

How good is your street?

Look to see what is good, what is bad and what needs to be improved



LOOK TO SEE WHAT IS GOOD

Take a manageable length of street, say part of a high street with some places where people cross the road, and note down what you feel is good about it.

- Historic buildings such as a church, town hall or inn
- Interesting shops with attractive things to look at
- Places to visit, making you want to come again
- Clean pavements giving a real welcoming feel
- Comfortable pavements for all to use
- Traffic signs not too obtrusive
- Trees, landscape and well kept front gardens
- Flower baskets
- Street lamps neat and tidy
- Road crossings: easy to use & where you need them
- Traffic not too threatening
- Safe roads for cyclists
- Anything else

Historic buildings, landscape, calmed traffic, things to look at, make you want to come again

WHAT IS BAD

At the same time note down what you feel is bad.

- Derelict buildings or abandoned property
- Boarded-up shop fronts or ugly hoardings
- Boring frontages or neglected back yards
- Nowhere to stop and sit and chat to friends
- Rubbish on the pavement: not removed quickly
- Broken paving slabs: ugly and dangerous
- Obstructions on the pavement: post, kiosks, etc.
- Parked cars or vans blocking the pavement
- Unsightly railings along the kerb
- Road crossings difficult or too complicated to use
- Dangerous traffic speeds
- A general feel of neglect and that no one cares
- Anything else



Your street might not be as bad as this, but note down all the things that you don't like

WHAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED

Some things can be changed easily. Some will take time and money. Therefore note down what you feel should be done soon and what could be longer term projects.

First suggest what should be done to remedy the problems identified in the list above. This should be quite straightforward.

Next think what makes the street distinctive: what makes it different from similar streets elsewhere. Is there an important building, vista, open space or group of trees that you really like and which reminds you of the place?

These are the things that in the long term can be emphasised so that the street will become even **more distinctive and welcoming and be a true joy.**



Lots of towns have small corners that are quite pleasant but could be made even better