

Tanjong Pagar Site Audit

I surveyed the area between Tanjong Pagar MRT and Tanjong Pagar Plaza. Tanjong Pagar Plaza is a mixed-use residential and commercial complex built in 1977. Tanjong Pagar Plaza Market also caters to office workers in neighbouring buildings. I modelled my street audit after *Calton: Unlocking the potential*, a document created for Glasgow City Council where key issues such as accessibility, safety and legibility were considered¹.

Accessibility

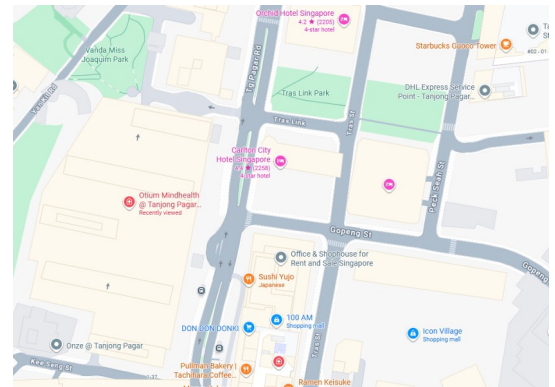
Tanjong Pagar Plaza is easily accessible from Exit A of Tanjong Pagar station. A sheltered connection could be built along this route, following the LTA Walk2Ride programme where amenities within a 400 metre radius from MRT stations were connected with sheltered walkways².

There is also another exit from the third floor of Tanjong Pagar Plaza, leading to a park and Tanjong Pagar Community Club. Children can walk to Cantonment Primary School easily.

Additionally, many amenities are on the first and second storeys of Tanjong Pagar Plaza, such as a supermarket, clinic and convenience stores (not pictured).

Safety

A signalised traffic junction has been created at the junction between Tras Link and Tanjong Pagar Road in 2021. Yet people cross the road along informal crossings elsewhere along Tanjong Pagar Road, to get to buildings like 100 AM. A study could be conducted to assess if a 30 km/h zone would be appropriate, to reduce the fatality of car crashes.



- https://www.gcph.co.uk/assets/000/000/236/Calton_CSA_Report_original.pdf?1700036397
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20150323003737/http://www.lta.gov.sg/apps/news/page.aspx?c=2&id=7c3a9b8f-c421-45fd-9b35-400b139c2cff>

Legibility

There is a very useful wayfinding sign at the exit of Tanjong Pagar MRT that guides commuters to nearby points of interest. Those travelling to Tanjong Pagar Plaza can find the right exit. Yet those travelling to URA Centre are better served by Exit K, avoiding an informal crossing across Maxwell Road.

Additionally, there were no signboards with maps above ground en route from Exit A to Tanjong Pagar Plaza. A similar signpost placed outside can also benefit those going to other buildings nearby.



Conclusion

This area I surveyed is a well-planned area with good accessibility and human-centered transit. A few more improvements would further improve the attractiveness of Tanjong Pagar Plaza.

To get better results from this street audit, I hope to consult residents about what they wish to see in their community, as Glasgow City Council has done.