respite, what could they do together?"
- "**** Yeah and kids go swimming and parents watch in the spectators area. Anyway, just my view.

- *** a voucher that @TelfordSupport could give users for one free session of ice skating or swimming?
- *** Take up of the issued vouchers would be small. Not much actual cost but lots of potential reward
- *** Good to hear ideas & views - put this idea forward in the #tfbudget consultation"
- *** thank you for a swift reply such an good idea will help to slow down the pace of my disabilities advancement
- *** Good exercise without to much pressure on the joints!
- **** Hmm, no excuses now
- *** Haven't been swimming for long time so see this as a real incentive, hoping to take my 81 year old dad with me
- *** fair play to @TelfordWrekin - might come in handy soon!!"
- Invest instead of giving free swimming to working aged people, personally I feel saying 'over 50's' sounds patronising! Make a nicer pool and charge more for it, then you can afford to give over 50's free swimming without using precious budget next year!
- I don't agree with the free swimming for the over 50's in the budget proposal. I think this money could be better spent else where. This is the age group where people have money to pay for things like this
- I would like to see free swimming for the over 50's, I have arthritis so swimming is a great help.
- I think the free swimming for over 50s is a great idea. We would definitely use the facilities more. Good news for all older souls!!!!
- "On the proposal to provide free access to swimming for the over 50s - I don't think this is a good way to spend money.
- Many of the over 50s have plenty of money and don't have the expenses of young families. If the idea is to encourage activity for health reasons - then it is not a good idea because most people don't like swimming - and it is bothersome, and not everyone lives near a swimming pool.
- A much better way to encourage activity in the over 50s would be to encourage walking, or voluntary work in the open air. Many local footpaths are affected by encroaching vegetation, muddy surfaces, litter etc. that could be attended to by volunteers - under the guidance of a paid volunteer co-ordinator. With the provision of tools, materials, transport and the organisation of suitable tasks, there are many retired people who would enjoy carrying out the work as volunteers - and get exercise, and get the satisfaction of doing good works - and it would encourage walking by the rest of the population. I know this sort of work goes on already, but there is plenty more that needs to be done.
- The potential free swim for over 50s is just brilliant.

£30,000 for the local food bank

- I agree with food bank & crisis loan funding - though businesses could be encouraged to support food banks more & the Fairshare credit union is already a cheap way to borrow money if people are encouraged to use it (though people do need to save a little bit before borrowing, which I appreciate is a potential problem for some). Support for organisations which provide (free) financial planning / budgeting may be more productive in the long term - as would persuading local employers to pay the Living Wage or avoid Zero Hours contracts.
- The principle is good but more needs to be done to stop abuse.
- support both of these (£240, 000 for crisis support loans)but it is actually shameful that national policy has created the demand for this.
- Will Newport food bank see any of this money?
- I support this it is important to help people who can't help themselves.
- support, Mark's Pit Stop should also be supported.
- yes support
- Good
- Great idea
- Yes
- Good idea, even better if we didn't need them
- Should be more
- Necessary I am afraid

- Seems very low compared to need
- What a sad reflection on the 4th largest economy of the world that these are even necessary
- This isn't alot of money
- There is more than one food bank in Telford
- It's a shame it has to be needed
- This is a pity but obviously needed
- yes
- Yes this helps people who are homeless to at least have daily bread
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes so very very important
- Important
- Some people need to be supplied with food so its a good idea
- I think its OK since there are many poor people
- Great
- Don't believe in food bank for people who already recieve benefits
- Small sum of money targetted towards the needy good idea.
- yes, more money should be put in to help people
- Should be more
- Yes

£240,000 for crisis support and cheap loans

- I agree with food bank & crisis loan funding - though businesses could be encouraged to support food banks more & the Fairshare credit union is already a cheap way to borrow money if people are encouraged to use it (though people do need to save a little bit before borrowinig, which I appreciate is a potential problem for some). Support for organisations which provide (free) financial planning / budgeting may be more productive in the long term - as would persuading local employers to pay the Living Wage or avoid Zero Hours contracts.
- Shouldn't be needed
- Good
- support both of these (£240, 000 for crisis support loans)but it is actually shameful that national policy has created the demand for this.
- people should have access to services they can't afford
- Support
- Good idea to keep people out of great debt.
- Yes
- Very much needed
- Should be more
- Neccessary I am afraid
- Good
- OK for support of credit unions
- Ok
- Agree
- Good
- A necessary fund
- Agree with crisis support, not with cheap loans to be honest
- Yes

- Yes
- No it's too much money to commit to this.
- I think that its OK since nobody knows what is about to happen to oneself so if something like a fire occurs.
- Great
- Not for people with drug problems. People need to live within their means.
- Unsure what crisis support is but as a big fan of credit unions the idea of making cheap loans available sounds a good one.
- yes
- yes
- yes fairshare credit union

What do you think of this package overall?

- While it is difficult to go into detail on individual items, with the exception on the areas identified above it is probably a reasonable programme.
- Fairly good
- A good plan despite the depth of central cuts.
- Like the fact that Telford is investing to grow and therefore protect services.
- Should bring help to people who can't help themselves
- Public health transfers resulted in cuts to walking for health. This service should have been continued. I support the decision re Council tax given the rules around referendum and freeze grant.
- We need out CRC back
- I am concerned that the Council is 'advertising' that it has an under spend, will this result in the Government giving us less money?
- Don't just invest/promote telford Town centre and Town park.
- Good
- very pleased with the whole package
- Given the difficult financial circumstances the Council seems to be doing its best
- So so. What about the Council asking for improved bus services?
- Fair
- Yes
- Not bad except for the huge amount spending on broadband
- Only OK if we generally support our infra structure, the environment the quality of life and ensure we maintain our valuable old buildings
- Good
- OK but no mention of help for seniors
- Good as always never enough but the best that's available
- OK
- Pretty good to be fair.
- It's an Ok set of investments but some should be re looked at.
- Good idea provided that the Council has money its good for the community.
- Good mix, the more spent on regeneration schemes the better in my opinion.
- I think they are good, in some cases there's too much money
- There is only one that I don't agree with
- Amazing

Additional comments

- This would then maybe curb but no doubt not stop harper adams students drinking in the streets and causing distress to other residents in newport let alone the mess they leave behind in the town. At one time students used to leave their houses in newport in groups of three or four but now with the increase in student houses they go out in groups of 15 to 20 all carrying bottles and cans in their hands. Most of the time they are already under the influence of alcohol before they reach the pubs and club of newport . Something has too be done about this and an alcohol free zone may be the answer

"Why do student houses not pay any council tax?"

- There are numerous student houses in Newport and no doubt over the whole of telford and wrekin. Therefore there is a large amount of income lost to telford and wrekin council by this none payment. These houses have all the services such as police street lighting, fire and refuse collection free whilst other residents whether or not they can afford it have to pay and no doubt have to pay extra to make up some of the shortfall.

Why do student houses not pay any council tax?

It is not that students cannot afford to pay one only has to look on twitter and facebook to see them enjoying expensive holidays, sometimes two or tree months at a time, in places such as australia, canada, thailand new zealand and usa so why should they not pay their dues back home.

- I have read Kuldips proposals via the intranet, and they make good sense.
- I must say though, I am perplexed that the council is encouraging recycling when I have witnessed first hand the emptying out of a day service building- the entire contents of which went directly to the local tip. If it had been rubbish, I would not have commented however, I saw tables, chairs, light fittings, pc's, digital cameras, kitchen equipment and a plethora of other items- all in sound condition (I know, I used to work within the service).

Surely these items could have been advertised for resale, donated to the STAY project/other needy charities, or sold to staff?

What is more concerning is that the gentleman who was taking the skips away said that he was going to go through the items and sell them at a profit for himself!!

NOT good practice for a council who is having to make huge savings, and not good for the tax payer who contributed to the items in the first place.

Im sure the public would be very angry if this ever came to light.

Does anyone have any idea why this is happening?

- "We heard at Team Brief that Social care are making changes we believe so that they can absorb saving requirements and are in line with private companies.

We hear constantly that carers are not given enough time to 'care' properly for customers, and that they are underpaid and untrained.

I do not know the exact circumstances, but would have hoped that as the local authority, we are being ethical and fair. Although we must be aware of costs, we should be more concerned with setting an example than being the same as private industry.

My view on the councils budget is that although I feel badly let down by the Planning Committee of Wrekin and Telford, I do believe you use a wide spectrum of services and do your very best to be fair to all and I am sure you holding firm on the rates is a great success. It cannot be easy and I am glad for one you try to be as fair as possible. Thank you.

- I can not think that you ,can do any better, keep up the good work.
- Why have started paying Council Tax,after not paying council tax for two years,i am still a man that uses a walk in shower, with a pace maker ,metal screws in my right shoulder,part sight, deaf in left ear, & hostier arthritis, WHY.
- I think the budget proposals are fair, given the unprecedented cuts imposed by central government. It's always easier to blame third party i.e. Local Authorities, for having to make challenging decisions which will undoubtedly affect people's lives.
- There should be a campaign to improve people's understanding of the impact of increasing our levels of recycling.
- consultations taking place at evening meetings from 19.00 to 21.00 hours
- Any change to the web sites results in problems for users e.g. registering existing TLC cards on 'new look' booking system which worked perfectly well before the change. Now every time || try to register I get the3 message 'This number is already I use' I KNOW it is in use. It is in use by me but I cannot fathom out how to get past this message!! Very frustrating!!
- Dear Budget Consultation Team. Thank you for taking the initiative to invite the local community and businesses to express their views about the Councils planned investment programme. As marketing cocordinator for Wellington Chamber of Commerce, I have circulated a request to all our members to make their own comments know before the 8th February. I hope they take advantage of this opportunity. In the mean time, could I ask that Wellington Chamber of Commerce is included in your list of consultees and invited to comment on any planned events about the Council economic plans for the future? The Chamber is pleased to see the wide range of planned investment packages being proposed and believe they will provide great economic opportunities for the residents of telford and individual towns. We want to be part of it and believe we can play an improtant role in delivery of many of the plans being considered. the Chamber is currently trying to improve business activity in the town and would like to see and recieve additional support for some of our proposed plans, such as bringing our empty premises back into use, our plans to improve the street scene by improving shop fronts with grant aid, attract more visitors to the town and improve links/signage to the Wrekin. Coud i reiterate the need for closer dialogue between the Council and individaul town chamber representatives as part of the consultation process?
- *** over the last 4yrs how much was spent in each area of the borough? le Donnington, Oakengates, Dawley
- *** as a % how much of the budget over the years has been spent outside South Telford?
- *** You need to invest in some Parking Enforcement Officers to ensure these centres are kept clear of the parking morons!
- To Telford & Wrekin council how you comment of "economic growth" offends me. This simply means more factories, more houses, lack off green areas, too many people. Since the development of Telford in the 1970 our once lovely little "country" area as turned into a monster town, with no real sense of community as us locals once remember. Wellington and Oakengates are no longer family run business, but mainly charity shops.....Our once peaceful community has turned into a crime ridden hell hole, due to the over planning over building and influx of too many people. This comment I am sure will offend many people, but its my comment. I just hate with a passion what the development of Telford has done to my own beautiful local area.....its destroyed, not enhanced a place which was once very close to my heart and that of 1000 generations of my family.
- *** I agree with you one hundred percent on your sentiments about Telford. It's a plastic town. I rarely ever, ever visit plastic town centre. I hate it. I'd rather go to Shrewsbury. It's annoying that the communities of Wellington, Oakengates etc were around long before and have been destroyed by the relocation of the bigger retail outlets. My impression of Telford is that of a continually expanding urban sprawl and, in your words, a crime-ridden hell hole. I will no doubt be accused of not moving with the times but not all progress is good.
- *** - Extremely well said. When I start on the topic of how Telford has totally ruined my local community I get very passionate. I believe it sent a lot of locals to an early grave. My fathers friend used to serve the local community with his own business. He had a compulsory purchase order by the then TDC on his beautiful Victorian home. He

not only lost his home but his business as well. He committed suicide. There is now a disgusting "flyover" where his home once stood, perfect for jobs to throw bricks at oncoming cars.....That's the face of Telford. I have a colleague who has moved to Newport from Surrey, when giving out her address she insists that although she has a TF post code she does not live in Telford.....and that's someone who had no passion of how it used to be.....I hate the development of Telford with a vengeance.

- Nearly every single town in the country relies on the huge multiples to stay financially afloat. The only reason we don't have privately run shops is because we, as residents, don't use them and the big stores take over. We, really, only have ourselves to blame. As for the way the town has grown, that, I'm afraid, is down to 1970's town planning and the laws and thinking of the time.
- I live in Wellington and I prefer to support local businesses such as cafes and greengrocers whenever possible. Telford town centre doesn't serve my needs, personally. I play music and can't get guitar/mandolin strings or saxophone reeds in Telford town centre, unless someone can tell me any different. Places like Shrewsbury are far more appealing to me. Telford town centre may have a newly refurbished precinct in Southwater with its restaurants but I have an excellent restaurant on my patch that would probably knock spots off any of those in Southwater.
- *** my recent response to both the housing planning proposals for the area, and Telford & Wrekin's budget survey were almost identical to your post. I can't understand the Council's relentless and unsustainable obsession with growth. Sure, it provides more council tax payers to swell the municipal coffers, if you regard Telford residents as no more than anonymous income generators. It might help to support any claim to city status, which will no doubt inflate certain council executives' ego. But I can't see anything that will improve the quality of life for the individual.
- It's relentless because of the tied in grants as a result of government policy. There is a housing crisis but unfortunately where the houses are actually needed isn't being met. This is why we now have the awful new developments with very little character. The council is led into this by constraints on funding and in a lot of ways it's beyond their real control. I came to Telford post the new town development so I don't know about the old hamlets but I have many local friends who experienced the compulsory purchase of the areas and I know feelings run deep.
- I recently made a visit to the new library and saw all the fast food places most of which were empty, on a Friday. Can Telford sustain all these in the long term, do local peeps eat out so much that we need so many?
- As many, many other places around the world have found you cannot plan and build a 'new city' - well you can but you cannot plan the 'spirit' and life of a city the unique nature of it. The nearest I have seen is one small area, Brindley Wharf in B'ham, and that is based around an economy of night life, and housing for relatively rich singles or couples not a mixed age/family/economic profile. And an important point why does that work I would say largely because it has encompassed and enhanced a historic heart - the canal network. I do not however decry either Southwater, which is refreshing a sterile shopping mall. As for Charity shops which some people seem to despise (not sure why) they pay rent, fill empty shops and are often very busy with people who then have a meal or get fresh produce locally, or maybe that's just me!
- *** - think many people in Telford agree 100%, not that Telford & Wrekin will either listen or change their policy.
- As a resident in the Park ward of Wellington, I am writing to ask you to lobby the Telford Borough Council to support the project to save the Clifton cinema building in Wellington. This is a good opportunity for the Borough Council support a 'community based project' in Wellington, an area which has been badly neglected in recent years. A reopened Clifton would bring lots of regeneration to the town in terms of jobs, community pride and provide some great facilities for the local community and the whole of the Telford area.

I see that the Borough Council is financially supporting local projects in Dawley (Town Hall), St Georges (Gower Street site) and Madeley (Anstice Hall) but doing nothing in our town, showing there is funding for 'some' projects.

Proper support for this community project would be very popular in Wellington and would show a real co-operative approach to working with the local community by the Council. I think this should be an urgent priority before this important site is sold to any other buyer.

Thank you for your help with this local issue.

- With all the new housing going up have you a plan for where all the extra cars are going to park at wellington rail station.. money needed for car parks. who pays?
- "Thank you very much for your speedy reply, which is much appreciated.

The Clifton project seems to me to be a great opportunity for the Borough Council to work closely with the local

community to develop an exciting arts centre for the whole Borough - it will be extremely disappointing if this opportunity is not grasped and the building sold off to property developers.

Lets hope that the cabinet members understand this opportunity and move quickly.

yours sincerely

Specific Comments about Savings Proposals

- **Remission Policy for Music and Arthog**
- **Proposal 1 - Arthog increased revenue**

1 Received 5 January 2015 via e-mail

Dear Sir / Madam

Formal Response to Telford & Wrekin Council Budget Proposals 2015/16

The power of music lies in its ability to speak to all aspects of the human being – the animal, the emotional, the intellectual and the spiritual. Music teaches us, in short, that everything is connected. - Daniel Barrenboim, Everything is Connected

I would like to formally respond to Telford and Wrekin Council's Budget and Savings Proposals 2015/16 which is recommending that the local authority stop funding for remissions for looked after children and free school meal pupils / young people from disadvantaged background for cuts to access music lessons.

I am asking you to urgently reconsider this proposal to withdraw this proposal and instead recommend that the local authority continues to fund the music service particularly the support around looked after children and supporting pupils on free school meals from disadvantaged backgrounds to access music lessons.

All local authorities including Telford & Wrekin receive extra grant funding from the Department for Education through their Education Services Grant to support young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to access music tuition and to make it affordable for all families to access music lessons with regardless of background and ability to pay.

This is such a small amount grant funding with a large impact of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds from across Telford. The number of children and young people from highly disadvantaged background and Council priority wards who are able to learn to play a musical instrument in Telford will be reduced greatly as a consequence of this proposal and the social and academic impacts that go with it around English and maths, self esteem, confidence building, team work etc etc and will have the biggest impact on some of the most vulnerable young people in Telford.

For children to achieve their best, they need to gain an understanding of music as an academic subject from learning in the classroom; they need to develop practical skills in singing and playing instruments; and they need to have their eyes and ears opened to the widest musical possibilities by being given the opportunity to see and hear professional musicians at work.

All Local Authorities are suffering cuts to their budgets and, of course, something has to give. One music teacher faced with redundancy commented, "it is disheartening when you are told by the Council that the work you do, educating children, is less important than filling a pot hole".

Three questions come to mind about this proposal:

1. Has there been a Equalities Impact Review of this savings proposal targeting music lessons for disadvantaged young people and has it been published?
2. Has any formal consultation been undertaken with schools in Telford that they can make up the gap in funding and pay for music lessons and make that commitment to supporting young people, considering that they are budgeting setting at the moment for 2015/16 and face budget pressures of their own? Will the results of the consultation with schools be published alongside this savings proposal?
3. Is the time frame for implementing this change (ie 1st April 2015) realistic and achievable?

I urge you to think again about this proposed cut in funding and ask you to continue your support for the music service and its reach to disadvantage young people of Telford.

2 Received 5 January 2015 via e-mail.

Hello,

Our joint response to Telford & Wrekin Council's budget proposals published today

Why are you making cuts to music lessons for young people who are looked after children or/both on free school meals supporting some of the most disadvantage young people in Telford with a range of complex and additional needs.

The Council gets funding from the Department for Education through the Services for Education Grant for this area of work and does not come out of your core funding/budget. This funding is highly critical in opening up opportunities for significant numbers of highly disadvantaged young people in Telford to access music education such as special needs pupils, looked after children and pupils on free school meals supporting their wellbeing and academic achievement.

The Council is supporting free swimming for over 50's in your budget proposals but not free music lessons for young people who are most in need and cannot afford to pay and costs less to support that the free swimming for over 50's.

- Has any views be gathered from parents, young people and schools on the impact of these cuts?
- Has any other options been looked into to prevent these cuts?
- Perhaps use some of this year's underspend in your budget for 2014/15 reported in the Shropshire Star and support access to music lessons going forward.
- Could Council core funding be used to support music lessons?
- How do you get round the Charges for Music Tuition Regulations 2007?

Cutting our children's creative education now would be a terrible decision in light of the existing and potential economic benefits to our community with very poor timing and very very tight timescale interrupting a child's learning mid way through a school year.

Many of these young people affected by these cuts you our planning will be taking GCSE/BTEC music this coming summer and these cuts to music lessons will have a big impact on their GCSE/BTEC exam preparation and their exam results after their hard work.

Creative and cultural learning supports attainment in all subjects including in literacy and maths research shows that taking part in arts activities at school can make up for early disadvantage in terms of:

- likelihood to progress to further education;
- employment outcomes; and more general benefits, like
- participating in society through volunteering and voting.

Young people's engagement in arts and music is vital in for their sense of community and place. The leaders of our great cities - like Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Gateshead - are in no doubt about the importance of the arts and music to civic identity. And that is why they are so determined to sustain the arts and music in their cities. Albert Bore, the Leader of Birmingham City Council, once said that without the arts, our cities are deserts.

Once lost, music education cannot be recovered, and the inevitable outcome of the actions we are taking now could permanently damage the vital infrastructure supporting music across Telford and supporting vulnerable young people. We would really ask to have another look at this option and keep funding for young people to access music lessons, this is a really important issue for Telford.

3 Received 5 January 2015 via e-mail

Telford & Wrekin Council Budget Proposal 2015/16

I write with regards to one of the proposals contained in your recent budget plan for next year around cutting support for remissions for music lessons and my opposition to this proposal.

It is **every** child's right to open up and explore their artistic and creative potential which should be a journey which goes on for the rest of their life.

It gives them the opportunity to learn to enjoy, understand and make a rich contribution to every aspect of their lives – social, political, economic, psychological.

A sense of where they've come from historically, a sense of where they're going; and how they may want to change that and take control of their lives.

It helps them in every way to become that unique person that they, and they alone, have the potential to be.

So, that being the case, how, then, can we accept a situation where some get that opportunity and others do not? How can we tolerate cultural exclusion?

Creative and cultural learning supports attainment in all subjects including in literacy and maths.

And research shows that taking part in arts activities at school can make up for early disadvantage in terms of:

- likelihood to progress to further education;
- employment outcomes; and more general benefits, like
- participating in society through volunteering and voting.

Having an appreciation of, and an engagement with, the arts gives a young person what many of you have described to me as cultural capital - which is important in and of itself, but also contributes to social mobility.

Research demonstrates that taking part in arts activities develops social skills like confidence and communication, giving young people wider social networks in school and in their wider community.

Some children will find they have a unique talent and want to pursue a career in the arts or creative industries. That's not just the right of each individual, it's important for the talent pool for our artists and creators of the future.

Telford & Wrekin Council receives funding from the Department for Education to support access to music lessons for young people on free school meals and children in care.

This has been confirmed by the Department for Education as being the case for 2015/16 back in July 2014. Copy can be found online here:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-services-grant-2015-to-2016>

This Education Services Grant funding has not be delegated to non academy schools in Telford so is wrong to ask Telford non academy schools to make up this funding when the Council has the grant funding and puts non academy schools in Telford at disadvantage to academy schools where this funding has been delegated to them when they became a acadmey.

In 2015/16 according to the Department for Education Telford & Wrekin Council will be getting over £2.26 million through the Education Services Grant only getting a 9% cut in it funding compared with 2014/15 not a 100% cut as this proposal is make to the remissions for music lessons for disadvangted young people.

Why can't such a small percentage of the grant be used to support children in care and pupils on free school meals?

This proposal targets some of the most vulnerable young people in Telford unnecessary and very wrong. Equality of access and equal opportunity has gone out of the window, your own published Equalities Impact Assessment for this proposal highlights this.

How do you get by the government's National Plan for Music Education and the national Charges for Music Tuition Regulations 2007 around making music lessons affordbale for all young people? "

The desired outcome is genuine equality of access and affordable tuition for all pupils who wish to continue to receive specialist tuition as part of enrichment activities."

"No charge may be made in respect of a pupil who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989(1)). "

Please reconsider this proposal and look at other alternative options

4 Received 5 January 2015 via e-mail

I would like to send in a response to your budget consultation.

I would like to respond particularly to your proposal around cutting all funding support for remissions for music lessons and voice my strong opposition to this idea.

This will hit the most hardest our young people from families who will not be able to afford the cost and real benefits and impacts of music lessons for young people. For such as small cut in the Council's budget and such a large impact on young people lives this is totally disproportionate which your own Equality Impact Assessment notes on your website. Arts and culture are relatively cheap to support, and bring big returns. The current investment is equivalent to 0.7% of total government spending arts and culture has a positive impact on education. 78% of children who took part in the first year of daily music activity demonstrated improved performance across core subjects according to the In Harmony national evaluation report.

The arts are crucial to imagination, self-expression and creativity in young people and develop skills that improve social mobility and are very important to young people on free school meals and children in care have the biggest impact of all. Art and culture bring people together; they make valuable contributions to health, welfare and inclusion, reaching out to vulnerable and marginalised communities in hospitals, prisons and through work with older people. They teach empathy, break down barriers and are vital to releasing the talent within our increasingly diverse society.

The Department for Education has set its targets and aspirations for young people and music education in its National Plan for Music Education. That every child should have the opportunity to access music and to learn an instrument and to get rid of the postcode lottery in provision of music.

"Most children will have their first experience of music at school. It is important that music education of high quality is available to as many of them as possible: it must not become the preserve of those children whose families can afford to pay for music tuition.

While music touches the lives of all young people, the disadvantaged can benefit most. Schools cannot do everything alone: they need the support of a wider local music structure."

Secretary of State for Education

There is also support from Councillor Andrew Eade supporting music in schools in Telford and the funding for this:-
<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/01/27/40000-loss-for-t-live-sparks-rethink-call/>

Telford & Wrekin Council receives grant funding from the Department for Education to support this through the Education Services Grant and does not come out of the council's core funding and has been confirmed by the Department for

Education for 2015/16. This funding comes to the Council and not to schools. This grant funding has been reduced by 9% next year 2015/16 not the 100% cut Telford & Wrekin Council are planning.

The Music Tuition Charges Regulations also ensures all music lessons must be affordable to access for all young people. This damaging idea must be dropped and rethought

5 Received 12 January 2015 via e-mail

Good evening, my response to your budget proposal around the removal of remissions support for music lessons from the 1st April

My three main issues with the current proposal as it stands.

- It effects and has a impact non academy schools in Telford and does not affect academy schools in Telford - so unfair / unequal access to opportunities;
- The timeframe you want to make this proposal happen ie. 1st April 2015 - 1 month to make this proposal happen and to get every school in Telford on board and signed up to this proposal.
- National Music Tuition Charges Regulations 2007 - states free music lessons for looked after children and making lessons affordable for all young people where LA's charge for music lessons and must have a remissions policy in place where charges are made for music lessons. To how does this proposal fit with your current LA remissions policy for music lessons and the Music Tuition Charges Regulations?

Possible Solution

Each local authority receives a Education Services grant from the Department for Education to support a range of central education services including music services. The DfE confirmed in July 2014 that the Education Services Grant could be still used by councils to support music services and access to music lessons as it supports the Department for Education's National Plan for Music Education, 2007 Music Charging Regulations and the department's aspirations for every child to learn an musical instrument.

The Education Services Grant Guidance Document 2015/16 states:-

"We believe that every child is entitled to a high-quality music education. We have confirmed music as a compulsory subject for all children from key stage 1 to key stage 3 in the new national curriculum. The new programmes of study for music include an increased focus on the need for activities to be undertaken 'musically' with reference to learning to play a musical instrument and an increased focus on singing."

Last year Councils in England nationally spent £15 million of the Education Services Grant on supporting their local music services and the year before they spent £18 million of their grant on supporting music services. (Source: Department for Education website)

The Education Services Grant is worth in 2015/16 2.26 million to Telford & Wrekin Council according to the Department for Education website figures and would be a very small percentage of this grant could be used to help support the remissions policy for non academy schools in Telford. (about 1.5% of the grant it would cost based on your budget proposal figures on your website)

Academy schools get this funding direct from the DfE and I agree totally with you that they should cover their cost of this proposal in academy schools as they get the funding for this and not the LA. So yes agree with this part of your proposal that academy schools pay for their remissions offer.

My big issue is the non academy schools in Telford don't get this funding as it held centrally by the local authority and not passed on the non academy schools creating a postcode lottery and impacting on a large number of vulnerable young people across Telford with lack of equal access to opportunities which academy schools in Telford can afford to buy into. Which in my view is unfair.

The Education Services Grant is being cut by around 14% next year - so I would make a 14% cut in the funding of the remissions policy for music lessons instead of a 100% cut being proposed by Telford & Wrekin Council - with schools, academy schools, grants, lottery funding making up the difference to top up the funding. Any further cuts in the ESG grant in future years would also be applied to the remissions funding pot and schools taking on a bigger share of the funding for this.

This would mean a more staged / realistic approach and managed approach to cutting the funding to remissions, a smoother transition to schools funding a bigger share of this and also all the staff man hours the council will have to use between March (when budget proposals confirmed) and April 1st in getting every school in Telford signed up to this by the 1st April will negate any savings you make on this proposal if it goes ahead in it current form through staffing costs in trying to make this work in such a short timeframe.

I would ask you to consider using a small percentage (1.5%/£32k) of the Education Services Grant to support the remissions for non academy Telford schools which is reduced year on year as central funding is further reduced and make a more manageable and less disruption to vulnerable young people access to music lessons, while at the same

time providing equal access / opportunities to music lessons for vulnerable young people at non academy Telford schools.

Your head of music service will have a better handle on the figures and data than I and would be better talking to them about the finer details of this and how this may work as a idea going forward. That person will also be better able to talk through the OFSTED requirements for access to music lessons for looked after children and free school meal pupils. I haven't gone into here the impacts this proposal would have on the vulnerable young people and the disruption it would cause especially to those sitting exams this coming summer and the impacts on their learning. Or the benefits music brings to highly vulnerable young people who benefit the most from music developing academic, social and soft employment skills. You just have to go and see In Harmony at Old Park primary school to see this in action and for real life the impacts it is having across the whole school. This proposal risks make Old Park the only school in Telford to be this beacon.

You do have truly an amazing music service with an In Harmony programme which is second to none in working and impacting on vulnerable young people and its commitment, drive and passion for young people and I am really staged by what they do and achieve.

I would just ask that you consider phasing this cut in funding rather than removing it all on the 1st April 2015 and the risks this brings for such a small saving.

Just an idea which may help things.

Many thanks for your time in taking to read this,

Ps. I had a quick chat with my daughter's school head teacher about this today and they weren't aware of this proposal to remove remissions support for music lessons in the budget proposal, have schools be notified about this proposal?

6 Received 13 January 2015 via e-mail

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to your Council budget proposal to remove support for music lessons through remissions

An alternative to removing this support for families and young people is outlined below.

The Education Services Grant from the Department for Education which was confirmed by the Department in Education in July 2014 can be used to support music services by local authorities but Telford & Wrekin Council have used this grant according to a Freedom of Information Request and an article in the Shropshire Star to cover the losses of two T-Live events.

- Shropshire Star article:- <http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/01/27/40000-loss-for-t-live-sparks-rethink-call/>
- Freedom of Information Request:- <http://www.thekooz.co.uk/images/t-live/RS382076.pdf>

Now that you have had two years of developing the TLive and arts events concept spending £75,000 of the Education Services Grant it should not need this level of grant support going forward into 2015/16 from the Education Services Grant and the savings from not covering TLive loses such as through more sponsorship, ticket sales, traded income could be used to support remissions for vulnerable young people to access music lessons across the Borough while allowing still to make a budget saving.

I am a really big supporter of arts events and TLive but think this needs to move to a more commercial traded model after two years of piloting and support should not be removed from some of our most vulnerable young people and families to access music lessons.

Thank you for considering this email,

7 Received 14 January 2015 via e-mail

Dear All,

Further to my email below, my son's primary school have given me this afternoon this independent legal advice fact sheet they had when looking into becoming an Academy School.

Page 3 of this document covers what is funded and supported through the Education Services grant which academies get direct into their budgets and the LA retains for non academy schools.

<http://www.whitingandpartners.co.uk/Pages/DocumentManager/Academy%20Factsheet%20-%20Budget%20&%20Finance%20Factsheet.pdf>

Thanks

8 Received 21 January 2015 via e-mail

To whom it may concern - Budget Proposal on Music Lessons Remissions

Is it possible to use the funding from the Education Services Grant from the Department for Education which for the past two years have filled the losses made by two T-Lives according to the attached Freedom of Information Request and newspaper article below and use this funding to support remissions for vulnerable young people to access to music lessons instead of loss making events?

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/01/27/40000-loss-for-t-live-sparks-rethink-call/>

I would also like to note the Telford & Wrekin Council's Scrutiny Review Report of Arthog Remissions (on the Council website) which states:-

"That equalities issues must be considered, and the need to protect people and families in receipt of benefits and minimise the financial impact on people and families on low incomes as far as possible." (page 4 par 6.12)

"The Council operates a Remissions Policy whereby the Council fully subsidises the cost of the course for children of families verified as meeting the remissions criteria (Free School Meals, Income Support, Working Tax Credits). The purpose of the Remissions Policy is to ensure that no child should be denied access to Arthog because of financial hardship." (page 8)

"Members were very concerned that the introduction of even a partial charge would risk excluding children from disadvantaged families from taking part in the course and that this risk should be avoided." (page 13)

"The desire to protect the most vulnerable and people on benefits. The desire to minimise the impact of any revisions as far as possible. The need to minimise the risk to income streams which would jeopardise services in the long-term" (page 14)

Why is this approach not being made to remissions for music lessons for vulnerable young people?

Would it be possible to email me and publish the Equality Impact Assessment and/or any other impact reports you have done /made for this proposal to remove remissions support for music lessons for vulnerable young people?

I would ask the Council to prioritise funding for vulnerable young people over losing making T-Live and find the funding to keep this scheme going.

ii) Arthog Remission

1 to 7 Received 29 January 2015 via e-mail

Dear Sirs,

Regarding Remission Fee Budget

As 'Chairperson' of Telford and Wrekin Primary Head Teachers Forum I have been instructed by the members to bring to your attention their strong views on the council's proposal to remove the Remission Scheme budget, and thus, the access to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre.

The Head teachers accept that budgets must always be reviewed and that, in the current 'economic climate', savings need to be identified. However, in this case the adverse effects will be disproportionately felt by many school children in the Borough.

Without identifying all the effects of removing this budget it may be helpful to rehearse some of the main points:

1. There are three methods of qualifying for attendance at Arthog namely;

(a) Payment in full;

(b) Remission scheme

(c) Schools arranging to support low income parents (possibly using Pupil Premium Grant)

2. (a) Children qualify for *Pupil Premium* if they receive or have received, free school meals.

(b) However it only applies to this group of pupils and can be spent on anything which supports the child and not just attendance at Arthog.

(c) Unfortunately it does not apply to children of low income families if they are not in receipt of free school meals.

(d) Whilst not within the purview of head teachers there is a concern that *Pupil Premium* may not survive a future change of Government.

3. (a) In respect of the *Remission Scheme*, to a greater extent, this is a 'financial safety net' that catches those children whose parents economically fall between those who pay for attendance and those who do not qualify for free school meals. That would include those in receipt of Income Support or, (with qualification) those in receipt of Working Tax Credits.

(b) The *Remission Scheme* is tied to attendance at Arthog.

Therefore the Remission Scheme is an important incentive for schools to use Arthog.

With the loss of the Remission Budget schools will have a choice whether to send only the children who qualify for Pupil Premium or have the ability to pay.

Given the demography of Telford and Wrekin there will be many children who do not qualify for the Pupil Premium but whose parents are in receipt of the identified benefits.

In most cases Head teachers will treat all children equal and will not discriminate against a few by refusing them a place at Arthog – from an economic perspective head teachers will have no option other than to withdraw the whole booking.

We do not believe it is hyperbole to say that Arthog is the jewel in the crown of Telford and Wrekin". Indeed this observation was echoed by Councillor Paul Watling on Arthog's 50th Anniversary.

There is strong evidence to show that a child's early experience at Arthog can lead to renewed enthusiasm to re-engage in educational pursuits and often excel in areas not achievable in the classroom. This is important for those children who are either 'hard to reach' or have withdrawn from education.

The premise that (in the event of the Remission Budget being withdrawn) schools can use the Pupil Premium is not a sustainable argument.

To ensure all children, irrespective of their parent's income, are given equal access to Arthog, and are not subjected to discrimination, we urge you to retain the Remission Scheme Budget.

Yours sincerely,

Received 7 times in total

8 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

I am writing to express the views of the staff here on hearing the news that the Arthog Remission Scheme may be withdrawn.

- Pupils from this school have been visiting Arthog for over 10 years
- This school has a **very** high percentage of FSM pupils
- This school also has a number of pupils in low income working families – with parents who **want** to work
- Many pupils have never had a holiday and some have not been to the seaside – cheaper local residential venues do not provide an equivalent experience
- In recent years we have become more and more aware of disadvantage in low income as well as benefit families – we will not be able to support these pupils through Pupil Premium (clear examples of this are hungry children in January when people are paid early before Christmas and poor quality/ not enough food in lunchboxes)
- We use our Pupil Premium effectively (Ofsted Nov 2013) and want to keep using it as we do now
- Arthog is an early year 6 experience this enables the pupils to mature, improves their confidence and emotional health just in time for SATs!

We therefore hope that the Remission Scheme remains

9 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

Dear Sirs,

Regarding Remission Fee Budget

I am writing to voice our school's concerns about the council's proposal to remove the Remission Scheme budget, and thus, the access to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre. We understand that budgets must always be reviewed and that savings need to be identified. However, in this case the effects on our children and families will be huge.

The current remissions scheme not only supports children eligible for the pupil premium grant but also children whose parents on low income who are in receipt of working tax credits. This second group are not eligible for the pupil premium grant.

For our group of 30 children who visited Arthog before Christmas, 12 were in receipt of free school meals but a further 7 received remissions due to low income. In previous years there have been even greater numbers than this. If the remissions scheme were to be withdrawn we would find it very difficult to offer our children a residential visit at all.

It is very easy to say that schools can use the Pupil Premium Grant to cover this reduction but the grant is to be used to support a wide range of activities that improve the attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils. Only this we received a letter from David Laws MP congratulating us on the progress of our disadvantaged pupils over the past 4 years. This has been achieved by providing a wide range of opportunities for all our children. If we had to redirect funds to cover Arthog remissions we would not be able to continue with some of those activities. We also have no idea whether pupil premium will continue in the long term.

Finally, Arthog is a fantastic resource for Telford and Wrekin. It is an exceptional centre that offers very high quality experiences for our children. It would be a great shame if it was lost to the council as a whole and to Telford and Wrekin schools. We urge you to reconsider this proposal and continue to fund remissions at Arthog.

Yours sincerely,

10 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed changes to the funding for the Arthog Centre. This is because of the massive impact it will have on the Centre's sustainability. The activities which the centre provides are second to none and children benefit emotionally and socially through the experiences which it provides. I feel that to change the funding system could put the future of this very special place in doubt – which is something which I feel very passionately

about. I ask that the council and the centre are given the opportunity to look at different models of funding as a matter of urgency and urge the council to not just cease the remissions funding.

Kind Regards

11 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

To whom it may concern,

I was surprised to hear this week that the council are proposing that all remissions are to be withdrawn by Telford and Wrekin. Remissions support low income families to enable children to access music lessons and the outdoor education courses. The principle of this is that no child should be further disadvantaged due to the financial income their family receive. I am surprised that this is the message are council are sending out to our vulnerable families.

Although this is not applicable to many of the families in my community I cannot ignore the moral issues of all educators and council members to support vulnerable families. I am concerned that council members will assume Pupil Premium can be used to pay for Arthog. With the pressure schools face regarding standards and attainment, pupil premium will always been used in the first place to support interventions in school. For those school who receive minimum pupil premium, resources will be stretched further and it will be highly unlikely that pupil premium can be used to support this valuable addition to a child's education. More importantly pupil premium does not apply to low income families who are not in receipt of free school meals.

Please can I ask that members give careful consideration to the concerns raised by Headteachers.

12 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

Please find attached letters written from some of our Y6 pupils, who are appalled at the idea that the remissions policy might be changing.

Our school can only run visits to Arthog, thanks to the remissions policy, as over half of our children need this to enable them to access the educational opportunity. Should this be removed, ALL of our children will be unable to learn the important, and often life-changing lessons that Arthog provides, as the trip will be unviable, given the small numbers that can afford to pay.

Thank you for considering both mine, and the pupils thoughts during this consultation.

Yr6 Pupil - Queenswood Primary School and Nursery

If you change the money, less people will be able to go because people who don't have enough, then they won't have enough money to go to Arthog. If they don't have enough, then they won't have enough for food and electric, or a drink or anything! If it's free, more people will be able to go.

I am sure that you would agree with this, if its free, more people would go and when they are older they will make the right choices and self-confidence in life. Which by letting them go for free they will conquer fears and learn how to survive. If they go to Arthog they will learn more reasonability.

If you raise the money a lot schools won't go because then if they there's only 6 people in the class who can pay. It won't be fair to others who can't pay. Like I just said, if people don't go to Arthog it will not go ahead and can't employ the people who work there. If people don't go there they won't learn the skills what we learnt there.

Yr6 Pupil - Queenswood Primary School and Nursery

Dear Councillor

I am writing to you to persuade you not to pay for them people that have free school meals .If you stop pay for them. It is sort of fair in a way. If you close down Arthog people can't not conker there fear, but if you don't close it down they won't stick with that fear for the rest of their life. However the people will achieve new skills like stick ability. Stick ability means that you don't give up on something want to achieve. The people that don't pay won't achieve confidences. They might achieve confidence from staying away from home for a week.

The people that don't pay and have free school meals won't pay to go if you stop people going for free. That means Arthog will lose profit and may have to shut down, so the people that work at Arthog will have to give up their job. If Arthog does close down the people that have to pay will be looking forwards to going to Arthog. Also they won't get any money to get all the equipment and food. They get all the things ready and the schools say they can't come and they will lose their jobs.

It is not fair that the people that pay don't get to go. The poor families should still get more opportunity to go. When the people that don't pay should get punished but everyone else gets punished. Those that do pay miss out on everything. That is so not fair.

Yr6 Pupil - Queenswood Primary School and Nursery

Dear councillor

I am devastated that people with free school meals will be robbed of an experience. Some people will be disgusted; others will be happy .If Arthog shut down they will lose all there facilities due to schools not having enough money. Arthog, which is an amazing place, will not have enough money there for it will be annoying for children of all ages. Also they look after the environment if they don't get enough money they'll close down and it will get messy.

Queenswood, which went on the glorious trip, will be affected in the future. A poor family will be home less because of paying the money. Children, who need the survival skills, will never learn the skills they need to. It gives a boost to the shy people so they can come out of their shell. Some people have self-confidence; others don't. Going to Arthog makes you appreciate what you've got.

Arthog, which is a fun place, will die if people don't go. Arthog do night activities including: night walking with a pillow case on our heads following a rope and orienteering in the dark and in the morning as well. They also do multiple day activities including: mounting walking, canoeing, beach clean-up, rope swing, gorge walking and rock climbing such a person like you would be happy for it to close down due to the money problem. Trust me you will regret it if you tell the people that have to pay the large amount of money. It will be hard for other people including my-self will be charging down to your office. What would you do? If I were you I would tell the rest of the company and call it off. It would be heart breaking for Arthog to close down due to your terrible actions. Barmouth beach will be a messy place and possibly kill all the fish in the ocean! I suggest you close it down!

Yr6 Pupil - Queenswood Primary School and Nursery

Dear councillor,

I am aware that you're discussing the fact that free school meals children will have to pay for Arthog.

I am sure that you will agree that children will miss out. It will stop children from conquering their fears. The honest truth is that if this does not happen, children will gain life changing skills like responsibility. They would also gain confidence in trying new things and to learn to believe in themselves.

The problem with stopping funding is if children cannot pay, would then make Arthog close down, which means that people will lose their jobs, this will cause distress because schools won't go. All of the workers at Arthog will lose their jobs, which will put families in a terrible state, and they won't earn money.

This won't be fair because poorer families will miss the opportunity of a lifetime. Obviously this will punish children that don't need punishing. Furthermore, if nobody goes, those who could pay will miss out also. What if you was the parent of one of these children?

Yr6 Pupil - Queenswood Primary School and Nursery

Dear Councillor,

Staying away from home is important to you. It will affect the school. I want you to understand that stopping the money for Arthog would damage the children's confidence. Children learn new things about themselves and want to be good at it.

They do new things but they won't get the confidence they need if they can't go. I found outdoor activities develop their self-confidence.

People will lose their jobs because children can't afford to go. They will not have many jobs and they will be annoyed.

Being poorer should not mean you learn less because the money was going less. If they lose their jobs Arthog may close down.

How would you feel if you were in this situation due to being unemployed and not able to send your child to Arthog?

13 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

I am writing to express my objections to the withdrawal of the Remission Budget, which currently enables all children to access education at Arthog.

Whilst I accept that budgets must always be reviewed and that, in the current 'economic climate', savings need to be identified. However, in this case the adverse effects will be disproportionately felt by many school children in the Borough. There is strong evidence to show that a child's early experience at Arthog can lead to renewed enthusiasm to re-engage in educational pursuits and often excel in areas not achievable in the classroom. This is important for those children who are either 'hard to reach' or have withdrawn from education.

Without the remission scheme, there would be a group of my children who would not be able to attend Arthog. I will always treat all children equally and will therefore not discriminate against a few by refusing them a place at Arthog – from an economic perspective I will have no option other than to withdraw from using the centre.

To ensure all children, irrespective of their parent's income, are given equal access to Arthog, and are not subjected to discrimination, I would like to urge you to retain the Remission Scheme Budget.

14 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

Response from Lightmoor Primary School

We accept that budgets must always be reviewed and that, in the current 'economic climate', savings need to be identified. However, in this case the adverse effects will be disproportionately felt by many school children in the Borough and the *Remission Scheme* is an important incentive for schools to use Arthog.

With the loss of the *Remission Budget* schools will have a choice whether to send only the children who qualify for *Pupil Premium* or have the ability to pay.

Given the demography of Telford and Wrekin there will be many children who do not qualify for the *Pupil Premium* but whose parents are in receipt of the identified benefits.

In most cases Head teachers will treat all children equal and will not discriminate against a few by refusing them a place at Arthog – from an economic perspective head teachers will have no option other than to withdraw the whole booking. There is strong evidence to show that a child's early experience at Arthog can lead to renewed enthusiasm to re-engage in educational pursuits and often excel in areas not achievable in the classroom. This is important for those children who are either 'hard to reach' or have withdrawn from education.

The premise that (in the event of the *Remission Budget* being withdrawn) schools can use the *Pupil Premium* is not a sustainable argument.

To ensure **all** children, irrespective of their parent's income, are given equal access to Arthog, and are not subjected to discrimination, we urge you to retain the Remission Scheme Budget.

15 Received 2 February 2015 via e-mail

Dear ***,

I am writing on behalf of the Arthog Management Committee who met on the 16th January and discussed the 2015-16 budget proposals for Arthog.

We do have some very serious concerns regarding these proposals and I will explain each one in more detail:-

1. **£50,000 savings** – as I stated in my previous letter this is an enormous challenge for the Arthog budget. Over the last few years we have worked hard to try and reduce expenditure and increase revenue to bring Arthog into a cost neutral position for the Council. This has involved reducing costs on salaries and overheads and making the centre efficient financially. Our understanding is that for 15/16 the cost to the council is 17K which is pretty insignificant when you compare that to the overall budget position.

The only way to generate further income for Arthog is through the fees. Our issue is that the income generated to run Arthog comes from the parents who pay for their children to go to Arthog. If the council removes 50K from the budget is this not public money that the parents have paid the centre through the fees? Is this morally right? If we continue to increase the fees we will reach a point, some schools have already done this, when schools will use alternative providers which are of poorer quality but significantly cheaper. If we cannot fill the centre then income will obviously drop and create a significant budget shortfall which inevitably could lead you to consider the long term future for Arthog.

We already charge external users a higher fee and again this has to be balanced against the pricing structure of other providers across the country.

Therefore, at this moment in time we would have to set a deficit budget if the decision is taken to remove £50,000 in "savings". It is critical that the council understands the impact this would have on the revenue budget for Arthog.

2. **Removal of Remissions** – this is extremely significant for Arthog and again will have a detrimental effect on bookings and income. Pupil Premium does not cover all children who can access remissions currently. Schools only get this funding for children on Free School Meals but children from low income families, who are currently entitled to remissions, are not entitled to pupil premium and schools do not receive funding for them.

Currently, about one third of children who visit Arthog each year are funded through the remissions scheme. If this is removed then schools may well cancel or not book visits because they cannot fund those children who were entitled to a place previously, through remissions. There has been no discussion with Head teachers in Telford to ascertain if they would be prepared to use some of their Pupil Premium funding and by simply withdrawing the remissions without consultation would be a disaster. Many schools make long term decisions about allocating this funding and may not want to or be able to finance Arthog places using it. It would not address the issue of our low income families at all, those children would almost defiantly **not** go to Arthog in the future. We urge the council to reconsider this proposal and start consultation with the Head Teachers to reduce remissions in a planned and manageable way over the next financial year.

If Telford Schools do not use Arthog then the Council would be running an outdoor provision that has no benefit to Telford young people and that would be unacceptable to all of us. We know the Council is highly supportive of Arthog, has invested in it over the years and understands the immense impact it has on our young people. Everyone always remembers their Arthog week as one of the best experiences during their school life and the fact we are fully booked each year indicates that it is highly valued by schools and parents.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns with you in more detail as part of the current consultation process before final decisions are made. We all want to secure the future of Arthog for many years to come and the committee is willingly to work with the key officers to ensure that the centre is financially viable.

Yours sincerely,

16 Received 3 February 2015 via e-mail

Dear ***

I am writing to you on behalf of the Secondary Headteachers, which form the Telford & Wrekin Learning Partnership. We would like to outline our concerns in relation to recent consultation proposals regarding the removal of remissions from the Arthog Programme. We believe that this related to approximately £132,000 of support for our families and that removal of this funding could seriously impact on the viability of the Centre and its Outreach Programme.

Our figures would suggest that there is a high dependency on this funding at both Primary and Secondary phases in Telford & Wrekin. As we have seen with Academies, who don't have remissions, bookings are being cancelled.

In addition the planned cut of £50,000 to the 15-16 budget would seem to place an impossible challenge on the team. Given that they already operate a budget which has virtually nil cost to the council, finding additional savings would further impact on the viability of Arthog as a whole.

We respectfully request that the decision is postponed until such time as we can have a detailed discussion. It would be a travesty if the Authority, and more importantly our children, were to lose what has become a heritage experience for so many.

Yours sincerely

17 Received 3 February 2015 via e-mail

Can we first express our absolute dismay at the potential thought that Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire Authority are considering removing completely or partially the remissions process currently in place for students attending residential visits at Arthog outdoor centre.

As a Special school, Southall has a 100% population of disadvantaged students. For most it is because of their learning difficulties and associated complex needs and for many it is also because of socio - economic factors. 54 % of Southall students are on the free school meal register.

Because of these factors a large number of our students do not have the opportunities to develop their already limited educational and personal, health, social and emotional experiences outside the parameters of their own family networks. Southall is committed to offering a broad, balanced and enriched curriculum to help our students gain and develop the skills for life in a wide variety of appropriate educational settings.

In recent years it has become more difficult to find and afford residential experiences where highly skilled staff are able to offer an experience that is on one hand challenging, both educationally and personally, yet on the other hand is nurturing, enabling students to flourish emotionally and socially.

Only Arthog remains as Southall's annual residential visit provider. Past regular trips to Edale, Paris, and London, as well as various one off ventures have now gone. The experiences from these are not of the same calibre as Arthog and often the cost eliminates so many of the students who really do require the opportunity to have such experiences.

The remissions process also enables students from deprived areas all over Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to have the Arthog experience. Like the students of Southall, many of these students are 'challenged' due to the disadvantages they face in their everyday life. We know from the many years we have been taking students to Arthog and the friendships we have made with centre staff and with staff from other schools, that Arthog is seen as one of the 'Jewels in the crown' of the Education Authority.

Each school benefits from pupil premium, Southall just as much as most, due to the nature of our school intake. That funding is incredibly important. It can be spent by the school on initiatives the school recognises as fundamental to supporting the learning of its student population. The focus of this may change from year to year. If the remissions incentive is repealed then schools like ours who want to retain the opportunity for all students to experience a meaningful residential visit may be forced to commit that funding annually to keep that opportunity alive, thus negating the ability to place funding in other essential areas of need.

Funding in special schools is recognised by the Local Authority as being one of the highest pressures in education budgets. Special schools simply do not have the funding to support trips like this from their budget as remissions made up nearly 80% in 2013/2014. The school has already made savings in procurement and contracts and our three year budget projection identifies significant overspends in all years moving forward. As a school that spends 82.1% of its budget on staffing the loss of these remissions for our students would have a significant impact on the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Arthog is a thriving outdoor establishment offering a range of educational experiences in a variety of curriculum subjects. There is vast amounts of knowledge and experience amongst a well established staff. This must not be underestimated. It has taken years for this to have come about. The remissions scheme has incentivised authority schools over the years to use Arthog Outdoor Education Centre, when the trend for many years has been to look beyond and use organisations such as PGL. Having gone down that route myself previously, I can honestly say that students and staff alike get 'an experience' but it is detached, meaning there is little direct link to the educational needs of the students and little meaningful nurture of individual students. Visiting school students get far more than just 'an experience' at Arthog. The

centre staff know you, and know your students from past visits. Staff build upon the students previous experiences, they develop further their relationships with students, fostering team spirit and trust. They work closely with school staff on understanding individual student needs and vulnerabilities to ensure that the experience and the exposure to challenge is personalised so that each student feels that they have achieved and had a positive experience. In Southall's observations a good number of our students have had 'light bulb' experiences at Arthog which has initiated significant strides forward in their personal and social development.

I stress the importance of this because I am afraid that should the remissions initiative be removed, this will ultimately result in dis-incentivising local authority schools to use their Local Education run centre. This in turn may ultimately lead to a running down of the centre, risking the loss of experienced staff and the investment of necessary capital to continue to run a diverse programme of activities.

The implications of the removal or reduction in remissions for Southall would probably be profound. At present students clamber to get onto the annual Arthog trip. In future it may be hard to fill the required places, and those that do go will be from the more 'financially privileged' backgrounds and not necessarily from those who would benefit most from such an experience. There is even the possibility that Arthog could with rising costs, which would not be subsidised, go the same way as the other residential trips have gone at our school, and disappear from the curriculum altogether. Should this potential scenario be echoed county wide, then Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Local Education Authority will have lost their 'jewel in their crown'.

The current remissions scheme in place for Arthog allows opportunities for all students regardless of socio-economic implications and regardless of physical and learning ability. This 'front line' cut would be anti educational, anti equal opportunities, which flows massively against the grain of the ethos of any Education Authority.

All schools want the remissions process to remain as it is.

As it appears that the process will be affected in future, may I suggest two further potential solutions which can be discussed at the consultations.

1. For there to be a reduction but not full removal of remissions for all authority schools.
2. What ever reduction is decided upon or should there be a full removal of remissions, for Special Schools in the Authority to be considered separately and the following applied:
 - For remissions to remain fully, in the case of a reduction.
 - For at least a 50% remission be granted, if completely removed.

Yours sincerely,

18 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

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We respectfully request that the decision is postponed until such time as we can have a detailed discussion. It would be a travesty if the Authority, and more importantly our children, were to lose what has become a heritage experience for so many.

Regards,

19 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

Good Morning,

I would like to respond to the proposed budget cut to the Arthog remission funding. As a Headteacher group the Primary Heads Forum have clearly stated why the argument that schools already receive funding through pupil premium is not one that can be used in isolation. As you will also be aware Pupil Premium funding is not an additional funding stream for schools it is just funding that we already received from the previous government dressed up in a different name.

The Arthog Centre quite rightly has been described as the 'jewel in T&W's crown', and as a forward thinking 'Cooperative' Council I would urge you to look at this issue again. It is something that Telford and Wrekin should be proud of - that you are one of the few LAs that actively support outdoor education and see the tangible, but sometimes not measurable benefits, that this type of opportunity provides for children, particularly those from our most disadvantaged families.

Having been to the centre many times and seen the impact that 'high quality' outdoor education can have on children's lives it is madness to think that the centre could be under threat.

Cutting this amount of money in one tranche of spending cuts could have devastating consequences on the centre. Is there not some half way house that could be agreed, for example a phased reduction in funding from the LA to ensure we maintain the strong links between T&W and Arthog and ensure its future sustainability?
 Many thanks for taking the time to consider my views. I do hope some kind of half-way house solution could be agreed.

20 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

I would like to raise my concerns about any funding cuts to Arthog Outdoor Centre that might threaten its future viability. I co-ordinate a teacher training programme based in Telford schools. At the end of the one year programme our trainees achieve Qualified Teacher Status and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

A key theme to the programme is outdoor learning and all the trainees attend Arthog as part of their training. The loss of the centre would significantly diminish the quality of the programme we offer.

21 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

With the proposed withdrawal of the remissions payments for Telford and Wrekin places at Arthog I fear that the Arthog centre may be unable to continue to operate. This would deny future children the opportunity to experience the benefits of high quality outdoor education. The outdoor activities develop personal skills and self-esteem that other physical activities cannot achieve.

Arthog outreach have provided Leadership Academy training days and KS1 activity days for the TW School Sport Partnership. Again engaging children in activity that otherwise would not. Children's lives have been changed by these experiences.

I urge the T&W Council to reconsider their proposal of removing the remissions funding for Arthog places. Investment in our children is priceless and monies must be cut from other areas of the councils budget to protect this.

22 Received 4 February 2015 via e-mail

Dear Councillors

I am writing to wholeheartedly stand alongside the concerns raised by primary school headteachers in the attached letter from *** ***. I also fully agree with the concerns raised by *** *** in the attached email.

My further concerns are that:

- I have no record or recollection of being actively consulted about the education-related cuts that are proposed (as specified on page 8 of the covering report presented on 8/1/15). Please accept my apologies if there was active consultation and I have missed it.
- On page 13 of the report, it is stated that 'we will **ensure** that all pupils are able to fulfil their potential, whatever their background' and 'we are working ... to **ensure** that young people are ready for work by developing a skills passport focussing on soft skills...'. I believe the proposed cuts to remissions run contrary to those statements. If Telford & Wrekin Council wanted to **ensure** those things, it would take steps to guarantee important opportunities, like Arthog, music tuition and swimming.
- On page 14 of the report, two of the Council's priorities, adopted in 2011, are: 'Put our children and young people first' and 'Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities and address health inequalities'. Again, I believe the proposed cuts run contrary to those priorities.
- On page 50 of the report, mention is made of the freeze in Pupil Premium payments to schools. I know that headteachers of all schools have invested considerable time and resources into carefully planning and evaluating strategies for using the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) funding. If remissions for Arthog, music and swimming were to be cut, with an expectation that PPG funding be used to replace the council spending, headteachers would have to halt proven, effective practice, in order to use PPG to pay for what the council would cease paying for. The purpose of PPG is to close the achievement gap for disadvantaged pupils.
- In the 2012 report of the Cooperative and Communities Scrutiny Committee, it seems that extensive consideration was given to the question of whether to maintain the practice of offering remissions for children's visits to Arthog. The following people were all present and agreed that it was important to continue to offer remissions: Angela McClements, Stephen Bentley, Nathan England, Kevin Guy, Tracy Hope, Amrick Jhavar, Jackie Loveridge, Karen Tomlinson and Lynda Baker-Oliver. I wonder if those people have changed their minds, what has caused them to change their minds.

With best regards

23 Received 6 February 2015 via e-mail

Colleagues

I am writing to all schools in my capacity as the primary school representative on Telford and Wrekin's Arthog Management Board and the School Sports Board.

Telford and Wrekin have made several proposals as part of the consultation process for budget setting for 2015.2016 that will impact significantly on Arthog Outdoor Education Centre.

The first is a 50K budget savings target. As Arthog is already covering all of its operational costs and is cost neutral to the LA this savings target is in fact an income target and the money will go back into the Leisure Portfolio

The second issue could put the very future of Arthog in doubt. All remissions are to be withdrawn by Telford and Wrekin. Remissions support low income families to enable children to access the outdoor education courses. (This withdrawal of remissions will also impact on music tuition.) A significant proportion of Arthog's revenue comes from this remission scheme. It is to Telford and Wrekin's credit that they have, up to this point, had a remission scheme to ensure our most vulnerable children have access to this valuable residential outdoor education experience.

The School Sports Board is very concerned about the threat to the Arthog Centre of these two proposals. Outdoor education is known to be a hugely positive factor in children and young people's physical and emotional health. They will be writing to Telford and Wrekin to express their concern.

The management committee appreciate the need to make budgets balance, but we know that the team at Arthog have worked very hard to achieve a position where the centre is busier than ever and is effectively cost neutral to the LA. Fees are set to cover costs, not generate a profit. The second issue could be catastrophic for the future of Arthog. We feel that Arthog Centre and Telford and Wrekin need time to consider other proposals. This will allow them to amend or adapt the funding models to ensure the future of the Arthog Centre.

We are asking as many headteachers as possible to make their views known as part of the consultation through the following yourviewsmatter@telford.gov.uk

24 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

I am writing to you as Headteacher at St George's C of E Primary School and the primary representative on the Arthog Management Board

Two proposals within the budget consultation have caused many colleagues in Telford great concern.

The first is a 50K budget savings target. As Arthog is already covering all of its operational costs and is cost neutral to the LA this savings target is in fact an income target and the money will go back into the Leisure Portfolio

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I would appeal for a delay to both these decisions within the 2015.2016 budget setting process. This will allow greater consideration of these issues to enable Arthog to continue to move forward at Telford and Wrekin's outstanding outdoor education provider.

25 Received 30 January 2015 via e-mail

Please think about saving Arthog, it provides a fantastic facility for children to develop as a whole person. It would be a real shame to lose it.

26 Twitter comments made to #tfbudget

- *** Have spoken to our head teacher & have sent a response against the music lessons cuts proposal #Tfbudget hits the wrong people
- *** Also sent in my response to #tfbudget proposal to cut music lessons last week don't agree with it at the moment needs to be looked at again
- *** 'Arts education can be every bit as rigorous as rest of the school curriculum' Nicky Morgan <http://ow.ly/HXkjx> #Tfbudget
- *** It is every child's right to explore their artistic and creative potential. Labours current arts policy <http://www.labourartsalliance.org.uk/policy> #Tfbudget
- *** what really gets me is that this proposal hits non academy telford schools but not academy schools unfair really #Tfbudget
- *** #Tfbudget 40% of children from lower social grades had no opportunity to learn an instrument at school ABRSM Report 2014
- *** Sent in my response to cutting music lessons for vulnerable young people spoken to my son's schools is against this proposal too #tfbudget