

GCRP Evidence Base

What can we offer?

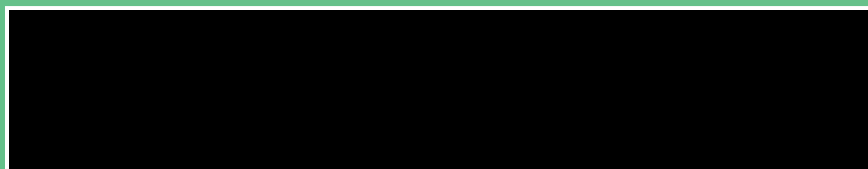
The GCRP is different to other Community Rail Partnerships (CRPs) in that it has a strong research & development work stream to bring the rail network closer to the communities in which it serves across the county. Our team can provide technical expertise working across transport/land use planning, community development, sustainable tourism and the arts sectors to help create better places and better travel options for people.

We can provide local authorities, developers, the rail industry and community representatives, with access to an abundance of data insights and knowledge already collated across the county. We also have the contacts and relationships to source information and help to mobilise schemes across the county. We are constantly expanding our offer; some of which can be easily accessed online via our website. This includes:

- Travel & Community Surveys
- Audit Data & Information
- Local Policy Reviews
- Subject Matter Expertise

Research & Development Contact Details

For any information requests or to find out more about our research and development, contact our team via:



State of the County Survey 2021

The GCRP recently undertook a 'State of the County' community survey to gauge the public's view of rail and travel preferences in a post COVID 19 world and the experiences of travel during 2020. This was released online through several communication channels and cascaded via our partners and steering group members to get the most coverage possible.

470

Public
Responses

29

Organisation
Feedback

2

Months
Feedback

The rich feedback received has helped to shape the activity plan for GCRP into the 2021/2022 year. This will be shortly complemented by the feedback from the 'Youth Survey' to help discern the interests of young people. A snapshot survey analysis was conducted per district and split into separate presentations to help illustrate the key findings; including:

- Key themes, issues and priorities covering the door to door journey experience and perceptions of travel
- Suggestions for measures and schemes that could nudge people towards using rail and travelling sustainably.
- Interest and opportunities for partnership working and community level engagement for future schemes.
- The role of the rail industry and the interaction with other transport and land use decision making.

Local Audits

An interactive database of information gathered over the 'first and last mile' has been collected for most of the stations across the county. These are all available online and can be shared by a link to the sites where the data has been recorded and plotted geographically. You will be able to glean:

- Accessible routes (including pedestrianised and traffic calmed areas)
- Audited routes (including photo bank and equalities assessments)
- Active travel network (cycle links and major routes)
- Location of seating (resting places) and gaps in network provision
- Local services and amenities (including 'Station Neighbours')

Subject Matter Expertise

Our core team at GCRP are blessed with experience across a whole range of areas. We would love to combine knowledge and experience to great effect so please do get in touch to aid with shaping future developments.

Sustainable
Tourism

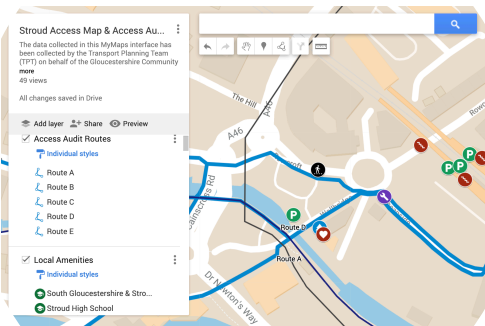
Business
Management

Arts, Culture &
Placemaking

Transport & Land
Use Planning

Policy Summaries

As part of developing individual Station As Places (SAPs) prospectus for each station across the county, we have captured and summarised key planning and transport policies across several statutory and advisory documents...so you don't have too! We use this for responding to planning applications and would be happy to share upon request.



Issue	Severity	Score	Notes
Overgrown verges. Street furniture falling into disrepair (for example, missing paint).	Amber	0	As a major link between the north and south, the overall impression is one of neglect.
Minor vandalism. Lack of active surveillance and natural surveillance (e.g. houses set back or back onto street).	Red	1	Poorly developed underpass character and with limited seating encourage greater area vitality.
Levels of traffic noise and/or pollution could be improved. Background 'hum' from adjacent roads can be heard or louder sounds can be acknowledged.	Red	1	This can be particularly acute and certain PCIDs within the corridor during peak rush hour periods (A4 way is a big barrier to movement).
Issues include: clutter or is deficient; attractiveness of routes (e.g. refuse sacks).	Amber	1	General legibility issues and poor signage detracts away from the historical significance of the area (A6) and its unique asset (A6) Very limited inclusive mobility
TOTAL SCORE		3	
Some defects noted, typically isolated (such as trenching or missing) or minor (such as cracked, level pavers). Defects unlikely to affect the overall quality of the route.	Amber	0	General upgrade required as a result to majority of southern section. Number of sub standard crosswalks. Inclusive mobility provision poor.