# SCS 2008-21 Consultation – Phase 2 Summary of findings for the 'Environment & Housing' theme

### What you said

## Key messages are as follows:

## Housing:

- There is a lack of consistency in the Decent Standards work, we should try and exceed the governments targets
- It should be additional support for vulnerable tenants
- Housing could be further up the list within the document

#### **Environment:**

- Need more reference to rural planning
- Needs to be more around protection and enhancement of open spaces the ambition could be more ambitious
- More recycling schemes especially for plastics and cardboard

### Other points include:

## Housing:

- There needs to be more affordable and eco friendly Housing
- Housing options for the aging population need to be considered
- Housing should be seen in a broader context

#### **Environment:**

- Problems around chewing gum within the town centres
- The ambition around "Improve Waste Management" is not broad enough

### What we did:

- The Sustainable Community Strategy will run far beyond the deadline for completion of decent homes work. As such it is implicit that we will continue to develop and improve our housing during the lifetime of the strategy.
- Addressing the needs of vulnerable people in housing is covered in the Healthier Communities and Adults section.
- A strengthened reference to rural development has been included.
- The open spaces ambition is challenging. A reference to protecting open spaces has been included.
- A commitment to improve recycling is already included.
- Affordable and appropriate housing is already included.