



**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT  
SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OF TORVEAN  
QUARRY**

**TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SKILLS CENTRE**

**APRIL 2026**

# Headline summary

## A summary of the findings from the consultation



**145**

SURVEY  
RESPONSES



**2**

PUBLIC  
EVENTS



**65%**

RESPONDENTS FROM  
IV2 & IV3



**23,050**

REACH



**94%**

SUPPORT FOR  
THE PROPOSALS



**95%**

BELIEVE ITS  
IMPORTANT FOR  
THE GROWTH OF  
THE HIGHLANDS

## Key benefits people associated with the proposals



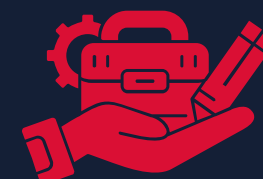
LOCAL TRAINING  
ACCESS



TALENT  
RETENTION



SUPPORTING  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
DEVELOPMENT



OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE



REDUCING TRAVEL  
TO TRAIN



INVESTMENT IN  
LOCAL SKILLS

The consultation was open for 4 weeks from 10th March to 6th April 2026 to allow sufficient time to gather views on the proposal, understand levels of awareness and support, and identify opportunities to maximise community benefit from the site..

The consultation was promoted through a coordinated programme of engagement, including:

- Public drop-in events (23rd and 26th March, King's Golf Club, Torvean)
- Emailed invites to every councillor, MSP candidate and MP
- Project [website](#) and online survey platform (SurveyMonkey)
- Social media and local press
- Direct engagement with stakeholders and community groups

Engagement achieved:

- 145 responses received
- 80+ attendees at public events
- 23,050 reach on social media
- 13,000 reach through local press

Participation was open to all. Respondents were asked to provide postcode data to understand geographic spread and local relevance and an email address to validate the response.

The survey included both quantitative and qualitative questions, allowing for measurable results alongside detailed community feedback.

All responses were analysed in full to identify key trends, levels of support, and common themes. There were no duplicate entries.

As with all open consultations, participation is self-selecting. However, the scale of engagement, consistency of responses, and strong local representation provide confidence in the robustness of the findings.



# Inverness Torvean Quarry could become National Infrastructure Skills Centre as public consultation opens

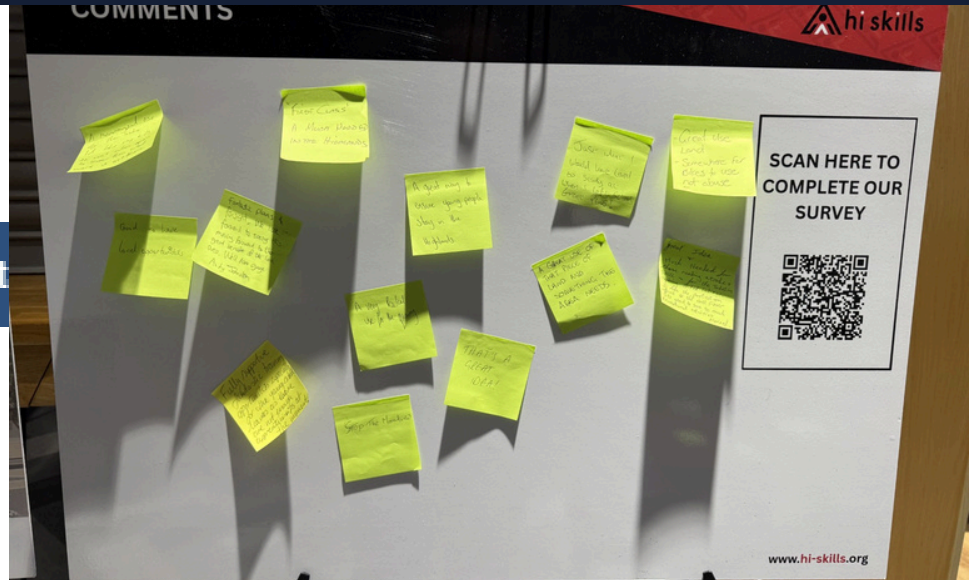
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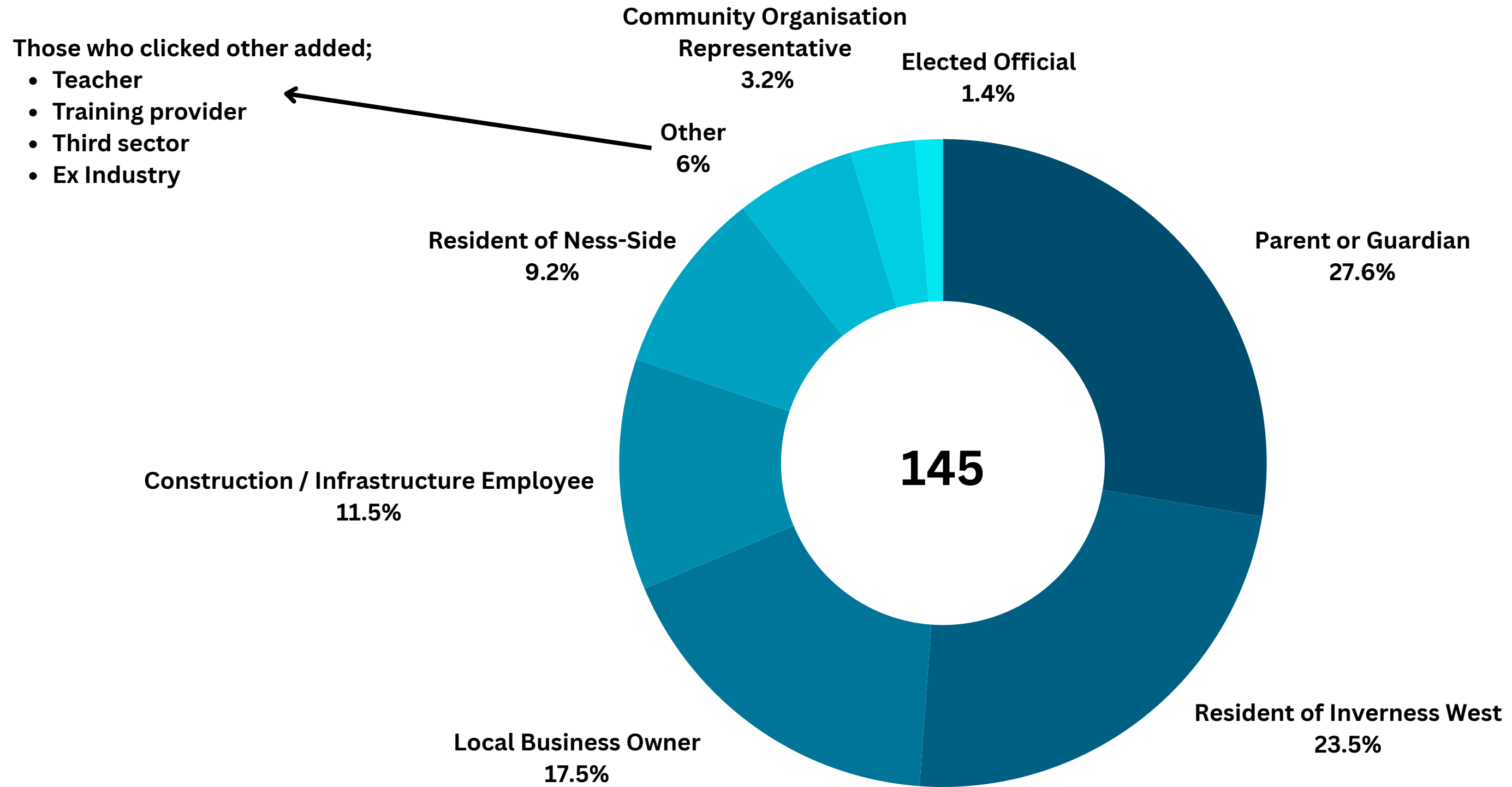
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Inverness residents are being invited to have their say on plans to transform the long-abandoned **Torvean Quarry** into a National Infrastructure Skills Centre, offering training in construction, civil engineering and renewable energy.

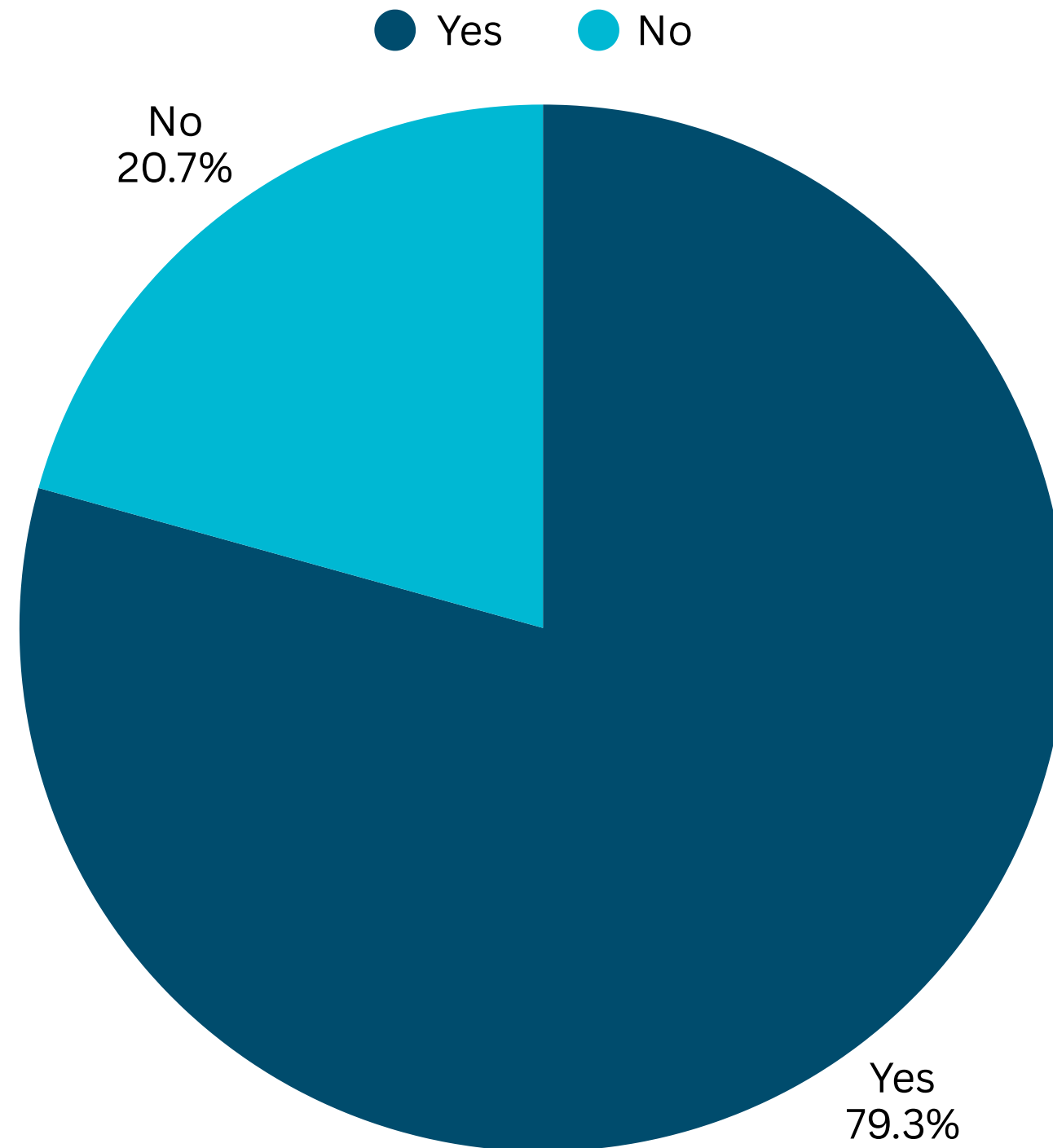
Two drop-in sessions will be held at the King's Golf Course Clubhouse in Torvean on March 23 and 26, from midday to 7.30pm. Residents, businesses and industry professionals are invited to come along at any time to view the proposals and share their views.



# Q1: Which of the following best describes you? (select all that apply)

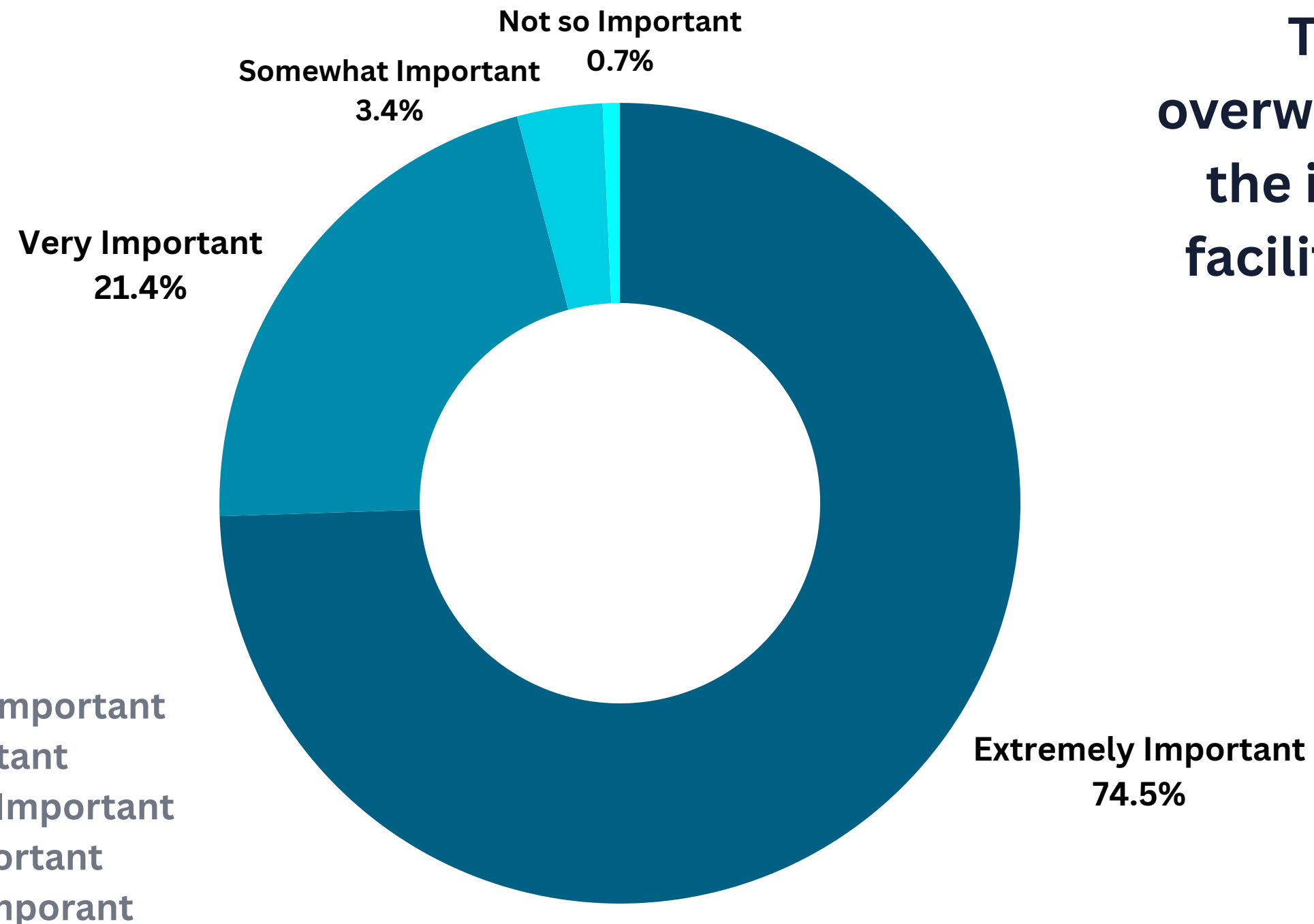


**Q2: Before this month, were you aware of our Community Asset Transfer request and proposal to develop a National Infrastructure Skills Centre at Torvean Quarry?**



**79.3%** of respondents were aware of the proposals before March 2025 demonstrating the successful marketing of the project to date.

### Q3: How important do you think facilities like our proposed National Infrastructure Skills Centre are for the future of the Highlands and Islands?



This demonstrates overwhelming recognition of the importance of such a facility to the future of the Highlands.

# Q4: Which potential benefits do you believe the National Infrastructure Skills Centre could bring to the local area?



The top benefits people believe this will bring are;

- Training and career opportunities for young people
- Access to specialist construction training
- New Jobs and economic activity
- Stimulating growth in the highlands
- School and careers engagement opportunities



## Q5: In addition to training facilities, what community uses would you like to see at the site?

Overall there were 68 comments left, many of them offering up additional concepts for deriving further use from the site and the centre as it develops

WOULD GREAT FOR THE PLACE TO USE THE LONG SPACES FOR ARCHERY CLUB

MAINTAIN THE OPEN DOOR TO COMMUNITY COLLABORATION LONG TERM 👍

ACCOMODATION FOR LEARNERS FROM THE ISLANDS AND REST OF SCOTLAND. IF I AM PAYING DIGS, I'D RATHER THE PROFIT WENT HERE THAN TO SOME WEALTHY HOTEL CHAIN

MAYBE SOMEWHERE WE CAN USE FOR COMMUNITY MEETINGS. THE COUNTRY HOUSE IS TOO EXPENSIVE AND CHARLESTON IS PRETTY TIRED AND IN NEED OF REFURB BUT THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE FOREVER TO DO THAT.

SCHOOL TRIPS! YOU CAN'T BE WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE, IT WILL OPEN DOORS TO OPPORTUNITIES TO THE YOUNGSTERS

IS IT POSSIBLE TO INTEGRATE SOME WAKING PATHS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE VIEWPOINT AT THE TOP OF TORVEAN HILL? WOULD MAKE GREAT LOOKOUT OVER THE TRAINING GROUND AND REALLY SHOW OFF THIS NEW ASSET

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY. COULD WE ALSO BUILD IN A PUBLIC CAFE WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME TO WATCH THE ACTIVITY. LIKE THE SANDBOX CAFE?

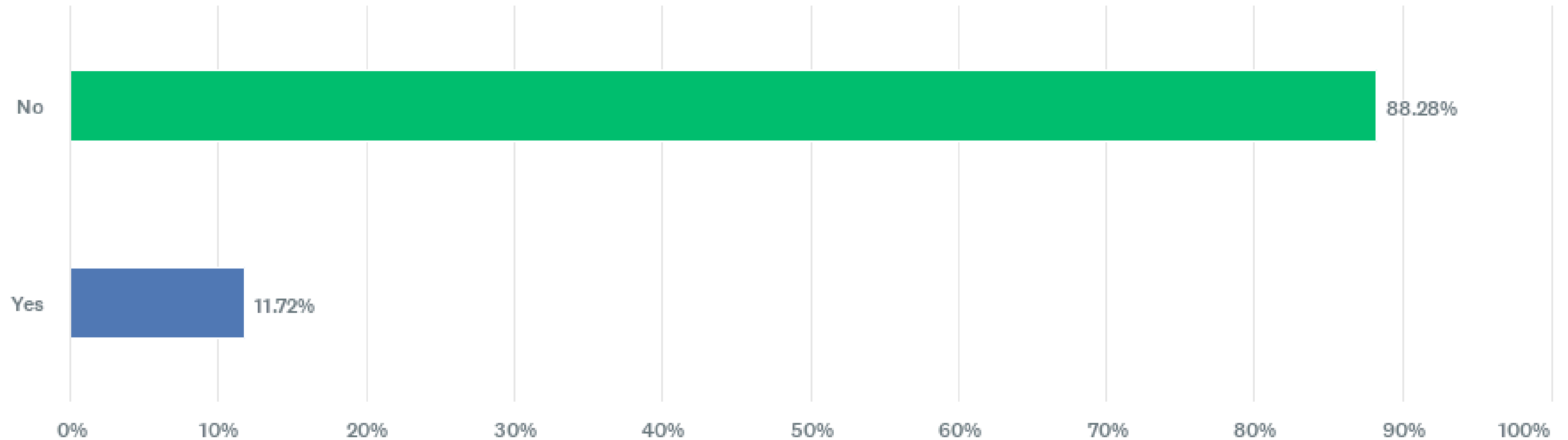
THIS IS GREAT, I'D ALSO LIKE TO SEE INNOVATION SPACE TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES BE MORE EFFICIENT AND PROFITABLE

SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY - DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY. THERE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF SUICIDES OF PEOPLE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND HOPE SOMETHING CAN BE BE DONE OR IMPLEMENTED TO HELP WITH THIS.

POSSIBLE VENUE FOR A MENS SHED? COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR YOUTH TO GET A TASTER OF THE WORLD OF WORK?

## Q6: Do you have any concerns about the proposed development?

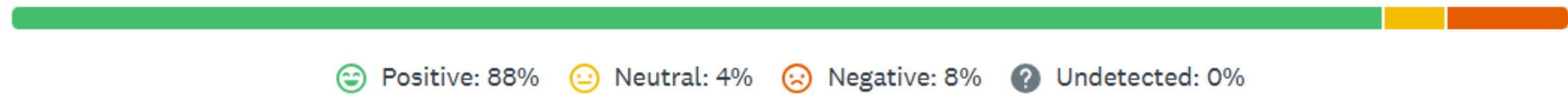
**88.28% OF RESPONDENTS HAD NO CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT!**



## Q6: Do you have any concerns about the proposed development? (Comments)

There were 42 comments made in response to Question 5, a huge majority of them positive. Those which were negative mainly gave concern for the sites current use and risk of the project not happening.

How people feel:



THERE ARE YOUNG FAMILIES IN THE AREA AND THIS COULD POTENTIALLY BENEFIT THEM. WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WEEKEND ACTIVITY, GLAD TO LEARN THIS WILL MOSTLY BE A MONDAY TO FRIDAY OPERATION.

NOT A CONCERN ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OR TRANSFER BUT A CONCERN THAT PUBLIC FUNDING MAY NOT HAPPEN FAST ENOUGH FOR YOU

ONLY CONCERN IS IF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN. UHI IS FINE IF MY KIDS WANT TO BE JOINERS OR PAINTERS BUT THAT'S NOT WHERE THE REAL MONEY IS FOR THE NEXT TWO DECADES

WE REALLY WANT TO SEE THIS PLACE REPURPOSED INTO SOMETHING USEFUL, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, ILLEGAL RAVES, DRUG USE, ILLEGAL VEHICLE USE, DUMPING AND ALL OF THAT ATTRACTS MORE.

I REALLY WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPEN, MY OWN KIDS WOULD HAVE JOINED THE INDUSTRY IF THE TRAINING WAS MORE ACCESSIBLE

THIS WILL BE A BENEFIT TO US, WE SUFFER LISTENING TO MOTORBIKES SCREAMING UP THE CANAL TOWPATH AND AROUND THE QUARRY ALL DAY EVERY WEEKEND AND THROUGH THE SUMMER.

WE NEED TO REGENERATE THIS SITE ONCE AND FOR ALL. IT IS A DISGRACE AND A DUMPING GROUND

I THINK OUR COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY ACROSS THE WHOLE REGION WILL GET ENOUGH BENEFIT FROM THIS. I LEARNT MY TRADE AT ARDERSIER WITH MCDERMOTTS IN THE TRADE SCHOOL.

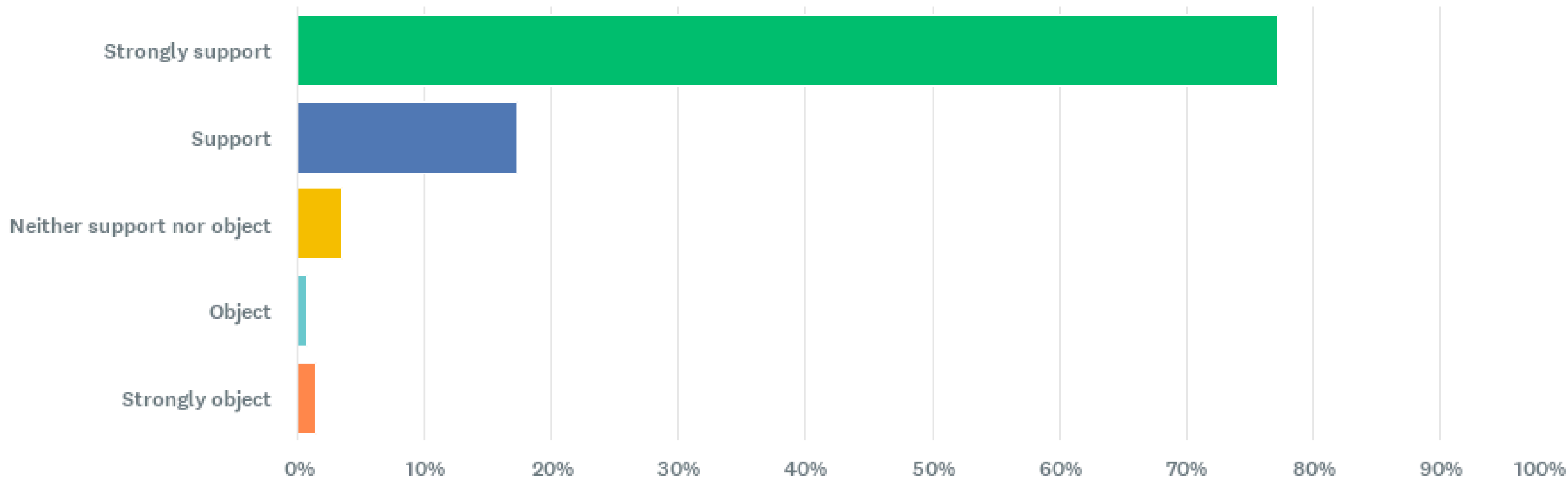
MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT IF THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECTED TO MOTORBIKES SCREAMING AROUND THE AREA, UP AND DOWN THE CANAL TO THE QUARRY AND ALL ROUND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

ARE THERE BETTER SITES TO DEVELOP THAN THIS?

# Q7: Overall, to what extent do you support the Community Asset Transfer and proposal to develop the National Infrastructure Skills Centre at Torvean Quarry?



A total of 112 respondents Strongly support and 25 Support the proposals put forward - a **94% majority in support** of the Asset transfer to develop the National Infrastructure Skills Centre.

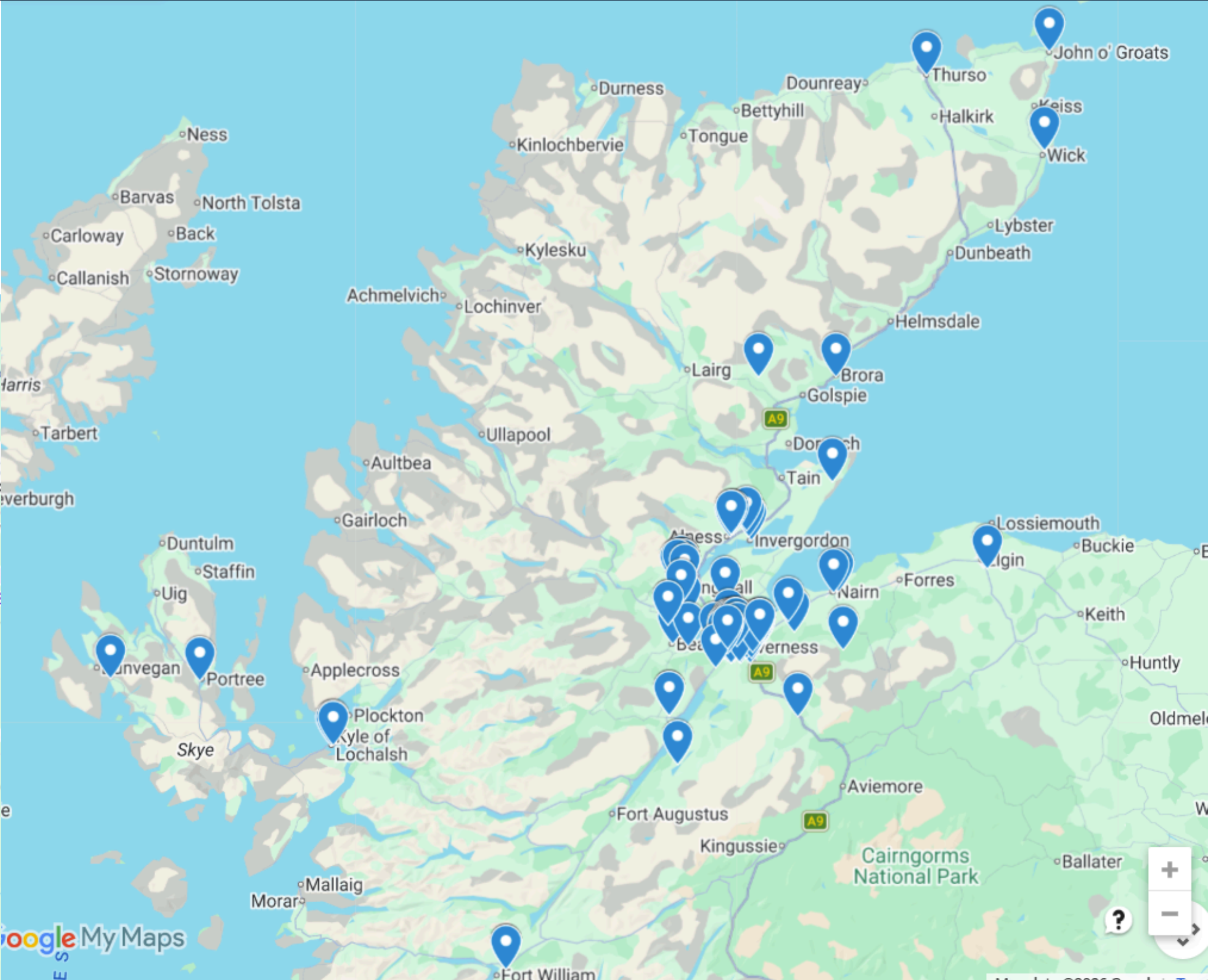


# Q8: Please enter your postcode. (this helps us understand where our respondents are from)



We utilised the postcode data provided and uploaded it via CSV file to Google maps to show the geographic distribution of respondents across the Highland region with particular engagement from direct neighbours to Torvean Quarry.

**96 out of 145 respondents were from the IV2 and IV3 areas.**  
**90 of those 96 were support or strongly support the asset transfer.**



# Conclusion



This consultation has provided a clear and consistent picture of community views in relation to the proposed National Infrastructure Skills Centre at Torvean Quarry. A full record of all comments can be found at the end of the document.

There is strong evidence of support, with **94% of respondents in favour of the proposal and widespread recognition of its importance to the future of the Highlands.**

Engagement has been meaningful and locally grounded, with a significant proportion of responses coming from residents in the immediate area.

The consultation has successfully captured both quantitative data and qualitative feedback, providing a balanced and informed understanding of community perspectives.

The results demonstrate a clear demand for:

- **Accessible, high quality facilities & training provision within the region**
- **Stronger pathways into employment for local people**
- **Investment that supports long term economic growth**

Feedback also highlights a shared desire to see Torvean Quarry transformed from its current state into a site that delivers lasting community and national value.

Where concerns have been raised, these relate mostly to ensuring that the development is delivered in a way that maximises community benefit, rather than opposition to the principle of the project.

The consultation provides a strong and credible evidence base **in support of the Community Asset Transfer and demonstrates that the proposed development has both community backing and clear public value.**

# Comments by post-it note



“ HAVING SEEN THE PASSION, AMBITION AND DETERMINATION TODAY AND LEARNING THAT UHI DOESN'T DO THESE COURSES I AM CONFIDENT THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR KIDS AND THEIRS ”

“ GREAT WAY TO ENSURE YOUNG PEOPLE STAY IN THE HIGHLANDS ”

“ GREAT IDEA + MUCH NEEDED FOR THOSE NEEDING A TRADE SKILL + FOR THE INDUSTRY REQUIRING SKILLED LABOUR. I LIKE THE PROTECTION OFFERED FOR THE HILL FORT, IT'S GOOD TO SEE SO MUCH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED. ”

“ JUST WHAT I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE STUDIED AT WHEN I LEFT SCHOOL. GREAT PLANS ”

“ STOP THE MOTORBIKES ”

“ IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE DEVELOPMENT COULD WORK WITH THE LOCAL MOTORBIKING COMMUNITY. THE WIDER QUARRY AREA IS ALREADY USED BY RIDERS, AND THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A LEGITIMATE BIKE TRACK BY ACQUIRING THE WOODS NEXT DOOR AND POTENTIALLY ALLOW ACCESS TO FACILITIES SUCH AS PARKING, FIRST AID OR REFRESHMENTS ”

“ GREAT USE FOR THE LAND. PLAN SOMEWHERE FOR THE BIKES TO USE NOT ABUSE ”

“ FANTASTIC PLANS AND FORSIGHT, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THIS MOVE FORWARD TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL AREA. WELL DONE GUYS ”

“ A MEANINGFUL USE OF THE SITE. I'D LIKE MY KIDS TO VISIT WHEN IT'S DONE TO SHOW THEM WHAT WORK OPPORTUNITIES THERE ARE ”

“ GREAT USE FOR THAT PIECE OF LAND AND SOMETHING THE AREA NEEDS ”

“ A VERY PRACTICAL USE FOR THE QUARRY! ”

“ GOOD TO HAVE LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES ”

“ 'FIRST CLASS' MUCH NEEDED IN THE HIGHLANDS! ”

“ FULLY SUPPORTIVE, FANTASTIC TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG SCHOOL LEAVERS AS THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH APPRENTICESHIPS AT THE MOMENT. ”

# Comments on Q5



- A gathering place for people where they can learn trades to help them with diy
- A good canteen with local produce used and decent coffee. Could you also host wildfire or ATV training and collab with Bright Spark etc?
- Access to the grounds for the community
- Accomodation for learners from the islands and rest of Scotland. If I am paying digs for learners I'd rather the profit went here than to some wealthy hotel chain
- After meeting the team today I am more confident and convinced now that this needs to happen ASAP. There is an undeniable need for this in Scotland and the highlands are going to be a hotbed of work for decades, would we want this in Glasgow or rather it here???
- Any thoughts about formwork?
- Area for off-road motorcycles
- Cafe or meeting point for local clubs etc...
- Can we do school trips too? This would be excellent?
- Collaboration opportunities
- Community facilities Outdoor recreation and green space STEM and school engagement
- community venue space for hire
- Continued use for off road recreational activities if possible
- Could there be events at night for the kids to get engaged with the world of work?
- could this be used for community events
- Could this host community council meetings each month?
- Demo days / new equipment
- Employment opportunities
- Engagement with schools
- Facilities available to local community
- Family days - local families can go to learn about the equipment. Hire of conference spaces for local businesses.
- Flexible use of assets and facilities
- Having seen the passion, ambition and determination today and learning that UGI doesn't do these courses I am confident this needs to happen for the future of our kids and theirs
- Hopefully space that community groups can use or spaces which parents can bring kids to see the activity and inspire them
- I dont want a training site here. It should be left as is or turned into an official motocross hub/track.
- I think our community, especially across the whole region will get enough benefit from this. I learnt my trade at Ardersier with Mcdermotts in the trade school, it's exactly what's needed but on a bigger more central scale just like planned. It'll help thousands over its life and beyond because it's in the right place unlike Nigg which has run its course.
- I think that the skills centre should be put in a repurposed building and the quarry made into a fully functioning motor bike park.
- I would still like to see an official facility for trials motorbikes either here or in a similar location which is easy for adults and kids to access but maybe this development is not encroaching onto the woodland area which is more well used.

# Comments on Q5



- If it wasn't for me being in the industry my kids wouldn't know about it. This should be great for getting kids to see what careers are available
- In addition, possibly include a replacement area for the current use for motocross bikes etc. Possibly not feasible however pragmatic.
- Is it possible to integrate some waking paths to make the most of the viewpoint at the top of Torvean hill? Would make great lookout over the training ground and really show off this new asset
- It would be great if the development could work with the local motorbiking community. The wider quarry area is already used by riders, and there may be an opportunity to establish a legitimate bike track and potentially allow access to facilities such as parking, first aid or refreshments.
- Just keep an open door to community collaboration 👍
- Just make the place a safer space to visit and a campus like facility
- Leave it
- Leave it as it is if uhi is already doing this
- Managed mountain bike paths. Not motorcross use though!!
- Maybe somewhere we can use fir community meetings. The country house is too expensive and charleston is pretty tired and in need of refurb but the council will take forever to do that.
- None to add its already well planned
- None, there are better sites to develop than this. Leave it as an asset for the community
- opportunities for primary and secondary school visit/engagement
- Other clubs / char having use off classrooms etc Army cadets For example
- Outdoor sports facilities and running, biking and walking trails
- Outside area where families can take there kids for walks and seating areas where people can relax with each other so it brings people together
- Perhaps a cafe for the community to access too where they can actively see and learn what the training facility offers and in turn attract more local people into training at the facility
- walkable access from the canal/parkrun park for those who do not drive
- Picnic areas, fast car chargers, community run coffee shop,
- Possible venue for a mens shed? Community facilities for youth to get a taster of the world of work?
- Potentially the ability to park on the site and use it to access the enduro track in the woods next door but we all know we are riding there illegally without permission and it's only a matter of time that the landowner puts a stop to it or someone gets hurt. We have had it good for too long and of there was a business case for making the site into a motocross or enduro track then we'd have done it by now but it's simply not realistic. None of us want the hassle or have the time to write a business plan and there is no way we could secure the site and insure its use so the fact is it's better being used for authorised use and something that adds value locally and economically than me and the boys tearing it up every weekend. Fact is we will just go somewhere else and illegally ride there.
- Presumably there is opportunity for the facility to use local social enterprises?
- Rooms available for local groups to use for activities for both young people and adults.

- **School career engagement. Showing students a range of possible areas into business and this area of the industry using training as a foundation into many other areas. This will also give a wider view to dealing on a first hand basis with local business leaders. Having served an apprenticeship in the central belt I feel a large part of our apprenticeship was not only trade related but also we got to interact with major businesses and their owners, the fletchers of FES, Kings at A&L King, Stewart Milne, Wisemen dairy brothers, Stephen Hendry. This interaction showed the possibilities and the doors that could be opened and hopefully any prospective candidates and students can also have open business day where such meet and greet or Ted talk type events or networking can happen to benefit attendees.**
- **School trips! You can't be what you can't see, it will open doors to opportunities to the youngsters**
- **Space for community council meetings**
- **Support options for all persons involved in the construction industry - directly and indirectly. There has been and continues to be a high percentage of suicides of people in the construction industry and hope something can be done or implemented to help with this. By providing a training facility/mechanism that will increase the number of people employed in the construction industry so believe this an area that needs to be given thought and consideration.**
- **The Enduro track in the wooded area left intact! Parking and facilities for said track**
- **There are lots of community facilities around the site so i can't think of any value add**
- **There is a clear need for this facility nationally**
- **This is an excellent opportunity. Could we also build in a public cafe where people can come to watch the activity. Like the sandbox cafe?**
- **This is great, i'd also like to see innovation space to help us be more efficient and profitable**
- **Torvean park is nice for jogging but the quarry gets a lot of use by bikers and there is an established path there which people use for walking. If a centre was to be created at all, this should not interfere with the the paths.**
- **Torvean Quarry has been used for around the last three decades as an unofficial motorbike scrambling area. This provides a safe place where young motorcyclists gain riding skills without impacting other members of the public.**
- **Walkways and paths leading to the site making it available for public access without via walking/cycling without using the main road**
- **Why not build what it has originally been landscaped for when the quarry closed. I.e. Dry ski slope. Perhaps development of the ancient fort site and adjoining the quarry for historical and tourism.**
- **Would great to incorporate the place to use the long spaces for archery club**
- **Would like to see the site stopping the illegal motorbike use and fly tipping**
- **Would there be an opportunity for any night courses?**
- **You have this well thought out, I'm sure from your enthusiasm that any ideas in the future will be welcomed.**
- **You're doing what i had to travel 18 hours each way for when i served my time. Unbelievable opportunity that is probably over the head of everyone not in the sector**

# Comments on Q6



- At present it's a dump
- But if it doesn't go ahead the site does still need sorted because it is rife with yobs on bikes
- But we need to stop the anto social behaviour there
- Can't come soon enough
- Concerns about motocross bikers coming onto golf course
- Destruction of natural historic hill and public amenities that have been enjoyed for many years because the council could and would not develop the site as promised.
- Great opportunities for bus and active travel to the quarry which i think people don't understand because they don't live here
- Hopefully this will deter the motorbikes racing up the canal! Any concerns will relate to planning but nothing that cannot be overcome
- How are the public transport links? Can the council extend a bus route from the park & ride into the new skills centre campus?
- I did my training at Bircham Newton, as a youth my first time out of the county was to college, it was a hell of an upheaval in the 80's and has got no better today for anyone else. Why wouldn't we train in Scotland or better, here in the north?
- I don't understand what this site has been chosen. Leave it to nature and the community.
- I live up by the duck pond, motorbikes are running all over the place here and down over the golf course. We know they are moving drugs about, these riders are going to run drugs regardless but if we can remove the drop site it should prevent them doing it here. The other bike users on the shore are also using the forest for what they call enduro? The HI Skills proposal doesn't encroach on that so these "genuine" riders will be unaffected and not impacted. Arguably having off the A82 parking for them will actually benefit us all. I was a sceptic and a maybe but now firmly a YES
- I live at Craig Dunain, motorbikes moving drugs are always running through the neighbourhood and now cutting across the golf course which has been a great asset to us here, we're lucky to have a new course here. I think this project will eradicate the antisocial bikers and not bother the bikers using the woods by the canal they are hobbyist bikers rather than drug mules and hoodlums
- I really want to see this happen, my own kids would have joined the industry if the training was more accessible
- I think there is an opportunity to really open the site up, there is a great viewpoint at the top of the hill which obviously won't be used for training but could be made into a viewing gallery down the canal? Also really please to read on the courier post that you would offer to protect the fort by the quarry and showcase its relevance.
- I think this is a great opportunity for everyone
- It's an excellent idea
- Just be good to stop the antisocial behaviour in there
- My concern would be if motorcyclists could not use the quarry
- My only concern is that if this does not happen we will continue to be subjected to motorbikes screaming around the area, up and down the canal to the quarry and all round anti social behaviour. We all know it attracts drugs, raves, fly tipping and lately another malicious fire
- Traffic to the site/ construction traffic
- No problems with this location

# Comments on Q6



- Noise pollution and traffic to the site/ construction traffic
- Not a concern about the development or transfer but a concern that public funding may not happen fast enough for you
- Only concern is if it doesn't happen. UHI is fine if my kids want to be joiners or painters but that's not where the money is for the next two decades
- Potential earnings for people getting a skill is unbelievable
- Regeneration of a site which is becoming a hazard to the public, between the motorbikes nearly knocking us over when walking the dog to the same group at night lighting fires, the fire brigade were there recently for a fire!
- The site has laid dormant for many years now with occasion recreational use.
- The site is used by lots of people for their off road motorbikes.
- There are young families in the area and this could potentially benefit them. Was concerned about weekend activity, glad to learn this will mostly be a Monday to Friday operation.
- There has been immense urban expansion in Inverness West and the golf club will inevitably be turned into housing at some point. Please preserve the core paths
- There is clear merit in the idea and the potential benefits it could bring to the region. However, it would be helpful to understand the rationale for selecting a site that has long been used for informal recreation by the local community. Consideration could also be given to locations closer to established industrial hubs such as Invergordon or Nigg
- This can only be good and regenerate a derelict site which has long needed some love
- This is better for the area than battery storage!!
- This must happen
- This needs to happen, how many failed plans have there been? I'd rather see a training school here than a battery storage anyway
- This will be a benefit to us, we suffer listening to motorbikes screaming up the canal towpath and around the quarry all day every weekend and through the summer. We can't walk along the canal for risk of being run over and although we used to walk through the quarry we believe it'll still be somewhat accessible similar to the campus so we'll hope to enjoy walking the canal in the future when motorbikes gave no incentive to be there and then through torvean park and up to the new skills centre. Great stuff and this will also rid the area of another dumping ground.
- Traffic on an already busy road. The possibility of an area where families loose the only place to use off road bikes despite it being illegal
- We need to regenerate this site once and for all. It is a disgrace and a dumping ground
- We really need to see this place repurposed into something useful, antisocial behaviour, raves, drug use, illegal vehicle use, dumping and all of that attracts more degradation. Now the surrounding woods are being used by these same jobs, even the space between the A82 and the golf course now being used for motorbikes, these people have no respect for the community or neighbors so I hope this centre succeeds and pushes away this behaviour once and for all. I liked the comment from you on the courier facebook post too which mentioned protecting the fort, that's more than the current oandowners are doing. Council should be ashamed as their lack of action over the years has led to this. Well done in your efforts and I look forward to seeing this happen.
- We were concerned about noise because we can hear motorbikes 7 days a week but after learning that the centre will utilise low emission equipment and electric diggers and stuff we are quite content that this will be lower volume than the bikes destroying the area even riding over the golf course!
- You could have on site accommodation but that will create its own issues for the local residents. The majority of learners will not be local as we simply do not have enough locals. I have lived in Shetland for a short time and lots to be learned from mistakes that had massive impact on community. Invest in community and build up relationships slowly and use local supplier contracts rather than national procurement. Enhance the lives of the people living here or you will never have their support! Football pitches community halls, and so much more



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