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00:00:00 Speaker 1

I don't, obviously I use old Isleworth, like the little shopping, the little high street there.

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I don't really head into Hounslow.

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So, you know, I don't know what's there to be honest.

00:00:13 Speaker 2

So what would you like to be there in 2050?

00:00:16 Speaker 2

Is this is in the future.

00:00:18 Speaker 2

So you're imagining, let's say he's a man.

00:00:23 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:00:23 Speaker 2

And what would you like to be there for him in 2050?

00:00:27 Speaker 1

In 2050.

00:00:32 Speaker 2

In 25 years time

00:00:35 Speaker 1

It's hard to think of things that aren't typically on high streets today.

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So what would you want to keep then?

00:00:41 Speaker 1

All the kind of cafes and nice places that give you that kind of community feeling and that you can, yeah, people if they're feeling lonely or feeling a bit, say they were working from home, they can go to the cafe and they can feel.

00:00:57 Speaker 1

They can feel part of a group kind of thing.

00:01:03 Speaker 1

But personally for me, I mean not for him so much, but who knows, he might have a child by then.

00:01:08 Speaker 1

Play cafes are really good.

00:01:12 Speaker 1

It's like a good place, especially when they're kind of crawling and moving around.

00:01:16 Speaker 1

I mean, libraries, that would be another one as well.

00:01:18 Speaker 2

So you would definitely keep the library.

00:01:20 Speaker 1

Yeah, I think this leisure centre is like amazing really.

00:01:26 Speaker 1

So more of more of this, I'd probably say.

00:01:28 Speaker 2

Yeah, that's good to know.

00:01:30 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:01:33 Speaker 1

He's not quite at the age.

00:01:35 Speaker 2

Who's this?

00:01:53 Speaker 2

So, what about what about things like parks, outdoor areas?

00:01:59 Speaker 1

Hugely park the parks.

00:02:00 Speaker 1

I mean, there's quite a few, but yeah, I definitely would be very sad if they disappeared.

00:02:05 Speaker 1

I mean, anything, or the woods, there's a there's in Richmond Park on the Petersham Gate entrance of Richmond Park.

00:02:24 Speaker 2

So do you think people will still be reading books in 2050?

00:02:30 Speaker 2

I hope so.

00:02:31 Speaker 1

I hope so.

00:02:32 Speaker 1

Yeah, I hope so.

00:02:32 Speaker 1

Alfie loves books.

00:02:34 Speaker 1

He's really, he'll reverse in, he'll reverse into my lap if he wants me to read a book, which is nice.

00:02:40 Speaker 1

That's so nice.

00:02:41 Speaker 1

Yeah, his dad's been doing that with him.

00:02:44 Speaker 1

So yeah, I think.

00:02:54 Speaker 1

so I think that, there's a lovely, like, it's kind of like a park.

00:02:59 Speaker 1

It has swings, it has a slide, but it's a little bit more natural materials, probably.

00:03:05 Speaker 1

we say, and there's some quite, so kind of more sort of unique parks and outdoor sort of adventure playgrounds kind of thing would be great.

00:03:17 Speaker 2

Yeah, that's right.

00:03:19 Speaker 2

And do you think that perhaps young adults might like some kind of provision for them?

00:03:23 Speaker 2

So when he's 26, what kind of outdoor spaces do you think he might?

00:03:29 Speaker 1

It's quite sad because it's hard to imagine.

00:03:31 Speaker 1

You go and look like, I mean, there's a bus that goes around near Tesco.

00:03:37 Speaker 1

There's like an estate there.

00:03:38 Speaker 1

Don't know if you want to go there.

00:03:41 Speaker 1

I've never got off the bus there, but...

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been through it and whereas years ago you'd see children playing in the basketball court and the skate park, obviously you don't, you just don't see that now.

00:03:51 Speaker 1

It's like empty.

00:03:52 Speaker 1

You just imagine that they're all in their rooms on computers and playing like, yeah, on their phones basically.

00:03:58 Speaker 2

So what you'd like to see for the...

00:04:01 Speaker 1

I don't necessarily know of having, I mean, I suppose if there was, yeah, I don't necessarily know of having, having the facilities would necessarily drive the...

00:04:12 Speaker 1

behavioural change necessarily.

00:04:17 Speaker 1

It's got to be, but yeah, sorry, we're going a bit outside the box there.

00:04:21 Speaker 2

No, I think that's really interesting actually.

00:04:24 Speaker 2

So, you know, if there was something that would get people outside and off their devices, what do you think it would look like?

00:04:37 Speaker 2

I mean, you would say that would be a desirable thing.

00:04:41 Speaker 2

That's something that would be good.

00:04:42 Speaker 2

I mean, I wouldn't be just asking.

00:04:46 Speaker 3

I just spoke to this amazing lady.

00:04:52 Speaker 3

Do you want to hear what she said?

00:04:53 Speaker 2

Yes, I do.

00:04:59 Speaker 4

So she started off saying it would be nice to have more green spaces.

00:05:02 Speaker 4

But then she spoke about teenagers.

00:05:04 Speaker 3

She said it's good for teenagers around here.

00:05:07 Speaker 3

but maybe it would be a good idea to ask teenagers and find out what they need because they're not all sporty and there's facilities for sporty teenagers, but not arty teenagers.

00:05:16 Speaker 3

She said she doesn't like it here because she thinks there are rude people and she's pranking an arts week for teens with a creative emphasis and we would be able to pay a small fee, so it's something for the 12 pluses missing with video games and arts.

00:05:30 Speaker 3

She has a creative soul, but she's not interested in her mum telling her to do things, because she's 14, right?

00:05:36 Speaker 3

And she said, why don't we find an, oh, this is great idea, why don't we find and identify an empty space and get a group of teenagers to redesign it themselves and to program it themselves so they can do it with their ideas on their own.

00:05:49 Speaker 3

They might not know how to start.

00:05:51 Speaker 3

but they can paint and sing, but they need a community of other young people to do it.

Speaker 1 – Theme analysis

Local Use of Space:

- Mainly uses Old Isleworth's high street, not Hounslow.
- Appreciates local, small-scale amenities.

High Street & Community Spaces (2050 vision):

- Values **cafes** as hubs for community and social connection, especially for people working from home or feeling lonely.
- Suggests **play cafes** for families with young children.
- Strongly supports keeping **libraries** and the **leisure centre**.

Parks & Outdoor Spaces:

- Parks and green spaces are “hugely” important and would be a major loss if gone.
- Values **unique playgrounds** made of natural materials and more adventurous designs.

Concerns About Youth Engagement:

- Noticed decline in young people using outdoor sports spaces (e.g., basketball courts, skate parks).
- Worries that teenagers are increasingly indoors on devices.
- Believes facilities alone may not drive behavioural change—something deeper is needed to encourage them outside.

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Speaker 1

I'd love to see a much cleaner environment at this particular bugbear with litter and rubbish all around the place. And I'd like to see police officers walking the streets at least occasionally. Or, you know.

Speaker 1

Just to feel safer in the Community and obviously they're building. So much extra properties in the area. Now there's no infrastructure to support that and parking is an issue and schooling and you know there's not enough doctors available for all these additional people coming into the community. And we'd love to see more infrastructure and support for young teenagers just to give them something to do during the evenings,

maybe like youth clubs where there are either paid volunteers or volunteers of some sort. Just keep them off the streets and get them to interact with each other, especially now that you know everybody is on a screen and not talking to each other.

Speaker 1

Or the pensioners. That was my friend's big thing. Yeah, and just social gatherings for pensioners during the day. This weekly, so that they can be collected and taken to a centre where they can actually chat to each other and maybe have animals and their little puppies or whatever. Because yeah. So nice for older people. And even just once a week. Lovely. Cheaply done. It doesn't have to cost a fortune. They don't eat a lot. And just it's the social interaction is so important. So yeah, thank you for asking.

Speaker 1 – Theme analysis

Environment & Safety

- Strong concern about litter and rubbish in the community.
- Would like a cleaner environment.
- Supports having police officers on the streets occasionally to increase feelings of safety.

Infrastructure & Services

- Notes that rapid housing development is not being matched with adequate infrastructure.
- Highlights shortages in parking, schooling, and doctors for the growing population.
- Teenagers & Youth Provision
- Believes there should be more support and activities for young people, particularly in the evenings.
- Suggests youth clubs (with paid staff or volunteers) to help teenagers socialise and stay off screens/streets.

Older People & Social Interaction

- Emphasises the importance of social opportunities for pensioners.
- Suggests weekly gatherings/centres where older people can meet, talk, and enjoy companionship (possibly with pets/animals).
- Stresses that such initiatives can be low-cost but high-impact, as social interaction is key for wellbeing.

Overall insight:

Speaker 1 envisions a community that is cleaner, safer, and better resourced with infrastructure to match population growth. They see social provision for both teenagers (youth clubs) and older residents (weekly social gatherings) as essential for building stronger connections and reducing isolation.

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Speaker 2

If you imagine it's 2050. What would you like more? Well, what would you like that isn't around?

Speaker 1

Yeah, spaces like libraries. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Do you work in libraries, use it as a working space?

Speaker 1

Meaning I do come and write and do my work. Or there are lots of parks here, but if they could assign some places for them and. Yeah. So that you could feel safe because I came in early today and then I was at the park waiting for the library to open. It's always safe here. But just if we could have spaces assigned to women, we could feel more safe.

Speaker 2

Does it? Does it sometimes feel uncomfortable in the spaces? Ohh OK yeah.

Speaker 1

Not much. Just today. Yeah. From the time that I've come just today.

Speaker 2

Like.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

What would you like to do for fun? That is 2050 and you were having your fun here. What would that be for?

Speaker 1

You so I can only compare this with my city, Bombay. I've just come from there, yeah. So we used to have a lot of free poetry sessions or authors coming in, and we used to be poor growing up and it was great that everything was free to attend. Yeah. So something like that where people could. Poetry or anything, just author coming in and talking about his work, their work.

Speaker 2

And the poetry in your home city. Was that visiting poets, or did you also get a chance to write poetry?

Speaker 1

I want to write poetry for.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I thought.

Speaker

The side.

Speaker 2

I could see.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I haven't written much.

Speaker 2

They may be really lovely to have. A space with.

Speaker 1

Hmm.

Speaker 2

There. So like a poetry.

Speaker 1

Cafe. Yeah. Yeah, that would.

Speaker 2

Be yeah. And are there. Are there any other ideas for you that might? Bombay you said was your home city.

Speaker 2

That you would like to bring from Bombay here. You know how sometimes it's really great and it's if you've lived somewhere else. Those things are great about where we live with someone like. Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah. And that place actually, I think the city was modelled on London. So it has a lot of things in common and I actually love the quiet here because it is very crowded over there. So safety wise that is great because every everywhere is crowded so actually most of the things I like get better here. Maybe if I could, I would say if you could make a neuro divergent spaces where people are OK with just coming silently and being off or they're off work.

Speaker

Yes.

Speaker 1

Huh.

Speaker 2

So tell me if I'm wrong so I'm hearing. The places where it's possible to be in the quiet or silent? Yeah, that's really great. I love the poetry cafe. I'm gonna come to that.

Speaker 2

And and how about this? Do you think there are enough green spaces? Would you like more green spaces?

Speaker 1

Yeah, there are lots. Actually. This is more than I expected in a city. Actually, I didn't know you could have spaces like this, like the place next to just there's a park here. And then I walk one block from the Gumley school. There was one more part, so I couldn't imagine those 21st. So that is great. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Is there anything at the moment in the area that you would like to see gone by 2050?

Speaker 1

No, actually seems great. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker 1 – Key Ideas & Insights

Libraries & Safe Spaces

- Uses the library as a workspace and values it highly.
- Suggests designated safe spaces for women in parks and public areas to help them feel more comfortable.

Cultural & Creative Opportunities

- Inspired by experiences in Bombay, where free poetry sessions and author talks were common and accessible.
- Would like similar free cultural events here, e.g., poetry readings, author talks.
- Envisions a poetry café as a dedicated space for creativity, writing, and community.

Inclusivity & Wellbeing

- Suggests creating neurodivergent-friendly spaces where people can sit quietly, disconnect, or work silently without social pressure.
- Green Spaces
- Very positive about the abundance of parks in the local area.
- Finds the greenery better than expected for a city and values it highly.

Overall insight:

Speaker 1 values libraries, cultural opportunities, and inclusive safe spaces. They want environments that balance quiet and safety (especially for women and neurodivergent individuals) with creative and community engagement (like poetry cafés and free author events). They are impressed by the local green spaces and don't see a need for major removals.

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Transcript

Speaker 1

Speaker 1

So it's 2050. And everything you want your borough to be. It has come to pass. So let's start with what is there there. What is the what is there there? What's on the High Street?

Speaker 2

Gosh, it's quite sad our High Streets. I'd love that community feel back to High Street, South St the ladies in the South Street Cafe desperately, desperately try so hard to hang on to the community feel, but it just feels like you're against big juggernaut of yeah.

Speaker 1

Do you mean like competition?

Speaker 2

Just to be more than coffee shops and charity shops, or estate agents there. There's no heart. There is in Isleworth, here in are very much. There are a lot of people that work really hard. I don't know how you get that back. And I think part of it is those that have never experienced it, don't miss it. But those who have experienced it are dying, so can't. You know, it's our elder community that are used to that time that people sort of crave. But you see our young group don't miss it because they've never had it.

Speaker 1

That's really interesting.

Speaker 2

So the post office, a bank, a coffee shop, a community hub without having to get on a bus and go somewhere. Bridge Link is just fabulous. And the work that they do with the Community on the estate, but I think very much people see it as that's on the estate for the estate people. I know they work really hard. I do various different Community projects that feed into it. So like the South Street Cafe, you got the charity shop going and the Sunville travel shop. That was, that's gone since COVID, COVID took that and they work remotely now, but the lovely people at Sunville let them have use of the empty space to to raise money effectively, and it's been funnelling into the the Ivy Bridge Food Bank. Because it was being abused at face fronts. So people were coming and taking donations that didn't need to take it and the system is being abused, so they had to diversify and diversifying it was. We dropped all our unwanted items in charity shops all run by volunteers. Sunville gave willingly of the premises went free, but that's coming to an end. The building's been sold, so we've got the castle pub has been sold. We're assuming that's going to be redeveloped. Every piece of land, council are building on the garages, the garages by the back entrance of the Blue School have all now got 3-

4 Storey buildings on it. So. Yeah, that community feeling... we've lived in Isleworth like 25 years.

Speaker 1

I hear I hear all of that and I it's difficult. There's a lot of challenges, but I suppose the invitation is to let yourself. Blue sky like. You know, future actually could be what you want it to be. Given all of that, that you. Just told. The community city of cohesion and celebration was really. Part of that. What do you think? Forget about the impossible is to, I guess it's an invitation to be hopeful about what could happen. What would need do you think? And you might not know the answer obviously. In order to get a High Street, that's full of like community hubs and drop in craft centre in cafes and things. What what would the Council need to do to help support that?

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

It's about supporting the groups that offer it. Because they're there, but everybody's feeling, really squashed at once. Well I say everybody personally. I think everywhere I have to use a car to do my job. I can't take everything I need to get to work on the bus or on a bike. But I feel the road works around here have got ridiculous every second day something's popped up. We've had nine months of the A316 being redeveloped and it's fabulous, but we lived in hell for nine months. Every second day, somebody's digging up the main road with temporary lights and the argument about it's healthy for the environment and don't get me started on Sidiq Khan. But I have a car that overnight or over 18 months. I knew I could no longer use unless I was prepared to foot £12.50 a day because she just misses the ULEZ catchment, so I'm forced to make a I've forced to purchase a car that couldn't afford to. Quiet time. A force to relinquish. A car that I was very comfortable with didn't do many miles in worked perfectly for my business. I have a preschool, so it's a little mini-van. So I could go about my business and get what I needed to do to where I needed it to be. It can't go on a bike, but everything seems to be pro cycle. I get that I get. I'm all for the environment, but then we sat the last 18 months in back-to-back traffic.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 2

So since we've had things slapped on us, you will do this. You will do this. We're then sat with great big buses, still belching out. Then we're just sat in stationing, virtually stationary traffic. But, but yeah, it's.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

It's interesting how. I think in a in a in a in an ideal world. You want everyone to get on and like we've got little community thing going on in the pub conversion and there's still you can hear. People are unsure of what it is, there's that resistance to different culture. Is it a mosque? Is it?

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

And people. But everybody, we were very fortunate to live in a community that's multicultural and with that brings similarities to each culture. It's all around food celebration. Eating together, whether you're Christian, Muslim, atheist, whatever, we're coming together and eating. So having I guess sort of. We're thinking about the coffee. Here this is a. This is a large coffee I can't. Remember the time I bought? A large coffee, but it's a reasonable price and it tastes really nice.

Speaker 1

Really good coffee here.

Speaker 2

And I thought I'm gonna make a point of telling the lady, but I know that my well, I. Try and support and have a coffee. Because of their rates. Because of the costs to employ the staff. Having to push that cost. So to have a piece of cake and a coffee, you're looking at the best part of ten pounds. Yeah. Well.

Speaker 1

No.

Speaker 2

To a retired person that that's their only. I'm not saying give it for free. But to just be able to pass a pay it forward that there are community projects that support that and I don't know how you could transfer that from the Council.

Speaker 1

So. Well, I'm just wondering, I mean, tell me if I don't want to put words in here, but thank you for being so brilliant and generous.

Speaker 1

But it sounds like almost like. In order to support. The already existing amazing things that going on, you know, like some cities have like a tourist rate, local people's rates and most like maybe something like that. So if a problem is is with with the.

Speaker 1

The rates, the cost of buildings and the cost of running, it's something serving the community. So if it could be like. It's like the chains can pay, and if it's a local community group. They could pay like a lower rate or free or do? You think that might support it?

Speaker 2

There is something in that you've got. See when you drive around anywhere but particularly Hounslow, where you see public houses that have no longer and you see the big chains like Tesco's, Sainsbury's. They're mini our Co-op are lovely and it does have a banner of being about the community but it still has its bottom line to meet and it still has its profits to produce and things like that. Yeah. But like, for instance, the ladies at South St.

Speaker 2

Well it it's a group, a collective group of people that do an awful lot. It it's simple things like just not having to fight for our Community Christmas tree, that's just put up in the middle of the square that we have carols around it, but then we think we've got one and then we get a memo to say actually due to cuts, that's not gonna happen this year and there's a quick whip round and the estate agent sponsored it last year. You know it's things that people look forward to, that's part of that. But and this is just a small pocket. But the other thing that I think people just don't see, it's it's it's about. In particular, I worry for our elderly members of our community who have become increasingly isolated, where there's not a face on a checkout. It's just you put your item, scan your items through you, click on it, you click cards. Nobody speaks to you, nobody engages with you. And then cost you six pounds to have a sandwich or a hot meal in the cafe and that could be your only hot meal of the day or for a couple of days.

Speaker 1

There's an idea that some people have spoken with me and Vanessa about which might be of interest to you because elders, has come up quite a lot. Like the elders of the community, and there were other London boroughs that do this. So they'll be like day clubs for elders to attend, which are either free or cheap, somewhere warm.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Nice in it's happening in other places in London and and there's like there's might be a little van which has access to the router access that goes and picks people.

Speaker 2

They're definitely doing it.

Speaker 1

Up. And so quite a few people have said let's do that because people are getting lonely, even if they're only managing to attend once a week. Do you feel like that's something that?

Speaker 2

Yeah, with some, some of the frustration is is we used to have it really in place and then we had budget cuts, which I get, you know we're all feeling the pressure. You know, I work for myself. My husband works nights. You know, we've only got one child, but people with more than one child, you know, I'd hate to think we got to a system here where you could only really afford to have one child. But people may feel that now. You we. That decision was taken out of our hands. I can't have any more children, so we have one child. And that works really well for us. I'm not bitter and twisted at all. But I I work.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Around families who are are struggling. I've got work at polar opposites. I've got families who can't feed their children and I've got families that are multimillion players, that money is no object at all.

Speaker 1

Very interesting position for you.

Speaker 2

You try to keep the even and I often find myself feeling a little bit bitter and twisted when I when we talk about childcare funding. And I think, well, that's great. But you should pay for it if you can afford to pay for it. By giving it to everybody and I'm the provider and I can barely pay my bills because I'm subsidising a government initiative that telling me what I can and cannot charge for. And then I've got some my parents that were paying

for childcare now don't have to pay for childcare. So have 6 holidays a year. So every half term they're either going skiing or somewhere in Europe or they're on a plane. They're not in this country spending the money, and that's why I see that side of things. So they travel more. So the ones that can afford it use it. And then I've still got my families that still can't feed their children. But have the free childcare, so the children are in it safe place, that they get breakfast and they get snack and they get so they get fed and it's warm and it's nurturing. But when school holidays come and things like that, you know, my boys had a well I'd like to think a wonderful summer holidays and what we're trying to instil in him. Is he'll go back to year 9 and quite a large proportion of the boys he goes to school with will have had a really rubbish time just kicking about. We see them hanging out at Asda making nuisance of themselves and it's those sort of things I think. I don't know what I really don't know what the answer is.

Speaker 1

It's another thing that's come up. We've heard several times as well as about and and obviously these are all wouldn't we like all these things to come true but I suppose we've all come from the places we have. We have to have the courage to imagine possible changes.

Speaker 2

Hmm.

Speaker 1

Because nothing happens unless we imagine it first in the words of The velveteen rabbit. So another thing that's come up is just for the Council to understand that there needs to be facilities also for particularly teenagers. They're saying 12+ has come up a lot

Speaker 2

There's a big, I would say it's younger. I'd say there's a definite shift in, I've got 13, rising 14 year old, and perhaps I Mollycoddle him, but he's not left to what, he's in a structured environment, and I know I don't get me wrong. I know that there's a downside to that. And perhaps we've got, it's working. He's also got other neurodivergent things going on. It's what's comfortable, what works for us as a family. But I know that I I can see. I see kids just hanging out on street corners, not doing anything particular than just or what should we do now, you know, kicking a bottle down the street or the 11? Just finishing primary school, so it's a quite a complex age group, too little, too big for primary, but actually too little still to be rattling around. And that's where the trouble comes in. The bigger boys who have got all the bravado and the kits. And you know, do a lot of work around county lines and things like that and you can see how.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Boys, particularly, it's not exclusively to boys, but boys particularly fall into that very quickly. Oh well, I could have the Under Armour coat and the matching bag and the and. I just need to do this little activity because the person I'm watching and idolising has made me feel. Part of something, and I think there's a lot of.

Speaker 2

I think it's really difficult that end of primary, sometimes a bit younger. It's about the family makeup. Yeah. So even our younger children, if they've got lots of older siblings, our older but not necessarily wiser and give us the taller they give a presence.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

People and think I can sit with my boy. He was ahead of me 3 steps ahead of me. He's tall, he's he's well turned out. He's fit and he went into the green, the supermarket in South Shrewsbury Walk. Three steps ahead of me and I physically saw the shopkeeper bristle, like brace for either a showdown or having to what I mean being watched and at that moment the thing was about parents thinking, hang on a minute. How dare you look at my son in that manner and then I realise that that man must be being subjected. The daily onslaught of cheeky boys and girls who are pinching his stock, causing a nuisance because they're bored and they think it's funny and and it's there's that societal sort of breakdown, yeah.

Speaker 1

What? What do you think? Like ideally so by 2050, let's say that there were facilities or offerings for those age groups. Where should they be and what do you think? They should offer.

Speaker 2

I think schools do an awful lot. Of an awful lot. I know my son's school. My son is at Isleworth & Syon, and they are exceptional. I think go above and beyond the co-head teachers and the staff at the school, it's all boys.

Speaker 2

So you're dealing with a lot of testosterone are exceptional, go above and beyond. They've got the structure in place. They're really vulnerable boys that carries on behind

the scenes throughout to particularly avoid this sort of thing. But their means are stretched. I think schools want to be able to help, but are, you know teachers need a break too?

Speaker 1

It's like youth clubs or thing, you know that.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I think because there are things there.

Speaker 1

Cool.

Speaker 2

It's whether the kids will access it when you get to a certain age. It's no longer cool.

Speaker 1

A women, suggested to us. It was the first woman was back to actually. She said to me, I think actually what needs to happen is we identify and that is an available empty space. Then we say to the teenagers you design it and you tell us. What's in it. So it's listening or or whatever age.

Speaker 2

I think it definitely needs to get I.

Speaker 2

Think if it's if. If they feel empowered to be part of it, I think there's a natural resistance to listening to another. I think it doesn't matter what background you come from, it's almost ingrained in teenagers to push back. But I think you know.

Speaker 2

Here this side of Isleworth. I I don't know because my son's not into skating, but we have this beautiful park here and I we have a dog and we're regularly part of dog and they work so hard on this park, but I don't know where the nearest skate park is. For instance, I guess just put Google if he was into it. But. Definitely spaces the. There's so many fabulous things, and there's a youth club next door, Isleworth Explorers, they. That's an amazing facility to do stuff all year round. You know, we've never tapped into that because my sons football obsessed.

Speaker 1

Sorry. No, that's alright. You're talking to you.

Speaker 2

Well, I think unless we nurture. Yeah. But I think also on the news yesterday they said, but I don't know where in the country, but they've said about it's about youngsters going to uni that are in halls that are in accommodation that's in the same community. As senior members so they they mix. So the old and the young mix. And they actively encouraged them to participate in by reducing their horse fees.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

I know it's in its infancy, but I think.

Speaker 1

Yeah, imaginative ideas like that they've got.

Speaker 2

I think we have wonderful green spaces in Hounslow and I'd love that to continue and if you know I access to sport, big believer in sport. Bought but it's getting. And it being accessed. I know there are projects on the market that are, but good luck. I couldn't imagine what, but I hope there's some, yeah.

Speaker 1

It's brilliant. Thank you. I can't thank you so much for. Being so generous with us.

Speaker 2 analysis

Speaker 2 expresses a deep concern for community cohesion, fairness, and intergenerational support. They highlight systemic challenges — redevelopment, infrastructure strain, inequality, isolation of elders, and youth vulnerability. Their vision for 2050 would include:

- Revitalised high streets with genuine community hubs.
- Fairer support structures (for childcare, cafés, local groups).
- Protection for elders and teenagers through accessible facilities and meaningful interaction.
- Balanced policies that support environmental goals without punishing working families.

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Transcript

Speaker

Right. So tell us about tell us about that pavement park.

Speaker 1

I'm from a group called Heston Action Group. So we've been connecting with the Council and residents to do awareness with environment and and trying to make Heston a nicer place but Heston as an extension of Hounslow Council as well and London and I also work for London National Park City. My vision, So I have two visions of 2050 is very negative because we're going downhill in terms of going of climate change, How things are going to turn out, whether we do things now or not.

Speaker 1

The weather is going to change. We need to be more resilient about how we collect the water and all that. So I would love to see streets to have water collection from every house, so people who are watering their trees don't spend the money. That thames water is taken from us. Thank you very much. So we using water harvesting. And we're walking well, I'm trying to kind. Of persuade anybody who want to listen to. That's kind of the way forward in terms of watering trees so well, Hounslow council realises how much money they spend in water, in water bills for water in trees. Or maybe we should actually pay attention to what we're paying.

Speaker

Right, right.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So even though we have net zero on climate change mitigation that they say that all buildings should have water collection. And I think they should backtrack or retrofit buildings to have water harvesting massive? So every time it rains at least it goes not only to to the sewage or whatever but it goes to water trays. So that's kind of a negative with the positive, with a pocket gardens is like we want to see less grey. So there are lots of programmes that they are turned the grey to green or the pavement to gardens and we trying to create public gardens. We are seeing collectively people in different areas trying to get spaces that are tarmacked to be Untarmacked or you know they're taking the square metre and trying to get the Council to agree to to, to water that to water now to to grow that instead of paving it. But we recently recently learned that the.

We actually emailing the Council, saying. You you two years ago, three years ago, you gave permission to plant to plant, not to to tarmac or to retarmac major roads and festivals. So we'll have festive Rd in front of festival school that they should instead of redoing it again. With time I call over is to leave spaces where there's no tarmac, which is an obvious thing. I mean it's it's a kind of no brainer. And if you walk around the street and you see that there's a tarmac area. And where that that could be and time. Now they say they, the powers that be, that tarmac is cheaper because the maintenance is zero. Yeah. It is true in economic means because you once you pay for tarmac, then you don't have to worry about it for another 50 years. Well, if you leave green, you have to maintain the green so. But that's not the point is it shouldn't be an economic decision because also Hounslow did a declaration of of climate change emergency in 2020. Where is that in their actions? Where is that in the ohh? Let's take decisions on what needs to be done back on what doesn't. They should take into into into account that it may mean more money? Well, then don't Tarmac. Don't do anything. It's easy to un-Tarmac. It don't do nothing. Even if people complain. Cause then people would say, well, this is looking very unkept. Well it's better un-tarmacked, I think. But people don't think like that. In fact, we we did a pocket garden that then it was left unattended and people complained how their way to leave it unattended it. And it's like, well, hey, it's only run by volunteers. So it depends on how often people can pass while they are and spend time. It's also unkept by people you know walking over it, so maybe individuals should also know that there's a space that they can. Anyway, it's kind of a complex subject but but because they don't apply the climate change mitigation. I mean they might say they do it, but then when it when it puts it's putting the money forward. It's like, no, it's cheaper to tarmac. Well, then you're not applying. Anything you applying economy, we are run by accountants you know, by money, by how so? No, there's no kind of collective well-being into account from a from a Labour Party and don't quote me on this as I'm going to then go off tangent. But we should not be thinking about where it's economically cheaper. But what is? You know, green and what is best for the collective, even if they collect it, then they don't care very much. So as a green space and they rather see concrete. That's not what is best for the collective. As in as in climate change.

Speaker 1 analysis

Speaker 1 is deeply motivated by environmental activism, combining local community action with wider city initiatives. Their vision for 2050 centres on climate resilience, water harvesting, and urban greening, but they are frustrated by the gap between declarations and real action. They push back against the dominance of short-term economic decisions, urging councils to prioritise collective wellbeing and climate adaptation even if it costs more.

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Speaker 2

That's right. So it struck me when you were talking about, let's say, a neglected pocket garden that it was like, well, they weren't someone serious, that people were. And I was thinking about if the council were to resource Community groups a little more or support them in some way could that help that problem do you think?

Speaker 3

So the Council already resource supports community groups, community gardens, community activities and and it, so it's the volunteers. It's not a Council issue, so the individual choice of becoming a volunteer and I think there is a deficit of volunteers everywhere, in every organisation you get. Ohh, we need more volunteers to do work. To do x y and z and in certain areas and I think Heston is quite good because we have at least ten volunteers everytime that we do something, but it's the kind of the the running of things, you know when it's kind of all the time.

Speaker 2

Yes.

Speaker 3

And if we we have for instance, and it it's, it's a a council run project is called environmental champions, so people are willing to volunteer, but then they volunteer only when it's it's big because that's in the nature of volunteer and of course, so you don't want to pressure anybody. So it's it's the fact that there are so many things that you can.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

To you that that makes it very hard to find the right people for the right activity.

Speaker 1

It's hard in hard times you know

Speaker 1

Yeah, you know people, if folks are struggling to pay their rent. Yeah. Yeah. Doing 3 jobs. Yeah.

Speaker 3

So in especially in the private areas. I'm I, I would say the private with all my respect. When we think that they. So for instance, libraries are very little attended in areas where there is very, you know, where people are really struggling to meet. And but sometimes you think, well, how come is that so that there's kind of almost a backlog of of education and what is available to people don't don't realise that there's a lot of things that will improve their well-being by volunteering, for instance by volunteering, some going and environmental things. It will help people with mental issues with social isolation. But still it's happening. So I think it's not, it's not so much what the Council can do, but it's like what we can do collectively. You know, and a lot of people say, well, you doing this, are you from the country? Said no, I'm from the community. And so there's a a, a lack of education on what society can do for itself without saying to the Council, can you? Do it for me.

Speaker 1

How could that be communicated better do you think?. Because I was thinking, yeah. Where where you live and I don't know if it's, but there's this sort of the there is amazing community groups run by volunteers and amazing community initiatives. They aren't very linked up, so it might be that the tree planting people don't know what they're. Cooking loads of different foods. People are digging.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

I wonder, do you think that would? Help. If we were a bit more linked up

Speaker 3

So I think people who want to be connected are connected. You know, people who don't want to be connected. So you can, you can say, well, I'm just going to do my little by little water in my immediate trees perfectly. That doesn't mean that you want to socialise with.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

The Green Party, for instance, or or or or cooking. Yeah. So it depends very much on your individual choices on how you personally. So there are a lot of people who say like. I'm not interested in. Yeah, you know, but there are other people who are very sociable, but they're not interested in doing their work, you know, so it's it's it's hard to know. It's hard to know. An example is one that only from my house there's a state and they have fantastic mature pear trees. 90% of their pears go wasted. I tend to think they don't waste it because they enrich the soil, but they are wasted in the sense that nobody is using them. Maybe one or two people and I always I talk to people in the state and say why don't you create an event one day a year where people can come and collect the apples, not only you learned how to and I say it's not my state, I'm not going to organise it for you. I can give you the ideas and I can come and I can do the leaflets and I can. It has to come from here. People don't take the initiative.

Speaker 3

So three years later, somebody sent me an e-mail from the council saying, look, we have this resident, we say no, why don't the Council organise the lead to the the pear picking? And I'm like, well, why don't people will use it themselves? They don't need the Council to do foraging for pear trees in their own state.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

So I think it's it's it's it's, it's it's I think it's the fault of everybody. I will blame Margaret Thatcher for sure for the it's in a there's no such a thing as a society and and therefore you know a generation later it's. True that we don't. Have a society we have kind of little pockets of you know, ghettos. Some people feel comfortable in their own little niche but I think having said that, because we realise a lot of people have realised that we need to solve to be social and the word Socialism is kind of a bit, never mind. It's a big mud and you think, well, actually let us reclaim the word for what it is. You know what is socialism about? It means that it's an association of society. Go. You know what it means the the community. Such a lovely world. We let's reclaim them. Not for political terms or anything.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Let's get back to another life. Thank you.

Speaker 3

Thank you very much. Thank Not to not to my political stand, but to reclaim their words example. So we have to be talking for ages.

Speaker 2

I don't know.

Speaker 1

So I suppose I hear you when I. Hear that, I think. What we have the opportunity to do today is to communicate your ideas and everyone else's ideas to councils. We're here with you when you study. It's not necessarily councils' responsibility.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah. So yeah, I just wanted to say given that this is sort of, yeah, anything.

Speaker 3

OK. Yes, sign posting. You know, I've really told bus stop. Instead of advertising Pepsi that you advertise, love your community. Don't chuck rubbish

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 2

I'm not. Yeah, I love that.

Speaker 3

Keep your fag ends with you or put them in the bin

Speaker 1

Also it could be it could be like the school designing those posters completely.

Speaker 3

Listen. Exactly, exactly the same as the one they do the 20 miles an hour thing that they do, just just engage visually, we have communities that are kind of transient. Well, those communities instead of the councils. And while the transient, they can't do anything because they will be here for three years and then go back. But for those three years, tell them what is to work in a public street. Don't chuck rubbish, don't speed. Don't clear your nose in public. Things like in other places that might be acceptable. No, I'm not saying acceptable like it's it's not acceptable anyway, but there's an epidemic. Of people looking at this. So if you don't give a **** and you don't give a **** and collectively people don't give a ****, my street is going to look **** and it's like, why do I have to do that when I don't? When I do do this, why do I have to, you know? And if we

advertise the impostors and I mentioned it to my to my Council says, like, you need to tell people, what are the 10 commandments of living in society?

Speaker 3 analysis

Speaker 3 believes the real challenge isn't council underfunding but community disengagement. They highlight a volunteering deficit, lack of initiative, and weak collective identity as barriers to stronger communities. Their vision for improvement is twofold:

1. Cultural — rebuild a sense of society and collective care.
2. Practical — better communication (e.g., civic posters, school engagement) to set shared norms of responsibility.

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00:00:22 Speaker 2

The idea is is to allow yourself to like really think optimistically, or hopefully about 2050. That's not pretending that there aren't challenges.

00:00:29 Speaker 3

Right.

00:00:32 Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah.

00:00:33 Speaker 2

If you had landed in 2050?

00:00:35 Speaker 3

If I was the king of the world, what would we do? Yeah.

00:00:36

If.

00:00:37 Speaker 2

You exactly change.

00:00:38 Speaker 2

The thing of the.

00:00:39 Speaker 2

World.

00:00:40 Speaker 2

So, in thinking about this borough, yeah, what would you like here that isn't here at the Moment or what would you like more of?

00:00:48 Speaker 4

OK.

00:00:51 Speaker 3

I'd say the biggest thing, I mean, I live on near very near the canal now, and I'd say that should be developed just made more use of the waterway as a.

00:01:03 Speaker 3

And it's just like it's falling to bits a little bit and you know, it just needs a little bit. I don't think it needs massive amount, but just it would be nice if it was just a bit more accessible, the parts are a bit better looked after all that sort of stuff, that'd be my, that'd be my number one, see.

Speaker 2

And that actually canals often support a lot of biodiversity, don't they?

Speaker 3

It's they're great, funnily, I've I've as part of this. I've just joined the. Canal and river. Trust to I'm. I'm training to be a lockkeeper at their their lock so and so they're sort of roping me in to do more litter clearing and all that stuff so.

Speaker 1

Ohh that's amazing.

Speaker 3

And and what the work they're doing is really good, but it's actually underfunded. You know, all the usual. They need more volunteers, need more money. All the usual stuff. And if the government could put or the Council or whoever the borough would put more into that.

Speaker 2

Because that's one thing that you would like the Council to look at.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, I'd like, I'd like them do more now. Not wait till.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

2050 because I mean. When you get into it, they're a massive part of our heritage and. It's it's one of the really few green spaces we've got and the amount of animals and bats and all this sort of stuff that you know.

Speaker 2

All sorts

Speaker 3

And and water voles.

Speaker 1

What would the sort of optimum? So let's say they've been throwing money acting for 20 years. Yeah. And now it's it is absolute optimum, absolute best. What would it be like?

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah. So all the litter would have gone. I don't mind the wildness of the undergrowth and all that that that's a good thing. But the locks will be painted to be maintained properly. We've got 2 locks in in Brentford where we are only one of them works at the moment, but I mean it only needs one of them to work because there's not enough boat traffic, but the other ones falling to bits and it's in disrepair and that's a shame because they're, you know, they're 100 years old. They're amazing things. Yeah, they they can be.

Speaker 2

And they're beautiful.

Speaker 3

And.

Speaker 1

There be more boats

Speaker 3

I think there could be more boats. Yeah. My son lives on a canal boat. So you know, that's another good thing. And. And I think just the water is just generally good. It's just gets you out in nature and it's quite hard to do that round here.

Speaker 2

Would that be as as the necessary in this future Utopia final scenario? And that that would be sort. Of run by. Volunteers, do you think? That's the ideal or do you think? Paying positions are better.

Speaker 3

I think volunteers is good because it gets enthusiasts, probably a mixture of both. I mean, I think there's only about 10 paid roles going at the moment. Yeah, covering.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

60 miles of canal or something. It's just not anything like what's really needed, especially like, I mean, I'm the lock keeper so I turn up and do my 4 hour stint and and that really all that does is allow someone who is an engineer or something to be able to not have to do that and. Because it's it's not hard. You press a button and it opens, and then you press it and it. Closes it so.

Speaker 2

It's a great job title.

Speaker 3

Yeah, official lockkeeper . Well trainee at the moment. But I haven't quite done on my button pressing but. Yes, I think I think. A bit more. Love and care for the for the for the canals. I get what they're trying to do with the bike lanes, but I'd ban those bloody motorbikes or make them motorbikes. You know those, those E-bike things, they're riding on the pavements and and I've just had a heart attack and I'm struggling and so I get off the bus and I I stepped straight into a bike lane. And they're people. They're doing 30 miles. I know they're not meant to, but they're doing 30 miles an hour, so I've I've gone past them in the car. And they they go along that bus. I mean, it's literally straight out onto bloody bike lanes. And then how someone hasn't been killed and then not now. So I'd I'd ban them, but I. But I do like bikes. So that's, you know, and I think we should have bikes, but I. Think they should be classed as motorbikes because that's what they are.

Speaker 2

Yeah. So a bit of reclassification. So by 2050 got pedestrians and cyclists coexisting peacefully.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah. And those electric bikes because we don't call electric cars, not not a car. It's an electric bike. So it's got a big motor in it.

Speaker 1

So like for yourself and for your loved ones, the people you care about, who are all going to be 25 years older in 2050, what would you hope for them? Let's say your son lives on a canal, boat. What would you hope for him? How old would he be?

Speaker 3

55 scary thought.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So it's it's a long time away, so.

Speaker 3

To be honest, in Brentford you're doing a lot of it the the a lot of it's already happening, you know it's, you know, but that new work is is happening and and where they made a mistake before was they were just building flats and this time they built flats but also all the infrastructure that goes with it. So like shops and restaurants and there's a theatre I think.

Speaker 3

I mean, there's there's a great cinema. So all that stuff, I think actually it's happening really well in Brentford. I'm not sure. I don't really know around here so much. So hard to say about that, cause it's it's it's already really quite good. Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

That's good. That's good. That's. Allowed to say that.

Speaker 2

We've been speaking to people about the sort of wider community and how the council might better serve them better by 2050.

Speaker 4

Right.

Speaker 2

Do you feel like there are any sections of the community at the moment that are underserved that would be better?

Speaker 3

It's a good question.

Speaker 3

Getting better, but I would like to see more arts in, in in the thing. So a theatre would be great. Yeah, we have. We've got fabulous Everyman cinema where we are now. So and and I think there might be a Theatre coming. I'm not quite sure about that. Hopefully there is.

Speaker 2

Like there is this.

Speaker 3

Yeah, I think they're turning the old police station into one. Something anyway that be good if you have because they closed the other one down. That was what was called the the one up near Portman. Yeah, they closed that one and that was rubbish. There's nothing ever on. And then so hopefully it'll be a good one that they get here for now. What else could they do?

Speaker 2

In terms of sort of the arts provision and I hear you, it's really important isn't it? Having a theatre, having a cinema. Do you think that there should be opportunity to be creative as well you know rather than sort of watching people be creative

Speaker 3

Alright, it's going. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, we haven't got an amateur theatre I don't think as far as I know around by us. I mean, there's a lot of pubs on it that that put bands on which are good. That that's that's getting more and more.

Speaker 2

I think that sort of. Come up with a few people with places of interest to.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Really like sort of, you know, having creative hubs for maybe teenagers or elders or anything. So you could try and think.

Speaker 4

OK. Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah, there isn't much opportunity actually cause funny. I mean, I've I've just had this massive life change with this heart attack. So I've been kind of, you know, it's a bit of a drab. I was sailing around the world before and and.

Speaker 1

What?

Speaker 3

In in Thailand just had this massive heart attack and so that's one here. There's a cardio rehab thing.

Speaker 4

You know.

Speaker

So.

Speaker 3

And so I've got this massive change of Life, I can't sail around the world anymore and. So I've kind of look into what to do and the thing called this mentoring project and you just sort of mentor young people who are struggling. And I found it very hard to access and find out. And you know, I've sort of got certain skill sets that might be useful for that, but it's.

Speaker 2

Interesting.

Speaker 3

I've just found that hard to see how I could fit into that, and I'm sort of a bit puzzled as to why because I think.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

Actually, the skills I've got could be useful, but I can't. I can't seem to fit into a.

Speaker 2

You have skills in your arsenal but you can't access it

Speaker 3

Yeah. Not very, I can't, I can't unless. I sort of almost get the impression they want me to come up with an idea and say right? I wanna do this. Wait. And I could do that. But I'm not. Even sure who I'd take that to. Yeah, it's.

Speaker 2

So that idea. Not from your point of view but from their point of view. That needs to be communicated more clearly.

Speaker 3

Yes, I mean, I mean when I was, I'm retired. Now when I was working, I was a musician. So I've got those. Those skills, which could be useful, but also I've got a sort of slightly iffy background. If you like. We don't want to go too much into details of my sordid views, but it involves certain things that you shouldn't really be doing and.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 3

I haven't done that for decades, but I know when a young person comes to me and says they take drugs and alcohol. I know where they're coming from because I've been there and come out the other side and I sort of think that.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Could be useful a useful. Way of helping a young person who might not take it from someone who know. What they're talking about? So.

Speaker 2

One thing. With us say this. So I'm here at telephone.

Speaker 3

So what I'm saying is. There should be more more. I think our old people and I'm starting to include myself in that sadly are an underused resource.

Speaker 2

That's what I was hearing from him. Well, actually, that is brilliant. You've got all this this rich scene of

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Terrible people like you, so you've got.

Speaker 3

They were. They were, they were.

Speaker 2

Like you know. All the rich life experience, work experience. Amazing.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Imagine pairing that up with young folk

Speaker 3

Yeah. And if you know, and of course I got no qualifications like I'm not a social worker, I've got no, I'm not a psychologist. Or anything like that.

Speaker 1

You shouldn't have to. Should you? Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

No, but I mean what I have done, you know, I'm in AA, I've been in AA for 20 years and I sponsor people. And all this but. So.

Speaker 2

That's really, really.

Speaker 3

That's I think that's a kind of useful thing that someone who has just come out of Feltham might find, you know, someone whose done it.

Speaker 1

Yes, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Might just relate to a bit more than some bloke just giving him a bollock in and saying what the.

Speaker 2

So that seems like something.

Speaker 3

**** are you doing?

Speaker 2

So would love the here actually that that in terms of the mentoring scheme that that's set up, so it's easy to access for everyone that wants to access it that that there's there's also like there are quite a lot of older people from what we've been hearing as well, who yearn to still be of service and to offer or to be engaged, so it also gets rid of people's loneliness and isolation

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

I love that idea. Just like this mentoring thing between elders and juniors.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

It's like like a matchmaking service, but a lot more.

Speaker 3

Yeah, and and it's. There's a friend of mine who looks in in into all this stuff, and he's written books on this and he calls and elders and he's the ultimate elder is Nelson Mandela. And it's he's kind of his hero. And he said, basically in Africa, essentially what

in the old people we just get sort of shunted out to the side and but there they sort of have this role, they're not doing anything. So that's why he was, you know, retired old Nelson did, but he was there and available to be asked should he be needed.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

And I think we're just not using that, no.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Bring it back. We certainly used to do that. Yeah. So let's that. I love that. That's brilliant. And it's sort of like skills and it's fixing all those all time to know. That's fine. Yeah, that's really great. I'm gonna give you a challenge because I know you're creative and you're in musician. If you had to give this mentoring scheme a name or a title just because I know you're a creative man.

Speaker 3

We would need a bit of thought.

Speaker 1

Yeah, pretty on the spot that.

Speaker 3

Yeah. We've got a good one. Now.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So yeah.

Speaker 3

Be something like wisdom for the young, or something that sounds a. Bit. **** though.

Speaker 2

No, I like it doesn't.

Speaker 3

You can put an old head on young shoulders or something.

Speaker 2

Old head on young shoulders, yeah. I love that. So you'll get. You'll see that on a poster like they've stolen my blooming. Thank you so much for.

Speaker 3

Yeah, just just just send the text. Your time. That's alright. Hope it goes well and I'll look and see what you managed to achieve. In 50 years time, yeah.

Speaker

That.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah. Really interesting conversations and what's.

Speaker 3 analysis

Speaker 3 envisions a 2050 borough that combines restored natural heritage (canals, biodiversity, safe transport) with vibrant cultural and social infrastructure (theatres, creative hubs). At the heart of this vision is a belief that elders are a neglected but powerful resource: their wisdom, skills, and lived experiences could both support young people and combat loneliness/isolation in older age.

Their message: with more care for shared spaces and stronger intergenerational ties, the community can thrive.

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Speaker 1

There is stuff opening. We've got this, the cinemas open, which is good? Yeah, overpriced, but it's good.

Speaker 2

You got this.

Speaker 1

Is there if they don't know. Yeah. So they might changing that stuff. I mean, stuff like swimming pools. I mean, swimming pools around.

Speaker 2

That's a great question, isn't it? Yeah.

Speaker 1

Here are awful.

Speaker 3

Swimming pools. Yeah. Well, would you mind?

Speaker 1

If you. Compare it to Windsor swimming pool. They've got the kids, can go play the slides and those play areas and they they can enjoy it around here.

Speaker 2

Yeah. The place is very good.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I mean here, it's just for lessons. But apart from that, you kids can't go swimming anymore. You can't go play the fully booked all weekend. So. So because it's a lesson they can't, there's no pool to actually play in. You know, when we're younger, we're obviously going playing, playing this thing for.

Speaker 2

Right. Yeah, me too. He needs it. Sounds like more facility, more pools and more playful pools like.

Speaker 1

More playful pools where because when we go all the way to Windsor, if we wanna go Swimming. It's a long way to travel to the swimming. That's the nearest pool to.

Speaker 2

It's just a. It's a way. Yeah.

Speaker 1

Here that's got.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Something to have you know a bit of. Playing as well. I mean, yeah, something cinemas have been really good and stuff recently in Hounslow

Speaker 2

But does it sound like tell me for me to put words into work, but it does it sound like it would be better in the future. If it. More affordable? Is that what you were saying?

Speaker 1

The one in Hounslow is the one at Brentford now. Yeah, no, the. The Hounslow one is actually is pretty cheap.

Speaker 2

Not affordable. Yeah. OK.

Speaker 1

The one in Brentford stuff so found the member there, but you know people not many people have £120 a year to join the cinema dinner so.

Speaker 2

Yeah. No, it's true. So make it more full.

Speaker 1

Yeah, it's a. It's a lot of money.

Speaker 2

And I know it's been redeveloped at the moment, but let's say there was everything along that High Street that would keep you to.

Speaker

Thanks.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I don't know. Show you this is sort of question, isn't it? Yeah, like simple supermarket. And yeah, it's. Yeah. And just open spaces. You know, they did quite well with the theatre last year and they opened on the after the after the residents complained, so they stopped.

Speaker 2

What would you like? What shops? What stop?

Speaker 4

2025 years. Yeah, that's fine, yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah, it's always good. It's always gonna be the thing, isn't it? It's always, yeah.

Speaker 2

There's. A bit for pension, yeah.

Speaker 1

You're always going to annoy somebody so, so it's nice.

Speaker 2

Yeah, no. If your local local residents have spoken with us as well about green spaces, Sean, So what would you like?

Speaker 1

Yes. Well, yeah. I mean there is obviously we got some park Kew Gardens streets nearby. I'm Spencer, but it's nearby. Yeah, I mean there was there was talk about put more green space in next to Peter home, wasn't it do something B root or something and talking to one of the guys about.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

That the Council. A. Few weeks ago, but yeah, they they think it's not too bad. I mean, we got the riverfront and we have fantastic, fantastic set up there so.

Speaker 2

Yes, yes.

Speaker 1

We're quite lucky, I think around there, it's just prices like anywhere, isn't it? It's expensive.

Speaker 2

There is something it's in. It's in. So what I'm hearing is like there's a lot of stuff already in place that you're happy with, but the whole the sort of.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Price point might be a bit. Of a challenge for some folks.

Speaker 1

Yeah, for some fault. Yeah. I mean, look, we're so we're quite. Lucky. So we got membership to. Keep our this team is in. You know, we've got other memberships. We use them. A lot of people couldn't afford you know, you had them all up about 400 a year, 500A year. So I've.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Got. The money we don't have the available cash, so maybe helps to access this passes like that.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's interesting to hear about the holes that we've.

Speaker 1

It's. Yeah, it's a shame, but but I think Brentford's gone in in the kind of kind of right way. Ish. Ish.

Speaker 2

A playful swimming space. I think that's really lovely idea because it's nice to have city to people, literally to do them, to get fit in the backstop, but also yeah, and play. It's really lovely. Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yeah, but that's there's so much emphasis on getting fit and not on actually on play and which is where they learn to swim as well and and learn to, you know, and when we when we were kids, we used to go to bend the swim pool and it was quite fun back then. And that's all nice now.

Speaker 2

And water confidence as well as me, I think I remember being a little bit nervous and if you can.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Knock about him.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So then slide and. You'll have fun and enjoy it.

Speaker

So.

Speaker 2

Do you like sliding down into the?

Speaker 3

Water.

Speaker 1

Yeah, we've been away. We'll park recently, didn't we? Sorry.

Speaker 4

Did you? And.

Speaker

And I think I had another one.

Speaker 1

Yeah, the bumpy one and a long one. Yes, they did. Yeah. When? It things just yeah. It's just like family stuff does not. Not a huge amount of family stuff these days. Well, kids, we go and. Play together, you know.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker 2

Right.

Speaker 1

Yeah, playgrounds. It's mostly there's. One here, but it's not actually. Many playgrounds at Brentford.

Speaker 2

What's interesting?

Speaker 1

There's none in Syon Park.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

The one around the back. Of. They got rid of that one where they built the new bridge over it. Now at least be a playground there.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

But now it's a football pitch for some random reason.

Speaker 2

That's come up a few.

Speaker 3

Times.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I don't know why they got. Rid of that's. That's very strange because there's a nice bit open their land. Why they didn't put playground in there it.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Vanessa and I met a lovely gentleman who was a lockkeeper on Thursday, and he was talking about developing the canal canals and the canals sides. Sorry, those spaces could be really good community spaces

Speaker 1

Doesn't make sense. Oh yeah. Yeah, they have. Yeah. I mean, over the years when they first knocked down the factories. Well, 25 - thirty years ago there was there was more stuff down there. There is now. Technically there is.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's feels really useful in the thing, like move nice spaces.

Speaker 1

Yeah, it's yeah. So there's there seems to be a lot of emphasis on fitness these days.

Speaker 2

In and out of water, just move.

Speaker 1

But not on play. And which is which is fitness.

Speaker 2

Yeah, that's I love that.

Speaker 1

You know, if you're running around they are getting fit for.

Speaker 2

I might write that as well. I'm on the wide base.

Speaker 4

You know.

Speaker 2

States, I think that might be.

Speaker 3

A small places to put. I think that's a really big one thing and so playful. Just hear more playful borough, yeah.

Speaker 1

Faithful spent. Yeah, that's it. You know, more open faithful. I mean, it's quite. Good, very good. That's the only part really decent size while we live.

Speaker 4

OK.

Speaker 2

They make money.

Speaker 1

Too far for here to go to travel. 20 minutes to go home. But there's a lot worse places around around. What's that mean?

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah. Thank you so much. Thank you. Very nice to meet you.

Speaker 1

No, thank you. Sorry, don't have much more.

Speaker 1 analysis

Speaker 1 wants a more playful, family-friendly, and inclusive borough by 2050. They highlight the need for:

- Play-based leisure facilities (pools, playgrounds, creative spaces) alongside fitness-focused ones.
- Affordable access to cinemas, theatres, and sports.
- Community-oriented open spaces that bring families together (including better use of canals and riverfronts).

Their message: *Hounslow/Brentford has many good assets already, but to truly thrive, spaces must prioritise play, inclusion, and affordability—not just fitness and profit.*

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Transcript

Speaker 1

Every voice will go back to once. Yeah, exactly. Thank you.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah. OK. Yeah, yeah. It it may not be very perfect, but yeah, I'll try my level best to to explain things. OK. So yeah, I mean basically I would like Hounslow to be more crime free because there are there are a lot of lot of junkies. I mean on the street there are only I mean.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker

Johnson.

Speaker 1

Oh.

Speaker 3

Around and you cannot walk in the road. You cannot walk in the High Street or sit there to spend some time every other time you sit there peacefully and then someone will come and then you know, nudge, you or poke you and disturb you. And then things goes worse after that again. So I have.

Speaker 1

Sorry. So you you you're trying to sit peacefully and quietly and and that's interrupted, yeah.

Speaker 3

We should be able to, we should be able to Walk on the High Street or around Hounslow safely. We don't feel safe. We don't feel safe, especially when it becomes dark, especially in the night time. I mean after evening after Sun goes down. OK. No light. I mean it. It becomes more horrible.

Speaker 1

Yes, OK. Yeah. And what would make you feel safer? Like in the, let's say, by 2050, as Vanessa said, everything's beautiful.

Speaker

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Also, what makes it safe?

Speaker 3

So. So well, I mean whoever causing the. Problem. They should be, at least they. Should be, I mean. Handled properly and there should be more policing people. OK, people might drink. On the on the High Street, OK. But they should drink, you know. Responsibly. Yeah. They shouldn't abuse others. OK, you know, the sometimes there

are lot of racist abuse, OK? They made by them and they try to, you know incite you to do something. OK. So that kind of thing shouldn't be there.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 4

No.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker

Of.

Speaker 1

And do you think that visible policing might improve that, that that?

Speaker 3

Yeah, obviously, but.

Speaker 4

You don't see. Those police around, but we can't see. Really. Yeah, there's. They are doing effectively job. I mean, I'm so sorry to say that, but you know we it's been so unsafe. Sometimes we take your baby and you heard bottles crash, OK? It's like, that's that horrible. And also the other thing is like.

Speaker 3

Yeah. OK.

Speaker

Yeah, yeah, yeah. No. Yeah.

Speaker 4

Crossing pedestrian is not really safe like people cross here and there it's it's solely very strange. Spoiled. But I would like to raise these things like, no, you shouldn't do it. I mean, I. I was thinking like there should be a more board or sign or something like we were not really.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah, exactly.

Speaker 4

Allowed that this is up at pedestrian you have to.

Speaker 1

Cross there, yeah.

Speaker

And.

Speaker 3

People are not, you know, the following the rules, OK. And then then, yeah, I mean, creating chaos. And that's, I mean, our children is not going to learn that, right. So they're going to learn the, the, the, the wrong way, right, people crossing The road, I mean they are not using the pedestrian way. I mean the the pedestrian crossing, I mean and they're going across the road, we are not, they're not waiting for the signal. OK, those kind of stuff. Another thing I just want to add rash driving, OK. I mean, people are driving very. I mean irresponsibly. OK. 20MPH speed limit? Or I mean sometimes it happen. OK? I mean, people just going at a higher speed, OK. I mean if you if you know the London road. That leads to the Hounslow High Street OK people with and and also sometimes the car and the bikes. The honking, honking. OK, so those kind of stuff, I mean, you know, that makes very what I say. The the peace that it destroy the peace.

Speaker 2

What would that? So, let's say the Council have got the power and money to make do things that would make a.

Speaker 2

Difference to that.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

So you can't change the culture, so you can't kind of make a law that makes everybody obey the rules, but they can. They can put infrastructure in place, they can put different thing. What would you have? Would you have them change the way the traffic?

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Runs. Would you have them change something about the crossings?

Speaker 3

I. I think there should be more policing. OK. I mean, yeah, I mean the. I mean I. Need.

Speaker 4

Yeah, more effective. And we used to see enforcement officer around, but not not not seeing that. Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. So well at night time. OK, going at a higher speed that you know, there's there's some cars they have kind of, I don't know the. I don't know what exactly that feature something is fitted that makes a lot of sound OK, so you just go my, my, our flat is on the on the on the on the street. OK. So so when that it goes past then it's a lot of noise, lot of it. There's a lot of noise, OK. And that's not good for the baby. OK, I I I don't think that it's a it's a we are facing the other residents also facing thing but no one is there. I mean to catch those defaulters right.

Speaker 4

OK. Yeah you need.

Speaker 3

And yeah, and. I think more parks are good, but still I think the more improvements need to be. Done the parks. The around Hounslow the parks are there even even it's mostly related about the being safe. I went to Hounslow Heath, we too went to Hounslow heath there. OK. But after roaming around we felt that it's very unsafe place Anslow hit. You know? Hounslow Heath, right? That's a the big area. Right, so we entered. We are with our bike. OK. We entered into that park and then. We went a Bit deeper the the so it's Bush right around and then. And after some time, we feel that no, this is not a very safe place because there were people inside. They were doing something. The following people, OK. And then we we came out of it and then we also heard that it's not a safe place. I mean that the local they have told me that it's not fair. Yeah, mostly. It's not being safe because. That's that's very important.

Speaker 4

People should use to be very disciplined. Yeah, just like.

Speaker 3

So Council needs to take care of these, OK? I mean, at least, I mean, at see, I mean, you're getting, yeah, mostly all the amenities right here in the Council. OK. I mean, yeah,

nothing. I mean, everything cannot be, cannot be made perfect. OK. Right. It takes time. OK. But if you need to be there.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

You need to leave there safely to enjoy whatever you have, right. If you if you don't feel safe if you and don't leave, there are a lot of things happening right in the stabbing. Even there are many incidents happened, people got killed right due to the stabbing, right? They might know so. So they lost their life, right? So that's what I keep. We keep each other telling that it's very unsafe. OK, so we need to exactly, I mean.

Speaker 1

So safety is like the first issue. And then after that everything else comes into place.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah, absolutely. I mean, if you're not, if you're not there, then you're not going to enjoy, right. So yeah, the the routes, the parks, the maybe the, the, the, the GP, the, the, the hospital, all the facilities is there, but we need more improvement. But if we are not live. Having one day you are gone, you are. You are. You are dead. Then you are not going to leave, right? So so people. You have to make sure that the people leaving people feel safe in the in the borough. Right. So and then I think the rest of the things should fall in place. Probably because it yeah it's it's a big borrow.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Lot of people from the Different different countries, right, it's Not From the from here, right and from different countries. They're living. Yeah, it's very difficult to, you know, keep it and put them in the one place and then teach them, right. So it's going to take time. Yeah, definitely. But feeling making them safe, at least I think that should be, yeah. Primary.

Speaker

Yeah. Here.

Speaker 3

I mean.

Speaker 1

It sounds like the things.

Speaker 3

That.

Speaker 1

Tell me if. I'm wrong but. That made you feel safer before was the presence of the enforcement.

Speaker 4

Yeah, in personal officers, more about like police officers and less.

Speaker 1

Is that right?

Speaker 4

You know, open, you know, drunkards outside, like, yeah, yeah. These bin are really like, you know, very, you know, like people doing, you know, drinking and stuff, you know, very, you know, openly, very openly, like and.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

The gate high. That's the no problem.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Also the garbage collection and the some places are is not bad as the Birmingham. OK, so. But yeah, definitely Hounslow is good. But I think the. Yeah, people are, you know, throwing litter here and there. OK, that needs to be, that needs to be, you know, taken care of.

Speaker 1

That's because it actually come up a few times actually. Interestingly people. Have. Spoken about litter in relation to feeling safe because in a way well.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Can actually be quite dangerous if you slip, but also it's about feeling good about where you live, like you said.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, exactly. Exactly.

Speaker 1

Just just revisiting the you're talking about the heath in terms Of both of You and and your and your and your. Child having an. But play spaces and green spaces just be nice to touch and get that that about again, as Vanessa was saying about thinking about say by 2050, your Childs grown up. Do you think there are enough green spaces here? Would you like there to be more? How?

Speaker

Yes.

Speaker 3

Would you like I I think, yeah, more. Green. Spaces and. As well as more Housing as well. Yeah, I mean it's it's a yeah. Gradually. It's yeah, as you're, you know, raising the point. Yeah, gradually I can think of, OK, what other things? OK. Yeah. So yeah. More green spaces, definitely. And then housing. So housing around Hounslow Borough. I mean, it's. Yeah, I think it's very less and also very, very costly, I mean. That needs to be taken care of so that people can afford. I mean people can, you know, afford that the house in, in their budget. OK, so so affordable housing. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. In towards affordable housing.

Speaker 1

It's affordable

Speaker 3

Sometimes the landlords, I don't know whether I should mention these or not. Sometimes the landlords are charging more I mean. They are increasing the rent in in this community. OK, so, so that should be I think regulated, OK.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yeah, like.

Speaker 4

We used to be 4 or five years ago. It's not anymore. Here. We can see here with a difference. We are here since like 2016 in Hounslow. We can see clearly. There's so much difference pre-covid and post-covid

Speaker

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

So things are much changes and. It is. It's hard for us to. You know, get back to know new culture, new and safety place new, you know, without bullets around, you know place say it's like and families change. Yeah we have to be very very cautious at the moment like before that you know if you want to get the refreshment I know it's very late 9:00 in the evening. We can go. But now?

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 2

So it's changed since COVID.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah. Since, yeah. It's strange, it's strange after post COVID has changed. A lot, lot.

Speaker 2

Really interesting.

Speaker 3

In the housing I. Mean if there could be, I mean more housing project, affordable housing project, that should be very good, then people can buy. Put buying the house.

Speaker 1

So there's a combination with affordable housing projects and also legislation like renting rather black money things so.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, exactly. Yeah, absolutely. Absolutely. Yeah. Yeah. I was not getting that. What? Yeah, but absolutely right.

Speaker 1

Yeah. No, I was trying to remember, but yeah. So it's it. It it's so that there's less opportunity. Yeah, perhaps for sudden rent hikes, and it makes.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, yeah. You think about that? Living cost has increased, right? But our salary the the income hasn't increased.

Speaker 1

Yeah. It's.

Speaker 3

All gone down? Yeah, exactly. So then, I mean, every other other, you know, people saying that, be it Internet provider, be it you know.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 3

What are initially even the?

Speaker 4

Whatever.

Speaker 3

Council tax also has increased right all giving the reason that the living cost increase of the living cost right? But the salary hasn't increased, so that needs to be taken care of as well. OK, so especially the housing. So we pay a huge money towards the rents or the.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Wage, right? So yeah, if we can afford that, if there is in place, at least for the rent , if there's a write legislation that you just cannot increase the indiscriminately, OK £100, £200 every year if you increase. So yeah, so you can.

Speaker 1

Yeah, certainly. And not in line with inflation is. There is it is it.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, right.

Speaker 1

Yeah, they, they said. They said yeah, that's great.

Speaker 4

Thank you so much.

Speaker 3

Thank you so much. Listening to us and excitable.

Speaker 1

You didn't get post code postcode yes right?

Speaker 3 & 4 analysis

Main Themes

1. Safety as the foundation for community life
2. Visible and effective enforcement
3. Traffic, crossings, and discipline
4. Green spaces and parks: underused due to safety
5. Housing affordability and post-COVID pressures

Speakers 3 and 4 see safety and affordability as inseparable from community wellbeing. For them, policing, enforcement, and disciplined public behaviour are prerequisites for enjoying parks, walking on the High Street, or raising children. They are not dismissive of amenities—green spaces, housing, healthcare are all valued—but they argue that unless safety comes first, these assets remain underused or inaccessible. Their testimony also captures a sense of decline since COVID, both in public order and financial stability, leaving them cautious, frustrated, and longing for a return to a more disciplined, affordable, and safer borough.

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Speaker 2

Right, that's recording. I'm going to pop it in the middle of the table. Hopefully that will record.

Speaker 1

So you ohh. About that.

Speaker 3

Yeah, we would like for 2050 when we will be OAP and given the fact that people are living longer, I'll be about 85 then. But my parents today are living till 88, so I might live to 100. So for the care homes, I'd like to see improvement in care homes. I'd like to see what do you do the old fashioned things day trips to the seaside. I'd like to see Zumba classes in there. I'd like to see active classes. I'd like to see people that went to their care home with their skills to transfer their skills to the other people in their care. To help them to try and do stuff because you know, people aren't redundant. My dad's 88 is still with it, and he's still banging nails into pieces. The wood, when you can see them. But so he likes doing stuff like that. It's a shame to take away what people have done in their day, their daily life and sticking the care home doing nothing. So kind of make the care home self-sufficient. Grow their own vegetables because I think people would love that. Obviously some people can't, but we definitely need improvement. Definitely need to have the people and to train the people. That are in looking after their care home. People train them in something else as well. Give them more benefits for them to be in there and then to go and want to look after people because the world is becoming changing and there's no courtesy for older people. Anything else. So day trips, bingo, Sombra. A little cinema people can come in. Little demonstration self-sufficiency in the garden. All of that kind of stuff. So yeah, that's what I would like. Seeing 2050. Really. Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 5

Also would be to integrate teenagers with older people as well, because teenagers have got all the technology older people have got a lot of knowledge anyway and it's just nice for teenagers and older people to mix in general because.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 5

They can make the older people feel young, and the younger people are sort. Of know how. Older people feel amongst younger people, so even smaller children going into care homes really help a lot of people when they're much older because just the play side of things and small children.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 6

Whenever.

Speaker 5

Don't see any difference.

Speaker 6

They used to do in little groups, you know. Around the. Yeah. Loud and where? Where, where I live.

Speaker 1

Yeah, there's that in. You'd probably know about. This but there's. And it's probably having in. Other places, but there's a lot of projects. Like that in.

Speaker 4

Yes, yes, that's right, yeah.

Speaker 2

Where they go.

Speaker 1

In the studio and living in care homes. Like, really tickling free.

Speaker 5

And that's the. Yeah, I've heard today. It's such a brilliant idea. And it works so well, especially in this day and age. As you know, there's more youngsters around. And so then people don't feel so intimidated by groups of young people. Just hang around because they might.

Speaker 4

Right.

Speaker 1

It's great. Win win.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Get to know.

Speaker 4

Yeah, the day.

Speaker 1

Them.

Speaker 3

It's a great thing society like you say, it's a really good idea for young teenagers to have two from that university and someone there isn't there somebody younger to help them and another thing like look after animals, you know, like a little pet station for them. Everybody loves the little animals, don't they? And they love the little kids coming in and seeing them and art and stuff like that. But the, the, the technology.

Speaker 1

Definitely.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 3

That's a really good. One bringing the kids in and getting them to teach certain things on their phone. Certain things. And that's what saying about the people that are actually in there, teach them to do that. So they get another skill in all the technology and all the all the software that they can take with them benefits and their benefits, everyone being there. That's really nice.

Speaker 1

I'm just asking like specific these brilliant ideas and just ask me specifically about this Bower. Do you think there are places in this borough now? Like I don't know, empty

units in Boise St? That could serve the eldest communities well. But like, imagine we're 2050. If some of the places that you've seen empty now to call the elders community or the generational communities, where might they be?

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 3

I'd love to see some of the. When they do. And do we do the Swiss charm Beacham building and underneath that I would love to see especially. This little community shop or tea shop for the elderly people to get together, not just the care home people but anybody walking around at a special price cup of tea and a piece.

Speaker 6

Yes. What expensive, safe, reasonably priced.

Speaker 3

Of cake not. The elderly as particularly? Yeah prior to them. So can we think that they could get people who wanna stay in their homes? Might wanna go out and meet people that I've come here and we do the simple cars and and and we have our coffee and we have a social class arsenal which so something like that that if you don't do then you see they're out they can do that they can come together and look at their home and they know there are places in the churches stuff but where they could anyone can go in with their family have a nice cup of tea and.

Speaker 5

We just love our coffees very well.

Speaker 3

Great. And have a little chat. You know, just one quick need is there then.

Speaker 4

Trousers at all.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 1

When you said. On Thursday, I'd like to know what you're looking for. Me. She was talking about, like, using empty units on the High Street for stuff like that. Yeah, she's the States and said we should let the people that are going to use it design.

Speaker 4

Yes, yes, yes.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Said if have, yeah, should say to people what we have in here. Yeah, they might say nice sofas. So it's like getting people that can use it.

Speaker 6

We.

Speaker 1

It something like that. No, no, no, no. No, no, no, no, that's what.

Speaker 6

You just told. Me. It was right here this morning. They're getting 2 new people to run. The youth club. And they are interviewing the people. They're getting the children, they interview the people.

Speaker 1

That's great. Wow. That's great. That's great. That's the same sort of thing, isn't it? Instead of. Someone else deciding is not easy ask.

Speaker 4

The users, yeah.

Speaker 3

No idea.

Speaker 6

Yeah. And they've got no idea what you want.

Speaker 2

But. I'm seeing you dancing in 15 year time is going to be more technology. Maybe we are going to have. A robot.

Speaker 1

In 24 years time.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Is, you know, we are talking about people, people, people for maybe it's going.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

To be a robot.

Speaker 3

Picking books, picking up the soaps and putting their socks on and making their tea for them. And that's not that far, is it? And going round the little house and tidying up and dusting.

Speaker 2

You never know, the lady said. What is going to happen 50 years time?

Speaker 6

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 2

You never know, yeah.

Speaker 3

I don't think security bots like like that, whereas somebody's living on their own and they might be ill or the diabetic. They get to take their tablets and they have a coma that kind of security little block can actually go back and you've got visual. And it's not just a visual static camera that we will see and go round and see the.

Speaker 2

That you still there? Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Either pick up the people, see they're still breathing. Living what? What? You know, that kind of thing.

Speaker 1

Get it? I think thinking about that as well, isn't it because I don't know about you, but I feel like everything I hear about.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

AI involves this negative, but it might not be it. I don't particularly wanna. Like deep cleaning and it's not really doing that. That's fine, I mean.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 5

Not with all the jobs you don't want. I'm up for it. I'm up for it.

Speaker 4

Yeah, here. Yeah.

Speaker 6

All the jobs.

Speaker 1

We don't know.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 6

The way they're going, they're even. With banking, it's also for older people and because of the way that the pensions are now, they're going to end up in the tax.

Speaker 7

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

You mentioned that to me on Thursday with regard to the doctor's surgery. So she was a young woman and she said her grandma hadn't been, didn't understand how to, and she helped her scripts and even online. They didn't. So let's imagine. High.

Speaker 4

Display.

Speaker

They.

Speaker 1

In 25 years time, by 2050. That's better. So what? What do we need? Yes.

Speaker 4

That's a big yes.

Speaker 5

So we might know a lot of us. Might know it because we're already. Where technology has clothing, somebody who's 10 years older than myself or something which I'm nearly 60, but it's still be good, you definitely still need human people to help out. Yeah. And it's not just because, oh, it's technology, human people just. It just.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 1

That's right.

Speaker 5

Helps that person think that they still have life in them to do the smaller thing.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 5

Technology is brilliant, but you still shop. Want.

Speaker 2

But now one day you know where where we live. We don't know all the neighbours. We are not friendly. Isn't safe before I remember the child we used to say to our neighbour. Hello. Good morning. How are you? But now they we don't talk to each other.

Speaker 5

Styles are.

Speaker 2

How we are going to help those old people is we are now start ourselves to help them.

Speaker 5

Different.

Speaker 2

From the beginning.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 5

5 minutes. Oh, because you could. Trust, Mr.

Speaker 2

You cannot.

Speaker 3

Was that about the dedicate? Communities. Yes. Well, you can take somebody in. Then they can have surgeries every morning. So, but that's it's office. But generally just for OP's and this is the government bringing in this, this is what you got to do on the screen. Let me have a look and let me help you so that you get there's a whole new level of of work or employment for IT that those people can actually you know what I mean.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 7

Yeah, yeah, yes.

Speaker 2

OK, that's a real stable problem solver, isn't it?

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah, they go in there and we can do that and they can work with good people. So a bit on my plate is social worker, but they would bring some money in. They find you help and you know you only times or I don't know how to do this with the doctors. They can go in there. They can do.

Speaker 5

Home visit probably they never will be able to manage these new online things. You've never. Yeah, change it. Yes, it doesn't. Yeah, it just. Oh, it improves. But it's then the brain has to improve with it. Then you got used to 1 system and to try and do something new at that age. It's not gonna be an easy task. At the age of about 70, it's gonna.

Speaker 3

Let's go.

Speaker 2

Me. When you go on the bus. For you know, there are. Special seats for elderly people or for people who are pregnant, who sits at the front most of the time and most of the time they are those kids. They're coming from the.

Speaker 5

School.

Speaker 2

And they don't really care.

Speaker 5

Hi.

Speaker 2

Yeah, they don't. They don't see you.

Speaker 3

They're at the front, but I think we're not. Don't understand that. That's something out. They didn't even know. So the other thing I do when I'm when I'm on the train is you wanna say is I'd like to see the for disabled people and the older people, which I can't sign that sticks. But when I got on that train all through the morning. All of those disabled seats are taken up and they don't give them up, so I would like to see a disabled like credit card or badge, though those seats are locked and you get one of those and you go on the train and you unlock it for yourself or for a disabled person, you know, do you know what I mean? And the other time, you know, they. To be you know,

use whenever. But when you have that state you can unlock it so they flip up seats and slip down seats.

Speaker 2

Like.

Speaker 5

It's just me, said Tino. I announced the first five seats are for disabled. Pregnant blah blah.

Speaker 3

Yes. Well, look, the courtesy and politeness in this country is gone. So I get on that bus and let everyone know who's.

Speaker 5

Gone down now. It just needs to be raised again. Maybe.

Speaker 1

Else, I'm just gonna be a bit challenging here. I think we have to model it someways. We're just saying someone's not doing this and they're not doing that. I mean, you obviously do you?

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Wear open it. I think anybody sort of 20 some below their standards are not quite the same, I don't know.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Why? But parents do I do always teach my children say thanks? Even just like someone stops at the Zebra crossing. Those little things I see now don't happen as much. I don't know. Lots of those little.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Things to think about because.

Speaker 6

Thank you very much.

Speaker 1

I suppose just to challenge ourselves on like, what? Why is that happening? I don't know what the COVID maybe affected that little bit in that period of disconnect, because also there's a lot of young people, I think as well there's a lot for.

Speaker 5

Hello.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

To take things today.

Speaker 3

Not young people, young people, most young people. The bus goes towards the back. It's people who should know better when it's bike riders, middle class white men on bikes in the West End and they're on the pavement and understand the young kids, you know, on the phone. But these are people. That know them.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 3

These are people that will call themselves educated. They're people that know the etiquette of the road. They've been brought up here and they will still cut you up, cause a few times I've only been hit on the pavement and it's not crazy people. It's not all of this. And the Mayor of London has got to do something about bike riding cause it's getting ridiculous. It really is.

Speaker

Oh.

Speaker 5

Or some roads. I don't agree with how they've made. Certain areas Chiswick. That's a a lethal area there with a bus stop and a bike lane. And you're getting off a bus. You know,

there's lots of, yeah. Yeah. Or you get shouted at even just at queue. They've made it. They didn't really speak to people when they were doing that. I don't think they thought it was a good idea and went with it.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

What 2050 on a reclaimed the pavement.

Speaker 6

So.

Speaker 3

For people not for bikes, I'm not talking about bike names, I'm talking about the actual payment for people that should know better, and also the decor in it in London should actually and and I really do think that we should actually register the bikes because they're they go through red lights. I've been nearly knocked over on on.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Or have a. Brightening in the bright red, large or something.

Speaker 2

And they don't wear helmet.

Speaker 3

Own thing? Don't wear helmets. And not only that, if they come round corners, I'm crossing a one way St they're coming into the street that's coming one way out and yeah, and they're the they're not the bike, they they.

Speaker 5

Because they're on their bus lane, they think.

Speaker 3

They think they can. Dump one way St they come through the lights. There's some of them other careers. Some of them are there, but some of them are thinking people think that they're in Torrance. That's it. Sorry about that.

Speaker 6

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

I just want they're supposed to do that. They're supposed to do the theory test. I mean, it's the going to try to buy. They're supposed to do the theory test and. The bus.

Speaker 4

Right.

Speaker 5

For bikes and everything but the whole structure.

Speaker 3

Right.

Speaker 5

Needs a bit of a rethink, it's. Just say not safe enough. Not both these these. Yeah, bike lanes. The danger the multi comes up all over. You got to do green. Crossroad. Yeah. Look left. Look right. Look behind. Look in front before you even.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

A job people there, but the older people. You can't cross that that bus divisor you send the bus and cheese. It can't cross that little voice where the bike comes in and they people like think they've got the right away on the bike, yet they don't give way to pedestrians. How many people are gonna be killed before something? You can't tell them as well sometimes.

Speaker 5

It will stop people. Maybe you can just see me now because I'm probably scared.

Speaker 3

Near them. So me for me it's compulsory balls. If you're behind somebody on their bike, absolute compulsory. You can't hear them coming behind you. I watch with them sometimes. I cannot hear a bite behind me and all of a sudden it's up.

Speaker 1

On the side of me, because I've been thinking about this and I I'm, I mean, perhaps it's a naive thing to think I. I keep thinking everyone else that uses the road has their licence and has to have lessons I.

Speaker 3

That's what I'm saying. It's not saying I'm yeah.

Speaker 5

Don't. I'm. I'm not.

Speaker 1

Pro, but obviously there's no, yeah.

Speaker 5

I'd love to ride a bike.

Speaker 1

Do you think, as you were saying about theory tests? Weren't you, do you think?

Speaker 4

Yes, yes, yes.

Speaker 1

That there needs to be sort of sort of licencing around.

Speaker 5

More to it, it's definitely crossing more.

Speaker 3

That stuff because in like in in London and.

Speaker 4

But it's.

Speaker 5

They think the roads theirs because they don't. To take a test, they don't have any type of tax payment. No one's registered, you know. Strange. Yeah.

Speaker 1

Both of them as well.

Speaker 5

Courier bike. Got locked down in Hounslow and he died. You know, because they were just riding. Really, Willy nilly. A bit. Sorry to say. Let's imagine it's 2050 and our roads are multi and multi use. Did you say yes? It needs more visibility.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, definitely, definitely, definitely.

Speaker 1

Sign the red lines.

Speaker 5

Just to you know, we look with our eyes and more so than we'll hear something. So if you see that red line, you might be more aware to avoid it or look what's going to be there was just the bike lane.

Speaker 6

So.

Speaker 5

Yeah, any colour you know. But yeah, put it more visible. Yeah, it's not just the pattern of a bike, you know, every 10 yards or whatever. Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker

Yes.

Speaker 1

Yeah. White colour. Yeah. So it's like, this is the bike lane. And tell me if I'm misunderstanding what you're saying. But pavements are for pedestrians. Yeah. Really. An ability to students. Yeah. Fish transfer.

Speaker 5

Yeah, absolutely, yeah. Just mark them clearer and not so dangerous.

Speaker 2

For not the multi use, but you're seeing a lot.

Speaker 5

No, no, no, definitely it's not.

Speaker 3

Like work, because those can we please take away those sticks that they put down Twickenham. Because that is awful, cause the the that in the hospital road and the advocates can't get past and we can't pull in there one day, the ambulance around for 5 minutes. And what happened to that is all the debris from the from the road is going into the bike lane. The people on the bikes, they don't wanna ride in.

Speaker 6

Right, yeah.

Speaker 5

And then they don't want to ride in back because it's.

Speaker 3

It.

Speaker 5

Gonna.

Speaker 3

Because they come. Yeah. And it they're gonna get popped.

Speaker 4

Cause the the grip. The gravel, yeah.

Speaker 3

And they never bring it. See that? Please try gonna clean it. Park it in there. So, for God's sake, take away those things. You don't need them.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 1

It's funny, isn't it? It's almost. They might. Those the bike changes might be done with the best of intentions, but it's almost too quick. You know when you said about. I. Listening to people or asking. The first.

Speaker 5

Yeah. So that was done. Ohh great and listen and put some of these things into place.

Speaker 3

Definitely definitely think licencing like registration like do the bike licencing, the driver or the on the bike and the driver on the bike or the I don't know what to call it the rider bike.

Speaker 7

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Rider it has got the bike. Is. It's the responsible for the parents. Yeah, it's the kids. That's something naughty is responsible for the parents.

Speaker 5

I'm hearing.

Speaker 2

And they get the fun.

Speaker 3

Yeah, a tractor on the bike so that you can see something you can track that bike within, you know if track is on cars. So in the bike, the track on bike. So you see somebody goes to red light, you can see something else. You can see it's like, you know, you can track them and also get sold them you can.

Speaker 5

That's that. It's for, I think, Poland.

Speaker 3

OK. Yeah, impossibly.

Speaker 5

So many bites. Stolen. I'd love a bite. I just want a second hand bashed.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 5

Up by because. I buy a brand new one. I know within months it'll get stolen and that fits. Me right, people going.

Speaker 3

From shades now where I am and take them out. So yeah, I know, I know.

Speaker 1

So there's a really good ideas around, sort of just making roads a bit safer and inclusive for everyone. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

I want to make the payments. They won't take, not what's the roads. It's the pavements you stick to the road, you stay in your lane and we'll walk on the pavement. Yeah, yeah. They don't get points.

Speaker 1

But it's all in correct, isn't it? Part of the problem is, is we've got these multi. Yeah, I hear that. No, thank you. They're good. And the colour thing as well make it.

Speaker 7

Not Greg, yeah.

Speaker 1

Really clear. Yeah.

Speaker 5

It's not gonna cost her that arm on. Her leg, you know.

Speaker 1

So the other thing I wanted to ask you just at curiosities, I'm aware that like loads of high streets are full of empty shops, right? Yeah. So there's a couple of things that we really nice to hear from you. This one. Well, let's say, what would the empty units? It's 2050, all your wildest dreams have come through. What would be in them to replace the shops that have left?

Speaker 2

The offer.

Speaker 5

Well, the High Street, sort of. A distant past, it seems like lots of companies have closed down, so really it's gonna be a mixture of things. So like places for children. To play in. You know, a mix of cinemas, restaurants and affordable is some areas. It's not affordable so.

Speaker 4

Yes.

Speaker 5

You don't feel like you want to go there, so not just clothes, shops or DIY.

Speaker 4

No.

Speaker 5

Multi use fun place. Maybe to go to and certain days of.

Speaker 3

Centre.

Speaker 5

The week there'll. Be certain events happening and little bits of entertainment, especially spring, summer, autumn, and things that every time of the year. I know how I do a lot of that, but just more of that.

Speaker 7

No. 6.

Speaker 5

Indoor outdoor night. Get the community maybe to join in even.

Speaker 7

You know.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I think.

Speaker 5

West London, I always look for things going on, especially in the summer. Outside events you can't find as much compared to East and South. There's always a little area apart doing, you know, cultural things, yeah, when?

Speaker 1

Device.

Speaker 3

It's getting hotter, isn't it? Get.

Speaker 5

With whether or planned for bad weather at the same time this ebos we need lots. More of this in. In our park ridleys, things like that. Such a big part. I don't think this part fertilised enough. We don't have High Street with multi use. Adaptations invite the community in and outdoor. Let's celebrate outdoor events. Prepare for all weathers. Like skills can have their dance troops and bands.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yes.

Speaker 3

So that's lucky thing, isn't it? Fine. So. I although the High Street, I'd love to see a A a mural return to what used to be and when you have the butchers, the bakers, the individual shops and especially shops, there's yeah, pop-ups, all of that stuff. Yeah. Pop-ups. Yeah. Brilliant. And they like specialist events and specialist times and all. Yeah. And you can do events around.

Speaker 5

It we were just talking about car.

Speaker 2

And.

Speaker 5

Sales and in fact selling second hand train stop and do things like that, you know, so they're very.

Speaker 2

Popular it is very popular in. This country, yeah.

Speaker 4

Around.

Speaker 5

Outside area. Yeah, yeah. And people will pay for a table within indoor apples everywhere and anywhere you can do all this recycling.

Speaker 3

So more on. Recycling, swapping, recycling, all that stuff, swapping. You know like, yeah, swap stuff and yeah, yeah. Like years ago. And it's really popular. And like, stop it. You don't want somebody might want and you want something that like you.

Speaker 4

Another thing.

Speaker 3

Say that you bring. It back. They can means it.

Speaker 5

Vintage, but on the history, yeah. Yes, we were just talking. It's so long to do an online thing. There's actually thought that.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Again, isn't it? Whereas if you had an empty unit? Don't like the five of us were. Like, let's bring.

Speaker 5

All our stuff. Yeah, I definitely do that. Yeah, absolutely.

Speaker 3

Ohh me too. That's a good. It's it's accessible, cause high streets are accessible, so people who don't drive or shopping centres, you would have to drive. So when you get older, we're all probably not gonna drive anyway because of the, you know, the emissions and everything, so you know. Let you know what I'd really like to see. Well, because I get that H37 bus in the morning, I'd like to see Hopper buses, which are cheaper to run, that just go. I just need to go to either state that market station or Richmond, and I'm sure there's somebody that wants to go from Hounslow just to Richmond. They just so not the big buses. And there's just gas. Go. I mean, there's on the electric, but they break down and.

Speaker 5

Yeah, yeah, not.

Speaker 1

And I've started to go on actually.

Speaker 7

To some people, aren't they? Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah. And so can we not have the hopper buses that, you know, they're small little buses that you just, it's not gonna stop at every bus. They're not gonna have school kids. They're gonna be. So you just get to certain points from Hounslow, Wise or worth.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Yeah, my mom uses right.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Talbot Road eye motions. Massive big areas. Like, you know, I mean, massive areas of population and just onto certain stations, you know, in that and that's come back again. So they're easy to run, they get through traffic quicker. They're also cheaper to park because those buses are huge amount of money that counts buyers. I don't doesn't have them do them. So little small little little things like that and.

Speaker 4

Yes.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Think like little villages. Remember, like, you know, they're some of them are outside of your hair. Like your hands. Are fell to. Them you're waiting quite out. So for a long way to get a bus with the hot the butter.

Speaker 7

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

We'll just go from there. Into Richmond into. Here that you can pick up another. Do you know what I mean? So it's quick. It's not. You're not stopping that everything the bus stop the school, kids and everybody else can get on.

Speaker 4

Think about this, yeah.

Speaker 1

Unless he one more thing. Because I'm dying to hear. Answer to this it's. For you, for all of you in the future, what would you want from your borough to provide you with fun, fun, fun, fun?

Speaker

So.

Speaker 5

Thanks. Just. Being with the community.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 5

And telling everybody, you know constantly. As you know, the old way, putting it through a note through a letter box as well as online as well as on a board in the pot. Yes, ways of showing that this is happening because something might see online, but my I might still be doing online. Hopefully I want to keep.

Speaker 4

So. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Lots of, yeah. Yeah, there's a.

Speaker 5

Up with everything.

Speaker 1

Variety of different ways of communicating. Yes, events yes and big leaflets. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

Vigour.

Speaker 5

Bringing people together constant. Only. Weekly, maybe. I don't have any. We can, yeah. Even like in here, things like this.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

You'd be surgery as well. You'd be surgery, yeah.

Speaker 5

Educational things. It could be like a little.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 5

Yeah, just getting everybody. Together, because talking at our age. Decreases and then you end up staying indoors, not talking to anyone, not getting out, not seeing any, no routine, blah, blah blah. You need some sort of.

Speaker 4

Yes.

Speaker 3

And I think targeted to older people because lots of times young people, it's older, older people, they do cinema night, they love that that old, old movies, they can watch.

Speaker 2

Do you think cinema is going to be in 50 years time? Is Simon is decreasing is decreasing?

Speaker 3

No, but I'm not talking about just. I'm talking about bringing the community together. Event Event Night, you know, meeting just doing event. So you bring together some event, not a not a, you know.

Speaker 5

Types of music. That everybody knows.

Speaker 4

Yes, another event, bang. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Dancing. Yeah, it's.

Speaker 5

Reggae soul fixture because that's what the community work, yeah.

Speaker 1

Ohh, that's nice. Well, I'd happily join you.

Speaker 5

Thank you. Thank you for this. Still be around. Just send some of these ideas.

Speaker 1

May I ask so one of the things we've been asked to do is get the first 3 digits of everybody's post code. That's so that they can get. Yeah, where he's 7.

Speaker 4

7/7.

Speaker 1

And may I ask again, this is to get an idea of where our.

Speaker 7

No.

Speaker 2

So it comes for.

Speaker 1

And and you don't have to Ulster, therefore you don't need to be your ages. Yeah, 15/8.

Speaker 3

I'm 60.

Speaker 2

57.

Speaker 1

So we get. It's actually we've had a really wide range of like ages.

Speaker 3

OK.

Conversation analysis

- **Care homes in 2050 should be more active and engaging:**
 - Day trips, Zumba, bingo, cinema, art, gardening, and growing vegetables.

- Residents sharing their skills to keep purposeful activity alive.
- Better training and benefits for care workers.
- **Intergenerational activities valued:**
 - Teenagers teaching older people technology.
 - Young children visiting care homes for play and joy.
 - Older adults sharing life skills with the young.
 - Reduces loneliness and breaks down barriers between age groups.
- **Community hubs and social spaces:**
 - Empty high street units or new developments could house tea/coffee shops, community cafés, or drop-in centres for older people.
 - Affordable pricing is key.
 - Designed by and for local users (participatory planning).

Technology & Human Support

- **Robots and AI** could help with care tasks (picking up items, cleaning, reminding about medication, checking wellbeing).
- Concern that technology alone is not enough: **human interaction must remain central.**
- Suggestion: create **dedicated IT help roles** to support older people with digital healthcare and services.

Neighbourhoods, Safety & Courtesy

- **Decline in neighbourliness and courtesy** noted.
- Examples:
 - Young people not giving up bus/train seats.
 - Cyclists riding on pavements, through red lights, or without helmets.
- Suggestions:
 - Licencing or registering bikes (like cars), theory tests, visible ID/trackers, compulsory helmets.
 - Pavements strictly for pedestrians, bike lanes better marked (colour-coded, safer layouts).
 - Better consultation with communities before road changes.

- Reclaim pavements from bikes by 2050.

High Streets & Community Use

- Empty high street shops could be repurposed into:
 - Multi-use centres (cafés, children's play, affordable cinemas, cultural events).
 - Pop-up shops, markets, recycling/swap shops, vintage stores.
 - Spaces for community-run events and local entrepreneurship.
- Outdoor community events (music, dance, cultural festivals) should be more frequent and accessible.
- Need to **plan for all weathers** to allow year-round use of parks and green spaces.

Transport

- Desire for **smaller hopper buses**:
 - More direct routes between neighbourhoods and key transport hubs.
 - Easier for older people and more efficient than big buses.
 - Electric options welcome but must be reliable.

Fun & Social Life

- Borough should provide **regular, accessible fun**:
 - Weekly community gatherings, social clubs, music nights, cinema evenings.
 - Activities for older people (classic films, familiar music, dance).
 - Communication through multiple channels (online, noticeboards, and physical leaflets through doors).
- Events help prevent isolation, keep people active, and strengthen community bonds.

In short:

The group imagined a 2050 where older people are supported through vibrant care homes, intergenerational activities, and welcoming community hubs. Technology (including robots) should assist but never replace human connection. They want safer, more respectful public spaces, reimagined high streets, better transport, and regular community events that are inclusive and fun.

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Transcript

Speaker 2

Right, that's recording now. OK, imagine that.

Speaker 1

So. Hello we've got forward in time.

Speaker 2

Focus.

Speaker 1

2050 and. Hmm. You're grown up. And you're grown up and you're grown up. And even this baby here is like 25 years old. What would you like?

Speaker 2

To have here. What would you?

Speaker 1

Like for yourself? And what would you like now that you're an old person? Then you're. All grey hair. You can think about no. So this is my friend. She's the one who's actually doing this properly. So.

Speaker 2

You're welcome. We just think that that so talking about all days and for example. Swimming pools have swimming pools would be better, and one of the fun things that got settled as those landslides. Yeah. How would you? What do you think like? Make it even more fun. Would you like?

Speaker

Come on.

Speaker 2

Right. Plain sinkies. Yeah, that would make it more fun. Anything else?

Speaker 3

Yes. Hello.

Speaker 2

That's a good idea. Yeah, you can. Actually look like we're doing.

Speaker

Like.

Speaker 2

You can bet land.

Speaker 4

Yes.

Speaker 2

And what about? Say in your class and programmes, what would you? Like to be fun. Swings. No swings. Slide slides would you like?

Speaker 1

Swirling slowly.

Speaker 2

Anything else?

Speaker 3

Understanding things, what you think on it and and.

Speaker 2

Look around above.

Speaker

Nope.

Speaker 1

In the standard.

Speaker 3

No. If I sit on it, it it goes like this, then it.

Speaker 5

Then.

Speaker 1

Like a really big screen, like a big, long string. Yeah, yeah. I talked about like.

Speaker

Oh.

Speaker 1

What about shops? When you go shopping to the shop, what shop kind of shop do you think you would like? To have when you're a. Bit older candy shop. What toy shop?

Speaker 2

OK, so first of all, what? Kind of candy. Well.

Speaker 3

A lollipop and and with any flavour like a Coca-Cola flavour.

Speaker 2

Lollipops. Coca-Cola flavoured lollipops? What's your favourite lollipop? Those flavours are essential for toy shops.

Speaker 3

They would have a teddy teddy, a cute teddy. Or maybe a toilet?

Speaker 2

So we might have robots. And. And yeah, and the baby and the toy robots. Because often when we think about do you think the toy robots can talk? No, they just. They can just move. OK.

Speaker 3

With a stroller.

Speaker 4

I love that.

Speaker 2

And what did? They do what can what kind of things can they do the remote control?

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Robots. They can move like this like this.

Speaker 1

All the daylight.

Speaker 5

Or you can make them move.

Speaker 2

No way. Like walk. With the remote control you can make them walk. So could they like walk to? School with you, yeah. No. They walk around at home. Yeah, strictly at home and. Say you had a robot toy in the future, what might their name be?

Speaker 3

I hadn't had it yet.

Speaker 2

You haven't had it yet since don't know that's true.

Speaker

But yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

That's very true, yeah. And maybe when you're grown upward, it helps. You do the cleaning.

Speaker 2

Yes.

Speaker 1

Yes. And what else might it help you do?

Speaker 3

Tidying the toys.

Speaker 1

Good idea? Or I like the sound of this robot. Yeah, that's right. And what about outside? So in the future, would you like to have?

Speaker

Our.

Speaker 3

Outside in the garden. So.

Speaker 1

The ticking and the robbers can do that for.

Speaker 3

You we have to do it by ourselves.

Speaker

No.

Speaker 2

OK.

Speaker 1

They can't do it.

Speaker 2

Robots can't dig, they're restricted, OK.

Speaker 1

They they can't. No, that's fair enough. I think that's quite right. Why do you dig in the? Garden. What are you doing? Out.

Speaker 3

There play around and I make I grow some flowers and plants. My dad is growing.

Speaker 4

OK.

Speaker 1

To do that, because it's it's fun, isn't it? Did the fun things we bothered to do the boring paper right? Yeah. For us, yeah.

Speaker 2

No.

Speaker 1

And what about outside the front of the house where the cars are in the roads in the future, would you have a lot of cars, or would you have less cars? Would you have cars that went everywhere? Would you have no cars? Would you have fuses? What can you say you have buses?

Speaker 2

What would the buses look like in the future?

Speaker 3

They look, they look like a a cute boy. A cuboid. Would like to walk. Because. My mom says if we go we we we might get tired but we get strong.

Speaker 2

Very wise.

Speaker 1

That is very good. Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

I also walked to my school.

Speaker 1

Are you going to your school? Yeah, that's right. So you're fancy.

Speaker 3

Just for 5 minutes, OK. Day.

Speaker 1

Yeah, so doing a bit of walking there maybe get a bit tired, but get a bit strong as. Well.

Speaker 3

I also run it. In the place.

Speaker 1

You fit and you play and that keeps you fit and it keeps you happy as well, doesn't it play? OK.

Speaker 3

Like climbing thing?

Speaker 1

That sounds lovely.

Speaker 3

Now be a gift too. Now we get to play in.

Speaker 1

You are lucky. So you're in year 2 in your school.

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker 1

And what's the name?

Speaker 3

Of your school. I'm primary school. Either.

Speaker 1

OK.

Speaker 3

I said.

Speaker 2

Yeah. At the same time.

Speaker 1

Same.

Speaker 3

Mine was that either one that's beautiful. Level.

Speaker 2

What's wrong?

Speaker 1

It's amazing to think that he's going to be 26 one day, isn't it? How tall do you?

Speaker 2

Right you are saying?

Speaker 1

It's going to be 20.

Speaker 2

Think he will be in teacher? That's all really tall, as tall as mum.

Speaker 1

That's pretty cool, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah. It's hard to imagine, but be told.

Speaker

Yeah. OK.

Speaker 1

Wrong. So what would you have when you're a grown up and maybe you've got children at the school? What would you like your school to be like for? Not for you, but for your children? Or maybe your parents? Children fun.

Speaker 3

Fun.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, I'm reading this. Yeah. Fun reading. Yeah, that's right. And would it be bigger, or would it be the?

Speaker 3

Only fun.

Speaker 1

Same size. Bigger and would it have more children or would? It be the same number.

Speaker 5

More more.

Speaker 1

So we are big school with loads and loads of. Children that you would take your. Thank you. And what would it have in the playground if you could have anything in the playground for your children, you'd have sweets in your what in the school?

Speaker 5

Swings. Climbing.

Speaker 1

OK. And those are good, right?

Speaker 3

And I have done.

Speaker 1

A quiet garden. And would you have that?

Speaker 5

As well, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

A quiet garden that sounds lovely and can you grow food in your school. We'll eat it. Yeah. Can you?

Speaker 3

We can that we can.

Speaker 1

You've ordered them, right? OK, well, that was really interesting, wasn't it? Yeah. OK. Thank you so much for sharing. So what I'm gonna. Here I'm going to write down your post code so that we can share this with the Council. So what's the first 3 letters of your posting please?

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

1491.

Speaker 1

Oh, no, no. Not the whole address, just the post code, so it's TWW. TW7, that's enough T. WHW. 76 OK, yeah. And then they're ages. They're six years old, seven years old, seven years old. Is 666 OK.

Speaker 3

I'm not. And my dad's house.

Speaker 1

OK. So have you got a different post code or is it the same does? It start with two W 7. I can't live far away.

Speaker 3

No, I don't know.

Speaker 1

OK. Thank you.

Speaker 3

Like 5.

Speaker 5

Minutes away.

Speaker 1

OK, that's still fairly close. I think you still count as being in Anslow borough, so that's good. OK, that's right 6 here. You're. So you're there, you're there?

Speaker 3

We're willing to listen.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

OK.

Speaker 1

Yeah, that's right.

Speaker 5

Brilliant. OK, that's really good to know.

Speaker 4

My mom wants to cook food in her.

Speaker 1

Office. That's so nice, right? I need to press start.

Speaker 4

Oh, one day she got deleted.

Conversation analysis

Fun & Play

- Swimming pools with fun features (like slides/“landslides”).
- Playgrounds with swings, slides, climbing equipment, and spinning rides.
- Schools should be “fun” places with lots of play and reading.
- Desire for bigger schools with more children, more space, and fun playgrounds.
- Quiet gardens in schools for calm time, plus areas to grow food together.

Shops & Toys

- Want candy shops (with lollipops, including Coca-Cola flavour).
- Toy shops with teddies, toy toilets, robots, and strollers.
- Robots as toys:
 - Move via remote control.
 - Can walk around the house.
 - Could help tidy toys or do cleaning.
 - Some debate about whether they can dig in gardens—children preferred to do gardening themselves because it’s fun.

Robots & the Future

- Robots imagined mainly as helpers in the home:
 - Tidying, cleaning, maybe gardening (though not all agreed).
 - Could accompany children indoors but not to school.
 - Seen as playful and useful, but not replacing human activity.

Outdoors & Gardening

- Children like playing in gardens and growing flowers and plants (often with parents).
- Gardening is considered fun, not something to outsource to robots.
- Value in doing things “by ourselves.”

Transport & Roads

- Mixed feelings about cars in the future: some imagined fewer cars, more buses.

- Future buses: imagined as cuboid-shaped, possibly “cute.”
- Walking seen as important—healthy even if tiring.
- Children linked walking to strength and fitness.

Schools of the Future

- Schools should be:
 - Fun and bigger.
 - Have more children.
 - Playgrounds with sweets (a playful dream), swings, climbing frames.
 - Gardens to grow food and spaces to eat what’s grown.
- Education imagined as more joyful, playful, and social.

Everyday Life

- Envision themselves as grown-ups with children of their own.
- Still value fun, food, and play as central to life.
- Saw themselves living close to current homes (mentions of TW7 postcode, family houses nearby).

In short:

The children imagined a future full of fun, play, and colour. They want better swimming pools, bigger schools with playgrounds and gardens, and shops full of sweets and toys. Robots appear in their vision, but mainly as helpers at home, not substitutes for enjoyable activities like gardening. They value walking, playing, and being outdoors, and dream of communities that are fun, sociable, and supportive for kids and families.

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Speaker 1

So let's say you've you've got your dreams come true is perfect.

Speaker 2

Yep.

Speaker 1

You're old. Yeah, she's grown up. You. Maybe. Maybe you have grandchildren or something. I don't know. You know? So what would it be like you're still here and everything's great. Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah. Who knows? OK. OK, blank. Ohh you are you? Is it recording? Yeah. OK, I suppose the first thing is. There's clearly in a bit of an environmental theme, so if the river was finally clean enough to to be able to swim in and and boating, I know they managed it in France. So I don't see whether in Paris. So I don't see why they can't manage it in London as well. So that would be amazing.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Fantastic. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I think. Yeah, we've got some big parks, so. I think we need to maintain those. I'm always a bit worried that things are gonna get built over. And. Stuff so bit few more parks. I mean, we'll keep the parks, have a few more animals roaming around that the kids can also play around with because I know like saying there's cows and stuff.

Speaker 1

Like like like what the kind of. Animals like the kind of seeds.

Speaker 2

Well, just from from from the animals. Yeah, like saying have the cows. Honestly, as the horses. But you can only really see them from afar. It would be nice if we could all mingle amongst them and.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

For that and less traffic, please, especially on talking Rd living right, it's a disaster. It's an absolute nightmare and then it's bad enough as it is. And then we have endless road work. So yeah, 1211 few fewer Rd works and the less traffic jams would be lovely, yeah.

Speaker 1

Tiger.

Speaker 2

And. Just. Schools that you know, kids are happy to go to and parents happy to send their kids to and with enough playing areas and things like that and areas to bike around, it's quite good actually have got to say, but maybe up towards St. Margaret's. It's a bit hairy on that road.

Speaker 1

Are you a cyclist yourself?

Speaker 2

Not really, but now that they're learning, I'm trying to like, yeah, yeah, get get back into it. So we.

Speaker 1

Right. Yeah. What do you think of like, bike lanes and stuff? Would you have?

Speaker 2

Can all.

Speaker 1

More of them. Would you get rid of them?

Speaker 2

I would. I certainly wouldn't get rid of them. I think it's quite good around here, to be honest. I think there are ways to do it there, like Chiswick High Road. Just I don't know if you've ever been on to the Howard. Yeah, they've over cycle lane that I think, but it's a bit of a, I don't know. I don't think the cyclists know what's going on with the motorist, but yeah, certainly on the main roads space for cyclists is important along the river path. It's a bit.

Speaker 1

I have. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Along the Thames that we kind of have to come back on to some markets road and then it's it's a bit tricky that area. So if we could just do.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I know.

Speaker 2

Straight through somehow that would be nice. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

OK. So that's cycling and then let's say, so you and I are going to be old in 25 years time, what would?

Speaker 2

Yep.

Speaker 1

You have for us for the yeah.

Speaker 2

For the older people, I think, yeah, that's I think, clean, clean, right cleanliness. So, yeah, the the trees, the parks. And as I said, the river. Yeah. And the river. Yeah. Yeah, it's that kind of outdoorsy stuff that we can just walk around.

Speaker

More.

Speaker 1

Yeah. That's good, yeah.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

And breathe in a bit of fresh air, not petrol.

Speaker 1

I'm just gonna say hello. This is what I'm gonna do. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Very brilliant. Yeah. Thank you. Yeah. So make it clean. Nicer environment.

Speaker 2

Yeah. We know she. She. She sent me to Kevin. Maybe a few more pedestrian noise kind of areas you've got like the back of Church St, which is pedestrianised. Maybe one or two. Just so you know, if you're a bit older and you just want to be away from the noise and the the toxic fumes.

Speaker 1

Pedestrian. Yeah.

Speaker 2

On there you can just have a stroll around without worrying about. Yeah, someone knocking you over or horning at you.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah, that's good. What about, like the high streets? So would you let is there any part of the High Street? They'll just be like I'm done with that. I I wouldn't care if they stopped it tomorrow. I don't want it to carry on till 2050. Anything that you know.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

No, I actually think it's going the opposite. Way I think.

Speaker 1

You like that?

Speaker 2

We're I think we're losing a lot of the histories now and they're just turning into flats and yeah, and it's nice to just pop out and have a little browse in the shop.

Speaker 1

And he wants it.

Speaker 2

And things like. That, yeah, I think, but so.

Speaker 1

That's right, yeah.

Speaker 2

I think it probably was too much of A.

Speaker

But.

Speaker 2

Yeah. I think we it's gone so much the. Other direction that.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

It's alright now. You still need to. Yeah, I don't wanna just do everything online. I'd. I'd like to just get in, you know.

Speaker 1

You're saying about, so a lot of people have spoken about the amount of empty.

Speaker

Units on the moisture.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Hey.

Speaker 1

And this is pretty and it's got a little there, but considering lots of the shops. Have left what?

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Will be good use of those units. Instead. And it's sort of way back in the high. Street. Type. So even if you've already asked this.

Speaker 2

But. No, she hasn't. I think more activity areas for young and for old. Yeah. Yeah, I think that. Because. Yeah, kids need stuff to do right. Not necessarily a soft play, but we can think of all sorts of other things out of there. Some computer recenter that you can teach old, old people who are maybe not so hot on it or or just give people Internet access or something. Yeah. Yeah. And.

Speaker 1

A really good one. Maybe I'll do that.

Speaker 2

And yeah, you know this you can't avoid it. Every it is overcrowded, so you probably you can't avoid that. There will be more flexible and stuff as. Well. But if there's. If people need someone to live, they need someone to deliver it. So you gotta you. Gotta build it.

Speaker 1

Some more, more so people have gone live somewhere.

Speaker 2

Yeah, but. Yeah, exactly.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Are there any shops on the High Street? They're just being on paper so that I wish they were the rabbit.

Speaker

So.

Speaker 2

It's probably a. Few too many of these like mobile phone fixing shops. I don't know what they do and how many you can possibly have.

Speaker

It's.

Speaker 2

It's no, there's they. Like I said, they've cut back all. The shops, so yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 1

I think that's really it's really true, isn't it, that what we're hearing from a lot of people is there's a lot of good stuff which make more like details about how you might use it or tweak it or change. It rather than.

Speaker 2

Yeah, exactly. Just the.

Speaker 1

Yeah, that's good to hear. That's good to hear. Brilliant. And would you mind if I ask you the first 3 letters of your post code please.

Speaker 2

GW7.

Speaker 1

That's perfect. And would you mind, you don't have to answer this if I ask your age.

Speaker 2

Yeah, 43.

Speaker 1

43 brilliant. OK, that's that's fantastic that colouring in it that's so good.

Speaker 2

Very neat, maybe. Well done.

Speaker 1

Thank you very much. I'm just.

Speaker 2 analysis

Speaker 2 dreams of a cleaner, greener, less congested community with safe cycling, playful schools, and thriving parks full of life. They want to see the high street revitalised with community uses rather than left empty or overrun by repetitive shops. For the future, they imagine both children and older people having safe, social, and active spaces, and accept that while housing pressures will continue, the community needs balance between development and quality of life.

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Speaker 1

But it's for products.

Speaker 2

So everyone can imagine. We are in Hounslow. We're right here where you live. Actually, where do you live? Which bit of Hounslow. Ah, hansley east. And it's 2050, which is 25 years from now. So the first thing I'm going to ask you is.

Speaker 3

Boom.

Speaker 2

What? What is on the High Street? What might be in the shops? What would you like to buy in the shops in?

Speaker 4

I want to go and then buy one toy.

Speaker 1

Everybody came back.

Speaker 2

Buy 1 toy in the future shop and in the future toy shop. What? What kind of toys like that be?

Speaker 4

This person is good team. It is. And and. Books.

Speaker 2

Books and toys. And how about for? You so this. Is a bit in the future 2025. And it's a toy. Shop like. Its future toy shop on the High Street. What might sell, and it might be things that a toy truck sells now, or it might be sort of more futuristic things.

Speaker 5

He raises 1 high in the air.

Speaker 6

Maybe a robot squishy, mellow robot, squishy ****? Squishy.

Speaker 2

Could you describe that a little bit for us? What what would that look like?

Speaker 8

It.

Speaker 6

Could be like a hit and then it came on the face and then some ears. And move your tail and then there and then it can move on its own.

Speaker 7

Not too bad. 1.

Speaker 2

Right, so the robot would move on its own.

Speaker 7

Can you put there?

Speaker 2

Is it cuddly? OK. And as the person who bought the toy or had the toy? Could you command it? Do you get? Do you instruct it or does it do its own thing? Can you? You can instruct it. So do you do that to talking by talking to it or?

Speaker 6

Like a computer. And then it comes out and then you can type.

Speaker 2

Right. So a little keyboard. OK, so let's say if you've had this, I love this idea. What kind of things would you get your robot toy to do? What would be helpful for you?

Speaker 8

Alright.

Speaker 1

Oh.

Speaker 2

More fun for you?

Speaker 4

The bathroom.

Speaker 6

You could house for me. The balance.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

I love this. It's a building robot. I love this so it can build. Did you say really nice house? Yeah, or a swimming pool. That's great. So you are you. Are you saying that you might instruct the robot to build you a house that you want to? Live. In this is. A good idea?

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

And the swimming pool that the robot might build you. What might that be like?

Speaker

1.

Speaker 6

Robot arms and bent out and and then it get the robot arms good.

Speaker 1

Hungry.

Speaker 2

So the swimming pool have a robot in it that had robot arms that give you drinks. I love that. Would you like a swimming pool built by robots?

Speaker 4

I like it when I park with the trampoline too.

Speaker 7

Park with a.

Speaker 2

So not with the trampoline. This is really good. So there's really it's. Like swimming pool. With the robot drinks, I love that a park with a tramp. Is the.

Speaker 4

And then with the swimming pools.

Speaker 2

The swimming pool in is what this is an amazing area.

Speaker 7

Sounds like a great colour.

Speaker 2

Yeah, it does. So the trampoline.

Speaker 5

Too.

Speaker 2

Is that a? Is that a normal trampoline or is it an special trampoline because it's in the future? Is it just didn't trampling. You jump up and down on.

Speaker

Ah.

Speaker 2

Or does it have other?

Speaker 4

Things about it, it's a rainbow one.

Speaker

However.

Speaker 4

It can do whatever we say to it. It can just appear it's magic and whatever we say and the wish we want, it just makes it.

Speaker 2

Wow. So it's a robotic trampoline and we can ask it anything and then it makes that. Happen and it's next to your swimming pool with a robot drink dispenser. This sounds like a fun place to go. OK, so this is an amazing park in Hounslow. We've got a trampoline. We've got a robot drink dispenser. What else have we got? What else we have?

Speaker 4

Yes.

Speaker 2

Types are. You can have anything, yes.

Speaker 4

1. It has light. A climax side, you have to climb up, and then there's like, just like can can up the bubbles and blow them.

Speaker 2

Slide. Thanks, bubbles. I love that. Thank you.

Speaker 4

Steven, slide down.

Speaker 2

And slide down through the bubbles.

Speaker 4

Yeah, it decorates and bubbles. And then if we pop one, we it and we us into a bubble.

Speaker 8

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Hey, would you?

Speaker 2

This is wild that takes you to be like that. Anything to add?

Speaker 6

Maybe.

Speaker 3

JKLMN.

Speaker 8

The jumping has a dial.

Speaker 2

To see how fancy it is.

Speaker 7

Ohh that's good school.

Speaker 2

So describe the dial and how that would work. So I love her.

Speaker 6

Love like this from 1:00 to 10:00 and then you could choose.

Speaker 2

Yeah. OK, so for different ages maybe is that the idea or yeah. OK, So what number would you go to? 8. And how high, like if you set it to 8, how high do you think? That would take you.

Speaker 6

That will take you to the cloud.

Speaker 8

Wow, Level 8 takes you to the class. This is level 10. Thank you. So you could.

Speaker 7

Into the cloud.

Speaker 2

OK, so I'm just wondering whether if you picked 10 on the trampoline in the in your amazing part. Would you need equipment then to get to space? Because I'm thinking sometimes in space you need. You don't. You just go. I love it. You just amazing. OK. And you do come down again, though, cause it's a trampoline. You're going up and down. OK.

Speaker 7

No, no crime.

Speaker 2

And how, if you just had it on sat on #1, say if you're a little kid, how far would that take you?

Speaker 6

Uh.

Speaker 2

It's still pretty high.

Speaker 7

That's pretty hard and that's pretty hard.

Speaker 2

It's really good. OK, so we've got trampoline with levels. We've got your bubble. I love the bubbles. I think I can see you've got other ideas popping up. What? Your other ideas.

Speaker 4

Like. A big that is magic, as all the fairy tales and the one all the ideas we pick. It has like a magic button. We press that button and make the list and then.

Speaker 2

Wow. So it's a let me tell me if I'm right. It's a magic brick.

Speaker 8

You press a.

Speaker 2

Button and it contains all the ideas of all the stories and all the fairy tales. And if you press a button, the thing that you want will appear, yeah.

Speaker 4

And the picture the picture that we gave and all the pictures, the picture, all of the.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Just have a button and if we go in the page there's like the the one that we want to go, we pick the one and then we just see where it is and then we choose it and then push the button and say I want this one please.

Speaker 9

OK.

Speaker 7

At the bottom of five from not far from.

Speaker 4

We have to say the magic word, the magic word is please. And then we press the button and then repeat. Yeah.

Speaker 2

I love that.

Speaker 7

So it's like it's like a book. That you're reading. And then the book actually runs in front of you. That's right. And then that's beautiful. That is a brilliant one. Yeah. That is such a good one.

Speaker 2

That's a really good idea. This is the best part I've ever heard of. Yeah, it's so exciting. So anything else were you thinking? I think you were having some more ideas.

Speaker 3

Always.

Speaker 6

You could have like. The book it it it could have like it it it could.

Speaker 5

You have to be good to see them.

Speaker 6

Maybe have like those real experiences and then you can see it like the.

Speaker 3

Do you believe in fairies?

Speaker 6

Like open up and then and then you can see the, so you're like.

Speaker 8

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Ohh so it's 360 surround. That's beautiful. Yeah, that's amazing.

Speaker 7

You can walk into the. Ah, that's that's the new one for the library, so. That's what the libraries.

Speaker 2

Need. That's. Yeah, that's a really good. OK, we've got swim with the bubbles. We've got the story, but yeah, more ideas come in. Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 4

There's a big heart shape you can go in it, and then there's something happens. You go in the future, you see the future, and you, you're in the bubble and you can see the future. Somebody asked.

Speaker 2

Look over here. I think all of these. And and he goes through the heart shape. Is that right? That's that.

Speaker 7

Enough.

Speaker 4

And then the after swish and then I and the and the one that's in the bubble, it disappears it.

Speaker 2

Well.

Speaker 5

OK.

Speaker 4

In the bubble eyes magic powers.

Speaker 2

So in the bubble has. Many. Powers the the person that disappears. Did they go into the future? Is that what? You meant wow.

Speaker 4

Yeah, you see, you can whatever. I the one that's in the bubble can hear with the other person the the magic, the like wish is coming. And then like the like the power comes in and I can shut it up.

Speaker

Wow.

Speaker 7

That sounds fantastic. I like that shaped like a.

Speaker 2

It's amazing. Horse heart-shaped future, doesn't it?

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, it it it. It could go through like a portal portal portal. There we go. Did.

Speaker 8

Yeah, portals are always.

Speaker 2

Good. Heart-shaped Porter? Yeah.

Speaker 7

Of course, though, yeah, that's brilliant.

Speaker 2

This is the most exciting part that that's ever been made. I'm going to ask your mum.

Speaker 1

I see.

Speaker 2

Do you is there anything in this incredible part of exciting things?

Speaker 1

Ready.

Speaker 2

Should there be anything? Is there anything missing that might work for grown-ups?
What would you like amongst all this future travelling bubble? Sliding. Cleaning.

Speaker 9

Or you can. I would say like you know, for grown-ups there should be something that they can wish for and comes true.

Speaker 8

Yeah.

Speaker 7

Yeah, your wish comes true. Yes, you can. We're actually just doing a little bit of recording here, but that's OK. You totally not a problem. You absolutely can sit and do some colouring too. Yeah, of course.

Speaker 5

OK.

Speaker 3

So.

Speaker 9

But it is for everybody.

Speaker 7

OK. There we go. The chair just for you. Now you need some paper there. There's a bit of that. So, yeah, we were thinking about.

Speaker 2

I'm sorry to actually invite you.

Speaker 9

Yeah.

Speaker 4

I want to I want this one.

Speaker 7

For the future, for future of school.

Speaker 9

At least, no people can't be immortal, but at least if you want to visit somebody or you want somebody to come back to, you know, chat with them and then, you know, maybe they can go away. But at least you can talk to somebody from his password. So yeah, that would be good.

Speaker 7

It would, wouldn't it? Yeah. Yeah, that's fair enough.

Speaker 1

And just visit all other relative to. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah, I know.

Speaker 6

You know, and then they would take you in the world and what your wish came for. They would come to you. Would go there.

Speaker 2

Yeah. So the robot arms that also.

Speaker 9

They could do that.

Speaker 2

Mommy, where she wants to go, and I wish she comes true. Yeah.

Speaker 9

So that's good. That's good.

Speaker 2

You're welcome to join us, library. We're just imagining a a beautiful 20.

Speaker 1

OK.

Speaker 2

15 where all of. Our street hopes and dreams come straight. Sorry. OK. It's sort of in this area.

Speaker 7

Oh yeah, we're recording it, yeah.

Speaker 2

So there's been some amazing ideas here. We've. Had a heart-shaped portal to the future.

Speaker 1

Ohh.

Speaker 2

What robot arms but dispense streets, but also make the wishes for the tree? So in this amazing park that these beautiful people have made, what would you imagine if there's a park in Townsley that was like?

Speaker 5

Yeah. OK.

Speaker 2

The best park in the. What would you have that would make in by 2050? So we're allowed to have a little bit of fantasy and.

Speaker 5

OK, alright, alright, OK. So it's got absolutely anything. Well, I think it's gotta have. I mean, this isn't high tech, but it's gotta have a. Chocolate.

Speaker 2

Fountain. Ohh. Come on. Yeah, it's very popular.

Speaker 7

Yes.

Speaker 1

Yes. OK.

Speaker 2

He wants the chocolate comes up.

Speaker 5

Jazzy, what would you like? Jazz? What would you like if you had the best if there was the best park ever, mummy would like to put a chocolate fountain in it. So just chop. You could just get chocolate nonstop. Well.

Speaker 2

Put your little cup up and.

Speaker 5

What would you like in the? Would you? Would be in the best park ever.

Speaker 2

Colouring in. You like colouring in? Yeah, colouring in colouring in stations. Yeah, for adults and children, yes.

Speaker 5

Colouring and stations would be good.

Speaker 4

There will be like a huge bubble that we can go in and we can play and we can play in it and then you can make like anything.

Speaker 5

Oh, nice baby. Colouring Suzy.

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker 2

So we get inside the bubble and we can float. That sounds very. Relaxing, doesn't it? Sorry.

Speaker 4

And there's even a bed. You. What? Yeah, and you can stay in it because it's glued inside the bubble and he can. He can sleep in it and it will be feeling so good.

Speaker 2

So. Yeah. Ohh that's relaxing.

Speaker 7

That sounds so.

Speaker 2

Yeah, that sounds good right now.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 5

I would like to add a like completely free.

Speaker 7

Made.

Speaker 5

And very and very. Of places where people can play football, tennis, they go to the gym, yes, but and an open item. Yeah. Heated. Yeah. Thank you with.

Speaker 2

Ideas. Ohh, like it, captain. Yeah, yeah, there's like.

Speaker 4

A huge station that can that. Can you just draw a picture? There's like a. Finger. You put the picture of your you don't like a picture. One picture. Put it inside and then it'll make the Pokémon and it's real. And it's you. And it gets more power than that.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Oh, I love. That. That's very good, yeah.

Speaker 4

Another station.

Speaker 2

That's really. Yeah. That's lovely. That's very good.

Speaker 5

That's a good one. Yeah. So because there we can get anything.

Speaker 2

Really nice and I. Sports free sports only. That's lovely. So we've got chocolate fans and we've got a swimming pool. We've got all future visits. We've got robot.

Speaker 7

Yeah. Loves football training.

Speaker 5

Yes, I think we need capacity for water sports as well. I think we need a river with River Rapids at. Yeah, I've seen that house, or whichever borough is gonna cover this. Yeah, yeah, yeah. It seems super cheap.

Speaker 1

Water sports.

Speaker 4

Kicking in the heart.

Speaker 9

We do believe we'd be.

Speaker 2

Able to buy, then work out a W. Of providing energy for this, which was, you know, maybe the everything.

Speaker

This is.

Speaker 4

And something fun.

Speaker 5

Exactly the robot builders to do it.

Speaker 7

Yeah, yeah. We're just sitting back.

Speaker 2

And sliding down waterfalls and drinking.

Speaker 6

And.

Speaker 5

Chocolate. Exactly. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Uh-huh.

Speaker 2

I've got. Yeah. No, bring it.

Speaker 5

Sorry, I like, I think and then possibly start crash, yeah. I mean, seriously though, that one where where you can drop the bubblers for free for for a few hours and I don't go to a spa. We have a star and they get looked after and even. Better than we would looked themselves.

Speaker 2

You can relax and then click do. This stuff, yes.

Speaker 4

Like this shop for everything you can just the picture of like a chocolate you want and then send it and then you'll make the chocolate and you can get the chocolate out and.

Speaker 2

I love this this connect this machine.

Speaker 7

Is there anything it's like hitting pitching? It's anything.

Speaker 4

Hello.

Speaker 7

That could be true. Yeah, that's a really, really nice. Well, that's a beautiful like. Would you like orange? It looks like fire. Yeah, very cool. And maybe yellow.

Speaker 4

And then.

Speaker 1

Wow, what's that? That looks like that.

Speaker 5

Could be like.

Speaker 9

That's very true.

Speaker 7

I'm. Impeccably staff crashed with this ball. Yeah, yeah, that that's my number one too.

Speaker 2

Thinking about it though, right?

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Yeah, my, my brother and me are in a potato club and he drew some fire with his red and. There. Yeah. Red, orange and then yellow and you'll be looking setting.

Speaker 7

Sounds lovely.

Speaker 4

And the the club is in by bed.

Speaker 9

It's a bunk bed, and they've put the top bed that that business and he has made it as a potato club. They decorated it so every time they go.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 9

In the Potato Club grants.

Speaker 4

The sticky bit to go. I love the potato.

Speaker 9

Are allowed only kids can. Go. So they just love to do that.

Speaker 7

That's an amazing.

Speaker 2

OK, so I'd like to hear a bit. More about this potato class. I know I'm a grown up, so I'm not allowed in it, but could you explain this?

Speaker 6

On.

Speaker 9

He's got a.

Speaker 1

Because this might be.

Speaker 2

A thing that happens in the future. A rollout of potato cut.

Speaker 1

So.

Speaker 6

What is the potato club? It's when it only potatoes.

Speaker 2

Everything. The only potatoes that include crisps, OK and chips, yeah.

Speaker 1

OK. Yeah.

Speaker 4

We only eat potatoes.

Speaker 1

OK.

Speaker 4

You need to take the Curry, the Curry with potatoes.

Speaker 2

That's my favourite colour. And what happens in the potato club or? Is it strictly an eating thing? The other things happen. What happens? Can you tell me?

Speaker 6

I'm gonna make potato vending machine machine.

Speaker

Nathan is at.

Speaker 7

Work. Ohh OK yeah.

Speaker 2

That's amazing. Do you think the Potato Club might be thing that could exist in 2015 in the future? Would you be interested in maybe? Having a few prototypes, is it something that you would welcome other people to do?

Speaker 6

Maybe.

Speaker 2

Maybe. So what? What would they have to do to make you think you? Can also have a. Potato Club do you need a? Bunk bed. OK. So it's a bunk bed situation. Yeah. You need to like potatoes. Yeah.

Speaker 7

Because because.

Speaker 2

Anything. Else.

Speaker 9

What does you do in this?

Speaker 6

No.

Speaker 2

You don't think you need to?

Speaker 7

I think that's it. I think you're all covered.

Speaker 2

And lie down.

Speaker 9

On the bed.

Speaker 6

I love it.

Speaker 2

I know I'm growing up. But I would like to go to the potato. Club. I'll just. Have to imagine it.

Speaker 9

Have they got a logo and poster on the bed? Yeah, when they put it on, that means I can't. Yeah.

Speaker 3

Ohh I lost it.

Speaker 2

Usually potato Curry is my favourite. Any potential products? So I hear that that's lovely.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

But I like your idea that saying 25 years have you grown up. You might have developed a potato club into a whole other thing could be big grown up potatoes. Takes place in blowing up bunk beds.

Speaker 7

Sounds like.

Speaker 8

Yeah, little potato clubs.

Speaker 7

Run by Leafly.

Speaker 4

Yeah, I'm in team. I'm in team. Can I have a girl club?

Speaker 2

With heart-shaped Simpsons.

Speaker 1

OK.

Speaker 4

And and I'm gonna. Reputated, the Girls Club is called black pink.

Speaker 7

Ohh. Black pink. Ohh nice.

Speaker 5

Your favourite food? You love a.

Speaker 2

Bit. Of K pop.

Speaker 9

I know.

Speaker 7

Yeah.

Speaker 9

It's a new thing.

Speaker 5

Oh.

Speaker 2

That's lovely. And who else is in black? Pink. Is it just you or other girls? Girls. OK.

Speaker 4

OK. Is it 3 girls me.

Speaker 2

48. That sounds, yeah, it's a lot of girls.

Speaker 4

Isn't it me, me? And there's two friends of mine. The first one is called. The first one is.

Speaker 7

That's a lot.

Speaker 4

Layla and the second one is valena.

Speaker 2

They're lovely names, aren't they? Now I'm gonna give you 2 a challenge, but I don't know if you'd be up for it. I think it would be really great. Think you'd be up for this.

Speaker 5

You to draw us.

Speaker 2

A picture of some of the things we've talked about in the future of counselling. They're like robot dispensing arms. I have worn the swimming pool. Lovely. Absolutely. Yeah.

Speaker 3

That's beautiful.

Speaker 2

If you do that because. Really. Nice to say to the Council not only have we got these amazing ideas recorded, but here are the pictures of the.

Speaker 1

All right, sounds good.

Speaker 2

Design and some of the.

Speaker 7

Yeah, that would be. Done this one on the way to wow.

Speaker 8

Oh, that's cool.

Speaker 9

That's the tables. There's something like this that everything there's.

Speaker 7

That.

Speaker 9

There was something that you did right on the bus for his secret.

Speaker 2

Room that he's going to have, or he has enough to join. You don't have to, but it might be fun. Which? What's your name? So if you say this is your drawing and this is your. Idea for the proper.

Speaker 7

We should get postponed. I'm going to turn this post.

Speaker 2

Oh yeah, first 3 digits and. Your. Code if you want.

Conversation analysis

The participants, mostly children with some adult contributions, imagined a fantastical and playful future for Hounslow (2050). Their visions included futuristic toys and robots that could build homes, pools, and trampolines; magical parks with rainbow trampolines, immersive bubble slides, wish-granting books, and heart-shaped portals; and spaces where stories and imagination come alive.

For adults, there were hopes for wish-granting experiences, chocolate fountains, colouring stations, and free sports and wellness facilities. Social and creative clubs — like the whimsical Potato Club or Girls' Club (Black Pink) — added a sense of belonging and fun.

Overall, the conversation highlights a desire for a future built around play, imagination, community, and joy, blending technology, fantasy, and social connection.

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Speaker 2

I don't want anything. So and and So what have we had so far in our thinking about the future? More flowers. Yes. So you just said more flowers, didn't you? So that was a nice one.

Speaker 1

She said. That was amazing.

Speaker 2

But I missed the beginning, so I didn't miss anything. We literally we are we're thinking about. So this is actually gonna be fed back to the Council and they are actually gonna try to take the the themes of what people say, especially if a lot of people.

Speaker 1

She just arrived. So sorry, but nothing to actually order yet.

Speaker 2

Say similar things that will be. Like very formative for them, that those are really intend to do something about it for their long term planning. So yeah, it's like.

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 3

Right.

Speaker 4

What would you like?

Speaker 2

What would they like to see? Yeah.

Speaker 5

We.

Speaker 1

We love. I know it's controversial. We love all the cycle work lane, work, all the cycling stuff, yeah.

Speaker 2

Well, the cycle.

Speaker 1

Because it makes.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

It so much safer with them. I would never have considered cycling with them before, but it's much more. I feel much more comfortable doing for now so.

Speaker 2

Why? So you're a big.

Speaker 1

Fan of this? I know not everyone.

Speaker 2

Yes, she knew a lot. Of people are though, yeah.

Speaker 1

I know. I think we're the quiet majority. Are you getting more flowers? No.

Speaker 2

Right there. Yeah. Look, all you're writing very my goodness. That is fab. Yes. OK. So and that makes you? Feel safe, does. It yes. So definitely keep that for 2050 well cycling so you can draw so you can go on your bikes.

Speaker 1

Yes. You do that, wouldn't you? So would. The cycle is. Yeah, yeah. But other things do you think are really good. About where we live. I will be back.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yes. What's?

Speaker 1

Really good about where we live. What's really good about Isleworth? Not the parks mate. What about the car?

Speaker 3

It's there.

Speaker 2

Do you like the?

Speaker 1

Park. Yeah. Yeah. There's lots of really good parks, aren't they? So is there anything you want the park to have?

Speaker

I'm going to.

Speaker 1

More flowers, more flowers and. What else would you like? Like what? About in St. John's. Park, what would you want to be there?

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 6

A shining frame.

Speaker 2

Yay climbing frame.

Speaker 1

Climbing frames. OK.

Speaker 2

That's good. You can write that down if you want to. That would be fantastic. Yeah, that would be nice climbing frames.

Speaker 3

And. Like I'm wondering like would you like anything special to be about the climbing freight? Like, how tall would the climbing frame be?

Speaker 6

Space up to space.

Speaker 2

That's a great point, yeah.

Speaker 1

That's that's quite the challenge, that's.

Speaker 2

That though so.

Speaker 3

Is he like climbing?

Speaker 2

Up through the clouds. Hold on. Oh my gosh.

Speaker 1

They don't make sense.

Speaker 3

These with these girls over here. So these are these are ideas for the park. As well, which you may. No fat climbing. That's it.

Speaker 5

And when we say and this is me, this is my brother. This is my mom and my.

Speaker 2

Dad inside bubbles, so the side itself blows the bubble and you can get inside.

Speaker 5

Only only this one has the bed.

Speaker 4

It.

Speaker 2

And that's got a bed, so you can. Sleep in it. In the bubble and this second explain this.

Speaker 1

1.

Speaker 7

This is the. That gives you. Then it can build anything and then this is the hardship portal and this is the trampoline with the ballot. And this is the book that shows you the pics.

Speaker 2

That is.

Speaker 3

Brilliant. So seminar ideas to yours about, like, going right up it through the clouds in the.

Speaker 2

Wow, you. Space. That's lovely. Thank you for. Coming. See how much for those I'm.

Speaker 1

Oh.

Speaker 2

Going to put them here. So that we can make sure they can't get them.

Speaker 1

May in which in the park was your favourite thing to?

Speaker 3

Not here.

Speaker 6

Do thank you.

Speaker 1

So I would.

Speaker 2

Get that? What was that? Monkey bars. Ohh, good. Thank you for. Are you a bit of a climbing person since you've ever climbing? Climbing.

Speaker

Yeah, sure.

Speaker 1

Runners. Let's go.

Speaker 2

And that's why you're very fit, very tired.

Speaker 3

You're very tired that one.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah. OK. So we've had some ideas for the. Anything else? Any thoughts you would like to add about parks or open spaces? Mm-hmm.

Speaker 1

I I really think they're very they're very good actually.

Speaker 2

That's brilliant. That's good to hear. Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

I think there's like I guess the litter, yeah, less litter, but I don't, I don't know how you tackle that because that is a community issue, but.

Speaker 2

Later. Yeah. Yeah, you. You're not the first person to mention litter.

Speaker 1

Yeah, there's a lot, I think also because we get. A. Lot of wind coming through that maybe we get a. Lot of.

Speaker 4

Like flowing litter all the time. Yeah, it blows it out to the bins, doesn't it? I think so. Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 1

So I think that's, yeah, I think so. So yeah, less litter. Would be good.

Speaker 2

That would be a really simple. Way of dealing with that.

Speaker 1

Probably.

Speaker 2

You know, like I'm sure some clever person thought.

Speaker 4

For the for the recycling, maybe I don't know it's.

Speaker 2

Thing. Yeah.

Speaker 1

What else could we? What else could we talk about wanting when they were little? The 1:00 club, which I think is council run?

Speaker 3

Yeah, I heard about that.

Speaker 1

It's. Yeah, it's like absolutely brilliant and that kind of the children's centres and those communities spaces.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Oh great.

Speaker 2

Right, I think yes, yes. So community spaces. Yeah. Like the 1:00 plant and. Yeah. So by the time we're talking about 2050, they are going to be listed, parenting or caring for children aged potentially in. And we're going to be old and grey.

Speaker 1

Like the Boycott Club, which is just next door.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Would you?

Speaker 2

Yes. So what do we want for what would? For the for yourself is in 25 years. Time for yourself and 25 years time.

Speaker 1

For me and the. My yes.

Speaker 2

What could they give you?

Speaker 6

Yeah.

Speaker 1

I guess retaining some High Street if.

Speaker 2

Retaining High Street.

Speaker 1

Yeah, retaining some local shops and local, not like. Very a bit. Fewer gambling shops and vape shops and more like. I don't know.

Speaker 2

Wholesome, whole bunch of small things. Options. I get it. I get it. I think so. So. So what kind of shop?

Speaker 1

By this time.

Speaker 2

Let's say you've travelled forward in time. You're welding grey. You're going out to the shops. What kind?

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Of shop as well.

Speaker 1

I wonder if we might go over and go back to having more like bakers and green grasses and things like that. Maybe we'll all swing. The other way again have.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Definitely. We really gentrified places. That's definitely the thing you can spend like 6 lbs on a. Loaf of bread, that kind of.

Speaker 3

No. May I ask you to? I was just gonna ask, I don't know your name. May. I was thinking it be nice if may.

Speaker 2

No. Oh, my gosh. Yes, please. Yes, that would be.

Speaker 3

Read out my beautiful lip. Yeah, that's. A great name. You would you.

Speaker 4

Brilliant.

Speaker 3

Be happy to do read out your lips.

Speaker 6

Yeah.

Speaker 1

He's a really. Good.

Speaker 2

They are lovely.

Speaker 6

More flowers, more climbing frames, more monkey bars, more nature. A machine that picks up live there. No working.

Speaker 3

Thank you, mommy.

Speaker 6

You don't have to. You're boring till every day. And that means you won't forget to pick me up again.

Speaker 3

Maybe they stick this?

Speaker 2

The wall that is lovely. Ohh fantastic.

Speaker 3

Beautiful.

Speaker 2

Oh, that's lovely. And and what have you written there? Have you written some words here?

Speaker 1

What you written about? When you were growing up.

Speaker 2

You don't know when you're 1900.

Speaker 6

90 honey monkey honey, you're 1900 Nova. Have 900 numbers.

Speaker 1

You're not sure you're being shy.

Speaker 2

That's OK. Wow. OK. Right. So have I asked everything we talked about. We talked about transport, we talked about.

Speaker 3

That's my best.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

I'm thinking what else did councils do about?

Speaker 3

Ohh we did.

Speaker 2

We are.

Speaker 3

I know what was clear. Well, I haven't watched it like this. What do you want to do?

Speaker 2

For fun. Ohh yes, fun recreation. Fun yes, but then when they're grown-ups.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

And for you? Holton grey.

Speaker 1

Do you think we'll be able to keep the leisure?

Speaker 2

Centres open, yes. Leisure.

Speaker 3

I think you can do.

Speaker 2

What you're. They think so. This is our hand. Yeah, I think they will. I mean, I hope they will.

Speaker 1

Let's try and keep them open. I think they. Yeah, I think they lose loads of money every year. Don't.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker

They.

Speaker 2

But maybe, maybe.

Speaker 1

We can find a way and yeah.

Speaker 2

So what would you have in your leisure centre? Your 2050 leisure centre?

Speaker 1

A climbing wall. Climbing.

Speaker 5

Wall, yes, climbing wall climber. And then there's a dividing wall on the top of the.

Speaker 1

Is death.

Speaker 2

What a brilliant idea. That is very creative. That's really good. That is fantastic.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yeah, that sounds, yeah. Yeah. Like, yeah, swimming pools and gym. And like, think deeper, went out like. Ports. Yeah, that kind of thing. Yeah, kind of what it is. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I feel like you just deciding I'm quite content actually really not. You know what a lot of people have said that they actually they think house has done quite a good job. Yeah, which I think will be nice for. The Council to hear, yeah.

Speaker 1

I really do think they.

Speaker 2

Are. Yeah. Oh, that's good. That is good. And what about the?

Speaker 1

Yeah, they do a great job. Library just I wish it wasn't in the leisure centre. I do think there's something a bit depressing about the library being like a side an add on. I don't know when I.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Have its own building.

Speaker 1

Or yeah, I I went to one recently in Brighton and I was blown away. It was like a massive.

Speaker 3

Library.

Speaker 1

Yes, I'm actually building. They had little kids areas they had like light stuff and yeah, and I was like, whoa, this is quite a.

Speaker 2

I've never been there.

Speaker 1

Different. Amount of.

Speaker

Like.

Speaker 1

Effort that's been put into this space or like money make something that's been put into this space that is beautiful. I love that. Wow, you've done so many different shapes on there. Do you want to? Add a different colour.

Speaker 2

Let's get different colours.

Speaker 1

Should we? Should we add some? Red, would that work?

Speaker 5

Oh yeah.

Speaker 2

Oh, that's lovely. Do you want to read the house as well? For our recording that you've been drawing.

Speaker 6

Yeah, I need to finish the.

Speaker 2

You need to finish it. OK, you finish it and then we'll read it out, OK?

Speaker 1

Do you wanna read what? You wrote. That's so.

Speaker 2

Nice.

Speaker 6

Maybe Tina and Becca.

Speaker 2

I agree.

Speaker 1

But you need a different colour, which one would. You like.

Speaker 3

Green, do you want green?

Speaker 2

Thanks.

Speaker 1

Can you tell us which? One you want. You'd like that one. Please. Thank you.

Speaker 3

Oh.

Speaker 4

There we go.

Speaker 3

Game regiments.

Speaker 1

Boy, I feel.

Speaker 2

Like, I feel like we've talked about everything. I feel like we've got our perfect.

Speaker 1

That's everything. Have. To.

Speaker 2

Teacher thanks. Hope they make it for us. That's litter. Absolutely right. Thank you so much. I'm.

Speaker 1

Perfect future blade. Next solicitor. Yeah, yes. Yeah, we are. And then we're happy.

Speaker 2

Going to ohh. Can I get the first 3 letters of your post code seven let? Yes. Now would you mind letting us know their ages and your own age? Is that OK? Me just write.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So she's may 66. Nor is 393330.

Speaker 2

Fantastic. Thank you. So much. That's brilliant, right?

Conversation analysis

Main Points (Participants)

- **Cycling & Transport:** Strong support for cycle lanes — makes parents feel safer cycling with children.
- **Parks & Play:** More flowers, climbing frames (as tall as space!), monkey bars, bubble play structures you can sit or sleep in.
- **Cleanliness:** Concern about litter, desire for solutions (e.g., litter-picking machine).
- **Community & Shops:** Value children's centres and community spaces; want to keep local shops (bakers, greengrocers) rather than gambling/vape shops.
- **Leisure & Libraries:** Desire to maintain leisure centres with climbing walls, swimming pools, gyms; wish for a standalone, inspiring library (like Brighton's).

Summary

Participants imagined a future Isleworth (2050) with safer cycling, more flowers, exciting play equipment (giant climbing frames, monkey bars, bubble spaces), and cleaner parks. They valued existing community hubs like children's centres and leisure centres but wanted them to be improved — leisure centres with more sports facilities, and a library as a proper, inspiring building. Retaining local High Street shops (bakers, greengrocers) was important, while reducing gambling and vape shops. The group emphasised safety, community, play, and better-designed shared spaces as their vision for the future.

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Speaker 2

To give you an example, someone had the idea of a trampling that if you dialled it up to 10, shot you into space.

Speaker

Ohh wow.

Speaker 1

And we spoke.

Speaker 2

To the representative from the Council and he. Said sure, we've got 25 years to get.

Speaker 3

That done? Ohh that's a good one.

Speaker 1

Oh.

Speaker 2

Yeah. So I'm gonna ask you, first of all, what is your favourite thing to do? Would you like dear? Or would you like swimming? Swimming. Yeah. So what kind of what sort of. Yeah. So. So you 2 had your perfect swimming pool. Even better than the thing we've got now. What might that?

Speaker

Like.

Speaker 2

Have in it.

Speaker 3

Or would you like to have in your swimming pool?

Speaker 1

Toys. Lots of squishy toys? Yeah, and.

Speaker 2

Christian Torres squishy toys.

Speaker 3

And what else?

Speaker 1

Oh.

Speaker 2

That's nice. Well decorated. Maybe. Yeah. Hot hot decorations. It could be. That be nice. Cause the walls there. I live a little bit boring, right? And if you had hearts on.

Speaker 1

Oh.

Speaker 2

Imagine how great that would look. Yeah. How about just thinking things that some people have said that you might like? How about slide into the water?

Speaker

Oh.

Speaker 2

Yeah, that's gonna be our song. Slide into the water.

Speaker 1

A squirrely slide.

Speaker 2

Or a straight slide. Strikes.

Speaker

Charge.

Speaker 2

Say if you were in the swimming pool or you and mummy. You mummy. Sorry. Right. Your mummy. What would it be? And it's in the future. What would be good food that

you might be able? To buy that. What the yummy? Food that you're allowed to have at swimming pool. Cabbage. Carrot. Carrot. That's very impressive. Healthy choice.

Speaker 1

We.

Speaker 3

Yes, and something else.

Speaker 1

No, not just for me. Not it.

Speaker 2

Just carrots. What else is there? Yeah.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

And what are good things to drink?

Speaker

Later.

Speaker 1

What's up?

Speaker 2

You're impressively healthy eating.

Speaker 1

And water.

Speaker 3

I try to I try to.

Speaker

Have.

Speaker 2

It's work, it's work.

Speaker 3

I'm glad. I'm glad to hear this.

Speaker 2

You're like.

Speaker 3

You know a little bit slower.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

So you've got your swimming pool. You slide into the water, you eat your carrots. You drink your. Water. Maybe. What about after? If you went to the park? I mean, what we proposed to imagine a park near where you live. That's the best park in the whole world that has everything in it that you might want. What would you? Yeah.

Speaker 3

What would you want to have in the in in your favourite park?

Speaker 2

You will not have anything you want.

Speaker 3

Swings. What swings? Yes, that's nice.

Speaker 2

What would they look like? What colours would you like?

Speaker

OK.

Speaker 2

Think reports on. Yeah, feels like.

Speaker 3

And how about lots and lots of?

Speaker 1

Flowers. Yeah. Flowers. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Flowers that you could see while he was swinging? Yeah, lots of different coloured flowers and just cake.

Speaker 3

Jeff pings.

Speaker 2

Just pink. So it's a pink area. I like this. Very good. You've got lots of flowers. You've got pink swings. Anything. Else in the park. Anything else you like?

Speaker 1

What about you? What would you add to this part? Yeah.

Speaker 3

You know lots and lots of trees. Sometimes I wonder, you know, we've got, we've got olive trees and we've got fig trees and you know, apple trees that grow in our gardens. Why don't we have such things in power? And, you know, when the children are maybe even adults, when they are, when they're enjoying the park, just walking or strolling.

Speaker 1

Ah.

Speaker 3

Got some food and have something nice.

Speaker 1

To eat you.

Speaker 3

I'm sorry. I think that's my husband calling.

Speaker 1

OK, no problem.

Speaker 3

We will be there in just one minute. Yeah, just one minute.

Speaker 2

That's really nice. So fruit trees and then people can season we have.

Speaker 3

Yeah, I really wonder is it is it that it's, you know kind of not possible that we don't have them?

Speaker 1

No, no, no. There's no reading my father.

Speaker 3

Yeah, OK. OK. That's fine. Yeah. Because, you know, especially with with her, I've seen when she is playing in the park, she's more receptive to have, you know, pluck, pluck fruit and eat it. So a lot of times when we come back from the park, one of our neighbours. We have a. Pear tree. She loves to go there and pluck hairs because then she's hungry as well.

Speaker 2

Connect. As well, but this is where the fruit comes. From from the.

Speaker 1

Yes. Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's a really nice.

Speaker 2

Uppers. Maybe you can grow other foods in. Parts, I mean it's. Just you, I mean. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Maybe.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So anything else that you would have? In your future. So you're we're talking about the real 2050, so you're 25 years old. She's 25 years older. How old would she?

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 3

20 you'll be 2920.

Speaker 1

See, now I grown up. I can't imagine.

Speaker 3

Or gives me goosebumps to think about that. But you know, I really wonder. I think what's happening in our neighbourhood is they're coming up with tall and tall buildings. Yeah, that's cutting off all the sunshine. And, you know, the lovely wind in the area. Yeah. So I'm really wondering if there's something we can do about that and.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

This is sort of controlling amount of high buildings.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

We would need.

Speaker 3

Provide more, more low bill because it's really good to, you know, the summer time is already very short and when it's summer time it's it's really good to enjoy the sunshine and you know, enjoy sitting, sit in our gardens or have some, you know daylight coming in.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

So it's really about the daylight on the sunshine, so this day. Ways of getting the sons of the houses.

Speaker 3

Yes, yeah, yeah. And not blocking the sun. That's why. Because right now we do get the I'm seeing a lot of tall buildings coming up and, you know, now when we walk through, especially the Hounslow High Street, it's it's very shady. Now it's there's no more sunshine there. So.

Speaker 1

Not blocking the sun.

Speaker 3

That's this is. You know something to think about, I'm sure in the next 25 years there might be more buildings. They might be planning to you. Know. Build around the area.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

So yeah, that's really interesting.

Speaker 3

That makes me think a lot more trees has more tall trees, more tall trees. Thank you.

Speaker 2

That line.

Speaker 1

Well, like for, for for sort of social interaction or fun. How would you think it would be nice and stretch through?

Speaker 3

I think you know, I'll tell you from my experience that a lot of the times there are so many like this leisure centre or so many other, you know, children, centres, etc. We do have so many of them around the area, but I think people don't know about them like. You know, for example, me, I didn't know about the same job I've been living here in, in this neighbourhood for eight years. So yeah. Yeah, yeah. So, you know, if we communication or maybe if we have something which is more, you know, in the open space.

Speaker 1

Someone was sufficient.

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 3

Like outdoors, yes, like this one is very well connected to the park. If you have something similar connected to the parks in the areas because everybody goes to the parks anyway, I think that will be, you know, that will spread more awareness of such centres and you know people would.

Speaker 2

OK.

Speaker 3

That will bring in more people and you know, a very connected community. Which will be because, yeah, now everybody's getting busier and busier and they don't have time, they don't connect and and we really feel that.

Speaker 2

So first like get some good place to have these functions and existing green space.

Speaker

That's it.

Speaker 2

We will do that. Would you like more? You've got enough.

Speaker

We're not going.

Speaker 3

Yeah, I think, yeah, I think as of now, we do have enough green space. So as long as we're able to maintain it, we'll be, we'll be great.

Speaker 2

Yes. Yeah. Yeah, it's keeping that with. All the building building, right?

Speaker 3

Keeping back there. Is it alright if you.

Speaker 1

Yes, of course. Thank you so much over here. OK, let me turn this off.

Speaker 3

Just waiting now, so thank. You. Thank you. Thank you for to both of you for giving us.

Conversation analysis

- **Swimming Pool:** Want fun features — squishy toys, decorations, slides, and healthy food options (carrots, water).
 - **Parks:** Desire swings (pink), flowers, fruit trees (apple, pear, fig) that children and adults can pick from.
 - **Green Space vs. Development:** Concern about tall buildings blocking sunlight and fresh air; preference for lower buildings and preserving daylight.
 - **Community & Awareness:** Many leisure/children’s centres exist but are poorly communicated; would like more visibility and outdoor-linked community hubs.
 - **Green Space:** Enough exists now, but must be maintained despite development pressures.
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Summary

Participants imagined a future with playful, healthy, and nature-rich spaces. For swimming, they wanted creative additions like slides, toys, and decorations, alongside healthy food and drink options. Parks were seen as central: with swings, flowers, and fruit trees that people can enjoy directly. Adults raised concerns about overdevelopment, noting that high-rise buildings already block sunlight and fresh air, and urged preserving daylight with lower buildings and more tall trees instead. They also highlighted that while community centres exist, awareness is poor; linking them more closely to parks could help people engage. Overall, the vision balances fun, health, and community connection with the protection of green spaces.

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Speaker 1

I'll tell you what we've been doing. It's just.

Speaker 2

Master.

Speaker 1

Asking them the questions and then some. Helpful.

Speaker 2

Select.

Speaker 1

Start with. We'll start with. This leisure centre? Yeah, imagine in 2025. Years the slowest. And it's even better than it is now. It's perfect. What would you like? To do is including reading, what would you like?

Speaker 3

Feature and the supposed to be. Brentford Leather Centre and that's our first time here today, so compared to Brentford, it's it's different, it's much better.

Speaker 2

To risk it.

Speaker 3

OK. Yeah. So that's probably like 100% better. What I don't really like, it's just the rubbish. It's just like I can't take, I can't see any rubbish. In the changing area anywhere. So like.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker

Like.

Speaker 3

The rivers being. Full of like stuff, so it needs to be more cleaner I think, yeah.

Speaker 1

Yes. Yeah. Yeah. So possibly actually, we noticed early possibly more bins actually isn't it cause it's just still dark, doesn't it?

Speaker 3

Yeah, small beans, maybe. Like someone just to clean the changing. Yeah, to.

Speaker 1

OK, what's the changing rooms like here at the?

Speaker 3

Moment. It's it's OK now comparing to brand, it's just like it. It was a disaster in Branford. Yeah, but here it's much better. Yeah.

Speaker 1

OK, OK. OK. OK, that's pretty good.

Speaker 2

This one that you would perhaps like to keep. For the future.

Speaker 3

Everything, to be honest with you. Like, I don't know. It's just like the swimming pool is better. So they have more spaces available. So he moved to Stage 5 today and I asked for his space and then he went first. So I used to wait for the space. Like.

Speaker 2

Is that true?

Speaker 3

Couple of couple of weeks. Yeah, they have lots of availabilities like. To book a space for which. Field at the moment. Yeah, I'm happy about this letter sensor. Yeah.

Speaker 1

Do you like the swimming pool here? Is it fun today? Do you like it here? For you 2, if there is like. Even more fun to be had from the swimming pool. What would you like? Do you want it be bigger? Would you like slides? Would you like? That would make it even more fun. For you slide.

Speaker 3

Hey.

Speaker 1

Slides like slides. That meant you could slide down and dive into. The water, those kind of things. Bigger, bigger. Yes. Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's right.

Speaker

But the length.

Speaker 1

Is a little bit more length as is that I've had brilliant anything else that you would like? The pool to be different. That would make it easier for you.

Speaker 3

I don't know. It's just that obviously I'm not coming, so I'm from different country from espania. So when we come from espania. So every time you go to sleep and let let us go, they have lots of slides. They have lots of like play areas, clean, nice, quiet like obviously it's London is different place yeah. But probably I would have more slides more.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

I mean I'm. I'm not sure about the space, I mean it it looks OK, I mean. Not a small laser centre. I mean, I wouldn't say like we we want to be bigger, yeah.

Speaker 1

9. Yeah.

Speaker 3

So yeah, first place for me personally is rubbish.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

At the moment I'm happy about this weather.

Speaker 2

Centre OK, that's pretty good.

Speaker 3

Yeah. And I can't add anything to.

Speaker 1

It and how about your like your local green spaces like park? If you were to have those exactly. As you wanted them by 2050. Like parts and labour. And stuff. Yeah. How would you like them to be? But would you like them to be by?

Speaker 3

2050, Yeah, obviously, yes. I mean you have lots of kids and then you just need more green that area, more green. Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker

But.

Speaker 1

What do you think needs to be in there to sort of take care of? Children and adults.
What? What would what would be in the green space?

Speaker 3

I don't know. It's just like anything. It's like like the. I don't know. Here we just think about, yeah.

Speaker 1

Would you like to create some site site? Some some things that other people said, like a lot of people have said they can affordable cafe. And. To growing up science kids in in, in arts and also obviously playground spaces with swings and.

Speaker 3

I'm not sure what affordable cafe. Is. I mean I'm in.

Speaker 1

Uh-huh.

Speaker 3

And it's expensive in in London, anywhere. Yeah. I mean, I think that the cup is for me. It's not the. It's not really important. So I mean like more greener area and like, yeah, for for.

Speaker 1

Right. Lots of green spaces.

Speaker 3

Lots of green spaces. Yeah. OK for me personally.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker

So.

Speaker 1

And how about? The High Street. Because we've talked to a lot of people have sort of spoken about. The. High Street, what they'd like to keep about the high. Street what they do you? Have any ideas about what you'd Like to share?

Speaker 3

Don't fight straight in the street. What? What? What? What? What? I like. I live in Brantford, so if you're talking about like Brantford area high, Strange. Obviously I prefer like more shops like small different shops on the High Street like, I don't know, I just like phone lines for example, like cheap one affordable, affordable taking months I mean.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Affordable as well.

Speaker 1

So affordable shops. Yeah.

Speaker 3

As possible to probably get what you might need. Yeah, we have little at the moment, so I'm very happy about this shop, but obviously, yeah, it's probably #1 for me because sometimes you can buy affordable. Yeah. And then not buy like expensive stuff from from there. I'm happy about it, but definitely more shops like small one. Yeah, yeah. Small one. Not the big one.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

They're small shops.

Speaker 3

Yeah, I think like small bond lands like I don't know, chicken mugs maybe needs to be more space for chicken mugs. But I would say farmland.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

What else? Like the boots? Yeah.

Speaker 1

I mean, so you need to be. So yeah, that you can get all the stuff.

Speaker 3

Affordable shops. Not very like. Not posh stuff. Yeah, for me? Yeah.

Speaker 1

You might need. And what about and? What about them? What would you like for your local area for you to vote for you to? Have fun. What do you need? What would you need from your local? Area to have fun and so.

Speaker 3

To have fun for myself. I don't know what you gonna do. You just. Have fun. Cinema. Probably for me, yeah. Yeah, I just left about the single one. I mean comparing to cheesy. So the the ticket was very expensive. So it's about like £20 per ticket. Yeah, I mean.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Like small cinema, we used to have, we used to have a small cinema for the kids. How they call it next to McDonald's sometimes and we've been there so many times. Obviously it's closed down now.

Speaker 1

Yes, yes. Yes.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

Yeah. And also provision for children that they had there, but they said it was nice because it's kind of.

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker 2

Small things for kids.

Speaker 3

It was nice, but obviously so. It was quite old place. Yeah. So it needs to be like money like to invest to do like refurbishment. But we were happy. So we were going there so many times they had coffee shop, they had like cinema.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

I mean, you like this place, but it slows down.

Speaker 2

Unfortunately, so in the future things will be. Different. We'll have. Automation. Maybe different technology and we will probably be older, so is. There anything that? You can think about maybe for them maybe when. They're a bit older and little bit older than.

Speaker 3

For me, if I get older like 25 year older, I just need like.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

If I call the GP surgery, I want some appointments. If I'm ill just to book like not to wait for three weeks sometimes yeah, or just to to book a blood test. Yeah, just more quick. Yeah, obviously.

Speaker 2

Yes. Yeah. Get a GP appointment more quick. Huh.

Speaker 3

Yeah, the cheap probably, yeah.

Speaker 1

60.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

What else we have, Jim on on High Street at the moment in Bronx. Yeah. Yeah. Why not? Yeah, why not? We'll have to be helpful.

Speaker 2

And you guys for that when you're. Older. Why not?

Speaker 1

Yeah, you're due to like to do for what would you, what would you extra things would you like to do to have fun? What would you like to have that you don't have in the? Local area at the moment that would be more fun. And.

Speaker 2

Christmas.

Speaker 3

No idea.

Speaker

No.

Speaker 1

Do you like? OK, I'll say some things and see if this. Parts any of. Those who do you like? Like a climbing wall on the side street like, yeah, climbing walls. Like, that's I'd say that that's come up a few times and climbing. Well, how about something?

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Could go and try out VR. Yeah, like, did you go? And that's like, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah. Do you like any sort of art stuff? Do you like hunting or maybe just like, things like that?

Speaker 2

You know, like that said it is.

Speaker 3

I'm not good at it.

Speaker 1

But you can't. Yeah. Like what about sports?

Speaker 2

Do you like sports?

Speaker 1

Yeah. What? What sports do you like, football.

Speaker 2

We.

Speaker 1

Try out. So maybe we're supposed to play football.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

We have, we have lots of. Flights. There is like a beach. Like when you enter the sign pot. So on the right side you can see a space and you can play for the tennis. Yeah. Tennis court. You have tennis court so you can cycle as well. Round sign box I. Mean we have a good areas we.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, that's good.

Speaker 1

Have lots of things.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Yeah, it's good to know what you like as. Well, as what you would. Change. That's really, really helpful, but.

Speaker 3

Yeah, to be honest with you, if I'm old, I just need. More appointments. Not not as a weight, like for a year. For year. They are all. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. And probably that's not really something the Council can do anyway, because that would be about the NHS or whatever. Yeah, it's it's a litter. Is it like litter on the floor, is it?

Speaker 3

Me. Rubbish. I don't know. I can't take it. It's just, but yeah, this is. It's like rubbish. Litter, yeah. Just from dogs, yes, it's just like. So disaster here.

Speaker 2

Proper. Anything else that's particularly the litter and.

Speaker 3

No later. Yeah. So especially when we go on the playground.

Speaker 2

The broken OK.

Speaker

Playground.

Speaker 1

That's that's come up.

Speaker 3

So you have a small playground playground like 2 minutes from our house, and then every time you just go to play basketball for example, lots of kids are sitting there and they just throw rubbish. They just don't care. They just like, I don't know, just you can't control them so. Just like I'm trying to explain like you, you have to like behave yourself. The way that just like, start arguing with you, so you can't say anything to this really you.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Just at the. Moment. It's like it's it's a big problem, yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah. Ohh well thank you very much.

Speaker 3

Yeah. I'm sorry. It was like I'm not very good about ideas.

Speaker 2

That's fantastic. Really. Really good. Very, very good.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

And may I ask if the first 3 digits?

Speaker 2

Against turn off.

Conversation analysis

- Cleaner areas
- More greenery
- Leisure activities
- Access to GPs

Speaker 3 values the new leisure centre and pool, praising cleanliness, availability, and improved facilities compared to Brentford. However, rubbish and lack of cleaning remain a strong concern, and they want more bins. In future visions, they emphasise more greenery in parks rather than cafés or commercial spaces, and they prefer affordable small shops on the high street over large or expensive ones. For leisure, they'd like affordable cinemas, fun pool features like slides, and possibly climbing walls or VR. Sports like football and tennis are already well-provided for locally. Looking to the future, they're concerned about access to healthcare (shorter GP waits) and persistent littering/antisocial behaviour in playgrounds. Their vision balances cleanliness, greenery, affordability, and accessible services.

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Speaker 1

Yeah, I know. I just ask you, first of all, first 3 digits of your postcode. To try and leave my right.

Speaker 2

TW7, both of us both.

Speaker 1

BW7 and may I ask both of your ages?

Speaker 3

Yes, I'm 24.

Speaker 4

I'm 23, like we've literally had. No.

Speaker 1

One in there, 20 so. So. Yeah, I'm just going to.

Speaker 2

I would like a two Storey gym.

Speaker 1

Say to you.

Speaker 4

Please want the gym to be big. We went to one recently somewhere to stay with some family. Yeah, it was not the one thing. Problems was that. Yeah, I want the. East Council and they've got a new.

Speaker 2

A few years.

Speaker 4

Of gym you go. They open this new gym. It's so nice. It's like a Council 1 and it just made. Us feel very jealous.

Speaker 1

Good trust. It's useful, actually. Yeah. Then you get the. This is possible.

Speaker 4

Because yeah, it's a really leash Legendre community hub.

Speaker 2

It's amazing, yeah.

Speaker 4

Really good. And I think it's one of the most engage I've seen a community in a leisure centre, but the gym you have. To wait. Yeah, we love something. It's sometimes per thing. Yeah. So, like we just would prefer especially that free weights and the machines, if there was more space. For that, because. There's. So like and then and then.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, right. Like, it's very like. If you want to go to like, use the weights.

Speaker 4

Machines, yeah. Especially like peak hours. Like after work, things like that. And I think we saw we've seen some people get tours around and like we did over here, some conversations they were like, oh, it's this small like. And I think they were a bit like put.

Speaker 2

Get a small. Yeah, because, yeah.

Speaker 4

By it. So I think that would be great. That would be the dream. Yeah, that's that would be really good. Could be, yeah.

Speaker 1

For you. Would that be about this space being expanded or a different space?

Speaker 4

I think this space because I think it does well where it is, yeah.

Speaker 2

I'd be. I mean, I'd be happy for it. To be here. But.

Speaker 4

I mean, yeah, just double story. Yeah. Yeah. All below all that. Yeah, that's true. Yeah. Because I like that. It's all the feel good. Yeah. Yeah. It's nice that it's got the green space and. On.

Speaker 1

Yeah, just stand.

Speaker 2

Up. When we came back. Alright.

Speaker 4

It's pretty reasonably central. It works for us, I think.

Speaker 1

Well, the people who like it is here, yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Yeah. We just think it would be good if that space particularly bigger cause you got all the space, you got three spin balls, which is brilliant. I'm not saying. Make many smaller. We live there.

Speaker 3

It's really good to do.

Speaker 4

But yeah, the gym space in particular is a bit small. That's that's that came to me. To when I'm on top of the sports. I've gotta thought about community gardens as well.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

So part of that. But the sports? Yes, I don't. Yeah, but there's. I was thinking, women's rugby team.

Speaker 1

I'm gonna write that down to the mondo.

Speaker 4

And then how's the more close nearby? I mean, there's a lot around. Yeah. So we come from a Ruby background, right? That's how we met and stuff. But yeah, well, it's cool because we're trying to do it. I.

Speaker 2

That's funny.

Speaker 4

Mean that's I don't. That was more of a niche.

Speaker 1

Yeah, you know, so, right, so so tell me if I'm getting this well. So there's an existing women.

Speaker 4

There's there's a couple in the area. There's old Isleworth Lions Club.

Speaker 2

There's is a is a rugby.

Speaker 4

Club in the area but they don't have a women's. Team. There's a standard Rd, so. Yeah. So that would be, that's probably the one that I would consider joining. Yeah, it's closer and it's all about convenience, isn't it?

Speaker 1

Quite right. It's also like nice if. You can walk somewhere.

Speaker 4

Yeah, exactly.

Speaker 1

And it's there. Was this just having the women's team.

Speaker 4

I don't know. I once I've asked them personally and they didn't have one. Looked online and.

Speaker 1

Ohh that's interesting. So it might just be simply as. If somebody said they'd be like.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah, I know. That's, yeah, that's what I've been.

Speaker 2

Because.

Speaker 4

We moved here a year ago, yeah.

Speaker 2

Through yeah.

Speaker 4

We're looking at that we looked at.

Speaker 1

Sports that facility for people like you that. Are interested in that. Could there be more in the future?

Speaker 4

You've got your touch rugby at the moment, but that's not in. Yeah. I I I'm part of the West London queer Project W London Warriors. So that's I'd love for that to be Morrison. They love for it to be in Gillick.

Speaker 2

It's fine. It's better nothing.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah, I think cause I I did a lot sport previously I had a big knee injury and so I when I moved I was looking for more like creative outlets like people my age and I really struggled, nice lifetime anything. It's a weird part of Hounslow Community brass band and that was.

Speaker 1

The merrier. Nice trade. What you saying?

Speaker 4

I play the corner and euphonium so I play it also in Richmond Band.

Speaker 1

My best friend, Presley fighting. It's just. A rare and extraordinary interview and your.

Speaker 2

For.

Speaker 4

Well, I'm a. Beginner beginner this year. Yeah, very fun. Yeah. So that's the only kind of thing I found is, like a hobby regular thing I do in the yeah.

Speaker 1

In the borough, the let's say in the borough, Dealy outside the sports that we've discussed and you're amazing. I'm really excited about.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Dean time. What else did they be? There is.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Well, I'd. Doing more stuff for. Like a crafts or arts thing, but a lot of like I found some pottery courses that they're all in working times. For like older adults or?

Speaker 1

Like for your age for adults, yes, yeah.

Speaker 4

They're all in working hours, so like after 5:00 PM would be great. Weekends, yeah. Weekends would also be great, like arts and crafts, pottery like I do, a lot of knitting, painting, that sort of thing. Anything where I think you could find more of a friendship group around that cause I think I've still not found it. I I look every so often just just because it's it can be quite sort of fun and creative to think about.

Speaker 1

That's did you say answer fast? Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

It thinking about your. Borrower as it is at the moment, where would that be? Is that gonna be an empty unit? In the High Street, would it be? Here. Do we? Do we need to make a? New place for it?

Speaker 4

I mean, the dream would be there's the we live here, we live in Woodlands. There's like St. John's Rd. Yeah, somewhere there. I mean that would be in terms of getting the most people formally in Hounslow or like enhanced homosexual to it. Yeah, I don't mind

getting much. The bosses are great. Like so it's fine. I'd like some more continuous. But I think. In. I mean, we'd be very happy. To. Local networks within. The bar. Yeah, yeah, that's another. And we're having to. Go on to pay for. Lanes. But you're like on the cycle. Lane and then. It disappears. Well, there's the cycle sisters group. Yes. Yeah. Which I've been to all the tensions. Yeah. So that's really fun and met some really nice women through that. Yeah. But again, that's again sport. And also the most of them are like a bit older than us. Yeah. So I do think there is a gap for, like, yeah, we've made. We. Sport. 2030 year olds of things to do, yeah.

Speaker 1

It sounds like it. OK, that's brilliant. So there's a lot of stuff. Do you mind if? I just ask you a little bit about. I'm just thinking about the. Areas that we've. Covered. A lot, because we of course, do you in general how he is feeling both of you about. The green spaces. Provision in the borough I think. Would you like that to be in 2050 if it's like blue sky? Perfect.

Speaker 4

Nearby, the parts quite good parts only. So we live in a flat, so we have a garden. Yeah. Yeah, and. And so I did. So I'm doing some running rehab and I come here quite a lot and I think that field, this green bit is.

Speaker 2

Yeah. What's that one nuance called.

Speaker 4

Really. Good. But I mean, there's the little part of St. John's. As well, but beyond that, we don't really. I'd say if I go to my green, I'd normally go. To Richmond to. Be honest because it's. Generally got a few more things to like around the great yeah, I don't know.

Speaker 1

Why, like deer and giant mushrooms? Yeah.

Speaker 4

Big park. And then it's also around the kind of Richmond Green itself is more like like close to the town centre. So you can like go with your friends and you go get a drink or like you can like pair it to a charity shop friend.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Love for right near where we are. So like Isleworth High Street. Before we get to old. Isleworth. It's like got. We've got shops, we've got like the lost licences and all like community spaces and that's nice. But I think there's more space for like. What do I say? I like just want that. Be like more there. I want them to be like more coffee shop. I love a little. Yeah, I love coffee. Like so. Like if you think I don't wanna, I don't. Cafe. A. In. Like, yeah. I don't want it to become Richmond, but like when you think about Richmond, which is it not like super gentrified, but like when you go to those places like I cycle through Chiswick this morning and there's just like loads of green space loads of people. Walking up and down in that area so it felt more. Like a hub because I feel. Like it is but could. Be more so, especially if you think in nonsense.

Speaker 1

So if there was, if we were to have this like culture like I get you, that's really lovely. What could the Council do to facilitate that, to make it possible for so long? I don't know. Like.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

The two of you like are. We gonna start coffee shop. What would you what? Do you need your people there? They also need to support more independent businesses.

Speaker 4

I mean, I don't know if it's possible have.

Speaker 2

Have discounted rates for people who live. In the area, the businesses.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Why shouldn't it be?

Speaker 4

Yeah, keep it low.

Speaker 2

To keep them local rather than chains.

Speaker 1

So it's been locally run. It's yeah. If it's cluster, they can pay more. Yeah, all I.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Then they can pay full rates. Which? Think. Attached them to existing hubs like this for example like. I know you could expand this little. Cafe. Yeah, I I have a lot.

Speaker 2

Of coffee from here.

Speaker 4

Yeah, you know.

Speaker 3

That's really good.

Speaker 4

Yeah, that's what you needed, but ohh more seating in the outside space in the outside areas. Green spaces so that that little one.

Speaker 1

Reminding. OK, that's good idea.

Speaker 4

For us, more benches, I think is always.

Speaker 1

That's nice, yeah.

Speaker 4

And then there was, well, when this is not really green, but kind of it's you. The you might not know there. Was like the cycling. Pools. Yeah, yeah, yeah. And they all. Got like cut off with. Them and we know because we're in the group chat with who the people that implemented them. So like I guess they do do they do bike?

Speaker 2

I mean.

Speaker 4

Doctor on a. Saturday, we've been to that and that's nice. And I think that brings people in green space together. Nice so.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

You can almost run that alongside. No, it didn't have to be a everyday cafe, does it?

Speaker 2

Yeah, it can be like a, but just.

Speaker 4

For the weekends, I don't know.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I think it's really.

Speaker 4

I mean, it's a common issue everywhere I think for like 20 to 30 year olds, particularly of like ways to meet peoples, stuff like that. It is really difficult and a lot of people suggest like team sports. But I do think going back to what we said, like things that aren't just team sports.

Speaker 2

Yes.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah. No, I'm not.

Speaker 4

Or if we can't do teams. Yeah, right.

Speaker 1

Quite as as far as like there's sports, but there's also like arts and advanced.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

And as you said.

Speaker 4

Yeah. I think on the community garden thing. Is just that there's an, it's.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 4

An app that you can look at all the community gardens. Across. The UK, I think it is maybe in England and you can like zoom in and like pick your closest. Yeah, I don't know what it's called, but there is one. And but there's. Yeah, but there was we we had a zoom in on where we are and it was quite blank compared to some other areas like and and there is one in Hounslow but it's on Wednesday.

Speaker 1

Way of getting. Involved.

Speaker 2

Yeah. So I wanna say Fallopian, fallopian, no.

Speaker 1

That's an unusual name, but I love it. Evelyn. Yeah, you can't.

Speaker 4

It's new skate park. It's if you go.

Speaker 1

If it's left.

Speaker 3

Community garden, yeah.

Speaker 4

Yeah, but it's we have a look into it. Yeah, yeah, yeah. But it's the.

Speaker 3

If you have the.

Speaker 4

It's. Got to meet some people. Only time it's open. Like on a Wednesday at 3:00 and then it's like. Not in you. At work, that's the way I know some people have met younger people that. In other areas, yeah. And I think that's nice as well, especially because we're in London. So a lot of people our age don't. Have outside space so. They don't have a garden, so.

Speaker 1

So more community garden space that are accessible. For people who work regular hours.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Again, yeah, yeah. Typical hours. Yeah, exactly. Yeah. So more weekends and evenings. Brilliant. Thank you.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Could I just ask you a little bit about? The point St so that is a lot of really interesting conversations about reimagining why St it's a different. Is so for you to have. Your. Perfect High Street, the 2050 what would be on it? What would be in it and? How would it be?

Speaker 2

Lovely little independent coffee shops for me.

Speaker 4

And I I. Went so I. Cycled to. I tried cycling to work the. You know which took me on a bit of a detour, a bit wrong, but I ended up coming back along Hounslow on the street. I tried to cycle through it, actually chaos. So cycle lane. No, no, no, it doesn't. And you go through, you go round your back. And that's like we three people, but the bus route like the the roads all one way and weird buses going all the way down it. So I don't know. I think I'm just quite confused about bike lanes, really a protected bike area down High Street I think. It's it would. Be lovely. The dream protective, yeah.

Speaker 1

Or more. Whatever.

Speaker 4

What's that? Oh.

Speaker 1

In the street itself. So sorry, say coffee. Coffee, coffee.

Speaker 4

What else? Yeah, knitting shop.

Speaker 1

I miss you so lovely. OK and what my.

Speaker 4

She wants more. She wants fabric.

Speaker 1

The knitting shop, as well as setting. Selling, knitting, that stuff, wetting, knitting.

Speaker 4

Like do like community knit groups. Book clubs. Yeah. Like I did find a few. But there's there's one that recently started. I got added to a group chat yesterday for it. Yeah, I filled in a form 8 years ago. I forgot about it. But like, yeah, I'd like a nice little lifting group maybe. And then you could do a book club.

Speaker 2

Yes.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Because I think it's.

Speaker 4

Ohh yes, you love them. Sure they would love that.

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker 4

You could have your but.

Speaker 1

You could do your book.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

Also like I think, community and cultural space as well and straights have like have like into over within the community. Yeah especially existed a very diverse area right, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Yes. I mean. And like.

Speaker 4

I think I've not actually walked into a house by High Street for a few weeks, but they were developing that. Little bit where it. Becomes pedestrianised or just bus route, and they're putting flowers in. I love a lot, yeah.

Speaker 2

Flowers. Flowers. I just think it.

Speaker 4

Smelling good and. Makes us feel. The thing that drives me mad here is litter. Ohh God, it drives me mad later. Yeah, and that gone from a High Street. I'd gladly do a little pick every week if he was with a group of young people. Sounds like community service picking which is.

Speaker 1

Yes, yes. You're saying, right? A way of kind of mine actually runs a little bit.

Speaker 4

Oh yeah.

Speaker 1

OK, good. Part of lovely proximity is made and. Everything else so.

Speaker 4

OK.

Speaker 1

And his wife is the librarian here, Ramsey. So.

Speaker 4

Oh, Oh yeah. I'll look into it.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, they're lovely clothes.

Speaker 4

I'll go there. After spying, I mean I think we prefer for other people to just get rid of their own litter. Yeah.

Speaker 3

So. Yeah.

Speaker 1

That's what's gonna say cause it's come up along, it's like and. Then people start complaining about people talking. It's like.

Speaker 4

It's not so. I mean, look exactly or like more regular emptying your bins, yeah. They may.

Speaker 1

And and. Community litter picking room. With my friend.

Speaker 4

Yeah, we could have a different activity each week too. We're on little.

Speaker

Yes.

Speaker 4

They were on. Putting the head you. Can ask 3B's on High Street bins, benches and bike locks. There we go. Yep, that's right. Slogan. We want a bike shelter near. Ohh, we do. Yeah, you know the bike sheds? That would be great because we lock it to a railing outside of flat at the moment, but there's not really one nearby.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Completely frank with you. Isn't that the point of pedestrian parking?

Speaker 3

Mm-hmm.

Speaker 1

Yeah, here's the function, but I. Point. There's just acquitted conflicts and I spent just being transparent. It feels like a bit of a shame to me. It's like actually sort of sounds like everyone just wants it to be the same. And they want to get around. Yeah, yes. So what

some people have said is that it's a little bit unclear sounds. It sounds like you're saying the bike lanes aren't joined up enough.

Speaker 4

Yeah, they're not. They disappear. You have to go sometimes on the pavement, sometimes back on.

Speaker 1

So this is my so people are going. It's hard done by it's on. The papers cause it. Scares me, but you're saying.

Speaker 4

Yeah, but then I can't go on the road.

Speaker 1

That's happening because I can't.

Speaker 4

Yeah, there's a bus stop or there about to zoom.

Speaker 2

In.

Speaker 4

So yeah, I'll let you do it when I have to have to and.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 4

I'll get off and walk normally cause I'm still. Of the lights are. On the pavement and. Yeah. And then some are shared and they're not very well signposted sometimes and then people get annoyed because you're like on the page and it's actually like that exactly. Yeah. It needs to be, though. I think it would be good for.

Speaker 2

To be chads. Chairs. Yeah, yeah, I think.

Speaker 1

No, not none of them. Whatever we're doing.

Speaker 4

It to get it clearer. Yeah, it's really needs to be.

Speaker 1

Explicit signage. So yeah, so you actually.

Speaker 4

Yeah, repaint them all joined. Yeah. Yeah. Joined up quite fast.

Speaker 1

We don't have to have factors.

Speaker 4

Yeah. They yeah, there's some interesting research. There's some interesting research to join up bike lanes at the moment. Yeah. In like. Places with low versus high thoroughfares of traffic. It's not very relevant, but.

Speaker 1

Yeah, I know some of that going on in Amsterdam.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah, there's. I think there's some people from Newcastle. You need to do. It I don't know. I went to talk on it and it was like, who did this whole thing? It's really cool. But they were really pushing for the joined. Up aspects. Yeah, and. Was something they're finding the most that that.

Speaker

Yes.

Speaker 1

That makes sense of some of. The other things, it's hard actually. It just it's, yeah. Ohh.

Speaker

Probably.

Speaker 1

Ah. How do you feel about this cheek and people? The the increase in decrease of like human interaction, I suppose there's been a lot of conversations around how much interaction with his, but isn't a person with a person that is? With your doctor's appointment. Online or to confidentiality?

Speaker 4

Yeah, and.

Speaker 1

As people in your 20s, how do you feel about that? Do you start worrying? You I think.

Speaker 4

Were you blocked all your social media like you try and restrain it? You're like a certain minutes per day because you do find you're, like, stuck to. It will be like Saturday morning before. I know it's like. In two hours. And I'm like, oh, but then things like the doctor's appointment, like, I mean. Very. Yeah, like it's a lot simpler. The NHS up is really good. It removes barriers mostly, yeah. Well, I do think. There's there's benefits of it and disadvantages to obviously like I had. A hospital appointment. On the phone this week and I was staying with my parents and it was a phone appointment so I could do a home, and that was so cool. Yeah. So because I was travelling to be happening to be away. But I didn't have to arrange it so. That's. Really convenient. Then obviously they're always equally with that. That consultant, because I'm type 1 diabetic. Is really good. To have met them and have had that in person like I wouldn't want it to being gone 100% because having the option to be able to see people in person is really important. Like I would never want it to be gone completely like I work hybrid and I like have. The flexibility I going to the office about three days a week and then work from home if two days a week I quite like working in person. I'll work at home sometimes if I'm tired, but I think I like the but I'm seeing less and less people come into office at the moment because you.

Speaker 1

So in terms of the interactions or sperms?

Speaker 4

Get lonely.

Speaker 1

Municipal like infection she might have with the council or interaction she might have.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

With this sort of community facilities, it sounds like. A hybrid's good.

Speaker 4

Yeah, I feel like we don't really have much.

Speaker 2

Interaction with the Council, other than paying our Council tax.

Speaker 4

And I'm a student, so yeah, I'm.

Speaker 2

Which you don't. Have to pay anyway. I'm trying to think.

Speaker 4

Yeah. I mean, obviously becomes a legender. We all members. So like that's probably I guess. You know that's. Content to it, which is gonna? Yeah, it's not quite the same as it cause.

Speaker 3

There's the council. Yeah, they're they are. The Council. Definitely, yeah.

Speaker 4

It's like a separate thing, yeah. Yeah, they're a council, but they've got their.

Speaker 1

Own brand, haven't they?

Speaker 3

The Council, I think, are least funded.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 3

By the past isn't the same.

Speaker 4

Sure, yeah. Yeah, exactly. I do, yeah. You're right. Yeah, you don't think. Of it, as I mean the Council and, like, do, who are doing good work, having legend in the library separate.

Speaker 3

The pain and seeing the things that's my dear folks. Yes, yes.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I guess I get us. Yeah. True. Yeah. So, yeah.

Speaker 1

This is making me think about actually it's not.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Because like how, when, when, I guess. Unless you're, like, calling them with a direct issue, you don't tend to. About they sent us a letter about vote. And I was like, it's fire. Like they were frustrated. It's a real person. Yeah. Yeah, I think did would you like to speak to a person you like, or do you prefer to just. Well, but then. Did you? Just. Quite like.

Speaker 3

You try to.

Speaker 4

Get me to call them.

Speaker 1

The choice, yes.

Speaker 4

Yeah, I think especially.

Speaker 2

I think that's the choice, yeah.

Speaker 4

Whether that's like social anxiety, whether it's language barriers, whether it's like time, because like, if you can't call with opening hours.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

Right. Yeah, yeah. I think having the choice is Kate. So like, I don't know, a form for registering to vote. I don't think that's how it's done. But like you can do it and feel like an online form EPC. Also, I think you you often find you have complexes cause your PhD student Congress before you.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

For like the wedding, because she's a student, like she's paid.

Speaker 4

It doesn't fall into anything. I get paid, but I'm not employed. But it's it's a weird. Yeah, I never fit in a form.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

You try and do an online. So I always have to. And anyway, so it would be easier if you just phone me in the 1st place because you know you're gonna fit into the form if that. If there's the option.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 4

You would just do that first time. Whereas I'm like boring standard like. 5. Like I was put in the form. So like, I think it's easier for me to just fill it out and. I just wanna.

Speaker 1

Get it done? Yeah. Yeah. Feels like it. Really. Feels like a fair option, like across the.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Because different people have different preferences.

Speaker 1

Ages as well. So is there anything we've missed? Out from that haven't said about.

Speaker 4

I thought of another thing I.

Speaker

The.

Speaker 4

Want in the High Street?

Speaker 2

Community coworking space.

Speaker 4

Ohh that would be good. There's. No, it's not really expensive because there's all the corporate ones like we work and all that jazz and. But occasionally when I'm working from home or like, for example, when the tube strikes are on next week, I probably won't go to the office potentially. So it's nice to have somewhere else to work that's more local to me because I work in central.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 4

London, when I go into the office you work in.

Speaker 3

There's one in from London. So what part of the area of London do? You want.

Speaker 4

Tottenham port. Ohh yeah, so. So that's obviously a journey in, which is also why I like working hybrid, because then you get to not coming everyday, but it would be nice to occasionally like walk into town.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

It was a nice one. Couple of steps. There is one already in Hounslow, the Cliff and.

Speaker

The hang climb centre. Can you?

Speaker 4

Yeah. Expensive. It's more. That was a councillor. Yeah, exactly. Than a. So like I'd be I. Think that might be one in. I wanna say Brentford but I feeling somewhere that I can pass on the boss. I've definitely seen one that's not.

Speaker 1

No idea it would possibly.

Speaker 4

Very helpful, sorry.

Speaker 1

Be really good space for all those empty units.

Speaker 4

Yeah, exactly. He can fill 1 and I think I'm not opposed to paying something. I think a lot of them do sort of like a fiver, but you.

Speaker 2

Get unlimited drinks.

Speaker 4

I mean that's good. Yeah, that's great. I've only not work exactly, but, but yeah, like but the yeah, because I'm not paying you on the train. So it's cheaper than that. Or like, if I wanted to happen to wanna work outside of the house, for example, like, our Wi-Fi is being done or somethings you can't work at home. Yeah, it was good to be somewhere different. So I'd be happy to go and pay a fine because I would probably go and pay 3 lbs.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

Our bathroom is. You sit in a coffee. Shop. I'd rather it be a a better workspace.

Speaker 1

That's true. Yeah. And you know that it's. Like I don't know, it's freezing back into the queue. It's win win.

Speaker 4

Yeah, I prefer that. Yeah, exactly. Yeah, I just thought that one. As we were talking so.

Speaker 3

That's a good. 1. I don't like.

Speaker 1

You are a rich scene.

Speaker 3

That. OK, that's fantastic. So anything else the future, just think the future.

Speaker 4

Vision and it's hard. It's hard 2050 that's so.

Speaker 3

Yeah, it's not now. It's 25 years time from now.

Speaker 2

Far in the future.

Speaker 3

Now ohh you you you know, you you you're in, you're in the next generation.

Speaker 4

We're all that we're not.

Speaker 1

Your PHD's.

Speaker 2

Of your life, yeah.

Speaker 4

Outdoor pool. You love a Lido? Almost an outdoor pool.

Speaker 2

Might as well pop it on there. That's a good.

Speaker 1

One on the shopping list. Why not?

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

You might as well add it. I'm talking. What do we go to, for example, go to Richard. That's the place we go to most commonly. If it's. If it's not in.

Speaker 1

Yeah. True. Yeah. There you go. Yeah.

Speaker 4

So we go through.

Speaker 2

We like going sort of fancy.

Speaker 4

Charity shop or the fact? Yeah.

Speaker 2

So these are really.

Speaker 4

Like fancy charity shops down, I'm like.

Speaker 1

Fancy and rich pickings? Exactly.

Speaker 3

What else have I got?

Speaker 4

Richard.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

We can also have a pub with a garden. More clothes wouldn't have one. Yeah, OK, it does have one. I take that back. Cancel.

Speaker 1

More perhaps it's just have to have one or.

Speaker 2

True. True. Yeah, that's true.

Speaker 4

Two, I've never been in the garden to it. No, that's the social space for lot of people, for example, we're wanting to watch the Women's World Cup match. Yeah, later today.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Angular guides are on me.

Speaker 4

Yeah, probably because they they the one the ones that advertised it most clearly that they're gonna be showing.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 4

So there might be somewhere more local, but if they're not advertised.

Speaker 3

It then, but all the sales, presumably if they've advertised it, that means everyone's gonna go and I feel that that. Yeah, yeah. I.

Speaker 4

Go. I'm going to fire with them. Yeah, exactly.

Speaker 2

We're actually going.

Speaker 4

To work. My yes.

Speaker 2

Vision. Vision visionary here.

Speaker 3

Yeah, vision. You know, things have changed. Things have changed. Technology has changed. The world changed.

Speaker 4

Vision. We'll definitely have a. Two floor gym. We're learning, yeah. Yeah, I'd like to know our neighbours a bit more. Not better, but we we know them, but I think that's cause we've gone and talked to them. I think people are quite.

Speaker 3

Yeah, it's a nice one.

Speaker 4

An effort.

Speaker 1

Really lovely.

Speaker 4

Hard is insular and it is quite. And I also think a lot of people rely. On like. They meet their community through people who are slightly older ones who have kids, meet their community through like the kids activities or schools. So again, that's why I think 20 to 30 year olds or young sort of struggle. With that because. You don't have that automatic it like connection. And link, yeah. I'm not sure what the solution is. No really interesting thing.

Speaker 1

You have to have. The solution, though I think saying it would be nice for neighbours.

Speaker 4

Yeah, I'd be best friends and neighbours, that's.

Speaker 2

To know, yeah. A vision. Yeah, that's lovely. I love that.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah. And maybe some of that is about some of the brilliant ideas will come up with, which is about there.

Speaker 3

Yeah, I think so.

Speaker 1

Being. Community spaces like if there was a working. You may give your address.

Speaker 4

Right. It's alright. Happy.

Speaker 1

To help and you set your.

Conversation analysis

Leisure & Fitness

- Two-storey gym desired; current gym too small at peak times.
- More free weights, machines, and outdoor pool (Lido) as a long-term aspiration.

Sports & Community

- Women's rugby team lacking locally; want more opportunities for 20–30 year olds.
- Community gardens appreciated but currently inaccessible (weekday hours only); want evenings/weekends.

Arts, Culture & Hobbies

- Need arts/crafts workshops (pottery, knitting, painting) for young adults.
- Interest in book clubs, cultural spaces, and creative social hubs.

Green Spaces & Public Realm

- Parks valued, but larger parks like Richmond better for amenities.
- More benches, café-style spaces, and better connected, safe cycle lanes needed.

High Street & Local Economy

- Independent coffee shops, knitting/fabric shops, charity shops.
- Support local businesses with discounted rates; use empty units for coworking or workshops.
- Litter a problem — desire for bins, seating, bike racks, and community litter-picking.

Community & Social Life

- Young adults struggle to meet peers; want more local social hubs.
- Knowing neighbours and inclusive spaces seen as important.

Council & Services

- Limited interaction beyond council tax; hybrid online/in-person options preferred.
- Flexibility and choice are key for services and voting.

Vision for 2050

Clean, green, inclusive borough with:

- Expanded leisure facilities and sports options
- Accessible arts and cultural activities
- Safe streets and connected cycling
- Vibrant local economy with independent businesses
- Strong social connections for 20–30 year olds

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Transcript

Speaker 1

OK. And they all start without. Yet these do something those.

Speaker 3

So what? We'll do it. Sorry, I didn't hear your nanny.

Speaker 2

A leak.

Speaker 3

What we did actually did this on Thursday and back hopefully today and so the next right. What's the coach? That's what it's coming out and it's also helped saying you OK, you just answer questions and then you just.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker

Of course, yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah. So we're good, yeah. And. So and.

Speaker 1

1st.

Speaker 3

Of all could. You give us your the first 3. Digits of your post code.

Speaker 4

E W7.

Speaker 3

2 W 7 and you don't mind your ages, 33. That's it. So imagining your borough in 2050.

Speaker

Set.

Speaker 2

33.

Speaker 3

And your flight? Street and we work together on the streets, 2015. What's on the High Street? What does it look like? What does it sound like? What's going on on the High Street? If you think about it, as all your wildest dreams about the high. Street in 20. 50 have come true. It's a High Street eagle dreams.

Speaker

Remember.

Speaker 4

Ohh, I think pedestrian only can get rid of.

Speaker 1

The cars. OK, yes, so it's.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Pedestrian only High Street. Yeah, and what's on it?

Speaker 2

I would say just a variety of things. I mean, in an ideal world, yeah, more independent businesses thriving.

Speaker 4

I was going to say the same thing because there's so many closed down shops in Hounslow, like if you've been into the Treaty Centre, it's just like abandoned. Now there's like a pound land.

Speaker 3

So I guess one thing that's interesting for that, I really like the teacher. I guess one thing that's really interesting for the Council to know. Is how they can help serve. Our so as local residents sitting, we know that there's like a few chains and no local businesses. What might they do to facilitate? Local businesses being able to occupy those empty units on the High Street, what could they? Do to help that happen.

Speaker 4

Well, so I know that specifically in the Treaty centre there is a theatre, apparently and obviously we are local film makers. We're really into the arts, we do a lot like with our community, but it's not like. The space isn't accessible, yeah. So actually, maybe if they like opened it up a bit. Like we would have loved to have, like, potentially filmed there one day. Maybe if they even like.

Speaker 2

Yes.

Speaker 4

Rented it out.

Speaker 3

OK, so there's an existing fair space and it's just about opening that out.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah, just making, like, opportunities for like, the the existing local businesses to use space.

Speaker 1

A bit more.

Speaker 2

I think it's just about giving like independent businesses a bit more of a leg up because I see a lot of they'll be like a a place and someone will move in, give it their best shot and six months later. Hasn't happened just because of the climate, so.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 2

You get a lot of. Pop up businesses that don't see themselves as pop-up businesses. That's just the nature of it. So I think there should be more support there just to help people. Get past that startup. Yeah.

Speaker 1

Tina. Yeah. So someone said something about business, like having, like, a discount for if it's like, yeah. Business or something like. Or something. That might be quite a. That's like an idea of. Something.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So as like. Shawn Michaels and your your you want to presumably won't be working locally, filming locally, being creative individuals. What kinds of things could the barrier do to make itself more friendly?

Speaker

Hmm.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

3rd creative individuals.

Speaker 2

The most sorry.

Speaker 4

I was going to say. Like if there's like grants or anything that.

Speaker

Wrong.

Speaker 4

Would be like really helpful for us.

Speaker 3

Yeah, funding for like.

Speaker 1

Like creative? Yeah. The first people to say that, but actually it's obvious, isn't it? Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I would say as someone that makes films, we find the most expensive thing is location higher like we wanted to do just a little short film one weekend, like no profit involved, just getting together and like.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Making a film and it will cost us.

Speaker 4

We were quoted like 2000 lbs to film in Woods as a crew of like six of us. Yeah. And we have all our own insurance. We have all our equipment. We need a little.

Speaker 2

Yes.

Speaker 3

What the hell?

Speaker 4

Bit of like 2 grand.

Speaker 2

Now listen to close off the space, so we'll still be at the mercy of dog walkers and like pedestrians and whoever's showing up. That was just to give us permission to have. Our feet on the. Ground. So I think if the borough wants to attract more independent film and arts and creatives of all nature, the. Location fees need to be or I. I believe that it's free if you're a crew under 5.

Speaker 4

Because there was like 6 in F.

Speaker 2

Yeah, it was seven of us, even though we were, like, so small, there's no money involved.

Speaker 1

Seven of us, we will have to pay.

Speaker 4

I was gonna say I think the other thing is like we work with a lot of disabled people as part of our business. And the biggest barrier to hiring disabled people is access and transport.

Speaker 1

Yes. So do you want to talk a little bit about that because we? Been but I cannot tell you how many people have talked to us about things like cycle lanes and buses and. Conflicts in in kind of getting. From one place to another. Quality and usage of space at so, yeah. So what what are your thoughts on that?

Speaker 4

Yeah. I actually think that in the last few years it's got a lot better for for there's a lot of lifts now like, you know, iOS. There's now lifts, there's ramps, so that's been really helpful for us. It's something that will be helpful is maybe even like. Hiring a wheelchair accessible vehicle. Yeah, it's a huge barrier.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 4

To get wheelchair users into space.

Speaker 2

Yeah, it cost us quite a bit just to get a wheelchair, like I'm a wheelchair user actress to set to no fault of her. Phone.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 4

It was just a huge chunk of our budget.

Speaker 2

Now we're committed to making that change. Should we pay that money for how many people are choosing not to have that person?

Speaker 4

Not too. And I think the really shocking thing is, is that we got. I tried to book our wheelchair accessible vehicle through one company and they couldn't do it but. They did send. Me an e-mail saying ohh would you like to book a a taxi for your dog? Because we can do that now really easily and I was like ohh that sends a not very nice message that I can book a.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 4

I caught my dog, but not. I will tell you. So yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker

I wonder.

Speaker 3

You know, see, this is an invitation type use got into anyway, but whether.

Speaker 5

For that.

Speaker 3

They should be more expensive about nothing, about making sure they have wheelchair accessible residents. Yeah. It does happen.

Speaker 4

OK.

Speaker 3

Yeah, if they were renting, if they had, they were renting in not such prices. Sounds like that. Would be really helpful.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

So you've got some random things we said. They've just brought them in and is the worst station, so it's.

Speaker 4

They have actually great job. That's good. Yeah. To make it much more accessible. And there's a lot of, like, dropped curves now. They'll be doing all that.

Speaker 5

Work, which is great. Yeah, that's good. Yeah.

Speaker 3

Really not. Yeah, it's good to. Have a lot of positive stuff actually. It's nice to feedback alongside that 50 before.

Speaker 2

I do think like it kind of almost makes it when. It's so prevalent now that when you find someone that's not accessible, it sticks out. And I think it's a talking point, but at least it's a talking point because.

Speaker

Yes.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, rather like almost a wheelchair uses going around and they come across somewhere they can access and it's it's out. And I do think that we're making progress. Yeah. Just keep going with that momentum, I guess.

Speaker 1

So when we're talking about 205025 years time ideally. With have fully accessible borrower. Yeah, that's right. You're just know that it would be then and it.

Speaker 2

You wouldn't need to call ahead, you'd just know, yeah.

Speaker 1

Gibson, Ramsey do you know, though? It's quite funny. It's quite interesting about accessibility, so this is something else to about with much. Would be sad. About how there are lots of different accessibilities. Yeah, and sometimes they can conflict with each other. Blind. You need different things to if you I don't know, wheelchair user or whatever or or have autism or something, it might be different. 10 or whatever. So.

Speaker 3

Hmm.

Speaker 1

I mean, it's interesting to think about what the perfect if we think about like business side thinking. Perfect. Yeah.

Speaker 3

So.

Speaker 1

Accessible city with those. Is that something that you have thought about or is it more like you know, I have a an issue here that they need to get over and now?

Speaker 4

Well, I think what we're trying to do with our business is it's like the social model of disability. So like actually, are you disabled or is it the world around you that is taking away your ability? So we're like, OK, let's try and make everything accessible and I know we don't take away the disability, but actually.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 4

It just makes.

Speaker 3

It normal? Yeah. You know, we're all just equal.

Speaker 4

And we would be in an equal.

Speaker 1

Space. Yeah. Yeah, that's right. So.

Speaker

That's true.

Speaker 3

Just to improve the when cities we we designed or considered to actually asking people for being cities or barrier what their redesigning things and says she was bad and it was just like somebody earlier was saying we're making spaces for teenagers.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

That's also for teenagers to decide that there's something and that is.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 3

About it, yeah.

Speaker 1

I really like what you were saying about.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

If you would. Like to borrow to be a creative hub for things that you can do to attract creative people. Because if you're making it a place as good for film makers, and you're also making places good for actors and you're making a place that's good for art directors or.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 4

You know, and we bring a lot.

Speaker 1

There's a little wardrobe.

Speaker 4

Of money with us. If we are in that location, everyone's going out for. Coffee and lunch.

Speaker 1

Exactly. Yeah. Yeah. Absolutely. Yeah, I think that's true. Yeah. And also with the consequence where things happen.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

And then people want to be where things are happening. Yeah. So yeah.

Speaker 3

So in a in a voicemail, you talking kind of thinking if it was 2050 and let's say they're all gone from from outside that they, yeah, that makes it this really sort of exciting multi across. Right.

Speaker 4

I don't think you need much. I think you just need to like get the word out that it's accessible and people will be so excited by that. You don't need to wait till 2015 do that. Like freaking now, like once one person is like oh, I've heard this great location. It's really accessible. And the Council, you know, are really welcoming you people will flood.

Speaker 2

Yeah. And like say for example in create creativity, it's the use of AI that's like the big threat at the moment. And I do think that there's so many film makers out there, I turn into AI and when I don't condone it myself, I do understand that we can't afford to film in the woods. Well, so of course they're gonna turn to the thing they can do. And I I I don't think it's always laziness. I think sometimes it's due to resources. So I do think.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Like. If people worried about AI taking stuff, if we make it more accessible, people would rather be there doing it on the ground. Yeah. So I think that would almost take away that. Which again I think opens up more jobs in general. I do think it all feeds into. Yeah. It's like multi positive. You don't need to wait 2050, you can do it next.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Week you just take away the barriers.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah, absolutely. Yeah. And I think there's something that's quite there are lots of positives about actually doing something in person because then you have the sort of physical and mental health and mental well-being things or actually interacting with people.

Speaker 5

OK.

Speaker 1

So we were just talking with the great people who were talking about. Spaces that you can go and meet other young people. Yeah. So that you can socialise with other young people. So. And it's. It's about that particularly is is with their would would you what would you suggest that they did to support say in their 20s or 30s.

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 1

For help. We would like to be social.

Speaker 4

We want people to ask.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, yeah, probably.

Speaker

See.

Speaker 4

I don't know the answer.

Speaker 2

I would say again the spaces are there like I'm thinking the wafer hall in eyes are worth like there are spaces there I guess.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 2

It's just about. Opening them up and making them, I guess. And again, finding out what the 20, but like we can't answer that question because they should be answering that question in terms of this is what we want, whatever the latest trends are.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 5

Yeah.

Speaker 3

It's interesting what came up and the women that we were speaking to and totally saying there's no just stuff going on, but it's it's. Slightly long time so. It's not, you know, it's in our regular working day, so there things going on, but.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

They won't quite work.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

I think what you were saying about making space for creativity is actually on the part of that really, because you know, creativity is your work.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

And it's also something that you do to feel like yourself. So it's both of those things together, isn't it? That's a bit hard. Certainly that's a bit hard time here, but like it's. You can't really separate all the fact that it's your your business and your work, but it's also something that you do with people that you do in order to feel like yourself in order to be your own well-being. Yeah, which which is I guess. A lot of people have that about what they're doing, so they. That you know, it's no use this kind of separating well-being and going right. You know you're gonna do your socialising and well-being here and now do your work in.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 5

These hours, yeah.

Speaker 1

Definitely you want to kind of come together a bit. So yeah, maybe that's what's happening.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 3

One of the really big topics that we've been talking about in. That is the final for those places, and I wondered what you to think about that we that we would like to see more of it all differently in terms of green spaces or access to green spaces by 2050.

Speaker 4

I think we are very, very lucky in that we've got a garden and we love like our local village hall that has like a big massive green space with like tennis courts and basketball court and playground.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Am I in thinking London's actually the greenest city? Maybe Europe, maybe the one I can't remember. Like it's got as far as cities go. London is a very green city. Again, I think it comes back to just making.

Speaker 4

There's loads of parks around us, yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah, that's great. That's fantastic.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Again, just don't charge people over the moon to use them like.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah. OK, welcome back. To that.

Speaker 1

OK. Yeah. Well, actually, everybody has those people when you ask about green space like, yeah, we've got it. We have this. Yeah. Yeah. Don't get rid of it. But, you know, yeah, we there's not, like, a dark.

Speaker 4

Yeah, because yeah, I think we're very.

Speaker 1

Lucky. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

But yeah, but then if they lowered the cost then it was used more then it would, the people would know that the green spaces are to be protected rather than like going ohh, no one's doing anything of that. If it was lowered it also. Do you know the more films are here, the more commercial I know it's art, but also if it is making some form of money, people could spend more and that would it would all boost everything together.

Speaker 1

I think it's a great idea. I'm really, really to and I'm really glad the Council are going to get to hear it. Yeah. Fantastic. OK, is there anything else you want to say?

Speaker 3

Do you want it? Would it be interesting for? You to hear. What has come up often and stop?

Speaker 4

Well, I was going to say the only other thing I think. Would be maybe like.

Speaker

OK.

Speaker 4

I guess it's the issue of like grants because like there's so much we would love to do with the community like we did for the first time, like an accessible cinema at our local village hall for the kids at Oaklands.

Speaker 1

That's. Wow.

Speaker 4

And it was like some of them. It was their first time ever going to the cinema and like we would love to do that on a more regular basis.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

But it is just like the funding to be able.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 4

To do. It's wafra. Yeah, it's The Woodlands, like residents association. And and openings is part of that, which is like the local special needs schools, right, which? I think are. Brilliant. They are like fantastic facilities are.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

Are amazing. Yeah. And it would just be really nice to, like, get a bit more back.

Speaker 1

In the community, I think that's a brilliant movie. And so yeah, more for really worthwhile artistic projects that are happening in the bar. So do they have a glove thing you can apply for for artistic projects?

Speaker 4

Don't.

Speaker 2

No. Right, yeah.

Speaker 3

I mean, I don't know whether they might be able to like redirect funds, and they're like councils or how they do their projects and they they can redirect that to. For that.

Speaker

Hmm.

Speaker 1

Yeah, there's people on the ground who are in the community who want to do those things. It seems like. Makes sense on those groups. Actually other people have talked about funding, resourcing, communities, groups that read it. So yeah, that's come up a lot. But.

Speaker 5

Goodbye.

Speaker 3

That's interesting, isn't it?

Speaker 1

So that's really what we're talking about, isn't it? You know, something that you're doing anyway? Yeah. You would love to do more of, but actually you can't cause you can't afford it. So but.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 1

OK.

Speaker

Brilliant.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Yes, yeah, we're good. Thank you.

Speaker 2

I think.

Conversation analysis

High Street & Local Businesses

- Vision for 2050: pedestrian-only High Street.
- Focus on thriving independent businesses; many shops currently vacant.
- Council could support by:
 - Offering accessible spaces (e.g., theatres, empty units)
 - Providing grants or subsidized rents for small/startup businesses
 - Helping pop-ups survive early challenges

Creative & Arts Community

- Filmmakers and artists face high location costs; accessibility and fees are major barriers.
- Fully accessible spaces and affordable locations would attract more creatives.
- Inclusive hiring (e.g., wheelchair users) limited by transport and access.
- Supporting creativity encourages in-person engagement over AI-only work.

Accessibility & Inclusion

- Positive improvements in lifts, ramps, and public infrastructure.
- Future goal: borough fully accessible to all abilities without advance arrangements.
- Emphasis on the social model of disability — removing environmental barriers rather than changing individuals.

Social Spaces & Young Adults

- Need for open, inclusive spaces for 20–30-year-olds to socialize and collaborate.
- Using existing community halls and facilities, but opening them up and consulting young people on trends is key.

Green Spaces

- Local parks and gardens valued; London already relatively green.
- Accessibility and low-cost use would encourage more engagement and preservation.

Funding & Community Projects

- Grants and funding needed for community arts projects (e.g., accessible cinema for children).
- Supporting local initiatives boosts social cohesion and cultural participation.

Vision for 2050

- Accessible, inclusive, and creative borough with thriving independent businesses, usable green spaces, and fully supported arts and community projects.
- Removing barriers and lowering costs allows immediate benefits, not just long-term goals.

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Transcript

Speaker 1

Honestly, it's easier for us to do. That than try and keep.

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 2

Up. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

I've been up to beat my right. Now. So may I ask you, first of all, the first 3 digits of? Your post code. And that's so they know where like.

Speaker 2

W7W7.

Speaker 1

Is that right? TW7. Yeah, yeah, it's 77. Most people.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

And may I ask you only if you're happy to answer what your age is?

Speaker 2

14 just ten, 30-40. Yeah, thank you.

Speaker 1

Oh, happy birthday, 3030. Yeah, that's to. Say we've tried to. Have, like quite a wide range of animals and OK, yeah. So I was 205025 years from now.

Speaker 3

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

I'm gonna put. First of all, let's imagine your High Street or a local high. Street. If you had the High Street of your absolute. Dreams. The perfect High Street for you in. 25 years. Time and what would that look like and what would be on?

Speaker 2

Well, for me it's just so dirty. You know, I don't know how.

Speaker 1

Sorry. Oh, dirty. Sorry. Yes.

Speaker 2

This. Obviously, yeah. Yeah. It's just the people mentality. They don't care when you go into high stage. It's such a mess that up is.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Everywhere it's smelly when they clean. Wow. So you'd like it to be clean? Yeah. And is that OK? You said the same. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yes. Definitely. Yeah. Yes, yes, yes. Yeah. I would also like to change something in the parks for kids because Mom and I think like, it's nothing's changed, you know, like the Redis Park, the Saint John Park is just since, like, he's got 7 years old and he's not.

Speaker 1

OK.

Speaker 2

Contained, so it's no. Activities you know, especially for bigger, bigger kids.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Active me like 10 plus or what age?

Speaker 2

He's seven. He will turn 8 in January, but like those facilities which we have, he's just bored, you know, like he's different now. Yes, yes.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So it's get older stuff, a bit warm. OK, well, what would you, what do you think would be perfect? What would your ideas for what would be good facilities for our?

Speaker 2

You know, like something different. You know, it's really nothing in here. It's just to to give them up to 90 to to develop more like in St. John's. Barely nothing. And I'm. I'm talking about the our closest puzzle. Silver cold at this park. And Sandra.

Speaker 1

It's the same, always the same.

Speaker

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

It's it's just nothing there. They, for example, is Bush, which have very big spikes. I think that should not be there cause it's quite dangerous. You know the the. Big boys, yes, yes.

Speaker 1

Really out here it hurt.

Speaker 2

You know, like once the little boy, he was cutting and he didn't realise it's so big and no good with Grandma. And said look. Please take away this thing Grant from him because he's that big. Spikes, I don't understand why they are in the parts which are for kids.

Speaker 1

Hmm, that's strange, isn't it?

Speaker 2

Yeah. And you know when they kick the ball, someone has to take. It out and just. Try to put the hand in. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Starting that end, you think? What what? It might be something that they would be interested in. In what? For you? What would? Just because I. Be those things.

Speaker 2

And. His boy. So obviously he likes how he's. Called this this thing with the like. Swing which you hold. Yourself or you know, like. Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. This one was because a.

Speaker 3

Ohh.

Speaker 1

Really good idea, I thought.

Speaker 2

We have gym for example, but this is steam for adults in Richmond. They have gym. Which one side is for grown up. The other is kids so so they can do exercises yeah so.

Speaker 1

That's a very good idea.

Speaker 2

That would be exactly.

Speaker 1

Right now, it's 329 guys technically go 8. You know, there's like outdoor sort of gyms, spaces like for older kids as well. So they've got zip wires and they've got lining and.

Speaker 4

They've got like a high. Rule way that the kids can go.

Speaker 3

Around the tree? Yeah, that's what it's like.

Speaker 1

Like an outdoor gym but for. Kids. Yeah, yeah, yeah. OK.

Speaker 2

I've got some fog.

Speaker 1

Anything else that he might like?

Speaker 2

Had been pulled out the obviously I think we had. I think there was some water park in.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Hansel, one of the hassle parts and twice we went there and twice was closed, so I don't know if it's actually working or no. I know that's why he's comparing to Richmond, because they have, you know, open badly.

Speaker 3

Oh.

Speaker 1

It's good to see a comparison there, because then she can say well, that's there, we. Could have that too.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Yeah. So in outlook.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yeah, right. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Some splash when the whole day the kids can just, you know, go somewhere. And he's just. Running through the little fountain or something still be happy to come in, and also I think you know, I'm sorry. Just keep talking about my truck because she hasn't got kids yet, but that would be in 2015, so that might help.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 3

Keep going, yeah.

Speaker 2

So most of the children centres that like up to five then let's say they they will e-mail from the leisure centre like all three activities for kids but limited spaces. But let's say started from 10 plus.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

So I've got. Which I've got not much to do with him, so to do because the the hands of government and they they're trying to make this interest to be active. But I'm looking, I've got this gap in the age and here even here is 1:00 club. But kids could finish five they're not. Out there, I think for some at time they allowed them to come, but I don't really understand because that would be extra money for them. Yeah, because obviously they won't go for sensory room. They will even most probably just staying outside.

Speaker 1

But it's just, yes, there is a gap for little light.

Speaker 3

That's perfect.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Like yeah, because I'm not allowed to go to toilet centre and and then, yeah, even here. So he has something activities. I will book him and I don't know because he's there from 10.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, I hear that.

Speaker 2

Plus or 12, yeah. So you know it's it's still he cannot.

Speaker 1

Yeah. OK.

Speaker 4

Go because it's clear.

Speaker 2

Even the the gym again is inside is again not prepared for kids. So I think you have to be over 12 to be able to reach the other side. So to have something which the kids can join.

Speaker 1

Yeah. That has come up a few times. That sort of age group they're not being. Sort of much better, yeah. I'm going to ask you so just. Because I love love all of that. That's what about.

Speaker 3

For you to.

Speaker 1

What would? What would you like? From your local barrier. For fun, for you and you. And it's 25 years time, actually. So you're a little bit older.

Speaker 2

They do organise quite many events, so I'm happy with that.

Speaker 1

What sort of things have you got at the moment that you? Like that, you still like to have.

Speaker 2

Oh, I love. This open festivals, you know when there's something happening. So we have Polish Heritage Day for example in May, which is the whole Longton Park cover with, you know, Polish music and everything.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker 2

It's because, yeah, yeah. Every year and not even now. I think next Saturday is in healing again, some celebration. So, you know, the music, food and everything and that's.

Speaker 1

That. Outdoors and it's sort of Barrow wide. Lovely. That's lovely.

Speaker 2

Yes, yes, yes, yes. What else for me?

Speaker 3

I don't know.

Speaker 1

Sometimes it's quite hard. It's easier to think. What you want for? Other people do for yourself, I think.

Speaker 2

It's just because you know, hey, like now he's always my priority and.

Speaker

And.

Speaker 2

For me, it's hard to get fun cause it's just three of us, so we can't even really go out because wherever we go and we always have to take him with us because we've got no one to look after him. So when we're looking for any fun, it's always including him because we have no choice.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's right. And then you think, well, he's gonna be grown up by then. So yeah. So I will be on my own and be allowed to do what I wanna do.

Speaker 2

Oh yeah. So he will.

Speaker

OK.

Speaker 4

What? What do I wanna? Do who? Even am I? Yeah.

Speaker 2

Like me person, I would love to make some courses to develop myself, but in real life I just don't. Have. Time because I'm like.

Speaker 1

Let's say let's imagine. I hear you. That time is really short and let's. Imagine you do. Just because the Council are really listening to people's ideas and they're listening to you, what would you like to leave courses in? What would you like to be on offer?

Speaker

No.

Speaker 1

That you could take part in the.

Speaker 2

Thing is the because I need to register with Hounslow and that's. Thank you very much. Thank you. This is because my son has chess club. No, it's fine. Thank you very much.

Speaker 1

Oh, look at that.

Speaker 3

Resource pepper.

Speaker 2

Because he's got test Club and I know he's taking you. Really. We do twice. Or the call him. So once we finish, he's gonna go down. So I could.

Speaker 3

Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Smell nicely. We're talking about courses.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Yeah. So I know they do offer them, but it's everything depends with who you're working. Like I was. I had bad luck. I had the, like, mental girl who like, really young and she didn't really care. So, you know, like eventually I had to find job by myself because I was like. Oh, let me fix your CBS. My CV is fine. It's, you know, like it's just, you know, if you're looking for the top, you just need to make sure few keywords.

Speaker 3

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Whatever you're going into, you know. I didn't, but I know they they're trying, but it's just for me. I don't know how to. Maybe it will be easier when he will be older, so I won't have. To. Spend that much time with him because as I spend our life, my and. My husbands everything. Around him. So I'm working part time because if I was calculating full time.

Speaker 3

No.

Speaker 2

If I will have to pay. For preschool club after. Crab. You know my travelling food and then who gonna take him to the? Park he that's.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Right. He needs you to burn energy. Who bring him for swimming. You know who will take him to the clubs. So we decide for the time being. I can't work full time. So I'm working within school hours. So I'm waking up, taking him to the school going. Work. Finish work. Taking him from the school and then he or park or swimming pool. Taekwondo or something, you know, to be with him.

Speaker 3

Wow, yeah.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

And because my husband is doing shifts at 12 hour shifts like 4 days, four of four nights, 4 of touch even. More complicating, you know, to try to say, if you work Monday, Friday, then I can say do Saturday course or even study or something. But because of his shift, I'm studying because one week I will be able to go and see on Thursday, but then next week you will have.

Speaker 3

Oh yeah. Yeah.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

So I won't be able to go.

Speaker 1

It's really difficult to arrange. Yeah, to commence.

Speaker 2

Yeah. So I'm hoping once he will be get a bit older, you know I will. Be able to back a bit because you don't want to stuck in one place.

Speaker 1

You know, like there's a couple of things that I was thinking of it as you're speaking, which might be easy for the cancer type, which is.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

What? What could the Council do to make life easier for parents if for anything? So I think that that's obviously you, that's complicated and there's. A lot of stuff going on. To go and both. Working I know. Just do you think there's anything? That the Council could. Do to support parents in the borough.

Speaker 2

I know that they are helping those people who are on benefits, but we always work. We never took any benefits, we were always working.

Speaker 1

So someones mention and start working parents.

Speaker 2

I found I found it to actually hard. To get hurt. I think it's easier for those people who are actually not working and taking benefits to get support, because then they sending you through courses they will, making sure you have the time, even if it's within school hours. Because I got a couple of friends and I. You know, for them was easier. The same with the. They have more free time to let's say so I had to wait for my 15 hours than than his than three whilst they for example they had already from here so so you know they they couldn't go to work whatever reason they they did nothing. Now it's changing but I find out that those people. More benefit from government with the help support than people who working.

Speaker 1

Say would you say that it would be?

Speaker

OK.

Speaker 1

Would be great or sort of more helpful if working parents were also giving those. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, you know, cause those people they want to work because, you know, I came to because I'm from Poland and they came to this country with the thing like, I don't want anything for free. I'm young, healthy, I can work.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

It's very hard for me to find the dog. School hours cause like, honestly, it's just the half terms covering half terms and it come on. They just started October, it's half term then Christmas and they want to do 2 weeks in October.

Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yes.

Speaker 2

So it's, it's just really difficult. The normal jobs spend the, but the people who understand the situation that you have to pay for the clubs during this every term and in the for example you know we are so because we were just one we are so into him now we probably all day just panicking is he OK there is he.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Fine you. Know so.

Speaker 1

So it would be good. If there is more. Support for working parents as well as well, yeah. And.

Speaker 2

Because even you know, they say the Hampton called Zoo or something. They have like 1 LB and 1 LB. We have to pay full price.

Speaker 1

Yeah, that's all this a few times. And do you know what quite a few people have said, and it's really interesting, Vanessa and noise that there should be a discount in price for local residents because you're obviously near Kew Gardens, like everyone around the world. You know, it's a, it's a global.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 1

Attraction, isn't it? Certainly London word attraction. That there should be a reduced rate for all of those things for local residents. Would you think that that, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, that could be helping. Yeah. And the same, you see, all the places which actually are for kids. What is annoying me, that you have to pay for yourself, which I'm not going there because I'm going to look after myself. And the price for me is actually the same.

Speaker 4

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

Like for him, you know, so that's true. This.

Speaker 1

They said they natively they made sort of more affordable just to make it fairer then, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

More affordable provision.

Speaker 1

And what? What do you think of it here? What do you think of the pool here? Would you like to see that different in in the future? Could it have been improved?

Speaker 2

We are obviously the different teachers. We've been through better and worse. I think he's happy so far. So you know they, the refurbished and again it's like this personal hygiene, you know, like I don't like woman and say coming with the full makeup and they coming with the kids for swimming passes. I think that should be told by the management like you know because all.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Hey.

Speaker 2

The this is coming in the water.

Speaker 4

It does. Yeah, that's true.

Speaker 2

So I don't like these things, you know, but that's my personality and I know maybe someone else is happy with that. Yeah, yeah. But. But the sun is good because it's

local. As I said, here is only management. I would say issue like covering someone they they might have problems. So that's those things, but that's up to them to make sure they run place OK.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Yeah. So the future is going to things will be different. In the future.

Speaker 2

Well, you know that would be good for, for example, for us it's very hard to save any money because we don't earn so much. So we will like at the moment, I don't think we will be ever able to buy any property. Here and we come from not rich families back home, so we can't.

Speaker 3

Right. Yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah. Get any support that say, you know, some people. OK, there's only doctor we selling the house, you know, sending you got for deposit. We've got no help like this financially. So I don't know. I don't know.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

How to help those? People. You know, like not obvious. Nothing for free, but make something that people like us will be actually. Table because the money for because yeah, this money which I'm paying for my rent since yes, I could easily paying my mortgage but who will give you credit if you have you know that income only.

Speaker 3

Yeah. More food for parents.

Speaker 1

Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, it is.

Speaker 2

And the rest of you?

Speaker 1

Really crazy, though, isn't it? You're like, well, I'm paying that much in rent. I could easily.

Speaker 2

Pay that much in and you can talk like we're living now in one house since 2017, even all the same. Yeah, exactly. So imagine how much money we're giving to someone. While we could have this.

Speaker 4

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Yes. Quote about housing inside rent. Control and more affordable housing for for for people, easier access to getting mortgage. That quality thing. Yeah, it's just a bit fairer, isn't it? So it's it's talking about that actually.

Speaker 3

It, yeah.

Speaker 2

Yeah, because it's, you know, like I'm already worried. Like, I I don't want him. To live his life paying rent to someone else.

Speaker 1

As well, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

So that and that's for the future, isn't it? Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

And that's. That's what. Yeah. Yeah. Because I'm thinking like, it's not gonna be better. It's just, you know, the all the prices of everything, food, everything is going up up. Up. It's not easier the the, the the way. It doesn't go as fast as. All the prices.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

And it feels like that is something that the Council could facilitate, possibly facilitate help with just saying. Yeah, just sort of supporting, I don't know, no rent control or making sure that when there's no buildings that they can provide.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I'm. I'm sure they have.

Speaker 1

For dinner.

Speaker 2

Sorry, say hello to ladies.

Speaker 3

Hello.

Speaker 4

Thank you.

Speaker 2

You know, advert. Yeah, 2003.

Speaker 4

Yeah, that sounds. Yeah, that's good. Yeah. And people have been, like, sticky stickers up there about little things that they'd like in the future. But also, we want to have, like, more.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

Speaker 4

Cheques people about.

Speaker 1

It just smells safe.

Speaker 4

How they see the future things like technology. So just do you think about the impact of technology that it's gonna have on you in 25 years time presumably?

Speaker 3

Have been more.

Speaker 2

It it it is growing so fast, you know, like I'm still. I'm already behind because we have old school TV. We don't have any of this console games or whatever.

Speaker 4

Yeah. So.

Speaker 2

He's a little bit, you know, this one. Grow. But uh, I know what I definitely. Would like to change. You know when it's every half term, all the prices. I'm sorry. I'm. I'm, I'm.

Speaker 4

The No no, no.

Speaker

No, no, no, it's fine. It's.

Speaker 3

Fine. Yeah, I yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2

Just dumping because you know something is coming to my mother. I'm just swapping. You know the not to forget the the the. Thing, the prices for the like flights and the holiday and anything during have like this is ridiculous the the like somehow. It's obviously that happens that I'm on the toilet but. They they should do something with the the airlines or even the places cause everything have have have them. Everything is much more expensive. Even the kids activity, the prices are higher.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 1

It it feels really mean to me that everything, like all of those places, know that that's the kids holidays. And then of course.

Speaker 2

It's probably not for the borough, cause probably borough doesn't do anything, but as a government you know every country should do something because this is ridiculous.

Like you can buy tickets for £20 for plane and then when it's the half time you have to pay 300.

Speaker

Yeah.

Speaker 2

100 per person and we are actually mixed because I'm Polish and my husband is Bulgarian. So if you want to.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 2

See how your English so yeah. When we want to see both families, we just can't. Afford it? That's a lot. Yeah, yeah. Just for only ticket. And then imagine if you actually would like to go and see something. Well, like it. Just. Ridiculous amount of of money losing on this one.

Speaker 1

I guess. Also could do something about making sure that prices within the boroughs stay the same in terms of I'm. On the school.

Speaker 2

At least this one to make it fair. Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 1

Long just.

Speaker 2

Because even snake another term price higher so.

Speaker 3

Yeah, that's right.

Speaker 1

How's your dinner? It looks like it is.

Speaker

The trance.

Speaker 2

How was the test? Did you win? And you weren't cheating twice. Wow, well done.

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 2

This for example, they have test club today which is for free, so this is something good. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 4

Free chess clubs. So maybe if they have more free clubs, free clubs.

Speaker 2

Yeah, yeah, that would be good.

Speaker 1

What clubs would you like, apart from chess club? Are there any others you'd? Like.

Speaker 2

No, nothing. How about football? You love football. It would be free. Imagine.

Speaker 4

You won't.

Speaker 2

Don't put your finger in your mouth.

Speaker 3

Let's try.

Speaker 2

He's he's pretending.

Speaker 1

Thank you very much your time. You're very welcome.

Speaker 4

So much. That's brilliant.

Speaker 1

To meet you.

Conversation analysis

High Streets & Parks

- High Streets are dirty; residents want cleaner, well-maintained areas.
- Parks lack facilities for older children (7–12+); safety concerns exist.
- Suggested improvements: outdoor gyms, climbing, zip wires, splash fountains, and varied play for different ages.

Leisure & Community Activities

- Parents need activities that include children due to childcare limits.
- Positive feedback on local festivals and community events.
- Desire for affordable or free clubs (chess, football) and discounted entry to local attractions.

Parental Support & Work-Life Balance

- Working parents have limited access to courses and activities; current support favours non-working parents.
- Suggested: flexible programmes, affordable childcare, and family-friendly scheduling.

Housing & Costs

- High rents hinder homeownership; support needed for mortgages and fairer housing.
- Rising costs of food, activities, and travel are a concern.

Future Vision (2050)

- Safe, clean, inclusive spaces for families.
- Accessible, affordable leisure and activities.
- Better support for working parents balancing work, childcare, and personal development.