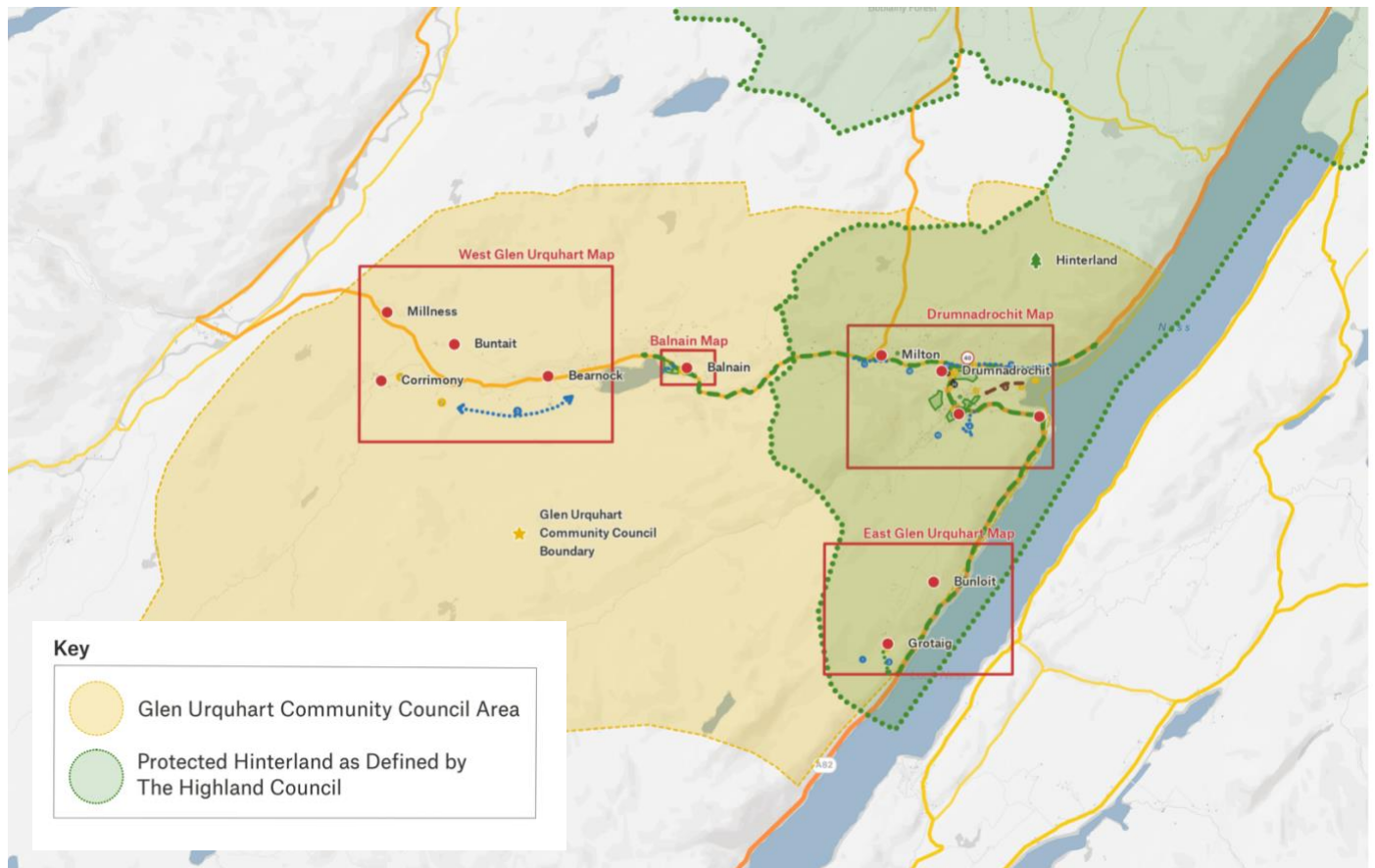


Appendix 5: Maps

The maps below were generated by the community during a series of workshops, a survey and discussions.

The Glen Urquhart Community Council area is shown below, with individual mapping areas highlighted.



Drumnadrochit

As the largest village in the Glen Urquhart Community Council (GUCC) area, Drumnadrochit acts as the hub that connects to the wider GUCC area.

One of the main aspirations for the village is to restrict further development to preserve the rural character of the area. Drumnadrochit is currently experiencing an influx of new housing in large developments which is adding a much more suburban feel to the village. The community desire that all proposals for new build housing should be sensitively considered & numbers should be kept minimal, not in large developments, to prevent over development of the area.

There is an overarching emphasis on improving upon what currently exists. One way the community are keen to see this happen is by promoting more local businesses to open on the High Street that showcase local produce & give back to the local community. There is a common aspiration amongst the community to have more areas for local growing, renewables & small-scale farming & grazing, that all have the potential to feed back into the desired new local businesses. Additionally, the community highlighted the need to improve upon existing footways & cycle paths by upgrading terrain & moving paths off the road where possible. To increase the safety of locals & visitors to Drumnadrochit a suggested introduction of a reduced, well sign posted speed limit of 40 mph along the northern road that runs through Drumnadrochit (where the A831 meets the A82), following several accidents & a couple of local fatalities.

The community has highlighted a strong need for better local connectivity. The most common suggestion being that this can be achieved by reinstating existing dilapidated bridges, providing improved, safer access to areas including Loch Ness, The Great Glen Way & Glen Urquhart Castle & creating a new electric bus route that would service the wider area.

Drumnadrochit Map:

1. Designated safe swimming area
2. Safe access to loch including a bridge
3. Reduce speed limit to 40. Improve speed signage
4. Move Great Glen Way route off the road
5. Treatment plant - move current outlet pipe to exit at the loch
6. Areas for community growing
7. Community growing meadow
8. New electric bus route
9. Creating a thriving high street with local produce & businesses
10. Restore bridges to improve local access
11. Remove / relocate new bus stops
12. Restore the Benleva Hotel & reopen as hotel
13. Footpath through to forestry at base of Polmaily to create circular walk
14. Potential additional car parking / non housing development
15. Non-housing development / childcare centre / car parking
16. Improved pedestrian route to Glen Urquhart Castle
17. Proposed location for new Community Health and Well-Being Centre

Areas highlighted in green are areas designated for no more housing to preserve rural feel of the village.



Balnain

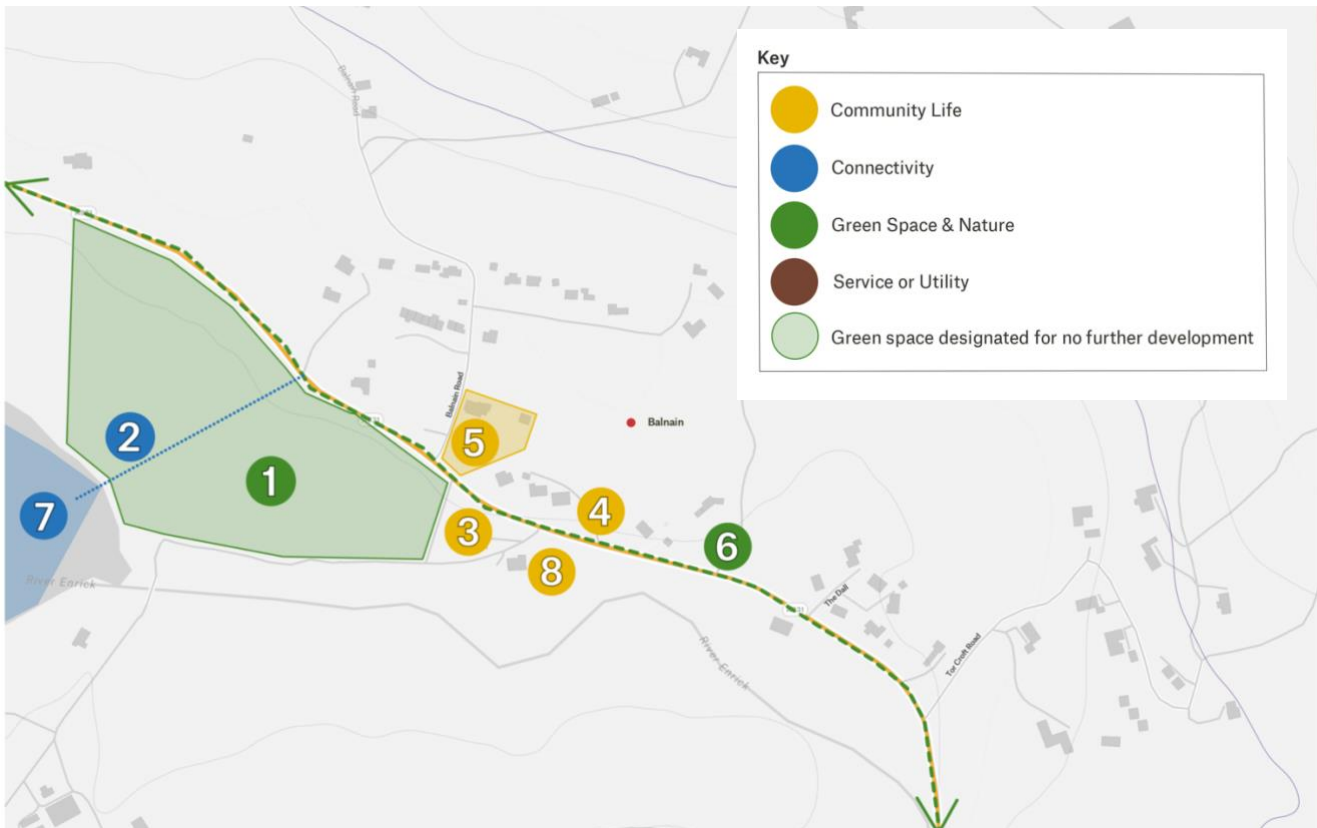
The main topic highlighted within the community is the need to increase & improve upon local amenities. The introduction of a Mens Shed adjacent to the community hall will promote local connectivity, mental health & sustainability.

The addition of local changing facilities would promote more use of the River Enrick. This would encourage locals to partake more in activities like wild swimming or kayaking which in turn promotes a health, active lifestyle.

There is a strong drive within the community to strive to keep the Primary School open & fully functioning. In the instance where this is no longer feasible, a well-considered long term strategy should be derived to ensure the well-being & education of local children.

Balnain Map:

1. Area designated for no more housing
2. Improved access to Loch Meiklie, help link residents
3. Location for Mens Shed
4. Proposed location for new small local shop to provide somewhere to buy essentials. Other shed could potentially house community sauna and changing facilities
5. Trying to keep the primary school open & functional for as long as possible, whilst considering a longterm strategy in the instance that this is not possible
6. New electric community / school bus route from the village
7. Encourage more water usage - wild swimming, kayaking etc
8. Ensuring the maintenance & upkeep of hall to ensure frequent usage



East Glen Urquhart

There is a strong desire to reinstate common grazing & crofting to the area. This runs in tandem with the community's aspirations to protect the existing Hinterland & restrict the overdevelopment of the surrounding rural area.

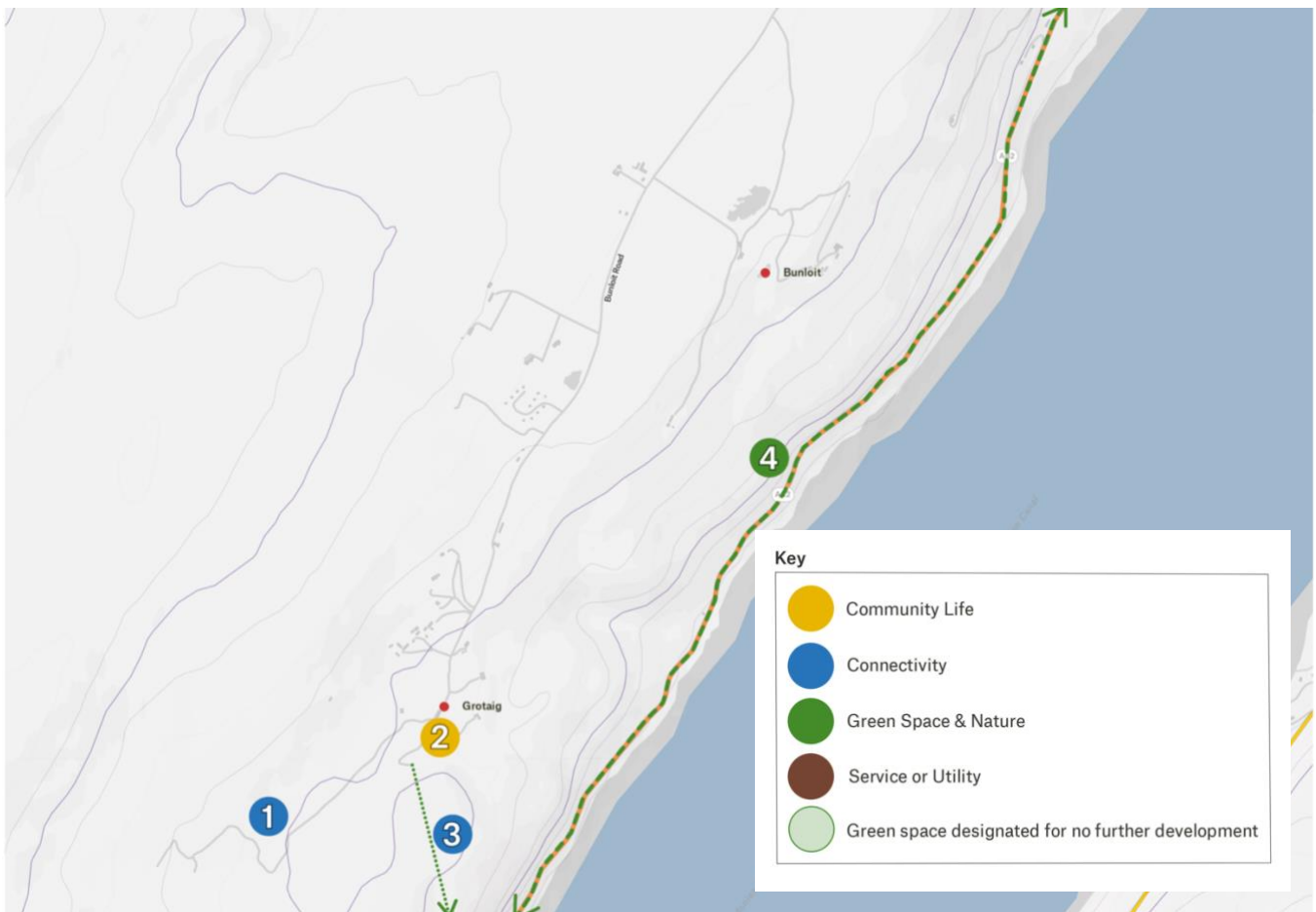
As with the other maps the group highlighted the need for better connection across the GUCC area, with a focus being primarily on a new electric bus route & a cycle path that links to the A82.

East Glen Urquhart (EGU) Map:

1. Reinstate hill path
2. Larger cafe
3. Cycle path to A82
4. New electric bus route

Additional General EGU Comments:

1. Reinstate common grazing
2. Bring back crofting
3. No more housing
4. Hinterland to be protected - restrict development



West Glen Urquhart

The key aspirations of the community for this area are to promote local history more & improving existing access to the existing natural resources. There is a desire to celebrate the Corrimony Cairn more with upgraded signage & improved access to make it more accessible. This then creates the opportunity to highlight more local history & the potential to add new interactive exhibits or signage for visitors.

It was raised that Forestry & Land Scotland signage could be upgraded to help promote local tracks. For those that the FLS tracks are not accessible to, there is the aspiration to have additional natural attractions like arboretums & gardens, that offer an alternative access to the natural environment to the forestry walks.

Additionally, overall there is a desire for improved surfaces that allow fore more accessible, active travel across the glen.

West Glen Urquhart Map

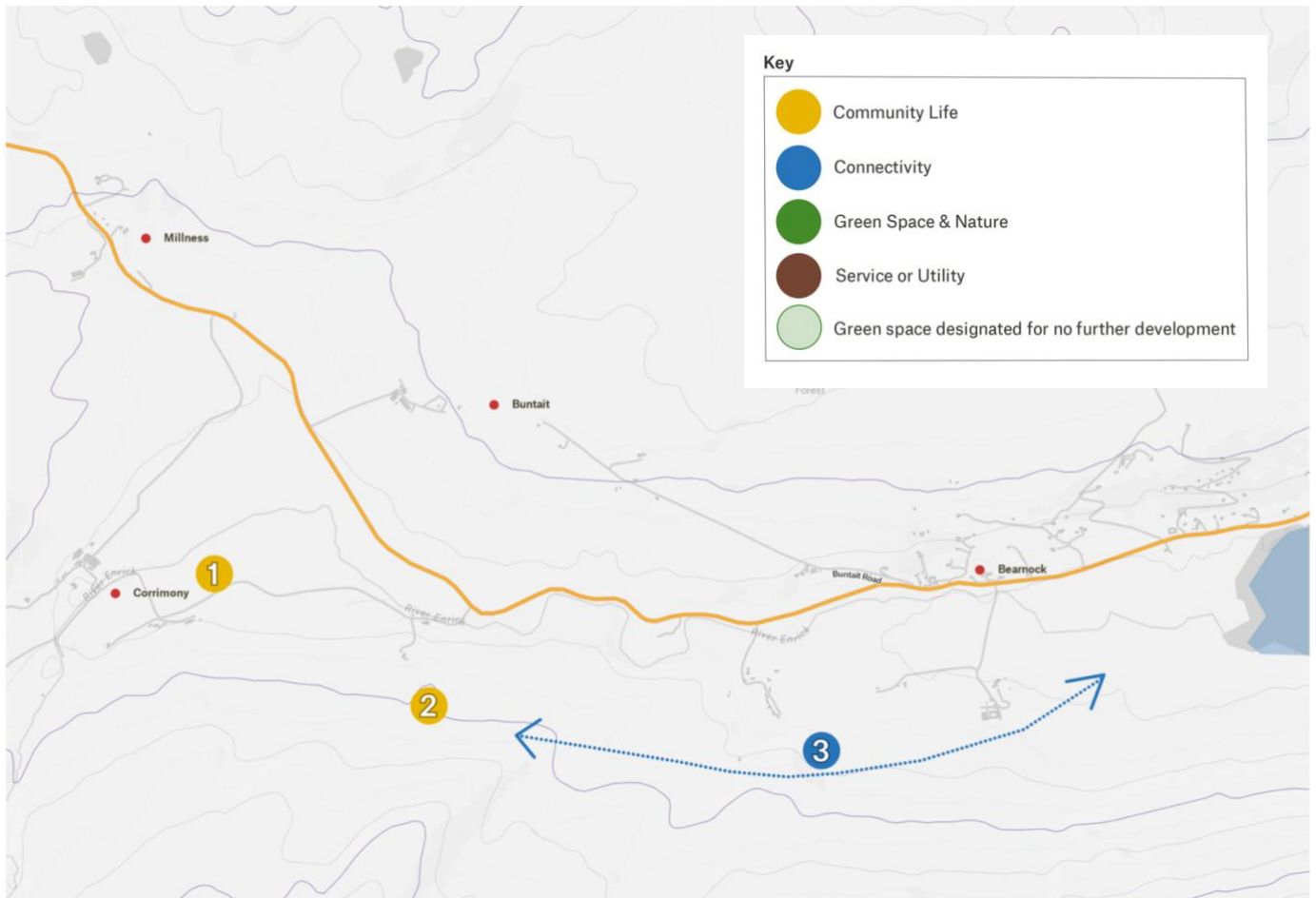
1. Make more of Corrimony Cairn
2. Improve signage of FLS Tracks
3. Improved surfaces for more accessible, safe active travel along the glen

Additional General WGU Comments:

No more holiday pods south of the A831, restricted building (housing) too.

Landscape protection & maintaining for the river.

arboretum & gardens with good access, preference to be near Loch Ness



Overall / Wider GUCC Area

The overwhelming majority want to prioritise the preservation & maintenance of the existing rural habitat.

All proposals for new build housing should be sensitively considered & numbers should be kept minimal in an attempt to preserve the rural feel of the area. Aesthetically all new build housing should follow a local vernacular & reflect the rural character the surrounding context. Where additional housing is permitted designs should aim to be affordable & where possible should prioritise housing locals.

Consideration should also be given to existing properties. There is a clear desire to limit holiday properties in the area to keep the number of locals as high as possible. A local retrofitting scheme & additional resources & guidance for retrofitting existing homes should be made available. This will allow existing properties to become more energy efficient & subsequently make fuel costs more achievable for locals.

1. Restricted hinterland development. Restricted housing numbers & those that are made should be allocated to locals / at least given priority selection
2. Restriction to be created of how many airbnbs can be in the area as available housing for locals is dwindling
3. Designs to be of local vernacular & style
4. Retrofitting schemes & guidance for existing homes