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Planning Consultant, re his consultation with some pupils of Shaw Wood Academy**

**VIEWS OF SHAW WOOD ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 6 ABOUT THE DRAFT
ARMTHORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

As part of the engagement with the Armthorpe community, an interactive consultation was organised with staff and students of Year 6 of the Shaw Wood Academy, one of 3 primary schools in the Armthorpe Neighbourhood Plan area. This activity involved 2 class teachers, a teaching assistant and the Parish Council Planning Consultant, Ken Burley who led it. The event took place on 24th October 2014 from 9.30am to 12.30 pm although it continued informally with teaching staff and students after that. The accommodation provided for the activity was the school hall and 2 adjacent class rooms which were more than adequate for the purpose.

The views of the students were summarised afterwards by Mr Patrick Carroll, the main elements of which were as follows:

- more houses were needed, but the pit top housing scheme wasn't the best idea.
- additional primary school facilities were needed but in the form of an extension to Shaw Wood rather than Tranmoor or Southfield Primary Schools. (Doncaster MBC has subsequently agreed on additional classrooms and so on at Southfield, of the various options to be considered).
- Armthorpe needs another supermarket but located where there aren't any at the moment rather than another one in the same area as the existing supermarkets.
- An Xscape entertainment hub is what Armthorpe should have providing various activities for leisure such as laser questing and indoor skiing in addition to shops and food courts.

With the exception of the Xscape entertainment hub, these ideas are very similar to the ones in the Draft Armthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan now to be submitted to Doncaster MBC as the next stage in preparing the Plan.