The geographic issue relates to a factory closure.

The nature of the issue:

An annotated map of the area was included with the description.

The issue is that the Woolwear factory is going to close and this will mean a lot of people will lose their jobs. There aren’t many other jobs in Eastwood because the freezing works and the timber mill have also closed in the last 6 years... Unemployment is fairly high and so this will probably mean that some people will have to leave Eastwood to find work...

Viewpoints:

JP is against the factory closing because it is a big employer in the town. He knows it will be hard to find another job in Eastwood and this might mean he has to move Alton or Parksville... JP says that other people will be like him and have to leave... His family will be unhappy if they have to leave because they like Eastwood and have lots of friends here.

KS also doesn’t want the factory to close. She just got the office job 6 months ago and doesn’t want to be unemployed again...

Option: Keep the factory open

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Recommendation: Keep the factory open.

I think it is important to keep the factory open because if the unemployment goes higher and people leave Eastwood this would create more problems for the whole town...