

# The Future of the City Centre

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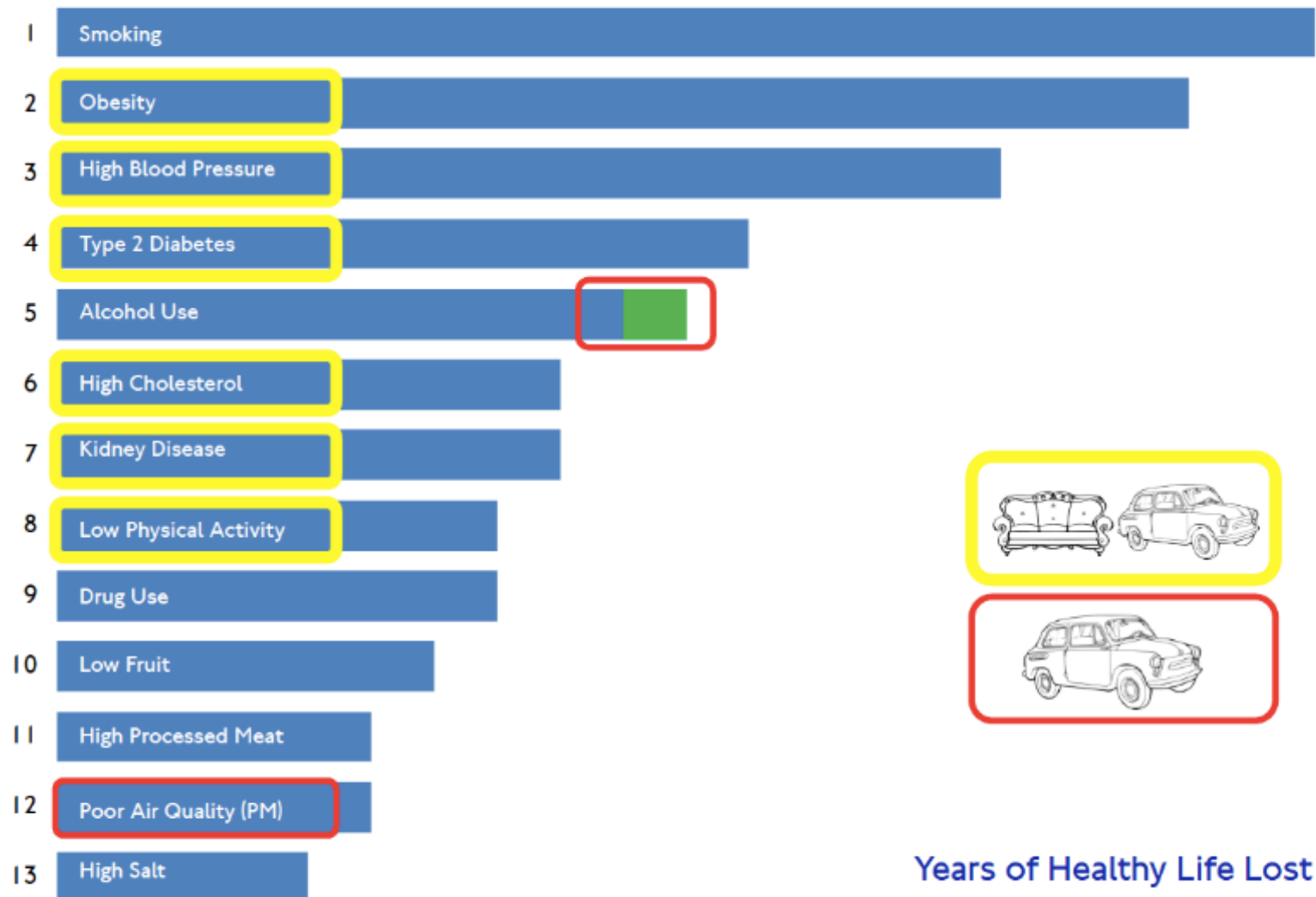


Civic Engineers



# The relationship between urban form and public health...

## Top Causes Of Illness And Early Death



THERE IS TOO MUCH TRAFFIC  
FOR ALEX TO WALK TO SCHOOL ;  
SO WE DRIVE.



Lockwood

**Traffic Inducing Traffic**



The human is a small, slow and sensitive creature with a speed of 5km/h



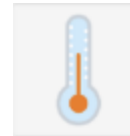


City seasons are different...

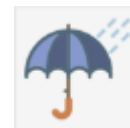


Source:  
WMO - World Meteorological Organization

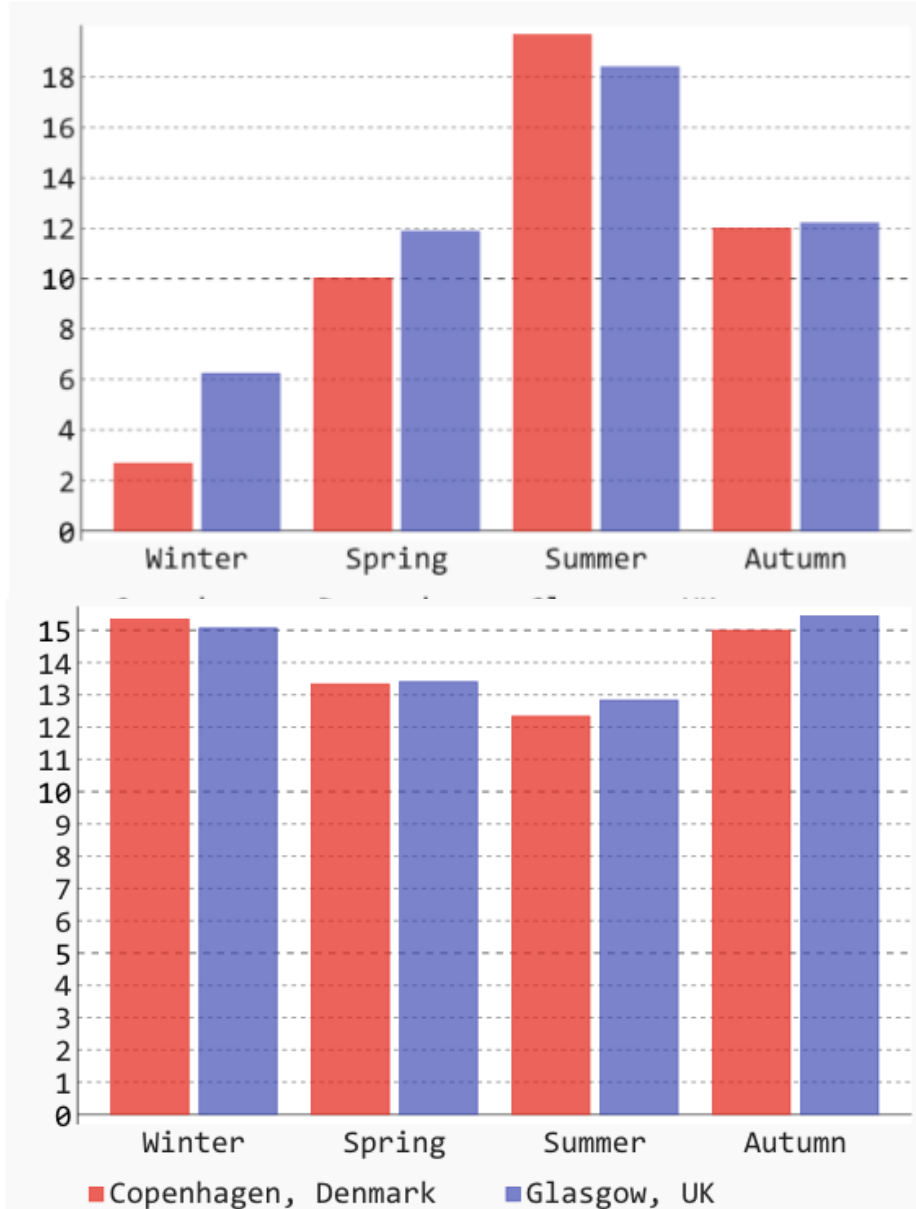
City climates are similar...



Average day time  
temperature in deg C



Average rainy  
days per season





# Is it us or the environment?



How do we engineer activity back into our lives?



1937



2014

Eastern Avenue, Ilford

## The relationship between urban form and inclusive growth...





# Measuring Social Impact

Pioneering a new way to measure the true impacts made by people, organisations and communities. We have developed a number of bespoke Impact Measurement tools for you to use - Impact Survey, DOME© Impact Measurement Tool and the Impact Circle©.



## Local Economic Impact

% of project or organisation spending in the local economy.

## GVA Uplift

Increased economic output per job filled in an Area of Investment.

## Economic Benefits

Increased Tax, National Insurance, and earnings dues to reducing worklessness and sickness days, loss to the economy through crime etc.

## Social Value

Improved wellbeing, mental health, physical health, reduced social isolation, increased confidence and self-esteem, employability skills, aspirations, environmental impact etc.

## Fiscal Savings

Reduced costs associated with Welfare Benefits, Crime, Education, and Social Services, Health and Mental Health Services, Waste Reduction, Resource Efficiency etc.







# Altrincham Public Realm

Total Social and Economic Impact over 12 months=  
£5,891,500

Crime Reduction 20% = £99,500 post completion

Economic Boost do day and night economy  
(increased footfall by 17%) = £1.5m

Commercial Investment in Town Centre  
(reducing vacancy rates by 17%) = £900k

Increasing Employment in the Town  
Centre (through commercial Investment)  
= £3.4m

- Fiscal = £326k
- Economic = £466k
- Social = £1.1m
- GVA Uplift = £1.5m

An aerial photograph of a city street in Glasgow, showing a mix of modern and historic architecture. On the left, a modern building with a glass facade and a black section featuring the 'BANK OF SCOTLAND' logo is visible. The street is wide with a pedestrian crossing in the foreground, a red car, and a blue bus. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalks, and a person is pushing a stroller. The sky is blue with scattered clouds.

# Glasgow Avenues

NPV project Cost: £94,292,528 (Net Present Value)

Short term construction jobs - GVA Benefits (NPV):  
£62,353,617

Community Benefits (NPV): £28,513,45

Commercial Floor Space – employment GVA (NPV) over  
10 Years: £257,621,691

Total Economic Impact: £348,488,762 NPV



# Creating better streets: Inclusive and accessible places

Reviewing shared space

2018

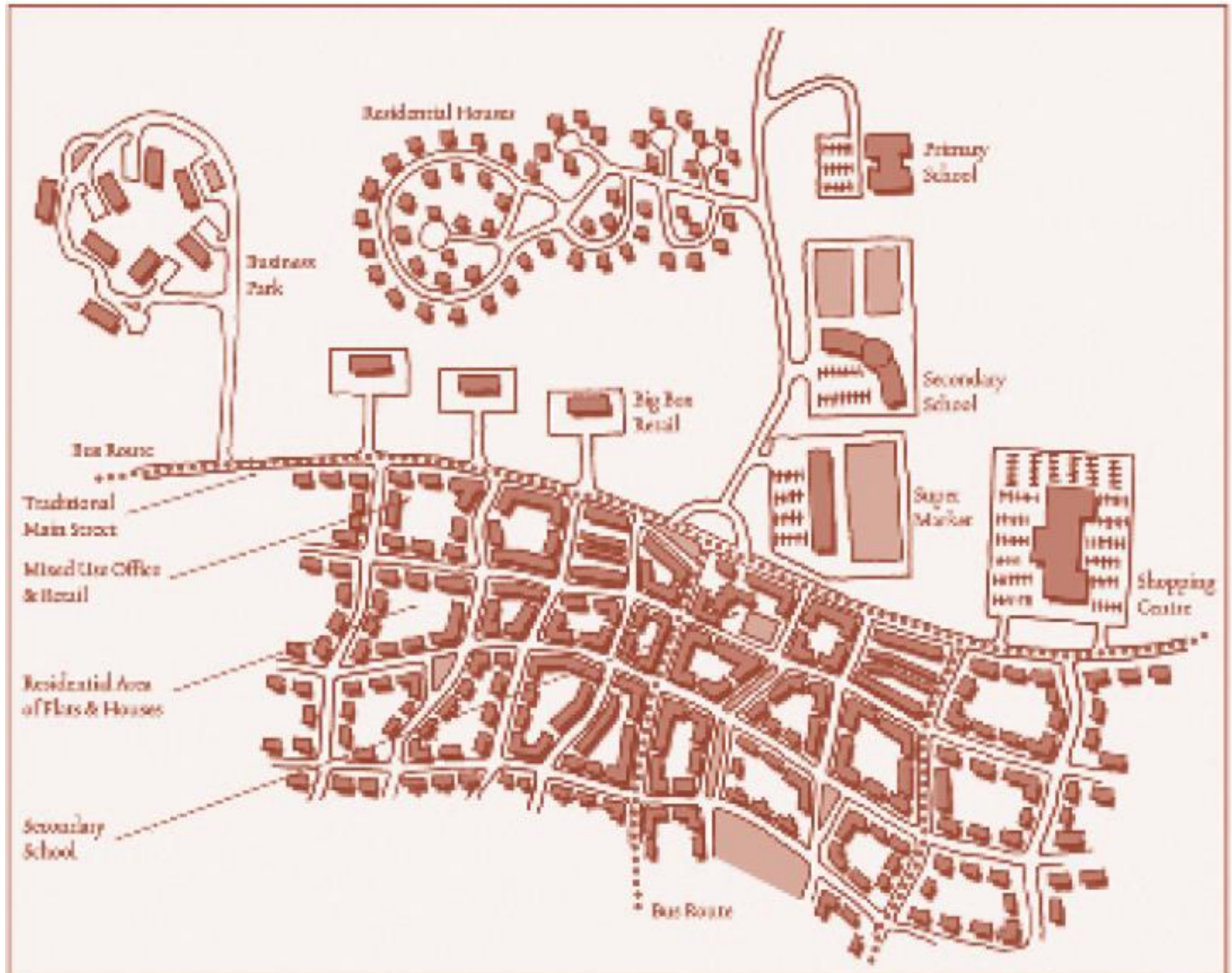
Headline Objectives	Relevant statutory duty	Potential Measurable Outcomes
Inclusive Environment	Equality Act 2010	Perception of safety, comfort & navigation (all users) Presence of Vulnerable Users (older people, children, disabled people)
Ease of Movement	Traffic management Act 2004	Levels of walking, cycling and public transport use Motor traffic congestion and/or flow Number and ease of pedestrian crossing movements Level of delay to all users Pedestrian crowding
Safety and Public Health	Road Traffic Act 1988	Motor vehicle speed Number and severity of collisions and casualties Noise levels Air quality and other public health measures Security measures Crime and fear of crime
Quality of Place		Levels of place activity (e.g. sitting, dining etc.) Space available for place activity Attractiveness (e.g. paving materials, planting, public art) Suitability of materials over lifetime of scheme Amount of useful street furniture Amount of street clutter Quality of Maintenance and Cleansing
Economic Benefit		Pedestrian footfall Number and prosperity of businesses (e.g. reduced vacancies, increased rental values etc.) Car parking occupancy Cycle parking occupancy Benefit and Cost assessment Frequency and type of special events (e.g. markets, performances)







## The relationship between urban form and inward investment...





All our senses are important...





75% of all impressions are through eyesight





# The pleasure metric

We need lots of stimuli...

1,000 stimulus/hr or 1 every 4 seconds

Applied Ergonomics: “Putting mind and body back together” – W.S Marras & P.A. Hancock 2013





# Human senses are a necessary planning consideration



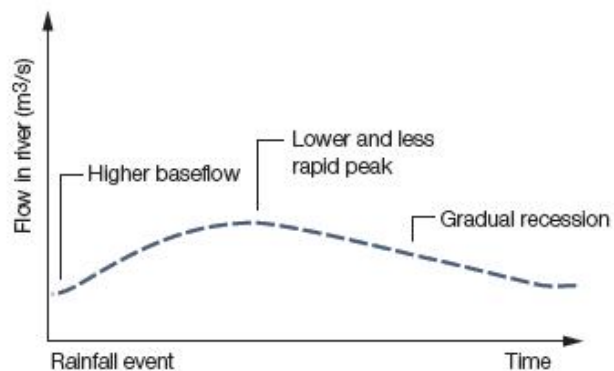
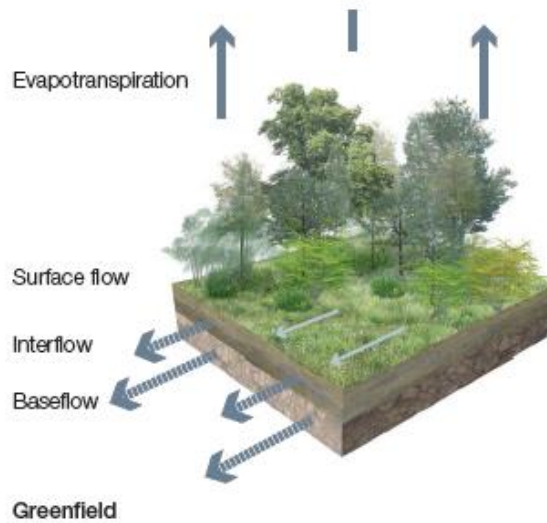
## The relationship between urban infrastructure and climate change...





# Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

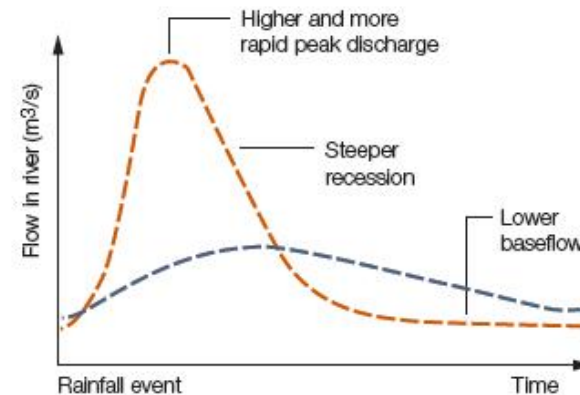
**Naturally Draining Site**



**Urban Environment**



**Urban**



Surface Water Flow Rates - Comparison Between Naturally Draining Sites and the Urban Environment. Diagram taken from Draft TFL SuDS and Street Scene Guidance



# SuDS in London - a guide

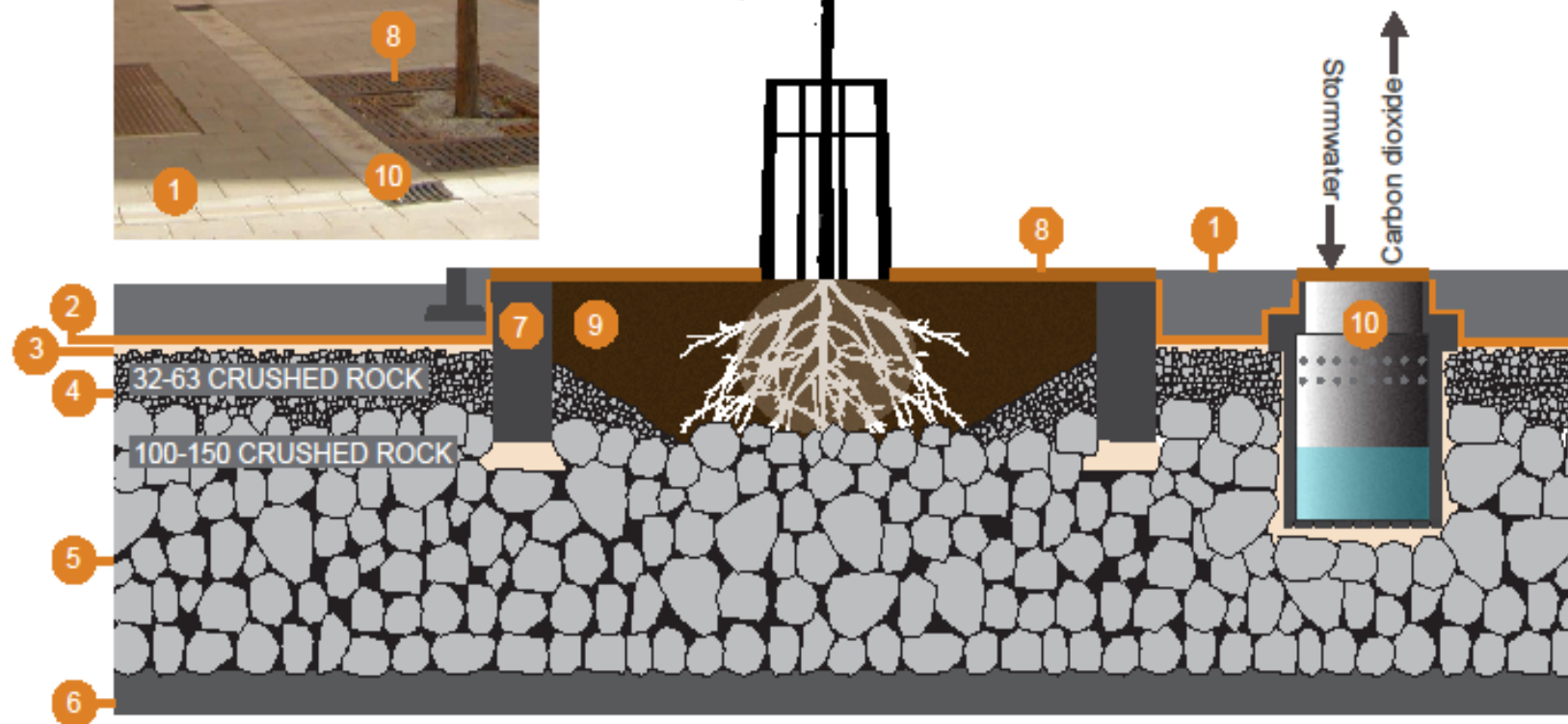
November 2016





## Structural soil

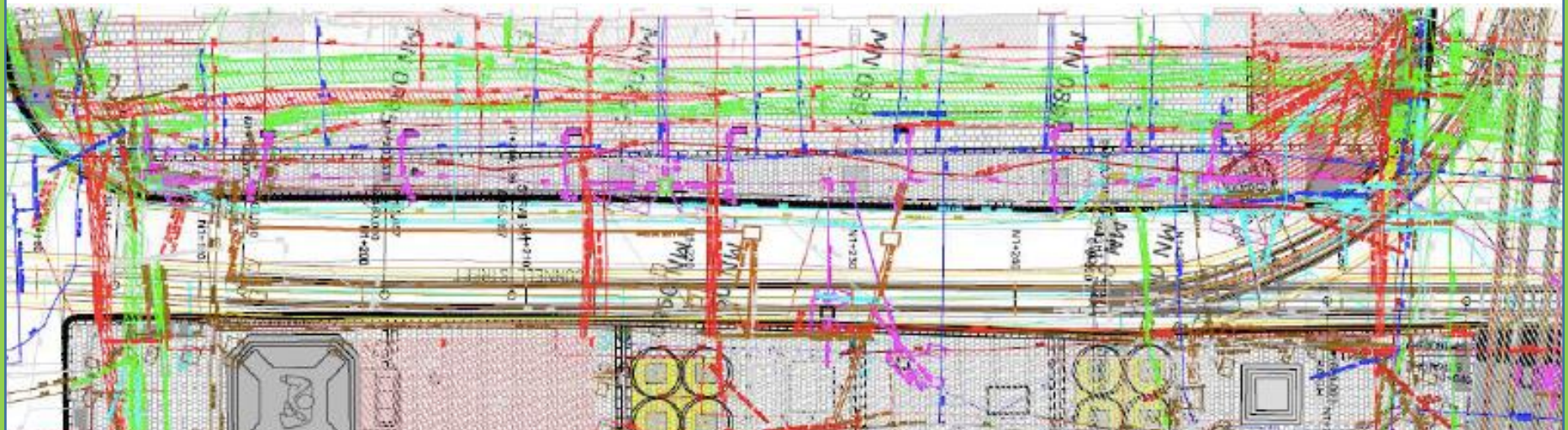
A method for building with stability and to create good growing conditions for trees in paved areas with the use of stormwater and the added value of decreasing the risk of roots damaging paving or underground pipes



1. Paved surface with dished stormwater gutters
2. Geotextile
3. Leveling layer (crushed rock 8-16 mm) – also used for concrete bunker and water/air inlet.
4. Aerated bearing layer (crushed rock 32-63 mm)
5. Structural soil (crushed rock 100-150 mm) with planting soil hoed into the structural volume
6. Terrace
7. Concrete bunker
8. Surface grid
9. Planting soil
10. Inlet for air and water supply



Light Rail  
Current Construction  
Landscape Strategy  
Trees and integrating Utilities (and vice versa)



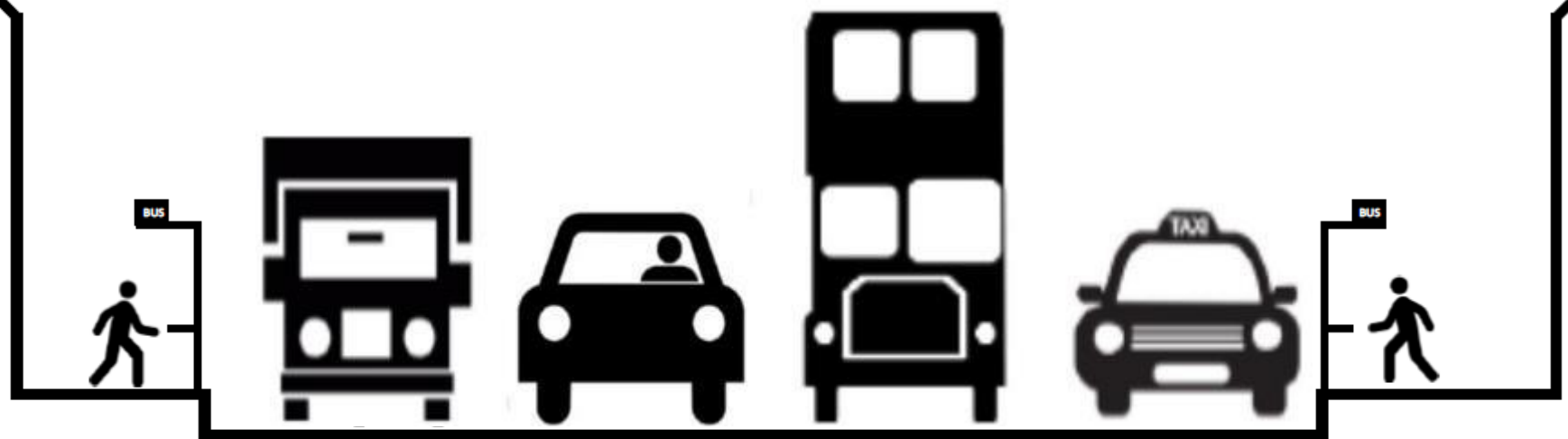








## Existing Situation





# Vehicle Speeds & Street Geometry



Figure 7.1 Illustrates what various carriageway widths can accommodate. They are not necessarily recommendations.

## Influence of geometry on speed

Research carried out in the past decade (MVA research) has shown that geometry and design speed have a significant effect on road speed. The 100km/h design speed is based on a number of factors, including:

- Forward visibility and
- Carriageway width.

Improved visibility and increased carriageway width are both factors which can lead to an increase in speed. This data is summarised in Fig 7.15.

The relationship between visibility, highway width and design speed (derived on level terrain) is found to apply to junctions. A full discussion of this research findings is available in TR, Section 601.

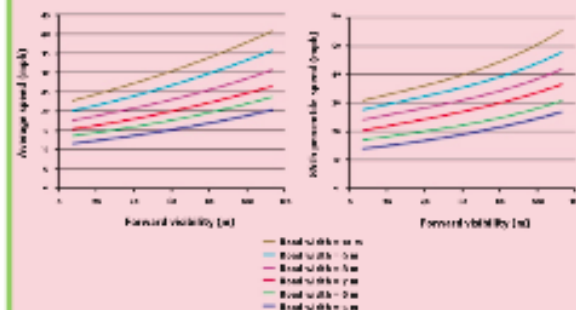


Figure 7.15: Correlation between visibility, all carriageway widths and vehicle speeds (Q: average speed and Q: 90th percentile speed). These graphs can be used to give an indication of the speed at which traffic will travel for a given carriageway width/forward visibility combination.

## Scottish Guidance

Both Designing Streets and the SCOTS Road Development Guidelines refer directly to Manual for Streets. The following is an extract from the SCOTS Guidelines below:

This section that covers the principles of design speed is a vital area where engineering input at an early stage can help to create a balanced solution that takes account of the safety of all road users and the crucial factor of driver behaviour. Transport Research Laboratories Report TR1681 (Manual for Streets) notes that, in their study, the largest effect on speeds was found to be associated with reduced lines of sight.

New developments are recommended not to use vertical traffic calming features such as speed cushions and humps as these may have detrimental effects on disabled and infirm road users. However, vertical traffic calming features such as raised tables at junctions may be suitable in new low use residential developments. Whenever possible, slower speeds

should be promoted through other road alignment. Methods of reducing vehicle speeds include (findings from TR1681 Report):

- Reduced forward visibility (reduced forward visibility from 200m to 20m - 20mph on links and 20mph at junctions);
- Narrower lane widths (10m wide road - 20mph on links, approaching junctions - 20mph slower);
- Shorter block lengths (see forward visibility);
- Block paved or settled road surfaces (1-2mph reduction);
- Presence of on-street parking features within the carriageway (1-2mph to 5mph);
- CAUTION aim for off-street or reduce interaction with pedestrians - near miss concern;
- Informality in street and junction layout.



## Walking







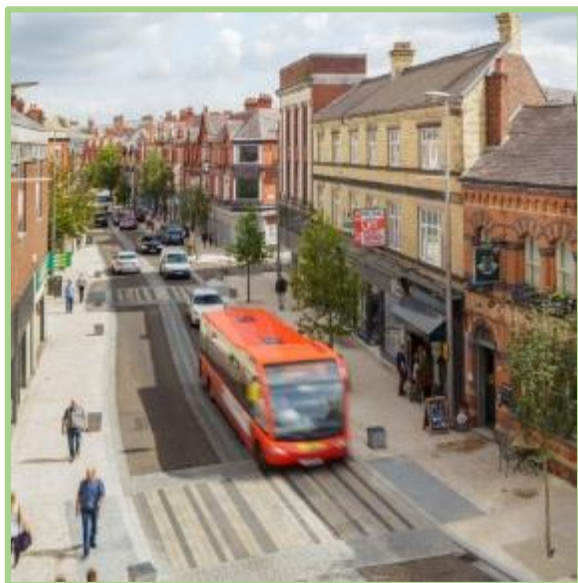
## Cycling







## Buses







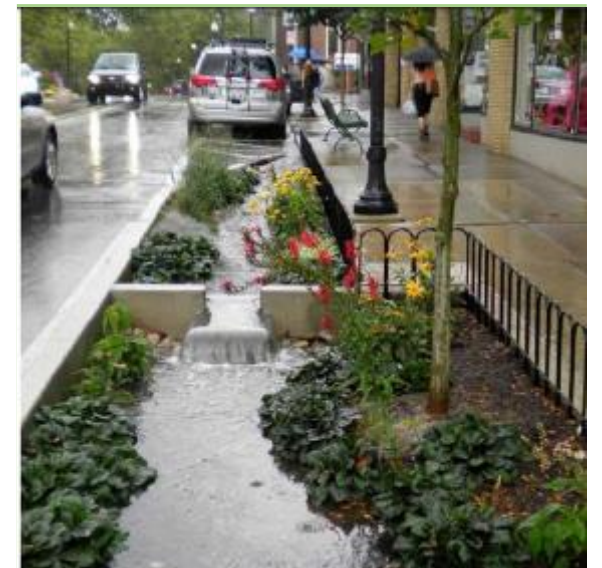
## Street Life





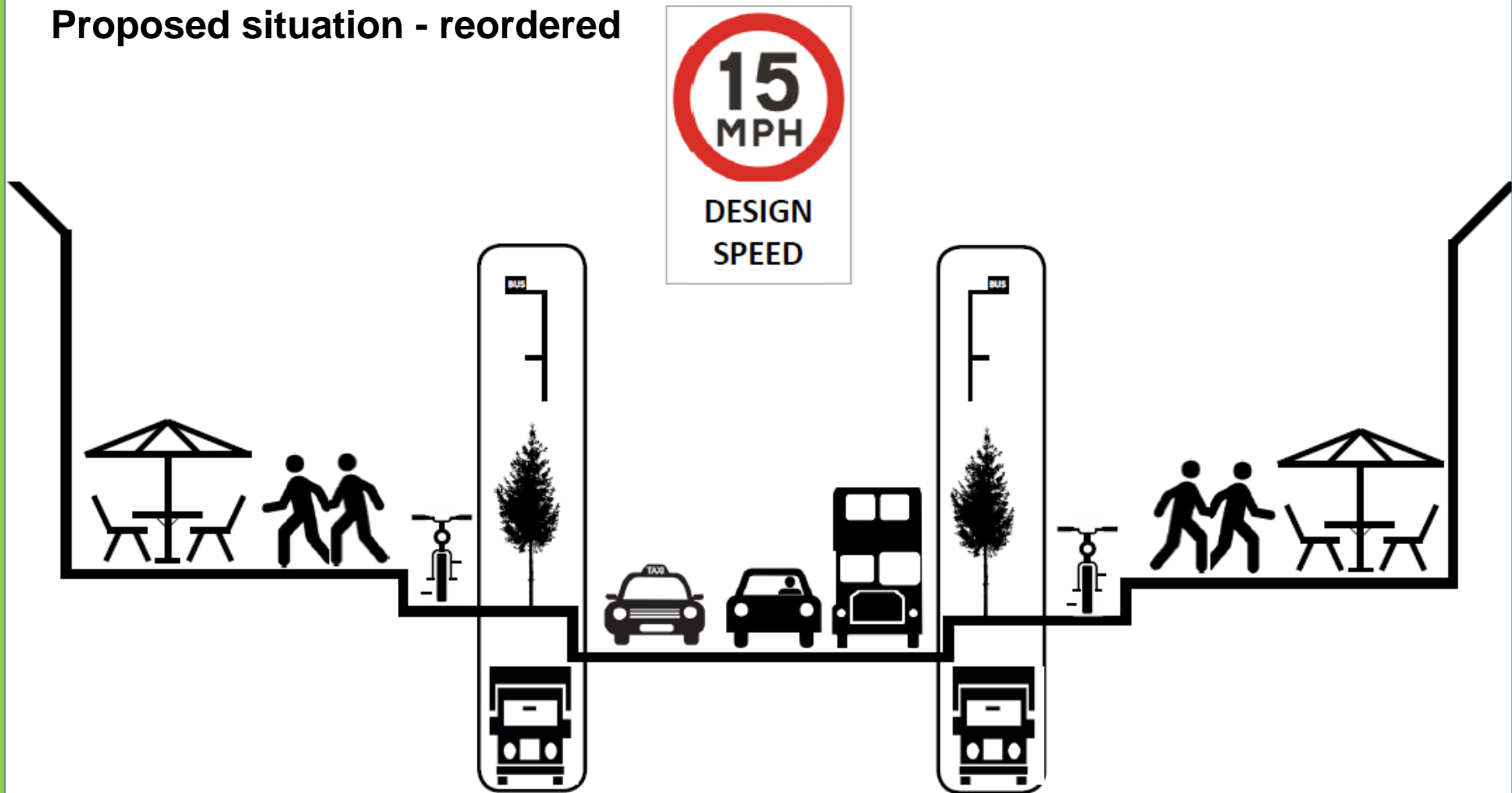


# Climate Resilience





## Proposed situation - reordered

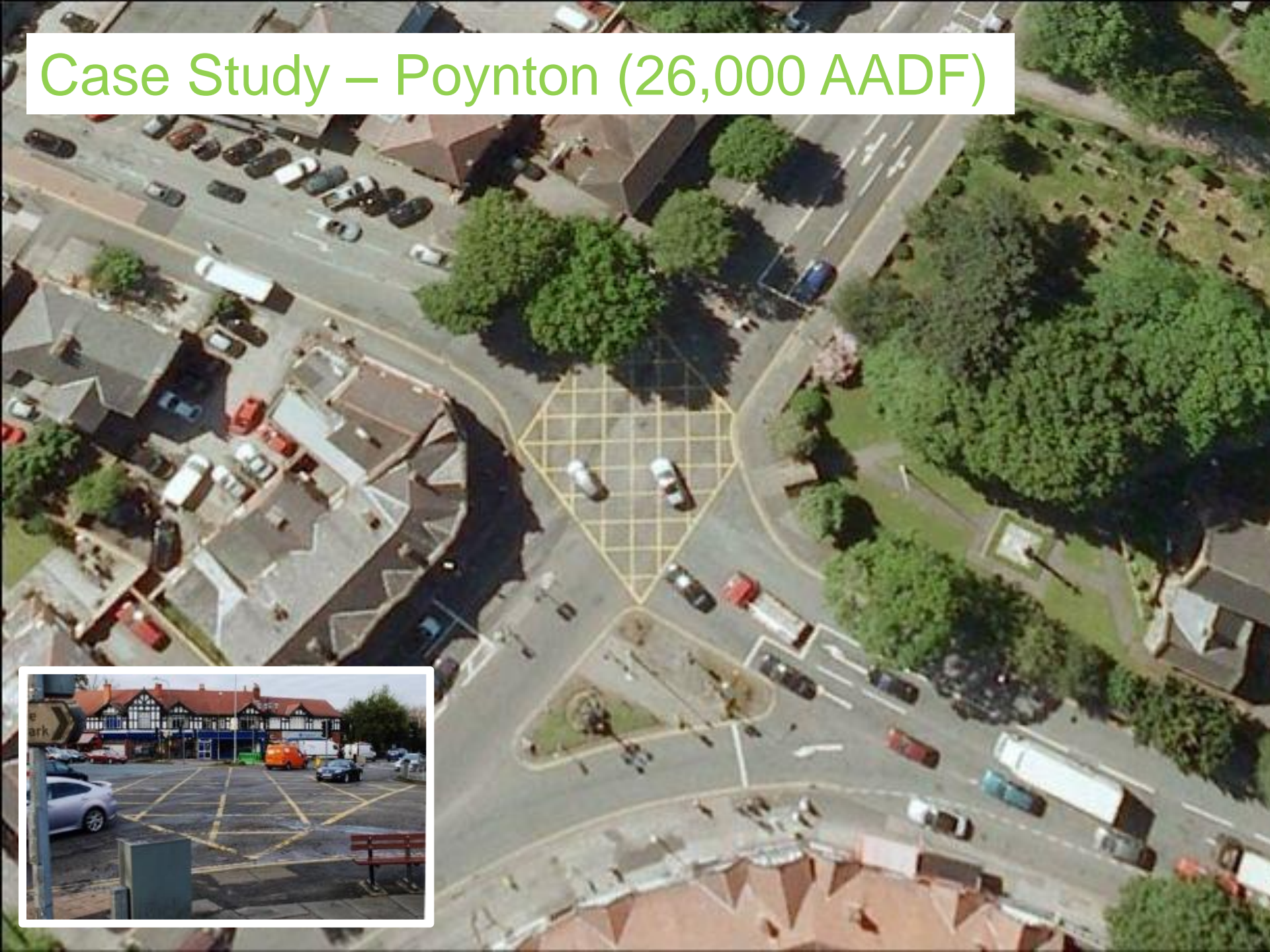




**DESIGN  
SPEED**



# Case Study – Poynton (26,000 AADF)



















# Case Study – Argyle St, Glasgow (16,000 AADF)









# Case Study – Hackbridge, Sutton (19,000 AADF)









# Case Study – Rue Garibaldi, Lyon: Repurposing Underpasses







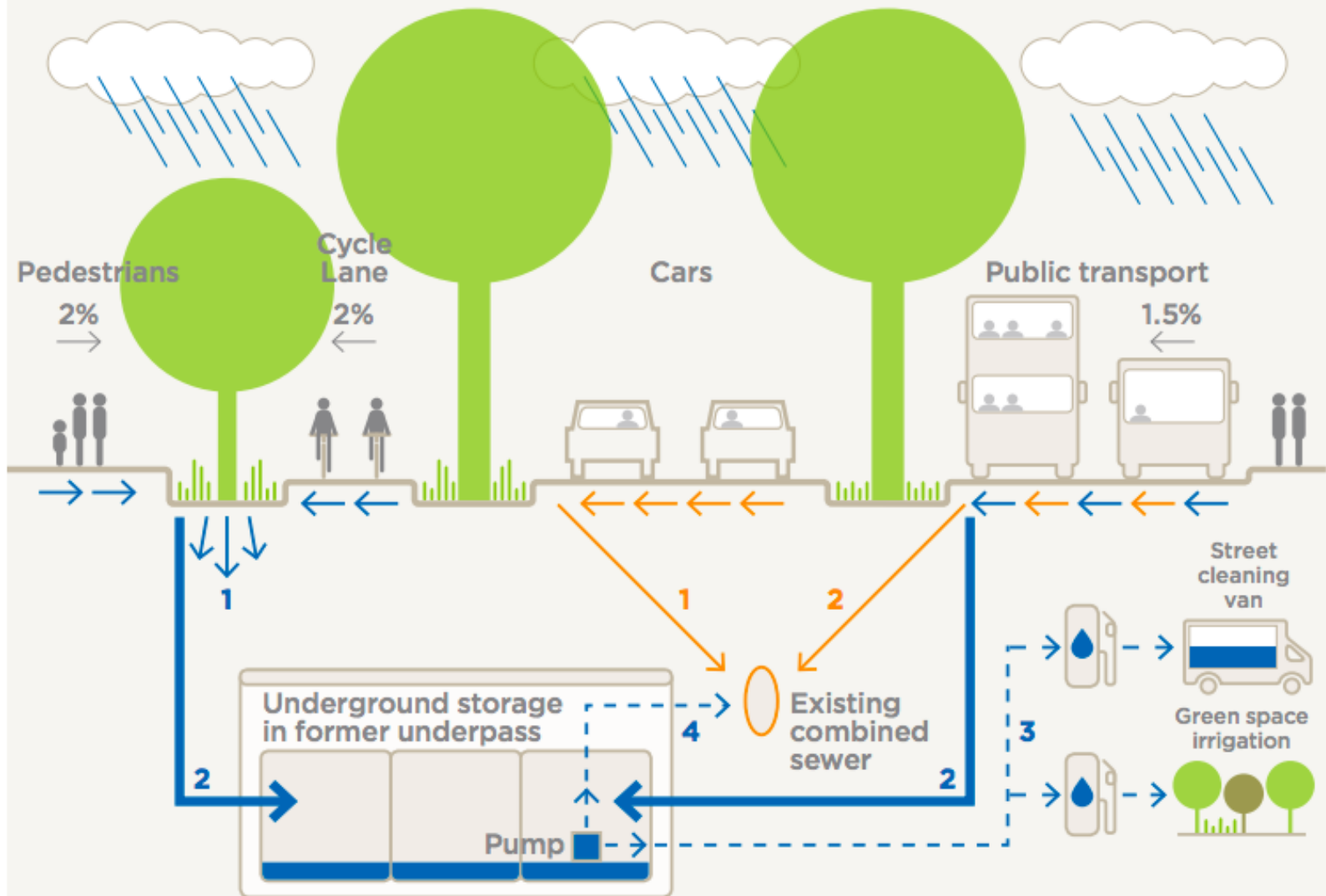






# Water management strategy for Garibaldi Street refurbishment

— Polluted surface water runoff  
— Non-polluted surface water runoff



1. Surface water runoff infiltration
2. Overflow and/or storage of surface water runoff
3. Surface water runoff re-use
4. Controlled rate outflow into combined sewer (during heavy storms)

1. Remains directed to existing combined sewer
2. Only directed to combined sewer when winter treatment is applied to the bus lanes









# The Vitality of Inverness

Making the streets more attractive for:



Moving



Cycling



Climate



Street Life



And critically continue to provide access and servicing for transport and business

## Academy Street Existing



## Academy Street Proposed







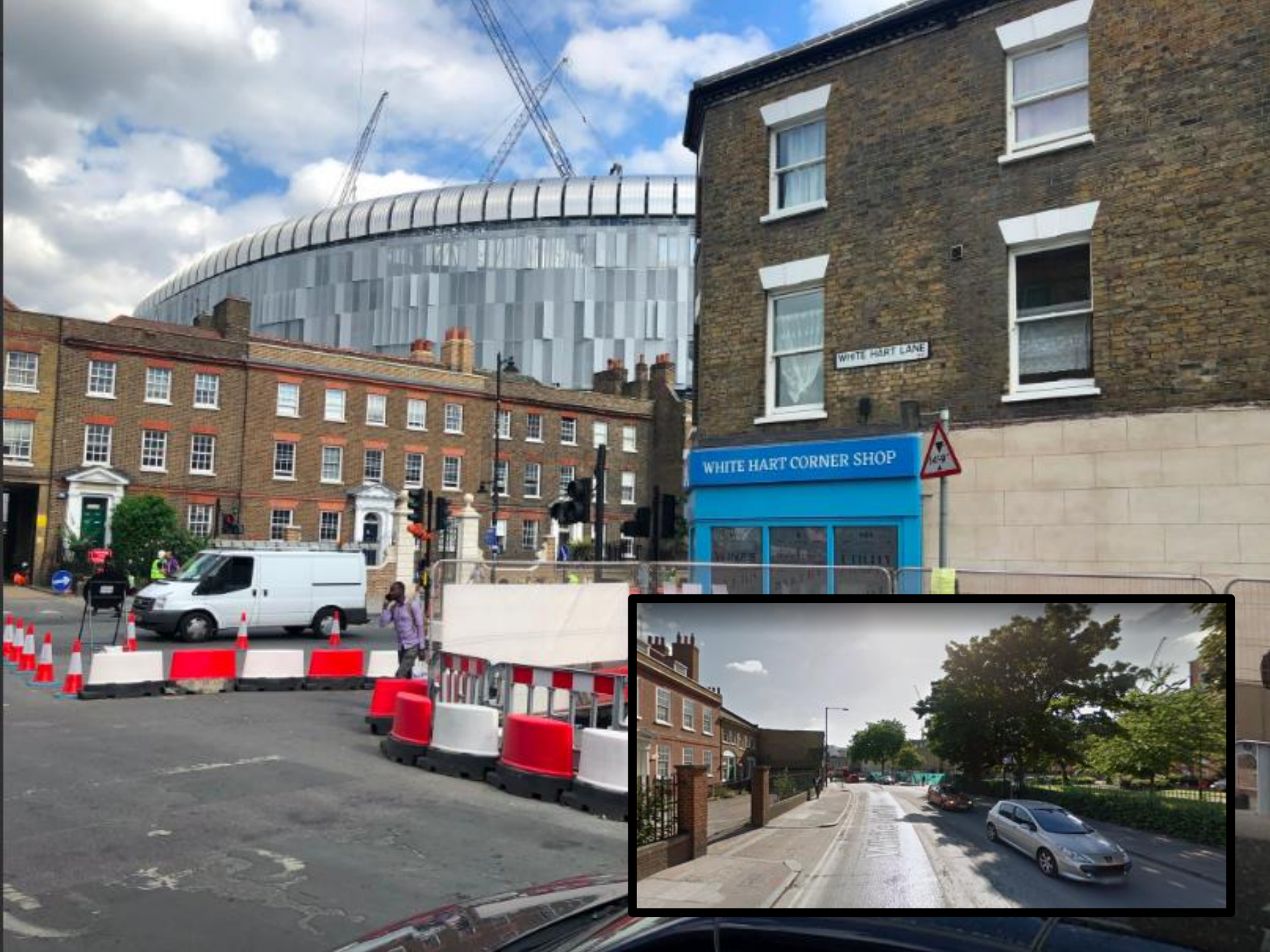
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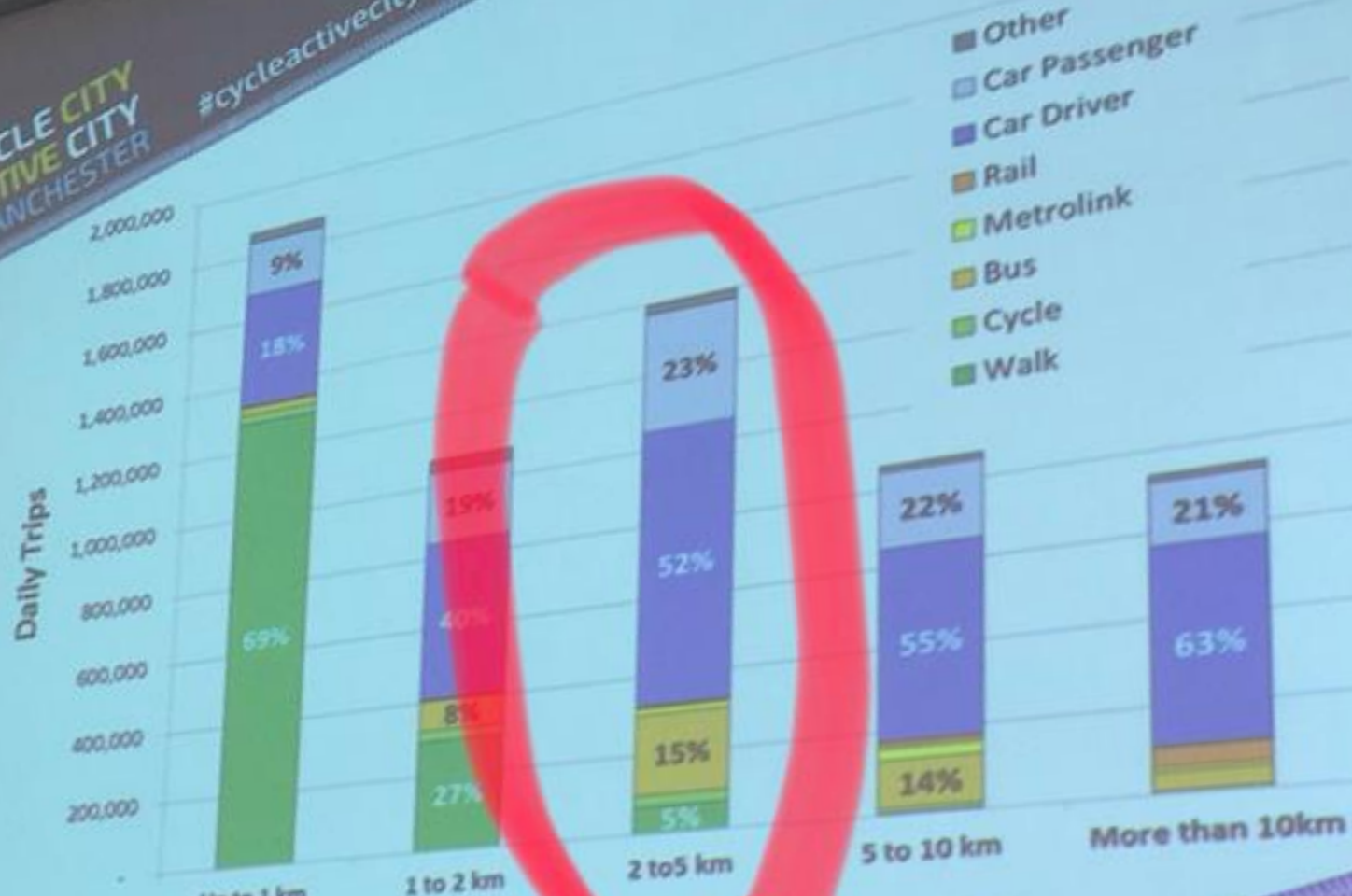




# Case Study – Great Ancoats Street, Manchester (36,000 AADF)



# Trip Length and Mode Share in GM



Transport for Greater Manchester Trip Length survey – 52% of journeys between 2-5kms are undertaken by private vehicles



