

Ardentinny – Further Feedback on Residents Survey 2023 & Community Action Plan (CAP) 2015

Additional Comments to original Residents Survey and CAP

A&BC have replaced signage at the car parks etc in Kilmun, Strone, but not Ardentinny. Why?

Communication between groups much better thanks to the efforts of the CC. Green power in early stages of being offered to residents. Hydro schemes benefitting Ardentinny financially. Picnic area now a "camping ground" and a bit more policing required.

Forestry Road - should main road be unpassable. Key Holder?

Sewerage outlet from Caravan Park into the river - horrible smell - shouldn't they have septic tanks?

Can we have new glass recycling bins at the Church Car Park. they are unsightly, not good for village appearance

Grit the Larach. Extending speed limit is good, should be 20mph throughout the village.

No windfarm. Appropriate for hydro only. No fish farms.

No windfarm. Natural resources are there but more environmentally friendly to use Hydro's which will benefit the village more. ie - ART funding to improve the village - tubs/flowers

No to wind farm - we should develop Hydro's.

Encourage people walking at dusk to wear reflective gear, could signs/notices work?

20mph through village. Speed bumps horrendous for houses next to road.

Pavement through village - urgent safety matter. Maintain roads. Protect verges. Do not widen or straighten anymore road.

No Speed bumps

A&BC to re-instate looking after hedges and verges. Maybe annually to assist villagers already doing this.

Speed bump maybe at entrance to village but not all through village.

30mph speed limit extended to Drynain - speed bump would be welcome before someone is killed.

Pleased to say that quite a lot of this has happened. Still a long way to go.

Retirement/Sheltered housing - good idea.

Management plan for Coronation Wood. Should the local community buy it?

Mow verges after plants have flowered.

War memorial is already maintained by locals.

Agree with more bins/dog waste bins needed, more regular waste pick up by the A&B Council - especially in the summer.

I put out the poo bags but there is nowhere to put them. People just leave it in the bushes - Poo bins please!

Look into reasons why many houses cannot get Smart Meters to work - Coulport?

Later bus service at weekends especially so we can use Dunoon in the evenings. What happened to consultation?

Weekend Thurs - Sun Late bus is essential. 11.10 leaving Dunoon.

Need a later last bus.

Bus service is great but we must hang onto it - People must use it or we will lose it.

Beach to revert to Picnic and Daytripper's only. No tents, fires or Overnighters.

No Car Park charges - unless staying overnight.

Access to the Beach - take away the car park charges. Access to the Beach should be free to villagers.

Forestry should issue free parking to local village residents (for the Beach area)

We need a safety barrier for the gap between Ardenfield turn and telephone exchange. It is dangerous

Use Exchange as a donation/borrow/swap shop for books. Used tools etc. plus a donation box for the village.

Convert the Exchange into a changing room for swimmers.

Convert Exchange into a small grocery store.

I agree with this poster comments.

Drainage Ditch Clearance is a MUST - fed up with poking a stick down the drains.

Drains and ditches should be maintained yearly after farmers cut hedges & Autumn to remove debris and minimise flooding.

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Ardentinny – A Sustainable place

Aim 1 – Creating a fair and inclusive transition towards net zero

Moving towards becoming carbon neutral thus contributing to being a net-zero community.

Creating a fair and inclusive transition towards net zero

Zero Carbon Homes for all

Can someone tell us more about making improvements to homes that will reduce heating costs?

An EV charger would be a benefit for residents who don't have their own charging points and also visitors

Zero Carbon Homes for all

Need financial support to install solar panels. What is available and who from?

Broadband

We need ultrafast broadband; it will allow us better communications for home workers & generate community wealth and safety.

Broadband

Wi-Fi provision must be improved for the Village Hall and for Glenfinart Residents

Broadband

Fast broadband is definitely needed throughout the whole village, if you want to encourage more entrepreneurial initiatives.

Broadband

Mobile phone reception is shocking. BT have to install ultrafast fibre in the next couple of years - that should sort out the Broadband.

Hydro Schemes

Insist on decent levels of community pay back from green energy schemes. Hydro, wind etc. you can get much more than they initially offered.

Hydro Schemes

Scheme would be good in hydro for all residents but you require a smart meter which doesn't work in some parts of the village.

Hydro Schemes

Ensure the signal required for smart meters to work is available and covers every home in Ardentinnny.

Hydro Schemes

Encourage more companies to build more hydro schemes.

Hydro Schemes

Can Ardentinnny Renewables Trust talk to the Hydro scheme owners about electricity provision in the village?

Hydro Schemes

Villagers to benefit from hydro scheme through reduced electricity costs EVEN if you can't get a smart meter.

Hydro Schemes

Campaign for smart meters to run off 4G network.

Hydro Schemes

Need a lower standing charge for our electricity. Contact our MSP/MP to push for this.

Hydro Schemes

Can we get electricity from the hydro schemes for the village at lower cost?

Hydro Schemes

Important that energy is locally sourced - extension to hydro scheme would be good.

Hydro Schemes

This would fit in with the hydro's rather than the wind farms.

Hydro Schemes

Distribute the hydro income within the village now that the government has removed the winter fuel allowance for most.

Hydro Schemes

Small hydro schemes are OK. Use them for cheaper electricity for the village. No to wind farms and no to fish farms.

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Aim 2 – Conserving and recycling assets by reusing existing buildings, places, infrastructure and services, locking carbon, minimising waste and building a circular economy.

A Conserving and Recycling Place

- Community Hub**
 - Keep upgrading the current village hall
 - Longer term do we need a new community hub in a more central location?
 - All village groups should work together more in the first place. Pity the village hall isn't in a more central location.
- Recycling Waste**
 - Recycling bins needed at the picnic site.
 - Are A&BC planning any food waste recycling from residential homes (like other councils)?
 - Chemical waste disposal - NO!
 - More recycling
 - More dog waste bins.
 - Beach area recycling bins required. Insufficient bin space for volume of illegal campsite waste.
 - Garden waste recycling would be helpful. Also, more for dog waste.
 - Can we push A&BC to start collecting food waste?
 - Household food and garden waste collection service would be good.
 - No campers at the beach area, Its not a campsite.
- Community Woodland**
 - There are various items that ART has part funded so therefore available to the village, e.g. BBQs and offhand not sure of what else. Perhaps the Telephone building could be used as storage for these & a list of what is available to use for a donation.
 - More community woodland or FLS should better manage/remove invasive non-native species, thin out trees that have self seeded. Remove bracken.
 - FLS need to participate in community collaboration - currently they just do what they want.
 - Protection of the woodlands & more hides on the walks, plus sign posting pointing them out.
 - Rural revitalisation making use of the green spaces for wildlife.
 - Plan to eradicate Japanese Knotweed.
 - Improve village grass areas. Wild flowers and improve Coronation Wood.
- Other Issues**
 - Is there a possibility to purchase the existing telephone exchange building and use it for community benefit?
 - We need FLS to restart rhododendron removal. Also Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam - why have they stopped?
 - We need FLS to remove Sitka Spruce and replace it with native woodland.
 - Mains water required at the picnic area and the beach toilets.
 - Children's play area at the beach.
 - Chemical waste disposal needed at picnic area.
 - Mains water needed in the beach toilets. In the summer the Burn can't supply enough water and the toilets are often out of order, people then do their toilet on the beach.
 - Better cleaning of the beach toilets and a chemical waste system required at the toilets.
 - Council to introduce green bins for garden waste and also food waste.

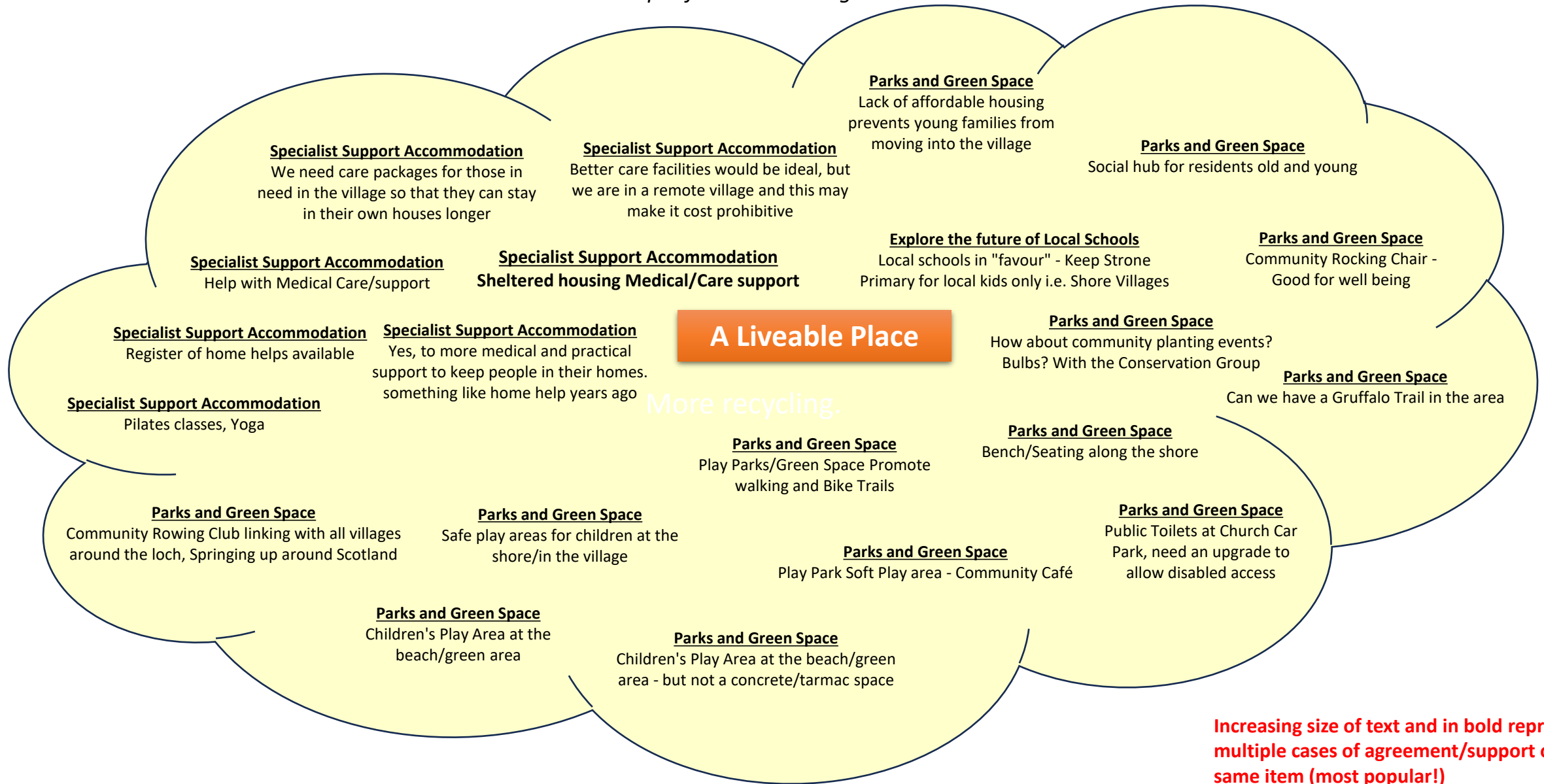
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Ardentinnay – A ‘Liveable’ Place

Aim 3 – Improving community health, wellbeing, ensuring people can easily access greenspaces, learning and leisure.

To enable our community to become more resilient by lobbying for closer proximity health, justice, employment, education, sport and cultural facilities in line with the concept of 20 Minute Neighbourhoods.

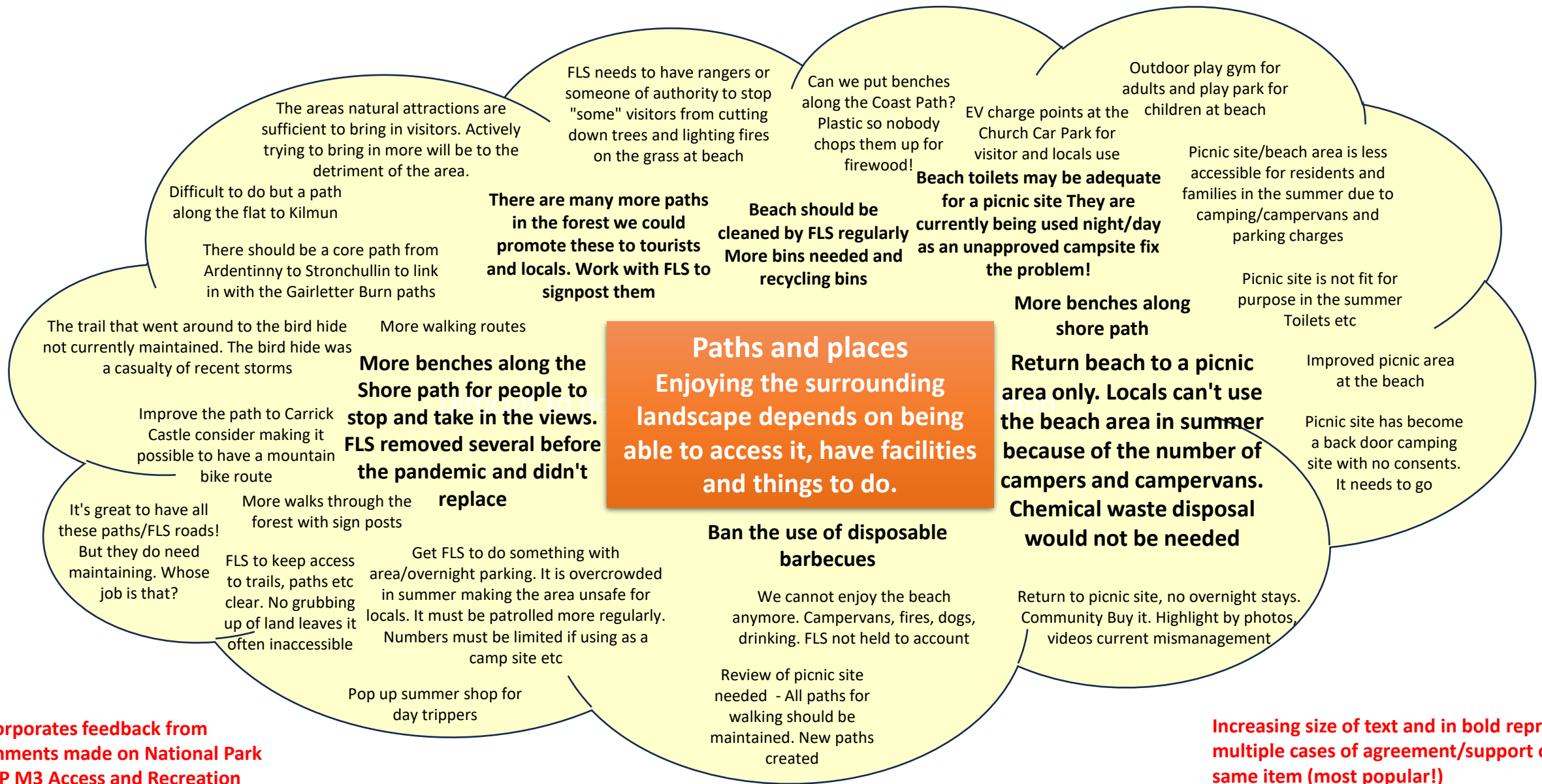


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Ardentinny – A ‘Just Transition’ Place

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To sensitively manage the area as a transition between the 'Built' and the 'Natural' environment.



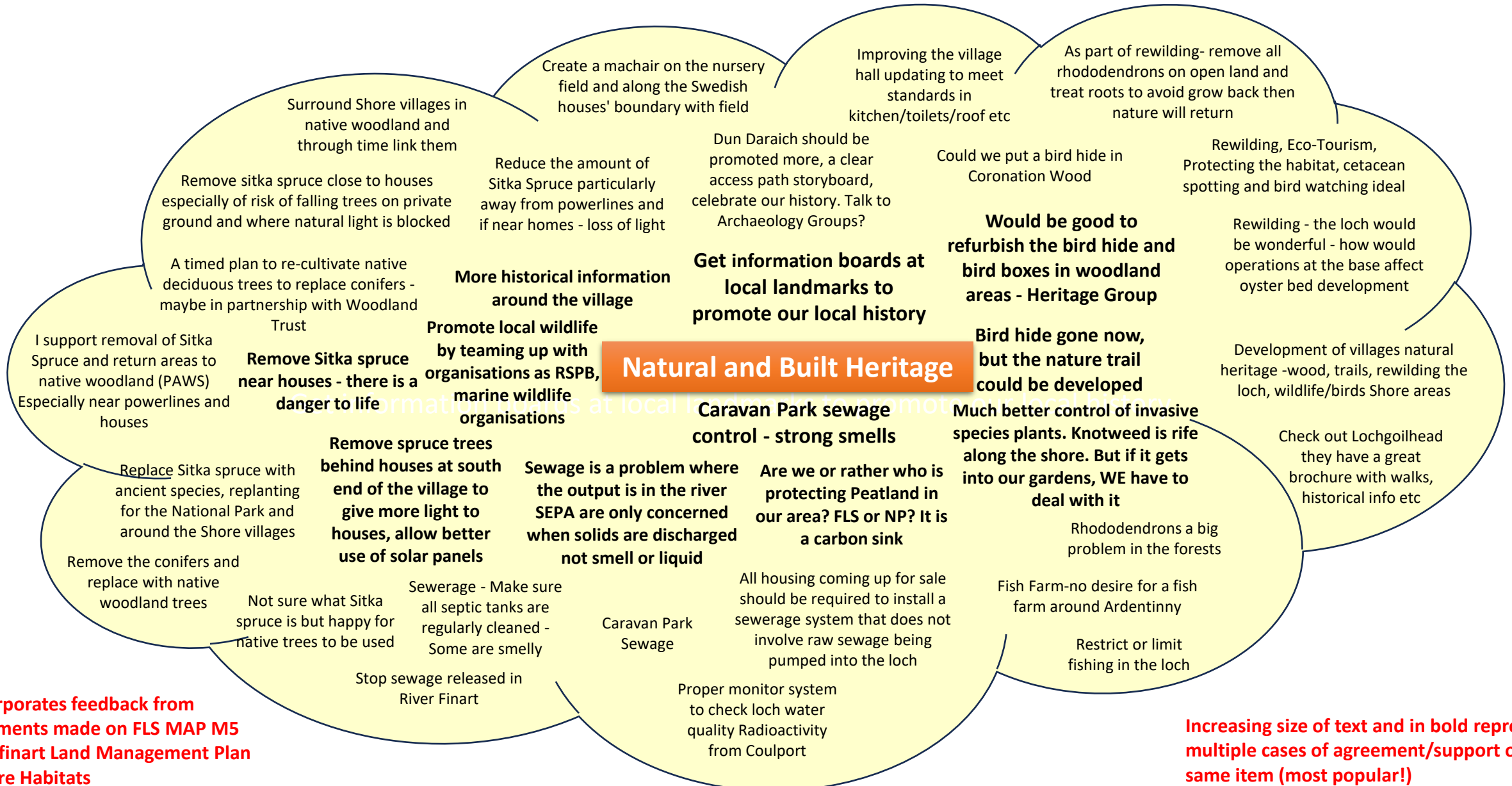
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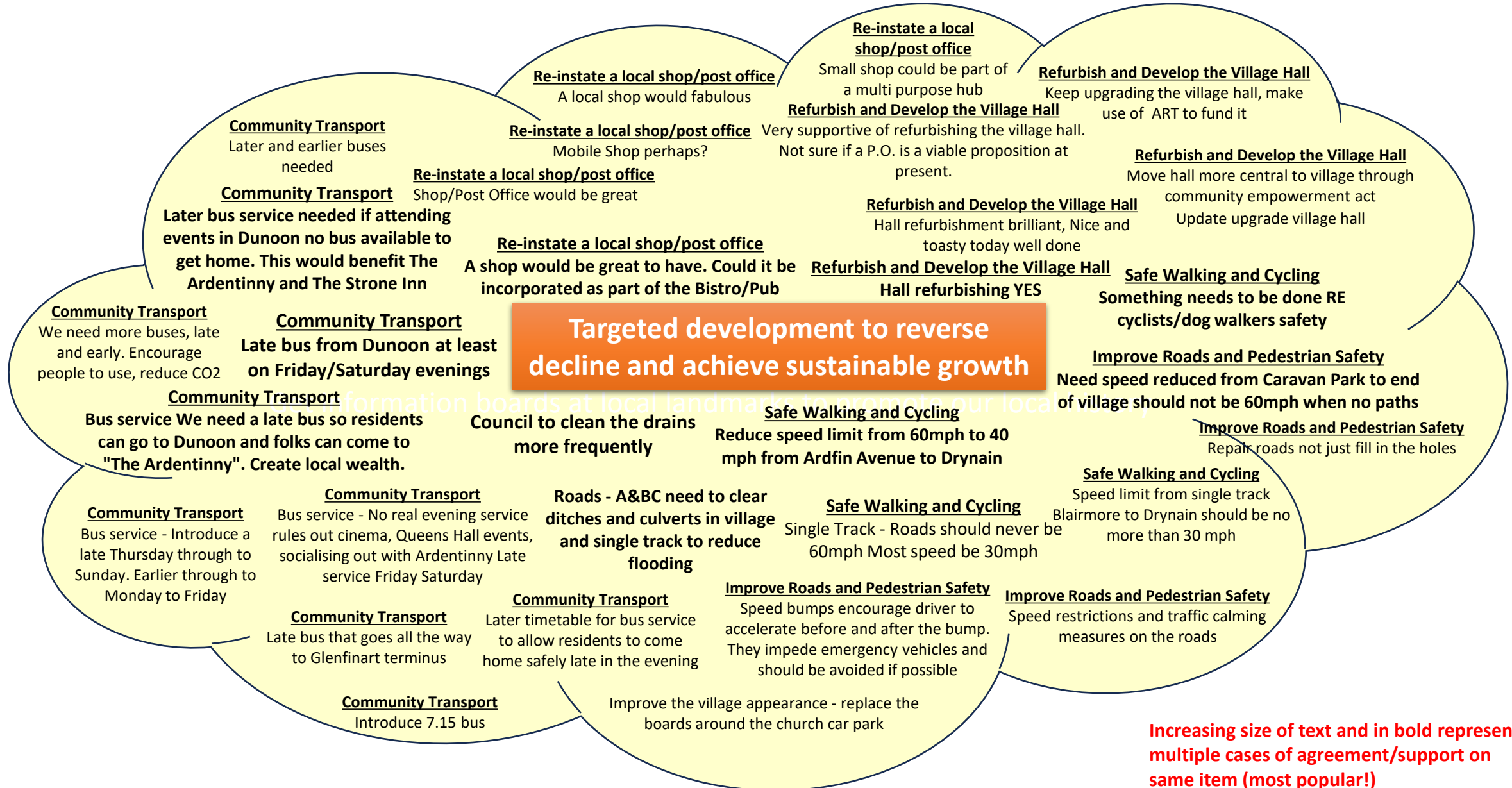
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Incorporates feedback from comments made on FLS MAP M5 Glenfinart Land Management Plan Future Habitats

Ardentinny – A 'Rebalancing Growth' Place

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Revitalising the area by targeted appropriate development for fairer community economic outcomes.



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General

The development might be a big problem considering a single-track road with passing places

Small Private Businesses

Small let holiday owners have been hit hard recently with the need for a licence and the targeted tax hike at the last (Tory) budget. Any more hurt to this industry will result in many more closing and tourist money not spent here to help local businesses

Ardentinny Outdoor Centre

Outdoor Centre is a great opportunity for children, should be kept going

Ardentinny Renewables Trust

Like to see more regular updates from the ART

Ardentinny Renewables Trust

Can ART get more information on cheaper electricity supply from Hydro Schemes

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Plans 1. Completion of SCIO Application Process to become Glenfinart Walled Garden Trust and dissolve Ardentinny Community Trust (this will facilitate the inclusion of members of the Shore Community in the Trust - Place Plan aim 5)

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Plans 2. Expand our work with neurodiverse clients in collaboration with Third Sector Interface (TSI); ASSIST; and the Job Centre improving their conditions of life through the provision of specialist opportunities to learn about growing and cooking produce (Place Plan aim 3)

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Plans 3. Continue progressing our work with UHI Argyll College and local schools (Place Plan aim 3)

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Plans 4. Expand our events to include e.g. a Children's Halloween celebration; extended wedding programme etc (Place Plan aim 3)

Ardentinny Bowling Club

More financial help with bowling club from Council/Village

Ardentinny Bowling Club

For future development: Build a new village Hall and bowling club in the centre of the village. Possible site field beside car park. (Replies on sticky - What about the horses? Don't need to be in that particular field surely? Horses not fussy where their field is).

Ardentinny Bowling Club

Bowling Club - More local membership Try Bowls Days Come Along. We can advertise on local social media platforms to the villagers

Ardentinny Bowling Club

Incorporating the bowling club on road FLS signage At junction with beach road and at start of village. Other places possible

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Power and water supply would make an enormous improvement

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden It would be good to get more regular updates from the Walled Garden (minutes of meetings etc)

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

A valuable resource already could benefit from further investment for structures and activities

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Needs to be integrated more into the village, currently it is on the fringe and not inclusive with the rest of the village

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Listed Building - Wall need repaired Funding required

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Funding for popular events needed

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

Can we take grass cuttings to the Walled Garden for them to compost

Ardentinny Community Trust/Glenfinart Walled Garden

More publication for the walled garden a very worthwhile place to visit to see all the work done

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More funding for educating neurodiverse

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Need for water supply to enable more events to take place. Electricity to replace generator

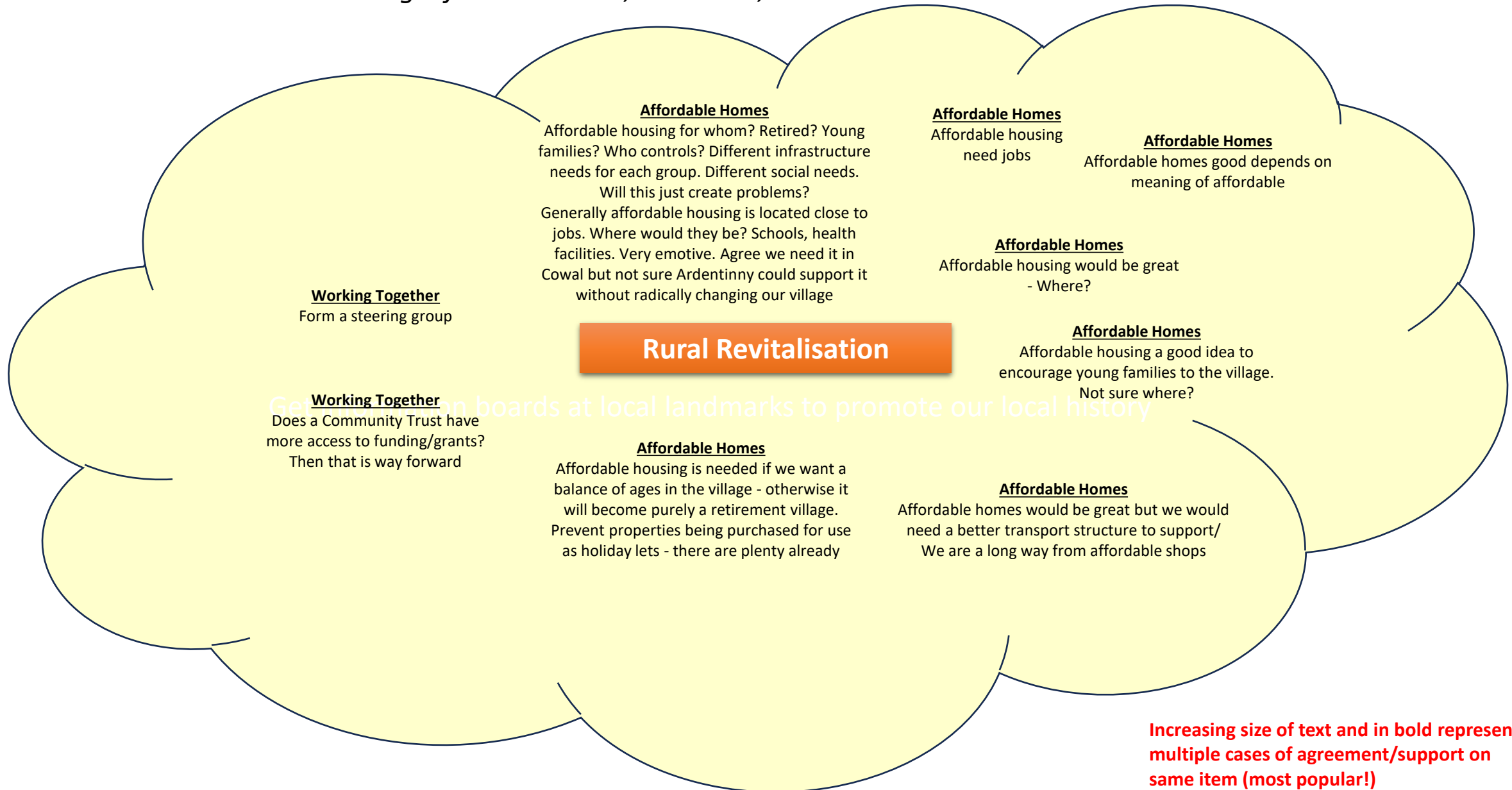
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Blue Text are comments provided on their poster by the Ardentinny Community Trust (Walled Garden), those in black are from the stickies left by residents/members of clubs, charities

Ardentinny – A ‘Rebalancing Environment’ Place

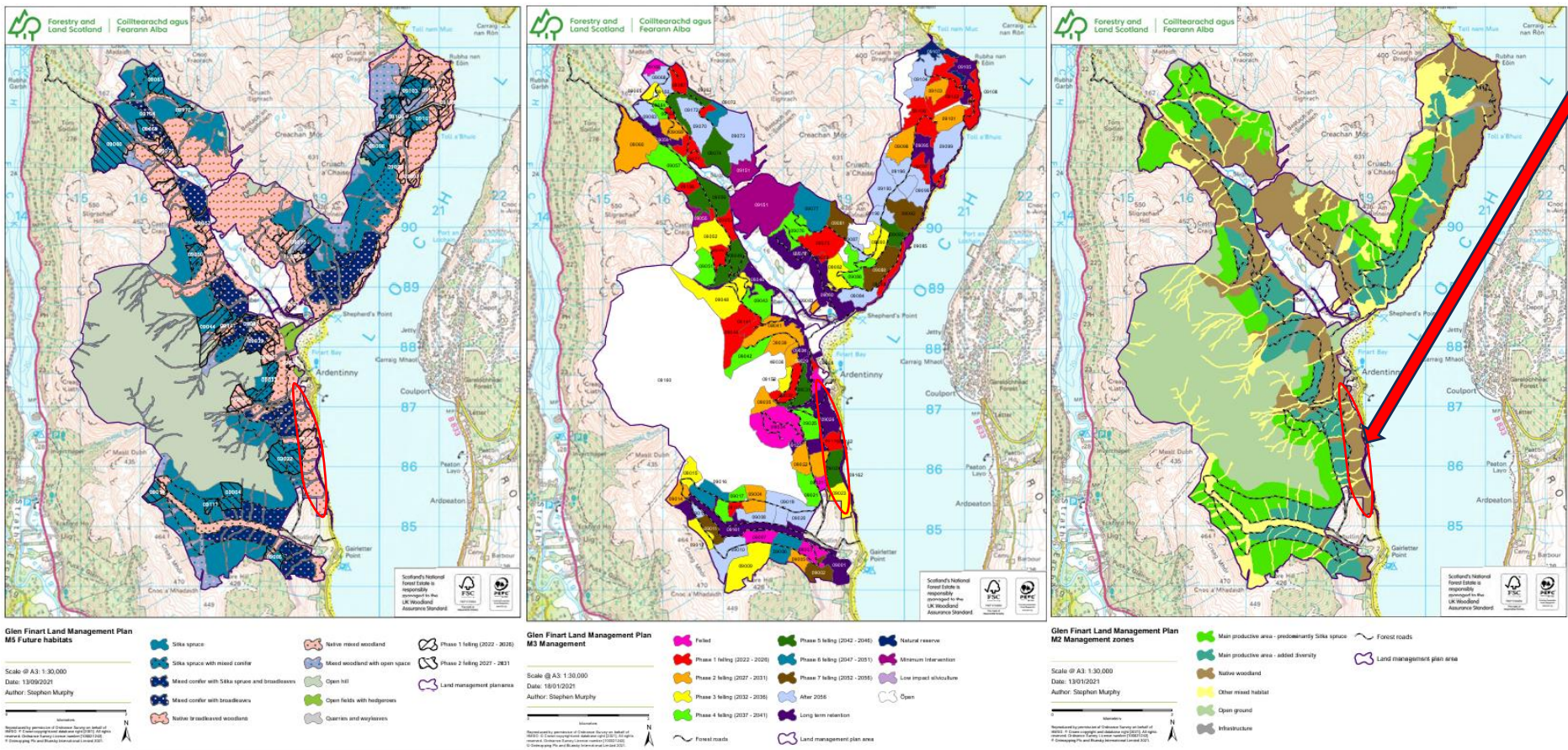
Aim 6 – Rural revitalisation

Getting a fairer business, economic, rural environment balance.



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Glenfinart Land Management Plan Comments - Reference to Maps M2, M3 & M5 links to Aim 4 Natural Heritage



Note the red ellipse area all three maps, on the south side of the village;

Map M5 Future Habitats indicates that this area is to be changed to Mixed Native Broadleaved, which from public comments is clearly wanted, however, only Coups planned for felling are 09126, 09024, 09023, not 09162 and 09026 which are for long term retention (Map M3).

Hence a disconnect with these felling plans and the M5 Future habitats map.

Also, Map M2 states that this area will be native Woodland (not Sitka Spruce).

See also the comments in the yellow box, which clearly raised concerns on risk to life and property due to proximity of the Sitka Spruce plantations, plus increasing lack of light for residents (mental health) over the years, and now a reduced opportunity for use of Solar panels in our drive to reduced future carbon emissions.

Public Comments from the Drop In Sessions

I support removal of Sitka Spruce and return areas to native woodland (PAWS) Especially near powerlines and houses

Remove the conifers and replace with native woodland trees

Remove spruce trees behind houses at south end of the village to give more light to houses, allow better use of solar panels

Remove Sitka spruce near houses - there is a danger to life

Not sure what Sitka spruce is but happy for native trees to be used

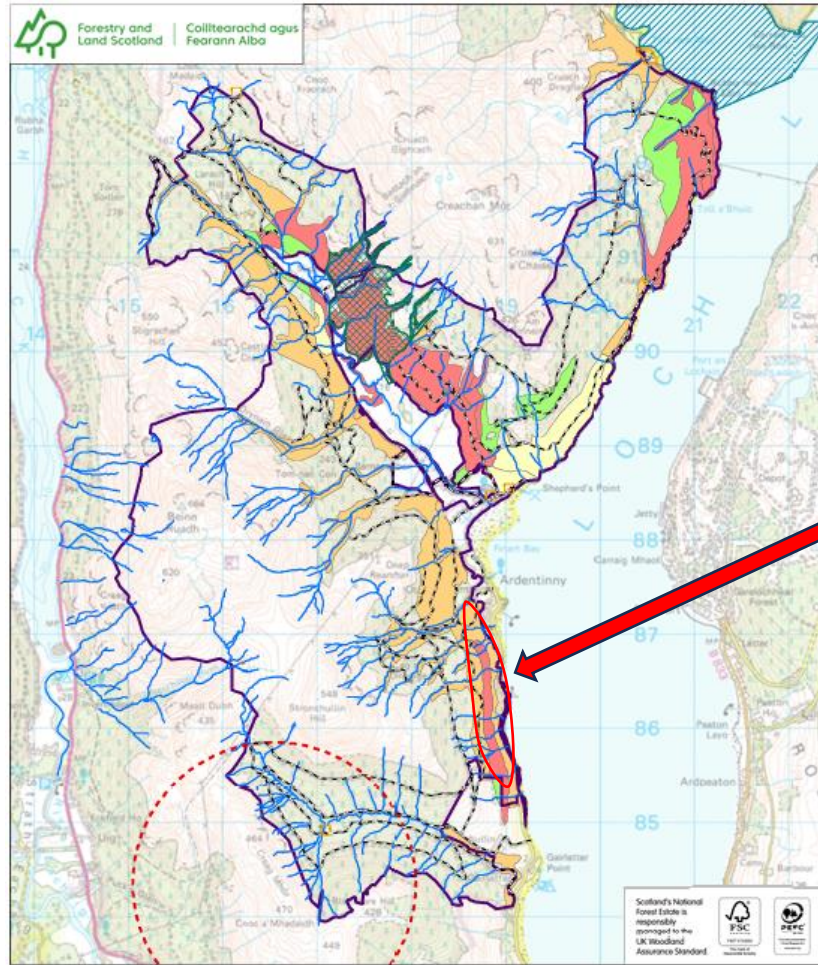
Remove Sitka spruce close to houses especially of risk of falling trees on private ground and where natural light is blocked

Surround Shore villages in native woodland and through time link them

A timed plan to re-cultivate native deciduous trees to replace conifers - maybe in partnership with Woodland Trust

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Glen Finart Land Management Plan
M6 Conservation and Heritage

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Ancient Woodland

Ancient semi-natural woodland (1790)

Ancient semi-natural woodland (1800)

Long established woodland of plantation origin

Other woodland indicated on 1800 map (1790)

Creagheide SSSI

Loch Lomond Marine Protected Area

Black-grouse lek area

Water Courses

Heritage features

Forest roads

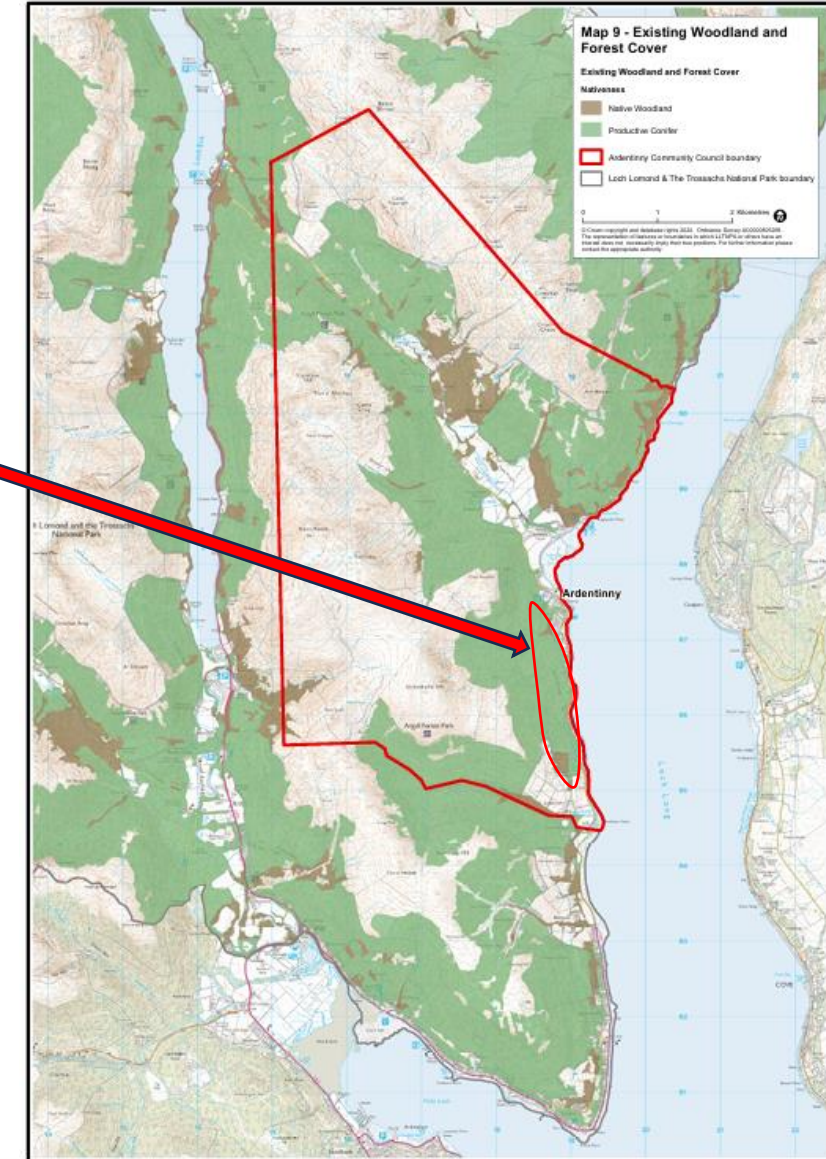
Land management plan area

Disconnect between Glenfinart Land Management Plans Map 6 Conservation and Heritage for south side of village

(reference red ellipse),

which claims that the woodland is ancient, but as is correctly pointed out by a National Park map (on the right) that was supplied for the Drop-in session, it correctly states that the cover is non-native Sitka Spruce.

We need clarification from FLS on this plus their overall plan around Ardentinn regarding felling, retention and plan for long term change to more native planting.



Ardentinny – Land Purchase Opportunities

Referencing MAP M4 Glenfinart Land Management Plan

Buy Beach and Nursery Field so that the community controls our village not FLS. Community Asset Transfer. Swing park at the Beach, benches for everyone not just campers.

The Nursery Fields would be a good option but any small patches of land could be made available and purchased. Woodland would also be of interest to the village.

The purchase of Nursery Fields would be good, as we could ensure that there are no sheep in the middle of many dog walks.

If the Exchange building becomes available - convert into a changing room for swimmers.

Purchase Nursery Fields for the village - a good idea.

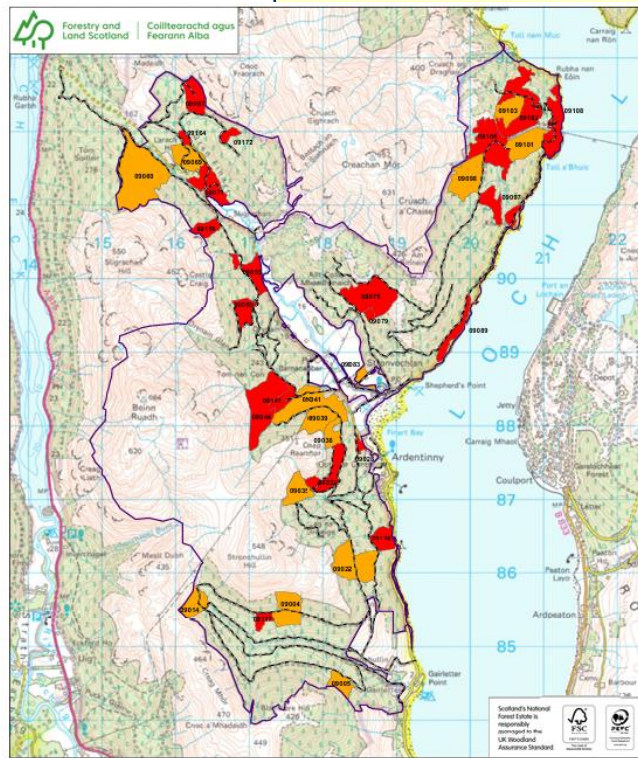
Community Purchase

Explore Community Asset Transfer of Beach to the community from FLS. Stop convert camping site by FLS.

Can we as a community buy the Nursery Fields from FLS and then rent them out to farmers to provide income for the community?

Yes, the village and residents should be able to buy small woods, and small plots of arable land. I think it should be made clear that these are not to be used for the construction of housing or camping.

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Glenfinart Land Management Plan
M4 Phase 1 and 2 management

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Scotland's National Forest Estate is managed in accordance with the UK Woodland Assurance Standard

Ardentinny – Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) Land Management Comments

Referencing MAP M4, M5 and M8 of Glenfinart Land Management Plan



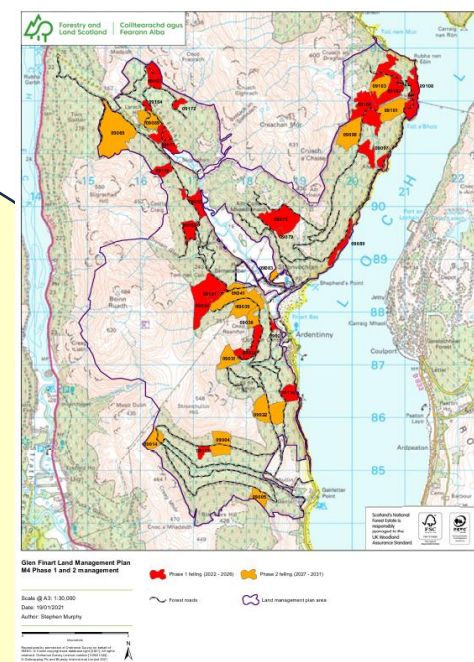
Conservation plan needed for the old 'policy woodlands' around the campsite, Walled Garden, Ardentinnny Centre. These woodlands contain some magnificent old trees from around the world.

The more deciduous woodland around the village the better.

If FLS do not plan to replant for commercial purposes, would like to see a plan to re-wild the area to enhance it for native wildlife

More indigenous planting in the forest land.

The Moorland to the west of Glenfinart (Sligrachan Hill, Castle Craig etc) contain many interesting plant communities. Also, management of the gullies and ravines following the River Finart house important plant communities.



Felling should be done on the sides of the power lines as they are planted way too close. Too often there are power outages due to fallen trees on the powerlines.

FLS to be responsible for protection of existing water supply to houses in Glenfinart during felling process ((Drynain) (Clunie Cottage) (x2 houses).

FLS Land Management

If all the Sitka Spruce gets replaced by deciduous trees the whole area around Ardentinnny can become (over time) a better place for nature and people.

Disagree with potential planting Glenfinart North West and Stronchullin North

Re-wild other Felling areas. The 2x Sites of Special Scientific Interest in the Glenfinart could be linked together with new indigenous planting once current crop is felled

Need to identify areas for extended rotation crops and also continuous cover crops.

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