OUR FUTURE TOWNS UPDATE

Current & Next Steps
- Collating feedback and responses to "Our Findings So Far" document
- Developing a prototype toolkit to then test with communities and stakeholders
- Understanding the barriers of change from different perspectives
- Reaching out to schools and forming wider relationships with the town
- Improved communication via group workshops to test prototypes and gain further feedback

Open Source Results
Our objectives are to create;
- active discussions and engagement in the possible solution for the town, and not just bringing up the problems
- a toolkit of communication representing the changes the town have prioritised in terms of place-making and transport planning

Stakeholder Input
We're designing tools for communities to represent / communicate / reimagine their future towns, based of the knowledge of our common futures. So people of the town are part of the changes that take place. It is a communication project that has a focus on system and mind set change.

How best would you receive this piece of communication in order to most effectively make tangible decisions, including;
- changes
- to decide if it's unfeasible or feasible
- to send it over to other stakeholders such as county council / highways / developers etc.

We understand different types of change require different amounts and types of effort / money / barriers / people involved. But who and what are they?

Holistic View
We want part of the knowledge we give the community to include a more holistic view of what these barriers are and how, as a community, they might be a stepping stone along the way to secure funding / implementation for change.

Key Questions
- If communities want to engage in the decisions of their future towns, what is the current process that takes place?
- How do they communicate this?
- How often do these communications take place?
- Who does it go through within the Town Council?
- What is the process that decides whether or not it will be implemented? And who decides this, and how is it decided?
- How is this outcome communicated back to the community?

We Want to Understand Your Barriers
What are the common barriers you face when implementing change;
- lack of funding - in which case how do you decide what to prioritise?
- highways / county council has the power - in which case how do you progress?
- lack of community support for the idea
- feasibility studies come back negative

We want to make a collection of mechanisms that can be used to create change, including;
- policy at town council level
- private sector funding
- policy at national level

For Communities
Complaints and changes;
- If you had a complaint about the town how would you go about communicating this / changing this?

Those who HAVE envisioned the towns future;
- If you have had a vision for how you would like your future town to be, who have you communicated this to?
- How have you communicated it?
- How far did this idea get?
- What skills did you use to further this idea?
- What obstacles did you have in furthering this idea?

Those who HAVEN'T envisioned the towns future;
- If you haven't had a holistic vision of your future town. Why is this?
- Would you like to be part of creating a wholistic vision of your town's future?
- If people knew they were going to be asked, they might start thinking about it more regularly- like an annual community
  event to reimagine future town or street events.

We Want Everybodies Engagement
We want to hear what barriers you have to overcome to create change in your town. To hear how you overcome them and, in some cases, why you think it's not possible to overcome these barriers.

Tell us the challenges you face.

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