

Workshop 1: Infrastructure for Sustainable Communities

Neighbourhood Area / Parish = North Swindon / Haydon Wick Parish

Infrastructure Strengths	Infrastructure Weaknesses	Suggested Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main road gives good access to other parts of Swindon and does not tend to get congested. • The area is well served by local schools, with a school per area. Some of the schools are new. • There is plenty of green open space/parks. • There is a large amount of retail. • There is an adequate supply of health centres to cover the area. • The industrial areas/employment opportunities on the outskirts of the neighbourhood are well placed in terms of causing least disturbance to residential areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the main road is good, it encourages residents to be dependent on the private car, because it is too far to the city centre to walk, and public transport is considered to be a weakness in the area. • The railway station is inadequate, buses are infrequent and journey times unnecessarily lengthy due to too many stops in the built up residential areas. • There are too few leisure facilities and they tend to be private rather than public. There are no cinemas, not enough pubs, and few leisure facilities for teenagers. • There is a lack of Affordable Housing. • The fire station is far away from the area. • The industrial areas/employment opportunities on the outskirts of the neighbourhood are inadequately served by public transport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good supply of safe cycle routes/paths may encourage people to cycle more rather than using the car. • Rail services could be improved. • An increase in bus services may encourage greater use of buses, and there should be frequent services that are more direct and do not travel around all the residential areas, in order to reduce journey times. • More leisure facilities could be provided for the area, especially for teenagers. This may include facilities such as community centres, youth centres and skate parks. • The out of town employment areas may benefit from having their own specific buses/bus routes to ensure a quick and direct journey to work as an alternative to using private cars.

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Infrastructure Strengths	Infrastructure Weaknesses	Suggested Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was thought to be a good network of roads in the area.• The area is well served by local shops.• There is an adequate number of school for the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many of the same infrastructure issues were highlighted for this area, as for the Parish of Haydon Wick.• Given that the area is relatively far from the city centre, improvements to public transport were thought to be necessary, especially as the group felt that there is currently a high dependence on the use of cars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As for the Parish of Haydon Wick, it was suggested that Blunsdon St Andrew needs increased bus routes and services, with some routes being more direct to other areas of Swindon. Currently, bus routes tend to make many stops within the residential areas, causing journey times to be lengthy.