

Core units: Exemplar – Year 7

Illustration 5: Assessing the liveability of places

## Neighbourhood assessment: Observation record sheet

Drawing on your observations in the field, annotate the following table in the spaces provided.

Criteria	Recorded observations
General appearance of the public realm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• streetscape</li> <li>• footpaths</li> <li>• street plantings</li> <li>• weeds litter</li> <li>• street signs</li> <li>• street furniture</li> <li>• cleanliness of streets and public spaces.</li> </ul>	
Building occupancy. What is the percentage of unoccupied residential or unleased commercial premises?	

<p>Level of maintenance of private and commercial properties. Are they well maintained or rundown?</p>	
<p>Mix of commercial activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• goods or service based, upmarket or discount focused</li> <li>• cafes and restaurants (lifestyle orientation) or convenience foods (takeaways)</li> <li>• chain stores or boutiques</li> <li>• personal service orientated or a focused on the household essentials – supermarkets, butchers, bakery etc.</li> </ul>	

<p>Quality and efficiency of public infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• state of roads</li> <li>• public transport – access, frequency and cleanliness, commuter parking</li> <li>• maintenance of school buildings and grounds</li> <li>• parks and garden maintenance</li> <li>• maintenance of library and community centres</li> <li>• upkeep of sporting facilities.</li> </ul>	
<p>Community facilities and support services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• schools and medical services</li> <li>• aged care</li> <li>• recreational and sporting facilities</li> <li>• cultural resources and experiences.</li> </ul>	