



NPF4 CALL FOR IDEAS - ABERFELDY

This overview provides a summary of ideas and mapping from the event held at **The Locus Centre Aberfeldy** on 13 March 2020 where a total of 9 people attended the workshop and drop-in sessions.



MAJOR THEMES IN RELATION TO THE SIX DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What development will we need to address climate change?

- Rural public transport
- Sustainable power

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

- Access health care

What does planning need to do to enable an economy that benefits everyone?

- Digital connectivity
- Encourage local business
- More better paid jobs

How can planning improve, protect and strengthen our places?

- Digital connectivity
- Value and maintain natural assets
- Food security
- Better public transport and local service provision
- Value special 'place' character; Appropriate housing design

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

- Good connectivity (and joined up programming of connections)
- Housing for elderly needs
- Join up consenting regimes
- Manage parking

'ONE BIG THING'

- Consistency of decision making
- Understand local issues

The following pages provide a record of the ideas and maps that were produced.
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'CLIMATE CHANGE' - What development will we need to address climate change?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Address rural transport - need to get to Edinburgh/Glasgow for office hours. Currently need to drive.	Transport links that support normal working hours. Current public transport does not facilitate normal working business		Rural public transport
Consider bringing back the train - everyone needs to drive here			
Better transport infrastructure - buses and trains	Cutting down on individual car journeys		
A thought through plan, not a knee jerk reaction.	The present plan to electrify transport is unrealistic and simplistic. Someone needs to do the maths properly.		
More access to sustainable forms of power	Area uses a lot of oil fuel		Sustainable power

'PEOPLE' - How can planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Easier access to health care (especially transport to hospital)	Time taken to get to Ninewells hospital can impact those without a car		Access health care

'WORK' - What does planning need to do to enable an economy that benefits everyone?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Superfast broadband that actually works	Strength variable and often stops - doesn't work. Recent installation look like a political tick box		Digital connectivity
Real superfast broadband	we need this for the economy and keep rural areas viable.		
Reduce rules for some commercial property	to encourage shops and businesses remain in the town		Encourage local business
Better availability of higher paid jobs in rural areas	lots of minimum wage jobs, but very little in higher salaries		More better paid jobs



'PLACE' - How can planning improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Proper broadband	essential for business/ information dissemination etc	Scottish Government	Digital connectivity
Keep rivers and lochs clean	To encourage water sports and tourism		Value and maintain natural assets
Support for maintenance of footpath networks (particularly core paths). Local authorities established the core paths but provide little or no maintenance	Path networks are a key ingredient for Scotland tourism offering		
Tight control or rural repopulation. Not a free for all for developers	The need for wild areas needs to be recognised and respected.		
Agricultural land protected. Not slowly eroded by buildings.	The day may not be far off when Scotland needs to grow much more of its own food		Food security
Better public transport ideally regular minibus service linking A9 (Pitlochry) and A85 (Criarlarich) also linking main n/s rail lines	it would remove the dependence on car ownership from people between A85 and A9	Transport Scotland	Better public transport and local service provision
A different carve up of regions, so rural areas don't feel like an appendage to the towns	Centralisation of Ninewells for NHS Tayside provides the wrong solution for Highland Perthshire		
Housing design and density appropriate to the area	All too often we see an urban mindset being applied to rural areas		
The special character of places being maintained even if means saying no to developers	LDP already allows for this but it is easily set aside or rationalised by Planning. Listen to local people.		Value special 'place' character; Appropriate housing design



'DELIVERY' - What infrastructure do we need to plan and build to realise our long term aspirations?			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Definitely need to look at collective transport - win win situation	Connections are crucial for quality of life and business and employment		Good connectivity (and joined up programming of connections)
Rethink railways for rural areas before the internal combustion engine	we need to remain connected		
Joined up rival transport	Just now buses are few and don't connect with other buses or trains. Our bus runs on the day the bank is shut		
A McCarthy Stone type of facility in Aberfeldy to allow people to remain in their community until the end of their life.	People want to remain here. When they can no longer cope they have to move away.		Housing for elderly needs
more productive coordination between planning and building standards/warrants	it is not very helpful for a letter advising of approval of planning simply to say 'you may need a building warrant'		Join up consenting regimes
HGV parking arrangements - ideally just off main roads with transport to local attractions.	it would remove problem of main road parking and reduce traffic on side roads (often single track and narrow).	Perth and Kinross Council	Manage parking

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WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Consistency in Planning	Individual planning officers can give very different permissions depending on their own particular views (this makes the question of bribery being a factor)		Consistency of decision making
Inverse fractal thinking. Don't moan about Westminster not understanding Scotland and failing to understand that same can be said about national to region to locality at home	We need rural Scotland to be stronger and it needs addressed fairly		Understand local issues



NPF4 'Call for Ideas' – please consider:

1. What development will we need to address climate change? (Blue)
2. How can planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future? (Yellow)
3. What does planning need to do to enable an economy that benefits everyone? (Red)
4. How can planning improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places? (Green)
5. What infrastructure do we need to plan and build to realise our long term aspirations? (Grey)

It would be helpful if comments or doodles are colour coded to respond to these prompts.

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