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1.1 Name *

Select a topic Tell us your vision for the area
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4.1 How do you want the West Highland and Islands area to change over the next 10–20 years?

Drimnin (outwith the estate of that name) / Bonavoulin / Mungosdail has been developing over the last decade without an apparent area plan, new houses appearing, willy nilly, or so it seems. It now needs an assessment of how everything could best be drawn together. What areas of public space there are? Could it do with a circle round the cross-roads as a public space, could it do with dedicated footpaths alongside the road? Is the road wide enough? And so on. The danger is that D/B/M could become another Ardtoe – a mess.

This reassessment could expand to the use of the sea for foot passenger connections with the adjacent communities on Mull and the Ardnamurchan peninsula, the principle necessity being an almost-all-weather and all-tide landing (the existing jetty is not an all-tide jetty) in public ownership.

A small area around the cross road could be reserved as the 'centre' of what is growing into a village, one-day D/B/M will be big enough to sustain a small cafe/shop. Where will that go?

4.2 What do you think are the best, existing assets and characteristics of the area? Think of your favourite landscapes, settlements, The presence of the estate is an enormous boon to the neighbouring area. The sea frontage is precious, as is the length of the Mungosdail Glen, right down to the sea. The old mill and its water supply are worthy of being protected and for their most part are already in the care of a local trust.
The road bridge carrying the B869 over the Mungosdail Burn is a gem, possibly built to a Thomas Telford design, which needs to be cared for. The burial ground is already recognised as a national treasure. A system of local listing of features not quite meeting national status would be a great step forward.

journeys,
events and
meeting
places.

**4.4 How can
these assets
and
characteristics
best be
safeguarded,
improved or
used to
provide
economic or
community
growth?**

Simply by recognising them within a reasonable local plan, and adhering to that plan. Asking roadside owners to dedicate footpath widths of land.