

CHAPTER 3 : RESULTS OF THE STUDY

The Extent of Social Need in Nottinghamshire

Of the 380 zones in the Study, 134 zones are found to be in social need as defined by this Study (i.e. they have above the average score for Nottinghamshire as a whole). The ranking of all the zones in the area is given in Table 3.1.

The Study identifies 19 zones that experience extreme social need, 50 zones that experience serious social need and 65 zones experiencing moderate social need. These zones are shown on Map 3.1. According to these definitions, 37.5% of Nottinghamshire's population live in areas experiencing social need. This proportion rises to 74.7% in Nottingham City. Please note this does not imply that these percentages of the population experience above average social need.

The Distribution of Areas in Social Need

A high proportion of areas in social need are concentrated in Nottingham where 62 of the 82 zones experience this to some degree. Mansfield has the second highest number (22), half of all its zones. In contrast, only one zone in Rushcliffe was identified as experiencing social need, and only four in Broxtowe and five in Gedling. (The populations are given in Appendix A.)

The zones in greatest social need are concentrated to an even greater extent in Nottingham City. Of the 19 zones identified as experiencing extreme social need, 13 are within the City boundaries. Just over half of these are in the inner city area. Of the remaining zones, one is in Bassetlaw (Worksop Manton North, BA37, that has the highest score in Nottinghamshire), four are in Mansfield and one is in Newark and Sherwood.

Of the 50 zones experiencing serious social need 32 are in Nottingham. There are five in Ashfield, five in Mansfield, three in both Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood, and one in each of Broxtowe and Gedling. Of the 65 zones experiencing moderate social need 17 are in Nottingham, there are 13 in both Ashfield and Mansfield, eight in Bassetlaw, six in Newark and Sherwood, four in Gedling, three in Broxtowe and one in Rushcliffe.

Social Need in Nottingham City

Of the 82 zones in Nottingham City, 62 experience some degree of social need as defined in the study.

The areas experiencing extreme social need in Nottingham are varied in both character and location.

Broxtowe East (NO28) is the highest scoring zone in the City (and 2nd highest in Nottinghamshire). Broxtowe West (NO27) has the 5th highest score in the City (and is 7th in Nottinghamshire). Bells Lane (NO18), which neighbours the Broxtowe Estate to the north-east, is also an area experiencing extreme social need.

In the inner city area, all four zones in St Ann's experience extreme social need. These are St Ann's South (NO53, ranked 3rd in Nottinghamshire), St. Ann's Central (NO50, ranked 8th), St Ann's West (NO12, ranked 11th) and St. Ann's East (NO51, ranked 18th).

Both these areas are dominated by public sector housing, but St Ann's is an inner city estate constructed in the early 1970s while Broxtowe Estate on the periphery of Nottingham was constructed between the wars. Although the zone geographies have changed, both Broxtowe Estate and St. Ann's were also highlighted as experiencing some of the most extreme social need in the 1994 Study.

Thirty two City zones experience serious social need. There are clusters to the north-east around Bestwood, Bulwell and Top Valley and in the north-west around Aspley. Zones in the inner city within this category include Forest Fields East (NO17), All Saints (NO47), The Arboretum (NO48) and Sneinton North (NO68).

Seventeen City zones experience moderate social need. This category takes in further areas of the inner city, including Hyson Green North (NO43) and Forest Fields West (NO45). To the north, Highbury Vale West (NO14) and Highbury Vale East (NO15) are identified as having moderate social need, and to the south, Clifton Estate North (NO78) and Clifton Estate East (NO 82).

Only 20 zones in the City have below average levels of social need. There are some notable concentrations, including the zones that comprise Mapperley, Sherwood and Wollaton. These areas are similar to the 1994 Study.

The use of lower population thresholds for the 2004 Study has enabled the identification of small areas experiencing social need that are in close proximity to more affluent parts of the City. These include Edwards Lane (NO17) that neighbours Sherwood, Nobel Road (NO80) in Clifton, and Lenton Abbey (NO71) near Wollaton.

Social Need in Nottinghamshire County

The analysis shows which districts have the most marked social need. Outside the City of Nottingham, the districts with the most widespread problems are clearly Mansfield and Ashfield, each of which has multiple zones exhibiting serious and moderate social need. The most extensive area of highest social need is in Mansfield which has four zones with extreme need, whereas Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood each have one zone with extreme need.

A closer examination of the pattern of zones shows which zones in each district have the most and least need. The zone with the highest need by far is Worksop Manton North (BA37), which has the highest social need in Nottinghamshire, including the City. There are a cluster of zones showing serious need in Sutton-in-Ashfield, Worksop, various parts of Mansfield and central Newark. One marked feature arising from this analysis is that areas with extreme and serious social need are in close proximity to zones with below average or minimal need.

Ashfield has five zones with serious social need and 13 others with moderate, with a marked concentration of serious social need in Sutton-in-Ashfield. Although 18 zones in the district have high needs, 25 zones have below average need.

Bassetlaw has the zone with the highest social need in the County - Worksop Manton North (BA37). Three other zones in Worksop have serious social need and eight more moderate need. 30 Bassetlaw zones however, including three other Worksop zones, have below average social need.

New Eastwood (BR06) in Broxtowe is the district's only zone with serious need whilst three other zones in Beeston, Stapleford and Eastwood record moderate social need.

A similar picture emerges from Gedling where only one zone – Arnold Killisick (GE11), has serious need and four other zones, in Daybrook, Arnold, Carlton and Netherfield have moderate need.

Mansfield has the most marked need of all the County districts outside the City. Four zones in Mansfield Woodhouse have extreme need and five others, elsewhere in the district, serious need. Half of all Mansfield's 44 zones are classified as having above average social need.

The most marked cluster of zones with social need in the County area is that concentrated in central Newark, with four zones having extreme and severe need. Two other zones, in Ollerton and Boughton, figure in the six most in need in Newark and Sherwood district.

Although only one zone in Rushcliffe – Cotgrave Central (RU26) - has above average need, a group of West Bridgford zones are amongst the top half dozen in need zones in the district even though all these have below average need.