



## Louth Town Plan: 2020 Vision drafted by Meridian Links

Louth is a great place to live and everyone wants this to continue for many years to come. So please take a few minutes to agree or disagree with the following statements to ensure that the 2020 Vision for Louth includes what you want to see for the future.

### Living & Working in Louth

1	Agree	Disagree
Shopping facilities are adequate to purchase all your daily needs.....	61.5%	38.5%
Louth markets are an attractive and well resourced facility which serve the local community. ....	74.7%	25.3%
Louth needs improved town centre supermarket provision.....	49.7%	50.3%
Fair trading must include local produce.....	96.6%	3.4%
Louth must protect its unique individual shops .....	92.5%	7.5%
Louth should keep a cattle market on Newmarket.....	81.7%	18.3%
Young people think Louth is a great place to live and work. ....	23.2%	76.8%
Louth should be promoted as a tourist destination and as a place to visit..	90.5%	9.5%
Louth has a vibrant and forward looking business community which should be encouraged and expanded. ....	72.5%	27.5%
More could be done to promote Louth as a place to work and do business.....	92.2%	7.8%
People feel secure in the town during the day .....	88.6%	11.4%
People feel secure in the town at night.....	22.6%	77.4%
Levels of policing are adequate for local needs .....	18.2%	81.8%

### Education & Health

2	Agree	Disagree
Louth should continue to grow as a centre for youth & adult education....	95.1%	4.9%
It is essential for Louth to have a fully funded health and hospital programme that provides 21st century services. ....	99.0%	1.0%
Louth Hospital should have a scanner .....	96.7%	3.3%
Anti-Social Behaviour is spoiling Louth .....	79.4%	20.6%
Improved help should be available locally for drink and drug problems .....	86.4%	13.6%
Homelessness issues need to be a higher priority in Louth .....	58.4%	41.6%
Affordable housing is vital for the town's survival.....	85.5%	14.5%
Safety net services, to help people through difficult times, are lacking in Louth.....	67.9%	32.1%

## Helping to shape future transport facilities

<b>3</b>	Agree	Disagree
Louth needs links to other towns using effective bus, tram, rail and road services .....	96.9%	3.1%
There should be a better town bus services: adequate for an expanding population and the reduction of town centre traffic .....	92.6%	7.4%
Sunday public transport services should be available .....	86.5%	13.5%
Buses should be smaller, more frequent and 'green'. .....	95.2%	4.8%
Information about public transport is good.....	37.0%	63.0%
There should be more parking in Louth .....	72.5%	27.5%
Louth should have underground car parks .....	31.4%	68.6%
Heavy goods access in the town needs reviewing .....	88.9%	11.1%
Partial pedestrianization would improve the town.....	71.8%	28.2%
More should be done to encourage cycling with better facilities .....	84.1%	15.9%

## Town Management

### **4 Louth Town Council should be encouraged to take more responsibility for the town including:**

Parking.....	82.5%	Town signage .....	58.4%
Litter.....	84.2%	Tourist Information .....	62.6%
Recreation spaces.....	75.0%	Town appearance .....	85.9%
Traffic flow.....	80.3%	Hubbards Hills .....	76.9%

<b>5</b>	Agree	Disagree
There should be a town centre manager.....	48.6%	51.4%
Signage needs improving for residents and visitors .....	57.4%	42.6%
All car parks need town maps to guide new residents and tourists .....	83.0%	17.0%
There should be a central town information hub where local people can receive guidance on health, education, policing, Council, refuse and transport all under one roof. ....	82.2%	17.8%
Louth is a clean place.....	49.5%	50.5%
Empty shops should have pleasing window displays .....	79.9%	20.1%
Louth needs more public seating .....	76.1%	23.9%
Dog fouling is still a problem in the town .....	66.7%	33.3%
The Riverhead pool should be retained as a senior spa .....	57.8%	42.2%
Leisure and recreational facilities are adequate.....	30.2%	69.8%
Louth should be made more accessible for disabled people .....	75.3%	24.7%

## Environment & Heritage

Louth is at the centre of an important and beautiful area of countryside where public access is encouraged and the rural economy supported.

6	Agree	Disagree
Traditional buildings should be restored and protected .....	95.8%	4.2%
Historic Building Grants should be reintroduced .....	90.1%	9.9%
Louth Navigation canal and its corridor should be restored .....	91.8%	8.2%
More should be done at Hubbard's Hills to enhance its natural qualities ....	89.0%	11.0%
The surrounding countryside should be reconnected to the town by safe routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. ....	90.6%	9.4%
It is essential that investment and resources should be given to the planning and development of adequate flood protection schemes. ....	96.6%	3.4%
Innovative landscaping would promote pride in the town .....	76.2%	23.8%
Louth would be improved by planting out the roundabouts on the A16 and by adding hanging baskets and floral displays in the town .....	78.1%	21.9%
Business properties on the industrial estate would benefit from landscaping to make the surroundings more attractive in line with a greener environment .....	70.9%	29.1%
There should be a wider range of doorstep recycling e.g. glass, batteries and all plastics. ....	85.2%	14.8%
Louth must stop infill development and preserve green space .....	86.5%	13.5%
More should be done to access the River Lud for recreation and as a tourist attraction .....	88.1%	11.9%
Support should be given for an art gallery centre.....	50.3%	49.7%
A family history centre and archive should be established .....	50.9%	49.1%
The Cornmarket should be covered with a glass canopy .....	14.9%	85.1%
Something dramatic should be done with the Malt Kiln site .....	92.8%	7.2%
There should be house boats on Riverhead Basin.....	52.3%	47.7%
Louth should celebrate historic local heroes appropriately. ....	75.9%	24.1%
The Old Victorian Market Hall should be changed to its original purpose, as a specialist food market .....	70.7%	29.3%

### 7 What Louth really needs is:

1327 people made further comments (out of 1926 completed questionnaires).