

# South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report



**2017**



## Consultation and Engagement



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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report outlines the Consultation activities undertaken by South Lanarkshire Council in preparing the Main Issues Report for the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2. It sets out what was done, with whom and what conclusions have been taken from this activity for consideration in the MIR. The range of activities undertaken was designed to elicit meaningful comment from a wide range of parties who have an interest in South Lanarkshire's development and operations. The following was undertaken during late Summer/Autumn 2016.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date (2016)</b>	<b>Attended by</b>
<b>General Public Consultation Events</b>		
Uddingston Library	6 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Rutherglen Town Hall	6 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Strathaven Library	7 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
East Kilbride Town Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Larkhall Library	13 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Stonehouse Library	13 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Eastfield Lifestyles Cambuslang	14 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Cambuslang Library	14 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
St Brides Centre Douglas	20 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Regent Way Hamilton	21 <sup>st</sup> June	General Public
Biggar Corn Exchange	24 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Lanark Lifestyles	27 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
Carluke Lifestyles	27 <sup>th</sup> June	General Public
<b>Stakeholders Meetings</b>		
Roads and Transportation	5 <sup>th</sup> May/12 <sup>th</sup> May	
Greenspace	26 <sup>th</sup> April	
Housing	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Housing and Tech (Property)	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	
Environmental Services	19 <sup>th</sup> April	
Regeneration	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	
Community	21 <sup>st</sup> April	
Sustainable Development	4 <sup>th</sup> May	
Education	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	
<b>External Stakeholders Meetings</b>		
Scottish Water and SEPA	24 <sup>th</sup> May	
Scottish Natural Heritage	17 <sup>th</sup> May	
NHS	4 <sup>th</sup> May	
Forestry Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	
<b>Community Consultation Events</b>		
South Lanarkshire Access panel and Disability partnership	17 <sup>th</sup> August	
Seniors Together	30 <sup>th</sup> August	
Hamilton	29 <sup>th</sup> August	Local Community Councils
Clydesdale	16 <sup>th</sup> September	Local Community Councils
East Kilbride/Cambuslang Rutherglen	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Local Community Councils
Youth Consultation Event	13 <sup>th</sup> September	Secondary Schools & SLYC

## **2. Summary of findings**

2.1 The conclusions from these consultation activities will be considered by the Main Issues Report (MIR). These issues are:

- Housing
- Economy
- Renewable Energy and Waste
- Transportation
- Environment
- Miscellaneous

2.2 The MIR covers areas where the Council proposes to make change in policy direction or where there has been significant feedback from the consultation events to merit reconsideration of the Council's position regarding particular policies.

### **Community Consultation**

2.3 The main issues raised during public consultation were as follows:

#### **Housing Issues**

- Insufficient affordable housing/social rented developments
- Housing developments on greenfield sites or countryside should not be permitted
- Housing developments should be in existing settlements
- Too many private sector housing developments

#### **Retailing Issues**

- Do more to promote accessibility of town centres
- Improve on existing town centres and smaller centres in Clydesdale
- Have smaller businesses in mind when planning for retail
- Encourage and promote regeneration
- Reduce vacancy rates

#### **Industry Issues**

- Smaller business can thrive and smaller units should be encouraged
- Community centres should be used for small businesses
- Clearer definitions of 'industrial areas'
- Encourage multipurpose developments

#### **Transport and Travel Issues**

- Public transport should be incentivised to reduce car use
- Increased frequency and accessibility of services
- Information should be made more easily accessible
- Increased provision of cycle paths and lanes
- Town centre parking is an issue

- Residential roads are unable to cope with the volume of traffic
- Greater consideration needs to be given to the needs of disabled people

### **Renewable Energy Issues**

- More should be done to improve energy efficiency within homes
- Increased focus on renewable energy developments in the right places
- The promotion of a Green Economy is paramount
- Promote energy generation through biomass and anaerobic digestion

### **Waste Issues**

- There should be efforts to reduce the amount of waste produced by suppliers
- Recycling should be incentivized
- Creation of energy from waste
- More green waste used for composting

### **Environment Issues**

- Better upkeep and promotion of greenspace areas
- The creation of trails to promote health and well being
- Create safe open environments for children to use
- Better cleansing within town centres

### **Green Belt Issues**

- Give priority to the greenbelt over residential development
- Use the greenbelt for recreational use and visitor attraction
- Promote the upkeep of the greenbelt

### **Miscellaneous Issues**

- Better consultation with the public
- Greater transparency
- Residents' concerns listened to

2.3 Where a comment was made that was not directly related to planning this has been sent to the appropriate service in the Council for consideration

2.4 All issues raised through consultation are included in Appendix 6.

### **3. Community Consultation Survey**

- 3.1 During April 2016, Stand Points with i-pads were placed in various locations throughout South Lanarkshire to assess opinion on various aspects of South Lanarkshire development which impacts on communities. Sixteen venues (see Appendix 3) were used and there was a reasonable response from the public. In addition the same survey was made available on the Councils website and open to public consultation.
- 3.2 A total of 836 surveys were completed. A breakdown of the profile of respondents is as follows:
- 17% live in Clydesdale, 25% in the East Kilbride Area, 36% in the Hamilton area and 12% in Rutherglen/Cambuslang
  - 10% of respondents live outwith South Lanarkshire.
  - 33% were male and 64% female (3% no answer)\*
  - 11% were under 18, 78% between 18-65 and 11% over 65\*
  - 8% considered themselves to have a disability\*
  - 2% were from an ethnic minority background\*
- \*numbers taken from participants who chose to disclose personal information
- 3.3 An example of the survey questions and the full survey results are available on request.
- 3.4 Overall the survey was positive and Appendix 7 contains a sample of the results from the questionnaire. The majority of comments were directed at other council departments and services but anything specific to planning has been addressed either through development management or through the Main Issues Report.

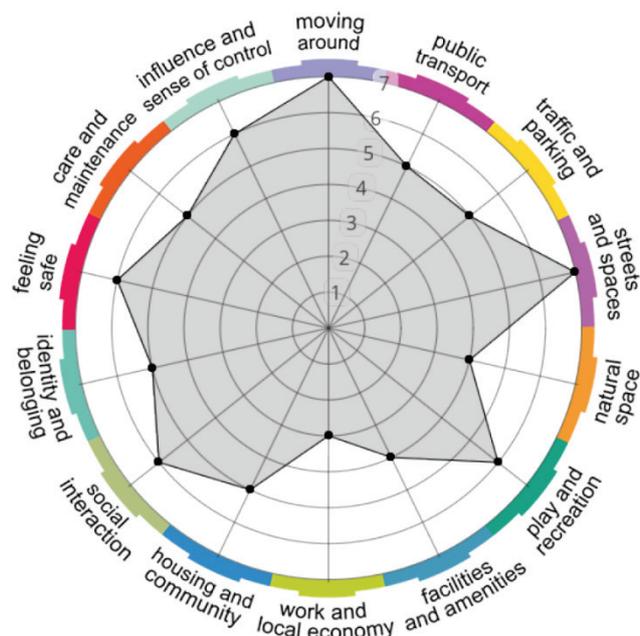
#### **4. Secondary Schools Youth Consultation Event**

- 4.1 A Consultation event was held with secondary pupils and members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Councils (SLYC) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016. A total of 42 pupils from 9 Secondary Schools took part as well as 3 members of the SLYC. A list of attending Schools is included in Appendix 2.
- 4.2 The event started with the pupils taking part in a South Lanarkshire Quiz. Following a presentation on the development of the LDP, the young people were asked to complete the Scottish Governments Place Standard Consultation Tool. This was followed with a session where they were asked to create a Perception of Place table. The table consisted of 3 columns – good and bad aspects of the Settlement/Neighbourhood they live in and a final wish list column which could list anything the young peoples would like to see happening where they live.
- 4.3 Optional Community Consultation forms were placed at tables during the event for pupils to complete, with 11 completed.
- 4.4 The main issues raised by the school pupils were
- Work opportunities
  - Availability and price of public transport
  - Feeling of influence and self control (this is about having a voice in decision making and feeling empowered to build stronger communities)
- 4.5 All issues raised through the consultation event are included in Appendix 6.

## 5. Place Standard Tool

- 5.1 The Place Standard Tool, launched by the Scottish Government in December 2015 was developed through a partnership between the Scottish Government, NHS Health Scotland and Architecture and Design Scotland. Designed to support communities, public, private and third sectors, to work efficiently together, the Place Standard provides a framework to assess the quality of a place.
- 5.2 The tool enables the physical, social and environmental quality of a place to be evaluated in a structured way, and allows participants to consider what action might be taken and to identify where their priorities lie. It supports collaborative working by providing a framework for structured engagement to occur, but also aims to initiate positive conversations and collaborations between key groups and to identify areas where quality can be improved.
- 5.3 It can be used to evaluate places that are well-established, undergoing change, or still being planned.
- 5.4 Since the launch of the toolkit, the Scottish Government has approved a 3-year implementation plan and a series of actions to support delivery across Scotland. As part of this plan, the Minister for Local Government and Housing recently wrote to all Chief Executives of local authorities to raise awareness of the tool.
- 5.5 South Lanarkshire Council were aware of the tool and decided to implement it as part of the consultation and engagement process in preparation of the Main Issues Report from South Lanarkshire Local Development plan 2. The tool is relatively straightforward to use. It identifies 14 measures which cover the economic, social and environmental elements of a place. The measures are:

- moving around;
- public transport;
- traffic and parking;
- streets and spaces;
- natural space;
- play and recreation;
- facilities and amenities;
- work and local economy;
- housing and community;
- social interaction;
- identity and belonging;
- feeling safe;
- care and maintenance; and
- Influence and sense of control.



- 5.6 A range of prompts are provided to help users reflect on each of the elements of a place. A simple scoring system is used to measure how a place is perceived against each element for example 1 means that there's a lot of room for improvement; and 7

means there is very little room for improvement. Once the tool is completed, the results are plotted on a simple diagram, providing an at-a-glance overview of how the place is perceived by the participants.

- 5.7 In asking a series of questions relating to these aspects of place, the tool can help to identify strengths and weaknesses and presents these in an accessible and illustrative way. This can then be used to develop and prioritise actions that will improve places and the lives of the people that use them. The graphs generated by the tool can also be used to compare different settlements and locations and also how different sectors of the population view a single location.
- 5.8 Place Standards were completed as part of the consultation and engagement process. These cover 30 settlements/neighbourhoods in South Lanarkshire from East Kilbride to small settlements such as Tarbrax. A separate Technical Report is included on the Place Standards Tool.
- 5.9 An example of one of the Place Standards questions is contained in Appendix 6.

## 6. Stakeholders Meetings

- 6.1 A series of meetings took place between the Council and various stakeholders including SEPA, Scottish Water, SNH, NHS, the Forestry Commission and Transport Scotland and other consultee groups such as Seniors Together, Young People and the South Lanarkshire Access Panel/Disability Partnership. In addition separate meetings were held with Community Councils across South Lanarkshire. Contact was also made via email with Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Enterprise, SPT and Marine Planning.
- 6.2 All of the issues raised from this consultation exercise were collated and split into different areas and categories. Each of the stakeholder groups were asked to consider what they thought were the emerging issues that were facing South Lanarkshire that should be considered in the development of the Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report and what changes they would like to see. If the comments received were not relevant to planning they were passed onto the appropriate Council service and a response requested.
- 6.3 All issues raised through consultation are included in Appendix 6.



## 7. Have Your Say – Consultation Roadshow

- 7.1 As part of the consultation and engagement process planning officers from South Lanarkshire carried out a public participation roadshow across various locations.
- 7.2 The aim of this was to enable as many people as possible to get their thoughts/opinions across to help shape up the next LDP which will guide future planning decisions.
- 7.3 The locations of the Consultation roadshow and an example of the advertisement are contained in Appendix 4.



## 8. Overall Conclusions

- 8.1 The council has undertaken wide range of consultation and engagement activities at an early stage in order to inform the preparation of the Main Issue Report (MIR). The results from these activities have provided data from residents, visitors and key stakeholders.



## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix 1**

#### **Community Council Consultation Events**

##### **Hamilton Event 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016**

- Uddingston Community Council
- Bothwell Community Council
- Larkhall Community Council
- Stonehouse Community Council

##### **Invited but did not attend**

Blantyre Community Council / Hillhouse Community Council

##### **Clydesdale Event 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

- The Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council
- Tarbrax Community Council
- Duneaton Community Council
- Douglas Community Council
- Carnwath Community Council
- Coalburn Community Council
- Carstairs Community Council

##### **Invited but did not attend**

Biggar Community Council / Symington Community Council / Pettinain Community Council / Black Mount Community Council / Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council / Leadhills Community Council / Lesmahagow Community Council / Carluke Community Council / Quothquan and Thankerton Community Council

##### **East Kilbride/Cambuslang Rutherglen Event 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

- Jackton and Thorntonhall Community Council
- East Mains Community Council

##### **Invited but did not attend**

Strathaven and Glassford Community Council / Murray Community Council / Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council / Auldhouse and Chapelton Community Council / St Leonards Community Council / Rutherglen Community Council / Cambuslang Community Council / Burnside Community Council / Halfway Community Council

## **Appendix 2**

### **List of Schools Attending Youth Consultation event 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

- Stonelaw High School
- St John Ogilvie
- Larkhall Academy
- Biggar
- Carluke High School
- Strathaven Academy
- St Andrews & ST Brides
- Duncanrig
- Calderside High School

### **Other Groups attending**

- South Lanarkshire Youth Council

### **Seniors Consultation Event 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

- 7 from Hamilton Area
- 4 from East Kilbride Area
- 2 from Cambuslang Area
- 2 from Clydesdale Area

### Appendix 3

#### Location of Stand Points

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	
Clydesdale	Biggar Library
East Kilbride	Calderglen Country Park (Conservatory)
Hamilton	Chatelherault Country Park
Cambuslang/Rutherglen	Rutherglen Town Hall
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	
Clydesdale	Lanark Library
East Kilbride	East Kilbride Library
Hamilton	Stonehouse Lifestyles
Cambuslang/Rutherglen	Cambuslang Library
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	
Clydesdale	St Brides Centre Douglas
East Kilbride	Dolan Aqua Centre
Hamilton	Hamilton Library
Cambuslang/Rutherglen	Eastfield Lifestyles
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	
Clydesdale	Forth Library
East Kilbride	Strathaven Library
Hamilton	Uddingston Library
Cambuslang/Rutherglen	Halfway Library

## Appendix 4

### Public Notice

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

We are preparing a new Local Development Plan for South Lanarkshire. We would like you to give us your views on what the important issues are for your area. We invite you to come along to one of our drop-in sessions to chat with us. We look forward to meeting you.

Planning Officers will be at the following locations.

Monday 6th June	10am - 1pm 2 - 4pm	UDDINGSTON LIBRARY RUTHERGLEN TOWN HALL
Tuesday 7 June	1.30 - 4pm	STRATHAVEN LIBRARY
Thursday 9 June	12 - 7pm	THE PLAZA EAST KILBRIDE
Monday 13 June	10am - 1pm 2 - 5pm	LARKHALL LIBRARY STONEHOUSE LIBRARY
Tuesday 14 June	10am - 1pm 2 - 5pm	EASTFIELD LIFESTYLES CAMBUSLANG CAMBUSLANG LIBRARY
Monday 20 June	4 - 7pm	ST BRIDES CENTRE DOUGLAS
Tuesday 21 June	10am - 2pm	HAMILTON TOWN CENTRE
Friday 24 June	10am - 12pm	BIGGAR CORN EXCHANGE
Monday 27 June	10am - 1pm 2 - 5pm	LANARK LIFESTYLES CARLUKE LIFESTYLES



## South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2



### Have your say

Come and talk to us about your views

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**Planning Officers will be at this location**

**Biggar Corn Exchange  
Tuesday 21st June 2016  
10.00am till 12.00pm**

## Appendix 5 Sample Question from Place Standards Tool

### MOVING AROUND

Walking and cycling are good for both our health and the environment. The design and layout of a place can encourage walking and cycling by providing pleasant and safe routes that connect people to where they want to go.

Now consider the question:

#### Can I easily walk and cycle around using good quality routes?

Next, rate your place on the scale from 1 to 7 where 1 means there is a lot of room for improvement and 7 means there is very little room for improvement. There are some points on the right to help you consider your response.

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If you wish, note why you rated your answer the way you did below:

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Place Standard Guide

Finish

#### You might want to think about the following:

- Are there enough routes for walking and cycling? Are these given priority over cars and other traffic as much as possible?
- Do routes provide obvious and direct links with the places that people want to go, such as schools, shops, parks and public transport?
- Are routes of good quality, in an attractive environment and pleasant to use?
- Do routes meet the needs of all people regardless of age, mobility or disability? Is seating available for those who may need it?
- Do routes feel safe to use all year round and at different times of the day?

## **Appendix 6 - Issues raised through consultation**

### **Economy**

#### **General**

- More employment for under 18's

#### **Uddingston**

- Concerned about land changing from industrial use to residential use.

#### **Stonehouse**

- Loch Park industrial estate worked well but when it was demolished all employment went from the village.
- More funding for local businesses to develop and enhance property. Larger contribution from developers.
- Need some local start-up industrial units in Stonehouse
- Stonehouse area – issue with lack of industrial space – need small units that are below rates size. There is a business opportunity missing in SLC small businesses have had to move to NLC to get commercial premises. Suggest we have some sort of food/tourist attraction with food units.

#### **Larkhall**

- The building on the Main Street should be pulled down (Former Glengowan Primary School) but leave the frontage – it should be for a business or community use not housing
- Shouldn't demolish Glengowan PS it should be converted into flats – keep the full building not just the façade
- There is a desire for some sort of community hub, perhaps using part of former Glengowan Primary School, however there is a danger that this would draw in existing occupiers from the town centre leaving surrounding premises empty.
- Building at King Street toilets and offices was an excellent community facility but someone needs to manage it
- The community hall and Cameronian hall are ready to fall down. The town needs a focal point and this building (former Glengowan school) would be ideal – the doctors could relocate to the ground floor
- Some landlords are charging rents which are too high resulting in local businesses having to close.

#### **Hamilton**

- There is an over saturation of business areas with nothing in them. Smaller units are required.

#### **Strathaven**

- Shops very small and rents/rates high making it difficult to make profit.

**Biggar**

- There was a project a few years ago called Market Towns Initiative which was suggesting a series of improvements for Biggar town centre but nothing seemed to come of it. What happened to these proposals?

**Carluke**

- City deal has been of no benefit to Carluke – why not.

**Lanark**

- Population falling. Positive planning input required to increase population to maintain economic viability.
- The old Grammar school in Lanark should be made into an Arts Centre with a micro brewery– this could be an amazing tourist opportunity.

**Smaller Communities**

- Need more investment in smaller rural communities such as Forth.

## **Greenspace/Access (including cycle ways)**

### **Uddingston/Bothwell**

- Local Nature Reserve is a very good idea.
- Extension of a factory on Goldie Road goes onto the cycle path.
- Is the cycle route through Bothwellbank Farm covered by consents?
- More cycleways needed but need to be safe and free from broken glass

### **Blantyre**

- Clyde walkway at station road overgrown and footpath requires maintenance. Would like it made more walkable for older people with dogs.

### **East Kilbride**

- Maintenance of greenspace poor
- Murray Hill – issue with cyclists in the roads.
- Cycle paths should be separate from people especially those walking dogs.

### **Hamilton**

- Cycle Path from Hamilton to Chatelherault – in the autumn a problem with fallen leaves which get caught in mud guard and can cause cyclists to skid.
- Could Council use Community Service scheme to undertake path clearing?
- Better access to parks should be encouraged to allow running and exercise areas are not safe particularly in the evenings e.g. lights in the underpass to Strathclyde Park are out and its dark and dangerous.
- Children's play area at nature trail needs regeneration and regular weeding.

### **Stonehouse**

- Need a country park or nature area.
- Improve the park to make it more attractive to young people.

### **Cambuslang**

- Not enough greenspace in Drumsaggard.
- Need for new housing but greenspace is very important
- Would like to see a wetland somewhere in Drumsaggard where people could go bird watching that migratory birds could use. Good for mental health.
- LEAP – Lightburn Elderly Association Project – run walks etc - need to improve greenspace in the area – need easier access for older people.

### **Lanark**

- Continue to keep rights of way open and maintain signposting.
- Can Council force farmers to keep rights of way clear of livestock?

### **Rural/Douglas Area**

- Need more mountain bike trails in rural SLC area
- Douglas is surrounded by woods - some trails have been developed but could have much more happening such as tough mudder trails making use of natural resources

- Cycle cross events that take place at Lanark racecourse could also be held around Douglas. Wind farm money could be used to help especially since this area is a health blackspot
- Poor or no restoration of old opencast sites.

**Smaller Communities**

- Shale bings – landscape or remove. (Tarbrax)

## **Traffic and Transportation**

### **Uddingston**

- Car parking is an issue especially at Uddingston Station.
- Issue raised about double yellow lines on Church Street past the car park.
- Need a car park that will make people use the village
- Parking at Bothwell library is an issue. There is a disabled space that is taken up by a resident in the flats opposite who treats the space as his own personal parking space.
- The car park at Glebe Wynd/Green Street is used by resident's children who can't park in the driveways of their houses.
- Infrastructure is creaking under the weight of growing population.

### **Blantyre**

- Heavy traffic using Broompark Rd damaging road surfaces.
- Speeding of traffic means only a matter of time until accident takes place.
- Roads – Stonefield road and surrounding area needs repairs.
- Reduction of heavy traffic taking shortcut to lower Blantyre – roads surface suffering

### **East Kilbride**

- Issues with parking and damage to pavements in Mungo Park, the Murray – A follow up inspection by SLC Roads of the area near the property revealed that the kerbs are in a worn condition however no safety defects were identified
- Maintenance of roads/pavements poor
- Roads layout on south side of EK not conducive to radial travel
- Park and Ride for EK station needs extended
- Parking issues throughout town – need more car parks
- Electric buses should be introduced for example the Rolls Royce site should be environmentally sustainable similar to Oxford with cycle routes taking priority.
- Too many roundabouts.
- Car park on busy built up roads and make it difficult to drive.

### **Larkhall**

- Too many cars on Machan Road/Carlisle Road causing a bottleneck on Main Street
- Burnhead Road has speed bumps but not enough – speed should be 20mph
- Burnhead Road pavement in a bad state and school kids and the elderly have to use the road.
- At the golf course there should be an off ramp onto the motorway to stop traffic using Burnhead Road – speed bumps are not the solution.
- Lack of Parking spaces. Also double parking for Deliveries

### **Stonehouse**

- Better roads and pavements are required especially for people in mobility scooter/wheelchairs or with a visual impairment. The road and pavement are full of potholes and obstacles. Often has to take wheelchair onto road where footpath is damaged or obstructed by parked cars. Has fallen out of his chair on several occasions when it has struck an unlevel kerb. Problems with the pavements in Marleyhill – cannot use these in electric wheelchair, has to go onto the road.
- Slabbed area at Patterson Place/Weavers way is treacherous and caused him to fall out of his chair.

- Hedge at the corner of Stonehouse Hospital at the roundabout is overgrown and you need to go into the road to see if traffic is coming. It's too high if you are sitting on a mobility scooter or you are a small person/child.
- Completion of bypass. Rail link. Safer cycle routes with no traffic. Parking. Transport links.
- The route from the car park at doctors surgery to the surgery entrance is difficult to negotiate in wheelchair
- Major issue with the standard of the footpaths particularly for those with a disability 'Gas scheme' and 'Electric scheme' big issues.
- Spar shop in Stonehouse has no access for those with a disability
- Roundabout at Stonehouse Hospital has overhanging trees and its very difficult to see if traffic is coming if you are in a wheelchair

Response from SLC Roads 6/7/16

We will inspect the areas mentioned and carry out repairs if there are safety defects. Otherwise we will consider some of these footways for a future programme of resurfacing works. Weavers Way is the responsibility of Housing so I will pass the issues to them.

#### **Ashgill**

- Flooding was a problem in the winter on Auldton terrace at bus stop/former Lea Rig pub. This may have been sorted as workmen were out. The road and pavement surface in this area could do with improvement.

#### **Cambuslang**

- There are lots of pot holes in the road and the lines on the roads need renewed.
- Quigley's Tenants Association has an issue with trees not being properly maintained behind Watlow Car Park No2 – they overhang the land and block the street light. The land also has a very dangerous uneven surface.
- Watson Avenue Rutherglen G72 2NL 5 years ago the pavements were to be resurfaced – the south side was done but not the north because they ran out of funding. Letter was sent 5 weeks ago and they were told that they now don't need to be done. Pot holes get filled in and then they just crack.
- Blairbeth wooded area is closed off along the woodland path for roads construction. People have to walk their dogs on the road and it's not safe. The grass is too long along George Mann Terrace. Could do with moving the fence along Larchfield Drive to allow dog walking to take place.
- People don't know how to work the new road crossings – should they be making a noise?
- Green areas have been lost at Spittal with new road being done. Need to do something about Fernhill Road
- Cycle lanes good but not positioned well.

#### **Douglas**

- Roads and traffic issues in the Loaning cars reversing onto the Main Road and the inability of people to get across.
- Design of street lighting is inappropriate for the conservation area

- Parking is very difficult on the Main Street there are rarely traffic wardens and people park where they like. No-one pays attention to any signs it's slightly eased by the hotel being closed
- The old A74 is now being used as a cycle lane what happens if there is a major issue on the motorway
- Baillie Bridge at Douglas Water out of commission for 18 months – why did they not just get the army in to put a replacement.

### **Hamilton**

- Abercorn Drive/Chestnut Crescent being used as a short-cut by drivers – can anything be done to prevent this?
- Can additional cycle parking be provided in Quarry Street for users of Town centre – possible at Top Cross area? (not the type you just put the wheel in – they are not secure).
- More information about what is happening at Raith Interchange needed. What provision is being made for Cyclists?
- Tunnel/underpass under M74 connecting cycle path to Strathclyde Park gets flooded in the winter. Can this be resolved?
- Parking issues in Wellhall Road Hamilton. People are parking on the verges and footpaths. Some residents have put rocks along their frontages to stop people parking. This is actually Council land. There was a recent accident when a car left the road and got damaged by these rocks. Are people allowed to put rocks on Council land to prevent parking?
- Traffic management system at Peacock Cross and Townhead St is poor.
- Raith interchange project has destroyed wildlife
- Car Park at Hamilton West Station is always full for most of the day which means that local residents who wish to park there and travel into Glasgow are unable to park.
- Car parking charges in the town are too expensive.
- Car parking charges in town centre mean that customers do not have an enjoyable shopping experience as they have to keep checking the time so as not incur parking fines.
- Don't like the parking system that makes you pay in advance – means if you are meeting people you need to watch your time.
- Raith Interchange has caused a lot of trouble with the roads as had the development at the Furlongs, the Lidl at Muir Street – the lights don't work properly and there seems to be an issue with people trying to turn.

### **Garrion Area**

- There is often a 40 minute wait to get through the slip road to Law why can't there be a new road layout

### **Biggar**

- Could the 30 mph sign be moved to the Loaningdale entrance
- North Back Road is very dangerous is there anything roads can do to slow down traffic
- Concern about HGVs blocking Station Road when accessing Brown Brothers premises.
- Issue with bus stop on Main Street Biggar. Previously was in a lay-by but this was removed and bus now has to stop on Main St blocking the street and causing other

vehicles to back up or attempt risky overtaking. Some buses can be stopped there for 10 minutes.

- Road leading to the park along the Wynd is also dangerous for pedestrians as it is very narrow with no pavements.
- North Back road being used as a rat run to avoid Main Street. Currently has 20mph speed limit but this not observed and no traffic calming measures. The road has no pavements and is a risk to children and the elderly.
- Parking is an issue throughout Biggar. There is overspill parking available at the primary school at weekends and during holidays but this is not publicised by Council or signposted, therefore is not used.
- We need more gritters in winter.
- Issue with lack of dropped kerbs on Edinburgh Road. At present it is not possible for mobility scooter users or wheelchair users to use the pavement on the south side of Edinburgh Rd opposite the new housing area to access the town centre. A traffic island with dropped kerbs has been provided as part of the new housing development but once you have crossed the road there is a high kerb on either side of the access to the bowling green which prevents further travel towards town centre. Also the surface of the pavement is poorly maintained and it is very narrow.

Noted that an exchange of letters with the Council and Transport Scotland going back several years. SLC Roads apparently visited the site and acknowledged there was a problem but the Council was not responsible as it was a Trunk road. In the most recent communication received from Transport Scotland dated 22 April 2015 it was promised that Amey would be instructed to look at how kerbing arrangements along this stretch of the trunk road could be improved. However nothing further. The person is growing increasingly frail and wants to retain independence as long as possible and would like this resolved as soon as possible.

## **Lanark**

- The improvements to roads and parking in Lanark town centre welcomed.
- The standard of rural roads is deteriorating for cyclists. Appreciate that a lot of work has been done by Council but still a lot of potholes.
- There should be a direct service from Lanark to Edinburgh. This would require a new length of track to be installed.
- Trains from Lanark should go straight to Scottish Exhibition Centre
- Train timetabling could be better – need more time for changes.
- Trains should have proper toilets
- Rural bus services are vital for the areas ageing population.
- Bus services to hospitals need to be improved. If Lockhart hospital closes this will mean long journeys to visit patients – this has to be factored into bus service provision.
- Free parking would encourage more people into town centres – that's why they go to places like the Fort
- Lanark roads are in a terrible state
- Car park at Tesco is always full of taxis.
- The old pool car park is full of Council workers
- There should be no parking near Lanark Town Centre they should not have narrowed to 2 lanes and widened the pavement.
- Heavy goods vehicles going through Lanark is an issue should have a bypass.
- No safe walking between Lanark racecourse and the town centre.

### **Carstairs/Carstairs Junction**

- The parking outside the railway in Carstairs Junction is not big enough and the facilities at the station are poor.
- Road markings need painted at Martin Howes Way there are 24 kids under 16 and a twenty's plenty sign is required.
- Railway bridge between Carstairs village and Carstairs junction needs painted.

### **Carluke**

- In Carluke vehicle parking on the pavement inhibits walkers – people should be encouraged to park elsewhere
- More fuel stations.
- Grit housing estates during winter.

### **Strathaven**

- Heavy transport coming into town, going further a field – too much pressure on roads. Conditions of roads and especially pavements are a hazard to many older people.
- Bypass for heavy traffic, which doesn't make Strathaven a ghost town for other visitors.
- Wellbrae/Bridge St to be one way (in opp. Directions) to reduce problems around common green.

### **Carnwath**

- No cycle paths/routes.
- Traffic congestion at traffic lights and Parking on Biggar Road.
- Pavement in poor state - Carnwath to Kaimend and Carnwath to Edinburgh road.

### **Smaller Communities**

- State and narrowness of roads (Tarbrax)
- Poor unclassified road maintenance (Duneaton)
- Pavements – some are very dangerous. (Coalburn)
- Poor traffic calming measures (Douglas)
- Pot Holes in rural areas. (Forth)

## **Retailing and Town centres**

### **Uddingston**

- Uddingston centre is a vast improvement on what was there before

### **East Kilbride**

- More supermarkets – need an ASDA and a bigger Mark & Spencer's
- No more hot food shops needed in town centre
- Free parking needed for town centre to allow it to compete with Silverburn
- Tesco at Westwood shopping centre has improved the centre
- The work in the town centre is causing a lot of dust – shop workers have noticed it and are feeling the effect.
- Better Variety of Shops.
- Too many hot food shops in town centre

### **Stonehouse**

- Not enough shops in Stonehouse they only have a co-op and a spar and no decent chemist
- The bank is only open 2 days a week and if the cash machine is empty it remains that way until staff come.
- Village centre needs to have work done it is not fit for purpose
- The town centre has been killed by out-of-centre shopping – some people have tried new things but they have not worked
- Poor provision of shops in village centre. Lack of choice and poor quality
- Stonehouse village centre is struggling and is blighted by fire damaged building
- Retail units for shopping. Small business units.

### **Hamilton**

- Lack of choice in Hamilton Town centre
- Town centre boundary should be more compact and reflect area covered by BID.
- Concern that Lidl at Muir Street could undermine town centre.
- Town centre rates should be lowered to attract more businesses
- There should be free parking for town centre
- Would like to see more independent retailers in the town centre.
- Derelict buildings detract from the attractiveness of Hamilton Town Centre – Hotel in Townhead St and building in Cadzow St near Townhouse.
- Hamilton Town Hotel is an eyesore the smell from the birds is terrible the building does not seem to be secure.
- Town centre businesses not consulted when changes made to parking payment system
- Hoping to extend area covered by Hamilton BID – 279 businesses currently members.
- Access to the town centre from Low Patrick car park (entrance near Wilco) – surface is a bit rough and it is quite a steep incline for elderly and people with mobility problems. Handrail provision, but not for whole length of access. At one point people have to hold on to a fence.
- Support local businesses and make it more appealing for them to occupy a town centre location.
- Need improved shopping facilities in Hamilton – better range of coffee shops – why no Starbucks. Also need decent clothes shops too many charity shops

- Housing – empty properties above shops should be brought back into use.
- Not enough shops that meet teenagers needs in the town centre
- Derelict shops next to the Asda

### **Cambuslang**

- Need more retail shops

### **Lanark**

- Lanark has some good shops (Jack the ironmonger, coffee shops) but a lot of empty units. Suggest cutting the rates for town centre shops to reduce vacancy
- Need to have stimulus to encourage people to shop locally. Loyalty card for town centres?
- There should be a re-examination of rating structure – fairer rates to encourage use of vacant shops
- BID approach not supported for Lanark and Carluke.
- Keep old fashioned shops in New Lanark – maybe some good coffee shops would be a good idea
- Suggested that there should be escalators like Barcelona and Hong Kong to take people up and down to New Lanark and encourage them to use Lanark itself instead of coming in parking then leaving.
- Parking in Lanark for shopping is an issue. Parking is not available or too difficult to find. As a result many shoppers bypass Lanark and shop at Livingston instead.
- There are no good restaurants in Lanark for visitors.
- Have a pedestrian crossing point at the bottom of the high street.
- Cover empty shop windows with nice posters/covers etc to make the high street look more appealing

### **Carluke**

- High Street in Carluke is a mess – lot of empty shops
- Should have allowed Lidl to develop the site at Airdrie Road
- Too much investment in Lanark at the expense of Carluke.
- Carluke high street is run down with empty shops and the bank is about to close.
- The Tesco is a welcome addition to retail in Carluke. The Council should have allowed LIDL to go ahead
- Too many betting shops

### **Larkhall**

- The Coal yard is very popular and is well worth a visit and should be kept open.
- The library is an important part of the town centre and make a significant contribution to its vitality and viability
- Having local services keeps the community going.

### **Smaller Communities**

- Improvement in village centre to encourage tourist stop off (Douglas)
- No post office or other amenities (Tarbrax)
- Shops are all too similar (Strathaven)

## **Housing**

### **General**

- Use more brownfield sites for housing rather than greenfield.
- Encourage private firms to work with locals to discuss housing developments that are sustainable and affordable
- More social housing needed across South Lanarkshire

### **East Kilbride**

- More low cost housing for young people needed.
- Need for more specialist housing for elderly and disabled
- More consideration of special needs children and young adults.
- No housing on Colonsay field.
- No more building on greenspaces
- Support for development of Rolls Royce site

### **Larkhall**

- Need more rented /social housing, housing for the elderly and special needs housing.
- No more housing in Larkhall

### **Bothwell**

- Improvement/ upgrading of Appledore & Churchill estates.
- Need more affordable housing.

### **Stonehouse**

- More houses should be built on the Council owned land in the centre of the village to encourage more people to come into the village centre.
- There should be no more development in the green belt.
- More local authority housing.
- New housing developments too expensive for local residents.

### **Hamilton**

- No further housing should be built as there is not sufficient capacity in the schools
- No more housing on the green belt
- No new housing in Iona Ridge area
- The Council flats in Clarkwell Road Hillhouse are getting a bit run down.
- Land reclaimed from old schools should be designated for social housing.

### **Symington**

- Does not support any housing release in Symington

### **Carluke**

- CGA in Carluke is not working due to requirement for developer contributions
- Big issue with further development of CGA area in Carluke being undervalued by the Persimmon development. Help to buy scheme is now useless. Of the 15 houses sold 5 were sold under help to buy the whole development is too price sensitive eating away at small builders margins – government needs to look into this. There is also a

problem revolving around being able to build speculatively or to order small builder has to build to order.

- Consents outside Carlisle such as Headpoint have undervalued the housing sites in the town.
- The bingo area within Carlisle CGA should be retained as open space as it has regenerated.

### **Lanark**

- Council housing of decent quality required. Lack of affordable housing.
- St Mary's hospital site should be used for public sector housing
- No more land should be released for private sector development until current sites are completed.
- Lanark settlement boundary change to reflect consent for house and area planted for forestry.
- Maximise vacant premises above high street shops for accommodation

### **Cambuslang**

- No more Green Belt release

### **Strathaven**

- New housing developments encroaching on the countryside and perhaps breaching the greenbelt.
- More flexible housing for older people so they don't become trapped/housebound. More Care homes and especially sheltered housing (Not high rise).
- Hundreds of houses approved before community knew.

### **Smaller Communities**

- Sites should be removed from the housing land supply (Jackton)
- Local housing to be improved to be eco friendly (Coalburn)
- Unfinished houses that were being built – dangerous for children and not nice to look at. (Netherburn)

## **Development Management**

### **Uddingston**

- The gas works site might have a problem with gas pipeline and also with badgers.
- Kirklands Hospital there should be trees replanted to replace the ones that were lost
- 2a Hamilton Road – replacement trees are required.

### **East Kilbride**

- Derelict or redundant buildings not being developed. Lack of maintenance within L.A owned sites as well as privately owned.

### **Carlisle**

- Why has Headpoint Nursery managed to get consent for over 100 houses – no voices seem to be opposing this? Why was a hearing not given when there were 40 people objecting. Now the scale is excessive and a precedent has been set – more sites will now come forward and the development leaves three hammer heads to further expand the road network. Concerned about the impact of this on the SSSI.
- Reports to planning committee biased in favour of developers.
- Applicants have overestimated the exceptional costs associated with the development thus there will be less funding for other community benefits.
- Concerned there will be discharge of polluted water which will affect the SSSI/SAC
- Why have all the mature trees been removed along the road at the CGA area in Goremire Road?

### **Symington**

- Why did Council give consent to a site which cannot be accessed?

### **Larkhall**

- DAKS site is going to make the roads busier and more dangerous
- Undermining is a major issue under DAKS has this been investigated
- Retention of school building in main street - Develop for public use.

### **Stonehouse**

- Spar shop in Stonehouse was recently refurbished but they did not take away the step to allow wheelchair access. Is this contrary to DDA?
- Retrospective planning. Planning sites with planning permission appearing on subsequent plans.
- Derelict of redundant buildings not being developed.

### **Douglas**

- Objected to the dissolving of the conservation area by putting solar panels on a building in the Main Street area without having planning consent. It would be better eliminating the word conservation from the area

### **Biggar**

- Loaningdale –new owner wants to refurbish and use as a music facility and outdoor centre. Doesn't want housing on the field in front of house – need a stand off area. The playing fields and open are very important.

## **Leisure**

### **General**

- Cheaper access for people to use football pitches

### **Gilmourton**

- Children's play areas should be small areas within housing estates.

### **East Kilbride**

- Not enough play areas in Whitehills
- Need more play areas for children that are accessible from houses and that parents can overlook not in isolated areas?
- Insufficient consultation on library closures
- There should be a community bowling green around the Catacol Grove area. Lady also had to travel to Lanark for her son to use the Hydrotherapy pool why is there not one closer.
- Only half the wetland area at Shields Road gets cut – the council cuts one half but not the other.
- Resident annoyed at the loss of Hunter House museum, Westwood library, Calderwood library and the quality of the roads in Calderglen Park
- More local entertainment like Mini Golf and Bowling

### **Rutherglen**

- Better library facilities

### **Carluke**

- Nearest cinema in Hamilton and a lack of restaurants.
- More places for young people (older teenagers) to attend

### **Lanark**

- Lifestyles is a great facility
- Leisure prices in Lanark are too expensive.
- Concerned that public toilets closed as this was vital service for elderly residents.

### **Stonehouse**

- Need better facilities for children – something to stimulate them and improve their fitness and quality of life
- There are no gym facilities in the Stonehouse lifestyles – if there were it would bring more young people in – the facility is underused.
- Lack of facilities for children at west end of Stonehouse
- Stonehouse needs more facilities for children. There should be more activities in the Lifestyles

### **Hamilton**

- Promote Bothwell Road Park as a venue for wedding photographs and charge people for using it for this purpose. There is a need to upgrade the play park in Bothwell Park. More would also deter anti social behaviour.
- Woodhead greenspace off Woodhead Crescent – needs a play area with equipment for children
- Community centres/Lifestyles do not offer activities for children and young people
- Keep the library facility in Fairhill Lifestyles it is vital for community.
- A sign should be put up on the Mausoleum to let people know about opening hours.
- Not enough youth facilities or places to play sport in Hamilton

### **Blantyre**

- Improving condition of Kirkton Park with play areas for children.

### **Strathaven**

- Disappointed that Council has shut public toilets.
- More parks for kids.
- In general community centres should offer more activities for children
- People who hire council pitches should be responsible for cleaning up their mess.
- Limited and poor fitness facilities – outdated gym
- Improved leisure centre to accommodate growing population.
- Undertake renovation/improvement of library.
- Sports centre not always available during the day as school has priority.
- Better changing facilities for sports and Round Strathaven 50.

### **Ashgill**

- Swing Park in Ashgill is run-down and could do with some investment.

### **Larkhall**

- Concerns expressed about the long term future of the leisure centre.

### **Douglas**

- Douglas has been tidied up for the gala day but normally it is quite messy – bins get emptied but young people don't use them – having universal connections has helped but there is still a lack of things for young people to do.
- The natural environment needs to be promoted more for young people to use.

### **Carnwath**

- Indoor sports facility required

### **Uddingston**

- Needs a proper sports centre/swimming pool.

### **Smaller Communities**

- Build a community centre (Coalburn)
- Larger range of leisure activities like swimming pool (Forth)
- Not great access to south Lanarkshire leisure centres and events. (Biggar)
- Outdoor facilities for young children and more use of the hall as a sporting facility (Netherburn)

## **Historic Environment**

### **Lanark**

- Concerned about condition of St Kentigern's church and St Nicholas church in Lanark. Both are listed buildings owned by Council. St Nicholas has green fungi on it – this has to be treated during summer months when temperature above 10 degrees C.
- Need to revive a heritage group for Lanark
- Historic environment should have stronger protection as it is a key visitor attraction
- Greater protection for New Lanark buffer zone.
- Lanark should have a CARS scheme
- The old grammar school in Lanark should be converted to an Arts centre. This would improve attraction of town centres for visitors.

## **Education**

### **General comment**

- No prospect of extending the schools as the surplus land has been sold for housing
- Schools poorly built and won't last more than 20 years.
- Free water for pupils in school.
- Schools should be educated on mental health.
- Prices in school too expensive for food across Lanarkshire

### **East Kilbride**

- Schools too crowded – not enough room for more seating.
- Too many pupils in schools with not enough teachers.

### **Rutherglen**

- Some high schools outdated in comparison with others

### **Gilmourton**

- There is flooding beside the primary school
- The primary school is very underused there should be more housing in the area to make better use of facilities available.

### **Strathaven**

- School is already falling apart - Strathaven Academy.
- Allow Strathaven Academy to use the John Hastie football pitches without paying as it limits physical exercise opportunities.

### **Elsrickle**

- Council proposal to relocate Walston Primary to Elsrickle. Concerned about impact on road safety. Concerned that additional housing is to be released in return for farmer allowing his land to be developed for new school. There is no infrastructure in Elsrickle to support more housing. All services have to be accessed in Biggar using an unclassified road.
- Is village hall in Elsrickle to be replaced with facility in new primary school?
- The middle of the village would have been a better option for the proposed replacement Walston primary school.

### **Ashgill**

- Site of the old Dalserf primary school is a mess and could do with being tidied up. Could the Council use this land for sheltered housing?
- The road sign for the old school is still there – this could cause confusion as new school is up a different road

### **Stonehouse**

- No nursery provision in Stonehouse – need to go to Larkhall.
- Require Secondary school. And a pre 5 facility

### **Lanark**

- Have a department of west of Scotland University based in Lanark.

## **Cleansing/Cleanliness**

### **East Kilbride**

- Poor standard of street cleaning (Whitehills Area)
- Recycling bins are not being used properly Blue bins and bags of rubbish are not being taken away (Oak Avenue block of flats )
- Food waste bins are not getting emptied in Quebec Drive especially the flats

### **Rutherglen**

- Litter Problem – especially on Rutherglen Main Street.
- Cleaner facilities at Rutherglen train station – especially the tunnel bridge.

### **Cambuslang**

- There is dog fouling on the pavements on Stewart Avenue.
- The food and garden waste bins are too small and are emptied too infrequently they need to be larger especially for garden refuse.
- There is not enough dog bins for dog mess there is only 1 bin in Watson Avenue.
- Repair of internal footpaths in Mill Rd estate.
- Footpaths at Annick St, Caron Crt, do not get swept.
- Brogen Road's pavements a mess.

### **Carluke**

- Road sweepers aren't used enough and litter builds up on roads.

### **Strathaven**

- Strathaven Park is disgusting and full of litter.

### **Blantyre**

- Need better dealing with Dog fouling.

### **Douglas**

- Food waste is an issue – people should be better educated about this and how to manage food better
- Need better punishment of dog fouling.
- Dumping of human waste in old opencast – smell from above and transport going through village.

### **Hamilton**

- Hamilton Town hotel in Townhead St is an eyesore. Infested with birds, unpleasant odours, bird droppings on pavements causing health and safety concerns.
- Blue bins provided for residents of the flats at Racecourse (Hamilton Park North) are too heavy for elderly residents to lift and Council staff have not been able to assist.
- Too much litter and insufficient street cleaning by Council
- Seldom weeding takes place. Paths broken. Nature trail badly needs attention. Dog fouling.
- Rubbish dumped often – Balmore drive.

**Smaller Communities**

- Laminate posters about dog fouling
- Very few bins near parks, paths, streets. (Netherburn)
- Dog fouling an issue in Quarter.

**General**

- There should be a multipurpose recycling plant in south Lanarkshire (like one in Motherwell). This should be in an industrial area or brownfield site like Law hospital.
- Signs all over Clydesdale are dirty and need to be cleaned.

## **Public Transport**

- Bus companies ask individual destination, why not have bus drivers with a list of destinations so that individuals can point at. Would help BSL users?

## **East Kilbride**

- Poor public transport – no 18 bus no longer goes to Westwood shopping area.
- There should be park and ride buses subsidised to encourage people into the centre
- Transport is an issue in the morning – all the buses seem to come at the same time
- Trains only go one route. Train station renovation. More train routes.
- Not enough accessible transport in the outskirts EK – Lindsayfield.
- Poor bus route at Stewartfield.

## **Carluke**

- Expensive transport to Glasgow
- Improved transport to other rural areas
- Improved Rail Service

## **Bothwell**

- Additional bus route needed.

## **Strathaven**

- Needs better bus services to hospitals.

## **Biggar**

- Bus incentives for children of school age – very expensive for young people.
- Better access to transport - i.e. more than two services or train services.

## **Hamilton**

- Better access to transport (i.e.) more than two services or train services.
- First bus transport from Hamilton to Schemes stop at 7pm.

## **Stonehouse**

- Public transport is an issue in the early evening there is no way to get to Strathaven Sunday morning is even more infrequent
- Public transport is poor – bus drivers ignore the timetable connections are missed
- Service has been reduced between Strathaven and Stonehouse.

## **Lanark**

- Poor public transport service for people needing to attend hospital appointments.
- Transport issues in Clydesdale relating to bus timetables and availability Transport between Biggar and Lanark is an issue
- This mainly commuter town requires modern rail/bus infrastructure.

## **Smaller Communities**

- Improved public transport links to Lesmahagow. (Douglas)
- Need public transport e.g. at least once a day. (Tarbrax and Duneaton)
- Need better public transport (Carnwath)
- No transport straight to Carluke. – Bus to Lanark then train to Carluke. (Forth)
- More frequent buses to run in area e.g. earlier and later times at weekend. (Netherburn)

## **Renewable Energy/Windfarms/Minerals**

- Supports wind farms in the right places and there should be public access using the tracks for walking/cycling
- All new buildings should have renewable technology installed. This should be retrofitted to existing building where possible – e.g. Lifestyles could have solar panels.
- Comment re wind turbines – why do so many turbines not turn when it is windy?
- Too many wind farms in South Lanarkshire
- No more wind turbines as they are not efficient (can't store energy) and impact on landscape.
- Not against fracking think it might be OK also thinks recycling of rubbish is a good idea.
- Overburns – what is the position with this are the Council going to refuse this application. The whole thing sends the wrong message about the democratic process
- No sand and gravel extraction should be allowed that would affect scenic areas or areas of historic importance
- More charging spaces for electric cars.

### **Duneaton**

- Potential quarry at Overburns by Patersons of Greenockhill – 3<sup>rd</sup> application.
- Reject Quarry at Overburns Farm.

### **Lanark**

- No more windfarm applications

### **Anti-social behaviour**

- Lack of police patrols
- More CCTV in residential areas
- Dealing with Alcoholic drinkers and addicts

### **Netherburn**

- Drug Problem in the scheme. No local Police available

### **Strathaven**

- Drug problem. Not safe at night. Lack of police letting drug problem rise. Strathaven Castle basically a drug den.
- Better Police presence.

### **Larkhall**

- Vandalism although police are becoming more high profile.

### **Hamilton/Blantyre**

- There is a bit of vandalism.
- Streets aren't safe enough.
- Too many drug dealers – Hillhouse.
- Unsafe to walk alone in Blantyre at anytime. Don't feel safe walking in the parks day or night.

### **Cambuslang**

- Drug Problem in the scheme. No local Police available

### **East Kilbride**

- Nightlife disturbs local residents
- Certain areas feel unsafe due to drug use and underage drinking.
- Anti social behaviour at Quebec Drive with Quad Bikes and mess.

## **General**

- Need more health care facilities
- Closure of public toilets across South Lanarkshire
- Provide more local signage in settlements
- Better broadband & mobile signals across South Lanarkshire
- Focusing on smaller towns and villages to increase equality and quality of amenities.

## **Biggar**

- Lack of communication between planning/developers/local community.
- Events like consultation meetings are always very far away from Biggar.
- More awareness for local community on planning developments (i.e. windfarms).
- Funds spent in SL are spent on the big towns

## **Bothwell**

- More public buildings for activities and organisations at reasonable cost.
- Upgrade of facilities near St Brides.
- Non enforcement of conservations status.

## **East Kilbride**

- Decisions for East Kilbride not taken locally
- Hunter House museum should not have been closed
- Maintenance of buildings poor
- East Kilbride needs a university and a botanic gardens
- Not enough volunteer centres or volunteer work.
- Better support awareness for youth homelessness
- More youth services for 18-25.
- Need a driving test centre
- Doesn't have a maternity ward. Out of hours NHS shut down.
- Increased support for disengaged school leavers so they don't fall of radar.
- More approachable health services – hospital services for young people 16-25.
- Have drains and much brighter lights in underpasses.
- The circular path in Calderglen Park has been blocked for long time due to landslide.
- Undertake the retention and improvement of showpark.
- Jamaica Drive corner house looks empty can someone check that this is the case

## **Stonehouse**

- Confusion over a survey that was sent out by the community council
- There is possible toxic land at the hospital
- Bottom part of the village could do with some more lighting/ cameras
- Basketball Court refurbished.
- Community grower's area

## **Rutherglen**

- Better lights on Rutherglen Mainstreet

## **Cambuslang**

- Nothing wrong with SLC the facilities they provide are marvellous.

- There is a lack of communication in social work in King Street
- Greenlees Gardens and Greenlees Road – issue with fence between Whitlawburn and estate – gone downhill in last 2 years with people jumping the fence and causing anti-social behaviour. Why can't residents get a new metal fence?
- Cambuslang Public Park could do with patrol duty and toilets.

### **Rural Area**

- Scrap the pensioners meals there is no such thing as a poor pensioner these days – money would be better spent on something else.

### **Hamilton**

- No hospital in the Hamilton area – need some sort of A&E facility for emergencies.
- Earnock High school should not have closed.
- Food banks only open 2 days a week.
- Council services in area sorely depleted. Councillors advised on problem and rarely act on them.
- “No football” signs. Footpaths and needs to be re-laid – Balmore drive.
- Resources to encourage older people to leave home and participate in social activities in school activities during the evening.
- More consideration to non computer users.

### **Larkhall**

- Larkhall is a fantastic town with a strong community spirit.
- Larkhall Baptist Church is engaging with community to deliver projects. They have secured funding to upgrade the ground behind the church to provide an area for informal recreation including basketball and outdoor table tennis.
- There are a variety of church organisations and other groups working together to progress projects including Larkhall Practitioners Group.
- One of the challenges is to ensure that the needs of the local communities in the town are being met given the cuts in Council funding.
- Pressure on Services. Especially Doctors due to new housing. Lack of inter departmental liaison: “not us”.
- More public buildings for activities and organisations at reasonable cost.

### **Lanark**

- More input needed with smaller councils
- SLC departments moving way town suffers from centralisation.
- Should not be called a “settlement” – feels isolated and unkempt.

### **Strathaven**

- Covert one of the grass pitches of the John Hastie park to a 3g pitch.
- More public buildings for activities and organisations at reasonable cost.

### **Smaller Communities**

- Restoration of village hall. (Duneaton)
- More outreach to community and young people to take part in activities within and out with Netherburn.

## Appendix 7 – Results of Questionnaire

### Summary

In the questionnaire participants were asked to choose one or more of the following Local Development Plan issues to give their views on.

- Greenspace
- Natural and Historic Environment
- Climate change and renewable energy
- Waste
- Shopping
- Industry and Business
- Housing
- Transport
- Minerals

### The main issues were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shopping
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transport
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Housing
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greenspace
5 <sup>th</sup>	Waste

Minerals were the least important issue found from the 836 responses. With only 19 people commenting on the issue. This may reflect on the much reduced impact of mining in South Lanarkshire, with the decline of the coal industry. Greenspace was never higher than 3<sup>rd</sup> in importance but was in the top 5 of every group.

### People who identify as having a disability

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shopping
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Housing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Transport
4 <sup>th</sup>	Waste
5 <sup>th</sup>	Greenspace

### People who identified as having caring responsibility

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shopping
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Housing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Transport
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greenspace
5 <sup>th</sup>	Natural & Historical Environment

The most important issues for people with a disability or people who have caring responsibilities were shopping, housing and transport. This mostly follows the overall trend.

The main issues identified per area were as follows:

### **Clydesdale**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Transport
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shopping
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Greenspace
4 <sup>th</sup>	Housing
5 <sup>th</sup>	Natural & Historical Environment

### **East Kilbride**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Housing
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transport
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shopping
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greenspace
5 <sup>th</sup>	Waste

### **Cambuslang/Rutherglen**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Transport
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shopping
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Housing
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greenspace
5 <sup>th</sup>	Waste

### **Hamilton**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shopping
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Housing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Transport
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greenspace
5 <sup>th</sup>	Waste

There is a noticeable difference between the priority of issues in built up areas that there is for more rural areas. Hamilton, East Kilbride and Cambuslang/Rutherglen have a very similar order of priorities whereas Clydesdale differs the most.

Waste is a more important issue in the more urban areas of Hamilton, East Kilbride, Cambuslang/Rutherglen than it is in Clydesdale. Whereas in Clydesdale, Greenspace and Natural/Historic Landscapes are more important.

## The main issues identified by participants per age group

### Over 65's

1 <sup>st</sup>	Housing
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transport
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Greenspace
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shopping
5 <sup>th</sup>	Natural and Historic Environment

### Under 18's

1 <sup>st</sup>	Natural & Historic Environment
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transport
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Greenspace
4 <sup>th</sup>	Housing
5 <sup>th</sup>	Shopping

The age of the survey participant showed a trend in the priority of issues. Those over 65 had housing and transport as their most important issues and those who were under 18 identified Natural/ Historic environment and Transport as their most important issues.

## **Additional received comments on planning issues**

SLC New Local Plan – initial Submission

When I built my house, on a brown field site, in 1984 there were 35 other dwellings in Elsrickle. There was also a Post Office, shop, tearoom, blacksmiths, petrol station, coach hirer and a farm within the Elsrickle settlement: 6 businesses offering employment.

Today there are 44 dwellings within the settlement boundary: only the farm remains with a family associated agricultural contracting business.

A 46% increase in housing over 32 years but with substantially less local employment opportunities.

Worse still, from a sustainable development viewpoint, there is an existing planning approval for the construction of 21 houses, relying on an expansion of the settlement boundary from that indicated in the existing local development plan. 11 of those houses have been superseded by a more recent planning approval. However the new developer will still exploit the remaining plots.

So another expansion of the settlement by a further 47% is in prospect.

This, in spite of the nearest public services being located in Biggar, almost 4 miles distant and accessed by a narrow unclassified road. Crucially there is no timetabled public transport serving the settlement.

Elsrickle, from 1984 with 36 houses, including local employment opportunities to potentially 65 houses today (an 80% increase) with only a family farming business left, is clearly having the character of a centuries old remote rural community progressively destroyed.

And we are currently threatened with an application for 10 more dwellings: all outside the settlement boundary.

Is this all in the interest of good sustainable planning policy?

I implore the planning authority to rein in the greed of landowners to plunder their green assets, which will lead to the detriment of the very countryside that is the foundation of a business that rely on tourists and visitors for their existence.

## Local Plan Consultation 2016

### Douglas Community Council Submission

*Following local consultation in relation to the production of a local community plan for the Communities of Douglas and Glespin the substantive issues identified have been categorised and reproduced for consideration of inclusion within the South Lanarkshire Local Plan 2.*

#### **ECONOMY**

Douglasdale is situated within the largest population hub in Scotland and has the main arterial route between Scotland and England within its boundaries.

It may be that the development of the opencast coal mining industry curtailed the formation of an M74 industrial/commercial corridor, however, the exhausting of resources and the fall in coal price leading to the catastrophic collapse of opencast operators signifies that the prospect of further mining is extremely remote and subsequently the benefits of the M74 corridor must be exploited to replace the lost employment opportunities.

**Main advantages** -: The Douglas area benefits from being within the 4.5 hour LGV driving limit from major industrial and trading centres ensuring prime status for the location of a distribution centre, whilst avoiding the congestion of more northerly locations. Locating a commercial/industrial centre between Happendon Woods and Lesmahagow would have the added advantage of removing LGV traffic through rural villages whilst minimising environmental impacts.

The major negative highlighted is the lack of suitable public transport links along the M74. Developing the 74 corridor should be viewed as an opportunity to resolve some long standing transport issues which exacerbate the levels of employment and educational deprivation which exist within our communities.

We would submit that the whole length of the M74 from Happendon Woods to Lesmahagow be zoned for industrial/commercial land use.

- a) We would submit that the local plan provides improved transport links between Douglas and Lesmahagow at work related times.
- b) We would request a feasibility study into extending the new rail link between Larkhall and Douglas (Happendon). Some may feel that is a step too far, however the new Border rail link and Airdrie – Bathgate were initially treated with scorn and ridicule.
- c) We would propose that the National Cycle Route is linked from Douglas to Cairn Lodge over the motorway to provide a safe cycling route to Douglas and beyond into East Ayrshire. The route could also be used by workers safely walking or cycling to the M74 corridor. The bridge would provide a tourist link between Cairn Lodge and Douglas. The new owners of Happendon Services, Westmorland have achieved numerous community and environmental awards at their Tebay and M5 sites. We believe an approach to Westmorland could benefit the community and Cairn Lodge.

- d) It could be argued that the Douglas community have benefited by the receipt of “community benefit” from the coal operation however, in comparison to the devastation of our rural landscape this pales into insignificance. The closure of Ravenscraig steel works and the downturn suffered by the oil industry attracted substantial financial resource committed by both UK government and Scottish governments to the affected areas, Douglas deserves no less. The development of the ‘74’ corridor and associated transport links should be part of any development package.
- e) The area of the existing industrial estate at the Glebe should be extended to incorporate the adjoining field. This area should be considered for small economic development restricting the environmental impact to a minimum

### **HOUSING**

Douglas requires homes for the captains of industry, there are noted studies which demonstrate links between providing appropriate housing and successful inward investment. The existing housing allocation site behind the Ayr Road service station should be retained and encouraged for high amenity low density housing.

Douglas West should be developed in part to meet a different housing aspiration, that of out of settlement location. Too many former villages have been activity discouraged leading to inevitable decline; we have an obligation to make our village sustainable.

Considering Douglas Village’s long association with the military, we believe an area of land should be set aside for ex-service personnel thus maintaining that link and above all providing suitable accommodation in a wonderful environment.

The land in Douglas and Glespin at Brownhill Avenue and Hillview Crescent should be retained post demolition for the development of affordable environmentally friendly housing to encourage young families to reside within the communities thus improving the prospects of sustainability.

### **LEISURE AND RECREATION**

The possibilities in Douglas are limitless, again on the edge of the largest population conurbations in Scotland with great road links.

It would be tremendous to realise John McInnes’ vision of a living historic theme park along the lines of Eden Camp near Pickering North Yorkshire. Douglas has a huge list of historical characters and events to exploit for the benefit of all.

The cycle provision has huge potential and is a must for submission onto the local plan.

The potential within the Douglas Castle grounds for water based activities along with cycling and walking is enormous, suggestions received include the development of a water ski tow and a dry ski slope. The advent or rather expansion at the Lowther ski centre, may allow a dry ski resource at Douglas, sited at Mainshill, this development would provide job opportunities and economic uplift to the community whilst being unique to Lanarkshire.

Finally in keeping with the historic nature of Douglas a national Fencing and Archery Centre in the Castle grounds may find a favour with a public who are worried about their children’s lack of outdoor activity.

### **HEALTH AND CARE**

The sheltered housing complex at Blackwood Court appears to be meeting the current needs of the community in respect of amenity housing; however, residents and their families can be faced with considerable journeys to obtain medical treatment, primarily at Wishaw

General Hospital. As indicated previously the lack of public transport provision means that invariably journeys are undertaken by car. Improved public transport links and the establishment of a rail stop at Wishaw General would provide alternative methods of travel whilst removing the distress of finding available parking facilities.

The land adjacent to Crabtree Park and the Haulage Yard should be zoned for the development of housing on a “Homes for Heroes” theme or similar sentiment fulfilling the previous link between the village and the military.

### **TRANSPORT**

It is essential that the transport links with Lesmahagow are improved to address the main issues and concerns of daily life within our communities. This improvement alone would help to address issues of access to employment, further education, medical treatment and even leisure and social activities, in short remove some aspects of the perceived effects created by the feelings of remoteness and isolation.

Although the submission of a request for a feasibility study for an extended rail link to Douglas may be regarded as “pie in the sky” when viewed in the context of Local and National Plans it might be concluded that this will be an inevitable development.

The village of Douglas has experienced a vast increase in the volume of traffic traversing the A70 which demands the provision of a realistic traffic management plan. It is fair to say that existing provisions are counterproductive and increase risk of accident to pedestrians and drivers alike.

### **TOURISM**

It has long been recognised that since the decline of light engineering at Angus Industrial Estate, Storage and Distribution at Glespin and lastly the demise of the open cast coal industry that Tourism presents the best opportunity for the restoration of employment opportunities.

The development of Douglas Castle Grounds presents numerous prospects for development with its prime location adjacent to the M74 motorway and the A70 Edinburgh to Ayr arterial route.

As well as previously attracting interest from national developers the Grounds currently hosts various monuments to the Polish Army which was reformed in Lanarkshire after the Second World War. Recent surveys depict Polish immigrants as the largest ethnic group currently resident in the UK. In conjunction with the Polish Consulate in Edinburgh a national memorial for all Polish Soldiers based in Scotland with a base for Scottish/British/Polish studies would be a lasting and fitting legacy for the people of Poland and Douglasdale whilst also serving as a tourist attraction.

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