

Locality Plan Consultation Responses

SOUTH LOCALITY

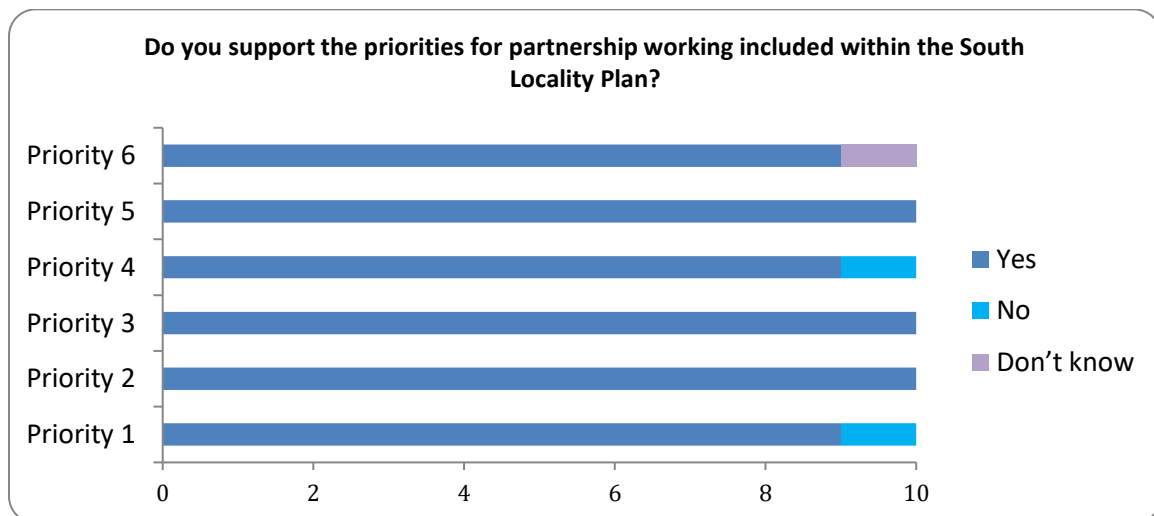
In total there were 10 responses to the South Locality Plan Consultation

WHAT RESPONDENTS SAID

1: Do you support the priorities for partnership working included within the South Locality Plan?

- Priority 1: Reduce number of people living in poverty. Address food and fuel poverty by identifying and using local assets (for example community cafés and community kitchens)
- Priority 2: Improve and create employment opportunities; Develop skills, training and support for young people and businesses
- Priority 3: Support children and young people to achieve their maximum potential
- Priority 4: Focus on early intervention, prevention, and re-enablement actions to reduce inequalities and improve physical and mental wellbeing outcomes
- Priority 5: Identify and maximise use of green space: community food growing and community garden access (inter-generational community gardens)
- Priority 6: Increase the number of people and groups involved in making improvements and decisions in their community

There were 10 responses to this part of the question.



There were 4 responses to the 'comment' part of question 1. These are largely general comments, not referencing one particular priority

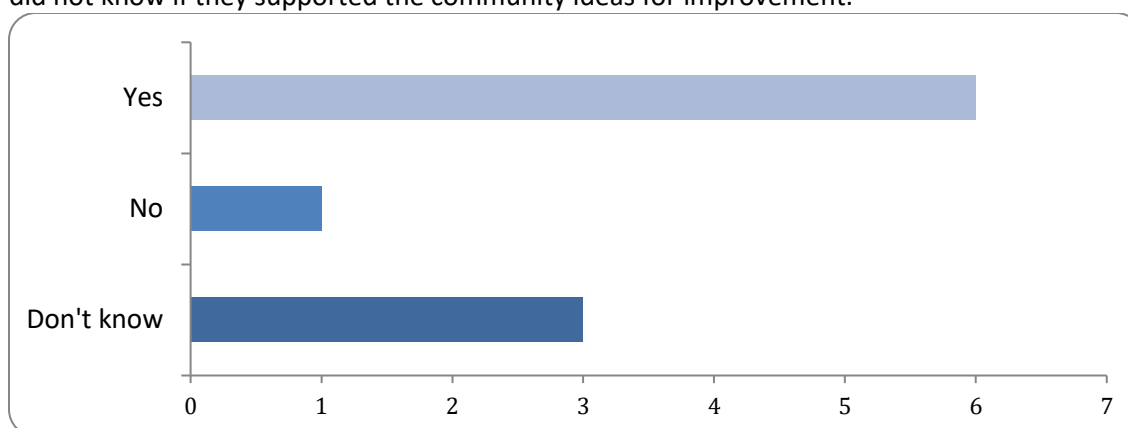
Comments	Responses
<p><i>I agree with the suggestions above, but none apply to me as I'm older and retired with no young family.</i></p>	<p>The locality plan sets out improvements for all, if you are looking to get involved in your local community, please email localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk and one of the team will be able to identify opportunities you may be interested in getting involved in.</p>
<p><i>Think there should be more focus on getting all ages back to work and not just young people. How can green space be maximised when the council support the leading of part of St Fitticks park to the ETZ? Does an increase in the number of people/groups involved in decision making if the council don't listen to them or act on what the majority want</i></p>	<p>Priority 2 in the plan refers not just to young people, but all ages. We will work with communities to explore opportunities to maximise the use of green space in the area as part of priority 5 to help address current issues and ensure citizens can regularly experience good quality natural space.</p>
<p><i>Maximizing green space is important in this area but not for the unnecessary. Industrialization of Green space for example St. Fitticks park which is the last Green space in Torry which is also a wetland area which also supports wildlife which would be destroyed if the area were to be industrialised. Also with it being the last green space it also important to the mental health and wellbeing of the residents of this area</i></p>	<p>We will work with communities to explore opportunities to maximise the use of green space in the area as part of priority 5 to help address current issues and ensure citizens can regularly experience good quality natural space.</p>
<p><i>This is a list of well-meaning initiatives, but sadly lacking any concrete proposals on how these aspirations will be achieved. The priority areas have not been supported. In the case of Torry the community has been subjected to many decades of over-development and excluded from any real involvement by the top-down approach used by Council decision makers. Nor does there seem to be any great knowledge of the local environment. Public money was used to create the garden at Tullos - an area planned as a garden city where residents have large gardens. The need was much greater at Balnagask, and would be better served by, for example, planting fruit trees and fruiting</i></p>	<p>The Locality Plan is a document setting out what the priorities for the area are, these plans are supported by the city wide Local Outcome Improvement Plan (which has also undergone a refresh). Most, if not all, of these priorities link in some way to the Improvement Projects undertaken by Council Officers and the organisations within the Community Planning Partnership. As well as this, we have our Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships and Locality Empowerment groups which aim to work with partners and community members to develop and deliver some of the community ideas more specifically. That is the purpose of the</p>

<p><i>hedges on the poorly maintained greenspaces, so that people could help themselves. A pump park is proposed - where is it to go? Given the level of over-development in the area the likely plan is to put it in St Fittick's Park. Torry has long standing problems with poor air quality. The major industrial harbour in Bay of Nigg is a point source of atmospheric pollutants, and the Port of Aberdeen is set to expand Cruise ship traffic, which will cause further deterioration of air quality.</i></p> <p><i>https://www.offshore-energy.biz/te-study-europes-busiest-ports-reel-under-resurgence-of-cruise-ship-pollution/ Many studies have shown that exercising when air quality is poor is bad for health, and will be especially so in an area where there is already a high incidence of asthma and emphysema. I'm also concerned about the reference to "rewilding" and "low maintenance pocket parks". These will be of absolutely no use for wildlife because of fragmentation and lack of connectivity due to the many physical barriers in residential areas, and have the potential to rapidly become degraded weedy areas. To put this into the wider context, the "pocket parks" and the "pump park" were suggested by the consultants for the company that wants to develop St Fittick's Park. The park currently provides irreplaceable habitat for many species of birds, mammals and invertebrates, and the community has made its feelings on industrial development there very clear. I don't feel that promoting these ideas in the LOIP is acceptable.</i></p>	<p>Locality Planning team - we look at how we can work with communities to develop this and what support is needed?</p> <p>We have taken your concerns and the concerns of others into account with regards to the inclusion of pocket parks. There were several comments in relation to promoting the use of greenspace and improving access to greenspace. We have rephrased this to 'promote use of greenspace and improve access to greenspace.</p> <p>. In relation to the Pump Track, this is an idea that was positively responded to by 200+ people a few years back following the success of the redeveloped skate park (28% of respondents were from the Torry area, 98% of all respondents were in favour of a pump track). This has not been actioned before now due to lack of resources. I appreciate this is something that has since been mentioned by the developer however I think they will have referenced this, amongst other priorities from the existing Locality Plan</p>
<p><i>We need to address root causes not just the symptoms. We need to ask the question - what intervention(s) will have the biggest impact for long term outcome improvements? If we improve housing conditions, by a program of retrofitting existing buildings to create warm homes that are affordable to heat, we will create good green jobs AND will address (1) fuel poverty (2) health inequalities (3) mental health and wellbeing (4) reduce energy use (5)</i></p>	<p>Priority 1 in the plan makes reference to retrofitting in relation to providing support to our most vulnerable families.</p>

<p><i>decarbonise buildings (6) dampness and mould-related ill-health (7) community wealth building; and (8) outcome inequalities for children and young people: educational attainment, job opportunities, life expectancy and healthy life expectancy etc.</i></p>	
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2: Looking at the draft South Locality Plan document, do you support the community ideas for improvement?

There were 10 responses to this part of the question. 6 responses were in support of this priority, 1 respondent did not support the community ideas for improvement and 3 respondents did not know if they supported the community ideas for improvement.



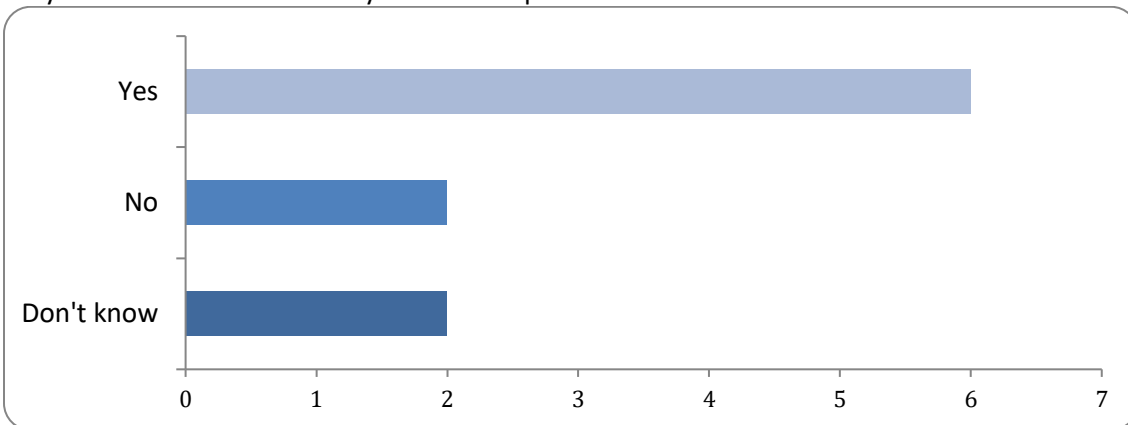
There were 3 responses to this part of the question.

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<p><i>Remove the column for "Where we will test our ideas" from the locality plan documents as unnecessary. I don't feel that "Locality Empowerment Group and Priority Neighbourhood Partnership" should be included in the column of "Community Partners we will work with". They are network groups, not community partners. I would like the statistics compared to be consistent - comparing city wide, locality and priority neighbourhoods for each. I would like to see more place-based community assembly / deliberative democratic processes to support communities to take a greater part in the decisions that affect them.</i></p>	<p>This column will be populated further as we understand more about the needs in each area and take more targeted action to address those needs.</p> <p>Where we have been unable to identify a specific community group interested in working with us to progress a community idea, we have included the Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships and Locality Empowerment Groups which will take the lead in progressing these, working in partnership with members of the community and any groups which wish to get involved at a later stage.</p>
<p><i>Pump track - did the majority of responses to this survey not come from outside Torry so unsure how this is improving life in Torry.</i></p>	<p>In relation to the Pump Track, this is an idea that was positively responded to by 200+ people a few years back following the success</p>

<p><i>Will you be providing bikes. With Torry being shown here as so impoverished how can families afford bikes for the pump park. Retrofit - good enough idea but where will the funding come from? Christian Allard has already been heard saying the council will not be supporting this as they are supporting the heating from the incinerator. Last figures I heard quoted was 50k per flat. Who has that kind of cash? Yes it will make your home warmer but adds no value if you are selling. Think council need to concentrate on getting tenaments to do basic repairs rather than retrofitting. This applies to council owned tenaments also</i></p>	<p>of the redeveloped skate park (28% of respondents were from the Torry area, 98% of all respondents were in favour of a pump track). This has not been actioned before now due to lack of resources.</p>
<p><i>Mostly seems not to relate to my area</i></p>	<p>The Plan covers the whole of the South Locality. The Locality Planning team, between them, cover a citywide remit. If you are interested in delivering projects in your area, you can email localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk and a member of the team will get back to you.</p>

3: Do you have any additional ideas for improvement that are not already covered?

There were 10 responses to this part of the question. 6 respondents had additional ideas, 2 respondent did not have additional ideas for improvement and 2 respondents did not know if they had additional community ideas for improvement.



There were 7 responses to this part of the question:

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<i>Street sweeping needs improved</i>	Priority 5 includes an increase in bins, however the priority refers to creating a 'safe and welcoming environment' more generally too.

<p><i>Speeding traffic needs addressed</i></p>	<p>Under priority 5, the plan makes reference to improved traffic management, this could be covered here.</p>
<p><i>Problems with no authority council, police etc not wanting to do anything about dangerous dogs. - numerous dog attacks on other dogs being reported and nothing being done about them</i></p>	<p>Under priority 5, the plan cites 'responsible dog ownership'. Projects surrounding this can include more than dog fouling.</p>
<p><i>The number of council houses in the area being left empty needs addressed - some for well over a year. Property falls into disrepair, loss of income.</i></p> <p><i>Address the no of properties needing repaired. You can't walk up Victoria Road in windy weather for fear of being hit by a falling slate</i></p>	<p>Reducing the number of void properties is a priority for Aberdeen City Council. A number of initiatives are being taken to achieve this including a city wide improvement project to support people to manage and sustain their tenancy.</p>
<p><i>Address the number of untidy gardens</i></p>	<p>This may be addressed under Priority 5 'safe and welcoming environment'. The community have worked previously on projects like 'Beautiful Torry', this could be something to revisit in the future.</p>
<p><i>Improve the wetlands at St.Fitticks park whereby it would appeal to the tourists who are coming in on the cruise ships instead of destroying it introduce facilities that can benefit tourism and the residents of the Area.</i></p>	<p>We will work with communities to explore opportunities to maximise the use of green space in the area as part of priority 5 to help address current issues and ensure citizens can regularly experience good quality natural space.</p>
<p><i>On street communal bins are often missed being emptied or emptied on two days close together causing overflowing rubbish . The bins when taking the cubic amount held and amount of people using them and how often they are emptied do not equate to each house having one black wheelie bin fortnightly emptied .. this causes rubbish to be left on street . Also council policy to tell people to put stuff at side of bin to be collected is unsightly and causes others to dump stuff at bins . I would like to see improvements in this area</i></p>	<p>Priority 5 includes an increase in bins, however the priority refers to creating a 'safe and welcoming environment' more generally too.</p>
<p><i>82% of carbon emissions are linked to consumption. We should be using the many empty premises for things that reduce this. Repair shops would both extend the life of domestic appliances and other consumer</i></p>	<p>There are some excellent ideas here! The locality plan covers community ideas broadly (some of the ideas mentioned, could be covered in Priorities 2,4 & 5), with an opportunity to work with the community and</p>

<p><i>goods and save folk money. Tools libraries where you can rent items that are seldom used are common in many of our cities, but not in Aberdeen. Many people in Aberdeen live in flats, so setting up workshops where folk could do DIY with volunteers to share skills would help folk to be more self sufficient. Textile waste makes up 32% of our carbon emissions. There are many ideas that were popular in the post-war era for re-using textiles in beneficial ways. Cutting emissions at source is the best way forward. Publicising recipes for cheap and nutritious plant based food would assist folk to reduce their personal carbon footprint. Asking folk to contribute cuttings from soft fruit bushes so that these could be propogated and then planted in under-used green patches would help with food provision.</i></p>	<p>pull out more specific ideas and work on developing them together</p>
<p><i>Not many people in the community know about the Locality Plans and the potential impact that these will have on their lives and potential positive outcomes in their communities. The need for adequate and effective communication is essential. The opportunities for communication should be identified and seen to be being implemented. Communication should not be limited to digital means - this is likely to be a statutory requirement in respect of the Equalities Act. An effective form of communication/engagement is to provide feedback regarding the positive outcomes of earlier versions of the LOIP and Locality plans - the use of relatable stories, using presentation/language appropriate to the range of demographic characteristics in Aberdeen is strongly recommended.</i></p>	<p>As part of our Priority 6, we are making efforts to make locality planning work more accessible and visible locally.</p> <p>We plan to have information on participation and on the plans available in local community 'bumping' places, this could include community centres, supermarkets and doctors surgeries.</p> <p>We have made a conscious attempt whilst refreshing the plan to make it more easy to read, however appreciate there is more work to be done to celebrate the positive outcomes too.</p> <p>There is an annual report provided on progress for each of the locality plans and the LOIP, where we share progress and positive outcomes.</p>
<p><i>Give attention and priority to where community volunteers can become involved in doing things</i></p>	<p>This is something we are working on as part of priority 6. We want to highlight opportunities for people to get involved in the things that are of particular interest to them, but also to get better at promoting volunteering opportunities that are available in local areas – and supporting people to access them and have the capacity to participate where needed.</p>

4: Do you think that the proposals set out in the plan could have any potential negative impacts on any groups of people with reference to the listed protected characteristics?

There were 4 responses to this part of the question:

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<i>No mention of elderly people anywhere. I support helping poorer people and the young, but elderly need consideration too.</i>	Priorities 1, 4 & 6 all relate to people of all ages.
<i>We need to work much harder to involve people with different protected characteristics in planning and implementation</i>	As part of our priority 6, we are looking to increase the diversity and participation across the board.