



# Grantham & Bourne Walking Audits

# Purpose of the walking audits

- Identify physical and environmental barriers currently being faced by older residents
- Recognise areas that are doing well and areas for improvement
- Evaluate infrastructure, promote social connection and empower residents by giving them an active voice
- Additional data for the baseline assessment to understand our place





# Five consideration areas

1. **Footpaths** – Surface quality, width of footpaths, accessibility, obstacles
2. **Crossings and Traffic** - crossing markings, cues & signage; crossing timings and road width, crossing connections and locations, tactile paving, drop kerbs
3. **Safety** - street lighting, feelings of safety, layout of streets, obstacles, movement of traffic; accessible and safe bus stops
4. **Pleasant Environment and Information** – good/correct/easy to read signage; complicated signage
5. **Seating and toilets** – Quality and quantity of facilities, correct locations, seating at bus stops



# Footpaths - Grantham

## Positives

St Peter's Hill has a 4m wide footpath

Drop kerbs outside of the Guildhall

## Negatives

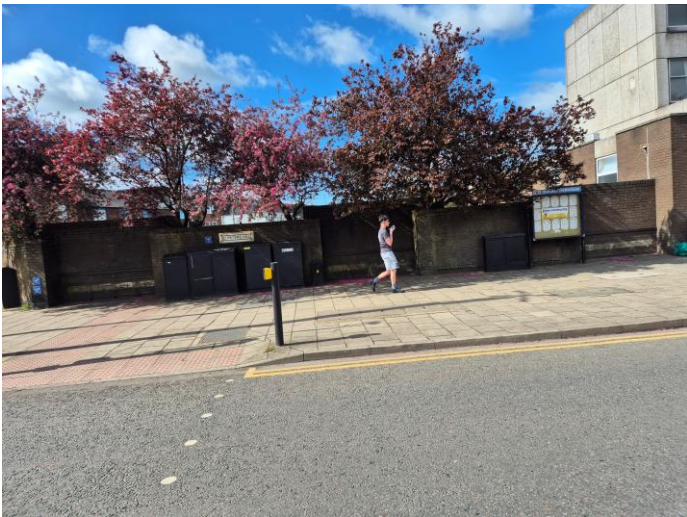
No drop kerbs outside of bus station

Narrow and uneven footpaths along Finkin street (blocked footpath access)



# Crossings and Traffic - Grantham

Positives	Negatives
Guildhall Street crossing is raised to road level	Guildhall Street- wide splay on desire line, uneven surface over crossing point
Guildhall street tactile slabs leading up to crossing	George Street- drop kerbs too high, uneven utility covers
Crossing on Westgate outside George Shopping Centre – good location and well used	Difficult to cross Castlegate/Avenue Road
Some crossings have audible cues, and allowed for 30 seconds to cross (outside Wetherspoons)	Distance between crossings on high street are too great



# Safety - Grantham

## Positives

Isaac Newton Centre has CCTV, feels safe and security staff present

Newton statue on St Peter's Hill feels secure, well watched over by CCTV

## Negative

The Pantiles has lots of empty shops, no lighting or greenery (from bus stop to IN)

Welby Street- vehicles in pedestrian zone



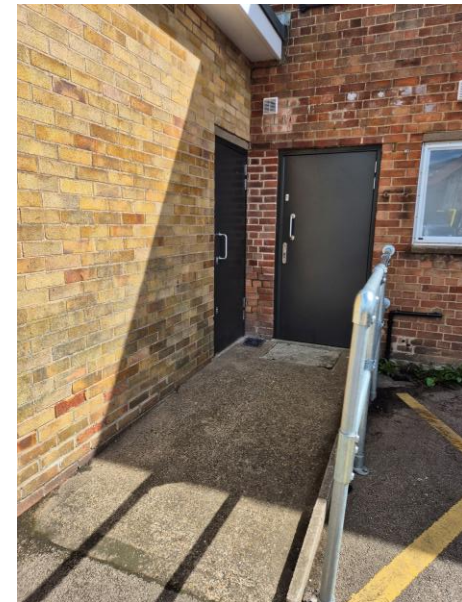
# Pleasant Environment and Information - Grantham

Positives	Negatives
Wayfinding is generally available through the town	Lack of information available at bus station, information that is there is too small
St Peter's Hill area and Abbey Gardens is well looked after	No signage for the accessibility entrance at Guildhall
Grantham Library provide info on step free access	No signage to locate step free access outside the Guildhall Arts Centre



# Seating and Toilets - Grantham

Positive	Negatives
Abbey Gardens toilets are well looked after and are accessible	Seats at bus station are too low, no support or rails
Lots of areas with high quality seating such as St Peters Hill, Isaac Newton centre	Conduit lane toilets- female toilets only accessible via steps, men's toilets appeared closed, accessible toilets has no signage
2 x benches on Welby Street	Lack of benches down westgate/marketplace





# Footpaths - Bourne

Positives	Negatives
Wide footpath along Exeter street	Cobbles/uneven footpath through walkway from North street
Nice feel walkway through Crown Walk	Lack of footpath leading into car park near Burghley street
	Footpath leading north from bus station is downhill straight into busy road/traffic



# Crossings and Traffic - Bourne

Positives	Negatives
Burghley Street- crossing raised to road level	West Street/North Street junction lacks a pedestrian crossing over North Street
Crossing at Burghley Centre to Card Factory in a good location and has an audible cue	High street- traffic dominated including HGVs, feels close and is noisy



# Safety - Bourne

Positives	Negative
Burghley centre is light and spacious	Pedestrian crossing signals over Abbey Road is not long enough
Good lighting in Burghley centre car park	Street clutter on footpaths making it difficult to pass on foot (in select locations)



# Pleasant Environment and Information - Bourne

Positives	Negatives
Pleasant courtyard which feels welcoming with greenery and open shops	Lack of information available at bus station, information that is there is too small
Good information board outside of Bourne Corn Exchange	Sign for the toilet is too small and not visible from the other side of the road



# Seating and Toilets - Bourne

Positive	Negatives
High quality benches on North street (but not desired location)	Toilet is not appealing to use or well looked after
Toilet is free to use and accessible	Major lack of seating in key areas e.g. courtyard, Burghley centre, bus station

