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## Introduction and Summary

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## They liked

- Parks and open spaces
- Good neighbours and living near their friends
- The local shops and schools

## They don't Like

- The traffic and dangerous roads

## They would like

- Improved Parks with more play equipment
- Improved sports facilities

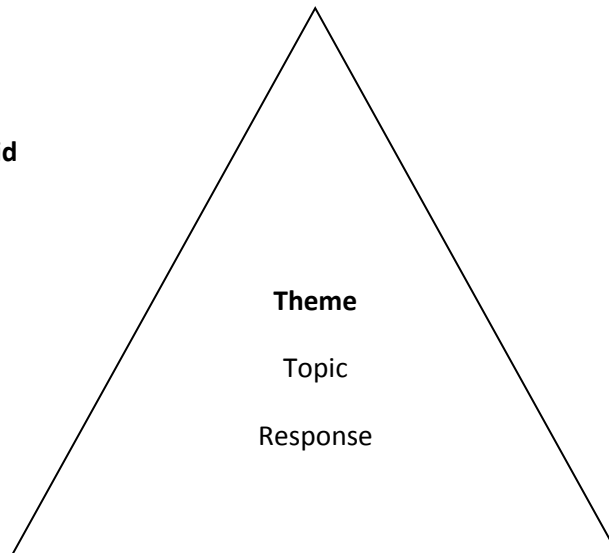
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## Analysis

Within the three questions posed, we received a total of 185 comments. These results identified 12 Themes of interest to the pupils: for ease of analysis we have used the same Themes used in our Residents & Businesses Surveys.

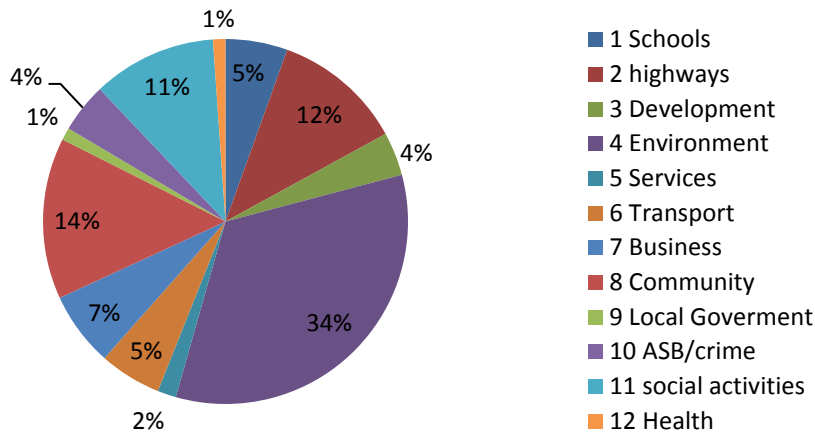
The Analysis Pyramid



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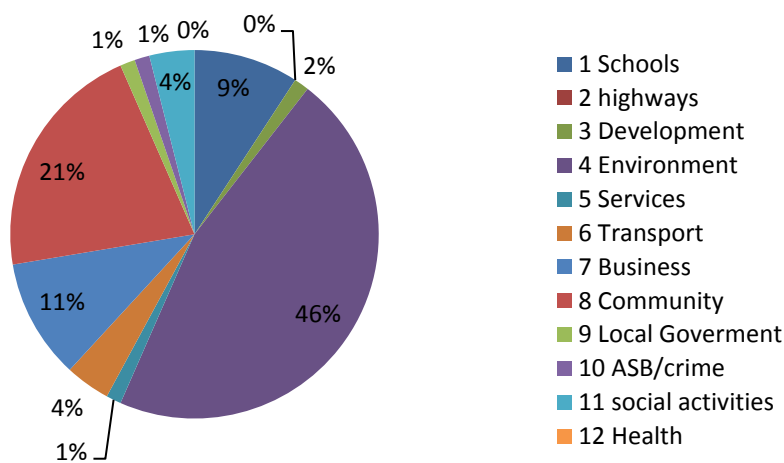
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### Overall responses to all questions



Within theme 4 the environment parks, open spaces and countryside featured most frequently, from simply liking them to somewhere to play.

### Question 1: What I like

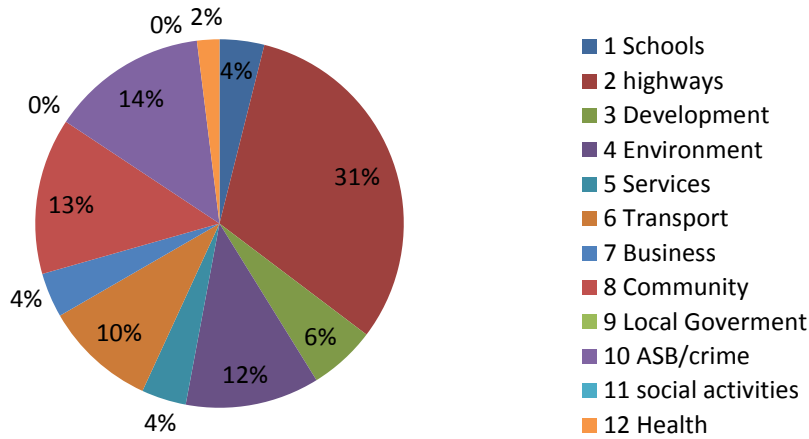


Within Theme 4 Parks came out top followed by open spaces countryside, and wild life Community theme 8, friendly neighbours and friends living near by were the points made. Other points mentioned were local shops (theme 7) and the village school and the access to other good schools.

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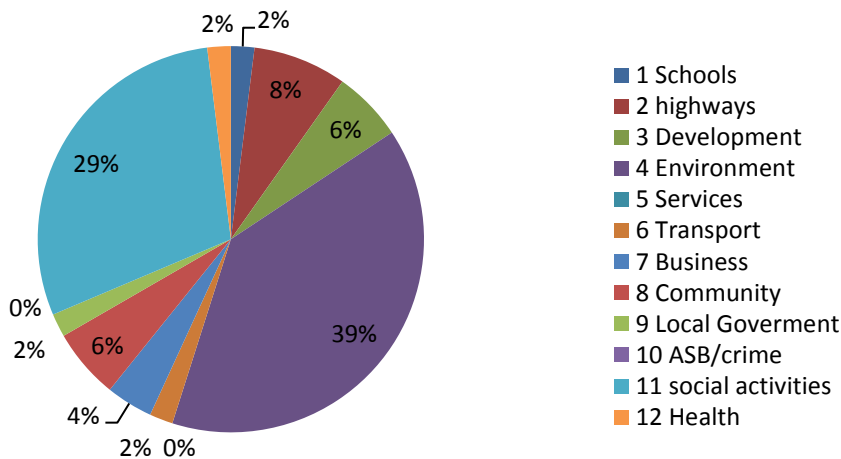
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### Question 2: What I don't like



Theme 2 (Highways) speeding traffic was not liked, and traffic speed in the village and in the rural lanes was also commented upon. The safe crossing of roads was considered a problem with Station Road/Sleepshyde lane and A414 noted, and drivers not stopping at crossings. Theme 11 (ASB/crime) litter and dog poo were the main issues raised.

### Question 3: What I would like



Parks, open spaces and the country side featured highly in this question with improvements to parks with new play item and activities and more wild life in woods and ponds in the area are all mentioned (theme 4). In theme 11 (Social and sports) the wish for a swimming pool, a Theme park, improvement to the existing sport facilities with a goal on the football pitches and sport courts were also requested.



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### Thank You

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Below are the responses we've received.

	Age	Location	What I like	What I don't like	What I would like
1.	8	Alban Way South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ There are lots of nice places where I can walk my dog</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Some of the pavement on Colney Heath Lane are broken up and others are Blocked by bushes and branches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Traffic lights at the junction of Colney Heath Lane and the A414 to make it easier and safer for me to get to school</li> </ul>
2.	4	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like the plants. I kiss them every day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Cars go too fast on the road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Cycle path for bikes + roller blades</li> </ul>
3.	4	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like the village community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Speeding traffic through the village</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A secondary school!</li> </ul>
4.	4	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like that it is very green</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ There is not much to do at the park by the scouts hut. It is a bit rubbish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A better playing park and a 'skate' park for scooters &amp; bikes</li> </ul>
5.	6	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ It's very quiet and I like the school.</li> <li>➢ I also like Colney Heath football club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The village is too small</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A cricket club</li> </ul>
6.	6	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like where there is a field outside my house and watching the tractor in the field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I do not like rapeseed</li> <li>➢ I do not like the dog poo on the footpaths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Swimming pool in the park</li> </ul>
7.	6	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like that all my friends live close and that I can walk to school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Our Park is rubbish, we need new stuff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A new Park at the football club</li> <li>➢ A village party every year.</li> </ul>
8.	7	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The school</li> <li>➢ The park</li> <li>➢ That I can play out safely in the close</li> <li>➢ Beavers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Not many shops</li> <li>➢ Too much fast traffic along the High Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Play equipment for older children – eg outdoor gym or BMX jumps/skateboard ramps</li> </ul>
9.	7	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Because our friends live near us</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like everything</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ An outdoor swimming pool</li> </ul>
10.	7	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ That there's a big common to run round in</li> <li>➢ That you can walk to school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ That the houses are too close to the road.</li> <li>➢ You can play out the front garden.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A bigger garden</li> </ul>
11.	8	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like the park</li> <li>➢ I like the people living in Colney Heath</li> <li>➢ I like the school in the village</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The way people don't stop at the Zebra Crossing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I would like a secondary school so everyone at the primary school can move on to the secondary.</li> </ul>
12.	8	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like the park, the field, cake shop and newsagents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Swimming pool</li> <li>➢ Better play equipment</li> </ul>
13.	9	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ That you don't have to walk very far to go to the church or school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ That the cars don't indicate in our drive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Bigger gardens</li> </ul>
14.	9	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I have some of my friends around me and the people around us are very kind and respect the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ It's not got a very good park</li> <li>➢ It's a bit noisy because we have a lot of planes going over us</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A better park</li> <li>➢ I would like a fish and chip shop</li> <li>➢ A swimming pool near to us.</li> </ul>





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15.	9	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Every neighbour is so kind</li> <li>➢ Everyone who is living in the High Street is so cheerful</li> <li>➢ The heath is very pretty</li> <li>➢ It's a small village not a big town</li> <li>➢ Lots of countryside to walk through</li> <li>➢ It's a peaceful village</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ People buying cakes and sweets every day after school – too much sugar!</li> <li>➢ I don't like the heath being flooded.</li> <li>➢ I don't like people swearing (?//!!)</li> <li>➢ I don't like people throwing rubbish on the streets</li> <li>➢ Dog poo on the pavements and in the park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ More seats at the Colney Heath Football Club – eg seats all around the pitch with 5 tiers!</li> <li>➢ An air field nearby in the villages</li> <li>➢ Hospital, fire station and police station in the village</li> <li>➢ Football goals in the Park and pitch markings on the grass. Running track around the football pitch</li> <li>➢ Bicycle track all the way round the entire park except car park.</li> </ul>
16.	10	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ It has a park</li> <li>➢ It has a newsagent and bakery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Cars drive too fast through the village, especially on the longabout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ An activity centre to encourage children to have fun outside</li> </ul>
17.	10	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like it in Colney Heath because it has lots of things that you will need in your life, for example, it has pubs and shops and lots of houses. Also, it has a school like most villages. I also like the fact that I live near a tonne of my friends because my older brother and sister's friends live in places like Barnet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ There's nothing I don't like about Colney Heath.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A lot of people that live here have got to go out of the village to go swimming or go to the gym, which can be really annoying. So it would be nice to have a sports centre here or something.</li> </ul>
18.	11	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like the common because then I can run around it whenever</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The park is run down and needs to be repainted and maybe added to.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Redo the park</li> <li>➢ Start a scout group</li> <li>➢ Football goals near the scout hut.</li> </ul>
19.	11	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The school, the football club</li> <li>➢ It is very quiet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ No secondary school in the village</li> <li>➢ My lane sometimes floods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ More shops</li> <li>➢ An astro-turf football pitch</li> </ul>
20.	11	Colney Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ We have parks which are a fun place to hang out with some friends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The parks that I go to are many of the time being used and mobbed by teenagers. If I am at the park and a mob of teenage boys come over me and whoever I am with will immediately leave the park!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Some sort of sport court.</li> <li>➢ It would be nice to have some nets for netball/basketball or even volleyball courts</li> <li>➢ Maybe a skate park!</li> </ul>
21.	4	Jersey Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Lots of open space</li> <li>➢ Places to play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Nothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Nothing</li> </ul>
22.	6	Jersey Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Lots of open space to play in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Not enough local shops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Swimming pool or splash park</li> </ul>
23.	5	Near St Albans Town Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre</li> <li>➢ Local parks</li> <li>➢ Local shops in walking distance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Too much traffic at the weekend on residential roads – rubbish men actually – too early!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A Theme Park nearby</li> </ul>
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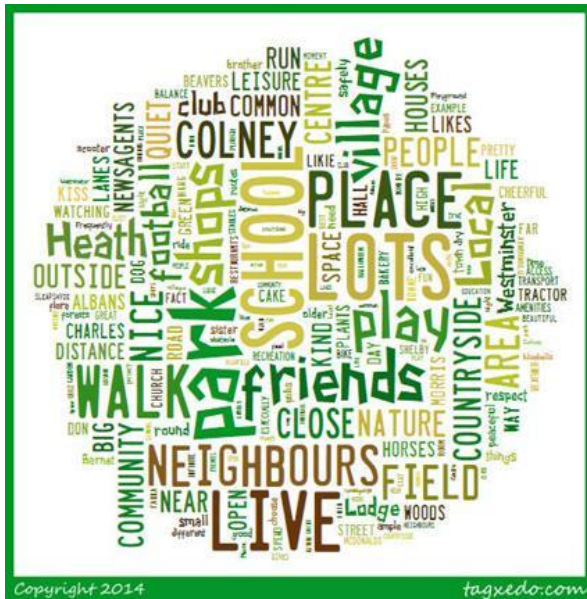
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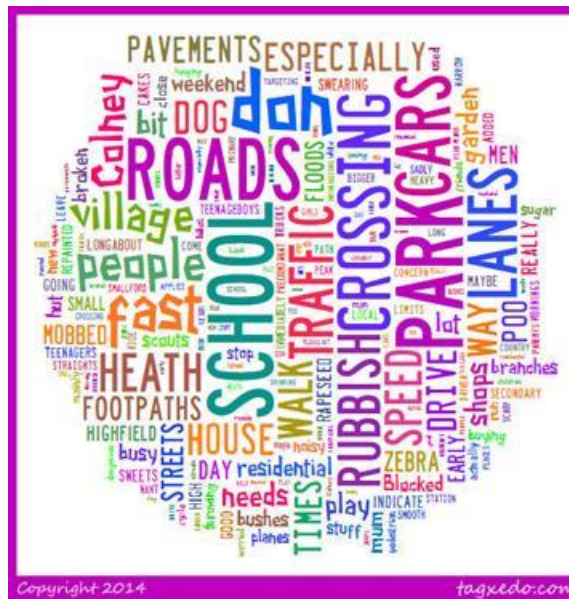
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25.	4	North Mymms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Shelby likes being able to ride his scooter and balance bike around the countryside lanes.</li> <li>➢ He likes to be outside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Cars that go too fast down the lanes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A park that has pretend roads to ride his scooter &amp; balance bike safely</li> </ul>
26.	8	North Mymms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ It's mostly countryside , full of nature (I like nature)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Lots of cars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A really big lake that's full of frogs</li> </ul>
27.	9	Oaklands Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I t has good access to amenities and transport routes</li> <li>➢ There are lots of schools to choose from</li> <li>➢ We have ample parks and recreation areas to spend time in and Alban Way is a great way to get from place to place, especially when the weather is dry!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The traffic is too heavy at peak times with the speed that some driver at being a concern at less busy times. Many do not keep to speed limits, especially on the 'straights' and even when zebra/pedestrian crossings are in the roads are predominant!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Zero pollution public transport or reduced pollution public transport</li> </ul>
28.	8	Potter Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like my neighbours</li> <li>➢ My horse field</li> <li>➢ Lots of shops, restaurants and parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ That I can't walk to school and I want a bigger garden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A detached house.</li> <li>➢ A big, exciting wood to go exploring in</li> </ul>
29.	5	Potters Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Playing football</li> <li>➢ Friends who live down the road</li> <li>➢ Shops</li> <li>➢ McDonalds</li> <li>➢ Parks/places to play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ That I can't walk to school</li> <li>➢ I can't play with my friends sometimes because of my mum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A funfair in the field behind my house.</li> </ul>
30.	8	Sandridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ There are lots of forests in the area which have many different types of flora and fauna living in them.</li> <li>➢ The woods are rather a beautiful sight at the moment with infinite bluebells.</li> <li>➢ Frequently horses from the local stables trot up and down our road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Sadly there are not enough cycle paths which are smooth enough to ride our bikes.</li> <li>➢ Many of the roads are narrow country lanes and don't have footpaths so they are not very safe to walk on.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The woods could be better developed for playing in, for example having exercise paths, a zip wire, or wooden jungle gyms.</li> <li>➢ Also I would like to see an introduction of deer to the woods</li> </ul>
31.	8	Sleapshyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ It's got nice neighbours and there is lots of room to play.</li> <li>➢ It has lots of nature</li> <li>➢ It has power cuts so we can all stay together at night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Crossing Smallford Lane to walk to school, it's really scary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢</li> </ul>
32.	9	Sleapshyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like the park and all the obstacle courses in Sleapshyde Lane</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I don't like the crossing Station Road on my way to school because the cars go really fast.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢</li> </ul>
33.	11	Smallford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The people are nice</li> <li>➢ Colney gives me an excellent education which will give me the best start in life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ It's a long way to school from my house and I have to cross two very busy roads</li> <li>➢ My parents are worried about a 'man in a white</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A traffic light near the road near Sleapshyde Gardens</li> <li>➢ A local farm (with horses, etc) for families to go (I</li> </ul>

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				van' who is targeting young girls	live far away from most shops & Galleria and taxis cost a fortune)
34.	4	Tyttenhanger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Playground (Charles Morris Hall)</li> <li>➢ We like our neighbours</li> </ul>	➢	➢ Pick your own
35.	6	Tyttenhanger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The woods out the back of my garden</li> <li>➢ We like our next door neighbours, we play with them</li> </ul> <p><b>MUM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Charles Morris Hall</li> <li>➢ Plough at Tyttenhanger</li> <li>➢ Community feel &amp; events – eg quiz, bonfire, Halloween, Highfield Park</li> <li>➢ Very lucky to live in such a lovely area so close to St Albans Centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ I like everything around our house</li> </ul> <p><b>MUM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Crossing A414 from Colney Heath School every day – very dangerous</li> <li>➢ Lack of primary school places when we applied (2011)</li> <li>➢ People hanging out and drinking beer with dogs off leads around Highfield Park</li> <li>➢ Litter</li> <li>➢ Intimidating, especially when out on own with children</li> <li>➢ Cars speeding round Highfield Park Drive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ They could grow a 'pick your own' fruit garden</li> </ul> <p><b>MUM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Traffic calming on Highfield Park Drive</li> <li>➢ Safer crossing on A414</li> <li>➢ Information about when fields are going to be sprayed so we can move cars/close windows</li> <li>➢ Fill in pot holes at Community Centre, Colney Healthy</li> </ul>

**What we like about our Area**



**What we dislike about our Area**



**What we would like in our Area**

