ILLUSTRATIVE PLACE 5

Town Centre

Town centres can bring together the local community, and form an essential part of a place’s identity. Physical activity can be encouraged through simple changes that can work hand in hand with other priorities such as economic regeneration, building community inclusion and climate change mitigation and resilience.

Design Interventions

A. Public transport interchange with bus station and stops located close to train station.
B. Bike hub at public transport interchange, with secure storage and maintenance facilities.
C. Greening of streets, with integrated seating, opportunities for play and exploration.
D. Shading or sheltering of streets to ensure continued use in hot and cold weather.
E. Temporary space in vacant plot used to provide events space and outdoor physical activity opportunities.
F. Former department store repurposed for community space, leisure facilities, residential use and employment co-working spaces.
G. Roof terraces for co-working space to provide additional outdoor environment in town centre.
H. Continuous, connected cycleway network running into the heart of the town centre.
I. Traffic calming and wide pedestrian crossings to connect town centre streets together.
J. Sports and leisure facility with frontage onto town park.
K. Public realm connected with sports and leisure facility to extend activity out of building.
L. Redesign of existing square to ensure it is flexible and can be used for a wide variety of events.
M. Well designed urban living opportunities with reduced car parking needs and access to shared private outdoor spaces.
N. Town park with a variety of natural habitats.
O. Removal of vehicles on a secondary street to provide quiet cycling network.