

Joy-CHEC Assessment Canvas

Place	Date	Time	Weather	Assessor(s)

Character

Notes

- **DETAIL**

There is use of varying materials, motifs, stonework, colour, flooring, etc which creates small details to discover within the street scene
 - **COMMUNITY AGENCY**

Local Communities can impact upon the urban environment, leaving their own stamp and changing as needs evolve (E.g. murals, noticeboards, gardens)
 - **VIBRANCY**

Colour and decoration are added tastefully, including seasonal elements such as planting, decor, or lights. Colour is used on buildings and through infrastructure.
 - **NATURE**

There are trees & plants proportionate to the type and size of the space that bring visual interest and beauty
 - **SIGNAGE**

Business Signage is of quality design and material. For example, wood instead of plastic, painted instead of printed, window decals instead of neon lighting.
 - **HERITAGE / CULTURE**

Local Culture and/or Heritage is evident in the surroundings. This could be architecturally, through businesses, or through placemaking.
 - **LIGHTING**

Lighting is warm and ambient, not cold or blue. Lighting may be used in interesting ways such as fairy lights or interactive lights.
 - **VARIATION**

Variation in building type, design, style, colour, etc. Is there a variation in style throughout the street scene?
 - **CONDITION**

Wear & tear is treated with love and fixed where needed. (Urban scarring can be joyful if it contributes to the character or tells a story)
 - **FURNITURE**

There is well designed street furniture, such as custom benches, traditional streetlamps, or bins. Thought has been given beyond the most minimal version.
 - +2 / +4

BONUSES

The place has architectural acclaim due to its beauty or character (+2)
There has been significant community impact on the placemaking at this place (+2)
 - 1 / -2

DEDUCTIONS

For excessive vape shops / takeaways or a general lack of variety and quality in local businesses (deduct 1-2 points depending on severity)

CHARACTER TOTAL

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ENGAGEMENT

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PLAY

There are invitations to Play (Child or Adult)

 SHOPFRONTS

There are varied and active shopfronts. Shops that engage in window-dressing, styled shopfronts, or views into the activity.

○ FOOD/DRINK

Food establishments from a range of different cultures/cuisines

○ HERITAGE / CULTURE

There are ways to discover local heritage / culture e.g. plaques, trails, memorials, museums, etc

○ ACTIVITIES

There are accessible cultural events and venues offering a range of activities for all ages and interests.

O ART

There is evidence of art either on the street or in the surrounding businesses

○ ATMOSPHERE

There is a engaged atmosphere

DISCOVERY

There is frequently something new to discover/see/do

○ LINGERING

There are places to meet people and hang out for longer periods of time

BUSINESSES

There is a range of local businesses providing unique and quality products / experiences

+2 / +4 BONUSES

The place has a wide range of free activities open to the public, such as street performers or markets (+2)

There are lots of interesting local businesses and places to shop/browse/eat/drink, resulting in an engaged or vibrant atmosphere (+2)

-1 / -2 DEDUCTIONS

For boarded up or vacant buildings (deduct 1-2 points depending on severity)

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CARE

Notes

 WALKABLE

There are invitations to Play (Child or Adult)

SEATING

There are varied and active shopfronts. Shops that engage in window-dressing, styled shopfronts, or views into the activity.

AIR QUALITY

Food establishments from a range of different cultures/cuisines

○ NAVIGATION

There are ways to discover local heritage / culture e.g. plaques, trails, memorials, museums, etc

SANITATION

There are accessible cultural events and venues offering a range of activities for all ages and interests.

○ ACCESSIBILITY

There is evidence of art either on the street or in the surrounding businesses

○ TOILETS

There is a engaged atmosphere

○ SAFETY

There is frequently something new to discover/see/do

There are places to meet people and hang out for longer periods of time

FAMILIES

There is a range of local businesses providing unique and quality products / experiences

+2 / +4 BONUSES

The place has inviting seating with options for shade or sunlight where people can stay for extended periods of time e.g. to read, hang out, nap, eat (+2)

There is at least 1 warm & welcoming community space that people can access for free or pay-what-you-feel. E.g. a library (+2)

-1 / -2 DEDUCTIONS

If any defensive architecture is found to be present (deduct 1 or 2 points depending on severity of impact)

CARE TOTAL

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RESULTS

TOP TIP: Map your numerical results onto the Target Graph in a coloured pencil so that you can layer future assessments on top.

CHARACTER

