

# Thimphu Structure Plan

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## Livelihood

- Bio-based building industry – new ways of building (regulation) introduced which built a new home grown industry and well paid jobs.
- Support for new businesses - through Enterprise hubs that build networks for business people
- Support for existing businesses
- Developing business networks
- Enterprise 'hubs' where people can go and get support and meet others doing the same thing – networking
- Improve internet connectivity

## Housing

- New homes built in local neighbourhoods through brownfield regeneration
- Affordable housing projects built homes for the mid and low income residents
- A range of homes built for differing needs – including larger apartments for families and smaller for singles in the same communities
- Private and communal outdoor space integrated into new housing
- Housing associated with social amenities and social infrastructure
- New homes close to the city core (or in the city core)
- Choice of where to live – make sure the centre is as affordable as other neighbourhoods
- Workspaces close to housing.
- Different types of housing – including multi-generational housing.

## Education and Skills

- Building on the Dessup programme – ensure it continues to provide a lifelong support network and support to ensure the training translates into jobs and businesses.
- Strengthen the higher education sector in Bhutan
- Re/up-skilling of people already in work
- Support for volunteering initiatives in the community – show how individuals can contribute to the transformation of the city
- Empowerment
- Build ways for older, retired people to contribute to society and so keep active.

## Intangible (Social, Cultural and Spiritual)

- The river park – a connective spine that brings people together
- A range of different spaces – from places full of people and activity to places of silence.
- Hearing the water and the sounds of nature within the city.
- Accessible social infrastructure – places to meet both indoor and outdoors.
- Community gathering and activities – places for people to meet and form friendships.
- More nature in the city
- Re-balancing nature v's the car...nature first! Build the opportunities but also build the knowledge that there are good/interesting/exciting/real opportunities in Bhutan
- Improved access to spiritual sites

## Tangible (Life quality, Environment)

- Data that supports wellbeing
- Safe and reliable public transport. Range of transport options: bus, e-scooters (or similar) cycling, walking
- Safe streets for walking in the day and in the evening: overlooking/activity, lighting, public realm. Concentrate activity in the right places – not spread everywhere.
- Safe, overlooked places to play.
- Play, sport and recreation throughout the city – accessible, affordable, free.
- New walking routes that connect the city to the mountains/forest – from the riverside up.
- New timber bridges across the Wang Chu – pedestrian only.
- Markets – as places of exchange (not just shopping): products, ideas, knowledge
- Community gardens and food growing
- Greener streets and green-ways throughout the city – provide shade for walking/being outside.
- New schools, with a good/fair distribution across the city.
- Affordable and accessible childcare

## Health and Wellbeing

- Improved Health Infrastructure and services at local and neighbourhood centers
- Cleaner City and surrounding environment
- Clean River system and its tributaries health and education facilities at walkable distance
- Plenty of health and wellbeing facilities in all neighbourhoods for residents to avail.