

Travel, transport, mobility and health

Ageing, the Environment and
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The desire to get out and about does not diminish in older age, nor does the variety of activities people like.



Why is
mobility
important in
later life?



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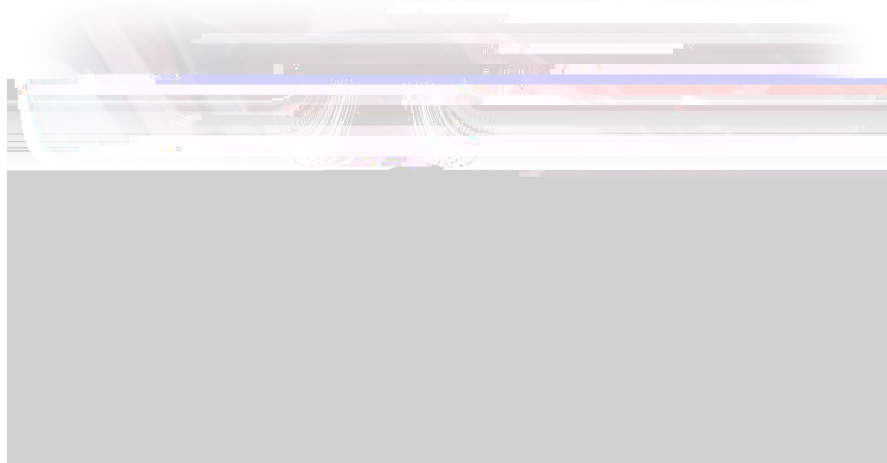


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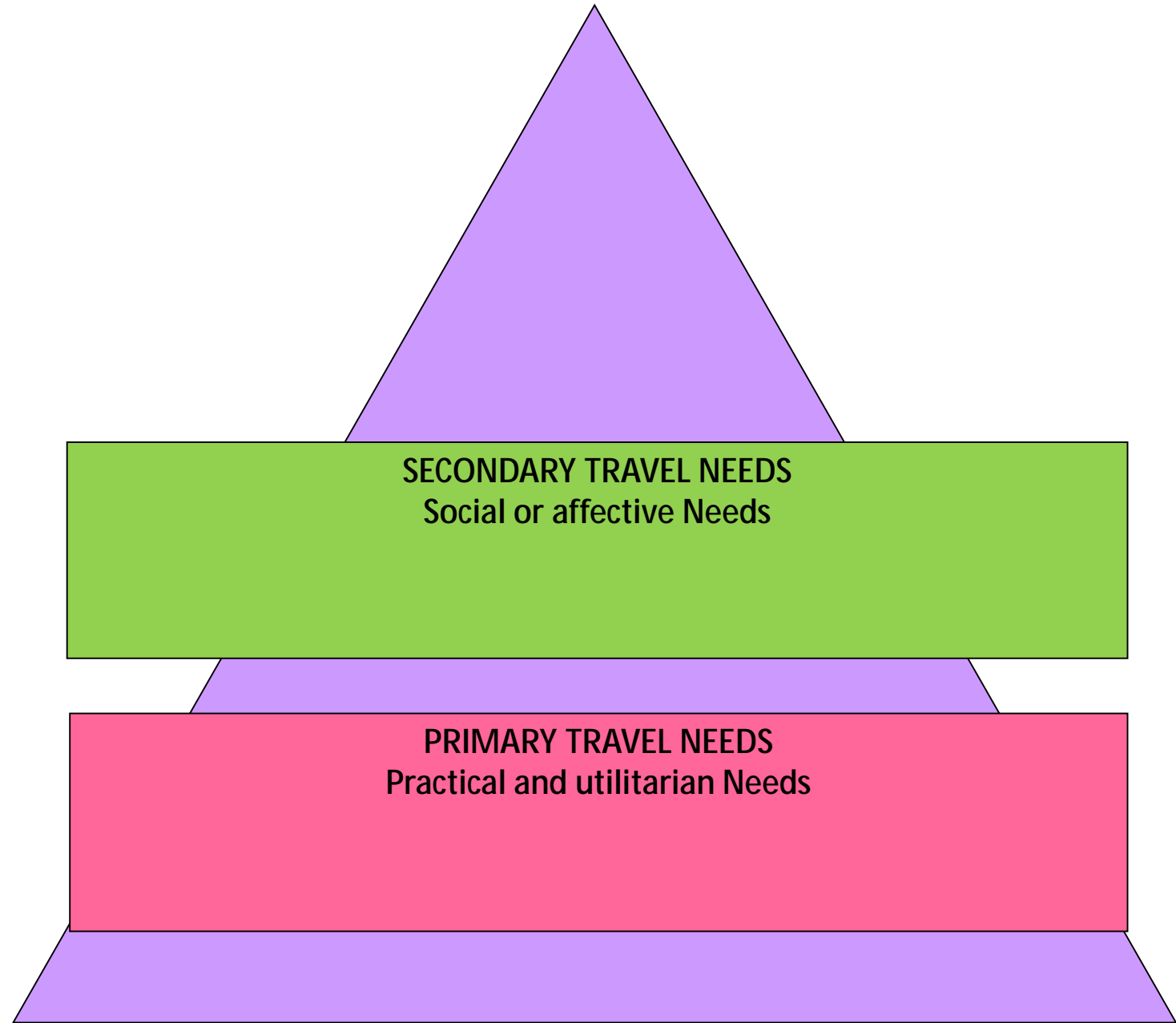


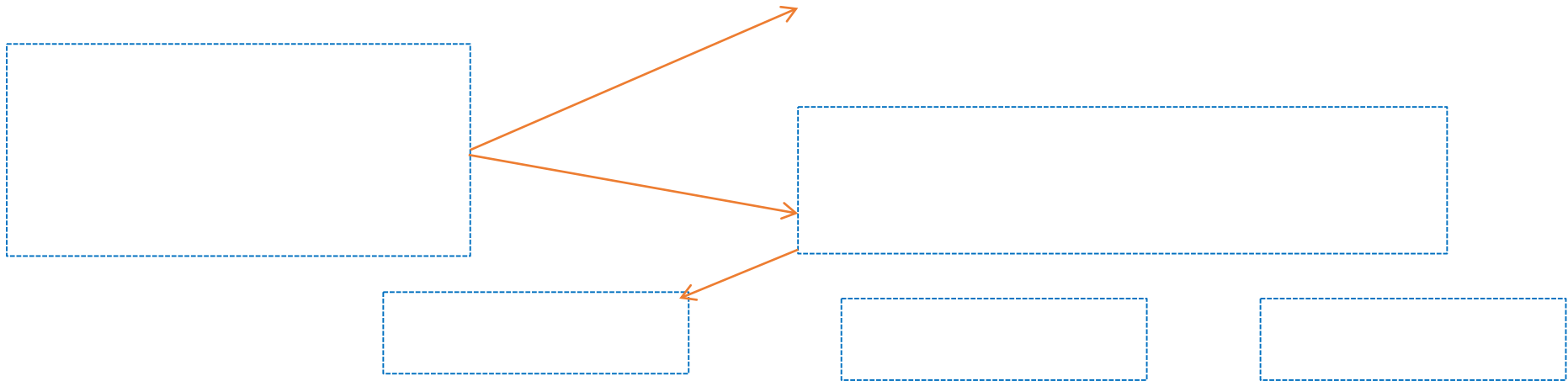
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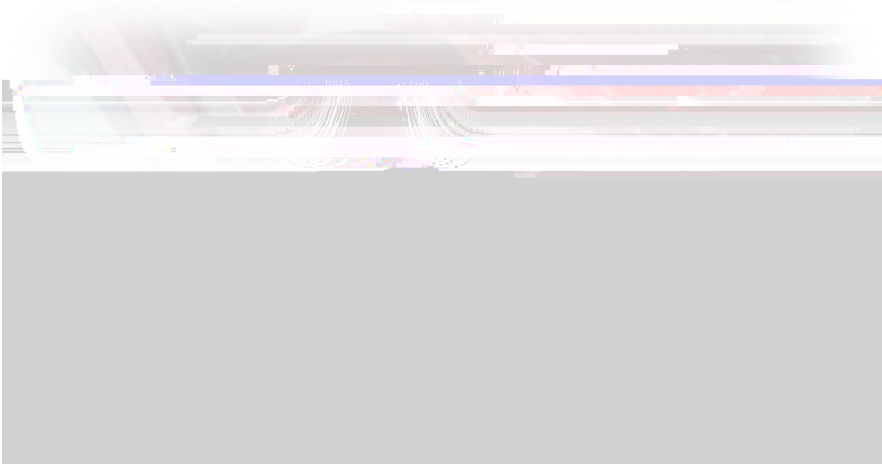
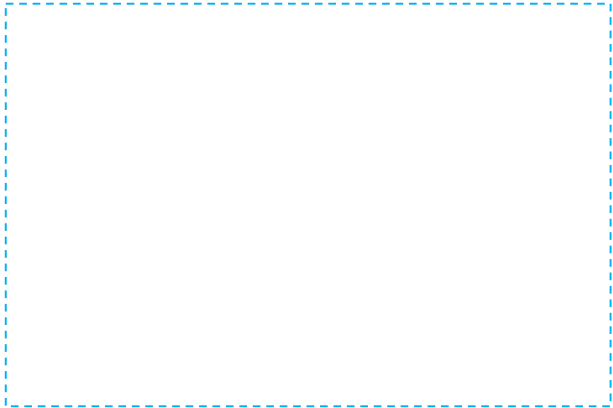
it's also about
psychosocial and
aesthetic purposes



Hierarchy of mobility needs

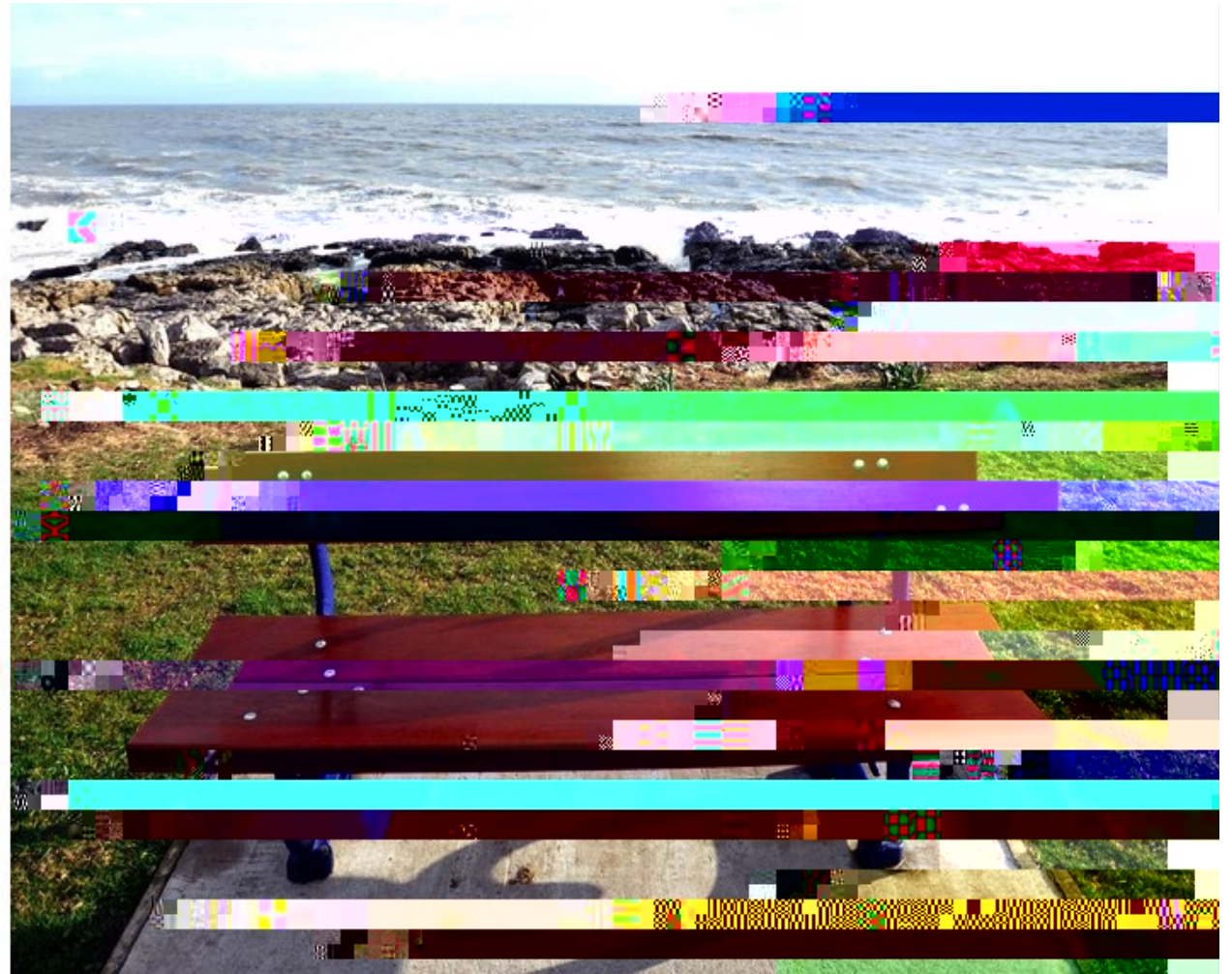






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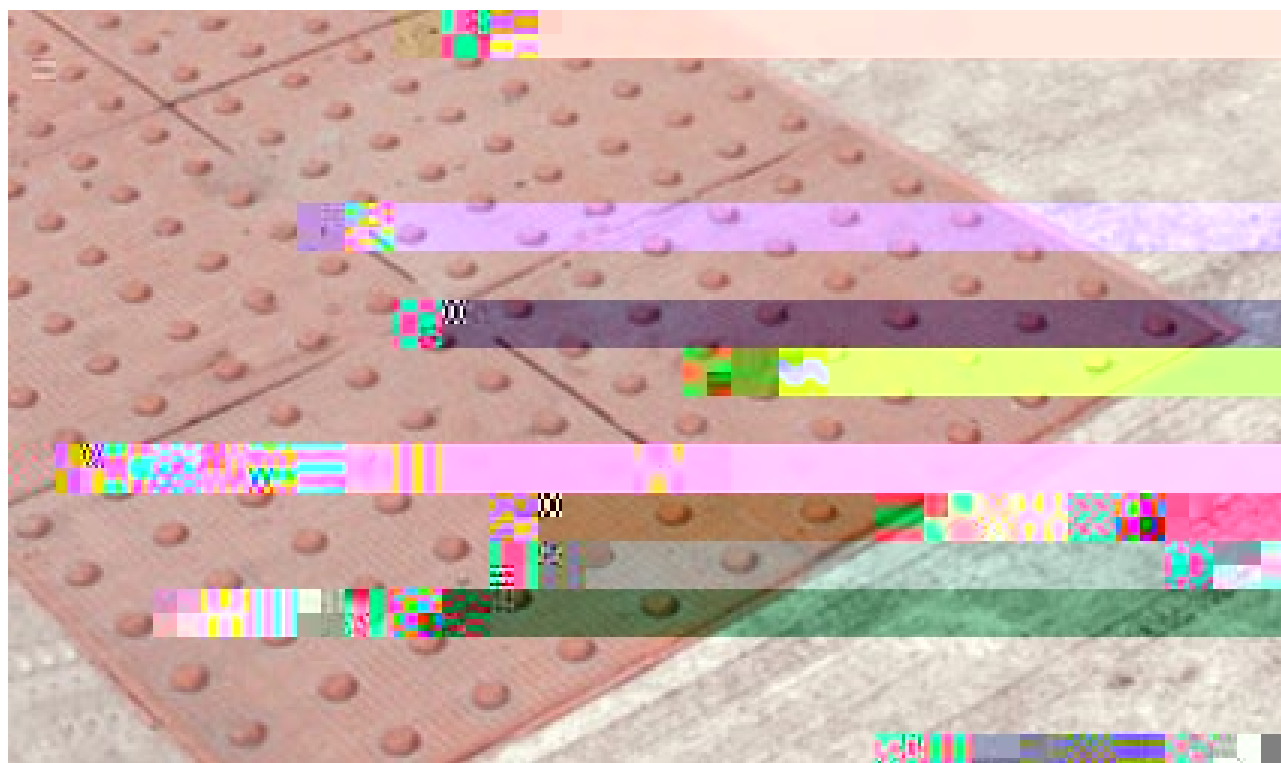
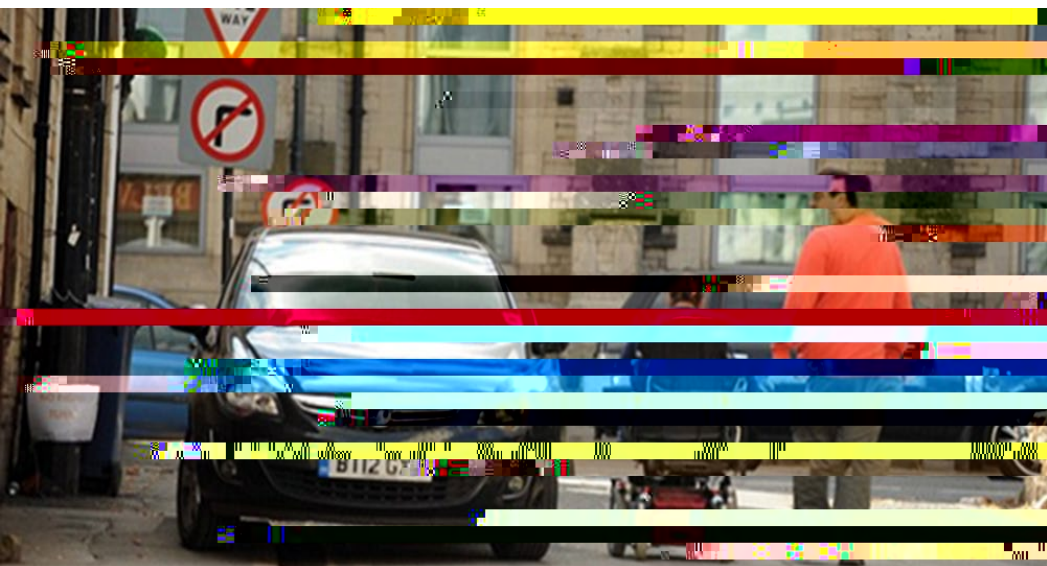
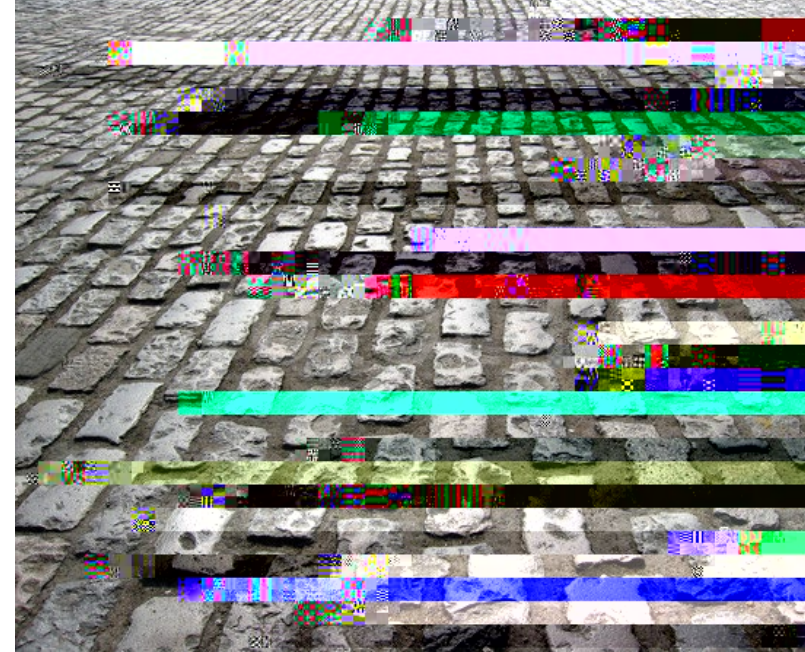


For crossing the road participants preferred controlled crossings such as a pedestrian crossing

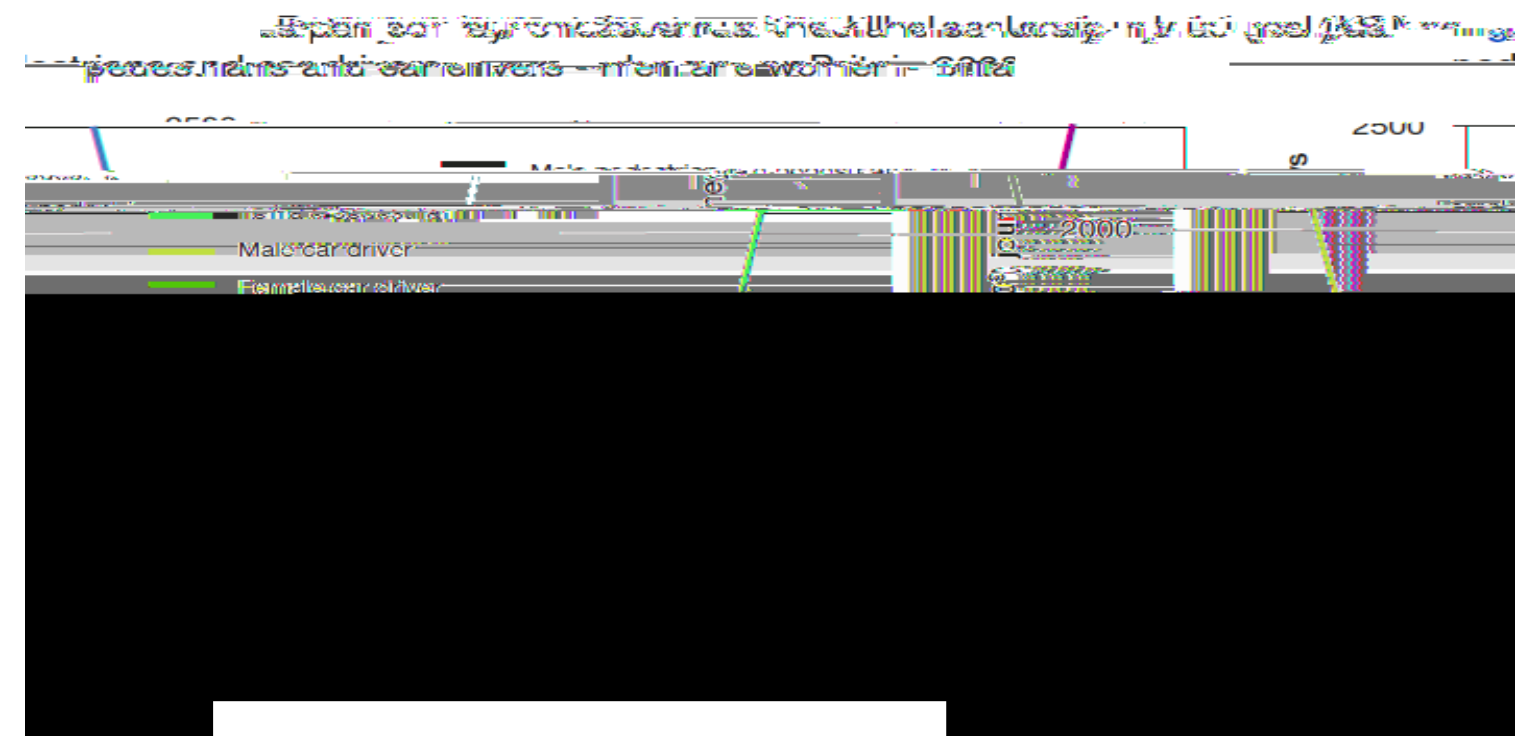
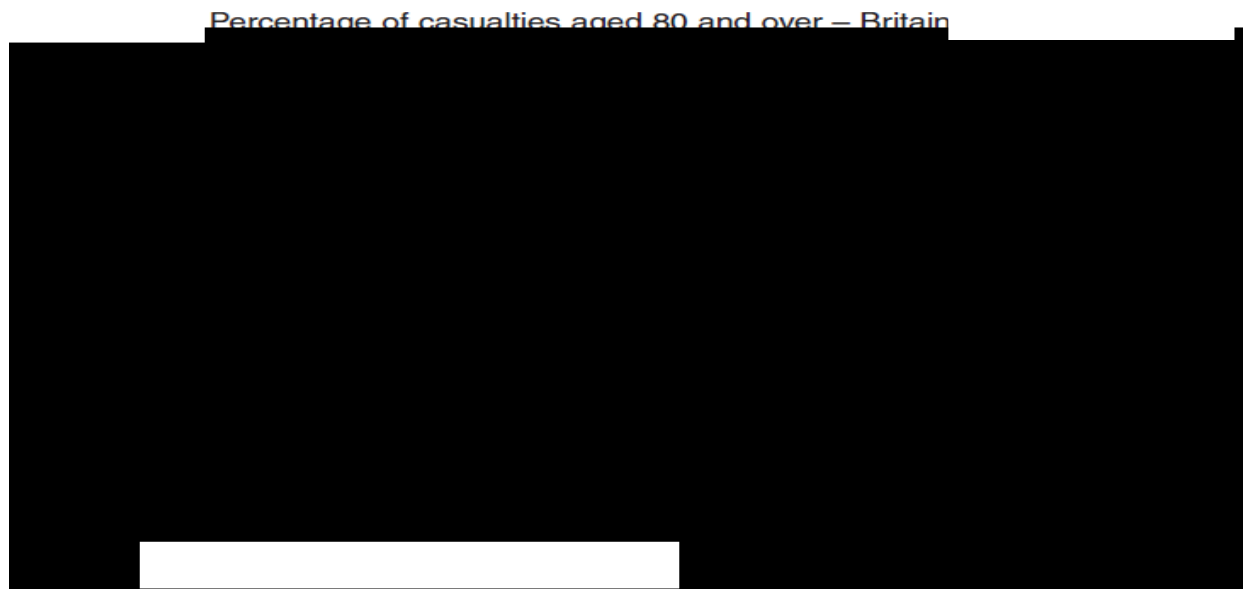
Pedestrians take liberties from the 'red' or 'green man' of the traffic lights



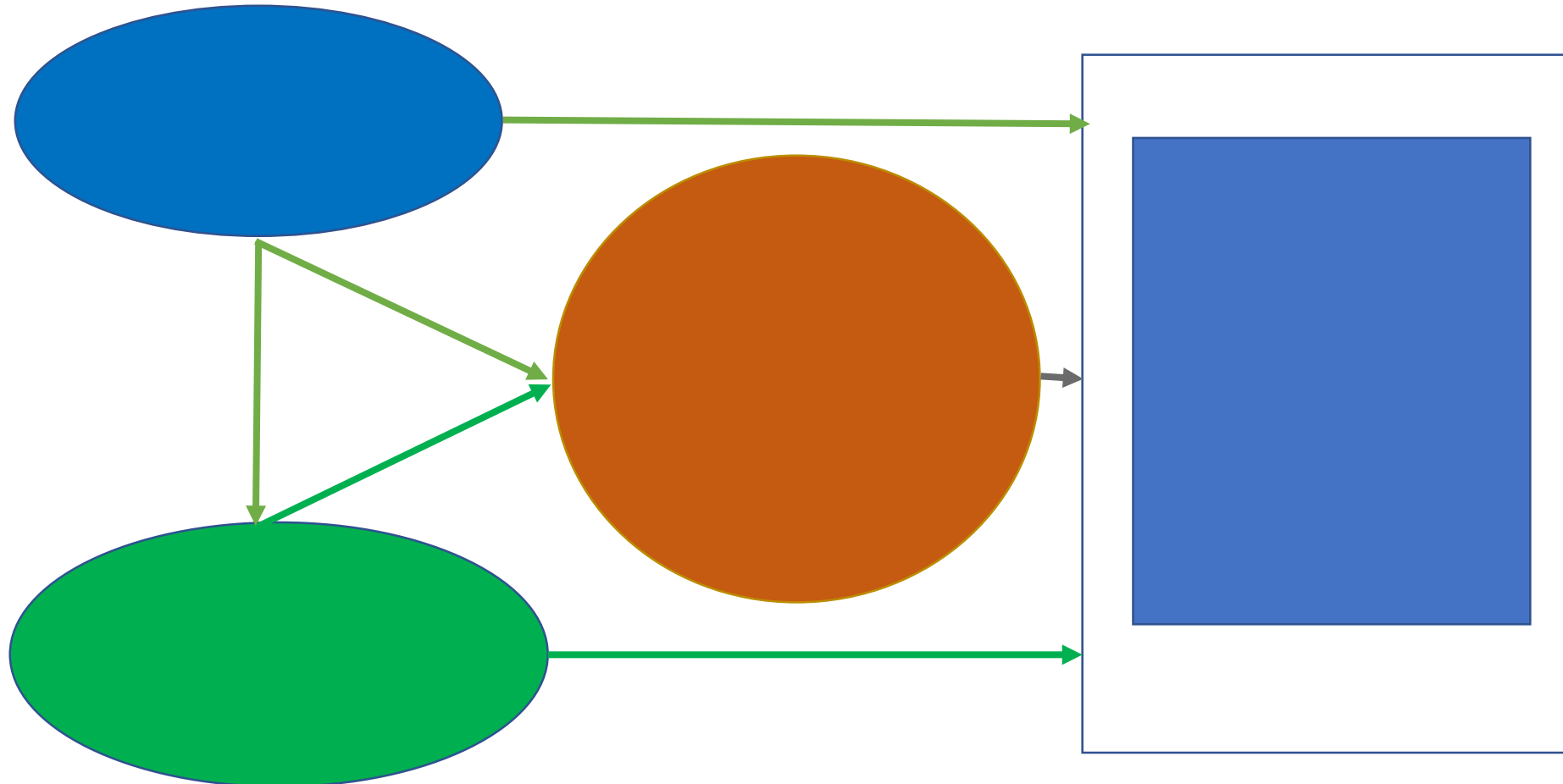
Only 12% walk as fast or faster than DfT recommendations for pedestrian crossing time

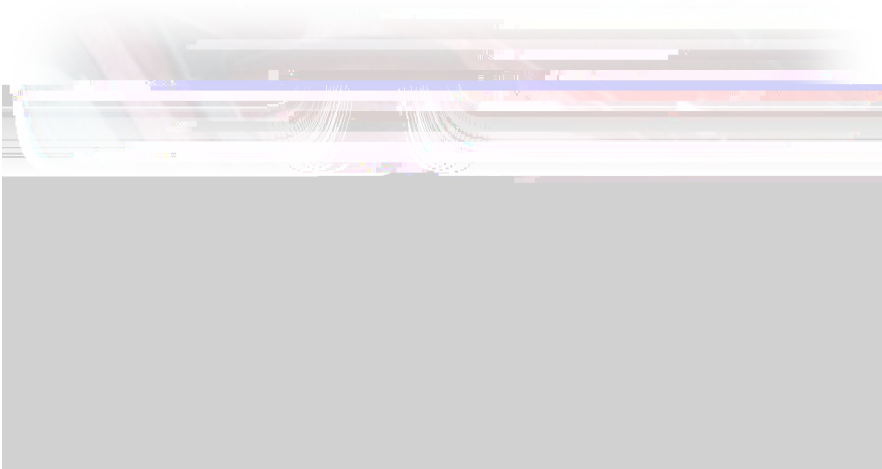
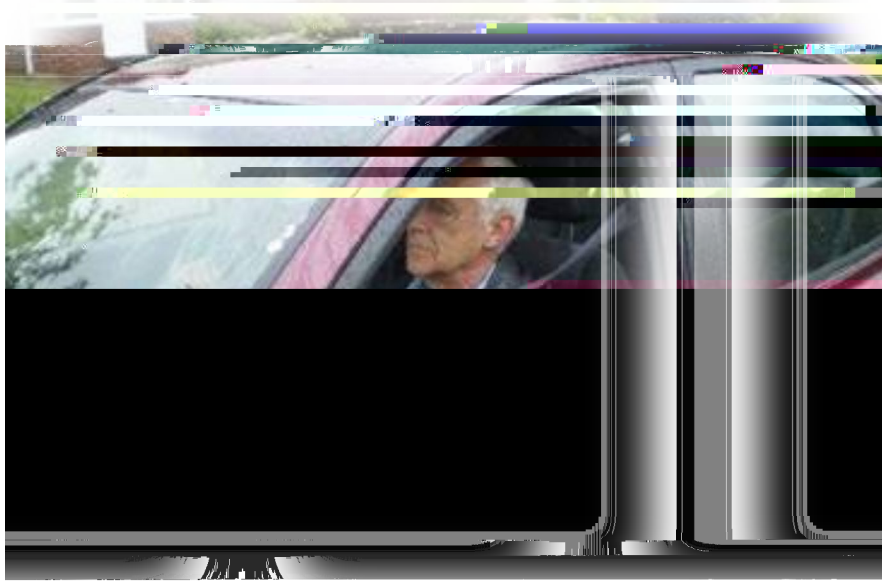
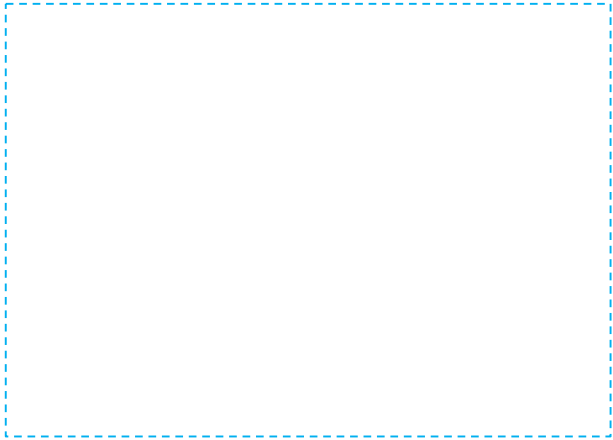


Over 60s in GB	GB



Mobility capital





Issues with public buses

1. Driver awareness

2. Service inconveniences

(Having to change buses; early finish of buses in afternoon; need free bus all day long not just after peak time).

3. Service performance

(Buses being cancelled altogether or reduced in number; the unreliability of the service)

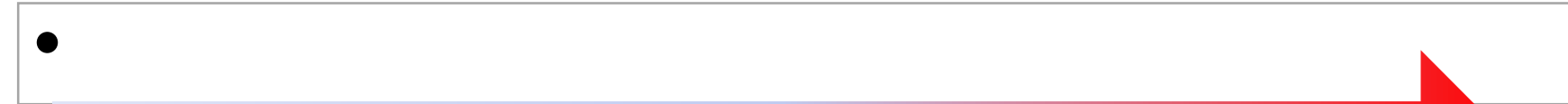
4. Poor bus stops

(Poor signage, information, seating and shelter; safety and security issues at bus stop; the bus stop not being near the main residential areas)

5. Poor quality buses

(do not lower to kerb / grab rails missing)

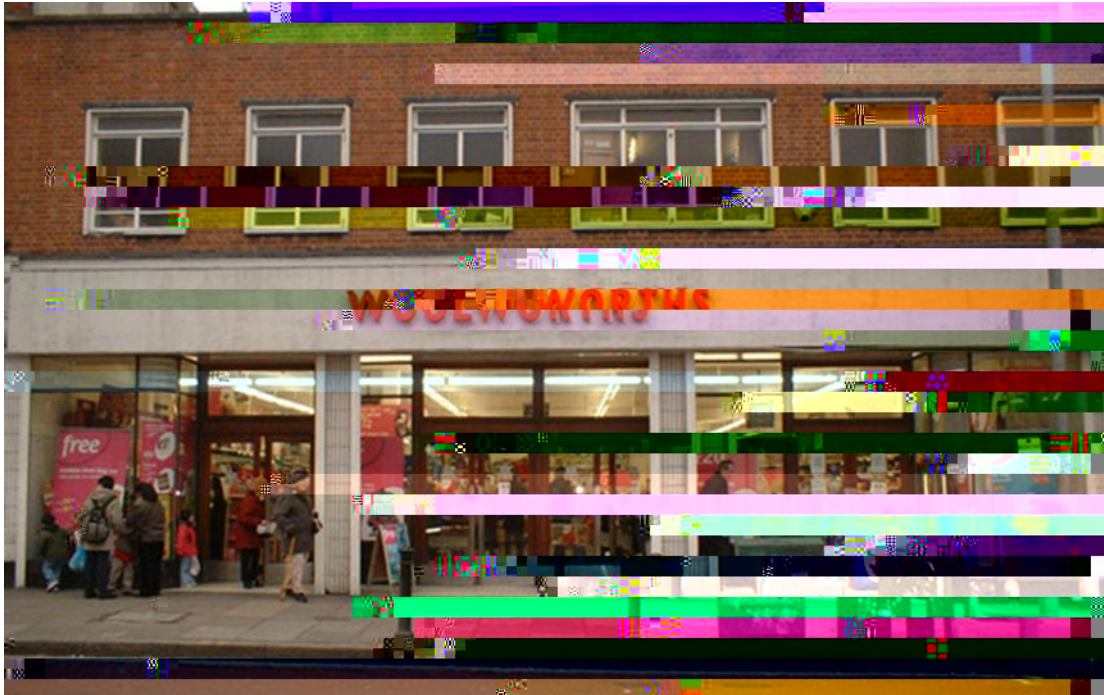




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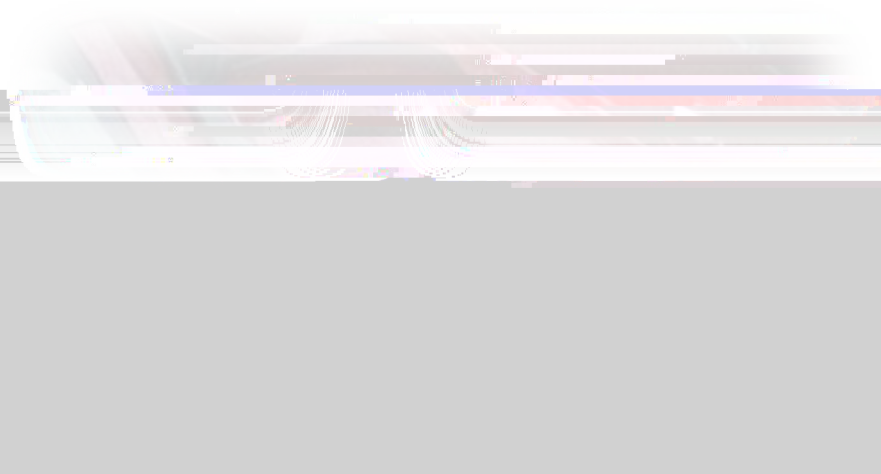
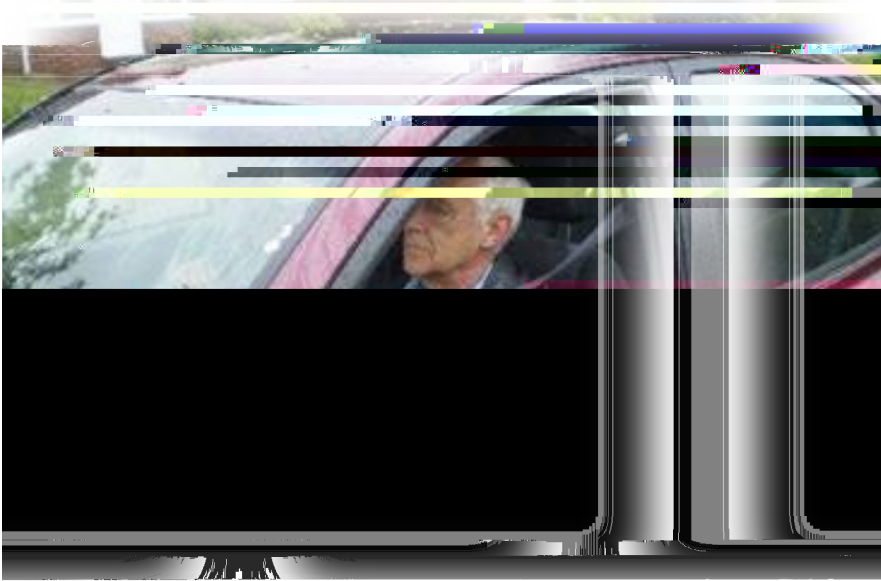
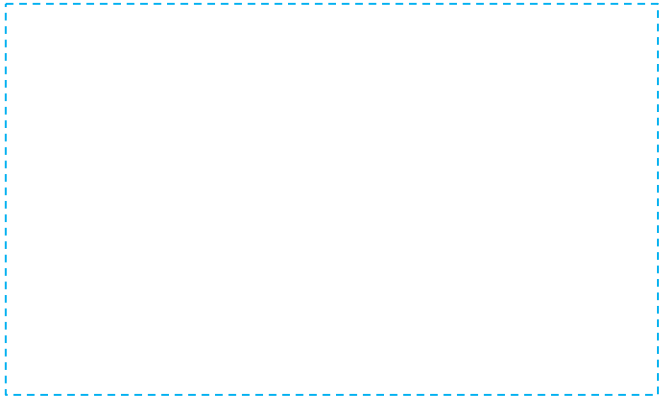
People and social capital

Issues are people based

To mobilise change need to mobilise people

Give older people more of a role in their transport provision





Transport is partly about getting from A to B

- Remember transport isn't just functional.
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Transport is about people