

### Appendix 3. Applications and online resources for assessing neighbourhoods.

Using street imagery, GIS and online applications, a range of tools and resources have been developed to allow professionals and community members to evaluate neighbourhood strengths and needs. A selection of the guidance and resources available are provided below.

Walk Score is an international tool which allows the walkability of any address to be measured. The tool measures walkability using a scale between 0 and 100, which is based on the availability of necessary services and amenities. A Walk Score can be calculated for any postcode, and can be used to track changes over time within a community over time. This information can be useful for assessing the extent to which daily errands can be met without using a car. The tool is available here:

#### **Walk Score**

<http://www.walkscore.com/>

Google Street View is increasingly being used as a tool for assessing the quality of the built environment. Based on evidence from North America, a range of information on the use of Google Street View for auditing streets is available on the Active Living Research website. Resources from this website are provided below.

#### **Active Living Research. *Using Google Street View to implement community audits (presentation slides)***

<http://activelivingresearch.org/using-google-street-view-implement-community-audit-tools-pedestrian-environment-data-scan>

#### **Active Living Research. *Navigating Google Street View: a guide to conducting audits of the built environment using Google Street View.***

<http://activelivingresearch.org/navigating-google-street-view-guide-conducting-audits-built-environment-using-google-street-view>