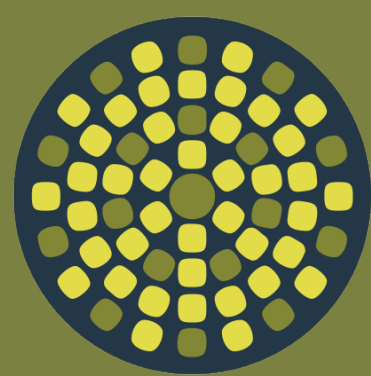




Introduction



Who Is Involved in this Project?

Cirencester Town Council is supporting the preparation of the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan.

A Steering Group of local people are preparing the plan. They are engaging with a wide variety of local people and interest groups who know and love Cirencester.

This approach will ensure that Cirencester gets the right development in the right place.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning is a powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to shape how their communities develop.

When complete, the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan will be used by Cotswold District Council to influence and to help decide planning applications, including new buildings and changes to existing buildings and the use of land across the whole town.

The Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan will be a document that sets out planning policies for the whole of the town, consisting of the eight election ward boundaries of Abbey, Beeches, Chesterton, Four Acres, New Mills, St Michael's, Stratton and Watermoor.

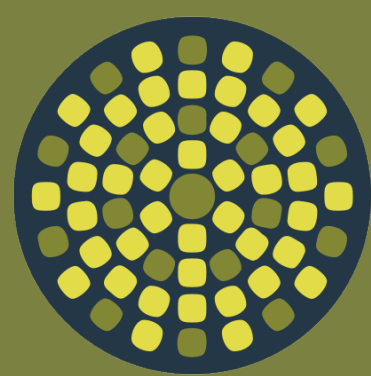


About This Exhibition

This exhibition sets out the ideas, issues and options discussed by the public and the Steering Group.

Cirencester has a rich history and a bright future.

The Steering Group would like to hear from you and to get your thoughts on that future. You can do this by providing your own inputs at this exhibition and by taking part in the interactive tasks.



Possible projects

Based on feedback and suggestions from our work with the Cirencester community so far, we have a range of projects and strategies that are being considered as part of the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan.

Flood alleviation schemes
Connected and long distance cycle paths
Establish a Town Centre Manager
Better link outlying residential areas with the town centre
New cinema and live music venue

Public transport connections to key regional centres
Open up school buildings and grounds on weekends and evenings
Regular public transport connections to key regional centres
Reconnect Roman Amphitheatre to town centre
Inclusive social and recreational spaces

Public electric vehicle charge points
Tourism strategy
Create new walking map
Attract new business with better regional links to skills bodies and funders
Mapping views and vistas

Establish a Business Improvement District
Playground maintenance and new spaces
Increase community spaces in neighbourhoods
Sport and leisure facility growth

History & Heritage

The Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan team is already aware of the rich heritage of the town. Many of these assets already benefit from national level protections. The team is therefore considering how additional layers of protection and enhancement can be built into the plan.



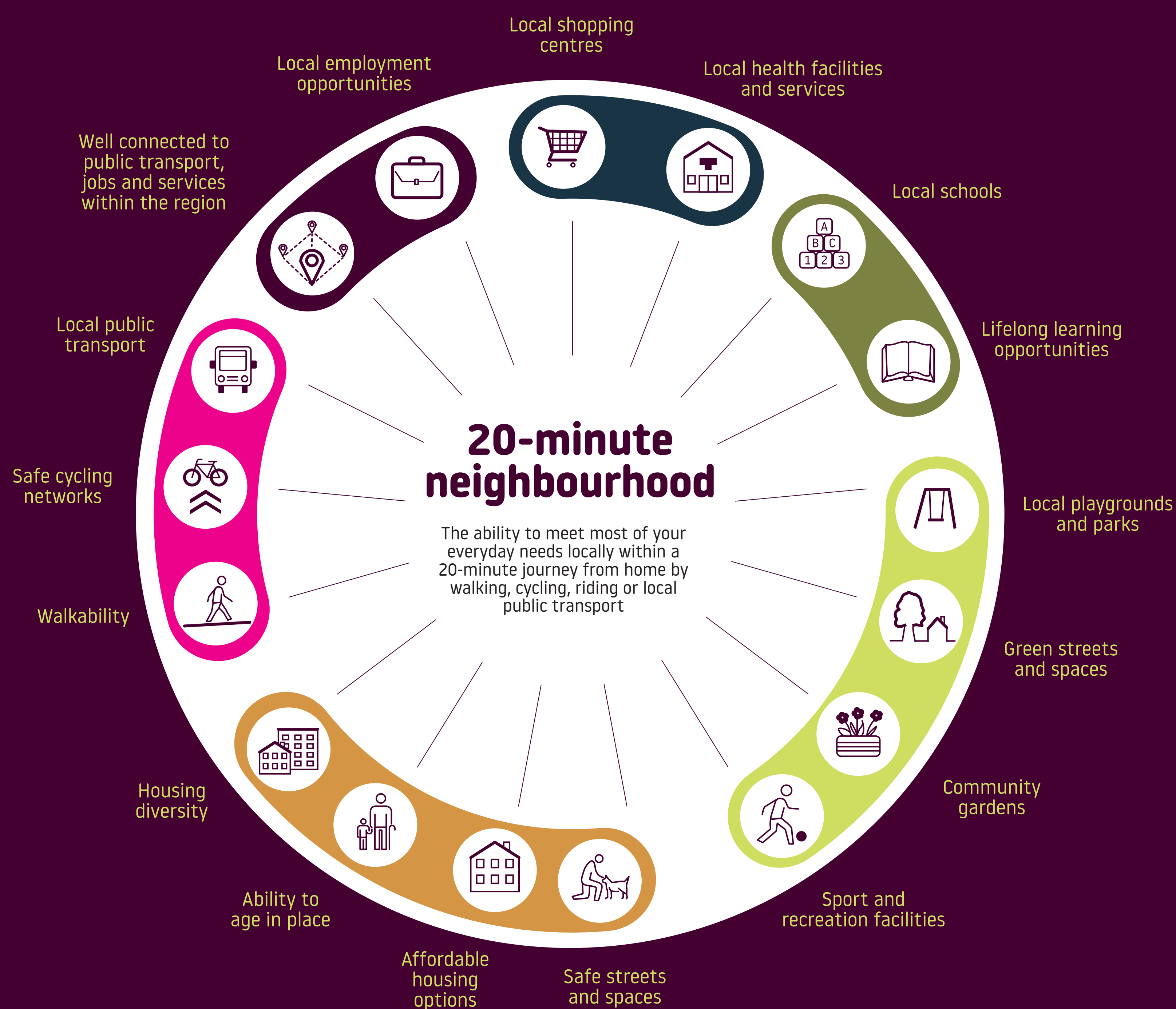
Did you know the town has...

Conservation areas	4
Conservation area (km)	Nearly 2km sq
All listed buildings	379
Listed building: Grade I	3
Listed building: Grade II*	35
Listed building: Grade II	333
Scheduled ancient monuments	7
Parks & gardens: Grade I	1

If you would like to know more, please ask us.

The plan above shows the various layers of history in terms of infrastructure. The Roman town was characterised by the street grid, the walls and the four gates that controlled access to the city, as well as the amphitheatre, the theatre, the forum and the market place. The Industrial Revolution brought the railways, sadly long gone. In the 20th century, a road network around the town was built. While this has removed some traffic from the middle, it does have the effect of separating the town centre from the surrounding residential areas.

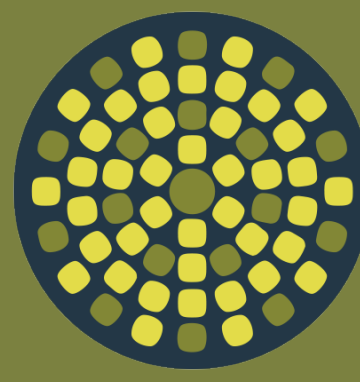
The 20 Minute Neighbourhood



A key principle underpinning the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan is the concept of the “20 Minute Neighbourhood”

This is the name given to an urban planning concept that seeks to improve quality of life by creating cities in which everything a resident needs on a daily or weekly basis can be reached within a quarter of an hour or so by walking or by cycling.

Major services, such as hospitals, secondary schools, universities, and larger cultural attractions would continue to be provided on a larger geographical scale.



The 20 Minute Neighbourhood

To be successful, the 20 Minute Neighbourhood concept requires a range of interventions. These combine to create positive places that encourage patterns of local movement with significant wider benefits.

All these images have been taken from market towns or small compact cities with significant heritage assets, similar to Cirencester.



Green space, playgrounds and sport

If we are to create streets that are attractive and pleasant enough to encourage people to walk and cycle, then adding green landscape features is essential. Not only do streets like this look good, they can provide shade in the summer, help soak up heavy rainfall and support wildlife and biodiversity. Existing streets can be enhanced in this way.



Employment opportunities and connections

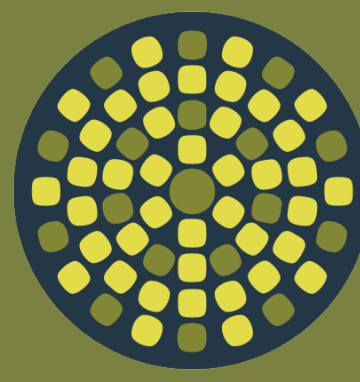
Encouraging the development of small scale offices or workshop spaces in outlying neighbourhoods can provide alternative to all employment being in the town centre. It can also provide low-cost start-up spaces for those setting up a new venture.



Public and active transport

The 20 Minute Neighbourhood requires streets that are convenient and safe for people to walk and cycle along and this means fewer car movements to create the space needed for active travel modes. Interventions such as "low traffic neighbourhoods" can help deliver this change.





The 20 Minute Neighbourhood

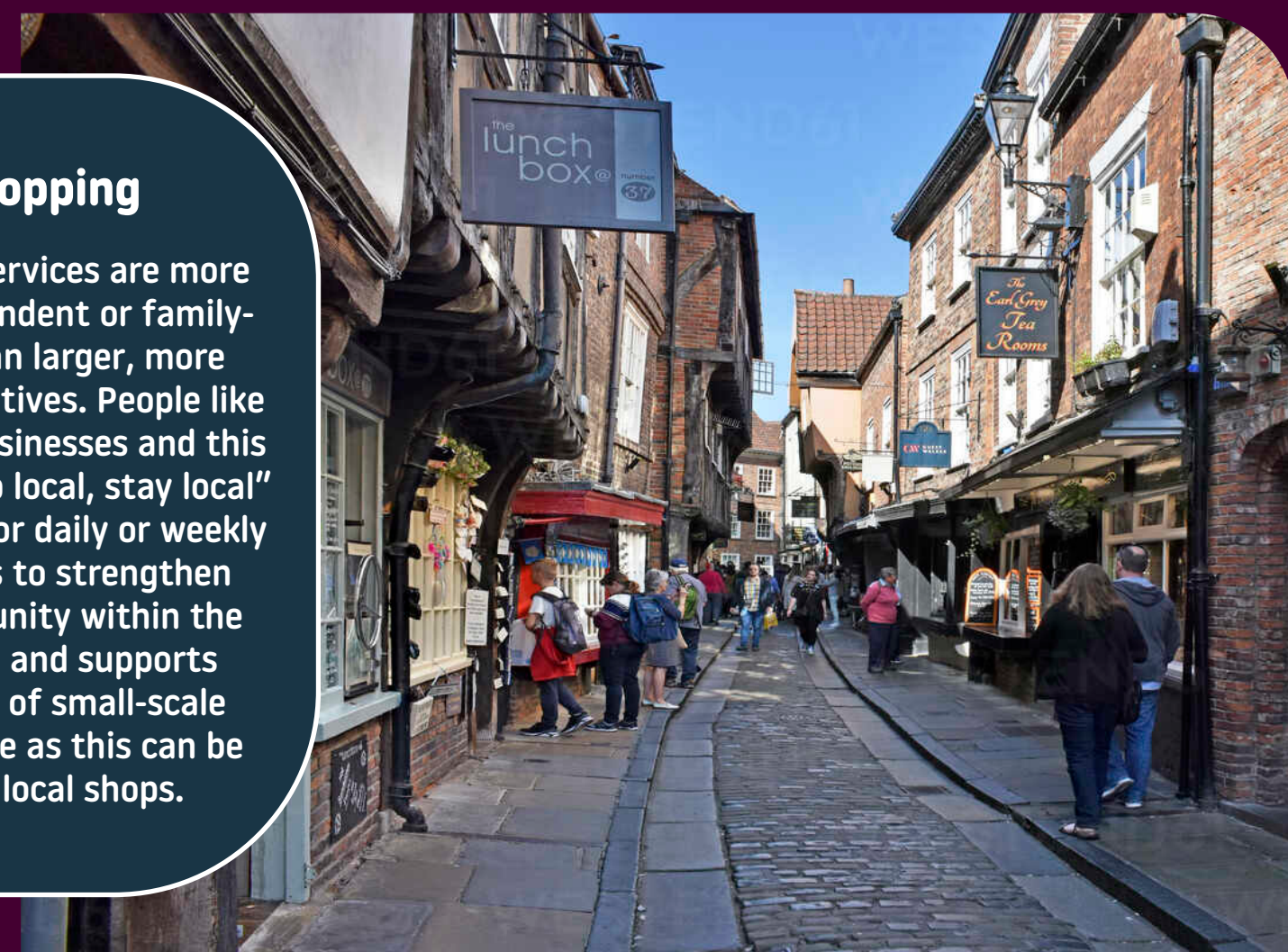
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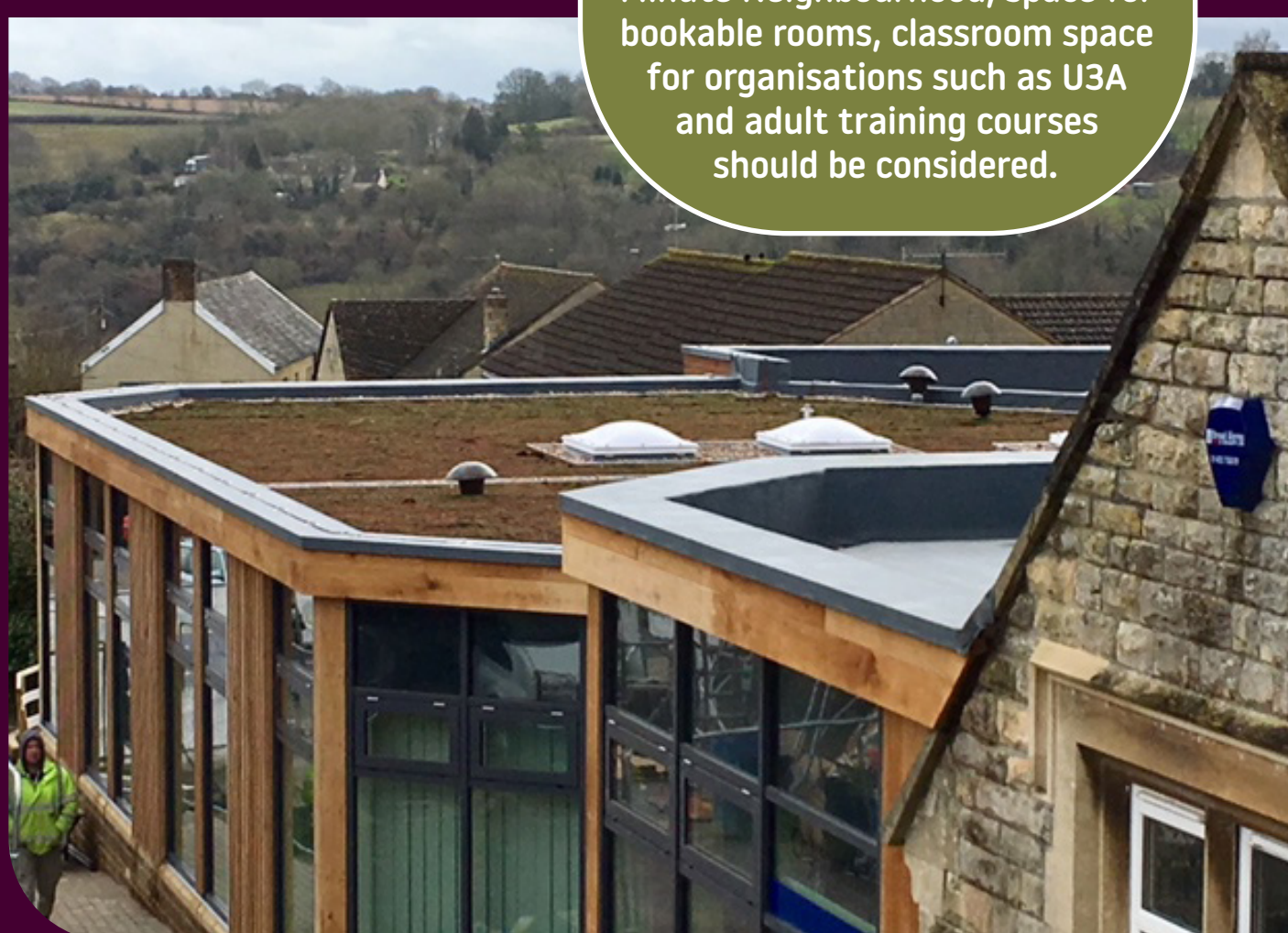
Local shopping

Local shops and services are more likely to be independent or family-run business than larger, more centralised alternatives. People like to support such businesses and this encourages a “shop local, stay local” attitude towards for daily or weekly needs. This helps to strengthen a sense of community within the neighbourhoods and supports the introduction of small-scale employment space as this can be served by the local shops.



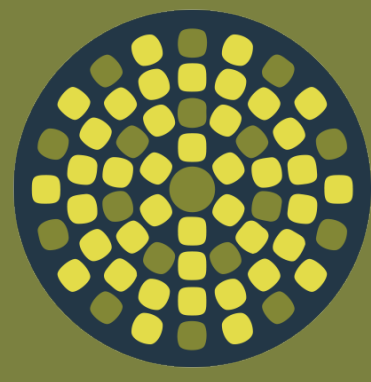
Schools and lifelong learning

Primary schools have long been an anchor use within a strong neighbourhood but what about opportunities for lifelong learning? While the scale of secondary schools means they will necessarily lie outside the 20 Minute Neighbourhood, space for bookable rooms, classroom space for organisations such as U3A and adult training courses should be considered.



Affordable or diverse housing

A range of house types, from larger family homes to smaller apartments for the young and the elderly are important within a neighbourhood if we are to create a mixed and balanced community. Homes need to be adaptable for life long living so people do not feel the need to leave the neighbourhood as their living needs change, further strengthening a sense of community.



The 20 Minute Neighbourhood

The benefits of the 20 Minute Neighbourhood model are wide-ranging and interrelated:



Reduce the number of motorised car journeys



Strengthen local communities



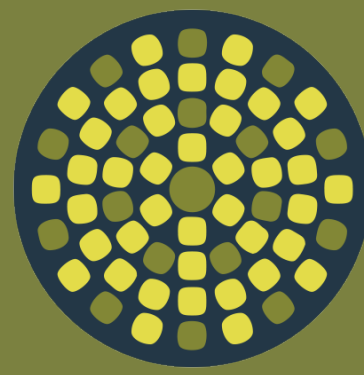
Increase health and fitness levels

It can start to “free up thinking” around the purpose of the core town centre...

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Question: If you no longer head into town centre on a daily or weekly basis because you have everything within 20 minutes of where you live, what should the future town centre now offer?

This is an exciting proposition as we can now think more creatively about the focus and purpose of the core of Cirencester as part of 20 Minute Neighbourhood approach.



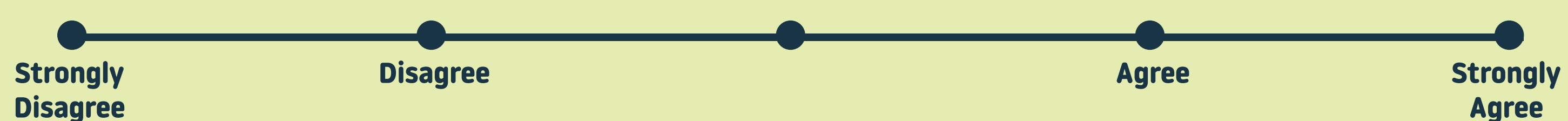
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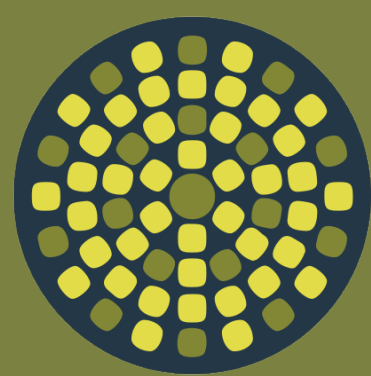
This diagram shows how the 20 Minute Neighbourhood model could be applied in practice across Cirencester



Would you like to see this model implemented?

Please place a sticker on this panel to indicate your level of support

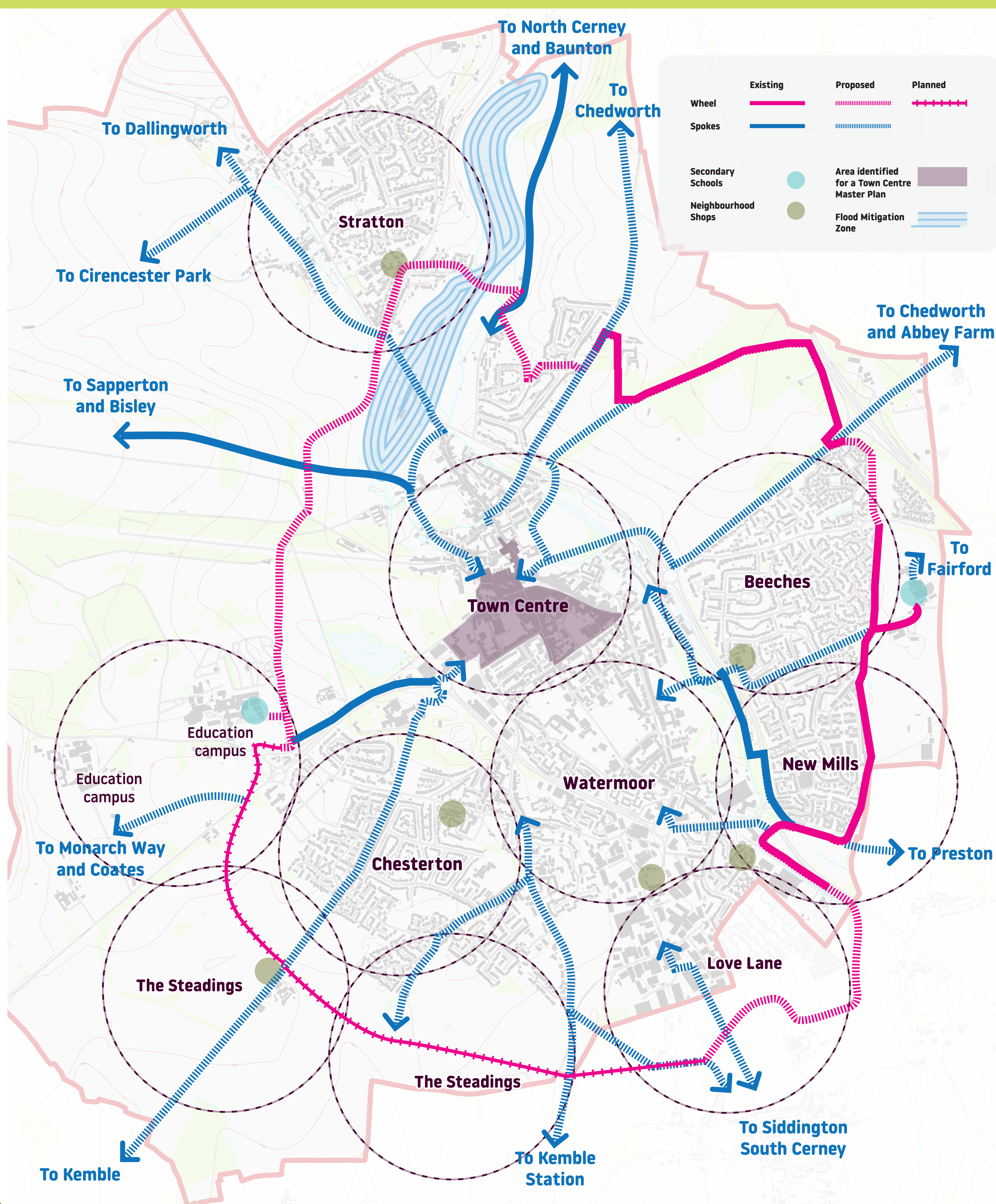


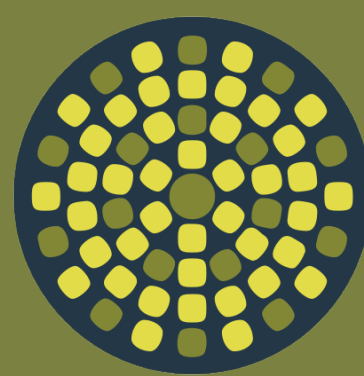


Walking and cycling

A key component of the 20 Minute Neighbourhood is a network of attractive, direct, convenient, connected and safe walking and cycling routes. The team have been looking at the options and have produced this potential network diagram. The team are in regular contact with Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire

County Council to agree how this network can be delivered. These conversations include how to improve existing routes that are not currently fit for purpose and how the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan can link into the LCWIP (the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan).

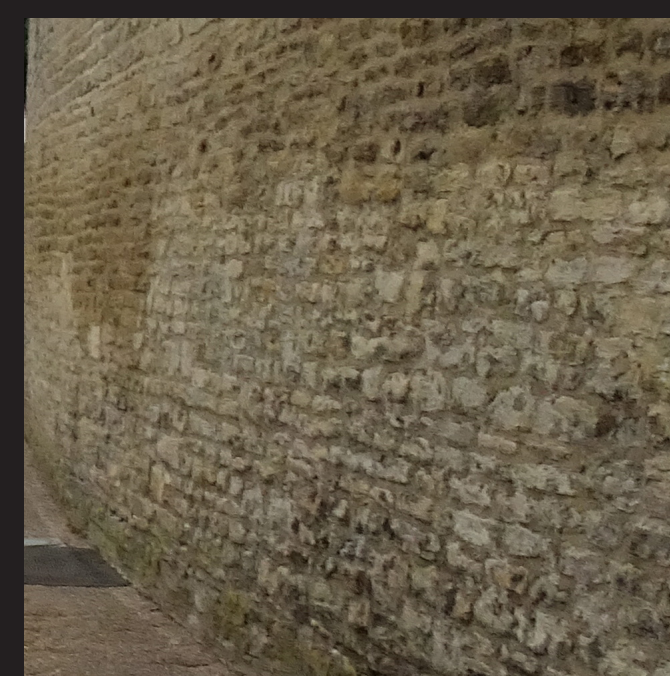




Civic Pride

The management and maintenance of Cirencester's streets and spaces is fundamental to its success. Consideration of future management and maintenance should be at the heart of all public realm projects. This includes keeping the roundabouts, highways, verges and approach to the town clean and tidy. This helps create and communicate a sense of civic pride.

In 2017, Cirencester Town Council adopted the Cirencester Town Centre Public Realm Design Code. This sets out an overarching strategy for future streetscape works within the town, whether they be brought forward by the public or private sectors. The team wish to use the Cirencester Neighbourhood Plan to embed the concepts and ideas in the Cirencester Town Centre Public Realm Design Code more fully into the planning regime for the town.



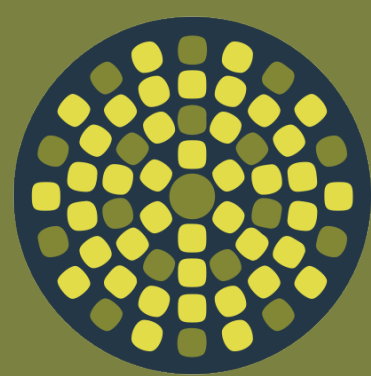
Here are some ideas around how this can be expressed in the neighbourhood plan:

General guidelines

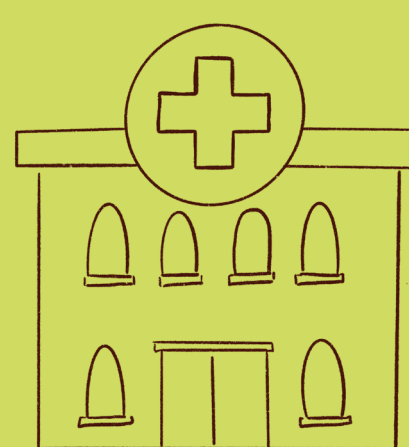
- All new streets and spaces will need to be designed so that they are suitable for established management and maintenance regimes.
- Existing street and spaces should be repaired and maintained to a high standard, with the appropriate use of replacement materials
- For any proposals including an amount of green landscaping, a management plan will need to be provided to ensure correct establishment of the planting.
- Consideration should be given to storage of materials for future repair and replacement works.

Designed to last

- Durability, longevity and future management and maintenance should be a fundamental consideration in specification of all materials.
- Costs of management and maintenance regimes need to be understood and secured in advance of new schemes being implemented.
- The teams responsible for management and maintenance of public realm are integral to the design of any new scheme.
- Management of vegetation for ecological and sustainability purposes as well as resourcing, including grass cutting, weeding, and planting should be considered as part of the design process.



Primary Care



Doctors in Cirencester are looking for new locations for larger surgery buildings to accommodate a growing population.

These new surgery buildings will allow them to provide more and better services to their patients.

We would like to hear your views and ideas about this.

The current NHS strategy is to have fewer surgeries than we have now, but to make the ones we have bigger and better.

Where in or around Cirencester would you like to see new doctors surgeries?



Should they be on the edge of the town or in the centre of the town?



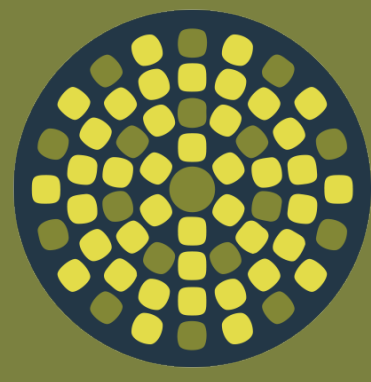
Have you any other thoughts about current and future health services?



Is there any land or premises that you know of that might be available?

Can you point to locations that you think might be suitable?

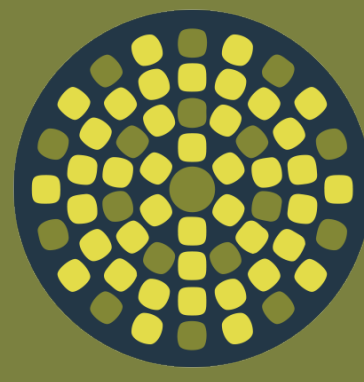
Use your stickers to show us on the map on the next poster



Primary Care

Use your stickers to show us your suggestions for new locations



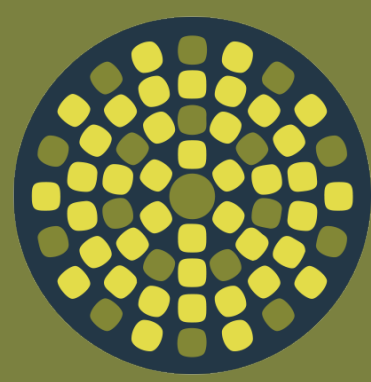


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Now get stuck into the tabletop tasks...

Word Challenge

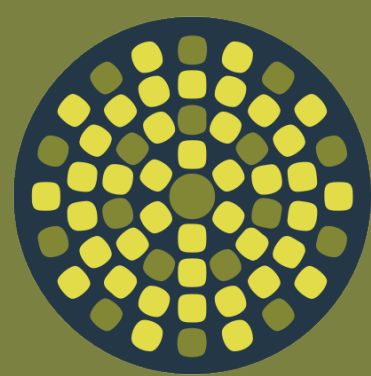
Help us to create a vision statement

Younger Persons' Activity

Draw and write your ideas for the future

Town Centre of the Future

Help us to decide the best land use pattern



What's next for the plan...

The results from this exhibition will be used to inform the next stage of the neighbourhood plan.



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The project Steering Group, acting on behalf of Cirencester Town Council, will soon begin preparing the first full draft of the neighbourhood plan.



The draft neighbourhood plan will contain photographs, drawings, and diagrams, together with planning policy text. The draft plan will be subject to continued testing and public consultation at further events in 2022.



Stay informed!

Please go to cirencesternp.org to stay informed about the project where you can sign up for our newsletter.