



NPF4 CALL FOR IDEAS – KYLE OF LOCHALSH

This overview provides a summary of ideas and mapping from the event held at **Kyle of Lochalsh Village Hall** on 2 March 2020 where a total of 17 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?

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

- Better, more adaptable housing for all, and to support a better social mix
- More investment in rural areas in infrastructure, facilities and services
- Support new food technologies
- Future proof infrastructure - for ageing population + adaptable to change
- Avoid coastal flood areas
- Accessible buildings and places

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

- Support local economy
- Improve connectivity
- Recognise importance of community and third sectors

How can planning improve, protect and strengthen our places?

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

- Improve accessibility

‘ONE BIG THING’

- Vibrant rural communities
- Support circular economy
- Balance national policy with local considerations
- Support biodiversity

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?			
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'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
Appropriate medium to high density housing rather than the current trend to make developments of detached houses with little garden ground and no space for a tree	Quality of life would be improved by more open aspects - some or all density, just differently spaced in the environment	Developers; Planners	Better, more adaptable housing for all, and to support a better social mix
More houses for the elderly and disabled	People are removed from the community due to lack of availability		
Lack of availability and choice of adaptable housing, particular in rural areas			
Better housing / social mix in towns, villages and communities including short-term accommodation mixed with students / young people etc.	To create better communities To provide better social cohesion To provide community support for all (but equally young people and older people)		
Release land for future development. Rural areas need more investment in infrastructure + better quality jobs. Homes for young people	It is impossible for people to find affordable homes. Our communities are suffering by restriction	Land Commission; Land Reform; Local planners	More investment in rural areas in infrastructure, facilities and services
Continued quality of life for rural areas. More young families living in rural areas. Variety of housing for all ages or that there can be a movement of people as their needs change	Quality of life is important for health + wellbeing. If communities get too small, amenities are lost + there is a spiralling downwards		
People can live where they would like and can still get affordable accommodation, good jobs, set up own businesses if they want, have access to appropriate childcare and social care. I would like to	At the moment opportunities for good lives are often restricted, there isn't enough support networks, people feel unhappy because they need to choose between career or healthy & happy lives	Scottish Government	



see more young people moving to rural areas			
Develop stem cell technology to provide meat products; Develop aquaponics for all communities;			Support new food technologies
Need for future proofing physical infrastructure, not just for those with disabilities but for an aging demographic eg catering for larger/adaptable vehicles with space to support embarking /disembarking for mobility/transport			Future proof infrastructure - for ageing population + adaptable to change
New developments away from coastal areas predicted to flood			Avoid coastal flood areas
Need more access officers - and they should be formally qualified. Architects and tradesmen should be taught about access			Accessible buildings and places
Quality of access statements need to improve.			
Building Standards Technical Handbook refers to out of date British Standards			
Hospitals and other building projects are getting away with not constructing to minimum standards, not future proofing, and not being accessible.			



'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
Development that is more responsive to local need and not driven by the developers need for profitable growth	Local economics are better served by grassroots business growth rather than top-down edicts	Development Land Association; Planners; HIE	Support local economy
Improved connectivity for businesses to be set up across the country (digital + road improvements)	People should be able to live where they want and find work which does not involve a long commute or even work from home (helps with climate change)		Improve connectivity
More opportunities in rural areas. Better paid jobs in the third-sector	Most opportunities are now within the main cities. Third-sector isn't appreciated enough - due to poor funding organisations are afraid to create higher wages		Recognise importance of community and third sectors

'PLACE' - How can planning improve, protect and strengthen the special character of our places?			
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'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
Building Standards need reviewed and future proofed to take into account new wheelchair technology and sizing.			Improve accessibility

'ONE BIG THING'			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE...	BECAUSE...	WHO CAN BEST MAKE THIS HAPPEN...	THEME/S
Vibrant communities in rural areas with a range of ages	Living in rural areas is good for the health + wellbeing of everyone and is high		Vibrant rural communities
More vibrant rural communities to balance better cities with villages. More opportunities in rural areas			
VAT removed from refurb	Sustainability, waste reduction, circular economy	Scottish Government	Support circular economy
A balance between location and national policy			Balance national policy with local considerations
More local interaction. More funding for projects	Our area has very poor local interaction for most projects or ideas		
A widespread healthy biodiversity	We are failing biodiversity	Scottish Government	Support biodiversity

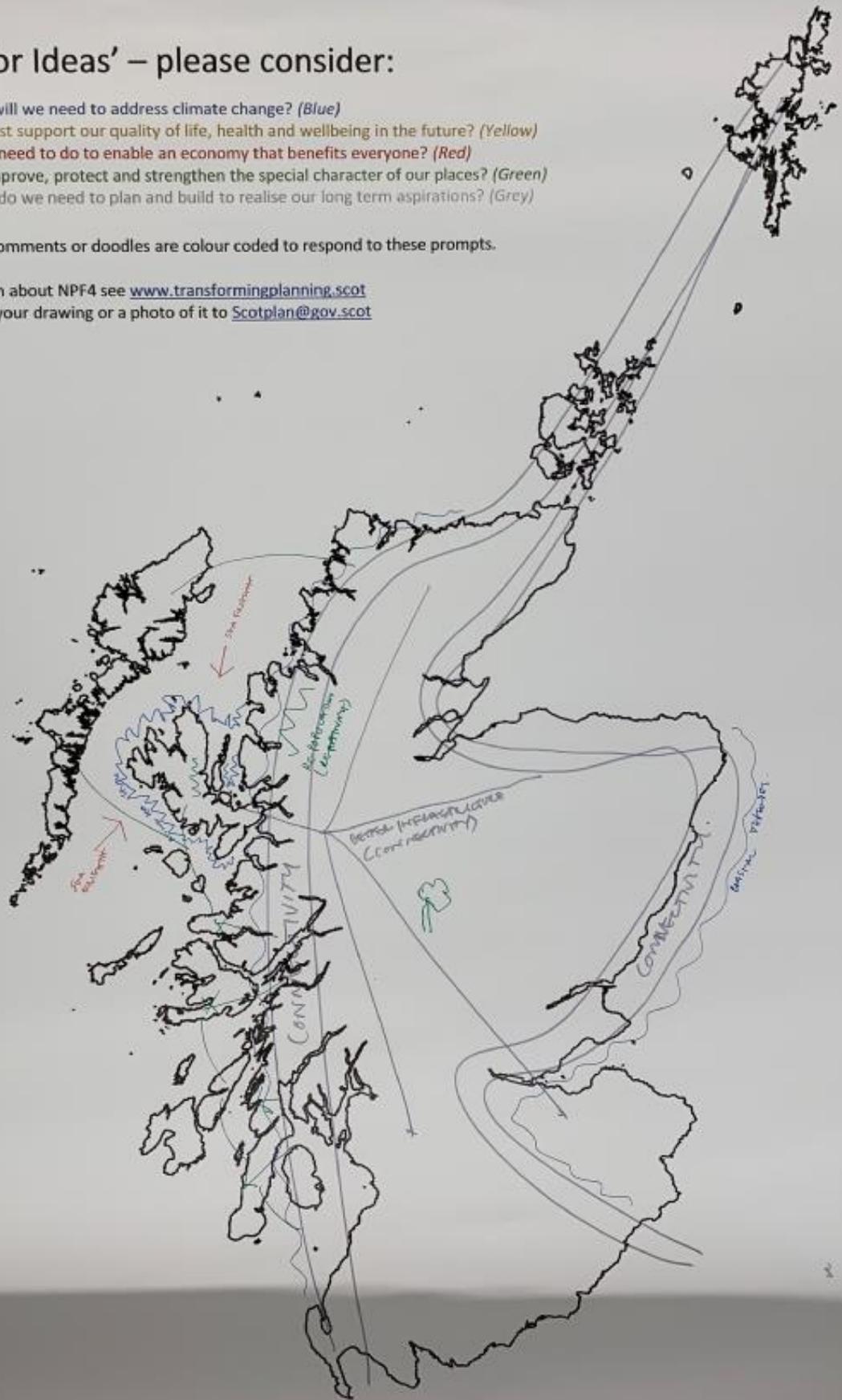


NPF4 'Call for Ideas' – please consider:

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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