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Appendix 1A – Linlithgow Local Place Plan Questionnaire – General Comments Received

The Linlithgow Place Plan Questionnaire was launched at the Local Place Plan exhibition which took place in the Linlithgow Burgh Halls from 8am to 8pm on both Thursday 16 June and Tuesday 21 June 2022. Attendees were able to examine displays and talk with members of the Linlithgow Planning Forum. Copies of the latest version of the document ‘Linlithgow: a Plan for the Future’ and the West Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 were available for study. Tables were set up for informal group discussion and for completion of a detailed questionnaire. Following the exhibition, a small display in the reception area of the Burgh Halls, available until the end of September 2022, allowed informal study and completion of the questionnaire. The questionnaire was also available online until the end of December 2022. Articles in the community magazine - the ‘Black Bitch’ described the Local Place Plan Process and gave information on the availability of the questionnaire. 137 detailed responses were received.

Summary of Responses

Environment

1. Under this heading 93% of respondents to the questionnaire focused on High Street pollution with 63 out of 137 responses supplemented by further comment on the High Street. Typical amongst these comments are:
 - a. High Street pollution needs to be tackled urgently.
 - b. High Street air pollution would be reduced if the council enforced the policy against illegal double parking.
 - c. Measures to cut down High Street air pollution contains several proposals, while I agree with most of these, there needs to be an emphasis on the second proposal, “active promotion and support for alternative lower carbon forms of travel”.
 - d. Improving air quality on the High Street is imperative – large numbers of children use the High Street every day to get to nursery or school and deserved to be able to do so without being subject to pollution.
 - e. The only way to have less High Street pollution is to have less traffic.
 - f. Pollution in the High Street can be cut down by building a proper four-way junction at the east of Linlithgow.
2. Dealing with Loch and watercourse pollution was seen as being important by all respondents but drew only 7 supplementary comments some referring to the Edinburgh Road properties and one referring to the success at Loch Leven.
3. 94% of respondents agreed with the encouragement of insulation measures and 84% with solar systems. Typical comments are:
 - a. Flatted developments need community heating and community solar systems.
 - b. Don’t wreck an outdoor “nature” area with a solar farm use roofs and potentially smaller waste ground areas instead.

- c. All new housing should be fitted with solar panels and have access to geothermal heating and be insulated properly.
- d. I think insulation schemes are more important than zero/low carbon heating solutions that will impose excessive loads on the grid.
- e. All sounds great to me insulation and heating but who is going to pay for it.

Heritage and Tourism

1. The vast majority of responses (96% and 97% respectively) agree with enhancements to the conservation area and the requirement for a tourist information office. 56 respondents supplemented their questionnaire response with written comments on a number of topics but principally tourist information and a hotel. Comments on tourist information include:
 - a. Tourist information office doesn't need to be in Burgh halls. This may be something for Visit Scotland.
 - b. Good quality tourist information should be provided with multilanguage screen-based system. An actual employee cost too much.
 - c. The tourist information centre should offer paid work, it is a skilled position.
 - d. A tourist information centre is unlikely to drive tourism to the town in and of itself.
 - e. Yes, a tourist information centre is essential.
2. 41% of written comments (the majority) relate to a hotel. Typical comments are:
 - a. To enhance the tourism to this historic town improvements and maintenance of current tourist historic attractions is required. A larger hotel could facilitate longer stays for tourists to the town.
 - b. I agree with the provision of a larger hotel provided it was done sensitively to the local environment, both natural and human. It strikes me that Linlithgow's appeal to tourists rest largely on the High Street and surroundings so to increase visitors; issues such as congestion and parking need to be addressed.
 - c. The Palace should be reroofed and used as a hotel.
 - d. I wish to see the Palace used for large functions/hotel.
 - e. I disagree with the larger hotel – a small hotel only and only if architecturally in keeping with the character of the town.
 - f. It is surprising that Linlithgow does not have a larger hotel but perhaps that's a factor of its proximity to Edinburgh/Glasgow/Stirling and good transport links.
 - g. A hotel site is important but would add to congestion in the town.
 - h. The proposal for a larger hotel in Linlithgow needs to be considered along with the impact on existing hotels and B&Bs.

Business and Employment

Every respondent to the questionnaire considered that there should be a plan for business growth with 70 – 76% agreeing with the Burghmuir Business Park, a central business centre and more planning for home working. 39 respondents supplemented their questionnaire response with a comment of which the following are typical:

- a. Covid has changed ALL business-related premises usage and use categories. Revolution will not decrease, so smaller flexible business parks with a mix of starter/early stage/light industrial, with full eco-facilities and some work/life accommodation units required as in USA.
- b. A Business Park at Burghmuir is only feasible with a four-way junction on the M9.
- c. I am not completely unsympathetic to the idea of a Business Park at Burghmuir but without mitigating factors (sorting out the M9 junction) the increase in traffic on the Blackness Road and through the town would be a nightmare. I'm not sure what home business accommodation means it could be a way for developers to push up prices. I have worked from home since well before Covid.
- d. Absolutely disagree with a Business Park at Burghmuir there are empty units in the High Street and Mill Road there is no need to create more.
- e. A very strong case would need to be made for a business Park at Burghmuir to convert so much agricultural land for business use. Is the existing business park at Oracle oversubscribed already?

Housing

1. Housing was the section of the questionnaire which was left blank by 12% of respondents the highest percentage of all unanswered sections in the questionnaire excepting the section on funding (22%). Nevertheless, of those who completed the questionnaire 87% were seeking better design. One comment summed up this view “Better design of housing places like Tornagrain and Chapelton to be templates for the quality of architecture/layout required”. 85% of respondents require that key road infrastructure improvements precede further housing development. One comment summed up the views of the majority “No new housing in Linlithgow unless proposals for infrastructure are implemented in full before any new housing is started”. Others state that that no development should proceed without the funding for additional services and facilities being guaranteed. The majority of respondents agreed with the suggested sites in the document Linlithgow: a Plan for the Future 2022. 65 respondents (60%) supplemented their response to the questionnaire with comments. Of the 65 respondents 18 focused on the shortage of affordable/council housing. Typical responses include:
 - a. I support more social housing/council owned housing to support people who cannot afford to buy in Linlithgow.
 - b. The fact that only 15 new council housing units have been built in Linlithgow since 1975 is a staggering indictment of political complacency.
 - c. If social rented and affordable housing is Council rented property, then yes. I have been on the current waiting list for 10+ years. I agree with the proposal for council housing at Listloaning and Doomsdale.
 - d. More emphasis needs to be given to social rented and affordable housing.
 - e. I feel strongly that there should be more social housing and affordable housing built as we are driving away young people from the town as they cannot afford to buy/rent houses here even if they are available.
 - f. West Lothian Council will never agree to spend money from planning gain in Linlithgow.
2. 6 respondents focused on dwelling size with comments including:
 - a. Aim for future housing accommodation to be limited to 3 bedrooms maximum and also more bungalows and housing suited to disabled etc so that the older generation can downsize within the town.
 - b. The builders are building for families four and five bedrooms we need smaller properties like bungalows etc. I read you are talking about extra healthcare for the elderly we want somewhere to live that is suitable for our needs not a care home.
 - c. Do we really need all the 4/5 bedroom houses in the town under development?

Transport and Accessibility

The majority of respondents answered all questions in this section which drew the majority of additional comments, 84 in total covering 8 pages of transcript. Of these 56% of comments concerned the High Street, 50% of comments concerned parking. 91% of respondents to the questionnaire support the construction of west facing slips at M9 junction 3 and a further 12 added comments of strong support.

1. The comments relating to the High Street were varied but followed a common theme that this is Linlithgow’s number 1 planning issue. Congestion must be reduced before further development is allowed. Typical of the 47 comments are:
 - a. Traffic is the number one issue in this town. Any improvements which rehabilitate the High Street would be great.
 - b. Need traffic survey to understand the purpose of the traffic and then make a plan of what to do about it. Personal view: ban roadside parking on the High Street.
 - c. I support the southern distributor road to remove some traffic from the High Street but not significant modifications to the High Street
 - d. Reclaiming the High Street is absolutely essential which means that alternative car options need to be provided.
 - e. Anything which can reduce the traffic flow along the High Street would be a good outcome.

- f. Greater controls on the High Street are only feasible if proposed relief road goes ahead. I would like to see the cost/benefit analysis for this.
 - g. Poor infrastructure planning in the past makes this a challenge. I would be very concerned that reducing traffic and parking on the High Street would have a displacement effect on neighbouring streets.
 - h. An Eastern distributor road is essential and holds the key to addressing the need for more housing in the town. Without this, no new housing should be permitted in south-east Linlithgow and this would prevent much necessary social rented housing. A High Street relief road is essential to allow meaningful improvements to the High Street environment. I do not know what is being envisaged by the term “improving accessibility for disabled people”.
 - i. The High Street must not be pedestrianised – the town would lose its heart, soul and character.
2. Parking is the second most commented upon issue in this section and again follows the theme of whilst there is insufficient town centre parking then inconsiderate and disruptive parking will occur particularly where parking restrictions are not enforced. Typical comments are:
- a. Parking in Linlithgow is a nightmare and becomes a major problem to pedestrians and cyclists.
 - b. Parking on the High Street should be restricted with widening of pavements to permit more pedestrian use.
 - c. Enforce parking laws including no pavement parking.
 - d. Parking on the High Street needs to be controlled, especially the people who stop for emergency coffee on the zigzag lines.
 - e. The notion of encouraging people to walk to the train station by charging them through the nose for a full day’s parking is not without issues.
 - f. Reducing traffic on the High Street and provision of more parking (with High Street parking properly policed) is the most pressing issue.
 - g. Commuter parking is better now more people work from home. I support electric car charging points but they need to be reliable.
 - h. There is inadequate parking in Linlithgow for rail users and tourists.
 - i. To encourage more tour buses to stay longer you need parking plus a drivers restroom.
 - j. we need to look to reduce the car parking issues through active travel and joined up public transport.

Town Centre and Retailing

100% of respondents agreed that a retail study was required, benchmarking against similar towns, to ascertain the characteristics of successful High Street retailing in Linlithgow to inform future planning. Over 90% of respondents required a solution to the unsightly gap sites and resolution to the proposed redevelopment of the eastern part of the Vennel. Additionally, over 90% agreed that neighbourhood shops in new developments were valuable. 39 respondents made additional written comments on a number of issues concerning the town centre the major theme being the redevelopment of the gap sites. A selection of comments is given below.

- a. The Vennel is a disaster – look to Elgin which has a lovely side street off the Western High street full of quirky shops, café’s etc.
- b. I agree that redevelopment of the Vennel the Victoria Hall site and Templars Court site badly needed addressing.
- c. Affordable shared workshop/studio space should be provided for a growing number of “creative people” who live in the town.
- d. I strongly support the redevelopment of the Victoria Hall site and the Templars Court site it is pathetic that West Lothian Council have let McCarthy and Stone away with washing their hands of this site.
- e. Redevelopment of the Vennel, Victoria Hall site and Templars Court is well overdue.

Culture, Leisure, Sport, Education and Health.

99% of respondents agreed that a full audit and record of all community buildings and facilities in Linlithgow was required. 95% of respondents wished to see an integrated health and care centre on a town centre site. The

formation of a new Clarendon park was supported by 95% of respondents. There were 53 additional written comments on this section of which 14 comment on the health centre.

- a. It is essential that the health centre be in the town centre.
- b. We desperately need better healthcare provision. The health centre is stretched at the moment before all new housing.
- c. An integrated health and care centre is definitely required must be central and easily accessible with decent parking.
- d. A larger health and care facility on a town centre site is a must.
- e. The creation of an integrated health centre on a town centre site is essential with one-stop shop services on site.

21 responses referred to the need for a community theatre; comments included:

- a. I agree with the building of a community theatre/cinema but can a community facility yet be accommodated in the Burgh Halls
- b. A community theatre would be a fantastic asset to the town especially with the temporary? short-sighted demise of the Academy Theatre. I spend a fortune at the Barony Theatre and the Hippodrome in Bowness money I would rather keep in Linlithgow.
- c. Could I suggest utilising Low Port with the agreement of St John's church. We had a community theatre. It was allowed to be run down by West Lothian Council.
- d. The lack of an adequate theatre was highlighted with the withdrawal of Linlithgow Academy Theatre after the pandemic.
- e. A community theatre/cinema could be done with a legally binding reintroduction of the one at the Academy.
- f. Community theatre/cinema. I would encourage the committee to look at the "story house" in Chester which is a fabulous community building incorporating library, artisan café, theatre, cinema etc which is always busy. I was amazed to visit Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis to find a similar building and facility called "An Lanntair" which highlighted to me that such a wonderful facility could be beneficial to all in Linlithgow.
- g. A theatre/cinema would be best placed in the centre of the town – a pity we did have a cinema once

Final Comments

74 respondents made final comments, some helpfully critical and others less so. Many reinforced early comments particularly relating to the need for infrastructure before development. This can be summarised in the comment: "No new housing in Linlithgow unless the necessary infrastructure is in place first. Planning, listen to local objections on any new housing. It was not done at the new Cala development at Deanburn".

And of course the questions we are all asking "Will West Lothian Council take any notice of the good input?" "I don't disapprove of the process but the implementation of the plan of seven years ago has been ignored by West Lothian Council. What hope is there for this implementation plan?". "I support this plan but think it is naïve to think it will be agreed by West Lothian Council."

And finally. "A lot of work has gone into this plan I do hope something constructive and positive comes from it before too long".

Appendix 1B - Linlithgow Local Place Plan Questionnaire – Response to Specific Proposals

Notes:

1. The proposals in red were additional proposals supported by the Linlithgow Planning Forum.
2. The popularity of the proposals under each heading is listed in descending order.

	YES/NO PREFERENCE		% EXPSG PREF	INDIF AS % OF TOTAL	BLANK AS % OF TOTAL
	YES	NO			
1. ENVIRONMENT.					
Dealing with loch and watercourse pollution (Proposals ES6, page 19)	100%	0%	91%	3%	6%
Active promotion of more local food production	100%	0%	63%	25%	12%
Creation of further community gardens	99%	1%	72%	18%	11%
Installation of flood prevention/drainage improvements	97%	3%	82%	5%	13%
Promotion of Community Buildings Solar Schemes (see page 18)	94%	6%	73%	17%	11%
Retrofitting homes and businesses with insulation measures	93%	7%	81%	8%	11%
Measures to cut down High Street air pollution (Proposal ES7, page 19)	93%	7%	79%	11%	10%
A solar farm at the CEMEX quarry site (this proposal now deleted)	90%	10%	85%	9%	6%
Small farms and tree planting (Proposal ES5, page 19)	88%	12%	79%	14%	7%
Hydro-electric power plants on the River Avon (Proposal ES3, page 19)	87%	13%	80%	13%	7%
Retrofitting homes with zero/low carbon heating solutions	86%	14%	77%	11%	12%
Sustainable design of new developments (Proposal ES4, page 19)	86%	14%	86%	4%	10%
Promotion of mass domestic solar scheme	82%	18%	63%	23%	14%
District heating systems (Proposals ES1 and ES2, page 19)	78%	22%	72%	18%	11%
2. HERITAGE AND TOURISM.					
Enhancements to Linlithgow's Conservation Areas (Proposal B1, page 21)	96%	4%	86%	5%	9%
Tourist Information Centre at entrance to the Burgh Halls (Proposal B4, page 22)	96%	4%	84%	7%	9%
Restoration and re-use of Linlithgow Palace (Proposal B2, page 21)	94%	6%	87%	4%	9%
Preservation of riggs (Proposal B3, page 21)	93%	7%	73%	18%	10%
Canalside facilities near St Michael's Hospital and canal marina near Park Farm (Proposals B6 and B7, page 23)	90%	10%	75%	14%	11%
Promotion of a larger hotel in Linlithgow (Proposal B5, page 22)	84%	16%	73%	20%	7%

	YES/NO PREFERENCE		% EXPSG PEF	INDIF AS % OF TOTAL	BLANK AS % OF TOTAL
	YES	NO			
3. BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT.					
Development of a plan for the town which encourages and enables reducing waste, reusing, and recycling items and materials, and creates green jobs and reduces carbon footprint	100%	0%	59%	4%	13%
A business park at Burghmuir (Proposal E1, page 25)	73%	27%	68%	11%	7%
A business centre in town centre (Proposal E2, page 25)	73%	27%	68%	18%	14%
Dedicated home/business accommodation (Proposal E3, page 25)	67%	33%	61%	25%	14%
4. HOUSING					
Better design of new housing (Proposal H14, page 32)	86%	14%	68%	5%	27%
New housing, part redevelopment of The Vennel (Proposal H11, page 31)	84%	16%	82%	6%	12%
Private housing, Victoria Hall/Templars Ct. sites (Proposals H12, H13, page 31)	84%	16%	82%	7%	11%
Infrastructure to support housing development (Proposal H4, page 29)	84%	16%	86%	4%	11%
Social-rented and affordable housing (Proposals H1 to H3, pages 28 and 29)	84%	16%	64%	5%	6%
Private housing development at Sawmill Site, Falkirk Rd. (Proposal H10, page 31)	68%	32%	72%	16%	12%
Council housing at Doomsdale/Listloaning (Proposals H8 and H9 on page 31)	64%	36%	75%	7%	18%
Mixed housing at Wilcoxholm Farm and between Clarendon/Edinburgh Road, (Proposals H5, H6 and H7 on pages 30 and 31)	57%	43%	82%	7%	11%
5. TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY.					
Improve accessibility for disabled people	97%	3%	57%	9%	10%
Improvements to bus services (Proposal T10, page 37)	95%	5%	86%	5%	9%
Parking for tourist buses (Proposal T11, page 37)	95%	5%	82%	11%	8%
Review and dramatically improve electric car charging infrastructure, including a 'solar carport' at the Leisure Centre	94%	6%	61%	20%	18%
Full implementation of West Lothian Council's Active Travel Plan (see page 38)	92%	8%	53%	25%	23%
Four-way motorway interchange at Burghmuir (Proposal T4, page 35)	91%	9%	91%	2%	7%
Improvements to railway station access/rail services (Proposal T9, page 37)	91%	9%	83%	6%	11%
Tourist car parking at Blackness Road and the Vennel (Proposal T8, page 37)	86%	14%	82%	7%	11%
Creation of cycle network/specific improvements (Proposals T12 to T16, page 38)	86%	14%	68%	19%	12%

	YES/NO PREFERENCE		% EXPSG PEF	INDIF AS % OF TOTAL	BLANK AS % OF TOTAL
	YES	NO			
Roundabouts on Blackness Road at Springfield Road (east junction) and Kingsfield Road (Proposal T5, page 35)	81%	19%	82%	11%	8%
High St Relief Road, hidden to north of Linlithgow Loch (Proposal T2, page 35)	76%	24%	87%	7%	6%
Traffic management to 'reclaim' the High Street (Proposal T1, page 34)	75%	25%	62%	4%	10%
Relief of traffic over canal bridge, Manse Road (Proposal T6, page 36)	74%	26%	81%	10%	10%
Eastern Link Road from Burghmiur to Riccarton Drive (Proposal T3, page 35)	74%	26%	77%	12%	11%
Decked car park behind Regent Centre (Proposal T7, page 36)	71%	29%	82%	7%	11%
6. RETAILING AND TOWN CENTRE.					
Investigation of successful retail business initiatives (Proposal S1, page 40)	100%	0%	51%	12%	12%
Development of frontage to The Cross at Templars Court (Proposal TC3, page 44)	95%	5%	81%	11%	9%
Redevelopment of Victoria Hall site, shops/flats (Proposal TC2, page 43)	93%	7%	88%	5%	7%
Redevelopment of eastern part of The Vennel (Proposal TC1, page 43)	92%	8%	79%	11%	11%
Neighbourhood shops within new housing areas (Proposal S3, page 41)	92%	8%	75%	12%	12%
Establishment of Arts Retail Quarter (Proposal S2, page 40)	89%	11%	49%	16%	11%
7. CULTURE, LEISURE, SPORT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH.					
Produce a co-ordinated audit of all community buildings/facilities (see page 45)	98%	2%	53%	11%	12%
Retention of Low Port Centre for community/recreational use (Proposal R1, page 45)	97%	3%	68%	3%	4%
Creation of integrated health centre on town centre site (Proposal HE1, page 49)	95%	5%	80%	9%	11%
Establishment of permanent youth centre (Proposal R6, page 47)	94%	6%	74%	11%	15%
Formation of Clarendon Public Park (Proposal R2, page 43)	89%	11%	54%	13%	8%
Build a community theatre/cinema (see page 45)	87%	13%	69%	17%	14%
Construction of new primary school at Edinburgh Road (Proposal ED1, page 48)	77%	23%	74%	13%	13%
8 Financing					
Do you support the Plan's proposals for funding/implementation (pages 50 & 51)	89%	11%	39%	11%	26%

Appendix 1C - Linlithgow Community Survey – Summary of Results

In 2022 St Michaels Parish Church Kirk Session and Linlithgow Community Development Trust launched a community survey on wide variety of topics, material, social and spiritual. There were 215 respondents. The questions were open, inviting any response, and therefore for a number of people to raise the same issue would highlight the importance of that issue to the community as a whole. The raw data from the St Michaels/Linlithgow Community Development Trust community survey was gratefully received by the Planning Forum to inform the Linlithgow Local Place Plan. Only those questions relevant to the Local Place Plan are included in this appendix. Responses were analysed using content analysis, a research tool used to determine the presence of certain words, themes, or concepts within the qualitative questionnaire responses.

Q1. Tell us your favourite things about Linlithgow and the surrounding areas

All 215 respondents made a response to this question. As in all open questions, there was a wide range of responses. The topics which came top of the list of favourite things were:

1. 52% of respondents made positive comments about the natural environment including easy access to the countryside. Of this group 78% specifically referred to the loch, palace, peel and/or canal jointly in the context of walking, cycling or simply relaxing. Typical comments include:
 - a. Amazing scenery, the loch is a great resource.
 - b. Rich varied countryside - hills, canal, river, etc.
 - c. Beautiful and easily accessible countryside for walks and cycling.
 - d. Great places to walk - canal, loch, countryside and Beecraigs.
 - e. Beautiful peaceful countryside with canal, loch, palace & national park nearby.
 - f. We are very lucky to have the Peel and the Palace as well as Union Canal and lots of places to go walking.
 - g. The availability of open spaces, path, tracks and minor roads for an almost limitless variety of routes for walking, running and cycling.
 - h. I love the Loch and the situation of the Palace beside it, the canal and the basin. I love sitting in Learmonth Gardens watching the canal traffic - on boat, wheel and feet - going by.
2. 43% of respondents warmly refer to the High St with 68% of this group specifically referring to the mix of shops, cafes and pubs. Typical comments include:
 - a. Diversity on the high street, good selection of coffee shops and pubs, decent restaurants.
 - b. I really enjoy the bustling high street that provides a range of shops, cafes, pubs, restaurants and services but still retaining a very local and unique feel.
 - c. Wide variety of independent shops, cafes/ restaurants. Not lots of empty buildings.
 - d. There is a good mix of small shops and an adequate number of supermarkets.
 - e. The High Street with its beautiful flowers displays and mix of shops and eateries.
 - f. It's a lovely place to live and work, the High St is still vibrant compared to other local small towns and it feels safe.
3. 37% of respondents mentioned community in the context of community spirit, community events, the sense of community, and community groups. Typical comments include:
 - a. The sense of community, inclusion and friendliness.
 - b. The sense of community and pride in the town's traditions.
 - c. Great community groups etc. Generally good sense of community.
4. 23% of respondents refer to the good transport links particularly to Edinburgh and Glasgow but notably not a single respondent referred to links with Livingston or any other West Lothian town. Typical comments included:
 - a. Good transport links, close to airport and rail and close to capital and Glasgow for work.
 - b. Good rail links to Edinburgh and Glasgow.
 - c. Its great that we are so close to Edinburgh, that we have a rail station, that we're close to the motorway.
 - d. Location, connection via train and road to Edinburgh, Stirling and Glasgow.
5. 23% of respondents refer to the history and architectural heritage with typical comments including:

- a. The history and heritage of the town including the traditions of local events such as the Marches and the Gala Day. These events really bring everyone together and it is so vitally important that these continue for the future generations.
- b. Linlithgow's history is remarkable but not enough is done to use this unique opportunity to highlight Linlithgow across Scotland, UK, Europe and further afield.
- c. Vibrant community with a great history but not resting on its laurels; active churches; great schools; easy access to countryside.
- d. Beautiful, well-preserved architecture and built heritage.
- e. Most of all I like living in a community where people are friendly and look out for each other.
- f. It is a 20-minute neighbourhood community with all the options of activities for all ages
- g. There is a sense of community with interesting organisations to cater for hobbies, support groups, service groups (Rotary), and leisure.
- h. The community spirit, outdoors features, local shops, community groups, activities for children, tranquillity, transport links to main cities.

Other comments included reference to good schools, a safe environment, a great size of town, and the floral displays of Burgh Beautiful.

Q2. What would you like to change?

Respondents were not short of ideas of those things which they would like to change. This question is analysed in detail as it is referred to by many in subsequent questions. It is also one of the questions which was answered by all 215 respondents. As in all open questions there is the potential for a very wide range of answers. The topics which came top of the list of items which respondents wish to change were:

6. 31% of respondents mentioned parking in the context of additional provision, antisocial behaviour, and pavement parking in the High St. Typical comments include:
 - a. More parking and greater restriction to high street parking
 - b. I would like to see more town centre parking spaces for tourists and those of us who live on the edge of the town.
 - c. In town parking is a nightmare, would be nice to find a solution to that problem.
 - d. More parking for those needing to use the high Street.
 - e. High Street needs to be sorted out – with no parking warden or police checks it is chaos at best.
 - f. Ban selfish parking and on-pavement parking.
7. 29% of respondents highlight traffic in the High Street as a problem. Typical comments include:
 - a. Reduced traffic flow on the High Street but I abandoned hope on that long ago.
 - b. Traffic in the High St puts off visitors. The High St is noisy, polluting and dangerous.
 - c. The sheer volume of traffic that travels through the High Street.
 - d. The High Street has far too much traffic and isn't safe for cycling.
 - e. Traffic and noise pollution make the central area unpleasant to spend time.
8. 20% of respondents comment on community from the perspective of local democracy, involvement and participation. Typical comments include:
 - a. I would like to see more democracy. More local people involved in decision making. Local people having more autonomy over decisions.
 - b. Address the problem of those who may continue to self-exclude from indoor community activities to keep themselves safe. improve indoor air quality in community/public buildings.
 - c. Community involvement with West Lothian Council - at the moment I feel that is very poor.
 - d. Linlithgow lacks a central community hub eg a theatre / concert / cinema space.
 - e. The impression that many people don't participate in the community life of the town. Community awareness of what goes on at St Michael's beyond the iconic spire.
 - f. Better transparency of / inclusion of more people in decision making of community council etc - it's the same old people making decisions.
9. 15% of respondents specifically want a resolution to the unsightly gap sites in the High St.

10. 11% of respondents comment on housing. Typical comments are:
 - a. Access to more affordable housing.
 - b. A greater range of sizes of better designed new housing.
 - c. Cheaper housing for young families.
 - d. I would like a ban on all new housing until the High St problem is solved.
 - e. Cheaper house prices though know that won't happen.
 - f. Stop building very expensive houses here. Most people could never afford one of these homes, even if they do get an average salary. There is a shortage of 2 bedroom homes, ordinary homes.
 - g. Would like to see more housing targeted to older people, many of us solo, but not yet ready for McCarthy and Stone. There is definitely a market for this type of housing and it would free up so many family sized houses.
11. 10% of respondents address the subject of bus services. Typical comments include:
 - a. Better local and reliable bus services that also link to train times.
 - b. We should have at least a bus service going around Linlithgow every 15 minutes to tie in with the trains.
 - c. Bus services - the town service does not run often enough.
 - d. Reinstate the fast bus to Edinburgh.
12. 9% of respondents specifically mention the need for west facing slips to M9 jct 3.
13. 7% of respondents address the traditional/historic/heritage attributes of the town focusing on the Vennel with comments including:
 - a. The Vennel flats have had a number of makeovers through the years but have never fitted with the town and are a bit of a scar.
 - b. I'd undo the architectural vandalism of the 1960's in The Vennel and the High St, and restore and refurbish the traditional buildings.
 - c. It is essential that the redevelopment of the Vennel area is carried out with full involvement from the Community and not left to West Lothian Council and its chosen developers.
 - d. Vennel - build something in its place that fits in with the historic high street.
14. 7% of respondents comment on the lack of provision for cyclists with comments including:
 - a. Creation of safe cycling lanes that get from Linlithgow to Linlithgow Bridge through our town without being on the road.
 - b. A useful cycle lane to avoid the busy high street and other useful cycle lanes which actually join up to cycle routes.
 - c. Provision for cycling is terrible. There is literally no point in a bike lane if drivers can park on it.
15. 5% of respondents require better provision for tourists and recognition the Linlithgow is a tourist destination or should be.

There are many other comments contributed by 215 respondents addressing subjects including health and care, loneliness, litter, provision for young people, community energy projects, local schools and public toilets.

Q3. What would make Linlithgow and the surrounding areas a better place to live and work?

Only 47% of respondents answered this question with some of those referring to or repeating the answer to the question "What would you like to change?" Those offering solutions not previously described were:

1. Parking: re-establish parking wardens, no pavement parking, no loading parking in the High St, pedestrianise the High St, more town centre parking and a shuttle bus service serving the station.
2. Traffic: west facing slips at M9 junction 3, access to M9 at Mill Road, joined up services, car club and better cycling facilities.
3. Housing: more affordable housing.
4. Bus services: Improve local bus services. Extend time of local buses. We don't all drive and the L1 being stopped at 2 pm curtails travel for elderly and disabled. Bring back EX2. Get better/quicker more direct public transport links to Livingston.
5. Business: More diversity of business types to open up work opportunities. There are very few technology companies. Reduce shop rents to encourage local people. A proper visitor centre and public toilets.

6. Environment: Renewable energy schemes providing power to homes, public buildings and businesses. A joined up NetZero Environmental Change response strategy and plan. Check all footpaths suitable for disability scooters, wheelchairs, prams, buggies, etc. Electric bus.
7. Youth: More activity places for the teens. We cant really do much as we cant enjoy things like parks as we are not at that young age anymore, and cant do things like travelling as we cant drive. If we could have a place where we could have fun it would be great.
8. Democracy: Move Linlithgow out of West Lothian into Falkirk area as we seem to be neglected by WLC.

Q16. Please share your ideas of what we need to do to become a greener community.

This question was answered by 94 respondents being 44% of all respondents. The software used for analysis of the data stated, "We could not find any significant patterns in your data". The dataset is such that coding into general criteria headings is valueless. The whole dataset is therefore given below.

1. Solar panels everywhere
2. All churches to become Eco-Congregations.
3. More rubbish/ recycled bins emptied regularly.
4. More EV charging points. Advice and support for solar panel installations.
5. Sort out the High Street traffic! I dread to think what the air quality is like when it's nose to tail. More recycling facilities for a wider range of things the council don't take (although glad to see Tesco are now taking soft plastics). Would be even better if the council took them mind.
6. Motorway junction at Burghmuir to take some of the traffic away from the High Street Repair shop to cut down throwing things away
7. More focused Recycling Facility at Braehead. Organised litter picks with various groups around the town. More electric car charging points in town - currently 2 only for the size of Linlithgow!! Electric town service buses. Severe fines for dropping litter and Fly Tipping!! Combined Foodbank and Supermarket organisation to provide excess stock being dumped - select what is still ok and distribute it. Less expensive solar panel installations - make them affordable and people will invest in them. By the time the payback is recovered it is time to buy a new installation - crazy!! Payback should be around 3 -4 years at the most , not 14 - 16 years on medium installations.
8. We can all play our part as individuals
9. Reduce the flow of traffic through Linlithgow.
10. Incentivise people not to use cars in town, to walk more and use electric bikes.
11. Introduce hybrid buses that switch off when idling. More street trees.
12. Plant more meadow flowers. More safe cycle routes to schools.
13. Some way of helping the high street to become less congested.
14. Have glass recycling from homes.
15. More car Charging points, easier recycling (West Lothian food waste bins are awful idea to now be shared with garden waste), real nappy laundry service, clothes recycling/rental scheme for kids,
16. More integration of transport eg bus and train services (buses that got people to train station in time for train); train and bus with more space for bikes. Park and ride for high street?
17. Reduce traffic on High Street - west-bound access and east-bound exit on M9 at Burghmuir Reduce use of plastic generally
18. All doing a little bit
19. Have a glass collection service. More electric car charging point. More support for local producers
20. Not sure.
21. The topic has risen at school, church and friends and attitudes are shifting as people become wiser

22. More electrical charging points Electric buses Less large lorries in High St
23. Fewer cars driving through town.
24. Better public litter disposal system, dog wardens (for mess), improved recycling centre, more bottle banks, fabric and book banks
25. Complete more solar panel sites on buildings AND fields around the town
26. More collaboration between different organisations.
27. Get the heavy traffic off the High St it should be bypassing on the M9.
28. Longer opening hours for the recycling facility, greater awareness of initiatives, offering services to those in paid employment as well those in receipt of benefits.
29. I use local as much as possible - food and local shops
30. If China, USA, Australia and India don't take drastic action soon then anything we do in UK (or even in Europe) will not make much difference. Its all an expensive waste of time!
31. Only drive when you have to - walk or cycle more, stop cutting down trees, deal with air pollution (Grangemouth), more charging stations for electric cars and ensure they are all working,
32. A green car share programme to encourage single car households. There are a lot of cars sitting in driveways that could be shared.
33. Protect our informal greenspaces otherwise the urban environment will go from housing to farmland in a fence not a zoning that is currently used by teenagers, dog walkers, cyclists, swimmers etc. Enforce the law around pavement parking when it comes into force to ensure our community is accessible to everyone - stop people nipping into town in their car. Create a walking map for the high street showing local residents how long it takes to walk within 5 minutes, 10 minutes 15 minutes etc. The bus routes the crossing points. Focus on the transport hierarchy.
34. More electric car points, less traffic and cleaner air. wild areas to encourage more wildlife and bats!
35. I'd love for some of the Transition Linlithgow projects - like tool, hire, repair etc to have a more visible presence, so I can use those things more easily rather than order a new thing from amazon!
36. Support for the litter picking group. More independent local food shops e.g. the new(ish) greengrocer. Car sharing scheme (i.e. short term car hire such as CityCar)
37. Don't know
38. Currently I feel that with the solar and allotment initiatives and the work of the Transition Linlithgow group we (as a community) are making steady progress in the correct direction - further solar / wind / energy storage initiatives may be helpful
39. Deal with toxic spraying. Other local authorities have managed to do so. Why not ours Reintroduce a LOCAL subsidised food market
40. More solar panels on larger roof space, possibly Regent Centre and school areas
41. Too much plastic everywhere (especially supermarkets). More options to buy local and plastic free (more convenient)
42. Look at investing/building a community wind "farm". Look at community solar energy. How can we future proof our schools and community buildings. And litter - OMG - lets teach our children about the dangers of the litter so many of them leave (I know its not just them). Reducing the through traffic will also reduce the litter. There must be some initiatives to tax/ get help from the take aways. Perhaps encouraging them to organise litter pick ups. And encouraging them to accept of pre used (and cleaned) plastic boxes for takeaway food.
43. Assess everything we want to do to see if there is an alternative which is ideally carbon net zero or net negative, and if not then choose the least worst carbon positive option.
44. Reduce High St traffic
45. More solar
46. Improve recycling and information on recyclability of materials.

47. More, and more frequent trains, and buses to more destinations (like Stirling!!). Funding to support initiatives like the tool library to expand to repair support. Guaranteed funding for the library (I forgot to say above that I use the library). More council funding for parks.
48. Additional electric car charging points
49. Enabling more cycling
50. Provide facilities like a repair cafe, refill shop etc. Schools interaction (right from P1) with local community groups eg Linlithgow Farmily to encourage growing own produce; cycle lanes and stands to encourage people to leave their cars at home; encourage businesses with green credentials to the high street; funding for local businesses to help achieve green credentials eg reducing plastic usage & looking for viable alternatives. Town bus services to encourage less reliance on car (free for children?)
51. Better bus services. The one which used to go to Edinburgh via M9 should come back.
52. Transport hierarchy- use pavements for people to walk and wheel, no cats and clutter. Priority to walking and cycling. Maintain and protect biodiversity and local informal green and blue space ie. Avon lagoon and Kettlistoun Quarry. Collection of reusable materials (currently going to landfill) within the community. A drop off pick up site. Promote currently green activities to all the community such as at the Football club match day, keep my Linlithgow Web page going as great source of information. Make green activities mainstream.
53. Just keep going in a sensible manner. There is no point in trying to force people to change.
54. Car share scheme preferably electric, more solar on community buildings. The leisure centre has none!!! Hydro power where possible.
55. Repair cafes, cleaning up green spaces
56. Information that's easy for everyone to access and understand. Activities showing how small changes can have big impact.
57. More recycling, ban cars, solar panels
58. Pedestrianise the High Street. Encourage walking and cycling. Widen canal towpath so can take bikes and pedestrians easily. Create a bridge over canal for pedestrians at the canal centre to avoid busy roads and dangerous crossing at Manse Road Community heating initiatives. More allotment spaces and grow your own courses. A tree planted for every resident or road in Linlithgow. More community buildings with solar panels and community investment options
59. Bring back EX2 bus
60. Stop using cars and wanting more parking. Ban traffic round schools
61. See previous answers re roads, buses, walking, cycling.
62. More support for solar energy
63. I believe increasing use of reuse/ recycling schemes and markets will make a positive contribution to the wider issue of managing climate change activities across Scotland.
64. Much of this is covered in previous answers. In particular, I'd like to see a 'big' well funded set of initiatives to make the town largely 'internal combustion free' in its centre with strong priority on 'people' and minimal exhaust pollution. Increased priority and facility/safe routes and links for: - walking, cycling, electric cycling. A frequent electric shuttle bus and properly thought out traffic calming would help enable this. Also as mentioned earlier, addressing some 'missing links' on safe walk/cycle routes would greatly enable this goal.
65. Have answer this on first page. We need: a car club, mostly with EVs; safe and enjoyable walking and cycling routes to the High St, schools, station and supermarkets; discourage driving to the High St, schools and supermarkets; community heat schemes; high quality insulation for all public buildings; a repair workshop with subsidised, skilled staff. We would also benefit from a much improved bus service to Livingston, especially on Sundays.
66. More Electric Car Charging, more encouragement for us all to use and generate if we can Green Energy
67. Traffic warden Remove parking from pavements on high street, give space to traffic free paths Remove cobbles at cross, noisy (makes environment unpleasant) and difficult to cycle over Make one way road for cars from mill road to mains road at Westport (anti clockwise) from Falkirk road. Give

<p>other lane over to active travel. Have delivery depots either end of town. Shop deliveries are then delivered using cargo bikes or smaller electric vehicles Make Mains road safer Charge for all parking on road it's a privilege not a right to park on roads</p>
68. Cycle paths in the high street, community composting, community vegetable garden
69. I would contribute more to a more obvious local food Bank (rather than just at the supermarket). If like to find out more about better energy suppliers
70. More car share, community bikes.
71. Make more people aware of what is already happening in town so they can get involved
72. Better public transport and community allotments scheme for growing produce
73. Less plastic
74. Education for all not just kids in schools Commitment
75. Improve bus transport - direct services to Edinburgh, and also to St John's Hospital. Plus a town service that's more frequent and continues later in the day. And overwhelmingly get traffic off the High Street by upgrading the motorway junction
76. Regular cleaning of drains in the town. Too many are clogged, causing flooding. Better clothing recycling. Reducing plastic packaging in shops.
77. Preserve surrounding green spaces and prevent housing developments from being built.
78. Transition Linlithgow do a good job and have helped us in the past.
79. Promoting people walk or cycle in place of using the car.
80. Reduce the volume of traffic through the High Street. Stop people feeding the birds at the loch bread. Stop the petrol slicks on the loch from the fishing boats Glass collection at home More information on what the council do with our waste Council 'green' areas kept nicer. I have a patch over the fence and it's in a dreadful state. I wouldn't mind trying to do something with it but I can't even get a spade into it. It's too big for me to dig myself then who pays to plant it? It has been neglected. I had to prune the out of control bushes. Tree pruning around Linlithgow by the council a must Clearing of the drains of dirt and leaves to stop flooding.
81. More jumble sales free car boot sales
82. Stop car parking down Preston Road to discourage parents from taking children to school in the car rather than walking.
83. Get people out of cars and more active in general.
84. Improve street drainage so it doesn't go straight into the loch.
85. Regular farmers markets where local businesses can sell produce on set days of the week/month.
86. Community owned spaces, like orchards. Community planting that is food related. More allotment spaces, car sharing opportunities, pointers for renewable energy options, better awareness raising (didn't know about the reuse place in the old library until really recently).
87. We really need an M9 on ramp towards Stirling to get HGVs and traffic off the High Street. More homes need solar panels. Kids need a lot more than 2 paltry sessions of PE in schools. There needs to be more sport on offer besides football for kids, especially after school. Obesity is a serious problem...and if parents don't take their children to do sport you can't expect a primary school teacher who is not sporty to somehow offer PE to his/her class with much success. Would like to see all the parents in Linlithgow ban ipads/phones for 2 hours a day and get kids moving again.
88. As above re a less car-dominated town centre. This is the number one. Keep up the pressure for Winchburgh rail station, to reduce car commuting/parking to/for L'gow station Stop believing that a new motorway junction will really have a long term benefit to conditions in the town

centre - unless through traffic is prohibited at the same time. Otherwise, any relieved traffic will just build up again. In any case, the Scottish Government has promised to reduce car-km 20% by 2030 - if that is truly serious, then costly measures to increase car convenience are unlikely to happen.
89. Community renewable energy schemes
90. A farmer's market. Urban food growing. Veg plots in parks and roundabouts. Less traffic, linlithgow really is ideal for a 20 minute neighbourhood. A car club for when we do need it. Cargo bikes club too. A community led home energy saving project. Getting energy efficiency to those who would benefit from it most not just those in large homes with cash and time to invest. Understanding that recycling is not the most sustainable activity, that consuming lots is not ok even if you recycle all the packaging. Breaking the consumption led, and status driven social norms that encourage us all to consume more to go on fancy holidays. To understand that wellbeing is improved by having good social networks, strong community spirit, vibrant streets, not through new cars.
91. Fully insulate older housing stock. Educate people on the importance of this & give practical advice. Inform public about grants available to do this.
92. These issues seem to be well managed and promoted by the existing groups.
93. Make decent dedicated cycle lanes where vehicles aren't allowed with access from all areas of Linlithgow. Stop building houses everywhere at extortionate prices and using up precious fields.
94. Local campaign to get people to walk or cycle more (as a replacement for car use). However as per previous comments this would be hugely resisted by the majority of people! I'd like expert advice on how to make my home more sustainable (eg heating & hot water) - but that needs national or UK-wide legislation.

Q20. Like all places, it's helpful to have a vision for the future. What would you wish Linlithgow and the surrounding areas to be like in 10 years?

This question was answered by 97 respondents being 45% of all respondents. The main themes are: a vibrant, supporting, caring community with a more diverse demographic, sustainable economically, socially and environmentally, with active travel, and much more control over development. The following comments are representative.

A vibrant community

1. Working for the rights of others, us all growing together as a community.
2. More community involvement and less reliance on the Council, which is hopeless.
3. Much the same but a bit more diverse and more residents really contributing to the community.
4. A town that is inclusive of everyone but remains it's special green soul.
5. Welcoming, with strong community groups.
6. I like the vision produced by the Planning Forum. I expect that the town will grow somewhat, but I'd like to see it continue as a community centred rounded the High Street.
7. There is already an active Vision for Linlithgow that formed a model for place-based community empowerment that was held up by politicians as an exemplar.
Why re-invent the wheel? Let's get Linlithgow the resources it needs to deliver it and get it done.
8. More thought-through town planning, where residents are consulted in a meaningful way (not just for the sake of appearances). Better planning of school places and of bus transport.

A capable infrastructure

1. A welcoming place, traffic improved, roads fixed.
2. Not much bigger than it is now. 4-way junction to M9, High Street Bypass, more safe walking and cycling routes.
3. I hope that a 4 way junction is built on the M9 at the Springfield end of town.
4. Less cars. Better transport infrastructure locally. Opportunities for walking/cycling safely.
5. Make Linlithgow a leading light in becoming a 'green' pedestrian/cycle/electric vehicle friendly town.
6. Proper pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, not just last-minute add-ons, would help.

Sustainable economically, socially and environmentally

1. Greener and self sufficient, with promotion of local produce.
2. Thriving green community committed to recycling and reusing and reducing landfill.
3. Cleaner, less noise pollution and a town centre environment that is actually nice to spend time in.
4. Less cars. Better transport infrastructure locally. Opportunities for walking/cycling safely.
5. Opportunities for the younger generation- access to transport links for recreation, work and play; evening courses, cost effective sporting opportunities.
6. it should still be of a similar size / population with more renewable energy and energy storage for community use installed. To be entirely running on community owned energy.

Much more control over development

1. More family housing so we can buy a home that doesn't cost £500k and is of poor housing stock/quality
2. Priority planning for brownfield sites with high taxes for greenfield development.
3. Affordable housing for the young people to continue to live and work in the area.
4. Thriving community with affordable housing and abundant renewable energy.
5. Fewer expensive luxury homes and more affordable and social housing.
6. Not cramming in too many houses and building on every green space.
7. I fear the 'threat' of large peripheral housing estates with no real thought of sustainable transport all designed around car use.

Q22. Age profile?

The age profile is as the table below.

Age band		
5-11	1	0%
12-17	10	5%
18-24	2	1%
25-44	44	21%
45-59	60	28%
60-69	49	23%
70+	45	21%
Prefer not to say	3	1%
Total	214	

Linlithgow age profile for comparison:

0-9 years	11.64%
10-19 years	12.35%
20-29 years	7.97%
30-39 years	9.68%
40-49 years	13.83%
50-59 years	17.09%
60-69 years	14.06%
70+	13.38%

Appendix 2 – Changes Required to the West Lothian Local Development Plan, adopted 4 September 2018

Linlithgow's qualities are well understood by its residents but so are its problems. This Local Place Plan is compliant with Government guidelines NPF4 and reflects the views of Linlithgow's residents who, acting in a stewardship role, appreciate the opportunity to shape the land use aspects of environmental, social and economic development and support net zero sustainable growth without compromising the opportunity of future generations to do likewise. In order to achieve this objective, changes need to be made to facilitate local living; ensuring Linlithgow people can easily access affordable housing, services, greenspace, learning, leisure and most importantly work. Linlithgow is of an ideal size to enable planned, compact urban growth, optimising the use of land and sustaining/enabling true 20 minute neighbourhoods. This requires the indicative changes below and principally, a solution to resolve the traffic problems associated with the High Street.

PftF Ref	Proposal	Local Development Plan Ref	Changes Required
	Environment		
ES1	District heating in new housing developments	Para 228, 229, 239	No change
		SG Renewables etc 15 July 2021	No change
		Policy NRG 2	No change
		Policy NRG 5	No change
ES2	Installations in existing built-up areas	Not included	Change required to include planning policy for district heating in existing built-up areas.
ES 3	Hydro electric River Avon	Not included in LDP	Change required
		SG Renewables etc 15 July 2021	Para 6.36 – 6.43 indicates support
		SEPA guidance for developers of run-of-river hydropower schemes.	
ES4	Sustainable design	Policy NRG1	Change required from natural ventilation to controlled ventilation, otherwise no change.
		Policy NRG2	No change
		Policy NRG 5	Reference to gas must state natural gas or LPG in the context of carbonised form of energy.
ES5	Small farms and tree planting	The only relevant policy in LDP relates to lowland crofting and then only in the west of West Lothian	Revisions needed for local food production. See NPF4 Local Living and 20 minute neighbourhoods.
ES6	Mitigation of Loch and watercourse pollution	Para 77 Development impact on Linlithgow Loch. Specific sites – high level SUDS required.	Need to be more specific regarding technical solutions for water environment as NPF4
ES7	Measures to cut down High Street air pollution	EMG 4	We list pro-active measures to deal with the current situation. LDP only concerned with mitigating impact of new development.
	Heritage and Tourism		
B1	Conservation area enhancement – paving etc.	Para 201 Conservation areas generally	
		ENV 23 The council will work with communities on the formulation and promotion of community led enhancement	No change required

		schemes where appropriate to the character of the area.	
B2	Linlithgow Palace	Ditto	No change required
B3	Preservation of Riggs	ENV 25	Possible change to strategy described in LDP.
B4	Tourist Office		Change required to include visitor centres.
B5	Hotel	EMP7 Tourism	No change required
B6	Canalside facilities.	Para 42 developing the latent visitor potential of the Union Canal. Para 135 Freight, walking and cycling. Para 177 ENV 12	No change required
	Business and Employment		
E1	Burghmuir Business Park	Para 15 key aims	No change required
		Para 37 Land at Burghmuir, Linlithgow will be considered for high amenity strategic employment use should such demand arise over the plan period and no other suitable site within West Lothian can be identified or is available for development.	Remove caveat. Note NPF4 Policy 26.
		EMP1 Employment land	No change required
		EMP3 Development beyond settlement boundaries	No change required
E2	Business centre	EMP 1 Expansion or conversion of premises	No change required
E3	Home office	No guidance in LDP	LDP requires change to reflect WLC policy assuming there is one. Good advice at https://www.mygov.scot/home-based-business/before-starting-a-home-based-business See NPF4 policy business and industry
	Housing		
H1 H3	Social rented and affordable housing	No mention of Linlithgow in LDP	Remove exclusion of Linlithgow in para's 48, 49 & 50. Recognise the need for mid market rent in para 79.
	H1.1 150 new council houses & H1.3 encouragement of housing associations	Para 79	Must make reference to Housing Strategy and SG Affordable Housing 2018.
	H1.5 Priority 1	Para 81 ensure that the highest level of affordable housing delivery will take place in the highest demand areas.	Needs updating
	H1.6 Retain 25% affordable housing	Para 82 HOU 4	Reference SG affordable housing para 5.3
H2 H8 H9	Local authority housing at: • The Vennel	Paras 49 & 50	Change to reflect need for council housing in Linlithgow.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doomsdale • Listloaning 		
H4	Infrastructure	Para 87 -93 Para 126 INF 1	Reference to Linlithgow distributor roads.
H5	Mixed housing Wilcoxholm Farm H-LL 11	Page 88 Page 106	Significant changes to infrastructure and other requirements
H6	Mixed housing at Clarendon H-LL 7	Page 106 Page 195	Significant changes to infrastructure and other requirements
H7	Land East of Manse Road H-LL 4	Page 192	Land needs to be reserved for the proposed eastern link road.
H10	Sawmill Site Falkirk Road H-LL 5		
H11	Vennel Development mixed housing		No mention of the proposed Vennel development therefore addition needed.
H12	Victoria Hall 0591/FUL/18		No mention of the Victoria Hall development therefore addition needed.
H13	Templars Court front building		No mention of the front building as a separate development therefore addition needed.
H14	Quality of design	DES 1 Where appropriate, developers will be required to produce masterplans, design statements and design guides in support of their proposals. SG Residential development guide	Delete "Where appropriate". SG Res Dev Page 43. Increase cycle storage to minimum of 2 per dwelling. 10% of housing development potentially wheelchair accessible.
	Transport and Accessibility		
T1	High Street traffic management	Para 252 - 255 Air Quality INF 1 Developer obligations	Must make reference to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street relief roads and new development distributor roads • Car Parking • Coach parking • The High Street as an attractive place to walk, cycle and shop. • High St carriageway realignment.
T2	High Street Relief Road (northern relief road parallel to M9)	No mention	Include description of relief road.
T3	Eastern Link Road from Burghmuir to Riccarton Drive	No mention	Change required to link to LDP sites H-LL 4, 7 & 11. Delete current access statement. See reporter's comments 14 May 2019 para 21 "To develop these sites' potential would first need a full assessment of the traffic requirements of any development, possibly requiring a new access road around the eastern side of the town that would effectively form an eastern bypass".
T4	Four-way Motorway Interchange at Burghmuir	Para 126	No change required
T5	Roundabouts on Blackness Road	No mention	Space to be reserved
T6	Manse Road Bridge (To be amended).	No mention	Change required to describe traffic and pedestrian segregation.

T7	Decked car park at Regent Centre	TRAN 1	Change required to include.
T8	Tourist parking at Blackness Road & Vennel	No mention	Change required to include
T9	Railway Station	No mention	Change required to include
T10	Bus services	No mention	Change required to include facilities
T11	Parking for tourist buses	No mention	Change required to include facilities
T12	Cycle network: local, inter-town, & facilities	No mention for Linlithgow area beyond Union Canal through route.	Significant changes required.
T13	Maidlands	TRAN 2 Para 133 – 137, TRAN3 Para 142 - 145	Significant changes to core paths
T14	Link to Livingston via Beecraigs	TRAN2 Para 133 -137	Significant changes to core paths
T15	Active travel new housing and town centre	Vision Page 7 Natural & Historic Environment DES 1 HOU3 HOU 6 Para 111 Paras 120 - 5 TRAN 1 Active Travel Plan 2016-21 Paras 142 – 145 (specifically 144) TRAN 3 Para 158 ENV 12 NRG 1	No changes in policy required but needs specific reference to Linlithgow. Projects intimated for Linlithgow in Active Travel Plan 2016-21 (refresh 23-28) require incorporation into LDP. Policies to be incorporated into conditions of Planning Permission with specific reference to projects required.
T16	Clarendon	See T12	
	Town Centre and Retailing Town Centre Redevelopment Opportunities	Paras 146 – 150 & Figure 6 the hierarchy of retailing	A design guide for Linlithgow is to be prepared.
S2	Establishment of Arts Retail Quarter	TCR 1 TCR 2	Conditions relating to the protection of the Livingston retail centre should not apply to Linlithgow which is a unique tourist destination.
S3	New shop units within new developments	PAN 75 para 24	Recommendations must be incorporated into LDP
TC1 TC2 TC3	Redevelopment of the Vennel Redevelopment of the Victoria Hall Site Redevelopment of 81-87 High St (Cross gap site)	Paras 146 – 150 TCR 1 TCR 2 HOU 3	No changes in policy required but needs specific reference to these sites which are not currently listed.

	Community, Cultural & Sports Facilities and Open Space		
R1	Low Port Centre	TCR 1	With closure of council run leisure facilities and opportunities for community asset transfer, the LDP should encourage re-establishment even if some change of use required.
R2	Clarendon Public Park	ENV 8 PG Planning for Nature Paras 183-4 ENV 15	No changes in policy required but mention of the Clarendon Green wedge required
R3	West Lothian Cycle Circuit	P 46	No change required.
R4	Designation and listing of green spaces	Para 157 ENV 7	Change required to protect green space within urban spaces as well as countryside belts.
R5	Preservation as Green Space of Kettilstoun Mains Field, the Lagoon and the Banks of the River Avon.	Para 157 ENV 7 H-LL 13	Delete H-LL 13. This was opposed as a housing site by West Lothian Council in the Main Issues report stating <i>inter alia</i> "not agreed, the site is partly covered by the Linlithgow Bridge Battlefield designation and is also remote from services such as shops and would not represent an obvious extension to Linlithgow". But nevertheless, was included by the Reporter despite opposition by the Linlithgow Community.
R6	Establishment of a Permanent Youth Centre	HOU 3	No mention of youth facilities in LDP but a requirement for developments to have access to community facilities. SG on developer contributions should include permanent youth facilities. See Access to Facilities Survey 2021.
	New Primary School		
ED1	Proposal ED1 - New Primary School at Edinburgh Road	Appendix 2	Potential additional primary school in SE quadrant of Linlithgow.
	Integrated Health and Care Centre		
HE1	New Health and Care Centre by redevelopment and extension of existing site.	HOU 7 Paras 102 - 104	LDP states "A feasibility study to identify a location and funding programme for a new health centre in Linlithgow is proposed" but has not occurred.

Appendix 3 – Consultation on Proposals for The Vennel

During the summer of 2017, West Lothian Council conducted a nine-week consultation on its draft ‘Planning Guidance’ for the redevelopment of a part of The Vennel area comprising the area between the flats adjacent to the loch and the High Street; all buildings in the Vennel avenue (‘Guyancourt Vennel’) (library, toilets, youth club, offices and shops), the Vennel car park and the Vennel green. The Linlithgow Planning Forum conducted an exhaustive public consultation exercise which was undertaken in two phases and supplemented by leaflet distribution at The Cross on two Saturday mornings, a barbecue with Vennel residents and a door-to-door survey of Vennel residents. The two phases were:

- Phase 1 - an online and paper-based initial survey of preferences for the site, administered by the Community Council, which received 253 replies as table below. This informed a second phase of the consultation.
- Phase 2 – comprised a public exhibition and further questionnaire described following the table below.

Results of 253 the Questionnaire Returns

<p>1. What do you like about the existing Vennel area? (Tick all that apply)</p> <p>14% Nothing</p> <p>37% Convenient parking</p> <p>37% Toilets</p> <p>6% The look of the place</p> <p>55% Gardens in front of the flats</p> <p>72% Trees & floral displays</p>	<p>6. What other community facilities would you like to see in this area? (Tick all that apply)</p> <p>59% Flexible space for daytime clubs and evening youth activities.</p> <p>26% Serviced space for start-up businesses</p> <p>31% Business centre and meeting rooms for micro businesses & home workers</p> <p>30% Rentable quality function room for family & other gatherings</p>
<p>2. What would you wish to see done to improve the area? (Tick all that apply)</p> <p>58% Open views from High St to palace, church and loch</p> <p>22% No development just demolish & create large garden/park</p> <p>32% Increase amount of car parking</p> <p>58% Include public toilets in redevelopment</p> <p>64% Improve open space and gardens</p> <p>33% Widen Vennel avenue and extend it to loch side</p>	<p>7. What sort of look would you like for the new development? (Tick all that apply)</p> <p>11% Modern - concrete/glass/timber</p> <p>69% Traditional - stone/render/pitched slate roofs</p> <p>25% A luxury/high quality feel</p> <p>18% Practical/functional</p> <p>15% I don't mind, leave it to the architect</p>
<p>3. What would you like to see to encourage more tourists into the town? (Tick all that apply)</p> <p>3% Nothing, I would not wish to encourage more tourists.</p> <p>40% Parking for tourist buses</p> <p>64% Visitors centre with public toilets</p> <p>46% Loch side café/restaurant/hotel</p> <p>45% Increased car parking</p> <p>70% Floral displays & garden/park</p>	<p>8. Should the flats adjacent to the Cross be included in the redevelopment? Currently they are not but providing residents & businesses are offered equivalent accommodation in the new development is this the right time to demolish and re-build. (Tick only 1 answer)</p> <p>81% Yes</p> <p>17% No</p>
<p>4. What housing should be in the redevelopment? (Tick all that apply)</p> <p>46% None, we require no more town centre housing</p> <p>34% Apartments for families, couples or single people</p> <p>19% Apartments for the elderly</p> <p>30% Affordable apartments for first time buyers</p> <p>21% Social housing</p>	<p>9. Who should manage the specification of the development? (Tick only 1 answer)</p> <p>5% A private developer</p> <p>8% West Lothian Council</p> <p>81% A Linlithgow Community group in partnership with developer and/or West Lothian Council</p> <p>5% A Linlithgow Community group on its own</p>
<p>5. What shops would you like to see in the new development? (Tick all that apply)</p> <p>31% None, at present we have enough shops</p> <p>39% Art & craft studios/shops to encourage tourists</p> <p>16% A few large shops to attract national retailers</p> <p>55% Small shops to attract specialist retailers</p>	<p>10. Would you like to be involved in the development process? (Tick only 1 answer)</p> <p>124 respondents replied: No, I do not wish to be involved, just informed of progress through Black Bitch, Gazette & other media.</p> <p>113 respondents replied: I would like to receive regular updates by email. (give email address)</p> <p>40 respondents replied: I am interested in being involved in a Linlithgow Community group to develop proposals. (give email or other contact details)</p>

Phase 2 of the consultation comprised, at the Low Port Centre on 29 August 2017, a public exhibition of development ideas prepared by the Linlithgow Civic Trust and attended by about 150 visitors who completed 120 detailed questionnaires. The development ideas were not intended as a definite development proposal but an illustration to show possibilities and aid an informed public response. In this generalised context, the proposals were supported by 89% of respondents.

In summary, it was felt that this is a rare opportunity to substantially improve the centre of Linlithgow. The main findings from the public response were:

- 95% wish to see a design in sympathy with Linlithgow's traditional buildings in terms of built form and building materials. There is similar support for new/attractive links between the High Street and the loch, making the area more attractive to tourists, upgrading the quality of existing open space and preserving important views across the site.
- 82% of those responding to the on-line survey supported the extension of the redevelopment area from West Lothian Council's selected area around the library/toilets to also include the Cross flats i.e. as far as the west side of The Cross. This support increased to 90% in the questionnaire completed at the exhibition.
- 81% support at least a quarter of the houses in any redevelopment scheme being social rented and 91% would like to see housing for younger people such as first-time buyers.
- Room sizes larger than the minimum standard are supported by 82%.
- 83% want more car parking than at present.
- 92% want public toilets included in the scheme.
- 88% require existing shopkeepers to be offered new shop units on site.
- There was lesser, but still substantial support for: housing for the elderly (60%), a small hotel/restaurant overlooking Linlithgow Loch (67%), shop units for specialist/tourist-related businesses (62%) and a 'business centre' or similar (61%).

In both the initial survey and the subsequent questionnaire, over 80% of respondents wanted the Linlithgow community to be actively represented throughout the development of the project brief.

The members of the Planning Forum, in their individual responses to West Lothian Council, stated that the 90% public support to extend the development area to include the flats and shops at the west of The Cross should be recognised in the Council's future plans. Including the added area at this stage would give residents an obvious opportunity to move to new homes within the site prior to the demolition of properties which are approaching their end of viable life. This opportunity would not be available once the area currently identified by the Council has been redeveloped.

It was also emphasised that the redevelopment of this nationally-important site should be carefully considered and recognise the very strong wish of the Linlithgow community to actively participate in all stages leading up to and including the formulation of a detailed project brief for the redevelopment of The Vennel site and its extension towards The Cross.

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