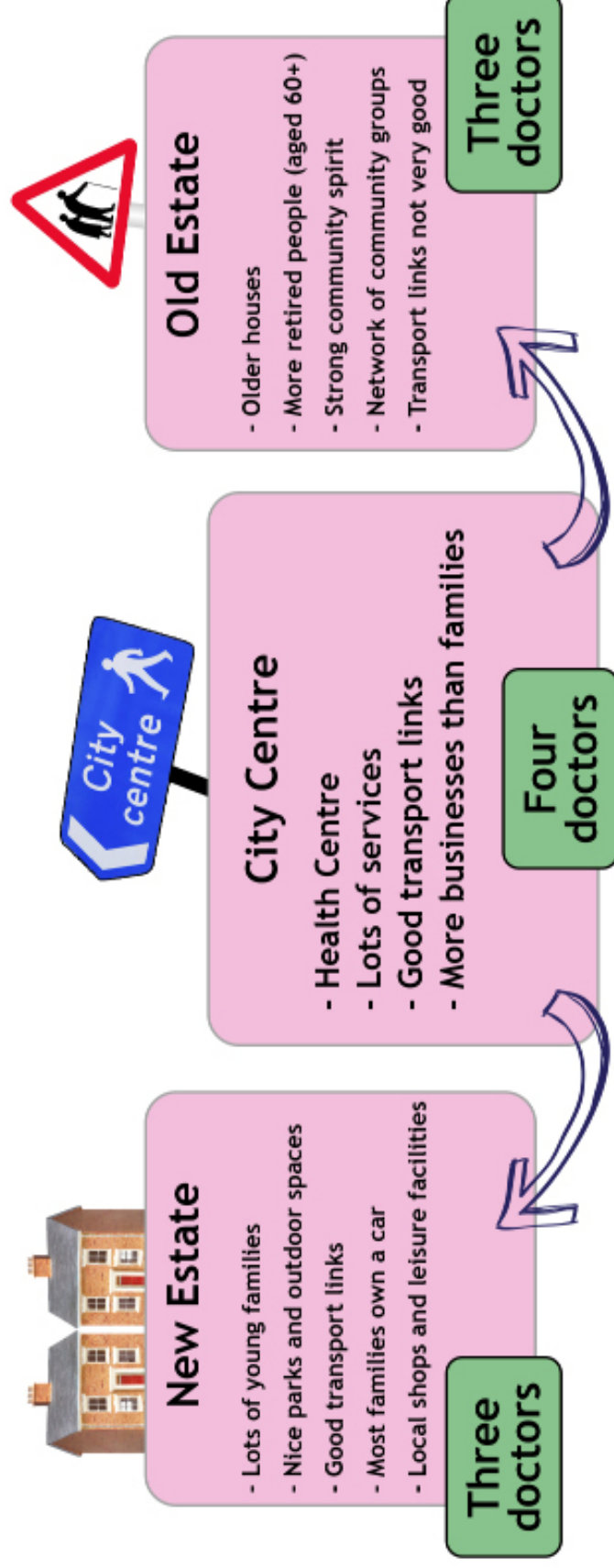


Planning for the future...

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Take a look at the town plan for 'Troy Town' and have a go at answering the questions on the following page.



Troy Town has a population of 15,000 people. There are 10 doctors working in three different surgeries in the town. The budget for this year is £1 million. If all of the doctors are paid the same salary, then this pays for 10 doctors. The budget for next year will be 10% less at £900,000.



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- How much money will be cut from next years budget? _____
- How many doctors can you now pay for? _____
- If the town has to reduce the number of doctors next year, which surgery would you take a doctor from? _____
- Can you explain why you have made that decision? _____

- What might the consequences of your decision be?

- How can you improve other services in the area that has lost a doctor?

- Are there any other options that you can think of that would allow Troy Town to keep all 10 doctors?

Share your thoughts...

Did everyone else make the same decisions as you? If not, why do you think that was? Was it easy to make these decisions? Did you enjoy this activity?

Finished already?

Why not have a go at putting your information together as a presentation and sharing it with the whole class.

