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Future Visions for a
Lifetime Neighbourhood



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Future Visions of Dore

Since autumn 2014, researchers and local residents have been working together on the *DWELL* project - to develop innovative housing and neighbourhood designs for an ageing population.

In Dore, we have explored visions for the village as a Lifetime Neighbourhood - a place for residents of all ages. Our ideas build on the existing strengths of the village and its facilities, and aim to make it accessible and attractive for residents and visitors.

In this booklet we are sharing our ongoing work with people who visit, live, work, or go to school in Dore. **These visions are not intended as final proposals but as possible futures for the village - to imagine how it might look like in 2, 5 or even 10 years' time.**

We invite you to get in touch if you have any feedback or other comments (see back page for contact details).

The Dore DWELL Group

With thanks to all of the DWELL participants and residents who have contributed to this research project

What is a Lifetime Neighbourhood?



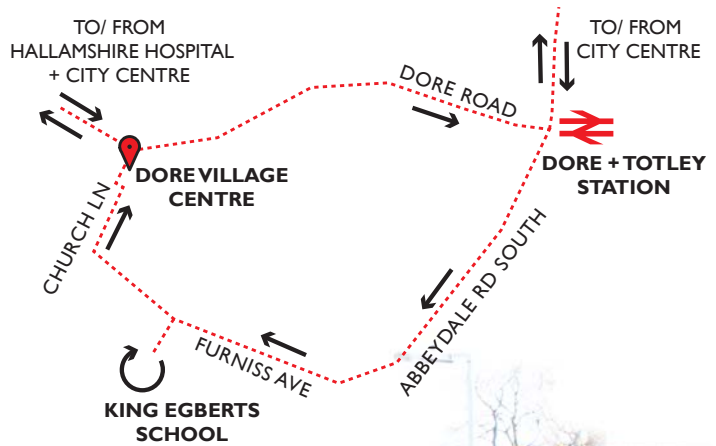
A Lifetime Neighbourhood is an environment that:

- is accessible and includes all members of the community,
- is attractive and safe for pedestrians,
- offers a range of facilities, services and green spaces for all ages,
- offers housing options for residents of any age and ability,
- provides opportunities for volunteering, socialising and other activities,
- engages all residents in community decision-making, *and*,
- promotes a strong sense of place and local identity.

*For more details see the 2011 DCLG report by Bevan and Croucher:
<http://dwell.group.sheffield.ac.uk/lifetime-neighbourhoods>*



Extend a bus service to Dore + Trolley station



A reliable and joined-up public transport system is vital to link Dore with the railway station, hospitals, city centre, and beyond.

- The village could be connected to Dore + Totley railway station by extending one of the existing bus services.
- Protecting the bus link to the Hallamshire Hospital (either via the current number 70 bus or an alternative route) is another local priority.
- Further improvements to the bus stop - including seating and an information board - could encourage more use of the local bus services.

How long might it take to happen?



Shorter-term

Medium-term

Longer-term



Introduce a community toilet scheme

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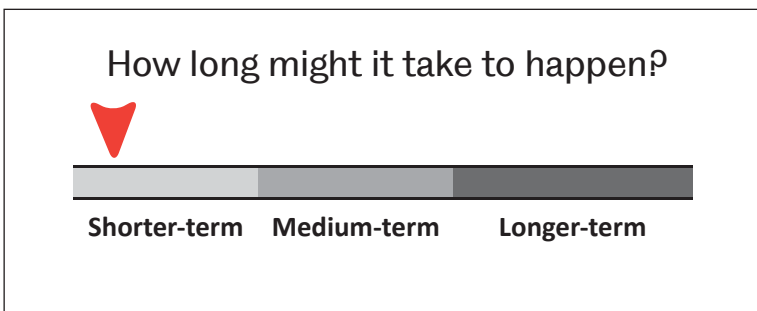


DORE VILLAGE
Community
Toilet Scheme



Public toilets enable people of all ages to get out and about - whether they are working, visiting, or shopping in the village.

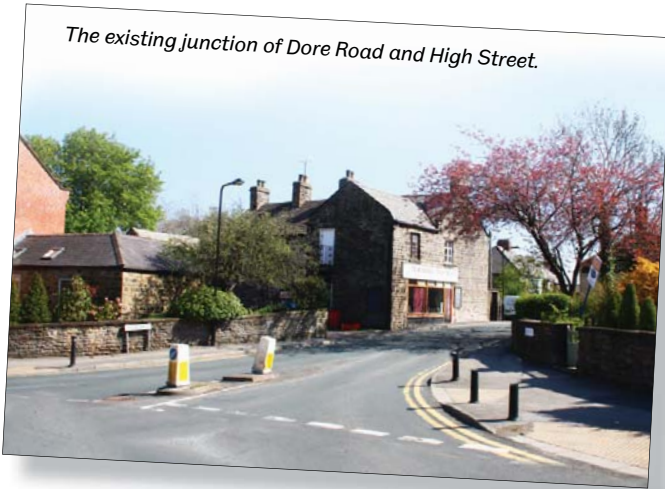
- Community toilet schemes aim to provide access to toilets in neighbourhoods without public facilities.
- Participating businesses and community venues (such as pubs or cafes) allow non-customers to use their toilets during normal opening hours.
- Local businesses could display a sticker in their window to show that they are part of the scheme.
- A scheme is already run by Sheffield City Council to work with local businesses to increase the number of toilets available across the city.





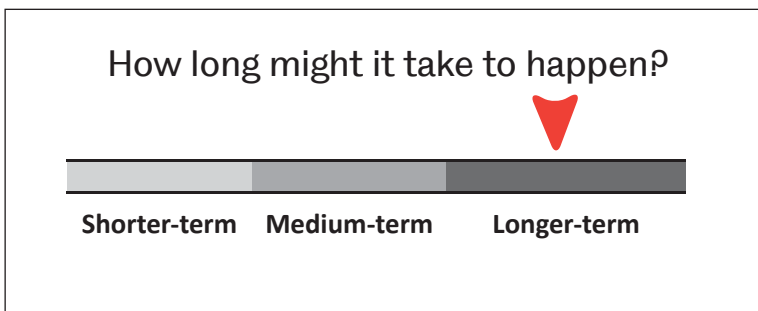
Improve pedestrian crossings and widen pavements

The existing junction of Dore Road and High Street.



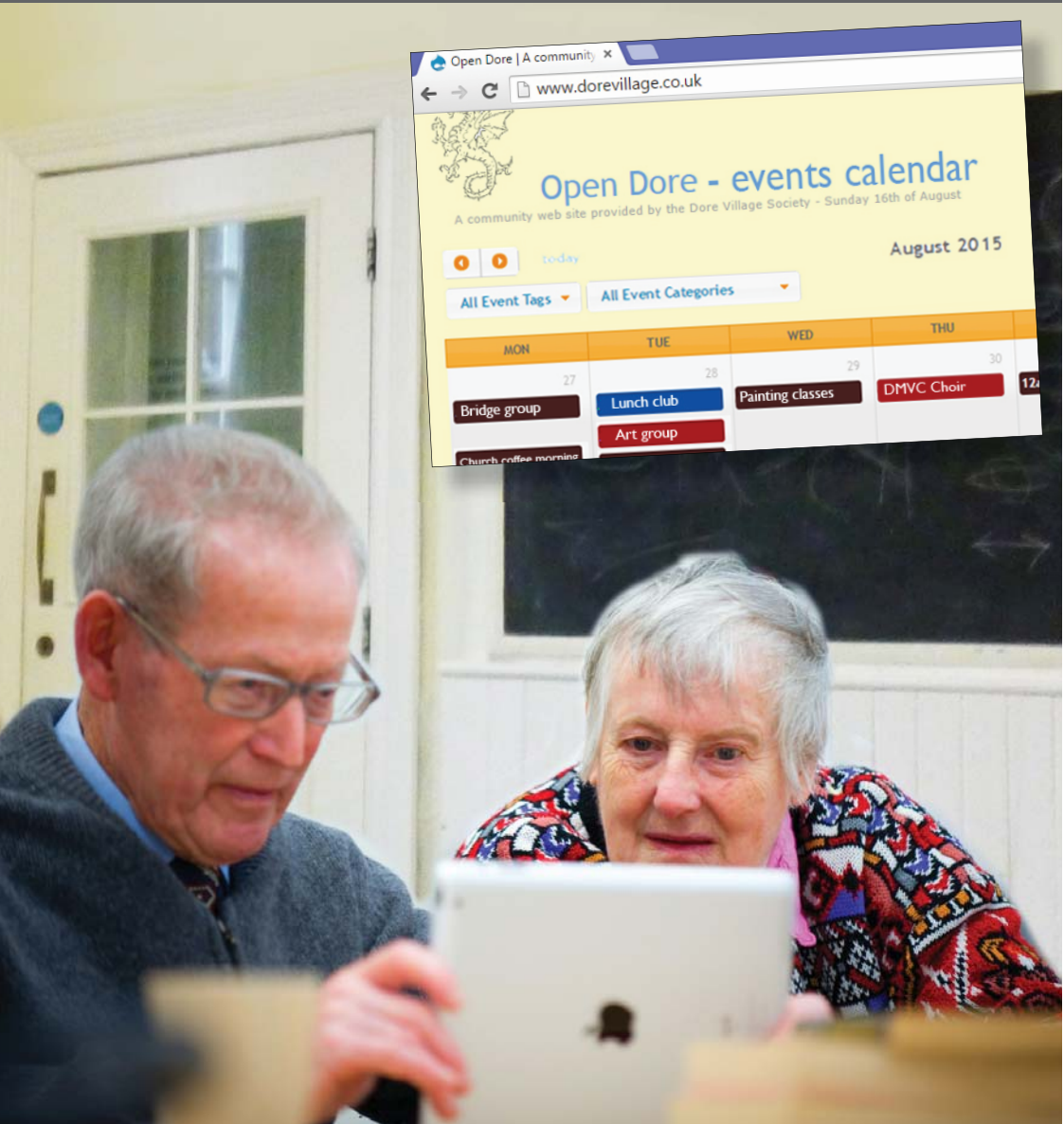
‘Pedestrian-friendly’ environments are safer and more attractive for residents and visitors, particularly those who are less mobile.

- New crossings and traffic calming measures could be gradually introduced to make the village safer and easier to get around for pedestrians.
- Wider pavements could be introduced along High Street by extending the one-way system in the village centre.
- Pedestrian-friendly road surfacing has been successfully introduced in other villages (such as Poynton in Cheshire) where it has been shown to also benefit local businesses.





Establish a local hub for IT skills and advice



A local service to provide information and IT skills - helping residents to get connected and access wider networks of services and support.

- A service managed and run by and for local people could provide a trusted source of advice, sign-post to other services, or support local people to get online.
- This service would be supported by a new high-speed broadband and WIFI network at Dore Old School.
- New online features - such as a live events calendar on the Dore Village website with all of the latest groups and community activities - could be developed as part of this service.

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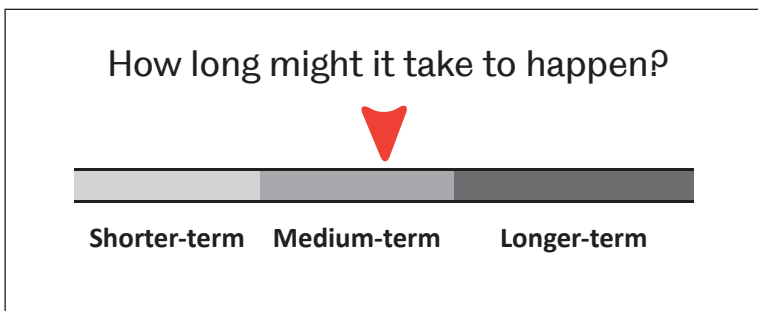
Develop a meeting place at the heart of the village

The existing junction of Church Lane and Townhead Road.



Over the longer term there is an opportunity to improve the range of local facilities and create a meeting place at the heart of the village.

- Extending the pavement at the junction of Church Lane and Townhead Road would enable space for new seating, bike racks, and planting.
- This space could act as a focal point for community events (with space retained for the annual village Christmas tree).
- Over the longer term, the village centre could be further strengthened through the development of new shops, restaurants, or residential apartments.



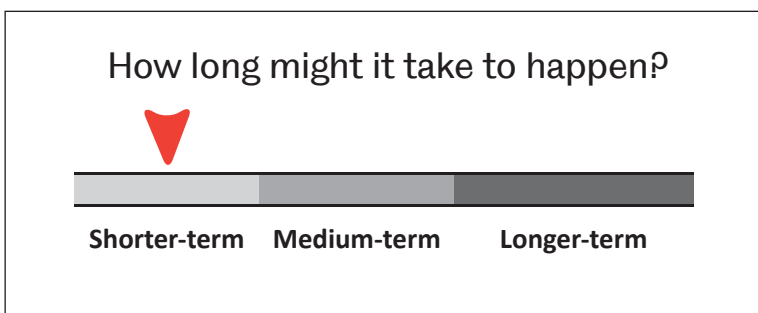


Run a programme of regular markets and events



Bustling high streets and community events support the local economy and are important places for local people to meet, shop and socialise.

- Community events (such as the Lantern Parade) are a vital way of bringing together residents of all ages, maintaining the vibrancy of the village centre, and can benefit local businesses.
- Regular outdoor events - such as a street market, farmers market, or film screenings - could make use of one of the local car parks.
- Street markets and other outdoor events can also act as a temporary way of giving pedestrians more priority over cars.





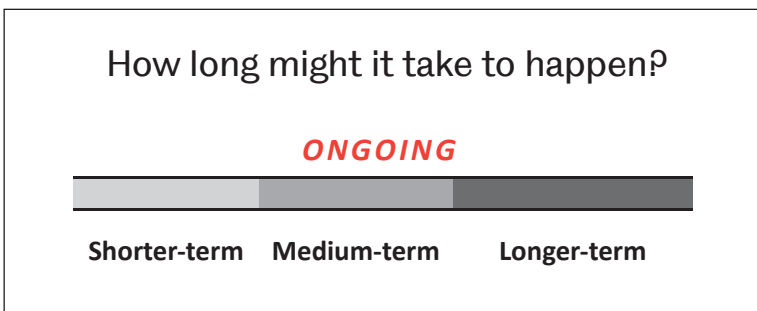
Broaden the choice of new housing available



*Image based on 'The Avenue' in Saffron Walden
by Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects*

A Lifetime Neighbourhood should offer a choice of housing that is affordable, accessible, and meets the needs of the whole community.

- Any new housing in Dore should make a positive contribution to the historic look and feel of the village and meet the highest standards of accessibility and sustainability.
- The mix of any new housing development should reflect local demand from first-time buyers, families, 'downsizers', and older people.
- The Neighbourhood Planning process (currently underway in Dore) can be used to determine what types of housing are needed locally in the future and how those homes should be designed.



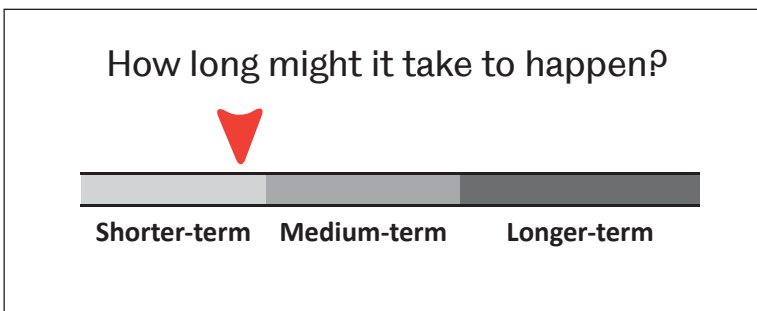


Introduce a disc parking scheme in the village centre



Car parking is the cause of ongoing debate in the village, particularly the availability of short-stay parking for shops and local services.

- More parking spaces could be made available for shoppers by introducing a short-stay or disc parking scheme for the village centre.
- The widest areas of pavement (such as outside the Co-op) could be turned into marked parking bays - including disabled parking provision.
- Bollards and paving could be used to indicate and protect pedestrian crossing points
- Further discussion of car parking issues can be found in the 2012 'Parking in Dore' report by Local Level (available on the Dore Village Society website).





Please share **YOUR** feedback, comments and suggestions

Which ideas do you love and which do you hate?

And what else can be done to create a village centre that is accessible, healthy, vibrant, green, and attractive for residents of all ages?

If you are interested in getting involved in any aspect of this project, we would love to hear from you!

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