

Workshop 1: Infrastructure for Sustainable Communities

Neighbourhood Area / Parish = Area K: Westlea, Toothill and Freshbrook

Infrastructure Strengths	Infrastructure Weaknesses	Suggested Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group reviewed the maps and it was agreed that this area has a good network of bus routes running throughout the area.• Furthermore, the area has an even distribution of local centres with a good range of facilities, including a library.• The area also boasts a high tech employment centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group felt that a major infrastructure weakness in the area is existing traffic congestion approaching Junction 16 of the M4. These capacity issues are likely to get worse in the future• Another infrastructure deficiency was considered to be open space provision. The area hasn't got quality planned open spaces, but has a series of pockets of space left over from development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More planned open space would be a major benefit.

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Neighbourhood Area / Parish = Area J: Grange Park and Nine Elms

Infrastructure Strengths	Infrastructure Weaknesses	Suggested Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of the key strengths of this area is the quality and extent of the green infrastructure which includes Lydiard Country Park and a series of linear and circular open space routes – ideal for walking and cycling.• There is also a good network of bus routes throughout the area and a good distribution of primary and secondary schools.• The area also boasts a good range of sports and leisure facilities including outdoor sports pitches and play areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are two doctors surgeries in the area but no health clinic.• The group identified that employment provision is dropping in the area, especially at Rivermead Industrial Estate which now has significant floorspace capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group consensus was that a more centrally located health clinic would be beneficial to the area and would alleviate some of the pressure on the existing doctor's surgeries.• Overall the group felt that the area is well served by its infrastructure currently but with more development this existing infrastructure would rapidly become stretched, therefore this is the right time to think about improvements.

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Neighbourhood Area / Parish = Area 1: Toothill and Westlea

Infrastructure Strengths	Infrastructure Weaknesses	Suggested Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group identified that this area has good public transport connections both in terms of bus routes and due to its proximity to the railway station• The groups noted that the sewage treatment works is a key land use and infrastructure feature of the area although queried whether it has capacity for expansion.• Swindon College can be found in this area.• The area also boasts a leisure centre and a decent open space, including the community forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group felt there is a deficiency in terms of health facilities in this area and also capacity issues on the local road network. The proposed canal would require traffic to divert onto Great Western Way exacerbating these capacity issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved public transport provision would be an advantage.• Canal would be a positive infrastructure improvement in itself but its impact on the surrounding road network requires careful consideration.

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Neighbourhood Area / Parish = Area C: Parks and Walcot

Infrastructure Strengths	Infrastructure Weaknesses	Suggested Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is an older part of Swindon with well-designed estates, previously with allotments.• There is a good public transport network in the area (circular routes)• Oakfield Campus is a significant education facility in the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Park south has a district centre but has no shops.• Classed as a deprived area.• The area has one very busy health centre but this is at capacity.• There is no convenient or direct access to secondary schools in the area but across arterial routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The area is in desperate need of new sports facilities• There is a need to protect former allotments sites for sport / leisure use.• A new health centre would be of great benefit to the area.