

# SURF 20 Minute Neighbourhood Practice Network

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## WHAT IS YOUR DEFINITION OF A 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Most common words were:

**NEEDS/DAILY/ESSENTIAL SERVICES/AMENITIES WALK/PUBLIC TRANSPORT/CYCLE.**

Significant stress on **ALL** but notable comments on **MAJORITY**.

Needs not often identified but include:

**SHOPS/EDUCATION/HEALTH/PARKS/LEISURE/WORK/COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Length of time varied from 10 minutes there-and-back to “the length of time (1, 5, 10, 20 etc.) is somewhat arbitrary/exclusionary and there are a number of different variations across different geographies.”

**QUALITY** of route and service referred to and one mention of housing and food **AFFORDABILITY**.

What does it mean outside urban areas?



An area that **allows** "local living" by having sufficiently good infrastructure, facilities and amenities that allows EVERYONE to be able to walk / wheel / scoot, or access appropriate public transport, for daily living needs and means that it is in fact nicer to walk than to take the car.

Where I can reach what I need in 20 minutes (physical, spatial, **emotional** or **digital**)

A neighbourhood in which it is desirable to access daily needs by active travel or public transport.



## IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES TO DELIVERING A 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Existing environment continuing to be designed around the car

Housing allocations without amenities/Edge of settlement retail and educational campuses

Centralisation for efficiency (services and retail)

Clarity of definition (the 10/15/20 debate and what is essential)

Funding/cost (particularly in the face of funding cuts)

Inequalities exacerbated (i.e. not privileging the privileged & managing community expectations)

Enforceable policy and long term political support

Behaviour change – decision makers and public

Public transport policy

Is it attractive to the market?



## WHAT DO YOU NEED/HOPE TO GAIN FROM THIS NETWORK?

Greater understanding of the concept

Case studies/best practice of implementation/ learning from failures

How to establish a baseline

Up to date information on policy

Connect with collaborators (funders)

Advocacy – for 20MN and for what is defined as essential.

