

# Connel Responses 2019

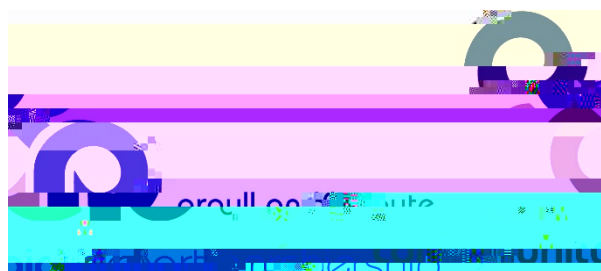
## Priority Areas for Improvement:

Traffic and  
Parking



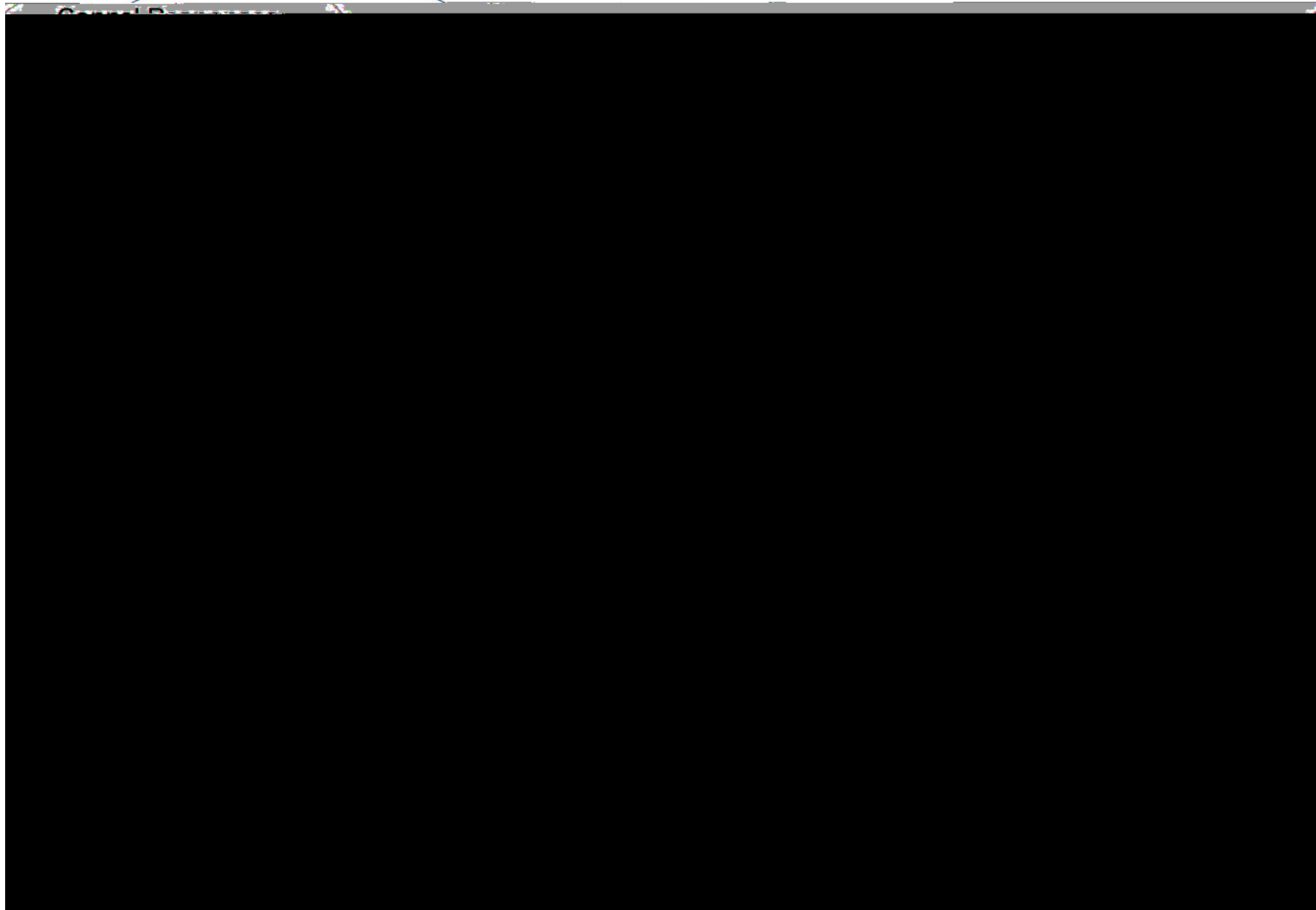
Housing and  
Community

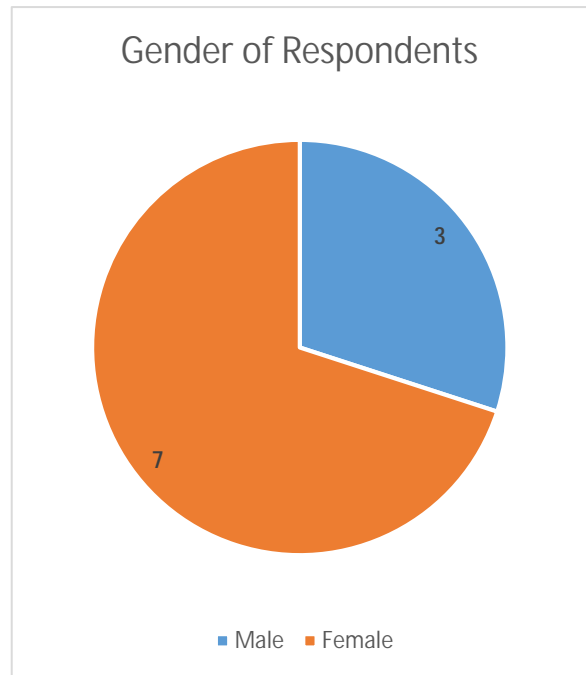
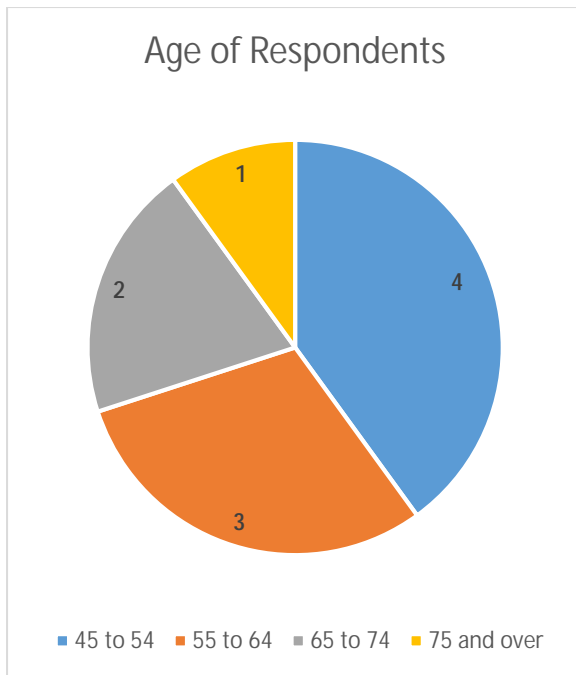
Moving  
Around



## How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used





#### Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
<a href="#">Q3. Traffic and Parking</a>	3.1
<a href="#">Q9. Housing and Community</a>	3.7
<a href="#">Q1. Moving Around</a>	3.8
<a href="#">Q13. Care and Maintenance</a>	4.2
<a href="#">Q14. Influence and Sense of Control</a>	4.2
<a href="#">Q6. Play and Recreation</a>	4.3
<a href="#">Q2. Public Transport</a>	4.6
<a href="#">Q8. Work and Local Economy</a>	4.6
<a href="#">Q4. Streets and Spaces</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Q10. Social Contact</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Q7. Facilities and Amenities</a>	4.9
<a href="#">Q11. Identity and Belonging</a>	5.9
<a href="#">Q5. Natural Space</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Q12. Feeling Safe</a>	6.0

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

**10 responses in total – Average Score of 3.8**

Q2.



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

<b>10 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	4 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments





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

10 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
1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	3 responses	2 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

<p>some green gyms would be an excellent addition to the area but facilities are generally very good</p> <p>There is a sports field which has been locked recently. There is no toilet or shower or shelter. There is no playpark. I would like to see an adult outside gym. There are no other recreational facilities.</p> <p>Unfortunately there are very limited outdoor play spaces. There</p>
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Q7. Facilities and Amenities: Does my place have the things I need to live and enjoy life? This could include shops, schools, libraries, health services or places to eat and drink.

**10 responses in total –**

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

10 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
1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	5 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

There are work opportunities in this area presently as unemployment is low. The hospital, social work and SAMS offer good quality employment. Argyll College offer training in a range of skills.
Again, work and learning options are out with the community. There are no jobs for me in Argyll so I work in Glasgow. Economy of north Lorn is very narrow and focused around tourism. No business hubs or incubator spaces.
LACK OF WELL PAID JOBS LIKE MOST RURAL COMMUNITIES
The main employment area is Oban five miles away, but in the village there are two Hotels , Village shop and Post Office, Doctors Surgery, Church, School, who are employers
We are semi-retired / self-employed and for us it's perfect. But I wonder about younger people. There don't seem to be many "quality" job opportunities.
There are often jobs advertised for people that want to work and a fair variety. There are few along the lines of middle management salary making it restrictive to change career for an equally or better paid job.

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

10 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	3 responses	0 responses	2 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

An appropriate range of housing is the biggest drawback to the area and makes recruiting skilled workers to the area almost impossible as they cannot find either affordable property to buy or anywhere suitable to rent. Properties adapted or designed to support the needs of older people are also very limited

Housing is being built but as an Occupational Therapist I am aware of the lack of houses with facilities for disabled. Ground floor properties are still being built with baths. Private rentals very expensive. Most houses are built on hills. Older people cannot buy accessible homes. Housing is exceptionally expensive and too much of it is second homes which impacts upon the diversity of the community and barriers for families moving into the area.

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

10 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Some social clubs in Connel, village shop, GP. Walking. A central coffee shop would assist meeting.
People are friendly and will speak to each other when out for walks etc. There is a village hall with a limited number of community activities over the year.
There is room for improvement in this area as the buildings are there
I think we are generally well served with village halls and the excellent Atlantis centre.
I'm inclined to say that the area is not great for community opportunities and tend to be in groups that stick to themselves rather than being more inclusive.

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

**10 responses in total**

## Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

10 responses in total – Average Score of 6.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	5 responses	3 responses	xx responses

### Comments

I live in a quiet place, where neighbours notice cars passing. There is a possibility for lack of safety everywhere but Connel tends to have few issues requiring police.
Feel safe and home but traffic is an issue and I worry for the children with speeding traffic.
I feel most people would feel safe
Better than anywhere else I have lived and better than any place I have visited except maybe the Hebrides and Japan. Long may it continue.



### Q13. Care and Maintenance: Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

<b>10 responses in total – Average Score of 4.2</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	3 responses	3 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

#### Comments

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Dog mess is a definite issue in the area and some rural areas suffer from litter dropping, particularly along the roads

Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

<b>10 responses in total – Average Score of 4.2</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

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

Roads and traffic are the biggest problem in the area Community led assets are very positive in the area

Improved sporting venue, outdoor gym, meeting place,

Traffic volume, speed and pollution. Limited community facilities - those that exist (for example,

## What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Prioritise quality improvements to roads and routing of traffic to improve flow. Support cosmetic improvements to buildings in high profile areas Support small independent shops in the town centre - these are what bring the tourists in but many are really struggling.
A further review of bin collections and options for change to make it value for money but a more customer focused service; addition of glass recycling. Congestion/parking. Introduction of workers carparks with workplace permits (e.g. less cost for people working in the centre of town who rely on cars and parking). Changing traffic is more difficult to solve as anyone travelling in the area tends to be going into the centre of town and there is little opportunity to expand roadways or provide alternative routes. Better traffic management for roadworks/accidents etc.
Healthy village status with Lorn Healthy Options. Continuing to recognise it as a rural village and not expecting "town scaping".
Restart health forum
Some free parking is essential
Traffic calming or average speed cameras through the village. Funding for renovation of the football pitch.
We need a "Park and ride" for the town A task force approach to resolving the "bomb site" Involve Sustrans to resolve the Connel-Dunbeg cycle route issue A low cost, community supported clear up of the Hydro area. Use the CTV and a media campaign to discourage people from littering the sea front at Oban. Small parking areas at a few kayak/small craft launch points Provision for trailer parking at Ganavan

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