

Streetwise Information and Action

What's up your street?

As part of the Streetwise programme of work in 2009 we asked people to complete postcards to tell us what they thought about their street. Here is a summary of what people said:

What's best about your street?

- Street trees
- My house!
- Lots of children
- Near shops
- Nice architecture
- Cul-de-sac – lovely neighbours
- Street barbecues in September
- Views over beautiful Victoria Park
- Community feel
- View of the park opposite
- Friendly neighbours
- Mix of people
- Gardens are big and wild
- Nice fronts on houses
- Wide pavements
- Long Victorian terraces with individuality
- Attractive Georgian terraces

What's worst about your street?

- No trees
- Rubbish
- Not enough bins
- Not enough outdoor lamps – many injuries have occurred
- Trees generally have weeds and rubbish around their base
- Traffic, danger and noise
- Some slummy front gardens
- Anti social youths
- Cars parked on pavements
- Cyclists on pavements
- Front and back gardens concreted/paved
- Anti-social youths gathering in the park
- Litter and rubbish from the takaways
- Most bins have to be left on the pavement
- Traffic noise, waste left on the street

How could streets be improved?

- More trees
- Speed limit enforcement
- Unified paving up the street
- Communal flowerbeds
- Skateboard ramps!
- More bike stands
- Radical transport plan to reduce the number of cars entering the city

What's best and worst about your street? How do you think streets could be improved? To join the debate visit www.architecturecentre.co.uk/streetwise