



	Environment	A Destination for Younger People	Parking & Traffic	Involvement & Community Leadership
<p>Existing Problems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter, detritus, fly-tipping and improper waste disposal. • Dog fouling. • Vandalism • Graffiti. • Damaged to street furniture • Effects from the town's night time economy. • Density and quality of housing including issues related to shared houses and Houses of multiple occupation in Eastcott and Central • Signage around the cluster for streets, neighbourhoods and for destinations • Quality of open space and play areas • Un-adopted areas of rear alley ways across the cluster area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people hanging around on street corners • Anti-Social Behaviour tops most feedback in terms of community problems. • A perceived lack of cheap/cost free activities for youths. • Alcohol and substance misuse • Healthy young people • Level of qualifications young people attain leaving school • Job opportunities for young people • Limited number of active youth groups within the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and layout of both resident parking scheme and double yellow lines. • Cost of parking • Shoppers looking for free parking near town. • Parking problems at times of events/religious services. • Large vehicles on tight streets causing blockage and damage to property. • Speeding traffic and lack of enforcement. • Signage • Correct crossing points across main roads • Evening and night time economy • Regeneration of the Town Centre and progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just 3% of people are actively involved in their community. • A number of struggling community councils/groups/partnerships. • Despite having skilled residents most people feel they have 'limited impact on their area'. • Access to affordable community facilities • Transient population living in shared accommodation not taking an active part in the local neighbourhood • Low levels of those registered to vote for local / national elections
<p>Currently Happening</p>	<p>A consultation process is underway in order to improve the offer of Queen's Park and Farringdon Rd Park. The Streetsmart team have come together under one umbrella and have increased efforts to prevent re-offenders. Existing contracts to manage waste and recycling. Investigations into envirocrimes including use of CCTV. Issues arising with and from</p>	<p>There's already a range of groups working towards engaging youths as Football in the Community and the Big Arts Project. The Platform has been established as a dedicated, multi-functional place for young people. Discussions with local schools to encourage more young people to be active in their neighbourhood and allow them to have a voice. Review of school places</p>	<p>Resident permit schemes currently limit the number of cars in central residential areas. Speed restrictions in place, one-way systems and traffic calming. Use of Civil Enforcement Officers. Discussions with some local residents over their concerns about signage and parking arrangements in their neighbourhood.</p>	<p>There's a number of thriving community councils across central Swindon—often with direct involvement from SBC and town service providers. A number of voluntary organisations both independent and under the Voluntary Action Swindon umbrella. Discussions have begun on the future management of central community centre. Number of community groups</p>

	<p>the evening night time economy. Town centre regeneration slowed down by the economic downturn. Additional money has been allocated to repair damaged paving and roads.</p>	<p>required for the Town Centre over the next few years.</p>		
<p>Targets for the Next Three Years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate the possibility of introducing a bye-law to ensure that residents remove graffiti and keep the area directly in front and to the rear of properties clean and tidy. • Introduce more powers for front-line workers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for all environmental crimes. • Look at ways of making the town's waste disposal and recycling more locally relevant. • Give the public more responsibility at caring for their immediate neighbourhood i.e. would residents want to improve open space near to where they live? Can we help make this happen where their a desire?. • Tailor parks & open spaces to the wants of the people who use it. Help preserve the existing and introduce open space through an open space policy. • An improved CCTV system across the Town Centre and the surrounding areas, which is monitored 24/ 7. This could include the “red 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of all of the play areas within the cluster including at the County Ground, Savernake Street, Cambria Bridge, Westcott Place. • To encourage as many groups of young people under the roof of the Platform as possible and turn it into a destination for young people. • Use ‘Action Days’ to deter ASB from key problem areas and promote pro social activities. • To support schemes promoting aspiration and development for youths. • To connect more youths directly to their local area. • To give young people a greater say in decision making through working with local forums. • To work with local schools to improve the opportunities for young people and have excellent facilities. • To work with local businesses and partners to establish work based opportunities for young people in the area and create development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with local community to identify perceived problems relating to residents parking and double yellow lines in order to review all line markings. • To review the administration of the residents parking scheme. • An increased consideration towards pedestrians / cyclists for the town centre. • To look at new ways for parking at the times of community/religious events. • Promotion of non-car methods of transport. • To work with the local community and review all signage on the public highway to ensure visitors to our communities are aware of restrictions and ensure that they are signed to relevant routes and local parking facilities. • To introduce and 2nd pedestrian crossing on Kingshill Road for children and others to safely cross the road. • To consider the introduction of a speed reduction of 20 mph on all residential roads within the cluster. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To place elected Councillors at the heart of local decision making, through local forums. • To continue supporting local community groups and representatives and helping to empower their actions which may encourage others to become active within their neighbourhood i.e. social enterprise with café in Queens Park. • Greater use of ‘community ambassadors such as neighbourhood watch, streetsmart volunteers, etc. and consider ways of providing a more opportunities.’ • An expansion of ‘Intensive Local Engagement’ through a variety of techniques including local community events to celebrate the richness and diversity of our communities.. • To work with local community groups and representatives and local service partners to establish neighbourhood tasking groups to help identify and then address local priorities and

	<p>routes” for people visiting the area to ensure they arrive safely home and to introduce a community safety plan for the cluster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the number of planning applications accepted which increases the density of flatted, shared accommodation and to improve the quality of the existing residential properties in order to create a sense of place with a balanced community. • To investigate and review all area of un - adopted land and work with local communities to find a local solution. • To improve the existing canal and surrounding open space to make it a destination of choice. • To develop and introduce a Heritage strategy for local important land marks within the cluster area. 	<p>opportunities including social enterprises.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the location of the stage coach bus depot. • To review bus routes travelling through the Railway Village and consider alternatives. 	<p>communicate the outcomes to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look at community assets and investigate how these could be used to reflect local needs i.e. Community management of local community centres. • To work with local community to explore opportunities around social enterprises and local services.
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