

Strengths

Weaknesses

Open Space/playing fields

- The quantity, higher than the national average.
- The amount of public parks.

Allotments

- There are some facilities, but far more are needed.

Community Halls

- The number of halls that are utilised.

Play areas

- Some facilities are better place than others.

Cycle Routes

- Communities use the cycle routes that are currently available.

Open Space/playing fields

- How it is used and managed.
- Access is often limited (boundaries imposed around some playing fields, which makes them difficult to access).
- Some playing fields are located in areas that are peripheral to communities.
- Some areas have a lack of green space e.g Old Town.
- Open space is in the countryside. This is deceptive in terms of the amount of open space in Swindon.

Allotments

- Access is sometimes a problem. Allotments need to be within walking distance of residential areas.
- Long waiting lists – more areas need to be turned over to allotments.

Community Halls

- There are a number of community halls that are underused (west Swindon).
- There are some communities that require a community hall, but do not have access to one.

Play areas

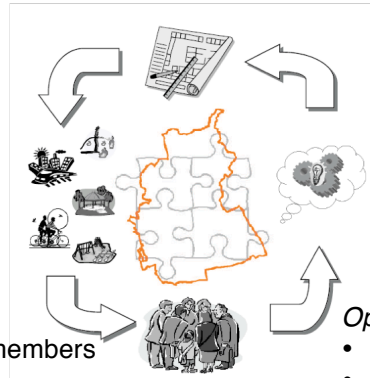
- Shortage in amount and lack of maintenance. Inaccessible is also a problem in some areas.

Cycle routes

- Some routes do not join up and do not connect to the countryside.

Community Centres and services

Lack of facilities to serve some communities in terms of an adequately equipped local centre that includes a doctor's surgery and shops.



Open Space/playing fields

- Better use of school fields, which should be made available to members of the public outside of school times.
- Opens space to be integrated better into development.

Allotments

- Opportunities for operating a land share system for allotment space.

Play areas

- Work with developers to integrate into development.
- Increasing the level of facilities, making them more adaptable and ensuring the community take ownership.

Schools

- Have the opportunity to be the heart of the community and should be in a central location offering shared facilities for members of the public.

Transport

- Improving services and links between places.
- More information on operational services (timetable updates).

Ownership

- More ownership over community facilities to help create a better sense of community.

Open Space/playing fields

- Age of some of facilities; some facilities are not fit for purpose.
- Lack of maintenance can be a problem in terms of appropriate use of facilities.
- Open space available now may be lost in the future due to competing land uses.

Allotments

- Land for allotments seems to be sparse, as it has to compete with other land uses.

Neighbourhood Policing

- More community policing required to improve safety.

Under represented

- Children are under represented in some areas in terms of facilities and services available to them.
- Schools being completed too late, after residential development has already been delivered and people have moved into houses.

Growth

- Growth of places is viewed as a threat. Growth in populations must be matched with appropriate facilities.

Organisation/Communications

Lack of communication within communities regarding what facilities are available and where they are located.

Opportunities

Threats