



Locality Planning Public Consultation

February-March 2026

You Said, We Did – Response from the Locality Planning Team

Central Locality Plan

No.	You Said	We Did
1.	Clarity of Question Wording: Respondents report difficulty understanding what is being asked and request clarification of specific language used in the question.	Plan Amended. Through the editing process we considered these comments and adjusted where possible
2.	Access to Services and Implementation: Respondents assume general agreement that people	No Change to Plan. Throughout the plan there is opportunity to work with partners as to how services can become more accessible to communities.

	should access services when needed and focus on how this will be achieved rather than whether it is desirable.	
3.	Focus of Actions - Comments note that while the actions are positive, they are seen as not clearly addressing timely, person-centred access to services and as being focused mainly on children and young people.	No Change to Plan. The plan is reflective of a substantial period of consultation with a range of communities and demographics resulting in a plan that covers all age groups. We recognise that issues that may not have previously been relevant become relevant as our environment changes. Partners will, whilst considering resources be as responsive as is possible.
4.	Safety of Routes to School - Concerns are raised about children not feeling safe walking to school due to factors such as unsafe routes, poor lighting and crime, with views that proposals do not address the underlying causes of these safety issues.	No Change to Plan. We have reflected in the plan the community idea around creating a walking bus or similar to support the safe travel of children to and from school. We are speaking with Head Teachers to see where they might be able to contribute to the plan – this being one area.
5.	Reliance on the Public and Supervision - There is concern about relying on members of the public who may not be vetted, and about the potential for large groups of young people without suitable supervision.	No Change to Plan Concern around members of the public being involved are mitigated against a vetting process (PVG). Any concerns raised re Young People gathering can be addressed via partners and a measured response.
6.	Volunteer Capacity and Support - Questions are raised about how volunteers or retired professionals would be recruited, coordinated and supported	No Change to Plan Partner organisations could look at this as a collective and create a project plan to support delivery.
7.	Delivery of Skills and Responsibilities - Comments suggest that skills learning should not depend on volunteers, that issues in schools and colleges should	No Change to Plan Communities and partner organisations as a whole will be supported to deliver skills learning.

	be addressed, and that parents have a role in ensuring children travel to school safely.	
8.	Impact on Employability - Doubts are expressed that community-led skills workshops would improve employability, with the view that employers place greater value on work experience than qualifications.	No Change to Plan We would work with local businesses to ensure that any skills led workshops would meet their employer needs.
9.	Wages and employment - Concern that many jobs pay poverty-level wages, with the view that increasing the availability of better-paid employment would help reduce poverty rather than reliance on financial support.	No Change to Plan This is beyond the remit of the Locality Plan
10	Employment Opportunities – Concerns that proposals are ineffective without sufficient jobs and questions about how employment opportunities will be increased.	No Change to Plan Currently Business Gateway employ a staff member who supports and mentors anybody within the community who is looking at starting up a business.
11	Cash First Pilot Scheme – Questions about whether the Cash First pilot will be extended beyond 2023–2026 or funded locally on a permanent basis.	Link to Cash First programme added to the Plan , with detail on aims and objectives, videos and case studies on how it has helped people living in poverty
12	Use of Public Funds – Calls for greater accountability in how public money is spent.	No Change to Plan The plan reflects the use of Participatory Process and the governance around accountability for this money being distributed and spent by local organisations.

13	Responsibility for improvements: Comments indicate that making improvements should not be the sole responsibility of the community.	No Change to Plan Throughout the plan there is recognition of the range of partners that are currently engaged in delivering community ideas. Partners engage with the community on a regular basis.
14	Support for Aims with Conditions - Support for creating safe, resilient communities and increasing participation, with emphasis on the need for realistic resourcing, capacity and coordination.	No Change to Plan The plan has an action focus on improving community safety. Resources are limited but we will endeavour to meet the needs of communities through partnership working and a coordinated approach.
15	Funding and Responsibility - Views that councils should fund and deliver services rather than expecting community or voluntary groups to do so, particularly where funding for staff is limited.	No Change to Plan We recognise that due to budget constraints that Council can no longer operate at the levels it once did. The plan supports a coordinated partnership approach where possible.
16	Existing Community and Multicultural Groups - Comments noting that many relevant groups already exist and that proposals may duplicate current provision rather than support it.	No Change to Plan The plan is not about duplication but about creating links and partnerships where there might be the potential for duplication.
17	Youth Spaces and Activities - Calls for more community-based safe spaces and free activities for young people to support social connection and cohesion.	No Change to Plan There are a range of opportunities via community gardens and or facilities to offer increased levels of appropriate space for young people.
18	Transport and Shared Resources - Issues raised around access to local transport, clarity of proposals,	No Change to Plan There are a number of national schemes that support free travel on public services – free bus pass for 60+ or those under 22 years.

	vehicle costs, fuel reliance, safeguarding, and insurance.	
19	Lack of Progress - Perception that these priorities have been discussed for many years with limited visible progress.	No Change to Plan but duly noted. This plan is the first time that Community Planning Aberdeen have had oversight of its creation and responsibility for delivery. Working in partnership we anticipate to demonstrate year on year progress
20	Integration and Language - A view expressed that residents should speak English and integrate into local ways of life, with support focused on long-term local taxpayers.	No Change to Plan Within the plan there is strong links to creating multi-cultural events to support connections within the communities, creating cohesion across all demographics
21	Community Spaces – General support for maximising spaces for connection, physical activity and engagement with nature, with emphasis on coordinated planning so parks, paths and hubs complement one another.	No Change to Plan There are a number of community gardens and local Friends of parks in the locality that can be accessed by everyone.
22	Art and Cultural Projects – Conditional support depending on the specific project, with repeated concerns about maintenance, longevity and the inclusion of upkeep costs; some respondents questioned whether funding should prioritise essential services over art or “statement” projects.	No Change to Plan We recognise the balance art v essential services. Funding can be accessed via a number of sources for projects, some from ACC and some from external sources or a combination of both; Denis Law Legacy, Health Improvement Fund etc.

23	Council and Community Responsibilities – Strong concern about council responsibilities being transferred to volunteers or community groups; comments stressed that streets, parks and environmental maintenance should remain the local authority’s responsibility, with questions raised about training, equipment and community capacity.	No Change to Plan Many areas (green spaces) being developed by Community Groups were via discussion with ACC and agreement that the local organisation could take them on. This has resulted in various areas being developed for community use. Buildings are also operated by local groups and organisations.
24	Youth Provision and Safety – Identification of limited safe play spaces and lack of natural neighbourhood centres in some areas, particularly in winter; calls for better youth hubs, lighting and dedicated funding.	No Change to Plan Partners within the area currently support delivery of Youth provision. There is also youth provision in schools and should young people express the need for additionality then they can do this via the Aberdeen Youth Movement.
25	Resources and Funding Priorities – Views that limited funding should focus on core services; concern that community-led activity could replace paid council roles or lead to job reductions; criticism that long-term costs are often overlooked.	No Change to Plan Local volunteering does not replace ACC jobs rather that they can coexist and work in partnership.
26	Community Engagement and Accountability – Recognition that community pride and involvement are valuable but cannot be enforced; mixed views on resident responsibility for local upkeep, alongside acknowledgement that not all communities or individuals have equal capacity to contribute.	No Change to Plan We recognise the diversity and capabilities of our communities. Where we can we will link partners up with residents to deliver an outcome.

27	Council Priority: Respondents stated that the issue raised in the question was not considered a priority for the council.	No Change to Plan We have made efforts to ensure that Community engagement has produced community ideas that have cross community support. The process in collating the information and checking back has been detailed and we will continue to do this until final draft is presented to committee.
28	Mental Health and Wellbeing: Support for prioritising mental health and wellbeing, with emphasis on community-based opportunities, clear access to services, outdoor activities, and coordination with wider community and nature-based initiatives.	No Change to Plan Whilst Mental Health is not explicitly stated in the plan it is implicated by a range of other activities that support attendee's Mental Health. We are approaching the conclusion of a six month program of Mental Health in the Community.
29	Swimming and Leisure Facilities: Concerns about the lack of accessible swimming pools in central Aberdeen without requiring full gym memberships, views that the sports village should function as a community resource, and requests for single-pay swim options or facilities closer to central and north-central communities.	No Change to Plan Aberdeen Sports Village is an Arm's Length Organisation and as such operates independently of the Local Authority. That said they can support localised groups with access and discounted tickets.
30	Family Groups: A suggestion to include strengthening of family groups within the proposals.	No Change to Plan Family plays an important part in any cohesive community and any project developed should ensure families can be catered for, if indeed that it there target audience.
31	Local Counselling and Support Services: Conditional support where proposals provide local access to counselling and professional support services, alongside requests for clarity on delivery and providers.	No Change to Plan Access to Counselling is not in the remit of the plan however partners can support the creation of opportunities in providing access to counselling.

32	Integration and Coherence - Comments highlighted under-representation of some issues and a need to better integrate climate, nature, wellbeing and community resilience, alongside clearer baselines, measurable outcomes and improved coordination across localities.	No Change to Plan The plan has been carefully pulling together Community Ideas and reflects a cross section of demographic backgrounds. We recognise we can not reach everyone and cover everything but we hope to be responsive to emerging issues.
33	Community-Led Participation - Respondents called for genuine co-production, long-term capacity building, equitable access for marginalised groups, youth involvement and civic education, and the inclusion of creative expression such as art, music and dance in community life.	No Change to Plan Community involvement has been key in gathering ideas for the plan and we will continue to support other mechanisms for communities to have on going dialogue, PNPs, LEGS, Networks, Community Councils etc.
34	Access, Transport and Local Infrastructure - Issues were raised around transport and road access, cycling and active travel infrastructure, digital barriers, uneven investment within the city, and reliance on greenfield development without supporting facilities.	No Change to Plan Some of these statements are out with the remit of the plan. However within the plan there is a range of Ideas around active travel, cycling etc. There are partners in the City who can support access for those with mobility issues (NESS).
35	Wellbeing and Social Support - Comments noted the importance of linking environmental initiatives with mental and physical wellbeing, supporting social interaction and creativity, addressing hate and discrimination, supporting an ageing population, and improving transitions between child and adult services.	No Change to Plan The plan has many Community Ideas within it that partners are also currently delivering on which supports communities and the demographic make up therein.
36	Delivery, Resources and Accountability - There were concerns about how proposals would be delivered, availability of resources, capacity of communities	No Change to Plan The plan demonstrates a range of Community Ideas and Partner initiatives that currently deliver. We have generated an annual report to reflect the

	to participate, support for disabled people, and the lack of tangible, measurable outcomes from previous long-term plans.	work across the area. Funded projects are also held to account by reporting twice a year to their respective funders (FAF, HIF, UDECIDE etc.)
37	Fairness and Use of Resources - Respondents raised issues around entitlement to resources, awareness of where resources come from, education on budgeting and responsibility, and perceptions of unequal focus between different population groups.	No Change to Plan Whilst the Plan reflects the Central Locality provision, due to resources target the Priority Neighbourhoods. These neighbourhoods have been designated Priority areas using the Scottish Indices of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)
38	Community Facilities and Use - Comments highlight the value of the local community centre and suggest more opportunities for people to come together, including increased drop-in access rather than only scheduled programmes.	No Change to Plan Partners will continue to utilise local facilities to deliver activities, events and programs to support the communities in which they are located.
39	Accessibility of Community Spaces and Services - A lack of reference to improving accessibility to community spaces, services and learning opportunities is noted.	No Change to Plan Central locality is served by a number of community facilities and are welcoming to a range of groups and organisations to utilise.
40	Consideration of Older People - Comments indicate that older people are less likely to use outdoor spaces and are perceived as being given lower priority than children and young people.	No Change to Plan Older People are recognised as part of the population and have a range of activities specifically targeted at them supported by partners including the Wellbeing Team, local partners etc to deliver various food initiatives and opportunity to come together.
41	Protection and Support for Vulnerable Groups - Respondents question how protected groups will be supported, particularly people unable to work due to	No Change to Plan All groups with protective factors should be able to access provision, indeed reasonable adjustments need to be considered when supporting access. Equally there are provision to support retraining or returning to work via ABZ works, Pathways etc.

	age or outdated skills, and note the absence of clear provision for retraining.	
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