

# Sneinton Goldfish Plan Gaps\* - identifying our future actions

This document is a result of workshop *Discovering Sneinton's Identity*, organised as part of the project *Mapping Nottingham's Identity*. The workshop included several residents, business owners and community organisers from Sneinton, Carrington and The Meadows, as well as researchers and lecturers from Nottingham Trent University. It was conceived as a future scenario building game in which we were imagining together which impact we would like to have on Sneinton's Identity in the future, which resources we currently have in our hands, and which actions will lead us towards desired futures. Hopefully, this document will be edited and finalised by any of the interested parties and used as a guideline for focused community action, as a tool for achieving the greatest possible impact.

Additionally, *Discovering Sneinton's Identity* served to create a new community service around K**Nott** – community furniture designed and built as part of Mapping Nottingham's Identity project. We tried to identify person(s) interested to manage the distribution and sharing of K**Nott** pieces, as well as its future evolution through other projects.

Sneinton Goldfish Plan Gaps is divided in two main parts. First one numbers four main effects (impact) that people who are living or working in the area would like to have on Sneinton and its identity. It then continues to the second part – identified community resources that are currently available and accessible in Sneinton. They are the start of our journey towards desired futures.

\* Two symbols were used in the end, to mark the actions that participants wanted to additionally stress:



I really like this; this is the best proposal



Further examination is needed

#### Draft Strategy created on 14th 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 Sneinton and is prone to iterations following discussions and comments from Nottingham City Council, Nottingham Trent University, Sneinton businesses, numerous community groups, organisers and other residents.









## **SNEINTON WE WISH FOR**

#### Diversity and a sense of community

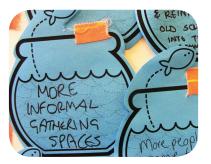






#### **Challenge: Better communication//**

Communication has to happen from both sides (organisers' and residents'). Organisers should communicate with other organisations, share information and community resources, and plan the events with representatives of various cultures input. Community action in Sneinton should have a better and more effective publicity both locally and externally (more collaboration with other neighbourhoods such as Carrington could spark new ideas). At the same time, residents need to be more active in visiting websites and venues, and in spreading the word about what's going on. They should become more active in expressing what they want to do.





#### Victory//

A communication platform already exists – "WHAT'S ON IN SNEINTON" is a calendar, managed by Sneinton Alchemy (www.sneinton-alchemy.com/events). In order to make it more effective, both sides (organisers and residents) have to become more active around it.



Sneintonians have pride in its heritage and a bold vision for its future . New memories are synchronised with places' and people's history .

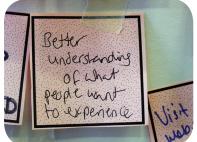
# Challenge: More community action around public assets//

We want to see:

- Old School Hall featuring as a national precedent for good outcome of community engagement,
- Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum creating the most inclusive and democratic Neighbourhood Plan that values green, vibrant and well designed places,
- allotments becoming a major source of local food, activity and social life in Sneinton,
- local community directly involved in the future of Salvation Army building,
- better care of TRACs building,
- new life boosting at Sneinton Market,
- reinhabitation of Burrows Court (tower block),
- 99% residents turning up at Sneinton Festival,
- youth focused centre open at times relevant to young people,
- the power of good design making Sneinton's public spaces & streets awesome.

We want to examine power and decision processes in order to see how a better understanding of what people want to experience can fit in top-down agendas. We want more action, not just a talking shop.

















#### Victory//

Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum is already formed, as well as Sneinton Alchemy – organisations that have the power and knowledge to gather the community together. They already attract many local experts in built environment, such as 2hD architecture office. Additionally, Nottingham Trent University is interested in maintaining close association with Sneinton Community, especially through a formation of new civic think tank and Mapping Nottingham's Identity future actions.



# 3. Improved health

Nottingham is rated as a happier place in which to live and work, with improved mental health for children and young people . People are encouraged to be more active, children to spend more time playing outdoors .

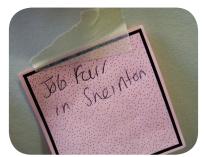


### 4. Improved education

As a result of creative encouragement, imagination of Sneintonians is running wild. Best practice is shared across the city  $\bigcirc$  , people gain new skills and opportunities  $\bigcirc$  . Ways of improving educational and life chances for all young people are being investigated  $\triangle$ , as well as their prospects in starting a progressive job or apprenticeship  $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$  .

# Challenge: Business engagement and locally sustainable economy//

By identifying and mapping local businesses, local network could be created to start a collaboration with community and City Council, and boost business engagement. This network could organise a job fair in Sneinton, better connections with schools, as well as other learning and community networking events. Furthermore, new economical models should be investigated which would lead to creation of sustainable businesses.







#### Victory//

Community spirit in Sneinton is already very strong, which inspires social responsibility of businesses. For example, local supermarket TWO'J gladly donated material for building K**Nott**; there is social capital to build upon.

### K*Nott* impact

# Challenge: Creating KNott community service//

K**Nott** manager should be identified in order to make sure that KNott is available to anyone, and can be easily shared and accessed.

#### Victory//

K**Nott** units that are made so far will most likely be stored at Sneinton Market, and WhatsApp group will be established among interested parties. Also, Steve has an idea about a project in which he can use K**Nott** design!



### **RESOURCES WE HAVE**

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- **health related**: "Sneinton Bikers" social cycle rides, "Community Bike FIX 'N' RIDE" <u>www.cyclesneinton.com</u> (bi-monthly, 1st+3rd Saturdays); walking in Colwick Woods ancient woodland!
- **social activities**: picnics & parties, cultural events, family events, drinking beer, informal gathering, eating together, Sneinton Festival
- cooking activities: intro to Jamaican Food; "Growin' Spaces" social eating and community café
- workshops: creative & family workshops; film screenings; music production & vocal recording; instrument workshops + access; range of visual arts + crafts projects; photography & video workshops/events; history & psychogeography; community research and history group; school trips around historical part of Sneinton, open youth sessions; working with children on the development of design ideas; children's activities/clubs; art activities for young people; mentoring + life skills for local teens
- participation in design: working with members of the public on the development of design ideas; organizing design competitions, workshops and public exhibitions of design ideas; exhibitions of local/national/international artists





### **2.** People as assets

- volunteers, artists, people, 'passion', curious and hopeful ones, interested in getting involved with the community





# **3.** Knowledge as a resource

K**Nott** furniture; potential access to research; time to contribute as a new project from NTU; free creative activities; ideas for the design or re-design of spaces and places; students' research





### 4. Organisation as a resource

- links with the Salvation Army; Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum – developing the Sneinton Neighbourhood Plan; 2hD – local Sneinton architecture practice with strong community focus; "What's on in Sneinton" – a community events calendar run online by Sneinton Alchemy; Youth/children work; Design & Photography services; Creative specialists; Video production/ Design/ Branding





### **5.** Spatial resources

- park, historic building, community centre, Windmill – landmark/ organic flour, allotments, music studio, project space, gallery







# **WHAT'S NEXT?**

By having "Sneinton We Wish For" on the one hand, and available resources on the other, we should think how to connect the two – how to organise activities that will lead to desired outcomes. Please bare in mind that all resources mentioned are just media – means or places for doing something. What is making a difference is **the content**. For example, how can cooking and craft activities lead to improved health? How can University's presence influence community's values related to public buildings? How can photography and video workshops tackle business engagement?