

The GTRA wanted to engage with the residents of Gartcosh to establish residents opinion and create a consultation process that would reach different audiences within our village and that could capture the results. As a baseline we asked 100 residents on their doorstep what they would like in Gartcosh. From this information we put together a community questionnaire which was divided into:

Community Asset

Commercial Asset

Infrastructure

We also asked open questions regarding likes and dislikes. During the consultation process, local people were asked what they liked and disliked within the community. Many of the responses highlighted more than one like or dislike. The charts below are the responses that were returned through the surveys and face to face interviews. This information, combined with suggestions on what would make Gartcosh better, can be used as themes and priorities that are important to the people of Gartcosh.

We provided the questionnaire online and paper, we collected the results over a few weeks and took a variety of opportunities to engage with residents. We considered the same residents attending the same events, clubs or organisations or be within certain age parameters. We therefore used online resources, a questionnaire station on the street and attended a community conference type event to try and get as many views as possible. The questionnaire is not a single issue or limited range of issues. It provided choices and flexibility to add any issues a resident may feel concerned or passionate about.

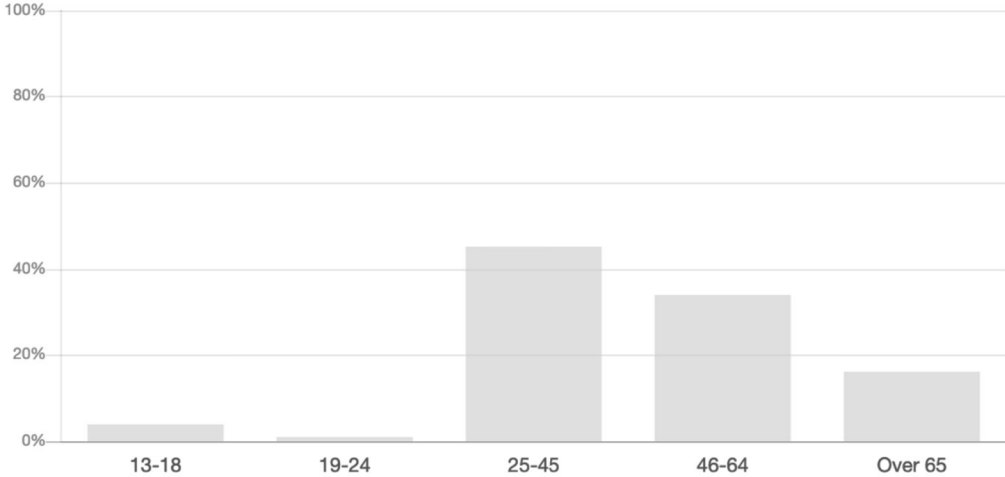
We collected 244 survey responses along with 430 likes and dislikes suggestions to make Gartcosh better. In total 674 responses.

When constructing the questionnaire we considered the type of community asset which may or should be considered as “A” projects or “B” projects. “A” projects are major projects that require substantial resources, planning and capital. A “B” project would be less capital, could be resourced by the community by grants and or council. By categorising in this way it also highlights the type of organisation that would be required to achieve a certain success if community asset transfer or purchase is required and if liability is transferred.

“A” Projects - Community Centre, Loch Visitor/Heritage Centre, Seven Loch walkway and cycle path, Performing Arts space facility.

“B” Projects - Play Park, Community Garden, Village Square /Central Community Space

# Question 1. Your Age Group



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
25-45	45%	110
46-64	34%	84
Over 65	16%	38
13-18	4%	9
19-24	1%	3

## Question 2. Community Asset

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Community Centre	<b>134</b> 55%	39 16%	28 11%	16 7%	10 4%	4 2%	13 5%
Village Square / Central Community Space	35 14%	<b>68</b> 28%	60 25%	32 13%	24 10%	12 5%	13 5%
Community Garden	27 11%	20 8%	30 12%	32 13%	36 15%	<b>52</b> 21%	47 19%
Seven Lochs walk & cycle paths around Loch	<b>87</b> 36%	61 25%	45 18%	20 8%	11 5%	8 3%	12 5%
Performing Arts Space / Facilities	22 9%	22 9%	32 13%	35 14%	42 17%	<b>47</b> 19%	44 18%
Village Play Park	<b>62</b> 25%	29 12%	22 9%	30 12%	29 12%	27 11%	45 18%
Loch Visitors / Heritage Centre	40 16%	23 9%	36 15%	<b>61</b> 25%	26 11%	23 9%	35 14%

244 Answered

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### Question 3. Commercial Asset

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mini Market	<b>70</b> 29%	39 16%	52 21%	32 13%	26 11%	9 4%	16 7%
Coffee Shop	<b>63</b> 26%	28 11%	27 11%	33 14%	28 11%	30 12%	35 14%
Free ATM	<b>87</b> 36%	39 16%	32 13%	36 15%	21 9%	15 6%	14 6%
Petrol Station	35 14%	10 4%	28 11%	34 14%	36 15%	35 14%	<b>66</b> 27%
Post Office	52 21%	<b>55</b> 23%	35 14%	32 13%	26 11%	20 8%	24 10%
Restaurant	41 17%	19 8%	30 12%	28 11%	26 11%	43 18%	<b>57</b> 23%
GP Service	<b>135</b> 55%	36 15%	17 7%	15 6%	13 5%	9 4%	19 8%

**244 responses 0 skipped**

## Question 4. Infrastructure

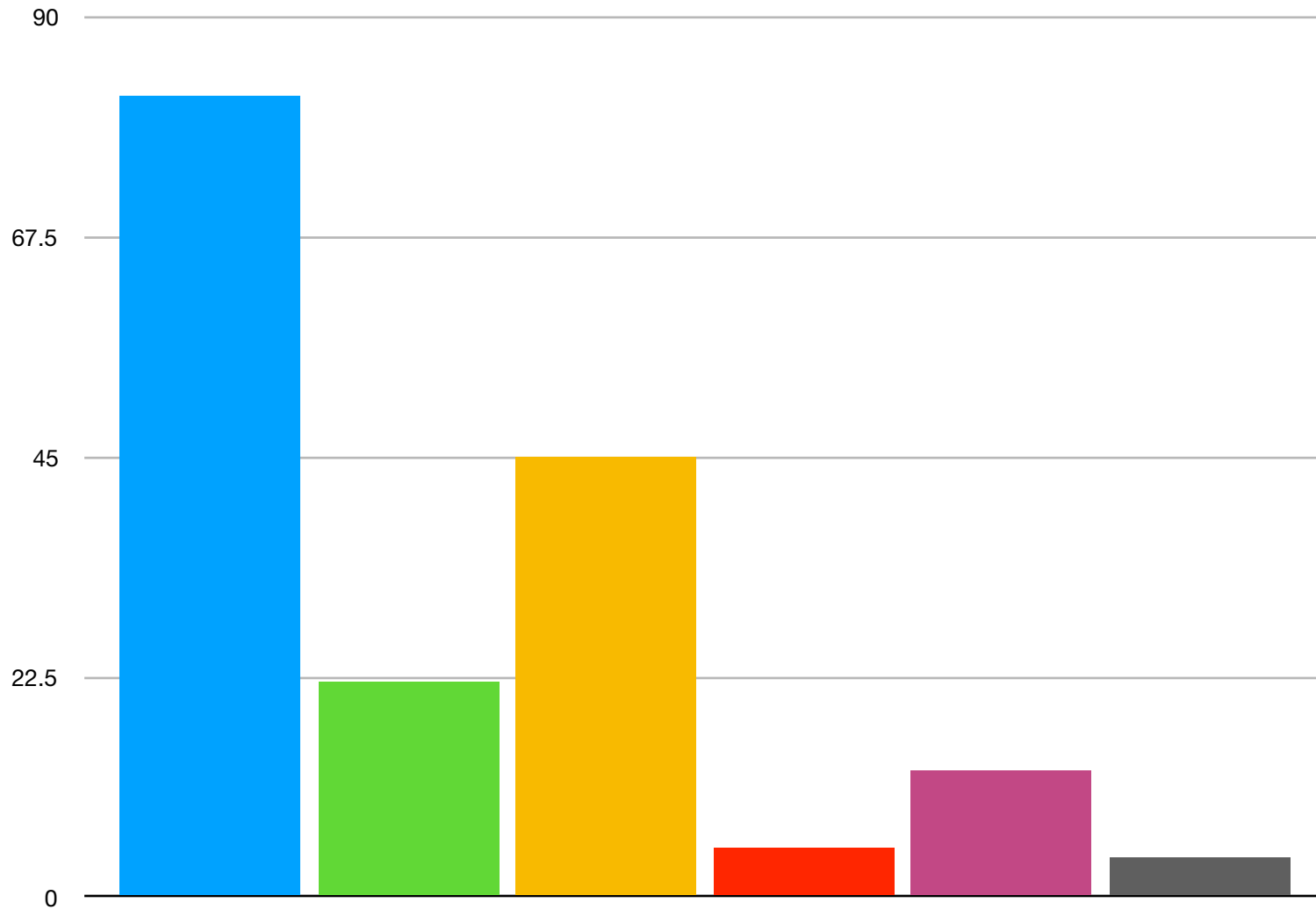
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
New School	<b>169</b> 69%	<b>32</b> 13%	<b>17</b> 7%	<b>26</b> 11%
Road safety crossings	<b>86</b> 35%	<b>65</b> 27%	<b>60</b> 25%	<b>32</b> 13%
Improved Park and Ride facilities	<b>62</b> 26%	<b>31</b> 13%	<b>47</b> 19%	<b>102</b> 42%
Improved local road network to reduce traffic	<b>102</b> 42%	<b>58</b> 24%	<b>45</b> 19%	<b>38</b> 16%

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# What do you like about Gartcosh 171 responses

■ Nature of community   ■ Environment & outdoor space   ■ Location for motorway/railway links also rural location   ■ History   ■ The loch   ■ Safety

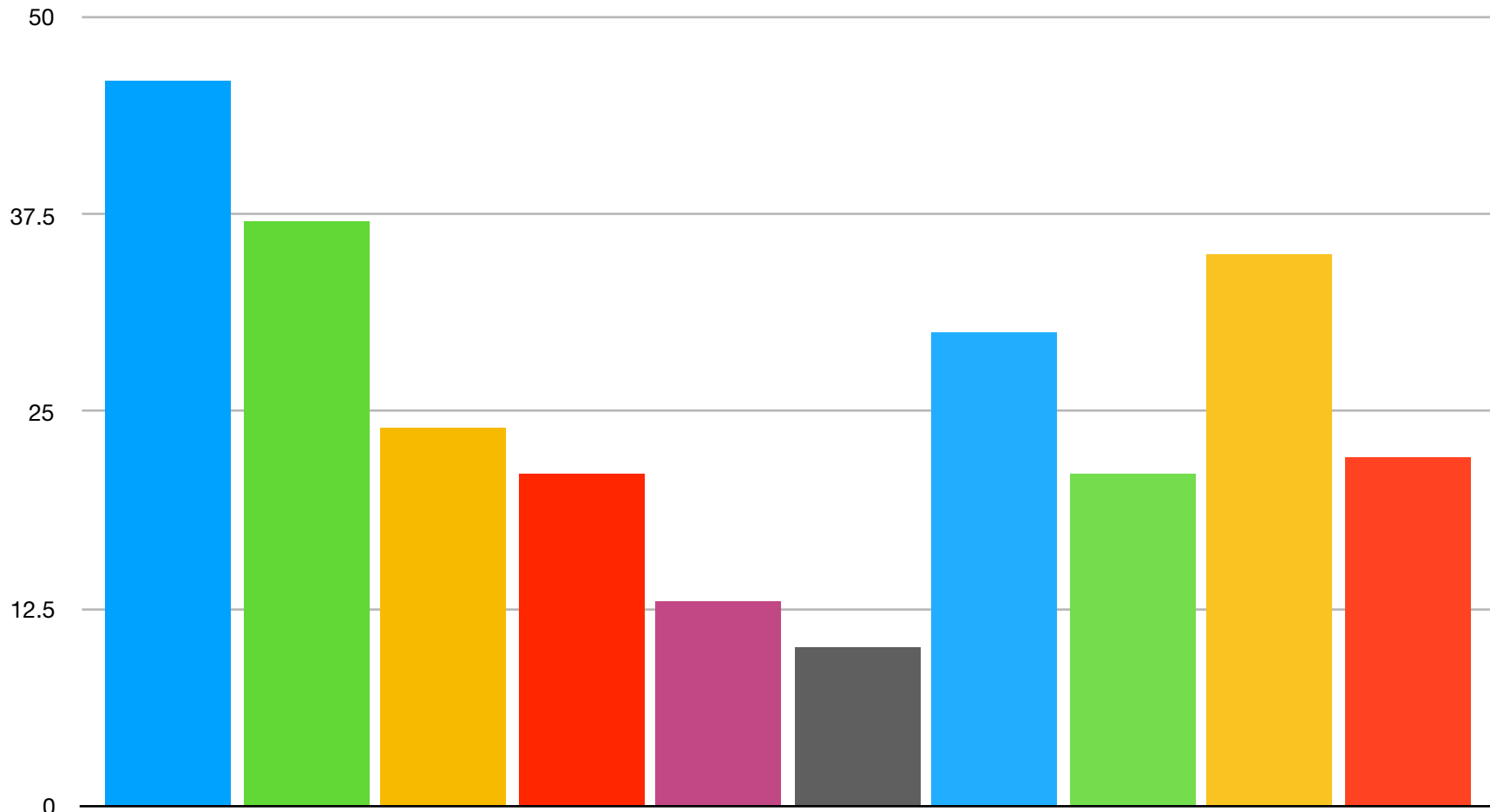


Data Table 1

<b>Nature of community</b>	82
<b>Environment &amp; outdoor space</b>	22
<b>Location for motorway/railway links also rural location</b>	45
<b>History</b>	5
<b>The loch</b>	13
<b>Safety</b>	4
	171



- Nature of community
- Retail supermarket , pub, food, restaurant
- No amenities especially sports and for kids
- Lack of infrastructure
- Traffic, pollution, safe road crossing
- Village appearance
- North Lanarkshire council
- Inadequate local transport
- Safety and crime levels
- Amount of housing development



## What do you dislike about Gartcosh or lack of in Gartcosh 259 responses

Data table 2

Nature of community	46
Traffic, pollution, safe road crossing	37
Inadequate local transport	24
Retail supermarket , pub, food, restaurant	21
Village appearance	13
Safety and crime levels	10
No amenities especially sports and for kids	30
North Lanarkshire council	21
Amount of housing development	35
Lack of infrastructure	22
	259

## **Other Community Asset. Requested ANSWERS**

Sports centre

Library, skate park, basketball court, football/rugby fields

Thingery - a community borrowing library for random tools you only need sometimes.

Tennis courts

More children's clubs and activities. The area has grown so much they should have a brownie pack

Football pitch, skatepark, basketball area, basically anything for children to play safely.

Youth Facilities

Tool library. First aid/AED training. Defibrillators in villages. Disaster preparation classes.

Sports Facilities

## **Other Commercial Asset requested Answers**

Farmers Market                      Greengrocers                      Public House    Bakers Shop    Credit Union    Gym    Cafe  
Rugby Club            Dentist    Pharmacy.    Post office.    Electric car charging point    Nursery

A community shop celebrating local products

Family restaurant/bar with a safe play space for children and outdoor seating

## **Other Infrastructure option requested**

### **Answers**

Double Yellow Lines at chemist corner with Lochend Road. Parked cars here make it hard for see oncoming traffic when turning into Lochend Road. Nightmare at school times with cars jamming up both Old Gartloch Road and Lochend Road.

Give way to the right sign at the roundabout at the top of the

Bus service direct to Glasgow and other areas ie cumbernauld

More public bins especially on the route to the country park and the road across the motorway around towards the train station and the new Glenboig link road

Cycle paths and cycle routes! Bus network that goes to more places including town

Better public transport

Buses to go through Mount Ellen to Glasgow and also Fort

parking/access for nature reserve

Segregated cycle routes

High school

Improved footpath connections from Gartloch Village

Catholic primary school

Speed bumps and enforced 20mph, bollards and other methods to slow passing traffic

Pedestrian walkways for eg prams, wheelchairs eg joining Johnstone rd to Glenboig.

\*less housing therefore no need for extra 'infrastructure'

## **What do you like about Gartcosh?**

### **Some Residents Comments/ Quotes**

"I love the village feel. It's such a nice area".

"Its rural location"

"Green space Access to motorway network Train station".

"Small community"

"Nice community spirit and nice neighbours".

"Community feeling"

"The green space and wildlife".

"Small village"

"The community spirit - people are interested in their village".

"Village feeling close to city feel".

“Quiet, peaceful, low crime, green surroundings”

“I moved to Gartcosh 24 years ago when it was a quiet village, I liked the setting peaceful & quiet to raise our children”

“Friendly place. The environment, natural spaces. Woods. Train to Glasgow. Access to motorways. Close to Glasgow fort. The sense of community. Some people have lived here for years”

“ It’s a very friendly and helpful community. Everyone looks out for each other and help is always on hand when needed i Close to 2 cinemas and several supermarkets”

“Location, friendly neighbours Countryside with Loch Smallness of venue although rapidly expanding Central to motorways for all areas Love it”

“It's location and easy access to motorways”

“Not in Glasgow but close enough to get to”

“Johnston Loch”

“Reasonable access to main road networks and Glasgow Fort shopping mall. Nice surroundings with Seven Lochs and some good green space.”

“Semi rural setting, was nice to walk, looking at the campsie hills

“I like that gartcosh is friendly and welcoming too all people. I like that it’s a good area to raise my small children”.

“Like the opportunity to attend these events.  
run by FOG”.

“Nice to have a social club”.

Stayed all my life, and in the Gartcosh book my family  
were one of the first residents in the village”

“The loch and the coffee shop”

“That it has the potential to be more than a village,  
it has the potential to be a brand”

“Location. Quiet(at night)”

Friendly community spirit. Looks lovely i.e. Loch area,  
and flowers/trees Feels safe. Great events i.e.  
Christmas and Easter community events.

“Railway station and on the loch”.

“Green Space, Rail links”

“Access to Bluebell Woods, handy for motorways, close to Drumpellier Lochs, the people”

“ Friendly people. The beautiful Loch”  
“Pretty, community, pleasant residents. Picturesque loch”

“ Great social Club events”

“Nothing“

That the Residents Association has highlighted  
issues in the area and people are now being  
aware of the changes and how it will affect the  
community. I like  
the rural setting and want to keep the character  
of community. The information I got today at a  
community event was brilliant and like the  
community spirit. A very honest and factual  
account of the community’s position.



## What do you dislike / or would change about Gartcosh

### Some Residents Comments/ Quotes

“hate the main road, Lochend Road. Too much noise from traffic and trucks banging past, it’s so dangerous at times and disturbs the peacefulness of the village. An overpass would be a lot safer. Also needs a roundabout or traffic lights at Skipness Road/Lochend Road. You cannot get out of that junction at busy times. I think a path around the loch would be lovely and encouraging people out into the outdoors more. And I think we have enough houses now, lets stop destroying what’s left of our countryside”.

“Park and ride facilities are now inadequate.  
Lack of amenities (fuel station, GP surgery)  
Lack of traffic calming on A752 through village”.

“Too many houses being built, Gartcosh is more of a town now than a village. Public transport isn’t the best and requires bus into Glasgow city centre”

“It has no infrastructure to support its increased house building”.

“That it’s a concrete jungle”

“Getting too big & doesn't have the resources to manage this e.g. nhs, school”.

“Lack of bus service. Services there are tend to be infrequent and finish early in the evening. Traffic calming (incl roundabout) on A752 outside Persimmon/Avant development”.

“Planning of development, no regard for the area and its characteristics”.

“Transport is very poor. No direct bus to Glasgow. Trains are always being cancelled without warning. Park and ride is very difficult due to Police Campus parking issues. Council should make a bigger car park. Police need to park as well. They should give their employees a bigger car park. If public transport”.

“I wouldn't change anything about Gartcosh. The addition of a nearby supermarket might enhance convenience and the train problem requires to be rectified!”.

“The decisions the council has taken regarding the quality of planning applications. The poor amenities in the area. Can be very isolating for older people”

“There should be more for children to do also teenagers”.

“The rise in crime since the new houses have been built”

“Transport system, trains and buses”.

“The distance from most amenities The lack of community resources The lack of things inexpensive things for kids The lack of parks The lack of open green space That there isn't a nice place to walk when out with dog The dangerous A752 road The level of traffic The uncertainty surrounding the future The chance that none of the above are addressed whilst more people arrive to live”

“Rose coloured glasses by the council of how our community will be when development is finished. Soon all land will be developed on and no room for amenities. Would like council to re evaluate some of their decisions for the good of the community”.

“think more should be available for young people”.

“The thousands of houses planned (with only 100 or so built in the last few years) have already ruined the village ‘feel’. I can only imagine how awful it will be in 5-10 years time, I hope to have left by then”.

“Leaving now, not enough people willing to protest or even write an Objection to planning. Locals deserve all they have to put up with and new resident Would need to be daft to buy a house with the zero amenities and in a 20year plan of destruction, I’m off”.

Community spirit not, it’s the same people that go on about it. If land for sustainable amenities is not provided it will be a house to live in when not at work and not a home. My family are moving as soon as possible before everything is built on”.

“Influx of new homes Poor rail and bus service Too much dog mess around the village”.

“the fact I can’t cross the road easily because of people speeding. I’ve almost been hit when someone jumped a red light. and have been verbally abused by drivers”.

“I’ll be dead before the problems made by development are fixed and I am to old to move. I feel miserable about were I live and powerless”.

“There is nothing to do much. Not a lot of clubs or things I’m interested in going to”.

“The lack of amenities that has been woefully inadequate for many years since new housing started in the 1990s. The community growth strategy stated it would address these issues, it has not. We now have no amenities or adequate infrastructure”.

“ I wouldn’t change Gartcosh,  
I like it here”

“Direct bus service to Glasgow needed;  
more shops (small, independent ones);  
Johnston Loch paths and amenity area”

The club struggles, the golf course belongs to a development company waiting for it to fail.

“Residents who have been here for a long time or born here are very intolerant of new people being involved or having an opinion. Its what they want or nothing Thanks for this questionnaire and asking my opinion and a place to express my preferences”

“Amenities have not kept pace with growth in population. Sports/leisure etc all need addressed for ALL age groups. Lack of educational facilities fit for 21st century. Nursery provision deplorable for this growing community. Lack of variety in housing type - where do villagers wanting to downsize go? where do elderly/infirm/disabled requiring a single - storey go? Health- doctor's/district nurse service required locally. Local roads cannot cope with traffic - fact foresee no but ignored when junction was opened. Sewerage system has caused problems since construction work began”.

“Busy main roads, hazardous to children No lollipop person for school children No amenities eg ATM, mini market School is over crowded Over development in. You require a car to get around due to amenities and poor travel options”.

“the area Train links are appalling Lack of safe play areas for children and young. Children can't play independently in the area as a result of this”.

“Would love to have a pub & other restaurants so there is a choice.

“pre-teens hanging about the village causing damage and making mess and generally making people feel intimidated”

“Lack of GP facilities. No direct buses to Glasgow. Although not permitted under” the village law but a local village pub would be lovely”.

A family pub with kid area. Confirmation on when the new school will be built. Better bus / public transport.

“Could perhaps benefit from having a larger convenience store in the village. Also another restaurant/coffee shop as focal point for Village Square/central community space with a nice place to sit outside”