



## NPF4 CALL FOR IDEAS - AVIEMORE

This overview provides a summary of ideas and mapping from the event held at **the Hub Youth Centre, Aviemore** on 10 March 2020 where a total of 4 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?

- Natural mitigation of climate change
- More active travel and less traffic
- Whole life accounting of development

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

- Promote benefits of neutral emissions and rural living
- Importance of multifunctional Green Infrastructure
- Need services and infrastructure to support communities – not just housing
- Support local housing needs – manage holiday lets

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

- The natural environment is an economic asset
- Promote positive rural expansion
- Support existing rural settlements rather than re-populating 'Glens'

#### How can planning improve, protect and strengthen our places?

- Importance of nature based solutions and high quality natural environments – for place, health and economy
- Simplify 'planning complexity'
- Support local house build
- Create covered facilities
- Electric vehicle infrastructure

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

- Rural transport
- International connectivity linked to business opportunity
- Housing for young families
- Incorporate green networks into infrastructure projects

#### 'ONE BIG THING'

- Be proactive and ambitious in tackling carbon issues
- Value natural capital

The following pages provide a record of the ideas and maps that were produced.

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<b>'CLIMATE CHANGE' - What development will we need to address climate change?</b>			
<b>WOULD LIKE TO SEE...</b>	<b>BECAUSE...</b>	<b>WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...</b>	<b>THEME/S</b>
Managed coastal retreat	Our coastal areas are under threat from sea level rise from climate change - hard defences just shift problem	Planning authorities / SG	Natural mitigation of climate change
Climate change is thoroughly mitigated by natural means rather than hard built flood defences.	this approach will be better for the natural environment in terms of biodiversity and landscape and will be better for people through their enjoyment of a higher quality natural environment. There is no further building on flood plains and other locations at predictable risk from flooding.		
development of active travel networks to reduce dependence on private cars	emissions from transport one major contributor		More active travel and less traffic
Less traffic and fewer traffic unfriendly developments	climate imperative, healthier environment, more flourishing natural environment, biodiversity	Transport Scotland and many others	
The carbon footprint of new build development is properly taken account of. In relation to housing, work, spaces, etc, this would require for higher standards taken today, e.g. passive housing standards for heating, and far more consideration given to the construction materials. Cement is a major carbon footprint and should be replaced in construction by timber products. This would also contribute towards a more circular economy. The assessment of carbon footprints needs to be whole life, taking into account the timing of materials and what happens to them at the end of life too.	obvious multiple benefits. Low energy requirements help a just transition.		Whole life accounting of development



<b>'PEOPLE' - How can planning best support our quality of life, health and wellbeing in the future?</b>			
<b>WOULD LIKE TO SEE...</b>	<b>BECAUSE...</b>	<b>WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...</b>	<b>THEME/S</b>
Rural repopulation - address why folk are leaving first before anything else	rural repopulation will only work if the circumstances are right for folk to live there	CPP, planning authorities, SG	Promote benefits of neutral emissions and rural living
promote economic benefits of neutral emissions			
Green infrastructure first approach - design settlements around multifunctional space - retrofit existing settlements to accommodate this	the health benefits of access to green/open areas are well documented	SG (policy) and planning authorities.	Importance of multifunctional Green Infrastructure
Don't build masses of houses without local services/infrastructure to match eg transport services			Need services and infrastructure to support communities – not just housing
Create jobs, build business parks, build houses for decentralised job movers, create retirement villages with facilities, free up property for younger families	rural transport networks		
Increase in cluster housing			Support local housing needs – manage holiday lets
Intergenerational complex housing			
Legislation on provision of local housing for local people v holiday houses			

<b>'WORK' - What does planning need to do to enable an economy that benefits everyone?</b>			
<b>WOULD LIKE TO SEE...</b>	<b>BECAUSE...</b>	<b>WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...</b>	<b>THEME/S</b>
Recognise the value of the natural environment as an economic asset and resource - place to work/place to provide work	essential to help address climate emergency and biodiversity crisis	SG, Planning authorities	The natural environment is an economic asset
Plan for population expansion in rural areas. Build brown business parks, create jobs. Remove glass ceiling when jobs move out of London			Promote positive rural expansion
The romantic notion of repopulating the Glens is very climate unfriendly and goes against good experiences of getting away from it all.	Through recreation in remote areas such as glens. Repopulating the Glens is a very different thing to sensibly and sustainably focussing rural development on existing, established rural communities.		Support existing rural settlements rather than re-populating 'Glens'



<b>'PLACE' - How can planning improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places?</b>			
<b>WOULD LIKE TO SEE...</b>	<b>BECAUSE...</b>	<b>WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...</b>	<b>THEME/S</b>
Recognise benefits of nature based solutions to creating attractive place blue/green infrastructure central to process planning rather than CFS	place making needs to take priority over developer/market needs	Planning authorities, SG, key agencies.	Importance of nature based solutions and high quality natural environments – for place, health and economy
Recovering biodiversity landscapes supporting ecosystems that are in good health - reduced pollution in air and water	this is important for health and well being and can reduce costs and provide growing opportunities for rural and other livelihoods.	National park authorities have a role in tackling biodiversity to safeguard vital habitats	
Have different policy that applies to high quality areas such as national parks. So that planning can be done differently to ensure conserving the special qualities of national parks for the nation	Our highest quality countryside is a significant national asset that needs to be properly cared for at a national policy level		
Remove differing layers of planning - one single authority			Simplify 'planning complexity'
Release more land for rural residents to build homes (compulsory purchase 100 year land lease)			Support local house build
Create city centre event location covered in shopping and leisure centres			Create covered facilities
Electric vehicle charge points/infrastructure/facilities			Electric vehicle infrastructure



<b>'DELIVERY' - What infrastructure do we need to plan and build to realise our long term aspirations?</b>			
<b>WOULD LIKE TO SEE...</b>	<b>BECAUSE...</b>	<b>WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...</b>	<b>THEME/S</b>
More efficient rural transport network. Lower rail fares.			Rural transport
Route development from Inverness to Europe.			International connectivity linked to business opportunity
Duty free zones - high tech business parks.			
Houses for young mobile families.			Housing for young families
Require nature networks to be included in major infrastructure such as dualling the A9 and railways. These projects create major barriers to wildlife connectivity and wildlife bridges and underpasses need to be planned in as a requirement rather than an icing on the cake add on. .	This infrastructure of green and blue benefits people a lot too		Incorporate green networks into infrastructure projects

<b>'ONE BIG THING'</b>			
<b>WOULD LIKE TO SEE...</b>	<b>BECAUSE...</b>	<b>WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...</b>	<b>THEME/S</b>
Think big - be proactive and give positive direction of a future vision of carbon neutral,	too much time wasted in tackling. Time is running out.	Scottish Government	Be proactive and ambitious in tackling carbon issues
The natural environment at the heart of NPF. Without quality environment and therefore quality in life, there's no point in planning	essential in current climate emergency and biodiversity crisis.	Scottish Government, local authorities, Key agency group, individuals	Value natural capital



## 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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