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Comments received on Facebook and Twitter

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How to encourage cycling in Ipswich	▪ Secure bike parking in the centre of town with CCTV, a warden or electronic key-card. Dedicated and determined bike thieves out there, no strategy to combat this, no real interest in investigating thefts, I've had two stolen in the town centre ▪ Cycle paths everywhere would be great ▪ Proper cycle routes/paths dedicated for cycling like the Netherlands ▪ Make more cycle paths and put them on the path not the road ▪ Ipswich could do with bicycle racks to encourage people to cycle in with somewhere to lock bike up ▪ Definitely safer places to park bikes in town. Other than that you doing great job on cycle paths around Ravenswood. It is a pleasure to cycle around. Need more cycle routes in other areas though ▪ Just carry on discouraging car drivers. Install yet more traffic lights, you will turn Ipswich into a ghost town in no time	▪ Incorporating the largest station-free bike sharing platform in Ipswich would be amazing – working great in Cambridge ▪ Safer road conditions (roads damaged badly next to kerb areas) more safer places to look up bikes ▪ I wish cyclist would use the cycle lane in Kesgrave. I am a cyclist ▪ People are not going to use that convoluted registration process. Ipswich air quality is appalling. I would suggest making some of the roads one way to improve flow and use the space for cycle lanes ▪ Sort out the cycle paths. Whilst some are excellent & well marked out others are faded and need re painting ▪ Need loads more cycle lanes ▪ Fill in the pot holes and flatten the hills ▪ Get rid of bike thieves!
Housing, amenity and homelessness	▪ It is crucial we build on existing successful partnerships and develop new ones to raise the profile of homelessness and homelessness prevention. We will improve communication, training opportunities and joint working arrangements between agencies. In recognising that individual groups perform their functions well it is also important to note that there is still a need for more joined up working. In particular to further acknowledge the role played by voluntary and charitable organisations who provide a wide range of services more often to assist clients with very specific needs who would otherwise be marginalised ▪ Less noise in the morning from cleaning contractors, like 5:30 am glass collectors and bin man, or stop builders working on Sundays, specially starting 8am	

	▪ Help us help you by lending us some land to site The Bus Shelter Ipswich. Long term it would be in your interest.	
Town centre, traffic and parking	▪ Stop the ruination of the Cornhill ▪ But will you take any notice of what we say? You are going ahead with the " redevelopment" of the Cornhill, which doesn't seem very popular with the public judging by the amount of comments in the newspapers and online ▪ Do you have a plan to stop drivers ignoring the Queen St one way? ▪ With Amazon Killing our High Street Retail, I am assuming a priority will be to address the extortionate Car Parking Charges? ▪ Knock it all down and start again ▪ Rename it Norwich	▪ Let's hope it deals with traffic and the dire need for a northern bypass to enable the town to not just grow but to survive
What other sports, leisure and tourism facilities are needed	▪ There are plenty of sports/leisure facilities here, both council and private, many not used to their full capacity or purpose anyway; how about working on the dysfunctional road system so people can actually get in and out of town with ease and also allowing The Bus Shelter Ipswich to park somewhere so they can assist rough sleepers in the town? ▪ A lido ▪ Ipswich has plenty to offer and it is great. Could do with a multi-function arena that attracts the bigger music and entertainment acts ▪ Fix the pavements first, I tripped and fell in Highfield Road ▪ I'd like to see SOMETHING being done with the Odeon and the Malthouse ▪ The youngsters in ip2 are crying out for a parkour club/facility like pipers vale have in ip3. Pipers vale only have 1 weekday 7-10pm. Not being a driver means my 13 year old would have to get 2 buses at gone 10pm and wouldn't make the 2nd connecting bus either ▪ Ice Arena on Grafton Way. Nearest is Chelmsford. We can have a hockey team, host events etc. and it's right near train station = public transport ▪ A giant indoor winter sports venue with hotels restaurants and nightclubs ▪ Try turning the Odeon into a multi entertainment complex bowling,	

skating, ice skating, bingo, disco, there is so much scope IBC just needs vision rather than paying for traffic lights everywhere

- A swimming pool you can actually use in the morning that isn't used by kids all the time
- Do something with Odeon building, ice skating? Or roller skating something that we haven't already got
- A nice new Bose system in the regent
- A good production team that know what they are doing and a decent Bose Sound System
- I would love to see Ipswich try and get IKEA here. The old Sugar Beet site on Sproughton Road would be ideal, direct access from the A14. What a coup that would be! Our neighbours over the border have a Click & Collect, it would be brilliant if we could have the real thing, first one in East Anglia, would bring customers in and maybe they would then visit our town
- Yes we should promote it more. All those lovely listed buildings
- Clean it up first, litter in the river, Bramford Road, Bramford Lane, Norwich road, our town is filthy, even the waterfront needs a good scoop out before we can be proud of it

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Central Shopping Area	▪ Encourage larger stores like Ikea to the town ▪ Encourage more independent shops and restaurants (re-purposed retail areas) ▪ Encourage larger stores like Ikea to the town – Sugar Beet Factory site would be ideal, access from the A14 – would bring in people from surrounding areas ▪ Make markets look more "permanent" – A bit shabby at the moment ▪ Argos and Old Co-Op end of town needs serious investment ▪ Need more recognised designer shops that bigger towns and cities have (e.g. Footlocker, John Lewis) ▪ Have pavement cafes (continental style) bistro dining, more green open space no traffic within town centre and the Waterfront area ▪ Less cheap shops such as Poundland, Pound Stretcher and 99p Store
Cycling	▪ Need cycle track/footpath from Stowmarket to Ipswich Waterfront ▪ Promote cycle routes ▪ In 2036 celebrate several years of the roads being cycle-safe with designated lanes separated from electric vehicles, primary public transport and essential services
Design	▪ Invest in historic buildings and knock down "shabby" eyesores ▪ Ipswich should reflect its great historic stature, more oak timber, more red brick ▪ A cleaner environment, a nicer place to live ▪ All new buildings to reflect traditional designs ▪ Refurbish old beautiful buildings and build less cheap flats ▪ No more high rise buildings, stop reducing light to existing resident ▪ Would like Ipswich to reflect great historic statues. All new build to reflect traditional design, oak, brick. Return to our beautiful, historic past and people will return.
District and Local Centres	▪ District centres are worth having and get used a great deal by local people ▪ More youth clubs ▪ Less Costa ▪ Multi-generational centres
Community facilities	▪ Make better use of school/university facilities for further use by charities and social organisations
Employment Area	▪ Young people would like 1 bedroom homes on sites near work – would help to reduce rush hour traffic ▪ Where is the tech hub going? ▪ If smaller starter and 1-bedroom homes were on employment land some evening businesses (e.g. pubs) would be needed but there's no provision for retirement and families so need for schools on those sites
Housing	▪ Change Westgate Shopping Centre to residential ▪ Is there a need to fill every bit of land with housing – So many empty buildings these should be looked at first – Nothing in Ipswich to make them stay ▪ Less unused and abandoned buildings that could be used for housing, social use ▪ More jobs and affordable housing for everyone, private + Council ▪ Finish all areas of and empty buildings utilised
Leisure	▪ Need more sports facilities in Stoke Park area ▪ More music venues
Open Space	▪ New developments must be child-friendly – more ball games? ▪ More dog parks

	▪ Good transport links are essential to enable access to the local infrastructure – using some of open-space and could incorporate the land to create multi-generational developments to enable all members of society equal access to great facilities
Public engagement and governance	▪ Think carefully and consult with residents more – Advertise and engage better with community, didn't realise this was going on ▪ One large combined Council (Suffolk Coastal, Mid Suffolk, Babergh and Ipswich)
Redevelopment	▪ Brewery sites and County Hall need to be developed/saved ▪ County Hall Gateway to town needs to be developed ▪ Redevelop Northgate and Gainsborough areas – Sell Whitton for Housing ▪ Develop BHS site in town into an indoor market ▪ Sort wine rack building ▪ Utilise brownfield sites and enhance green sites into protected areas ▪ More and better development of the Waterfront ▪ New developments must be built sympathetically taking the original architecture of the town into account (designed by quality architects who understand concept) – no more obscene high rises such as The Mill ▪ Invest in the Mariner so it becomes a vibrant place – less congestion in high street – more focus on reducing crime (Ipswich feels unsafe after 6pm)
Tourism	▪ A decent metropolis where people want to visit ▪ Make Ipswich a place where people want to be – Parts of area are run down with no community spirit – no local amenities or places to meet ▪ Install posts to grass verges of main roads and out of centre to improve first impressions of people visiting the town
Transport and parking	▪ Better rail links ▪ Northern relief road ▪ Northern By-pass ▪ Driving home from work, rush hour traffic town gridlock ▪ Lack of flow between Waterfront and Town Centre ▪ Expansion of the shuttle bus service to all leisure centres and commercial services ▪ More free parking – Pay & Display car parks are a bad idea – discourage people from shopping/eating in town centre ▪ Need a tram system ▪ Expand, however keep Woodbridge, Melton area free of housing ▪ IBC needs a bigger bus route are – Need to have Kesgrave and Martlesham Heath areas as part of bus route ▪ Need less traffic congestion and better road and rail links. Roads within the town and on the approaching roads e.g. A12 and Copdock interchange are heavily congested at busy times due to roadworks and closure of Orwell Bridge ▪ Need better traffic management between Sainsburys garage (Hadleigh Road) and the Mermaid ▪ Re-open the link between Star Lane and College Street – is a barrier to cars and pedestrians ▪ A better integrated public transport situation

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Comments received via interactive exercises

Likes	Dislikes
▪ Town is tidy, attractive for visitors ▪ The architecture ▪ Statues ▪ Town market (leave the Cornhill alone) ▪ Ipswich FC (when they play well) ▪ Proximity to facilities ▪ The potential ▪ Regeneration of the Waterfront and parks areas ▪ Train Station ▪ Number of parks and open spaces ▪ The general ambience ▪ Sense of community spirit ▪ People have hope for the future ▪ The people ▪ The shops and restaurants ▪ Christchurch Park ▪ Museums ▪ New Butter Market (shops and restaurants)	▪ Drug dealing ▪ Gangs on the streets ▪ Lack of policing ▪ Buy back car parks from NCP – Parking throughout the town is scattered and uncoordinated ▪ Number of unemployed ▪ Litter on the streets ▪ Yobbish behaviour, crime ▪ Population growth ▪ Traffic ▪ Disjointed public transport ▪ Lack of big names stores ▪ More unfinished areas and derelict buildings ▪ At times feels like Ipswich is in a transitional period – doesn't know what it wants to be ▪ Homelessness ▪ Lack of facilities for young people ▪ Negative attitude of the local people ▪ Lack of mid to high range jobs available ▪ Lack of tourist attractions and town pride