



What is the Climate Emergency?



In May 2019 Monmouthshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency. Tackling climate change is really important, because if the planet's temperature rises by 2°C we face risks of drought, flood and poverty – the impact will be massive for hundreds of millions of people. In Monmouthshire impacts that could happen include more extreme weather events (such as storms), water shortages, droughts, species loss and risk of flooding.

What do we need to do?

There are lots of things that the Council are already doing to try and reduce our carbon emissions, such as reducing our energy use, generating solar power and trying to encourage electric cars. However, these things on their own are not enough to tackle the Climate Emergency. New initiatives are required to make a difference across all communities and citizens in Monmouthshire – it's about how we travel, live, eat, produce our food, shop and how we are inextricably linked to our environment. This all needs to work whilst balancing the needs of enterprise and supporting our rural/agricultural economy now and in the future.



What is Active Travel?



Active Travel is a term used to describe walking and cycling to replace car travel in order to get to a destination (also called "purposeful journeys"). It does not cover walking and cycling done purely for pleasure although it could significantly enhance leisure activities by helping link up networks. It is where a person, will, for instance, walk or cycle to get to their jobs, shops, school, go out to a place of leisure, or go to the station to catch a train.

Why is Active Travel Important

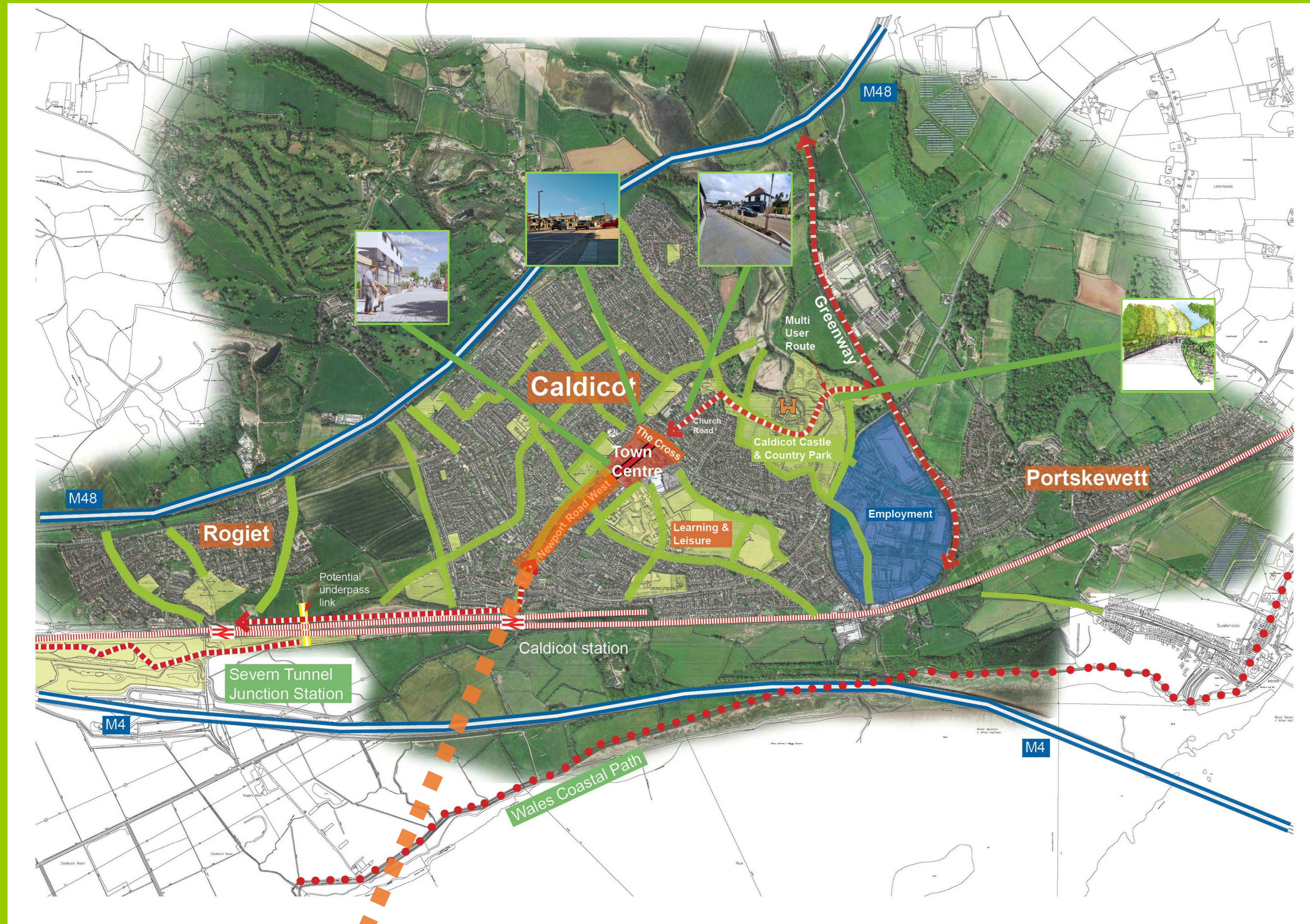
There are huge benefits in encouraging greater levels of Active Travel. Including walking and cycling in your normal daily routine is an excellent way to improve your health and wellbeing. When compared to driving it can also save you money on fuel and parking costs; cycling can even reduce travel time to work not being stuck on busy roads. Also Active Travel will help reduce traffic levels, and thus decrease air pollution, noise and climate change emissions.





What is our Vision?

Monmouthshire County Council has been working on proposals to enhance Newport Road to the west of Caldicot town centre. The aim is to create a pleasant and inviting place for residents, businesses and visitors, and a green and appealing route to walk and cycle through.



The County Council and partners has a vision of developing Caldicot as a place that is connected through streets and routes that are accessible, safe and attractive. It is working towards the development of an east to west link that includes:

- The creation of a shared route for cyclists and walkers along the former MOD Caerwent rail-line, the "Greenway"
- From the "Greenway" a shared route through the Castle and Country Park that will emerge onto Church Road
- To complete the remaining phase of works on Church Road
- To improve the town centre public realm so that it encourages dwell and activity and connects into other active travel routes
- To explore ways of improving the quality of life for Newport Road local residents which forms part of this consultation event

What are the Issues?

This project is focused on Newport Road between the town centre and the B4245. This part of the road is used by residents who live there or in the adjoining closes, as well as by people travelling towards the town centre or linking into the B4245. It is an important walking route for people going to the town centre and to Caldicot station, and for young people walking to Caldicot school.



The focus on cars and vehicles, rather than pedestrians and cyclists, is a key issue.



A greener environment would help make a more pleasant and attractive place, but also provides environmental benefits such as providing habitat for wildlife.



Opportunity to create a wider footway along both sides.

The carriageway is wide and vehicles travel relatively fast, but the footway is narrow or absent altogether in places.

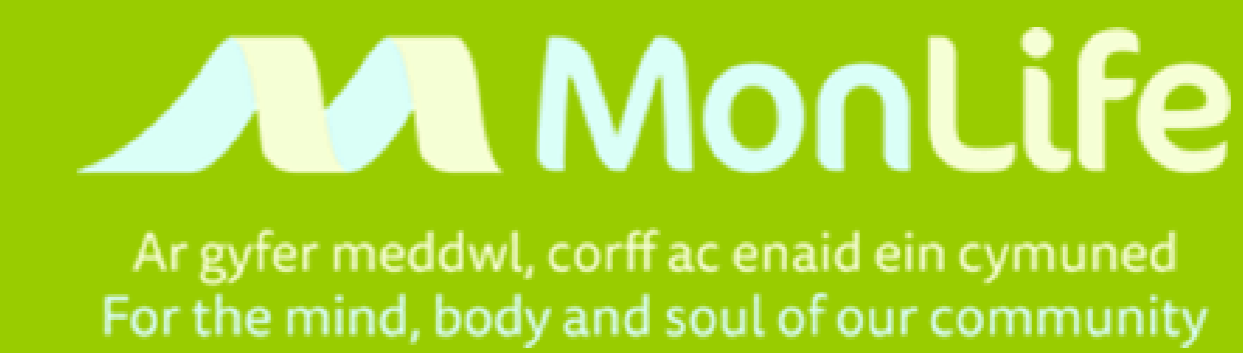


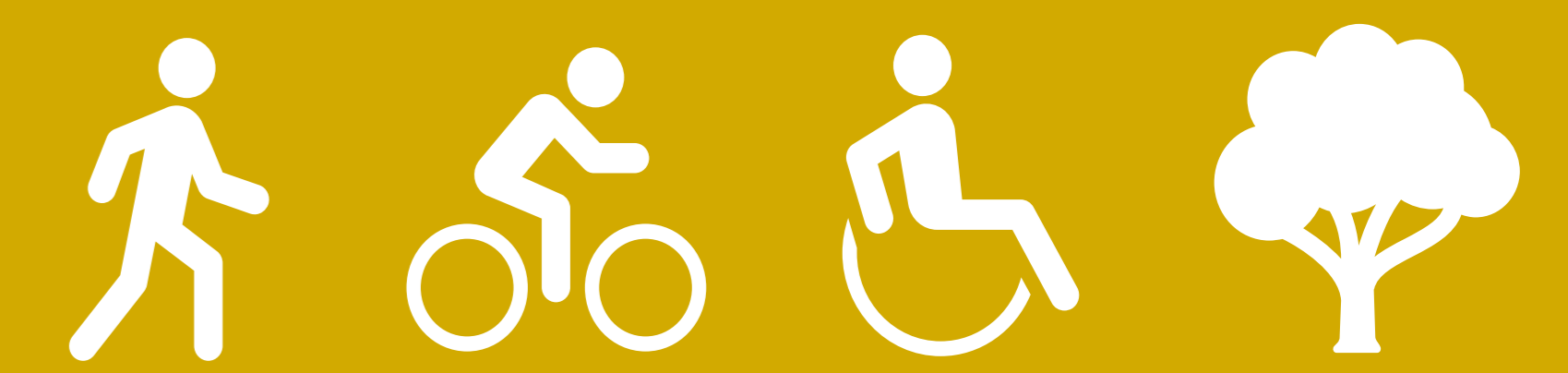
The road is also a local and national cycle route, but it can feel like an unappealing and unsafe environment for the cyclists who use it.



Opportunity to create a wider footway along both sides. This provides more space for pedestrians and helps to reduce vehicle speeds, which is safer for cyclists.

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What are the Ideas?

Before



In developing ideas for Newport Road we have looked at:

- Opportunities to reduce the wide carriageway
- Change the feel of the road
- Allow footpaths along the north and south sides
- Opportunities to provide more green spaces
- Promoting biodiversity
- Crossing the road will be made easier for pedestrians by raising the road to the level of the footway and moving the 'give way' marker for cars to create space to cross
- The northern end of the scheme at the junction of Jubilee Way will feature an improved crossing area for pedestrians
- The street will become more cyclist friendly with reduced traffic speeds and a better surface for travelling along

After



Examples from Elsewhere



Wider footways



Playful streets



Better places to live



More greenery



Safer for walkers and cyclists

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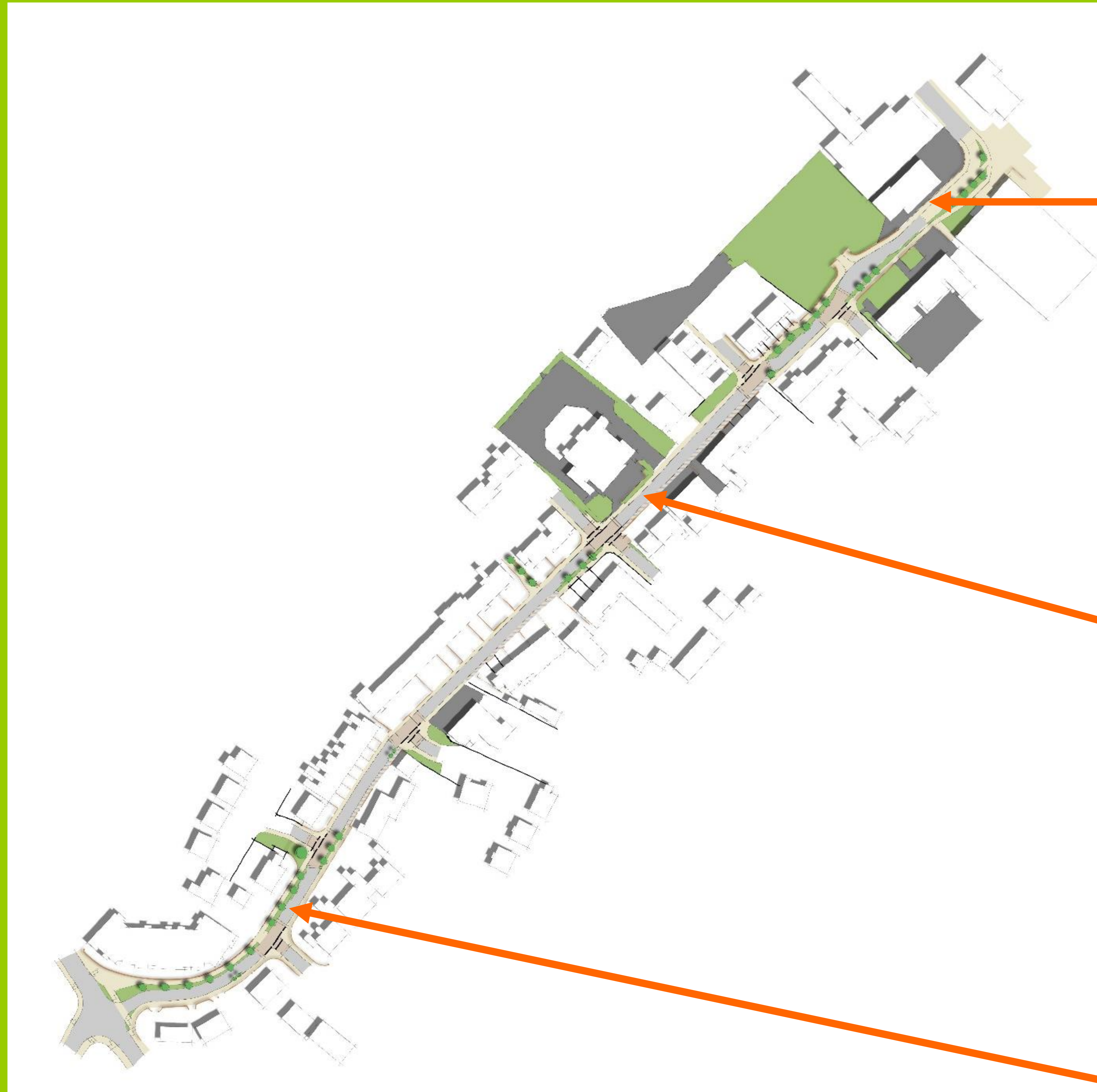
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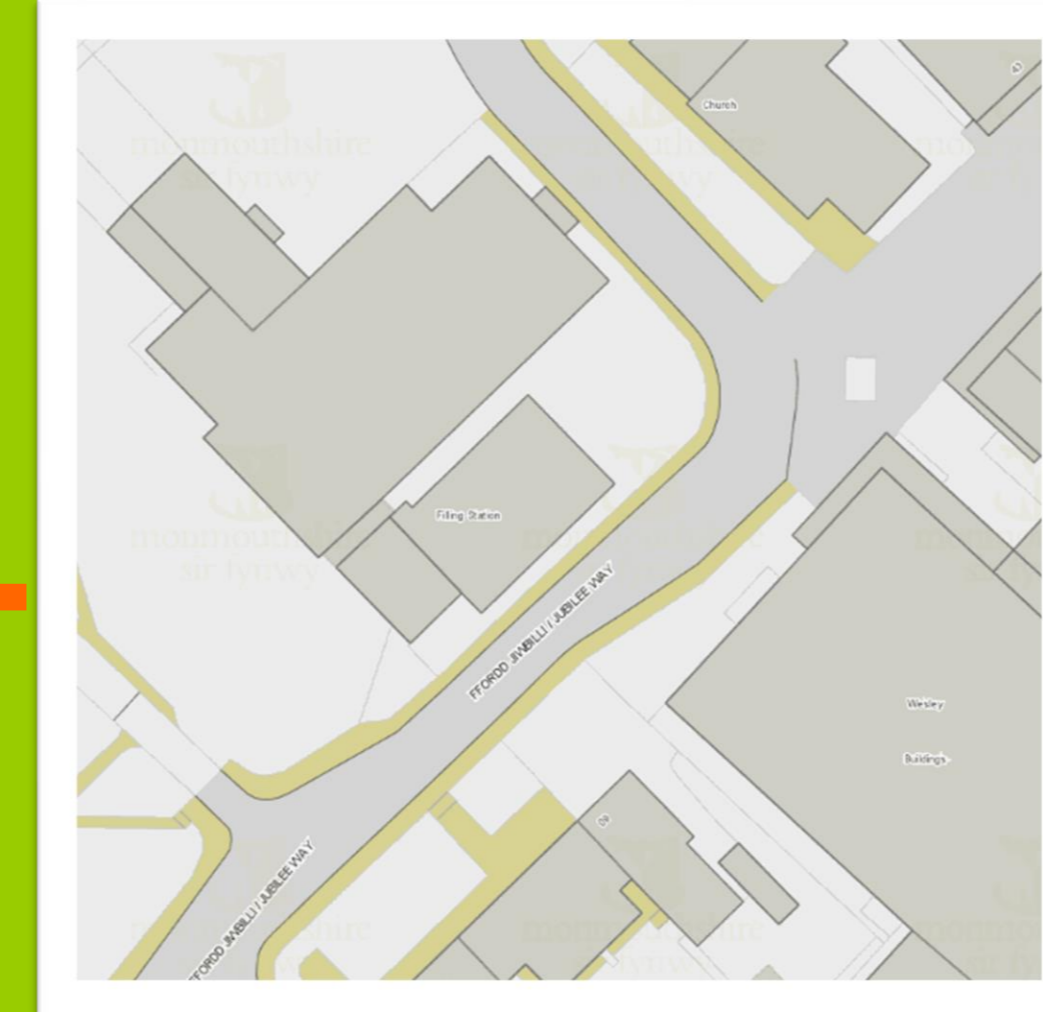


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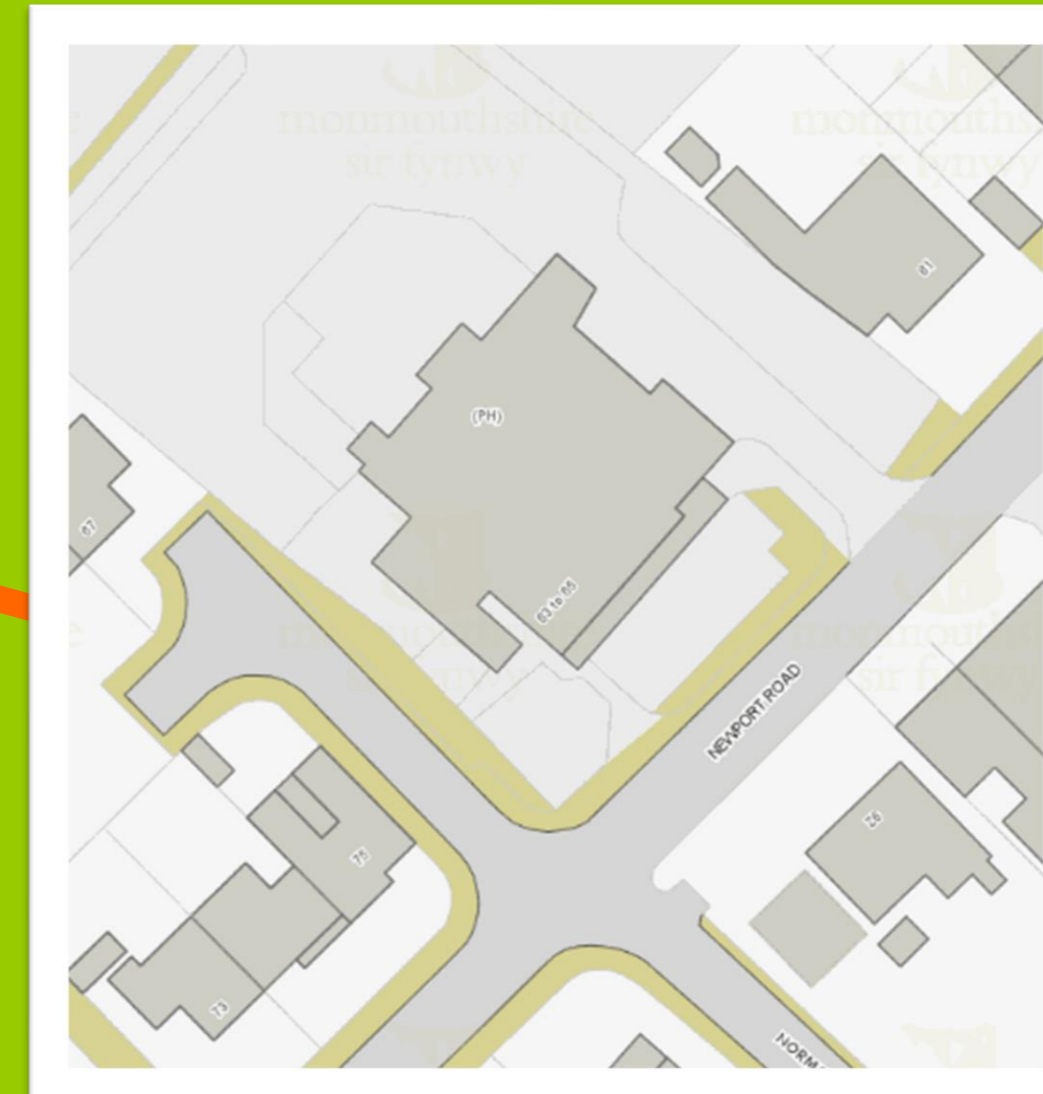
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Section Through the Street

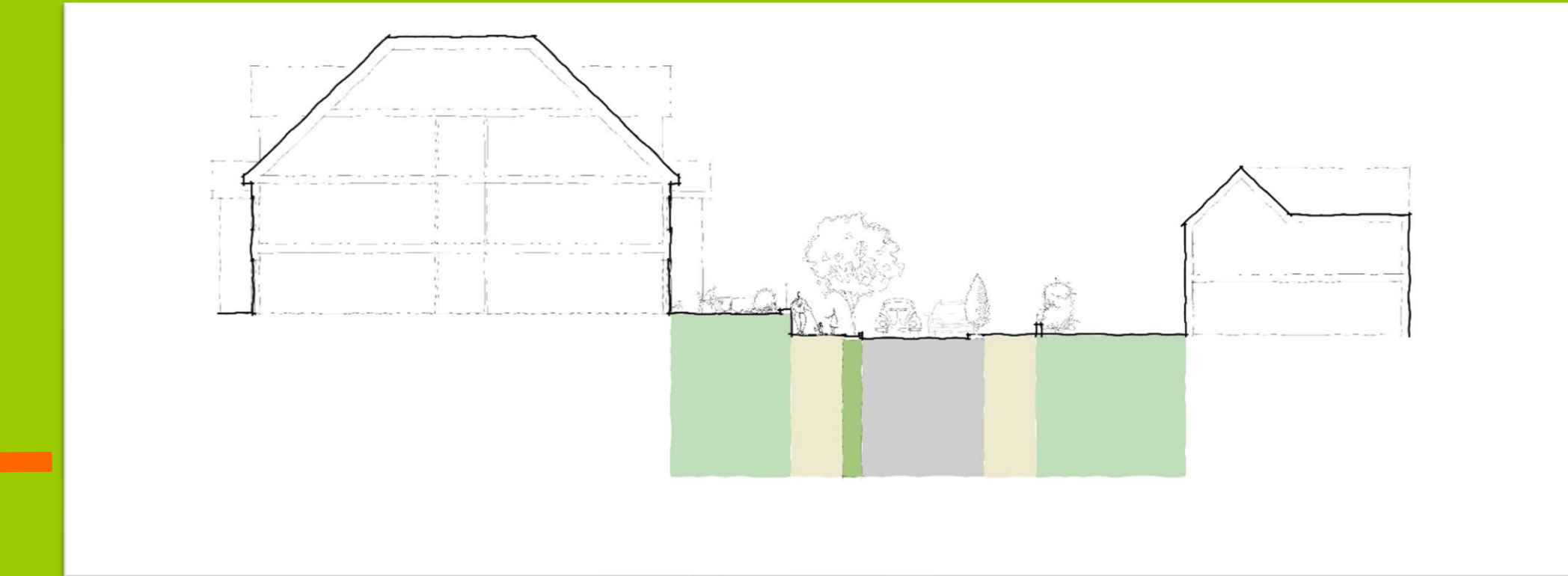
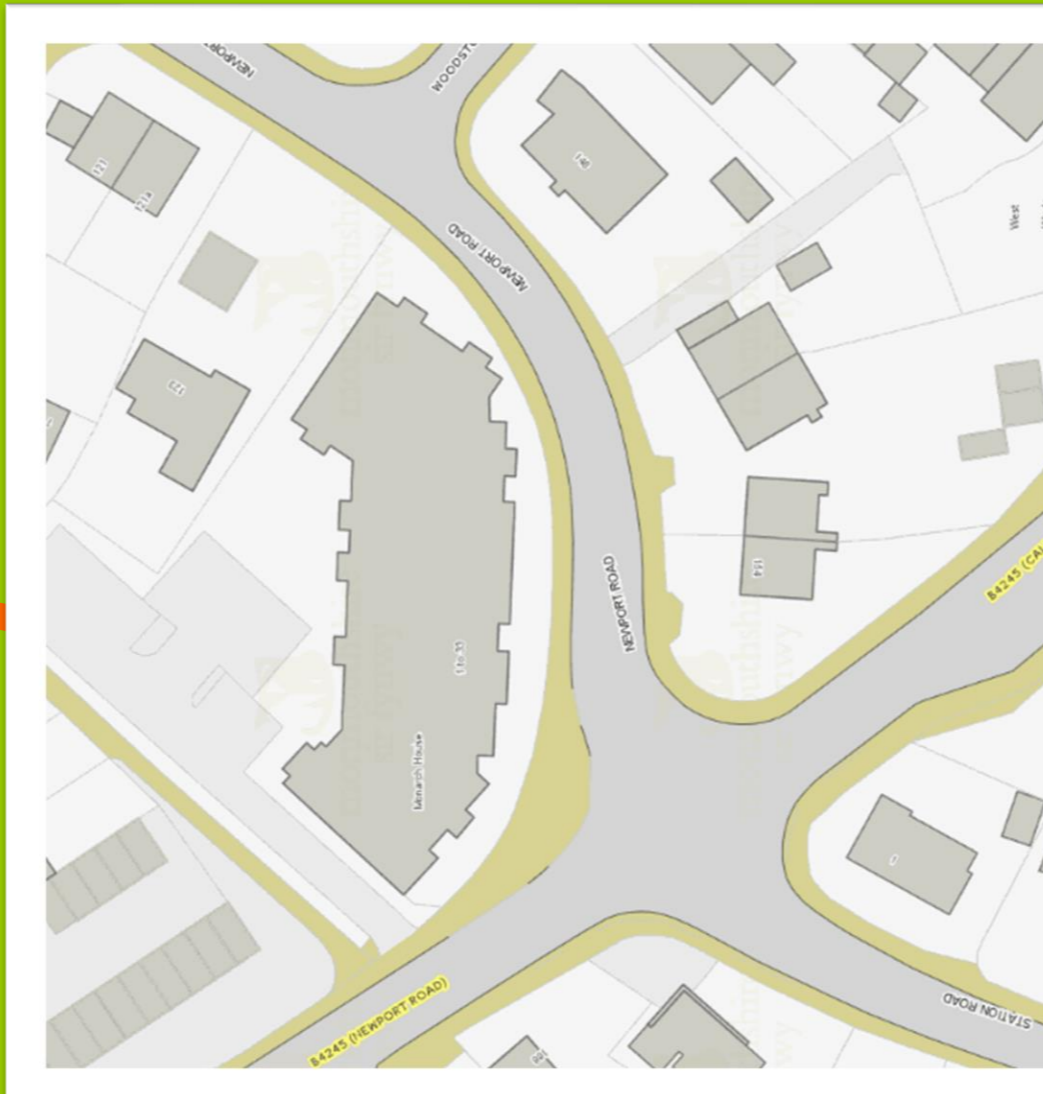
At the Junction with Jubilee Way



At the Measure Inn



Coming from the B4245



The plan above and accompanying images shows how you could greatly improve this part of Newport Road. The levels of improvement is dependent as to whether we can close the road to through traffic. We recognise that this is a significant proposal and requires serious consideration to understand the benefits and impacts on Newport Road and in the local area.

To test this, the County Council has organised a trial closure for a period of 3 weeks, commencing Monday, 11th October until Sunday, 31st October. This will help us understand any impacts, negative or positive.

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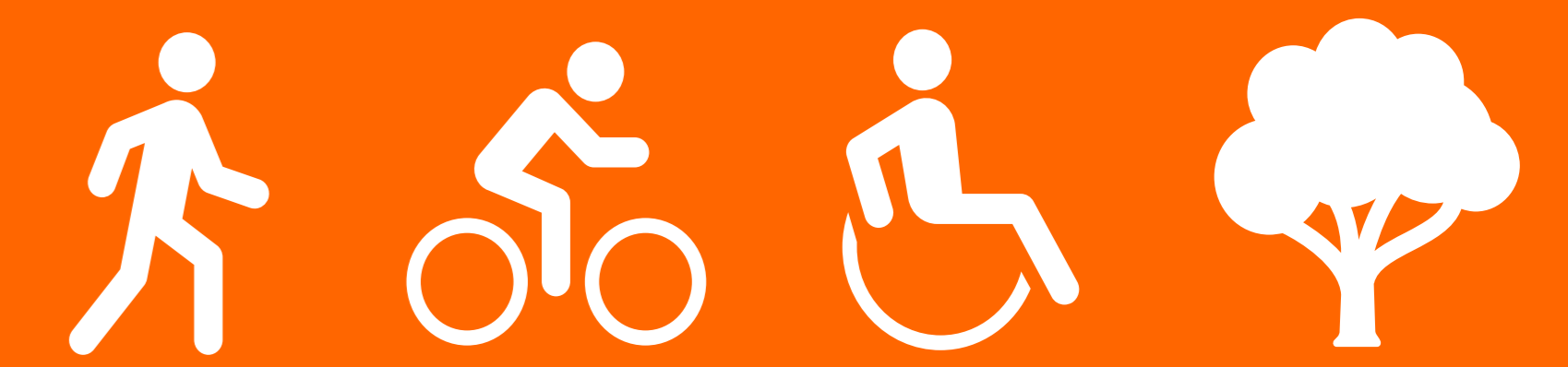
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Have Your Say

Trialling the Ideas

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To test this, Newport Road is closed to through traffic from **Monday, 11th October to Sunday, 31st October**. The three weeks closure will help us understand any impacts, negative or positive. To monitor the trial, we are undertaking the following:

- **Traffic counts** before and during the trial to understand how journey patterns change. These counters are on Newport Rd and the wider highway network.
- Surveys on **walking and cycling** along Newport Road before and during the trial.
- Within the town centre, we are undertaking surveys on **parking and pedestrian movement**, to understand if the trial closure has had any impact on the levels of shopping and other activities.
- We are **talking to local residents and businesses** during the trial to listen to their feedback and understand if there are other practical issues and ideas to consider.



Your Experiences

To help us understand if this proposal brings positive benefits to people that live or trade on Newport Road and to the wider town, we'd be grateful if you could have your say by:

- Visiting www.monmouthshire.gov.uk and viewing our project page for Caldicot regeneration and this project
- Completing the online survey:
- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/newportrdeng>
- By using your phone camera and scanning the following QR code which will take you our website and the survey.
- Come along and share your views with Council officers, who will be here on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 October from 10am to 5pm.
- By completing a hard copy of the survey from the display holder below and handing it into Caldicot Community Hub by 3rd November 2021.

Does Newport Rd feel quieter?

Are people walking and cycling more?

Do you feel safer?

Do you feel better and more active?

Can you get around easier?

How are the nearby roads?



If you wish to view these information panels in Welsh, please click visit the County Council's website or drop us a line at MCCRegeneration@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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