

8th November 2021 / Steering Group Meeting

Chichester Neighbourhood Plan

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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. **5.00pm** Welcome and introduction by Chair (Robin Hamilton).
2. **5.05pm** The Chichester Neighbourhood Plan, a brief overview and explanation about the role of the Steering Group by the project advisor (Richard Eastham).
3. **5.10pm** Introductions and brief biographies from all those that are already on the Steering Group and/or those would like to join (approx. 3 mins each).
4. **5.25pm** Specific questions about the requirements of being a Steering Group member.
5. **5.45pm** Summary of the work completed so far, what we need to do next (Richard Eastham) followed by the assignment of roles and responsibilities to the Steering Group membership.
6. **6.15pm** Conclusion and agreement of next steps by Chair (Robin Hamilton).
7. **6.30pm** Meeting close



**“Make no small plans. They have
no magic to stir men’s blood!”**

Daniel Burnham
Chief Planner for Chicago, 1893



**“Neighbourhood planning?
Be bold but don’t be reckless!”**

Steve Quartermaine
Government’s Chief Planner, 2011




“Towns and cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody”

Jane Jacobs – journalist, author, activist 1961

What steps are needed to prepare a neighbourhood plan?

These are the steps needed to prepare neighbourhood plan:

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1. Defining the neighbourhood area – *agreeing the plan boundary*
 2. Drafting the plan – *research, engagement, drafting policy text etc.*
 3. Formal min. 6-week consultation (Reg.14) – *run by the parish council on a draft of the whole plan*
 4. Consider revisions and changes – *based on the results of the Reg. 14 consultation*
 5. Submission to Chichester District Council – *once the plan is updated*
 6. Formal min. 6-week consultation (Reg.16) – *run by the local planning authority*
 7. Independent examination – *to check against the regulations*
 8. Referendum – *final plan is voted upon by local people*
 9. Plan comes into legal force – *if the referendum is won*



1. The Organiser

The key skills you will need are being organised generally, being able to think about how long certain tasks will take, being able to suggest who is the best person or people to complete these tasks and how to oversee the delivery of the tasks.



2. The Researcher & Analyst

Maybe you are somebody with an interest in culture and history or architecture and can make connections between the design of a building, the context in which it was built and how it is used today? Or perhaps you enjoy walking around and soaking up the general atmosphere, just “people watching”. Well, now is the time to take those people watching skills and ask some deeper questions.



3. The Facts & Stats Person

You work quite differently to the two types of people previously. You are somebody who needs to deal with the facts, what you see in front of you. Your research will underpin the evidence needed for the writing of the neighbourhood plan as your work will help ground the more poetic aspects of place with accurate data.



4. The Engager

You will focus on talking to the public. This is the third part of the research process: The Researcher & Analyst identifies themes and threads that reveal the big picture and the Facts & Stats person grounds these ideas and presents some robust evidence. Now, the Engager tests these emerging theories out on the public.



5. The Presenter

The job of the Presenter is to oversee the work and understand the evolving process. The presentation element involves combining photographs, diagrams, maps, plans and other illustrations with text. The results from the Researcher & Analyst, the Facts & Stats person and the Engager will all be fed towards the Presenter who will package and assemble the work into a coherent and compelling story.

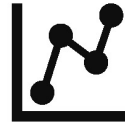
WHICH ONE ARE YOU?



1. The Organiser



2. The Researcher & Analyst



3. The Facts & Stats Person



4. The Engager



5. The Presenter

THE BIG SPLASH MASTERPLAN?



Wait too long? Too much upheaval? Risk too great?

LOTS OF DABS OF PAINT



Smaller projects all creating the bigger picture

PLACE

Planning



Landscape



Architecture



Culture



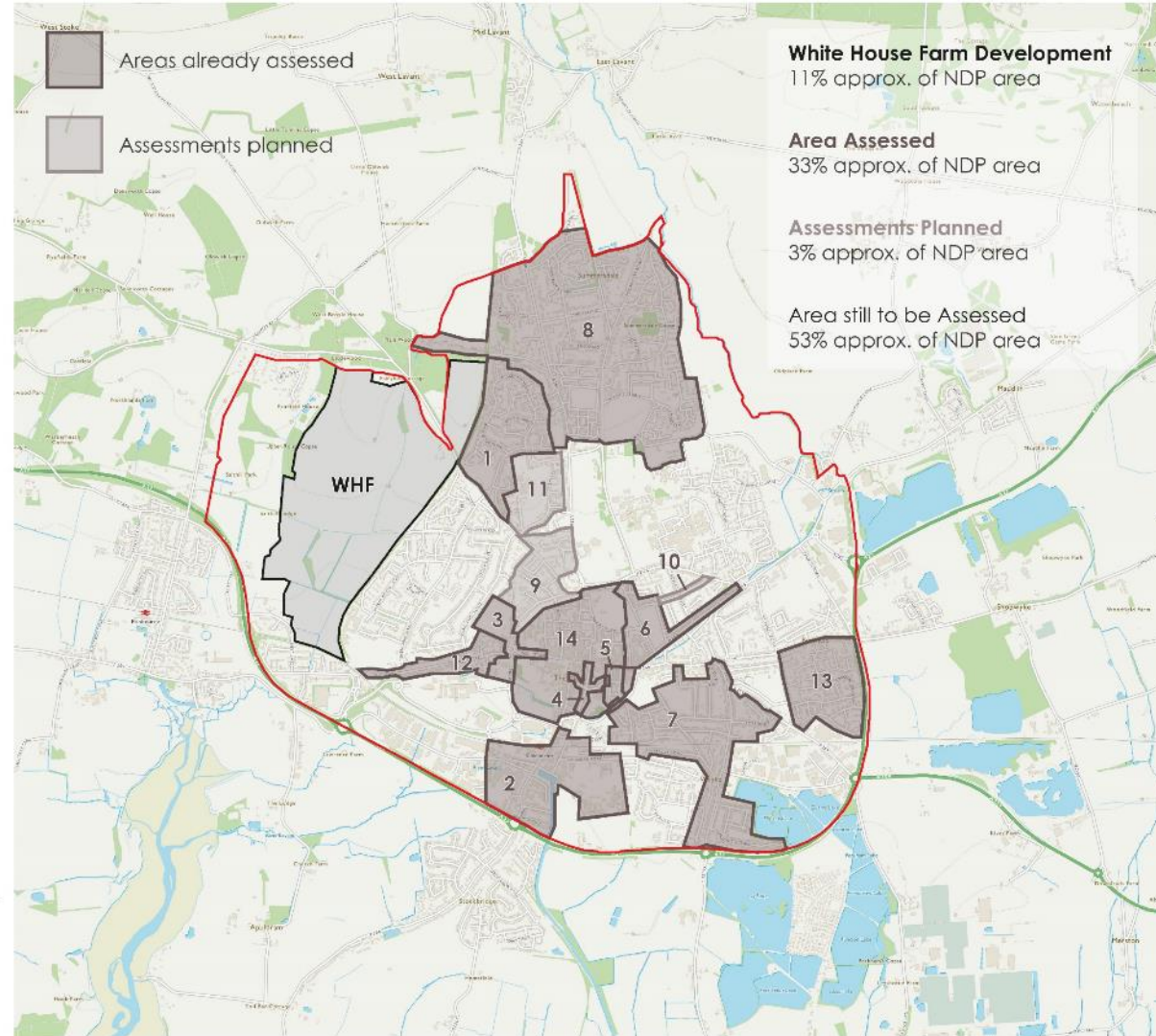
Engineering



PLACE Analysis for the Chichester Neighbourhood Plan

progress map as of **21.09.21**

- 1** East Broyle
- 2** Southern Gateway
- 3** West Walls
- 4** Pallants
- 5** Newtown
- 6** New Park Road Area
- 7** Whyke
- 8** Summersdale
- 9** Orchard street and old Somerstown
- 10** Melbourne Road
- 11** Woodlands Lane & Little Breach
- 12** Westgate
- 13** Arun Park Estate
- 14** City Centre






For more information on PLACE assessments see:
<https://chichestercity.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/#PLACE%20Assessments>

PLACE Analysis

Key Messages / September 2021




Summersdale

-  Summersdale is considered a green and leafy neighbourhood.
-  The footpaths around the fields and countryside are quite a community hub.
-  Signs and street furniture are probably about right.






POSITIVE

East Broyle

-  Entirely residential.
-  The village green on the entrance holds events and is used for picnics, football, running, dog walking, sunbathing etc.
-  Large plot sizes make the area desirable. Extensions are popular. They add variety but reduce open green space.

The Pallants

-  There are some significant views which need to be preserved. Most important amongst these are the view of the cathedral looking along West Pallant.
-  The built environment is generally of good quality and is entirely urban in character. Virtually all of the buildings in the Pallants are listed.
-  It is perceived as the heart of the city and there are often guided tours of the Pallants.

West Walls

-  Organic growth and natural change over the centuries have ensured a good land mix in the area.
-  The lack of front gardens a strong feature.
-  There is a well-placed and very well used bench on the north side of the roundabout.
-  The area is well served for cultural venues.

Westgate

-  One of the major attractions of Westgate is the leafy character of the neighbourhood.
-  The diversity of family dwellings with their well-established gardens adds significantly to the character.
-  St Bartholomew's church and its churchyard is an important historic feature with potential for reuse for cultural and community purposes.

City Centre

-  Combining and adjoining architectural styles from different eras creates the rich environment that we now enjoy.
-  Priory Park and the Bishop's Palace Garden are attractive, well used, inclusive meeting places that contribute greatly to the social and economic life of the city.
-  If fewer car parking spaces are required the Little London car park could be transformed to a piazza.

Southern Gateway

-  The area's open space is the canal basin and the canal as far as the A27 — it is our "village green".
-  There is a helpful community spirit but no community centre. We need a centre which meets our needs.
-  Front gardens of dwellings have a mix of walls, fences, hedges and plantings. This mixture works well and avoids an enforced uniformity of style.


New Park Road Area

-  There is a good mix of older and new buildings sensitively designed to fit in with the character of the city.
-  The mix of garden areas and playing fields with residential homes fits very well.
-  Green spaces are well connected, albeit with the A286 running between them.




Arun Park Estate

-  Florence Park (just to the west of Arun Park estate) is a very useful resource for the eastern edge of the city. It is well used with a good range of equipment.
-  The old and attractive reception building to the south of Arun Park Estate could be kept when this area is developed as a residential area and become a community centre.

Newtown

-  Newtown is an attractive urban, mainly historic landscape with a mix of styles and sizes. It is enhanced by mature trees.
-  There are alleyways and arches in Newtown and the Pallants that provide interest.
-  Many visitors examine the houses carefully and can often be heard saying "... isn't it lovely here?"

Whyke

-  The north of Whyke has the Amphitheatre which has open green space that is used for picnics, dog walking etc.
-  There is a potential for events to take place in Florence Park.
-  People seem to enjoy living in the Whyke area. It is perceived as a good place to live.

PLACE Analysis




Key Messages / September 2021

Summersdale




-  Cycle and walk ways could be signposted better.
-  The area has habitat for wildlife, but these areas need maintenance to encourage wildlife.
-  Roads and footpaths could be better maintained.

X NEGATIVE




East Broyle

-  Crossing roads within the estate is safe and easy but St Pauls Rd not so much.
-  The open plan design is being spoilt by hedging to enclose gardens.
-  Redesign the junction at the entrance to Norwich Road. It can be difficult to get out of the estate. Add a pedestrian and cycle crossing.




New Park Road Area

-  At night time drunken revellers from the pubs makes the area along East St and New Park Road car park feel unsafe.
-  Pedestrian and cycling routes and safety need improvement.
-  Lighting needs some thought. The very bright lights in New Park car park is very disturbing to local residents. However, the path along the East Wall is very dark at night and would benefit from being brighter.




The Pallants

-  Restrictions for commercial vehicles would be helpful.
-  At times there has in the past been considerable noise from the pubs in South Street.
-  Apart from the walls walk all remaining areas of open space are all surfaced with tarmac which give little pleasure to the senses.




Arun Park Estate

-  Arun Park Estate has no community building.
-  There is need for a pedestrian crossing from Royal Close (elderly/sheltered housing) to the Co-Op on Bognor Road.
-  Over time some of the play areas have become less well used and some areas have a slightly neglected feel to them.



West Walls

-  Brewery Field needs to be more accessible and integrated into the street scene. It is currently badly underused.
-  Make the new roundabout "extra special" as a contemporary portal to the Cathedral and a statement of quality re the city.
-  Orchard Street is not suited to its traffic levels. Reduce traffic with a city bypass which works.




Newtown

-  There have been problems with strong smells and waste collection from restaurants and there are many unsightly air conditioning heat exchangers on commercial properties.
-  Visitors have trouble finding landmarks and buildings they want to visit.
-  Pavements and road surfaces are poorly maintained.




Westgate

-  The Old Tannery Site area is unused and unsightly. An appropriate redevelopment of this site would be a significant improvement.
-  The paving needs to be restored in keeping with character of the Conservation Area.
-  The volume and speed of traffic along Westgate has been an ongoing concern for residents in the area.




City Centre

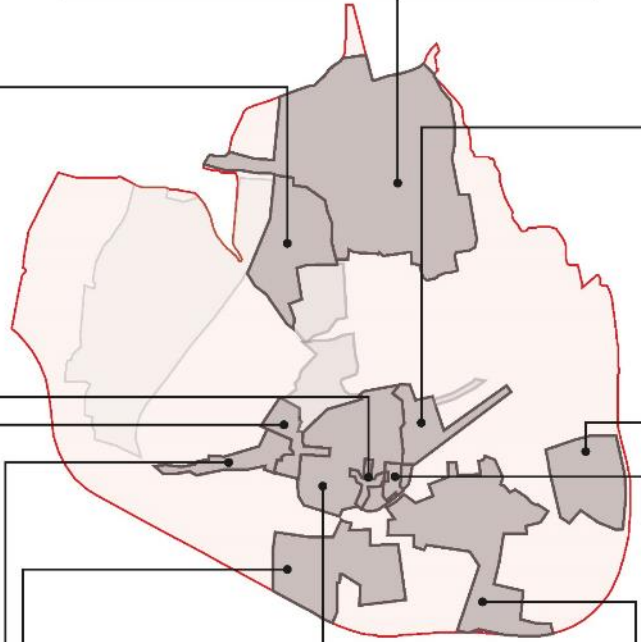
-  Many of the cycle routes are extremely dangerous.
-  The majority of trees within the city centre are under threat through age, health and pressures of development and public safety. A long term planting strategy needs to be agreed, otherwise much of the tree cover will be lost.
-  Access from the railway station to the city is poor, it is not an attractive walk.

Southern Gateway

-  It is perceived as the scruffy end of the city but that is because people do not know the cul-de-sac street patterns.
-  Stockbridge Road and Kingsham Road are busy "rat run" roads. By becoming a low traffic neighbourhood (LTN) the area would not be influenced so heavily by traffic movements.
-  There is not enough space at the Canal Basin to cope with the increased use.

Whyke

-  The A27 causes noise and pollution issues.
-  The candle factory causes a nuisance because of unpleasant smells.
-  Parking restrictions lead to increased traffic speeds as there are no parked cars to slow the traffic. But street parking causes bad visibility. This makes crossing dangerous.



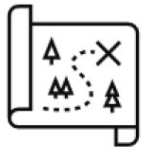
ACTION POINTS

1. We need a task group to start to review the PLACE results so far and then begin to research and draft an initial policy response to the opportunities and challenges – i.e. what do we protect and what do we improve? Our team will support this work.
2. We also need to complete the PLACE assessments so we have full plan coverage. We need a task group and engage with local resident groups to organise the final set of assessments.

CHICHESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PLANNING THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWN

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A. Talk to each other about your journey to school. Please write down three things that would improve your journey.

1)

2)

3)



B. Imagine you have a friend from far away coming to visit. They want to see Chichester. Where would you take them and why?



C. You woke up this morning to find out you had been made Mayor of Chichester. Please describe the changes you will make to the town.

... please turn over!





D. As Mayor of Chichester, you also have to create something that will be fun for the whole town. Think of an idea — or several ideas! — and draw them here. *We also like nice colouring in, if you have time!*

DRAFT

Please write your name here:



Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas with us. Please return your completed worksheet to your class teacher.

Just three selected examples of the creative contributions from the school children, describing in drawings and text how they would like to improve Cirencester.

The project team analysed all 97 such drawings to understand which objects, infrastructure, and interventions — e.g. gates, signs, seats, fences, information boards and more besides — were included on the worksheets.

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- 1) A gorilla bike ride
- 2) animals
- 3) monuments

B. Imagine you have a friend from far away coming to visit. They want to see Cirencester. Where would you take them and why?

Talk me a session so that I can learn about Cirencester

C. You wake up this morning to find out you had been made Mayor of Cirencester. Please describe the changes you will make to the town.

reducing carbon foot prints

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water park

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- 1) less dry ice
- 2) less paper
- 3) wider pavements

B. Imagine you have a friend from far away coming to visit. They want to see Cirencester. Where would you take them and why?

U get a bus then ride then go for a long walk through the park

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ask for ways to all shops that were empty, make a cinema or theatre and better playground

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Nice places to bat, bike trail, independent shops, places to shop, places to play, places to stay, Cirencester Cinema

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- 1) To make the public roads
- 2) build some more quicker paths
- 3) make a road but the driving speed down for cars on roads that children cross on at school time.

B. Imagine you have a friend from far away coming to visit. They want to see Cirencester. Where would you take them and why?

I would take them to the water park because there are lots of fun pools and slides to go on and there is an enormous planting

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I would plant my wildlife. I would stop lots more things being built. I would put more fun things on paths

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Swimming area, Camping site, Camping centre

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1. Modes of Transport	65
More Cycle Paths or Routes	16
Less Traffic and Cars	14
More Cycling	8



2. Maintenance	52
Less Dog Mess	16
Cleaner, Less Litter	13
Less Potholes	10



3. Improving Streets and Paths	42
Lower Speed Limit, Less Speeding	7
Wider Walking Paths	7
More or Different Routes	6



4. Greenery, Wildlife and Environment	37
Forest or Trees	11
More Nature	7
Flowers	5



5. Other	37
Petting Zoo or Animals in Cages	3
Water Fountain	2
Nicer Scenery	2



6. Road Crossings	25
More Safe Road Crossings	7
Zebra Crossings	5
Lollipop Person	4



7. Parking	17
More Parking Spaces, Mainly Near the School	13
No Parking on the Road Outside the School	1
No Parking on the Road Outside the Outdoor Pool	1



8. Playground Equipment	10
Generally More Playground Equipment	2
Swings	2
Obstacle Course	1

B

Imagine you have a friend from far away coming to visit. They want to see Cirencester. Where would you take them and why?



1. Pretty Outdoor Places	69
Abbey Grounds	18
Park	17
Cirencester Park	15



2. Other	48
Museum	8
Shops	6
Town Centre	5



3. Adventure Activities or Sports	29
Outdoor Pool	9
Swimming Pool	5
Leisure Centre	3



4. Food	15
Cafe	4
Ice Cream	3
Restaurant	2



5. Playground Equipment	6
Playground in General	2
Swings	2
Slide	1

C

You woke up this morning to find out you had been made Mayor of Cirencester. Please describe the changes you will make to the town.



1. Other	40
Support for Homeless People	8
Less Buildings	4
Clean Public Toilets	2



2. Entertainment	36
Cinema	16
Venues and Other Stuff for Young People	6
Theme Park	3

D

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1. Sports and Adventure Activities	52
Trampoline Park	10
Water Park	10
Skate Park	8



2. Entertainment, Places to Visit and Stuff to do	52
Cinema	11
Fun Fair	7
Theme Park	5



3. Playground Equipment	50
Slide	10
Swings	10
More Playgrounds in General	6



4. Other	44
Benches	3
Support for the Homeless	2
Stage	2



5. Food	21
Coffee Shop or Cafe	8
Ice Cream	4
Restaurant	4



6. Outdoors and Environment	16
Trees	3
Animals	2
Parks	2



7. Shops	13
Shopping Mall	4
More Shops	3
Toy Shop	2



8. Events	12
Party	3
Community BBQ	1
Race Event Around Town	1

ACTION POINTS

1. We need a task group to engage specific teachers and/or specific staff at 3 or 4 junior schools to present the process and seek agreement on this activity
2. Worksheet issued as either homework or as a 30 min class activity and then collect the completed worksheets
3. Our team will process the results

SUMMARY OF IMMEDIATE ACTION POINTS

1. Analyse the PLACE results so far and begin to research policy development
2. Organise and engage local people to complete the missing PLACE surveys
3. Engage staff at specific schools to organise the worksheet task