



## **Community Placemaking in Dumfries and Galloway**

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# 1. Introduction

## Scope

PAS was asked by Dumfries and Galloway Council to facilitate six community placemaking events across the Council area to hear community views on their place (where they live) and what could be done to shape how their town/village will look and operate in the future (in the next 20/30 years).

Community views will feed into Council planning documents, specifically the new Local Development Plan (LDP2), and also create the building blocks for the Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) Local Outcome Improvement Plans and Locality Plans.

PAS (formerly Planning Aid Scotland) is a planning and educational charity which helps people to engage with the place they live in. PAS provides impartial planning advice, training, education programmes, facilitation, community visioning and awareness-raising to ensure everyone has a voice in creating positive communities. PAS facilitates place-based planning through better engagement and active citizenship (see Appendix A).

## Key Purpose

To discuss the challenges and opportunities in different localities across the Dumfries and Galloway region using the Place Standard tool, and to provide the community with information on the new LDP process and planning / community planning in general.

## Outputs

- Six placemaking event workshops in six different locations.
- 116 participants attending across all workshops.
- 102 place standard grids completed commenting on 45 different settlements/areas across Dumfries & Galloway.
- 77% completion of event survey forms (89 forms), and of those completing the forms 78% of participants now feel more able to participate in the planning process.

NB: the number of participants completing the place standard grids for each settlement is included in the table in Chapter 4, and **it is important to bear in mind that in the majority of cases comments for individual settlements represent only one person's view.**

## Outcomes

- We will have gathered evidence on what areas of change LDP2 could focus on at the local level – through land use allocation and potential policy intervention.
- We will have gathered evidence for council Local Outcome Improvement Plans and Locality Plans.
- We will have mapped opportunities for change which could occur to meet cross Directorate needs.
- Overall, we will have considered what the Council needs to do to deliver improved services and better outcomes for communities in different settlement areas within Dumfries and Galloway.

## **Structure of this report**

Chapter 2 provides some context to Dumfries and Galloway Council's planning and community planning and its 48 settlements.

Chapter 3 details the six community placemaking workshops.

Chapter 4 provides information on the Place Standard Tool used in the workshops and summarises all workshop outputs.

Chapter 5 makes spatial planning recommendations.

Chapter 6 makes Community Planning recommendations.

Chapter 7 outlines conclusions and next steps.

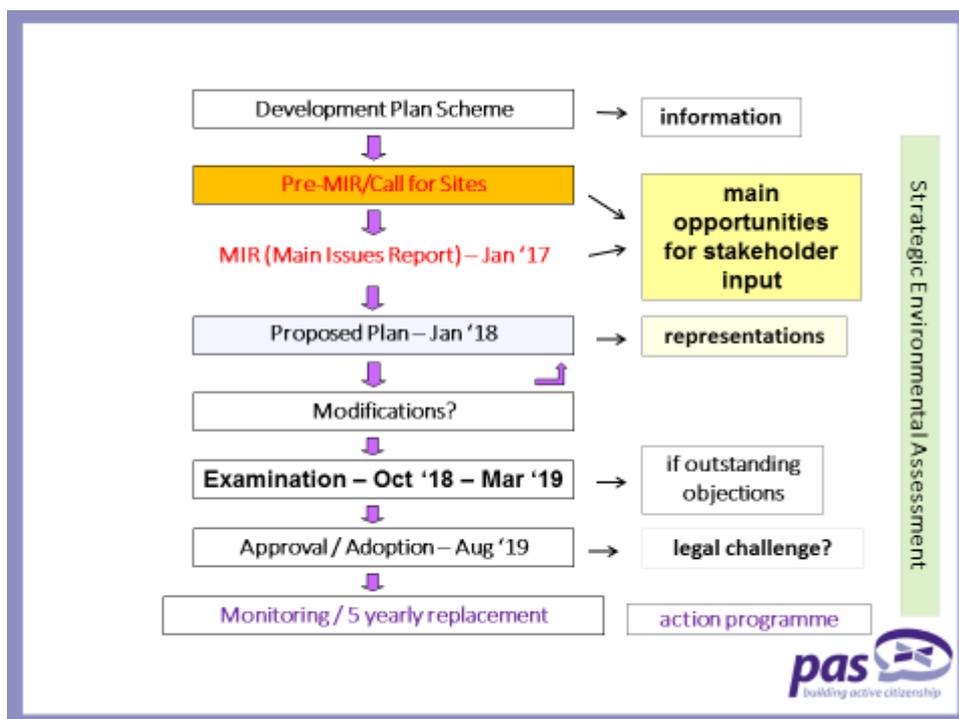
## 2. Dumfries & Galloway’s Spatial and Community Planning

### Spatial Planning

The spatial planning system in Scotland makes decisions about future development and use of land: where development should and should not happen, and its impacts on people and places. Spatial planning aims to balance different interests to make sure that land is used and developed in a way that creates places that are sustainable and are of high quality.

The Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan (LDP) covers all of Dumfries and Galloway; it guides the future use and development of land in towns, villages and the rural area. It also indicates where development, including regeneration, should happen and where it should not. This LDP provides the planning framework for Dumfries and Galloway and is kept under review and replaced at least every five years. The current LDP was adopted in 2014 and provides settlement statements and inset maps for 48 Dumfries and Galloway settlements, the majority of which have been considered as part of these community placemaking events (see Appendix B).

This adopted LDP is currently under review at the Pre-Main Issues Report (MIR) stage, with adoption anticipated in 2019 (see the flow-chart below). Its Development Plan Scheme is published on an annual basis (every November), which sets out the LDP timetable and how people can participate in the plan preparation.



The pre-MIR stage is a critical stage for communities to get involved and contribute to the LDP by suggesting development options and commenting on place change. These workshops have therefore come at an important time to allow communities to get involved in the plan making process before the MIR is produced.

## Community Planning

Effective engagement with communities is at the heart of recent reforms to Community Planning and the planning and delivery of public services. Community Planning is delivered throughout Scotland by local Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) which include a range of partners including local authorities, emergency services, Health Boards, further education institutions, local communities, and other public, private and third sector interests.

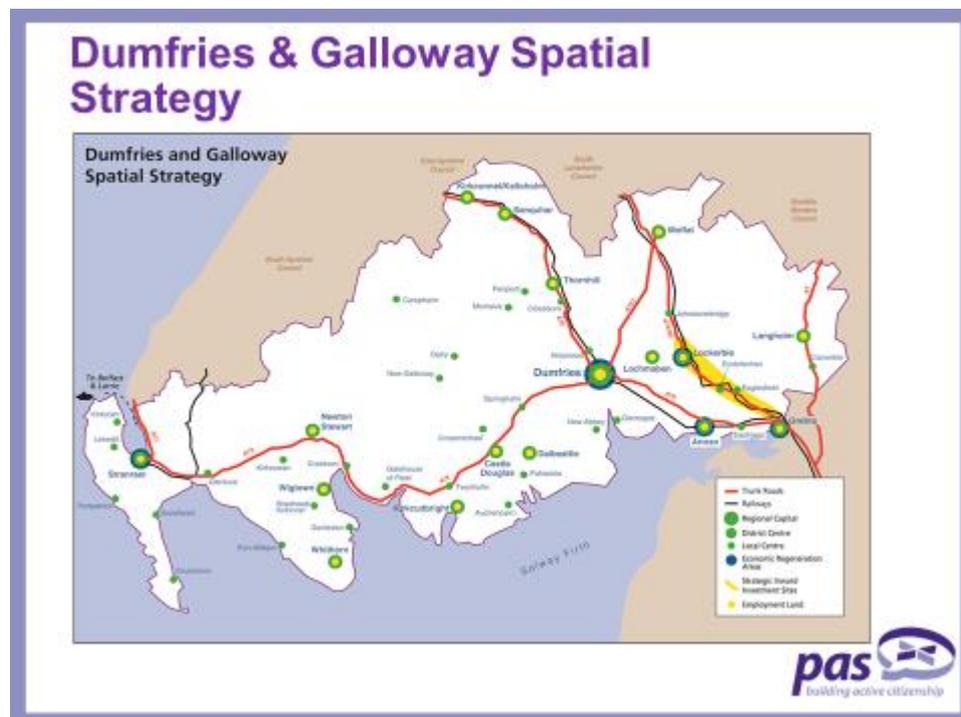
The Community Planning 'place agenda' recognises that services which support peoples' lives - be they education/schools, health/GP clinics, housing, leisure, cultural or emergency services - have a direct bearing on all aspects of 'place': identity, character, viability, vitality, opportunity and peoples' life chances. Investment in services is capable of delivering more than merely the service itself.

### *The Dumfries and Galloway Local Outcome Improvement Plans*

These will eventually replace the current Dumfries and Galloway Single Outcome Improvement Plan 2013-2016 which presents the aspirations of all partners in Dumfries and Galloway to improve the quality of life for the people who live there.

### *The Dumfries and Galloway Locality Plans*

Dumfries and Galloway has four Locality Plans, designed to help support people and communities to help and support themselves. They form part of a wider strategic plan across Dumfries and Galloway for the integration of health and social care. They set out specific information and identify what is working well but also the challenges the Council need to tackle.



### 3. Community Placemaking Workshops

#### Locations

Workshop events were held at the following six locations throughout Dumfries and Galloway, all in the evening (6-8pm) to maximise attendance.

- Annan (Town Hall): 22 August
- Lockerbie (Town Hall): 24 August
- Stranraer (Ashwood House): 25 August
- Wigtown (County Buildings): 31 August
- Dumfries (St Georges Hall): 1 September
- Castle Douglas (St Johns Church): 6 September

Communities / individuals participating were encouraged to talk about their own place, irrespective of the location of the event itself.

#### Attendance

Workshop attendance is detailed in Appendix C. Each event had a number of PAS representatives (2-4 staff and/or volunteers) and Council staff from both the planning and community planning teams (3-7 staff). Staff numbers were determined by anticipated attendance.

Invitations were sent to Community Councils, community groups, members of the public, developers, landowners, local businesses and elected members.

The events were also publicised via [Council](#) and [PAS](#) websites and twitter feeds (@PAS\_tweets; @dgcouncil). PAS also raised awareness through its network of volunteers and community groups. A blog about the events was published on the PAS website: [PAS blog](#)

#### Programme

Following an introductory presentation about the purpose of planning and the nature of place change over time, together with a brief introduction from the Council on their planning and community planning processes, the event programme was very interactive and formed two distinct parts:

1. Place Standard exercise – how good is your place?
2. Mapping / Flipchart exercise – where and what are the opportunities and constraints for future change?

Participants were encouraged to think about their place now, and how it might change by 2039/2040 (the 20 year time horizon for the LDP if adopted by 2019).

A FAQ poster (see Appendix D) was produced to deal with FAQ front on and allow for a more focused discussion on the key project outputs / outcomes.

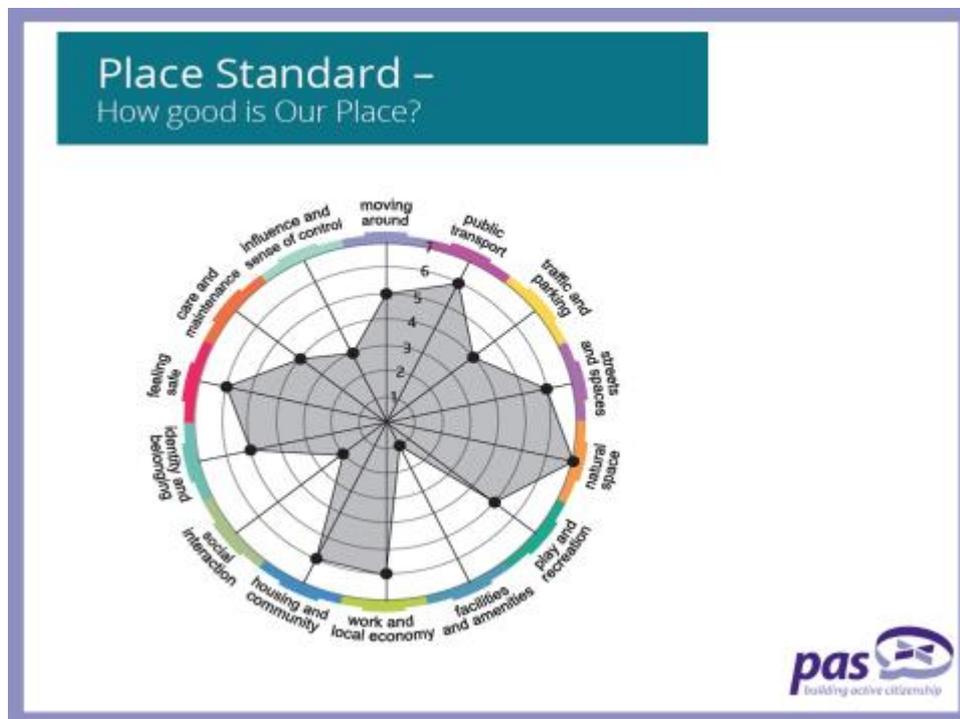
A video produced by Annandale TV at the Lockerbie event is here: [Annandale TV Lockerbie video](#)

## Using the Place Standard Tool

'Place' is something that everyone can identify with. The 'place agenda' invites people to participate in decision making processes that affect them and their place – be it a neighbourhood, a settlement or a town centre.

The Place Standard tool is promoted by the Scottish Government, Architecture + Design Scotland and NHS Scotland. The tool is about bringing people together to look at their place; to have structured discussions around a series of themes and questions. It's about the whole picture – social and physical.

Completion of the Place Standard tool (compass diagram) helps clarify levels of satisfaction with issues in a place, and helps indicate key priorities for change and improvement (challenges and opportunities). Issues which achieve a low level of satisfaction (low score) indicate a priority area for improvement.



An additional question (15) was asked on climate change given the likelihood that flooding may be raised by the local community. Please refer to Appendix E for the PAS adapted Place Standard grid – which also explains how participants completed the grid in Workshop 1.

## 4. Workshop Outputs

### Place Standard Exercise Outputs

Place Standard grids for each of the 45 settlements analysed in Workshop 1 are shown in Appendix F – and they represent an average score received for each settlement under each of the 15 place standard criteria questions.

The settlements where Place Standard grids were completed are outlined in the table below, together with a summary of action identified. The number of participants completing the place standard grids for each settlement is included in the table below, and **it is important to bear in mind that in the majority of cases comments for individual settlements represent only one person's view.**

Dumfries & Galloway Settlement	Number of Participants completing the place standard grid for each settlement	Priority areas for improvement (lowest scores on place standard grid)	Action Identified (from the 'why' part of the place standard grid and information from the front of the scoring sheets)
<b>Annan</b>	4	Care and Maintenance. Traffic and parking. (Score = 3)	Provision of coach and car parking in town centre. More bus pick-up points. Painting and cleaning buildings. More jobs. Market tourism. Provide a community hub. Provide a greater variety of housing. Provide high speed broadband. Take care of coastal path. Provide better access to facilities.
<b>Annandale (north Ward)</b>	1	Public Transport. Facilities and Amenities. (Score = 2)	Provide high speed broadband. Provide better community facilities. Connect up rail and bus services. Create better transport facilities. Resolve transport timetabling issues.
<b>Auldgirth</b>	1	Identity and belonging. Social interaction. (Score = 3)	Make better use of the Village hall. Provide high speed broadband.
<b>Balmaclellan</b>	1	Moving Around.	Provide high speed broadband.

		Public Transport. (Score = 2)	Create more pavement areas for pedestrians. Provide a more reliable and frequent public transport service. Harness the potential for renewable energy storage, distribution and generation. Help deal with population pressures.
<b>Borgue</b>	1	Public Transport. (Score = 2)	Provide better bus services along coast and to Borgue. Broadband connection. Clean up coastal SSSI. Tidy up core footpaths.
<b>Canonbie</b>	1	Work and Local Economy. Traffic and Parking. Climate Ready Place. (Score = 2)	Develop tourism by creating more visitor attractions.
<b>Castle Douglas</b>	5	Public Transport. (Score = 3)	Provide better car, bus and coach parking. Provide better cycle routes. Establish a community garden to give people a sense of belonging and identity and community access to green space. Desire for local enterprise. Create more natural energy alternatives for those on lower incomes. Address flooding areas with environmentally sensitive tree planting. Provide adequate insulation for all buildings.
<b>Collin</b>	1	Feeling Safe. (Score = 2)	Provide information about the safety of substations and pylons to relieve safety fears. Provide more cycle paths.
<b>Corsock</b>	1	Public Transport. Play and Recreation. Facilities and Amenities. Work and Local Economy. Social Interaction. (Score = 1)	Provide more jobs and facilities (particularly for young people). Increase community spirit. Broadband connection improvements. Provide a better public transport service.

<b>Creetown</b>	1	Moving Around. Climate-Ready Place. Public Transport. Work and Local Economy. (Score = 2)	Create adequate pedestrian areas and cycle routes. Implement a strategy for adapting older, less energy efficient homes into efficient and environmentally friendly buildings. Provide high speed broadband.
<b>Dalbeattie</b>	2	Public Transport. (Score = 2)	Provide better car and coach parking. Provide more jobs to boost the economy. Create more tourist attractions and facilities.
<b>Dalton</b>	1	Influence and Sense of Control. Public Transport. (Score = 1)	Provide more opportunities for the community to engage. Provide more housing and employment opportunities. Create a better public transport network.
<b>Dryfeholm</b>	1	Influence and Sense of Control. Streets and Spaces. Natural Space. Play and Recreation. Facilities and Amenities. Housing and Community. Social Interaction. (Score = 4)	Provide some public transport for this area. Create more spaces for young people. Build a more diverse range of housing types. Help locals restore and maintain built environment.
<b>Dumfries</b>	29	Care and Maintenance. Climate Ready Place. (Score = 2)	Improved broadband. Provide better transport links. Consider a railway to Lockerbie. Provide a better night time economy. Needs a focus on what Dumfries could be. Focus on town centre conservation led regeneration / town centre first. Focus on actively engaging with the local community. Provide housing in the town centre, particularly social housing and smaller sites. Make more of the river as an asset. Consider abandoning the flood defence proposals (at Whitesands).

<b>Drummore</b>	1	Care and Maintenance. (Score = 1)	Help locals with the maintenance of buildings and spaces. Revise community housing strategy.
<b>Gatehouse of Fleet</b>	2	Influence and Sense of Control. Moving Around (Score = 2)	Need for high speed broadband. Focus on Conservation Area improvements. Provide A75 road improvements (Dualling / cycling). Upgrade coastal path. Provide better tourist facilities. Provide more affordable housing. Create better connected pedestrian and cycle facilities.
<b>Georgetown</b>	1	Traffic and Parking. Work and Local Economy. Housing and Community. Feeling Safe. Care and Maintenance. (Score = 1)	Consider a town centre clean-up. Upgrade buildings. Create more employment opportunities. Construct more low cost family housing and adaptable properties for a growing elderly population.
<b>Glencairn</b>	1	Public Transport. Climate-Ready Place. (Score = 1)	Provide more public transport. Upgrade buildings. Address more employment opportunities.
<b>Kirkbean</b>	1	Housing and Community. (Score = 3)	Provide more affordable rural housing. Needs investment. Create more employment opportunities.
<b>Kirkcowan</b>	1	Work and Local Economy. (Score = 1)	Create greater work opportunities for school leavers and young people living in the area.
<b>Kirkcudbright</b>	1	Public Transport. Climate-Ready Place. (Score = 3)	Support for community development (e.g. new art gallery and public buildings being taken over by the community). Address public transport issues with coverage and reliability. Create more preventative schemes for climate change adaptation as opposed to just responding to climate change events.
<b>Kirkton</b>	1	Work and Local Economy.	Protect properties from quarrying and flooding (where possible).

		(Score = 3)	Adapt existing housing stock to become better insulated and more energy efficient.
<b>Langholm</b>	3	Work and Local Economy. (Score = 2)	Create more job opportunities within the area.
<b>Lochmaben</b>	3	Traffic and Parking. Work and Local Economy. (Score = 2)	Address traffic issues. Create job opportunities within the village.
<b>Lockerbie</b>	5	Traffic and Parking. Influence and Sense of Control. (Score = 3)	Develop the old school site. Address traffic issues around the railway station. Provide better transport networks for present and future population growth. Resolve issue that residents feel the council does not represent their interests within the area.
<b>Machars</b>	1	Public Transport. Housing and Community. (Score = 2)	Create a greater network of transport to supply local demand. Provide more housing for elderly people.
<b>Moffat</b>	2	Moving Around. (Score = 1)	Create more safe opportunities for locals to walk and cycle in the area.
<b>New Abbey</b>	1	Work and Local Economy. (Score = 4)	Provide affordable housing to buy and rent. Provide more public transport in evenings. Slow traffic down – safety issues. Create more local employment opportunities.
<b>New Galloway</b>	1	Influence and Sense of Control. Work and Local Economy. Care and Maintenance. (Score = 2)	Create jobs in locality and establish effective broadband for residents who wish to work from home.
<b>Newton Stewart</b>	4	Work and Local Economy. (Score = 2)	Encourage investment. Provide affordable housing. Provide larger housing (4/5 beds). Provide more jobs / support job initiatives (take construction companies into schools and youth groups). Provide flood protection / prevention.

<b>Penpont</b>	1	Public Transport. Traffic and Parking. (Score = 1)	Provide more off-street parking. Provide more community facilities in village. Create better public transport links with the town.
<b>Port Patrick</b>	1	Work and Local Economy. (Score = 2)	Create more employment opportunities for young locals who leave the area for higher education and often do not return for work.
<b>Port William</b>	1	Public Transport. Work and Local Economy. (Score = 1)	Provide opportunities for small business development. Provide more opportunities for young people. Create a more comprehensive bus service.
<b>Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish</b>	1	Moving Around. Public Transport. Traffic and Parking. Streets and Spaces. Facilities and amenities. Work and Economy. Housing and Communities. Social Interaction. Care and Maintenance. (Score = 1)	Provide more off-road parking. Provide better bus services. Create more employment opportunities. Build more affordable rental properties.
<b>Sanquhar</b>	2	Work and Local Economy. (Score = 1)	Improve work opportunities and the local economy. Improve public transport. Think about how to make it more climate-ready. Provide more opportunities for community control. Provide support for small business start-ups.
<b>Shawhead</b>	1	Facilities and Amenities. (Score = 2)	Create more local retail opportunities.
<b>Smallholm</b>	2	Public Transport. Play and Recreation. (Score = 2)	Resolve issues with poor public transport in area. Provide more bus stops in places which make it easy for locals to get to. Create a recreational/play area within the community so that residents don't have to

			drive to the nearest park/play area.
<b>Southernness</b>	1	Work and Local Economy. Identity and Belonging. (Score = 1)	Create more winter and year-long employment opportunities.
<b>Stranraer</b>	3	Public Transport. Work and Local Economy. Housing and Community. (Score = 2)	Improve derelict buildings and the Pier. Create more employment opportunities for young people. Create better transport service to hospital in Dumfries. Resolve reliability issues with public transport.
<b>Rural areas in the Stewartry and local centres serving them</b>	1	Climate Ready Place. Public Transport. Work and Local Economy. Facilities and Amenities. (Score = 2).	Encourage investment. Provide a range of house types. Provide a range of local facilities. Create more employment opportunities. Resolve flooding issues (no detail given).
<b>Torthorwald</b>	1	Moving Around. Traffic and Parking. (Score = 1)	Improve the village identity. A709 – address traffic volume, speeds and lack of footways / lanes for cycling.
<b>Tynron</b>	1	Work and Local Economy. Housing and Community. (Score = 1)	Provide more affordable housing. Improve broadband connections /speeds. Provide better care for the elderly. Create more employment opportunities.
<b>Wamphray</b>	1	Public Transport. Housing and Community. Influence and Sense of Control. Climate-Ready Place. (Score = 1)	Place more emphasis on climate change issues over short and long term. Address public transport poor service issues. Create more opportunities for young families to move to area. Establish more amenities, such as shops and essential services. Consult with community council which feels ignored. Do more to get young people actively engaged in the community.
<b>Whithorn</b>	1	Play and Recreation. (Score = 1)	Improve broadband connections / speeds. Provide more social spaces and facilities. Improve general maintenance.
<b>Wigtown</b>	5	Work and Local	Provide more housing.

		Economy. (Score = 2)	Provide better public transport. Create more employment opportunities.
<b>TOTAL (45 settlements / areas)</b>	<b>102</b>		

Two of the workshop participants (Rosalind Hill from New Galloway CC and Margaret Sanderson from Annandale and Eskdale CC) asked for additional copies of the Place Standard grids so that they could encourage additional completion within their wider communities. We have not received these additional grids to date.

**In summary**, ‘Public transport’ was the lowest scoring criteria, closely followed by ‘Work and Local Economy’, which is the same for Dumfries and Galloway as a whole - see table below. At the other end of the spectrum, criteria with the highest scores in the region as a whole, with little room for improvement, include ‘Natural Space’, ‘Identify and Belonging’ and ‘Feeling Safe’. The majority average scores for the region as a whole were ‘4’ indicating general satisfaction.

Areas with the highest ‘Place Standard’ scores overall include Kirkton, New Abbey, Port Patrick and Torthorwald. Settlements with the lowest overall scores include Corsock, Dalton, Georgetown and the Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish.

Issue / Criteria	Place Standard Score for Dumfries and Galloway as a whole	Key Issues Raised
<b>Public Transport</b>	3	Infrequent / unreliable bus services with a lack of timetables. Lack of bus services in the evenings and weekends. Poor links to larger towns and cities such as Ayr, Glasgow and Edinburgh, especially rail links. Buses and trains need to be better linked.
<b>Work and Local Economy</b>	3	Lack of employment opportunities. Jobs too focused on the public, agricultural and tourism sectors and the low wage economy. Lack of opportunities for young people and few graduate / professional

		opportunities. Broadband coverage is very poor making working from home difficult.
<b>Moving Around</b>	4	Lack of pavement and pedestrian areas. Poor cycle route connectivity and designated cycle areas. Poor maintenance of pedestrian areas.
<b>Climate-Ready Place</b>	4	Concerns generally about flood risk. Houses are poorly insulated. A desire for more renewable energy and greater transparency and direction from the Council here.
<b>Traffic and Parking</b>	4	Limited parking in urban centres and lack of parking enforcement. Large articulated lorries obstructing traffic on roads and in urban centres. Road safety.
<b>Facilities and Amenities</b>	4	The need for more amenities in some areas, especially retail, culture and leisure facilities.
<b>Housing and Community</b>	4	Lack of affordable housing and not enough starter homes / properties and young people. The need for more elderly / adaptable properties for the ageing population.
<b>Social Interaction</b>	4	Split in the region with some areas feeling they are well provisioned here – with others needing more areas for social interaction, particularly for young

		people and the elderly.
<b>Care and Maintenance</b>	4	Many buildings and spaces are generally poorly maintained. General concern that some sites / buildings have remained vacant for some time.
<b>Influence and Sense of Control</b>	4	Good community participation but a need for more transparency / active listening from the Council, and a desire for more local control.
<b>Streets and Spaces</b>	5	Buildings and streets need more repair and maintenance. More space should be provided for pedestrians, particularly in urban centres, with more pedestrian crossings.
<b>Natural Space</b>	6	People are generally positive about the natural environment and countryside but ask that they become more accessible by car, public transport and foot.
<b>Identify and Belonging</b>	6	There is generally a strong local community and feelings of identity, and the Council must not be complacent here as identity is tied to opportunities and these are eroding over time.
<b>Feeling Safe</b>	6	Overwhelmingly people feel that local surveillance is good with low crime rates, although there is some concern that street lighting could be better and that CCTV is not effective.

### Mapping / Flipchart Exercise Outputs

Participants were asked to consider opportunities and constraints for future change in settlements in Dumfries and Galloway by considering:

- What is good?
- What is less good?
- What should stay the same?
- What should change?

Settlement maps were also provided for ease of annotation. It is worth noting that the presence of maps at the sessions sometimes led to discussions outwith the scope of the events, in particular detailed discussions around particular site allocations.

Participants mostly, but not always, completed this exercise by considering the settlement they had assessed using the Place Standard grid.

The results for each of the 28 settlements considered here are detailed in Appendix G and a summary is detailed below. With the exception of Eaglesfield, Eastriggs and Kirkmahoe, all the settlements noted here were also considered using the place standard grid.

<b>Dumfries &amp; Galloway Settlement</b>	<b>Main Opportunities Identified (what should change)</b>	<b>Main Constraints Identified (what is less good)</b>
<b>Annan</b>	Incentivise property owners in the town centre to invest and maintain their properties. Make traffic lights in town centre work better for pedestrians.	The low upkeep of Annan Harbour Station. The garage is an eyesore.
<b>Auldgirth</b>	Improve broadband connectivity.	Quality of new development.
<b>Borgue</b>	Improve broadband connectivity. Encourage solar and wind renewable energy.	
<b>Canonbie</b>	Involve the Community Council and Development Trust in future discussions about homes, shale, fracking.	Concern that housing policy allocations will not be developed (e.g. Buccleuch Estates).
<b>Castle Douglas</b>	Land required for a community garden (various sites identified). Opportunity for Castle Douglas to become an industrial estate and to expand existing industrial estates.	

	Use edge of town for car and coach parking.	
<b>Collin</b>	Provide safe cycle routes.	
<b>Corsock</b>	Provide more social housing. Reduce lorry speed through village.	Loss of amenities (school, shop, pub). Threat to landscape posed by wind turbines.
<b>Dalbeattie</b>	Opportunities for employment / business premises.	
<b>Dalton</b>	Improve broadband connectivity. Provide better public transport, housing, employment opportunities, and energy efficient homes.	
<b>Dumfries</b>	Enforce parking regulations. Improve broadband connectivity. Provide a train line to Edinburgh and Lockerbie. Enforce landlord maintenance of properties. Make more of the town's architecture and regenerate the centre. Consider town centre boundary in light of hospital relocation. Provide more housing, including in town centre. Provide better links to other towns and cities. Move Gracefield Arts Centre to old George Street Art school and sell Gracefield. Provide better transport coordination (e.g. bus routes), park and ride and connected cycle routes. Use the old hospital as a care home. Visually improve Sandside (e.g. plant trees). Whitesands – needs imaginative regeneration (housing, cafes, recreation). Reduce the number of traffic lights	Not enough for young people to do. Run down nature of town centre (with litter). Flood defences proposed at Whitesands (NB: this has already been subject to community engagement by the Council).  Lack of jobs.

	<p>in the town.</p> <p>Provide more night time activity.</p> <p>Provide more community facilities.</p> <p>Provide and promote market and trading activity.</p> <p>Make the riverside a 'destination' with public spaces, bars, hotels, leisure facilities.</p> <p>Provide renewable energy in the town centre.</p> <p>Create greater links between Crichton and the town centre.</p>	
<b>Eastriggs</b>	<p>Provide track to store the redundant rolling stock.</p> <p>Consider the area south of Calgary Place for development.</p>	
<b>Eaglesfield</b>	<p>Consider development land at the depot (22 acres).</p>	
<b>Gatehouse of Fleet</b>	<p>Improve broadband connectivity in town centre.</p> <p>Consider providing cycle routes on the A75.</p> <p>Redevelop old garage site.</p> <p>Provide a D&amp;G coastal path.</p> <p>More planning for flood prevention.</p> <p>Buses – improve frequency, routes.</p> <p>Provide better signage and tourist information.</p> <p>Consider pedestrianising the town centre.</p>	
<b>Kirkmahoe</b>	<p>Improve broadband connectivity.</p> <p>Provide a cycle route from Kirkton to Dalswinton via Duncow for school children.</p>	
<b>Kirkcudbright</b>	<p>Increase population (e.g. by welcoming refugees).</p>	<p>Lack of recreational activities and things to do in the evening / during winter.</p> <p>Job opportunities for young people.</p>
<b>Langholm</b>	<p>Provide better facilities in parks for young people.</p>	<p>The gradual economic decline of the town.</p>

	<p>Provide Saturday street markets.</p> <p>Produce a town centre action plan.</p> <p>Provide better east/west public transport.</p> <p>Provide land for art/crafts micro businesses.</p>	
<b>Lochmaben</b>	<p>Recognise the Old Dairy as an established business / industrial site.</p> <p>Restrict heavy vehicular through traffic.</p>	
<b>Lockerbie</b>	<p>Improve the old school site and consider a community centre use.</p> <p>Promote the golf club, squash and ice rink to encourage use.</p> <p>Provide a cycle route to Lochmaben.</p> <p>Reduce high street parking.</p>	<p>Improve the buildings approaching the railway station.</p> <p>The timber lorries driving at speed through the town.</p>
<b>Moffat</b>	<p>Allocate land for nature reserves.</p> <p>Consider re-opening the train station.</p> <p>Provide more office space.</p>	<p>Poor premises for businesses.</p>
<b>New Galloway</b>	<p>Allocate more sites for business and commerce.</p> <p>Allocate a site for sheltered housing / care home.</p> <p>Consider controlling the speed of traffic on the high street.</p>	<p>Insufficient parking.</p> <p>Periodic flooding.</p> <p>Sewage works.</p>
<b>Newton Stewart</b>	<p>Consider providing electric/hire bikes to reduce car use.</p> <p>Town centre regeneration needed.</p>	<p>New housing is not affordable.</p> <p>Flooding.</p>
<b>Port William</b>	<p>Provide sites for smaller houses.</p>	
<b>Sanquhar</b>	<p>Upgrade the A76.</p> <p>Develop Sanquhar Castle.</p> <p>Consider a positive use for the former school.</p> <p>Coordinate bus and train times.</p> <p>Consider community ownership of some buildings / housing etc.</p>	<p>Social capital is low – the community do not have enough control.</p>
<b>Shawhead</b>	<p>Flooding on local roads can be problematic.</p> <p>Make sure development is of a suitable size for a small village.</p>	<p>Ribbon development beyond new hospital.</p>
<b>Stranraer</b>	<p>Town centre needs redeveloped.</p>	<p>Poor transport in rural areas.</p>

	Need for business start-ups. Promote town as a tourist town – building on its culture and history. Allow for community led initiatives / projects.	Social isolation of older people. Poor image of town centre. Limited residential care facilities.
<b>Tynron</b>	Development should reflect the needs of the community.	
<b>Whithorn</b>	Improve broadband connectivity. Develop brownfield sites. Make more of the pilgrim routes and the coastal path. Make repairs to properties. Improve amenities (restaurants, pubs etc.).	Transport to other towns, villages, schools. Grapes Hotel and other abandoned buildings.
<b>Wigtown</b>	Repair derelict buildings. Provide toilet facilities. Manage parking. Provide more green space, meeting places, social housing. Improve the bowling pavilion.	

**In summary**, common opportunities across all settlements (and consistent with results using the Place Standard tool) include:

- improving broadband connectivity;
- town centre regeneration (and incentivising property owners to invest in and maintain their properties);
- promoting tourism;
- making the town centre work better for pedestrians;
- providing safe cycle and coastal path walking routes;
- providing better public transport (bus and new train lines – and linking up different bus services and train times);
- creating greater links with village/town centres and also between settlements;
- encouraging more energy efficient homes;
- encouraging employment opportunities;
- reducing lorry speeds through villages;
- giving local communities more control e.g. for community gardens;
- implementing effective flood solutions; and
- providing more amenities and community facilities.

## 5. Spatial Planning Recommendations

Common themes across the Dumfries and Galloway council area which are all of relevance to the new Local Development Plan (LDP) include:

- Broadband connectivity
- Accessibility
- Employment
- Town Centre regeneration
- Tourism
- Road Safety
- Flooding
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Mixed Housing Types
- Transparent decision making
- High quality natural environment

Details in particular settlements vary (see Chapter 4) and generic conclusions have been identified into 14 spatial planning recommendations:

1. *Talk to broadband operators about improving the quality and speed of broadband coverage across Dumfries and Galloway.* This will also allow more effective home working which will help widen job prospects.
2. *Make more of the links between settlements and articulate what makes Dumfries and Galloway unique as a whole.* Make more of the linkages with village / town centres and their wider hinterlands, and the links between settlements – both physically and in tourism / marketing / general activities. This should also include articulating/clarifying the role of each settlement in the development plan.
3. *Talk to employers /developers about the potential to allocate more land for Class 1 employment use.* This (and the following recommendations 4-6) should form part of the development plan retail strategy following the 2016 retail study (which raised similar issues).
4. *Make more of the empty spaces and buildings to regenerate areas.*
5. *Consider how to make town and village centres more pedestrian friendly, including the potential to widen pavements and make better use of pedestrian crossings.*
6. *Provide safer and better connected cycle routes – within centres and also along ‘A’ roads.*
7. *Be more transparent about flood risk initiatives, make reference to the Local Flood Risk Management Plan (LFRMP) Council wide flooding strategy, and consider the need for a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the development plan.*
8. *Encourage the highest standards of energy efficiency in all new housing developments.*
9. *Be more transparent about the approach to renewable energy and develop a council-wide strategy.*
10. *Consider design and transportation strategies to improve road safety, including solutions to large articulated Lorries obstructing traffic on roads and in urban centres.*

11. *Widen the class of uses allowed in town centres and speak to communities and developers about how to provide more retail, leisure and cultural amenities.* This point was also highlighted in the 2016 retail study.
12. *Encourage more affordable housing and housing for an ageing population.*
13. *Improve transparency / general communication with all stakeholders.*
14. *Better promote the high quality natural environment and countryside in the Council area.*

## **6. Community Planning Recommendations**

Common themes across the Dumfries and Galloway council area which are all of relevance to the Local Outcome Improvement Plans and Locality Plans include:

- Transport
- Young people
- Complacent property owners
- Energy efficiency
- Community facilities
- Community ownership
- Transparent decision making
- Strong community spirit

Details in particular settlements vary (see Chapter 4) and generic conclusions have been identified into 10 Community Planning recommendations:

1. *Talk to transport operators (bus and rail) about linking up services, making them more reliable, increasing services (more into evenings, weekends and to surrounding towns and cities), and providing more timetable information at bus stops.*
2. *Create more opportunities for young people to work and play.*
3. *Incentivise property owners to invest in and maintain their properties*
4. *Provide more information to home owners about how to make their houses more energy efficient.*
5. *Enforce parking restrictions.*
6. *Provide better street lighting.*
7. *Encourage more leisure/cultural activities – both LA and community run.*
8. *Encourage community groups to lead/own on local projects and assist with funding applications.*
9. *Improve transparency / general communication with all stakeholders.*
10. *Make more of the already strong local communities and identity to make change happen.*

## 7. Conclusions and Next Steps

The aims of Community Planning, spatial planning and quality placemaking are inextricably linked – to deliver better outcomes and make better places that support people’s lives. Community Planning considers the services and investment that communities require and how they might be delivered. Spatial planning’s focus is on how development impacts on places and communities. Placemaking principles aim to deliver not only tangible benefits like buildings and public spaces, but also less tangible outcomes such as social inclusion and engaged & empowered communities.

The Place Standard recognises that wellbeing and quality of life are influenced by the quality of environment, and people need to have a strong voice in influencing their place. The Place Standard seeks to improve outcomes and tackle inequalities through supporting the delivery of high quality places, articulating what makes a good, sustainable place.

Information from use of the Place Standard grids in Dumfries and Galloway has helped provide an understanding of community aspirations for Community Planning issues that need to be addressed and has also helped prioritise which areas require most urgent attention in the pre-MIR LDP stage. The mapping/flipchart exercise has complemented this analysis by identifying main opportunities and constraints.

We have identified, in Chapters 5 and 6, 24 recommendations for the Council’s spatial planning and Community Planning teams to consider incorporating into their respective new Local Development Plan (LDP) and Local Outcome Improvement Plans / Locality Plans.

The challenge is to now to sustain momentum and to continue to build on the relationships made with local communities and stakeholders to explore action around the issues raised.

**Spatial planning timetables** aim to produce a Main Issues Report (MIR) by January 2017, which will have taken account of the results of these placemaking workshops and allow for more engagement around particular spatial planning issues. The proposed plan stage is programmed for January 2018 with adoption of the new Local Development Plan (LDP) programmed for 2019.

**Community planning timetables** aim to have the Local Outcome Improvement Plan in place by October 2017. The timetable for the locality plans are being developed.

## **Appendix A – The PAS ethos**

### **About PAS**

PAS is an independent organisation, an educational charity operating on social enterprise principles that helps people understand and engage with the places they live in, through the provision of advice, training, education, engagement events and awareness-raising, to ensure that everyone has the capacity to create positive communities.

PAS works at grass-roots level with local communities and community groups to help them reach a shared vision for their area in terms of land use, community assets and improved service delivery. Our ethos is based on achieving genuine participation, through detailed research and preparation, use of innovative engagement techniques and involvement of trained and experienced facilitators/mediators.

### **Influencing Place**

People and places make Scotland a unique and interesting country to live in. PAS is a trusted, impartial organisation which inspires individuals to be aware of the planning process and their role within it, while raising civic awareness of the positive effect good planning can create for all.

### **Advice Service**

PAS is the trusted body for anyone looking to understand the planning process and the places around them. We encourage active participation in planning and raise awareness in order to create positive change.

### **Training**

PAS promotes education for all in the planning process, to encourage community engagement in creating positive places. With over 20 years of experience, the expertise of our staff, volunteers and associates inspires and empowers people across Scotland.

### **Education and Events**

PAS runs events which raise awareness about community spaces. We believe that education and participation are key to enabling our communities to engage with the built places around them, and we support that process in schools, communities and in our nation's life.

### **Volunteer-led**

PAS services are delivered by a combination of associates, staff and a large volunteer network of more than 400 built environment professionals, including planners, architects, landscape architects and legal experts. Our personnel offer not only their time but share their professional skills in order to enable people to engage proactively with the planning system. Volunteering is at the heart of what we do.

### **Independent & impartial**

PAS places neutrality above all else. Our facilitated events provide a neutral space for informing, discussing and gathering views. PAS does not represent the views of any planning authority, developer, particular individuals or organisations. PAS is wholly independent in its views and actions and is not beholden to local authority, Scottish Government or private interests.

PAS works with all communities and community groups - including those 'seldom heard' - to facilitate discussion, dialogue and debate. PAS has a particular focus on working with young people and we have dedicated techniques and practitioners to ensure that their voices are heard.

**Separation of process from outcome**

PAS believes it is important to separate the community engagement process from the ultimate outcome, which is the ethos embodied by SP=EED<sup>®</sup>, our practical guide to engagement in planning. PAS is focused on the quality and neutrality of the engagement process; as an impartial organisation, PAS does not prejudice the outcome of any planning process.

Our Community Plan/Community Action Plan projects, notably through the Charrette*plus*<sup>®</sup> programme, include key sections focused specifically on delivery of the plan, and which parties are responsible for particular actions.

**Trust**

PAS is always confidential and respectful of all parties' views and activities. We foster an environment of trust for everyone to share dialogue, opinion, ideas and suggestions without fear of misrepresentation or ridicule. As a volunteer-based organisation, PAS is in a unique position to inspire the trust of the communities with which it works.

**Continuous engagement**

Commissioning PAS is not a one-off activity. Through our advice service we provide free, ongoing support to individuals and communities who may want additional information or clarification at a later stage.

**Delivery**

All PAS workshops are delivered by our experienced planning professional volunteers and/or associates who are trained in facilitation and community engagement.

## Appendix B – Workshop Attendance and Event Survey Results

### Workshop Attendance

Location	Numbers attending
Annan	10
Lockerbie	15
Stranraer	6
Wigtown	16
Dumfries	47
Castle Douglas	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>

### Event Survey Results

<b>How did you hear about the event?</b>	58% E-mail	16% word of mouth	0% twitter	0% PAS website	1% PAS bulletin	8%LA	16% other
<b>Rating organisation of event?</b>	30% excellent	54% good	13% fair	0% poor			
<b>Did you feel able to participate?</b>	88% yes - effectively	12% sometimes	0% not really	0% no			
<b>Do you now feel more able to get involved in the planning process in the future?</b>	33% yes, very	44% yes, quite	17% not really	4% no			
<b>Have you found the event relevant?</b>	44% yes, very relevant	51% yes, quite relevant	4% not really	0% no			
<b>Request for follow-up events?</b>	87% yes	7% no					
<b>Request for PAS bulletin</b>	39% yes	7% no					

## Appendix C – FAQ Poster

***Below you'll find responses to general questions / community issues we thought might be mentioned at the workshops***

### **What are the workshop events for?**

Six community events are being held across the council area to hear your views on where you live and what you think could be done to shape how your town/village will look and operate in the future. Your views will feed into Council planning documents, specifically the new Local Development Plan. The project is led by Dumfries & Galloway Council and delivered by PAS.

### **Who is PAS?**

PAS (formerly Planning Aid Scotland) is a planning charity which helps people to engage with the place they live in. PAS provides impartial planning advice, training, education programmes, facilitation, community visioning and awareness-raising to ensure everyone has a voice in creating positive communities.

### **Dog Fouling**

If you know the address of the dog owners allowing their dogs to foul without clearing up after them, contact the Council using their online form or alternatively call 030 33 33 3000. The owners of these dogs will be visited with appropriate action being taken against them, where it can be proved. If you do not know the details of the dog owner, you can give the Council a description and an idea of times the dog is walked. The council can then target the area at these times which will give them a better chance of catching offenders. The community safety team can also patrol the area to watch for people allowing their dogs to foul and issue fixed penalty notices as necessary. Where dog mess needs cleaned up, you want to request a dog bin or have an existing one emptied, please use the council online form or alternatively call 030 33 33 3000.

### **Litter**

To report a litter issue please use the Council's online form or alternatively call 030 33 33 3000. Please provide as much information as possible about the location and extent of the problem.

### **Graffiti**

Once notified, the Council will aim to remove all types of graffiti and flyposting from council property as quickly as possible. If the graffiti is on private property then it is the owner's responsibility to remove it.

### **Parking**

Responsibility for parking enforcement in Dumfries & Galloway is shared between the Council and Police Scotland. Please report all issues to 030 33 33 3000.

### **Potholes**

To report a pothole or road damage please use the Council's reporting tool on their web page or call 030 33 33 3000.

## Appendix D – PAS adapted Place Standard

# Thinking about your place

Please indicate a score, accompanied by some thoughts as to why you have awarded it that score.

**Scoring:**  
 1 = lot of room for improvement  
 7 = very little room for improvement

### Moving around

Can I easily walk and cycle around using good quality routes?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Traffic and parking

Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely and meet the community's needs?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Play and recreation

Do I have access to a range of space and opportunities for play and recreation?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Housing and community

Does housing support the needs of the community and contribute to a positive environment?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Feeling safe

Do I feel safe?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Climate-ready place

Is my place well adapted and resilient to climate change?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Streets and spaces

Do buildings, streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to get around?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Facilities and amenities

Do facilities and amenities meet my needs?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Social interaction

Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Care and maintenance

Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Public transport

Does public transport meet my needs?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Natural space

Can I regularly experience good quality natural space?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Work and local economy

Is there an active local economy and the opportunity to access good quality work?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Identity and belonging

Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

Score .....

Why? .....

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### Influence and sense of control

Do I feel able to participate in decisions and help change things for the better?

Score .....

Why? .....

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NAME OF SETTLEMENT (PLACE NAME):

MAIN ISSUES / PRIORITIES FOR CHANGE:

ACTION NEEDED:

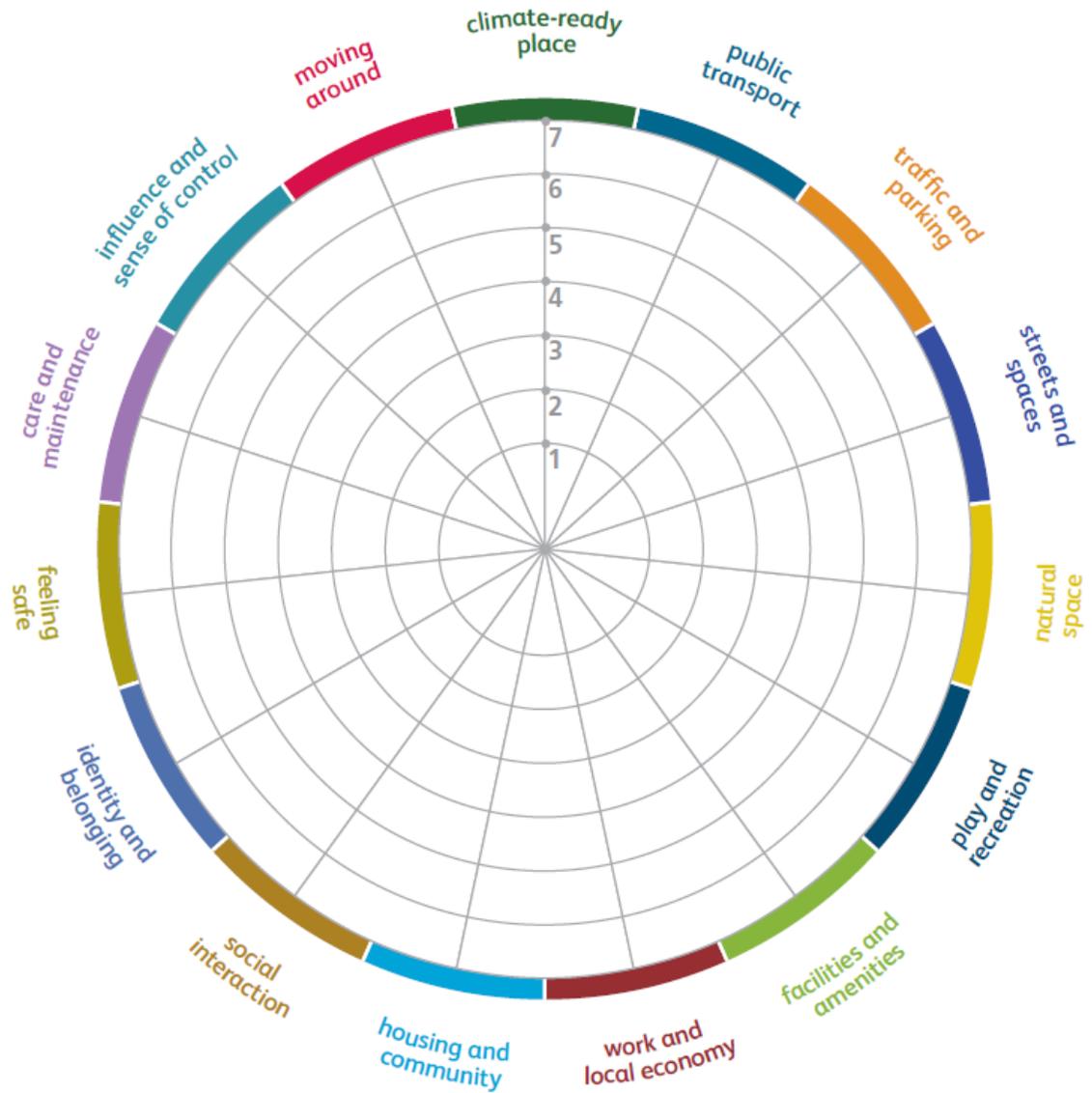
Please mark your scores on the diagram. Once you have marked all your scores on to the diagram, draw a line between them to form a complete shape.



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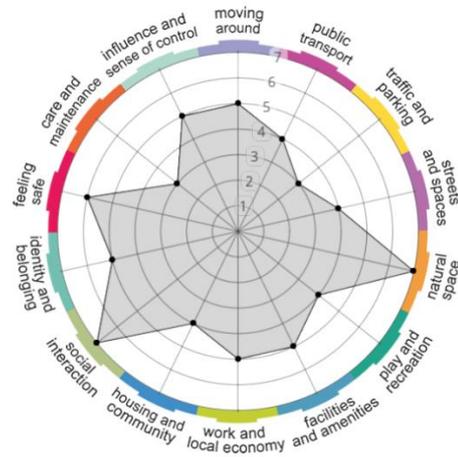


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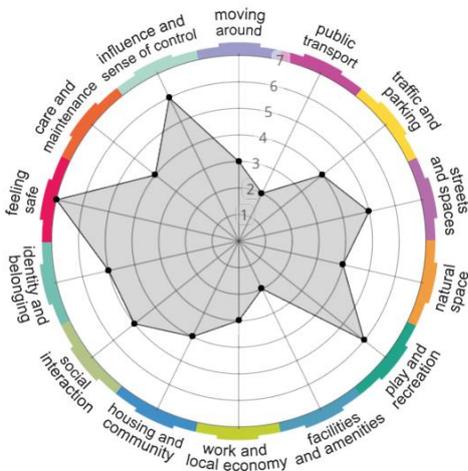


## Appendix E – Place Standard Outputs

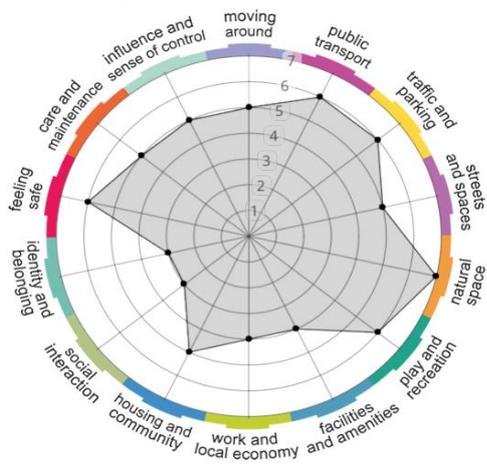
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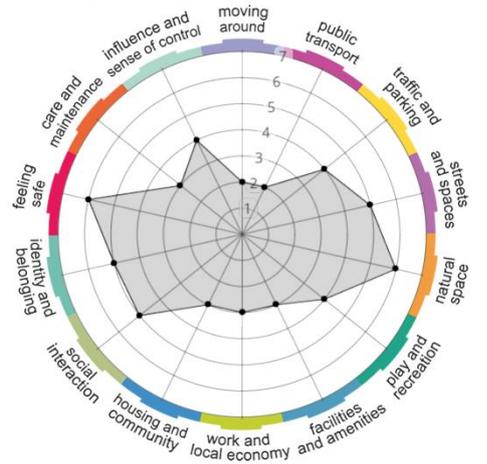
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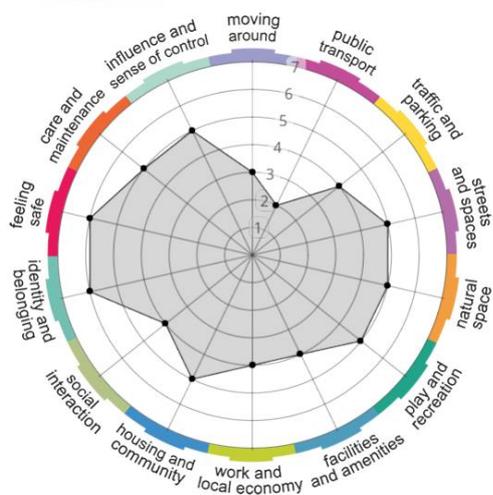
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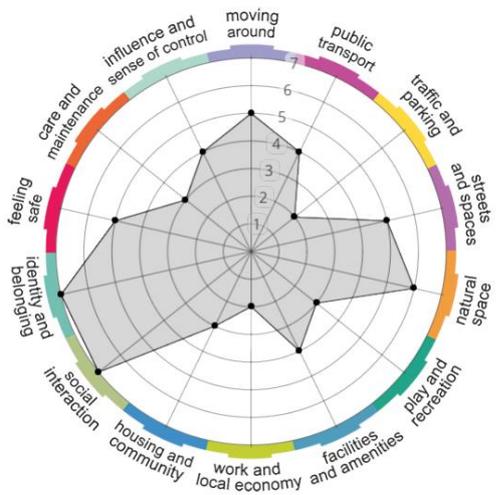
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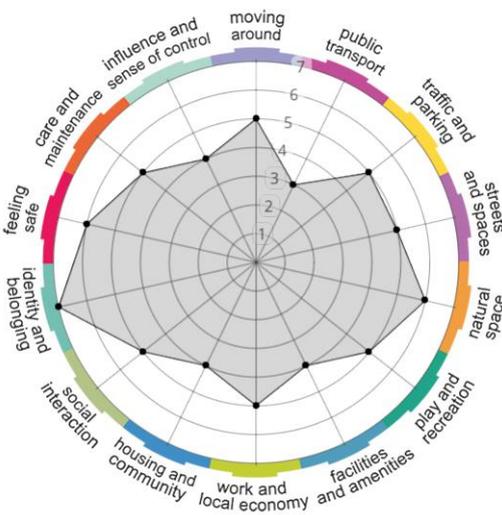
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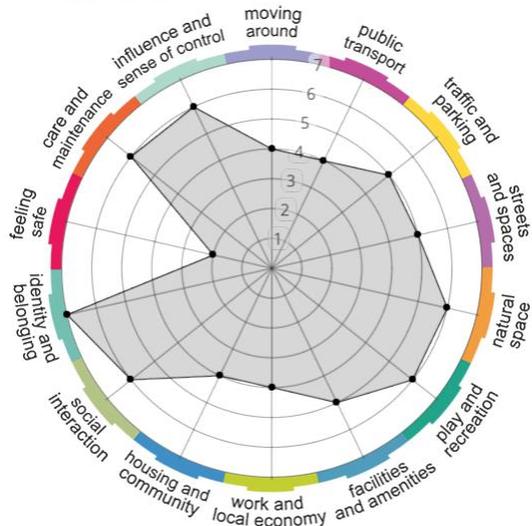
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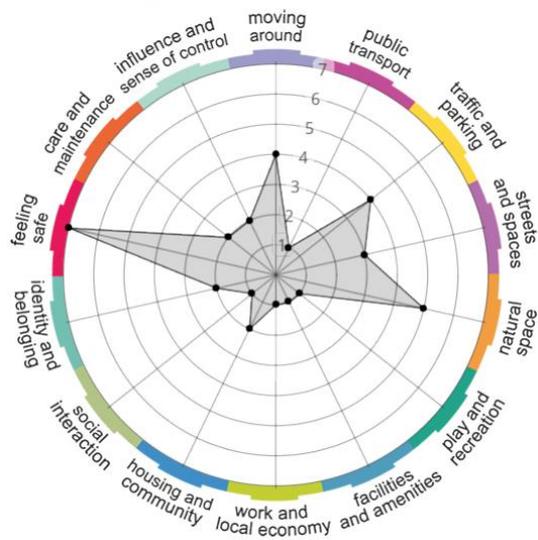
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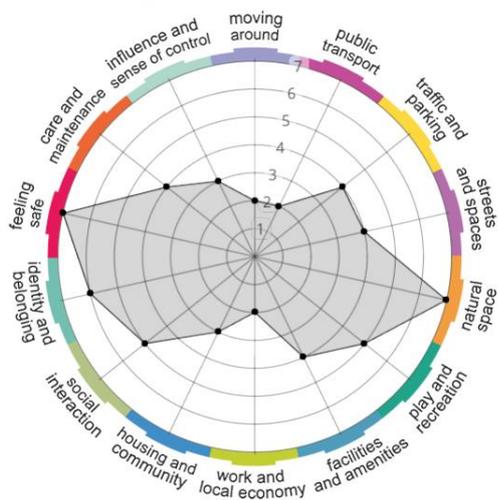
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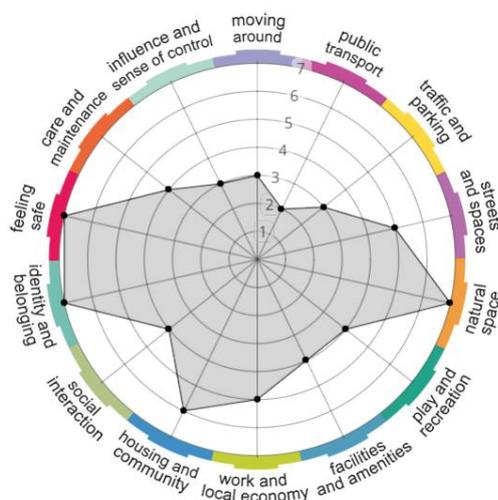
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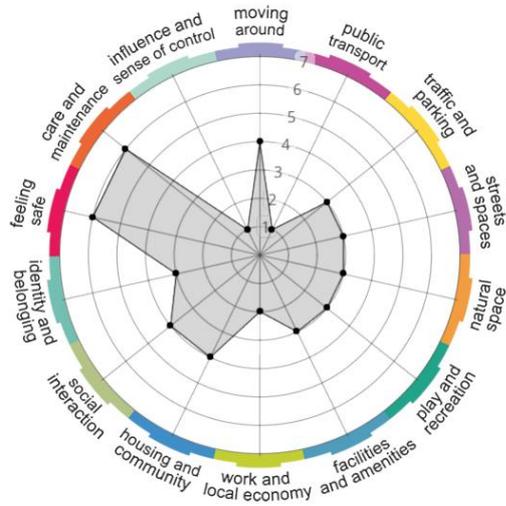
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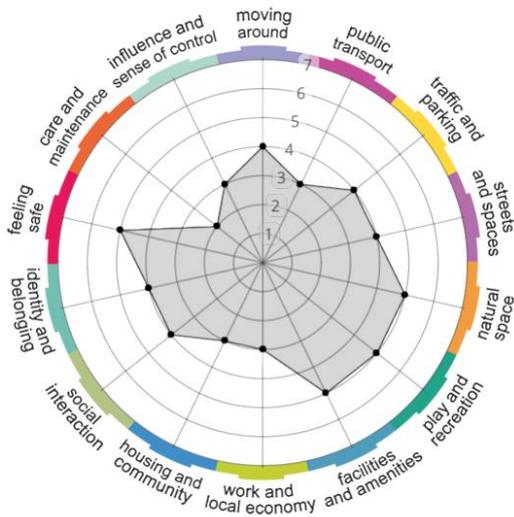
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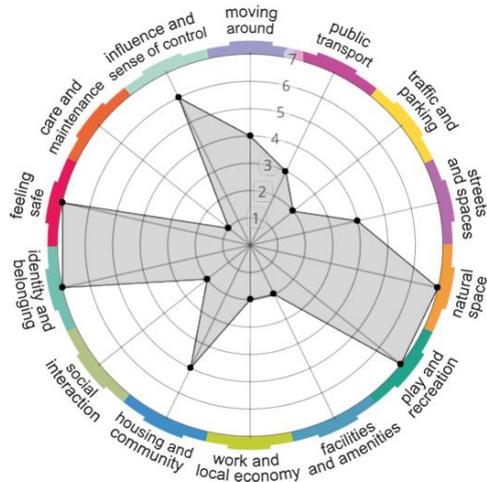
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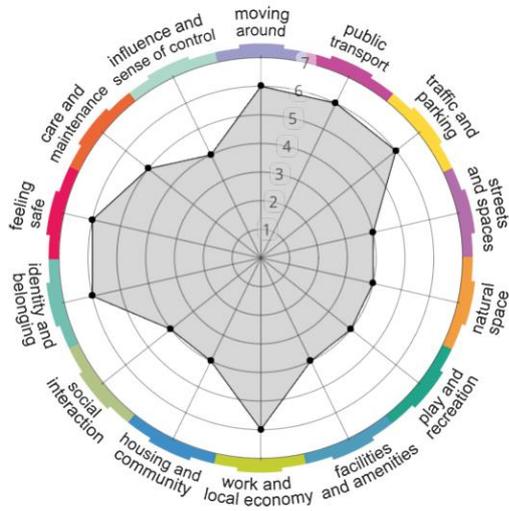
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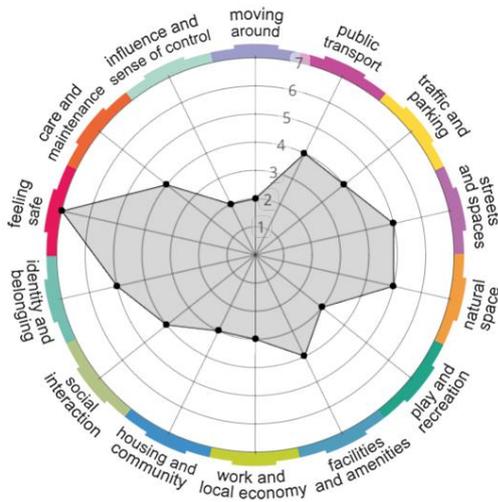
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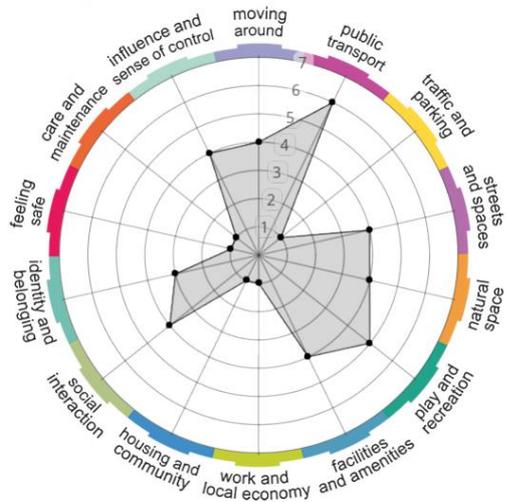
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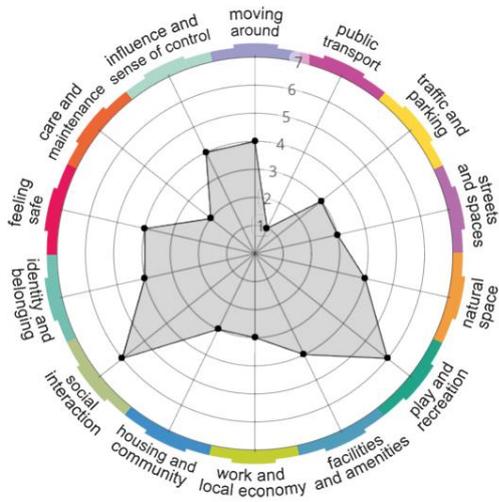
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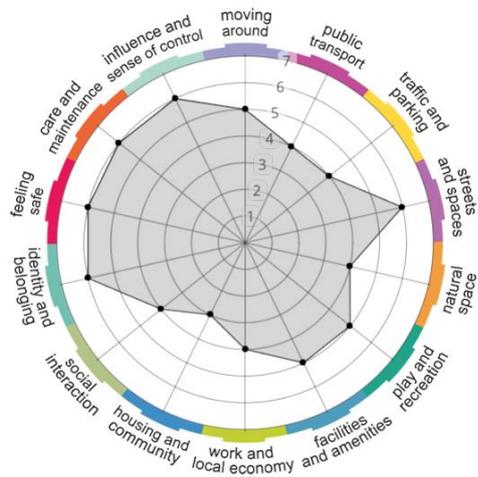
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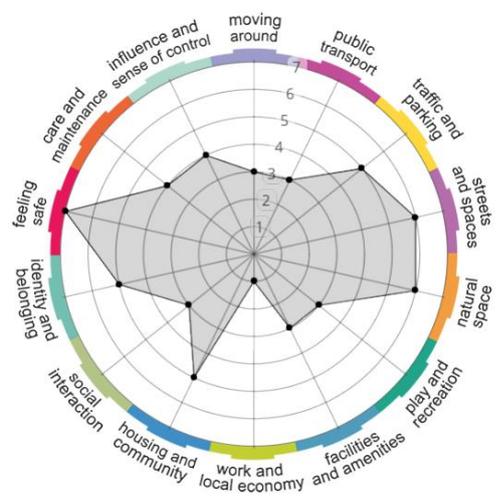
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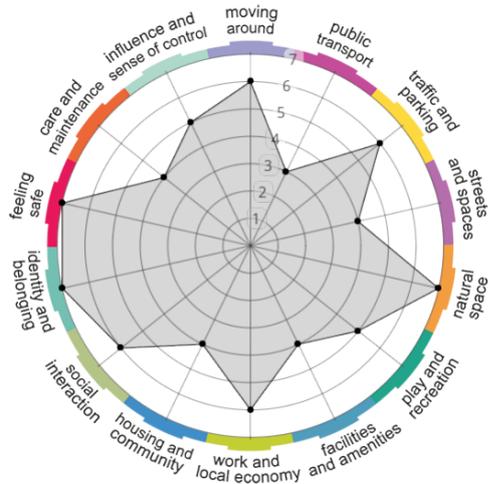
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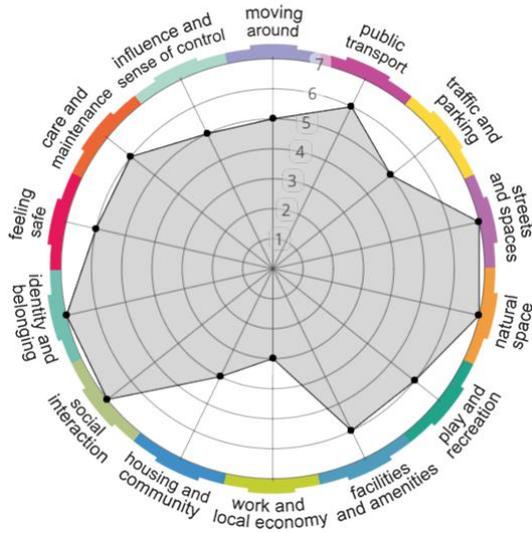
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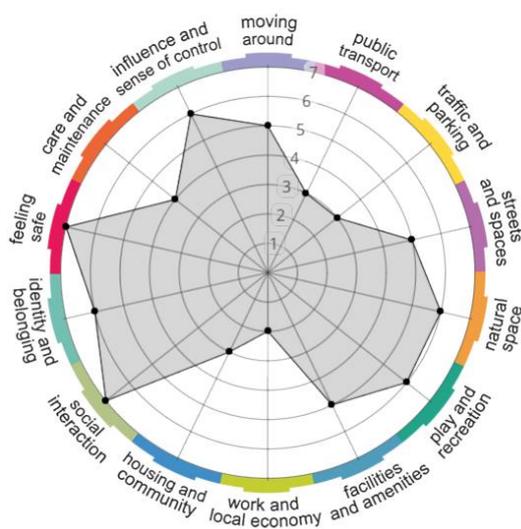
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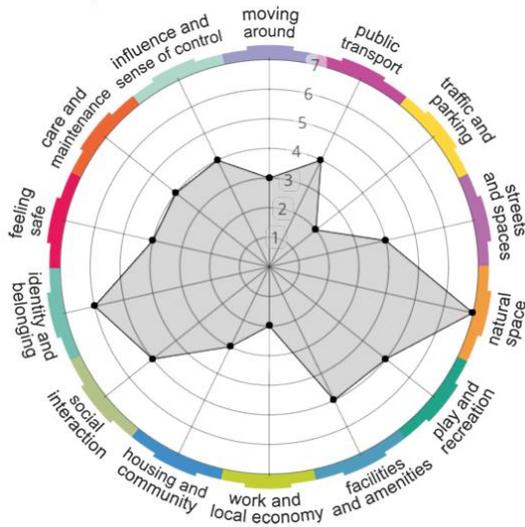
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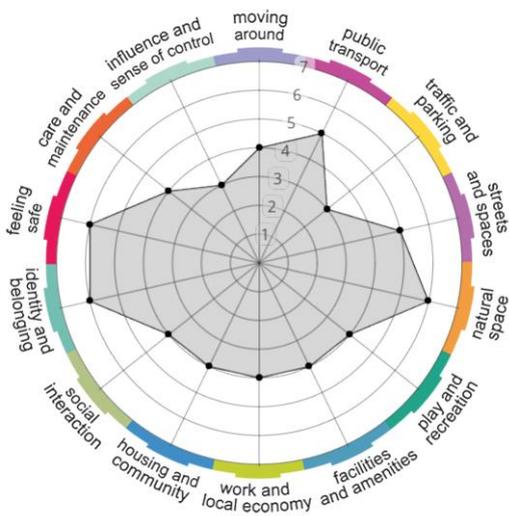
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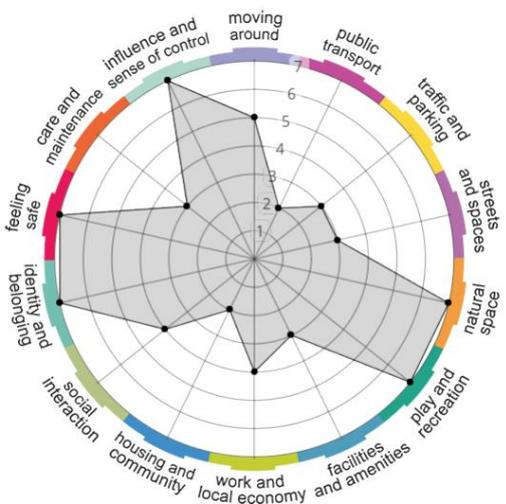
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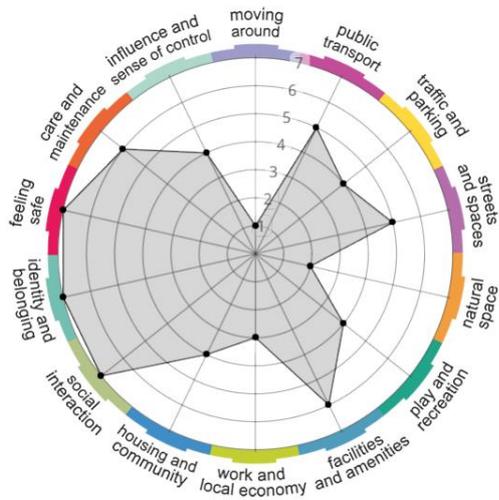
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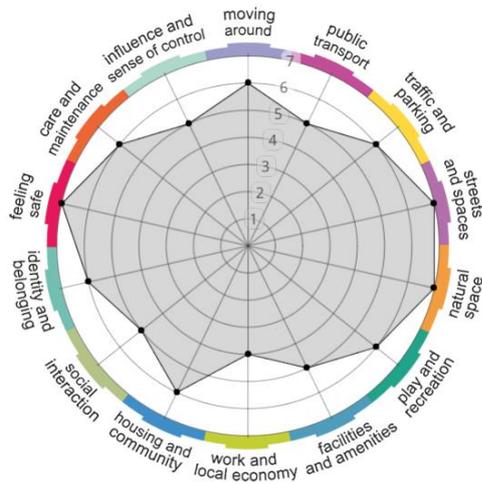
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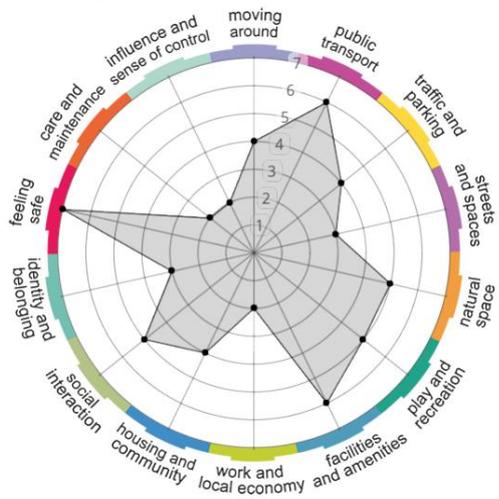
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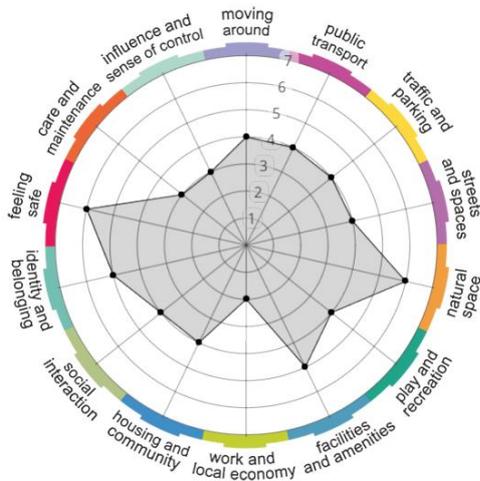
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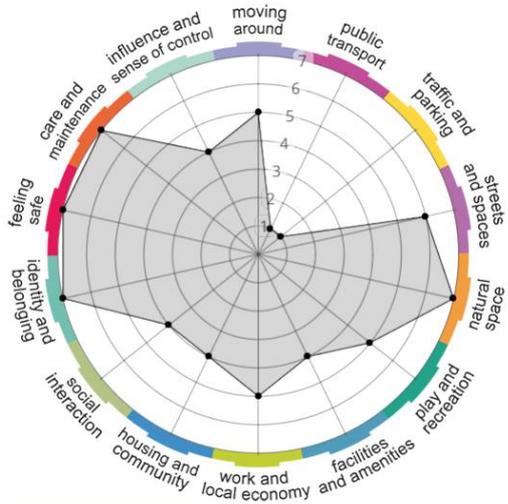
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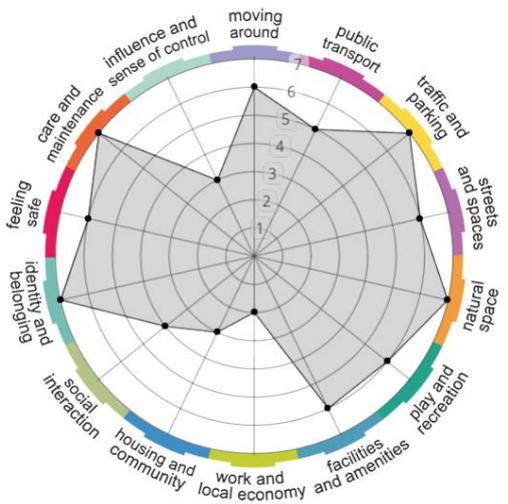
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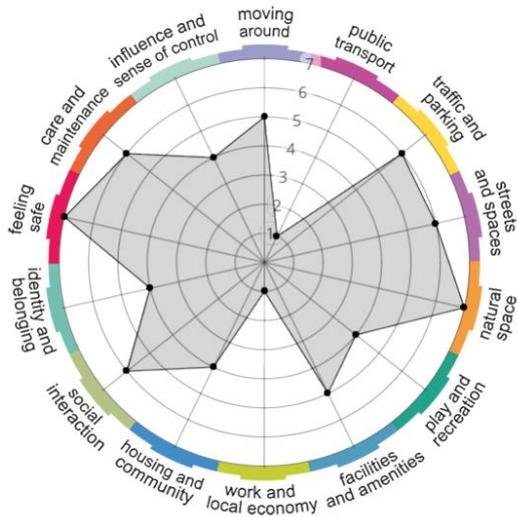
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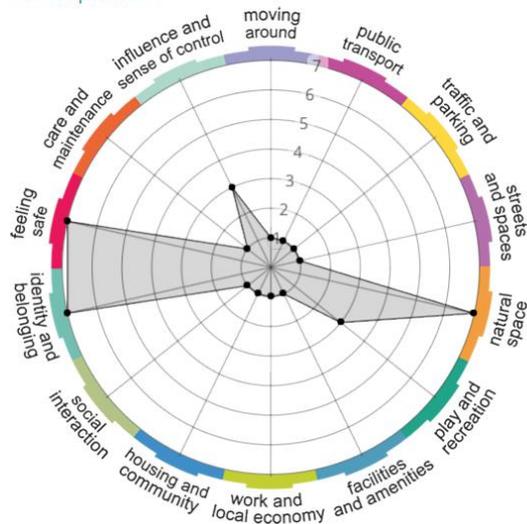
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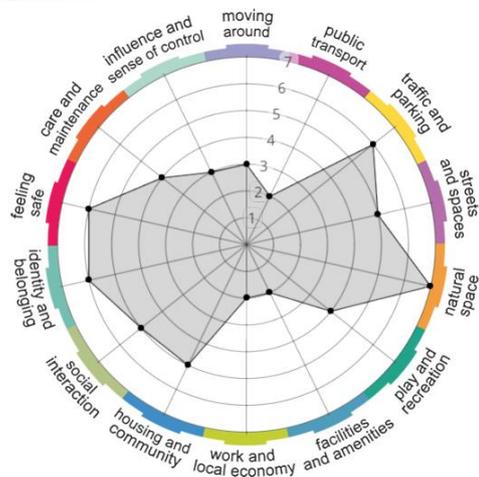
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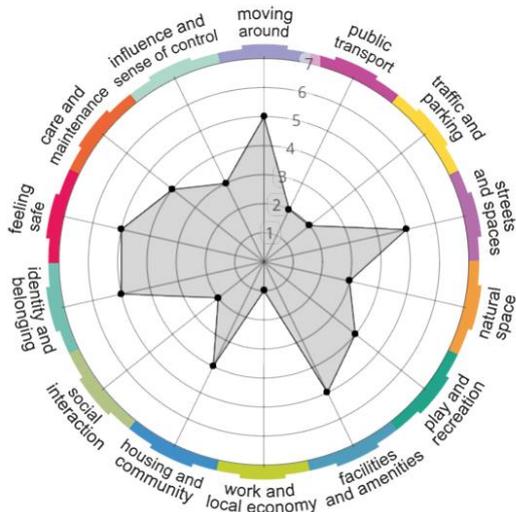
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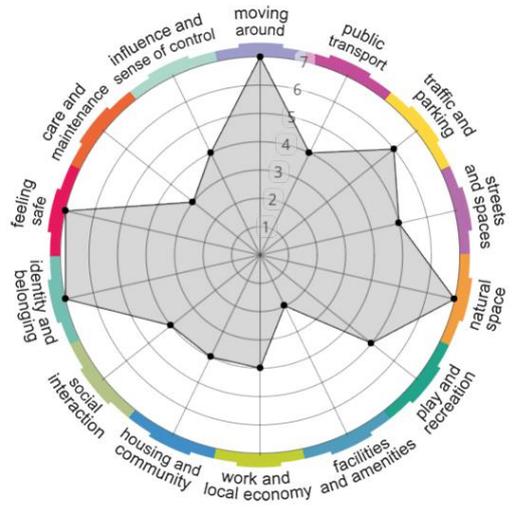
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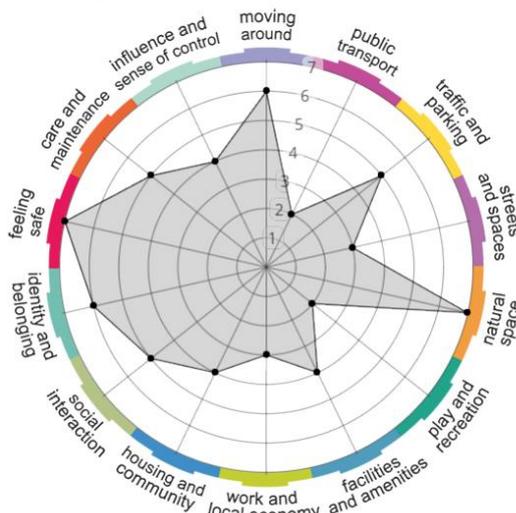
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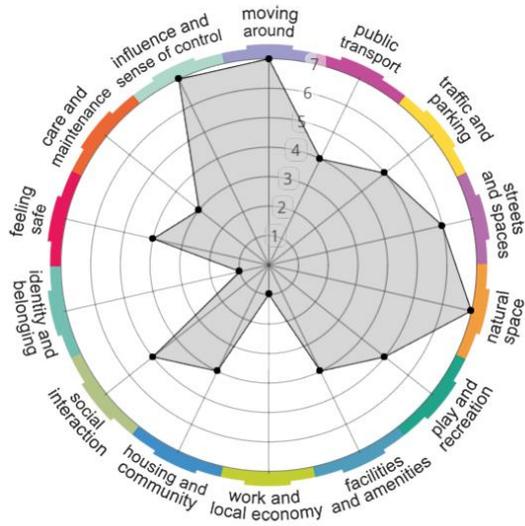
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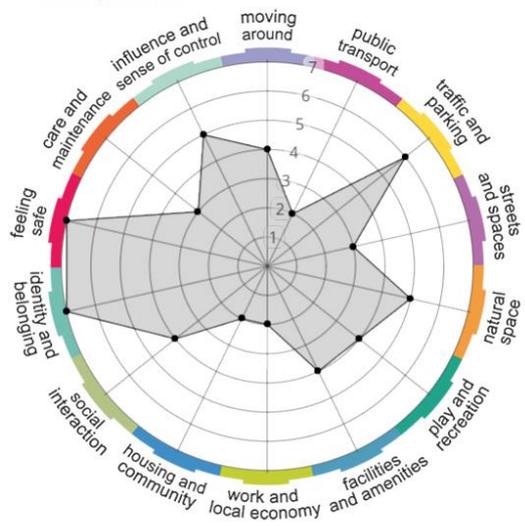
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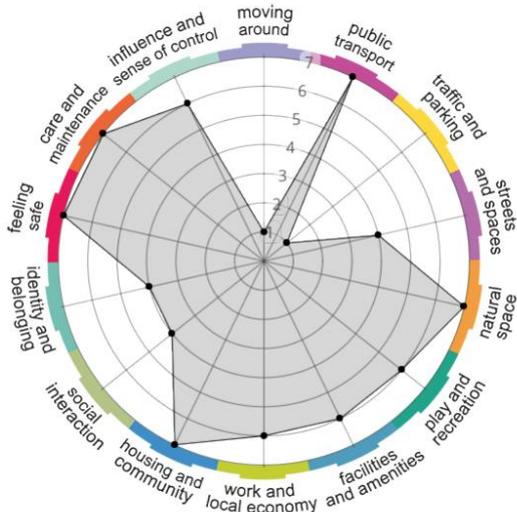
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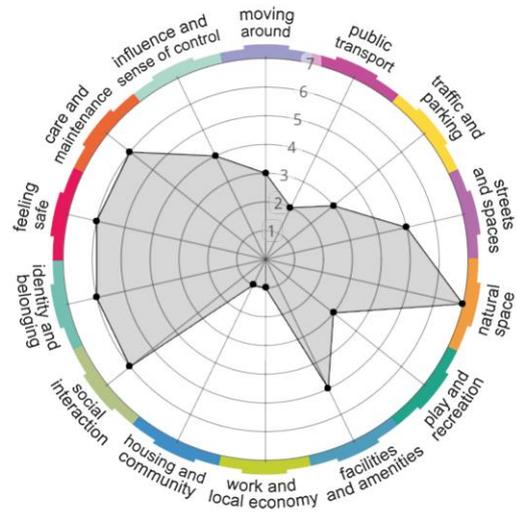
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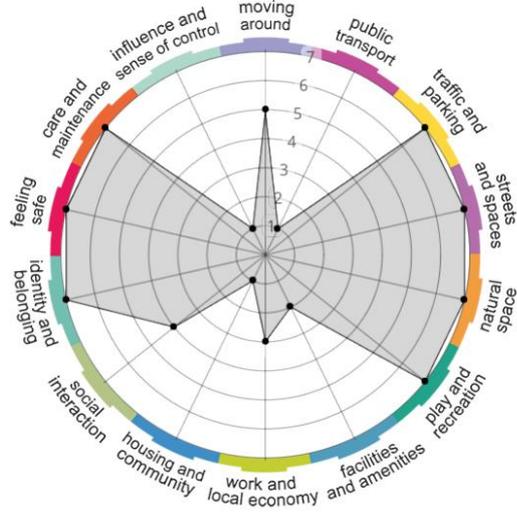
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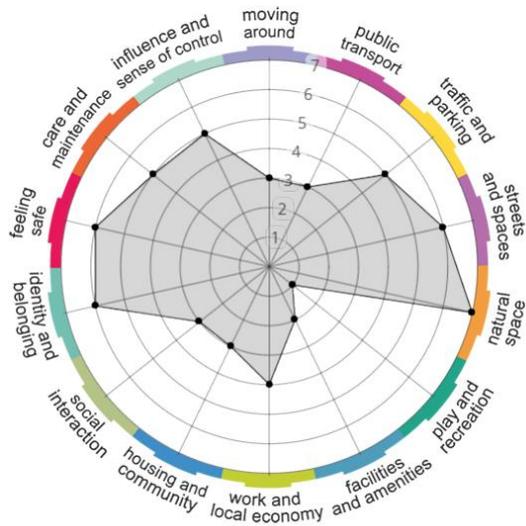
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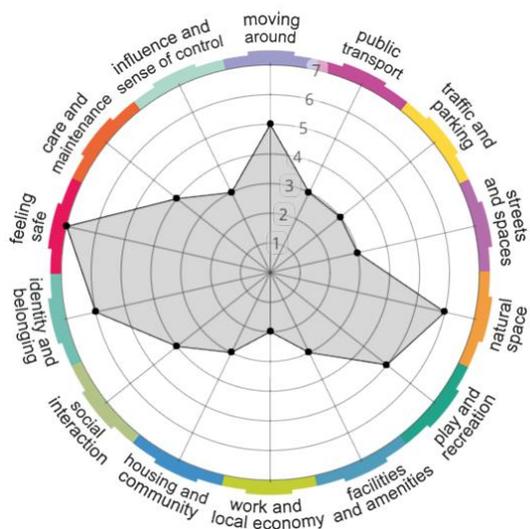
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Assessment Area: Whithorn  
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Assessment Area: Wigtown  
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## Appendix F – Summary of Mapping / Flipchart Outputs

Settlement Name	What is good?	What is less good?	What should stay the same?	What should change?
<b>Annan</b>	General built environment / heritage	Very low level of upkeep by property owners e.g. Annan harbour station Garage is an eyesore. Not enough local jobs. Vacant upstairs properties in the town centre which owners should be encouraged to develop as private rented <u>quality</u> flats. Traffic lights in town centre are problematic for pedestrians.	The sense of community. Great people and friendly environment.	Incentivise property owners in the town centre to invest. Encourage more than just retail. Better local jobs.
<b>Auldgirth (Lockerbie)</b>	Landscape. Access to the town centre.	Poor quality conversions and new builds - examples of poor design.	Keep the same landscape.	Broadband connectivity. Quality of new build to match/ fit in with existing scale. Roof heights etc.
<b>Borgue</b>	Local community has benefitted from arrival of young families and new businesses.			Improved communications, broadband and mobile. Development of local combined renewable power systems mainly solar and wind.
<b>Canonbie</b>				LDP should contain a reference to CB/SHALE approvals and approach. Need to fill the policy vacuum about

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				fracking and include consented sites. Concern that Buccleuch Estates will not build out their 85 sites. Development Trust / Resident's Association and CC happy to get involved in future discussions about homes etc.
<b>Castle Douglas</b>			Parkland. Town centre. Listed buildings. Existing industrial estates.	We would like to take over land for a community garden (CSD H3). Interested sites are Burghfield Green Space and Market Hill. Castle Douglas Community Garden; Marshland to the South West of Castle Douglas should be infilled to provide industrial/business estates and margins of town should be for coach and car parking. Both suggested sites CSD H202 & CSD H203 ideal for luxury housing, mid-range, and affordable housing mix. Existing industrial estates should be expanded.
<b>Collin</b>			Grants for village hall facilities and play areas.	More safe cycle routes.
<b>Corsock</b>		The loss of amenities and places to meet (first the school, then the shop, and finally the pub). We just became a dormitory!		Some social housing is required if young people are to remain and not to get "priced out" Curbing the logging lorries and the speed they go at through the village

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		The threat to the landscape posed by wind turbines nobody wants but which scot.gov insist we have.		would be welcome.
<b>Dalbeattie</b>		H201- Part of Bar Hill Woods bad idea DBY H202 & DBT H203- were refused before, will spoil entry to town on that side. DBT H6, DBTH11& DBT H13- No action. DBT H6 needs further flood risk assessment due to climate change.		Opportunities for employment/ business premises
<b>Dalton</b>	Crime-free	Very poor public transport. Ageing population. Very poor digital connectivity. Old housing which is not very energy efficient.		Better public transport. Wider demographic needs more housing, more employment. Better digital connectivity. Improvement in energy efficiency of existing (+new) housing.
<b>Dumfries</b>	Beautiful River in Dumfries. Great countryside and rural life. Friendly. Nice walks in areas. River side. Safe. Artistic opportunities. The people are friendly.	Empty buildings. Litter in Dumfries. The train service. The town is run down - it doesn't attract business. Not enough to attract young people- ageing population. Stop the decline of Dumfries town centre. Loss of Old Hospital at	Musical and cultural opportunities. Whitesands should stay as it is. Don't destroy the Whitesands, no bund. Let it flood 2/3 days a year. Green corridor through the town to be retained and enhanced (no Whitesands Bird!). Culture, especially visual arts and music in Dumfries.	Protection of architecture in town centre should improve. Forget flood defence in Dumfries Improve landlord maintenance enforcement in Dumfries Enforce parking regulations in Dumfries. Increased focus on architecture and heritage to encourage business and residents to live here.

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	<p>Nice place to live but needs better connectivity. Good to see busloads of tourists visiting. Rich historical associations. Good natural environment. Green network links to rural and natural spaces. Strong identity of town Location. Architecture. Friendliness. River Nith. Low crime. Whitesands dock park. The Crighton. No parking charges (this would kill the town completely).</p>	<p>Bankend. Dumfries worries about flood plans for sands area. The council doesn't listen to the public e.g. the flood defence. Lack of big town facilities for young people e.g. bowling alley, decent main cinema and better shops Economy. Built environment. Lack of connected and safe cycleway. Housing choice- quality and locality. Sewage processing (Airds point scandal). High street needs to be invigorated. Whitesands floods. Saving our sands. People are too negative. More public policing. Climate problems. Recycling. Flooding. D61 needs fixed asap. More harmony among political councillors. We need more big</p>	<p>Dock Park. Riverside on Maxwelltown side. Graceful Arts Centre. The scale of the town and the sense of 'community' it generates. Whitesands and river should be left alone. No flood barrier. Protect river views. Sense of community. Increase traffic areas and parking areas. More housing and leisure opportunities. A focus on the regeneration of the town centre. Historic character/setting. Attractive town centre. Too many schools in wider Burgh. Over provision and grossly expensive. Boundaries. Community spirit and friendliness.</p>	<p>A train line to Edinburgh would be a great asset. Affordable housing in all areas can be supplied where needed and doesn't have to be the housing market. Let the council decide, allow the developers to develop. Need direct line to Edinburgh please. Encourage businesses (Hairdressers, GP's, lawyers) to move out of the Georgian Quarter into the town centre. Leadership people with vision and a can do attitude. Better links to other towns and cities. Better transport coordination. Chase up pension fund award. Cinema multiplex. Job opportunities to keep people here. Facilities: bowling etc. Travelling to festival events- difficult- would bring younger people to the area. Railway line from Dumfries to Lockerbie (Re-established). Move Gracefield to old George St Art School building and make it disabled access. Sell Gracefield Arts centre site and devote proceeds to town centre regeneration. If Loreburn Primary School becomes</p>

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		<p>employers.            No archive centre for Dumfries and Galloway. The only council area without one in Scotland?            Re-instate town centre management team and keep town centre clean.            Museum on top of a mountain? Bring it into the town.            Bring back ICI and weaving</p>		<p>surplus to school estate, demolish it and replace it with green space or orchard.            Park and ride needed.            Use old hospital as a care home.            More town centre investment.            Improve vitality of town centre.            Local Development Plan to reflect change of centre of gravity with hospital moving.            More housing in the middle of the town.            Combination of new build and re-use of vacant buildings.            Make the poorer areas of Dumfries nicer environments to live in.            Plant trees on the streets (especially in Sandside).            Continue to improve social housing as has happened redevelopment of some areas in Lockerbie.            Better maintenance of property and environment.            More imaginative plan for Whitesands (housing, café's, recreation).            Housing above shops in high street            A greater range of housing opportunities across all market sectors.            Flood defences on the whitesands.            Town centre regeneration.            Disjointed nature of transport links</p>

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				<p>(especially for cycle and bus routes).  Housing above shops in high street.  Property ownership in town centre- use compulsory purchase order powers if necessary.  Change flooding proposal.  Improve town centre.  Remove traffic lights and relax all policies in town centre.  Housing opportunities in the town centre. Mixed opportunities for all.  Investment to get more/better community spaces to bring activity into centre in the evening.  Promote market and trading activity in a market town.  Spaces for small retailers.  The Whitesands is <u>no</u> flood-barrier.  Riverside become a destination with public space, bars, hotels and leisure facilities - not a car park.  Improved work opportunities for local businesses to be involved in projects they have a direct stake in (where they live and work).  Decrease the size of commercial town centre and zone 'other' as live/enterprise.  Less intense housing developments  Incentives and changers to legislation to encourage living in the town centre.</p>

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				<p>High quality contemporary public gallery space in town centre.</p> <p>Energy generation in town centre (hydro and wind to power street lighting and transport).</p> <p>Increase and improve public transport links- not making cuts. More facilities for children and elderly/disabled users in the town centre.</p> <p>Greater links between Crichton and the town centre.</p> <p>Create more concentrated retail core in the town and facilitate flexible regeneration development linked to that change.</p>
<p><b>Dumfries and Galloway whole region</b></p>	<p>Affordable housing rule for developers, but houses should be affordable bearing in mind the region.</p> <p>The Environment.</p> <p>Arts and crafts across the whole region.</p> <p>General health services.</p> <p>The landscape.</p> <p>Access to the town centre.</p> <p>Environment.</p>	<p>Better identification of flood plains and potential flood plains based on real incidents and local knowledge (e.g. community council) instead of using inaccurate maps from SEPA.</p> <p>Lack of commitment to improve network infrastructure across North and West of the region to encourage industry development, tourism and working from home.</p> <p>Break the link between conservation and settlement</p>	<p>Natural environment enhanced and protect</p>	<p>Encourage investment in derelict and underused buildings.</p> <p>Access to good broadband speeds.</p> <p>Varied population can support improved facilities.</p> <p>Developers don't have to supply developer contributions if there is no need, leave it up to council discretion.</p> <p>More job opportunities across sectors to encourage investment.</p> <p>Affordable fuel for heat up homes across region, but especially in areas without gas.</p> <p>More positive approach to growth and investment.</p> <p>Bring activity into town centre at night.</p>

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		<p>boundaries to allow for better preservation of the setting of conservation villages without providing precedence for development.</p>		<p>Put as much investment as possible into the area.  Support "Dumfries High Street new community company".  Community, voluntary and private sector coming together to make Dumfries better.  Reduce the size of the council to one member, on ward.  Get on with whitesands development as it will improve the economy as a tourist site.  Protect key buildings.  Cancel business rates.  We need to provide businesses with areas of a varied sort.  More housing sites close to the town centre (less reliance on cars).  Improve access to the Crighton.  Reinstate rail line Dumfries via Lochmaben to Lockerbie.  Compulsory purchase Troqueer Mills.</p>
<p><b>Dumfries Heathhall</b></p>	<p>Sense of community.  Good bus services.  Very good library.  Good community centre.</p>	<p>Air of neglect.  End of hardthorn road- No accessible public transport</p>	<p>Good sense of community.  Excellent new school will need to expand to meet rise in pupils if new houses built.  Keep the 'Gate Library' open and increase computer access.  Useful room at library for groups and meetings.</p>	<p>The town needs more affordable housing.  More facilities for young people.  Housing development should 'join up' Heathhall and Locharbriggs settlements.  Hardthorn Road/Woodlands Estate very poor transport service at end of Hardthorn road.</p>

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				<p>Council should reduce business rates to attract more independent shops to town centre.</p> <p>More industry and well paid jobs.</p> <p>More work opportunities needed.</p> <p>Attract more industries to the town create more jobs.</p> <p>Hardthorn Road needs more affordable housing.</p>
<b>Dumfries town centre</b>	<p>Parks and recreation.</p> <p>Dock park.</p> <p>Small scale private local improvement initiatives.</p> <p>The common good.</p>	<p>Run down town.</p> <p>Employment prospects.</p> <p>Seagulls.</p> <p>Planning enforcement.</p> <p>The economy.</p>	<p>The architectural conservation areas.</p> <p>Town centre pedestrianisation and streetscaping.</p>	<p>Complete, joined up cycle network.</p> <p>Repair notice enforcement.</p> <p>Entrepreneurial spirit.</p> <p>More filtered permeability in residential/mixed use areas.</p> <p>Fibre-optic broadband to town centre.</p> <p>Rail connectivity to be improved to Edinburgh and Glasgow.</p> <p>Electrified rail lines.</p>
<b>Eaglesfield</b>				<p>22 acres available for development at depot.</p>
<b>Eastriggs</b>				<p>Need track to store redundant rolling stock.</p> <p>Area south of Calvery Place is also available for development.</p>
<b>Gatehouse of Fleet</b>	<p>Forestry commission access for houses</p> <p>Finance is needed to encourage tourism after foot and mouth.</p>	<p>Super-fast Wi-Fi in rural areas not yet in town centre.</p> <p>Dumfries royal infirmary should become a teaching hospital to address problem</p>	<p>Location of town centre should stay the same.</p> <p>Natural environment.</p> <p>No windfarms in the search areas and visible from the science</p>	<p>Unightly old garage site should be encouraged to be redeveloped.</p> <p>Cycle route on A75.</p> <p>Coastal path for Dumfries and Galloway.</p>

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		of lack of consultants.	areas.	No windfarms viable from National Scenic Area and in no search areas. Dumfries and Galloway should be more proactive in supporting businesses to plan for flooding events. Public transport infrequency and lack of appropriate bus routes. Better signage into Wigtownshire. Better tourist information in town. Pedestrianise the town centre.
<b>Kirkmahoe (Lockerbie)</b>	People. Environment. Education.	Poor broadband connectivity (<0.2mb/s).	Kirkton/Duncow/Dalswinton stay more or less the same. Modest number of new houses (10?).	Cycle route from Kirkton to Dalswinton via Duncow for school children. Broadband.
<b>Kirkudbright</b>	Good access to the river for walking or cycling. Regular use of car park as a 'civic' space during summer months + event space in adjacent green. Active working harbour Attractive, pleasant environment. The town really has taken the opportunity to develop into an 'artist's town'. Welcomed Polish families in town.	Lack of recreational activities e.g. evening classes and libraries (out of hours). Kirkudbright is reliant on tourism yet opportunities during the winter are very limited. Absence of worthwhile (i.e. not part-time of seasonal) employment opportunities especially for young people. Plastic windows.	Vibrant active community making a real difference. Run many activities during summer for visitors and now trying to develop opportunities for community (taking new blogs for community use).	As a community Kirkudbright can be a bit introspective- the town needs to realise that it, for example, needs refugees to make good the number of older people leaving the working population. Raise land levels, good choice of site for luxury style housing (KBT H3) Good choice for change (KBT H2) OK for high quality build and mix (KBT B & 1201) Ok for housing mix (KBT H204) KBT H201 & H203 KBT H202 KBT H4 KBT H206 Similar to surrounding housing

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<b>Langholm</b>	Community spirit and ability to manage community facilities. Quality of life. Activities for younger people. Great place to live but not to work. Access to the countryside.	A place just for elderly. Flood issues- housing held back large area (50%) designated as flood plain which inhibits development. Social care- poor industry has all but vanished. Economically the town is in decline and has been since 1880.	All the green spaces. Buckleuch centre – fantastic facility (wedding venue, films, live music). Public community facilities should be retained in the town.	CMH.H4 – been allocated for housing for too long – never going to happen. Business and industry site – lots of vacancies / mostly offices. Need better facilities in parks for young people. Have street markets on a Saturday. Car parking New centre. Release land for small businesses and arts/crafts micro businesses. A strategy for the town is required- a plan of action! Public transport East to West.
<b>Lochmaben</b>			Current footpath of town should stay same. No housing need for large remote areas elsewhere. Present settlement boundaries should remain as they stand. There are already areas within the boundary identified for development.	There needs to be recognition of the Old Dairy as an established business/industry site Restriction of heavy vehicular through traffic. LHB N2- low lying traffic congestion on Moss vale. LMB K201- is rough low lying wet land with access difficulties. LMB H202- is currently a de-facto play area which is overlooked and has access difficulties.
<b>Lockerbie</b>	Main transport arteries. Access to nature reserve. Retains a good butchers. New School. Transport links rail/A74.	Too close to Lochmaben. State of buildings approaching railway station. Timber lorries through the town.	Retain banks. Speed limits. The town is big enough. Good access to school/library/GP and other amenities.	Tidy up old school site. Clear old school site / consider turning into a community centre. More members for gold club as well as squash and ice rink.

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			Good rail links.	Amenities. Add swimming pool. Occupy empty shops. Cycle route to Lochmaben. High street parking reduced at bottlenecks and yellow lines.
<b>Moffat and Beattock</b>	Local people doing local stuff.	Premises for business. Office spaces. Transport links to anywhere other than Glasgow or Dumfries.	Keep local amenities and open spaces.	Gallowhill and 2 x nature reserves should designated. Beattock should be included in plan see call for sites plan. Station should reopen. MOF H4- should be relocated to beattock new cycle route Beattock to Moffat.
<b>New Galloway</b>	Open space. Friendly Neighbourhood. West Port and road up to Mulloch and landscapes are wonderful.	Insufficient commercial and business allocated space. Need for sheltered housing/care homes. Sewage works. Periodic flooding. Insufficient parking.		More sites allocated for business and commerce. Site allocated for sheltered housing/ care home e.g. part of NGA H1 or NGA H2. Speed restriction on High Street NGA H1- OK for housing mix and boundary treatment. NGA H2- High quality low density. Give the schools a complete facelift/redevelopment and provide new afresh. Requires a complete call for sites.
<b>Newton Stewart</b>		NST B11 Good development but few people can afford to	Keep the town centre as it is. Protected areas of open space	Town centre should provide electric/hire bicycles to reduce car use

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		locate here. Flooding in some areas.	should remain but also be provided with better recreational facilities	and encourage use of and exploration of local routes and networks. NST MUI- is partly in a flood plain and should change. Town centre should receive beautification and development support to stimulate economy. NST H6- too close to the bypass. Change the way the town centre works. More fluid settlement boundary. NST B1201 &1202- construct more houses or commercial buildings here. NST H201- site allocated for housing where there are not enough employment opportunities for new residents.
<b>Port William</b>			Community involvement is very good (trust and association)	Smaller housing number opportunities.
<b>Sanquhar</b>	Active traditional rural community.	Need to build social capital i.e. engage community with their future – give more control. Remains of failed businesses.	Good local amenities. Facilities. Access to open spaces. Protecting rural community.	Upgrade A76. Development of Sanquhar Castle. Positive use for former school. Better train times and bus service. Consideration to local economy when passing planning projects. More suitable housing. Community ownership of some buildings / Community housing project / Community control.
<b>Shawhead (irongrayc.c.)</b>	Park is a good asset. Village hall is important.	Concern about ribbon development beyond new	Character of village/community.	Development should be sensitive to a small village.

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		hospital (preserving identity). Concern about expansion of Dumfries.		Flooding on local usual roads can be a problem.
<b>Stranraer</b>	Green space. Youth Activity. Parking facilities. Community spirit. Coastal footpaths. Range of local community groups/courses.	Transport in rural areas, lack of ability getting around. Social isolation of older people. Town centre image (drab). Employment/business development. Suitable community buildings for large community event. Medical services- (hospital appointments/ geographical travel issues). Limited residential care facilities (increasing elderly community) capacity issues.	Community village halls.	Redevelopment of the town centre Better business start-up support to promote available services and employment. Develop the image of Stranraer from a tourism aspect. Its culture and history. Develop the facilities for community led initiatives/projects.
<b>Tynron</b>	Small building groups, but the application of this should be more flexible and reflect the needs of the community.			
<b>Whithorn</b>	Coastal access Attractive town Friendly community feel. Creative Whithorn	Transport to other towns, villages and schools (primary and secondary). Park. Grapes Hotel and other abandoned buildings.	Historic centre. Listed buildings. School and community centre. Friendliness and community spirit.	Pilgrim routes. Buses- after school. New town hall-run down and there is a lack of facilities offered. Coastal path (cave-island) Repairs to properties.

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		Employment opportunities.		<p>Improve facilities (restaurants, pubs, social life, digital services and broadband).</p> <p>Development of brownfield sites and existing housing stock.</p>
<b>Wigtown</b>			<p>Keep full time doctor.</p> <p>Retain bank.</p> <p>Keep main street as it is.</p> <p>Retain post office, office and county building.</p>	<p>Change transport, work opportunities and infrastructure.</p> <p>Repair derelict buildings and improve existing buildings.</p> <p>Ease conservation rules - more emphasis on facades.</p> <p>Toilet facilities.</p> <p>Managed parking.</p> <p>Utilities should be underground.</p> <p>More public green space.</p> <p>More social housing</p> <p>More meeting places.</p> <p>Reduce hire costs of public facilities.</p> <p>Improve bowling pavilion.</p>

