



FUTUREDMS 2018 CONSULTATION REPORT

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Sharing ideas of how to make amazing spaces and facilities better through the passion of talented people working together

This document presents the outcomes from a series of community consultation events and capturing ideas from social media. These ideas are summarised in the document as a series of options for the community to consider and take forward.



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Consultation Responses

IDEAS FOR INITIATIVES IN DAVIDSONS MAINS AND SILVERKNOWES GENERATED BY THE COMMUNITY

SUMMARY

The report summarises the outcomes from a series of consultation events:

- Lauriston Castle Gardens Consultation
- Feedback from young people (Primary school, Guides and Scouts)
- Ideas event at Parish Church Hall on 23/5/18 using the Place Standard framework
- Ideas captured during the Davidsons Mains Children's Gala

Members of the community shared their opinions of the area using the Place Standard. It provided a simple framework to structure conversations about place. It allowed us to think about the physical elements of a place (for example its buildings, spaces, and transport links) as well as the social aspects (for example whether people feel they have a say in decision making).

The scoring provided a simple ranking assessment of what is good and bad about the area and Figure 1 and 2 show the different perspectives between adults and young people. Adults indicated a generally positive view of many areas, particularly: natural space, housing and community, social contact and identify and belonging. Areas of concern were strongest regarding traffic and parking, facilities and amenities, care and maintenance and feeling safe.

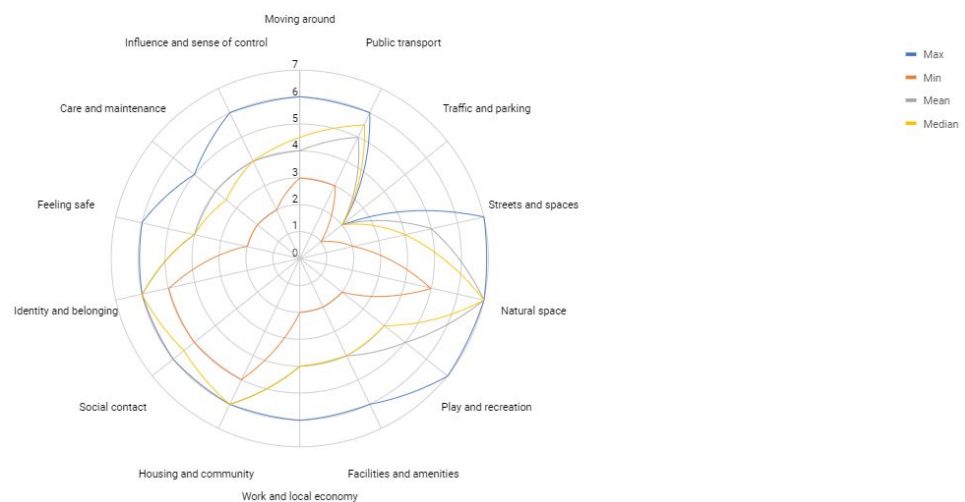


Figure 1: Outcome of Place Standard scoring (adults)

Young people gave a generally positive view of: housing and community and natural space. Areas of concern were strongest regarding influence and sense of control, public transport, traffic and parking and feeling safe.

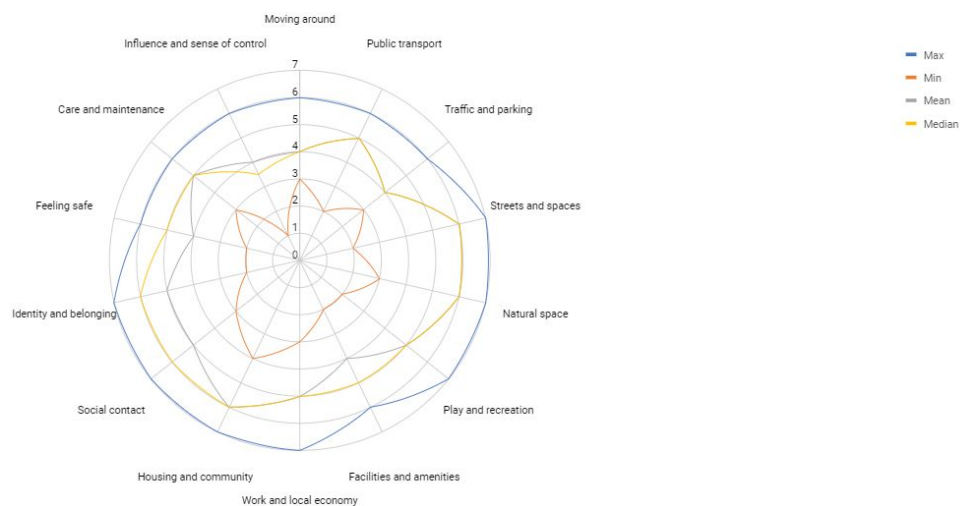


Figure 2: Outcome of Place Standard scoring (young people)

The community were also asked to provide written comments at the events and the following themes give an indication of the priorities perceived by those engaging with the discussion.

Topic	No. Comments
Care and maintenance	21
Facilities and amenities	31
Feeling safe	26
Housing and community	14
Identity and belonging	22
Influence and sense of control	13
Moving around	44
Natural space	39
Play and recreation	48
Public transport	28
Social contact	17
Streets and spaces	122
Traffic and parking	57
Work and local economy	19
Grand Total	505

DISCUSSION OF COMMENTS

The summary of proposals are listed in Appendix A and will be the subject of a supplemental questionnaire within the community.

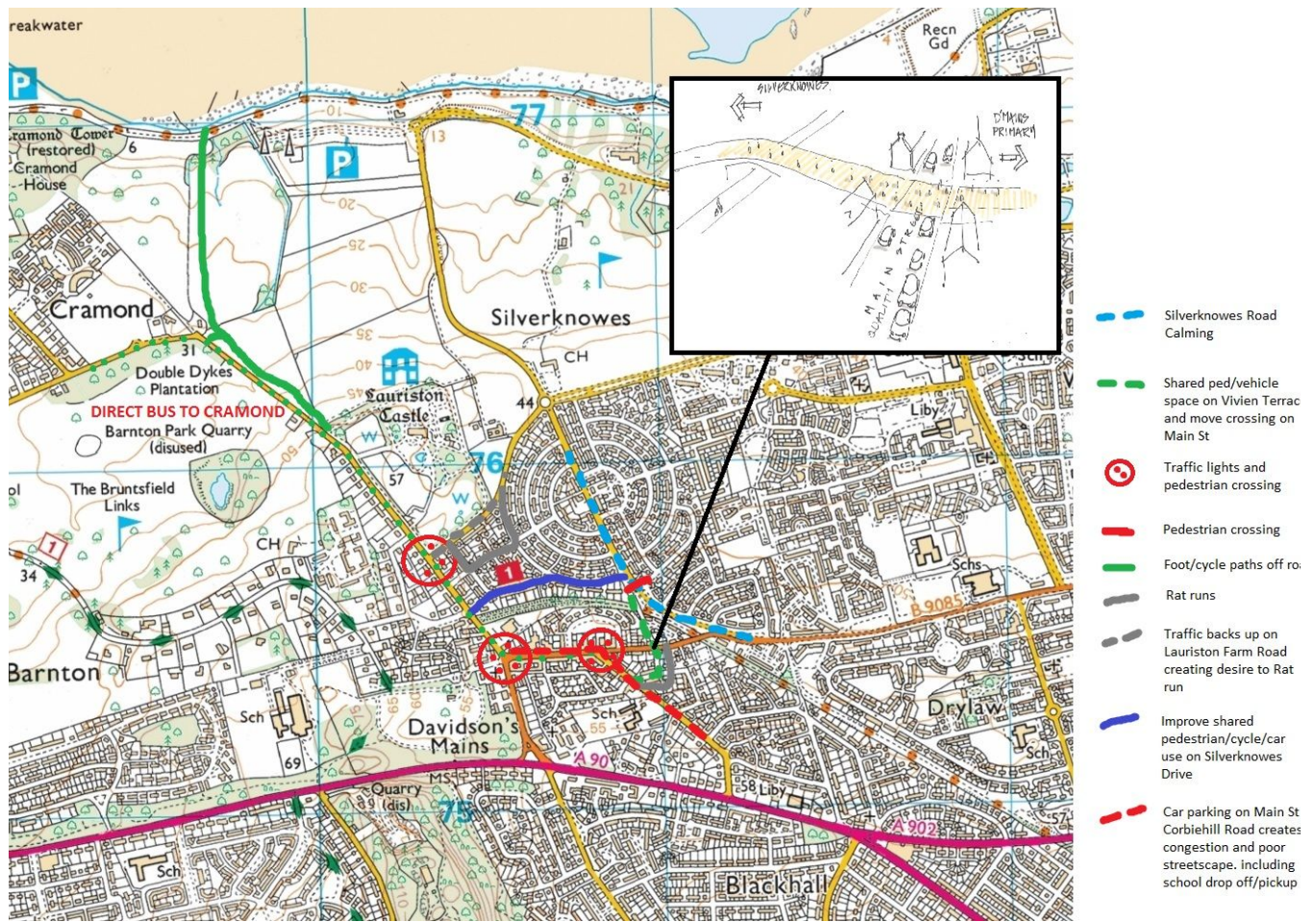
The generally positive perception of open space in Davidsons Mains and Silverknowes was reflected by the large number of comments. The ideas related to the Green, D'Mains Park, Lauriston Castle and the Shore. There were many ideas relating to improving outside space, a community garden, recreation and use for community events. Negative comments related to the care, maintenance, litter and anti-social behaviour.

The streetscape in the heart of the village was noted as an area where many people would welcome improvements. This includes widening pavements and improved streetlighting. In addition residents would welcome a different mix of local shops and, in particular many called for a restaurant. The Tesco store was seen as being an important asset for the community.

There were a significant number of ideas generated in relation to traffic and parking. This was the greatest priority identified in the Place Standard. The ideas were focussed around three principle areas:

- The improvement of safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists in the area, including traffic calming and shared spaces for vehicles;
- Improving traffic flow (including preventing rat running) and safer interaction with pedestrians crossings by placing traffic lights at key junctions;
- Encouraging and enforcing appropriate car parking on Main St and dropping off at the school.

The following sketch illustrates some ideas in relation to traffic and parking that were initially generated by members of the community based on the outcome of discussion at the ideas event and other consultations.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE CONSULTATION

Since the consultation events took place

- The FutureDMS Facebook page has continued to grow its membership and is a forum for sharing events and comments on local issues.
- Through this forum a litter pick was organised to clear the untidy area around the former RBS Bank.
- There is now a bus connection from Silverknowes down to the Boardwalk Cafe at the Shore.
- Applications for temporary road closures were lodged with the Council to hold series of street play outs were successfully held in Silverknowes Drive.
- The Council have confirmed funding for a new crossing at the Corbie

NEXT STEPS

The following steps are recommended to be undertaken

- Sharing of the outcomes of the community consultation
- Development of the proposals for improved pedestrian access in Silverknowes
- Review summary ideas generated and shortlist through a questionnaire
- Establishment of a steering group and delivery teams to take projects forward
- Funding applications to take forward top projects

APPENDIX 1: SUMMARY OF IDEAS GENERATED

IDEA	NUMBER OF COMMENTS
Traffic calming and safer pedestrian routes	34
Make greater use of, maintain and publicise natural spaces	19
Expand playground in green spaces for wider age range	15
Improve bus routes	11
Considerate parking incl driving to school	9
Swimming pool or lido	7
Restaurant in community	7
Litter pick/clean up	7
Youth/community centre	6
Publicise and expand events at Lauriston Castle	6
Improve streetscape and streetlighting	6
Community shop (or online) selling local produce	5
Access for dogs	5
Showcase history	4
Community garden	4
Butcher/Fishmonger/Deli	4
Bank	4
Attract and celebrate wildlife	3
Soft play	2
Make greater use of shoreline	2
Garden competition	2
Bigger school	2
Befriending scheme	2
Welcome to D'Mains sign	1
Visible police	1
Sweet shop	1
Segregate cycling/walking	1
School catchments	1
Public toilets	1
Improve access for pushchairs/wheelchairs	1
Extend cycle routes	1
Encourage considerate cycling (bells)	1
Community Cinema	1
Collaboration between volunteer groups	1
Art gallery	1
Alternative safe activities for young people	1