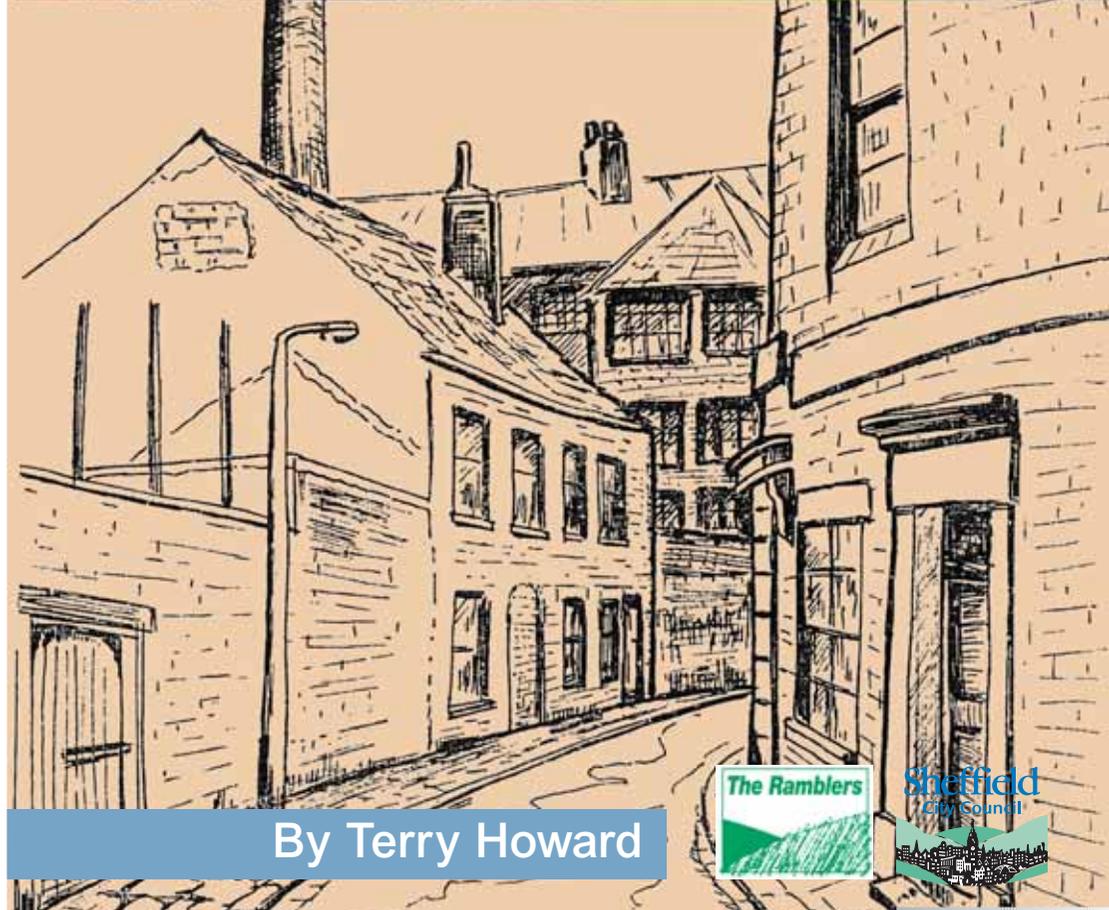
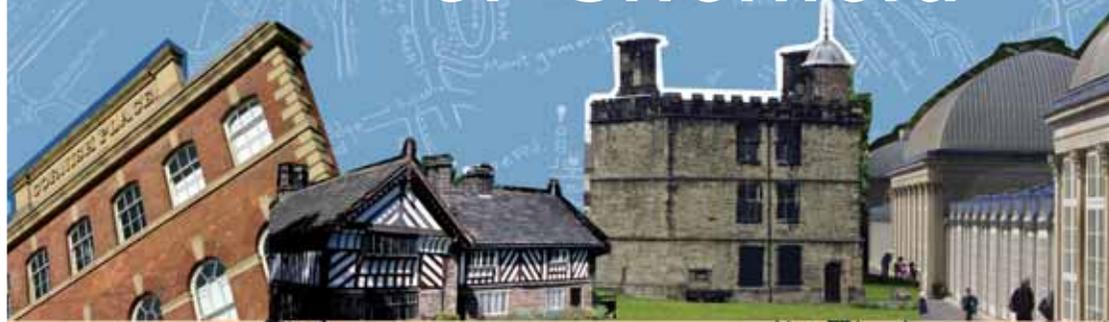


Inner city round walk of Sheffield



By Terry Howard



Things to look out for and consider

This twelve mile circular route will take walkers into the inner city areas of Sheffield; to some places which may be so familiar that they are often taken for granted – and to others who's existence is hardly known! It links many places and things of interest and should appeal to those with an enquiring mind who like to explore different environments.

Sheffield is a city of contrasts – from the beauty of the Botanical Gardens in the west, to the dull industrial land in the east, but whether beautiful or not there is always something different to be seen. The route outlined here is not intended to be a guided history tour, or a nature trail, but an 'experience' which reveals the great variety of contrasts, enabling participants to assess and form their own opinions of Sheffield's inner city areas.

Perhaps the walker may want to make notes, take photos or make sketches of the discoveries made 'en route'. Thus it becomes a permanent and very personal record of the experience. But it may stimulate further interest and a desire to find out more about a particular aspect of an area.

Whilst hopefully being an enjoyable 'one-off' experience, it would also be interesting to walk the whole route again at a later date, perhaps in a few years time, to make comparisons, to see what changes have taken place. Drastic changes in the environment could, of course, take place over a matter of weeks! If you are already familiar with the area, how does it compare now with what it was when you first knew it?

Wherever possible the route uses old alleyways ('gennels') and footpaths over grassed and wooded areas. Much of the walk uses footpaths along roadsides, which are no less important than their rural counterparts. Where possible the route crosses main roads by pelican crossings. Extra care is needed when crossing a road without the benefit of a crossing point.

The route crosses many bus routes so can be started or finished at any point the walker chooses. It can be done in one go or in sections using public transport, even Supertram in places.

Wherever you consider appropriate, deviate from the given route to further explore the area – there is so much to rediscover.

Housing

Look at the range and style e.g. small terraced to large detached.

What materials have been used?
How were they constructed?

What sort of locality – industrial, suburban, council estate, etc.?

Where is the better housing?
Where is the poorer housing?

When were they built?
How many are of the same period?

Is the housing part of an older hamlet or village or farm?

Industry

What type of industry is present – old heavy industry or modern factory units?

Do they cover large or small areas of land?

Is the environment clean or dirty?
Are there signs of pollution?

What condition are the buildings in – renovated, new, derelict, disused?

Transport

What modes of transport are available?

Railways – local or Intercity lines, freight yards, stations, disused tracks?

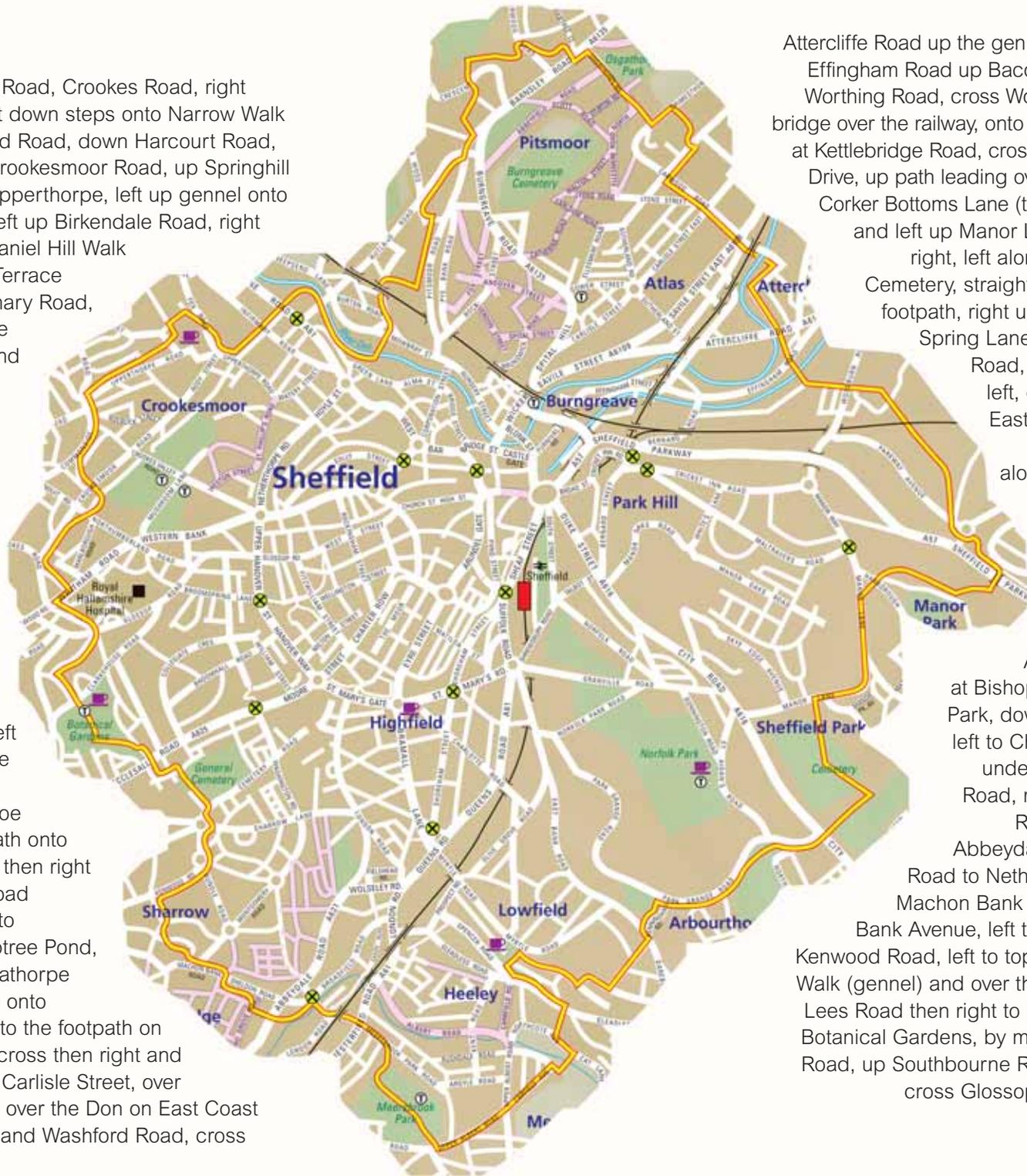
Roads – motorway, by-pass, roads, lanes?

Canals – are they still used? Are the towpaths in good repair? Are any of these used for amenity or pleasure?



Start - BROOMHILL

Whitham Road, left up Parkers Road, Crookes Road, right down Crookesmoor Road, right down steps onto Narrow Walk (gennel), cross Northumberland Road, down Harcourt Road, up Harcourt Crescent, cross Crookesmoor Road, up Springhill Road to Commonsides, down Upperthorpe, left up gennel onto Birkendale, down Birkendale, left up Birkendale Road, right down Daniel Hill Street, onto Daniel Hill Walk (gennel), right towards Albert Terrace Road, left down crossing Infirmary Road, continuing down over Penistone Road, right then left onto Rutland Way, right onto Rutland Road, cross over then left towards bridge, right at Waterloo Walk (gennel along River Don), onto Cornish Street, left at Green Lane, left at Ball Street, over Mowbray Street onto Harvest Lane, up Harvest Lane under bridge then right up path, left up green open space to Woodfold, left up Woodfold to Rutland Road, right to Pitsmoor Road, cross Rutland Road and up Pitsmoor Road, left at Roe Lane which bends to the right, left on gennel to Firshill Crescent, cross over to Little Roe Wood, right down woodland path onto Norwood Road, cross, turn left then right down gennel, onto Crabtree Road turning right then uphill, left onto woodland path leading to Crabtree Pond, cross Barnsley Road onto Osgathorpe Road, straight along and down onto Grimesthorpe Road, left along to the footpath on the right down to Petre Street, cross then right and left along Carwood Road, over Carlisle Street, over Savile Street, under the railway over the Don on East Coast Road, turn onto Faraday Road and Washford Road, cross



Attercliffe Road up the gennel by the Don, Stoke Street over Effingham Road up Bacon Lane, over the canal and onto Worthing Road, cross Woodbourn Road up Jessel Street, bridge over the railway, onto Broad Oaks Lane (gennel), right at Kettlebridge Road, cross Parkway Ave. left over Parkway Drive, up path leading over Sheffield Parkway, down onto Corker Bottoms Lane (track), up to Harborough Avenue and left up Manor Lane, passing 'Manor Castle' on right, left along Harwich Road into City Road Cemetery, straight through then left down to meet footpath, right up to City Road, cross and along Spring Lane, footpath down to Park Grange Road, along to Kenninghall Road then left, down over green open space to East Bank Road, cross then left and right up Hallyburton Road, right along Lichford Road to footpath on right, at Myrtle Road left over green, down gennels to Gleadless Road, left up then right down Cat Lane, left along track right over the Meersbrook, up Carfield Avenue and Upper Albert Road, at Bishop's House right into Meersbrook Park, down onto Meersbrook Park Road, left to Chesterfield Road and over, down under railway bridge to Little London Road, right on path towards Broadfield Road crossing River Sheaf, left to Abbeydale Road, left then right up Glen Road to Nether Edge Road, right then left up Machon Bank Road, right up drive to Meadow Bank Avenue, left to Cherry Tree Road and right to Kenwood Road, left to top of Cemetery Road, down Frog Walk (gennel) and over the River Porter, left along Stalker Lees Road then right to Ecclesall Road, cross and up to Botanical Gardens, by main entrance cross Clark House Road, up Southbourne Road right at Melbourne Avenue, cross Glossop Road and up Newbould Lane.

Finish - BROOMHILL

Land Use

How is the land used?

Parkland – open spaces of grassland and gardens.

Woodland – old or newly planted woodland? Does it offer amenity value for recreation, or wildlife habitats?



Farmland – farming activities, horse grazing? Is there evidence of old farms e.g. buildings, barns, walls, hedges?



Industrial – what state is it in; how is it used?

Allotments – are they cultivated or used for other purposes? Are they cared for or neglected? Who were they provided for?

Reclaimed Land

What was the land reclaimed from? What state is it in now?

Paths/Alleys/Gennels

What do they link up – road to road, etc.?

What sort of surface material is used?

Do any of these have names? How long have they been used as rights of way?

Wildlife

Which areas seem to offer more habitats for wildlife?



What effects do the different environments have on wildlife?

Is there evidence of 'old' or surviving environments?

Roadside 'Furniture'

Look out for bollards, gas lamps, cobbles, bridges, pumps, 'crozzle' walls, monuments, iron railings, etc.

Having completed your walk, what impressions are you left with?

Do you think the land is being used effectively and responsibly?

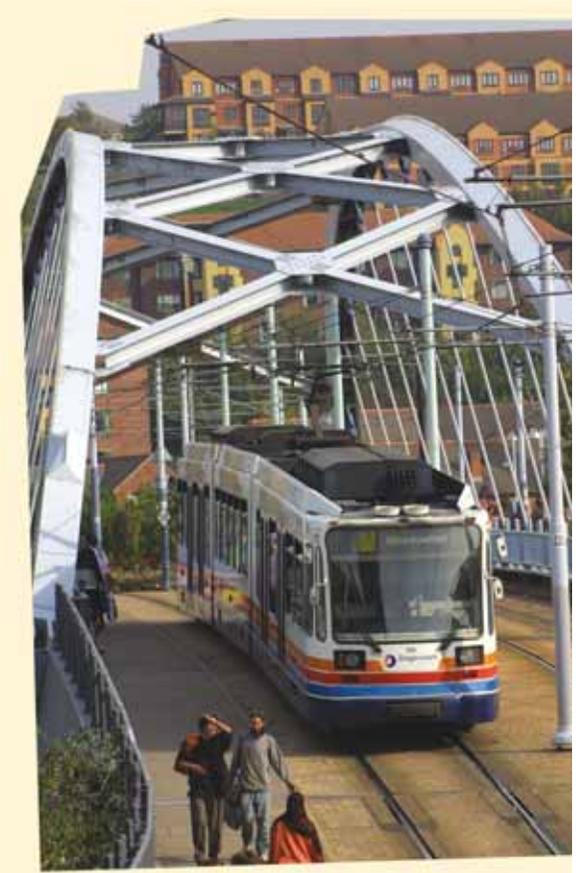
Could more land be used for recreational purposes, or improved in some other way?

Which areas could be used as amenity land for the public?

Sheffield is our city and our environment.

As part of it, we hope that people enjoy what it has to offer but treat it with respect and responsibility.

Your observations and opinions are of value and it is important that you pass them on to the appropriate public body, especially when some action is needed.



Here is a list of useful telephone numbers for Sheffield City Council departments.

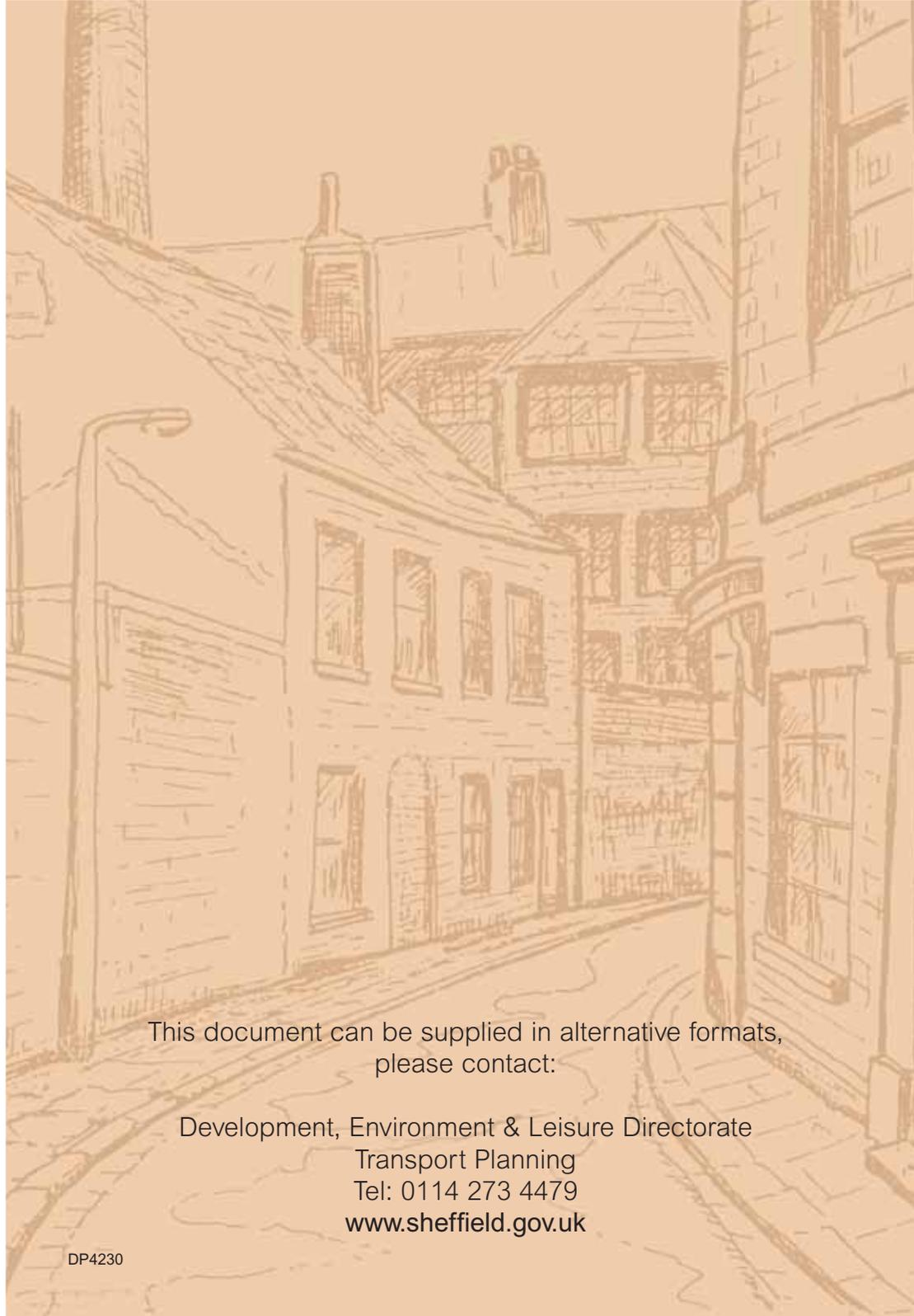
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