SURF 20 Minute Neighbourhood Practice Network

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WHAT IS YOUR DEFINITION OF A 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Most common words were:
NEEDS/DAILY/ESSENTIAL SERVICES/AMENITIES WALK/PUBLIC TRANSPORT/CYCLE.

Significant stress on ALL but notable comments on MAJORITY.

Needs not often identified but include:
SHOPS/EDUCATION/HEALTH/PARKS/LEISURE/WORK/COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Length of time varied from 10 minutes there-and-back to “the length of time (1, 5, 10, 20 etc.) is somewhat arbitrary/exclusionary and there are a number of different variations across different geographies.”

QUALITY of route and service referred to and one mention of housing and food AFFORDABILITY.

What does it mean outside urban areas?
An area that allows "local living" by having sufficiently good infrastructure, facilities and amenities that allows EVERYONE to be able to walk / wheel / scoot, or access appropriate public transport, for daily living needs and means that it is in fact nicer to walk than to take the car.

Where I can reach what I need in 20 minutes (physical, spatial, emotional or digital)

A neighbourhood in which it is desirable to access daily needs by active travel or public transport.
IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES TO DELIVERING A 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Existing environment continuing to be designed around the car
   Housing allocations without amenities/Edge of settlement retail and educational campuses

Centralisation for efficiency (services and retail)

Clarity of definition (the 10/15/20 debate and what is essential)

Funding/cost (particularly in the face of funding cuts)

Inequalities exacerbated (i.e. not privileging the privileged & managing community expectations)

Enforceable policy and long term political support

Behaviour change – decision makers and public

Public transport policy

Is it attractive to the market?
WHAT DO YOU NEED/HOPE TO GAIN FROM THIS NETWORK?

Greater understanding of the concept

Case studies/best practice of implementation/ learning from failures

How to establish a baseline

Up to date information on policy

Connect with collaborators (funders)

Advocacy – for 20MN and for what is defined as essential.