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Wilkinsons. The service sector is well represented with a number of high street banks, estate agents, travel agents and hairdressers. A post office is also located in the Co-op department store.

- 3.2.4 The number of vacant units accord with the national average and are generally well dispersed, with no 'dead runs' in the centre. The largest vacancy is the former Dunnes unit in the Ankerside Shopping Centre.
- 3.2.5 Other uses in or adjacent to the town centre which attract visitors include the library, castle, public houses, offices, churches and a theatre. Specific leisure uses in the town centre include an Odeon cinema, Gala bingo, a single gym and tourist uses.
- 3.2.6 The town centre is assessed to be highly accessible with buses stopping in the centre close to the primary shopping frontage. There are numerous car parks including short and long stay in and around the centre. The pedestrian environment is good with much of the primary shopping area being pedestrianised. The town centre at the time of our site visit was observed to be busy with constant footfall in the primary shopping area. Tamworth Town Centre is assessed to be an attractive centre, particularly around the Castle, along the River Tame corridor and Around St Editha's Square.
- 3.2.7 Based on our site visit and research the town centre demonstrates healthy levels of vitality and viability. Leisure and tourist uses contribute to and complement the primary retail function of the town centre.

3.3 Out-of-Centre Developments

- 3.3.1 Out-of-centre provision in Tamworth is primarily provided in the Ventura and Jolly Sailor Retail Parks to the south of the town centre. Leisure provision includes national/regional attractions such as the Snow Dome and Drayton Manor Park. More local facilities include the Strykers ten pin bowling alley.

3.4 Gym provision

- 3.4.1 Looking specifically at gym provision in the town the current offer includes:

- Gymphobics – George Street (Town centre)
- SnowDome – Leisure Island (Out-of-centre)
- Bannatyne Health Club – Dunstall Lane (Out-of-centre)
- Lifestyle Fitness – Namco Station (Out-of-centre)