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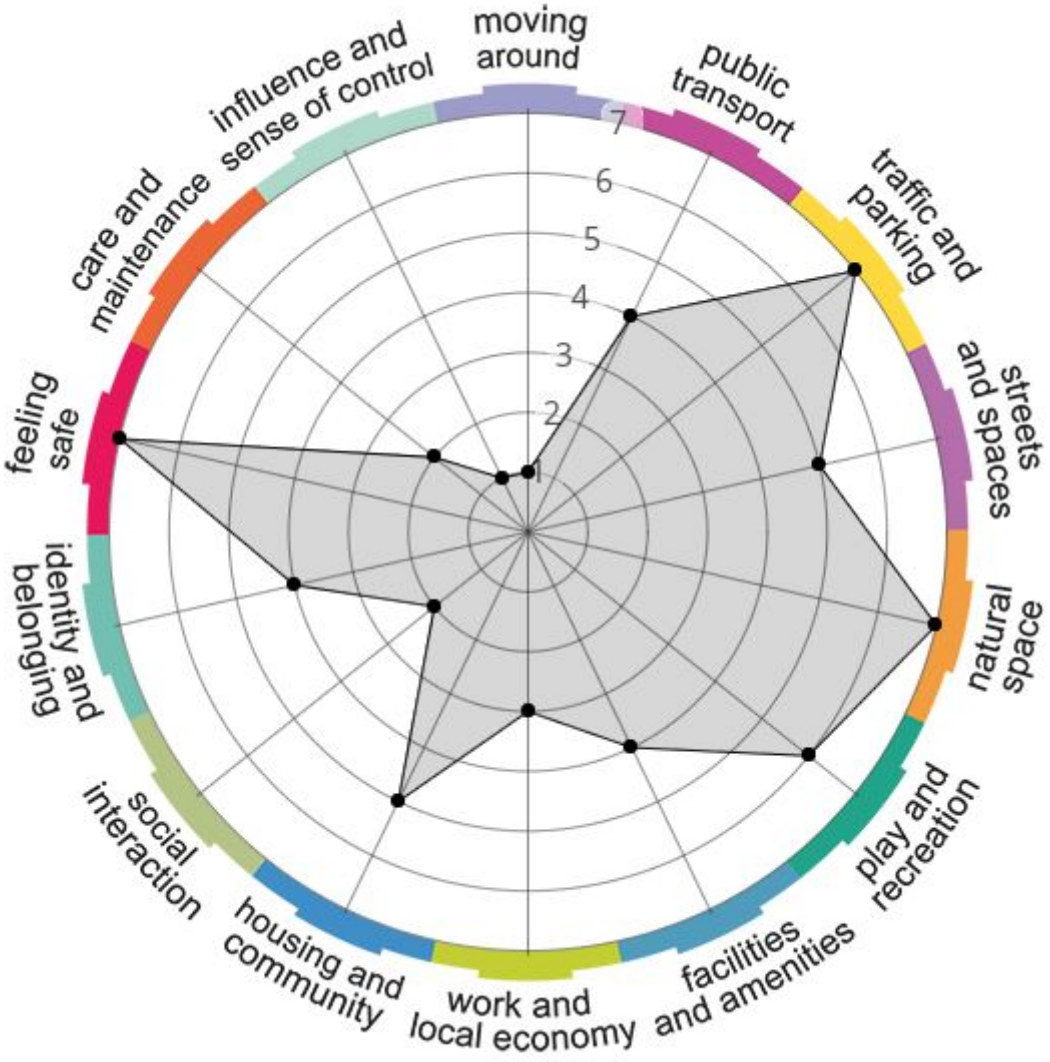

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How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool

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.

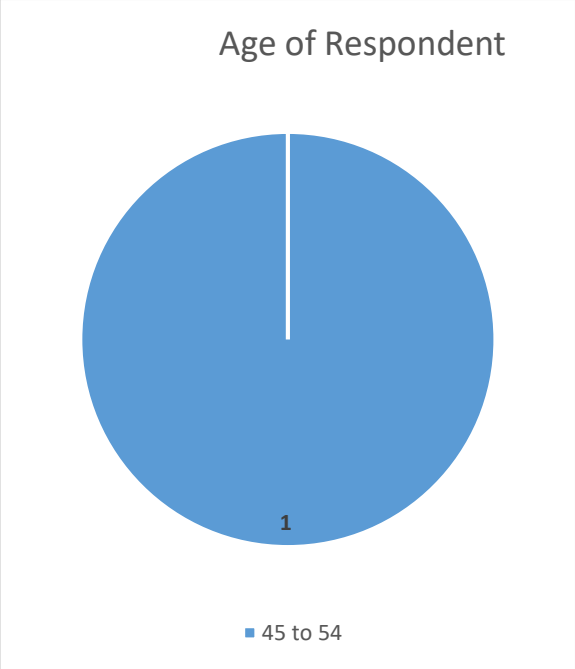
If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk , phone: 01546 604 464.

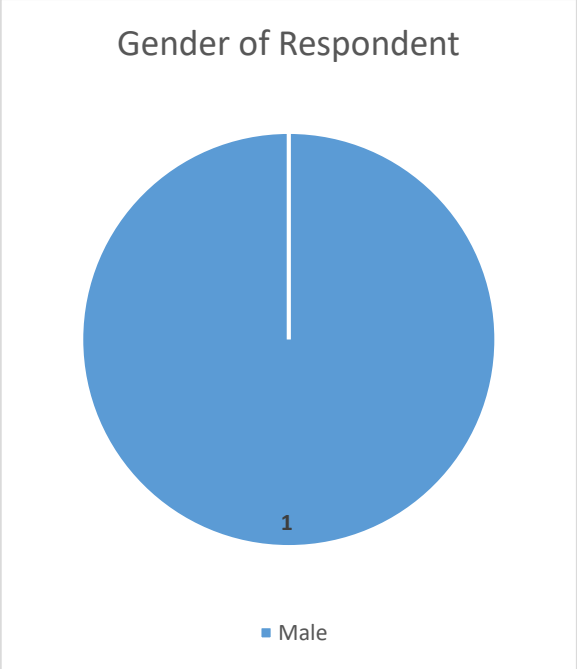
Next steps

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.





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Moving Around	1.0
Influence and Sense of Control	1.0
Social Contact	2.0
Care and Maintenance	2.0
Work and Local Economy	3.0
Public Transport	4.0
Facilities and Amenities	4.0
Identity and Belonging	4.0
Streets and Spaces	5.0
Housing and Community	5.0
Play and Recreation	6.0
Traffic and Parking	7.0
Natural Space	7.0
Feeling Safe	7.0

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 1.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Fast roads, big trucks from the quarry, exposed site and no separate cycle lane or any signage to suggest to cyclist any alternative route.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 4.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

There is a bus from the sound to Campbeltown. It seems to be quite frequent but usually under used.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 7.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Thanks to the Americans we have enough parking for a Sherman tank.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 5.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

The houses are ex-MOD so they are what they are. In Campbeltown there are too many empty, vacant and dilapidated properties. Things like Auchinlee are a disgrace. This should be given back to the community.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 7.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Walk out of my door, through the golf dunes and onto an empty beach. What more do you need?

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 6.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

The sound is lacking but Campbeltown has facilities in abundance.

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.

1 response in total – Average Score of 4.0							
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Comments

The library is excellent, as is the doctors. Too many empty shops and a distinct lack of good quality eateries. Campbeltown has an embryonic artisan vibe about it, but the council needs to do so much more to encourage it. The sound has no such facilities but it is what it is. An estate built for the MOD.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 3.0							
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	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

A tough one. Campbeltown has taken some major hits in its recent past and yet somehow survived. Not sure what can be done to encourage more businesses into the area. At the sound CS wind seems to be the biggest employer by quite a margin.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 5.0							
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Comments

The houses are what they are. Nationally they are good value, but I'm not sure they are still affordable for those on very low incomes.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 2.0							
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Comments

Nothing at the sound really exists to enable the locals to come together.

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

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Comments

Another tough one. I feel that the people are friendly but not overly so. The sound is like a dormitory. Campbeltown is a great place but seems to lack that one ingredient to really spark it back into life. I think it needs a self-sustainability hub to support and encourage local enterprise to develop and grow.

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

1 response in total – Average Score of 7.0							
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Comments

A real selling point. At the sound I think the biggest crime in the last ten years was a stolen bike, (it later turned up as in reality the owner had simply forgotten where they had put it!) Campbeltown is a bit more lively but still very safe for kids and the elderly especially.

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

1 responses in total – Average Score of 2.0							
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Comments

The sound is not too bad but Campbeltown has a lot of poor quality or badly maintained housing stock, (look at the recent demolitions on Saddell street). Some of the wonderful old buildings like the ex-cottage hospital really need to be brought back into use. Auchinlee house is also a real case in point. Such a waste. The loss of the community garden is also very sad.

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

1 response in total – Average Score of 1.0							
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Comments

Not at all.

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

There are tiny green shoots of a new Campbeltown. A sustainable, green vibe. Local product and produce. This such be supported and encourage. Campbeltown should be promoted as a destination and things like the cruise ships, almost ignored at the moment, need to be welcomed with open arms and a real vision, pulling on the town's great history, its scenic beauty, peace, quiet and tranquillity.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Have a strategic vision for the town. Ask the people who are trying to make a difference, how can they be supported and how can the council make available their assets to enable them to take control.

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