

Outcome 2 – We have an infrastructure that supports sustainable growth

Argyll and Bute

Four main issues were raised in the Outcome 2 workshops:

- Transport,
- Broadband and internet
- Mobile coverage
- Electricity / grid

Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands

MAKI in the main broadly reflected concerns as highlighted in other areas with some localised issues.

| Topic raised | Issue discussed | Potential solutions raised as part of engagement process |
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| Transport | A83 | Long term solution found quickly – E.g. Tunnel; develop alternative routes; bridge Cowal – Kintyre peninsula |
| Transport | Improved ferry services would potentially encourage population and economic growth. | Year round ferry services Campbeltown to Ardrossan & Ireland |
| Transport | Ferry reliability | Increase lobbying via SG and other routes |
| Renewables | Grid Connections impeding growth | Develop Argyll and Bute plan with milestones |
| Renewables | Develop more community owned projects (E.g. Islay Energy Trust) | Appropriate support provided |
| Renewables | Visual / local Impact | Due consideration given to each development, local community plans encouraged and adopted |
| Broadband | Slow roll out hindering small business growth and inbound mobility | European Funding, Research innovative models, community ownership models, Lobby for faster rollout |
| Mobile Phone Signal | Poor in many areas hindering small business growth and inbound mobility | Alternative models, lobby |
| Housing | Affordability, location, size | More appropriately sized and located affordable housing |
| Housing | Lack of appropriate housing for key professionals needed in area | Develop program for reintroducing tied housing for high demand skilled staff |
| Housing | Demand for second homes pushing house prices to unaffordable levels | Increase tax on second homes |
| Housing | Lack of Land for self-build | Program to release land for self- build + training courses |