

Appendix A – Placemaking Charter Wales



Creu Lleoedd Cymru Placemaking Wales

Llofnodydd y Siarter Charter Signatory

Placemaking Wales is an initiative to support the implementation of placemaking in Wales. The project is being led by the Placemaking Wales Partnership – a multi-disciplinary group representing professions and organisations involved in shaping the built and natural environment in Wales.

A Placemaking Wales Charter has been developed to reflect the collective and individual commitment of these organisations to support the development of high-quality places across Wales for the benefit of their communities (dcfw.org/placemaking/placemaking-charter/). The Charter includes six placemaking principles that those who sign-up agree to promote as part of their support for placemaking.

People and community

The local community are involved in the development of proposals. The needs, aspirations, health and well-being of all people are considered at the outset. Proposals are shaped to help to meet these needs as well as create, integrate, protect and/or enhance a sense of community and promote equality.

Location

Places grow and develop in a way that uses land efficiently, supports and enhances existing places and is well connected. The location of housing, employment and leisure and other facilities are planned to help reduce the need to travel.

Movement

Walking, cycling and public transport are prioritised to provide a choice of transport modes and avoid dependence on private vehicles. Well designed and safe active travel routes connect to the wider active travel and public transport network and public transport stations and stops are positively integrated.

Mix of uses

Places have a range of purposes which provide opportunities for community development, local business growth and access jobs, services and facilities via walking, cycling or public transport. Development density and a mix of uses and tenures helps to support a diverse community and vibrant public realm.

Public realm

Streets and public spaces are well defined, welcoming, safe and inclusive with a distinct identity. They are designed to be robust and adaptable with landscape, green infrastructure and sustainable drainage well integrated. They are well connected to existing places and promote opportunities for social interaction and a range of activities for all people.

Identity

The positive, distinctive qualities of existing places are valued and respected. The unique features and opportunities of a location including heritage, culture, language, built and natural physical attributes are identified and responded to.

A Placemaking Guide has also been published with further guidance on the principles of placemaking and how they can be applied in practice (dcfw.org/placemaking/resources/).