

Right to  
the Streets

# Place Review

A tool to

explore,

reflect

and

imagine

Made with and for the people of Trafford

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# About this place review

This place review is a tool developed by Open Data Manchester for the 'Right to the Streets' project to support communities in Trafford. Its aim is help identify steps you can take to create streets and spaces that feel safer and more welcoming for all.

This tool will cover topics like safety and sense of belonging. The themes and the language used in this review have been selected from conversations and concerns voiced in walkabout workshops with local residents (more specifically women and girls) in the North Trafford area. Some of these topics might be difficult to dig into deeply as they could highlight issues in the area and bring up negative feelings. The "places to explore", "reflect" and "imagine" starting on pages 8, 14, and 16 of this booklet are meant to help you navigate these potential feelings to continue your place review, but you can choose to keep these for the end if you want.

Co-creation of the place review was facilitated by Toyebat Adewale and Prisca Munzamba from Open Data Manchester. Get in touch if you want to find out more about our part in the Right to the Streets project.

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# How to use this place review

- First, choose a location, like a park, or part of a street that you regularly walk. Take a moment to reflect on why you want to review this place and write it down on the next page.
- You can do the place review alone but it's best done in a group to make it a more enjoyable experience and get different viewpoints.
- To complete the place review, check the boxes that apply to the place you have chosen based on your experience today or from your knowledge of the area.
- Depending on the place you choose, it may not be necessary for you to do all the review categories. For example, you may find the "Green Spaces", "Look and Cleanliness" and "Community and Sense of belonging" categories to resonate more with your aim (e.g. "understanding where litter is left most in our community and why").
- You can choose how long you want your place review to last. We recommend allowing at least an hour.
- Bring some water with you if you can.
- Taking pictures of the places you see can help make the place review more meaningful and help others understand what you found. Make sure to ask people for their consent if you are going to include them in your photos.



# Place review details

Fill in the boxes below with information about your place review and tick the box that most reflects your situation.

<b>Aim of place review</b>	
<b>Place (start and end point)</b>	
<b>Weather</b>	
<b>Time of day</b>	
<b>Your relationship to the place</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I live or work within 5 minutes of the place <input type="checkbox"/> I spend time in the place regularly (5 or more times a month) <input type="checkbox"/> I spend time in the place occasionally (less than 5 times a month) <input type="checkbox"/> I travel through the place regularly on foot, bike or public transport (5 or more times a month) <input type="checkbox"/> I travel through the place occasionally on foot, bike or public transport (less than 5 times a month) <input type="checkbox"/> I don't spend time in or travel through the place
<b>Point of view</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I am completing this review based on what I have experienced today <input type="checkbox"/> I am completing the review based on my knowledge of the area

# Look and cleanliness

Cleanliness and having the sense that places are looked after and calm were highlighted as factors that matter to Trafford residents.

## Do you identify any of the issues below? (please tick)

- A lack of street trees and planting
- A lack of things to see and do
- Poorly maintained or neglected buildings and shop fronts
- Litter and/or dog poo
- Public urination
- There are no murals or street art
- There are no real problems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you notice any issues around air quality?

- Fumes from traffic
- Unpleasant smells (e.g open drainage, rubbish)
- Construction dust
- There are no real problems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you recognise any of the below causing excessive noise in the place?

- Road works
- Motor traffic
- Crowds or gatherings of people
- Loud music from nearby shops or cafes
- Demolition and/or construction
- There are no real problems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall the look and cleanliness of the place is:



# Green spaces

Greenery or closeness to parks were the number one feature that made a street a favourite according to our survey with people familiar with Trafford.

**Do you notice any of the below about green spaces? (please tick)**

- Parks
- Greenery (trees, grass and flowers)
- Well maintained landscaped areas and trees (e.g. grass is cut)
- Unobstructed clean paths
- Well maintained fencing and gates
- Appropriately used litter and dog waste bins
- Fencing is an inappropriate height
- There is enough lighting
- No anti-social behaviour
- Public places to chat with friends
- Places for shade and shelter
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall the quality of green spaces is:



# Community and sense of belonging

Two of the most common factors residents associated with their favourite streets were community and people.

## What makes you feel welcome in this place? (please tick)

- I see people like me
- I feel connected to this place
- I can afford to pay for products in local shops
- Local people are friendly
- There are nearby facilities that meet my needs
- I feel reflected in the art and murals
- The scheduling of activities matches my varied timetable
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## What signals a lack of community in this place?

- Lack of people and activity during the day
- Lack of people and activity during the evening
- There is no variety in the community activities provided
- There are no community buildings (centres/libraries/information offices/community businesses/places for religious worship)
- Community buildings are poorly maintained
- Community buildings are abandoned or infrequently used
- There is no space to advertise and promote community news/events
- Lack of places appropriate for children's play
- Lack of seating available to sit or linger
- Little evidence of community initiatives
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall the presence and feeling of community in this place is:



# Getting out and about

Residents highlighted some of the conditions needed to feel that they can be active socially and physically.

**Are there appropriate facilities or opportunities for...? (please tick)**

- Cycling (including safe bike storage)
- Running and jogging
- Walking
- Wheeling (e.g. wheelchair, prams)
- Sitting and resting
- Stretching and low impact exercise
- Playing games such as football, frisbee
- Doing activities in a group (e.g. picnics)
- Children's playground
- Walking and playing with dogs
- Toilets and baby changing
- Entertainment (e.g. cinema, events, shops)
- Varied cuisines and dietary needs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall the opportunities for getting out and about in this place are:



# A place to explore

Find a place to sit and have a drink, if possible - you can always come back to this page at the end. Take a moment to stop and explore the topics you have just gone through a bit more deeply.

**What feelings, if any, have come up for you as you looked around to fill in your place review so far?**



**What have you discovered at this point in your place review that was new or surprising?**



# A place to explore continued...

What places would you recommend other people to explore for:

**Being active**

**Enjoying the scenery**

**Spending time with others**

# Pavements

Residents felt that pedestrians are the last consideration when it comes to the roads.

## Do you notice any of the following with the design of pavements?

- There is a pavement
- There are enough pavements
- Pavements are wide enough for everyone to use
- Cycle lanes take up an appropriate amount of the pavement
- There is a pavement on both sides of the street
- There are adequate dropped kerbs for wheelchairs and prams
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you identify any of the below with the upkeep of pavements?

- Clean and without litter and dog poo
- Dry and without puddles
- Shielded from splashes from the road
- Pavements are even and smooth
- Plants and foliage along pavement are well-kept
- Safe to walk on in wet conditions
- Any repair work is adequate
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall the quality and safety of pavements are:



# Crossing the road

The placement of and lack of crossings on roads have been mentioned by residents as an issue, particularly for parents with small children, with buggies and people with mobility issues.

## When looking at pedestrian crossings with traffic lights:

- There are no countdown facilities
- There are not enough pedestrian crossings with traffic lights
- Crossings do not offer direct connection to where I need to go
- It takes too long to wait for the green man to appear
- There are no bumps in the pavement to indicate a crossing
- Pedestrian signals do not give me enough time to cross the road
- There are no sound signals to indicate I can cross
- There are no real problems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Where there are pedestrian crossings with no traffic lights (e.g. islands, zebra crossings):

- There are no bumps in the pavement to indicate a crossing
- The speed and/or amount of traffic makes it hard to cross the road
- Obstacles (such as parked cars) block my view of traffic where I need to cross
- There is mud, water or grass at the point where I need to cross
- The road is too wide to cross in one go
- The road surface is uneven/has potholes
- There are no step-free crossings (e.g. dropped kerbs) for people using wheelchairs and buggies
- There are no real problems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall the quality and safety of crossings are:



# Vehicle behaviour

The presence of cars was stressed as another factor residents considered when choosing routes and identifying their favourite streets.

## Do you notice any of the following about driver behaviour?

- Engines turned off while waiting outside schools and shops
- Driving within the limit
- Stopping at red lights or stop signs
- Safely setting down and picking up passengers
- Cars stopping for pedestrians on zebra crossing or flashing amber lights
- Driving an appropriate distance away from cyclists or pedestrians
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you notice any of the following parking practices?

- Parking allowing access to dropped kerbs used by wheelchairs and buggies
- Parking kept to designated car parking areas
- Pavements free from parked vehicles
- Junctions free from parked vehicles so that people can cross
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you notice any of the following with cyclists and scooter-users?

- Stopping at red lights or stop signs
- Bikes and scooters keep to designated lanes
- Safe cycling or scooting on shared pavement/greenways
- Following the right direction of traffic
- Bikes or scooters parked in designated places keeping the pavement free
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall the quality of vehicle and safety behaviour is:



# Safety

Safety is one of the main reasons residents of Trafford change route when walking to places. We heard that safe places are well-lit, populated and easy to navigate.

## Do you notice any of the following safety issues? (please tick)

- Danger of falling in canals
- Lack of places of safety or refuge
- Area is too isolated
- Area is too crowded
- People actively intimidating others (yelling at people, catcalling, harassment)
- Anti-social behaviour (e.g. street drinkers, drug use)
- Hidden alleyways and blind corners
- There are no real problems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Are there any issues with navigating the streets?

- Street names are damaged and/or difficult to read (e.g. faded, dirty, small)
- Street signs are wrong (e.g. pointing the wrong way, out of date etc.)
- There are no street signs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Do you identify any issues with street lighting?

- Street lights are too bright
- Street lights are not bright enough
- Street lights are broken
- Lack of street lighting
- Lighting is blocked by trees (especially when in full leaf)
- There are no real problems
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

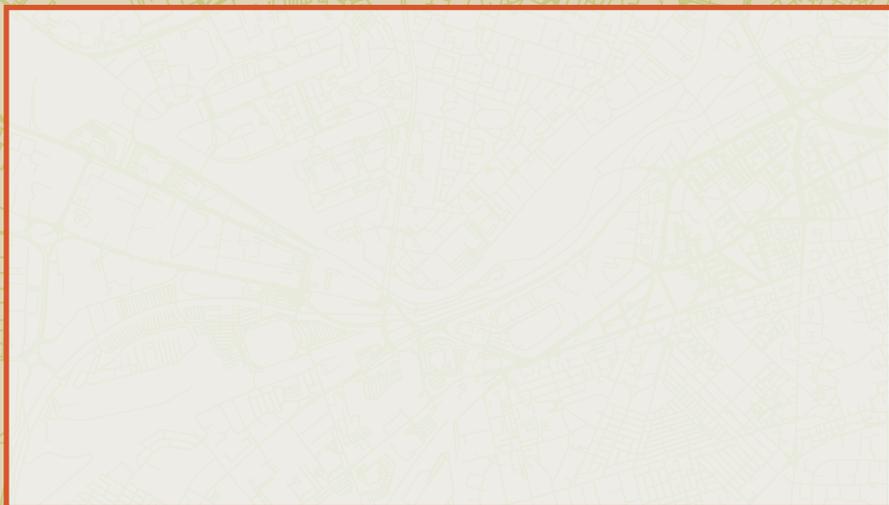
Overall the feeling of safety in this place is:



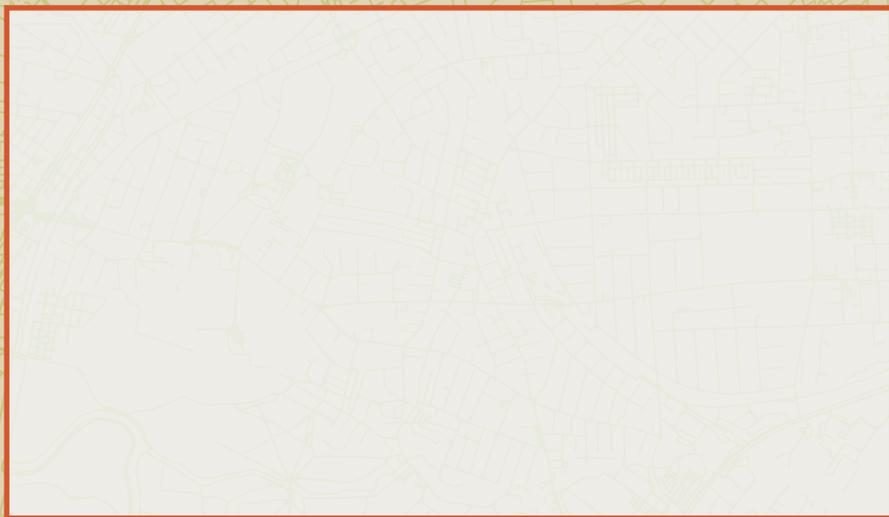
# A place to imagine

Before the end of your place review, take some time to imagine what else is possible for the place you chose.

**What would you like to see in this place?**

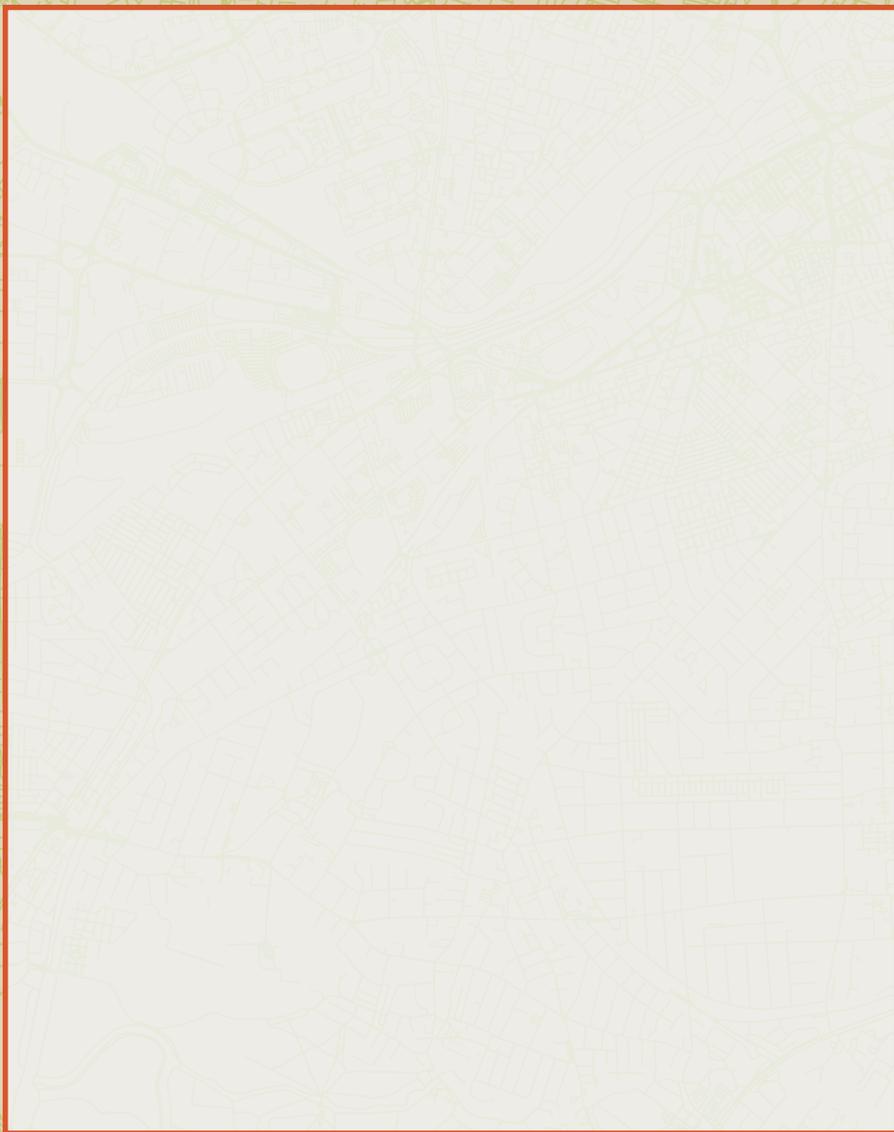


**What is already in this place that could be improved?**



# A place to imagine continued...

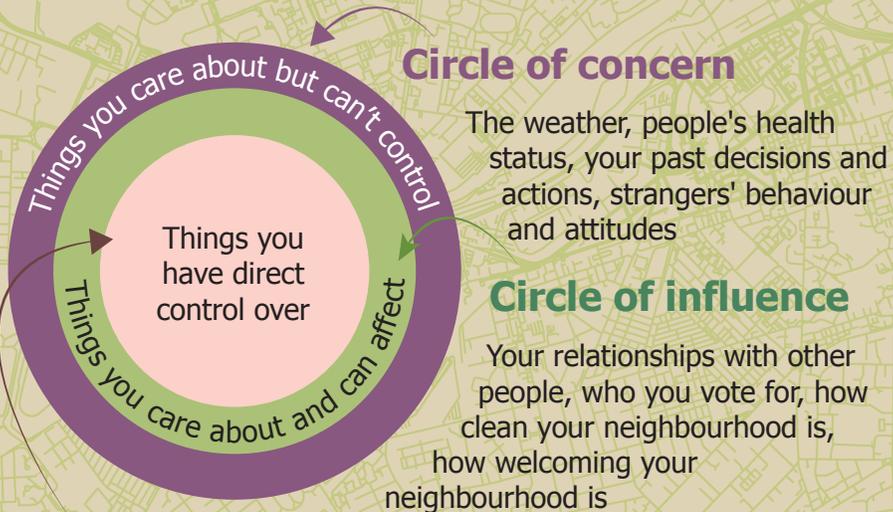
If you want, draw what you would like to see in this place



# A place to reflect

## What can you help change for the better within this place?

The circles of control diagram below helps us to think about what we can do and influence versus the things we can not. The idea of circles of control was popularised by psychiatrist and author Viktor Frankl and it helps us focus our energy and consider our own well being.



### Circle of control

How kind you are to yourself, your personal goals, how you respond to others, how you challenge and act on your thoughts

Take a few moments to reflect on what sits in your circle of control, what sits in your circle of influence and what rests in your circle of concern. It is important to take care of your mental and physical health by taking the time to focus on changing what you can control, prioritising what you can influence and sharing your concerns with others. **You can list these on the page opposite.**

# A place to reflect continued...

**My circle of  
control**

**My circle of  
influence**

**My circle of  
concern**

# Next steps

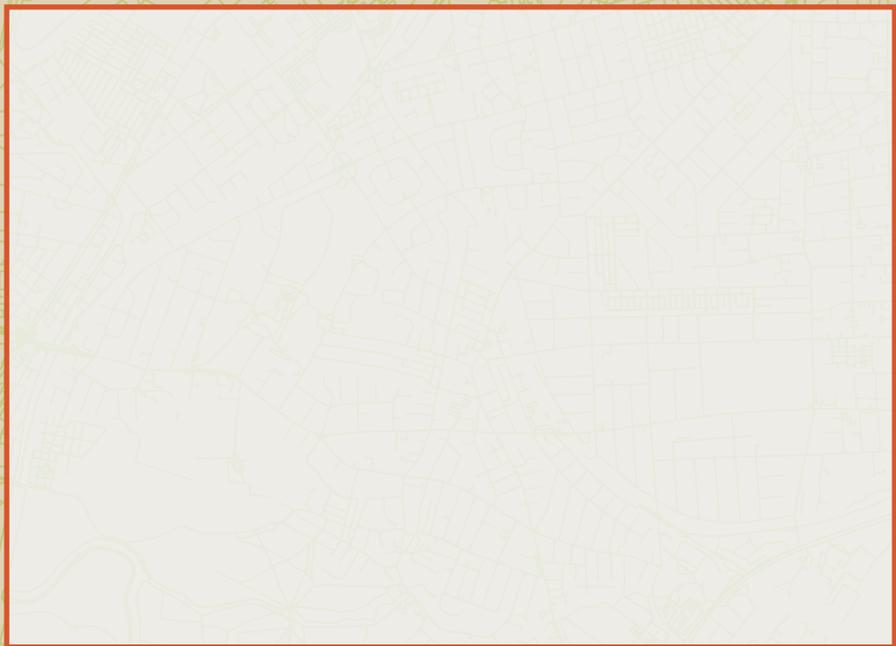
After the place review, you should come together to talk about what you have identified during your review. You should look at everyone's responses and come to an agreement on what the key issues are.

Once you have done this, you can start prioritising and thinking about what actions to take.

Smaller actions can be taken forward quickly but others may need more planning, resources and time to carry out.

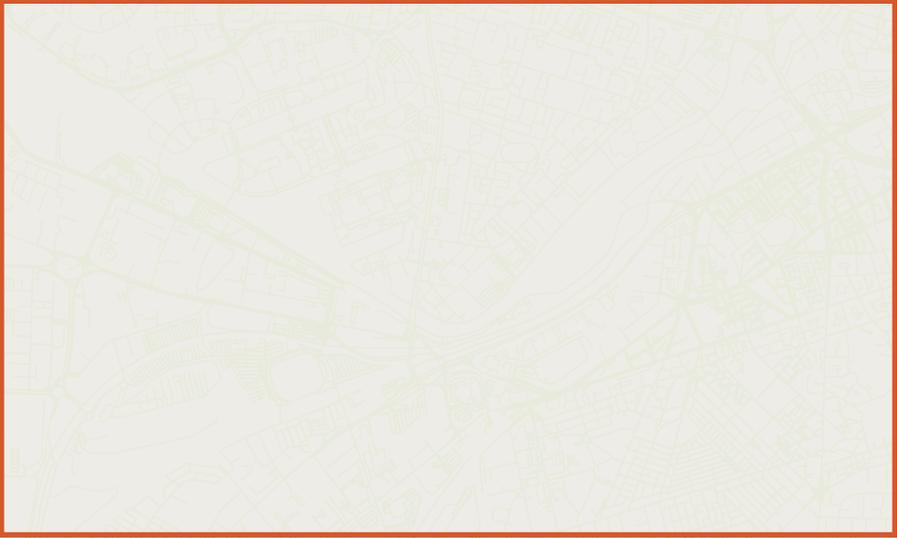
Or if you identify an issue that is the responsibility of the council, such as street lighting, you could report this through Trafford Council's website <https://bit.ly/ODM-TRAW>, <https://fixmystreet.com> or, as a group, you could go to your local councillor with your findings.

**What are the three key priorities you have identified?**

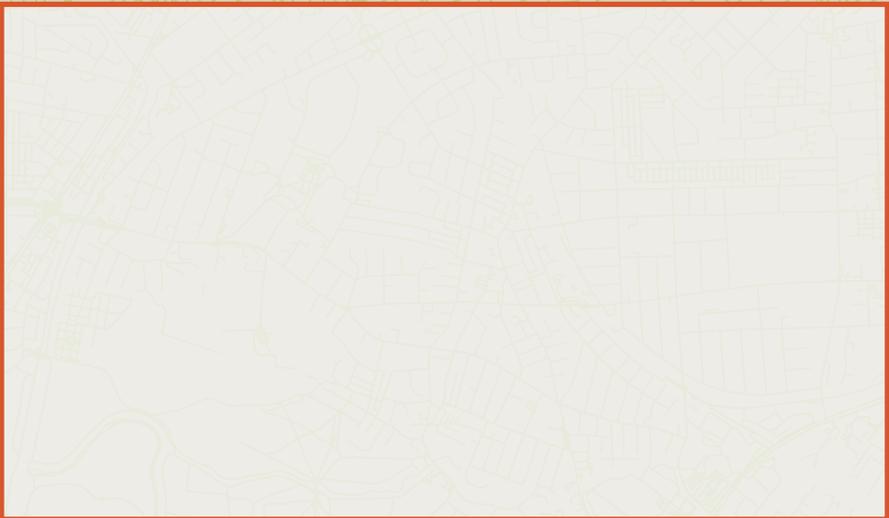


# Next steps continued...

**What resources do you need to achieve your aims?**

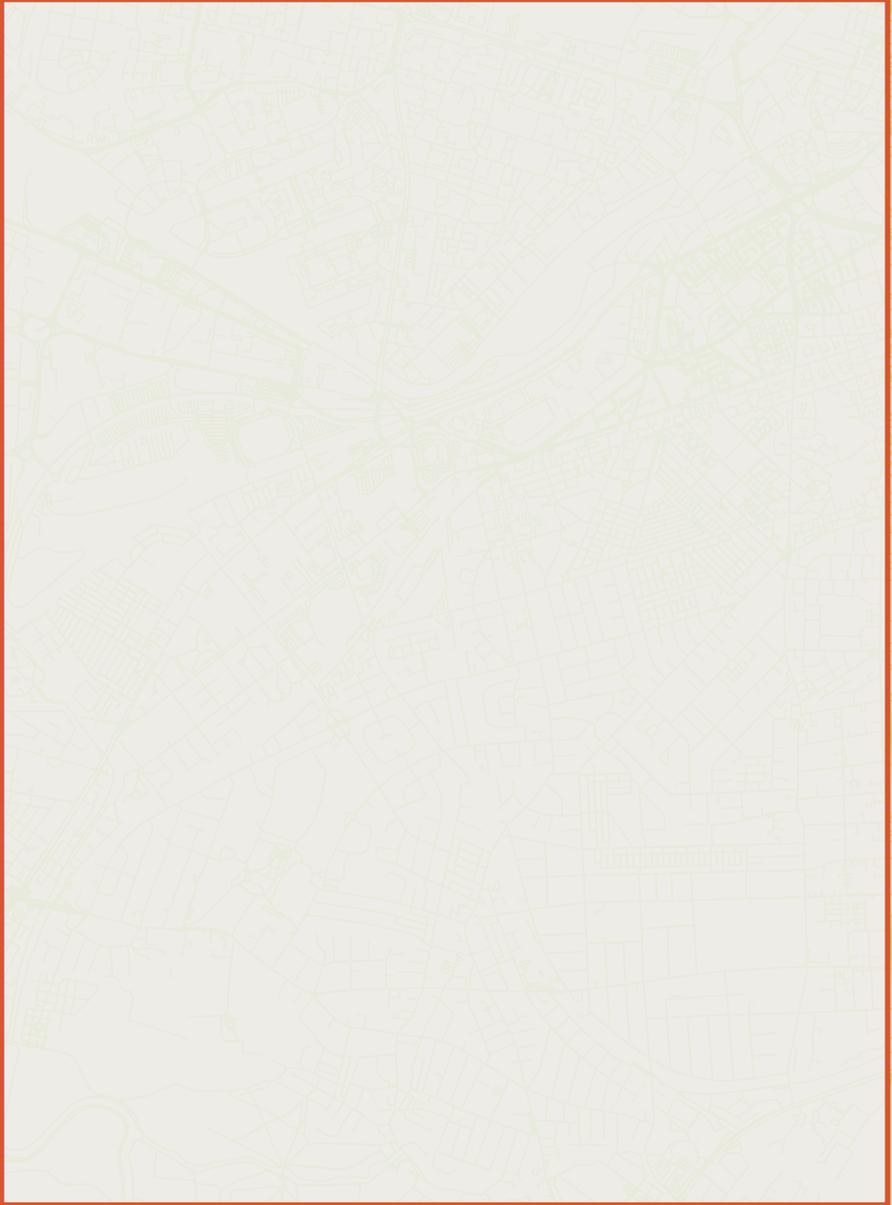


**Who should be involved?**



# More thoughts

If there is anything else you can think of, use this space





# Thank you



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**Your participation contributed greatly to this work.**



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