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*(Chatter.)*

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You can't hang out here. You have got the highroad and the market and the train station. The only place you can pop in is McDonald's, I don't do McDonald's. There is the cinema you can pop in there but it is a bit of a distance so you have to struggle-struggle with big bags and then come back down. They haven't got any recreation place there. The only place is the library where you can't do much you just have to go and read and do what you have to do and come out.

There are a lot of restaurants n'all these places but you don't want to go to and they are not cheap anyway.

Every restaurant or bar has music things disco things and it is aimed at young twenty somethings.

Nightlife that's an interesting one! I moved here because I was aware the area has a great nightlife and when I first moved in here I participated in it A LOT. I felt great but recently I became a little bit apathetic and a bit distant from it because this is not really what ... it became a bit more expensive I don't necessarily have the money any more I am busier than I was when I first moved and not as employed as I was and I became complacent because it is down the road and it is going to be there tomorrow although ironically it might not be.

They just boarded up some old shop fronts  
and someone has spray painted on it 'If this is  
another Tesco I will cry'.

*(Sound of clattering plates.)*

The shopping centre if you need to go to Iceland or Sainsbury's and then Matalan you know that what it is for and you have these people in the middle that is selling things and they always calling you to buy their stuff and you don't want to. It is not designed for you to relax.

There is a museum you can pop in there they have herb garden you can just walk around walk around and they've got a restaurant in the museum which is very expensive you cannot buy anything there they've got a gift shop with expensive tat but you may as well go to the pound-shop.

This place is turning white.

Why would it be natural for change to be that the middle classes invade the space that used to be cool because it wasn't middle class?

To walk down this road was terribly scary there was just one shop and lots of weird dangerous people and loud cars even shooting.

*(Scrape of knives and forks.)*



There is this big black community and they only shop at day time I don't know where they are at night I guess at home.

Any electrical stuff any pots and pans I usually buy from the shopping channel because there is a guarantee and I don't have to carry it, it comes to my door. It's guaranteed for life and if I go to shops and buy these things I'll get a guarantee for six months.

I remember one morning I've been for a run and I was about to go to a really nice café behind my house to get a croissant. And next to that that new shop opened up and had very little stock in it I think it had a few books in it and a couple of ornaments and there were these two old ladies outside and they were just like what is this place?

How about a get-together every three months. Get people to get out of their house and introduce everybody. Open up the hall and invite people. You can have it all day in and out in and out with activities so people can get to know each other.

I find things like council local authority sponsored events and things a bit cheesy.

I lack the involvement in unions, groups, organisations and usually I think people like me do not do that until they really need to have some support from others.

Who says what's good for the poor people?

If you're too poor to live in a certain area then you can choose to live in another area.

I don't know if this can come true but I would like to buy in the area.

To have this diversity of ethnicities and incomes there would have to be some sort of legislation around keeping rents low.

I never thought I would talk about buying a house but now I'd quite like to buy a house. I got to the point when I am like oh my god it makes me feel sick how much money I spent to live here.

When somebody gets a job because they earn how much thousand so they think they can buy a house, they can buy a car, the sea, the sun they can buy they can buy.

I wore short hot pants but not that hot, short shorts but thick black tights underneath this kind of tights which is totally normal here but in Berlin everyone was looking at me. Staring. Here no one cares.

Odd balance of quirks and homogeny.

What I started to hate is that everyone is creative here now.

We are very raw which I think is quite beautiful. Everything is real.



You can't be shy you can't you know. You have to be fighting be competitive! And you have to have the killer instinct!

Lots of people who have money started moving in here and this is a problem because well I am trying to roll my cigarette could you read me that question again?

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