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## ACTIVITY 2A

# Mapping the Quality of Place

This activity helps avoid new development that is poorly integrated with an existing community. A BIMBY development should integrate seamlessly into the settlement in the most accessible and connected place so that it can enhance the community and reduce unnecessary car movements. This workshop is important in helping achieve this, and where development sites are already allocated, this exercise sheds light on those decisions.



### What do I need to know?

Your Local Planning Authority or Council will be able to help you prepare a specific constraints plan showing areas that would not be developable. They'll be able to highlight land ownership and deliverability issues to avoid you wasting time suggesting sites that have no chance of development. They will also be able to show you what areas already have housing allocations, and if more housing areas are needed.

## Activity 2a Instructions

1. Kick off the workshop with a short presentation by someone who can briefly explain the history of the area. It's particularly valuable if they show plans explaining how your town, village or neighbourhood has grown and developed over time.
2. Put copies of a large neighbourhood map (to scale – ideally 1:2500) on tables for groups of 5-10 people.
3. Use these, coupled with local knowledge to plot/colour:
  - Settlement boundaries or any natural edges of development (black dashed)
  - Major roads and routes (orange)
  - Minor roads and routes – including pedestrian routes (yellow)
  - Bus stops, train stations, park and ride sites (dark blue)
  - Schools (purple)

- Shops/pubs (red)
- Doctor's surgeries/community halls (pink)
- Waterways (light blue)
- Green spaces/wildlife corridors (light green)
- Woodland (dark green)



AN EXAMPLE OF A PLOTTED MAP.

4. Then using a large ruler or compass plot a series of circles to scale:

- 500m around local centre/local shops (red dashed)
- 400m lines around bus stops (dark blue dashed)
- 500m around primary schools (purple dashed)
- 2km around secondary schools (purple dashed)
- 800m around doctor's surgeries (pink dashed)



PLOTTED CIRCLES

The colours we've suggested you use for each different element are typical colours for these types of elements in housing plans. These distances may be slightly less than the Institute of Highways and Transport standards but they have been developed by the Prince's Foundation, for designing walkable new communities.

- 5.** Take photos of the map, or scan it as your record.