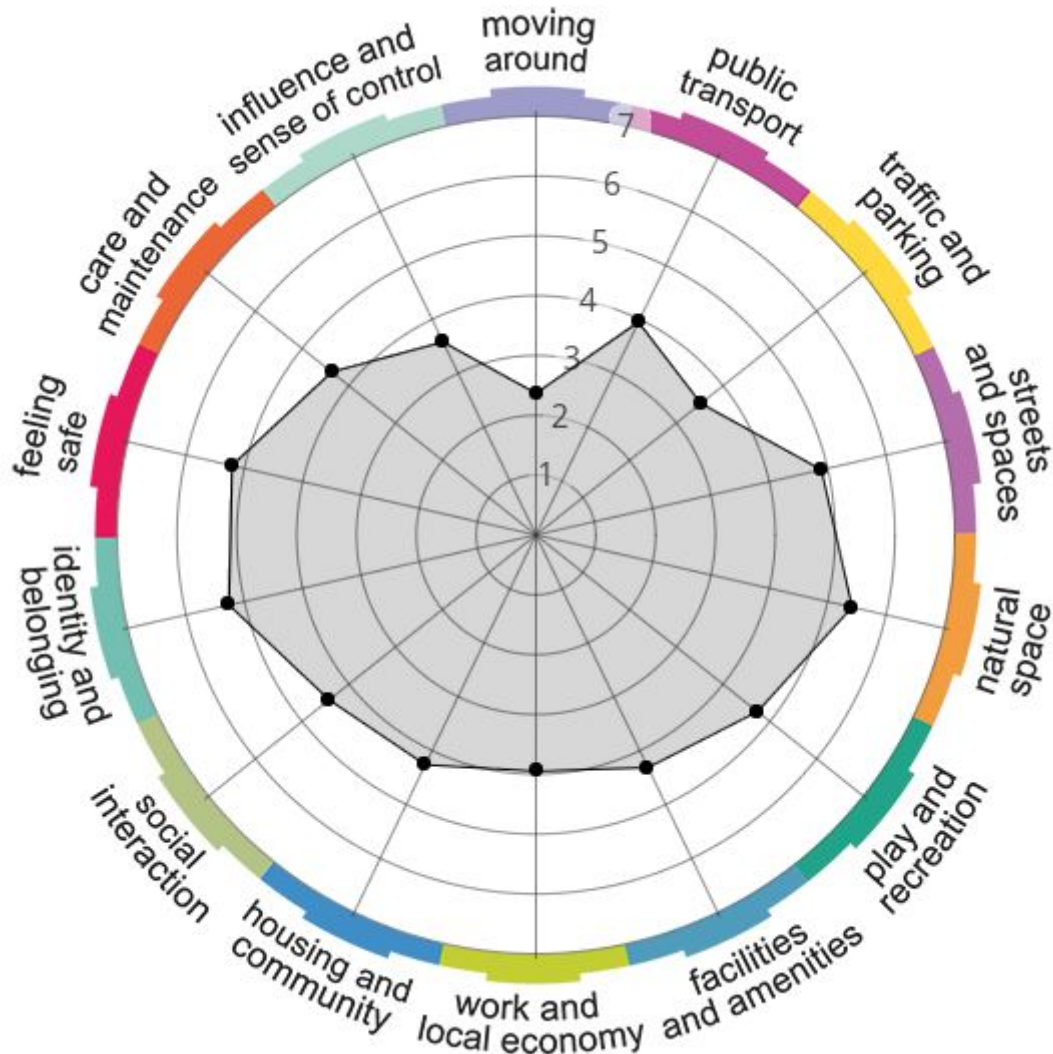


# Cardross Responses 2019



## Priority Areas for Improvement:



Moving Around



Traffic and Parking



Influence and Sense of Control



Work and Local Economy



## **How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool**

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used [the Place Standard tool](#) to engage residents in Argyll and Bute on how they feel about the place(s) that they live and work in Argyll and Bute.

We are very grateful to all the responses that we received. We hope you find the information easy to understand and of interest to you and your community.

We are pleased to see that the thematic areas of Natural Space, Feeling Safe, Identity and Sense of Belonging and Social Contact came out with the highest scores, needing the least improvement, when considering Argyll and Bute as a whole.

The engagement has been undertaken at a place-based level and respondents provided their postcode, groupings of postcodes have created the settlement/community level detail.

The results are available for community groups and partner agencies to use, for example, to assist with service planning or for community-led action plans.

Please note: The information is the views of individuals who responded to the engagement. We trust that the information provided will be viewed within the context of which it is provided. We are grateful to all those who have taken part in the consultation and believe in sharing information for openness and transparency.

We appreciate that the documents can be lengthy due to the amount of information and we hope that the format is user-friendly.

If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: [cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk) , phone: 01546 604 464.

### **Next steps**




This information is helping to shape plans for the area. Other information such as information from partners' data and statistics is also used to consider priorities for improvement. The CPP will analyse the information to identify priority themes for improvement within each of the four administrative areas and shape actions to address these where this is possible with resources.

We are currently mapping out what activity is already happening, what is planned within the next 3-4 years and where the gaps are. This information will be considered by both the CPP Management Committee and the Area Community Planning Groups to shape the actions.

The final agreed actions will become part of our four Area Community Planning Action Plans, due to be refreshed in 2021. To get involved, contact your local [Area Community Planning Group](#).




## Cardross Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:

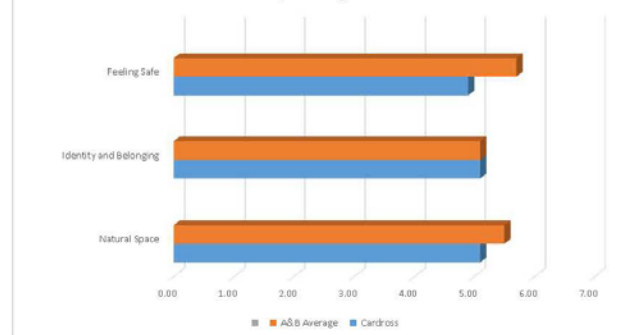
	<b>Natural Space</b>	Respondents rated this area 5.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
	<b>Identity and Belonging</b>	Respondents rated this area 5.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.
	<b>Feeling Safe</b>	Respondents rated this area 4.9 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.



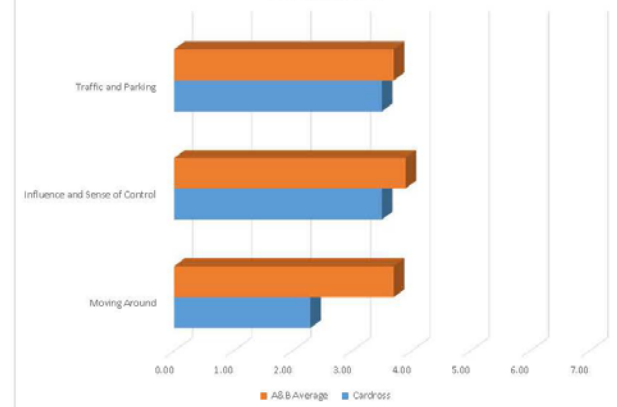
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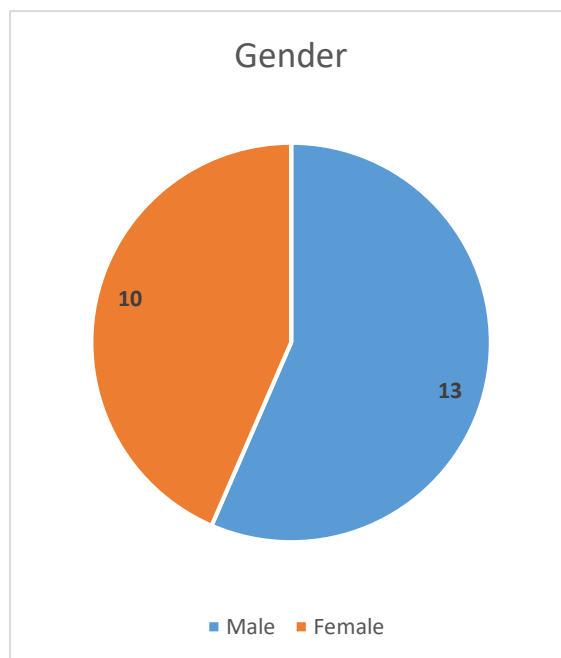
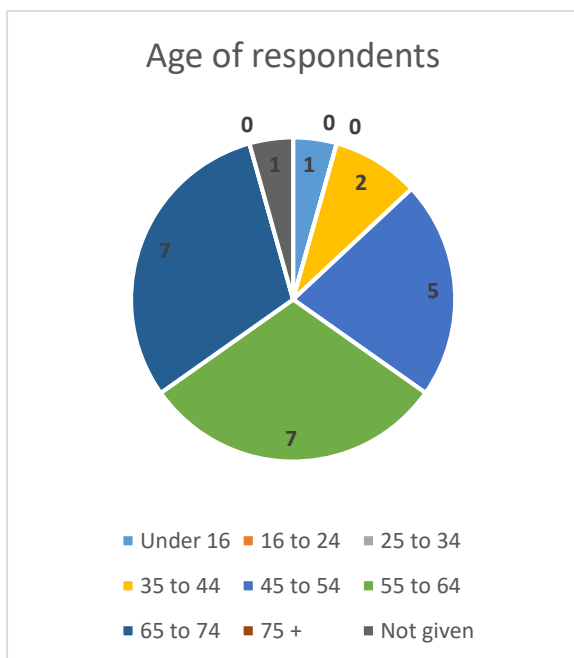
	<b>Moving Around</b>	Respondents rated this area 2.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	<b>Influence and Sense of Control</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.9 out of 7.
	<b>Traffic and Parking</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings



Bottom 3 Ratings





#### Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
<a href="#">Moving Around</a>	2.3
<a href="#">Traffic and Parking</a>	3.5
<a href="#">Influence and Sense of Control</a>	3.5
<a href="#">Work and Local Economy</a>	3.7
<a href="#">Public Transport</a>	3.9
<a href="#">Facilities and Amenities</a>	4.1
<a href="#">Care and Maintenance</a>	4.1
<a href="#">Housing and Community</a>	4.3
<a href="#">Social Contact</a>	4.4
<a href="#">Play and Recreation</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Streets and Spaces</a>	4.6
<a href="#">Feeling Safe</a>	4.9
<a href="#">Natural Space</a>	5.1
<a href="#">Identity and Belonging</a>	5.1

## Q1. Moving Around: Can I easily walk and cycle around using good-quality routes?

<b>23 responses in total – Average Score of 2.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
9 responses	4 responses	6 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Cycleway in the Pipeline, should make walking off-road easier to find.
Cyclists don't use the routes, cyclists and mobility scooters are not considerate of pedestrians. Challenging between Helensburgh and Cardross
Dumping of rubble/ landfill under the guise of improving sea defence of an unmetalled access road to the West of Cardross makes walking difficult in that area. Access to the shore has been severely restricted this was a right of way and popular walk towards Ardmore point prior to this action. Access for anyone disabled in the Village using wheelchair/scooter, baby buggy difficult due to certain curb heights in some areas inaccessible for disabled.
I can cycle and walk around Cardross, a cycle path to Helensburgh and Dumbarton would allow for extra opportunity to use a bike as a form of transport.
I can easily walk around the village, but when cycling, if you go on the main road you are taking your life in your hands. Cycling around the rest of the village is fine, but the road going right through is very busy with traffic which is not sticking to the speed limit. We need a proper cycle route linking us to Dumbarton on one side and Helensburgh on the other.
I can walk but paths are a little rough and very close to roads. I am too scared to ride a bike out of Cardross as there isn't a bike path.
I cannot walk safely from my home to Cardross. Pavements in poor state and too narrow. Walls at edge of pavement broken with large stones impeding the pavement. Even the short length from Colgrain Stables to Waitrose is not well maintained with shrubs growing into the path, also coming up through tarmac!
It is possible to walk and cycle around my area, however I would not call them good quality routes.
Long standing issue of completing cycle path between Helensburgh and Dumbarton. Narrow pavements alongside main through road beyond the village also makes walking not especially attractive.
No cycle route exists through Ardoch
Pavements dangerously narrow, roads too busy, no cycle path.
Prolonged cycle path implementation
Proposed cycle/walkway needs commencement- currently cannot leave Cardross via a cycle route
Several pavements are not properly surfaced and some on the main road are so narrow they are dangerous. The Dumbarton/Hellishburgh cycle path is surely a joke first used by Charlie Chaplin, although the completed but unlit section within Cardross is a real benefit and well used by local walkers, cyclists and rail commuters accessing the station.
The proposed Cardross to Helensburgh Cycle Track (with required extension eastwards to Dumbarton) has been at the planning and discussion stage for over 18 years with very little actual

progress beyond path improvements south of the railway line within Cardross itself and the section between Craigendoran and Colgrain. I'd have given this section the lowest score because of the lack of progress. However, there are good walking routes on country lanes to the north of the village which helps to redeem the situation.

There are no cycle paths linking Cardross to Dumbarton or Helensburgh and hence on to the National Cycle way. The A814 is too dangerous to cycle on. There are plenty of walks but not very well sign posted or marked, plus a little bit disadvantaged due to only 180 degrees of countryside due to the Clyde. The walks are really for those who have bothered to explore or studied the OS maps. However one big plus is that the John Muir way does connect the village.

There are no good walking and cycling routes nearby which are safe to take my family away from traffic.

There are plenty of walking routes but the STILL incomplete cycle path means that there is still much to be done. To see local councillors proposing it should be cancelled is a disgrace. They won't get my vote if they stand in any election in future.

There's no cycle track joining up Cardross and Helensburgh. There is a big tree trunk at the chemist which means people go onto the road. Roads in Cardross are full of parked cars even when people have driveways

Very narrow pavements heading to Helensburgh and Dumbarton. I don't feel safe being so close to fast traffic.

Walking is ok but cycling is restricted to main road.

## Q2. Public Transport: Does public transport meet my needs?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 3.9							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
3 responses	4 responses	1 responses	6 responses	5 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Although improved the Scotrail service is still not as reliable as it should be.
Bus drivers regularly miss my stop, mainly due to the speed of their vehicles.
Buses stopping at around 7pm and trains that STILL fail to stop at Cardross.
Good services bus and train
Good train and bus services
Have only used bus on rare occasions so feel I cannot give a true picture,
Having the train station is good but reliability is s problem
I rarely use the bus service and it seems adequate for my needs. The rail service timetable appears good but the reality is that services have frequently been subject to cancellation, delay and station skipping. The service became so unreliable for a time that if a time-critical appointment had to be met for whatever reason - business, social or medical - then I would use my car. I believe services may have improved in recent months but I am not confident. Train fares to local stations are expensive, but that is a nation-wide issue. Cardross station has had temporary ticket office in place for over a year following a small fire in the station building. This is an excessive time for any repairs to be made.
It all works for me.
Poor road surface Poor footpaths Poor punctual of trains
Railway ok when Stopping in the Village, but cannot EVER be Guaranteed, the Bus Service is just useless, especially if you wished out in the Evening, NO BUSES. Car a Necessity still.
Reasonable mix of transport options and minimal needs. Issues with station skipping at Cardross. No link-up between hospital bus and train. Very limited public transport to hospitals.
Sometimes the trains are often late, do not stop at Cardross as scheduled are cancelled.
The bus stops early
Train links are very good. Local bus a different story, sparse especially weekend. I expect supply and demand.
Train service is great (expensive and liable to cancellations), but a good service all in all. Buses take too long to get anywhere.
Train service is pretty good. In terms of timetable it is very good although some problems in terms of reliability do affect the service. The train links the village into Glasgow and beyond all the way to Edinburgh, two times an hour including Sunday so is really good. Buses are more limited. Slow to go all the way into Glasgow and the service stops surprisingly early in the evening so really no good for later evening travel at all. Station facilities are ok, but waiting room only open when ticket office is open which is up to 2-30. There are no ticket machines for buying tickets at other times and no public toilets. Parking is ok but if housing expansion takes place as proposed for the village then this may be an issue.

Train services between Helensburgh and Edinburgh are very unreliable - Cardross station is often missed out.

Transport links are good to and from where I live, however a proper hourly/ half hourly service from Dumbarton via Cardross and Helensburgh to the Naval base, a major employer, would take a lot of congestion and pollution off the roads.

Up to about 4 years ago the rail service was superb, in recent times it has become as everyone knows unreliable.

Whilst the trains are not always on time and station skip Cardross at times, the overall ability to get a train or bus is adequate.

You cannot rely on the trains. If one thing goes wrong anywhere on the line between Helensburgh and Edinburgh, the trains can be cancelled at the drop of a hat. If trains are running late they often don't stop at Cardross and keep going until Helensburgh, which is disgraceful especially if you are trying to get home to pick up kids from Afterschool or after school care. My kids are older now, but I have very often had to pick them up or take them to school because of cancellations (they get the train from Cardross to Craigendoran where their school is). Not sure about buses, I don't tend to use them.



### Q3. Traffic and Parking: Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 3.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	5 responses	1 responses	7 responses	1 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses

#### Comments

Around the school and co-op parked cars are a big issue. More support to allow households to amend their garden to take a car would help. Maybe a one way system around the school would help too
Doesn't seem to be many problems parking
During the summer period particularly the traffic can be extremely heavy through Cardross and at times can come to a standstill due to level of traffic
Excessive speeds of the majority of vehicles driving through Ardoch make it extremely hazardous for other road users and pedestrians.
Home Parking No Problem, However going out and about FREE parking is becoming Extinct, although Helensburgh giving the 2 Hrs so I can get Haircut etc. as a Free Period more than sufficient for my Needs, however come Summer and Tourists, Parking Woeful in A&B.
I know space is limited for parking, improved public transport might take the strain off. Improved disabled parking and property thought ramped pavements would help.
Main traffic issues - Traffic very heavy on main road through the village (limited pavement space). Heavy loaded lorries on Station Rd to/from Saw Mill - little pavement space there, with a lot of pedestrian traffic at busy times (including large numbers of school children).
More vigilance required by police to ensure vehicles keep to correct speed. Far too many drivers flaunting such as they do the parking regulations. This is particularly bad in lower part of Sinclair St Helensburgh. Too many vehicles still sit with engines running!
My wife is disabled but is often forced to use out of town shopping malls as, despite the increase in disabled on-street parking in Helensburgh, it is very difficult to find available spaces near shops and restaurants. Why not increase the number of disabled bays and let those fit enough to do so walk from the car parks to the shops. It's not far if you are able bodied.
No traffic enforcement of RTA Excessive speeds on A814
On a whole yes.
Pretty well catered for.
Speeding on main road makes it dangerous for pedestrians and other road users.
The drive into Faslane can be horrendous and have regularly been overtaken by cars doing 60-70mph on Helensburgh sea front at 6.40am in the morning. Otherwise generally don't think traffic in the area is too bad.
The main road needs some form of traffic control to slow the cars and lorries down. Especially near the post office / library and at the nursery / co-op. Station road requires lights to stop smashes and prevent cars blocking the view of the main road.
The main road to Helensburgh from Dumbarton runs through the village. Cars can go too fast despite the speed limits. There are two traffic light crossing points, which is reasonable but could

probably do with additional traffic calming measures. I think this has been identified as an issue locally. A lot of fairly narrow side streets, heavily residential so car parking can be an issue where people do not have adequate off road parking. Recent proposals to build some 200 new houses raised major issues of parking and traffic flow for many.

There should be an immediate ban on pavement parking. Millions of pounds have been spent on improving access for people with disabilities, yet access along pavements is frequently restricted or completely blocked by irresponsibly-parked vehicles. This a particular risk to wheelchair users, the visually-impaired and parents with children in pushchairs or on foot. A planned housing development in Cardross will mean a massive and very unwelcome increase in traffic within the village. Too many children are driven to and from school and this practice should be discouraged.

There's too much traffic going through the village and they speed through particularly during rush hour. We need traffic calming measures put in place. There is plenty of parking in the village, that isn't a problem except occasionally at the station.

You can only park for an hour in the centre

## Q4. Streets and Spaces: Do the streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to navigate?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 4.6							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	0 responses	4 responses	4 responses	5 responses	6 responses	2 responses	0 responses

### Comments

At the present time yes, if the village population should rise in the near future due to yet another housing estate being passed through planning then definitely no.
Cardross is a lovely wee village that we are all very proud to be living in. It's beautifully kept and people take pride in their environment.
Cardross is a nice village, any larger it will become a town! At the moment you can walk around the area take in the wildlife, plants and trees enjoy the fresh air. All the above important for ones wellbeing and mental health. On the whole the villagers keep their own houses in good condition. The park areas are well kept by the Council.
Cardross is a pleasant place in which to live, but a centrally-located flower bed is frequently the subject of complaint owing to poor maintenance by the Council. A valued feature of Cardross is the ruined Parish Church on Main Road and its adjacent sandstone wall, both of which combine to make handsome feature when entering Cardross from the east. However, this feature is at risk because of proposed development which would create a 10 metre long breach in the sandstone wall and completely wreck the visual aspect of this area.
Cardross is a pleasant place to live and quite an attractive village with a mix of housing. Limited shops but adequate for everyday needs. No real centre to the village though as the main road runs right through. But some notable landmarks, such as Geilston Hall, Geilston House and Garden (under threat of closure by the National Trust Scotland though), nice church. Good access to woodland and hill walks and the shore line. St Peters seminary is of course another noted landmark but is problematical in terms of any future.
Dangerous road crossing prevents many from enjoying walking in this area.
Do not get out much and when I do Architecture does not Rate in my To Do list.
Good access to most areas
High rates for shops, doesn't look attractive, parked cars on pavements are disruptive.
In Cardross most of the pavements are too narrow and uneven but the improvements in Helensburgh (The Square and seafront) are most welcome.
It is a nice village to walk around once away from the main road.
Main road traffic bisects the village. Much increased noise from the Saw Mill. Community park a positive feature (though dog walkers empty dogs on Church Avenue and Station Rd daily)
Memorial war graves should be enhanced along with parks
Mostly ok, but okay parks need better equipment the investment in west Dumbarton looks good. There's no closed space cycle track or skateboard area for village children to play close to home
No issues

On the whole the council are doing their best to keep the environment in good order but some poor aspects are derelict building. Jobs such as grass cutting are not completed to a high standard e.g. grass cuttings not removed then weeds take hold.

Pavements are in poor repair

The pavements on Church street are almost impossible to walk on. People walk on the street often, especially if they have a cane.

There are 2 nice little parks far enough away from roads and traffic.

## Q5. Natural Space: Can I experience good quality green spaces?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 5.1							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	5 responses	7 responses	5 responses	4 responses	0 responses

### Comments

A foreshore littered with rubbish is a scar on an otherwise beautiful area.
At the current time yes. Although an ancient stream that attracted an abundance of wildlife was allowed to be built over by local Sawmill. I have concerns with possible dumping of rubbish near the shore. I have reported this. SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO CLEAN IT UP AND REMOVE IT IN THE FUTURE. I thought we treasured our coastline in Scotland.
At the moment it is easy to get out in the natural space around Cardross. I have given this a 5 rating and not higher due to the constant dumping of building landfill on the shoreline to the West of Cardross towards the large unfinished house down by the shore. It used to be an easy walk along the dirt farm track and onto the natural shoreline towards Ardmore Point. This has been made ugly and dangerous by the dumping tons of what can only be described as building landfill on the shoreline, "sea defence " my posterior!!!
Cardross is set in a rural location and is of a pleasant scale, with good access to nearby countryside. There is a risk of the green belt being destroyed by peripheral development, which would also adversely affect the scale of the village. Darleith Road and Red Road are narrow country roads. The grass verges on both roads are being destroyed by vehicles driving on to them when passing. More passing places at strategic locations would alleviate this situation and help to reduce the wear and tear on the edge of the road surface and the mud and debris which result.
Duchess Woods are closed
Generally good quality of natural space. Main road does detract from this a bit but there are nice walks nearby and park area.
Good, but would be even more accessible with cycle lanes.
Green belt superb BUT Scottish government Reporter overrules planning decisions
I enjoy the open Spaces, I enjoy being Outside, we are Spoiled for Choice in A&B
Plenty around... just needs more in the way of paths for prams / bikes etc so can be enjoyed as a family.
Plenty of good walks in the country.
Plenty of nice walks
Plenty of open spaces to experience wildlife and fresh air.
The noise keeps me from sitting in my garden and walking around the village.
Simply because of where I live,
We are surrounded by fields and countryside. The views are gorgeous. We have nice parks with facilities for children. We are very lucky.
We have many natural open spaces but not well maintained!
With living near Loch Lomond, Helensburgh sea front, Ardmore Point, the Trossachs - nature and open spaces are plentiful.

## Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

<b>23 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	0 responses	4 responses	7 responses	5 responses	4 responses	2 responses	0 responses

### Comments

2 play parks but equipment is dated
2 small play parks with not a lot in them
All round good. Kids should be encouraged to go out and explore their environment.
As an ex-football coach I think the recreation spaces have improved with the increase of school artificial pitches such as 4G.
Children's play park could be bigger and more things for older children
For myself a good walk is about all I need but for young folk (early to late teens) there's no recreational facilities in the village.
Generally for a relatively small place quite well provided for although does depend on willingness and affordability for joining clubs. There is a tennis and bowling club and golf club but these will be membership or payment based use so may have limited appeal. There is an open play area although quite limited in terms of any facilities. I guess not an awful lot for local teenagers although facilities in Dumbarton (different local authority) and Helensburgh are not far away and accessible by public transport. Local library which is really good and does cater for children as well as adult readers. A real asset. Local play group and church groups.
Good local leisure and sporting facilities exist in Cardross - golf club, tennis club, bowling club, park and play area with adjacent football pitch.
Good parks and open spaces.
Good space but not enough care taken with grass cutting and the Millennium Park was left in a disgraceful state after Network Rail used it for access to the railway line.
If you want it you can find it in A&B, although at times Potential is not Realised.
Outdoor pool would be good
The park is ok for younger children.
There are not a lot of facilities in the village, but what we have seems to be adequate for what we need.
Well provided for.
What has happened to the completion of Hermitage Park? This is a fantastic area for many but it lies unfinished.

Q7. Facilities and Amenities: Does my place have the things I need to live and enjoy life? This could include shops, schools, libraries, health services or places to eat and drink.

<b>23 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	2 responses	3 responses	5 responses	7 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

A cafe would be lovely.
A very part time library!! Not much access or diversity
Again improvements to main road footpaths and provision of recreational facilities for the young would greatly improve the village.
All round good in our area. A doctor's practice would improve the place however I expect population size limits this.
As a relatively small village close to larger towns, would not expect large range of facilities. So no local medical services. Limited local shopping but enough for everyday needs with a post office/store, small Co-op (fairly recent addition) and newsagents. Hairdressers. The Cardross Inn has reopened and seems to be doing well, which does provide a nice local focal point and facility. Library as mentioned above is a great asset.
Everything is either in Dumbarton or Helensburgh.
For myself the Village has everything I would require for Day to Day Living, however for access to Medical or Dental services one must Travel, however our own Pharmacy certainly is a Great step forward.
I think we are fortunate as we have a variety of facilities available although the swimming pool is well past its sell by date.
Local shops are perfectly adequate to meet most day-to-day requirements. The local library is well-used but we has been at risk from closure in the past. It was saved form closure by overwhelming local opposition. However, we are not complacent! A major local concern is about health care and hospital provision. Vale of Leven Hospital seems continually under threat, yet we have the ridiculous and unacceptable situation where any major hospital treatment requires a trip to Paisley. Even if services are unavailable at Vale of Leven, we ought to be able to make better use of the Golden Jubilee Hospital at Clydebank, which would be far more convenient than the Royal Alexandra Hospital.
More needed for young people, no decent clothes shops
New Co-op makes buying groceries easier but is still too expensive.
No issues
Not much in the way this in the immediate area but access to the above available in the adjacent towns.
Shops, school, church all fine. A cafe would be good.
Speed control systems would vastly improve the quality of life of all Ardoch residents.

The Council keep trying to shut our library, which is a vital part of the village particularly for the older generation and very young children. We don't really have any other amenities, but there's plenty in Dumbarton and Helensburgh nearby.

There are None

Usually access facilities outside village - excluding pharmacy, Post Office and Co-op



Q8. Work and Local Economy: Is there an active local economy with good-quality work opportunities?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	5 responses	1 responses	9 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Apart from a handful of small shops and a pub which struggles to survive due to very high leasing costs and other overheads the only real employment is in the sawmill,
Ardoch is a rural location with little in the way of work opportunities.
Don't know much about this.
Faslane Naval base main employers in the area. Minority of residence commute to Glasgow.
Given a halfway house score because I don't know enough about this without further research.
I am retired so don't know
I don't think there are many opportunities for young people moving into the working world
I feel as a retired person I cannot comment on this.
I would not expect the village itself to support many jobs as basically it is a commuter location so people go into Glasgow or beyond, Dumbarton, Helensburgh and the nearby MoD facilities for work. But there is the Cardross sawmill which is the only local employer of any significance. Its presence does raise some issues of noise and traffic (heavy lorries turning off the main road to access the site. Basically opportunities for work, training and education rely on Helensburgh or going towards Glasgow, but these are certainly accessible. There is some local childcare provision.
Little local employment apart from the sawmill and retail outlets. Cardross, with its rail link to Glasgow, is mainly a commuter village. Helensburgh offers more employment opportunity within a reasonable distance, along with Ministry of Defence jobs on the Gareloch. There are local childcare facilities.
Lots of charity shops so reliant on volunteers, a lot of who you know
Main employment in the area I expect is the Naval base, second people commuting to the city and of course employment servicing the two of these.
Mainly a dormitory village - so little work opportunity. Communities seem generally centred around school, housing, clubs and church.
n/a Retired
Nothing that interests me.
We don't have a lot of shops or businesses, but that's the charm of the village. We are within the commuter belt so it's not difficult to get work elsewhere, especially if you have a car.

## Q9. Housing and Community: Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 4.3							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	1 responses	2 responses	6 responses	1 responses	5 responses	4 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Cardross is a residential village of a pleasant scale to make it still a desirable place in which to live. Large scale development has been proposed and has been overwhelmingly opposed by the local community. There is a reasonable mix of private and rental accommodation, and many people appear happy to stay here for as long as they are able.
Cardross is a village, there is an adequate turnover of private housing. There is also Council property although unfortunately the majority of this has over time come into private hands. This is not the fault of the population of Cardross. I think the village housing situation at the moment is at its optimal. Any more there will no longer be the Village of Cardross.
Housing provision is pretty good and varied mix. Big issue has been proposed new build and there are issues of scale in terms of some of the proposed developments
Housing supply seems to meet demand in this area.
I feel I am unable to comment!
I know of an elderly lady living in an upstairs cottage flat who can't access ground level accommodation that is affordable.
I think there is a lack of development in the Helensburgh area but full credit to the Dumbarton side as there seems to be loads of housing developments.
More affordable housing for those on lower income would be good
More small bungalows for older folks, not so many executive villas required.
More social housing required to retain youth in a Rural area
No idea really.
not enough social housing, social housing sold off but not replaced
Not enough social/affordable housing.
Sore point with the possibility of Rural life being ripped apart by the Building of houses in the Wrong Area, Whilst PLENTY of space to put new Homes in and around our Village they have picked the Most inaccessible and Detrimental area Possible to the Safety and Wellbeing of ALL Villagers as this new Proposed Site will impact upon EVERYONE, there are other Sites that the Village would Welcome and Desire, But not this Situation or Locus. Although in Fairness A&B have supported the Village in their Proven Grievances.
The majority of housing is privately owned, however there seems to be a natural turn over with older residents downsizing and younger family's moving in. It's a village.
There is always someone bring to build new houses. The train station parking, the school and small roads would make this a difficult place to live with more people.
There is too much development of new housing (massively increased population in recent years) without corresponding development of amenities, roads etc.
Yes we have a good mix of private and council housing of all sizes.

Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	2 responses	3 responses	5 responses	6 responses	5 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Again, no idea. I only really interact with my family and immediate neighbours.
Average for a place the size of Cardross.
I know that Cardross have traditionally had lots of community events indoors and outdoor gala days and have 2 halls to meet in, the Geilston hall and Church Halls. Maybe an investment is needed at Geilston for equipment and a general upgrade.
I would rate Cardross above average in this field.
Just the church.
Local facilities such as the golf club, tennis club, bowling club provide good social opportunities. The local church appears to be well-attended with an active social calendar. Simply walking around the village provides scope to meet and chat to others.
Nothing exists
Pubs, clubs, church, community hall and school provides plenty of opportunity but locals need to use them.
Quite exclusive, not inclusive - navy culture
Some but mainly private groups running these.
Some provision such as library, church and the church hall which is used by various groups and for some events. Local shops also provide a meeting point. Geilston Hall is another venue which I use. So for a fairly small place quite good opportunities for people to meet up.
There are clubs that run in the village and we do have a couple of good halls. People also meet at the school gates, whilst out dog walking or at the shops. We have one pub/restaurant where people also meet.
There's a pub, golf-club and bowling club but nothing for teens.
Travel to Helensburgh or Dumbarton is necessary to join others in various pastimes.
Very mixed opportunities!
Yes, Plenty of Clubs and Meeting Places if you wish to get out and About.

Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 5.1							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	3 responses	3 responses	4 responses	9 responses	3 responses	0 responses

Comments

Absolutely. I wasn't brought up in the village, but I do very much feel part of the community.
Again you have the Old Village and the New Build Homes, unfortunately neither Community mixes much with the other. For myself as Born & Bred I know the Local Villagers and their lineage, as for the New Residents they do not come to local Groups so remain as Strangers.
Cardross has become larger and more of a dormitory town, so less sense of identity and connection.
Cardross is a village that still has that village feel. Most people know each other or at least you recognize each other. To sum it up people still say good morning to each other if they pass in the street, or out walking. Any bigger and I think this small but meaningful thing will forever be lost.
Having only moved here 3 years ago a bit difficult to answer but from what I have experienced I think people do view the village fairly positively. I think some older residents might feel it is losing some sense of identity as it expands. Maybe more could be done to celebrate local history, heritage and culture. Perhaps the library might be a focal point for this. St Peters might have provided some facility and focus for something, if a bit modernist perhaps but unlikely anything will happen now. Geilston House and Garden also an important part of the local history and also natural beauty of the village, but at present this is under threat of closure by its current owners, National Trust Scotland.
I've only been here 20 years, but I feel as if I've been accepted already
Lived here 18 years but don't feel I belong here. People are friendly
Many local people have been Cardross residents all their lives and have family connections here, with parents and grandparents living here before them. Incoming residents (I have lived here for 37 years and have been a Community Councillor for 10 years or so) have been made welcome and have been impressed by the friendliness of the village. The small scale is a big factor in this respect and is a good reason to oppose further large-scale development.
No issues with the length of coast from Dumbarton to Arrochar, steeped in history, heritage and a great day out especially in good weather.
Not sure this applies to me.
On the whole we are very lucky in this area with what is on offer.
On the whole yes.
There is a strong community spirit considering Ardoch having a small population.
You do tend to identify with a village.

## Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 4.9							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	3 responses	6 responses	3 responses	8 responses	2 responses	0 responses

### Comments

A814 is a race track at all hours. Needs regular speed cameras.
Absolutely. People do look out for each other in my street.
Been here 20 years and there have been few serious police incidents.
Cardross is a reasonably safe place in which to live, as evidenced by recent police reports. Anti-social behaviour and vandalism occur but at a low level.
Feel safe in street
Hypodermic syringes are regularly found on the foreshore. Aforementioned traffic speeds needs to be addressed.
I feel I cannot offer a comment on this.
I feel that the area is fairly safe. Some improvements in lighting might help but generally no issues for me personally.
I have lived in Cardross for twenty three years now. When I first moved in there was a manned police station, all be it one man, he knew the population of the village and introduced himself to new people arriving. We lost that and over the years it has gradually gone downhill with problems with underage drinking, in turn vandalism, property damage increasing. Recent stabbing between groups of youths. In general it's a couple of youths from the area but mostly from ones who travel in by train buy alcohol locally, cause havoc and by the time police arrive on the scene they have jumped on the next train.. The situation as described above is self-explanatory.
I think crime rate is low here. Neighbours look out for each other.
I think the issue in Helensburgh with the unsafe buildings near the laundry and Arnold Clark garage has been handled really badly especially for so long. I think the number of youth gangs going round Cardross and Helensburgh is on the increase with graffiti on the path at Cardross Park.
Not as much as I used to, Have to lock everything up at night now and have Security Lighting at night.. Speaks Volumes.
On the whole yes. There is however an element of antisocial behaviour, youths drinking, fighting, destroying property. The above tend to come from outside Cardross, cause trouble and are on the next train out before police turn up, if they turn up
There has been a rise in house break ins this year - no police are seen in the village.
Very much so.

## Q13. Care and Maintenance: Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
3 responses	1 responses	2 responses	6 responses	7 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Again I think the council does well but I am at a loss as to how to get people to take their litter home and not leave it lying by the roadside. The pavements outside many shops especially eateries are not kept clean. Can the shop owners not be made to keep the area in front of their premises CLEAN and LITTER FREE.
Dog mess is a problem, especially on Station Road, Church Avenue and Reay Avenue.
Generally well maintained. Problems with littering and dog mess although probably not exceptional. Some debris gets washed up along the shore line but probably not much can be done about this, occasional local voluntary litter picks. No major issues of vandalism. Refuse collection pretty good but no collection of garden waste.
Grass in graveyard and public places not cut. Flower beds not maintained.
In general yes. The exception being the tipping of TONS of building waste including metals, tiling, floor coverings and plastics to the West of Cardross passed the Sawmill towards the large uninhabited house on the shoreline.
Litter and dog mess are a major source of concern and complaint. I am of the opinion that householders and businesses should be responsible for the pavements adjoining their properties and to keep them clean. Where this cannot be done, for example because of age or disability, could be dealt with by the Council. In any case the Council is not doing enough to keep the pavements of Cardross clean. Cardross Community Council organises a local beach clean twice-yearly and is supported by the Council with the provision of equipment and the collection of the rubbish we collect.
Litter and vandalism, and dog mess, all present. I regularly clean up the beach and the amenity parks areas but it makes little difference.
No longer have a Wheelie bin, and have to take our waste to the Communal Bin at the bottom of the Roadway.
Not enough dog poo bins, wheelie bins on pavements
On the whole yes. The exception the road and shoreline to the West of Cardross towards the large unfinished property on the shoreline. This road is accessible by walking along the shore past the sawmill or by the unmetalled road directly across from Geilston Gardens, down over the level crossing to the shoreline. Perhaps one of your environmental officers should take a look.
Only see street cleaning at remembrance day
Overgrown bushes along roadside obliterate visibility towards Cardross. Despite having brought this to your Amenities Section on many occasions this issue is unresolved
Park well maintained. No major vandalism. Dog mess an ongoing issue. Regarding refuse, no garden waste pick-up is an issue in Argyll and Bute.
Public garden areas are still well maintained.

St Peters College and its grounds are unsafe and a disgrace. Pressure must be put on the diocese and Govt to apply for its demolition and return it to community ownership. Open spaces have been overgrown due to the climate this summer. Cycle path on the shore is now half its width due to weed encroachment.

The council neglect our street. I have to contact them at least 3 times per year to have the street cleared or else it is left to a dangerous state. Terrible given we pay £270 per month in council tax to live here

Village is neat and tidy. I just wish tenants were made to look after their gardens Not to spend money, but just cut back overgrown gardens and cut grass.

Yes, people do take pride in their environment.

Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

23 responses in total – Average Score of 3.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	3 responses	3 responses	7 responses	4 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Area committee do not listen
Being listened to is one thing but actually acting on the community suggestions is another story.
Cardross Community Council meets once a month and is well attended by local people. Our elected Councillors also attend regularly. Recent locally publicised meetings about development issues have attracted record attendances at which many local people have been able to voice their opinion. It is unfortunate that some people are not confident that their opinion is being heard, as the wishes of local people have been disregarded or ignored, with planning decisions being overturned and long delays over projects such as the cycle track.
I cannot make the council stop the noise. I have no power and no-one helps the community with this issue.
I do not think the residents opinions get taken into view with regards to the local planning authorities. I have witnessed this first hand at a local council meeting with local council planning present. It was the main Scottish planning authority that put a stop to the change of land use that time. Local health services are stretched.
I don't feel confident that my voice is heard in the decision making process for the area.
I have given this a less than moderate score due to being told by Council planners at a residential meeting with regard to developing farmland into housing that it would have to go ahead. "The Council needs the revenue from the council tax raised by the new residence" The above again answers your question.
If I had more time
Just like everywhere else really. If you want to make changes you can get involved in local government and attempt to make changes.
Lack of action to resolve previous issue doesn't help me feel there is really any point in bringing such safety issues to the Councils attention.
No -this is first time I've been asked
No youth voice in Cardross as far as I know it's all Helensburgh
Not sure about this. There is a local community council but not sure just how well supported and active it is. On issues like the cycle path, speeding traffic and proposed housing developments there may be some question marks about how far local people feel listened to and able to influence decisions.
Not sure if this is publicised anywhere where people feel they can have an input and how? Maybe the only suggestions I've seen are in the letters of the Helensburgh Advertiser.
Taking Part and Decision making are two separate Stories, Over 100 villages turned up to protest about this new Housing Development, Will it still go ahead?? That will be the answer.



The Council are good at asking people's views on various matters. We have an active community council.

There are good opportunities to respond to plans and applications but it seems we are not listened to.

Through consultations and lobbying I can participate but often wonder if anyone is listening.

## What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

1. Cycle Paths 2. Vandalism and new youth gangs 3. Lack of police visibility
Better and safer footpaths (e.g. there's no safe pedestrian route from Cardross to Kilmahew) and give the young folk a skate park/youth club or just somewhere safe and dry to hangout.
Better cycle and walking paths for families with young kids. Better parks for kids to play in.
Better policing, road and pavement upgrades, Resolving issues with smell from the river in front of the station
Cycleway
Litter Parking Pavement/ Cycle track maintenance
Main road not safe for pedestrians. Lack of cycle path.
Maintain the scale of the village by avoiding large-scale development. This would retain a sense of community. A major campaign needs to be waged against litter and dog mess. Retain local hospital services at Vale of Leven, with back-up at the Golden Jubilee Hospital instead of the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley
Make access if possible for disabled people, those walking and cycling easier and safer, don't put cycle and walking paths next to busy main roads. Put a curb on antisocial dumping of waste materials under the guise of recycling. Restrictions put on the physical size and population of Cardross village to keep it Cardross village.
More care and maintenance of our open spaces. Traffic management on A814 re speeding and reckless driving. Also hedges on north footpath overgrow the footpath and I have had to complain to have them trimmed.
Public Transport, even a Mini Bus would do our Village. And the Rest are Down to Cash Restraints, MONEY and Funding, so waste of time noting anything further
There needs to be a reduction in the noise. The council has not followed through with helping with this. It is a danger to our hearing and health. Make some very stressed.
Road safety. Very little police presence.
Roads Retail Leisure
Safer walking between towns. Cycle path will help whenever it's finished
Size of Cardross at present, it is large enough. Clean up green areas or at least stop people dumping on shoreline Put a stop to antisocial behaviour, the ability to buy alcohol in local shops by youths would help.
Speeding on main road. Litter, vandalism.
To be heard by local councillors
Traffic and housing developments are probably the two main issues. Not against housing development as such but it needs to be sensitive as to scale taking into account issues such as more traffic, limited local services and facilities.
Villages are isolating and it's hard to have fun and enjoy outdoors without travelling at cost and in winter it's too dark
We need something done about the speeding through the village. Joining up the cycle paths from Dumbarton via Cardross to Helensburgh would be great - local people would use them plus it may bring more tourists (and their spending) to the area. Please, please, please sort out Abellio and the disgrace the trains are in.

## What actions could be taken to deal with these?

1. Sort out the new cycle paths between Helensburgh and Dumbarton. 2. More Police patrols. 3. CCTV in places like parks
Argyll & Bute Council and the Scottish Government need to act together as these are major issues that require funding and action.
Councillors could stop spending money on surveys and consultations and get off their bums and do what we pay them for. Find the money and provide the services.
Councillors to realise they are elected by communities they have short memories
Do not build any more houses. Stop the dumping of landfill waste on the shoreline it is NOT recycling. Stop the sale of alcohol to minors from local shops. Police presence.
Get rid of the Tories would be a Good Start, and although NOT an SNP member I cannot now but think Independence IS the way forward for all Councils and Scotland.
Give money to Argyll & Bute Council to put traffic calming in the village and to finish the cycle track. Give control of the running of the railways to a reliable company who buy in new stock, replace parts and can be relied upon to provide a good service. We never had such a shockingly poor service before.
Implement one of the cycle path plans. Options for improving safety on main Rd - wider pavements, more crossings, more safety barriers
Implementing regulations already available to authorities. Supervisors to access work ethic
Increase grounds maintenance and monitor footpaths and cycle path for overgrowing vegetation and potholes. Speed cameras and unmarked police cars to monitor driver behaviour.
More speed signs indicating drivers speed; warning lights.
Regular police presence along with physical speed reduction measures.
Repair the roads Work to attract upmarket retail outlets Show Argyll and Bute off to its best - cut roadside trees and over grown verges and make excellent visitor parking areas at places of particular beauty
Sensible planning on walking and cycling paths keep them away from the pollution of main roads if at all possible. Enforcement of no dumping laws, dumping landfill waste and recycling materials for repurposing are two different things. If you want to keep a Village community alive, active and healthy don't turn it into a Town.
Speed up the Clydeside cycle and walkway plans from Dumbarton to Helensburgh
Enforce the noise level rules, make them build around the noise problems. Make them work normal business hours, like normal works, they work until 8pm weekdays and Saturdays, even the odd Sunday. I am getting to the stage of selling my house, if I can with the noise!
Traffic calming measures should be looked at especially for the main road through, but also some of the residential streets. Housing developments should be looked at very carefully in terms of scale, access, traffic impacts as well as adequacy of local infrastructure and services to manage.
Youth work in the village for teens

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