

# KINLOCHLEVEN LOCAL PLACE PLAN APPENDICES



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## VILLAGE IDEAS DAY 27th JANUARY 2024

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### COME & PLAN THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE

Saturday 27th January  
The Leven Centre  
11am-3pm Drop in any time

The Village Ideas Day is the first step in producing a community-led Local Place Plan. Your ideas will be the building blocks of creating a bright plan for the future!

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## Introduction

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This report contains responses from three sources of community engagement around a village ideas day on 27th January 2024, which together comprised the first stage of engagement to produce a community-led Local Place Plan for Kinlochleven during 2024:

- **Village ideas day:** A series of questions posted relation to six themed displays at the village ideas day on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024. 175 local people attended the event, all of whom were encouraged to respond to the questions. The event was publicised by door-to-door leafletting, posters, press coverage, an ebulletin, Facebook ([Kinlochleven Community Action Group](#)) and a dedicated website [www.kinlochlevenfutures.net](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net).
- **Online survey:** The same questions and themed displays posted as an online survey for a fortnight after the event, for those who had extra thoughts afterwards or who were not able to attend the event. 9 people responded to the online survey, which was publicised using the same channels as the event itself.
- **General comments:** blank forms with space for people to write whatever they wished, which were left at public places in the village with 'dropboxes'. 24 people commented in this way (19 by completing the paper forms, and 5 by email).

Sections 1-6 of this report are structured in line with the display boards and questions shared at the ideas day and on the subsequent online form.

The coloured graphics at the start of each section summarise all ideas suggested by more than one person. All comments received have then been transcribed verbatim except a very small number of comments received electronically after the event which have been summarised or abridged because the authors may not have been intended them for public reading. This applies to only 14 of over 500 comments in total; the edited comments are clearly marked [SUMMARY] or [...redacted...]. Every effort has been made to retain the essence of the original comments.

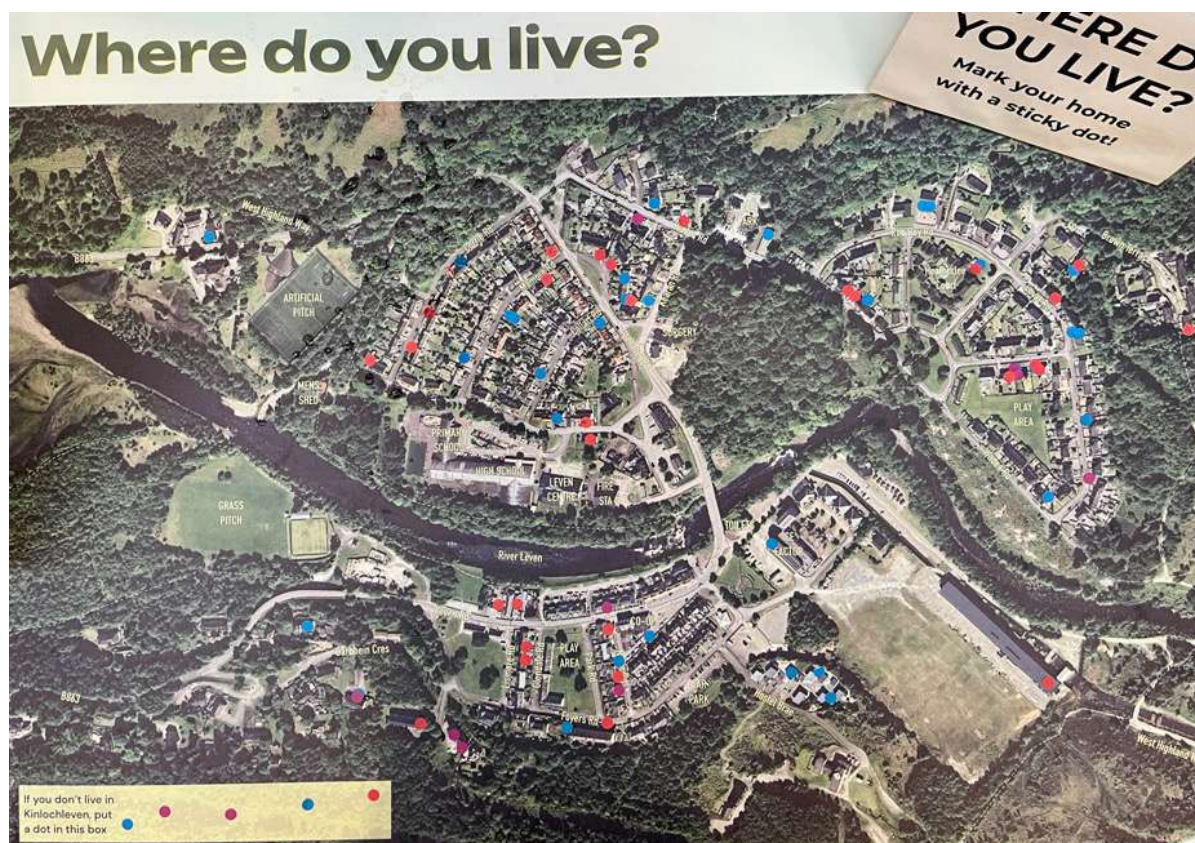
The table below shows how many comments were received in relation to each display board. Although not scientific, it gives an approximate idea of the relative interest in each section.

1. Community life	172 comments
2. Getting about	83 comments
3. Housing	63 comments
4. Jobs	75 comments
5. Landscape & climate change	68 comments
6. Anything else?	43 comments

95 of the 175 people who participated in the ideas day indicated their age:

0-15 years old	17 people
16-29 years old	14 people
30-44 years old	25 people
45-59 years old	17 people
60-74 years old	17 people
75+ years old	5 people

On the map below, coloured dots show where people live who came to the ideas day:

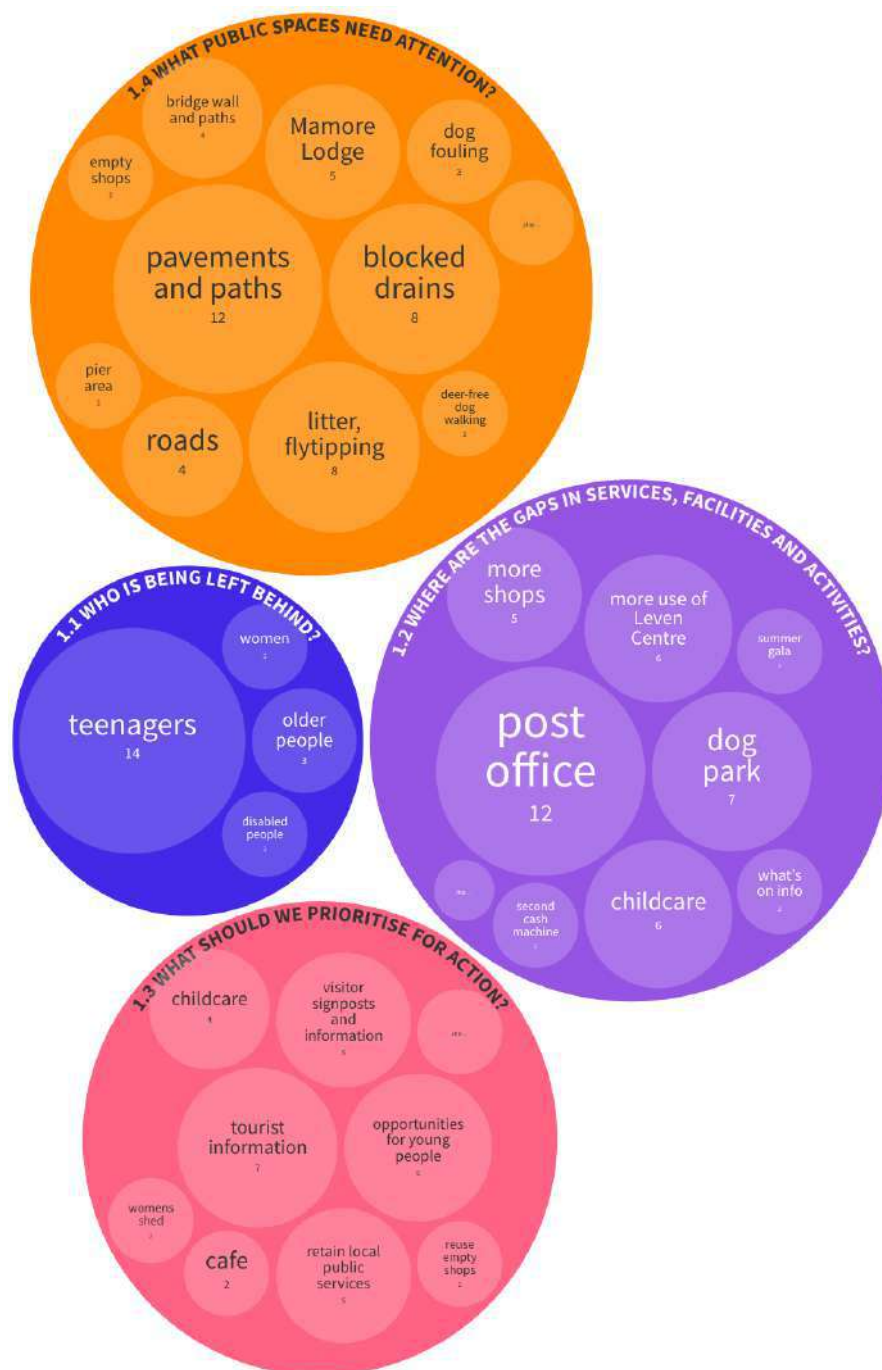


# 1. Community life

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Board 1 contained information and questions on services and facilities, community activities, and heritage and identity. You can see all of the information boards and questions [here](#). This theme received approximately double the number of comments compared to other themes (see the Introduction).

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#### 1.1 **Who is being left behind?** ...thinking particularly of health, wellbeing & inequalities

1. *Nothing for teenagers and young people to do or to hang out. [+2]*
2. *Teenagers/young people – the ones too old for kids stuff, but younger than 16; need spaces that don't cost money to be in, just to exist, relax and socialise [+2]*
3. *Teenagers who are too old for kids groups, but under 16*
4. *Teenagers and young people with skills/education and graduates - need more skilled employment opportunities*
5. *Teenagers – somewhere for all ages to go without alcohol*
6. *\*Nothing for teenagers to do in the village in the evenings which is probably contributing to the issues there are with them causing damage and drinking*
7. *\*Skateboard park if that is what under 18s want. If not, ask them what they want. Do they want space to meet in regularly?*
8. *\*There isn't much for the younger generation*
9. *I would say the youth; yet we have had youth clubs but they don't appear to offer what they need or are looking for. Maybe start with a drop in ideas day for kids or get an interaction with groups already in existence and see if we can pull together a programme for across South Lochaber and try and find a solution for transport.*
10. *Children who are carers. Children with ASN. Widowed persons. Single parents. Teenagers.*
11. *Elderly - lack of exercise classes for them.*
12. *Older people – care, home/shopping service.*
13. *How do you seniors find out what help is available to them, especially if they are immobile and don't have internet, Facebook etc?*
14. *More disability friendly housing, please.*
15. *Disabled – shopping service/Co-op delivery service.*
16. *\*Support for female patients now – for male and female patients Fort William is the closest Family Planning/sexual health clinic now and that is fortnightly.*
17. *Women's shed day.*
18. *Can the men's shed be open to everyone in the village?*
19. *Unemployed – a job club in the Leven centre again, also a CAB*
20. *\*People in employment.*

21. *Childcare after and before nursery. More support for parents so they can work and leave child longer in care.*
22. *\*[SUMMARY] Inequalities - inclusion of all could use some work – support more young people wishing to help the community*

## 1.2 **Where are the gaps in services, facilities & activities?**

23. *Post Office [+6]*
24. *Post Office back please*
25. *\*Re-open post office*
26. *\*Post office reopened*
27. *\*No post office. Can we have it back? Sorely missed.*
28. *Could the post office be run from the Leven Centre?*
29. *Childcare – yes please! [+4]*
30. *Affordable childcare*
31. *Greater and better use of the Leven Centre – open at weekends and more classes to attract locals.*
32. *Gym open on weekends and later in the evenings*
33. *More classes at Leven Centre.*
34. *\*Leven Centre open 7 days a week*
35. *We need the Leven Centre to support more groups – not just sports – on evenings and weekends*
36. *\*More things in the Leven Centre – there used to be a job club, UHI, craft workshops. It would be nice to see local crafts on display. A CAB would be good here. Also both the post office and pantry could be run from here.*
37. *Highland Council needs to let the theatre in school to be used in evenings. Crazy. Great facility that could bring education and culture to the village.*
38. *Safe dog walk area to let off lead*
39. *More dog, friendly facilities-lots of dogs in the village, lots of local wild land, possible to fence some off for a secure dog field/area? Online booking system for nominal fee would allow it to self-reserve and would pay for upkeep. Would happily volunteer to maintain. Possible, small income for village?*
40. *Amazing/secure dog park.*
41. *\*Dog park – fenced area for dogs as there is a lot more dogs in the village.*
42. *\*Enclosed dog play / agility area.*
43. *\*there has been growing interest in a dog park as we have many pets in the village and I am sure this would be an advantageous addition to our village and one which would certainly get used and be self sufficient. Land is an issue.*
44. *\*More dog friendly facilities - lots of dogs in village, lots of local wild land, possible to fence some off for a secure dog field/area? Simple online booking system for nominal fee would allow it to essentially look after itself/pay for upkeep and possibly return some to*



*village, or pay to an estate if it's their land - would be very small in an overall sense of land taken up.*

45. *Shops*
46. *\*Shops are lacking here too - I've seen the range of shops and facilities decline which is OK for online shoppers and folk who can get to bigger shops with transport - but not for those who cannot and who are not on line and do not wish to be. It's also not good for community cohesion - losing the Post Office and Bank also has been unhelpful over the years.*
47. *A large cooperative pantry where be bulk buy dry goods i.e. flour, lentils and everyone pays less*
48. *\*Community shop where people can come and refill containers e.g. sugar, flour, pasta, detergent, washing soap, lentils, dried fruit*
49. *\*Re-open shops and Stag Inn*
50. *We need a second ATM, because if the Co-op one is out of action we will be stuck for cash.*
51. *ATM machines*
52. *\*More advertisement of events happening and how to get involved, often events seem quite 'closed door' with little advertisement*
53. *\*Activities for adults are usually scheduled within working hours.*
54. *\*We need more and better communication within the village. There's lots of ideas of how to improve our village and work towards solving the issues we face, but it's difficult getting everyone together!*
55. *It would be nice if the Aluminium Story were up and running, since that's the village's main history.*
56. *\*Bigger summer fête style event*
57. *\*Summer gala needs more promotion and more going on*
58. *Lido, wild, swim and disabled access to loch*
59. *Kinlochleven Fire Station unable to respond due to no crew available. Fire service recruitment issue. Station needs 20 personnel, only have 10.*
60. *No Xmas market because Ice Factor was closed. Church Hall had a Santa otherwise kids would have missed out.*
61. *\*Sports, arts, craft, trades for all ages*
62. *\*Indoor community space, vegan food options, sports classes/teams, community garden*
63. *Even if we want to enroll our kids, they say no, as it's at capacity? Suspicious - experienced firsthand this week*
64. *\*Some sort of local kid/teenager friendly area - may stop some of vandalism/littering that's been occurring - possibly something to be integrated into fenced off hydro area? Somewhere sheltered to hang out, possibly small skate park style area, or possibly some clubs aimed towards life skills*
65. *\*Invitation of more mobile services - a bank and Crown Vets use Ice Factor car park on a fairly regular basis, possibly something like dog grooming facilities, Fort William Tyre Services, anything that has a mobile facility but possibly people aren't aware of that, if*

*they had a consistent date in the village (every 2 weeks, every month etc) then more people would be made aware of their presence and gives people chance to make an in-person enquiry/get to know the business*

- 66. *It's a long way for a trade plumber to come for a small job – need a way of co-ordinating visits*
- 67. *In need of a care home*
- 68. *There was a survey of older residents backs in the 90s and dancing came out as a big theme. Kinlochleven used to have lots of dances for the whole of south Lochaber. They restarted doing some in the village for older people and it was a great success. Perhaps something to add into the plan?*
- 69. *\*It would be good to see existing facilities used more such as the astro turf and the completion of childrens play parks etc*
- 70. *\*For a small village it has a small range of facilities. A modern cafe would be a good addition as that would suit all ages.*
- 71. *\*Community Allotments would be great - as would better use of currently unused land, for the community rather than more and more campervan parks etc*
- 72. *No police presence*
- 73. *\*No services for families with children who have ASN. No support groups for single parents. No experience opportunities for teens. No groups for widows. No facilities or support for children who are carers.*
- 74. *Kayak/paddleboard/canoe club for kids and adults using river.*
- 75. *\*We used to have an outdoor tennis court, is this something to reinstate?*
- 76. *\*We have an all weather sports field yet can't access it for regular use due to the contract with the school builders, might be something to renegotiate.*
- 77. *Park, outdoor for teens, bike skill, play park, skateboard park.*
- 78. *Golf driving range*
- 79. *More done in the community for Remembrance Sunday and the coffee morning before and refreshments after the service.*
- 80. *Midgie magnets for the village to clear midgies*

### **1.3 What should we prioritise for action?**

- 81. *Tourist information centre [+1]*
- 82. *Tourist information centre with café shop*
- 83. *Re-open aluminium story ideally with a café [+1]*
- 84. *Aluminium exhibition*
- 85. *\*What is planned for the post office building and the Kinlochleven history of the Aluminium Story. This is part of our heritage and should be promoted. Especially with the volume of visitors to the village.*
- 86. *Keep services in village such as post office, doctors, fire station and childcare for under threes.*
- 87. *Ensure fire station, doctors surgery remain in Kinlochleven*

88. *Post office greatly needed.*
89. *Café, post office, larger Co-op*
90. *\*Post Office and tourist centre open for the village*
91. *\*We desperately need post office back!*
92. *A place to meet for a café / community events*
93. *Signage information about the village's heritage*
94. *\*More signposting in village for circular walk round village including riverside for the less able*
95. *\*More signposting in village for waterfall and West Highland Way*
96. *\*The museum and a better tourist info and gift shop within old post office would be welcome by visitors – maybe with vending machine*
97. *\*More information boards giving history and facts e.g. trail race*
98. *\*Activities and opportunities for younger people*
99. *\*the youth and activities for them.*
100. *Somewhere for teenagers to go at night.*
101. *Care home – great need*
102. *Child care for under 3 years old 0-3*
103. *Childcare for afterschool*
104. *Xmas Market in Leven Centre over 2 days! Santa! of course*
105. *\*Xmas market in the Leven Centre*
106. *\*Empty shop units in main street. Why? Looks awful. Should be developed as shops.*
107. *Shop units brought back into use. Youth employability schemes.*
108. *\*Some thought given to employed peoples working hours to enable them to partake in activities.*
109. *\*Single parent and child carer groups, facilities and advice*
110. *Promote mobile businesses/give them a timeslot in village. Bank and vets do this already as an example.*
111. *Engage the young people of the village and I don't mean with projects but more along the lines of something that interests them. Could the Leven Centre/school perhaps be opened up for some sort of clubs etc?*
112. *\*No mention of Community relations for getting the young and old working together*
113. *\*Tennis club for P4-P7*
114. *Play areas for both children and adults*
115. *Talking benches (seats around village)*
116. *\*When will the spaces for campers be in use (the ones beside the public toilets) seems such a lot of work and nothing being completed.*
117. *More bins for recycling around the village?*

- 118. *\*Litter drives - too much litter, glass in particular. I also feel there should be education behind dog mess, far too many people leave it as they see it as biodegradable, but that's not the whole truth.*
- 119. *\*Womens shed – safe space for women to learn to do repairs etc*
- 120. *\*It would be lovely if the wonderful mens shed could do a bit of skills tuition for young persons. (The school having trouble offering this.) Maybe womens shed too!*
- 121. *Work schemes to improve the environment / job opportunities for young people – tourism is not the “be all and end all”*
- 122. *Reopen Ice Factor*

#### 1.4 **What public spaces need attention?** ...for example, poor maintenance, eyesores or flytipping

- 123. *Everywhere. Pavements. Wall near main bridge needs repairing.*
- 124. *Weeds around path/pavements [+1]*
- 125. *Maintaining the infrastructure already here – pavements, weed killer, bins*
- 126. *Please work with and influence the landowner to fix these parts network – drainage, new bridges end paths are in a mess!*
- 127. *\*Tidy up of all pavements of weeds etc. Repairs to walkways.*
- 128. *\*Council Works - roads and pavements, grass cutting. Dog fouling. Homes burning coal fires causing smelly smoke cloud covering the village, particularly on a calm day.*
- 129. *\*Fly tipping and litter a particular problem despite the amount of public bins to hand; maybe reinstate the skip. The car park on Foyers Rd is a dumping ground for caravans and boats and requires a good tidy up. Maybe reinstate a village clean up crew that will help with litter and keep kerbsides weed free; to garner goodwill/incentiv , maybe offer a Co-op voucher to volunteers or perhaps some other incentive to keep people engaged?*
- 130. *\*Our roads are worse than ever, the place looks unkempt and uncared for; walking down Foyers Road is like navigating through an inner city slum. Hardly anyone takes in their bins leaving them on pavements all year round, this is unsafe for us all. The roll top bins outside the big flats are always overflowing with detritus, there is dog mess and litter all around the village despite a plethora of public bins.*
- 131. *Litter bins on the streets*
- 132. *\*More litter bins around village*
- 133. *Litter picking - volunteer drive?*
- 134. *\*Seeing parks, lack of parking. Emergency services cannot access some properties or roads due to locals parking within legal allowance at junctions, parking on kerbs and using disabled parking when shouldn't. We need the monthly skip back in the village to clear rubbish such as sofas etc and broken toys from gardens who cannot get it to the recycling point in town*
- 135. *\*Facelift/cleanup: social housing, bridge, statues*
- 136. *More environmental works – drainage, dry stone wall, clearing of weeded areas – pavements, communal areas*

137. *Drainage, dry stone wall, clearing of weeded areas – pavements, communal areas*
138. *Better drainage in the village, e.g. by the Cenotaph and outside the Leven centre*
139. *Council cleaning gully and drainage*
140. *\*Roads fixed.*
141. *\*Drains cleaned*
142. *Drainage*
143. *Drainage improvement.*
144. *Dry stonewalling repair, drains blocked, weeds on roadside.*
145. *\*Maintain what we have. Garbhheinn Road brae steps unusable, state of disrepair. I have lived in Kinlochleven since 1972, 52 years in the same flat, bringing raising a family of seven. I have never seen the village footpath, pavements, gardens in such a poor state.*
146. *Encourage reuse of Mamore Lodge. Especially possibly as a higher class hotel, something the village could benefit from and which would increase the image and provide employment.*
147. *\*Mamore lodge - possible to re-purpose, as needs too much work to be commercially viable, would it be possible to re-purpose as storage/unit facility, or housing?*
148. *\*Mamore Lodge – why has it not been developed? Why has it been left to rot by Jahama? Could be a 5\*hotel / lodge / hostel / arts venue.*
149. *\*Mamore Lodge into community ownership.*
150. *\*I've no idea why the neglected Mamore Lodge, with all its potential, has not been developed into a wildlife, health and well-being hub for day visitors and residential guests- a terrific waste of a resource on our doorstep. If JAHAMA really want to create a meaningful, environmentally supportive and enhancing development they are missing a trick letting this resource rot away.*
151. *Could we have somewhere deer-free to walk dogs? There may be less dog waste if we had one.*
152. *\*A deer-free place to walk dogs, managed to avoid dog waste*
153. *Dog mess – education required!*
154. *\*Dog fouling – people are not clearing up after their dogs!*
155. *Playparks!*
156. *Play parks, deer fences, more equipment.*
157. *\*Deer fences around the children's play parks to keep safe*
158. *Public toilets.*
159. *\*Pay for public toilet*
160. *\*Pier area - completely wasted, wouldn't take much to clear out, remove broken boat and pedalo, make secure gate for local use boat ramp and promote area. Would make good ice cream van spot, enough space for small car park, could make local boat ramp as plenty in village have boats. Was a big part of village's history, everything came into village and aluminium left village via here, shame to see it go to waste. Pier itself to be preserved, wouldn't be safe to use and is potentially home to wildlife now, but area close is massively underused and wasted.*

- 161. *\*redevelopment of the pier area, a space which again has been left to rot and allow rhoddies etc to grow rampant.*
- 162. *The Leven Centre isn't being used as a recreational area anymore.*
- 163. *\*Leven Centre could do with being cleaner. Why is there no showers?*
- 164. *\*empty shops on Leven Road*
- 165. *\*Well where do you start? Three empty buildings not being used. The Antler Bar shop on the corner from the Co-op. The other building across the road from the Co-op [...] it could be used as a butcher, fruit and veg shop. Mo's shops is very expensive [...]. Community hall could put on more like bingo nights parties on weekends. There is nothing for the locals??*
- 166. *\*Old factory area - Electric village video (<https://urlis.net/9uizo56s>) shows this was to be made into a large community garden area, it's currently unused and fenced off wasteland.*
- 167. *Unused land at rear of Astro turf pitch to be used for community food growing*
- 168. *Compost and recycling at Corrie Burn should reopen*
- 169. *Tourist information points.*
- 170. *Improve social housing.*
- 171. *Bridge fixed*
- 172. *Information centre – pulling together, the history, walks, etc.*

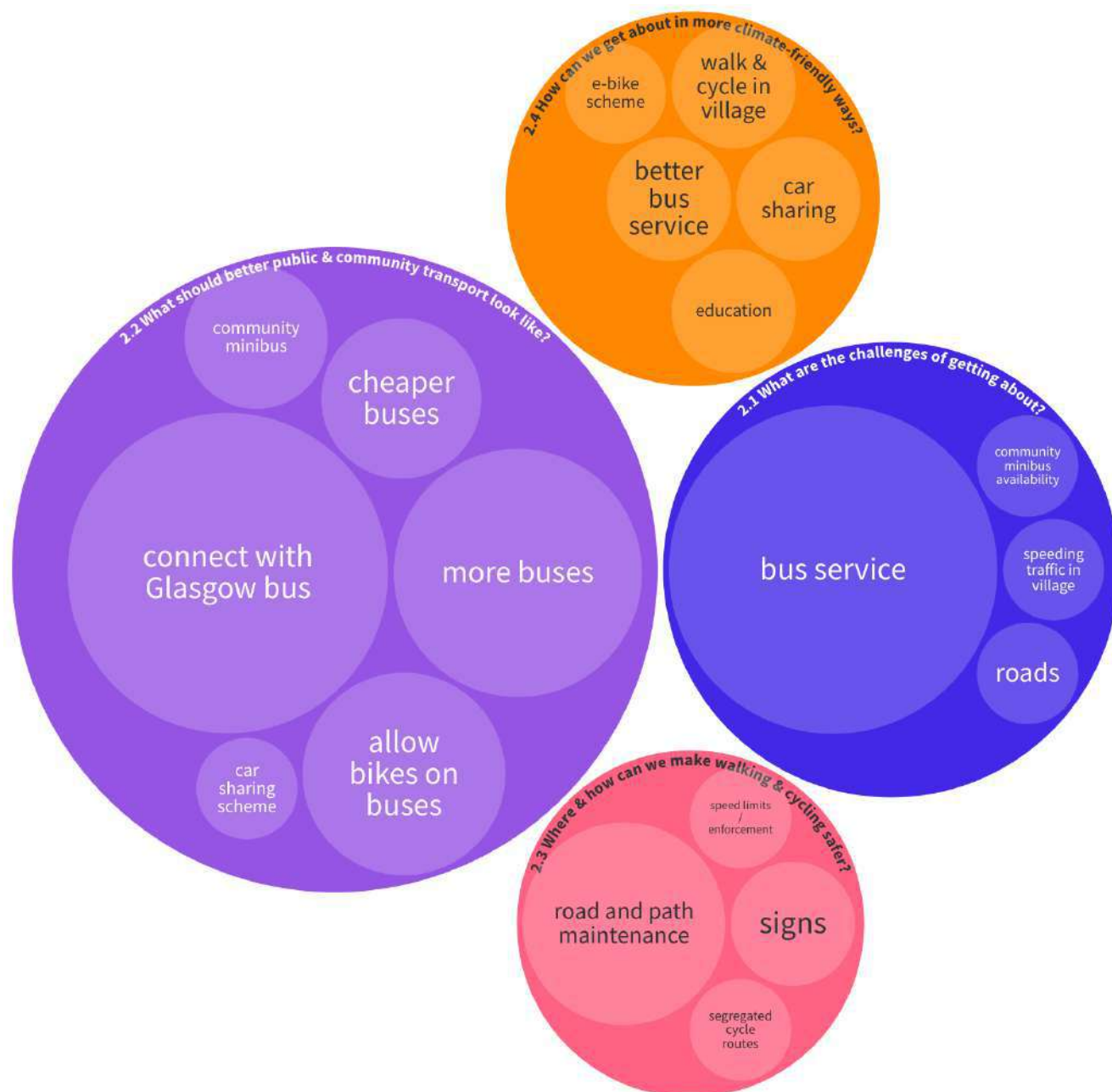


## 2. Getting about

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Board 2 contained information and questions on transport to other places and moving around the village. You can see all of the information boards and questions [here](#).

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## 2.1 **What are the challenges of getting about?** ...especially for those who can't afford a car or can't drive

173. *A proper bus service*
174. *Buses to fit in with Glasgow buses. [+6]*
175. *Definitely improved bus service.*
176. *\*Transport for folk without their own. Public transport - plus better knowledge on community minibus availability and more accessibility for folk in Disability vehicles. Despite the 20mph limit vehicles still accelerate through the village without a care and this needs to be enforced as there appear to be no penalties.*
177. *Bus timetable is bad, only one bus every two hours.*
178. *Restricted bus timetable [+1]*
179. *Buses not frequent enough and don't fit others.*
180. *\*Bus timings is a problem and too expensive ! I can't afford to go to town as often so that is reason feeling isolated and stuck*
181. *\*infrequent expensive bus to Fort William, lack of safe cycle routes*
182. *\*Lack of frequent public transport services*
183. *Cost of buses impacts locals*
184. *Expensive for those not eligible for bus passes*
185. *More affordable prices for children for Citylink to Glasgow please*
186. *\*Much is said about the cost of transport, but personally under £9 for a 50 mile round trip isn't too bad. Maybe a savers ticket could be discussed with Shiel Buses if they don't already do such a thing, however a late bus would be beneficial so that we could use the cinema, bowling or meals in F/W.*
187. *\*The buses times are very good and are never more than 1/4 full unless peak holiday season or school run so no more needs done with buses. We need community bus to take locals who can't drive to cemetery, appointments and weekly shopping . Especially the vulnerable who cannot afford the bus prices.*
188. *\*None. The bus service is adequate.*
189. *Maintenance of roads in most of village, less isolated, improvements would be even better*
190. *All roads need fixed, less craters on the moon*

- 191. *Encourage walking and cycling along the B863 – it should not be something where people take their lives in their hands – I've had several near misses*
- 192. *You have access to the community bus*
- 193. *Fast cars in built-up areas.*

## 2.2 What should better public & community transport look like?

- 194. *Local bus times to connect with Citylink at Glencoe would be great. Ta. [+5]*
- 195. *Bus times match Citylink transfer in Glencoe! [+2]*
- 196. *Link local bus to Glasgow bus [+2]*
- 197. *I don't know if this can be sorted, but at most times of the day the Shiel bus just misses the Citylink bus in Glencoe. So one needs to wait in Glencoe for 2 hours, or try get a lift from here to Glencoe.*
- 198. *Kinlochleven bus meeting Glasgow/Fort William us at Glencoe!*
- 199. *Bus times match Citylink transfer. Make Shiel Buses accept bikes on board. [+4]*
- 200. *Allow bikes to be taken on buses to connect with established cycle paths [+1]*
- 201. *> Baskets on the back of buses please!*
- 202. *Bikes could be allowed on buses?*
- 203. *Reinstate the late bus for socialising [+2]*
- 204. *Reinstate full and regular bus service.*
- 205. *\*More frequent buses and lot less cost*
- 206. *Later buses and more frequent.*
- 207. *\*Timetable that will allow shift workers transport to and from the village*
- 208. *More frequent bus times.*
- 209. *More evening bus running past 4 pm and more buses on a Sunday.*
- 210. *\*Hourly buses from 6:30am to 23:30pm*
- 211. *Not frequent and too expensive.*
- 212. *\*I use the bus occasionally but always surprised at how few people use it, this could be for various reasons - for instance they don't always connect well with other services ie Inverness or Glasgow Bus or even the trains. This should be improved so no-one is hanging around at cold bus stops for hours. Discussions with South Lochaber and the bus companies could help.*
- 213. *Local cost of bus is very high.*
- 214. *\*Safe cycle routes, more frequent and cheaper bus, car sharing scheme*
- 215. *\*Increases frequency for those who can't drive. Or more vehicle sharing schemes*
- 216. *Maybe for events and gigs further afield, the minibus can get hired to take people there and back.*
- 217. *\*Regular and improved scope of public transport services, better advertising on accessibility and how to apply for use of minibus etc*

- 218. *\*It would be good if we could have a community bus to enable shopping trips for the elderly. It was organised (after returning in use) that the village could have a trip once a month on Thursdays, but it would be cancelled or changed at short notice and then stopped altogether. It's impossible to go shopping in the fort on public bus as you can only shop at Morrisons if you are disabled and the buses [...] shopping is not easy as the bus doesn't leave from the bus station and the buses don't coincide plus carrying the shopping is just not easy.*
- 219. *\*Community bus for those vulnerable*
- 220. *Bus pass for month or year (use card not paper ticket, can be lost or damaged).*
- 221. *An occasional bus along the low road would help those there or wanting to get there, but also speed up the journey for those in the village – the bus can do this as it went that way when the high road was closed.*
- 222. *Could we have hoppers travel around the village, makes the bus service quicker, also hoppers in Ballachulish? Later buses too.*

### **2.3 Where & how can we make walking & cycling safer?**

- 223. *Road and path maintenance*
- 224. *Potholes on roads.*
- 225. *\*Road surfaces (Morrison Crescent, Kearan Road for example) desperately need attention*
- 226. *Fill the potholes and uneven paths.*
- 227. *\*Footpaths and pavements are maintained but this could be improved - getting to Fort William or Oban requires the navigation of numerous and large pot holes despite visible efforts being made to address this.*
- 228. *\*Pavements and road could do with pot holes being filled especially the side roads*
- 229. *Path maintenance, path signage, update leaflets, lighting*
- 230. *Footpath potholes.*
- 231. *Walkways more possible for wheelchair users (around the pier walk, is not a good access area).*
- 232. *Cycle track around the village.*
- 233. *\*More to encourage cycling*
- 234. *\*Segregated cycle route on main roads, car free areas, promote and encourage active transport so there are less cars which would make it safer*
- 235. *\*Difficult with the road structure in the location. Education around safe cycling may help*
- 236. *More signage informing road users of cyclists and tight bends/blind spots.*
- 237. *Reduce the speed limit on the B863 especially the low road it goes from 50 on the A82 to 20 in North Balla to 60 on a B Road. It still looks like the A road it was 50 years ago. A lower speed limit (40?) and perhaps removing the central line to slow traffic would make it a better area for walking and cycling.*
- 238. *\*Stop those routinely exceeding the 20MPH limit in their cars, motor bikes etc*
- 239. *\*Footbridge from Island Park to riverside path at Corrie Burn.*
- 240. *\*Walking - no cycling on pavements and the shortcut at Lochaber Road/Wades Rd.*

- 241. *\*None. It is safe enough in Kinlochleven. Cycling safety awareness in school is vital though for kids.*
- 242. *Community walking/running/cycling clubs.*
- 243. *Fewer dogs.*

#### **2.4 How can we get about in more climate-friendly ways?**

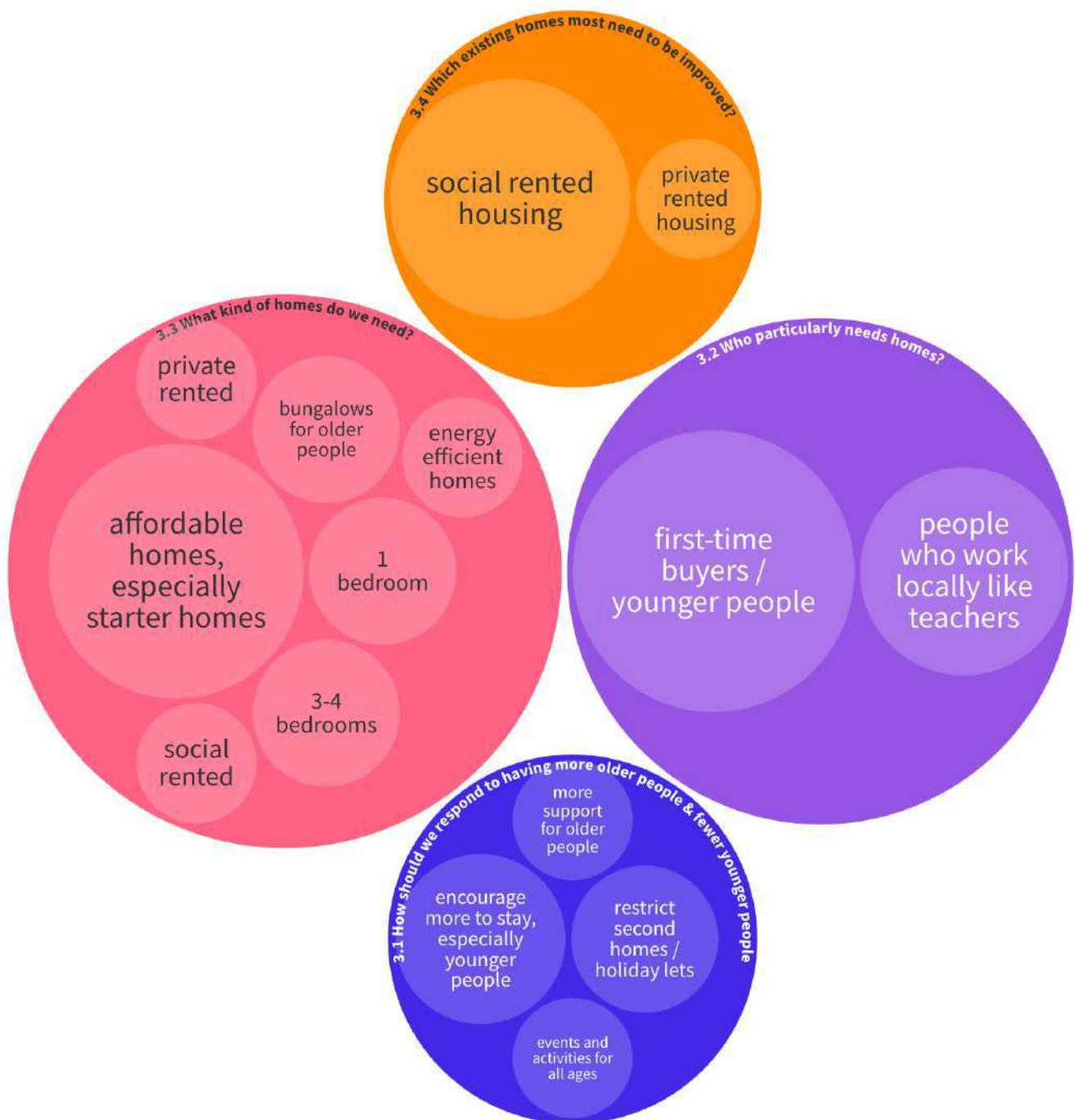
- 244. *Make the bus times more often and affordable.*
- 245. *Early and late bus to make it a viable alternative for going to town?*
- 246. *\*Cheaper and more frequent buses, promote and educate about active transport*
- 247. *Less promotion of cars and more walking. How many people drive their children to school?*
- 248. *\*Children could walk to school, no one lives anymore than 10 minutes from school. Village workers could also walk to work.*
- 249. *\*More cycling and walking. Car sharing. Better public transport options*
- 250. *Fast EV charger*
- 251. *We need a green electric car scheme in village.*
- 252. *Car sharing, and E car scheme would be great.*
- 253. *Make community E bikes more accessible 24-7*
- 254. *\*Have children's E bikes available!*
- 255. *\*Where possible people do car share and again, better awareness and access to any community mini bus would be helpful. Encouraging the WHW tourists, who are mainly on foot, who use communal baggage transport is essential. Previous private business promotions to attract more vehicles and bigger car parks went against all climate change pledges and were self serving rather than based on community direction we should be following.*

### 3. Homes

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Board 3 contained information and questions on housing and population. You can see all of the information boards and questions [here](#).

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### 3.1 **How should we respond to having more older people & fewer younger people?**

256. *Restrictions on the second homes and holiday lets [+1]*
257. *Need to put a cap on second homes.*
258. *\*If there was a way to restrict 2nd home/holiday let buyers over local/only home owners when it came to local house sales, that would massively help the community vs. having houses empty for large periods of time*
259. *\*There needs to be more to encourage people to live and stay in kinlochleven, lack of housing is an issue.*
260. *\*Put on support groups, activities and life skill classes for teens. Have more groups for elderly like a lunch club and social meets.*
261. *Make living in Kinlochleven more attractive [...] clubs for school kids, more fun days.*
262. *Make it possible for young people to stay*
263. *\*Make the village an attractive place for younger people - childcare, activities, transport*
264. *Older people need more support so they can be a viable asset to the community.*
265. *Look after them. Because the NHS doesn't!*
266. *Get the age groups mixing. Get high school doing odd jobs. Get the elderly teaching life skills.*
267. *\*A balance of age groups is best.*
268. *Events together – example Burns night.*
269. *Bring back community shops - butchers, vegetables, newsagents, more shops more jobs!*
270. *\*Equality means that everyone matters - why should a person's age have to define them? Many older folk here are fitter than some of the younger ones - you cannot stereotype a community, That said the push to favour tourism over local residents in recent years will inevitably have an impact on the resident community, which in turn impacts on school populations, medical services, post office access etc. The more second home, Air BnB and tourist driven projects that are disproportionately promoted at the expense of sustaining a healthy balanced local population - the more this village is at risk of becoming a Butlins like destination rather than a place of continuity, local heritage and pride in its history, present achievements and future aspirations.*

### 3.2 Who particularly needs homes?

- 271. *First-time buyers [+4]*
- 272. *Young people*
- 273. *Young families*
- 274. *Young people (family who grow up)*
- 275. *\*Young people who are struggling to save up for a deposit*
- 276. *\*To encourage our young to stay we need lower cost homes.*
- 277. *\*Affordable homes for younger people and better choice of homes for older*
- 278. *People looking to move to the area.*
- 279. *Teachers*
- 280. *\*Teachers and other employed people coming to the village.*
- 281. *People who get offered jobs but no accommodation (especially families, people just starting out, professional staff, i.e. teachers/medics).*
- 282. *People who work in and around the village.*
- 283. *More rental properties for seasonal workers (hospitality in summer, winter sports in winter)*
- 284. *\*People who are wanting to stay here - who were born or raised here. People moving here for work [...redacted...] People stationed here such as Police, Paramedics, health and social care staff etc People with disabilities and or nursing or residential care needs - places are hard to get unless you're self funding for the latter. If you are not you could end up anywhere in Highland or beyond.*

### 3.3 What kind of homes do we need? ...for example, how big? what type? what tenure?

- 285. *Starter homes [+1]*
- 286. *Starter flats, starter houses, affordable [+1]*
- 287. *Starter homes for singles and young families.*
- 288. *\*We need 1 bed homes for pensioners, single folk and kids leaving home for the first time.*
- 289. *Affordable housing for young people.*
- 290. *Affordable homes, 3-4 bedrooms.*
- 291. *More local authority housing for large families for bed.*
- 292. *More 3 bed homes and 4 bed homes, also 1 bed as we have more older people.*
- 293. *\*Our traditional housing are 2 bedroom dwellings, maybe we ought to look at more 1 bed flats, and 3 bed housing and make them social housing. or the with the right to buy option.*
- 294. *We need more private rented [+1]*
- 295. *Need improved legislation as currently long-term lets have difficulty in removing tenants, too risky so properties left empty instead.*
- 296. *\*Restrictions on holiday lets*
- 297. *More accessible living homes, i.e. bungalows, accessible.*

- 298. *\*Private build detached, bungalows.*
- 299. *Could put small bungalows with not much garden to keep behind the old post office – nearer to walk to shops for elderly people.*
- 300. *\*The housing stock in kinlochleven is very mixed, there is quite a lot of older houses that need updating and I believe one main barrier is the lack of newer energy efficient homes. Some new homes are needed and a mix of types for all*
- 301. *Energy, efficient – low carbon newbuild, installation and other improvements*
- 302. *\*I would say a variety - to meet all needs. It would be good to see neglected/empty properties used, after improvement. Historically locating or housing folk here, with no transport, with high medical needs or who need to find employment without having transport does set people up to fail ...*

### 3.4 Which existing homes most need to be improved?

- 303. *Social sector.*
- 304. *All council housing needs installation.*
- 305. *\*Council properties and private rentals, some gardens in the village are very untidy.*
- 306. *Any council house on Leven Road*
- 307. *Council houses are not refurbished as kitchen, bathroom, ... no space as garden ... many flats have mix heating use still coal*
- 308. *\*The flats. They are dirty looking, some have damp and mould and not enough parking so look overcrowded*
- 309. *\*the older housing stock is in dire need for repair, big flats on Foyers Road a must but equally Garbhein requires help too. Probably most of the original housing of Kinloch needs help.*
- 310. *Foyers Road / Glendale Road – serious dampness*
- 311. *Foyers Road heating system not fit for use! Drains finally getting fixed*
- 312. *\*Our social housing is woeful. Decades of neglect have rendered much of it sub standard with many issues of poor heating, black mold, poor insulation, broken fencing, encroaching knotweed to name a few problems and with or weather just makes the whole situation very difficult for tenants.*
- 313. *\*Homes surrounding coop look a little tired, as do quite a few around Lovat road area*
- 314. *Some houses need to burn fossil fuel to keep hot water. Central and more eco-economic heating would improve village environment*
- 315. *Renovate houses*
- 316. *Look at modern heating solution for homes with storage heaters – they're expensive to run!*
- 317. *\* The other delicate matter we have is the placing of people into the village with complex mental health concerns or social problems; we don't have the support network they need, couple that with the difficult transport links and other NHS issues, people are quite literally forgotten about.*
- 318. *\*I am aware from friends that a number of Highland Council and other tenancies have been in need of improvement, I am uncertain if this is still the case. Private tenancies and*

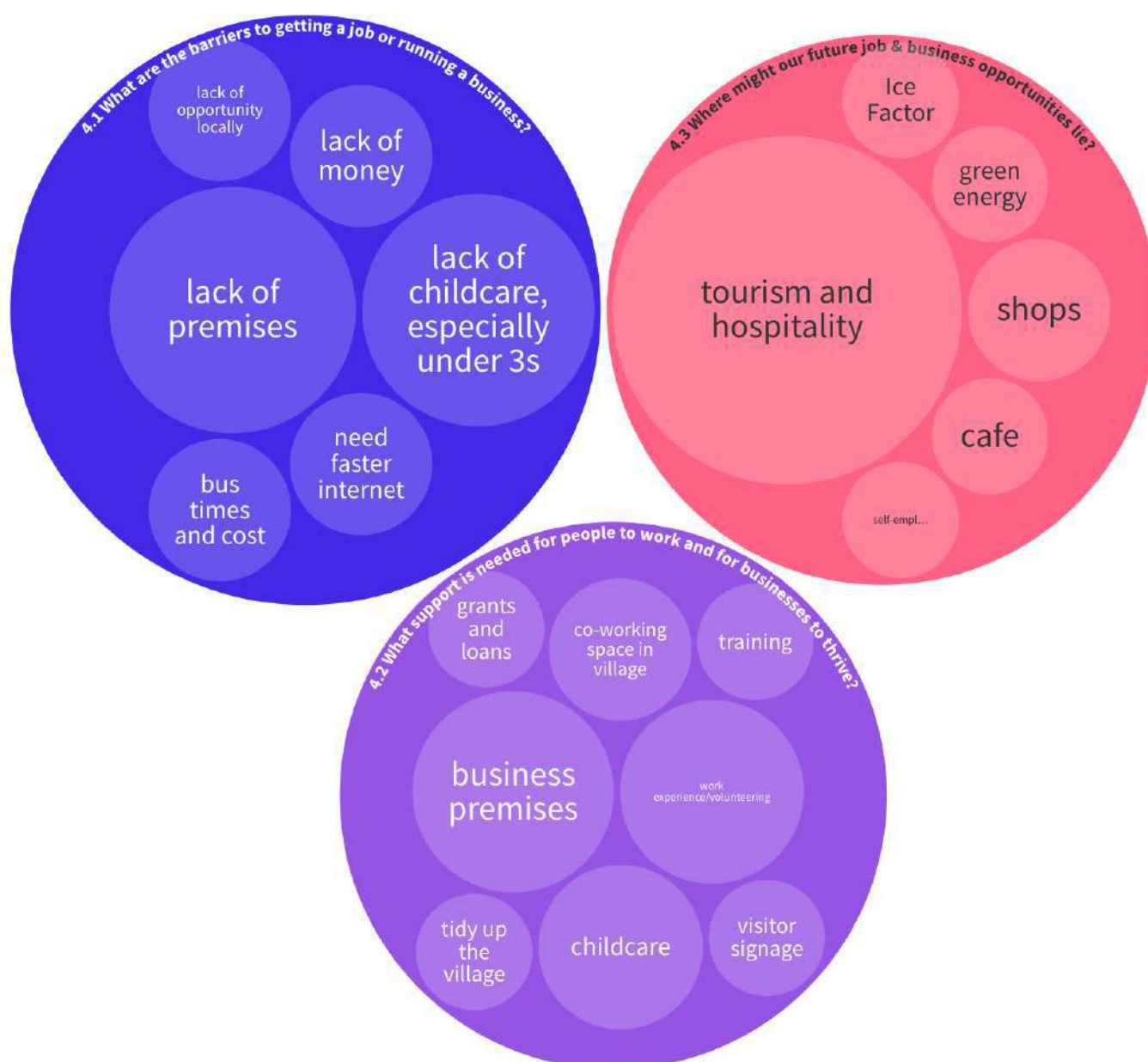
*the state of repair will depend on the calibre of landlord, and the attitude of tenant, and how often the properties are legally inspected. Privately owned properties vary hugely and there are some very well maintained properties in the village and some less so.*

## 4. Jobs

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**4.1 What are the barriers to getting a job or running a business?** ... for example: childcare, training, business space or premises?

319. *No affordable childcare lack of childcare, especially under 3s.*
320. *Childcare.*
321. *Childcare under 3s and empty High Street.*
322. *Lack of childcare and poor transport links.*
323. *Childcare, housing, money*
324. *\*No free training, cost of buses to get to college and work experience outwith village too high. Only seasonal work and no childcare for under 3s as the two in Ballachulish are supposedly stopping and currently full.*
325. *\*I do run my own business and am aware of others who do here. Child care is certainly a frequently mentioned issue, I know there are few, if any, resources in the village? Often what we're told is not what we experience in reality. I know a number of young people who have done well at our local school. Some have gone away to study and relocated once qualified others have stayed here and got jobs. I do not know any youngsters who are unemployed as they all have jobs or apprenticeships or live, study or work elsewhere. I would add that across Highland, in recent years, support for youngsters with Additional Support Needs has diminished due to budgetary restraints. Even statutory services have been reduced and this will have an impact on some youngsters meeting their potential, longer term.*
326. *Lots of business properties lying empty – should be leased or sold and can be used.*
327. *> 100% this!*
328. *> 100% this!*
329. *Empty spaces not open to public – owner should be challenged*
330. *Faster internet [+2]*
331. *Affordable premises [+1]*
332. *\*I would love to be able to rent a small unit to store 1 car and be able to work on it comfortably, sharing my skills as a qualified technician, helping those in need of those that wish to learn, and offering emergency help given that the two most local garages are 10 miles away - nothing commercial, just a small area.*
333. *Not enough spaces for third sector to hire at affordable rate for youth drop-in, e.g. Connecting Young Carers.*
334. *KCT narrow mindset [+1]*



- 335. *Public transport links don't work for most jobs.*
- 336. *Lots of potential opportunities, possibly no capital for individuals to get ideas off the ground*
- 337. *School*
- 338. *\*Depends on what the business is, it needs to fit the local needs.*
- 339. *\*Capital, personal risk, lack of purposeful green jobs*
- 340. *\*Lack of enough opportunity locally.*
- 341. *\*a lack of infrastructure to support any type of small business but my overwhelming fear is that since social media plays a big part in all of our lives its also a platform for people to air their grievances. The zip wire debacle is a recent example of a small local businessman attempting a rather large scale venture; those opposing such a business went straight to social media to air their views and it literally went global and in doing so sent out such negativity that I would imagine anyone with any type of plan could be dissuaded for ever looking at Kinlochleven. It has sent out the view that we don't want change or looking at implementing change at any level.*

#### **4.2 What support is needed for people to work and for businesses to thrive?**

- 342. *Affordable childcare out of school hours.*
- 343. *Better childcare system – after school and before school care.*
- 344. *Childcare, lack of transport, loans, job opportunities*
- 345. *Childcare options and investment in industries like fishing and tourism.*
- 346. *Empty business properties need a time limit before they MUST be offered for rent. 20 years empty is too long! [+3]*
- 347. *\*Unit/shed opportunities - plenty of vacant areas, possible to chase up these to allow those that would actually use the storage to do so*
- 348. *\*Availability of career choices, a college in kinlochleven so young people could stay and take the next steps or be given choices in their education and career plan. There is a lack of buildings available that would promote business creation.*
- 349. *Highlight work experience/volunteering for high school kids to show what parts are available. [+2]*
- 350. *Work experience even small slots to help young people prepare for work in the future*
- 351. *Teen volunteering opportunities*
- 352. *\*Free training courses. More part time work and contract works that's not zero hours.*
- 353. *Would like a Coworking space in the village.*
- 354. *> Great idea.*
- 355. *Hot desk space for working from home.*
- 356. *\*Grants and loans, safety nets*
- 357. *\*Scenic route signs from Glencoe/North Ballachulish*
- 358. *\*Welcome sign*

- 359. *\*Awareness raising on what support exists already and whether it is accessible on line or locally? The Business Gateway offers excellent on line and in person free courses and there are some local (as well as national) support networks on social media - these all help, support and enable us to promote our individual business'.*
- 360. *\*Promote local businesses - didn't know what Vertical Descents/Via Ferrata was until I researched, Leven Ales seems quiet/unknown, Mo's is ok but limited open hours, Aluminium Story shut*
- 361. *More litter picks to keep village beautiful and cared for. More appealing for visitors, and happier place for residents! [+1]*
- 362. *\*Footfall.*
- 363. *Monthly market. Butchers/veg*
- 364. *Scrap the rates*
- 365. *Need homes for people to come and work here, especially for families*

**4.3 Where might our future job & business opportunities lie?** ... for example: tourism, outdoor adventure, green energy?

- 366. *More jobs outwith hospitality/seasonal [+1]*
- 367. *Hospitality jobs with better salary and not just seasonal or zero hours.*
- 368. *\*tourism - developing our heritage eg the history and education of the Aluminium story. Developing the existing sites of historical importance and bringing back some of the sites that have been lost eg old boat wharf and train track which had significant importance to the Ali works and smelter. Develop into UNESCO heritage site / partner with historic Scotland. This would also create job*
- 369. *Tourist information centre to promote the local area and help visitors*
- 370. *Facilities for tourists – motorhome parking - why is this not being utilised?*
- 371. *\*We should encourage the visitors to use area, and make the woodland walks a feature. Create a fairy trail, gruffly hint, ww2 walk, history notice boards and have signs around local area etc*
- 372. *\*Events to bring visitors to the village: Christmas Advent using windows of village houses, Festive Frights (Scottish ghost story readings), October beer festival, Halloween gathering various activities (spooky trak, pumpkin carving competition, spooky hay ride), spring/summer fairy trail, dark skies, events, plant sale at church with tea cake and local art, local theatre group performances, book fair/film festival, children's festival, sports day, whole village boot sale, charity duck race)*
- 373. *\*Make more of WHW visitors - more food options, small store with walking/outdoor supplies, possibly somewhere to integrate existing ebike hire to or have new ebike hire - Glencoe fuel station, and Tools & Tackle in Ballachulish have a lot of things that would be bought by people walking through, but are out of the way for them, bring those things to them along with smidge/SSS, general first aid/energy supplies*
- 374. *\*When the West Highland walkers come through the village we have no-where for them to go; Scotland has encouraged them to walk the West Highland way but when the weather is wet and miserable, we don't give them the welcome they deserve. When walkers arrive there is no dry space for them to go; no covered picnic areas or designated places to unburden themselves of their back packs. Not everyone camps at the campsites, we do*

*have wild campers or day walkers who just need somewhere dry to hang out in for an hour or so or to eat in relative dryness until they start again. We should look at this balance of recreational tourism against the organized stays at the local bb's or pubs*

- 375. *\*Small shop where tourists can buy a memento and the money goes back to Kinlochleven*
- 376. *\*More advertisement of what's here, make it a destination rather than having people pass through*
- 377. *\*Is the village for tourists or locals? Develop services accordingly. Both could use a tearoom.*
- 378. *\*Ice Factor - more clarity to locals about what's happening, investment if necessary to help re-open - it's such a big part of the village and when re-opened should really be promoted as the massive facility that it is*
- 379. *\*Ice Factor buildings – re-utilise the massive indoor space - could be two floors, indoor neon puttputt golf in the dark, fairground booths, carousel, family activities*
- 380. *\*Open the aire facility/motorhome parking rather than having it blocked off - I have personally spoken to several motorhome users that would have gladly paid to use, possible toilet disposal linked to public toilets, possible code access to public toilets to allow paying overnighers in Ice Factor car park to use facilities overnight*
- 381. *\*Possible investment scheme in new businesses/expanding small existing - village could really use a small sit-in café style place, more range in take out/hours - lots of people leaving village at 8am when nothing is open that would happily stop for a take out breakfast roll etc*
- 382. *Could have a green ambassador, like KCT had? To promote composting, recycling etc*
- 383. *\*Eco-tourism, green energy, sustainable local food for the village*
- 384. *The future is green energy, harness hydro power!*
- 385. *\*The Lodge – daytime spa, hotel rooms (high end), gallery of past famous guests), historical connections, haunted/mystery events, family pamper days)*
- 386. *\*Stag Inn – reopen with camping/walking/pet supplies shop below and hostel accommodation above*
- 387. *\*Maybe all three but in doing so it has to be at grass root level so that it all feeds back into the village. The operators of the via ferrata etc don't really do anything for the village, so if we are to take the opportunities then maybe a local business group should be our focus. With the operators of the hydro schemes we might find opposition to any new venture, the KCT awhile ago attempted to set up a community hydroscheme but it failed for various reasons, maybe due to the overall costs?*
- 388. *\*It already has tourism. It needs other sources and opportunities. Creating some more homes and buildings for small businesses would create a better future combined with a college.*
- 389. *Third sector. Self-employment. Awareness of other third sector support in the area.*
- 390. *\*Self employment. all year round hospitality, tourism, home grown professionals or craftspeople who return to live here. Offering incentives for folk (of all ages) to learn new skills towards career changes etc*
- 391. *Clean up and use boat shed/pier area. Remove decaying boat (in water) and tidy up. Maybe start a boat club?*

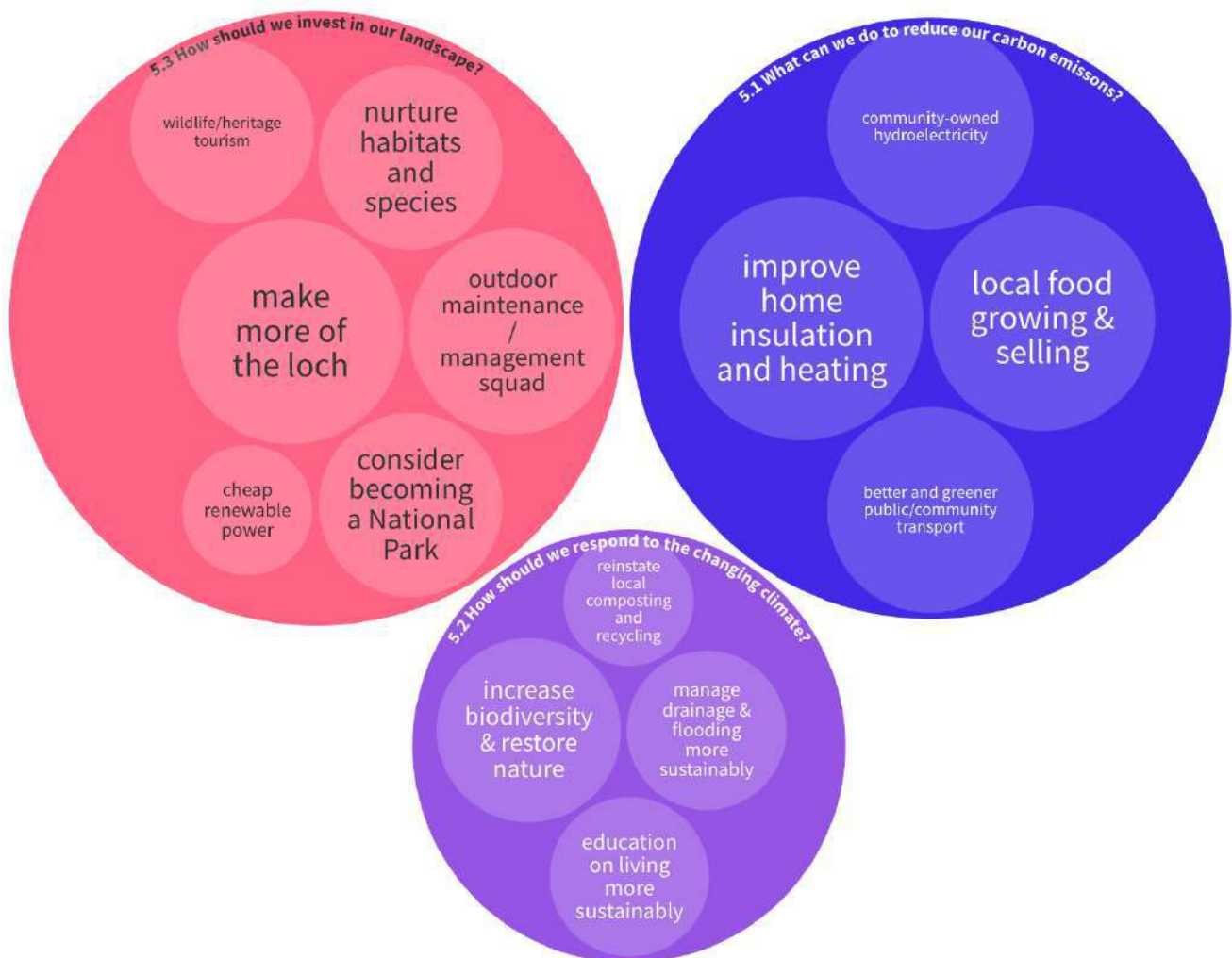
- 392. *Farmers market monthly in Leven Centre*
- 393. *Small shops. Bigger Co-op*
- 394. *\*Most areas are already covered, but additional opportunities that are not intrusive should be considered.*

## 5. Landscape and climate change

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**5.1 What can we do to reduce our carbon emissions?** ... for example: grow more food, reduce waste, travel more sustainably?

- 395. *Insulate houses and heat pumps [+1]*
- 396. *Stop burning coal in home fires! Horrible pollution for kids in the village and reduce CO2 too.*
- 397. *> 100% agree*
- 398. *Improve existing housing efficiency, high efficiency, standard in all new builds*
- 399. *Community grants towards solar panels – both greener and more financially friendly.*
- 400. *Community hydroelectricity service [+1]*
- 401. *\*Community ownership of the hydro power station so that we can have free! electricity.*
- 402. *Harness power from stream flow and go green to power village with hydro power using water.*
- 403. *Use energy direct from hydro rather than being grid, fed. Any surplus can go to grid.*
- 404. *Bring back “electric village”, free electricity for Kinlochleven.*
- 405. *Better public transport and more buses.*
- 406. *Better public transport – green energy.*
- 407. *Public transport to allow for earlier start times so less vehicles on the road-locals rate for fares.*
- 408. *\*Travel less and use different forms of transport. Car sharing, community transport and shopping delivery services.*
- 409. *Self sufficient food growing for whole village*
- 410. *\*Grow food for some level of self-sufficiency, encourage growing in gardens, repair cafes for clothes and electronics etc., encourage active transport, look into renewable energy availability (ground source heat pumps) and home insulation, encourage plant based diets*
- 411. *Local community gardens and shop to sell produce, local venison.*
- 412. *\*I would like to see better recycling for our area and less waste.*
- 413. *\*We need to support local producers of sustainable/refillable products - some of us do this already with companies such as Scruples and on line Eco friendly products. People do grow food, individually, however a community allotment would be fab. There is a group already who swap plants, fruit and veg etc and another resident was passionate about teaching young people growing/gardening skills - I believe this project eventually took off thanks to a local church [...redacted...].*
- 414. *\*Have a monthly market with local food supplies like they do at the town auction mart*
- 415. *Get rid of the Co-op. Reopen our own shops, local produce, butchers, veg, newsagent - reducing transport emissions.*
- 416. *Ban monster trucks in the village.*
- 417. *\*This should be based on the level of emissions in the village.*
- 418. *Reduce dependency on pharmaceuticals (e.g. social prescribing)*

**5.2 How should we respond to the changing climate?** ... for example: adapt our infrastructure, change how land is managed?

- 419. *Increase biodiversity and quality of green space.*
- 420. *Deer culls to allow more trees and biodiversity.*
- 421. *Invest in green energy and have incentives for it and solar incentives for households.*
- 422. *Stop using coal – council houses turn to green electricity – widely (hydroelectricity for town).*
- 423. *Don't develop in future flood areas.*
- 424. *Manage surface run-off, afforestation and drainage. Fund plan for future, flooding, fire, storm damage.*
- 425. *\*Sustainable drainage, restore nature to provide eco services, build on community action and initiatives - connect people and groups and work together*
- 426. *\*the weather is having a detrimental affect on our river banks with terrible erosion, we need to tackle this quickly otherwise we will loose a good deal of land in the future if we don't act now.*
- 427. *Reinstate composting site please. Reduces flytipping of garden waste and helps people who can't get to Fort William.*
- 428. *Garden waste recycling and composting site desperately needed*
- 429. *\*Education on living more sustainably and how small changes make a big difference*
- 430. *\*Need to go into school and educate the kids on waste, food sources and recycling*
- 431. *\*We need to challenge Climate Change deniers as they are a negative drain on the discussion and are unhelpful when trying to adopt a community, area or national model of response. Since I moved here I have seen so much land built all over and we need to look at refurbishing neglected, empty and existing sites/properties instead of taking more green areas and wild life habitat and building more and more 'additional' properties. Its good when sites are reused and when local communities actually have an authentic say on how the habitat across Lochaber is nurtured, rather than exploited for personal, or corporate, financial gain.*
- 432. *More green health opportunities*
- 433. *Warm affordable modular homes*
- 434. *\*We can only expect to implement small changes in some areas.*

**5.3 How should we invest in our landscape?** ... for example: path maintenance, habitat restoration, land-based jobs, green energy, become a National Park?

- 435. *Reconnect with the loch – more marine conservation projects*
- 436. *Work with RSPB to develop a bird sanctuary and hide at head of loch (where the River Leven meets the loch)*
- 437. *Hire boats from here to narrows – sheltered waters*
- 438. *More use of Loch Leven for recreational water activities*
- 439. *\*Access to Seagulls Island – wild swimming is part of the community. However, getting down to the shoreline can be difficult for those of us with limited ability. I have stopped*

*swimming there which has greatly contributed to depression and a loss of positive exercise. I am fully aware about risks of swimming there, and would like to see some sort of permanent handrail or some sort of steps to aid getting down to the shore line.*

- 440. *Improve footpath access (including wheelchairs) to the loch side. Loch pathways.*
- 441. *Employability schemes to carry a range of environmental works.*
- 442. *Maintenance person reinstated to maintain public areas, collect litter, weedkill, etc*
- 443. *Regular litter picking organised by KCT or other group. More community bins.*
- 444. *Rhododendron management on a large scale!*
- 445. *Tree maintenance – plant out saplings that are “stored” at the composting site. Enclosure failing and deer may get in and destroy the saplings.*
- 446. *Consulting on a new national park would offer the potential for additional resources and better convening powers locally.*
- 447. *Become a national park.*
- 448. *I fully support proposals for national park status.*
- 449. *National park status. Recognition of rainforest.*
- 450. *\*No National Park!*
- 451. *Please make more homes for the beasties!*
- 452. *\*We should be nurturing our wild life habitats and species - we have a number of protected species here who attract tourism. We could enhance that by offering appropriate and managed nature walks and education for visitors and locals to enhance the appreciation of where we are rather than blindly seek to tarmac it and make it in to a holiday camp or theme park.*
- 453. *\*habitat restoration, local food growing, green energy,*
- 454. *Value and promote the local heritage.*
- 455. *Wildlife tourism. Feed birds and have watching area, wildlife hides, webcam live feed showing wildlife.*
- 456. *Nature events? Environmental hub for walkers, kayakers, cyclists, tourists and locals*
- 457. *\*Renewable schemes of suitable scale and type that directly benefit the local people through reduced energy costs. Monies from renewables schemes to go direct to each household.*
- 458. *Get cheap electricity from hydro plant.*
- 459. *There is no scientific basis for CO2 driven climate change. It is a political fraud to move public money into private hands and limit human activity.*
- 460. *\*All of the above - I know the National Park question is a bit controversial and I need to find out more about it before deciding on if it will help us to protect our habitat, and that of our fellow species, or not. [...redacted...]*
- 461. *Connections between Gaelic and the landscape are important*
- 462. *\*I don't have a firm answer for this one currently*
- 463. *\*Not sure*



## 6. Anything else?

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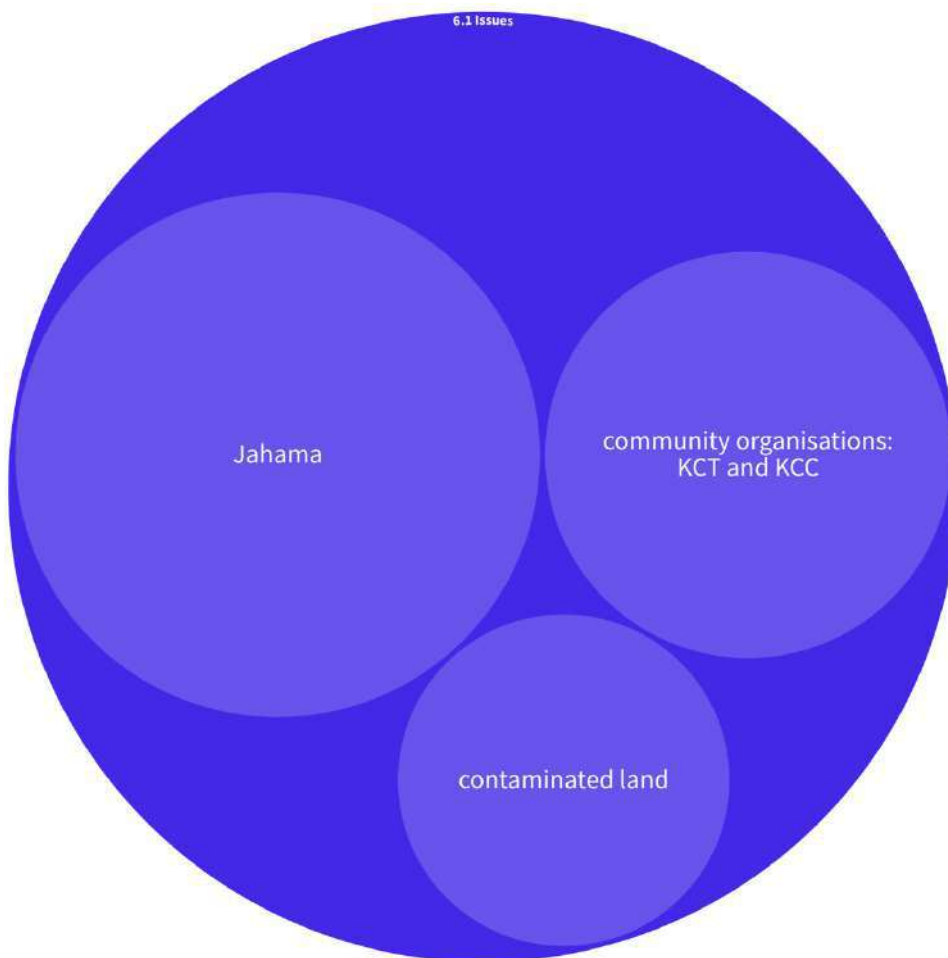
Board 6 simply asked if people had any other information to add: issues, opportunities or other points. You can see all of the information boards and questions [here](#).

Notes about the responses below:

1. Under each question, responses are roughly ordered from those most commonly mentioned to those suggested by a single person.
2. Comments without an asterisk were left at the event itself on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024, where they were publicly visible. Comments with an asterisk\* were submitted via the online form in the fortnight event, and have not been seen publicly before.
3. Notes in the style of [+1], [+2] etc indicate how many other people left exactly the same comment or wrote on a comment to indicate that they supported it.

### 6.1 Any other issues?

The graphic below gives a snapshot of the responses to this question. The graphic includes all responses suggested by two or more people, and the size of the circles is proportionate to the number of people. For a zoomable interactive version of this graphic, visit [www.kinlochlevenfutures.net/village-ideas](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net/village-ideas)



464. *Jahama need to engage – they are destructive, not constructive, involving lawyers straightaway (e.g. redevelopment of the Ice Factor) – it stops things happening!*
465. *\*Sadly, much of what didn't happen is down to land ownership and the tight reigns that are held by them. We are now dealing with Jahama, who at best, are like absent landlords; at the beginning they were enthusiastic about supporting the community with initiatives and wanted to help, but sadly that has disappeared much with their support to invest. Also, the HC, which keep trotting out "prospecting housing land" for any suggestion of using the spaces for local plans, so no help there neither and the KCT has pockets of smaller tracts of land that are not for redevelopment.*
466. *Jahama to give over land to village*
467. *\*Get Jahama to hand over all land that should have been handed over. Who would manage the land? KCT? Jahama is absentee landlord that exploits and puts nothing back. Hold Jahama to account.*
468. *\*[SUMMARY] Land usage and ownership is a huge issue, getting accurate maps of land ownership has been very difficult over recent years. The Highland Council were quite helpful as were JAHAMA however KCT were not. Again, hopefully that is a thing of the past now.*
469. *KCT need to be a lot more visible, accountable and proactive*
470. *\*[SUMMARY] Some KCT and KCC members have in the past prioritised their personal agendas above the community, causing serious problems. Hopefully this is a thing of the past now.*
471. *\*We need to re-establish a coherent and respectful community that communicates well and shares information. Many of us did not know we had a new KCC and I appreciate that they are working on restoring the social media presence that has been blocked and historically little used to inform the public. I have confidence that this matter will be reversed and communication channels will be established with and for the community and the KCC. The KCT needs to resuscitate communication channels too, following the poor communication of the previous incumbents - again, I am confident this matter will be addressed and improvements are already being made via Face book posts and other notifications. It would be good if it wasn't always the same people speaking up on matters and again I feel that this is being improved too, the community plan should help with that as long as all views are respected. [...redacted...]*
472. *It's a bit boring for the kids 😞*
473. *More activities for teens – gym, bike track, boxing*
474. *\*Clarification on where contamination still exists as recently information has been shared, as fact, that some of the land currently used could be contaminated?*
475. *\*The whole site of the old factory apart from the Ice Factor and business park lies unused claiming to be too polluted for use. We require definitive proof that the brownfield land is as polluted as we're led to believe. Over the years we have heard varying reports about this site but were never shown the evidence, maybe an independent report is needed?*
476. *\*During covid, we came together to help the vulnerable, the isolated and each other; we involved ourselves with cleaning up the litter, the kerbsides were cleared of weeds, the bridge and viaduct were cleaned up and most people took care of their roads the same way; now you would hardly know. As soon as it was over, normality resumed. We didn't sustain the innovation of community spirit.*

- 477. *\*The buses timing is bad. If need to travel to hospital that is a struggle or even get back home. The cost is to high for travelling. No job opportunities. No childcare tot for parents. Is to isolated. No entertainment for kids. Lot of people feeling isolated, alone. Need more jobs. Child care.*
- 478. *Lack of volunteers for community groups*
- 479. *\*Taking back control from Highland Council. Why do we pay council tax when we could into a pot that directly funds the village?*
- 480. *\*I think we all pick up litter as we go around the village - more education and penalties about this would help.*
- 481. *\*We need car parking for locals. The streets are too congested and it's a safety issues for children, those with wheelchairs and disabilities*
- 482. *\*Visible signage that is accurate and educational rather than scaremongering (like the Deer signs) might help.*
- 483. *Where will the money come from to make the plan happen?*

## 6.2 Any other opportunities?

Each person responding to this question suggested a different opportunity, so there is no graphic showing their relative popularity.

- 484. *Has Kinlochleven ever been twinned with another town or village? It would be a way of sharing with and learning from others, and broadening the reach of the villages businesses and community. Could also help build the range of arts and crafts events in the village.*
- 485. *\*Housing. Job and business opportunity*
- 486. *Teen hub.*
- 487. *\*Go to school and encourage teens and kids to create woodland walks that they can enjoy and be part of.*
- 488. *Now that Skyline running event has stopped I think Kinlochleven would be an excellent venue for a weekend Blues Music Festival*
- 489. *Young people need an incentive to stick around Kinlochleven... I could teach guitar/electric/acoustic basic skills*
- 490. *\*Create and invest to increase people and opportunity - but a college campus is a need.*
- 491. *\*We were the first village to be fully electric, it would be great if we could improve the story of our village, not only for the hydro element but the electric story too. Maybe we could light up the underside of the bridge and Tailrace and have the as focal points, many photo's are taken of the Tailrace in daylight, at night its equally impressive and better so with light. Create a night walk with lighted paths?*
- 492. *\*More community consultation on topics identified as important for the community - a start was made at the recent KCC meeting, which bodes well. [...redacted...] In recent years a range of voices have been blocked, literally, from having input [...redacted...] This should be easily overcome now we have a fresh KCT/KCC for the village.*
- 493. *\*We live in a most beautiful, healthy and natural environment. We must nurture this, and, as a community, make a commitment to protect it from all threats be they inappropriate development, lazy building on new sites when old sites exist. We also need to avoid the*

*imbalance of ownership of properties for personal gain - I think this is the biggest threat to available accommodation for people of modest, or even reasonable incomes. We need to know, well in advance, of any community developmental plans being talked about behind closed doors as they appear on the planning website and leave us on the backfoot.  
[...redacted...]*

- 494. *\*Community buyout to buy out the estate (when it inevitably goes bust)*
- 495. *\*Review overnight prices for Ice Factor car park - £10 with no facilities and limited time toilets is far too much, especially as when people who can be self contained will simply use a free layby*
- 496. *\*I'm tired of hearing how poorly Kinlochleven is viewed by the rest of Lochaber. Why can't we make it as a self sufficient community like Eigg or Knoydart?*
- 497. *\*Town clock. Squished penny machine. Fountain. Outdoor carousel.*

### 6.3 Any other points?

Each person responding to this question made a different point, so there is no graphic showing their relative popularity.

- 498. *Thanks – this was a good way to let us know what's happening and how to help – especially those of us who are new to the village.*
- 499. *People who are actually affected by this plan having an input – no political agendas*
- 500. *What's On board – add Bookbug in the Library 11:00-11:30am every Wednesday*
- 501. *\*Get rid of KCT as it's costing the community and the relationship with locals is broken down and irreparable.*
- 502. *\*No building on car parking facilities*
- 503. *\*No UN/WEF policies. No communitarianism and people's assemblies.*
- 504. *\*There is no magic wand but I really do hope with this place plan we can secure something meaningful and exciting for the village and to do this we really do require the landowners to either relinquish their stranglehold on the village or loosen their ties so that we can be more self sufficient and pro-active in forging ahead with our plans.*
- 505. *\*We have had people over the years who have seemed genuinely keen to take projects forward (be they residents or agencies) people step up to find out more and join in only to be left with little or no support, when those proposing the ideas step away to do other things. Ideas need to be followed through and those who want to assist need to be supported and encouraged to do so. I am thinking of one Lochaber agency especially who were detrimental and unhelpful with those trying to take ideas forward.*
- 506. *\*Recent residents to the village have come here for a quiet/quieter life and that is to be respected but equally, we are not a retirement village and if we are to re-engineer some sort of plan that would encourage investment, work, businesses etc, then this should be the priority.*

## APPENDIX 2: VILLAGE SOLUTIONS DAY

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Please see next page.

This appendix is also available online at [bit.ly/4dDWyFn](https://bit.ly/4dDWyFn)

# KINLOCHLEVEN LOCAL PLACE PLAN

COMMUNITY EVENT: FROM IDEAS TO SOLUTIONS, 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024



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## Introduction

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This report contains people's responses to information and questions shared at a community event on the afternoon of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024, a follow-on event from the 'village ideas day' held a few weeks earlier on 27<sup>th</sup> January (see [www.kinlochlevenfutures.net/village-ideas](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net/village-ideas)) as part of the process of producing a community-led Local Place Plan for Kinlochleven.

The event was held in the Leven Centre. It took the form of a drop-in event with a short explanatory presentation halfway through, and was followed by a short open meeting of Kinlochleven Community Action Group (see [www.kinlochlevenfutures.net/cag](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net/cag)). 41 people came to the event.

The aim of the event was to take the ideas and suggestions put forward by people for the future of the village at the event in January and other related activities, and to start to work out the priority actions to form the basis of a community plan.

To help work out those priority actions, three sets of information were on display:

1. **Posters showing results of the ideas day in January**, which were displayed as a series of posters (and are reproduced in appendix 1). The posters included a QR code linking to [full transcriptions](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net/full-transcriptions) of everyone's comments from the event and accompanying online survey.
2. **Giant drawings by 40 Primary School pupils** with their hopes of what the village will look like in 10 years' time (see below;

click on the drawings to download). The children's ideas included: swimming pool | animal/wildlife sanctuary | trampoline park | soft play house | more restaurants | big cafe with outdoor seating area | go karts | fishing pier | big play fort | outdoor cooking area | vet | skatepark.



3. **Giant sheets showing priorities and potentials actions emerging from the ideas day**, with space for comment and other suggestions. These were organised under five headings, reflecting the overall priorities from the idea day. The headings are the basis of the five sections of this report starting overleaf, which contain the feedback left by participants on the day.





# 1. Out and about


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## Out & about


Priorities from the ideas day



**Pavements & public spaces**  
Tidier, cleaner, safer & better drained



**Paths** Improve surfaces, signage & disabled access, in & around the village






















**Access to the loch**  
For wild swimming, boats & kayaks


**Restore natural habitats**  
More trees, less grazing, less flooding & erosion


**Community growing space**  
Make more of it!





Potential actions from the ideas day							
<b>Village squad</b> target areas to tidy up each month  QUICK WIN  FOR ALL Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	<b>Grow the community garden</b> let's make more of what we have!  FAMILIES  FOR ALL Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	<b>Bigger men's shed</b> more activities, more space - maybe for women too!  FOR ALL Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	<b>Pump track</b> safe place to learn to ride a bike, BMX & skateboard  TEENS  FAMILIES Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	<b>Pontoon on loch</b> for wild swimming, kayaking, boats  FOR ALL Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	<b>Continue tree planting</b> extend 3 year native planting programme to restore habitats & tackle landslips  QUICK WIN  FOR ALL Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	<b>Improve pier path &amp; benches, picnic tables, bird hides, wheelchair-accessibility</b>  FOR ALL Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	<b>B863 cycle route</b> cycle-friendly signage & markings on low road, lower speed limit  FOR ALL Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>
Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?
 Fort William Town Team	 Kinlochleven men's shed	 Fort William Bike Park	 Kyle of Lochalsh community pontoon	 Kinlochleven Walks leaflet	 B764 south of Glasgow	 B764 south of Glasgow	 B764 south of Glasgow

## Out & about event feedback

Village squad target areas to tidy up each month	Grow the community garden let's make more of what we have!	Bigger men's shed more activities, more space - maybe for women too!	Pump track safe place to learn to ride a bike, BMX & skateboard	Pontoon on loch for wild swimming, kayaking, boats	Continue tree planting extend 3 year native planting programme to restore habitats & tackle landslips	Improve pier path & benches, picnic tables, bird hides, wheelchair-accessibility	B863 cycle route cycle-friendly signage & markings on low road, lower speed limit
Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:							
15	9	3	9	9	6	14	7
Comments on each potential project:							
Great to tidy up areas but can be soul destroying when people are tidying their gardens then chuck their stuff at the back of your space	Local allotments would be grand Agree - a great idea	Women's shed - some SS girls have already been talking about this. They have started with a cupboard.				Maintenance of path network & update leaflets	Don't cycle, but absolutely wish there were more safe cycle lanes - maybe then I would cycle
Need to be more assertive with those causing the rubbish as it's a never ending job otherwise							
Other general comments:							
JAHAMA - please build a small industrial estate on the old smelter ground - it will attract small businesses/ unemployment AND encourage businesses in residential homes	Embrace the rain forest. It is an asset but are people aware of its existence?	I like the new dog park idea. Could we have something similar for non-car drivers? Or transport to get to the proposed one please?					

## 2. Public services

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# Public services

**Priorities** from the ideas day



**Schools**  
Improve staff retention



**Healthcare**  
More visiting clinics, retain surgery & pharmacy



**Local services** Regain PO.  
Retain police, fire, library, schools, Leven Centre...



**Public transport**  
Better connections, more services



**Community transport**  
Invest & improve what we already have



Comments

### Potential actions from the ideas day

Re-open Post Office in a shop, the library, the Leven Centre...?	Invest in library as resource hub service point, co-working facilities, youth space...	Invest in the Leven Centre longer opening hours, open at weekends, upgrade	Upgrade community transport new minibuses & more drivers	Lobby for better bus timetabling and cheaper fares for those in need
FOR ALL	FOR ALL	FOR ALL	FOR ALL	FOR ALL
Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>
Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?
 <p>Community-run Post Office, Jura</p>	 <p>Scottish Coworking Network in libraries</p>			



## Public services event feedback

Re-open Post Office in a shop, the library, the Leven Centre...?	Invest in library as resource hub service point, co-working facilities, youth space...	Invest in the Leven Centre longer opening hours, open at weekends, upgrade	Upgrade community transport new minibuses & more drivers	Lobby for better bus timetabling and cheaper fares for those in need
Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:	Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:	Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:	Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:	Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:
15	8	15	12	14
Comments on each potential project:	Comments on each potential project:	Comments on each potential project:	Comments on each potential project:	Comments on each potential project:
<p>Could Post Office be in Leven Centre?</p> <p>or Library?</p> <p>Mobile Post Office similar to mobile bank?</p> <p>Top priority</p>	<p>Youth needs to be a top priority - work with, not against! <span>+1</span></p> <p>Work with local youth workers. Tap into relationships already there.</p> <p>Library needs to be developed &amp; offer community access to a computer</p> <p>Encourage third sector / open days. So many villages miss out on support due to knowledge of what is available</p> <p>Top priority</p>	<p>Upgrade gym - have it open at weekends <span>+3</span></p> <p>Make more accessible for local community groups to access &amp; make use of facility <span>+1</span></p> <p>Space for kids to chill while parents are at gym / classes etc <span>+1</span></p> <p>Allow volunteers to help and be responsible keyholders - we want to help!</p>	<p>More bus trips, maybe a service to complement Shiel Buses. Also, buses to take people to the cinema.</p>	<p>Syncing up with the Glasgow bus would be great!</p> <p>More regular times, access to the cinema, later buses, night-time buses.</p>

### Other general comments:

Mental health - we know suicide / mental health is a big issue we need to prioritise

### 3. Jobs and business

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## Jobs & business

**Priorities from the ideas day**

-  **Make tourism work better for us** Improve our offer, create better opportunities
-  **Ways into work** More work experience & apprenticeships
-  **Workspace & premises** More workshops, shops, cafes, co-working space
-  **Local childcare** Affordable local childcare
-  **Mamore Lodge** Bring it back into use

*Space for comments*

Potential actions from the ideas day							
Local childcare affordable childcare to complement the Nursery  FAMILIES	More business premises open up empty units, create new workshops  FOR ALL	Co-working space hot desks, meeting space, business facilities  FOR ALL	Work experience & apprenticeships more local opportunities for young people  QUICK WIN  TEENS	Reopen 'The Aluminium Story' for local culture, heritage & visitor info  FOR ALL	More events! year-round for locals & visitors: music, arts & crafts, film, family, outdoors  QUICK WIN  FOR ALL	Restore Mamore Lodge bring back into use - hotel, spa, outdoor centre?  FOR ALL	Complete motorhome pitches to increase visitor numbers & spend  QUICK WIN
Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>	Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a>
Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?	Comments?
		 Drymen Business Hub	 Fort Augustus & Foyers apprenticeship scheme				

## Jobs & business event feedback

Local childcare affordable childcare to complement the Nursery	More business premises open up empty units, create new workshops	Co-working space hot desks, meeting space, business facilities	Work experience & apprenticeships more local opportunities for young people	Reopen 'The Aluminium Story' for local culture, heritage & visitor info	More events! year-round for locals & visitors: music, arts & crafts, film, family, outdoors	Restore Mamore Lodge bring back into use - hotel, spa, outdoor centre?	Complete motorhome pitches to increase visitor numbers & spend
Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:							
15	15	8	13	11	13	10	11
Comments on each potential project:							
<p>We need childcare outwith nursery/ school times so adults can work &amp; attend groups without their children</p> <p>School can cost how much for example 3 care givers will cost between (7-9am) &amp; (3-6:30pm) to cover out of school times then find out how many in the community would need such services then if subsidies are available find out if parents can fund differently or find out if volunteers are available to rotate &amp; keep cost low</p>	<p>We need more buildings that businesses can use. I would like a shop where local artists can sell their work. Also a hardware/general store is still badly needed.</p> <p>Lots of opportunity wasted by having shut premises. Tool &amp; tackle style shop with walking &amp; camping supplies would be a big hit. Cafe would be a great social area.</p> <p>Industrial estate on old smelter land. Units for small (existing) and new businesses.</p>	<p>Need fibre broadband to encourage fresh businesses</p>	<p>More volunteering opportunities for teens to grow knowledge</p>	<p>Kinlochleven should be proud of their heritage and shout about it!</p> <p>Educational / historical importance of whole aluminium site</p>	<p>Existing events need enhancing / promoting</p>	<p>Such a lost opportunity - a spa hotel creating local jobs +1</p> <p>Repair! Turn into hotel!</p> <p>Would make a great 'educational' &amp; 'spa' resource for locals &amp; visitors alike</p> <p>Would make great accommodation for seasonal workers / local people - you could incorporate with hotel / spa facilities</p> <p>Too late for Mamore - the cost far too much</p>	<p>Easy money for village!</p> <p>In the age of technology the village can set up an application for the Highlands that is an "uber" for mobile homes by co-ordinating with mobile home rental companies that have units available during the summer and once a booking is received a unit is rental out</p> <p>Trust can set up a designated area on Trust land to build for eco lodges to lease out to tourists and employ locals to create jobs with the proceeds refinancing community projects</p>



## 4. Homes

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# Homes

**Priorities** from the ideas day

**Affordable starter homes**  
So that young people & workers can live here

**Upgrade rented homes**  
Especially those in lower Council tax bands

**Energy efficient homes**  
Reduce costs & carbon emissions

**No more empty homes**  
Too many homes lie empty outside the tourist season

Comments

**Potential actions** from the ideas day

<p><b>Upgrade homes on lower Council tax bands</b> to higher energy &amp; heat EPC ratings</p> <p>FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p>	<p><b>Reinvigorate tenants' association</b> for effective liaison with landlords</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p> <p><b>A voice for tenants</b></p>	<p><b>Housing needs survey</b> the first step to funding &amp; building new affordable homes</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p>	<p><b>Grants &amp; finance info</b> on housing options, finance &amp; energy grants</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p>	<p><b>Create short-term let control area</b> to stop more holiday lets, like Badenoch &amp; Strathspey</p> <p>FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p>	<p><b>Lobby for local lettings initiative</b> for local residents &amp; key workers on waiting list, as on Arran</p> <p>FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p>
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## Homes event feedback

<b>Upgrade homes on lower Council tax bands</b> to higher energy & heat EPC ratings	<b>Reinvigorate tenants' association</b> for effective liaison with landlords	<b>Housing needs survey</b> the first step to funding & building new affordable homes	<b>Grants &amp; finance info</b> on housing options, finance & energy grants	<b>Create short-term let control area</b> to stop more holiday lets, like Badenoch & Strathspey	<b>Lobby for local lettings initiative</b> for local residents & key workers on waiting list, as on Arran
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Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:



Comments on potential projects:

	<i>Tenants and Residents Association</i>		<i>Increase low cost lodging facilities that are community owned to reduce external pressure &amp; demand</i>	<i>I feel this could massively help with housing need ...</i> <b>+1</b> <i>Totally agree</i>	<i>Great idea!</i> <i>Yes, great idea</i>
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Other general comments:

<i>Make a decision - is Kinlochleven for cradle to grave - or just for tourists passing through</i> <b>+1</b>	<i>Let's not separate sport/adventure from culture - rather, bring together</i> <b>+1</b>	<i>Current proposal for a dog park along B863 totally inappropriate. Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003 right to roam ...</i> <b>+1</b>	<i>A dog park for the village is a fabulous idea - disabled access essential with local venue</i> <b>+1</b>	<i>Workers accommodation</i>
<i>Very good point</i> <b>+2</b>				



## 5. Community action

The giant sheet for this first area, with space for comment, is reproduced below in its blank version (the original included space for people to add more actions if they wished). Everyone's feedback is transcribed on the next page; red circles indicate comments supported by others.

# Community action

**Priorities** from the ideas day

**What's on info**  
Make it easy to find out what's on in the village

**Community activities**  
More people involved, more activities

**Rebuild community spirit**  
Youth, arts, heritage, sport... Celebrate who we are!

**Community empowerment**  
Secure assets, generate income, run things ourselves

Comments



<p><b>What's on info</b> newsletter, posters, online etc</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p> 	<p><b>Teen space</b> create their own indoor space at evenings &amp; weekends</p> <p>TEENS</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p> 	<p><b>Cheaper community facilities hire</b> pitch, theatre, gigs, Leven Centre etc</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p> 	<p><b>Community art projects</b> community arts installations around the village</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p> 	<p><b>Recycling and repair</b> household equipment, garden waste, DIY debris etc</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p>  <p>Reuse &amp; Recycle Hub, Kyle of Lochalsh</p>	<p><b>Resilience planning</b> with landowners &amp; public sector to tackle landslips, wildfires etc</p> <p>QUICK WIN FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p>  <p>Landslip on B863 high road in June 2023</p>	<p><b>Community hydropower</b> generate our own power &amp; income</p> <p>FOR ALL</p> <p>Top priority? <a href="#">tick here</a></p> <p>Comments?</p>  <p>1.6mw community hydro in Morvern, opened 2021</p>
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## Community action event feedback

What's on info	Teen space	Cheaper community facilities hire	Community art projects	Recycling and repair	Resilience planning	Community hydropower
newsletter, posters, online etc	create their own indoor space at evenings & weekends	pitch, theatre, gigs, Leven Centre etc	community arts installations around the village	household equipment, garden waste, DIY debris etc	with landowners & public sector to tackle landslips, wildfires etc	generate our own power & income

Number of people suggesting each potential project should be a priority:



Comments on potential projects:

<p>Info in library as well?</p> <p>Develop library</p> <p>KCT need to do a lot more work here - the Trust needs to be a lot more proactive and make a much greater effort in promoting "What is on".</p> <p>Their website is so out of date!</p>	<p>With access to all local workers in "Hub" type working - not expensive</p>		<p>More support for local groups, different crafts, art, drama</p>			<p>Conduct a feasibility study through consultant on what the energy (green) options are. Then approach government &amp; private sector with proposals if efficiency is enough for village and to sell back to the grid</p>
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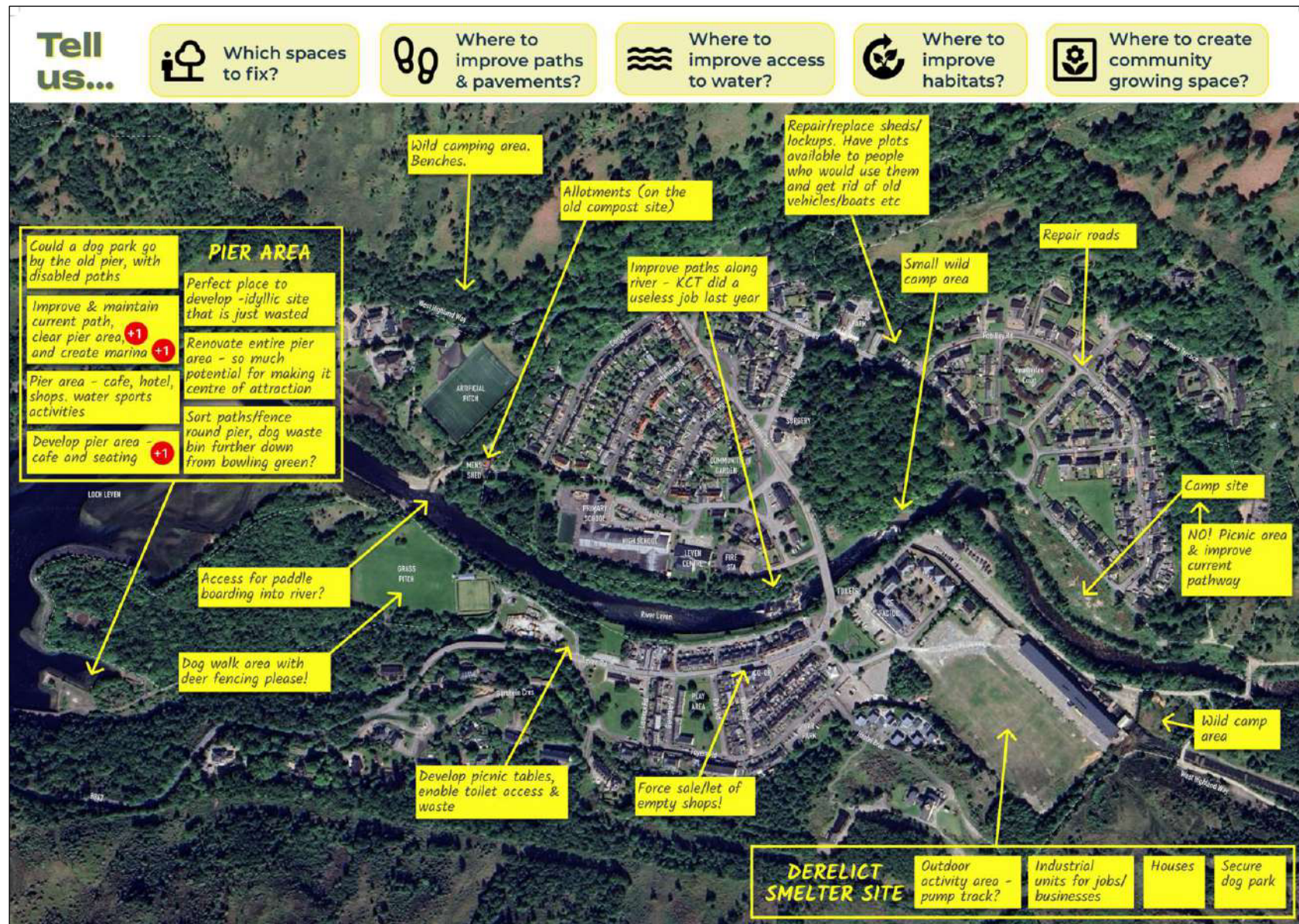
Other general comments:

<p>For people who don't have access to computer/internet, accessible (and help to use it) in library</p>	<p>Third Party Reporting (TPR) for hate crime. Need somewhere where people are trained to fill out forms for TPR of hate crime for police / pass on to police</p>	<p>Rebuild community spirit is a great aspiration and I feel it is beginning already. This village was divided by some unhelpful individuals in local bodies for a number of years...</p>	<p>Links with landowner Jahama to guide them making decisions in favour of private business that do not support the community or their right to roam</p>
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## 5. Village map

A giant map was provided with sticky notes. Everyone's comments are transcribed below; red circles indicate comments supported by others.





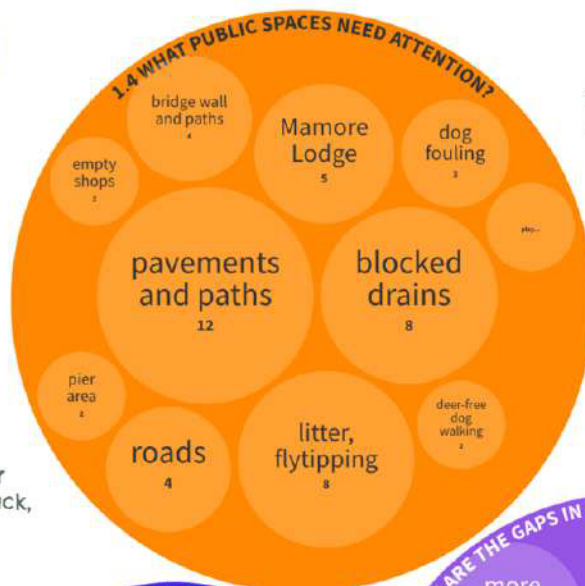


## Community life

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"Maintain the infrastructure already here – pavements, weed killer, bins"

"We have an all weather sports field yet can't access it for regular use due to the contract with the school builders, might be something to renegotiate"

"More activities for teens – gym, bike track, boxing"

"Teenagers/young people – the ones too old for kids stuff, but younger than 16; need spaces that don't cost money to be in, just to exist, relax and socialise"

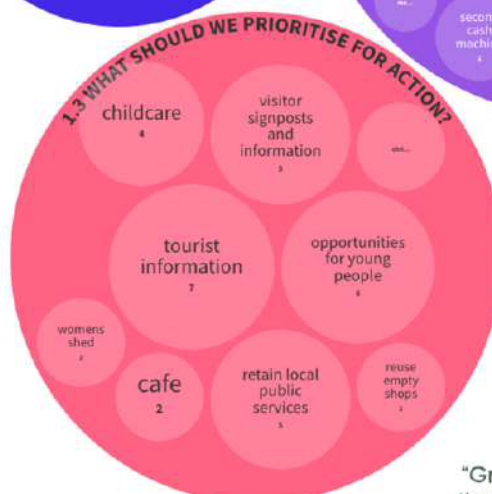


"Children who are carers. Children with ASN. Widowed persons. Single parents. Teenagers."



"No post office. Can we have it back? Sorely missed."

"Keep services in village such as post office, doctors, fire station and childcare for under threes"



"Pier area - completely wasted, wouldn't take much to clear out, remove broken boat and pedalo, make secure gate for local use boat ramp and promote area."

"Midgie magnets for the village to clear midgies"

"Greater and better use of the Leven Centre – open at weekends and more classes to attract locals."

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## Getting about

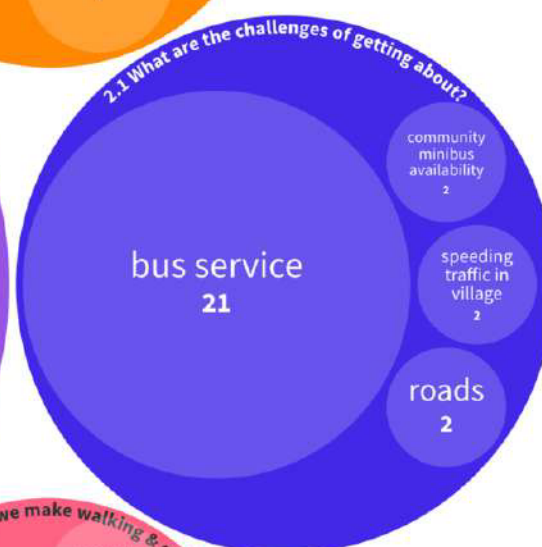
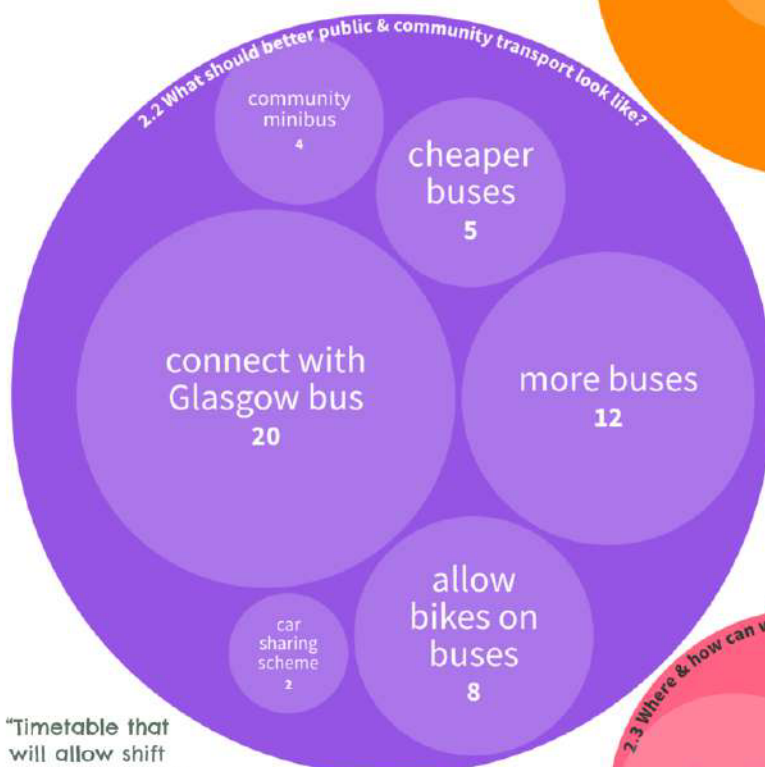
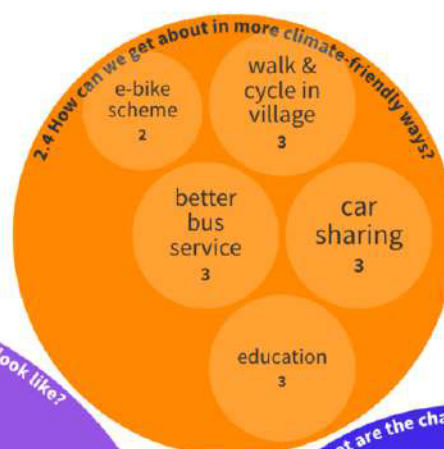
Summary of people's comments from the village ideas day in January.



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"Car sharing, and E car scheme would be great"

"Less promotion of cars and more walking. How many people drive their children to school?"



"Timetable that will allow shift workers transport to and from the village"

"More evening bus running past 4 pm and more buses on a Sunday"

"at most times of the day the Shiel bus just misses the Citylink bus in Glencoe. So one needs to wait in Glencoe for 2 hours, or try get a lift from here to Glencoe."

"I can't afford to go to town as often so that is reason feeling isolated and stuck"



"[Make] walkways more possible for wheelchair users (around the pier walk, is not a good access area)"

"Reduce the speed limit on the B863 especially the low road... It still looks like the A road it was 50 years ago. A lower speed limit (40?) and perhaps removing the central line to slow traffic would make it a better area for walking and cycling."

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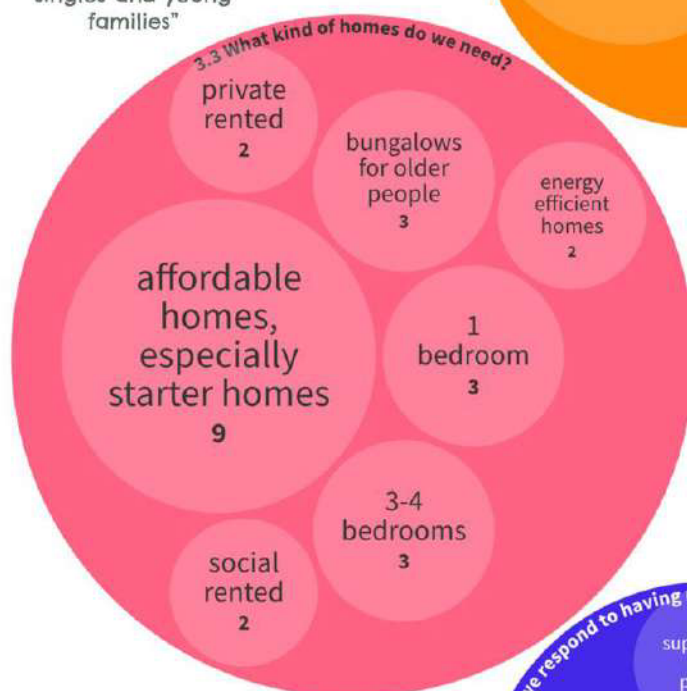
## Homes & population

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"Starter homes for singles and young families"



"More rental properties for seasonal workers (hospitality in summer, winter sports in winter)"

"Make the village an attractive place for younger people - childcare, activities, transport"



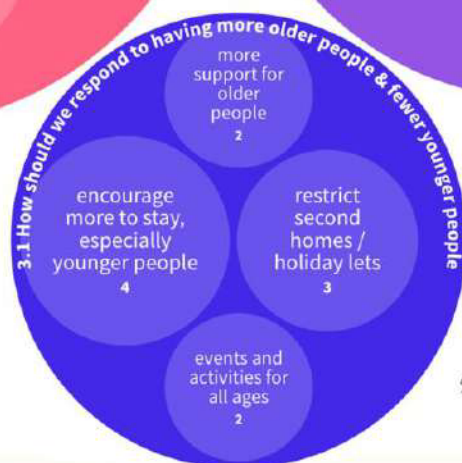
"Our social housing is woeful. Decades of neglect have rendered much of it sub standard with many issues of poor heating, black mold, poor insulation, broken fencing, encroaching knotweed to name a few problems and with our weather just makes the whole situation very difficult for tenants"

"the older housing stock is in dire need for repair, big flats on Foyers Road a must but equally Garbhein requires help too. Probably most of the original housing of Kinloch needs help"



"First-time buyers"

"People who get offered jobs but no accommodation (especially families, people just starting out, professional staff, i.e. teachers/medics)"



"If there was a way to restrict 2nd home/holiday let buyers over local/only home owners when it came to local house sales, that would massively help the community vs. having houses empty for large periods of time"

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## Jobs & business

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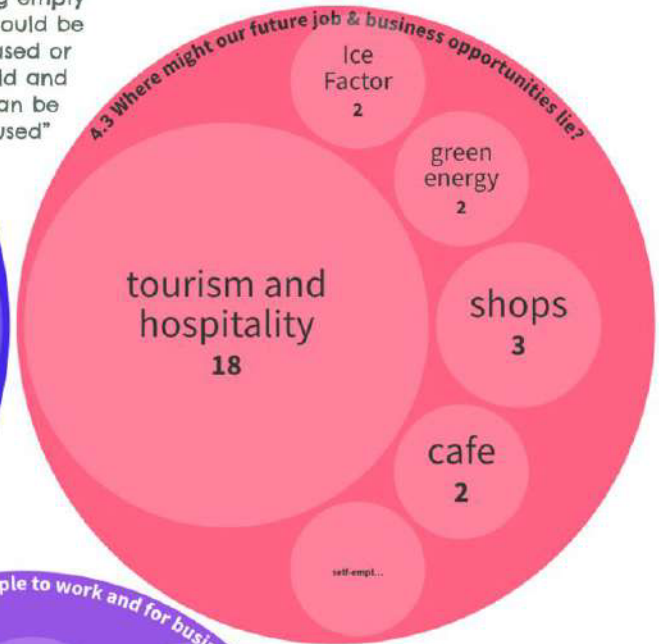
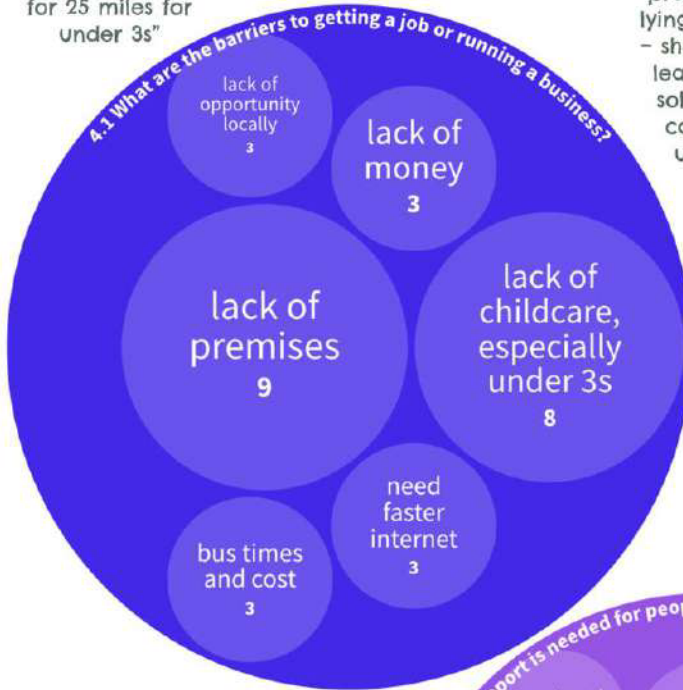
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"no childcare for 25 miles for under 3s"

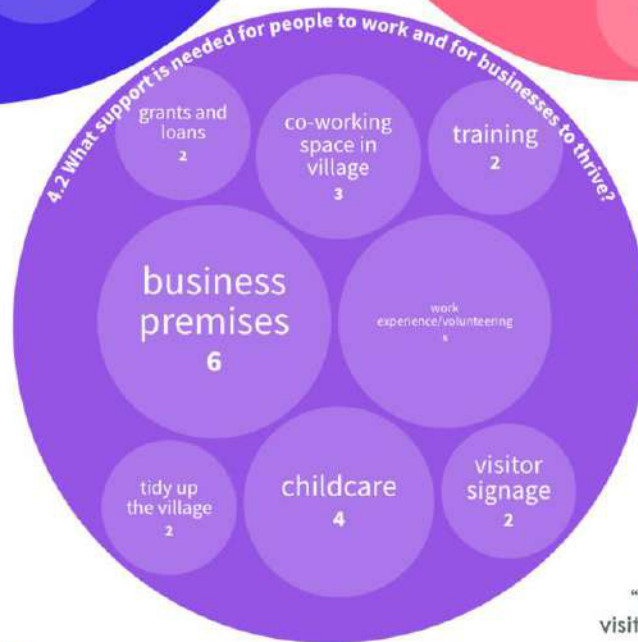
"Public transport links don't work for most jobs"

"Lots of business properties lying empty - should be leased or sold and can be used"

"Scenic route signs from Glencoe/ North Ballachulish"



"I would love to be able to rent a small unit to store 1 car and be able to work on it comfortably, sharing my skills as a qualified technician, helping those in need of those that wish to learn, and offering emergency help given that the two most local garages are 10 miles away - nothing commercial, just a small area"



"Make more of WHW visitors - more food options, small store with walking/outdoor supplies, possibly somewhere to integrate existing ebike hire to or have new ebike hire"

"Work experience even small slots to help young people prepare for work in the future"

"Events to bring visitors to the village"

"The Lodge - daytime spa, hotel rooms (high end), gallery of past famous guests, historical connections, haunted/mystery events, family pamper days"

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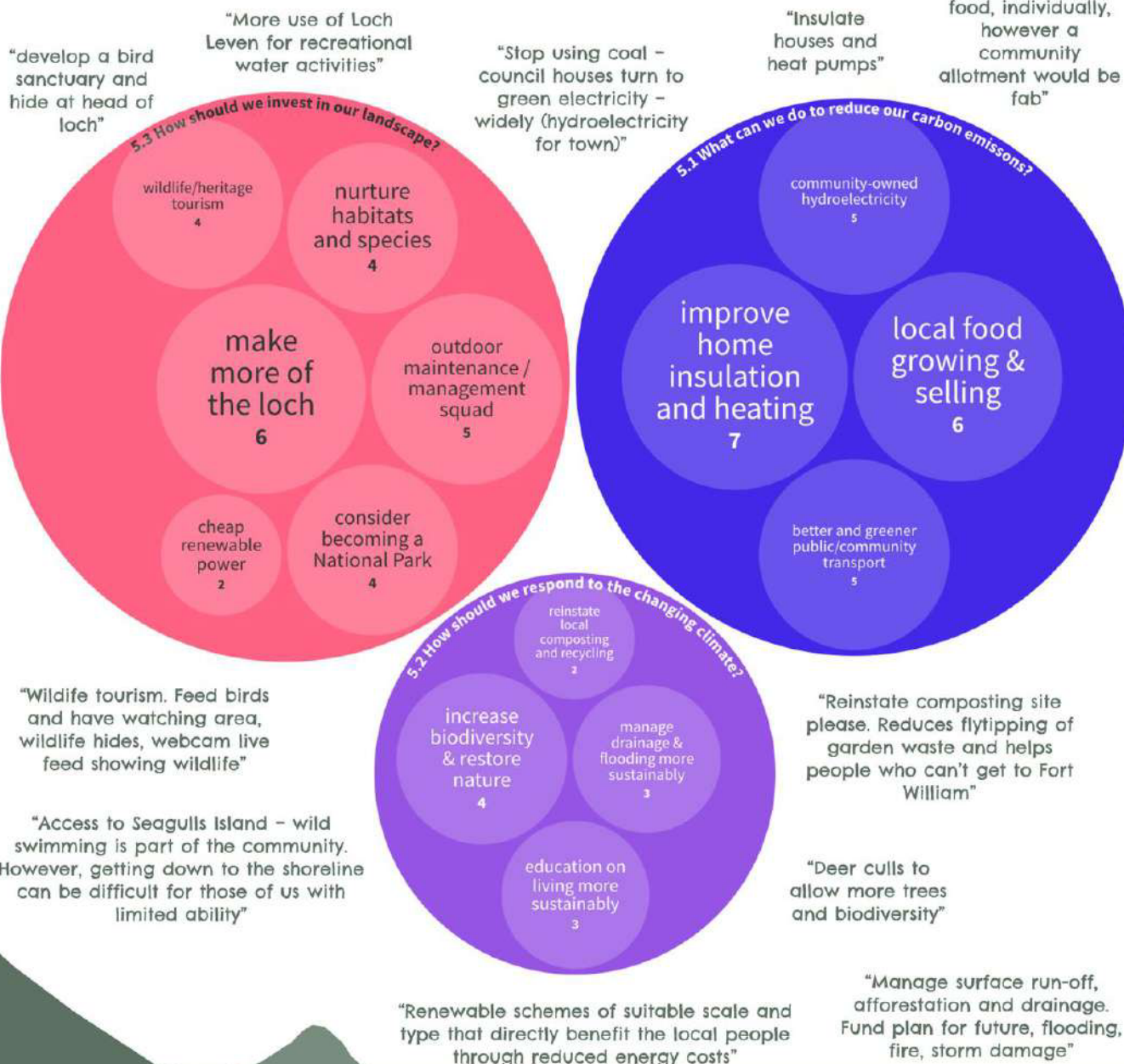
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# Landscape & climate change

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# Anything else?

"Thanks – this was a good way to let us know what's happening and how to help – especially those of us who are new to the village."

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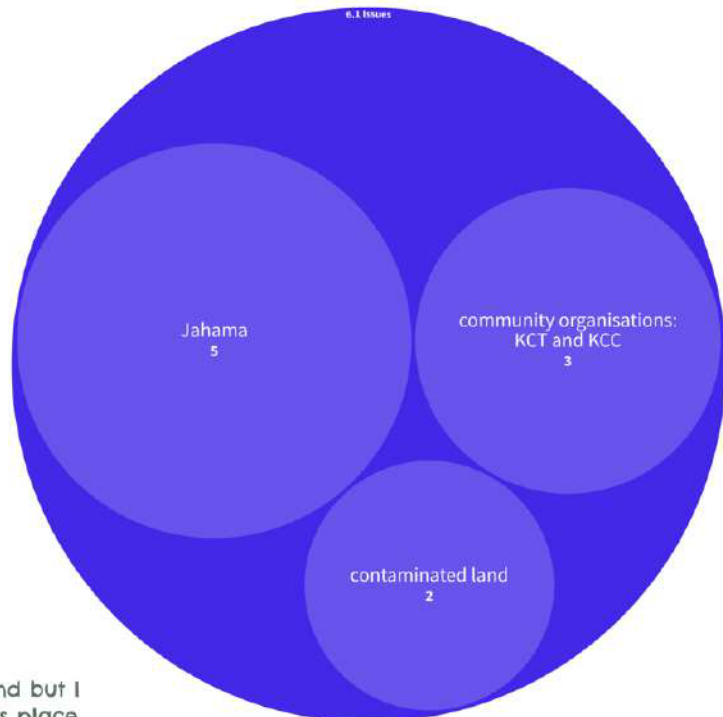
"During covid, we came together to help the vulnerable, the isolated and each other; we involved ourselves with cleaning up the litter, the kerbsides were cleared of weeds, the bridge and viaduct were cleaned up and most people took care of their roads the same way; now you would hardly know. As soon as it was over, normality resumed. We didn't sustain the innovation of community spirit."

"Recent residents to the village have come here for a quiet/quieter life and that is to be respected but equally, we are not a retirement village and if we are to re-engineer some sort of plan that would encourage investment, work, businesses etc, then this should be the priority."

"There is no magic wand but I really do hope with this place plan we can secure something meaningful and exciting for the village and to do this we really do require the landowners to either relinquish their stranglehold on the village or loosen their ties so that we can be more self sufficient and pro-active in forging ahead with our plans."

"KCT need to be a lot more visible, accountable and proactive"

"Where will the money come from to make the plan happen?"



"Sadly, much of what didn't happen is down to land ownership and the tight reigns that are held by them. We are now dealing with Jahama, who at best, are like absent landlords; at the beginning they were enthusiastic about supporting the community with initiatives and wanted to help, but sadly that has disappeared much with their support to invest. Also, the HC, which keep trotting out "prospecting housing land" for any suggestion of using the spaces for local plans, so no help there neither and the KCT has pockets of smaller tracts of land that are not for redevelopment."

"The whole site of the old factory apart from the Ice Factor and business park lies unused claiming to be too polluted for use. We require definitive proof that the brownfield land is as polluted as we're led to believe. Over the years we have heard varying reports about this site but were never shown the evidence, maybe an independent report is needed?"

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## APPENDIX 3: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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## What can make the village better?

Organised by the High School Pupil Council.  
Responses from 195 S1-S6 students.  
Graphic shows the most popular ideas.

Replace business Park with a Greggs and Tesco

Teenager-centred parks/ areas to be at

Bus times are awful (better bus times/more regular)

Open up / sell the Ice Factor

Refurbish park

Jobs for over 13s

Astro turf - it's locked most of the time

Skatepark and pump track behind factory

More spaces for kids/teens

Greggs

More shops for food

Reopen Mamore Lodge luxury 5 star hotel

tidy up  
reuse empty shops & Ice Factor  
more jobs  
better walking & cycling

better parks & play areas

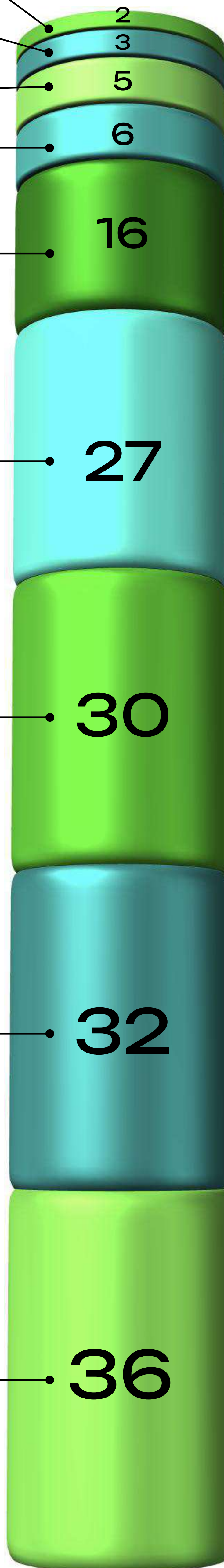
more places to eat & drink

more indoor stuff

e.g. 24 hour gym, swimming pool, cinema, teen space

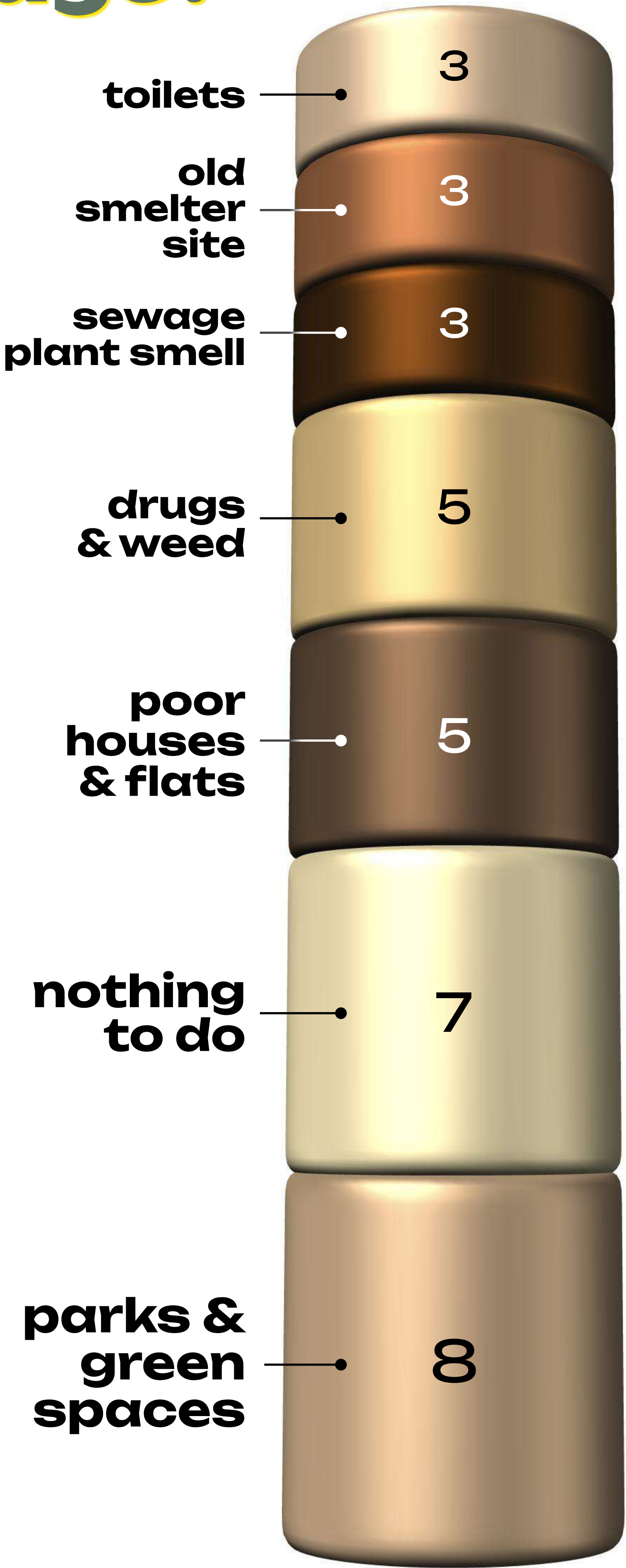
better transport

more shops

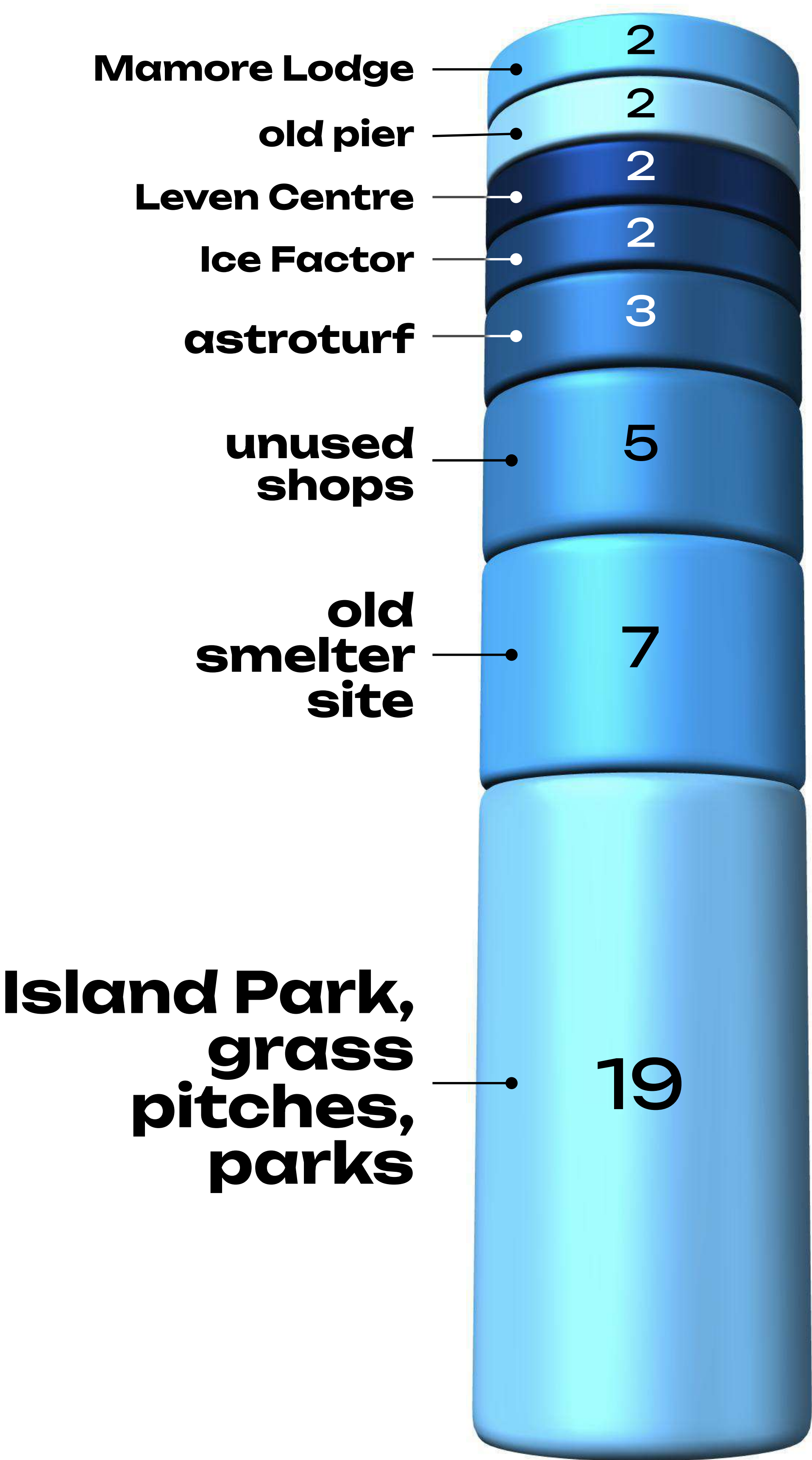




# What is your least favourite part of the village?



# Which parts of the village are under-used?



Organised by the High School Pupil Council. Responses from S1-S6 students: 64 responses to the question on the left, 54 to that on the right. Graphics show the most popular ideas.



## How can we make more use of the business park?



Organised by the High School Pupil Council. Responses from S1-S6 students: 64 responses to the question on the left, 109 on the right. Graphics show the most popular ideas.

## What could create more money & jobs for the village?



# **Kinlochleven Local Place Plan**

## **High School students' suggestions, May-June 2024**

The Pupil Council developed a series of questions and asked them of pupils in every year group, to feed into the draft Local Place Plan. The responses are transcribed below.

### **1: What can make the village better?**

195 responses

#### **S1**

More shops  
More shops  
More food shops  
More shops  
Post office  
Lidl's  
Replace business Park with a Greggs and Tesco  
Greggs  
Subway  
Subway  
Café  
MaccieDs  
Pizzahut  
Cycle path from Kinlochleven to Glencoe  
More walks  
Forest walks  
More buses!  
More buses  
Trains  
Gym  
Refurbish the grass pitch  
Refurbish the grass pitch  
Swimming pool (indoor)  
Skatepark (indoor)  
Trampoline park (indoor)  
Lazer tag  
Airsoft arena  
Make it bigger  
More bins  
Petrol station  
Ciaran Road needs resurfaced

#### **S2**

More buses on A82 Kinlochleven to Fort William  
More buses to the village more buses  
More buses to the village  
More buses at more times more buses  
More buses to the village

More buses at different times

More buses

More buses at more times

The bus stops as there are no buses coming through that much

More shops so that we don't have to drive to Fort William just for groceries

More shops - so people don't have to go all the way to Fort William

More shops so people don't have to drive or get the bus to get certain foods that aren't available at the co-op here

More shops for food

Better shops

Another shop

Clothing shop

Boots! Primark! Home Bargains! New Look!

Greggs

Greggs

A good five star restaurant

Restaurant

Restaurant

Café

More tourist attractions and more restaurants, shops, cafés, public toilets

Iceskating

Swim pool

Parks with more things

Soft play

More activities: ice skating, soft play, café, farm

More jobs

Adding more employable jobs like shops, restaurants and public services. That don't take too much skill.

More public bathrooms

Vet

Less tourists

Better weather forecast

### S3

Buses every hour

More buses

Better bus times

Have smaller buses more frequently and later buses

More buses

Smaller buses with more bus stops

Add another bus going to Balla to Kinloch and back again

More cafés

A cheap café

Another cheap café thing like Leven Bites

Little bakery

Make different activities to do

More activities

Swimming pool

Swimming (outdoor pool)

Reopen the post office

Make a big car park

Posters around the village with happy things on it  
Corner shops  
Boxing gym  
Movie theatre  
Re-open the abandoned buildings  
A community park/dog walking park with benches and flowers and colourful bushes  
Big sign with name Kinloch  
Dirt track  
Better jobs  
Better school  
Paint the houses  
Lidl to bulk buy  
More flowers!  
Jobs for over 13s  
Skate park  
Not existing  
Own archery building

#### **S4**

More buses regularly rather than every three hours  
Don't kick the younger team off the bus please  
Bus times are awful (better bus times/more regular)  
More buses  
More spaces for kids/teens  
Big slide on hill  
Bring Primark  
A Post Office  
Another shop  
More cafes  
Ice Factor to be reopened  
More walking paths  
Adding nets to the goal posts at the grass pitch – keeping the grass cut regularly  
Sort the roads  
Nuclear bunker

#### **S5**

Better bus times  
More frequent buses  
Better buses that go to more places  
More buses specifically Kinloch to Paula  
More buses  
Bus times  
Proper bus station  
More shops (clothes shops)  
Clothes shops  
Bike shop  
Pawn shop  
Sweet shop  
Outdoor shop (boots n stuff)  
24/7 shops  
Morrisons



Sit in café that's open late

A café to sit in - nowhere in Kinloch to sit in for breakfast to non-residents

Cafe

McDonalds

McDonalds

Subway

Mcdonalds

KFC

24/7 cash machine

More places for us to go

More places for teens to go

Teenager-centred parks/areas to be at

More social clubs or areas

Skatepark and pump track behind factory

Swimming pool

24/7 gym

Hire bikes

Bike hire

Diving in the loch

Jetskis

Bridge from old Post Office to the school

Construction jobs to help build the pump track and everything

Swimming pool

Go-karting track

Go-karting track

Golf course

Crazy golf course

Aquarium

Water park

Themed parties

Discos

Discos

Nail bar

Bowling alley

Funfair

Bath house / spa

A mosque

Amusement park

Arcade

Arcade

Arcade

Souvenir shop

Horse riding arena

A giant sculpture with no meaning but to attract tourists

Useless shop that tourists will buy from

A casino to get tourists' money or just some sort of gambling

Casino

Casino

Toll road

Boxing ring

Gladiator ring

Fans around the village to blow away midges

Wing stop

Airport

Airport

## **S6**

More frequent bus times

More bus times during school holidays

Different bus to Kinloch to Balla

Reopen the Post Office [+2]

Open more shops i.e. cafés, bakeries etc

Big Tesco (creates more jobs and a new environment)

Shop for walking equipment

Bits and bobs (e.g. repair kits, gifts)

Upgrade the public toilets

Open up / sell the Ice Factor

Mini golf

## **2: What is your least favourite part of the village?**

62 responses

### **S1**

The flats  
The flats  
The village (because of lack of things to do)  
Stinks of weed  
Sewage plant next to the pier  
The school

### **S2**

The park on Wades Road looks ugly  
The park near Wades Road because full of deer poo  
The worst part of the village is there is only one large scale company shop (Co-op) and it's tiny  
The park!  
New park – the climbing frame is bad  
Sit in cafes (cheap food please)  
I don't like the Chinese because it's expensive  
Leven Bites since not many local people use it (I think)  
Giant field - there is no purpose  
Toilets  
Public toilets  
I hate that the Ice Factor closed  
The school  
The place behind my grannies, always smells like weed ciggies (Appin Road)

### **S3**

The school  
The school  
The school  
The ugly houses  
The flats (they look dirty and lonely) dank and miserable  
Everywhere smells like weed  
The litter  
Co-op  
The park in Lovat

### **S4**

The sewage smell around the pier  
Sewage smell around the pier  
The lack of things to do  
The lack of things to do  
Drug problem  
There seems to be a drug problem  
The park on Heatherlee side  
The parks are stupid, need to be better  
The massive useless field next to the aluminium factory  
How the houses look

Public toilets

School

### **S5**

The buses are really loud (not because of people)

Tourists not being controlled e.g. busy road

School

School

School

Lack of school teachers

People

Tourists

Tourists

History tours

History tours

Inconvenient parking of locals

Not enough places to explore

Smog

Too many trees

No gold in the rivers

The lack of gambling

### **S6**

You can't get a wheelchair up the kerb at the disabled parking

The communal parks because the Council spent little time and funds on repairing/rebuilding

Football pitch isn't open

Community centre is never open and isn't good for young people

### **3: What parts of the village are under-used?**

52 responses

#### **S1**

Grass pitch needs fixed  
Grass pitch  
Grass pitch too uneven  
WHW point (and the factory)  
The old pier gets rebuilt for fishing  
Bitcoin farm

#### **S2**

The island park  
The island park  
Ice Factor  
This shop across from the Co-op doesn't do anything  
Business park  
Giant field – still no purpose  
Toilets  
Wherever there is trees because it's boring and there's not much there besides trees

#### **S3**

Island Park  
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Island Park  
Island Park  
Grass field  
The football pitch  
Astro/football pitch  
Astro  
Weed, the village smells of weed  
In Leven centre, there should be more after-school clubs

#### **S4**

The big pitch next to the business park  
The massive useless field next to the aluminium factory  
Grass pitch behind Ice Factor  
The big field  
Grass pitch  
The grass pitch  
Ice Factor  
Lismore Road field  
The Post Office  
Most places apart from Co-op  
Outdoor benches, they're nice

#### **S5**

Island Park  
Island Park

Grass pitch  
Refurbish park  
Mamore Lodge  
Reopen Mamore Lodge luxury 5 star hotel  
Stag hunting holiday  
Two unused shops  
Empty shops (one used to be The Antler?)  
The river  
The low road

## **S6**

Make better use of empty shops – trade them! 40,000 walkers per year  
Park behind Wades Road  
Steam train between pier and aluminium smelter  
Young person community centre - things to do for them  
Astro turf – it's locked most of the time  
land behind the business park

#### **4: What could create more money and jobs for the village?**

107 responses

##### **S1**

Butchers  
Butcher  
Hardware store  
M&S  
Sweet shop  
Tesco  
Souvenir shops  
Bake sales  
A huge Lidl bakery  
Café  
Café - sit in  
Pubs  
Hotels  
Bike trail from the TV mast  
Hike tours  
Mamore Lodge tour  
Tax the tourists  
Nick their money  
Cinema in Kinloch for more jobs and money  
Outdoor go-kart trail  
Activities - zip line  
Driving range  
Grass pitch can be used for events.  
More fundraisers

##### **S2**

Hurry up and open the Ice Factor  
Open the Ice Factor  
Open the Ice Factor  
Open the Ice Factor  
Swimming pool  
Swimming pool  
Have a swimming pool in Kinloch  
Sledging place  
Put more activities so people can work at them and have jobs for under 15s  
Have small jobs for under 14s  
More cafés  
Outdoor ice rink  
Cinema  
Brewery  
Sell things at markets  
Sell cloudy lemonade by the bridge  
More tourist attractions

##### **S3**

Annual events

Train

A fair

More activities like things to do, golf

Outdoor go karting

Go-karting

Zip line

More cafes

Get Skyline back!!

Nerf wars at the Leven Centre

Make the pubs sell beer from the local brewery

Jobs

Greggs

Open more business, café

More activity centres

A hardware shop

People gardening, painting, walking dogs for money?

**S4**

More shops

More shops

More shops

More shops

Shops

More space for sandwiches in Coop

Gift shop

Souvenir shop

More variety of sweets

Traditional sweet shops

Harry Potter shops

Train shops

A café to sit in

An actual café that you can sit in

Activities – axe throwing etc

Archery or axe throwing

Mini golf

Petrol station

Petrol station

Harry Potter and trains are popular

More parks for teens

Aluminium factory

**S5**

More stores on the other side of the village

More shops

Ice cream shop

Superdrug

Tescos

Tescos

Aldi

More places to eat



Costa Coffee  
Steakhouse  
The pier Blackpool  
Reopen ice factor  
A Highland shop of people that come into the village  
Cinema  
Bowling  
Quadbikes  
Night club  
Quad bikes  
Bouncy castle  
Bungee jumping  
Train  
Helipad

## **S6**

Capitalise on empty shops – [...] owns every single one and hasn't thought about selling for 15 years  
More activities – go-kart track and paintball  
Mamore Lodge - 5 star retreat with hunting  
Attract art and culture. Writers' retreat.  
Have a bank

## **5: How can we make more use of the business park?**

64 responses

### **S1**

Greggs

Things to do – cinema, undercover shelter, activity centre

Shops – food, petrol station

Put Maccies there

### **S2**

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs

Greggs or other food places

McDonalds

Movies or bossards

Markets (clothes, food)

Put lots of signposts pointing to it

### **S3**

Greggs

Greggs/café

Greggs!!!

Geta Greggs Subway

Subway/Greggs

Subway

More shops like Mountain Warehouse, cafes etc

Make a cloths and shoes shop like Mountain Warehouse or Go Outdoors

Shopping mall

A shop?

Bike shop

Bike trail

Swimming pool

Activity centre

More business

Tourist information

Airsoft building

### **S4**

More shops

Shop!!

Superdrug

Get a café

Bank

Bank

Bank? Superdrug (joke)

More board maps

Board maps

Better park

Train museum

Just add more parking lots

Still the damn photoles

Base for call centre

### **S5**

Better gym (with more opportunities for <16s)

Make it into a car park

Turn it into a Lidl

Tree top course

Swimming pool

Cake shop that stays open late

Another gym

### **S6**

Historic tours of the Electric Village

Chiropractor for walkers catering to health needs

Corporate office for large hotel chain – or one aspect of it

Face to face college courses (UHI)

## **6: How can we arrange better parking for visitors & make it easier for them to find their way?**

14 responses

### **S2**

Car park  
More parking space  
Car park bigger  
Use the giant field for a car park  
Bigger car park for the Co-op  
Make more public parking in unused land  
Make big car parks for tourists  
Put more car parks in  
Garage  
Put more signs up

### **S4**

Massive useless field behind the aluminium factory  
Signage indicating parking  
Don't need more parking. There's at least 5 places already.

### **S6**

Tarmac old factory field site

## APPENDIX 4: PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

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Please see next page for a summary of the activities in which the whole of the Primary School participated in as part of a school assembly in March 2024. Children moved around between each activity, taking a few minutes at each one. Each child did every activity.

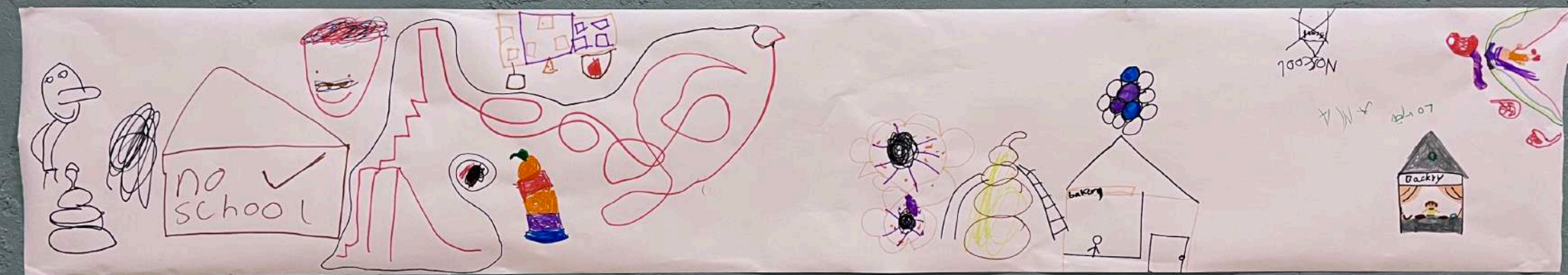
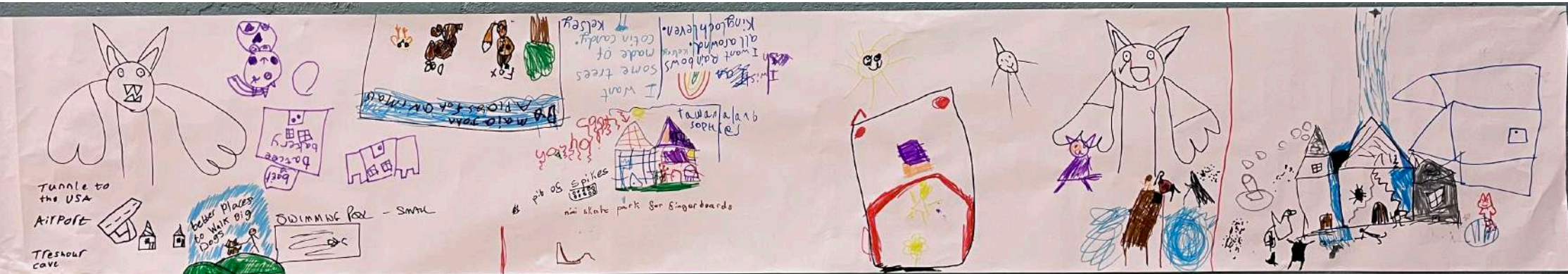
The aim was to give a range of interesting and fun things to do, communicate the message that they had the ability to influence the future of the village, and generate basic input of their future aspirations for the Local Place Plan.

Of the 5 activities described overleaf, the one that produced a permanent record of their ideas was drawing. This was carried out in 3 small groups. Photos of the children's drawings can be seen later in this appendix or online at [www.kinlochlevenfutures.net](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net)

The suggestions for the village which were most commonly put forward by the children were:

- Swimming Pool
- Animal / wildlife sanctuary
- Trampoline Park
- Soft play house
- More restaurants
- Big cafe with outdoor seating area
- Go karts
- Fishing pier
- Big play fort
- Outdoor cooking area
- Own vets
- Skatepark

If you wish to see the detail of these drawings, they are also online at [www.kinlochlevenfutures.net](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net)





## APPENDIX 5: DRAFT PLAN CONSULTATION

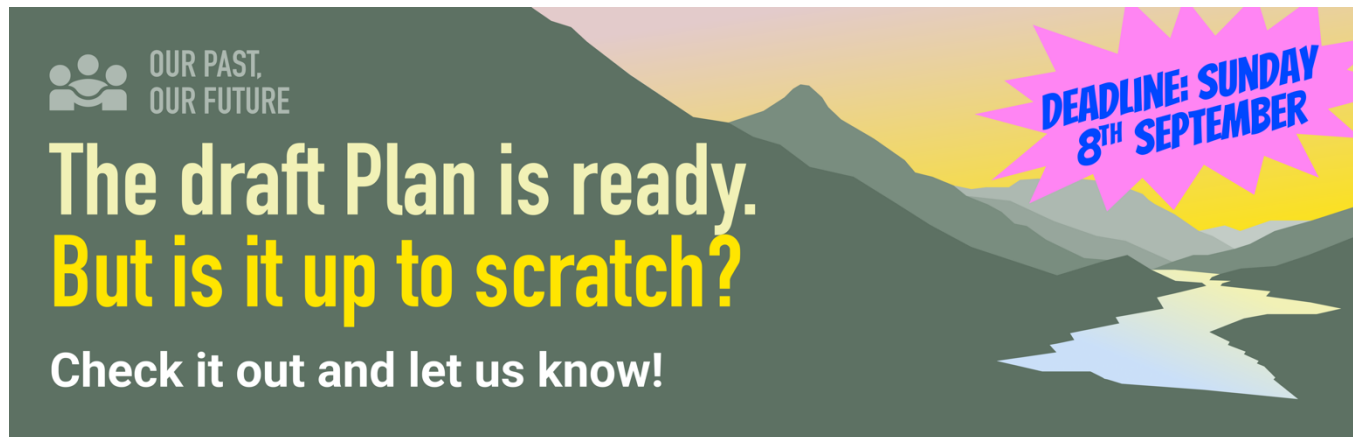
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This appendix explains the consultation that was undertaken on the draft Plan in August-September 2024. It includes transcriptions/ summaries of all comments on the draft Plan, and explains how they each influenced the final version of the Plan. Please see overleaf.

# KINLOCHLEVEN LOCAL PLACE PLAN

## REPORT OF CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLAN

Prepared by Nick Wright, independent facilitator, September 2024



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# 1. Introduction

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Based on everyone's input during the year, the [draft Plan](#) was published for public review in August and September 2024.

People could see and comment on the draft Plan online or in the Library, Leven Centre and Community Trust office. A community cafe event was organised in the Leven Centre on Saturday 24th August for anybody who wanted to discuss the plan in person.

The consultation was widely publicised around the village through posters, flyers, the e-bulletin, social media and direct to all school pupils.

Many thanks to all those who reviewed the draft Plan. The response to the consultation was as follows:

- 56 pupils responded online in class; their classes had previously been involved in commenting on the plan before the summer break.
- 9 members of the public responded to the online form.
- 5 responses were received by email.

The online survey used three simple questions, and did not ask for any personal details:

1. Do you think the draft Plan reflects our community's aspirations?
2. What do you like about the draft Plan?
3. What changes do you suggest, if any?

Responses are transcribed / summarised on the following pages.

**Comments on the draft Plan** have been transcribed or summarised in the left-hand column of each table. Those received via the online form have been transcribed. Those received by email have been summarised, to focus on the key points.

**Subsequent changes to the Plan** are summarised in the right-hand column of each table. Most suggestions have resulted in changes to the Plan. The only exceptions are suggestions which:

- Are already incorporated into the Plan, so no further changes are needed.
- Conflict significantly with principles established through widespread community engagement earlier in the plan's preparation.
- Are beyond the scope of the spatial focus of a Local Place Plan.

More information about the work as a whole can be seen at [www.kinlochlevenfutures.net](http://www.kinlochlevenfutures.net)

## 2. Comments from young people

The local community has consistently emphasised the importance of young people for the future of the community. Therefore, to continue to give young people meaningful influence over the plan, each class in the school had been involved in preparing the plan before the summer break. The classes were invited to look at the draft Plan and comment, individually, using the online survey; a big thank you to school staff for organising the consultation input.

The pupils' responses to the three questions in the survey are transcribed in the first three columns of the table below. The right hand column summarises suggested changes to the final Plan.

	1. Do you think the draft Plan reflects our community's aspirations?	2. What do you like about the draft Plan?	3. What changes do you suggest, if any?	<i>Changes to the final Plan</i>
2.1	no mention of bus times	they are hopefully going to actually do it	more bus times, different bus from balla to kinloch, hangout spot for young kids "keep them out of trouble and the leven center is now not available for them as its always closed	<i>Already included in the plan; social spaces for young people have been further emphasised</i>
2.2	Relatively	I like the colour coding	Place all of the numbers you have listed as number 20 is listed but is not on the map	<i>Numbers have been checked</i>
2.3	yes	the images showing the communities concerns/wants		<i>n/a</i>
2.4	Yes	The detail in explaining ideas and the data provided helps people understand the plan better and the images create a visual understanding.	none	<i>n/a</i>
2.5	dunno	dunno	i dont live here	<i>n/a</i>
2.6		its ok	nope	<i>n/a</i>
2.7	yes	hearing ideas from the younger people	more social areas	<i>Indoor and outdoor social spaces for young people have been further emphasised</i>
2.8	Yes I think the draft plan reflects the villages aspiration.	Yes, I'm happy with the plan right now .I especially like the plan for Mc Donalds . I quite happy with it	Nothing much	<i>n/a</i>

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2.9	i dont know	i want a greggs	greggs give us a greggs please qwq	<i>Greggs is mentioned in the plan (but that doesn't necessarily mean that they will come!)</i>
2.10	Yeah (I don't live here).	It's looking alright.	I don't have any suggestions	<i>n/a</i>
2.11	yes	i think its good		<i>n/a</i>
2.12	Yes, I think the draft plan reflects the village's aspirations.	I like the fact that there was numbers shown for what people were asking for.	to take out the unrealistic ones, or the overly specific ones. Like the Greggs.	<i>Unsure which proposals are unrealistic or overly specific (Greggs possibly?); and removing things from the plan risks disappointing other residents. No changes.</i>
2.13	idk	nothing really	none	<i>n/a</i>
2.14	sure	opening the ice factor	nah seems good	<i>n/a</i>
2.15	yes	all the ideas	none	<i>n/a</i>
2.16	im not sure, but it helps many people in the community and need the help	I like that its helping the community letting people listen to your voice	i wont change anything	<i>n/a</i>
2.17	yeah a bit	yous are trying to use places that arn't in use.	yous need to tidy up the village, stop the deer coming down and a bus to oban	<i>The plan needs to be a joint community effort. Village tidying, deer and buses are already included in the plan. Oban bus has been added.</i>
2.18	its ok	not sure	bus to oban	<i>Oban bus has been added.</i>
2.19	its okay	not sure	bus to oban	<i>Oban bus has been added.</i>
2.20	yes	all of it, no bad things	everything is perfect	<i>n/a</i>
2.21	Yes	I think that its a very good idea!	Maybe instead of a greg's a market where you can buy fresh fruits and veg?	<i>Lots of people suggested Greggs so we should not delete it. Fresh produce has been added.</i>



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2.22	kind of	the part where we cant put a gregs here ( i hate gregs)	fix the deer shit problem	<i>Already included in the plan.</i>
2.23		ice factor	better shops	<i>Already included in the plan.</i>
2.24	yes	I like it as our idea are being heard	I don' have any suggestions	<i>n/a</i>
2.25	no	it gets the community		<i>n/a</i>
2.26	yes	i like that they have came up with really good ideas.	nope i think it looks good already	<i>n/a</i>
2.27	The draft plan does reflect the community aspiration	I think the draft plan is a very good idea	Instead of a shop you could make a market	<i>Fresh produce has been added.</i>
2.28	yes	its ok	water slides with the pools and a popeyes instead of the greggs	<i>Lots of people suggested Greggs so we should not delete it. Watersports and adventure play are already in the plan.</i>
2.29	yes	ice factor	good shops that arent all about scotland its very anoying	<i>Need for shops is already included.</i>
2.30	yes i do	i think its a good idea	im not sure	<i>n/a</i>
2.31	yes	not sure	i think its good the way it is	<i>n/a</i>
2.32		greggs	more shops	<i>Already included in the plan.</i>
2.33	yes	i think its a good idea and I WANT GREGGS AND A SWIMMING POOOOOOOOL	no more go outdoors or moutin wear house there so annoyig and need to go away and get new shops like primark new look asadas tesco make sweets cheaap there so ex[enisve its weirdddddddddddddddddd	<i>n/a</i>
2.34	not fully	it's think's about the housing market and how some people can't afford houses in the community's	please handle the drug problem	<i>An issue for the Kinlochleven Locality Plan that is being prepared (see page 4 of Local Place Plan)</i>
2.35		the possible pump track	less camping spots more food shops like a morrisons or aldi	<i>Already included in the plan</i>
2.36	yes	the bus		<i>n/a</i>
2.37	yes	that there will be changes	more food ares	<i>Already included in the plan</i>

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2.38	yes	that we might be able to get more places to make kinloch not boring	more places to eat	<i>Already included in the plan</i>
2.39	yes	that there will be more to do in kinloch	i dont have suggestions	<i>n/a</i>
2.40		nothing	less campsites	<i>Already included in the plan</i>
2.41	I think it's going to be a great new step for the village.	I like the fact that all the information given was from everyone in the community.	Nothing	<i>n/a</i>
2.42	yes	more shops	less camping sites	<i>Already included in the plan</i>
2.43	yes	it will make kinloch less boring		
2.44	some of our aspirations	the dog parks	more shops and places to eat	<i>Already included in the plan</i>
2.45	yup	swimming pool and more transport	more duror busses	<i>Oban buses have been added to the plan</i>
2.46	Yes	That the community had input	I'm happy with the current plan	<i>n/a</i>
2.47	yes	it helps people in the community	I don't have any	<i>n/a</i>
2.48	yes	the amount of different things	add a cat cafe	<i>More cafes are already included in the plan</i>
2.49	Yes	I like the fact somethings actually happening to give everyone more to do in the village.		<i>n/a</i>
2.50	yea	lots of people want more shops and greggs.	no	<i>n/a</i>
2.51	yes	theres a chance of getting new shops and/or more things to do	no	<i>n/a</i>
2.52	Yes	i think the draft plan is bringing the community together	maybe do more events to talk about it	<i>n/a</i>
2.53	yea it does	i like everything in the draft plan	no i don't	<i>n/a</i>

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2.54	Yes	Getting actual use out of the ice factor, slightly more shops and more transport	a cinema is unneeded as i feel it would still be underused.	<i>Others have suggested a cinema so it should not be deleted. The plan doesn't propose a new cinema building, but using existing spaces for cinema nights.</i>
2.55	Yes.	A big cafe with outdoor seating. More places for teenagers to spend time.	The chains, like Greggs or Tesco, are unnecessary and that if there is a cinema and swimming pool in Fort William, it isn't needed in Kinlochleven, that we should have nicer local places like cafes.	<i>Lots of people suggested Greggs so we should not delete it. Cafes are already included in the plan, as is better transport to Fort William to access facilities there.</i>

### 3. Other comments received via the online form

In addition to the comments on the online form from school pupils (see previous section), comments were received from nine other people on the

online form. They are transcribed below using the same format as the previous section.

	1. Do you think the draft Plan reflects our community's aspirations?	2. What do you like about the draft Plan?	3. What changes do you suggest, if any?	<i>Commentary and changes to the final Plan</i>
3.1		It's a great draft. Well done		<i>n/a</i>
3.2			<p>The section on the Community Compost site is misleading. New Zealand Flatworms are an invasive species that eat earthworms they are not a human parasite. The wording suggests that the compost would introduce a parasite into food growing which is not true. In the UK there are no human parasites in soil. Please change the wording.</p> <p>The compost cannot be used as it would introduce the non native invasive New Zealand Flatworm into people's gardens, which will eat our native Round Earthworms. This has already happened before the Flatworm were noticed, and our gardens are still recovering from the devastating effects of the Flatworms eating our Earthworms. New Zealand Flatworms are a UK wide problem and were introduced from imported potted plants.</p> <p>Also I notice there is no mention that the Community Compost Site is also a habitat for Native Slow Worms. Slow worms are a protected species under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. This status could make it very difficult to clear and reuse the site.</p>	<i>Plan has been updated accordingly</i>
3.3	Definitely!	The plan sounds amazing, thanks to everyone involved in putting it together. We particularly like the following features of the plan:	There are some very minor additions to the plan which we would like to suggest:	<i>Plan has been updated to reference ideas for Island Park for the smelter site too, and to mention nature</i>

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		<p>Love the ideas for Island Park, especially the seasonal cafe and sheltered space. It would be great to have swimming access to the loch from Kinlochleven, and it would be great to have a sauna by the loch for wild swimmers/community/tourists. We would like Island Park to remain a green space - could a skate park/pump track be integrated into the development on the old factory land?</p> <p>Programme of events in Leven Centre and workspace hub in library would be great.</p> <p>Definitely in favour of cycle paths along the loch.</p> <p>A shuttle to Glencoe for connection with Glasgow bus would be great.</p> <p>The new models of care being explored in Kinlochbervie sound great.</p> <p>Volunteer opportunities for young people in the local community groups also great idea.</p>	<p>We would like to see more arts events in the village yearly programme such as when the orchestra visited this summer.</p> <p>We would love a community cafe in the old antler bar. Young people could use it to organise/host events too e.g. board game nights.</p> <p>Young people could be involved in nature restoration in the area as a good way to gain experience in green careers.</p> <p>Could the KCBF be used to keep the Ice Centre open? Could it be split into different 'units' i.e. not splitting the building up, but having different people/small businesses responsible for different parts (cafe, climbing, sauna etc).</p> <p>The community garden could also be a great space for a small seasonal cafe (instead of Island Park?) or for yoga classes and similar wellbeing events (if we had a sheltered space).</p>	<p><i>restoration as providing opportunities for young people.</i></p> <p><i>Other suggestions are either already included or provide extra detail which fits well with the plan.</i></p>
3.4			<p>The section on the Community Compost site is misleading.</p> <p>New Zealand Flatworms are an invasive species that eat earthworms they are not a human parasite.</p> <p>The wording suggests that the compost would introduce a parasite into food growing which is not true.</p> <p>In the UK there are no human parasites in soil.</p> <p>Please change the wording.</p> <p>The compost cannot be used as it would introduce the non native invasive New Zealand Flatworm into peoples gardens, which will eat our native Round Earthworms.</p>	<p><i>Plan has been updated.</i></p>

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			<p>This has already happened before the Flatworm were noticed, and our gardens are still recovering from the devastating effects of the Flatworms eating our Earthworms. New Zealand Flatworms are a UK wide problem and were introduced from imported potted plants.</p> <p>Also I notice there is no mention that the Community Compost Site is also a habitat for Native Slow Worms.</p> <p>Slow worms are a protected species under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. This status could make it very difficult to clear and reuse the site.</p>	
3.5	Yes.	The focus on community ownership.	<p>Liaison between JAHAMA and external agencies needs to be far more authentic. Three major issues in the past 5 or so years have all involved JAHAMA and their failure to engage with the community ie The Zip Wire debacle, the Deer culling on our streets fiasco and now the threat of a private dog park on a piece of natural shore and meadow land at the Narrows - land traditionally enjoyed, in peace, by wildlife, locals and visitors. Land that legally we have the right to roam on (see planning application/objections and the Highland Councils own Accessibility Officers assessment) Each example shows JAHAMA favouring business over our community, traditions and heritage.</p>	<i>The role of Jahama supporting delivery is already made very clear in the plan. Publication of the draft plan has already led to positive discussions with Jahama about their future role.</i>
3.6	Kind of, different people benefit from different things	I like the community energy part. More housing and shops too.	<p>The youth wanted Gregg's....which has its place but maybe a local bakery, veg shop and butcher... maybe courses and apprenticeships within the work world to encourage the young adults to stay in village. Cookery courses to improve health awareness.</p>	<i>The plan has been updated to make reference to local food etc. Play parks have been added to the deer management section. Outdoor adventure sports are already mentioned in the plan.</i>



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			I do feel one area maybe worth putting deer fencing is around play park to stop deer pooing and children getting covered in ticks. Definitely more outdoor adventure sports would be great for the area and all round tourism.	
3.7	If I'm honest I found this a bit patronising. We have had ideas over the last 20 years, local business people have approached landowners with proposals and all fallen flat because of the very same organisations that we are pinning our future on. Jahama's predecessors, Rio Tinto, stopped the regeneration of the pier area because it is believed, they were concerned about the area that was used as landfill from the factory - developing the pier walk was a concession that circumnavigates the landfill site. There had been 2 well developed plans to regenerate the whole area including pontoons, cafe, water tourism etc which would have generated jobs, engineering opportunities, the possibilities were endless until a resounding no from landowners. The more recent Zip Wire project had the same vision, it caused widespread derision by a small but determined group of dissenters who live in the village to derail the project; sadly covid ultimately did that for them. The point is, we	Some ideas are positive but I honestly can't see much change. Had there been opportunity for investment surely, HIE, private firms etc would have seen the potential 10/20 years ago; sadly, the negativity from landowners gave the impression, Kinlochleven wasn't worth it. We have hung on for the last couple of decades to tourism and the WHW has been a boon for us but rather worryingly this too is under threat. We need to support the tourist trade but not to the detriment of living here.	If we are to garner change we need to try and set in stone the basics of living in the village. Sort out the very easy fixes with HC and Lochaber Housing Association in particular. These two organisations need to support their tenants and ensure that they are abiding by their residency agreements. Reinstate council/association checks on properties, listen to their tenants, work with them to improve standards both inside and outside their homes. It can be seen from a walk round the village that roads such as Foyers and Glendale have more than a look of "abandonment", it's such a shame as "old Kinloch" used to be immaculate, people cared about their environment. From the Highland Council Tenancy Guide:  "You need to take care of the house, garden and any areas that you share with neighbours and make sure that everyone living in your house (including any visitors) does the same. If you live in a flat, you will be expected to clean any common areas e.g. stairs, bin stores or bin chute accesses, unless there is a Caretaking Service in place. You must also comply with any local arrangements for using and maintaining any common drying greens or drying areas. You must ensure that you do not cause a nuisance in common areas e.g. by parking vehicles where it may cause an obstruction.	<i>The central concern of the comments is that the plan revisits ideas that have been put forward before unsuccessfully, and that it will not come to fruition without the support of local public and private sector interests.</i>  <i>The suggested changes focus on sorting out the basics: housing, food shopping and sense of community. These changes were all included in the draft plan, but the wording has been tweaked to emphasise them.</i>

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	<p>have had vision but because it doesn't suit some, these opportunities quickly fail because it's not the "right idea" for the village and of course lack of investment from not only government but private streams. Years ago there were plans to develop the old factory site but we were told it was too contaminated - do we know this for sure? Has there been more up to date tests carried out? We need answers to these questions. What was done in the village 20 years ago was too little and done for appeasement, the vision of change and development was quashed by these or similar organisations that you want to help us now. The village is a very different place now, I would say the majority of people who have moved here want the retirement chocolate box version of the village, not the vibrant working place that we deserve.</p> <p>I'm not sure the businessman in the village, who owns the "empty units" will be willing to part with them, considering one is in the process of being renovated and the other cafe/pub/bakery site has planning for a change of use to accommodation. If they were to become available, who's buying?</p>		<p>If you have pets, you must keep them under control and prevent them from causing a nuisance to neighbours, the public or Council staff or contractors. This includes fouling, smell or noise. You are not allowed to keep a pet that is prohibited by law. Failing to keep pets under control could mean that you will be asked to remove them".</p> <p>Sadly, much of this is ignored by not only residents but HC and Housing Associations in the village.</p> <p>We could also apply this to the absent landlords who own property but don't live here.</p> <p>There is also one HC property in the village that is no longer habitable, this must be addressed. It has been overlooked for many years due to lack of funds apparently, however, if this had been used for their apprentices to work on, it could have been part of the housing stock and generating an income. If never to be renovated, then perhaps it could be used for something else but bearing in mind it's in a block of 4 with residency below it.</p> <p>We have a Co-op that doesn't provide enough choice or selection of ingredients to make nutritious meals. We get plenty of offers on crisps, chocolate, etc but not the basics we find in other co-ops. Often, there are issues with fridges and freezers and it takes far longer than is necessary to fix the problem, currently as I type, the freezers and fridges are out of commission again. This impacts enormously on what is available, however, even when the coop is fully functioning we don't get the range of food other shops have</p>	

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			<p>because of our tourist status. We have more choice of wines, beers and spirits than we do for food. All we want is a coop fit for purpose and provides choice for its members/residents/tourists.</p> <p>Real change has to come from us, the residents who live here. The small important steps can be achieved if we learn to work together. There is too much division and sadly more people than not are happy to petition against ideas than to work through for a solution. We don't have a community as such, just a disparate bunch of people who share an environment, this needs to change if we are to be successful in changing our future</p>	
3.8	Yes	Great ideas - thank you for the work you have put into this report. Good consideration of sustainability.	<p>It would be great to look into the possibility of a car sharing scheme to have less cars on the road in the village. Would save money for people with their own cars and give greater access for people without.</p> <p>There is a recent report by Nourish Scotland on Public Diners. The outcomes would be worth keeping an eye on, as I think such a thing would be a great addition to the village. A place for people to regularly eat affordable, nutritious meals and a place of social cohesion, tackling physical and mental health issues. It is currently very expensive to eat out.</p>	<p><i>Community car sharing has been added to the public/community transport section.</i></p> <p><i>Affordable local food is one of the aims of the community café that is included in the plan (page 32); references to affordability and quality have been added.</i></p>
3.9	Yes I think a great job has been done of turning lots of ideas into a comprehensive plan.	The redevelopment of smelter site proposal. It could be a great resource and I like the partnership approach commitment idea. It would be great to retain some open space here or elsewhere in the village for events (like the Solomon Skyline which used to come every year	The plan is very thorough and has a wide selection of ideas, but 33 actions over 14 pages is a lot! Both for locals to read/engage with as well as policy makers etc. I think the plan could be improved by some better structure to the ideas - either grouping them	<i>One of the challenges with preparing a plan for an entire community is that action is needed on many fronts – hence the number of actions. The plan tries to be as readable and easy to navigate as</i>

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		<p>or the motorbike trials). I think the suggested use for shops/restaurants isn't right though. The empty units on the high street and in the business park should be occupied first before we start building new units. I like the proposal for reinvigorating the high street but i think this should be higher up the priority list.</p> <p>The leven centre suggestions are great, particularly the teens area and the co-working/hot desking space. It would be great to understand why hire rates for leven centre spaces and astro turf are so high and see what we can do to change that. Love the idea of more music/theatre/arts performances.</p> <p>Really like the affordable housing proposals. Definitely agree with short term lets restrictions, it would be good if this came alongside more incentives/flexibility from planners for people to have pods etc in their gardens - there is not enough accommodation in the village and this would be a much better form of accommodation for the community than whole houses going to holiday lets.</p> <p>There are lots of empty council houses and flats - it would be great to open these up for key workers, even if it was short-term (e.g. one school year). More info and incentives for people to rent out their pods / spare rooms / holiday lets to key workers would be fantastic.</p> <p>Love the recognition of the need for better cycling infrastructure. I think the proposal is for off-road cycle paths on both sides of the loch. This seems v unrealistic to me because widening the road would be v expensive for the size of the village. Could a better solution be some traffic calming on the low road. It is</p>	<p>by theme or priority or quick wins vs long games. I initially read it as ideas 1-4 being the priorities but they are also the most ambitious so not sure if that's the case. By time i got to the ideas in the high 20s my attention/enthusiasm began to fade!</p> <p>I think it would be interesting to see if the plan could be tied together into a theme or an ambition/title for the village. This could be along the lines of e.g. outdoor adventure/sport, the environment or food. This would stimulate the economy, give locals a sense of pride in their home and attract people to move here.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kinlochleven could be the food capital of Lochaber - we have one of the only decent restaurants in Lochaber (the Seafood cafe), we could host an annual food festival, have a monthly food market and have rotating street food caterers in the village centre for e.g a month each. This would help encourage more food businesses to establish themselves here and bring in tourism out of season, as well as improve the health and wellbeing of residents.</li> <li>- Or Kinlochleven could be the most sustainable place in the Highlands and be exemplary with the community hydro project, native woodland regeneration, composting site, the pantry, cycling schemes etc. A forest school/outdoor education offering would complement this and help with the childcare issue.</li> <li>- Or could we be the Home of Highland Adventure with the Ice Factor, vertical descents, e-bike hire (and some better</li> </ul>	<p><i>possible; judging from the fact that only one respondent has suggested it is not, it would be risky to restructure the plan – and would need further consultation to check that the community agreed, which would add months of delay.</i></p> <p><i>Each of the themes suggested are of course worthy of investigation, and will be included in the plan's appendices so that they are not lost.</i></p> <p><i>Swimming and water activities have been added to the plan as suggested.</i></p> <p><i>Proposals 29 and 30 are specifically worded not to focus simply on preventative signage, but to explore other more positive ways of managing parking, wild camping and motorhomes.</i></p> <p><i>Play parks have been added to the deer management section.</i></p> <p><i>Improving the 'village green' between the Ice Factor and the Co-op has been added to the plan; the idea of a covered seating area could be part of this.</i></p> <p><i>A hard surface court for the Park Road park would need further detailed consultation with residents in the immediate vicinity.</i></p>

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		<p>already quicker (just) to drive via the high road to the A82 north, but a small amount of traffic calming infrastructure might deter more locals from driving the low road quickly and encourage them to use the high road instead. This together with some signage, on-road cycle lanes and road markings about cyclists might give people more confidence to cycle on the low road and cause any drivers that are on it to drive slower. Another option would be to make the WHW to FW more cyclable and promote this as a bike route, possibly with a descent option to N Ballachulish/Onich?</p> <p>Love the community hydro idea!</p> <p>V supportive of the childcare idea too, this has been a big issue for our family.</p>	<p>established routes for different abilities), water-sports on the loch, more info about hiking routes etc?</p> <p>On one of the community consultation docs there was the idea of creating better access to the loch for wild swimming and kayaking etc which i think is missing from the draft plan but could be added to idea number 3. I really liked this idea as it would boost locals' health/wellbeing and encourage more tourism. It would need to be combined with water quality monitoring of the sewage outlets near the pier.</p> <p>I think ideas numbers 29 and 30 are valid but lots of signs about rules etc also make a village feel very unwelcoming. The height restriction on grey mares car park should be removed and if visitors are redirected to other car parks they should be free with clear directions. The wild camping site near the McDonald hotel should be better signposted at the entrance to the village on the WHW.</p> <p>Some other suggestions/ideas:  A hard surface court for basketball, tennis, etc at the top of the Park Road park.  A bin in the Lovat Road park (Park Road park has one)  Deer fencing the two play parks  A wooden outdoor covered seating area (like a bandstand) on the village 'green' (between ice factor and aluminium store) for visitors, locals (kids and adults) to sit in - would be good for events too. There was a suggestion for this on island park but the secluded, unlit location is likely to cause more anti social</p>	

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			behaviour (drinking/drugs, teenage sex, using it as a toilet) or people using it to camp in.	



## 4. Comments received by email

Comments were received by email from five individuals or organisations. These did not follow the format of the three questions in the online form. It

would be inappropriate to transcribe the comments directly, so the comments have been summarised below.

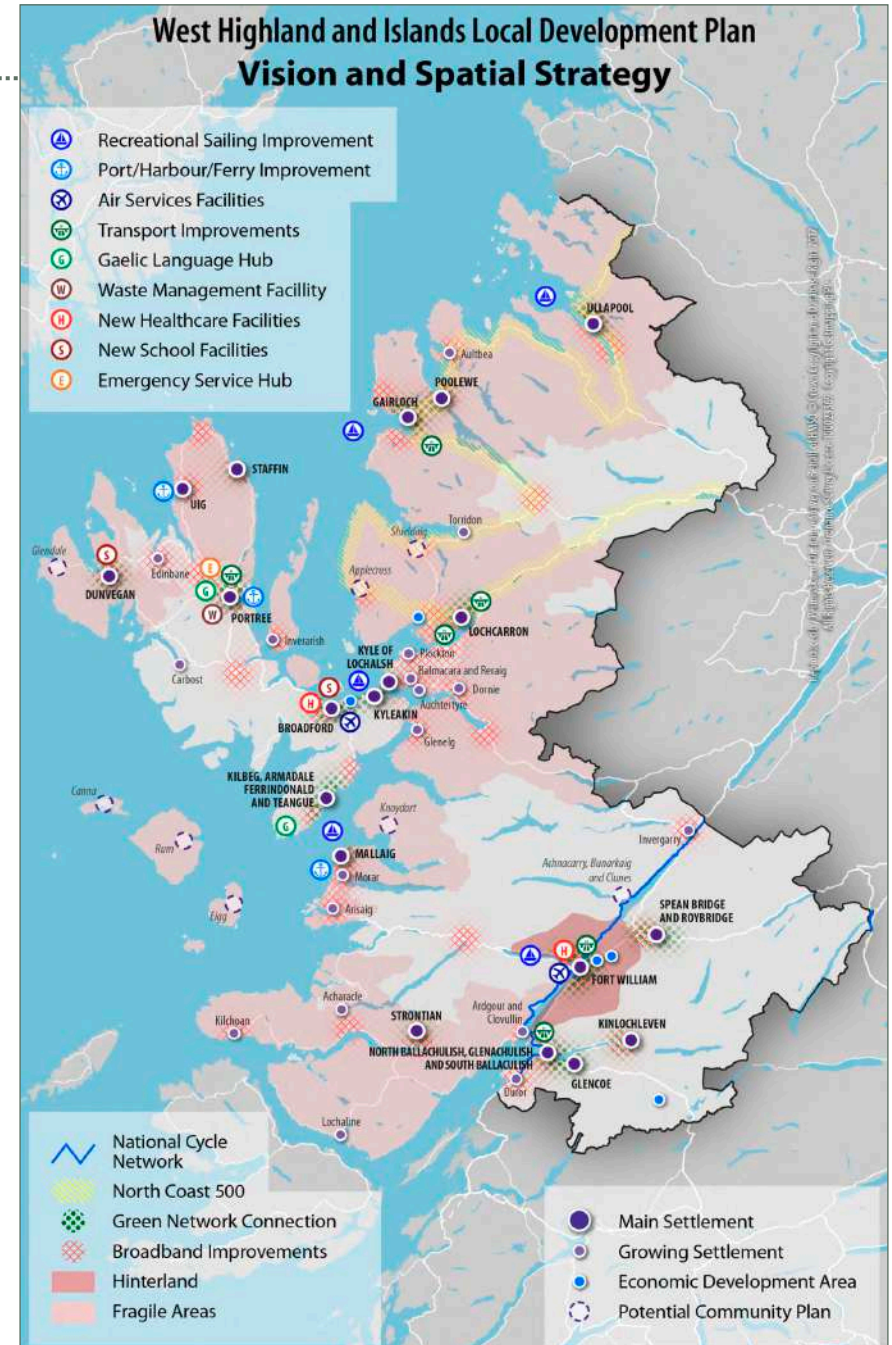
	Summary of comment	Commentary and changes to the final Plan
4.1	<p><i>[from a resident]</i> Concern over industrial contamination from the aluminium smelter in relation to three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The bowling green and area to the west, including the lochside walkway and former pier – the area of most concern as it was used as a waste dump from the smelting process, e.g. used fire bricks, remains of carbon anode and other toxic waste. In the past this caused leachate into the loch which affected mussel growth, and so was monitored by SEPA. Is this still the case?</li> <li>2. The former smelter site itself – has SEPA placed a long term duty of care on this site?</li> <li>3. The business park area – similar question.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Section relating to contamination and remediation (page 34) has been updated.</i></p>
4.2	<p><i>[from local residents]</i> The school frequently suffers from a lack of teaching staff and there is a constant challenge of recruiting and retaining teachers (due for example to a lack of housing). The impact of this on the community is that the school is unable to fulfil the community's needs, despite the best efforts of its staff and their desire to improve the academic and non-academic educational offer for local young people. Local families are already starting to home-school their children, and poor quality schooling acts as a deterrent to families to stay or move to the village. With the village population already in severe decline, the situation needs to be rectified urgently.</p>	<p><i>The section of the plan relating to the school (page 20) has been updated.</i></p>
4.3	<p><i>[from Jahama]</i> Full support for the plan. Despite surprise at comments relating to lack of communication and engagement on their part, the estate wishes to work more closely with the community to help deliver the plan.</p>	<p><i>Welcome support to help deliver the plan – no changes to the plan are needed.</i></p>
4.4	<p><i>[from Lochaber Environmental Group]</i> Having helped to set up the community composting site, LEG are keen to continue to support it including helping to source funding.</p>	<p><i>Welcome support to help deliver the plan. LEG have been added as a potential key partner for the composting project (page 26)</i></p>
4.5	<p><i>[from Voluntary Action Lochaber]</i> Noted that Kinlochleven Community Action Group has the lead on developing the Locality Plan, as part of the Lochaber Community Planning Partnership (rather than Highland Council or Highland Community Planning Partnership)</p>	<p><i>The plan has been updated accordingly (page 32)</i></p>

## APPENDIX 6: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXTRACTS

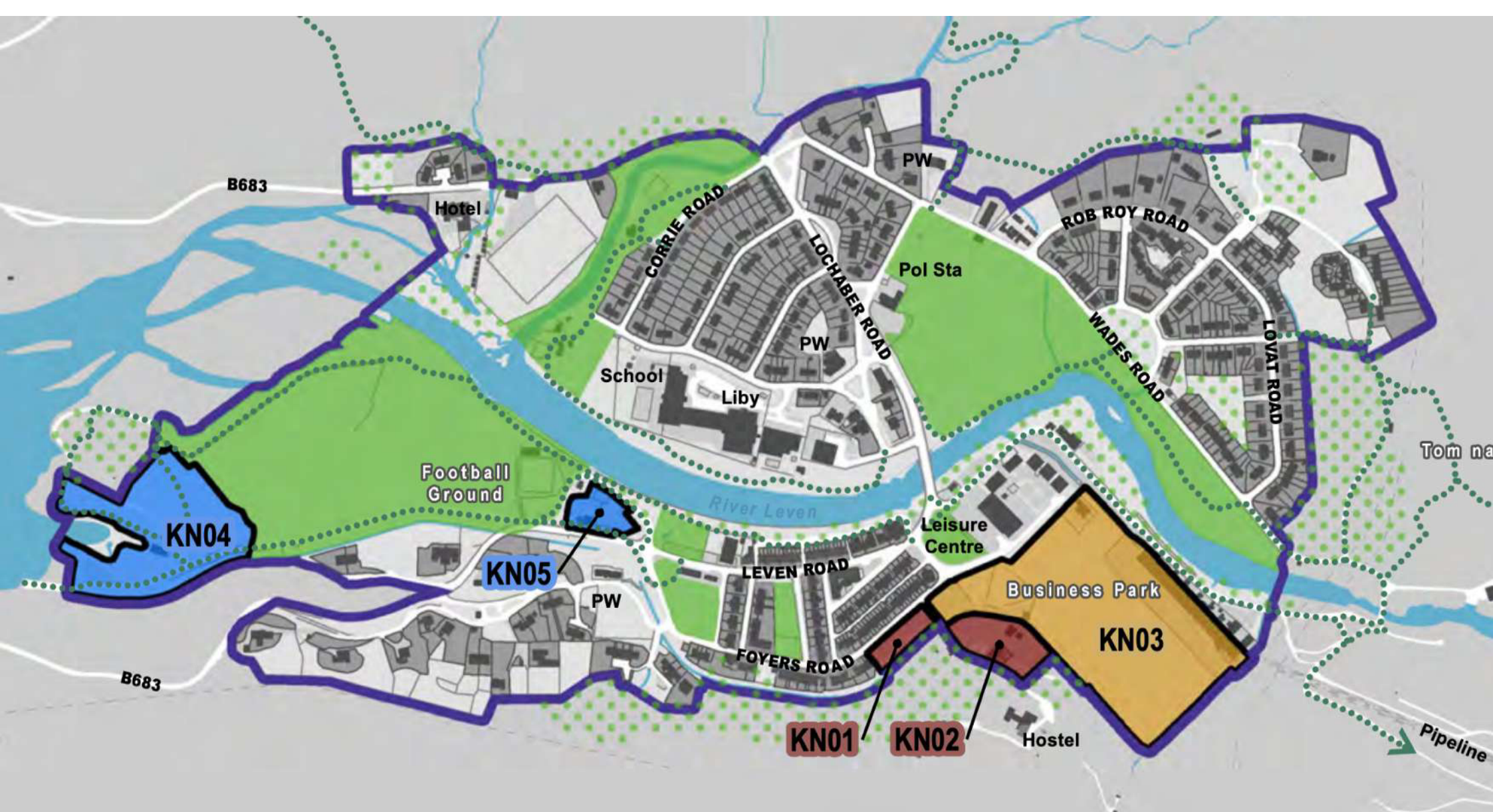
This appendix contains extracts from the West Highland and Islands Local Development Plan, adopted in 2019, that directly relate to Kinlochleven.

The full document can be seen at:

[www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development\\_plans/582/west\\_highland\\_and\\_islands\\_local\\_development\\_plan](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/178/development_plans/582/west_highland_and_islands_local_development_plan)







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## Settlement Development Area



## Roads and Access



Core Path (existing)

## Open Space



Green Network



Cherished Open Space

## Land Uses



Housing



Business



Mixed Use

## APPENDIX 7: REASONS TO AMEND THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The table below (continued overleaf) contains a summary of actions in this Plan that relate to land-use planning, together with reasons why the Local Development Plan should be amended. This is a requirement of [Schedule 19 of the Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#).

	TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECTS	Reason for seeking amendment of the Local Development Plan	More info
1	Redevelop old smelter site	To tackle depopulation, create more developable land for housing etc, tackle dereliction, support Local Living, and sustain our local	page 20
2	Reboot Leven Centre and campus	To tackle depopulation, support Local Living and maximise use of existing community facilities	page 21
3	Revitalise Island Park and old pier	To tackle depopulation, support Local Living, improve green spaces and heritage	page 22
4	Reinvigorate the village centre	To tackle depopulation, support Local Living, boost the local economy and maximise use of existing land and buildings	page 23
	OTHER PROJECTS ON THE MAP		
5	Build affordable homes	To tackle depopulation and improve housing supply and choice	page 24
6	Re-use the Aluminium Store	To maximise use of existing land and buildings and support the local economy	page 24
7	Reopen Ice Factor & revitalise business	To maximise use of existing land and buildings and support the local economy	page 25
8	Retain GP surgery & pharmacy	To support Local Living, contribute to health and wellbeing, and retain essential local services	page 25
9	Improve/create playparks	To support Local Living, contribute to health and wellbeing, and improve local facilities	page 26
10	Grow the community garden	To support Local Living, contribute to health and wellbeing, and address climate change	page 26
11	Fix community composting site	To maximise use of existing land	page 27
12	Upgrade path network	To support Local Living, contribute to health and wellbeing, and support the local economy	page 27
13	Better & safer cycling connections	To contribute to health and wellbeing, and support the local economy	page 28
14	Restore Mamore Lodge	To maximise use of existing land and buildings, and support the local economy	page 28
15	Install community energy	To address climate change and support the local community	page 29
	OTHER WIDER ACTIONS (not necessarily needing to be referenced in the Local Development Plan )		
16	Upgrade older homes	To maximise use of existing land and buildings, contribute to health and wellbeing, and tackle climate change	page 30
17	Improve public/community transport	To support Local Living and improve access to services and facilities	page 30
18	Create village maintenance squad	To improve health and wellbeing, contribute to health and wellbeing, and support the local economy	page 30
19	Extend affordable local childcare	To support Local Living, contribute to health and wellbeing, and support the local economy	page 31
20	More job opportunities for young people	To tackle depopulation and contribute to health and wellbeing	page 31

21	<b>What's on info</b>	<i>To support Local Living, and contribute to health and wellbeing</i>	page 31
22	<b>Year-round events programme</b>	<i>To support Local Living, and contribute to health and wellbeing</i>	page 32
23	<b>More art and colour</b>	<i>To contribute to health and wellbeing</i>	page 32
24	<b>Create youth space</b>	<i>To support Local Living, and contribute to health and wellbeing</i>	page 32
25	<b>Open community cafe</b>	<i>To support Local Living, and contribute to health and wellbeing</i>	page 33
26	<b>Re-open Post Office (location to be agreed)</b>	<i>To support Local Living</i>	page 33
27	<b>Support mental health and wellbeing</b>	<i>To contribute to health and wellbeing</i>	page 33
28	<b>Manage deer in the village</b>	<i>To contribute to health and wellbeing</i>	page 34
29	<b>Manage visitor parking</b>	<i>To improve quality of life</i>	page 34
30	<b>Manage wild camping &amp; motorhomes</b>	<i>To improve quality of life</i>	page 34
31	<b>Restore &amp; enhance natural habitats</b>	<i>To address climate change and enhance biodiversity</i>	page 35
32	<b>Assess land ownership &amp; contamination</b>	<i>To enable other actions in the Plan to be progressed</i>	page 35
33	<b>Develop community resilience plan</b>	<i>To sustain the community and address climate change</i>	page 35



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