



Kirkby Forum

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Tuesday 10th September 2019



Welcome and Introduction

What's been happening, where are we now, and what is this meeting about?

Nikki Hughes

Agenda

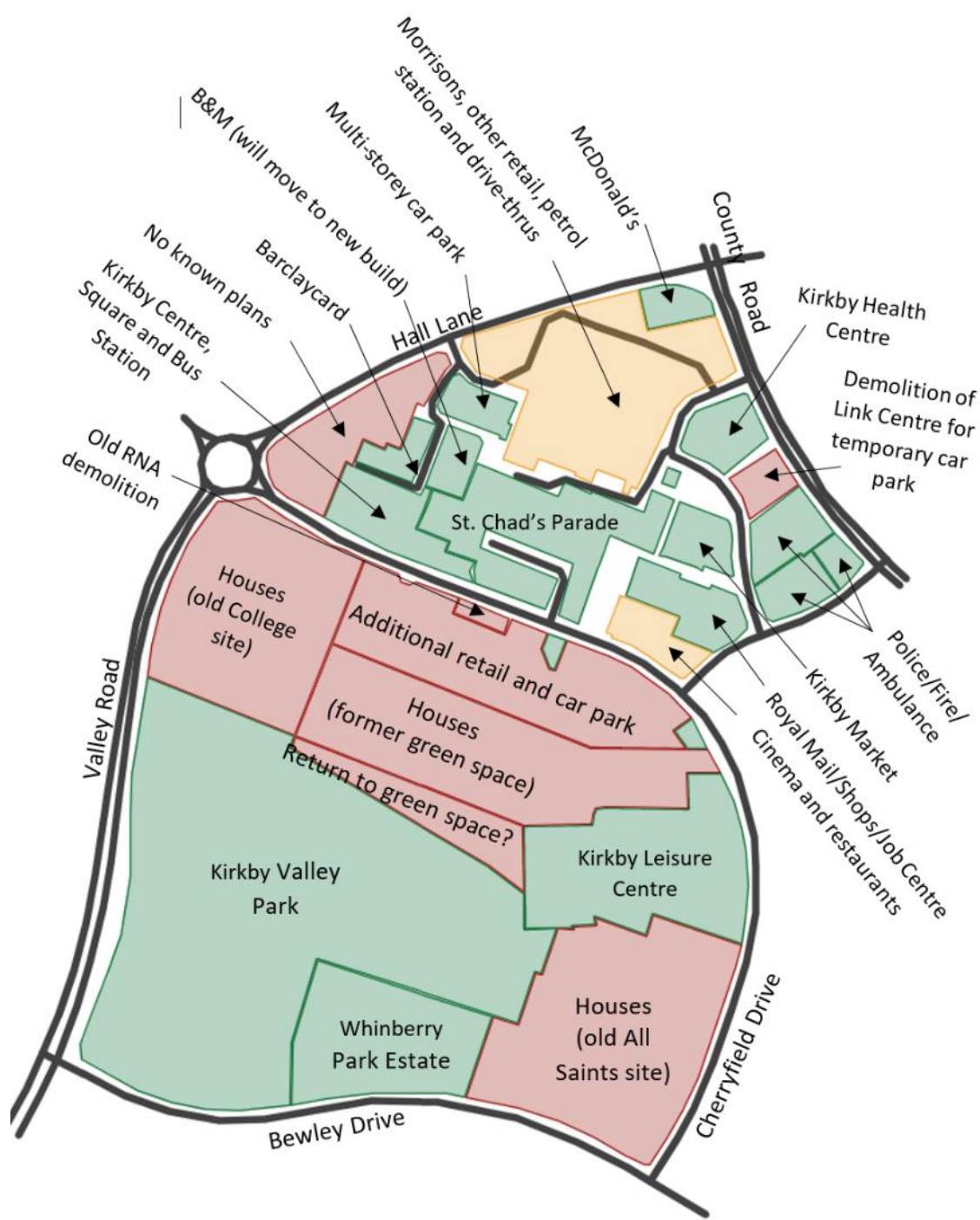
- Welcome and Introduction (Nikki)
- What do we understand Knowsley Council's plans to be? (Alison & Matt)
- What do you think about a potential alternative vision for Kirkby Town Centre based on previous feedback? (Nikki & Matt)
- The future of Vision Kirkby (Matt)
- Close and thank you (Nikki)

Knowsley Council's Plans

What we understand Knowsley Council's plans to be?

Alison Burgin

The big picture



- The Council are purchasing, or have purchased, the St. Modwen owned land
- It has not been stated how it will be funded
- It has not been stated how much it will cost
- To our knowledge:
 - Green – current and staying
 - Yellow – clear plans
 - Red – at risk or unknown

09 Design Evolution

9.2 URBAN ARMATURE PLAN

The proposals look to provide a seamless link between the existing urban grain and the new fabric, providing a coherent relationship between the existing shopping centre and the various phases of new development.

- Town Centre Boundary
- Future Extension of Town Centre
- Primary Desire Line
- Key Views
- Proposed Built Form
- Existing Town Centre Block Retained
- Proposed Higher Density Residential
- Proposed Lower Density Residential
- Focal Corner
- Nodal Buildings
- Green Buffer
- ↔ Green Routes
- Bus Stop
- Car Parking



INVOLVEMENT

- Key Elements of Town Centre Retained:
- ① Civic Zone - Town Library, Borough Council Offices, Kirkby Centre
 - ② Multistorey Car Park
 - ③ St. Chad's Parade
 - ④ Health Centre
 - ⑤ Kirkby Market
 - ⑥ Emergency Services Hub - Police Station, Fire Station, Ambulance

St. Modwen Master Plan

- Outline plans for Kirkby Town Centre
- Not clear if the Council will continue as working plan
- Change with sale of college site?

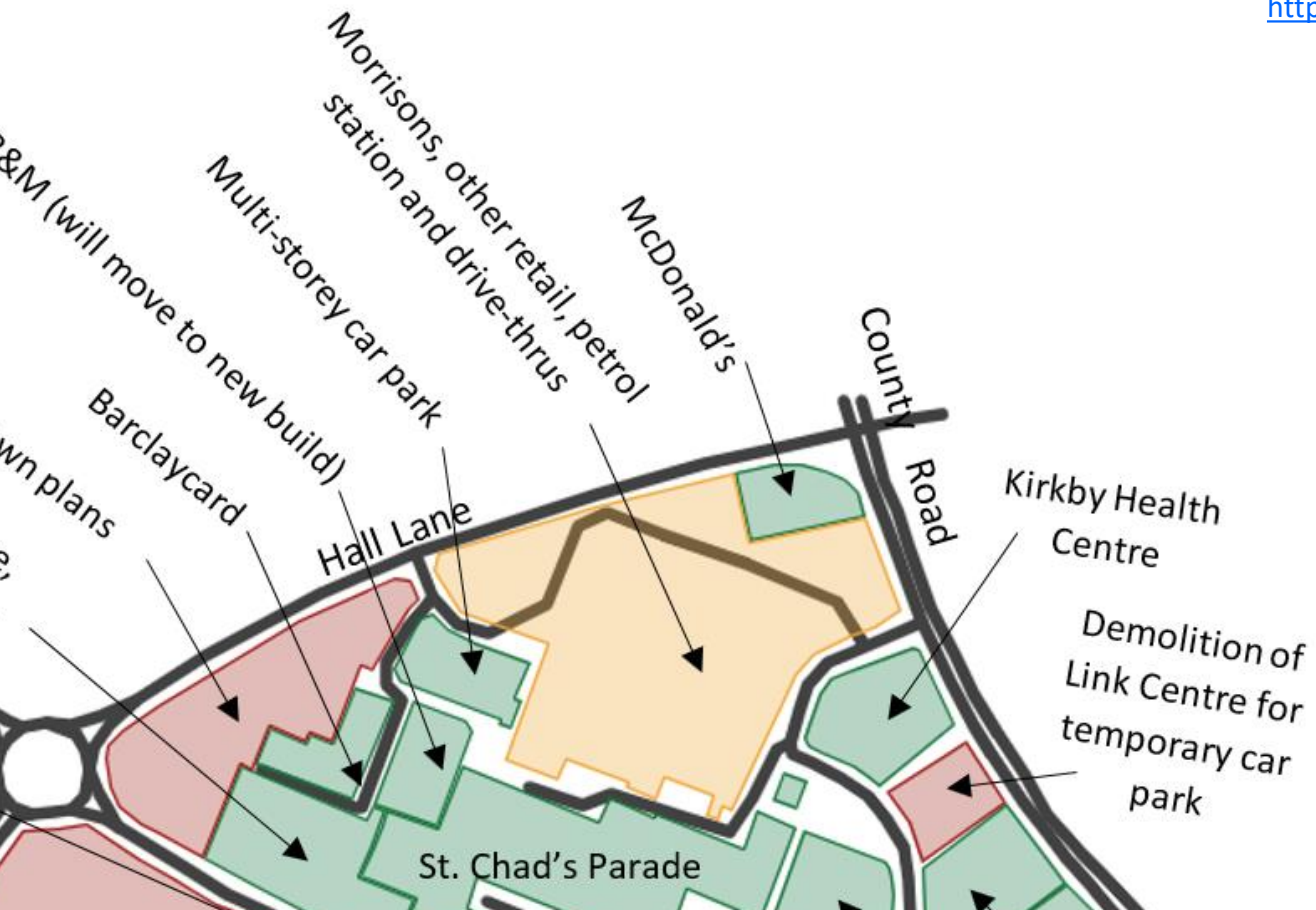
Figure 19, Kirkby; Urban Armature Plan 24



Morrisons, retail, petrol station, drive-thrus



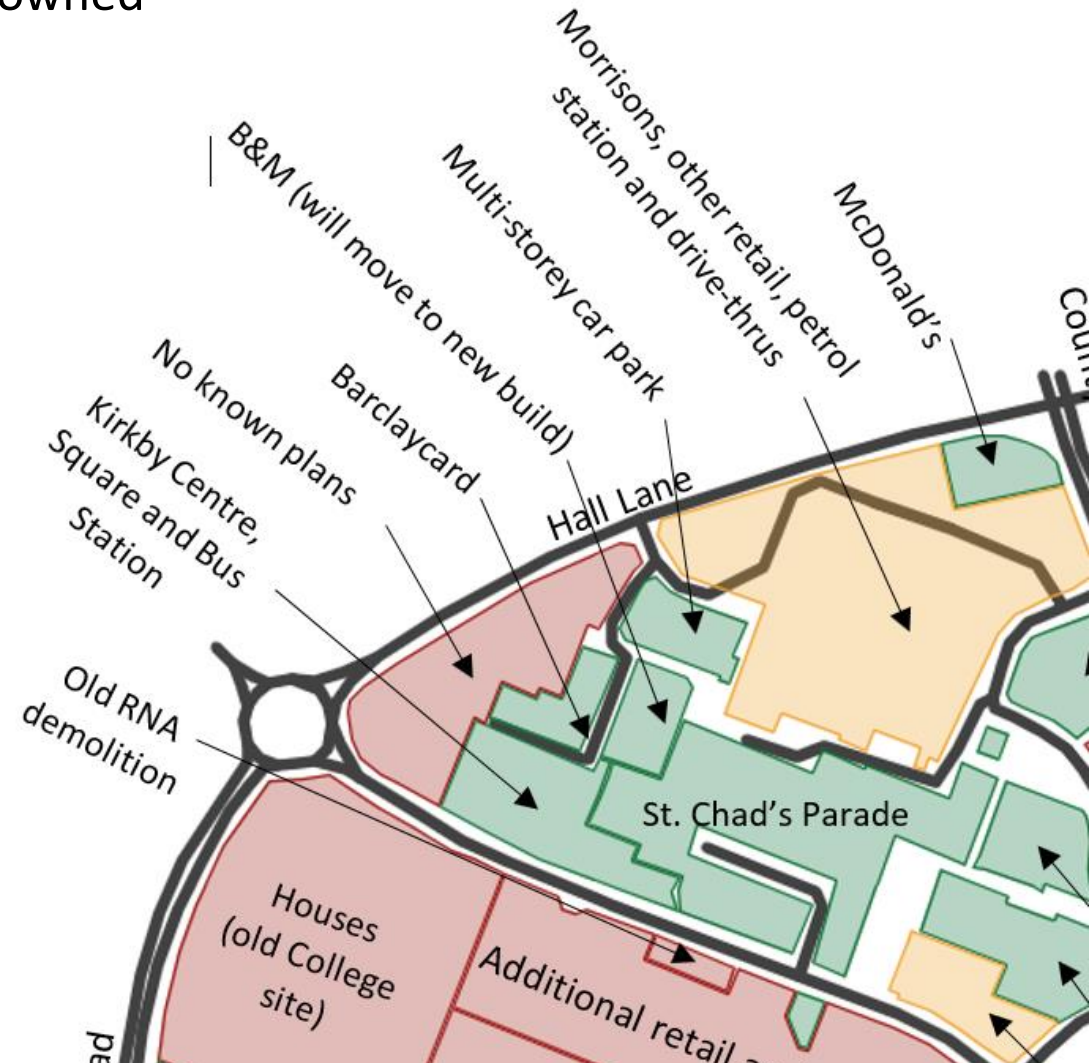
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- InShops/old ASDA demolition complete
- Except the old sub-station
- Rubble being kept for on-site construction
- Rubble levelled and covered due to Vision Kirkby campaigning (Paul)
- Site ready for building?

Old swimming pool and Civic Buildings

- Old Swimming Pool demolished after closure in 2005
- Civic Buildings demolished 2016/17
- No clear future plans other than grass – already council owned



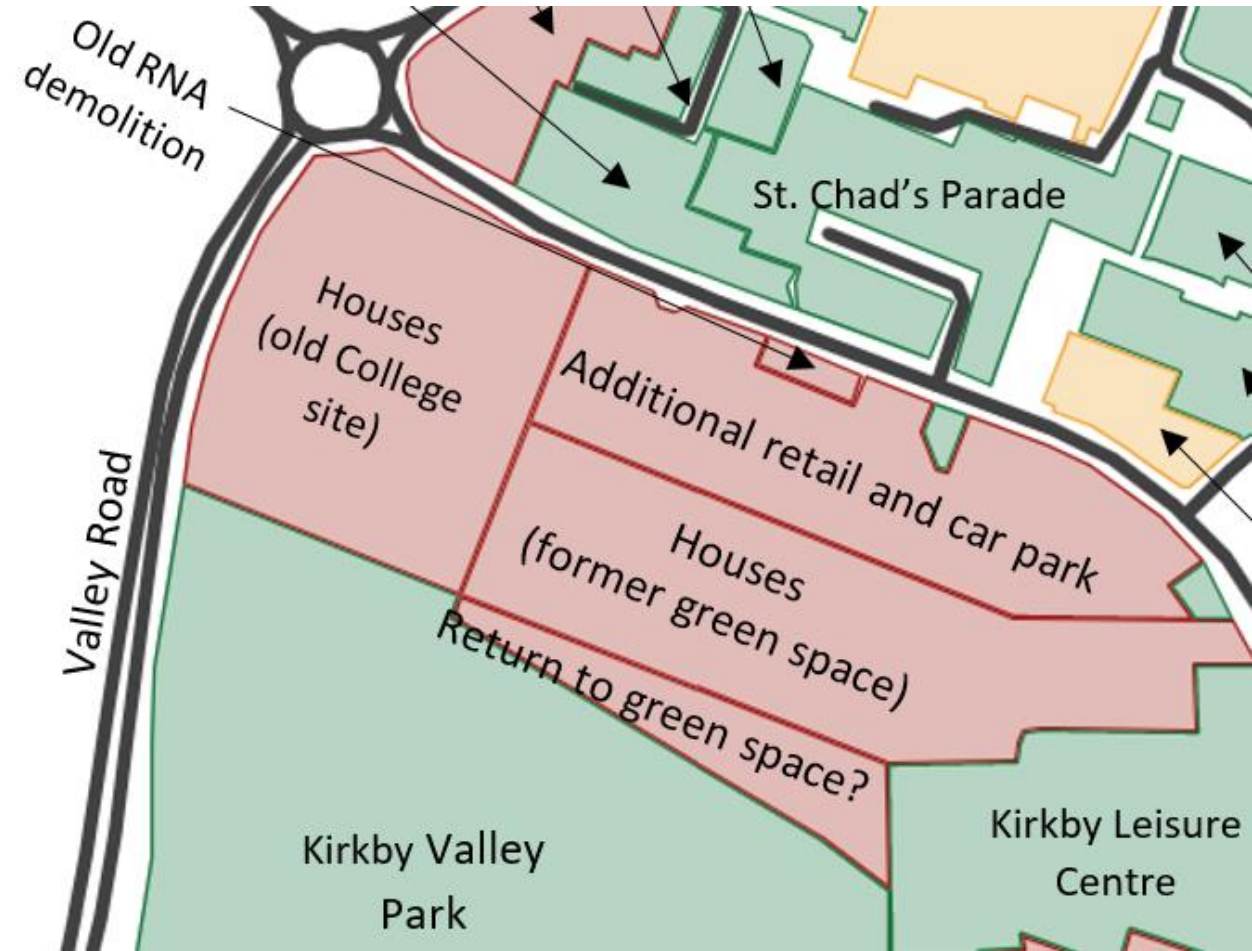
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- No clear future plans
- Allowed to fall into a poor state

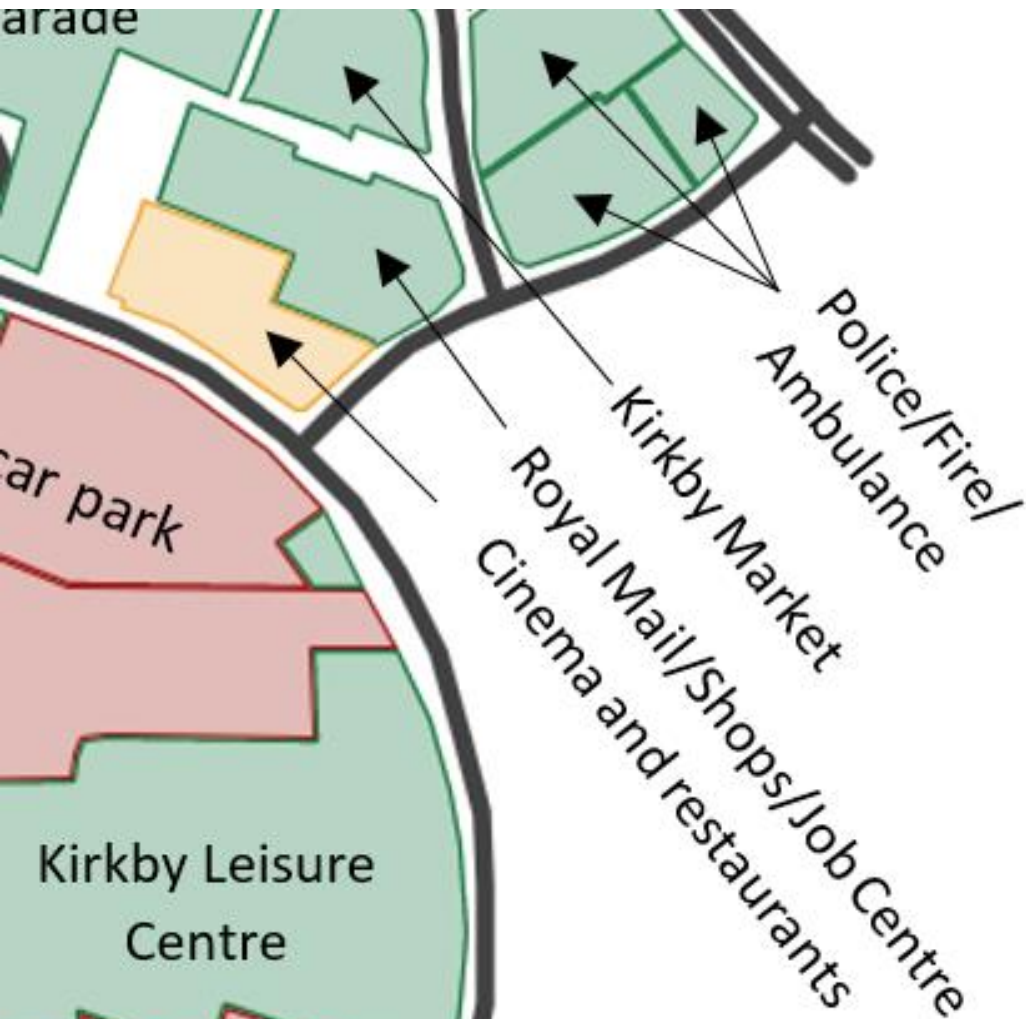


The Royal Naval Association (RNA)

- Demolition soon
- Not clear what any plans are for this site – possibly for retail or houses?
- Allowed to fall into a poor state – known that interested parties have not been allowed to inspect premises



Reel Cinema and restaurants



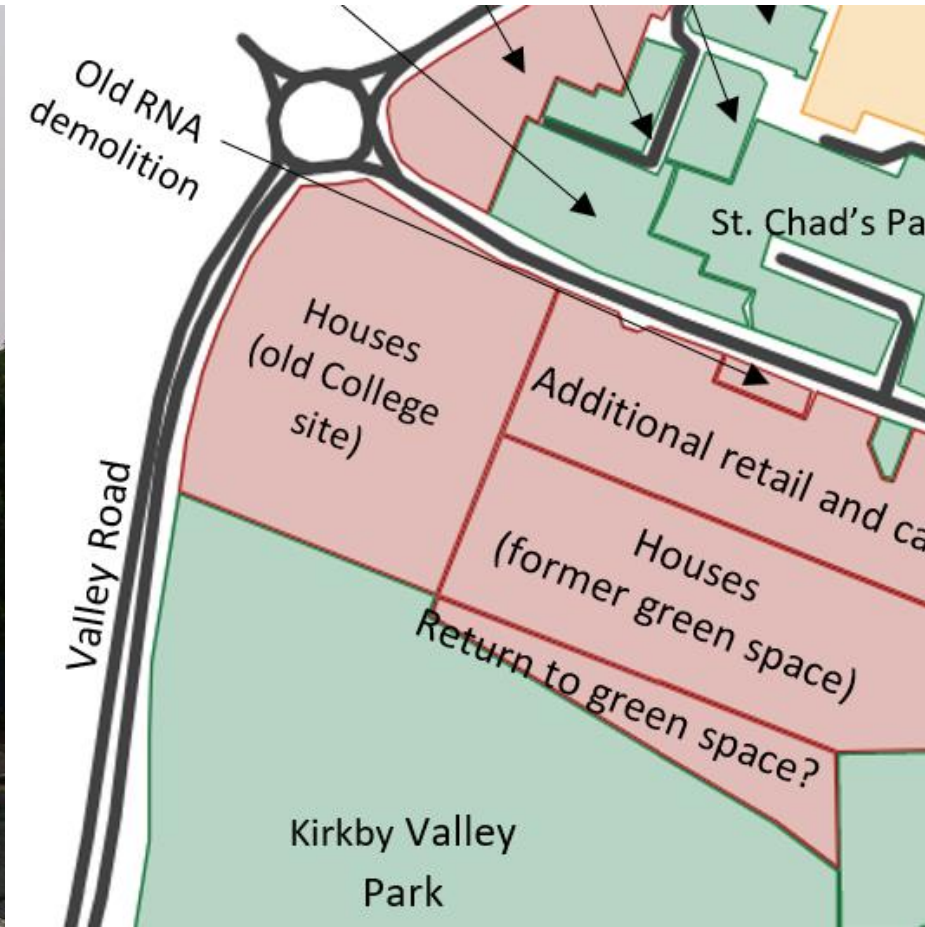
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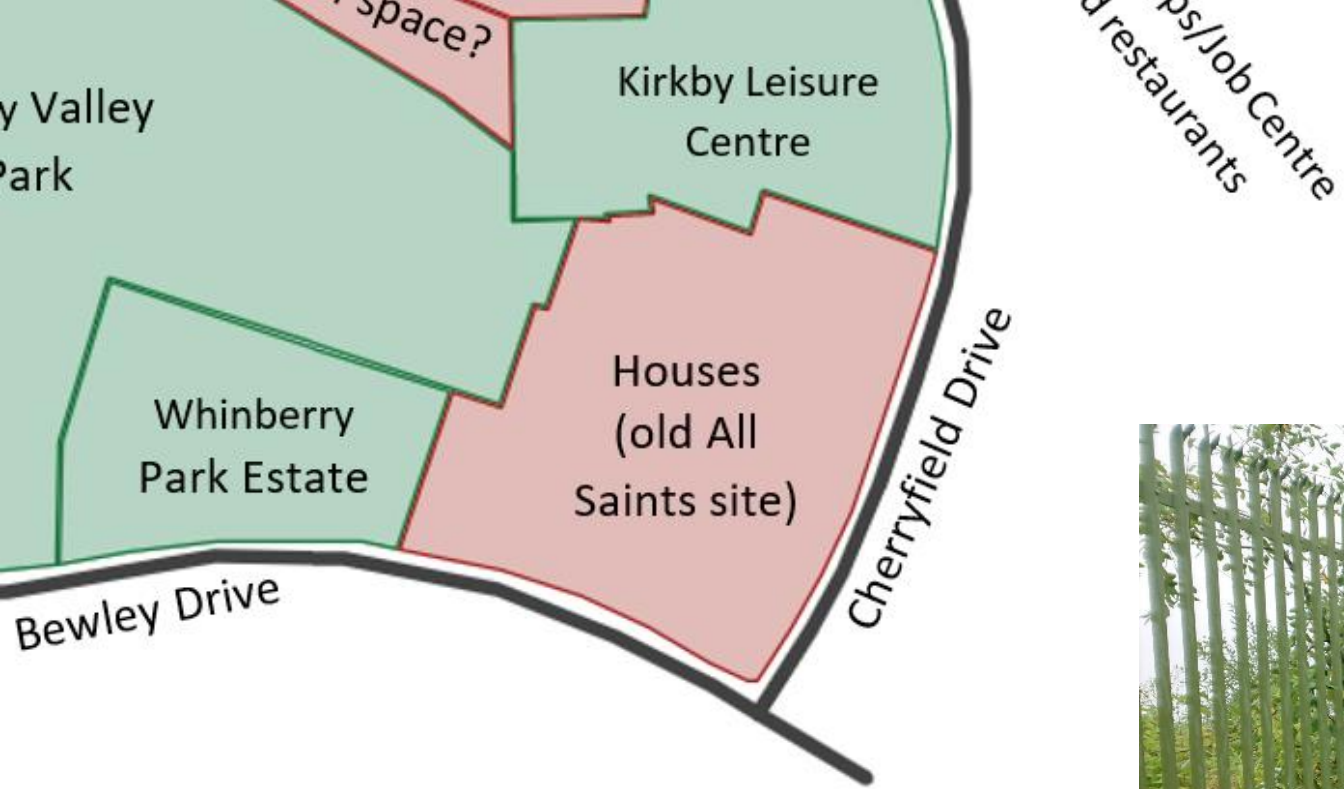
- Kirkby Library and old Social Security Building demolished in 2018
- Planning permission not thought to be in place
- No barriers to delivery?

Kirkby College Site

- Knowsley Community College and St. Helens College merger has gone bad financially – risk of going bust!
- Is this a bailout?

- More houses or other residential
- Information from multiple sources
- How much 'closer to the town centre' can you be?





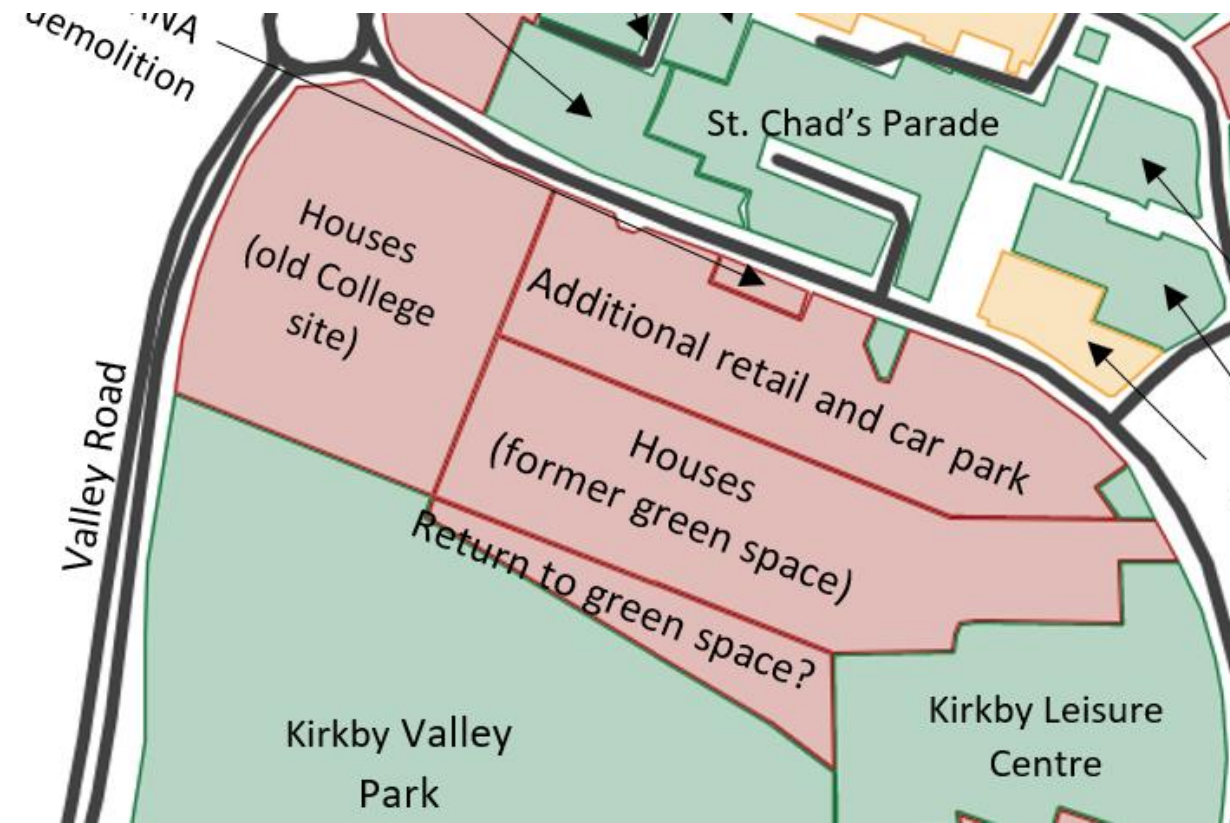
Old All Saints High School site

- More houses or other residential
- Information from multiple sources



Cherryfield Crescent and greenspace

- Potentially additional retail
- Definitely more houses or other residential
- Information from multiple sources





Questions?

Questions about our understanding of Knowsley Council's Plans

Matt Donnelly

Quick Break

Think about and discuss what you've heard so far... your views next!

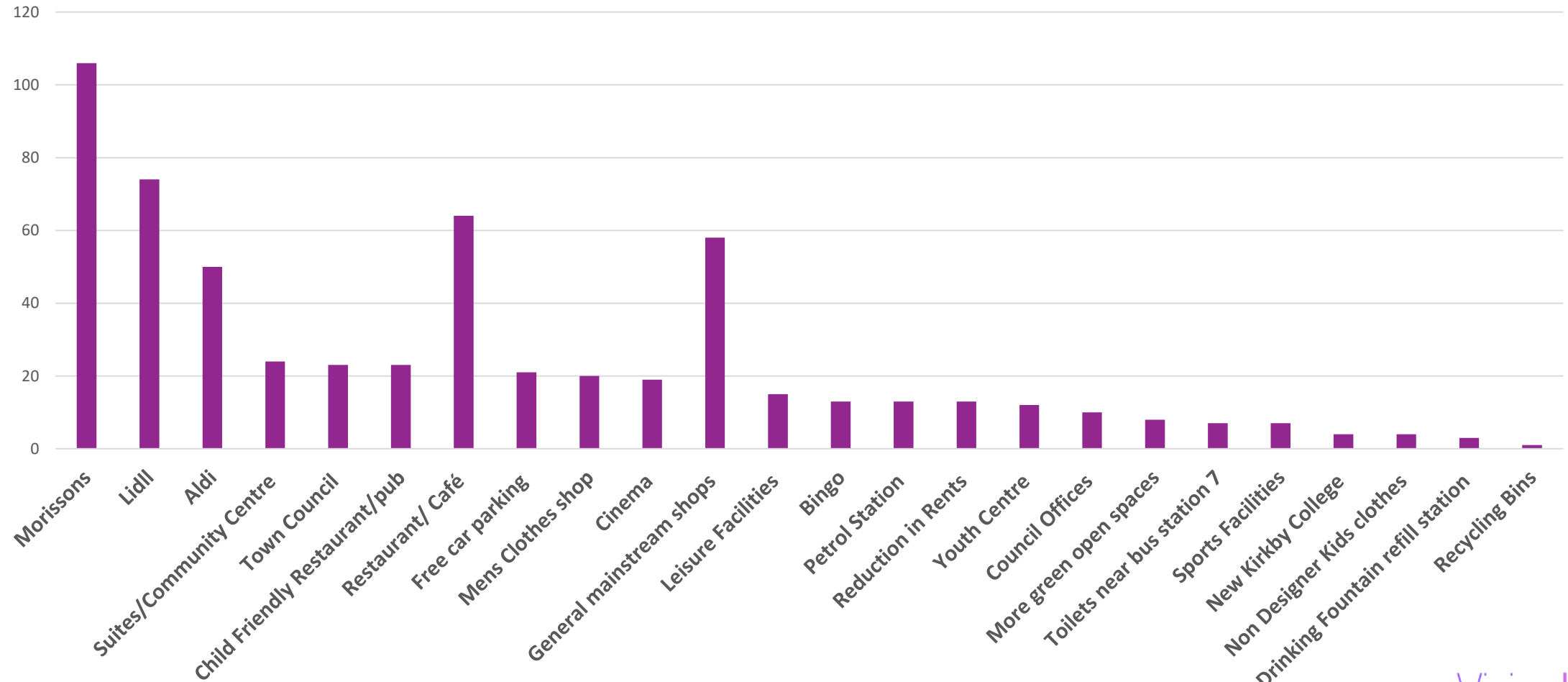
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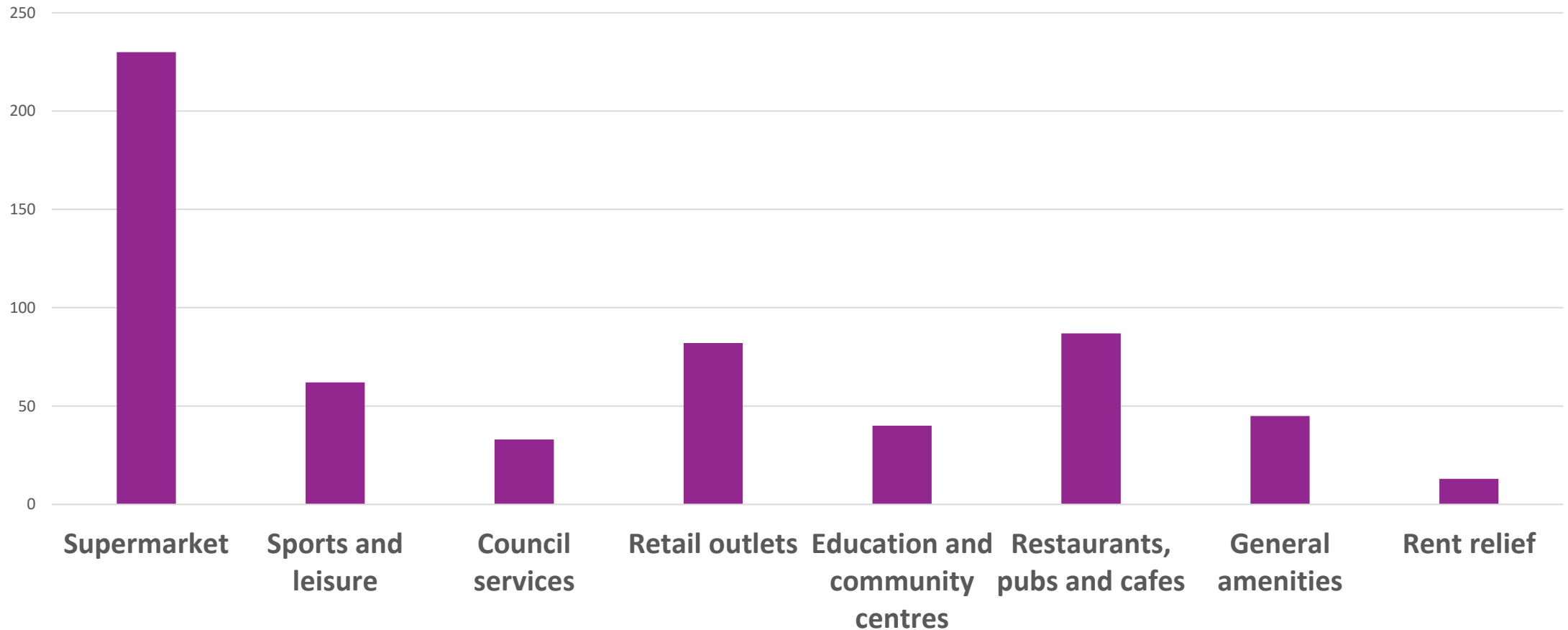
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Post-it note basic grouping



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Post-it note categories



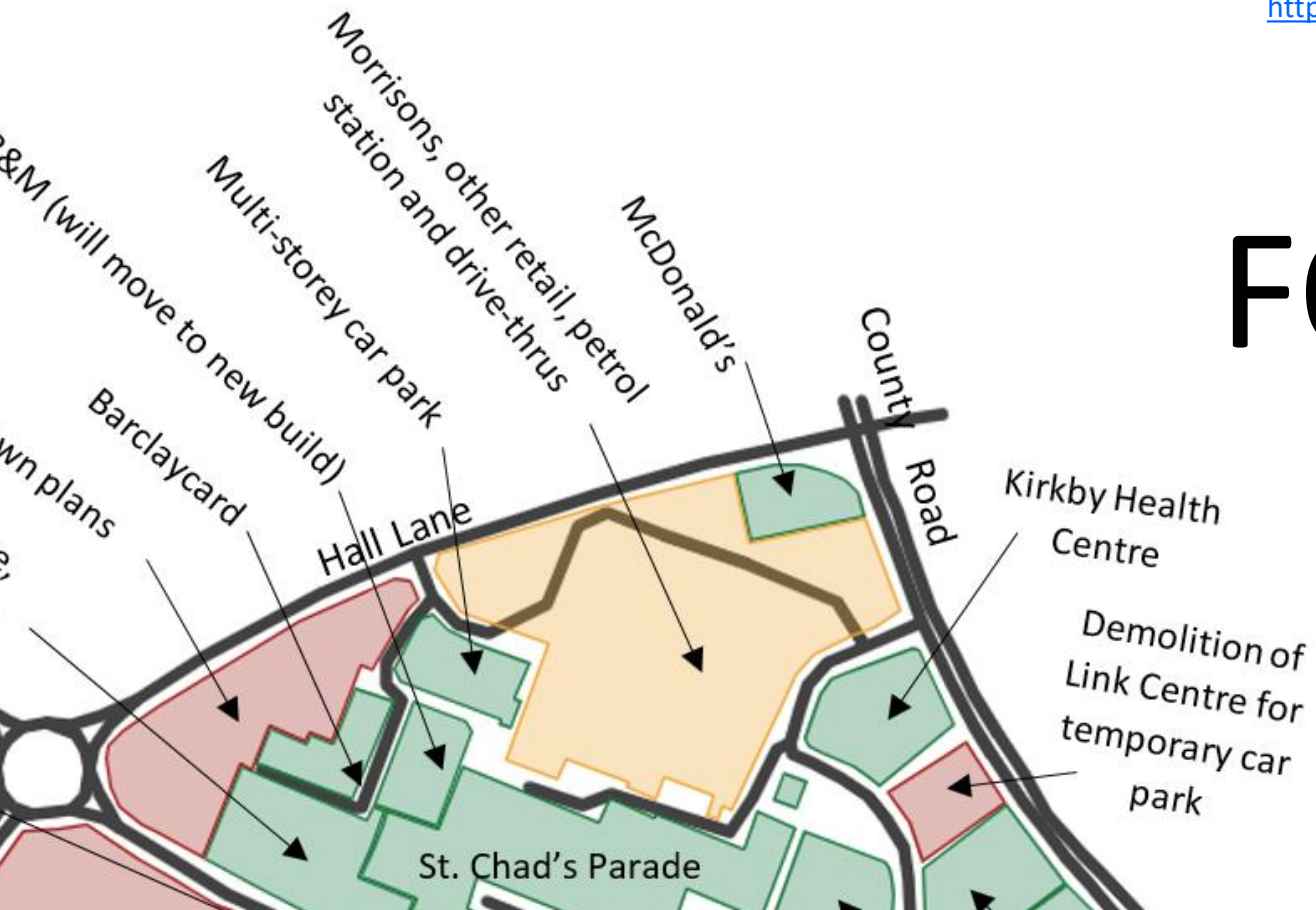


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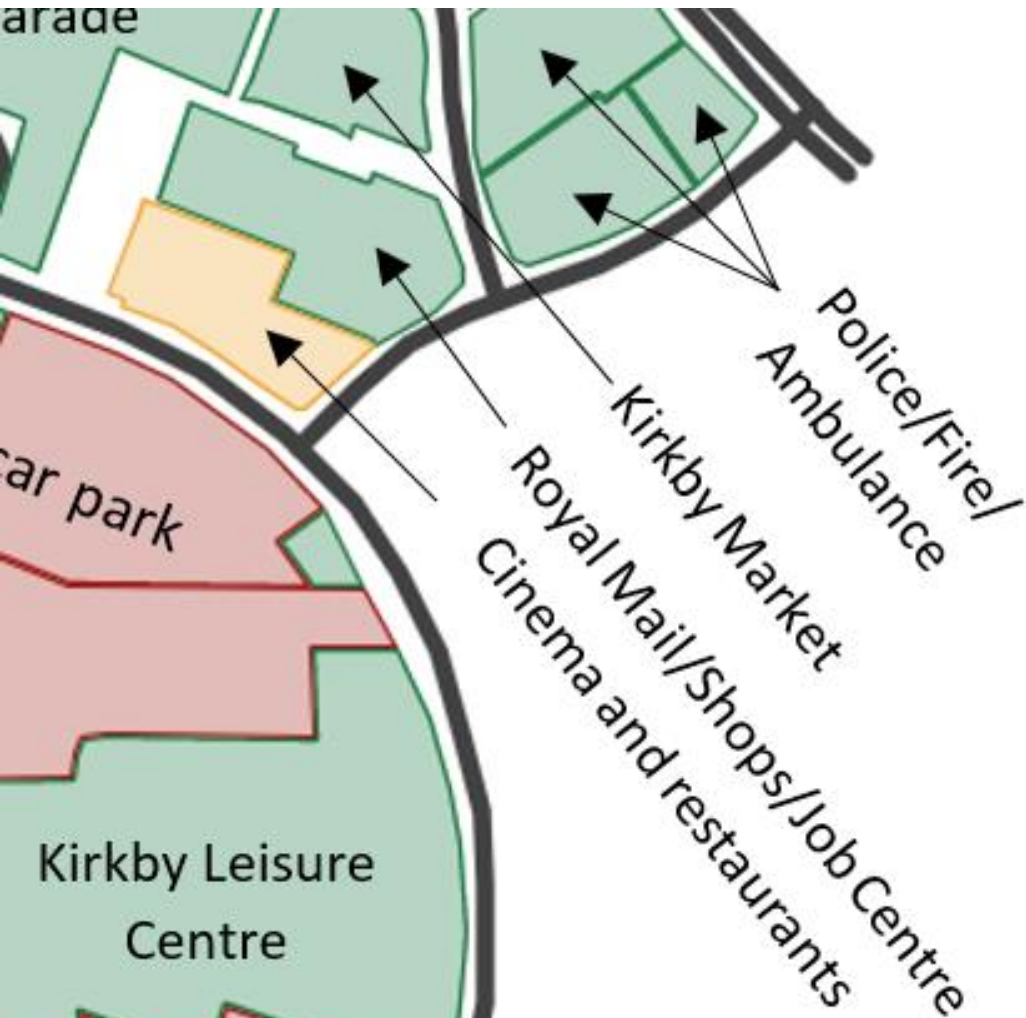


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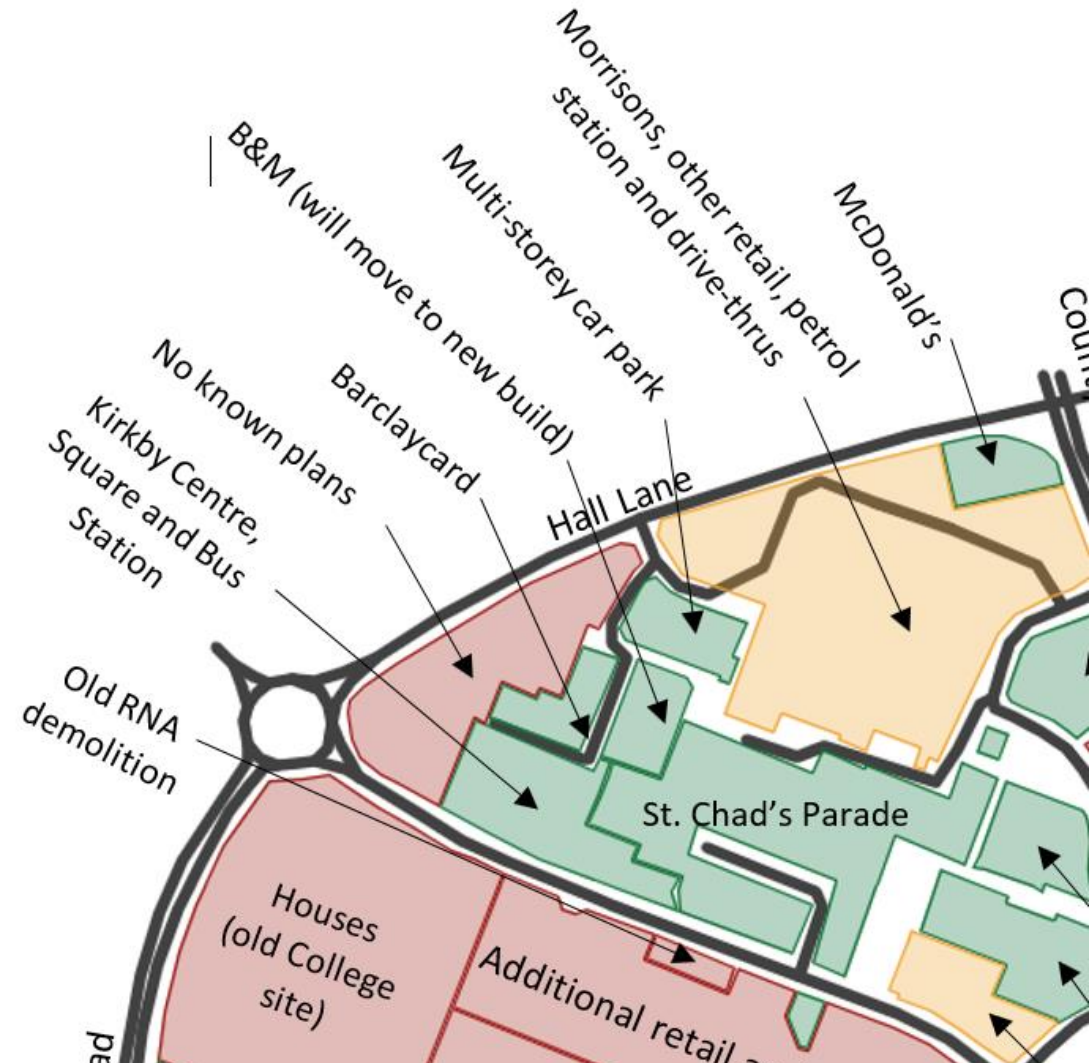


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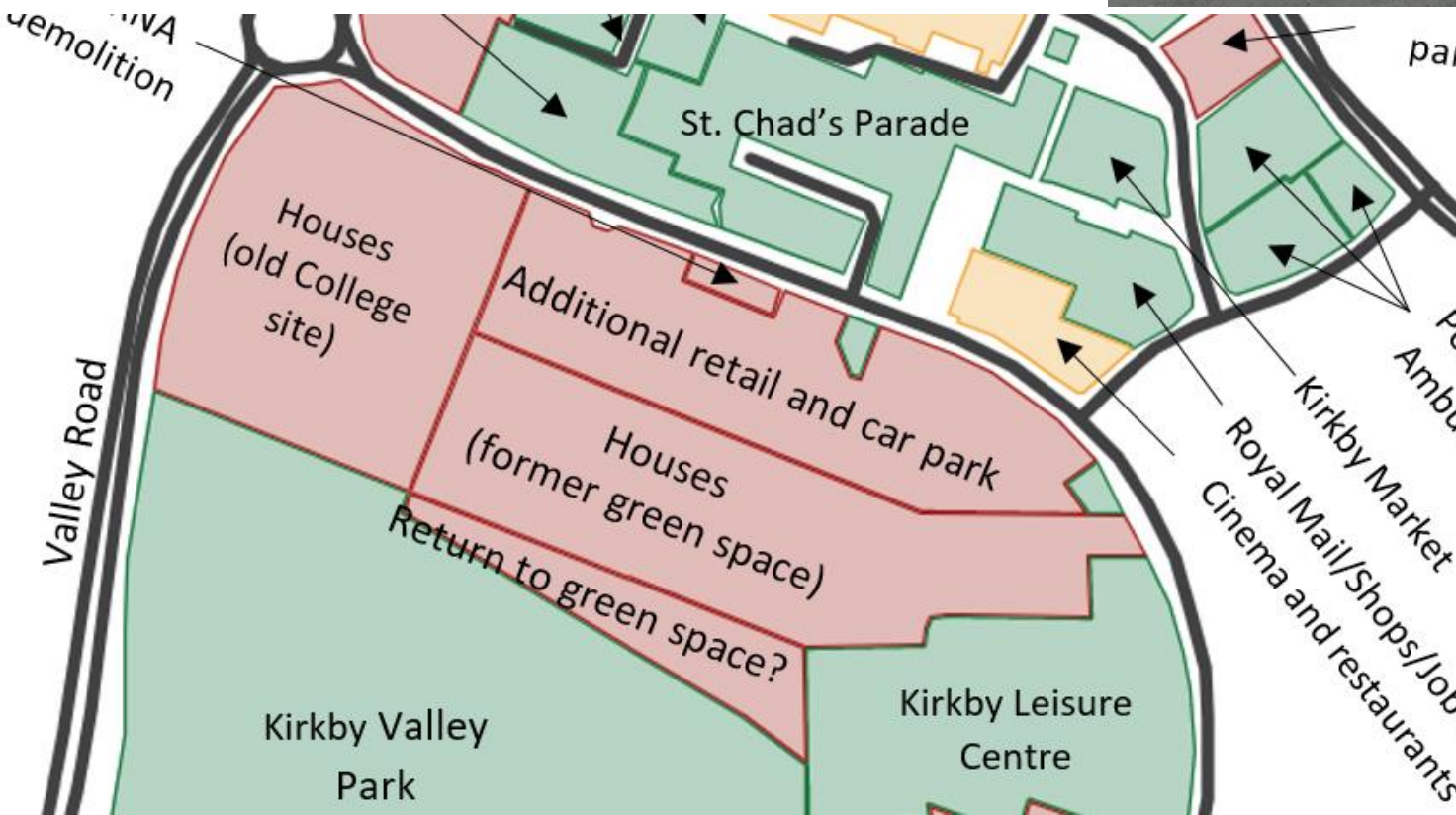
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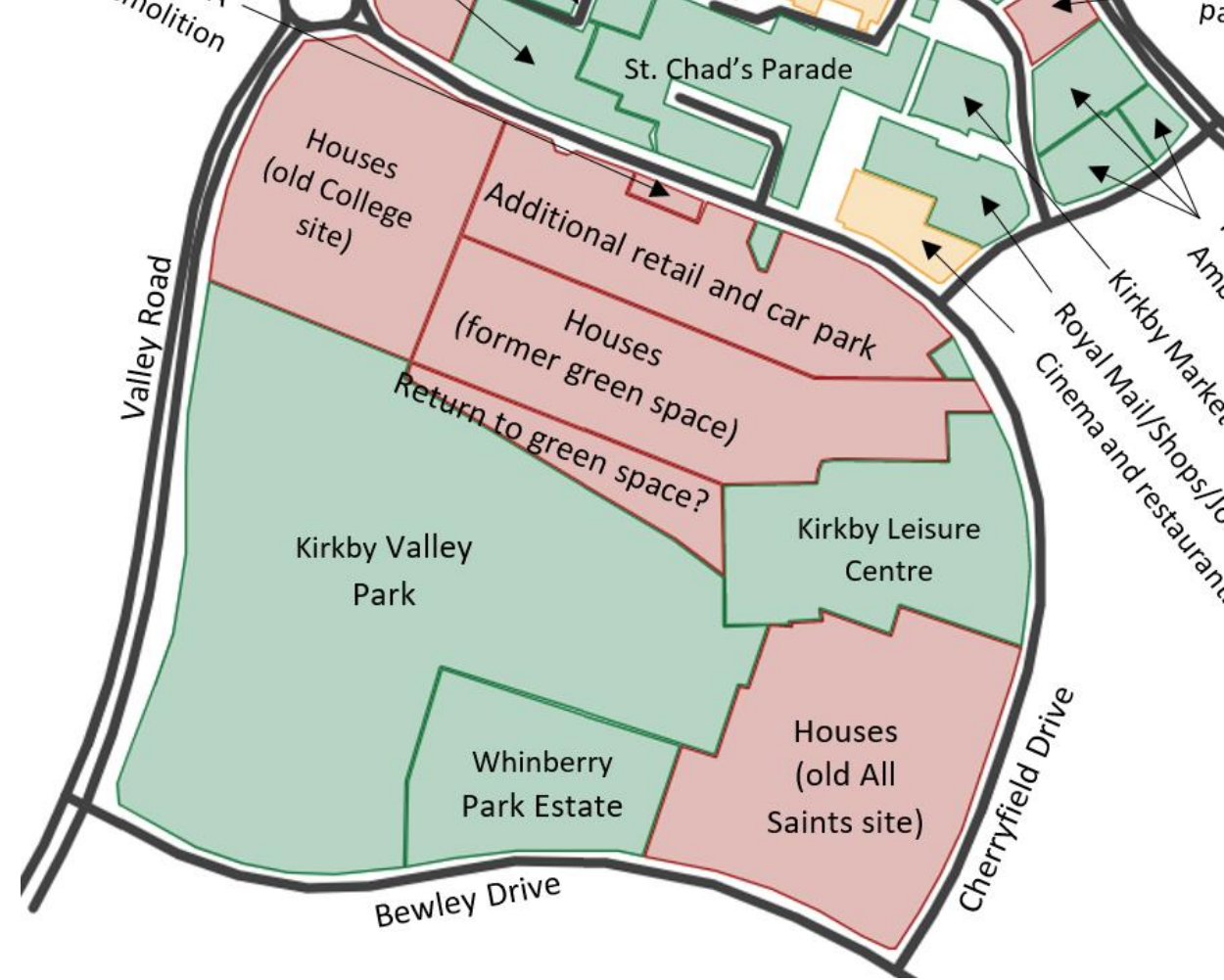


Your ideas! (pink)





Your ideas! (orange)



Kirkby College
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High School Sites

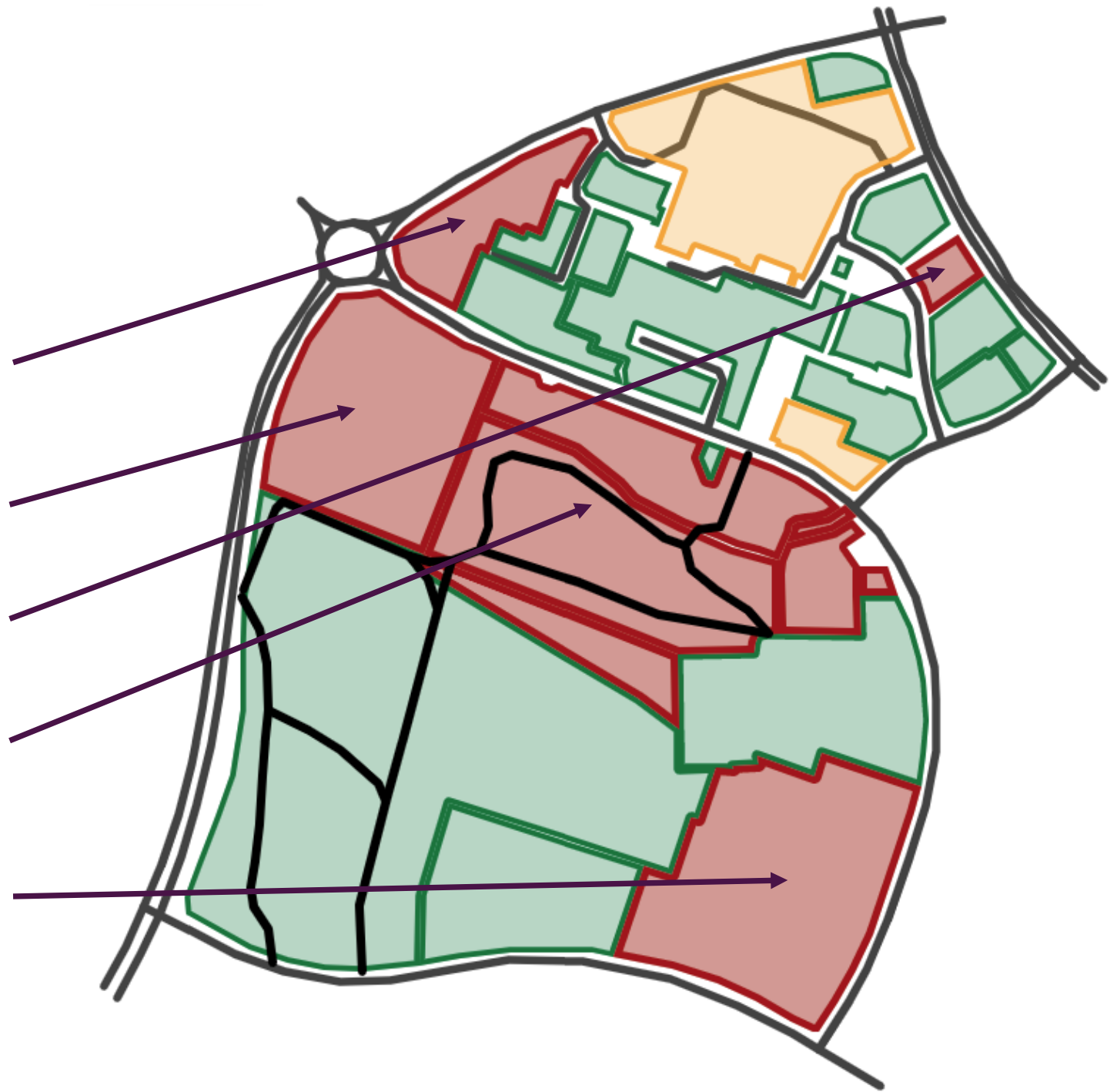
What kind of Kirkby Town Centre?

Could Kirkby become, e.g.:

- a centre of Sporting Excellence?
- a premier leisure destination?
- a low rent model/zone for start ups or pop us?
- the value/market destination of Merseyside it once was?
- a centre for a local 'makers' village for crafts or local produce?
- a tourism destination and bring visitors from outside to spend their money here?
- a place with entertainment at the heart of the shopping centre with performances/staging/theatre;
- an eco-friendly and carbon neutral town centre?

Ideas for an Alternative Vision

- Retain the Civic Buildings/Swimming Pool site for future community use
- Retain college site for education, training, technology, start-up centre of excellence – focus on sport?
- Retain Link Centre site – community centre or new open-air market?
- Develop Cherryfield Crescent into a leisure park – hotel, restaurants, bars, pubs, linked to greenspace to south, including network of paths
- Turn old All Saints site into a community sports facility – racket sports club, bowling green club, etc.



Your Specific Ideas

Time for you to share your ideas... more post-its!

Matt Donnelly

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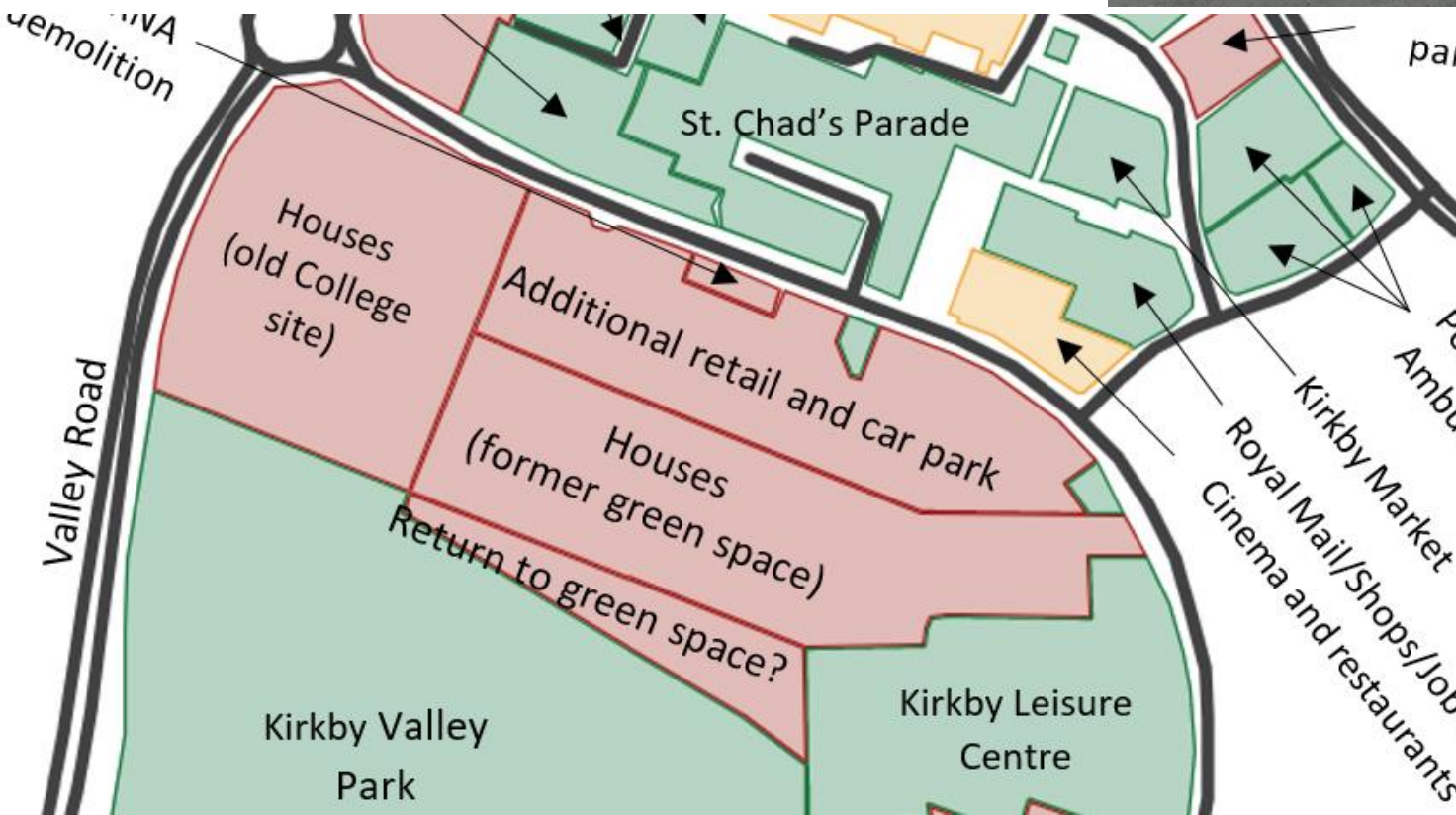
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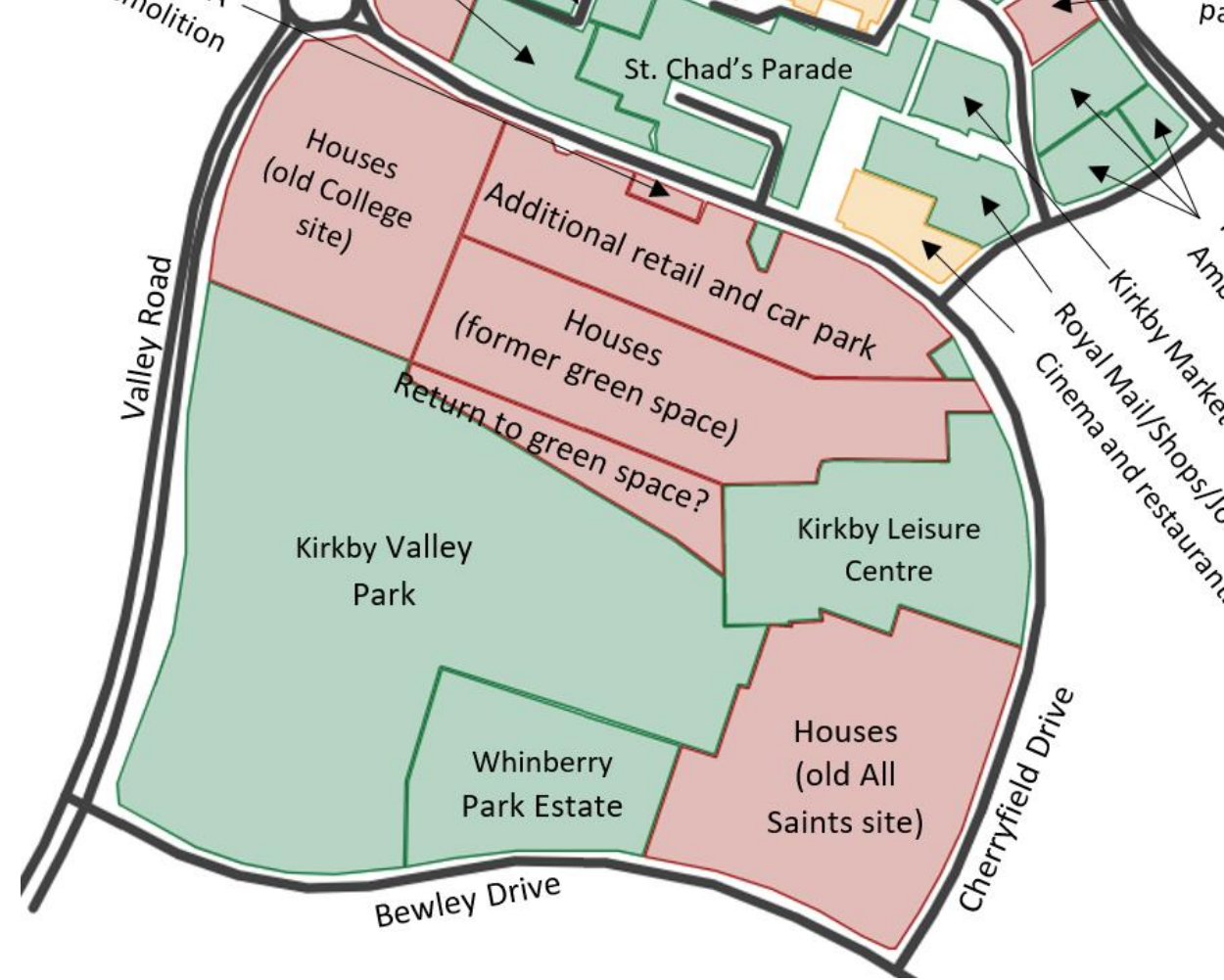


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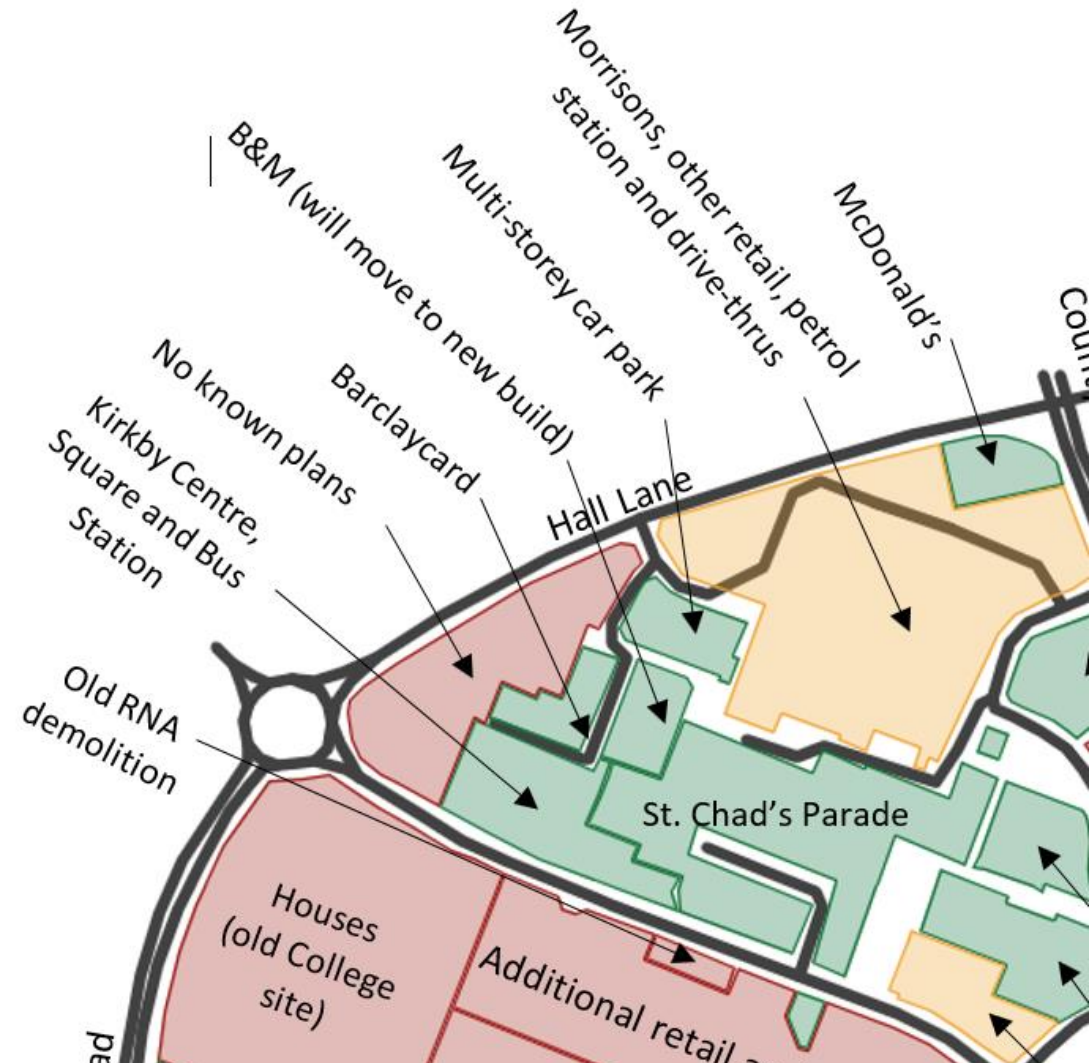
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Your ideas! (green)





The future of Vision Kirkby

Where is the group going?

Matt Donnelly

Continue Town Centre Campaign

- Develop and express our views
- Campaign for the facilities we want and need
- Sensible, well thought-out plans
- Be Heard: “Persist, persist, persist”

Led by: Nikki Hughes

Form a new Community Association

- Community Association to represent all the people in the town
- Need to decide on scope, membership, etc.
- Form a Steering Team to investigate the options
- Volunteers needed! Speak to us at the end

Led by: Matt Donnelly

Kirkby Urban District Council

- Formed 1958
- Disbanded 1974 on formation of Merseyside County Council and Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Most of the town centre and many of our lost facilities were built during this time



Crest of Kirkby Urban District Council

<http://archives.knowsley.gov.uk/kirkby/history-of-kirkby/>

Civil Parishes

- We could have our own Civil Parish and remain in Borough of Knowsley, like:
 - Knowsley 'Town' Council
 - Prescot Town Council
 - Whiston Town Council
 - Halewood Town Council
 - Cronton Village Council
- In Borough of Sefton there are:
 - Formby
 - Altcar
 - Hightown
 - Ince Blundell
 - Thornton
 - Sefton Village
 - Lydiate
 - Maghull
 - Aintree
 - Melling
- In Borough of St. Helens there are:
 - Rainford
 - Billinge
 - Seneley
 - Windle
 - Eccleston
 - Rainhill
 - Bold



Why a Kirkby Town Council?

- There are many things a civil parish can do
- The cost relates to what it does - Precept
- Options will be investigated
- Options will be shared at a future date
- Not a main focus right now

Led by: Alison Burgin

What is your Vision for Kirkby?

- What is Vision Kirkby for?
 - Work together to build a town we can all be proud to call home
- Future Kirkby Forums
 - Once a month:
 - Sept/Oct/Nov
 - Jan/Feb/Mar
 - May/June/Jul
 - Different topic

Led by: Matt/Nikki/other?



Be Heard. Take Action.

Take personal responsibility for making our Kirkby a better place

What can you do? Be Heard.

- Apply pressure
 - Ask questions about what you don't know
 - Share what you know with others
 - Express your opinion
 - Listen to others
 - Let your Councillors know what you think (see Knowsley Council website):
 - Surgeries
 - Email
 - Phone
 - Letters

What can you do? Take Action.

- Volunteer with Vision Kirkby
 - Attend meetings
 - Leafletting
 - What you don't know...
 - Take on a role

Approval of Interim Committee

Simple show of hand for or against Interim Committee to continue



Collection

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Nikki Hughes



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Thank you and close

Final remarks, thanks and invite to stay and discuss

Nikki Hughes