

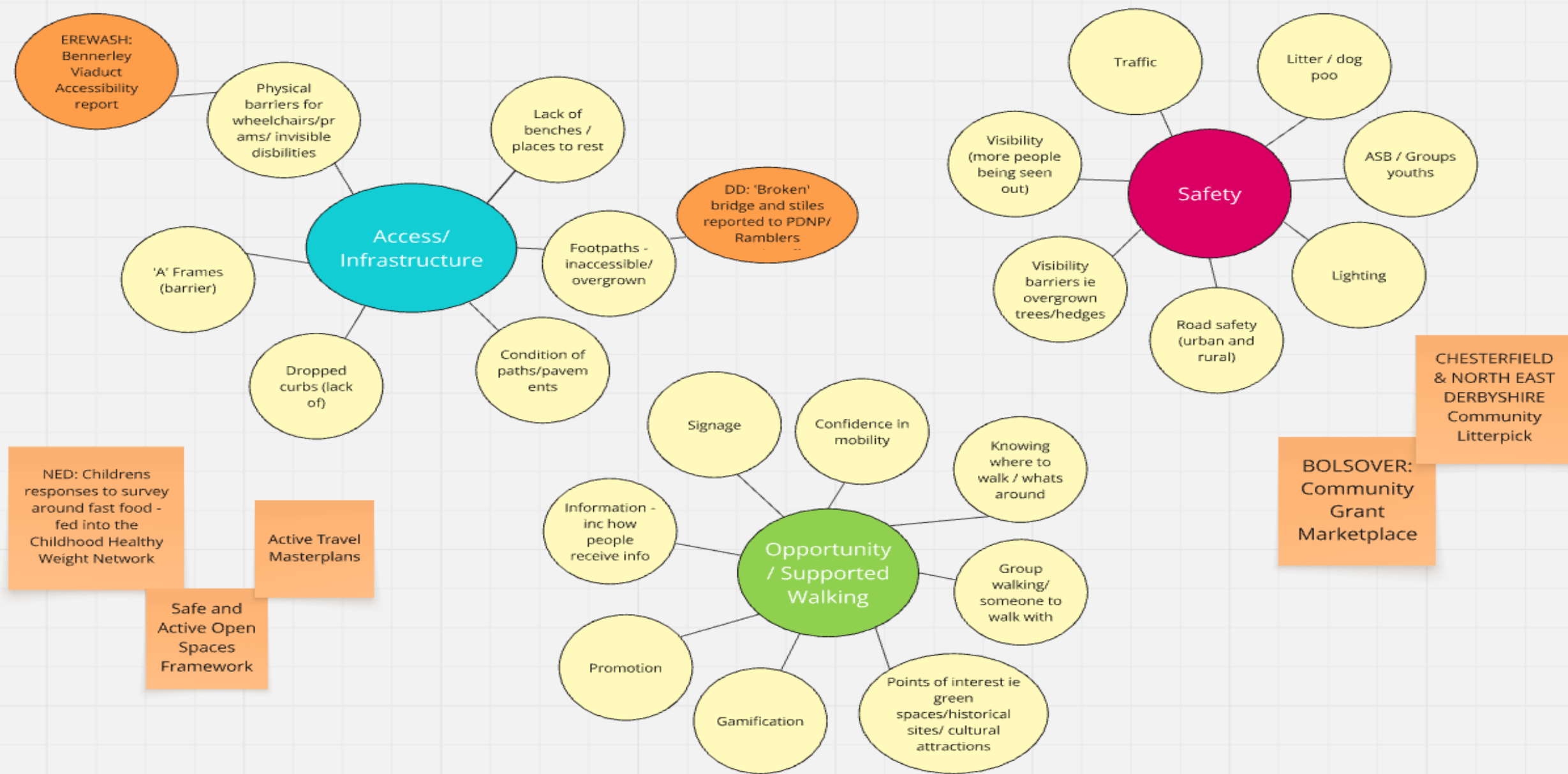


# Active Environment Workshop – Community Voice



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# Community Voice – Key Themes



# Infrastructure

“The lack of public conveniences and benches and rest stops.” female, 60-74

“More drop curbs needed access barriers need to be a bit wider” female, 60-74

“More benches and toilets” female, 70+

When the footpaths are overgrown by hedges” Female, 60-74 years, limited mobility

*“I have some mobility problems and some of the paths do get really overgrown and/or really muddy, which stops me using them.*

*“Better kept paths and dropped kerbs”*

*“Maintaining the walkways and overgrown greenery “*

*“Benches or additional seats for when I get tired “*

*“More benches. I suffer with mobility issues and chronic fatigue”*



# Feeling Safe Outdoors

“do not like, not safe”  
Female, 40 - 49



“late at night feel scary sometimes”, female 30-39

“late at night/evening groups of youth”, female, 30- 39

“more police presents for drug users” Female, 30-39

*Feel unsafe at night-time – young couple*

*People drinking, street safety – older resident*

*Worried about dogs off lead, feels unsafe sometimes – elderly female*

*Lighting of communal areas and walkways between flats*

*Needs more people out and about to feel safer*

## Safety / antisocial behaviour concerns

More PCSO's walking round sorting out the trouble when there.

Do not feel safe in Clay Cross, drunken men sat in the bus station every day from 8am!

Scared of crime.

Lack of feeling safe to walk alone.

Intimidated by groups of young people.

Lack of security, especially at night or in some dangerous areas.





# Opportunity

HELPFUL TO KNOW WHERE SHOPS ARE  
MAP WOULD BE GOOD IDEA IF YOU ARE NEW TO AREA

Suggestions: What solutions can you think of that would help you get out and about more?

NEW TO AREA A MAP  
MORE GROUPS FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE.  
NOT ~~JUST~~ JUST WALKING GROUPS.

## Lack of variety of shops / services in the town centre

We do not have a variety of shops to walk too, we have to travel further for these.

I would walk to a bank or building society if there was one.

More well-known shops in the town.

More picturesque walking points for the younger generation.

Local area plans to see available walks with scenic walks

More country areas to walk too and around, especially for families.

Something attractive to walk to, i.e., a nicer town centre, town centre park etc.

Scenic walking routes instead of mainly Derby Road,

What about designated routes being signposted for easy walks/tougher walks around Clay Cross - maybe some routes for street walking and some that incorporate the countryside - I would love that.

Places of interest.

Things to walk to and from, traffic is so busy now and it feels noisy and polluted, a lot of the green space and wildlife is going, and it is not nice walking along the pavements choking on car exhausts and seeing concrete. It just does not inspire me - I only walk as I have the dog to walk.

Suggestions: What solutions can you think of that would help you get out and about more?

HAS A FEW FRIENDS, WOULD CONSIDER  
GOING OUT WITH A LITTLE GROUP  
ON THE SCOOTERS, BUT AT THE MINUTE  
HAS NO ONE TO MEET UP WITH

## Individual:

- Determination - despite personal challenges many people want to do something/keep going (linked to mindset).
- Knowing where to find walk routes or groups - Many did not use the internet either because they can't see it very well, miss things, do not know how to, or don't want to.
- Local people do not always know where to walk or if routes are suitable (linked to physical environment).

## Social environment:

- Idea of group walks received a mixed response. Whilst many appreciate the physical and/or social support of others there were reasons why walking with an organised group might not be suitable.
- Having someone to walk with can provide social, physical, and/or emotional support.

