

# Focus on Slough Action Project: Slough Neighbourhood Mapping

## introduction

A wide range of organisations work in Slough. In addition to the council departments, mainstream agencies such as the Police and Primary Care Trust operate, along with a host of independent, voluntary and community groups. The aim of this project is to establish a means of allowing organisations working in Slough to share information about their work - both with one another and with the wider community.

Information about a neighbourhood can be shown in a number of ways. This project makes use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and the internet to map out and communicate neighbourhood information. Making information accessible and understandable is a very important component of community participation.



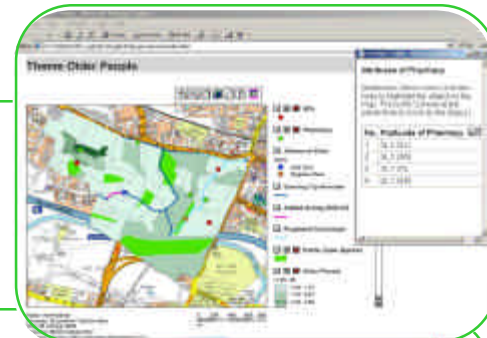
Commonly, text is used to provide a description of an area or tables are used to condense information. However, this type of audit, although useful, is not able to map out the issues 'spatially'. It is very important to capture the cumulative effect of either initiatives or of problems for particular areas. Mapping these out and showing their distribution, can enable a better strategic approach to tackling issues within neighbourhoods.

## project

## services provided

The project will work in several ways:

- Use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to help co-ordinate the spatial planning of neighbourhoods with each other as well as those partnerships and organisations that work within neighbourhoods.
- Identifying hotspots, where multiple issues affect the same area
- Co-ordinating the work and plans of different agencies.
- Recording the outcomes of various regeneration initiatives.
- Enabling local people to record their views.



## partners

The project will be led by Groundwork Thames Valley, working closely with two established partnerships: the Local Strategic Partnership and the Nai Roshni Partnership. Both these partnerships looks to enhance the economic, social and physical well-being of the people of Slough. Funding is also provided by WestFocus, a successful consortium of major Higher Education Institutes in West London and the Thames Valley region.



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