

A CHANGING TOWN CENTRE

Growing from a rich history, Woolwich is currently undergoing unprecedented change. Now is the time to capitalise on the area's strengths, deal with its issues and celebrate what we love about Woolwich.

A PLACE WITH A RICH HISTORY

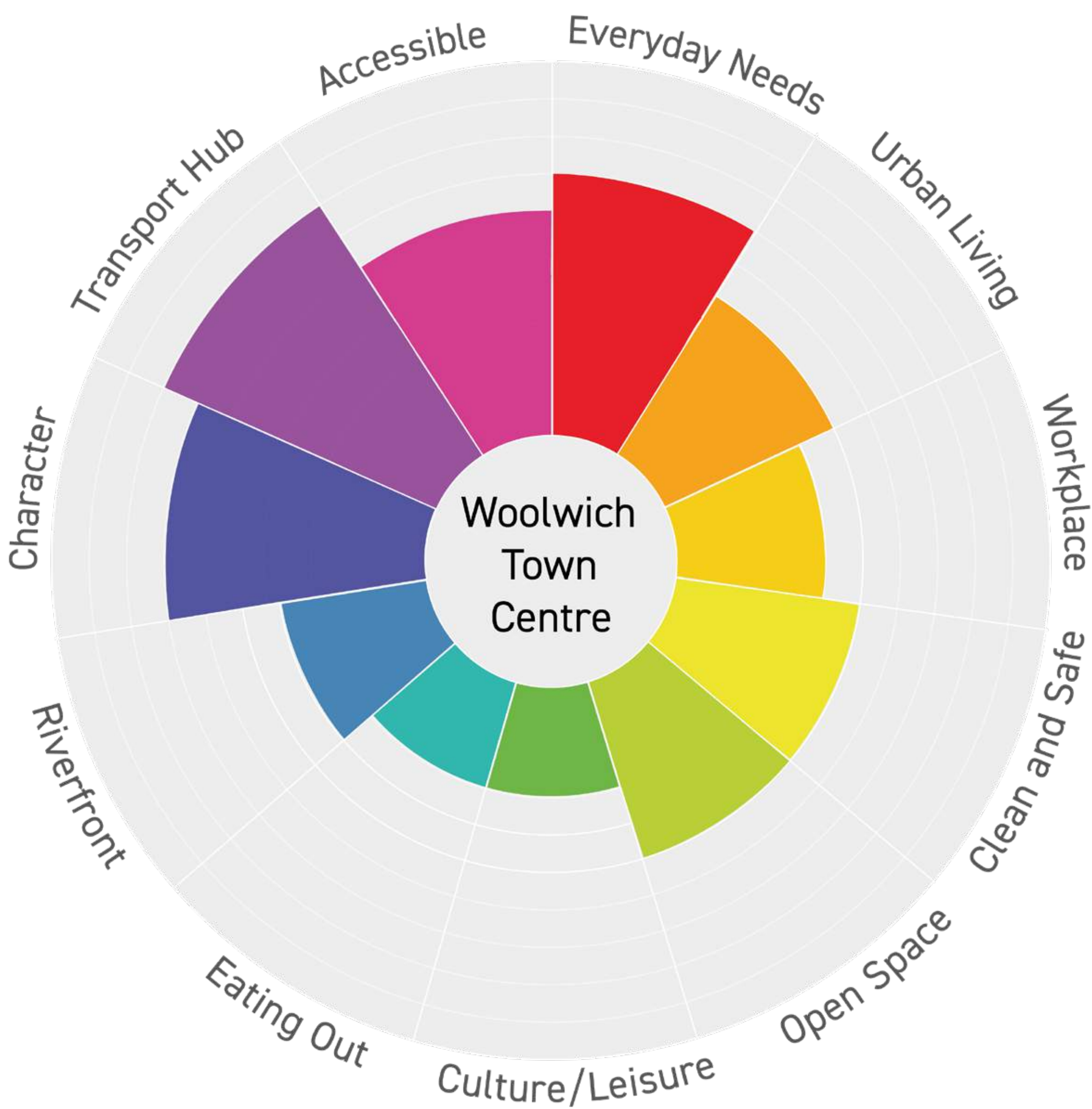
Woolwich has a long history tied to the military, with the Royal Arsenal and the Royal Artillary Barracks to either side of the town centre. The town centre itself has long been a hub for commerce which is reflected in the built heritage along Powis Street. There are also fine examples of Art Deco architecture and the town has a unique relationship with the River Thames, particularly around Woolwich Dockyard.



TOWARDS A SUCCESSFUL TOWN CENTRE

The diagram below provides an assessment of how well Woolwich is functioning, based on ten criteria for a successful town centre. Woolwich scores well as a transport interchange, in providing for everyday needs and for its distinct character and accessibility.

Where is it clear the town needs to improve is in providing employment space, improving its cultural/leisure and eating out offer, and making the most of its location on the riverfront. More work could also be done to make Woolwich cleaner and safer, and to provide more high quality open spaces.



OPPORTUNITIES

HERITAGE



RIVER THAMES



CROSSRAIL



DEVELOPER INTEREST



ISSUES

BUSY, NOISY ROADS ACTING AS BARRIERS



VACANT UNITS



POOR WALKING ENVIRONMENT



DISCONNECTION FROM THE RIVER THAMES

