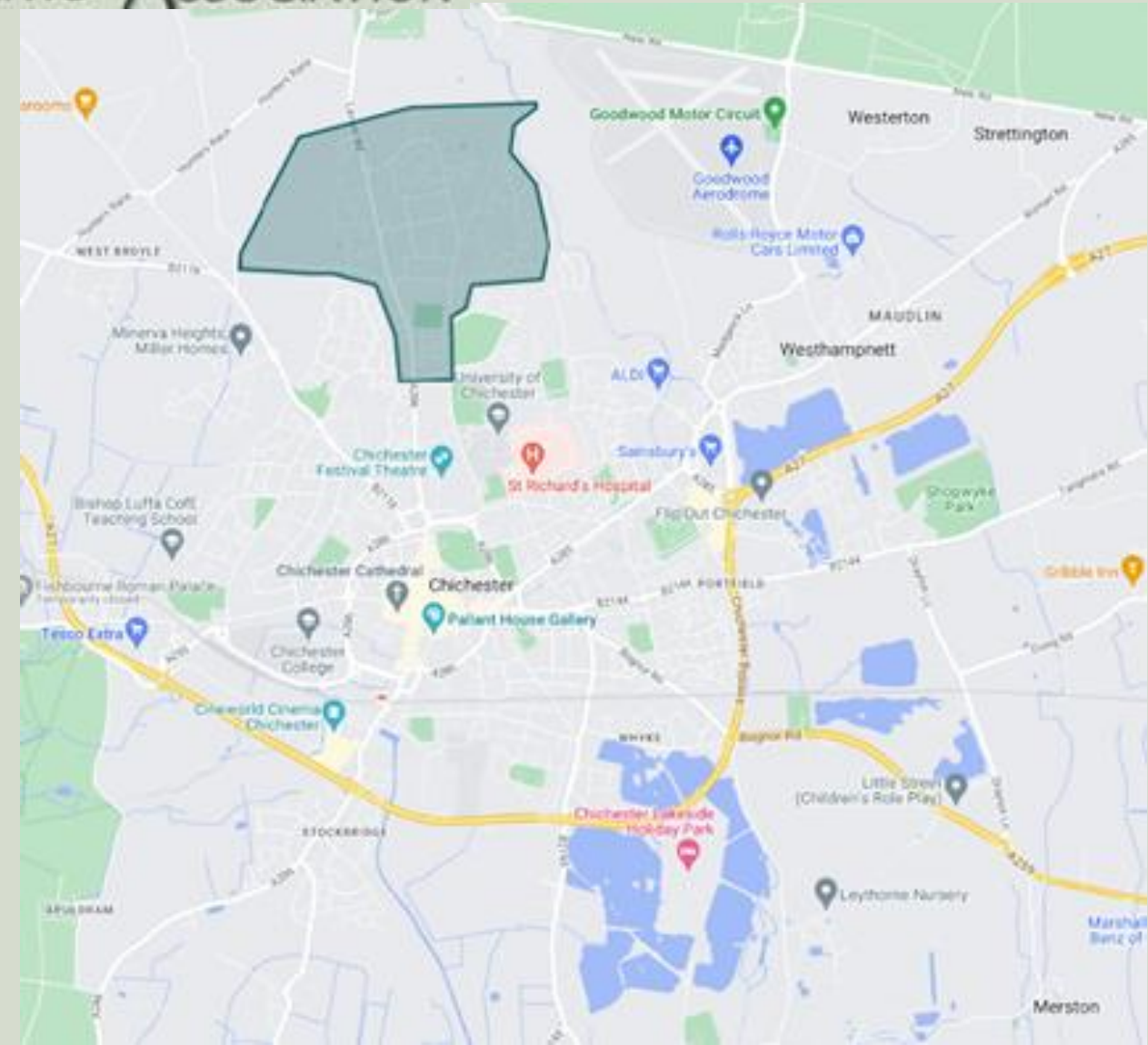




A voluntary organisation covering much of the North of the City representing more than 400 households

- Aim:
 - Encourage community spirit
 - Preserve and improve the environment and amenities
 - Represent interests of Summersdale Residents





- What we would like to see in the Chichester Neighbourhood Plan
 - Within Summersdale
 - Protecting the built environment
 - Protecting our leafy / green environment
 - In the wider city
 - Southern gateway / Transport hub- Bus / Railway station
 - Revitalising the city centre
 - Making more of the walkways to major attractions
 - Cycleways
 - Potential Quick wins

Protecting the built environment

- Area of special architectural and historic interest. First developed by Charles Stride 1900-1930s.
- Attractive area with signature late Victorian / Edwardian style architecture. Some less than 10 years younger than listed buildings in city centre.
- Character and appearance desirable to preserve or enhance.
- Some semi detached, some detached houses on larger than average plots.
- No formal protection and many large houses have been demolished to build blocks of flats.
- Whilst change is inevitable, planning decisions should be in favour of preservation for many of these historic buildings and the area's character.



Summersdale Neighbourhood Character Appraisal (May 2020) gives more detail

Protecting our leafy / green environment

- Surrounded by fields and open spaces:
 - green corridor to countryside & the South Downs
 - North: Lavant Gap
 - East: River Lavant and Goodwood
 - West: Centurion Way and farmlandMany threatened by developments in recent years - these developments need constraining
- Spacious leafy roads / extensive tree lined verges /public open spaces need protecting
- Rural nature of Fordwater, Brandy Hole & College Lanes need retaining
- Two areas of ancient woodland / nature reserves that need protecting and managing
 - Brandy Hole Copse – potential to incorporate proposed White House Farm “country park” as wild flower meadow
 - Summersdale Copse



NB Friends of Brandy Hole Copse needs volunteers



<The Drive - street scene>



Aspirations for the Wider City

Attractive Southern Gateway / Railway Station

Currently

- Outlook from railway station is a poor advert for Chichester

Needs

- Long term, Council supported plan, not just left to developers, to include:
 - Attractive entrance to Chichester from south and train
 - Transport hub - integrating bus and train stations, taxis and bike hire
 - Replacement of level crossing with underpass
 - Further improvement to Canal Basin as an amenity

Vibrant City Centre – even past 6pm!

Currently

- Many empty shops; some for years
- Lack of leisure activities
- Practically empty in the evenings

Needs

- Sustainable, long term, Council driven plan to be used as a framework for:
 - Planning
 - Accepting change of use from shops to residential (e.g. House of Fraser Building to flats and develop West Street)
 - Attracting businesses -including financial incentives
 - Organising events

Aspirations for the Wider City

Improving Walkway to Theatre and Oaklands Park

Currently

- Walk is through concrete subway and busy carpark

Needs

- Effort / focus to replan area
 - Making pedestrian entrance more attractive through and after subway
 - Building tree lined walkway through carpark giving pedestrians priority
- Resource / commitment to implement plan

Improved, Joined-up Cycleways

Currently

- We have cycleways, but they don't join up

Needs

- Review of cycleways and links added to allow easy cycle access from residential areas to key public spaces and amenities

Small Quick Wins

- Making more of roundabouts
 - Allow volunteer groups to join with companies to sponsor and look after roundabouts. Police conditions
- Level crossing closed times
 - Work with Southern Rail better balance control of crossing towards road transport & alleviating congestion rather than totally prioritising trains
- Car Parks
 - Provide parking voucher to be spent in local shops to encourage shopping local
- Marked parking Bays
 - Mark out bays in streets with parking machines (or App) to enable full use of street
- Proud of History
 - Put more signage boards up in City
 - No information about The Cross
 - No signs directing people on to the walls or how to cross the gaps
 - Amphitheatre not advertised
 - Information centre in Novium not advertised
- Chichester in Bloom
 - Re-enter this festival as it got lots of people to tidy up the streets. Enlist volunteers
- Tending new trees
 - Tend / water new trees so they survive and investment not wasted