



# HEALTHY, VIBRANT AND FUN: NOTRE DAME PUPILS' IDEAS FOR TOWN REGENERATION



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# INTRODUCTION

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Following our recent document, 'Healthy, vibrant and fun: our response to the town Regeneration Framework', the Health Improvement Commission were keen to amplify the voices of young people on the subject. We collected views of local school pupils who go to school in St. Peter Port. Many of these children also live in the Parish.

We're very thankful to Notre Dame School who took a walk with us to some of the regeneration areas and shared their ideas.

The pupils who joined us were from the school's 'Rights Respecting Group', a UNICEF scheme based on the importance of human rights for children. Read more about this [here](#).



The participating group with Alun Williams, Be Active Lead, Alex Costen, Active Travel Officer and Harriet Aldous-Granby, Communications Officer.



# IDEAS FROM YOUNG MINDS

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The group had many ideas which we noted on the walk. We then went back to the school to group the suggestions into categories. The pupils then voted on what they wanted to see the most, listing their top three choices.

Here is the long list of topics that were important to the group:

- Grassy open areas
- Interactive water features
- Viewing areas/Maps (digital maps) considering child height
- Art/murals/trails/painted stairs/fairy doors
- Accessibility concerns around cobbles
- Free water refill stations
- Increase in number of bins
- Areas for bike parks and cycle paths
- Smoke-free areas
- Child-focused food options, particularly alternatives to hot drinks. They were also keen to see more vegan and vegetarian choices.
- Nature-focussed trails/bird boxes/pollinator patches
- Vegetable markets
- Play areas
- Gateways to town which engage and appeal to children. In the Town regeneration Framework, gateways refer to how one enters the three areas marked for regeneration.



The pupils wanted to see more green areas and commented on the surrounding area of the Mignot Plateau. They thought this area could be a great community space.

# COBBLES – BEGONE!

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The most popular option the pupils ranked was cobbles causing accessibility concerns. This was interesting so we asked a few questions about what they'd like to see and why.

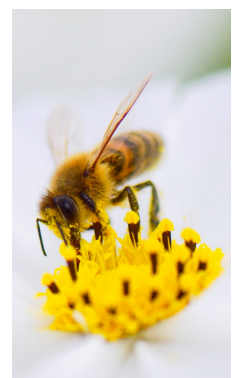
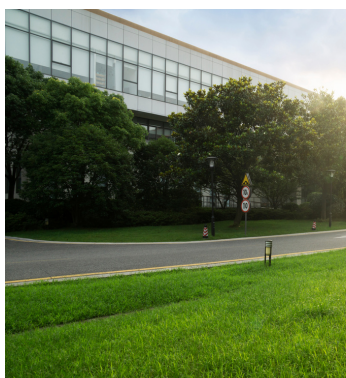
They felt that it was unfair that cobbles mean some people cannot access St. Peter Port easily and mentioned wheelchair users and those with unseen disability. It was interesting to see a young generation caring so much about access needs that they prioritised this over things such as space to play.

## SECOND PLACE

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The second most popular option was a four way tie:

- Grassy open areas, for play and the benefits to nature
- Smoke-free areas
- Interactive water features
- Nature-focussed trails/bird boxes/pollinator patches





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