



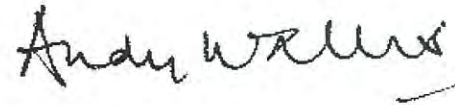
# Sefton Core Strategy

## Spatial portraits of Sefton

These 'spatial portraits' were drawn up in the autumn of 2008 to express on a plan what is distinctive about the different areas within the Borough of Sefton. They are based on information drawn from a variety of sources. They were discussed by Area Committees (at both informal and formal meetings) and by the 'Ten Parishes', and have been amended to take account of comments made.

I hope the portraits will encourage people to discuss the issues, opportunities and challenges facing both individual communities within Sefton and the borough as a whole. This will help us to define a vision for Sefton looking ahead 15-20 years, a key step in developing a 'Core Strategy' for the borough.

I welcome your views on these portraits. If you would like to discuss them or make any comments, please contact Ingrid Berry at [Ingrid.berry@planning.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Ingrid.berry@planning.sefton.gov.uk) or on 0151 934 3556.



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### List of spatial portraits

#### based on Area Committee areas and Parishes

Sefton  
Southport  
Formby  
Crosby  
Sefton East Parishes  
10 Parishes  
South Sefton  
St Oswald and Netherton & Orrell  
Litherland and Ford  
Linacre and Derby

# Spatial Portrait of Sefton

## Restricted land supply

Need to balance use of land in urban area for housing, employment and recreation etc. Restricted supply of brownfield land increasingly expensive to remediate

## Climate change and the coast

Need to respond to impact of climate change, increasing flood risk and impact of growth on the coast

## Formby

- Balancing local housing and employment needs with protecting environmental assets and responding to physical constraints eg. flood risk

## Reducing the gap

in prosperity, wellbeing and environmental quality between south, north and mid-Sefton. Align regeneration initiatives to maximise benefits

## The Port/Superport

RSS supports the growth of the port and airport. What are the implications for Sefton?

## Crosby

- Meeting local housing needs
- Re-building Crosby centre
- Tackling congestion and air quality on A565 corridor
- Building on the economic opportunities on the coast (Another Place, water centre, observatory)

- Main transport corridors
- Main transport corridors in need of improvement
- Proposed improvement
- Neighbourhood regeneration initiatives (HMRI, LEGI-Stepclever etc.)
- External threats to investment in Sefton in Kirkby and Liverpool
- Sefton Boundary
- Sites of national and international nature conservation interest
- Areas potentially at risk of flooding (EA flood zones 2 and 3). Excludes impact of existing sea defences
- Green Belt
- Area-based issues
- Sefton-wide issues
- External issues likely to impact Sefton

## Southport

- Meeting local housing and employment needs
- Promoting Southport as a 'classic resort'
- Providing opportunities for retail development
- Improving transport links externally and to the town centre

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## Meeting the needs of an ageing population

An increasing issue particularly in north and mid-Sefton. Impacts on homes and service provision and transport requirements

## Affordable Housing

Significant needs in all areas

## Tight green belt boundaries

and other physical constraints limit potential for urban expansion

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## Cross Boundary Liaison

Need to work with neighbouring councils, especially Liverpool, Knowsley and West Lancs to deliver key infrastructure and align proposals to meet wider sub-regional priorities

## Rural Parishes

- Lack of local services and employment
- Improving public transport links, especially at night and weekends

## Maghull

- Addressing commuting levels by providing local employment
- Improving transport links to jobs and services
- Meeting local housing needs
- Revitalising the town centre

## Knowsley

Developing business base. Proposals for Kirkby town centre likely to impact on Sefton

## Bootle, Litherland and Netherton

- Aligning regeneration initiatives to maximise benefits (LEGI, HMRI etc)
- Protecting and enhancing the role of Bootle town centre
- Providing new housing without losing local employment opportunities
- Improving transport links to jobs and services
- Identifying new uses for derelict and under-used land
- Enhancing the role of the Leeds and Liverpool canal for regeneration and recreation

## Liverpool

Key driver for the City Region's economy. Major developments in city centre plus Liverpool Waters, North Shore and Project Jennifer

# Southport Spatial Portrait

## Key

### Boundaries

- Southport Area Committee
- Ward boundaries
- Coastal Park
- Southport Inner Core

### Strategic Corridors

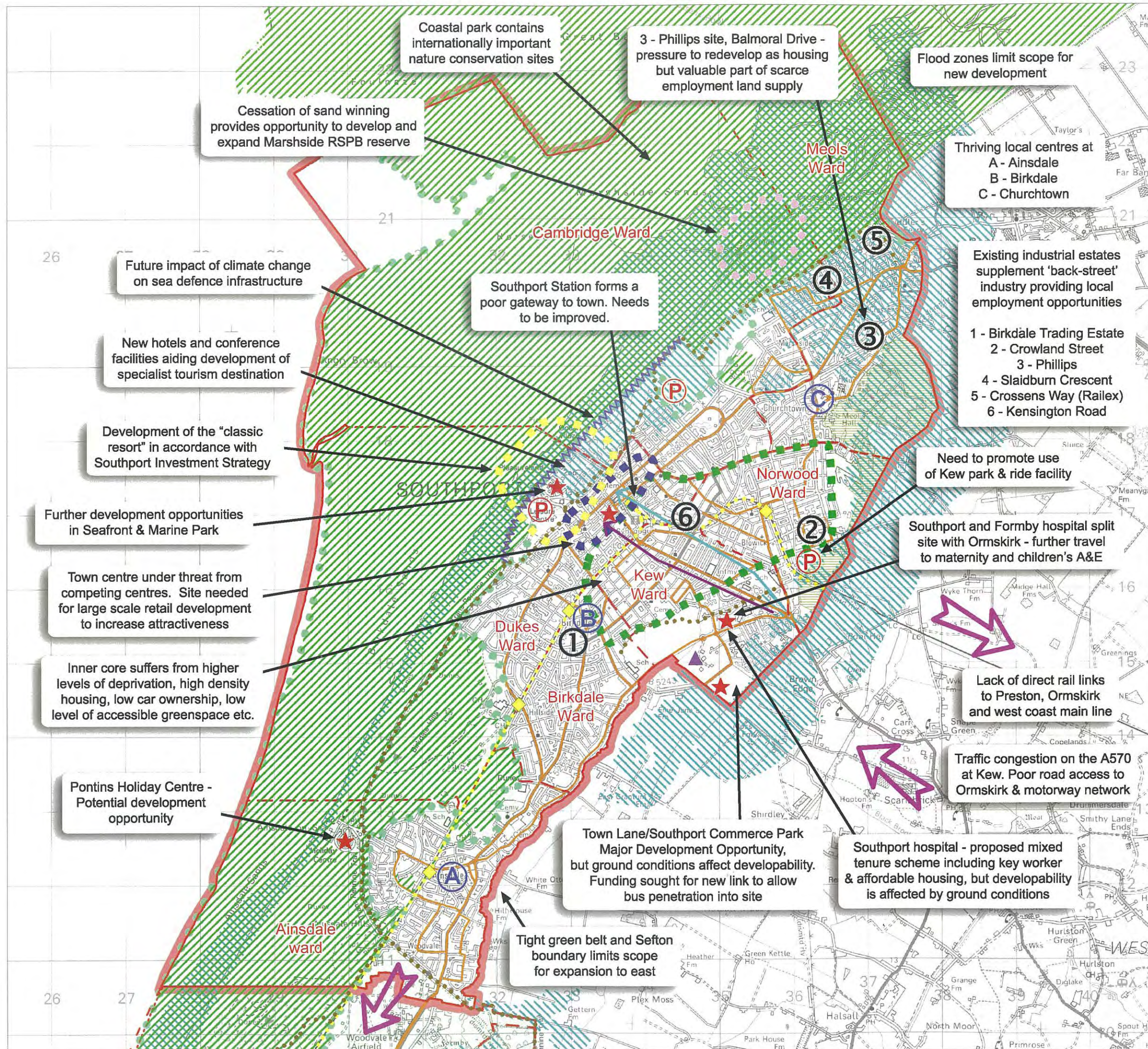
- Railway
- Railway Stations
- High frequency bus routes
- Large scale commuter movement
- Strategic Footpath network

### Opportunities

- Development opportunities in town centre
- Development of the classic resort
- Development of bird watching facilities
- Development Opportunity
- Employment Land
- Park and Ride facility
- New east - west cycle lane

### Constraints and Barriers

- Green Belt
- Sea Wall
- Poor access to seafront from east
- Areas at risk of flooding
- Sites of national and international nature importance
- Best and most versatile agricultural land



# Formby Spatial Portrait

## Key

### Boundaries

- Formby Area Committee
- Ward boundaries
- Parish Boundaries
- Coastal Park

### Strategic Corridors

- Strategic Highway
- Railway
- High and Medium frequency bus routes
- Large scale commuter movement
- Existing strong green infrastructure links between rural and urban areas
- Strategic footpath network

### Opportunities

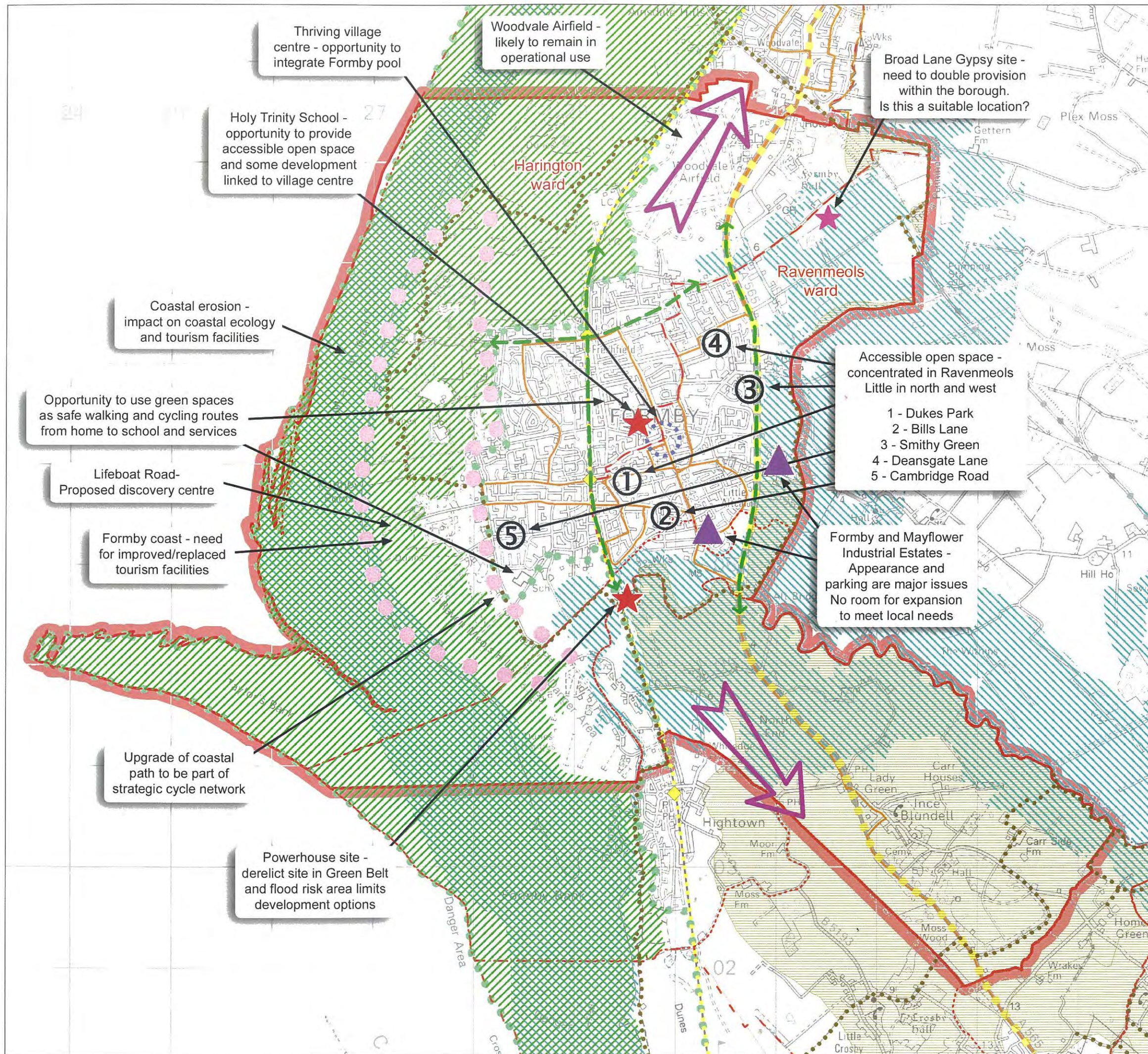
- Thriving village centre
- Coast tourism and ecological attractions
- Employment Land
- Development Opportunity
- Gypsy Site

### Constraints and Barriers

- Green Belt
- Best and most versatile agricultural land
- Areas at risk of flooding
- Sites of national and international nature importance







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# Crosby Spatial Portrait

## Key

### Boundaries

-  Crosby Area Committee
-  Ward boundaries
-  Regeneration Area
-  Coastal Park


### Strategic Corridors

-  Highway
-  Railway
-  High frequency bus routes
-  Strategic Highway improvements
-  Canal
-  Strategic Footpath network (including canal - Crosby link)
-  Large scale commuter movement

### Opportunities

-  District Centres
-  Coastal Park
-  Port Expansion
-  Railway Stations
-  District Shopping Centres
-  Areas of major change
-  Tourism Attractions
-  Proposed Air Quality Management Area
-  Employment Land
-  Strong Community link

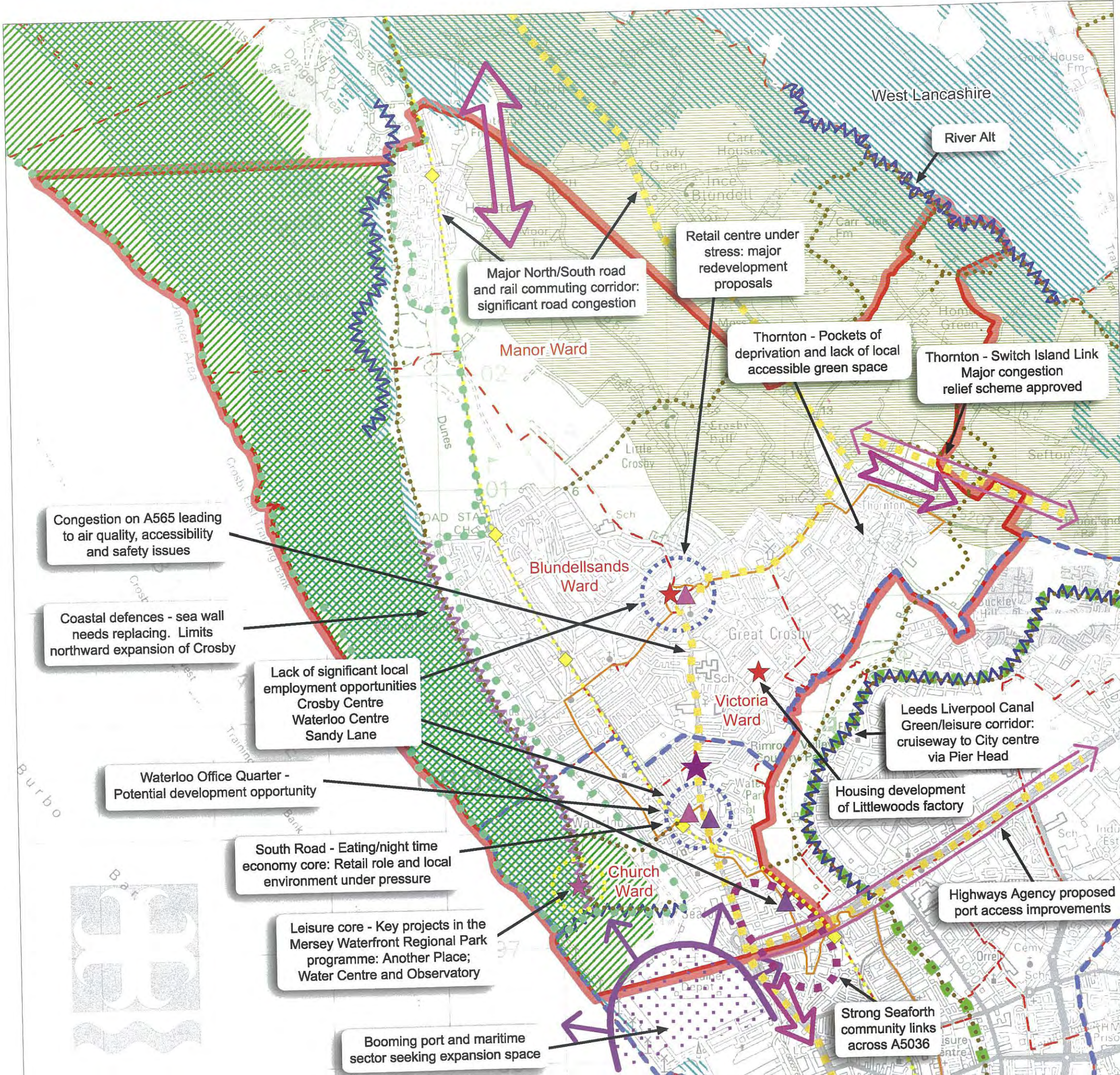
### Constraints and Barriers

-  Green Belt
-  Water courses with restricted crossing points
-  Sites of national and international nature importance
-  Sea Wall
-  Areas at risk of flooding
-  Best and most versatile agricultural land



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Congestion on A565 leading to air quality, accessibility and safety issues

Coastal defences - sea wall needs replacing. Limits northward expansion of Crosby

Lack of significant local employment opportunities  
Crosby Centre  
Waterloo Centre  
Sandy Lane

Waterloo Office Quarter -  
Potential development opportunity

South Road - Eating/night time  
economy core: Retail role and local  
environment under pressure

Leisure core - Key projects in the  
Mersey Waterfront Regional Park  
programme: Another Place;  
Water Centre and Observatory

Booming port and maritime  
sector seeking expansion space

Major North/South road  
and rail commuting corridor:  
significant road congestion

Retail centre under  
stress: major  
redevelopment  
proposals

Thornton - Pockets of  
deprivation and lack of local  
accessible green space

Thornton - Switch Island Link  
Major congestion  
relief scheme approved

Leeds Liverpool Canal  
Green/leisure corridor:  
cruiseway to City centre  
via Pier Head

Housing development  
of Littlewoods factory

Highways Agency proposed  
port access improvements

Strong Seaforth  
community links  
across A5036