

Living Streets Aotearoa DIY Community Street Audit (trial)

Overall Area:

Date:

Noted by :

General comments, positive and negative (specific problems on other sheet)

1. Footway surfaces and obstructions

Are footways in good condition? Are appropriate materials used?

Are dropped kerbs (cut-outs) fully flush? Are ramps smooth and not too steep?

Is street furniture well positioned? Is it aligned to allow free passage?

Are there temporary obstructions on the footway? Is cafe seating arranged to keep passage clear?

Are parked cycles blocking passage?

2. Facilities and signage

Are there enough seats? Are they in places with interesting views? Are they at regular intervals?

Do directions signs point at major destinations? Do they indicate times/distances to destinations?

Are they clear and easy to read? Do they obstruct the footway?

Are there public toilets? Is there 'evidence' of need for more?

Are streets trees in good condition? Are roots damaging footways?

Is lighting attractive?

3. Maintenance and enforcement issues

Are litter bins provided, overflowing, well-placed?

Is there litter in the gutter or on the footway?

Are there loose pavers? Is there graffiti or fly-posting?

Are skateboarders or cyclists dangerously encroaching on the footway?

Is there overhanging foliage?

4. Personal security

Is the lighting bright enough?

Are the sightlines good or are there dark alleyways or doorways?

Is the footway overlooked at night and day? Are there plenty of other people around?

Are there sufficient exit/ escape routes? Is there anti-social behaviour?

Is there a mixture of people around (young/old, suits/casual etc)?

5. Crossing points and desire lines

Are all crossings at street level? Are the needs of all users accommodated (visual/ tactile / audible)? Are desire lines blocked (by walls or guard-rails or flowerbeds)? At light-controlled crossings, how long do pedestrians have to wait? Is there a long enough phase to cross comfortable?

6. Road layout and space allocation

Is there enough footway to cope with peak pedestrian flows? Is it wide enough for wheelchairs and double buggies? Does the layout fairly reflect the needs of different user groups, i.e. pedestrian, cyclist, bus, car, delivery vehicle, taxi? Is there any 'dead' carriageway space that could be better used?

7. Aesthetics and visual interest

Is it attractive? Is there public art? Is there green space? Is there some local distinctiveness - a 'sense of place'? Is there any Maori art? Is the street built to a human scale? Is there variety and interest? Are there views to distant landmarks? Does the space encourage people to linger? Do the landscaping details relate to the buildings? Are there any heritage buildings and if so, are they interpreted?

8. Traffic

Is traffic travelling too fast for the use of the street? Does the traffic intimidate or endanger? Is there much traffic noise? Are cyclists using the footway? Are levels of street parking appropriate? Do parked cars obstruct visibility?

9. Economic environment

Do most buildings have a 'public face'? Is there a mixture of shops? Are shops attractive to passers-by? Are cafes open to the street? Are there people living above the shops? Is the area thriving or derelict? Are there any empty premises or boarded-up houses? Is the built environment capable of sustaining a real living, creating and working community and what, if anything, is required to adjust the mixture?

LIVING STREETS AUDIT - PROBLEM SHEET

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C	= car parking problem	PF	= pothole in footway
D	= Drainage problem	SI	= sign obscured or broken
FS	= footpath surface uneven, deteriorated, obscured	SL	= street light broken
G	= graffiti problem	ST	= steps missing or broken
H	= handrail broken or missing	T	= water supply toby box problem
K	= broken kerb	V	= vegetation needs trimming
PC	= pothole in carriageway	W	= wiring or power lines

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