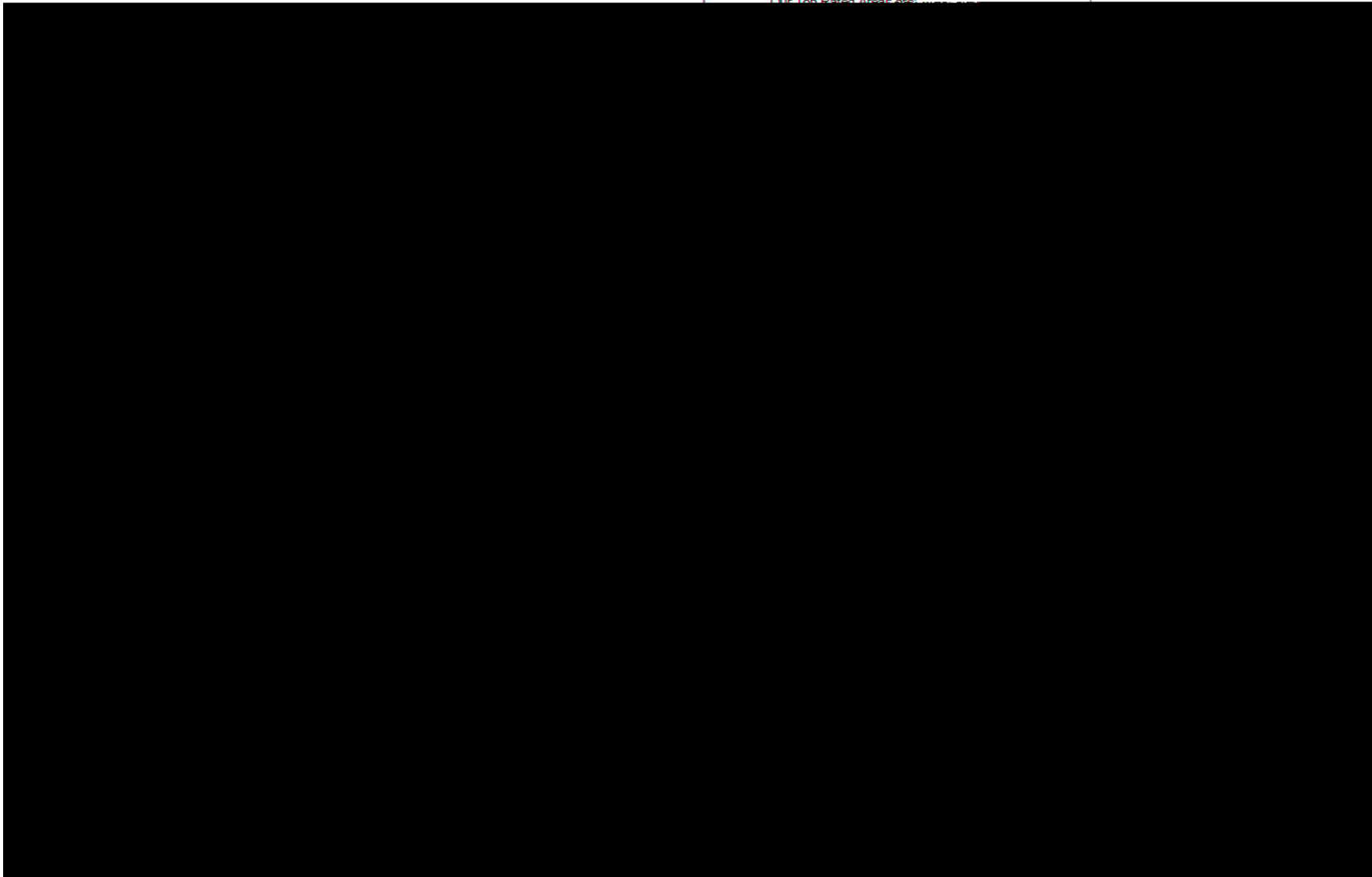


Our Top Rated Areas are:



Q1. Moving Around: Can I easily walk and cycle around using good-quality routes?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
9 responses	4 responses	14 responses	16 responses	16 responses	16 responses	12 responses	0 responses

Comments

Accessibility issues need to improve significantly
Being disabled I don't find the town centre easy to access. I have marked 6 as there are numerous suitable locations nearby. I foot bridge linking the canal with the front green would be great and get a 7.
Cycle paths lead to busy roads and the paths don't link up. Forestry tracks aren't linked either lots of dead ends and only circular routes. Most are badly marked. It should be possible to cycle off-road all the way to Glasgow from Lochgilphead via tracks along Loch Fyne but you can't cycling on A83 is a death trap. No safe cycle route from Cairnbaan to Kilmichael and on to Dunadd and on to Kilmartin Glen. Life in hands cycling along past Kilmichael towards Dunadd with very high speed traffic breaching speed limit at all hours of day and night.
Cycling between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig is good, but for most other locations/directions, there are limited off road cycling routes. Improved connections between the canal tow path and the centre of town would be useful as would a links to other cycle paths such as the one to Kilmory from Whitegates Road.
don't see any problems to moving around in the Community
Easy access for walking, especially dog walking, and good paths well sign posted
everything can be Improved
Few bike racks in Lochgilphead, no bike path to canal through town. Generally routes feel safe.
Find it difficult to use buses therefore have own car. Pavements are a problem as they are too high for my chair.
I am not physically able. I live on a hill not fit for a disabled person.
I do feel safe cycling around the streets of Lochgilphead, on the canal tow path or on any of the smaller roads, but the main A816 road is far too busy and dangerous with HGVs going by, especially on corners or in poor weather. I personally feel safer putting my bike on a car rack driving to the area you want to cycle around. Going for a cycle and then driving back home so to avoid cycling on the busy main road. Especially with young adults or children in tow
I live near the Crinan canal which is great for walking and cycling. There could be more seating areas along the canal to allow people to rest if need be. i think a cycle lane on the main roads would be of huge benefit as having the cyclists on these country roads with HGV's etc. makes for huge queues and dangerous driving
Improve lighting in some areas, make the paths more attractive to walk along, also improve lighting (canal) and provide nice benches where people can relax.
It isn't safe to cycle on the main trunk roads due to blind bends and the speed of the traffic that uses them. Some pedestrian routes are poorly lit and in parts feel isolated with dense vegetation on either side e.g. Kilmory Old Road which discourages me from walking it when it is dark. It

would be preferable if there was a better lit, more publicly visible route to Kilmory Industrial Estate from the centre of Lochgilphead for pedestrians.

Little in way of cycle routes lanes in Lochgilphead town though some outside the town

Lots of good walking routes, few cycling routes.

lots of good walks and cycle trails but not many cycle trails that link up for children (safe) love walking in this area

Lots of regen required, but is slowly improving.

More access is needed to

Walking is good around Lochgilphead but I am also a keen road cyclist and you are taking your life in your hands on most of the main roads around here.

Walking routes are ok but are areas with room for improvement e.g. crossing roads from Lochgilphead to Crinan Canal can be risky as 40mph speed limit is too high and these parts should

Q2. Public Transport:

Q3. Traffic and Parking: Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4

I have no problem parking when using my car.
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I live in the town centre - parking close to home at night after work is very challenging.
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I live on Union street in Lochgilphead during the day cars are parked both sides of the roads and on corners blocking disabled

Q4. Streets and Spaces: Do the streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to navigate?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 3.8

Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5 Score of 6

Invest in public areas to attract more people to go out and use these spaces. Create more of a community where people like to come together and socialise.

Is easy to get around but not the most attractive town centre, looks tired in places.

Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig both need a lot of help so that they are generally more attractive.

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Q5. Natural Space: Can I experience good quality green spaces?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 5.6

Score of 1 Score of 2 Score of 3 Score of 4 Score of 5

Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 4.2

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
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Leisure activities in Lochgilphead are poor. Gym facilities are sub-par with the volume and quality of equipment in the sports centre. Cost is too expensive for what is provided. A fully improved facility is needed - updated strength and conditioning equipment such as: free standing squat racks, deadlift platform, increased free weights area and range of free weights, improved machines such as leg press, chest press, pec-deck.

No better playground than the great outdoors - if you have the imagination.

not enough for kids

This is not a service I need or use. So believe there are some play and sports facilities locally.

very few organised facilities locally but plenty of outdoor space

Very poor quality equipment in front green. Highbank park & Kilmichael are really good places to visit.

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Q7.

Looking at our nearest town, Lochgilphead - the medical centre is excellent, and so is the library. The school and the MAC pool are both good for sports facilities. Community Centre has courses and club meetings. Shopping is adequate, shame about small shops closing.

Lots of empty shops and rubbish playpark.

My GP surgery is good, but I have to travel to the next town (20 minutes) to access a dentist. The shops are terrible - a Co-op and a Tesco garage, so food shopping is very expensive and extremely limited. The alternative is to s

The variety of shops is poor and some facilities e.g. library have restricted opening hours. The current GP cover is also frustrating but is due to a lack of GP's.

There are not many healthy places to eat in the area. A lot of eateries offer typical standard fare. It would be great to have a decent hotel or pub in the town of Lochgilphead to go for a drink after work with some friends on occasion. As a woman, I would not go into any of the pubs in town

There is a lot of improvement needed to provide a good range of facilities, amenities & services locally. There is a lack of good quality bars, eating places, social activities & fitness, shops, hotels etc. Activities and support groups for elderly and disabled are limited & continually being cut. Poor dental provision In Lochgilphead.

Very little shops, places to eat and go. There is no life in Lochgilphead.

We are encouraged to "shop local". Yet this is a place where there is nowhere to purchase underwear! How bad do things have to get before the council realises it has to really do something substantial to improve shopping amenities? Accessibility regulations also need to be enforced for businesses, from shops to places like Jewsons. As to dental provisions..... what are they again?

Yes mainly for now.

You overpriced everything and don't support local trade

Q8. Work and Local Economy: Is there an active local economy with good-quality work opportunities?

87 responses in total

More childcare for primary age children locally. The only one in Lochgilphead does a fantastic job but not enough spaces. Not enough facilities locally for them to expand. Flexible childcare is a major issue for us all.

More good quality jobs would help stimulate the economy.

More work opportunities always neededmul t0.6 (e)-6Te q72.4TQq72.48 729.12 450.3e edlCe 16.2

Q9. Housing and Community: Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
7 responses	4 responses	10 responses	21 responses	17 responses	16 responses	12 responses	0 responses

Comments

as far as I can see there is a range on offer
Boom in house build but what opportunities for those moving here?
Don't know really.
Extremely low standards of houses from ACHA.

For me, housing has not been a problem, having been in a position to buy. Certainly, I found houses locally to be cheaper when moving from the central belt. Hmd.elt60ehod.elt60ee3 (It60e)2.366ha Cr-3.1 a p

Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 4.3							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
6 responses	9 responses	12 responses	21 responses	14 responses	12 responses	13 responses	0 responses

Comments

I think community centre in Lochgilphead is good - spaces like these are crucial in my opinion. (Ardrishaig response)
A lot of people work in Lochgilphead but live elsewhere meaning work colleagues/friends can often be a reasonable distance from home
Again a lack of infrastructure
Canny get away from people I know. Everything takes 3 times as long as it should to stop and talk to people.
Design of front green should help with this. Need to work on intergenerational aspect of the community but otherwise it's not bad.
Few places for young people to meet. Local inn natural focus but short term tenancies mean that it often closed and there is a lack of a decent gathering place for 18-30 age group
Front green?
happy with social contact - uses Lochgilphead Resource Centre all year round, spending time with friends and family
I miss the Argyll hotel on a Friday which was an accessible social meet up
If the front green development goes ahead this will create a space where people want to come to socialise but it is mainly focused on kids. There needs to be more for young adults to do.
I'm not sure. I haven't looked for this while being here.
Lack of decent village hall as community centre inadequate
Lack of public transport. Lochgilphead/Ardrishaig could do with a modern large facility for events etc similar to Ardfern
limited places for social entertainment
Lochgilphead has few night time venues worth visiting and little to attract young folks to stay for night-time and weekend entertainment.
Lots of opportunities to meet others
My own housing situation isolates me and limits my ability to have any social contact.

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There are a lot of clubs and coffee mornings, so yes, but I'm sure there could be more diverse things going on

There are definitely a good range of spaces and opportunities to meet others. In saying this I have observed more often than not in the past few years living here that there is a strange divide between local people from this area and those who have moved from somewhere else. It appears to me that local people want new residents to contribute to their town to keep clubs or groups active, but at the same time they like to keep their distance. We live in a society where people are so busy with little free time. So if new residents like myself do not feel included or welcomed into clubs or groups, they will lose interest and will do something more useful with their time

There are some excellent organisations in town but my disability prevents access to some of these

There are various clubs and facilities that people can join and socialise.

There is but not the right type and we have not yet worked out how to encourage people to visit them or if they want to my favourite place used to be a pub with darts dominoes and card games plus space invaders machines but this does not appeal to all. Workshops for people to make stuff that have the ability a community garage with vehicle lifts that can be hired so that people can learn to repair and repair their own vehicles with the ability to order parts that arrive when they are supposed to and do the job that they were ordered for and for the car that they were ordered for. Most people would just want to fit their own tyres without having to crawl around on the floor.

This area could be improved if the location had a good quality village hall which could be used for a variety of social groups.

Very little support for autistic children and their families

Very lively third sector providing support.

Yes

You can't

Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 4.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
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No I have lived here for 37 years But still not a feeling of belonging which is more down to my

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

87 responses in total – Average Score of 5.7							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	1 responses	3 responses	2 responses	16 responses	31 responses	30 responses	0 responses

Comments

Being 6'2" ex blacksmith/Royal Marine I rarely feel unsafe. I feel that my kids would be safe here and their kids.
Can only speak for myself. Never felt unsafe in mid Argyll at any time of day or night.
Care very poor - no staff!
Compared to other towns and cities Lochgilphead has a very low crime rate. I think some areas need to be more lit up at night.
Drugs seems to becoming a bigger problem and when out walking seldom see any police on foot.
Feel very safe - see local police on patrol regularly - on rare occasions when I've needed to alert them to something they respond quickly and sympathetically.
Feels totally safe at home and in community.
I do use routes that are maybe not well lit in autumn/ winter but do feel safe. Generally the area is safe for all but probably not free of antisocial behaviour.
I feel perfectly safe here.
I feel safer here than anywhere else I have lived.
I feel totally safe at home and in the community.
I felt safe before. But thanks to over grown paths and dim lighting it is very easy to feel unsafe
I have never felt unsafe in Lochgilphead at any time of day or evening. Occasional rowdiness in the evening at weekends could be reduced with increased visible policing.
I think the area is very safe and have never felt threatened in my local community.
Local police excellent
Lots of areas appear unsafe MacBrayne's lane is a particular problem with unoccupied buildings and over grown areas with broken fencing Many people use this as an access to Union St and beyond when getting off bus
There are more and more redundant buildings in Lochgilphead which are unsightly (old hospital) but are also a target for vandalism and thieves. There are poorly lit and unlit paths especially accessing the hospital
There is slight room for improvement in the town but one of the feel safe problems is the proximity to Faslane.
This feels like a very safe area
This is a relatively place area to stay but could change so quickly due to lack of employment infrastructure and opportunity
very low crime area
Very safe.
Yes
Yes

Yes I feel extremely safe in this area

Yes I feel safe here when I lived in Glasgow a group of youths coming towards you could be daunting however in Lochgilphead I don't give it a second thought.

Q13. Care and Maintenance:

Lots of privately owned buildings in-towns are messy. Roadside litter and litter from cars camper vans and workies vans is a major problem and needs urgently addressed: Take away food cartons, plastic drinks bottles et al.
Many buildings uncared for and require repair/painting Many areas untidy/ poor state of repair MacBrayne's lane and Blarbuie Rd to name two Unused A&B Hospital site not maintained and area has uncut grass and infested by rabbits
Na, Lochgilphead is looking a bit of a dump. Private building on the main thoroughfares need improvement.
Not maintained enough. Upgrade our town centre and playparks. Glass recycling would be great as pick up service.
Older buildings in centre of town, showing signs of lack of regular maintenance e.g. trees growing from chimney stacks, vegetation in gutters. Difficult to get people to do these jobs, and costs significant. Buildings in multiple ownerships and lack of factoring makes this difficult.
Parking and disabled access are an issue sometimes
Public facilities like the public toilets should be invested in as they are disgusting to use - mirrors vandalised and an old fashioned feel to them. More bins should be placed along canal.
Quite a lot of commercial spaces/units, especially in High/Main St's are vacant and unmaintained
See previous comments on lack of investment.
Several buildings in the town centre are in need of TLC and the roads could be very much improved. The front green is always covered in seaweed and debris.
Social amenity housing could do with a clean-up in the main drag to make the place more appealing
some are, some not
Some buildings are well looked after, others less so. Not the worst place for neglect of privately owned buildings (Campbelltown has worse issues for example although the CARS scheme had brought significant improvements).
Some houses could do with being painted especially in the town centre one window has been boarded up for over 10 years.
Some of the local buildings urgently require some TLC. Litter and dog fouling are common problems but these are not specific to Lochgilphead.
some poorly maintained property in parts but many ok
The buildings in the centre of Lochgilphead are not well cared for - lots of peeling paint, badly maintained roofs, and crumbling windows. Landlords should be forced to take action or given grants to do so.
There are good facilities for recycling. After looking after friends dogs recently could do with more dog litter bins as ones to be used were often full. Public areas are generally well maintained.
Too much dog mess and litter. Not enough bins about the town.
Town centre businesses have a sense of pride and are well maintained and painted.

on Citizen's Panel but don't get any feedback

The council consults on a wide range of issues, including the budget. I contribute - I'm not sure how many others do. People feel they are heard if they get what they want, otherwise they don't always listen to the reasoning behind why it's not possible.

There are 47 additional meetings, 7 days a week for the (operation) of the Braemar Centre by the

What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

1 - More investment in Lochgilphead area. 2 - More evening and weekend entertainment. 3 - Better foot crossings to Crinan Canal

1. Repair in the buildings in Lochgilphead town centre 2. Convert empty buildings into homes 3. Create a safe, better lit, more visible walking route between Lochgilphead Town Centre and Kilmory Industrial Estate.

A decent park kids to play. An indoor area for kids to play. Somewhere/something for older kids/teenagers to go on a regular basis not just one day a week during term time. A reduction in drug use and availability. And increase in jobs for all ages.

Accessibility! Improve local shopping amenities. Improve pavement surfaces. Improve traffic calming on the main streets.

Ageing community

more things to do in the villages
More to be invested in town so that it is a generally nicer place to live and creates more of a community.
More welcoming spaces. Buildings tidied up
Need a shoe repair business - the nearest one is in Oban Improved signage to the tourist information service in the bookshop Increased police presence in the evenings at weekends
Not a lot to do. New playpark.
Not enough parking when "events" are on.
Parking. More for kids to do. More support for community programmes that start and just as quickly close through lack of support.
Paths/sidewalks are full of dog faeces so someone could be better in executing fines from people that do not clean after their pets.
Pavements need upgraded Dog mess Litter
Provision of a good quality village hall/centre for use by a wide variety of groups. Enforcement of parking rules Property improvements to make place look better
Regeneration of area Inward investment and job opportunities Better roads

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

1. Make grant funding available to landlords 2. Change the grass verge along the A83 from grass to a public footpath from Kilmory roundabout to Tesco roundabout.
Ah well a complete overhaul of the systems we operate and live within. But I can only dream
Create jobs for younger people
decrease rents on high street build a playpark that works for all - a simple adventure trail would work amazingly well community hall - build it on the old primary school site. Make it available to afterschool care as well.
Derelict sites made available to the community to build better facilities for children/teenagers. More funds made available to improve tourism in the area to help create jobs.
Enforce accessibility rules and regulations. Think about accessibility issues when planning changes. Support local shopkeepers. Provide more disabled parking bays and introduce traffic calming measures on main streets.
Enforce planning controls on forestry development, enforce replanting schemes for native species, and stop clear-felling practice. Put forestry practices and forest road construction under local authority control. Council facilitate development of Rugby pitch. Council seek major investment in cycle routes from wide range of stakeholders. Council and police enforce litter discarding legislation.
Government investment
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Reduction in rent for buildings, regeneration for the most of them.

Repair pavements, dog wardens need to be seen, more rubbish bins required and emptied regularly.

Running local campaigns where all residents are encouraged to act positively about their town so that everyone has the opportunity to be on the same page - ongoing Use local / buy local campaigns - ongoing Create cycle paths/ bus lanes and paths where possible so people can move around more safely. I understand that the town improvements are underway subject to planning

Small business sites or incentives. Shopfront scheme or other support for existing businesses to expand their offer.

START!!

Stop with the consultations and get on with something, anything!

Support local businesses to encourage greater range of shops and tourist attractions and start properly supporting and promoting area overall

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