

How do you begin to understand a complex and historic place such as Abingdon?

PLACE Assessment:



This system of PLACE assessment – Planning, Landscape, Architecture, Culture and Engineering – is one way of breaking down these complex and interrelated issues into five different categories. These 5 x downloads at the bottom of the page will help you ask the right questions about the places around you. The answers will help provide a better understanding about the variety of topics that the neighbourhood plan can focus upon.

How to run your own local PLACE assessment

Download copies of the PLACE handbooks from the town council website

You will also need to download a copy of a map of your local area – free online mapping services work just fine

Working with as a group of 5 x local residents, each member of the group takes one of the handbooks and a map

As a group, walk around a defined part of your neighbourhood, making observations based on the prompts and questions in the booklet – or you can run a digital version using Zoom and Google maps

This exercise should take no more than 2-3 hours max. perhaps on a weekend

Photograph/screenshot and email your results back to us, or print and post

Do let us know what you think of the exercise – we always want to improve things!

The project team wishes to extend its thanks to all those who so generously gave up their time to contribute to the crowd-sourced mapping project. The project team spent time transferring the raw PLACE assessment data as shared by the volunteers to a Google map system.



