



Temple Cloud Co-development Workshop

Summary of Discussions
June 2022

Liveable Neighbourhoods Co-development Workshop

This report shows the outcomes of a workshop held on the 17th of May 2022 for residents in Temple Cloud. There was also an engagement workshop carried out by our partner Sustrans to capture different and seldom-heard voices.

During the workshops, we helped residents express to us what they liked about their area, what they thought could be nurtured, and what measures they felt would make the most impact to improve the area. We used large maps of the neighbourhood to help.

The ideas presented here have been generated by the residents themselves, and link back to comments captured during a public engagement for the Temple Cloud area in December 2021. The ideas will now be shortlisted to develop a draft design.

In the autumn, we will ask the wider public for their feedback on the draft design before final designs are produced, taking on board the comments we receive.

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Background

Bath & North East Somerset Council is supporting communities to breathe new life into their residential streets by developing liveable neighbourhoods. Typical features of a liveable neighbourhood include:

- Reduced numbers of vehicles on residential roads
- Safer and better opportunities for those that wish to walk, cycle or wheel
- More green spaces where people can sit, relax and meet others
- Healthier, more connected communities.

The council first asked residents what they felt about liveable neighbourhoods (LNs) in autumn 2020. 48 communities then applied to become a LN, via their ward councillors. In 2021, the council prioritised 15 areas where development of LNs could start, which included Temple Cloud. In December 2021, the council asked the public for their feedback on what was good about their areas; what transport-related issues they experienced, and what improvements would make the most impact.

The original LN application for Temple Cloud focused on Temple Inn Lane and the frequent HGV traffic which navigates through the area.

The development of a LN here and in other areas will play an important role in delivering council policies on transport, health and the climate emergency.

About the Temple Cloud Area

Temple Cloud is a residential area located along the A37 approximately 8.7 miles south west from Bath and 9.4 miles south of Bristol.

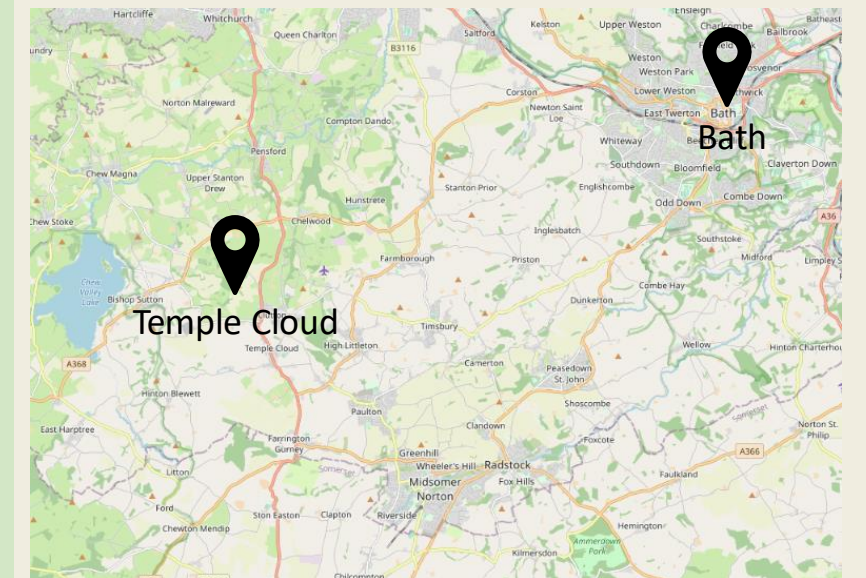
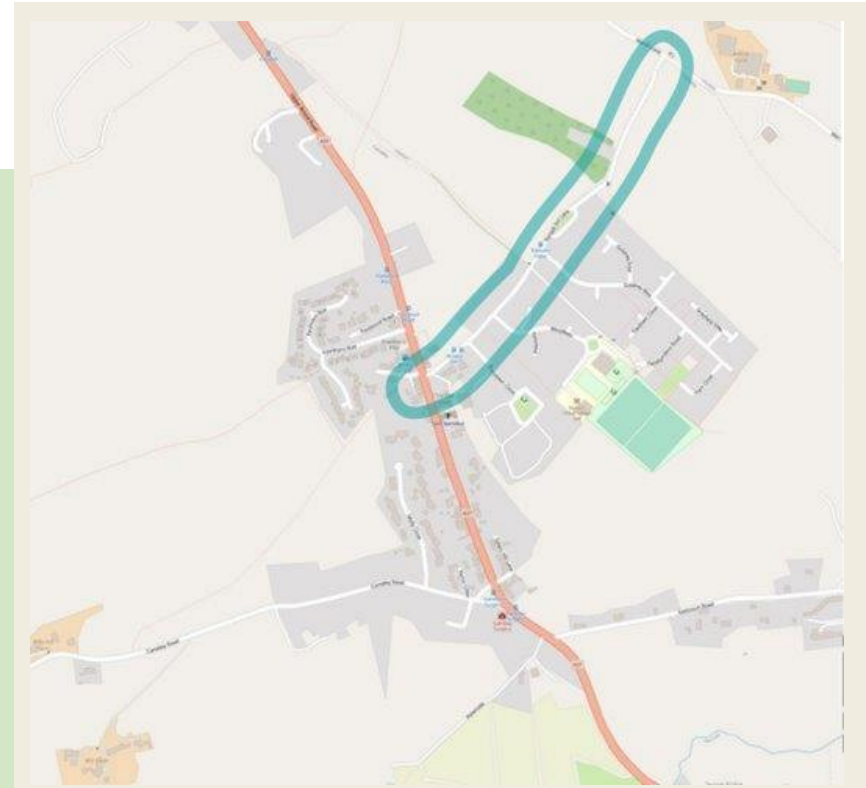
Temple Cloud is one of a series of villages situated along the A37 with the closest being Clutton to the north and Temple Bridge to the south.

The area is mainly residential with a local primary school, garage with local shop, local takeaway restaurant, pub, place of worship, and GP surgery.

From discussions at the workshops there appears to be three key areas to Temple Cloud:

- The local centre (cluster of shops) at the west of the village.
- The cluster of community infrastructure (primary school, village hall) at the east of the village.
- GP surgery and village green at the southern point of the village.

Traffic typically enters the Temple Cloud area via the A37 and if not via Temple Cloud Lane.



Outcomes of the Earlier Public Engagement

In December 2021, the council carried out a public engagement and invited people to submit feedback across 15 Liveable Neighbourhood areas being prioritised. Out of the 1,625 responses submitted, 15 people commented on the Temple Cloud area. Below is a summary of what people said.

What is good about the area?

- 11 said 'strong community spirit'
- 5 said 'good accessibility'
- 2 said 'safe and healthy environment'

What issues are experienced?

- 12 said 'speeding traffic'
- 12 said 'HGV traffic'
- 9 said 'not enough space for wheeling, walking, or cycling'
- 7 said 'through traffic'
- 4 said 'parking'
- 3 said 'school run traffic'

What measures could improve the area?

- 11 said 'a restriction on through traffic or HGVs'
- 11 said 'new or wider footways'
- 6 said 'trees and planting'
- 5 said 'new or improved cycle lanes'
- 5 said 'better or more residents parking'



Photo taken at Mount Road Workshop

Key Themes Identified in the Earlier Public Engagement

We identified four key themes from the feedback received in 2021. These key themes were:

- **Better cycle infrastructure**
- **Improved public spaces**
- **Better allocation of road space**
- **Traffic interventions**

Better cycle infrastructure encourages the uptake of cycling and improved safety. Benefits could include fewer cars on the roads, less demand for on-street parking, and less congestion. Measures could include **cycle parking, bike hire and cycle lanes** where appropriate.

Improved public spaces mean more opportunities for people to meet and talk with others outside. Improving our outdoor spaces can improve our health and well-being, combat loneliness and create more vibrant and inclusive communities. Measures to improve public spaces could include **attractive seating areas, planting more trees and plants** and **public art**.

Better allocation of road space. Cars can dominate our residential streets leaving inadequate space for safe walking, cycling and wheeling (so discouraging active travel). To ensure fairer access for all road users, measures could include **widening footways, creating crossings, building out pavements, or creating new community spaces**.

Traffic Interventions could include **modal filters** (e.g bollards to restrict through traffic), **turning restrictions** and **restricting access** for certain vehicles to reduce the number of vehicle movements in the area.

The Workshop

The workshop took place in the Temple Cloud Village Hall on the 17th of May and started at 6.45pm.

Brief presentation / introduction

Exercises 1, 2, and 3

Break

Exercise 4

Workshop places were prioritised for residents that registered interest to be kept involved in the co-development process during the previous engagement. We also promoted the opportunity online and in the local community.

The workshop was attended by 7 people (16 registered), along with representatives from AECOM and B&NES Council. Attendees were split into two groups, accommodating two tables.

- What do you like about Temple Cloud? What needs nurturing?
- Group feedback

- What are the movement patterns around the area?
- Re-imagining the space
- Group feedback



Photo taken at Mount Road Workshop

The Sustrans Workshops

Sustrans undertook youth engagement with parents and children at the Cameley Primary School Fayre. Participants were asked three questions, these being 'What is your experience of travelling in the area?', 'What are your favourite local places?' and 'How would you improve your local streets and spaces?'.

The Sustrans officers' reflections are as follows:

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.

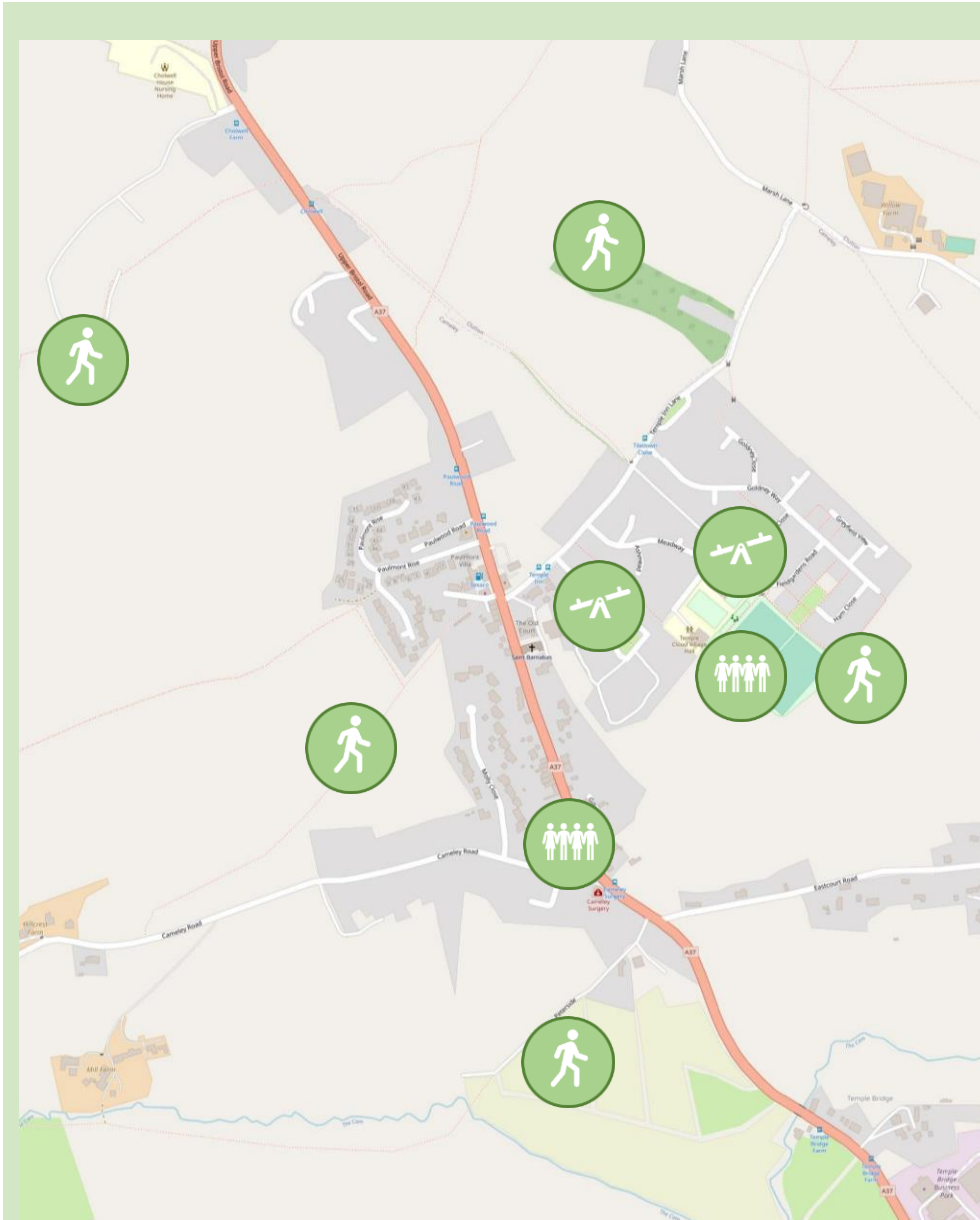
The further issue raised by many parents and young people was that buses don't go to many of the places young people (and others) want to go to such as Paulton, Midsomer Norton, Bath, and buses going to Bristol are unreliable. There are activities, amenities and services that residents are unable to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

Exercise 1

What people said they liked about Temple Cloud

We asked each table to discuss and identify on a map what they liked about the Temple Cloud area.



There are some great established areas/green spaces to go for a walk/wheel.



Space for children to play.

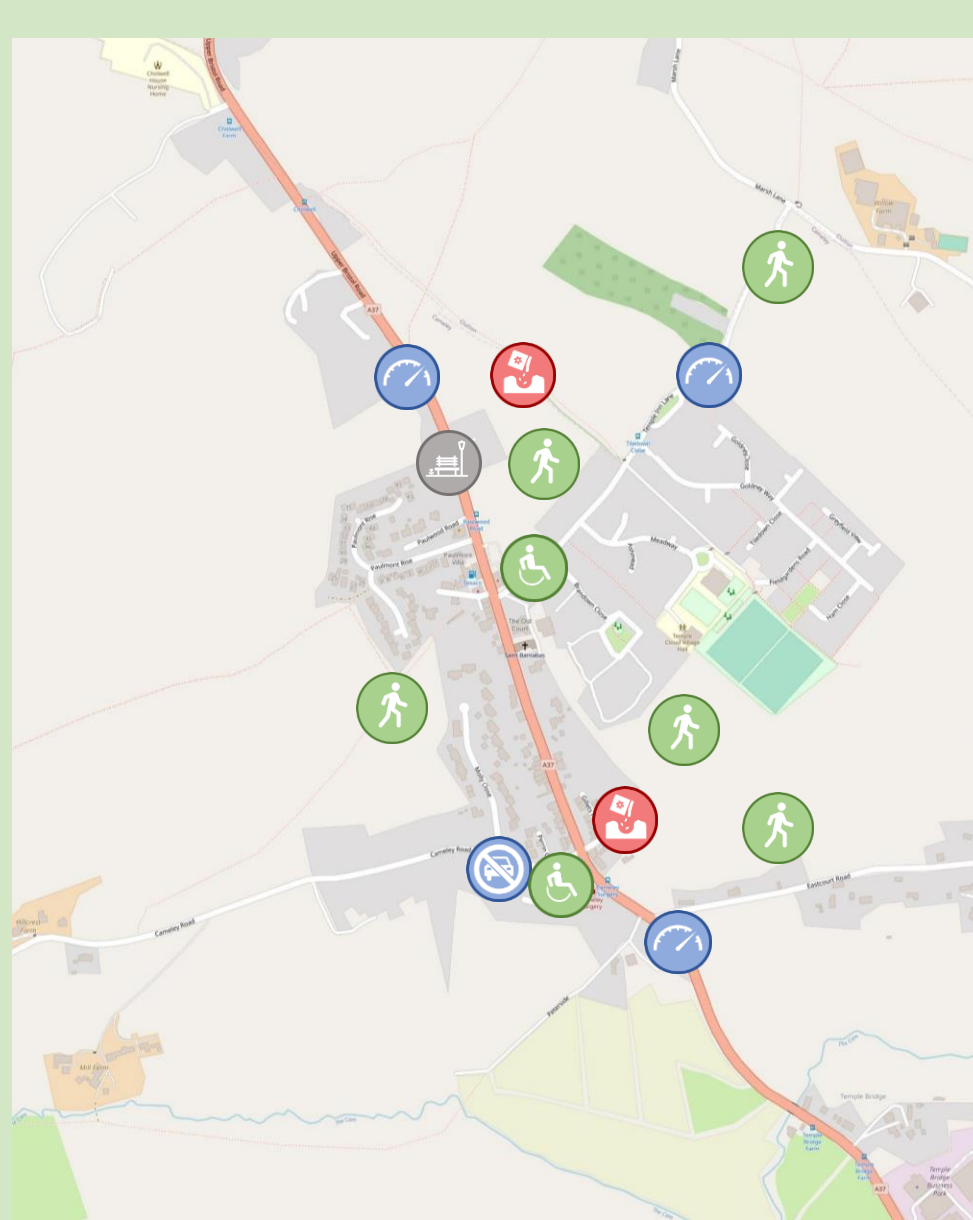


Village green is a good community space.



Exercise 2 What people said could be nurtured

We asked each table to discuss and identify on a map what areas could be nurtured.



Poor parking
around the
doctor's
surgery.



Issues with
maintenance. Nice
routes, but often in
poor condition,
especially outside the
summer months.



Issues with high
speeds and lack
of 'arrival' into the
village.



There are some
walking routes,
but there is a lack of
connectivity due to A37
and infrastructure with
paths/routes.



No shelter for
people using
the bus
services.

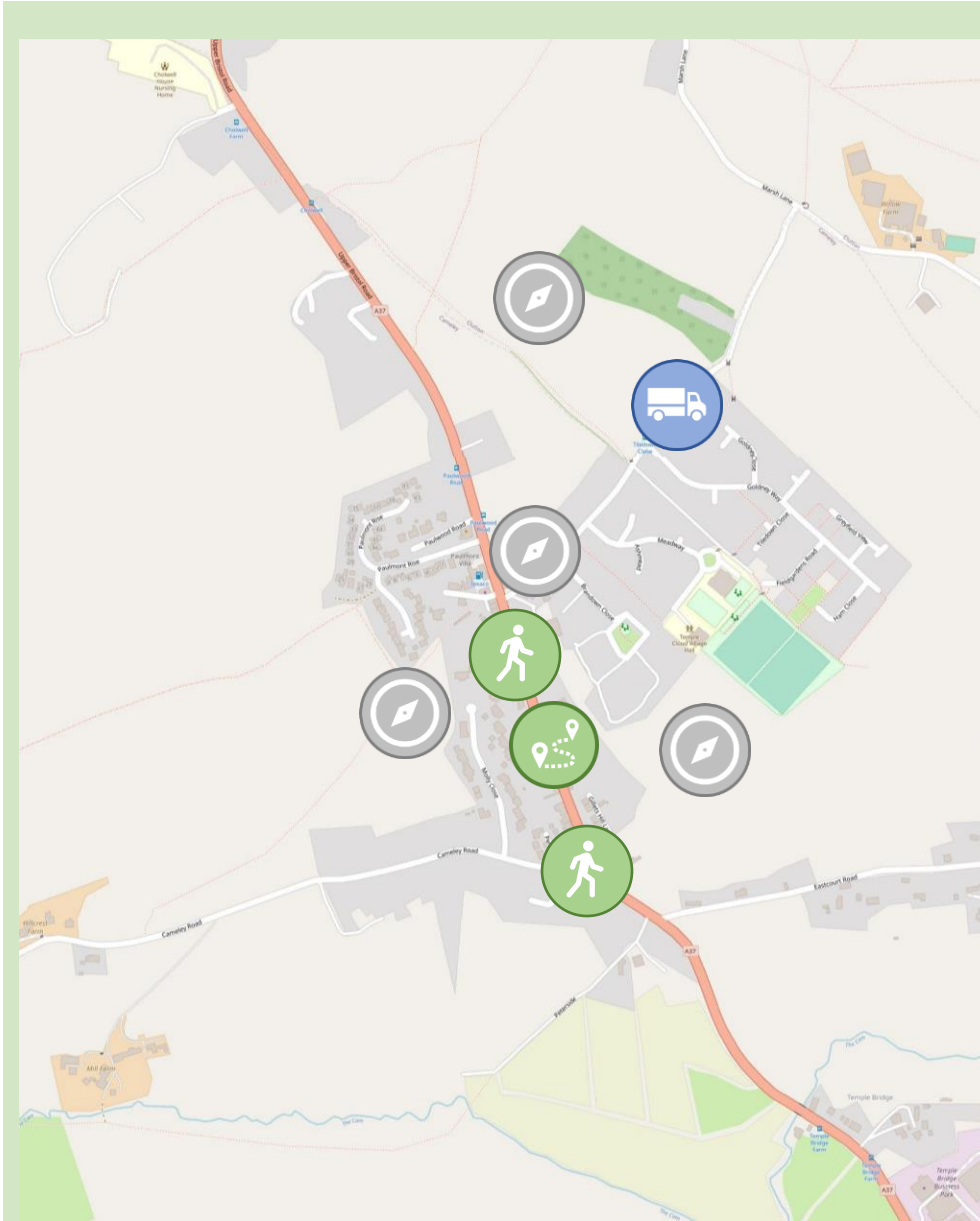


Poor crossing
points for people
walking/wheeling.



Exercise 3 What people said are their movement patterns

We asked each table to discuss and identify on a map typical 'movement' patterns i.e. where people travel, how they move and any barriers they have experienced.



Movement with HGVs and the speed at which they travel through the village.



A lack of connectivity and wayfinding are barriers to encouraging people to walk around Temple Cloud village.



Pavements along the A37 are narrow and difficult to access, which is a big barrier for those walking/wheeling and parents with children.



A lack of connection between the east and west of the village is resulting in people using their car for short journeys', such as the school run or visiting the surgery.



What did we learn...?

- The A37 is a big barrier for the village, resulting in severance and a lack of connectivity between the east, west and south.
- People would like to walk/wheel around more, but a lack of connectivity and infrastructure is a big barrier in allowing this.
- There is a lot of support for the local greenspaces and the opportunities they present for walking, wheeling and cycling, especially for areas beyond the village i.e. Clutton and Temple Bridge.
- There is a lack of spaces for social interaction, particularly for young adults, but there are also plenty of opportunities to address this.
- Poor parking around the doctor's surgery.
- The village green is under-used as a space for community interaction.
- There have been some instances with anti-social behaviour which could be linked to a lack of places for young adults to connect with and use as their own.



How the themes compare to the previous engagement

The feedback from exercise 1, 2 and 3 is outlined below and aligns with the themes from the initial public engagement:



Better Cycle Infrastructure

Speeding and HGV traffic along the A37 poses as a serious obstacle for those wishing to cycle around the village.



Traffic Interventions

There are issues with speeding and HGV traffic throughout the village. This discourages people from walking between areas within Temple Cloud.



Improved Public Spaces

There is a desire for improved access to local green spaces, garage, school and Cameley Surgery.

There are some nice spaces but a lack of facilities within these areas hinders the opportunity for these to be well used community spaces.



Better Allocation of Road Space

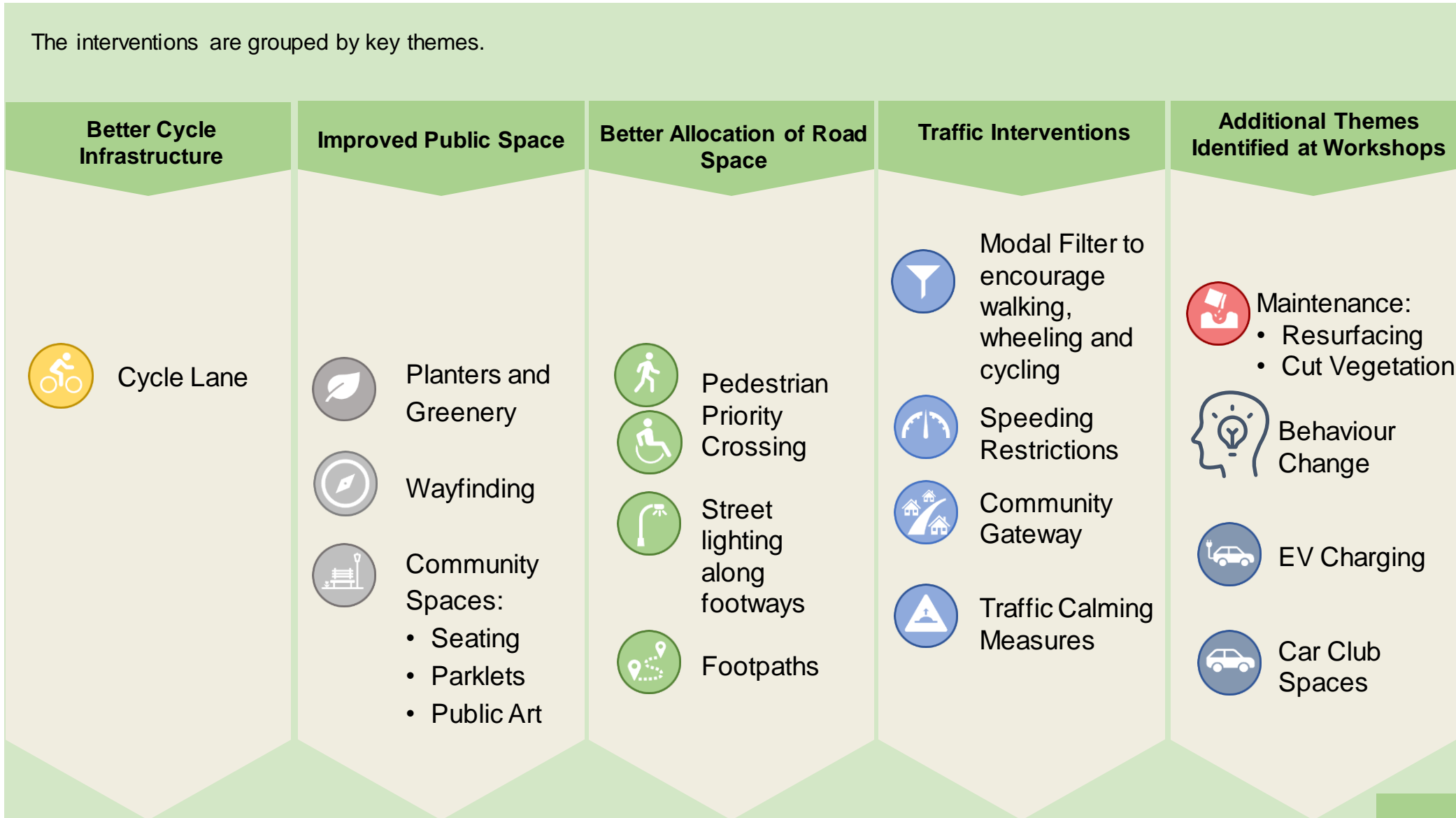
The issues faced by residents in Temple Cloud are that there are poor opportunities to walk between the respective areas in the village.

The A37 is a serious barrier for those wishing to walk around the village, with narrow footways it is not seen as a safe route to access the north and south.

There are some well trafficked routes through the green spaces surrounding the village but these can become unmaintained and difficult to access at certain times of the year.

Guide to Interventions

We asked residents at each table to discuss what interventions might work in each area to improve connectivity, accessibility and inclusivity, and to place icons representing these measures / interventions on a map. Here is a guide to the icons.



Exercise 4: Re-imagining the space

We asked residents attending the workshop to 'reimagine' Temple Cloud, suggesting ways to solve some of the issues identified in the earlier exercises, suggesting ways to make getting around safer and more inclusive for everyone.

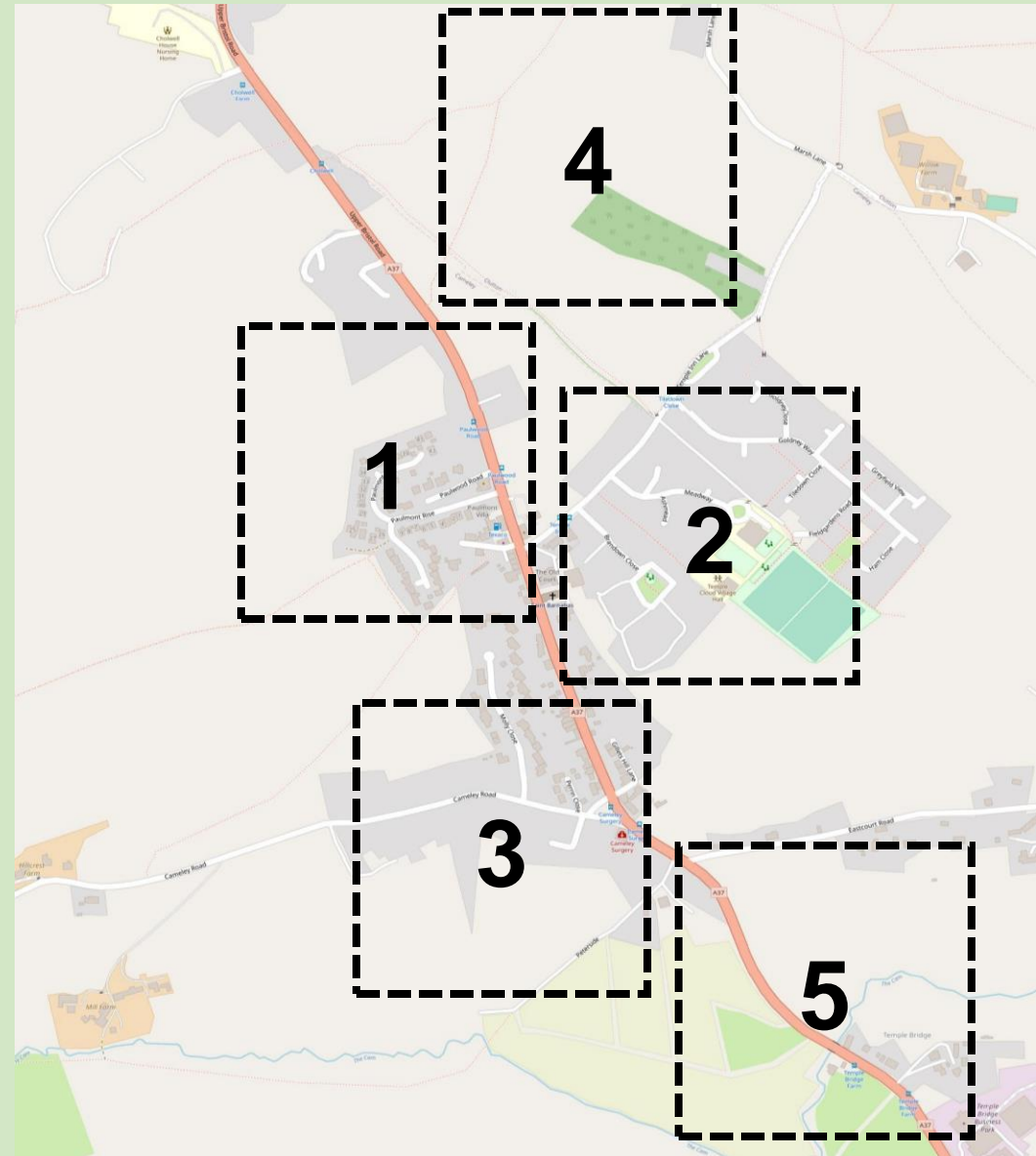
Zone 1: Area around Temple Cloud Garage

Zone 2: Area around Cameley Primary School

Zone 3: Area around Cameley Surgery

Zone 4: Connection to Clutton

Zone 5: Connection to Temple Bridge



Zone 1 Temple Cloud Shops and The Hollow

Residents' suggestions to create fairer access for all by creating new routes for walking and wheeling

Area behind The Temple Inn



Create a new footpath between Paulwood Road bus stop and Temple Inn Lane towards the school.



Provision of street lighting along route.



Entrance to Temple Inn Lane



Pedestrian Priority crossing between St Barnabas' Church and the Temple Inn, linking the newly constructed footway to the Brandown Close development.



Second raised crossing along Temple Inn Lane near Meadway.

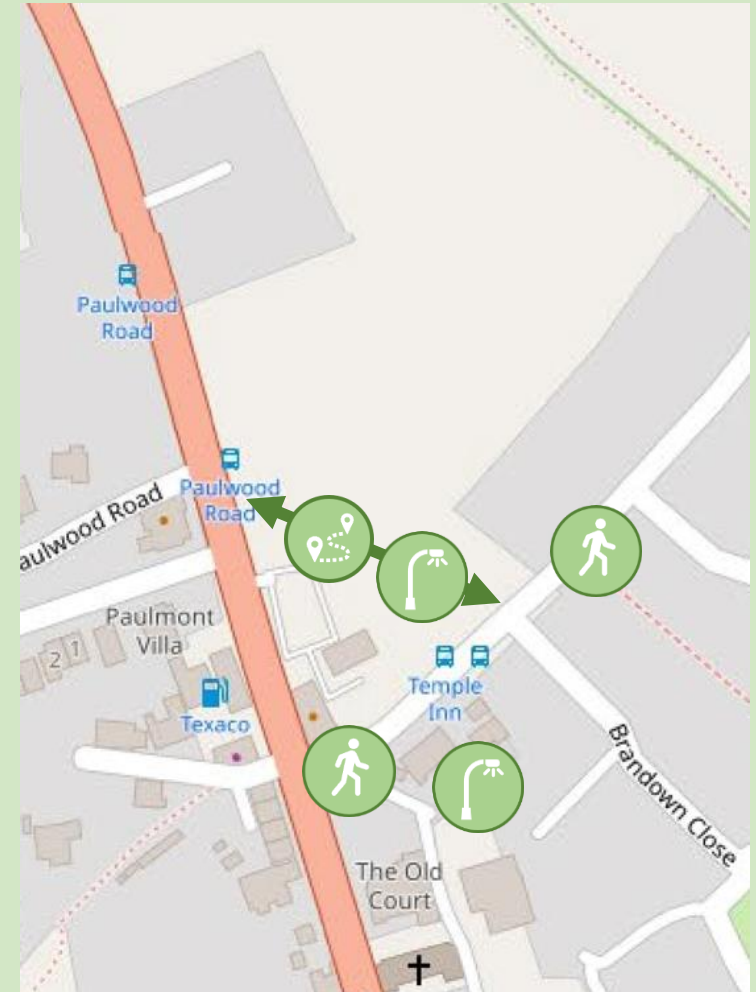


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Pedestrian access to St Barnabas's Church



Provision of street lighting along newly installed footpath to Church and Brandown Close.



Zone 1 Temple Cloud Shops and The Hollow

Residents' suggestions to tackle vehicle related issues through various traffic interventions

Gateway into Temple Cloud



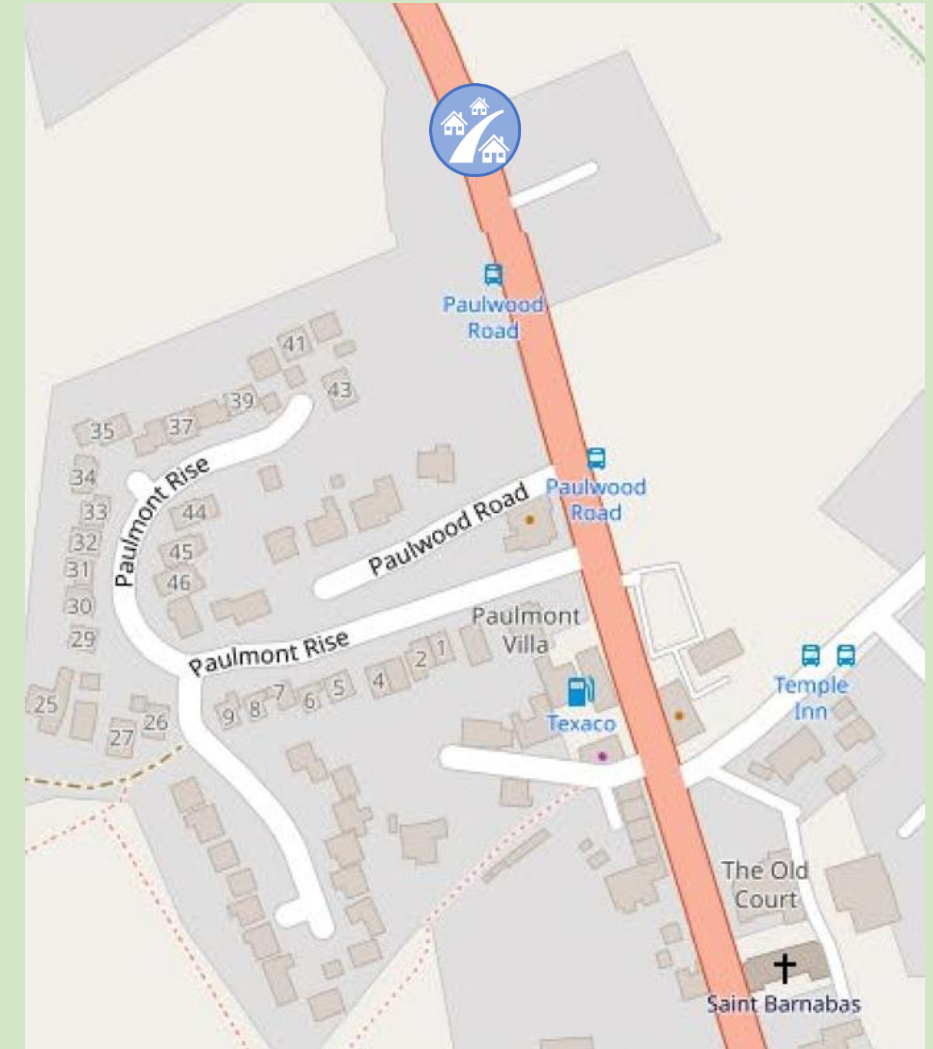
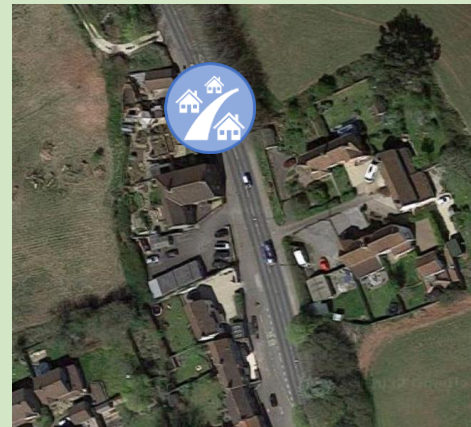
Help change driver behaviour and encourage slower speeds.

Opportunity to promote the village's heritage.

Helps inform drivers that they are now entering a different area (village).



Consider your driver behaviour and speed when using your car in and around the village.



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Zone 2 Area around Cameley Primary School

Residents' suggestions to improve the public spaces in the area



Temple Inn Lane Entrance to Village

Parklets and other street furniture in green space to provide a community area.



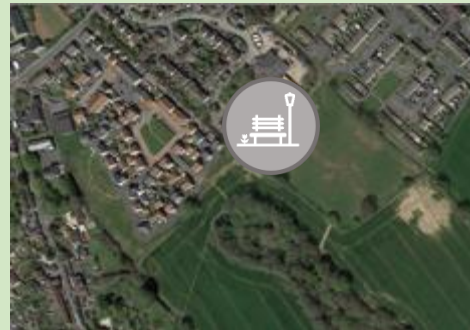
Goldney Way Area

Provision of benches and other furniture within residential areas will provide more community spaces in this area of Temple Cloud.



Temple Cloud Playing Field

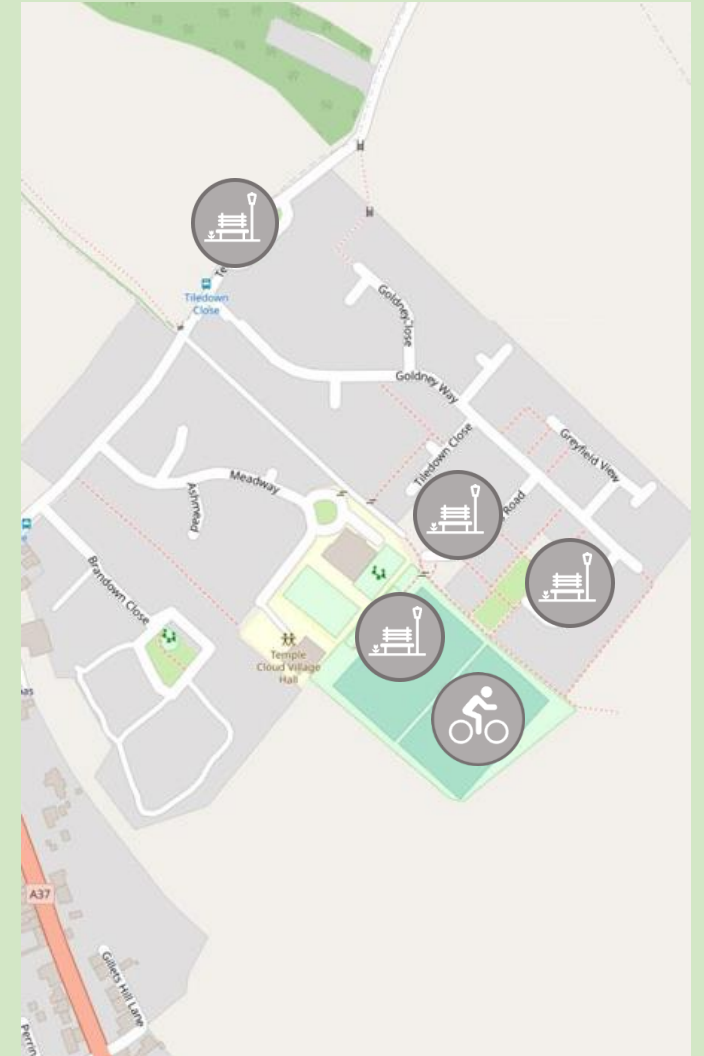
Provision of benches and other furniture will allow community to use this space for organised events and recreational activities.



Support for the communities ongoing initiative to construct a pump track for the younger members of the community.



Consider walking and using local seating/green spaces to help with your mental health and wellbeing.



Zone 2 Area around Cameley Primary School

Residents' suggestions to tackle vehicle related issues through various traffic interventions



Temple Inn Lane Entrance to Village

Community gateway to indicate to drivers the start of the village area.



Build outs accompanying the community gateway will help to define entrance into the village and inform drivers they are entering into a residential area.



Reduce speed limit on Temple Inn Lane to 30mph beyond the start of the village entrance.



Temple Inn Lane

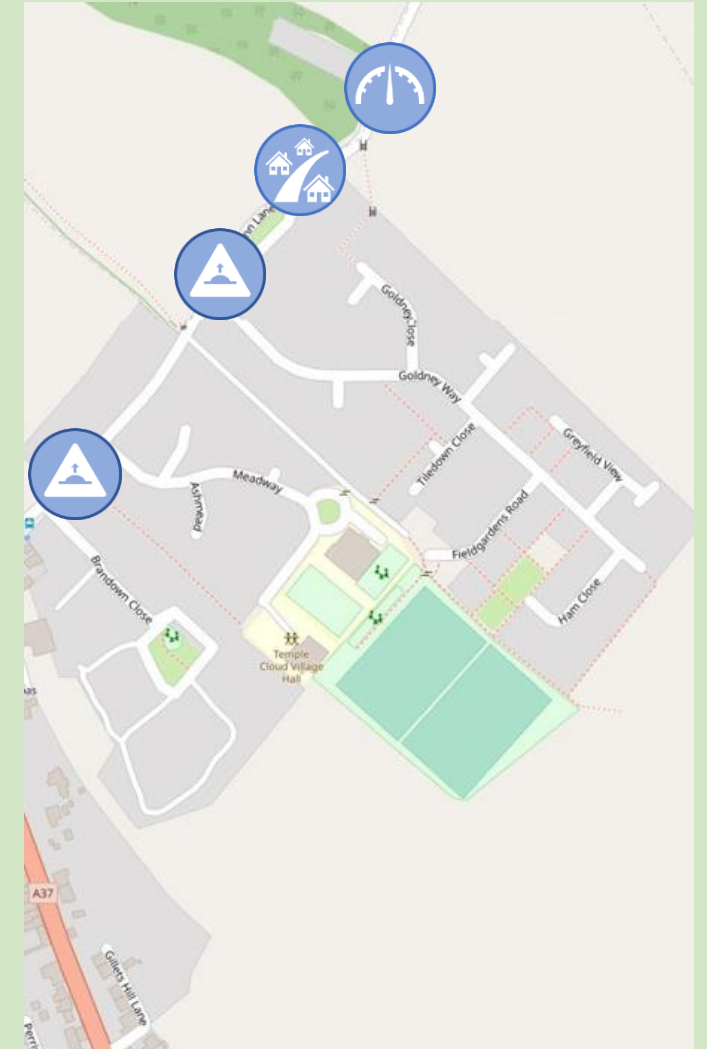
Continuous crossings act as traffic calming to help reinforce 20 mph speed limit and slow down drivers.



Consider your driver behaviour and speed when using your car in and around the village.



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Zone 3 Area around Cameley Surgery

Residents' suggestions to improve the public spaces in the area



Cameley Surgery

Parklets and other street furniture in green space to provide a more usable community area.

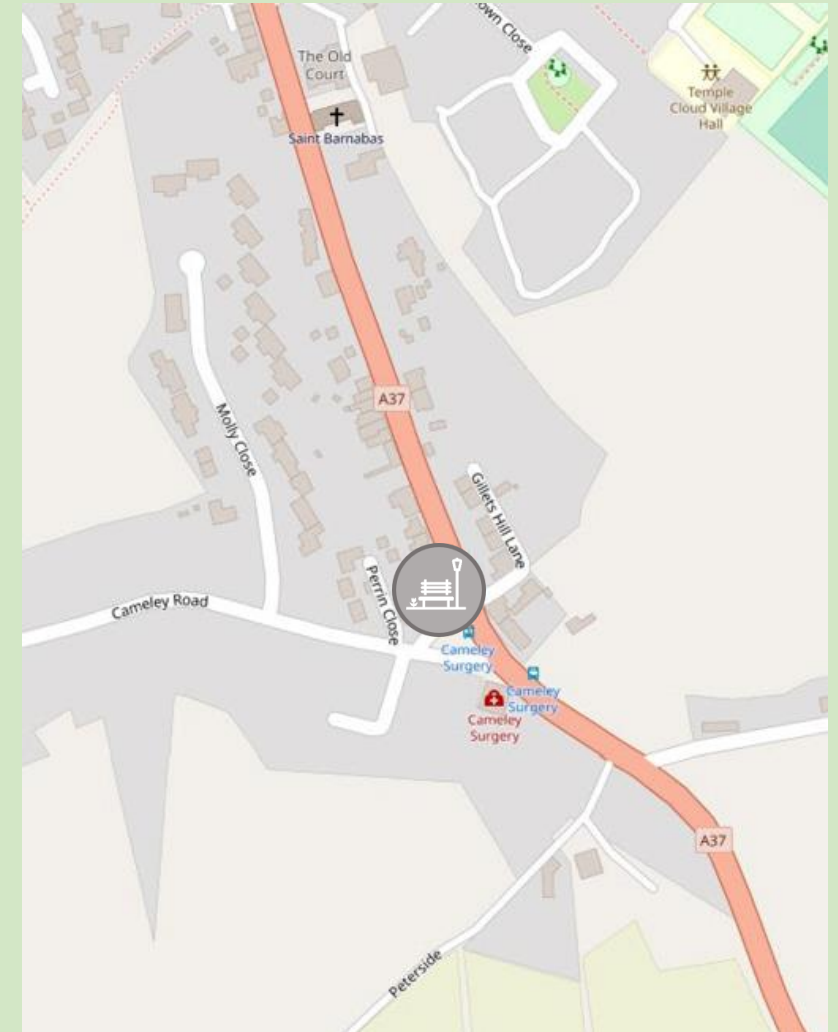
Helps to maximise the space for people and provides a social space in the south of the village.



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Consider walking or wheeling and using local seating/green spaces to help with your mental health and wellbeing.



Zone 3 Area around Cameley Surgery

Residents' suggestions to create fairer access for all by creating new routes for walking and wheeling



Connectivity to South of the Village

Signalised crossing on A37.



Formalisation of path between north-east and south of the village will allow easier access to each of these areas by residents.



Formalisation of path between the Cameley Surgery area towards the north of the village through nearby fields. This will allow residents access to the northern areas without having to walk along the narrow footway along the A37.

Both of these routes would enable a circular route around the village, making it more accessible and help encourage walking, wheeling and cycling.

Connection to East Court Road



Link Temple Cloud to Temple Bridge and help facilitate a circular route and better connectivity between the two villages and help encourage active travel.



Consider walking or wheeling to help with your mental health and wellbeing.



Zone 3

Area around Cameley Surgery

Residents' suggestions to tackle vehicle related issues through various traffic interventions



Cameley Surgery

Closure of one way section opposite Gillet's Hill Lane around Cameley surgery with modal filter to provide a larger community area.



Community Gateway at Southern Entrance

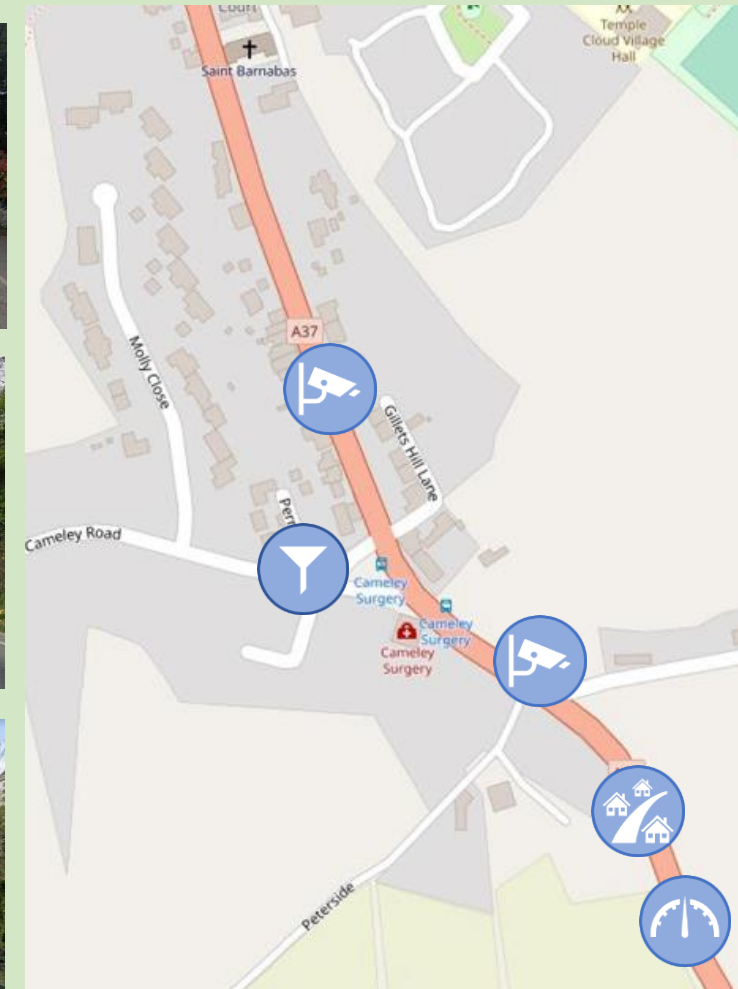
Provide a community gateway at entrance to the village to slow traffic entering the area.



Speed cameras at southern end of village and along central section of the village to slow traffic at these points. This will encourage safer driving through the area and encourage pedestrians to use the footways provided along these sections.



Impose a reduced speed limit of 30mph through Temple Bridge to slow traffic and improve safety of cyclists cycling on the carriageway.



Zone 3 Area around Cameley Surgery

Residents' suggestions for maintenance to improve the area

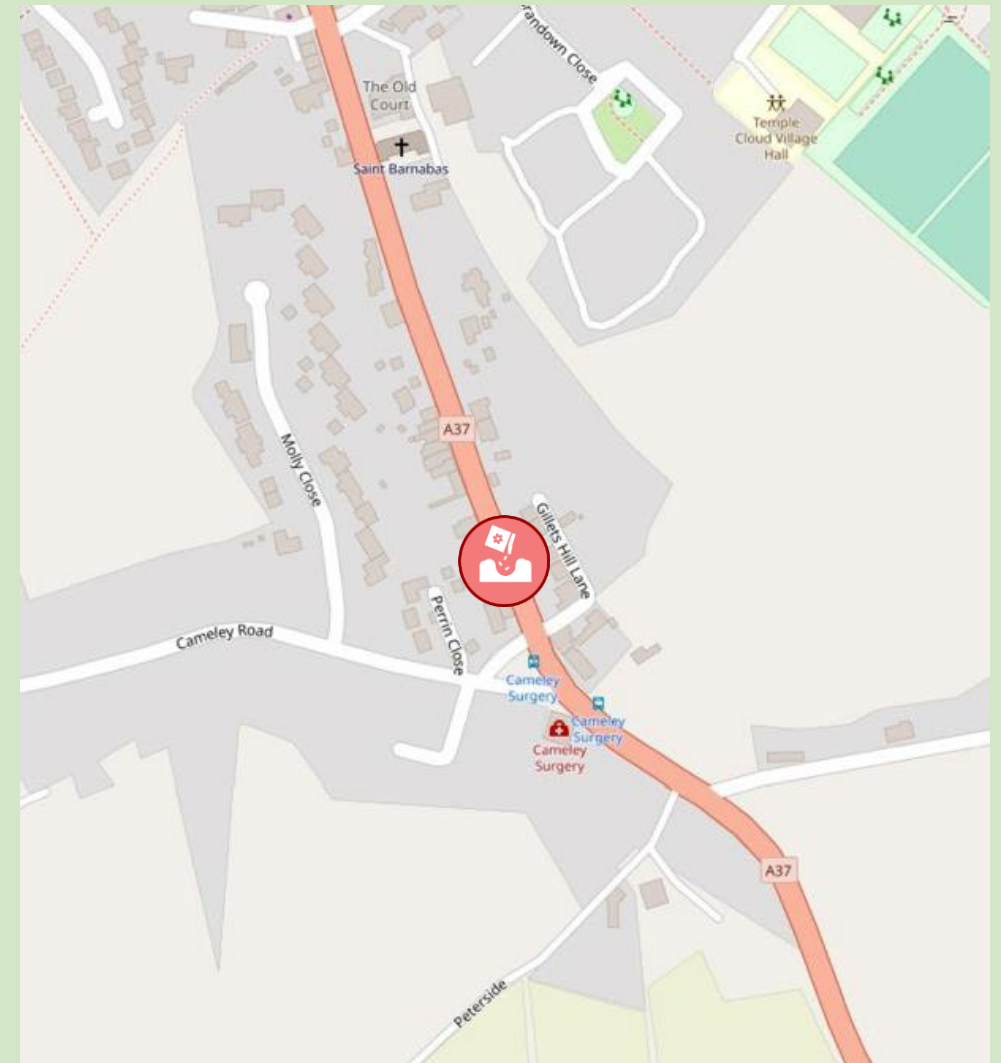
A37 Resurfacing



Improvements to carriageway surfacing along the A37 through the village of Temple Cloud.

Reports of poor drainage along the section between Cameley Surgery and St Barnabas' Church.

Potential to resurface A37 carriageway with open matrix asphalt to improve drainage along this section.



Zone 4 Connection to Clutton

Residents' suggestions to improve cycling opportunities in the area



Connection to Clutton

New cycle route along the old railway line which runs to the east side of Temple Cloud. A similar route to what has been done between Bristol and Bath could be provided.

Seek to add to local cycle network and help establish better links at a local level.



Consider cycling to help improve fitness and your mental health and wellbeing.

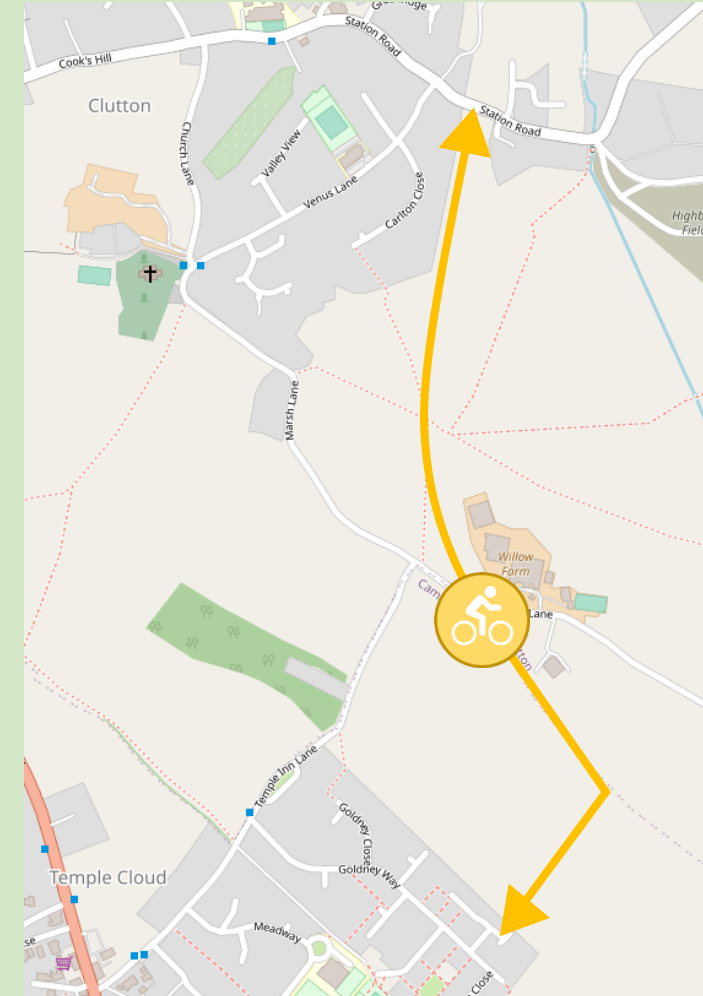
B&NES and/or Sustrans undertaking cycle training with local school children to help build confidence.



Crushed stone trail along Bath Skyline



Bristol to Bath Cycle path



Zone 4 Connection to Clutton

Residents' suggestions to improve the public spaces in the area

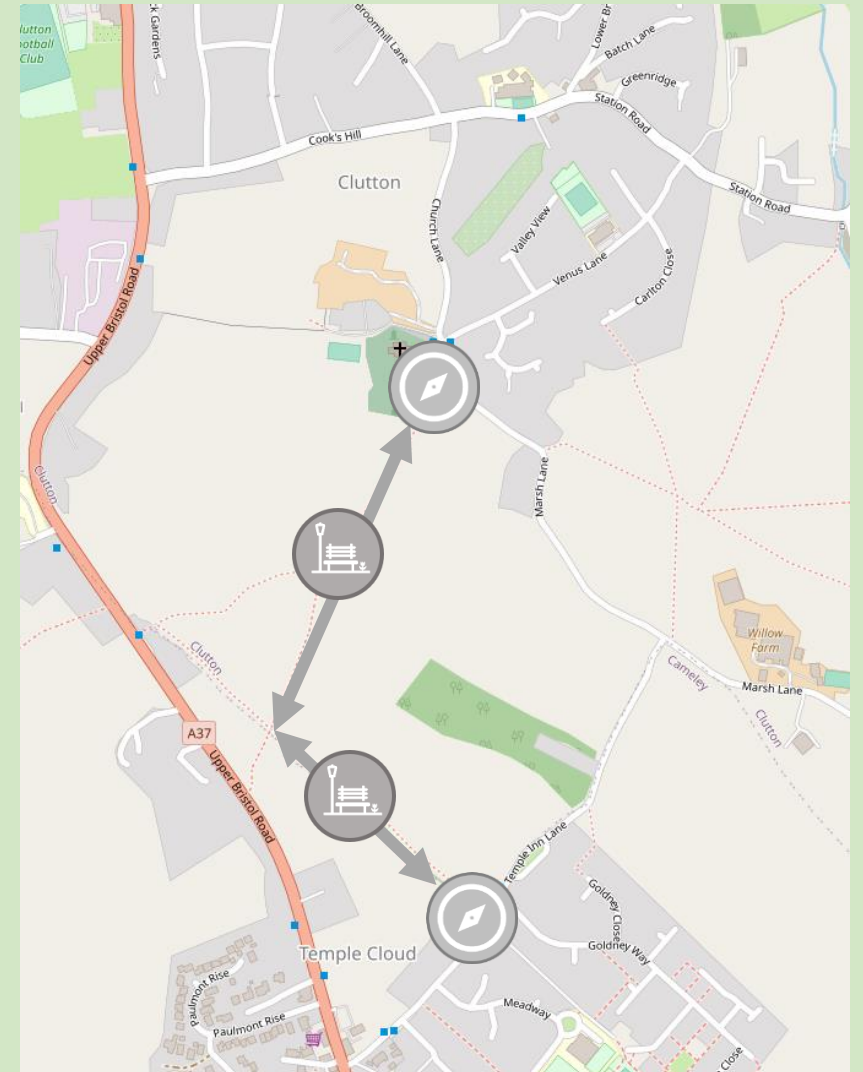
Furniture along Existing Footpath



Provision of benches and furniture along the route to allow those walking or wheeling to have a break along the way if required.



Wayfinding signage highlighting route to those who are walking, wheeling or cycling between Clutton and Temple Cloud.



Zone 4 Connection to Clutton

Residents' suggestions to create fairer access for all by creating new routes for walking and wheeling

Improvements to Existing Footpath



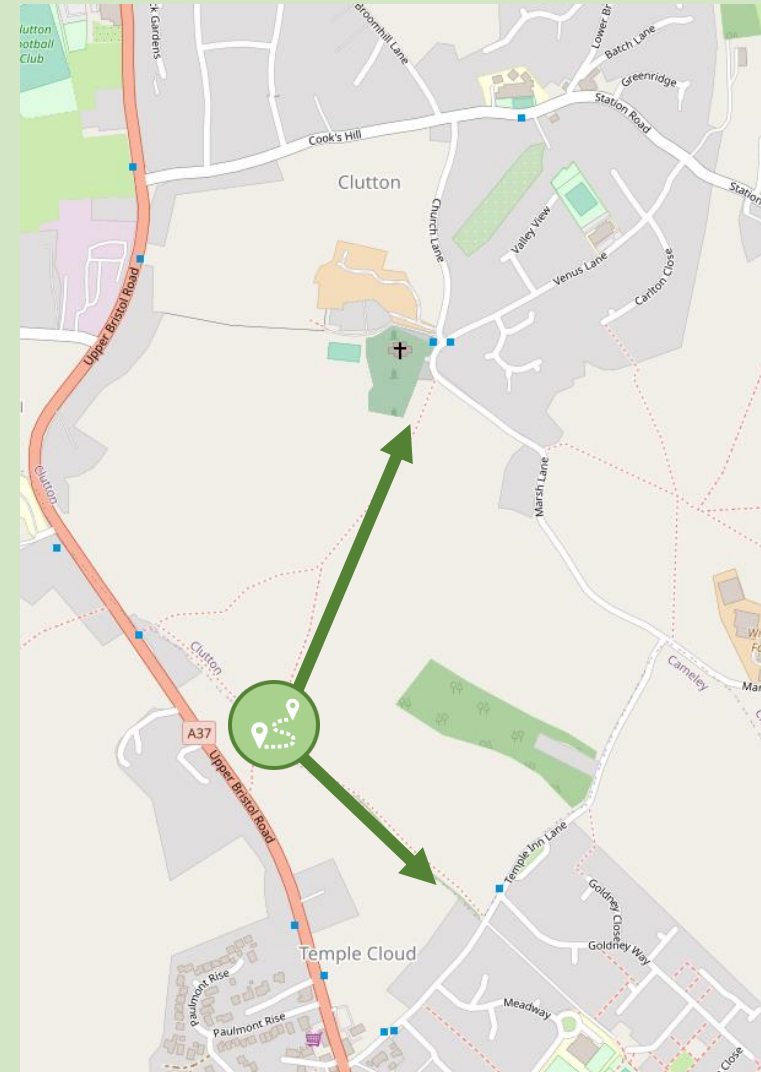
Improving existing connection through fields connecting Temple Cloud and Clutton.

Provision of benches and furniture along the route to allow those walking or wheeling to have a break along the way if required.

Improved wayfinding to provide clarity and awareness of the routes existence. This will help encourage people to walk between the villages as opposed to driving between them.



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Zone 5 Connection to Temple Bridge

Residents' suggestions to improve cycling opportunities in the area



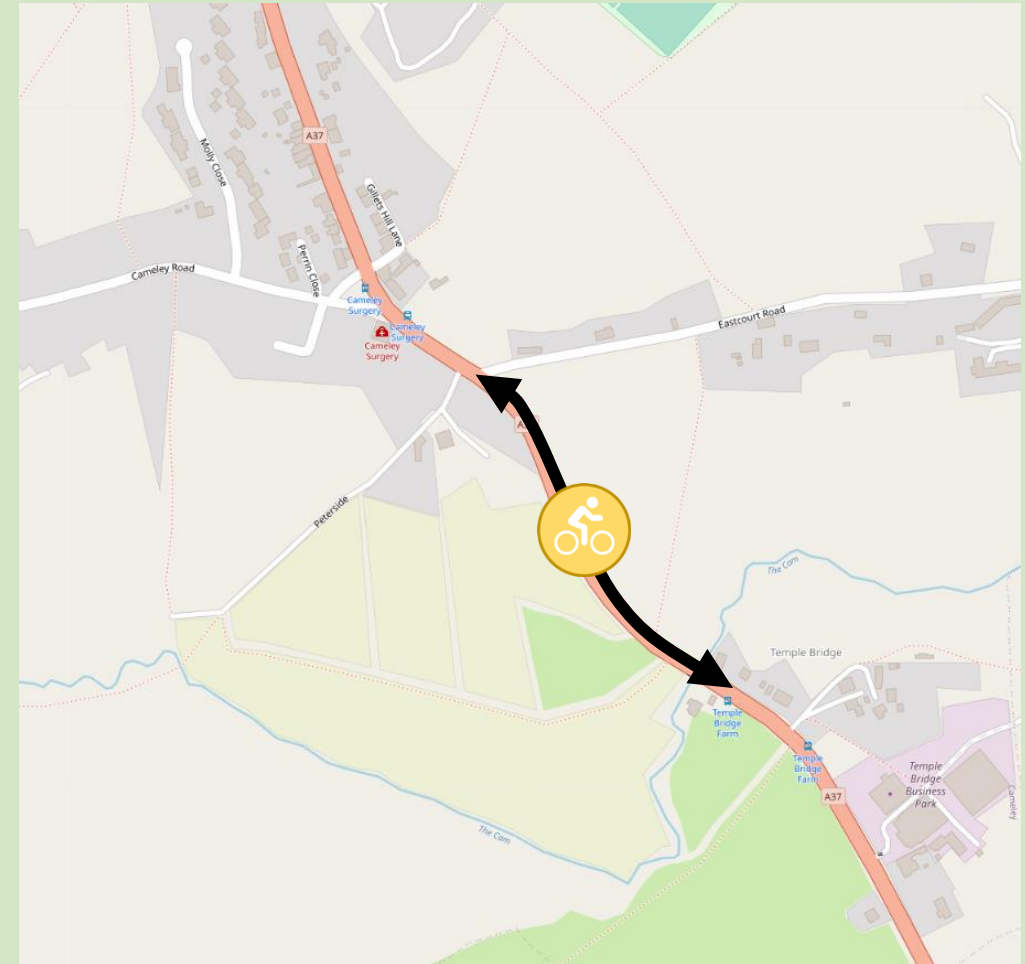
Connection to Clutton

Potential to install new segregated cycleway for road section between Temple Cloud and Temple Bridge. This will allow local residents to safely cycle between the two villages and onwards to surrounding areas.

By having a segregated cycleway this also reduced the conflicts with pedestrians in these areas.



Segregated Cycleway in Cardiff

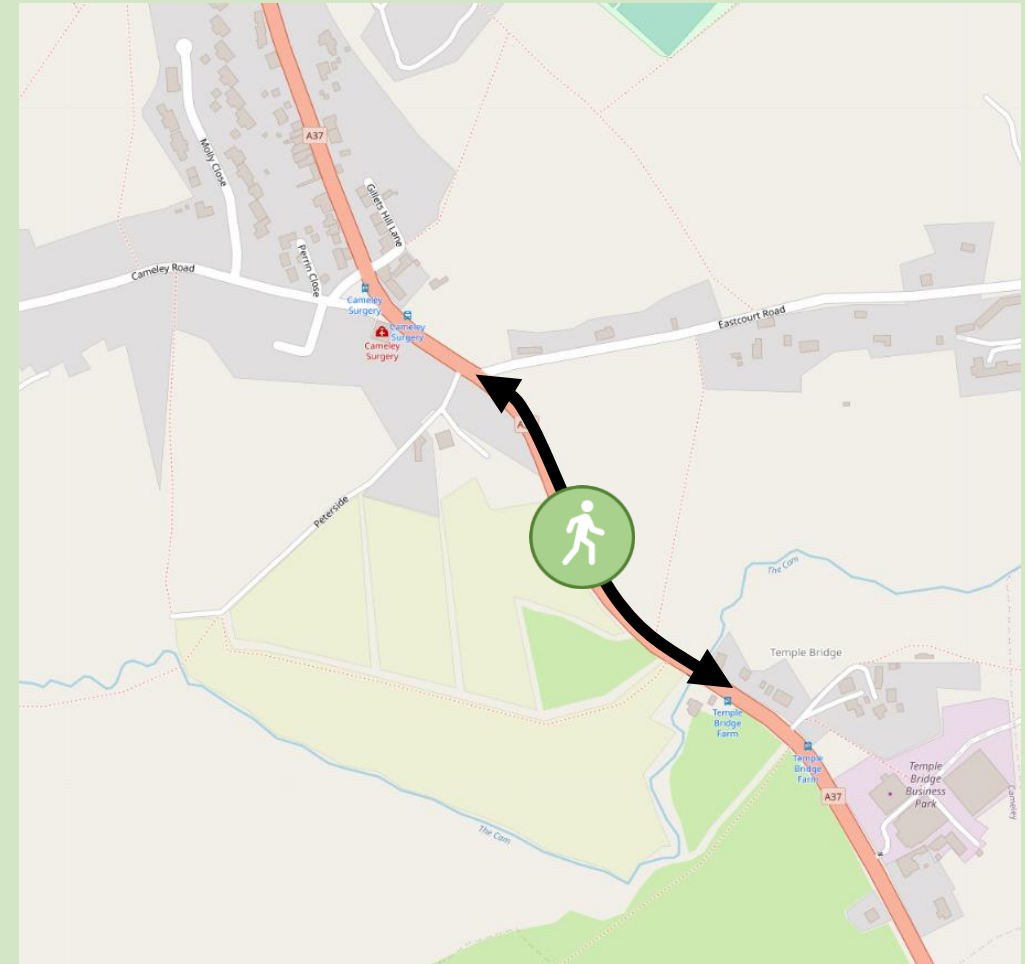


Zone 5 Connection to Temple Bridge

Residents' suggestions to create fairer access for all by creating new routes for walking and wheeling

Connection to Temple Bridge

Improvements to pedestrian facilities along the A37. Widening and resurfacing of pavement will encourage walking between Temple Cloud and Temple Bridge. This route will allow access between the villages and outwards to surrounding areas.



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Other Behaviour Change Interventions



Residents can also consider ways of improving the area without relying on physical changes to the streets, such as walking or cycling short journeys, consolidating deliveries and using their car less by combining trips.

Advice on embracing active travel and realising the benefits of reduced car-use is available [here](#).

Community-led initiatives can also help improve the safety and atmosphere of any neighbourhood.

These can include walking buses, community tidy-ups, [community speed watch](#) and [weight restriction enforcement](#), and organising '[playing out](#)' days, which focus on streets for people.

You can find out more from an advisor at your exhibition.



Conclusion and Next Steps

The ideas presented here were proposed by residents at co-development workshops. The next step is to shortlist a package of measures to be included in a draft design, based on the following criteria:

- Whether the measure/intervention falls within the area originally proposed in the application for a Liveable Neighbourhood in the Temple Cloud area, or positively impacts that area (ideas relating to areas outside of this area will be saved for future consideration).
- How effective the measure would be in tackling the issues expressed by Temple Cloud residents.
- Cost and practicalities.

Residents attending our workshops can give their feedback on the ideas presented here, and what measures they'd like to see in a preliminary draft design, before drawing up final designs. These final designs would be subject to further consultation, and in some cases trialled on the street.

We will invite the wider public to share their views and comment on the draft design later in the autumn (2022).

The aim is to deliver a range of measures over a 'now, soon and later' timeframe from 2023.

If you would like to register your interest and be kept up to date on future events, please email LiveableNeighbourhoods@bathnes.gov.uk or speak to a member of staff.

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