

APPENDIX OF RESPONSES to BIG BATHGATE SURVEY

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Q3 What in your opinion make Bathgate a better place to live

No. Responses

- 1 Improved road network as it is unable to cope due to all the houses built at Wester Inch.
Don't understand this question. Should it be "makes" ie currently, or "would make" ie a hypothetical thing. So, can't answer as is.
- 2 High street shops
Independent shops/better restaurants and pubs. Similar to Linlithgow. Over crowded with charity and tea rooms. Best places are Present Time and 1912.
- 3 Good commuter belt town. Good access to countryside
- 4 House prices
If it could get back to its former glory. Rather than takeaways hairdressers beauty shops and charity shops
- 5 More variety of shops.
- 6 Better shops
- 7 Because is not too big, not too small with a bit of everything inside and Etherogeneity
- 8 More retail outlets and other events to bring people back into Bathgate
- 9 Decent shops
Demolishing the old Room at the Top, now Yo-yo and other poorly planned and designed buildings eg old William Low building and creating community facilities in these locations. Cheaper rail prices - if the Scottish Government are serious about reducing cars on the road then they need to make rail travel more affordable. Better quality eateries / cafe culture
- 10 as opposed to pubs.
- 11 Not much
Great position between Glasgow and Edinburgh. 5 minutes and out in country. Friendly place too. Wonderful hairdressers and beauty salons. 1912 is great place to meet friends. Nice Italian restaurant and good fish/ chips. Golden Swallow for excellent Chinese food. Good butchers. Famous pies! Annual festival. Love going to cinema in Bathgate.
- 12 Invest in shops it's all takeaways and charity shops
- 13 Community groups for teenagers

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- 17 Council money being spent more wisely. More commitment by council to clear snow from side streets in winter. Forced change e.g. LED streetlights, some streets too poorly lit at night under new lights e.g. Glenmavis Drive whilst streets e.g. the Green get far superior lighting!!! More consultation with residents on issues like this.
- 18 Better town centre. Also road improvement and better systems such as boghall roundabout. Contraflow system or rush hour traffic lights.
- 19 Schools are good
- 20 Location.
- 21 Better clothes shops, so you can buy a gent's suit in Bathgate
- 22 Council investing in road redevelopment
- 23 Better bars than anywhere else in West Lothian.
- 24 Good transport to other places
- 25 Shopping options could be better, perhaps more artisan stores
- 26 Good schools. Good facilities for children (pre-school)
- 27 Bathgate is the best place
- 28 Put more clothing shops in rather takeaway or beauty parlours or hairdressers
- 29 Improve facilities and upgrade town centre to
- 30 Attract a better quality of shop to the main streets. No more hair dressers and food outlets.
- 31 More high-quality shops
- 32 More clothing shops
- 33 More shops all that's here are takeaways, hairdressers and charity shops??
- 34 More things for kids
- 35 Need to get better shops in the precinct...try and do something with it and the steel yard as it's a concrete jungle
- 36 Shops. But not charity, hairdressers /nail shops or cafes.
- 37 Better/modern shopping local (not commercial) facilities. More available youth activities (community centres). More local restaurants and leisure facilities.
- 38 Community
- 39 A better range of shops
- 40 get rid of all the junkies leaving needles in street
- 41 Brighten the place up make it look more inviting in the older communities
- 42 More shops
- 43 Transport links, my house and local restaurants
- 44 The Council do a good job to keep the place nice.
- 45 Better shops
- 46 Close knit community
- 47 supermarkets
- 48 Surrounded by fields to maintain country feeling and major historical sites within 30 minute drive
- 49 Moving it to the Costa Del Sol
- 50 More shopping shops as Livingston stole our town
- 51 More facilities
- 52 better transport service

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- 53 Less hustle and bustle compared to Livingston
- 54 A complete overhaul and modernisation programme in the Town Centre.
- 55 Shopping facilities in Wester Inch
- 56 Friendly
- 57 No speed bumps
- 58 Close to transport and shops.
- 59 More community spirit - opportunities for local businesses and volunteer organisations
- 60 There are more good people than bad
- 61 Close to friends and family...and 1 good nightclub
- 62 Lots of things to do
- 63 House priced
- 64 It's better than the surrounding areas.
- 65 More good eating places
- 66 Communities working together to improve area and environment.
More activities for kids at night as when you're a full time working parent you can't get to the classes in the afternoon at the sports centre
- 67
- 68 Less pubs and more shops
More shops
Houses
- 69 Entertainment
Providing the local people with a town centre to be proud of - a variety of local businesses providing local goods.
- 70
- 71 Easy to get to. Easy to walk around.
- 72 The surroundings. Amount of nature and open space for young families.
Bathgate town centre needs a total revamp with new shops excluding charity shops beauty salons bpokes and eating places of which there are too many.
- 73
- 74 Not much
- 75 great local cinema and transport links
- 76 Not much
- 77 Where I was born
- The only thing that keeps me in Bathgate is my parents. I wish that when I was 20 and my parents asked me if I would be happy with them moving contents, I had been confident in myself to let them make the
- 78 move. Then I would not reside in West Lothian anymore.
- 79 Transport links
- 80 Everything you need day to day is within walking distance
- This question is not understood should it read "would make" ? If so more town centre investment/promotion, perhaps a weekly town centre market at the steelyard, rip up the precinct and
- 81 reintroduce traffic to aid traffic flow and remove the speed bumps from Menzies road.
- 82 More shops
- 83 Lovely people
- 84 Fantastic transport links vie train and bus decent local supermarket
- 85 More things for family / kids to do.
- 86 Somewhere for teenagers to go.

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- 87 Less empty shops and more car parks. A bowling alley or a pool with flumes etc would bring more to the economy and community.
- 88 Quiet
- 89 Making George Street useable for cars, that street is an embarrassment being the 'heart of the town' rates I think are too high and we need to attract unique sole owner businesses
- 90 Transport links. Central location.
- 91 More variety for young people and also variety of places to visit in terms of shopping etc
- 92 Better amenities
- 93 Better shops, sporting facilities and entertainment venues cinemas bowling etc
- 94 Better shops. Fed up hearing that shops have a high occupancy rate. Far to many charity shops and fast food outlets.
- 95 More places to eat out and socialise
- 96 Easy link to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 97 Better shops
- 98 Location and a village feel of community
- 99 Easier parking
- 100 Good variety of clubs and some restaurants too meet friends.
- 101 More jobs
- 102 More police
- 103 Less people
- 104 Place of birth
- 105 The train links to both Edinburgh and Glasgow. Couple of decent restaurants and pubs
- 106 Needs to be more joined up. Recently attended Panto at the Regal ~ what a fantastic production. Very community focussed!
- 107 It's size, large shop amenities, coupled with differing housing areas which are split up with green spaces, cycle path, many good little parks for little ones
- 108 Better shops
- 109 Better shops and restaurants
- 110 Variety of kid's activities.
- 111 Cheaper taxes and rent
- 112 Improved infrastructure, good quality roads, pavements and public places
- 113 Develop the retail park. Finish jobs that get started.
- 114 The train link & choice of amenities
- 115 Better facilities for watch out.
- 116 Easy to get places whether that be by train or taxi. Lovely places to eat and drink
- 117 Family and friends live here
- 118 Better local employment opportunities, better community facilities & better shops
- 119 Good community spirit
- 120 Good live music scene. Good community spirit
- 121 People and community
- **would make
- 122 Education
- 123 Better train links. Cinema.
- 124 Improve traffic flow through Bathgate
- 125 Close to main cities

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- 126 Near to Beecraigs
- 127 The fact that my family lives here.

- 128 Town centre is a bit dated and could do with more cafes, independent shops, restaurants and bars.
- 129 Everything we have here and love
Some nice housing developments and public facilities all near to town centre. Good for shopping and socialising and many events are held here. Could really do with redeveloping dreadnought hotel too.
- 130 Good access to motorways.
- 131 Feeling safe
- 132 Community feeling like Xmas activities & local gala day.
- 133 Friendly and peaceful
- 134 More shops esp. a town centre. It's shocking ,
- 135 Central links to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 136 This doesn't make sense!
- 137 Real sense of community. Has a town centre.
- 138 Close to the country side but easy traveling and peaceful
- 139 More investment in retail and restaurants
- 140 The people
Sort out litter and dog fouling
- 141 Reduce vandalism and anti social behaviour
- 142 Proximity to Motorway and railway station
- 143 Better traffic flow. Parking
- 144 Good transport links. Easy to get to Edinburgh & Glasgow. Good choice of food shops.
- 145 Updating the high street to many pound-shops/charity shops.
- 146 Better shops in centre
- 147 Less road works in download works
- 148 Wester inch needs facilities of its own.
- 149 Local park for kids @inch cross grange
- 150 Friendly people
- 151 Better shops
- 152 Shops in wester Inch. Better shops in Bathgate.
- 153 It's a great town everything on the doorstep without being in the city
- 154 More friendly environment than other towns
More community spirit, shops (not hairdressers or cafes) more for the young ones, community centres for example.
- 155 for example.
- 156 Ease of getting around, great train station and local shops, and parks for walking
- 157 Location
- 158 Train links and proximity to recreation services
- 159 Cheaper transport, better support for the likes of the regal
- 160 More things to do
- 161 Dropping rates and letting shops in
- 162 I was born in Bathgate and my friends are local
- 163 I am a Bathgate bairn so it's what I know
- 164 Train access to Glasgow and Edinburgh
- 165 More shops, restaurants
- 166 Better shopping

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- 167 Get rid of the Tory/Labour old boys club.
Traditional town rather than Livingston style which has no centre or community. I grew up here, so I
- 168 have links to the town
- 169 More restaurants
- 170 It's large and has a good array of shopping facilities
- 171 Friendly
Encourage better restaurants and individual traders. More like a small country town. Similar to
- 172 Linlithgow
- 173 Better town centre - less charity shops
- 174 Better town centre - less charity shops
- 175 Transport links
- 176 The shops being encouraged to stay and new ones opening
- 177 Community spirit. Lived here a long time
- 178 Nice and friendly people
- 179 Shops and takeaways
Everyone from Bathgate has the same opinion about its demise. We as a community feel that we have been forgotten about. It means that we feel like a proper community because we all come together to try and support the small local businesses that are left.
- 180 Provide facilities in the wester inch village, a shop, a village bar/restaurant like the Rowan Tree in
- 181 Armadale.
Bring more life back to the centre. Bathgate used to be buzzing when there were plenty shops to go to.
- 182 Now there are hardly any, nobody will come to Bathgate. This is causing the rest of the shops to close ??
- 183 Close to Edinburgh & Glasgow
- 184 Easily accessible public facilities such as the partnership Centre
- 185 More high-quality shops
- 186 Nothing except family, Bathgate has nothing to offer anymore
- 187 Can't think of anything
- 188 Boghall community wing is fantastic
- 189 For myself, nothing, it's a place to live and work.
Better town precinct. Just full of charity shops, hairdressers and takeaways. Very unappealing and can say why majority shop on Livingston.
- 190 It's central but needs better shops like Primark and Deichmann instead of all those charity shops and eateries.
- 191 Open up the roads like main precinct, this would help trade in the shops and ease traffic in other streets. One way would even be better than the empty precinct we have at the moment. New St Mary's primary school is badly needed. Save Regal theatre for the Bathgate people, it's a great asset and could be used for so many things if managed correctly.
- 192 Less charity shop's, bookmakers and takeaways
- 193 Well connected to the rest of Scotland. Close to nature. Friendly people.
- 194 More shops
Better shops
More restaurants
- 195 Places for teenagers to meet up
- 196 The community spirit and general helpfulness of the people you meet
- 197 Value for money when buying
- 198

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- 199 Better selection of shops
- 200 More community based than Livingston.
- 201 More restaurants. Too many fast food shops
- 202 Handy for Glasgow, Edinburgh and Livingston
- 203 More options for going out for food and nicer bars.
- 204 It's small.
- 205 The roads that leave Bathgate
- 206 Location, it's easy to get anywhere with the motorways on your doorstep
- 207 Open up the main road again and lower rents so more business come in
- 208 Commute to Edinburgh.

Less traffic congestion. Some form of traffic light/pelican crossing at the crossroads near the mid street car park. During peak traffic times it is hazardous for pedestrians trying to cross the road. Cars parking on footpaths outside auto repair shop, army supplies shop is problematic. Pedestrians forced to walk around the cars on the road. Wheelchair users and pushchairs/prams not able to use the footpath especially in the early morning where vans are also parked on the footpaths.

- 209 Nothing
- 210 Nothing
- 211 More up to date shops.
- 212 Good transport links

Central area which is more easy to travel to places like Livingston and other West Lothian districts. Rail network is a fantastic resource especially commuting to Glasgow . All

- 213 My family loves be in Bathgate and would never leave
- 214 Improved shopping Livingston has taken too much business away
- 215 Improved shopping facilities
- 216 My family as I have lived here all my life

- 217 Nothing at the minute. The poor relative
Family

- 218 Bathgate cinema is awesome
- 219 Friends good walks good transport
- 220 Quiet
- 221 The people
- 222 Ease of transport to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 223 Peaceful neighbourhood
- 224 Better cloths shops

- 225 Make the town centre appealing. I would never go for a walk round Bathgate. It is depressing and has no features.

- 226 Nothing it's s dump

- 227 For Bathgate precinct to have a variety of shops. The heart of Bathgate is getting desolate with mainly charity, booking shops and takeaways. Perhaps having a roof over the precinct in time could be beneficial too.

- 228 Family and friends around. Community spirit. Needs more family restaurants that's aren't pubs.
- 229 More branded shops with lower rent for the shop owners.
- 230 Easy place to leave from
- 231 Variety of shops.
- 232 The people

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- 233 It still has a market town feeling without having a market.
- 234 Regeneration in the town centre
I don't think it is a better place to live. I only returned to Bathgate to be closer to family. Previously I lived in what was deemed one of the most deprived areas in the UK, however it's shops, transport links and sense of community were much better than Bathgates are I'm afraid.
- 235 and sense of community were much better than Bathgates are I'm afraid.
- 236 Everything is central
- 237 Train link to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 238 People are so friendly
- 239 Perfectly placed for rail, road and air links
- 240 Actions to revitalise the town centre not paving only
- 241 Close to family & friends
- 242 Traffic management
Civic Town centre pride. Shop front make overs. More UK chain shops/franchises like Greggs. Costa got refused planning permission recently! DOH!
- 243 refused planning permission recently! DOH!
- 244 Better quality retail. Less rubbish along streets
- 245 More shops instead of just charity shops
- 246 Bathgate has great transport links into Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- 247 Better places to go out eating
- 248 Less takeaways and more shops we need like clothes and shoes
- 249 More community-based activity
- 250 Earlier buses on sat sun morning!
- 251 More shops
- 252 The community
- 253 Less empty shops
- 254 Friendliness of most people. The wee buzz you get up town. The Regal and the cinema.
- 255 It's a loving area with people who care about other people
- 256 better shops
Better places to eat as a family, less "cheap" shops and less cheap pubs filled with teenagers getting drunk
- 257 drunk
A regenerated town centre, with shops and businesses that people will use making it more a community feel rather than people spending money elsewhere.
- 258 feel rather than people spending money elsewhere.
- 259 Better affordable public transport to Glasgow and Edinburgh
- 260 Sense of community, good playparks.
- 261 Better class of shops.
- 262 A wider range of shops
- 263 Situated on the central belt.
- 264 Community feel
- 265 Better shopping
- 266 Remove speed bumps and replace with traffic calming measures
- 267 Better shopping
- 268 More police
Everything I need on my doorstep and Edinburgh or Glasgow just a short drive or train journey. Friendly people. Recent investment in the town and improving shops/restaurants. Close proximity to countryside and Beecraigs Country Park.
- 269 and Beecraigs Country Park.
- 270 make it into a nice local town again instead of spending all the money in Livingston

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- I don't think it is a good place to live! Crime in my neighbourhood is soaring. The only thing good is the rail links to get out of here.
- 271 rail links to get out of here.
- 272 Great pubs, cafes & diners.
- 273 Lack of decent shopping
- 274 Friends and family
- 275 Good range of housing
- 276 More decent shops
- 277 Better services for poorer families
- 278 Police on the beat
- Better shops ie independent stores, reduce rates in George Street as it's the quietest street in Bathgate
- 279 and it should be the busiest, it's awful
- 280 Better shopping facilities
- 281 Better selection of local shops
- Very handy for travelling to both an Edinburgh and Glasgow due to train service. Baby/toddler groups available. Good choice of places to eat out.
- 282 available. Good choice of places to eat out.
- 283 The city train link
- 284 The people. The open spaces and easy access to Edinburgh and to a lesser degree, Glasgow.
- 285 Great transport links, between the 2 cities. An ever-expanding list of local businesses.
- 286 Cleaner streets, more colour at the Steelyard....grey is very bland.
- 287 Great community activities
- Several - Have all the buildings in around the precinct standardised to a few colours. It's a bit of a mish mash at present with all the different colours, advertising signs, shop fronts etc.
- Use the precinct for open markets, such as farmers market, German market, shop owner's day...get them out on to the streets once a month with discount products.
- 288 them out on to the streets once a month with discount products.
- 289 less charity shops and more decent bigger named retailers
- 290 Less houses being built
- Short train journey from Glasgow to Edinburgh and not far to travel for good shopping centre in Livingston and the hills/ country side just on the doorstep.
- 291 Livingston and the hills/ country side just on the doorstep.
- 292 Bring back shoppers to the town centre. Entice retailers back.
- 293 Good amenities
- 294 Some shops and not just charity shops and takeaways
- 295 More shops less charity shops
- 296 Semi rural
- 297 Lots of fun things to do with kids
- 298 More specialist shops and less charity shops
- 299 Closeness to countryside
- 300 Nice and peaceful town with a lot of history.
- 301 Friends and family who are always willing to help.
- 302 Revamp the town
- 303 The exit
- 304 Cheaper properties
- 305 Don't think Bathgate is a better place to live
- 306 If wester Inch got the promised shops
- 307 Good community

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- 308 Better high street shops to avoid having to drive to Livingston! I love where I live I can walk into town centre on 15minutes just wish there was more there as there is space with the empty shops and the wasted land by Morrisons.
- 309 The shopping environment needs to improve in Bathgate. the recent re-development has actually detracted from the charm that Bathgate should be using as its unique selling point, rather than the modernisation which just looks out of place. Bathgate can't compete with the modern shopping centres and the council should be encouraging smaller boutique shops and a more traditional feel.
- 310 I like the cinema and the pubs. Decent places to eat but the clubs are crap.
- 311 I've grown up in the town and been also where but came back to raise my family. It's got great schools and activities for the family and has great community events such as John Newlands procession and Party in the Park.
- 312 More local shops
- 313 Better shopping - has gone downhill in the 20 years I've lived here.
- 314 Cheaper transport links
- 315 More easily affordable sporting facilities
- 316 Good transport links
- 317 More sports facilities
- 318 More, and more varied community activities. And better information about them. Theatre space and touring drama performances.
- 319 Better sports facilities for kids football similar to Broxburn/Blackburn and the program for Armadale
- 320 Wester Inch has a very good community feel.
- 321 friends and family also lived here all my life
- 322 More local amenities in large housing estates, especially shops and restaurants. Wester inch should have the same at least as in southdale in Armadale.
- 323 Small town lower house prices attract new families
- 324 More access to sporting facilities for our kids not only in sports clubs but all types of sports.
- 325 Facilities
- 326 Always lived here so can't really comment on other places
- 327 Everything I need on my doorstep, whilst still being removed from the major cities, so quiet enough.
- 328 Improved shopping and parking
- 329 The sense of community.
- 330 Love the cinema & nice places to eat out
- 331 Friends still live here since been baby
- 332 More shops not take always. More things for kids
- 333 Investment in shopping
- 334 More shops. Less empty buildings.
- 335 Better sports facilities
- 336 The people of Bathgate are some of the kindest people I have ever met.
- 337 Better shopping facilities in the town centre and fewer "carry-out" facilities and licensed premises
- 338 A once thriving market town coping reasonably well with the ever-changing face of high streets in Scotland. Plus ticked boxes above.

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- 339 Only an existence now. Use too be a great place lots of shops lots to do now everything closing or moving to Livi
- I see efforts are ongoing but improving the look of the town centre would be a good thing.
- 340 More facilities/activities for younger people might help reduce crime.
- 341 Get rid of the anti-social element
- Good transport links
- 342
- 343 Decent shops nothing but charity shops in Bathgate
- 344 Decent shops nothing but charity shops in Bathgate
- 345 Better grammar for a start!!! The council doing something about the state of the place! So dirty!
- 346 Nothing
- 347 Near the country side but also near shops
- 348 Better shops!!
- 349 Quieter than main towns such as Livingston and Edinburgh
- 350 The Train links.
- Bring back Guy Fox fire display and army displays in the meadow park these use to take place every year.
- 351
- 352 Cleaner streets, more responsible pet owners, teaching teenagers to be more respectful!!
- 353 having the train station is a big plus (if only it was more reliable)
- 354 Dreadnought rock
- 355 Excellent schools, transport links, golf course & supermarket selection.
- Community spirit and support. I also enjoy the facilities such as easy access to trains, theatre, cinema, sports centre etc.
- 356
- 357 Community spirit
- 358 Train
- Badly worded question - what would make Bathgate a better place to live. More support for local businesses (town centre is charity shops and pound shops).
- 359
- 360 Easy commute to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 361 Great community
- 362 More facilities for young kids to keep them off the streets and safe
- It's very central with good links to the city. We live in a quiet area and there is a lot to do within walking distance. We love the gala day too.
- 363
- 364 Community spirit
- 365 Council spending money
- 366 Friendly people
- 367 Better transport
- 368 Still a community but needs to try more
- A better mix of commercial and residential developments. Western inch is too big to have no facilities other than a school. That school is also too small for the size of the estate.
- 369
- 370 Sense of community.
- 371 Better shops!
- 372 Stop building any more houses... Bathgate roads/infrastructure is at bursting point!
- Better shops. I'm not interested in occupancy percentages. Make Bathgate more attractive for bigger businesses.
- 373

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- 374 Less traffic....or perhaps at least a one-way system
- 375 Decent supermarkets
Bathgate is so far full of cafes and charity shops. It needs something different as crowds have died down
- 376 and the community spirit is disappearing too.
- 377 Shopping
- 378 Small town with many commodities, easy link to neighbouring towns.
- 379 Easy to travel anywhere. Great road network
- 380 Not sure
- 381 Better shops in the precinct
Greater focus on constant reckless speeding on Marjoribanks Street. Need investment in deterrent
- 382 features
- 383 More shops more places to eat
Better and greater variety of bars, restaurants and family restaurants particularly in the Wester inch
- 384 area.
- 385 Shops in Wester Inch
- 386 More community events
Less traffic lights. Takes you longer to get from Boghall roundabout to Scotmid than Forthroad bridge to
- 387 Bathgate.
- 388 Diversity in our dogging groups
- 389 Good train links to town and decent supermarkets cracking wee cinema.
- 390 Stuff to do
- 391 Better shops
- 392 Junkies whores and alkie makes it shit
- 393 Better variety of shops.
- 394 Bathgate born and bread
- 395 There is nothing as the young ones are destroying everything
- 396 More clothes shops
- 397 Better shopping facilities
In the middle of Edinburgh and Glasgow is the main reason I've never left the area as good for job
- 398 options can go anywhere in central belt really plus family are here
- 399 Love it but could be more to do for the Kids
- 400 If the shops were to improve
- 401 Better shops less charity shops

An arena, for sports (basketball, athletics, concerts, shows (stunt shows), opera, plays and not to forget for the gala (indoor gala) a great day regardless of the weather. If it was built, people from other areas would come and it would generate business for other local businesses. It would also create jobs and the facility would encourage locals to attend a variety of events locally. If it was locate near the golf course at Morrisons, it could get sold to people as a sports arena with golf facilities. Even transform the 4G
- 402 pitch at the sports centre the banks of ground around it are ready made for seating (and a roof)
- 403 Commuting to work, right in the middle of the M8
- 404 Friendly
- 405 More decent shops
- 406 Location
- 407 Clean up the anti-social behaviour
- 408 Quiet and easy to get a round

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- 409 Good community spirit.
- 410 More places to eat out in town
- 411 Variety of restaurants
- 412 More shops.
- 413 Quiet and great train station
- 414 Schools. Transport. Small and contained
- 415 Easy to get to both Glasgow and Edinburgh
- 416 Better shops and restaurants.
Shops and services within Wester Inch Village.
- 417 A town centre makeover.
- 418 I have always lived in Bathgate great for travel
- 419 Would make or makes?!
- 420 Streets that you can walk safely to town centre without having to use unsurpassed like Livingston.
- 421 Was born here
- 422 Better shops
- 423 More shops and less cafes and fast food places
- 424 Community
- 425 More shops
- 426 Good bus links and train service
- 427 ?
- 428 Availability of different shops.
- 429 Procession
- 430 The train service
Better shops, pedestrian precinct is a disaster , should be made back to even a one way system as it's so
- 431 quiet and no shops want to be in a quiet street .
- 432 Community spirit
- 433 Personal history
More shops and better choice of restaurants. Better playparks/skatepark and other facilities for
- 434 children/young people.
- 435 More clothes and shoes shops
- 436 More things for kids to do
- 437 Good train links to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 438 Good train links to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 439 Community spirit, quality local businesses and good schools
- 440 We have everything we need on our doorstep. Supermarket, sports facilities, schools, train etc
- 441 Central town with good services to main cities.
- 442 Less parking down main street
- 443 My friends and family live here
- 444 More for young kids to do.
- 445 More buses and less restaurants. More varied shops
- 446 More bins and poo bins on cycle paths
- 447 Plenty to do is parks/ golf/ places to eat etc
- 448 Nice restaurants/bars/shops
Strong community, train station hub is excellent going east or west. Local cinema and family favourite
- 449 for us - xcite Bathgate pool. Great music venues, lots of love music

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- The DreadnoughtRock. Having great transport links to Edinburgh, Glasgow & Livingston. Good selection of shopping facilities as well.
- 450 of shopping facilities as well.
- 451 Shopping facilities in the Wester Inch area
- 452 Good transport links for commuting, places to eat out, baby groups to attend.
- 453 Convenience
- 454 Location
- 455 Train station, frequency of trains and parking at station.
- 456 Better range of shops
- 457 Better shops
- 458 Better shops
- more places to eat out - very limited at the moment.
- better range of shops - too many charity shops at the moment.
- some green space in the town centre - there is not where to eat my lunch outside. Meadow park has no picnic tables.
- 459 picnic tables.
- If the council screened potential tenants for suitability when being housed alongside existing tenants/owners.
- 460 tenants/owners.
- 461 Better than what? Unclear question
- 462 Its friendly
- 463 more choice of shops
- 464 Bring better shops to the town
- 465 Plenty to do and places to walk
- 466 More middle-class bars and restaurants.
- 467 Sense of community
- 468 It's a rubbish place
- 469 Better local businesses - currently too many takeaways and charity shops
- 470 To be honest don't see much of it as I'm at work most of the time.
- 471 Getting rid of the idiots
- 472 More community police on bikes ect when out on bike I've met some idiots
- 473 Cleaner streets
- 474 Get major investment and better shopping i.e. m and s
- tidy up the town and have better shops rather than charity shops hair dressers and kabab shops and
- 475 wasting money on expensive paving
- 476 Not much
- Unlike Livingston for example, Bathgate has a town centre, Bathgate has an 'Up the street' there's
- 477 nowhere like that outwith
- 478 Friendly people
- 479 Easily accessible by train. Can get all across the central belt with relative ease.
- 480 No sure
- Quality eating places & better high school that deals with bullying. Retail park with clothes shops for all
- 481 ages and people.
- 482 Friendly place to live and bring up kids with great transport links to Edinburgh, Glasgow
- 483 There are great transport links and some good local pubs/music venues.
- 484 No room at the top. Quiet town, new areas nice, increased spending leading to better facilities

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- 485 Nothing
- 486 It's fine apart from we need more doctors
- 487 Nice grammar there.
- 488 great location, friendly folks transport links, countryside spectacular beauty
- 489 Better variety of shops
- 490 Central location between Edinburgh, Glasgow and close to Livingston.
- 491 more Police
- 492 Music scene
- 493 Slowing the traffic down
- 494 Better shops on George street. It's pathetic now
- 495 More facilities for kids and teenagers to tackle anti-social behaviour
- 496 Better shopping options in town centre
- 497 None
- 498 More shops and restaurants
- 499 Family and friends living locally
- 500 Better shops
- 501 Community, similar happy faces, clean & reliable.
- 502 An hour to the sea or the hills on any direction
More community events could be held in public spaces e.g. farmers market or craft stalls in the
- 503 pedestrian precinct
- 504 Big enough to have a nice quality of life. Not too big like a city.
- 505 Better quality shopping
- 506 Great location, game is friends & never Gunn u s. a great wee town
- 507 Better transport links - bus services to Broxburn don't run evenings/Sundays or all go via Livingston adding an hour onto your journey. (Also, better grammar in survey questionnaires such as this!)
- Balbardie Primary is a very good school
Park next to swimming pool and Kaim Park are both very pretty
Good swimming lessons for kids
Access to M8 and trains
- 508 Proximity to countryside
- 509 More shops and restaurants, allotments, more council houses and more local employment
Less bookies, take away shops and beauty/hairdressers. More variety of quality shops and dog friendly restaurants.
- 510 New cinema is a great start. Much more could be made of the Regal.
- 511 Better shops
- 512 It is in a convenient location.
- 513 Community
More restrictions on who is given local Council housing. e.g., mixing young people with older residents
- 514 who have lived in their homes for many years.
- 515 The rail link system.
Having moved from Glasgow to near the sports centre, it's a quiet, peaceful life with good people
- 516 around you; safety
- 517 A better Main Street.
- 518 Community spirit
- 519 More local amenities including more restaurants.

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- 520 Very central
- 521 It's a nice size not too big a town
- 522 Nothing other than it has been home for close on 75 years
Change in the Steelyard. Since its refurb few folks use the area which used to be a popular meeting/relaxing spot. Little shelter, hard, cold uncomfortable seating and the Steelyard has lost its "soul"
- 523 "soul"
- 524 Bathgate is a friendly town with very good transport links
- 525 options and safety
- 526 Better parking facilities; more seating in the precinct - a better atmosphere to spend time there.
- 527 Better shopping
- 528 Plenty for kids to do sports wise.
Clampdown on cars parking on the pavement so not to have to squeeze by or go on the road with the
- 529 buggy
Property value. Easy access from motorways.
Clean streets.
- 530 Safety and security from drugs and alcohol users at night. Physical violence low compared to Livingston.
- 531 Better shops and public toilets at steelyard
- 532 More football orientated projects. Active projects. A dedicated shopping centre
- 533 N/A
- 534 Its location and appearance. Council maintain the place amazingly well amid the spending cuts.
Access to local heritage outdoor IE. Safe route to quiet roads proposal or access to outdoor areas as in
- 535 Linlithgow, Whitburn, Broxburn and East Calder . All smaller populations
- 536 Access to good facilities
- 537 Central location, more amenities than most towns in West Lothian.
- 538 More individual shops.
- 539 More effort needed by the council to bring back the town centre with decent shops
put back what Livingston has taken out. Encourage more shops etc.. a better bus services. We have a
- 540 great train service but no one knows Bathgate exists anymore
The schools are very good as are the transport links. Not only do we have the train line but we are so close to so many places. The town also has great amenities and we generally find people to be really
- 541 friendly.
- 542 better Restaurants
Not too big but big enough to be well provided for with shops etc. Also, good links to the rest of West Lothian and also Edinburgh and Glasgow if you want big city living. I love that it has a history and a
- 543 sense of belonging in its space.
Would make Bathgate a better place to live?? Environmental projects - litter picks cleaning up graffiti
- 544 etc
- 545 I don't understand the question.
- 546 Town situated in centre of Scotland
- 547 More nice quality restaurants/wine bars
- 548 Transport links
- 549 Cheaper childcare.
- 550 Getting rid of the SNP

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551 The fact that this town still has something of a community spirit despite all its issues - for a lot of people there is still a sense of pride in calling oneself a 'Bathgate Bairn'!

552 Location

553 Nice countryside nearby

554 Less charity, beautician and hairdressers shops

555 Friendly people, relaxed & down to earth atmosphere, great countryside close-by (Bathgate Hills & Beecraigs), good community facilities (Bathgate Partnership and clubs for kids)

556 More to do more shops, such as clothing and places to eat out in evening. Also, steelyard would benefit from tables and chairs from local cafes beer gardens etc for good weather. Devent market stalls in precinct regularly with local organic products. I think we should be encouraging sale of local organic products. Would benefit from local family festivals sampling local produce/food/ wines/music etc

Q4 What in your opinion is the biggest problem Bathgate has

No.	Responses
1	Poor road network. Too many of the same shops (charity, hairdressers, bookies, takeaways).
2	Empty and low-quality shops in town centre.
3	Lack of quality restaurants
4	Too many charity shops and tea rooms. No character anymore. With the influx of people from Edinburgh you would have thought there would be better shops/pubs/delis etc to attract them to stay local. Bathgate is run down, cheap looking. The main street through the shops is atrocious. Parking should not be allowed at all. Too many speed bumps and traffic lights. Always grid locked as soon as there is an accident on Motorway, people use it as a 'thoroughfare'.
5	Deteriorating town centre
6	Crime - I often don't feel safe out walking or even driving.
7	No decent eating places, too many pubs
8	Violent occurrences
9	Not enough large national retailers.
10	No heart in the town centre, charity shops, take aways, hairdressers, not exactly shopping utopia
11	No decent shops
12	Should have more life in town centre, more life after 18.
13	Serious underfunding has left Bathgate depleted. Shopping is now practically non-existent it's very sad to see such a vibrant town reduced to charity shops, hairdressers and cafes
14	Bathgate has been stripped and everything moved to Livingston so is it any surprise that Bathgate is a ghost town
15	No decent shops
16	Too many charity shops and bookies.
17	Too many pubs / people drinking. Glass on paths, dog poo on paths, little character in town centre, litter on the road behind McDonald's
18	Lack of parking facilities, lack of decent shops, lack of traffic wardens
19	Shopping is poor. Town Centre needs upgrade. A few specialist shops coming in would be wonderful. Too many betting shops and loan places. Feeding of pigeons should be banned. Litter and dog poo can spoil some areas. Danger of library closing. What about the Regal?
20	Feel it's all about building houses nothing for community
21	People...no community spirit, nobody knows who their neighbours are these days.
22	Failing town centre shops etc. Livingston centre has taken the custom. Very poor road surfaces.
23	No shops

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- 24 Disrespectful youths
- 25 Shopping facilities all closing down in centre and lack of attractions for new companies to come in.
- 26 Drugs, no parking wardens.
- 27 Too many pubs
- 28 Too many takeaway outlets and charity shops. Not enough money has been spent improving shopping in Bathgate. The council only cares about Livingston
- 29 Too many hairdressers takeaways, nail bars no point walking up the street as this is all there is
- 30 Too many charity shops and takeaways
- 31 Transport links could be better & majority of roads are in a very poor state of repair
- 32 Dismal high street
- 33 Not enough for teenagers.
- 34 Parking
- 35 No clothing shops, car parks are full up by Glenmavis bowling club you have camper vans nursery mini buses and council home aid vans taking spaces up so you can't get parking to visit the town
- 36 Parking
- 37 Lack of investment in attracting business
- 38 Vacant units high rates
- 39 Congestion on M8 motorway
- 40 The councillors who decided what make the decisions
- 41 Parking facilities
- 42 Lack of investment too many pubs and clubs
- 43 Dirty, rubbish shops, buses are awful. Too many bookies and charity shops.
- 44 No decent shops.
- 45 I think Livingston has stolen away a lot of the business Bathgate used to have in respects of shops restraints night life. There also seems to be too many hairdressers and nail bars in Bathgate.
- 46 Cheeky kids
- 47 Too many fast food outlets
- 48 It's high street
- 49 smack heads
- 50 A lot of shops closed now doesn't make prezi cat look very good
- 51 Not enough shops all good shops closed have to travel to Livingston
- 52 Not enough high street shops
- 53 Shops closing down in the town centre.
- 54 Closure of town centre shops, lack of investment in the town centre.
Too near Livingston for shops but maybe if someone would take a risk, they may be surprised - a decent shoe shop, clothes shop. A diy shop now that B&Q is away.
- 55
- 56 Shopping is poor and run down
- 57 Lack of shops
- 58 Some people not taking pride in their homes/Street
- 59 bus service

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- 60 Through traffic. mill road roundabout thru to train station and round to Argos is a shambles.
- 61 Not enough family friendly restaurants and bars.
- 62 Lack of decent restaurants and shops, far too many charity shops, takeaways \ fast food shops.
- 63 Poor retail in centre of the town Not enough to make people want to come to the precinct
- 64 Livingston
- 65 Youths
- 66 not enough buses for people who don't drive
- 67 The precinct is dying off need some more decent shops
- 68 It is dreary-looking.
- 69 No clothes shops
- 70 Speed bumps/ pot holes
- 71 Anti-Social Behaviour
- 72 Incomers who have no interest in Bathgate community which is being lost each year
- 73 Anti-social behaviour
- 74 Youths on the rampage is becoming a horrible feature of the town. This is young people from primary upwards running in gangs who have no respect.
- 75 Junkies
- 76 Roadworks
- 77 Poor shopping now
- 78 It's a ghost town
- 79 Not enough youth entertainment
- 80 Need more shops a shopping centre
- 81 Lack of shopping choices, too many pubs, bookies and charity shops.
- 82 Lazy jobless druggies and alcoholics!
- 83 Traffic
- 84 Nothing to do.
- 85 It seems the local council are determined to make Bathgate the worldwide centre for pubs, cafes and charity shops. The only thing missing from the town centre is the tumbleweed.
- 86 No bus to Glasgow as there used to be....and at present no seating in the shopping precinct.
- 87 Not enough good eateries/dining options
- 88 Bathgate has nothing for teenagers to do other than roam about getting into bother they shut the community centre and never replaced it
- 89 Youths, drugs, vandalism, irresponsible parking, violence
- 90 no decent shops in the town centre. it's all charity and takeaway shops.
- 91 A lot of people who abuse drink and drugs and don't work
- 92 The disastrous paving over in the main precinct, total waste of money . George St. Used to be the focal heart of the town now it is in need of drastic remedial care.

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	Bathgate has become the drink and drug hub of west lothian. Not only at the weekends but during daylight hours during the week.
	The "CCTV" does not point to the areas of most trouble. (Drink/drug violence, rape and murder)
93	Being a 30 year old that has lived in Bathgate 27 years of my life I have watched this beautiful town become as run down as Easterhouse in Glasgow. It doesn't help a bit that we no longer have a police force able to patrol our streets. Everything about Bathgate make me sick and the second I can afford to move away, I will be gone.
94	No decent shops you have to go to Livingston to shop.
95	Not enough shops. It's all charity shops/take away and hairdressers. We need a proper high street
96	drugs and Drug addicts
97	Not enough clothes shops!
98	Transport being late all the time and lack of parks and waterfronts
99	Not enough retail shops within the main steel yard many pubs and food outlets but that's about it
100	Lack of things to do as a family. Apart from a few family friendly restaurants for weekend dining and cinema there's nothing else.
101	Too many hoat tatties not enough places for young people and families to go for fun
102	No decent shops
103	Lack of decent shops
104	Not enough shops
105	Full of charity shops and hairdressers.
106	No decent shopping. Bathgate has increased in size/population yet no clothing shops/decent shopping facilities. Livingston Centre has taken over.
107	Too many pubs close together
108	Lack of local jobs
109	Too many places closing down
110	Lack of varied shops all we have are take a ways hairdressers and bookmakers
111	Bargain shops and boghall
112	Anti-social behaviour.
113	Litter
114	Too many pubs, bookies and cheap nail bars
115	Nothing for kids to do 11-15 years
116	Drugs and shops
117	Traffic
118	Quick access to shops
119	Lack of public transport to Edinburgh/Glasgow by bus. No bus to Dechmont/Uphall on Sunday's. How do people get to work? Not all can afford the train. Also buses all run at the same time 3 every half hour so if you miss one you have to wait hang about. Not good after a day's work.
120	Parking

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- 121 Too many cafes and charity shops. Not enough variety. We were promised different retailers when railroad was improved by Morrisons.
- 122 Lack of shops
- 123 Not enough police
- 124 Not enough houses to house everyone.
- 125 Too many people not enough services
- 126 Poor shops, too many bookies, hairdressers
- 127 Lack of decent quality shops. There are very few left.
- 128 No decent shops. Dog fouling
- 129 Lack of decent quality shops. There are very few left.
- 130 Reputation on a Friday & Saturday night.
- 131 The precinct and centre of Bathgate has turned into a haven for charity shops, hairdressers, barbers and beauty salons. Do we really need all of them? Parking is also a MAJOR issue. I'm angry that WLC didn't consider this fully when building the partnership centre, with many staff members parking their cars all day in spaces such as across from Aldi and behind the Regal, making it difficult for people who are attending classes at the Regal (especially baby ones) to be able to easily park close by for the hour or so the class is on. I've found at times that I've travelled to Livingston instead of shopping in Bathgate for the main reason that it's easier to find a parking space, get what you need then come home than driving around Bathgate trying to find a parking space. That said I have no problem walking places, but it does anger me when WLC employees are parking 1st thing in the morning and not returning until around 5pm when several people and cars could have used that space during the course of the day.
- 132 Charity shops bookies
- 133 Low quality shops
- 134 Poor transport links to surrounding towns. No direct links to major hospitals in Edinburgh.
- 135 Taxes and rent rises,
- 136 The quality of the shops in the steelyard area, big shopping centres and out of town centre shops have emptied the centre of Bathgate, but things like the new cinema are doing a great job.
- 137 Influx of non-English speaking residents
- 138 Traffic. Anti-social behaviour (young teenagers)
- 139 Litter and vandalism
- 140 Lack of varied Shops. Would be great to just shop in Bathgate.
- 141 Lack of shops.
- 142 Speed bumps ruining my suspension even when going over them really slowly.
Lack of parking.
- 143 Lack of decent shops - too many fast food outlets and takeaways!
Too many new houses without the regeneration of the town itself, leading to a place where people have a home in Bathgate but work, socialise, and shop elsewhere
- 144
- 145 As other towns, decline of the high street
- 146 Lack of quality shops
- 147 Losing business and facilities to Livingston. Buildings in disrepair.
- 148 Lack of effective control of youth crime and anti-social behaviour

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- 149 Embarrassing shopping precinct full of charity shops, cheap shops and both don't look after the facades and they also attract unemployed people, criminals and general waste of space people from all over West Lothian.
- 150 Steelyard and pedestrian precinct getting dug up
Parking and organising George Street to suit Newlands event.
- 151 Failure to have disability parking spaces at Steelyard.
- 152 A rather tired variety of shops
- 153 All it has is charity shops, betting shops, beauticians, and fast food places!!!!
- 154 Not enough independent shops
- 155 Shop fronts are looking tatty and there's not a lot of trendy pubs and cafe (except 1912)
- 156 Lack of good restaurants
Very Poor parking layout at train station: only 420 spaces, could fit around 550-600 in the same area! Large unused areas, unnecessary walkways and two way roads, too much landscaping, pavements, oversized taxi area, very poor drop off/pick up area, oversized bays (cars there all day so you only need the tesco sized bays due to less chance of dings- and tesco should have train station sized bays as many more visitors to the stores immediate vicinity every 20 mins, would cause less dings/accidents).
- 157 Too many hairdressers? Not enough quality use of the regal? House break-ins.
Young people causing trouble
- 158 Traffic congestion. Lots more housing been built in Bathgate over the past 15-20 years particularly Wester Inch. This creates a large additional amount of vehicles yet no additional roads created. The town is like a city centre every night from 4pm onwards till 6pm generally.
- 159 Shopping is dreadful
- 160 Town centre looks terrible all done up (soon to be) and all shops closed. We will soon be known only for charity shops and hairdressers.
- 161 Crime, break ins, car theft
- 162 Lack of shops restaurants things for youngsters
- 163 The High Street not ideal. More shops would be good.
- 164 Poor shopping precinct.
- 165 No investment
Crime
- 166 Town centre is a little run down with poor selection of shops
- 167 Litter and dog fouling
- 168 A dying town centre. No decent shops apart from supermarkets
- 169 Parking and traffic
- 170 Parking
- 171 Not enough local jobs, it's a commute town
Lack of council housing for decent people.
- 172 Cannabis problem in Boghall, you can smell it in the streets a lot! No control over dog fouling!
- 173 Lack of decent shopping & sporting facilities

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- 175 Lack of shops other than takeaways & beauticians there's no other reason to go up the street. & now with the precinct being redone, it's so slippery that will stop older people going out shopping too
- 176 Run down high street
- 177 Road works and the traffic system through the town from round about at cemetery to traffic lights at kingsgate garage.
- 178 Not enough police
- 179 Drugs
- 180 Main Street is run down
- 181 Too many betting/charity/budget shops.
- 182 Traffic can be slow at times
- 183 Addicts, violence
- 184 For me there is no safe walking path from my house to Bathgate centre.
- 185 The lack of council houses and things to do, place to go (for young and old). Bring the market back encourage people to come back to the place. Bathgate used to be a great place.
- 186 It is in need of a facelift.
- 187 Roadworks which are scheduled to run simultaneously and create havoc and gridlock
- 188 lack of investment to support local businesses
- 189 No decent clothes shops. Too many takeaways/nail bars.
- 190 Town centre is not attractive.
- 191 Poor shops, poor bars and restaurants
- 192 Everyone is going elsewhere for shopping etc
- 193 Not enough shops, all the same. Transport not good
- 194 Increasingly traffic is a problem, I imagine due to the increase in population, which is also affecting school's ability to cope.
- 195 No shopping or toilets
- 196 Needs more shopping facilities no more charity shops
- 197 Few decent shops
- 198 Poor shopping options
- 199 The changes to flight patterns resulting in over 70 flights a day over my home.
- 200 The change in 2015 to the flight path with lots of planes flying over and the noise that this has created
- 201 Too many pubs
- 202 Poor transport to other areas of West Lothian, Pumpherston has no bus route to it. Limited choice on shops and market needs revived
- 203 To many takeaways, not enough clothes shops, to many bookmakers,
- 204 Tory/Labour council. Jobs for the boys club.
- 205 Not enough Decent shops
- 206 Local people don't use local facilities, so investment doesn't happen
The train station parking isn't enough causing overspill into the roads nearby.
- 207
- 208 Also there are dubious people often drunk at the weekend
- 208 Lack of decent shops
- 209 Apathy and lack of pride in their town by the residents.

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210	Drugs
	Social deprivation
	Drugs
211	Social deprivation
212	Very little choice of shops
213	Not enough shops like Livingston.
214	The shopping precinct is run down and no one wants to shop in Bathgate anymore
215	The loss of our businesses, incoming charity shops give the air of poverty which in turns breeds poverty and thus crime. The economy is being taken elsewhere. Pride in our beloved town is diminishing at a record speed.
216	Lack of good shops
217	Crime
218	The lack of quality places in the precinct- better shops and restaurants would make it a more pleasant and attractive place.
219	Roadworks
220	Not enough being done to keep businesses going in Bathgate. Council are more interested in Livingston and Bathgate has suffered for this. Apart from numerous charity shops and takeaway places, Bathgate has nothing to offer any more.
221	No good shopping facilities
222	The town centre has been dug up and re-done three times in less than 30 years. There is way too much tax payers money spent on stupid things. Cut small businesses rates or more businesses will close down. Bathgate was the place to go for your shopping, now there's nothing. The town centre was bursting at the seams with businesses..... Livingston put a stop to that.... planning permission should have been given to Bathgate a very long time ago, but because a couple of the "local businessmen" had way too much clout at one point, this was refused. Check the archives for councillors etc who were involved in the whole process. Look what they have done.... shame on each and every one of them!!
223	The shocking amount of retail selection. It would be lovely to have some small independent traders instead of nail bars, hairdressers and coffee shops
224	No shopping centre - nothing to attract people to the place.
225	Too many rundown buildings and pound stores.
226	Not many clothes shops, have to go to Livi for any decent shopping.
227	The high street is a let-down. Too many charity shops and cafes and not enough Independent retailers
228	Not enough investment
229	Shops
230	Dog fouling
231	Nowhere for teenagers to go
232	High substance abuse issues coupled with a town centre with little benefit to businesses or customers not interested in drinking or beauty.
233	Bathgate precinct and shops!
234	The shops, the amount of dog poo around the schools, and lack of gritted areas in winter

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235	Too many hairdresser and nail bars and not enough other shops.
	Flight path for airport, planes constantly going over at low altitude.
236	Lack of shops
237	Poverty
238	Drink & Drugs Not enough places for teenagers to go.
239	Not enough shops. Drinking culture
240	Traffic & Parking
241	Anti-social behaviour
242	To many hairdresser's beauty shops and charity shops
243	No decent shops. I appreciate that most of the shops are in Livingston but far too many hairdressers and takeaway food shops in the town.
244	Not enough small shops offering a range of goods
245	lack of shopping
246	The people, a lot of down and outs
247	Medical practices being completely overloaded.
248	Successive local government parties who have taken a once prosperous town and ruined it turning Bathgate into the cesspit it has become
249	Poor town centre and sports facilities for kids. (Xcite spending money on a new gym when they have what is effectively a poly tunnel as a sports hall is a disgrace!)
250	You have blocked flow with pedestrian bit and rents too high and so therefore it's lost its lovely spirits. All hairdressers and charity shops
251	Limited shops and restaurants.
252	See reply to question 3. Traffic congestion and inconsiderate parking. The loss of independent shops. I also have concerns around the newly laid granite slabs in the precinct. I fear it will become an ice rink during freezing temperatures and snow. This could impact in fewer older people visiting the shops.
253	No shops derelict George street
254	Too many charity shops and lots of people not working. All you see is a congress at job centre. People that work get no offers towards council houses.
255	Lack of good shops to attract people to Bathgate.
256	Anti-social behaviour , it's becoming such a big problem in my area , every evening there is always a police car driving about
257	To many badly made speed bumps
258	Lack of community spirit
259	To many second-hand shops and cafés
260	The town is not supported by the locals. Where does all the community tax go that's collected in the town?
261	Need more high street names. Issues with Regal will impact on local community. Need a direct bus route to Edinburgh/Glasgow rather than having no choice but to take the train
262	To many takeaways street lights not bright enough at night. health centre can't cope with all the people in Bathgate hard to get appointment with a doctor

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- 263 Transport
- 264 Some petty crime...vehicle damage outside homes.
- 265 drugs
- 266 Parking
- 267 Traffic congestion around Whitburn road
- 268 Precinct is dire. Awful shopping options.
- 269 No cloths brand shops
- 270 Lack of shops and variety of shops.
- 271 It doesn't feel safe. Looks run down. Has no central feature
- 272 Too many charities. Betting .and cafe shops I avoid Bathgate if I can
- 273 Shopping is dire in Bathgate, all charity shops, cafes,, beauty shops ,not how Bathgate used to be for shopping.....
- 274 Losing shops in the precinct and around. It is handy having B&M, Argos, Iceland etc. but the precinct is losing out. Bring back the cinema was brilliant. Maybe convert the old pound stretcher as a mini mall with small outlets for the smaller businesses.
- 275 Traffic is a big issue, particularly around McDonald's. Surely there needs to be a 1-way system or restricted parking. It's ridiculous as it is currently.
- 276 To many charity shops and to many closing with nothing replacement
- 277 Everything went to Livingston
- 278 Lack of regeneration of the area.
- 279 No town centre charity shops and hairdressers oh and cafes nothing else
- 280 Lack of quality shopping, being too close to Livingston.
- 281 The town centre has been allowed to become a wasteland full of betting shops, charity shops, pubs and cafes.
- 282 There isn't enough going on in Bathgate. For decent shops, entertainment, social groups, community etc you have to go outside of Bathgate.
- 283 Lack of public bathrooms
- 284 Attracting decent shops to revive town centre.
- 285 Too many hairdressers, cafes and not enough shop choice. There was meant to be more selection next to Morrisons
- 286 Not enough shops and jobs
- 287 The town centre - no identity. More work should be done to attract retailers, specialist shops and make it more attractive for people to visit
- 288 Drugs and anti-social youth
- 289 Not enough shops, Bathgate precinct is a ghost town . All that money spent on upgrading the path when shops re closing left right and centre.
- 290 Not enough parking
- 291 Reputation still is poor although massive expansion over the past two decades.
- 292 Places for young people
- 293 Too many charity shops
- 294 The high street is run down and all shops are centralised (it would be nice if the where shops to serve the new developments).
- 295 Drug and alcohol
- 296 Youth misbehaviour. Unemployment. Crime.
- 297 Traffic is a nightmare on the main street and at wester inch. Not enough retail and to many houses.

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- 298 Run down shopping centre
- 299 Decent shops
- 300 No shops no housing for people from Bathgate
- 301 Lack of good quality shops e.g. a shoe shop too many 2nd hand clothes shop
- 302 Lack of shopping facilities
- 303 Classroom sizes are too big and no assistance to help!! If we want good education, then funding needs to be applied from the bottom up.
- 304 Bathgate Children can't attend Bathgate Academy
- 305 roads a mess and amount of traffic
- 306 Stuck in the mining era. Needs to move forward
- 307 Poverty, the reliance on food banks and clothing charities is too high. Getting help to the right areas and making those who require it aware of how to seek help and what avenues are available.
- 308 Too many bargain stores, beauty salons and charity shops - place looks cheap n tacky
- 309 Parking outside schools.
- 310 Livingston
- 311 The town centre has been allowed to deteriorate over recent years
- 312 Parking
- 313 Closure of shops
- 314 Shops
- 315 Low quality shops
- 316 Shops are terrible all hairdressers, nail bars and cafes
- 317 Antisocial behaviour
- 318 Still need more quality shops and crime is also an issue.
- 319 cars parked everywhere and most of them are council workers as there is nothing else in Bathgate its time they were charging a small charge for parking
- 320 Crime, anti-social behaviour and lack of decent independent shops.
- 321 Maybe more shops, clothes & fashion.
- 322 Full of cafes, charity shops, hairdressers, nail bars and takeaways not much else
- 323 Charity shops and the ugliness of the main shopping precinct. It truly is horrid
- 324 No decent shops, you have to go elsewhere. This is such a shame as it used to be a good town with a mixture of different shops. It is now bookies, charity shops, hair/nail/beauty salons.
- 325 Anti-social behaviour
- 326 Lack of big shops have to go out if town for clothes etc.
- 327 Poverty
- 328 Lack of police
- 329 Parking is awful and there are not a lot of variety of shops to entice people to shop here
- 330 Livingston
- 331 Lack of decent local shops
- 332 Very little decent shops left
- 333 Traffic- parking at schools and volume of traffic through a busy town centre.
- 334 Deprivation. The precinct going to ruin and shops closing.

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- 335 Lack of good quality but cheap public transport at all hours
- 336 Scruffy shop fronts, lack of choice in shops. Litter.
- 337 Dogs dirt on the street and speed of traffic
Looks kind of run down.
- 338 Folks need to know what's on their doorstep and start using it.
- 339 lack of services for older people
- 340 Shops closing
- 341 Shops in main Street are not worth going to Bathgate for. If I wanted clothes apart from m & co there is nothing else.
- 342 No facilities for teenagers.
- 343 Continuing work & spending money on precinct. Money would be better spent elsewhere.
- 344 The lack of good shops. The steelyard area with all of its pound and charity shops is really disappointing. I can't understand why they would spend so much money re paving the area rather than using some of this to reduce rates to attract better businesses! Also wonder if having this pedestrianised is actually the best option.
- 345 A lot of empty buildings in the town centre. More needs to be done to encourage small local businesses
- 346 No shopping.
- 347 Lack of going quality football pitches for local boy's club to access for our children.
- 348 1. Commercial units are required in Wester inch. It's ridiculous the size of Wester inch has no retail/fast food/bar.
2. Protection to our green belt. There are very few walks left in our town.
- 349 Drugs
- 350 Lack of investment poor shops
- 351 Litter and no decent shops,
- 352 Whilst there some great shops in Bathgate, think if there were more specialist shops it would attract more people here during the day. Parking may be a problem though.
- 353 May be too many charity shops - need to attract more independent shops
- 354 There is no shopping and big name restaurants
- 355 Not enough places for young people to go to stay off streets that don't cost to much money to use or organised groups to join
- 356 Too many pubs and betting shops.
- 357 Livingston
- 358 The people
- 359 Youth causing trouble
- 360 No real problem
- 361 wester inch not having shops
- 362 Lack of better quality shops.
- 363 Crime in area is rife at present, makes an individual feel unsafe even at 4pm as it gets dark

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- 364 There seems to be a lack in strategic planning and meaningful engagement with the community. The re-development of the shopping precinct is an example of a project that was undertaken without any real community engagement and I have yet to meet anyone who thinks that this has been a value for money project.
- 365 Terrible nightclubs
- 366 Serious lack of quality shops in the town centre. Livingston has pulled a lot of quality out of the town centres of other West Lothian towns.
- 367 Not enough for teenagers to do
- 368 Too many cafes and charity shops
- 369 Lack of football facilities
- 370 Lack of sporting facilities
- 371 Ever reducing amount of local shops
Losing all amenities to Livingston and
- 372 Too many charity shops
- 373 Not sure
- 374 town centre shops in need of revitalisation.
- 375 Lack of quality shops, it's only charity shops, cafes and hairdressers at moment
- 376 Poor football facilities in comparison to other local towns.
- 377 The retail boom in Livingston has reduced retail trade locally to takeaways pretty much
It looks rundown, not enough selection of shops. Too many social housing.
- 378 No shops in Wester Inch.
- 379 not enough shops
- 380 Litter. Also not maintaining council areas such as the wooden garages in Dalling road that are dilapidated and an eye sore, rendering required in same area of council properties.
- 381 Poor quality shops
- 382 The town centre has crappy shops and is run down. It's big enough now for small retail shops of its own instead of having to travel to Livingston!
- 383 Place for the kids to develop in sport all ages as we already have a large group involved in the community football team that could do with vital support
- 384 Louts
- 385 Town centre shopping is very poor. It's all pubs, takeaways and charity shops!
- 386 Transport....early buses to Broxburn that took 20 minutes were taken off, to get to my work for six am I have to leave the house at 4.10am and get three different buses to get me to Broxburn for a 6am start.
- 387 The drug dealers living in my block
- 388 Lack of high street shops
- 389 Too many cheap shops and charity shops
- 390 Too many charity shops & pound shops
- 391 Charity shops too many
- 392 The amount of foreign people living here and the amount of druggies people and cafe to help these people
- 393 Shops closing
- 394 Parking

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- 395 Lack of community spirit.
- 396 Lack of sports facilities, namely football pitches
- 397 We need to get the town centre looking better to encourage new business.
- 398 The run-down appearance of the main streets
- 399 Not enough visionaries within local organisations providing positive contributions.
- 400 No longer got any decent shops only charity shops bookies n eating places
- 401 Crime has been a problem where I live. It has been better this year but last year was dreadful. Car vandalism was really bad but other types of vandalism have been apparent.
- 402 Crime and anti-social behaviour
- 403 No good shops
- 404 Lack of shops
- 405 Lack of decent shops
- 406 Lack of decent shops
- 407 Too many pubs, bookies and charity shops. Nothing to entice people from other areas.
- 408 Nothing in it
- 409 Nor enough shops
- 410 To many charity., barbers, beauty salons and no decent pubs without Karaoke blaring! Tend to go to other places to do socialise
- 411 Not enough shops
- 412 The lack of Shops, Bars, Restaurants.
- 413 Quality of shopping in the town. Walk down the Main street any day of the week it's an embarrassment.
- 414 Antisocial behaviour, kids drinking, shouting. streets are a disgrace bus services stink. 21a to Edinburgh is a joke!
- 415 Lack of Police....today I couldn't get a policeman available.
- 416 Shops, parking, mostly hairdressers n charity shops, used to love coming into Bathgate but hate it now, only place to buy clothes really is the factory shop n even that's rubbish
- 417 Lack of shops, aside from charity and saver options
- 418 Town centre shopping is poor.
- 419 A Better range of high street and independent shops, offering goods and services not currently available I.e. quality shoes and clothes for adults and children. This would attract people back onto the high street and encourage them to shop/spend money locally.
- 420 Too many pubs
- 421 Decent shops and eateries
- 422 Lack of investment in supporting local businesses, poverty and crime
- 423 Parking...but nothing serious
- 424 Lack of affordable housing
- 425 Severe lack of shops too many pubs and charity shops
- 426 There are often a lot of road works and repairs happening. Littering is a problem in some areas, particularly McDonald's packaging.
- 427 Too many people on the dole which is lowering the tone
- 428 To many empty shops

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- 429 Transport
- 430 To many cafe, charity shops and businesses going out of business . More money to rejuvenate the town and bring in retail instead of going out to other areas given them the money.
- 431 Lack of real community spirit. People don't value their neighbours or their areas. Mindless vandalism and a lot of litter and dog mess are prevalent around Bathgate.
- 432 Too many charity shops, stripping out of assets - being moved to Livingston, incomers (lol)! Lack of investment in town (seen as inferior to Livingston).
- 433 Lack of decent shops, clothing stores, all bargain shops or charity shops.
- 434 Whitburn road too busy and only getting worse the more houses that go into wester inch.
- 435 To many charity shops and fast food takeaways.
- 436 Traffic, insufficient parking (at train station). General shop front images....
- 437 No good shops or restaurants. Having to go out of town if you want anything
- 438 Community spirit.
- 439 The centre of it is unappealing. You wouldn't go into Bathgate for a walk you only go if you need to e.g. shop
- 440 Charity shops
- 441 Lack of clubs for children of all ages, no summer clubs or lack of community groups for youngsters.
- 442 To many charity shops and cafes in town centre. No proper place to shop.
- 443 Neds and jakeys and smelly people.
- 444 Education Standards and teacher numbers concern. Drug abuse, in every street major issue at all ages, police resources/police on feet non-existent, police morale is at its lowest. Doctor appointments waiting time is shameful.
- 445 Too many charity shops and bookies
- 446 Too many drugged up young people
- 447 Not enough Parking
- 448 Town centre run down, poor variety of shops and nothing for kids to do.
- 449 Not enough community policing. Not enough litter bins.
- 450 Drug abuse
- 451 Traffic lights and road works.
- 452 Not open minded about dogging groups
- 453 Poor selection of shops cheap crap that's attracts the dregs of west lothian daily. If it's not a charity shop or takeaway it's a pound store, loads has been spent on the precinct walkway yet it is still a depressing site with little to offer
- 454 Neds
- 455 Too many traffic lights
- 456 It tries to make out its bigger and better than it actually is
- 457 Lack of investment.
- 458 Nothing left in Bathgate except pubs and charity shops !!
- 459 Anti-social behaviour and the Main Street is so run down with nothing in it now
- 460 Lack of clothes shops
- 461 Parking
- 462 It would be good if there were more better shops but it's difficult when Livingston is so close by

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463	More to do with kids
464	Too many roadwork's at the same time
465	There are too many hairdressers, charity shops, etc. There are very few shops in Bathgate that would give both residents and visitors a reason to shop in Bathgate, rather than go further afield to Livingston or Falkirk.
466	No shops bringing people to Bathgate centre _ also seems to be big problem with drugs
467	Lot of derelict buildings and poor maintained facias
468	Poor shopping
469	Nothing for youths to do
470	Too many to mention, but poor shopping centre with dreadful range of shops and the town has a rundown appearance
471	I don't feel safe to go out on my own at night.
472	poor shopping now, only a few decent bars and restaurants. Too many shops closing down.
473	Bus service and prices and how we are stuck with sky tv and their prices
474	No active, working police station
475	Antisocial behaviour
476	Anti-social behaviour
477	Not many shops.
478	Run down precinct old and tired
479	Lack of good eating places
480	Not enough jobs
481	Dog mess and litter.
482	The town centre is very run down.
483	Not enough local shops to many charity shops
484	Lack of quality higher end shops and restaurants
485	Poor shopping precinct. Too many charity shops, getting shops
486	Not a lot of shops to many charity shops
487	Too many eating places and charity shops
488	Drugs and pubs
489	That it is being left to deteriorate- town centre looks messy, shops have all closed, there appears to be little investment.
490	Antisocial behaviour problems
491	Needing some decent shops
492	No shops
493	Lack of specialist shops. Too many hairdressers.
494	Shopping
495	Lack of decent shops
496	Lack of good restaurants and small stores x
497	Poor policing at weekend
498	Nothing to draw me to centre of town as no real shops that I require
499	Seems most investment has went into making Livingston the main hub of west lothian.
500	To many charity hairdressers and cafes
501	It is turning in to a ghost town

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- 502 Lack of decent shops.
- 503 Lack of decent shops.
- 504 Main centre is a little run down and could do with some investment
- 505 Parking
- 506 George Street is an eyesore and more money is being squandered on it. Poor range of shops compared to years ago
- 507 Roads are in a disgrace
- 508 Too many bookies, pubs ,cheap shops, inadequate legal parking spaces, crime.....
- 509 Too much new houses and not enough Drs, parking etc etc
- 510 Litter
- 511 Quality of shops
Pound shops/pawn shops
- 512 Crime
- Only reason to shop in Bathgate is to grab a Greggs or subway.
- 513 Continuing to improve the town centre. more programmes for young people.
- 514 Not enough high street shops, too many takeaways and charity shops
- 515 Safety - too many 'jakes' and junkies around. Over the weekend there needs to be more police officers around the nightclubs to curb the noise. A lot of kids running around causing problems over the holidays and weekends as well.
- 516 Lack of decent shops
- 517 There should be more shopping facilities, convenience stores, pharmacy and post office in the new Wester Inch area and not only houses
- 518 Traffic, parking and lack of quality shops
- 519 Drugs
- 520 Lack of facilities, particularly in the new housing estate. A pub and a Express shop are vital to help build a sense of community vs just an awful lot of houses.
- 521 Quality of shopping facilities
- 522 Decline in town centre shopping ...greater variety of shops required.
- 523 Parking
- 524 To many take away shops
- 525 There are so little decent shops in the town.
- 526 Rising burglary, teens hanging about causing bother.
- 527 Parking is shocking
- 528 Lack of good quality shops
- 529 too many of the same kind of commercial premises - charity shops, take a ways and hair/beauty. Need more choice for a sit-down meal.
- 530 Poverty, bigotry, not feeling safe in own home
- 531 Poor choice of shops - not a destination for shoppers, just some locals
- 532 Public transport
- 533 traffic during rush hours. I did think that the work that was being done on the fire station roundabout was putting up traffic lights, which it actually needs at rush hour
- 534 Lack of shops excluding charity shops and takeaways
- 535 Wouldn't go down the town in an evening at the weekend. Nothing for anyone to do in an evening at the weekend except the pub just asking for kids to get into bother would like to see more for them to do.

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536	Junkies
537	Too many £1 shops and charity shops. No decent clothes shops for women and kids
538	No shops. No community involvement.
539	Poor affordable reliable public transport
540	Weekend drunks
541	Idiots
542	Parking people parking illegally bring back traffic wardens people driving into the precinct at the bottom end this is illegal and has to stop
543	As rest of Scotland young ones no respect
544	Parking
545	Investment and better shops like sport shops male clothes shops
546	cars parked all over the place but don't know where people go with nothing in Bathgate all the council workers parking they could make a fortune if the charged a small fee like any other town get some money for councillors jolly's
547	Shopping
548	All decent shops have closed now, Bathgate is now full of beauty salons, cafes and charity shops
549	Public transport to Glasgow and Edinburgh
550	Lack of main high street shops for clothing.
551	Riff raff
552	Not got a decent secondary education, shops poor.
553	Two large supermarkets on the outskirts of town have almost killed the town centre resulting in not enough 'quality' shops in the town centre and the ones that are left unable to compete due to a lack of parking etc. If customers can get all they want under one roof, even if it is more expensive, they will do this rather than fight for a parking spot in town.
554	The steelyard needs better shops - more charity shops than anything else. Also, there are too many fast food outlets. Obesigenic environments! Lack of decent quality, affordable housing. I don't mean the 'affordable housing being built in Wester inch, which is anything but affordable, but good social housing stock or good quality rent-controlled private lets.
555	Town centre looks a bit run down
556	Wouldn't know where to start as there are so many
557	Not enough doctors 2 week for an appointment no good
558	People
559	Too many pubs and untidy look
560	Some big-name shops for the Town Centre please
561	Not enough outdoor play parks and local shops and local schools especially in Wester inch area. There needs to be another school and shops and community wing at the open area close to traffic lights in Wester Inch. Also, street litter and weeds on kerbs and paths in Dalling Road area with old dilapidated wooden garages should be changed to lock ups as are common everywhere else in this area.
562	Lack of shops

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- 563 drunks & bigots wandering the main streets shouting, fighting and vandalising at all hours every weekend.
- 564 Have some nicer shops
- 565 Speeding and poor parking
- 566 No shops
- 567 Teenagers drinking and the increase in drug use
- 568 Thieves going around the streets at night!
- 569 As above, a severe lack of decent shops to keep people more likely to go to Livingston for shopping. Even just some slightly better choices than all the current charity, pound, optician's shops would be better. Trying to encourage some more independent and varied shops like Artisan Cheesecakes etc. Could see Bathgate creating its own kind of shopping experience. Are rents/rates too expensive?
- 570 Too many cafes, betting shops, salons and charity shops
- 571 Lack of decent shops, lack of good bus transport to Edinburgh.
- 572 Vandalism
- 573 Bad roads - potholes
- 574 Not enough clothes shops
- 575 Businesses having moved to Livingston. Bring more business back.
- 576 Charity shops - need more small independent shops instead
- 577 Drunk and disorderly people spilling onto the streets outside bars/pubs every Friday and Saturday night with no regard for traffic.
- 578 Too many cafes and charity shops
- 579 Unkempt
- 580 Litter, drunks
- 581 Need more variety in things to do. Not very much. Also, lots of shops closing and the place looks generally run down and unloved.
Housing estates looks really tatty. Where is people & councils pride in how their homes & town looks.
- 582 Time to paint the dirty grey roughcasting.
- 583 Areas outside what I would call 'rough pubs' feel intimidating and spoil what could be a lovely town
Lack of variety of local shops
Lack of imagination and not much support from the council. Everything is encouraged to go to Livingston.
- 584 A lot of new people moving into the new build houses that aren't really interested in the town or what it has to offer.
- 585 The lack of local shops
- 586 The number of underclasses who frequent the town centre.
- 587 No facilities for the community in Wester Inch, lack of good quality cafes
- 588 Giving too many young single people accommodation and paying their rent, therefore, they are hanging around most of the day causing bother.

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	The state of uneven pavements, for using push chairs and disabled cars.
589	The numbers of people in the steelyard feeding pigeons, so much so that my brother in law cannot open his office window for the amount of pigeon droppings and stench on the window ledges.
	There are numerous front premises that could do with a reface e.g. the railway tavern to name one.
590	The revolving nature of some of the £1 shops; the two busiest / main pubs directly opposite each other - further apart = spread the cash flow a bit and open out to other bars
591	Precinct could do with a couple better shops.
592	Lack of resources as all going into Livingston or into regeneration elsewhere
593	As a town I'd say lack of mix of shops. People would rather travel to Livingston due to lack of variety which compounds the problem as fewer people then shop locally.
594	Parking is becoming a big problem.
595	Too many second-hand shops and too many food outlets
596	Lack of shopping facilities; dirty streets especially dog fouling; no quality restaurants.
597	Empty shops/ lack of 'interesting' shops. Larger premises moved to Livingston.
598	Drugs, and double parking on routes into the town centre e.g. South Mid street is shockingly bad for this.
599	Street parking people are now parking anywhere since wardens were dropped
600	traders and businesses trying to keep Bathgate invigorated
601	At the moment, traffic. The pedestrian precinct seems to be a car park, no respect for other road users or pedestrians which makes me not want to spend time up the street.
602	West Lothian council The town centre is hideous. The previous work in the steel yard was a complete waste of money. Knocked down the wall -why? This provided privacy and shelter for people who wanted to sit there.
603	The modern steel benches are uncomfortable, unsightly and not in keeping with a traditional look. Before new work starts employ a qualified urban designer. No decisions on design or layout should be taken by unqualified however well-meaning committee members or counsellors. A lack of nice shops (not sure how you sort that). Lots of charity shops, cheap discount shops etc.
604	Rents of decent places to live are far too high.
605	No self confidence in the town
	Lack of community facilities, groups and organisations information. No online advertising.
606	Lack of parking spaces in retail park. One way in and out. Useless at busy times and weekends. Poor planning. No advertising or details for fresh farm fruit or veg produce to local residents.

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	No discounted train or bus tickets for those coming from city centre to explore Bathgate as a tourist attraction.
607	Too many hair cutting and nail bar establishments. Too many charity shops. No public toilets that are accessible
608	Not enough to do
609	No shops. No heart in the community
610	Social problems e.g. very young children allowed out alone till all hours
611	School capacity. Forward thinking council that would back projects which in turn would help reinvigorate the town centre and local businesses
612	Decent shops
613	Lack of shops or amenities in Wester Inch. Main town centre needs more amenities for shoppers etc.
614	Parking, lack of parking attendants. No decent shops all betting shops, take aways, charity shops
615	
616	Bathgate used to have a booming city centre which was really busy at weekends LIVINGSTON. Everything has been located there Bathgate and surrounding area's have had the Heart ripped out of them
617	I think all high streets across Scotland are facing challenges and Bathgate is no different. Having Livingston and the shopping centre so close is a benefit but also significant competition for our high street.
618	Parking
619	A nice walk up the street can be impaired by the amount of drugged up or drunk lazy scrounges.
620	In terms of what. Very poor question. Good education, transport sports facilities. Looking forward - planning for an older population must be a priority.
621	Cleaner, the litter is terrible.
622	Avon Gorge and north / south road links.
623	Precinct is not appealing. No quality shopping.
624	Closing shops
625	The SNP
626	The overall look of the town centre leaves a lot to be desired - it could do with being looked after - do our businesses no longer care how they look to the outside world?
627	Poor internet connection

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	Drunk people, people not taking care of the town, garbage piled on the ground in some areas.
628	Also we have nice historic sites to visit like Cairnpapple Hill, but we are not making the best out of it. A suitable path to the site would provide easy access and possibly more visitors. More visitors will improve the economy of the town. I find it really disappointing that we are not taking advantage of these sites, we also have torphichen nearby and ravenraig cairn. These sites should be promoted (perhaps make a walking circuit? Some signs with info?) what about extending our museum and include some artefacts from the Iron Age period, visitors could come to Cairnpapple, visit the museum and spend some money in our town. I work for Historic Scotland and I have seen what a bit of healthy tourism can do to a town.
629	To many of the above and a dying market
630	Town centre drinking culture, poor shopping along the main pedestrian area
631	Lack of shops jobs and opportunities. Lost locals community coming together

Q8 What is your biggest concern at the moment

Respondents	Responses
2	Bathgate is just becoming one big housing estate with no character
3	Effect of austerity on community
4	Good schooling for my son
5	The violent incidents that occur are scary
6	Job security with West lothian council
7	Relocating from Bathgate to Edinburgh for work
8	A wee too much people I've seen arrested in last few months.
9	Bathgate is being left there dose not seem to be any real investment in Bathgate
10	Bathgate being run down
11	Bathgate used to be a thriving town. Always busy "up the street". Not now tho. Everything goes to Livingston now.
12	The fact that the headteacher of Windyknowe Primary School is covering 3 schools because of staff shortages and discipline and teaching quality has taken a massive hit.
13	Lack of opportunity for my son
14	With so many houses in the area it is a shame the town itself is not capitalizing on it. Most people go to Livingston to shop and Edinburgh or Glasgow for entertainment. The Regal is a great facility but look at problems there. Think it is time Newlands Day had name changed due to slavery connections.
15	That it's not the same anymore it's becoming ghost town up the street so nothing to do you need to trail to Livingston and its all about building houses
16	Road and travel conditions
17	Nothing to bring anyone in to the town
18	Youths/Gangs/Related crime
19	Ensuring there are enough facilities to keep the young generation that is growing up in Bathgate entertained to help prevent any future issues.
20	Council cut backs in services.
21	Not enough places in simpson primary school for the size of westerinch villiage
22	Not enough investment in keeping large well known shops open in bathgate
23	That nobody has any point to come into Bathgate... go to Livingston instead
24	High schools. Will definitely be moving out of the area before kids reach this age
25	Opportunities for younger people

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26	Groups of youths in town centre in the evenings
27	Keeping children safe
28	Parking
29	Lack of shops in town centre
30	Crime
31	The decline of the centre of the town and the possible closure of the Regal
32	Rates
33	Potholes in roads
34	That Bathgate still declines.
35	Drugs , anti social behaviour, underage drinking/drugs
36	It feels as tho those in charge have given up when we should be trying everything we can to make Bathgate a better place
37	Buses to work. Bathgate becoming a ghost town
38	
39	There is not enough community engagement to stimulate and get kids/teenagers/ adults involved in contributing and making not only Bathgate but west lothian a better place to live, work and enjoy.
40	Money going to the wrong things
41	Opportunities for young people,
42	winning the lotto
43	Lack of community spirit
44	No shops in Wester Inch Village
45	Shops closing down in the town centre.
46	Poor state of roads
47	It will become a ghost town. So many empty shops
48	Lack of shops and things to do for kids
49	WLC not gritting / clearing snow from Drumcross hill
50	West Lothian Council budget cuts
51	more reduced bus service
52	Traffic
53	Parking and roads around Simpson's primary school at drop off and pick up times.
54	People never visiting the precinct to shop due to poor variety
55	The poor state of the roads and the general untidy mess that is Bathgate.
56	Bathgate becoming nothing more than somewhere just to stay
57	Shortage of good jobs
58	the amount of dog fouling on the streets
59	Uneven pavements
60	Lack of jobs
61	How to navigate the pot holes on way to work
62	Rising rent/cost of living

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- 63 Bathgate town has no identity. It's full of takeaways and hairdressers. The big tax office will move soon - where are the job opportunities. Why does Blackburn and Broxburn and in particular Livingston always seem to get help from the council etc?
- 64 Cafes and hairdressers
- 65 As before, young people getting more aggressive and out of hand and also the many closing shops
- 66 The whole damn world
- 67 Potholes
- 68 Council cutbacks
- 69 There is nothing in Bathgate. You have to go outwith Bathgate for the majority of things
- 70 There is nothing for the kids to do and the shops r rubbish
- 71 Plastic pollution is a worry. Personal worries would include having enough money week to week.
- 72 Apart from spending money on roadworks! The council don't seem to be spending it on local facilities!
- 73 Pot holes and to much traffic
- 74 People living in bathgate can't get houses
- 75 Lack of parking wardens to tackle the increasingly irresponsible parking in the town centre. No idea how a fire engine would access some areas.
- 76 Shops and banks closing
- 77 The constant expansion within Wester Inch and the already frail infrastructure to cope. Poor internet, poor Dr availability, poor central parking etc
- 78 Cutbacks in the Council , increase in school dinner cost but kids getting ridiculously less especially in the sandwich choice. A lot of kids going to lose out and go hungry. The withdrawal of the taxi card some disabled people see it as a lifeline well done wlc for taking it away.
- 79 My children's safety
- 80 Yet more council homes where people who don't care and look after what they have will likely be moved too
The apparent lack of a cohesive plan for the town .
- 81 I don't know why the residents and shop owners seem to have inappropriate plans foisted on them .
Drugs in Bathgate. There are too many opportunities to become a cocaine addict/dealer.
- 82 I have lost too many 'Bathgate born and raised' friends to drugs. The council will spray paint stupid slogans on the roads but won't stop the club's and punters fom selling cocaine and MDMA on a Saturday night.
- 83 Lack of shopping too many hairdressers, beauty and charity shops. Centre of Bathgate very poor
- 84 School transport
- 85 Lack of town centre amenities and investment
- 86 Wondering what the future holds for the next generation!

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- 87 Small businesses closing down and council not picking up rubbish at time, also old playgrounds
- 88 The lack of retail shops in the town could be doing with more activities for the kids opening is soft play was fantastic but do need more
- 89 The lack of facilities on WesterInch village - a local shop, pub, cafe etc is much needed
- 90 Lack of housing for hard working families. Left to private let whilst all new council buds are allocated to existing council tenants who don't fund own rent or take pride in neighbourhood
- 91 Lack of good shops.
- 92 Quite a lot of houses in bathgate look run down in some areas. The demand for social housing is unmanageable I believe when new houses are built by the local authorities they should be offered to bathgate residents first.
- 93 Lack of investment in the town
- 94 Poor shopping centre
- 95 Dirty streets.
- 96 Lack of shops and parking
- 97 Bathgate precinct is not appealing. Shops disappointing.
- 98 Not enough work for people in community and or for young people
- 99 Bathgate is starting to look run down
- 100 Roads full of potholes
- 101 Community spirit dying away. Procession committee ageing and ready to retire.
- 102 The lack of proper investment in Bathgate to attract major shopping chains.
The lack of respect to current residence when other building work is going on.
- 103 Not thinking about any safety aspects of where lorries park, workers park the cars.

State of the road after it was closed for a few weeks for th to do work.

Litter from the building site
- 104 Shops closing and nothing decent or worthwhile installed in their place. Shamefull by council. Empty shop and hairdressers or beautician in their place. Woeful.
- 105 Shops
- 106 No where for kids to go
- 107 Drug abuse and sitting in the pharmacy with them. Especially when you care for the terminally ill.
- 108 Housing (been on council list for 5 yrs and still no further up list)
- 109 None
- 110 Lack of buses that don't go via Livingston. Lack of decent shops.
- 111 Safety for children
- 112 Wester Inch is not what was originally planned. Where are the row of shops plus not enough doctors to meet growing demand.

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- 113 Jobs
- 114 Writing all the concerns down would take at least an hour it's an hour I don't have.
- 115 Lack of services
- 116 Lack of money being spent on shops etc & not enough things for children to do
- 117 Surviving under the Tories.
- 118 The fact my son has to cross Kirk Road to get school bus and there are no traffic calming measures and many drivers drive like lunatics along this street.
- 119 Surviving under the Tories.
Bathgate as a town is dying on its feet, but has more people living in it than 30yrs ago when i was a boy!
- 120
- The Council need to be pressed more to invest in Bathgate and make it attractive to other businesses
- 121 The same as Bathgate's biggest problem (please see above)
- 122 Crime, thefts and break ins within area
- 123 Brexit
- 124 Fuel costs rent rises an housing sector for wlc needs boosting
- 125 The state of political leaders around the world, except Scotland where we seem to be in a decent state for once.
- 126 Break ins and theft
- 127 Building council houses in innapropriate places. Anti social behaviour.
Traffic/congestion.
- 128 Property prices since I lost a lot of money on my property & it's never fully recovered
- 129 Population....Bathgate is ever increasing building private houses not enough resourses ie healthcare etc. - HOUSING currently my single working parent Sister and her 2 kids have been waiting nearly 1 year (in Dec) for a council house. Yet if you have an addiction/mental health problems housed immediately.
- 130 Litter caused by people eating McDonalds, litter being thrown out of cars at Morrison's and at the side of the depo at the Railway.,
- 131 House prices and if it will snow
- 132 How run down the town centre is
- 133 More shops closing in Bathgate to be turned into charity shops, betting agencies, money-lending shops, etc.
- 134 Reduced local bus services
- 135 Need to keep building Bathgate into a finer town as opposed to pound and charity shops
- 136 Bad neighbour
- 137 That your strategy for improving Bathgate will not work

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- 138 The worsening precinct area. The amount of anti social behaviour that seems to go on at the weekend. Parking too the path is now fair game and there are frequently cars all over the main paths, Glasgow road being a good example
- 139 Traffic flow
State of road surfaces and lining.
- 140 Parking and failure of police action.
- 141 The fact that so much money was spent on the precinct when there's hardly any shops!
- 142 Security
- 143 Crime in Meadowpark area, litter in town
- 144 Traffic congestion at morrison's roundabout - high frequency visitors to morrison's (and future neighbours behind it), busy 3 doctors surgeries, st Marys primary traffic, McDonalds and the market all in a tiny vicinity off one main roundabout!
- 145 Crime within my housing estate due to young people from other areas coming in
- 146 As stated traffic build up is causing issues commuting to and from work and getting aroyn'd the town in general at peak times.
- 147 Lack of facility's for young and old
- 148 Crime in bathgate especially Meadowpark area is very bad .
- 149 Break ins
- 150 Rise in crime in our neighborhood
- 151 Lack of investment to improve the shoppng precinct.
- 152 Lack of retail pubs decent restaurant's in Bathgate they need to move with the times
- 153 Crime in bathgate
- 154 Increased crime in neighbourhood
- 155 Bus links
- 156 None really
- 157 Parking at schools
- 158 Brexit
- 159 Finding a decent council home as our landlord is selling up and we need to move to council accommodation. We cannot afford to buy right now as I am currently on maternity leave.
- 160 The level of crime in the area.
- 161 There's no real reason for people to come into Bathgate..
- 162 Parking outside schools
- 163 Waste of money being spent on precinct. Pointless
- 164 No local shop
- 165 Parking at the station - or lack of it
- 166 Nothing really
- 167 Lack of shops in westerinch.
- 168 Crime
- 169 The amount off assaults that takes place
- 170 The amount of burglaries in my small housing estate.

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- 171 Bathgate will have nothing worth staying for.
- 172 The town growing too fast and the infrastructure not keeping pace.
- 173 Affordable childcare which enables me to continue to work. There is zero wrap around care at Boghall
- 174 Childcare funding and anti social behaviour
- 175 There is no heart to the town.
- 176 The town is growing but not enough decent shops, restaurants or bars.
- 177 Bathgate is going to become a town purely with a train station
- 178 Education fees
- 179 Schools and medical services being maintained. My son has just joined S1 in Armadale Academy where I understand they are over capacity and under resourced, it concerns me that education will be affected. The same could be said of my younger sons primary school.
- 180 They have once again done the precinct joke no shops to go enjoy shopping like you could at one time it's such a shame
- 181 Amount if shops that close down
- 182 Bathgate is overtaken shop wise by livingston & then no businesses survive
- 183 Pollution, both air and noise
- 184 Noise pollution from planes
- 185 Lack of stuff for kids to do
- 186 More flats and houses are beibg built, but will they shop or use any of the current services in Bathgate, or go elsewhere due to lack of choice.
- 187 Troublesome teenagers they need a curfew and more help in the community is needed .
- 188 The local council spending money on crap we really don't need and denying money to what really needs assistance..
- 189 Drugs within teenagers
- 190 Lack of competitive bus provision - too much running on council handouts. Also, the complete lack of consideration I see in people's behaviour, they expect everything to be done for them.
- 191 Be able to buy a home which I can afford to live in in a nice area
The increase in violence
- 192 The down market appearance of the town centre. New paving is lovely but we need a more proactive plan to encourage different better shops.
- Speeding traffic
- 193 My house being swallowed up by the trees surrounding it
- 194 Shops and the Regal closing.
- 195 The town is very run down
- 196 The lack of resources, the lack of wanting to make Bathgate a better place, the lack of preservation in what is good.
- 197 Retirement

	The quality of my children's education.
198	The number of car breakins in my street.
	The amount of violent offences that have been committed in Bathgate in recent years.
199	Council wasting money on hanging out roadworks
200	Bathgate used to be a hive of activity in the town centre. Now it is struggling to keep the few businesses it has. I truly believe that we as a community have been left to defend for ourselves when all attention and money has been used in Livingston
201	West Lothian Council need to drop many middle and top management staff. They're absolutely no use! Previous personal experience...thankfully retired for WLC. If only people really knew!!!
202	SNP brainwashing
203	N/A I come home, close my door and see nobody.
204	Increase in antisocial behaviour
205	Traffic/congestion on M8 during rush hours.
206	Ensuring my children grow up in a safe environment and get a good education
207	Closure of local shops in the High Street
208	Bathgate as a town now is only used by commuters due M8 and Livingston
209	Our house isnt big enough and i dont think the council will let us have a bigger home
210	The rising cost of buying a decent house in bathgate.
211	Bathgate will lose its town centre and more shops will be forced to close
212	Vital social care services being cut whilst council tax is increasing by 3% annually
213	Broadband speeds are poor. When are we going to get fibre optic in Bathgate, feels like we are one of the last areas to get this.
214	Youth crime
215	Tory government and its impact on the health service especially
216	Drugs
217	Drunken behaviour.
218	School Entry
219	Anti social behaviour
220	To many empty buildings
221	The total demise of shopping facilities. No decent shoe shop or gents clothing shop.
222	Paying the bills
223	Bathgate is deteriorating like a lot of small towns.
224	The affordable housing being built in wester inch and the people this will bring

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- 225 Being unable to see a GP or nurse when needed.
- 226 The fact that Bathgate has nothing to offer other than no hope
- 227 My children.
That Bathgate will be come a ghost town . When I was little we loved coming to the town and I had many a happy night out . Please rejuvenate it
- 228
- 229 Traffic congestion and inconsiderate car parking.
- 230 Bathgate town centre
- 231 People who work are not appriacted as much as peoole that dont work . Why not give people that work a council house when they can pay .
- 232 HMRC moving
- 233 Anti social behaviour
- 234 Lack of facilities for teens
- 235 Future opportunities for my toddler! Feels like we're surrounded by pubs and charity shops - and lack of the community spirit we desire
- 236 The town looks tired not appealing
- 237 So many new houses but schools/shops/doctors can't cope with increased capacity
- 238 Concerned about health service here in bathgate
- 239 Road work
- 240 Keeping Bathgate safe
- 241 Not enough shops have to go to Livingston or Edinburgh for clothes ect
- 242 Number if yobs
- 243 Bathgate centre is not attractive and needs an improved range of shops.
- 244 Lack of housing for the kids future
- 245 Deterioration of Bathgate . No longer the hub of West Lothian. Links poor to other communities buses tend to link better from there to Livingston rather than Bathgate
- 246 Potential increase in council tax will make living here too costly
- 247 The schools. I have heard terrible things about the high school and am looking to move as soon as possible. The crime rates feel high and anti-social behaviour.like eggs getting thrown at houses. I would never walk alone in Bathgate.
- 248 It becoming like armadale
- 249 Bathgate as a town is getting worse for everything,
- 250 Worried that when my children leave home they will move out of West Lothian as their home town is no longer as appealing
- 251 Lack of activities for children in the area. Poor park for them to play (meadow park).
- 252 To meny incomers
- 253 My children's future in this area.
- 254 Bathgate is getting so big and no longer a smallish community nothing here
- 255 Lack of community policing.

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- 256 That those in charge have no sense of direction in making real improvements for the true benefit of the residents. Typical example - precinct has been dug up more than a Burke and Hare body - and at what cost ?
- 257 How unsafe it is to live in Bathgate. Trouble from youths, theft, drugs etc.
- 258 The amount of shops closing
- 259 Policing and the youth
- 260 Drugs
- 261 Lack of activities for youths .
- 262 Brexit and the EU impact assessments on the UK and Scotland in particular. Inflation may kill local growth and depress economic activity after leaving.
- 263 Raising teens in Bathgate
- 264 The lack of shopping within the centre of bathgate
- 265 I've got two pre-schoolers, it worry that the schools aren't sufficient for the growing town.
- 266 Lack of police in the town
- 267 Economic uncertainty
- 268 Our children will have no where to go as teenagers. I don't want mine hanging about the streets
- 269 Lack of a vibrant town centre
- 270 Nothing
- 271 Affordable housing cuts in essential services for young and old closure of community buildings
- 272 Young people and the local future for them
- 273 Lack of primary and secondary school facilities to taken on all new builds. Feels like there should be more primarys and the acadamy will struggle in a few years when the bigger numbers come through.
- 274 If all banks move to Livingston
- 275 roads
- 276 More people moving into the area but the town & locals aren't changing to meet the needs
- 277 The reduction in healthcare provision in the area. Especially the down grading of the St John's children's ward which unfortunately we are frequent users of.
- 278 Tory government. Increase in break ins in the area.
- 279 Staying healthy
- 280 That more houses keep getting built without any thought as to the fact that facilities are limited
- 281 No very much entertainment for young people hane
- 282 Lack of things for teenagers to do. Shop closures, TC may become a ghost town
- 283 Bathgate dying
- 284 Rising drug use and violence in the area over last few years
- 285 Lack of social housing for youngsters
- 286 Lack of police resources to attend calls timeously. Lower resources than other areas with same population.

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- 287 Finding employment and becoming financially secure.
- 288 traffic coming from armadale from all the new houses to get on to motorway and ignorant bin men just flinging the bins back onto path and in front of driveways and blocking pathways to schools when we have to put them out nice and neat for them or they wont uplift very bad training !!
- 289 Amount of crime in my area.
- 290 Lack of decent shopping as I get older I really don't want to have to trail to Livingston
- 291 West Lothian council moving everything to Livingston
- 292 The future for Bathgate Traders
- 293 Lack of jobs in west lothian
- 294 Poverty
- 295 Politicians
- 296 Crime , unemployment and people who see their life on benefits and as an entitlement
- 297 Fear of terrorism
- 298 The steelyard is bleak and soul less. The precinct is the same. The lack of shops is depressing.
- 299 Council cuts to local amenities and proposed council tax hike.
- 300 Regarding Bathgate or life in general?
- 301 Poor internet and awful roads
- 302 Anti-social behaviour. Dog fouling.
- 303 Parking
- 304 Cut backs to council services. It can only have a further detrimental effect to the town
- 305 lack of Scottish government funding and no community police being seen in the local vicinity
- 306 Car thefts - Personal safety
- 307 Council budget cuts affecting cleanliness and maintenance standards within West Lothian
- 308 The town centre area.
- 309 Parking at the train station still isn't sufficient
- 310 Council providing 1140 free hours of childcare n doing Childminder's out of jobs
- 311 Lack of suitable facilities for a fast growing community football club to use
- 312 Their seems to be a high amount of graffiti in the town at the moment.
- 313 Lack of mental health services in particular young people
- 314 Shops closing down,money wasted on precinct repaving
- 315 Recent fire raising and anti social behaviour by some young people. Empty shops in precinct
- 316 That Bathgate will be second to Livingston.
- 317 My child's education.
- 318 Chewing gum in the precinct. Spent a fortune on it and it's covered already..
- 319 What a depressing place Bathgate is
- 320 Lack of football facilities and pitches in Bathgate. Too many teams and not enough pitches. It's a disgrace.

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- 321 Vandalism
- 322 Crime
- 323 The Regal community Theatre.
- 324 The price of drinks keeps going up
- 325 See point 4. Hard to keep money in the town where there's too much competition too close by. Resulting in the run down nature of the town centre. Recent paving work in the precinct has been great to see and Bathgate Cinema is a great addition to the area. Some incentives from the council to attract a better quality of shop would help improve the footfall and in turn help the other retailers.
- 326 Enough space at Bathgate academy for all the upcoming years - several schools with multiple primary streams
- 327 Lack of sporting facilities outside xcite - many other areas have excellent sporting areas including football pitches and more along with catering facilities which is open to all
- 328 Lack of football facilities
- 329 Local shops being under cut and forced to close by bigger chain stores
- 330 Small shops having to pay highly increased rates, which will lead to more closures.
- 331 Cleanliness of the streets and local park areas I feel these have gone downhill and the grass cutting and tree trimming etc has been poor this year. I feel this can be seen on the entry to Bathgate from Boghall. Uplift of bulky objects.
- 332 Garden area of partnership centre not fulfilling its potential. Lack of posters and local information in the partnership centre.
- 333 More shops closing and nothing worthwhile to replace
- 334 Kids will fall out of a sport they enjoy due not being able to accommodate the growth in the community as a whole
- 335 it might rain on Sunday & I've got golf booked
- 336 Too many betting/arcade style shops on the main area of bathgate, social housing areas look very run down. Too many social housing property's being built in Wester Inch which will lead to house prices falling for those who own there homes.
- 337 not a lot for kids to do
- 338 The state of the wooden garages which are not even used by car owners and the fact the council has not knocked them down and replaced with either car spaces or lock ups at the cul de sac at the back of 51 to 61 Dalling Road
- 339 Crappy town centre
- 340 Getting Facilites for our kid to prosper in sport.
- 341 To many fights in area
- 342 Lack of housing and public transport
- 343 The drug dealers living in my block
- 344 Small business closing.
- 345 The amount of charity and cafe in Bathgate and the amount of forgein people getting houses and no speaking English when out and about
- 346 House breaking and violence

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- 347 Poor shopping - amount of charity shops/hairdressers/take away's
- 348 Bathgate looks a sad place. Not cared for. Too many empty buildings.
- 349 Lack of football facilities
- 350 Too many empty shops.
- 351 The Closure of the Regal Theatre
- 352 That the local authority are obliged to attend too many meetings with some local organisations who's members only attend to complain and don't bring anything positive to the table. This is a complete waste of Council resources and only provides a time-filler for the otherwise vacuous existence of these people.
- 353 The precinct total waste of money not even done a decent job of it. Housing not being allocated too 1st on list instead just given out to willy nilly unfair system for people who have been on list 15/20 odd years and more and no chance of getting a house because of way they work it
- 354 Lack of funding from Government resulting in the running down of local services and education.
- 355 Crime
- 356 Lack of good jobs
- 357 Bathgate soon going to be a ghost town
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- 359 Not enough social housing
- 360 The precinct is a death trap for the elderly and infirm if it's icy. .
- 361 Lack of Resturants.
- 362 It's horrible to say but the people. The town centre is full of unemployed bums.
- 363 The ongoing decline of work ethic of people living in the area and also the decline in the general respect for / to others in the community
- 364 the number of problem children at Bathgate academy is a joke. seem to have had pc macaulays role there taken away when its so needed
- 365 Bathgate is quickly becoming a ghost town
- 366 I don't really have any great concerns.
- 367 I feel that the town centre is transitioning from a shopping hub where retailers sell goods to more leisure orientated i.e. Hairdressers, takeaway outlets. In my opinion we need a better balance and find a way to encourage people to shop locally. We need "destination" retailers such as Clarks shoes. The town has grown so much over the last 10 years due to the Wester Inch development, predominantly with families and you cannot but a pair of quality school shoes in the town.
- 368 Crime and undesirables hanging around at nights
- 369 What amenities/opportunities will there be for my children as they grow up
- 370 Getting a doctor's appointment within a reasonable time
- 371 My husband is abusive and I'm thinking of killing myself
- 372 Bathgate becoming a ghost town with nothing at all in it
- 373 Road works
- 374 Secondary school facilities
- 375 Junkies

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- 376 To many drug people living amongst ordinary people. They should all be housed together
- 377 None
- 378 More houses in Bathgate than you can imagine lots of council tax but no money being put back into the area, but great big council buildings going up at enormous expense again nothing back to bring better retail into Bathgate
- 379 The state of the schools in the area as I have a found son due to start nursery soon.
- 380 Lack of investment in town.
- 381 Not in permanent employment
- 382 Cut backs that the Council have to make which is not their fault.
- 383 Over development. It's already beyond this limit and just keeps growing. The town is not designed for the size it has become, i.e., roads, congestion, air pollution, parking...
- 384 Environmental impacts not being addressed
- 385 Lack of services and entertainment for teens
- 386 Theft/crime
- 387 Socialising my son with kids his own age without it costing an arm and a leg.
- 388 Place looks run down. Never seen the place so unkempt. Kirkton Park is the worst I have ever seen it. All weeds and no flowers.
- 389 Community clubs and activities for my child with additional learning needs.
- 390 Roads are patched. Paths are all weeds. Hedges/Trees/Shrubs not cut or maintained enough. Drugs in every street. Housing repairs are patch jobs. West Lothian Council Cuts from Scottish Government impacting all areas of Council responsibility.
- 391 Feeling safe enough to walk home on my own
- 392 Speed of traffic on Marjoribanks Street
- 393 Not enough good shops and places to eat in Bathgate
- 394 Too little for small and teenage children to do - causes antisocial behaviour issues.
- 395 Not enough for teenagers to do
- 396 Amount of eastern Europeans and paedophiles in the area, we are letting these people into Bathgate without a proper background report done on them.
- 397 Lack of local pride in dogging
- 398 Poor state of precinct and the people it attracts benefit scroungers, tramps and criminals. Abandoned shops everywhere will only get worse when benefit centre closes too. Parking is an issue there are cars parked on pavements everywhere making paths dangerous and untidy
- 399 Junkies
- 400 What's for dinner
- 401 Nobody will fight for the town any longer full of immigrants
- 402 How run down Bathgate is right now
- 403 Cars parked all over the place
- 404 Parking and transport

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- 405 there is far too many charity shops every time a shop closes it opens with a charity shop there needs to be shops builds for clothes etc like Livingston I have 3 kids so it's no always easy to take all them up there but if shops where in Bathgate would be a lot easier
- 406 The fact the shops within the town centre have gone downhill over the last few years
- 407 Lots more local crime in area (esp meadowlark area)
- 408 Lovell building works. Seems second rate compared ro other previous builders
- 409 Road's in and out of Bathgate, not fit to cope with volume of traffic
- 410 Lack of facilities for the youth
- 411 Bathgate becoming a ghost towm
- 412 Lack of visible community based police on the street.
- 413 Local crimes, too much of it going on.
- 414 The lack of support for small businesses and shops and house's
- 415 Young people getting involved in drugs
- 416 Problems caused by yourh
- 417 No cctv in the town centre
- 418 Centre is tatty and falling apart
- 419 Not enough jobs
- 420 Brexit
- 421 Youth problems and lack of traffic wardens
- 422 Feeling safe. Not enough Police patrolling streets
- 423 Employment in area could be better
- 424 Not much for kids to do
- 425 Amount of foreigners in the area putting pressure on those who have lived in the area but cannot get accommodation. Drugs coming into areas that we're not there previously
- 426 Things will get worse ghostbusters
- 427 Antisocial behaviour
- 428 Too many shops shutting down
- 429 It's depressing now to shop in
- 430 Parking issues in and near to my street and the overhanging trees over my property that blocks sunlight.
- 431 Crime
- 432 U employment
- 433 Lack of good independent stores and walking around at lunchtime We see a lot of Drug abuse
- 434 Poor street lighting in some areas
- 435 Lack of opportunities for younger generation in bathgate, I see this as only a commuter town now
- 436 When you want to go shopping for clothes shoes need to go to Livingston or into town
- 437 Town centre becoming run down looking to number of charity shops, cafes and bookmakers.
- 438 Town centre becoming run down liking due to number of charity shops, cafes and bookmakers.

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- 439 The perceived risk of being attacked while out alone at night.
- 440 Over crowding at schools due to more housing developments.
- 441 Decline of town centre.
- 442 Crime rising - attacks on women
- 443 The younger generation are running riot in Bathgate and being allowed to do so
- 444 Drugs in Bathgate and lack of a decent bus service
- 445 Overcrowding at Simpson primary
- 446 Unemployment
- 447 Crime. House break ins and car theft.
- 448 In relation to Bathgate, recent refundancy threats from HMRC at the Pyramids and the continued downgrading of St John's Hospital. Not Bathgate but a massive factor on our community.
- 449 No serious development of facilities to help bring employers in
- 450 See answer 4. Also prices and availability of housing.
- 451 Lack of social housing and decent shops
- 452 Residents in the wester inch area getting isolated and also the fact that new council houses are being built in this area. Hope this won't bring criminality to such a nice area
- 453 Lack of government funding for community groups
- 454 Unemployment
- 455 Facilities and badly needed rejuvenation
- 456 Crime rate particularly burglaries
- 457 Council funding and impact on services
- 458 Finding a job closer to Bathgate
- 459 Decisions being made by council / pupil placement regarding funding, increasing funded hours as it affects private nursery business in Bathgate.
- 460 That shops such as Boots and WH Smith will close and then there will be no quality shops left. Bathgate will turn into a big commuter town only.
- 461 Feeling safe
- 462 Seems crime/attacks are on the up
- 463 Lack of public transport
- 464 Things for kids to do
- 465 Idiots running riot
- 466 Paying a premium to live in wester inch and the Amount of council houses being built in the village
- 467 Lack of facilities in the area and high crime
- 468 The town centre is terrible - not welcoming or inviting
- 469 Nothing at the moment.
- 470 Idiots
- 471 Just dont feel safe going about bussiness
- 472 Too many charity shops 4 in precinct
- 473 I can mind when geoege street was really busy at weekends no hardly anyone about at weekend shopping

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- 474 they need to re-train bucket men to put buckets back to where they got them instead of just flinging them in middle of pavement people cant get by with buggies or disabled people school kids have to go on road to get by so ignorant of them !
- 475 The ugly looking precinct and amount of poor shops (charity shops, hairdressers, food shops) and everything getting moved to Livingston
- 476 With no catholic high school anymore, my kids travel to St Kents. My experience is it is a badly run disorganised school with poor teaching staff. Similar to the other high schools in the area including Bathgate Academy, there doesn't seem to be a big enough budget for decent resources. I'm also concerned at the lack of policing in Bathgate
- 477 Multi region transport. My brothers and sisters all live in Glasgow and require regular support from me. I also work in Edinburgh and now require to take two buses whereas until recently there was one regular service. One of the reasons I chose Bathgate was direct bus service to Glasgow and Edinburgh. These services have been removed.
- 478 Shit hole
- 479 Appears to be a lot of yobs driving about at night and doesn't feel safe in town centre.
- 480 Town centre is dieing because the 2 large supermarkets were allowed to provide services normally found in the town centre
- 481 I currently work in edinburgh and would like to work closer to home as I am a single parent, but there is a lack of suitable career opportunities. I am also unhappy with my school catchment area.
- 482 Open spaces being built on
- 483 None
- 484 The rain
- 485 Lack of facilities/ facilities and places of employment closing
- 486 Cuts to council services
- 487 Litter around my local area with overgrown weeds which were missed when men recently sprayed main pathways but not in the square, the kerbs etc around the wooden garages behind the houses from 51 to 77Dalling Road and the wooden garages which make the area look run down and neglected.
- 488 Lack of facilities,doctor surgery houses being built no amenities ,it just second hand shops ,nail bars ,hairdressers
- 489 Bins not being collected regularly. Garbage sitting for ages dumped anywhere by sloths because bins are overflowing and being scattered around by birds. Basic hygiene fail
- 490 Speeding traffic on road i stay on
- 491 Nothing for kids
- 492 The burden on local amenities such as schools, doctors, dentists etc.
- 493 Safety walking on streets more police patrol
- 494 Crime
- 495 Town centre becoming a ghost town.

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- 496 Transport to work in Edinburgh. Our bus was taken off and now takes between 1.5 hours in morning to get to work. 2 hours coming home. I can't afford the train every day.
- 497 Noisy neighbours
- 498 Bad state of roads
- 499 Security
- 500 The banks closing down - I bank with the Clydesdale now have to go to Livingston on a Saturday??
- 501 House prices and property value in Bathgate
- 502 Crime esp rapes and house breakins. Not a lot to do for teenagers
- 503 Poor environment
- 504 Poor selection on f decent shops
- 505 Finding employment in my selected field. Just finished studying and struggling to find work - I haven't even bothered looking in Bathgate because there are no jobs in the arts.
Closure of St Johns Children's wing at Livingston
- 506 The M8 from Bathgate to Edinburgh side being a dual carriageway. It's a car park at 7.10am and 545pm. Makes commuting for working parents even longer than it has to be.
- 507 Lack of council housing
Lack of investment. Livingston still being developed but none of the other towns in West Lothian being developed. Too many large empty buildings - Dreadnought hotel, old Wm Lows building, etc
- 508 No real reason for me to shop on Bathgate any more as none of the current shops really appeal.
- 509 Bathgate as a town is falling apart the market is empty there is no local shops and unless you want food shopping to get a hair cut or a take away you need to go else where
- 510 Nothing in particular.
- 511 safety of women out and about alone
- 512 As a couple we live in a Council estate where there are empty houses which are very obviously 'second homes'. People are getting away with this because there is nobody checking up on the situation. In the block of four where we live, we are probably the only ones paying rent, but do NOT get any better treatment from the Council. In fact, our teenage neighbour gets his grass cut and garden tidied up by the Council !!!
- 513 As stated in number 4 above.
- 514 Further house building beyond Glenwood (old Peoples garage) on what is meant to be conservation land
- 515 Road layout through Bathgate too busy and congested
- 516 Small shops in town open and close in short space of time.
- 517 All the transit vans in Boghall Drive, some blocking the pavement.
- 518 Cars on pavements can't see bus coming for them bus has run by me pavements are for pedestrians not cars.
- 519 As at 4. above
- 520 Lack of people using Bathgate town centre as a shopping area.

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- 521 Continuing drugs related problems, and noisy car racing in the middle of the night.
- 522 Pot holes the roads are crumbling under our feet
- 523 As I've mentioned, lack of a traffic warden!
- 524 Local authorities wasting money
- 525 The town centre continues to decline. It's so depressing.
- 526 Traffic in Bathgate seems out of control. There are regular traffic jams at North & Southbridge Sts, Whitburn, Menzies, Mill & Glasgow Rds. tempers flare at regular intervals with regular bullying peeping of horns and rude gestures abound. It's very unfriendly.
- 527 The decline of shops
- 528 Council Budget Cuts to local services. Jobs.
- 529 Poor restaurant and decent pubs for couples over 30. Precinct shopping a disgrace. Lack of investment in shops. Sports facilities far too expensive. Swimming £4!!!! What a joke
- 530 Closure of shops.
- 531 Parking/ traffic problems in the town since our Traffic Warden left, We need the warden back!
- 532 How the local election results will impact further on local services
- 533 Crime increase.
- 534 Brexit
- 535 Livingston has killed of all the local communities town centres
- 536 Bathgate is being run down and neglected
- 537 I have young children who will be going to school over the next few years so I hope that the schools are going to remain of good quality and that local NHS services at St John's Hospital are protected.
- 538 Break-up of UK
- 539 Husband and I both just lost our jobs. Don't seem to be entitled to any help despite both working from age 15.
- 540 There are not enough gps. Getting a suitable appointment is difficult
- 541 The cut backs that are made to the local services and NHS.
- 542 Failure to manage parking in the town centre
- 543 Crime. House break ins and car theft.
- 544 Indeyref2
- 545 The way in which the SNP are destroying Scotland
- 546 The gradual decline in a sense of the town's worth and value - both past and present. I wonder how many school kids are proud of calling themselves a 'Bathgate bairn'?
- 547 Recovery health
- 548 Safety in our community also town not looking its best.
- 549 The health centres cannot cope with the amount of new houses being built, plus westerinch was sold to us as a village, not even a small shop
- 550 Lack of investment in shopping centre
- 551 Opportunities for my children when they are older.
- 552 The lack of resources and things to do for teenagers no shopping facilities. Nothing but second hand shops cafes and bookies. The nitelife has also suffered

