

Temple Cloud

In summer 2022 Sustrans delivered activities aimed at widening community engagement in Bath & North East Somerset Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) programme. There was a focus on young people and families at schools, as well as with community groups, ensuring that resident feedback is incorporated into the design process.

Many of the ideas from the groups and individuals we spoke to are presented in the informal report below.

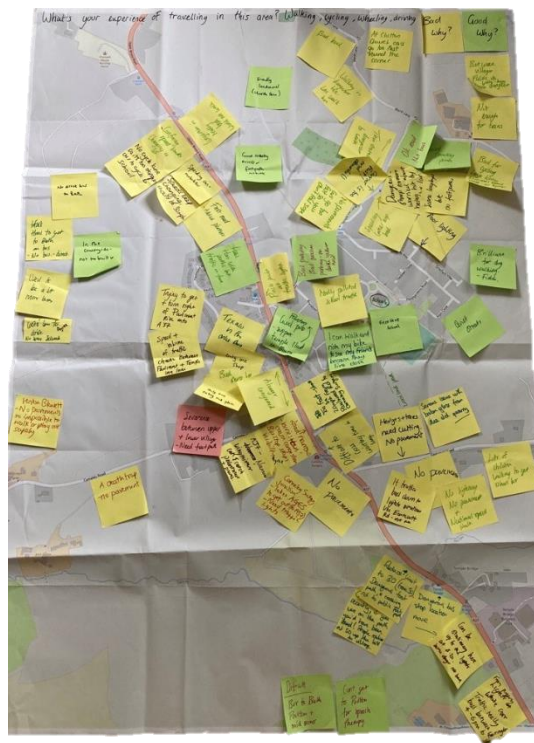
You can view the council's co-design workshop and exhibition report for this LN area at www.bathnes.gov.uk/yourLN

Cameley CEVC Primary School

On 9th July 2022, Sustrans officers engaged with parents/guardians and children at the Cameley summer school fayre. Participants were asked three questions, on map one the question was 'What is your experience of travelling in this area?' They used a green sticky note to identify good (like) aspects and a yellow sticky note to identify bad (dislike) aspects. Map two asked 'What are your favourite local places?' participants used a red sticky note to identify favourite places and map three asked 'How would you improve your local streets and spaces?' Participants used a blue sticky note.

Places Participants Disliked

Map 1. Places participants disliked in Temple Cloud



A37 – South of Peterside

- Dangerous footpath and dangerous crossing road to footpath, there was a crash recently, if you were on the path, you'd have been dead!
- Dangerous bus stop location, move further south (into Temple Bridge)
- Can be stationary on this section all the way down to the lights at 8.20am, some days it's not bad
- Traffic is really bad from the surgery in Temple Cloud to the lights going to Farrington Guerney

A37 between Cameley Road and Peterside

- No pavement
- Road narrow (near Cameley road junction), lorries cause congestion, and the bus stop stops visibility. (Another participant agreed with this comment)
- Narrow, I had to walk along here with a pram for 3 years to get from my house to the childminders and I hated it. Car wingmirrors can catch pedestrians and prams, really dangerous!
- Cameley Surgery junction takes AGES to get out (to A37). Need traffic lights
- Difficult to cross near Cameley Surgery, waiting time is long

A37 between Paulwood Road to Cameley Road / Cameley Surgery

- Too fast – should be 20mph from Paulwood Rd to Cameley Surgery
- Always congested
- Pinch point in road near Texaco
- Trying to get out of Paulmont Road / Paulwood Rise onto A37 and turn right is really difficult. The speed and volume of traffic between Paulmont Road / Paulwood Rise makes it chaotic.

A37 north of Paulwood Rise up towards Clutton

- Fast road
- Speeding cars and motorbikes
- No cycle lane so it's too dangerous to cycle to school
- Congestion is really bad, would not walk

Whole of A37

- Has wide paths but the traffic is fast
- Confusing speed limit, it changes a lot
- Speeds keep changing, should be 30mph
- If traffic is bad along the A37 I use Eastcourt Road, but I don't like doing that, making this road a rat run, I think of the people living along here.

Eastcourt Road

- No lighting, no pavement and National speed limit. Lots of children walking along this road to get the school bus so it's very dangerous
- No pavements
- Hedges and trees need cutting. No pavement

Woodland path from Temple Cloud playing fields to Eastcourt Road

- Serious issue with broken glass from the old quarry along this path

Cameley Road

- A death trap – no pavement

Temple Inn Lane

- No pavement, cars go too fast, so you don't feel safe
- Corner (north of Goldney way Junction) is too fast! And downhill
- Corner, speeding here is especially bad
- Between corner and Marsh Lane – Stretch is dangerous to walk
- Dangerous sharp corner, worried about being hit by a car or bus, there are some laybys but no footpaths (refers to Temple Inn Lane and Marsh Lane going East)

Marsh Lane East

- Bad for cycling, large lorries and National speed limit – no signage

Marsh Lane West

- Lots of people walk here but it is dangerous to walk here
- Bad bend

General issues

— Buses

- + No direct bus to Bath
- + Hard to get to Bath on bus. No direct bus
- + Used to be a lot more buses
- + Buses are expensive, costs less to drive – another participant agreed
- + Difficult or not possible to get to Bath, Poulton and Midsomer Norton but bus. There is a gap in provision meaning young people and families can't access services such as speech and language support (which is in Poulton, but they can't get there)

— Local amenities

- + Only one eating out place
- + Texaco garage is the only shop in Temple Cloud
- + Only one shop (Texaco)
- + Bad shop (Texaco) not many options

— Activities for teenagers

- + Not enough for teenagers
- + Need more for teens

— Walking routes

- + Walking between villages- in the summer its ok because you can use the fields but, in the winter, you have to use the roads which is dangerous. The field get very boggy.
- + Lower Temple Cloud (South of Cameley road) is cut off from Upper Temple Cloud (North of Cameley road) because there are no footpaths

— Other villages / towns

- + At Clutton Church cars go too fast
- + Hinton Blewett – No pavements so impossible to walk or play out safely

Places Participants Liked

A37

- Planters along the road, installed / maintained by Temple Cloud in Bloom

Marsh Lane East

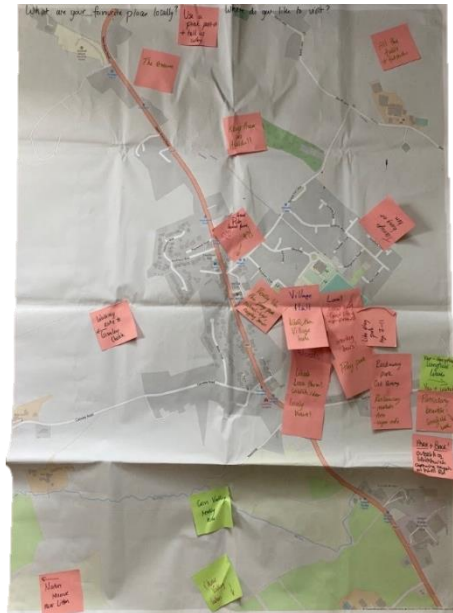
- Ok road, not bad
- Good passing points

Temple Cloud in general

- Good pub
- I can walk and ride my bike to my friends because they live close
- Excellent school
- Quiet streets near school
- Fields surrounding Temple Cloud brilliant for walking dogs
- Good country access, footpath network
- In the countryside, not too built up
- Friendly landowner (Church Farm)

Participants' Favourite Local Places

Map 2. Participants' favourite local places in Temple Cloud



Fields north of Temple Cloud

- All the fields and footpaths
- Keep these as field
- The stream (north of Temple Cloud going towards Clutton)

The Temple Inn Pub

- Pub
- Good food at the pub
- The pub

Village Hall

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Local parks and playing field

- Local Park (Playing field)
- Local Park – good play equipment
- Local Park – monkey bars
- Play Park
- Like the play park – good for ages 7 – 11
- Teenagers hang out on Greyfield View (the street)

Woods north of Eastcourt Road

- The woods, love them! Wildlife, deer
- Lovely views
- Woods

Rockaway Park

- Rockaway Park, Old quarry
- Rockaway Park – markets, arts, music Greyfield Woods

Greyfield Woods

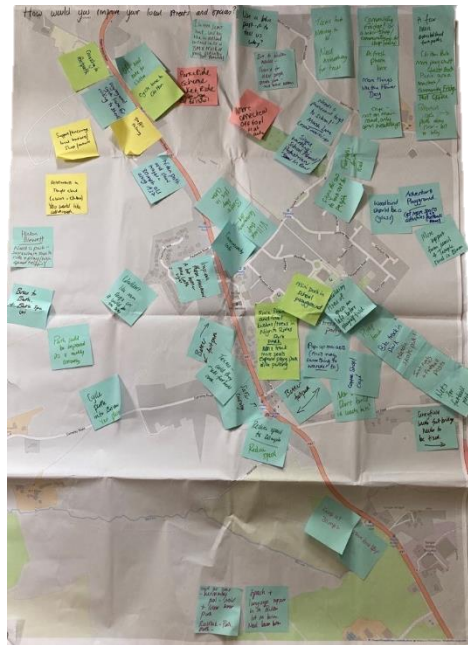
- Greyfield Woods
- Greyfield woods and waterfalls
- Particularly beautiful – Greyfield Woods

Other local places

- Nature reserve near Litton
- Walking route to Cameley church
- Cam Valley, really nice
- Chew Valley lakes to the south

Participants' Ideas for Improvements

Map 3. Participants' ideas for improvements



Buses

- Buses to Bath and Bath Spa university
- Need bus links – swimming pool and linear park in Midsomer Norton, Radstock and Bath – parks
- Need buses to Poulton - Speech and language support is in Poulton but there are no buses.
- Park and Ride on the outskirts of Whitchurch capturing traffic on the Wells Road
- Park and ride bike scheme on the edge of Bristol

Cycle infrastructure

- Potential cycle path (into Bristol) along the river – not so hilly there

Footpath improvements in surrounding fields

- A few more established footpaths (in the fields surrounding Temple Cloud)
- More connected off-road flat routes
- Better footpaths between lower and upper Temple Cloud
- Don't build on the woods and land near Rockaway Park
- Greyfield Woods – Footbridge needs to be fixed

Activities for teenagers

- Teen's hub – nothing to do
- Need something for teens

Specific to playing field near Cameley CEVC school

- Rewilding – Area of green between school and playing field
- Pump track on playing fields
- Bike track in park (playing fields)
- Need a skate park!
- Joint rugby and football posts
- Nets for football pitches
- Adventure playground, Get more sports activities e.g., football teams
- Woodland should be cleared (grass)

Amenities

- Community fridge! Or mini shop/ community shop esp. for elderly
- Refresh phone box
- Café – not on main road, only open weekdays
- Community café
- Village shop
- Community shop
- Better shops – and in Clutton too
- Support / encourage local businesses/ shops/ eateries
- Wouldn't like more shops because it would be too busy

Specific to Temple Cloud village hall

- Street Park / parties
- Pop up markets (fruit and veg – something to wander to)
- Coffee shop / café

Nature and flowers

- More things like the Flower Day
- More support from the council for 'Temple Cloud in Bloom'
- Allotments in Temple Cloud (closest = Clutton) – another participant agreed with this

Hinton Blewett

- Need a park – somewhere safe to ride and play (currently there is high speed traffic)

Clutton

- Clutton park – more play stuff
- Clutton Park - Picnic area, market / community fridge, post office
- Clutton Scout hut - land by the woodland turned into a BMX track or some activity for families
- Cycle lane to Clutton (on A37)
- Offroad route to Clutton

A37 between Paulwood Road and going towards Clutton

- Crossing to footpath
- Segregated cycle lane for riding to school
- Traffic calming
- Widen (foot)path and slow traffic to 30mph all the way along A37

Cameley Road junction onto A37

- Safer crossing
- Reduce speed to 20mph (near the surgery) - another participant agreed with this

A37 south of Peterside

- Keep at 30mph
- Move the bus stop

Texaco garage

- Could they sell football cards

Paulwood Road and Paulmont Rise junctions on A37

- Improve these junctions although they are a bit better now with the new signs

Brandown Close Park

- More flowers and fruit bushes/ trees in night rides park
- Park – BMX track, more seats, expand play park and bike parking

Temple Inn Lane

- Signs for cars to look out for people
- Footpaths down the road

Marsh Lane

- Needs a pavement to get to school! Marsh Lane Road markings
- Signs warning – ‘school ahead’ / ‘pedestrians in road’

Sustrans Officers’ Reflections

The A37 is clearly an issue for lots of residents, the speed of traffic, lorries, the junctions and crossing points have all been highlighted a number of times. All the other roads coming into Temple Cloud also have been highlighted as having a number of issues such as lack of lighting, no or little footpaths, dangerous bends (especially on Temple Inn Lane and Marsh Lane) and large lorries. Young people use these roads to travel to school especially in the winter when the footpaths over the fields are too wet and boggy.

General issues that have been highlighted are that there is only one shop in Temple Cloud (Texaco garage) which means residents need to travel (mostly by car) to do their weekly shopping, many residents have asked for more shopping options such as a regular market, a community fridge, a café, and a better shop with more variety of foods to buy.

There is not much for teenagers to do in the area, ideas to improve this include a skate park, a pump track, better football / rugby facilities on the playing field and improved play areas i.e., an adventure playground.

The further issue raised by many parents and young people was that buses don't go to many of the places young people (and others) want to go to such as Poulton, Midsomer Norton, Bath and buses going to Bristol are unreliable. There are activities, amenities, and services that residents are unable to access because the buses don't go to those destinations.

A number of local people asked for improved cycle routes especially a route going into Bristol.