

## Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

## AUDIO RECORD\*

## Recording:

Reference	NBLE1
Dialect Location	Leicester
Date of interview	2009

## Interviewee:

Gender	Female
Date of birth / age	1992
Occupation	Student

## Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from:  
31m46s – 32m51s

Yeah I think it's just like a shopping centre I mean I am going tomorrow to see it but

*((laughs))*

I've heard from (...) I've heard from people it's just you know they're quite expensive shops and it's a bit (...) you know

*Mmm*

I can't really buy anything now anyway if I'm going on Thursday my case is packed I'm only allowed fifteen kilos so (...) I can't fit anything else in I got to save my money apparently *((laughs))* (...) something about the area your from well yeah Leicester (...) *((unintelligible))* there's not a lot really to do round here I don't think (...) I've found that Leicester it's not (...) it's not a great place for young people I wouldn't say there's not a whole lot to do (...) I mean like we have town but that's it the nearest bowling you got to go miles away

*Even though you're sort of in the city?*

Even that I don't really think there's a whole lot to do in the city it's just shops so you know like in Nottingham you've got like the ice arena you can go ice skating

*Yeah*

I know it's not probably like amazing in Nottingham but compared to here I think it's quite good

*Mmm*

Cos when we were younger we had to go to Nottingham we went there on days out so yeah I mean there's parks nearby but (...) you know

*Yeah*

you've got to be choosy which parks you go to there're

*Careful which parks yeah*

Rough parks do you know what I mean *((laughs))* but I suppose when y/ when I was a lot younger and it wasn't so bad playing out on the street with me friends just make fun but when you get older and a teenager just a bit boring really not a lot to do

*yeah*

but it's a nice area I like round here

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**Linguistic description:**
**Phonology**

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT	money – [mʌni:] but – [bʌʔ] good – [gʌd]	Inconsistent
PRICE → [aɪ]	ice – [aɪs] like – [laɪʔ]	Frequent but not consistent
happY vowel	money – [mʌni:]	Consistent
<-er> → [e]	centre – [sɛntɐ] Leicester – [lɛstɐ] younger – [jʌŋgɐ] older – [əʊʔdɐ] arena – [əri:nɐ]	Frequent but not consistent
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/ → [ɪ]	my – [mɪ]	Occurs once
L-vocalisation	well – [wɛʊʷ] older – [əʊʊdɐ] people – [pi:pəʊʷ]	Frequent but not consistent; word-medially and finally
T-glottalisation	but – [bʌʔ] it's – [ɪʔs] Nottingham – [nɒʔɪŋgəm]	Frequent but not consistent; word-medially and finally
K-glottalisation	like – [laɪʔ]	Frequent but not consistent; word finally (final /k/ realised when following word starts with a vowel)
<-ng> → [ŋ]	going – [gəʊwɪŋ]	Inconsistent
<-ng> → [ŋk]	anything – [ɛnɪɔɪŋk]	
<-ng-> → [ŋg]	Nottingham – [nɒʔɪŋgəm] younger – [jʌŋgɐ]	Consistent, word-medially

**Lexis**

Item	Meaning	Comments
Like	filler:  “I mean like we have town”	

	<p>“it’s not very like amazing”</p> <p>“but you know like compared to here”</p>	
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Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Zero indefinite article	“and Ø teenager”	Occurs once
	Non-standard contraction	Got to - “gotta”	Consistent

**Further comments:**