

Carrington 2023

This document was created as a result of the workshop *Discovering Carrington's Identity*, organised as part of the project *Mapping Nottingham's Identity*. The workshop included several residents, business owners and local authority members from Carrington, and was conceived as a future scenario building game in which we were imagining together how Carrington could look like in 2023, who would future Carringtonians be, and which actions will lead us there. Hopefully, this document will be finalised by CTARA members and other interested parties and used as a guideline for focused community action - a tool for achieving the greatest possible impact.

Carrington 2023 Strategy is divided in two main parts. First part describes Carrington in 2023, as imagined by people who live and work in the area today. Second part numbers four short term and four long term objectives that were identified as a journey milestones towards desired future.

Finally, three symbols were used in the end of a workshop to mark the actions that participants wanted to stress additionally:



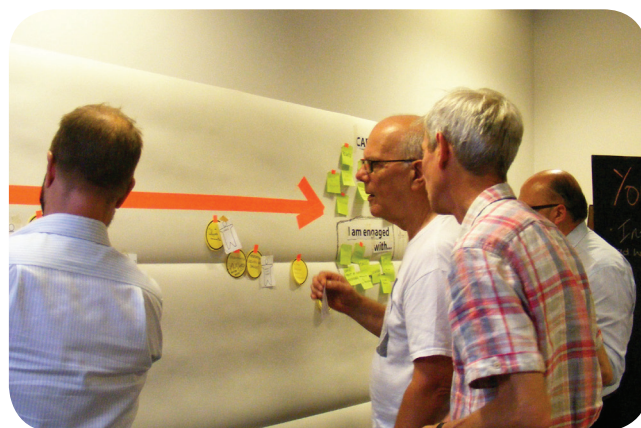
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Further examination is needed



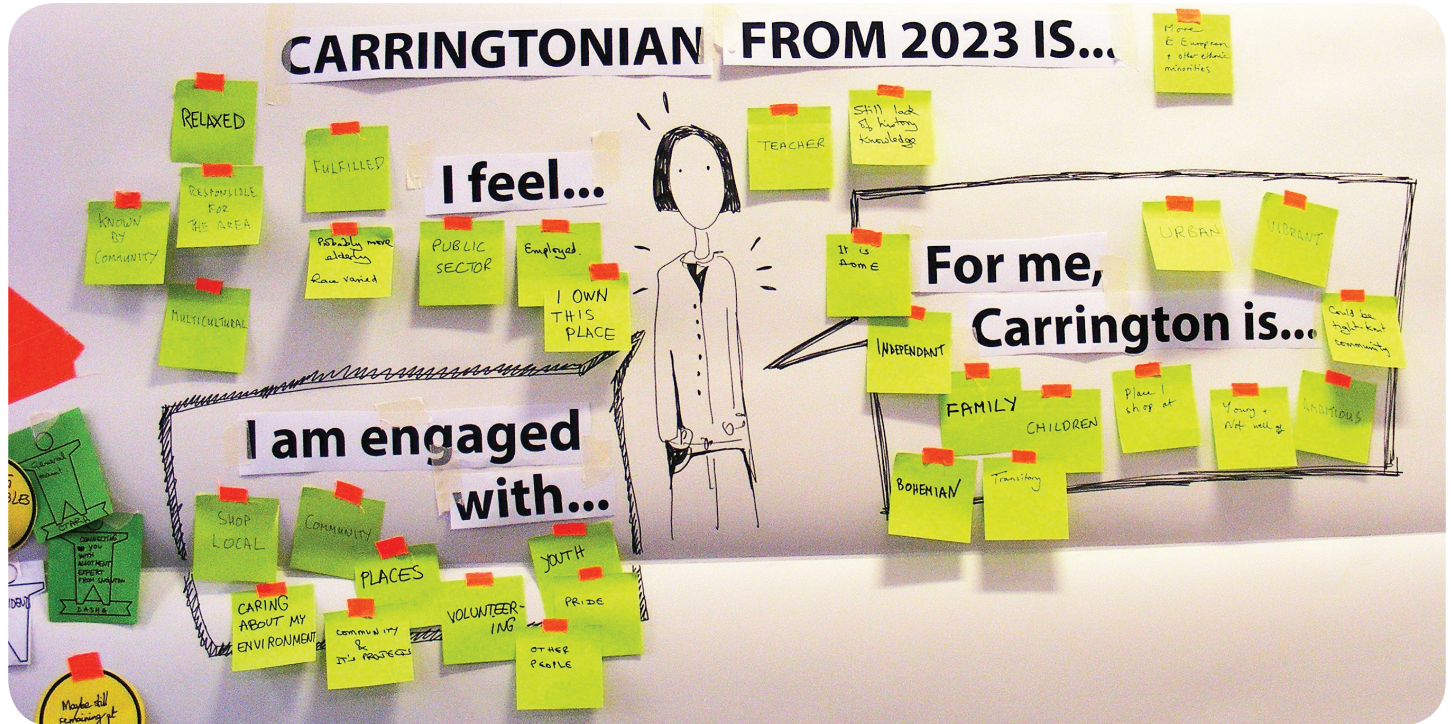
This will be really difficult and complicated to achieve
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Draft Strategy created on 7th September 2016

This draft paper has been prepared by Dasha Spasojevic, researcher at Nottingham Trent University. It does not reflect a formal position of anyone from Carrington and is prone to iterations following discussions and comments from Nottingham City Council, CTARA and other residents.

What do we want to be in 2023? How do we imagine Carrington in seven years time?



Carringtonian from 2023 is a teacher, employed, multicultural, responsible for the area, known by community, relaxed, fulfilled.

Carringtonian from 2023 has the sense of ownership for Carrington.

Carringtonian from 2023 is engaged with local shopping, community and its projects, places, volunteering, youth, inspiring civic pride.

Carringtonian from 2023 cares about other people and about the environment.

For her/him, **Carrington** is home, an urban and vibrant place filled with families and children. **Carrington** is a bohemian village. It is also a transitory place – it changes all the time, and people love it because it is open and inclusive. Also, it is very close to the city centre, so many routes go through **Carrington**, and it is a perfect location to visit and pass by on your way to the city. Even though it is more ethnically diverse than seven years ago, there is no alienation and everyone gets engaged in community activities and cares about public spaces.

Carrington is a perfect example of how more elderly people could get engaged with places where they live.

Carrington from 2023 is also proud for establishing an award winning alliance between public sector and civic society, in making this area an urban oasis – village community.

What do we need to do to be able to get there?

Short term objectives:

1. Discover new sources of funding for projects and involve other local influence

In collaboration between businesses, civil sector and local authorities, many grants and funds could be obtained for a variety of projects. Actors who should be involved more in achieving this objective are creative businesses from Carrington, as well as CTARA.

Challenge// We don't know who to ask! Also, successful applications require specific skills and it is not an easy thing to do.

Victory// There are people in the area who are familiar with these procedures, especially in small enterprises sector. Double T is identified as one of them; they are already very successful in writing bids for grants & funds.

Challenge// It is complicated to facilitate a fruitful collaboration, without the misuse of political power. It is difficult to get businesses on board, and motivate them to collaborate.

Victory// There are projects that are already successful in achieving this collaboration. One of them is the installation of solar panels in Carrington Primary School – local businesses (including Peugeot garage) contributed to fund this project. This proves that nothing is impossible, but it requires constant engagement and dialogue. The more people get involved, more democratic the whole process becomes.

2. Local businesses recruit people from the local area and play a bigger role in supporting unemployed

Challenge// How to find time to engage businesses effectively? It is also complicated to make connections between local jobs and local unemployed people.

Victory// Social media could be used better to make available local jobs more locally visible. Maybe the opening of a local FB group where these jobs would be advertised is one of the possible solutions. The questions is – who is ready to manage this group, and gather and share all the information?

3. Creating a sense of pride in the area

Challenge// Motivating and engaging local people.

Victory// CTARA is already set up and running for years, engaging people in different activities. With the help of NTU students, as well as new business influence in the area (*Double T* and *Business HQ*, among others) new ideas and projects could be created that can boost meaningful local engagement. Also, schools could be more engaged.

Challenge// There is no central place for people to congregate – Pirate Park, St John's and Community Garden attract only certain groups of people. Thus, there is a need for an open public space that would be available and open to everyone.



Victory// Finding the right landmark in Carrington might be a solution.

Challenge// Inspiring business pride among business owners and getting them involved in public spaces and projects in the area.

Victory// *Yarn shop* and *Double T* are ready to get involved!

Challenge// Elimination of dog fouling, as well as making Carrington more clean and peaceful



Victory// CTARA members (including Ken, who mentioned about this issue) are already very active in reporting local issues and they have a very good collaboration with Nottingham City Council, Nottingham City Homes and the police. The question is how to make CTARA more visible and accessible for local mums and dads? How to motivate dog owners (especially from St John's Gardens) to get engaged with making the area cleaner?

Challenge// Communication – people don't know what is happening!

Victory// Forming an "Open Space" group for Carrington, such as "Friends of Pirate Park". Who is ready to be in charge for this group and advertise activities through social media?

Challenge// Involving more people in Community Garden activities, maybe even growing vegetables. A main suspicion is that vegetables would get stolen from the garden.



Victory// CTARA can facilitate general maintenance of the garden, and organise occasional activities. There are more people who would like to be involved, but they still don't know that the garden exists. If you attend a workshop about Sneinton on 14th of September, you might meet an allotment expert from Sneinton who can give you his advice on engaging people in growing vegetables and preventing other of stealing or destroying them.

4. Finding a right focus for community action and creating a plan to achieve 2023 Strategy



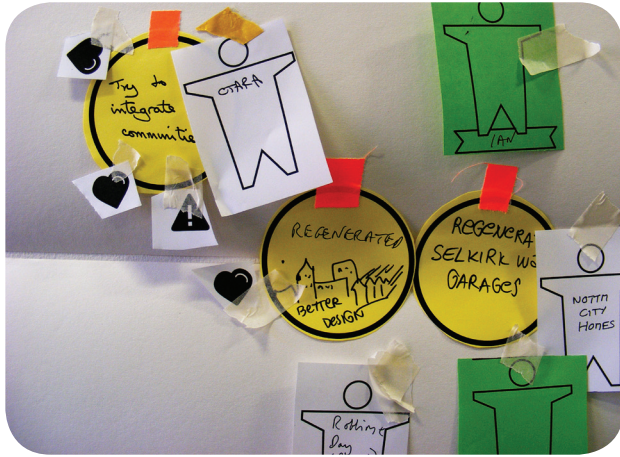
Challenge// Motivating as much of the community as possible to get engaged and buy into Strategy, and then work together to achieve it.

Victory// Promoting benefits of this collaboration through small scale projects that would be connected with Carrington 2023. Those projects could be conducted by NTU students. Carrington 2023 Strategy should be locally written, and this conversation turned into a draft could serve as a starting point.

Challenge// Creating Carrington Community events, such as Sherwood Art Week.

Victory// Councillor Brian Parbutt is happy to work on this, but: what should it be? Who would be interested in organising it? Maybe *Business HQ* together with CTARA?

Long term objectives:



1. Integrate communities



Motivating people and business to feel proud for living and working in Carrington, as well as introducing them to each other through community actions and events would enhance communication and sense of community in the area, leading to better integration and cohesion.



2. Regeneration of Carrington



Careful and locally responsive development could happen in few locations in Carrington, e.g. regeneration of Selkirk Way garages. Residents (Ian), as well as Peugeot, Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City Homes should be more involved in achieving this objective.



3. Locally sustainable economy



Local buyers, local providers and sellers are better linked, which makes local supply and demand chain stronger and enables its evolution. There are few businesses in the area, such as *Double T*, who are already working on this long term goal. For example, *Double T* is experimenting with firewood supplies for people in the area.



4. New Carrington identity is established

Through community events, collaboration in NTU student projects and City Council consultation, the identity of Carrington in 2023 is recognisable and well established.