

Call for ideas for NP4 response from Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk Community Council, Aberdeenshire

1. What development will we need to address climate change?

Better quality housing, which makes the most of **solar gain**, suitably insulated and built for an ageing population where there is **enough future capacity for potable water and sustainable waste water treatment before development takes place**. We currently see two housing developments within our ward where the process of getting planning permission is dislocated from the capacity for waste water treatment and long term unsustainable tankering has had to be introduced, increasing CO₂ emissions, road traffic and odour issues.

Future development drainage designed to accommodate significant increase in both quantity and intensity of rain. Current developments will not be able to adapt and are being built now without enough future design requirement built in.

Surface SUDS schemes NOT to be within flood plains, again we have examples within our ward which will not function given a 50% increase in rainfall intensity by 2050/2080.

Coherent planning of settlements/developments within a safe separate cycle network to encourage reduction in CO₂ emissions.

2. How can planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future?

Consultation on National infrastructure must be democratic and coherent and be subject to social justice as well and environmental needs.

Our ward experienced a potential new electricity transmission line proposal. The public consultation and logic for route was presented as being based on guidance that was 40 years out of date with current technology. After the consultation had finished it was revealed by admission in committee minutes that the route was not based even on this out of date technical guidance but was politically motivated. **There must be transparency in the planning process.**

Health and wellbeing must have a role in the planning process, there must be some way of legally dealing with problems where health and wellbeing of a community can be protected from unwarranted actions of a developer. Local council must have the funding/ability act to protect local residents. Planning principles must be founded on practical mechanisms and have the finance to carry them out. Or some form of legal challenge be available.

Coherent transport to include separate safe cycling network and a network of electric charge points.

Recognition of areas that are currently not designated wild land but are of significant scenic value, being protected from incoherent renewable energy development.

More support for local food production in planning consideration.

Critically **developers must be held to account for discrepancies with granted planning permission due to lack of council funding to prosecute** which has led to an experience of some developers blatantly flouting legal requirements, and negatively impacting on communities for decades.

Continue to maintain out the principles of the EU Water Framework directive post Brexit in improving Scotland's waters which is in our ward have not improved due to the impact of numerous housing developments with in the catchment.

3. What does planning need to do to enable development & investment in our economy to benefit everyone?

Need to change housing development models to better reflect societal structure ie more housing suitable for independent and non-independent older people.

Tourism will be a very important aspect of the economy but we need to provide an adequate supply for local people to work and live within a community.

Recognition of a communities needs where this is presented democratically and coherently e.g. community centre, opportunity for a shop or a business where this has community backing and which does not have counter productive environmental impact.

4. How can planning improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places?

Allowance of a **more coherent review of planning development proposals beyond the physical footprint of the development to take in allowance of the immediate** surrounds as well as the greater area. Currently developments are allowed where there is no account taken of the impact on the adjacent community as the consideration by councillors and organisations such as SEPA and other departments of councils is solely limited to the footprint of the application.

5. What infrastructure do we need to plan and build to realise our long-term aspirations?

New schools and community learning centres with electric charge points for staff

Wider network of electric charging for tourism and public transport

More provision for care of the elderly

Housing developments must have sustainable community design built in when granted permission and a wider remit in terms of consideration of the impact on the area .

Coherent national plan for renewable/nuclear energy generation