

Stage 1 Results: The responses of Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Caernarfon Catchment Area



Draft Summary (January 2022)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of the 'Ardal Ni 2035' project is to conduct a conversation and discussion with local communities to identify what matters to residents and how they would like to see the area develop in the next 10-15 years.
- 1.2 We intend to collaborate and jointly develop solutions with organisations, groups and individuals. At the end of the project there will be 13 specific regeneration frameworks that reflect the aspirations of local communities.
- 1.3 The first stage of the project was to conduct initial talks with Councillors, Community and Town Councils and local regeneration groups in order to establish:
 - What is good about the area?
 - What is not so good about the area?
 - What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live?
- 1.4 An invitation, together with area statements (namely booklets that summarised the main economic, social, cultural and environmental data) were sent to all Councillors, Community Councils and the main local groups.
- 1.5 Between September and November 2021 a discussion took place with **8** Community/Town Councils, organisations, groups and Local Members in the Caernarfon Catchment Area.
- 1.6 Initial discussions have been held with young people in the area via the youth service. There is a summary of the responses to the questions in **appendix 3**.

2. What's good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Caernarfon Catchment Area noted that were **good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
The Welsh language / culture	8
Community spirit and friendliness	5
Heritage and history of the area	4
Amenities and facilities such as shops, cafes, restaurants	4
Organisations, charities, enterprises and operational groups	4
Environment and proximity to natural attractions e.g. mountains, the seaside and the countryside	4
Leisure facilities e.g. Centre, Cinema, Library	3
Local produce and businesses	3
Volunteers	3
Footpaths, cycle paths and coastal path	1
Social activities e.g. sports clubs, choirs	1
A safe and secure area	1
Opportunities and benefits of attracting tourism / visitors	1
Activities and opportunities for young people	1
Job opportunities and self-employment	1
Education provision and good schools	1
Opportunities offered by Antur Waunfawr	1

3. What is not so good about your area?

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Caernarfon Catchment Area noted that were **not so good** about their area:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Litter, untidiness and general look of the area	5
Lack of provision and activities for young people e.g. youth club	3
Concerns about the conditions of roads and traffic	3
Local economy - lack of resources and shops closing	3
Antisocial behaviour	3
Support / investment needed for town centre businesses	3
A lack of high salary / full-time jobs	3
Poverty in the area	2
Drugs and alcohol misuse	2
Problems concerning parking	2
A split within the area	2
Castle Square needs to be changed	2
Negative attitudes / theories of people about the area / people	2
Public transport and insufficient bus network	2
A number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	2
Lack of affordable housing for local people	2
Concerns about health provision, welfare and care	2
Too many groups and confusion regarding everyone's role	1
Not everyone is involved with the community	1
Lack of Police presence	1
Not enough social housing	1
Parts of the town need investment	1
Charities not receiving praise	1
No community website	1
People not part of the community	1

4. What changes would you like to see happen in your area in the next 15 years, that would make your area a better place to live? (identify up to 3 changes)

These are the principal matters the Community/Town Councils, groups and organisations in the Caernarfon Catchment Area wanted to see happen in the next 15 years:

Theme	Number who noted this in their response
Maintain and develop public footpaths, cycling and walking paths	5
Improve the appearance of the area - clean and tidy, more bins, wildflowers	4
A greener area - renewable energy, plastic free, charging points	4
Improve community buildings and halls	3
Take full advantage of tourism for the benefit of the local economy	3
Schemes to ensure suitable housing for the needs of local people	3
Support local businesses to establish and thrive	3
More health and well-being resources	3
More sports / keep fit facilities and activities	2
More community events	2
Less traffic	2
Create high value work and jobs	2
Provide more facilities for Young People	2
Better communication and collaboration within the community	2
Public transport - accessible, integrated and suitable for local needs	2
Young people to take a more active part in their community, e.g. on committees	1
More Police presence to prevent anti-social behaviour	1
Need to do more with local heritage	1
Work 'hubs' in towns so that people do not have to travel far to the office	1
Regeneration of the fishing industry	1
Better relationship between Gwynedd Council and local Initiatives / groups	1
Community hub to refer people to suitable services	1
More support for local initiatives	1
Smaller communities	1

5. Additional questions

5.1 Who are the main organisations and groups that could come together to fulfil the required change?

This is a list of all the organisations and groups noted in response to this question in the Caernarfon Catchment Area:

- Gwynedd Council
- Parents of children attending *cylchoedd meithrin* in the town
- Parents and pupils of schools in the town
- Chapels and Churches
- Various interest groups, e.g. Civic Society
- Charities that work in the town
- CADW
- Galeri
- The Urdd and other youth organisations
- Schools and children
- Community/Town Councils
- Welsh Government
- Local shop and business owners
- Mantell Gwynedd
- GISDA
- Sport Clubs
- The people of Caernarfon
- Hwb Caernarfon
- Social Enterprises
- Housing Associations
- Community/voluntary groups
- Private businesses

5.2 Are you aware of any local consultation work that has been undertaken in the last year?

No example was noted in the conversations.

5.3 Other issues relating to the 'Ardal Ni 2035' work that arose in the Caernarfon Catchment Area:

- Need to be clear in terms of what exactly is the vision and the next plan for Caernarfon. Schemes to develop Castle Square, to develop Galeri and the Dock area and Slate Quay have been completed. A plan and vision is now needed for the next development.
- Need to ensure that this work is relevant to the whole community and that everyone within the area has an opportunity to voice their opinion
- The bypass was raised under any other matters.