

OUR LOCAL PLACE PLAN 2026

"Supporting and greening our community - what we love, what we long for"

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Front Page Cover Image: Treverlen Park looking towards Arthurs Seat

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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Term	Notes / Source
CC	Community Council	Statutory community representation body
CEC	City of Edinburgh Council	Local authority for Edinburgh
DCS	Duddingston Conservation Society	Duddingston conservation and heritage organisation
ECCAN	Edinburgh Communities Climate Action Network	Climate action network for Edinburgh Communities
JLCT	Jock's Lodge Community Trust	Local Community development organisation
N&WCC	Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council	Community council for the Northfield and Willowbrae area
HES	Historic Environment Scotland	Scotland's lead public body for the historic environment, manages Holyrood Park
LDP	Local Development Plan	Statutory local planning document. Edinburgh's current Local Development Plan 2030
LPP	Local Place Plan	Community-led planning document
NEELIP	North East Edinburgh Locality Improvement Plan (2017–2022)	Locality planning framework
NPF4	National Planning Framework 4 (2023)	Scotland's national spatial planning framework
POLO	Urban Design Study of London Road and Portobello Road (2016)	Commonly referred to as the "POLO Study"
PST	Place Standard Tool	Framework for assessing places and neighbourhoods
PBSA	Purpose-Built Student Accommodation	Student housing developed specifically for students
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Environmental regulator for Scotland
SEPA Flood Maps	SEPA Flood Maps	Flood risk mapping resource produced by SEPA
SIMD	Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation	Scottish Government measure of relative deprivation
TRO	Traffic Regulation Order	Legal order regulating road use and traffic

1.0 Introduction

This Local Place Plan presents the priorities and aspirations of communities within the Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council area. It has been informed by community engagement, local knowledge and ongoing discussions with residents and stakeholders regarding the future development and management of the area.

Proposals are grouped into 9 key areas to reflect the key characters of each place:

1. Duddingston
2. Lady Nairne & Meadowfield
3. Mountcastle
4. Northfield
5. Piershill
6. Southfield & Durham's
7. Willowbrae
8. Holyrood Park
9. General Proposals for the wider N&WCC area

Specific proposals include safeguarding community facilities such as Northfield Community Centre and Willowbrae Church, enhancing play spaces and parks, improving cycle connections to & through Greenspaces, protecting local shopping centres, expanding street tree planting programmes, and addressing long-standing traffic and pedestrian safety concerns at key junctions throughout the area.

The Plan also highlights strategic concerns regarding the cumulative impact of student accommodation developments on housing availability, community cohesion and local services. This plan supports future planning policies that prioritise affordable and mainstream housing while restricting further Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) development within the area.

A strong emphasis is placed on partnership working between Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council, City of Edinburgh Council, Historic Environment Scotland, local organisations and residents to help deliver the proposals identified. While many projects will require further feasibility work, consultation and funding, the Plan establishes a clear community-led framework for future decision-making and investment.

Overall, this Local Place Plan seeks to ensure that future growth and change within the Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council area strengthens our community, protects valued assets, improves environmental quality and creates safer, healthier and a more connected place to live and work.

1.1 A Local Place Plan for the Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council Area

Every place in Edinburgh is different. Local Place Plans (LPP) have been brought in to reflect this aspect and are a new type of plan introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. Producing a Local Place Plan gives a community a chance to shape the future of their local area by creating a plan that addresses local needs or concerns.

Local Place Plans give communities the right to produce their own plans for the development and use of land. Planning authorities are required to take registered Local Place Plans into account when preparing their Local Development Plan. A LPP should cover the community's proposals for the development and use of land in that area and include:

- Changes to planning policy;
- Identifying appropriate sites for development;
- Proposals for how to develop a site, including the types of uses, how the development should look and how it connects with the surrounding area;
- Areas or things that want to protect, like open space, playing fields, historic buildings, shops or local employment;
- Things that are missing which would make the place better, like types of housing, shops or services, local employment, paths and connections between different areas, access to public transport or community facilities; and
- Problems in a community which planning could address, such as flooding, lack of suitable housing or lack of food growing spaces.

This Local Place Plan was brought together by Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council (N&WCC) and represents views of over **922 local residents and organisations** gathered throughout extensive community engagement during 2024 to 2026 (Section 3.0).

Developing the local place plan for the N&WCC area has involved significant community engagement efforts by Northfield Community Council and local residents volunteering their time to gather concerns, ideas, issues, draft and develop proposals and projects from all areas within the boundary.

The Local Place Plan process began in 2023, with engagement starting in 2024. **Section 2** outlines information about Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council and the area this Local Place Plan covers.

Section 3 outlines the number of and type of community engagement undertaken to develop this document. **Section 4** outlines the vision and **section 5** outlines proposals for land and buildings within the N&WCC boundary. The vision and proposals have been developed by the steering group, following review and analysis of the community engagement responses gathered.

This document aims to bring further action to the **59 proposals** outlined in **section 5**. A proposal is an outline policy to shape development or the use of land in our area, submitted for assessment and inclusion in the next City of Edinburgh Council Local Development Plan. Proposals are grouped into '7 villages', Holyrood Park and General Proposals which form separate chapters in **section 5** with an overview page followed by a list of proposals relevant to that area.

All proposals have been allocated a code and a theme of '**Planning**', '**Environment**' or '**Transport**' for ease of navigation. For example 'D-P-1' is a proposal for the 'Duddingston Area', in the 'Planning' theme.

For a summary of all proposals see **Appendix C**.

This document has been drafted by Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council.

This document has been reviewed and amended following an information notice period (12th June 2026 to 13th July 2026) allowing comments from key stakeholders and local residents. Further information about comments received and amendments made can be found in **section 7**.

N&WCC want to acknowledge the action has already been progressed towards proposals by local volunteers including:

- Return of the 69 circular bus service serving Lady Nairne / Meadowfield and Northfield areas with Portobello to improve access to residents along the route, in particular older people living in Meadowfield;
- Baronscourt Park path lighting and seating to create places for people to sit, improving walking journeys through the park;
- Meadowfield Park 'flying fox' play equipment repaired; and
- Some street tree verge planting in the area e.g.; at Abercorn Crescent to improve biodiversity.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this process and shared their thoughts and ideas, your contributions have been invaluable to the development of this document. We hope you enjoy reading it.

2.0 Context of Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council Area

2.1 Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council

Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council (N&WCC) were constituted in the mid-1970's at the introduction of community councils in Scotland: See website - https://www.northfieldandwillowbrae.org.uk/ and as being a "constituted community body" are allowed by Planning regulations to prepare a Local Place Plan for our area. Our Constitution is here: http://www.northfieldandwillowbrae.org.uk/Archive/About/MODEL_CONSTITUTION_FOR_COMMUNITY_COUNCILS_2013.pdf
and Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/nandwcc/

The district of the Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council stretches from within a few hundred metres of the beach at Portobello right across to the walls of the Palace of Holyrood House where the boundary follows the Queen's Drive. The area includes the ancient village of Duddingston and the parkland of Duddingston House; the old village around Jock's Lodge; the A-listed houses at Piershill rebuilt from 18th century barracks; and the Figgate Burn Park all lie within its perimeter.

The area is home to about 12,000 people in the areas of Duddingston, Lady Nairne & Meadowfield, Mountcastle, Northfield, Piershill, Southfield and Willowbrae. Much of the land was owned by the Dukes of Abercorn whose family names are given to many of the streets.

Our Secondary Schools include Portobello High School and Holyrood RC High School and our Primary Schools include: Duddingston, Parsons Green, St John's R.C. and Royal High Primary. Over 2,500 children attend schools in the area.

Retail and commercial services are concentrated along Portobello Road and London Road either side of Jock's Lodge and at some smaller other local centres (containing primarily retail and commercial uses) such as Willowbrae Road. There is a Doctors Surgery at the north end of Northfield Broadway and nearby Pharmacy. Our minimal community spaces for this population include: a well-used Community Centre based off Northfield Road; and a much-loved library on Portobello Road.

A third of the community council area is dominated by the extensive and iconic Holyrood Park. Meadowfield Park, on the slopes of Arthur's Seat, is also a large green space available adjacent to Holyrood Park. While open space is in short supply amongst the majority of the inter and post war residential development spread across the remainder of the area, the Figgate Park, based along the Figgate Burn and pond, is a valued, linear greenspace in a heavily built-up area.

The majority of N&WCC area is within the City of Edinburgh Council area, ‘Craigentinny / Duddingston’ ward, the UK Parliamentary Constituency of ‘Edinburgh East and Musselburgh’, The Scottish Parliament constituency is ‘Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith’, Scottish Parliament region is ‘Edinburgh and Lothians East’. A small part of the Southfield & the Durhams estates is within ‘Edinburgh Eastern Musselburgh & Tranent’ constituency.

N&WCC have 6 Community Council (CC) neighbours: Craigentinny & Meadowbank CC lies to the north, Old Town CC to the north west, Portobello CC to the east, Craigmillar CC to the south (neither of which are currently operating), and Southside CC to the west, with Grange Prestonfield CC to the south west. Each active community council will receive a copy of this Local Place Plan as required from the Registration process. Where there is no active community council, local action groups have been contacted in their place.



Figure 2A - N&WCC Boundary shown in blue, Base Map: Google Satellite 2026, Community Council Boundary Shapefile: Copyright City of Edinburgh Council, contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right (2026)
https://data.edinburghcouncilmaps.info/datasets/44ab8e84e98a4952a3c3e5c85b05e117_189/explore

2.2 2022 Census and other statistics

CEC Planning helpfully provided demographic information specially related to the N&WCC area for ‘population’, ‘housing’, ‘occupation’ and ‘travel’ themes. They noted -

“Figures were derived from a "best fit" of Census output areas to the community council boundary. They represent over 95% of the population of the community council. The "Population" and "Households" totals below are the definitive totals. Other Totals may have been altered by data swapping or suppression to ensure anonymity, or represent subsets relevant to the topic”.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) data and maps can be viewed, downloaded or printed from the SIMD website: https://simd.scot/

All data derived from Scotland's Census 2022: https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/

Population

	Total Number	Percent (%)
Population	11,922	100
Households	5,708	100
Age		
0-15	1,825	15.1
16-24	995	8.2
25-34	1,705	14.1
35-49	2,545	21.1
50-64	2,423	20.1
65+	2,571	21.3
Total	12,064	100.0
Ethnicity		
White	10,787	83.7
Other White	794	6.2
Multiple ethnic groups	263	2.0
Asian, Asian Scottish, Asian British	666	5.2
African	149	1.2
Caribbean, Black	29	0.2
Other	195	1.5
Total	12,883	100.0

Figure 2B - Table showing the Population of N&WCC Boundary derived from Scotland’s Census 2022

This table above indicates that from a population of almost 12,000 residents in the Northfield & Willowbrae area, over 40% were aged over 50, while c15% were children under 15. Ethnicity was predominately *‘White’* at almost 90%.

Housing

With *'Housing type'*, there was an almost even split between 'Houses' and 'Flats'. In terms of '*tenure'*, it is predominantly owned (85%), with c12% rented as shown below.

	Total	Percent (%)
Housing type		
House	2,837	49.9
Flat	2,844	50.1
Households	5,681	100.0
Housing tenure		
Owned	4,308	85.8
Social rent	490	9.8
Private rent	112	2.2
Free	112	2.2
Total	5,022	100.0

Figure 2C - Table showing the Housing Type and Tenure of N&WCC Boundary derived from Scotland's Census 2022

Occupations

For *'occupations'* within the Northfield & Willowbrae area, over 54% are '*Managerial / Professional'* with *'Administrative'*, or a *'Skilled Trade'*, both being c10%.

	Total	Percent (%)
Occupation		
Manager	551	8.8
Professional	1,722	27.5
Associated professional and technical	1,066	17.0
Administration and secretarial	648	10.3
Skilled trade	563	9.0
Care and leisure	458	7.3
Sales and customer service	418	6.7
Plant and machinery	291	4.6
Elementary	548	8.7
Total	6,265	100.0

Figure 2D - Table showing the Occupations of residents of N&WCC Boundary derived from Scotland's Census 2022

Travel

Finally, in terms of *'Travel'*, it appears almost 70% of residents have access to a car, with just over 30% having no access to a car and with regard to getting to work, 28% drive, 16% use the bus and almost 8% walk, while almost 5% cycle.

	Total	Percent (%)
Travel to work		
Home	2,274	37.9
Drive	1,692	28.2
Passenger	118	2.0
Taxi	21	0.3
Powered 2 wheeler	22	0.4
Foot	474	7.9
Cycle	287	4.8
Bus	980	16.3
Train	58	1.0
Tram	27	0.4
Other	48	0.8
Total	6,001	100.0
Access to car		
Yes	3,899	68.3
No	1,809	31.7
Total	5,708	100.0

Figure 2E - Table showing the Travel behaviours of residents of N&WCC Boundary derived from Scotland's Census 2022

3.0 Community Engagement

Overall, during the engagement process between 2024 and 2026, we estimate we have directly engaged with about **922 people from the N&WCC Area** who have contributed to the LPP process in different ways with varying amounts of input and feedback.

3.1 Key Priorities from Community Engagement

Key priorities that have emerged from community engagement and influenced the proposals included:

- Carry out consultation on the future of Duddingston Low Road.
- Protect a space on Lady Nairne Loan for growing space or community hub
- Re-allocate the brownfield site at the south end of Northfield Broadway for affordable housing.
- Consider designating part of Northfield as a Conservation Area.
- Re-open the Community Flat at Piershill Square West for community benefit.
- Review and Update the Portobello & London Road (POLO) Urban Design Study (2016).
- Protect the Listed Willowbrae Church Building for community use.
- Consider through traffic issues in the Paisley Drive - Willowbrae Avenue - Lilyhill Terrace area and potential solutions, in consultation with residents.
- Protect and enhance key community spaces such as Northfield Community Centre and Piershill Library.
- Connect up cycle routes better, and improve surfaces to encourage cycling.
- Improve pedestrian safety by reviewing pavement conditions, such as the narrow Smokey Brae.

Further information about the extent of community engagement undertaken can be found in this section.

3.2 Community Engagement Summary

This table summarises the number and types of engagements undertaken during this process. Several meetings about specific issues were held that are relevant to some of the LPP proposals including Cavalry Park (D-P-1) and improvements to Hamilton Terrace/Drive (S-T-1).

Consultation	Date	Number of People Engaged
Democracy Matters - Lady Nairne Session	December 2023	16 people
Parson's Green Pupil Council	January 2024	16 children
Parson's Green P7's	January 2024	30 children
Democracy Matters - Piershill Session	5th February 2024	8 people

Parson's Green Parent Council	March 2024	6 attendees
Invite to Survey (distributed via Royal Mail)	Summer 2024	c.5000 households
Place Standard Tool Online Questionnaire	Summer to Winter 2024	230 responses from 7 areas via online PST website
6 Coffee Mornings in Northfield Community Centre	April to October 2024	60 people
Piershill Flat Petitioning	April 2024	150 people signed petition to bring back Piershill Flat
Walkabout - Lady Nairne	April 2024	12 attendees
Arts Space in St Margarets House (PST Questionnaire)	May 2024	5 local residents
Walkabout - Piershill	May 2024	1 local resident
Walkabout - Northfield	June 2024	6 local residents
Mother and Toddler Group (PST Questionnaire)	July to August 2024	15 people
Site Meeting - Cavalry Park	October 2024	2 N&WCC Community Councillors, 1 Ward Councillor and 2 Local Residents
Northfield Centenary Tree Planting	October 2024	6 local residents, 2 N&WCC Community Councillors, 2 Ward Councillors
Environment Fair 2024	September 2024	40 people
Site Meeting - Hamilton Terrace/Drive	December 2024	8 residents, 1 ward councillor, 2 N&WCC, Deputy Head Teacher from Duddingston School
Site Meeting - New 69 Bus	December 2024	5 local residents
Royal High Primary School Parents Council	January 2025	10 attendees
Site Meeting - Cavalry Park	28th January 2025	18 Stakeholders including Ward Councillors, Council Officers, Edinburgh Leisure, Local Residents, Duddingston Amenity Society, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Portobello Rugby Club reps.
Piershill Squares - Petitioning for the Community Flat	August 2025	40 Local residents, ward councillors, N&WCC community councillors

Public Meeting RE: Willowbrae Church Building Buy-out	1st September 2025	50 people
Marionville Firestation Meeting Organised by Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	2nd September 2025	3 Community Councillors, 3 Ward Councilors, 40 residents
Exhibition of Draft LPP Proposals at the Environment Fair	Saturday 20th September 2025	50 people
Meeting with Rep of Duddingston Conservation Society re LPP	7th October 2025	2 N&WCC Community Councillors, 1 member of Duddingston Conservation Society
Meeting RE: progress of Cavalry Park issues	27th October 2025	2 N&WCC Community Councillors, 1 Resident, 4 staff from CEC including Director of Place
Friends of Holyrood Park AGM	3rd November 2025	50 members of the public, 1 N&WCC
Climate Resilience Workshop in Community Centre	24th November 2025	15 local residents including 4 N&WCC Community Councillors
Meeting with Southside Community Council RE:LPP	10th December 2025	2 N&WCC Community Councillors, 6 Southside Community Councillors
Meeting with Duddingston Conservation Society RE: LPP boundary	26th January 2026	2 N&WCC Community Councillors, 2 members of Duddingston Conservation Society
Meeting with Cavalry Park Residents Associations RE: LPP	5th February 2026	1 N&WCC Community Councillor, 1 Resident, 1 Chair of Cavalry Park
Follow-up meeting with CEC Director of Place RE: lack of progress at Cavalry Park	5th March 2026	2 N&WCC Community Councillors, 2 Ward Councillors, 1 CEC staff (Director of Place), 1 Parks & Greenspace Officer
Jock's Lodge Community Trust Engagement Day RE: Willowbrae Church Community Right to Buy	21st March 2026	3 N&WCC Community Councillors, 1 Ward Councillor, 30 Local Residents, 4 JLCT Directors

Figure 4A - Community Engagement undertaken by Northfield & Willowbrae Council that has contributed to the LPP process

3.3 Community Engagement Details

3.3.1 Place Standard Tool

Initially consultations were started in **Summer 2024.** A leaflet (**Figure 4B**) was distributed via the Post Office to **c5,000 households** within the community council area. It had a QR code link to the Place Standard Tool questionnaire that related to the '7 villages' in the N&WCC area.

This survey was also used at in-person events and coffee mornings to capture views of people that did not fill out the online version. Although this tool gathered a wide range of views, the length of the survey prevented people completing submissions online.

All surveys completed in person / handwritten were uploaded to the digital online survey platform and merged with the online dataset.



Figure 4B - Image of the Flyer distributed to c5000 households across the N&WCC boundary area

The Place Standard Tool (PST) is a simple framework for assessing and improving the quality of places by structuring conversations about their physical and social aspects. It uses 14 themes to facilitate methodical discussions among community members, professionals, and local authorities, leading to informed decisions and better place-based outcomes.

The chart below shows the average scores for each area for each PST theme (**Figure 4C**). For example, in Southfield & Durham there was an average score of 6.5 for Public Transport, compared to 3.8 in Lady Nairne & Meadowfield. The higher the number the more satisfied residents are about that theme in the place they live.

Place Standard Tool Results

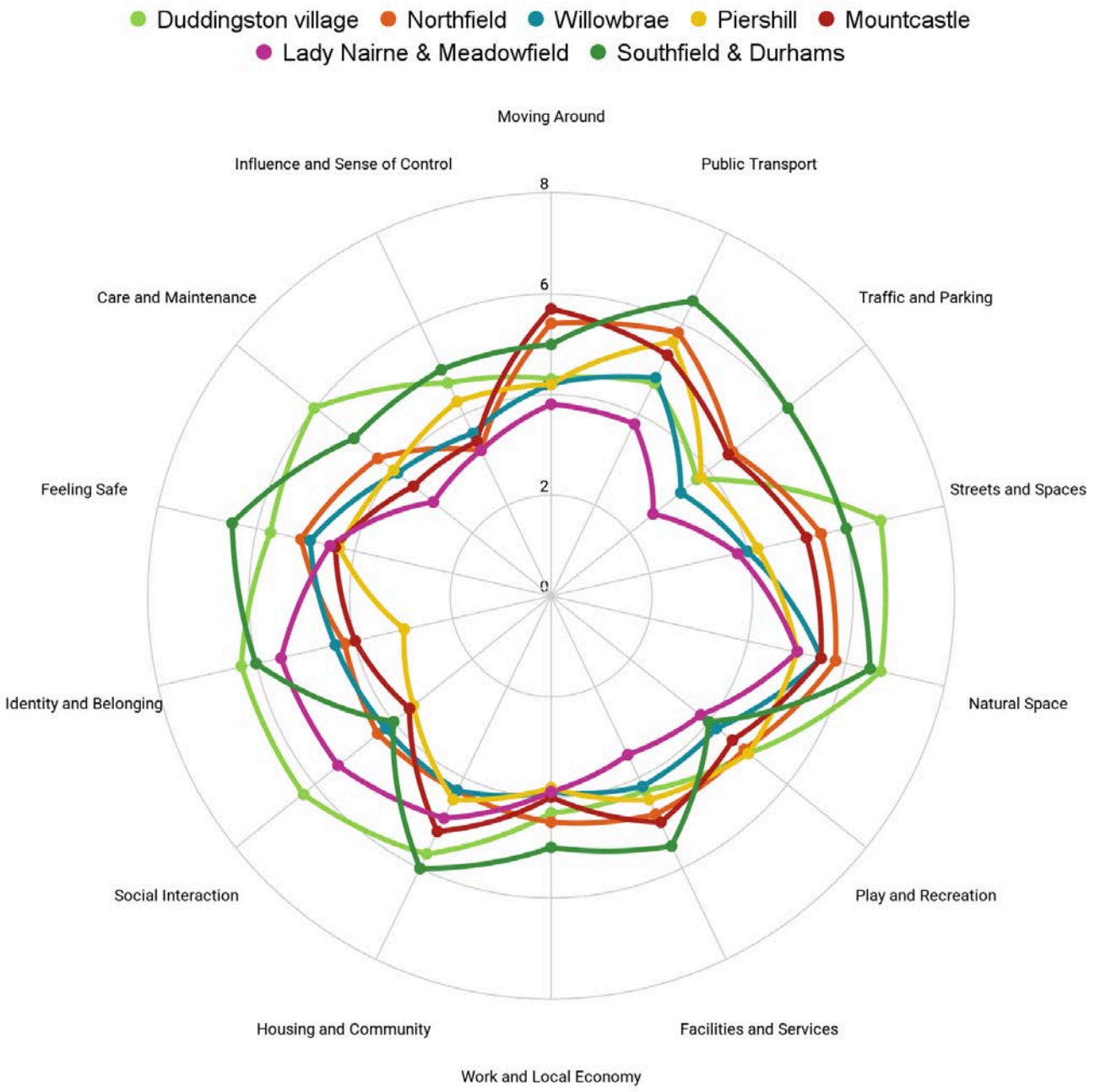


Figure 4C - Graph Showing Average Scores given for each Place Standard Tool Theme by each of the 7 villages e.g. in Southfield & Durham there was an average score of 6.5 for Public Transport, compared to 3.8 in Lady Nairne & Meadowfield. The higher the number the more satisfied residents are about that theme in the place they live.

Below is a summary of the comments gathered from the PST survey broken down into the 14 themes. This highlights the key issues across the N&WCC area.



Moving Around

Residents value the area's walkability, access to Holyrood Park, bus links, and opportunities for cycling and active travel. Concerns were raised about poor pavements, potholes, flooding, unsafe crossings, overgrown hedges, and speeding traffic. Views on cycle lanes were mixed, with some supporting safer routes and others concerned about congestion. Suggestions included improved maintenance, safer crossings, better cycling infrastructure, reduced through-traffic, and improved accessibility for older people, wheelchair users, and families with buggies.

- *"The limited traffic days on Queen's Drive are excellent and allow people taking leisure in Holyrood Park to lower their guard. This has been transformative!"*
- *"Some pavements are very narrow and need resurfacing. Difficult to use a buggy, especially on the steep roads."*
- *"Willowbrae Road has few places for pedestrians to cross and speeding, idling, red-light running, and delivery parking are issues."*



Public Transport

Residents valued good bus connections to the city centre and East Lothian, as well as free bus travel for young people and frequent services. Concerns focused on unreliable timetables, poor real-time information displays, reduced stops on Willowbrae Road which many older and less mobile residents relied upon. Suggestions included reinstating withdrawn services and stops, improving frequency, better shelters and timetable information, and creating more direct links to Portobello, Leith, and local hospitals.

- *"We want our 69 bus back."*
- *"Free bus passes for kids are amazing."*



Traffic and Parking

Common issues included congestion, speeding, rat-running, dangerous parking, and aggressive driving, particularly around schools and Duddingston Village. While some welcomed the pavement parking ban and 20mph limits, others felt restrictions worsened parking pressures. Residents called for stronger enforcement, safer junctions and crossings, more traffic calming, and reduced through-traffic. Concerns were also raised about congestion caused by Holyrood Park closures and the impact of parked vehicles on pedestrians, cyclists, buses, and emergency access.

- *"The pavement parking ban has been very positive though still needs enforcement."*

- *“Far too much traffic is passing through Duddingston Village, especially during commuter hours.”*



Streets and Spaces

Residents valued the area’s attractive streets, heritage character, parks, and green surroundings. However, many felt that maintenance standards had declined, highlighting potholes, litter, dog fouling, weeds, flooding, poor lighting, and neglected pavements. Suggestions included cleaner, greener, and more people-friendly streets with additional seating, lighting, planting, and traffic reduction measures.

- *“The streets just feel like a car park.”*
- *“Make them more people friendly with better street cleaning and control of dog fouling.”*



Natural Space

Natural spaces were seen as one of the area’s greatest assets, with Holyrood Park, Figgate Park, Meadowfield Park, and nearby beaches providing important recreation, wellbeing, and biodiversity opportunities. Residents wanted natural spaces protected from overdevelopment while also improving safety, maintenance, drainage, accessibility, lighting, seating, and play provision. Suggestions included more tree planting, rewilding, wildflower areas, and pollinator-friendly management practices. Concerns included litter, dog fouling, flooding, erosion, and anti-social behaviour.

- *“Holyrood Park is a fantastic asset on our doorstep.”*
- *“More wildflowers and pollinator planting would improve the area.”*
- *“The parks are lovely but drainage and muddy paths are a real issue.”*



Play and Recreation

Residents appreciated the availability of parks, sports fields, and open green spaces, particularly Meadowfield Park, Figgate Park, and nearby leisure facilities. Many people suggested that play opportunities could be significantly improved, especially for teenagers, older children, and adults. Suggestions included more varied equipment, better-maintained playgrounds, improved drainage, indoor social and recreational spaces, outdoor fitness facilities, cafés, toilets, shelters, and safer play streets. Concerns about vandalism, broken equipment, and limited all-weather facilities were also common.

- *“There is very little for teenagers to do locally.”*
- *“The play parks need modern equipment and better maintenance.”*
- *“More indoor community and recreation space would really help in winter.”*



Facilities and Services

Residents valued local assets such as Piershill Library, Northfield Community Centre, schools, supermarket, pharmacies, local sport clubs, and shops. However, many are concerned about the loss of local amenities, including pubs, post offices, smaller shops, and bus services. Suggestions included protecting and investing in community hubs, libraries, and health services, and requests for more cafés, youth spaces, independent shops, dentists, and better accessibility for older people and those with low-mobility.

- *"The library is a fantastic community resource."*
- *"We need more local cafés and independent shops."*
- *"Too many community facilities are being lost to student housing."*



Work and Local Economy

Local employment opportunities are limited to retail, hospitality, schools, community services, and small local businesses. Residents supported more independent businesses, cafés, pubs, flexible workspaces, and apprenticeships. Many respondents emphasised the importance of small businesses, volunteering opportunities, and community-led initiatives.

- *"There are not enough local jobs for young people."*
- *"Independent businesses give the area character."*
- *"Student flats are replacing useful local businesses."*



Housing and Community

Residents described the area as having an attractive, good mix of property types, however, affordability was a major concern. Many respondents called for more affordable housing, home energy efficiency support, improvements to council housing, and housing options for older people. Most were opposed to further student accommodation developments, believing these developments threatened local identity, amenities, and long-term community cohesion.

- *"Housing costs are becoming unaffordable for local families."*
- *"The area has a strong sense of community."*
- *"We do not need more student accommodation here."*



Social Interaction

Residents described the area as friendly and community-minded, with strong neighbourly relationships, active local groups, social media groups, street parties, and community events. Parks & greenspaces, Piershill Library, churches, allotments, and Northfield Community Centre were valued as important social spaces. Despite this, many respondents felt there were too few informal indoor meeting places, cafés, youth spaces, and opportunities for wider interaction across neighbourhoods. Suggestions included more events, better promotion of activities, improved use of Northfield Community Centre, and stronger support for spaces that bring residents together.

- *"People are very friendly and supportive here."*
- *"There should be more spaces for people to meet informally."*
- *"Community events really help bring people together."*



Identity and Belonging

Many residents expressed pride and a strong sense of belonging, highlighting heritage, green spaces, volunteer culture and long-standing community ties. Suggestions included more community events, heritage information, better communication, and activities that strengthen local identity and inclusion. Some residents raised concerns about disconnected neighbourhoods, exclusion, anti-social behaviour, and the impact of increasing traffic and development on community cohesion.

- *"Duddingston still feels like a village within the city."*
- *"There is a real pride in the history of the area."*
- *"Traffic and overdevelopment are damaging the character of the neighbourhood."*



Feeling Safe

Residents generally felt safe in the area due to the strong community atmosphere and quieter residential streets. However, concerns were raised about anti-social behaviour, speeding traffic, dangerous parking, poor lighting, uneven pavements, and personal safety in parks and pathways after dark. Several respondents identified Baronscourt Park, Figgate Park, and some underpasses or quieter streets as needing better lighting and visibility. Suggestions included more police presence, improved street lighting, safer crossings, traffic calming, maintenance of pavements and paths, and measures to address drug use, littering, and reckless cycling.

- *"I generally feel safe walking around here."*

- *“Lighting in some parks and paths is poor at night.”*
- *“Speeding traffic makes it feel unsafe for children and older people.”*



Care and Maintenance

Common issues included potholes, poor pavement conditions, blocked drains, litter, weeds, graffiti, dog fouling, neglected green spaces, and inconsistent street cleaning. Residents also raised concerns about the maintenance of parks, play equipment, public buildings, and rental properties. There was strong support for more responsive council services, regular upkeep, community clean-up initiatives, and better long-term maintenance planning to preserve the quality and appearance of the neighbourhood.

- *“The potholes and pavements are getting worse every year.”*
- *“Street cleaning is inconsistent and litter is a problem.”*
- *“Community clean-up events make a real difference.”*



Influence and Sense of Control

Residents appreciated opportunities to engage through the Community Council, local groups, surveys, litter-picking initiatives, social media networks, and volunteering. Many felt community spirit and local activism were strengths of the area, although some believed communication from public bodies could be clearer and more responsive. Residents wanted greater consultation on planning, transport, and environmental decisions, along with more visible action and follow-up on local concerns. Suggestions included stronger community engagement, regular walkabouts with councillors, easier access to information, and more support for residents who want to contribute to local improvements.

- *“Community walkabouts with councillors would be a good idea.”*
- *“Hope to have some chance with this survey. Thank you.”*
- *“Better communication from the Council about decisions and why they are doing things.”*

Refer to Appendix E for a full list of all comments received from the Place Standard Tool Survey.

3.3.2 Coffee Mornings - Summer to Autumn 2024

Six Local Place Plan ‘coffee mornings’ were organised at Northfield Community Centre, where people could complete a paper version of the PST survey. About **60 people** attended the coffee mornings overall.

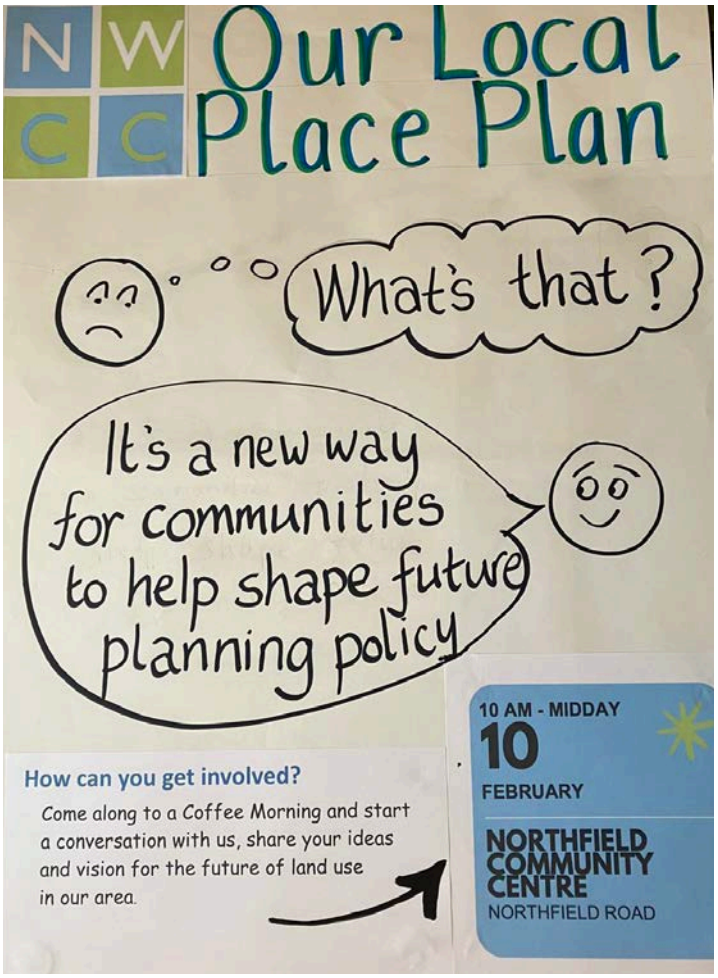


Figure 4D - Photo of Coffee Mornings Poster

3.3.3 School Consultations

Consultations were also undertaken with several schools including Parson's Green Pupil Council (16 children from all age groups), Parson's Green P7's (30 children), Parson's Green Parent Council (6 attendees), Royal High Primary School Parents Council (10 attendees).

All filled out PST questionnaires including children that used the child-friendly version of the Place Tool Standard. It helps children to talk about the things that matter to them in a way that can allow their views to make a difference. It asks questions about what children need to live well in a place and what changes might make things better.

Despite several attempts to engage with Portobello High School and Holyrood High School with the offer that the community council would run LPP sessions for S5/6 pupils, we were unsuccessful, though acknowledge both secondary schools have wide catchments areas outwith the N&WCC area of interest.

3.3.4 LPP Walkabouts - April to June 2024

In addition, three LPP 'walkabouts' were held with interested local residents at Lady Nairne (**12 participants**) , Northfield (**6 participants**) & Piershill (**1 participant**) areas to look at planning, environmental and transport issues on the ground.

3.3.5 Exhibition at Environment Fair - September 2024

A small exhibition of photos from all our local shops and businesses, as well as several areas for potential future developments or contentious traffic/transport issues. These were accompanied by questions seeking views for the Local Place Plan and an invitation to write comments on post-it notes or complete the PST survey. Around **40 people** came along to share their thoughts and contribute to emerging LPP proposals and opportunities.

3.3.6 Exhibition of Draft Local Place Plan Proposals at the Environment Fair - September 2025

An exhibition of draft LPP proposals was held to allow members of the public to drop in, read them and ask questions/add comments to them. Participants were invited to add stickers to a large map of the N&WCC boundary: Green for a place they liked in the area and red for a place they didn't like so much (**Figure 4E**).

Around **50 people** visited the exhibition with many leaving comments on post-its on draft proposals. Refer to **Appendix F** for further details about community input at this event.



Figure 4E- Photo of the big map at the LPP Exhibition at the Environment Fair, September 2025, red stickers are for places that people don't like, green stickers are for places people like. For example the large cluster of red dots is the empty site on the corner of Willowbrae Road/Northfield Drive/Northfield Broadway.

3.3.7 Climate Resilience Workshop

In November 2025, a Climate Resilience Workshop was held with a grant from Edinburgh Communities Climate Action Network (ECCAN), via their *'Green Light'* fund and run by *'Imagine If. Space CIC'* consultants for the community council. There were about 20 people that attended including representatives from key local organisations and groups, as well as local councillors. The outcomes from the workshop, which generated almost 100 ideas, are included in **Appendix G** and have been considered when developing LPP proposals.



Figure 4F - Photo from Climate Resilience Workshop in Northfield Community Centre

3.3.8 Community Projects (not Local Place Plan related)

Appendix D lists community projects which do not qualify as Local Place Plan proposals within the N&WCC boundary, but have arisen as important priorities for the community from community engagement. N&WCC will be monitoring the progress of these projects and seeking support from CEC/other organisations to develop and progress these.

3.3.9 Outwith the Community Council Boundary

Some comments raised from community engagement relate to areas outwith the N&WCC community council boundary; e.g.; new swimming pool at Meadowbank Sports Centre / improvements to Fishwives Causeway. Efforts have been made to pass these comments onto relevant community councils and local action groups where possible.

4.0 Community Vision

"The vision for the Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council area is to serve you; addressing your environmental concerns; cherishing our much loved greenspaces; enabling us all to have greener lifestyles; improving public transport; listening to local communities in this part of East Edinburgh"

In preparing this Local Place Plan for Northfield & Willowbrae area, the Community Council have had regard to the current CEC Local Development Plan - 'City Plan 2030', as well as National Planning Framework 4 (2023) and the CEC revised 'North East Edinburgh Locality Improvement Plan' (2017 - 2022).

4.1 Local Place Plan Objectives

1. To understand what is important to people that live and work in the N&WCC area.
2. To highlight key issues to the council and ensure they are considered within the forthcoming Local Development Plan 2040 process.
3. To ensure that future development of land or buildings respects community views.
4. To build relationships with key partners to make proposals happen.
5. To support local people and businesses to thrive.
6. To build a greater sense of community and understand each other's priorities.
7. To improve resilience of our built environment including greening neighbourhoods.
8. To ensure that the area's future development creates a safe, sustainable and opportunity-rich environment for children growing up here.

5.0 Our 7 ‘Villages’ and Holyrood Park

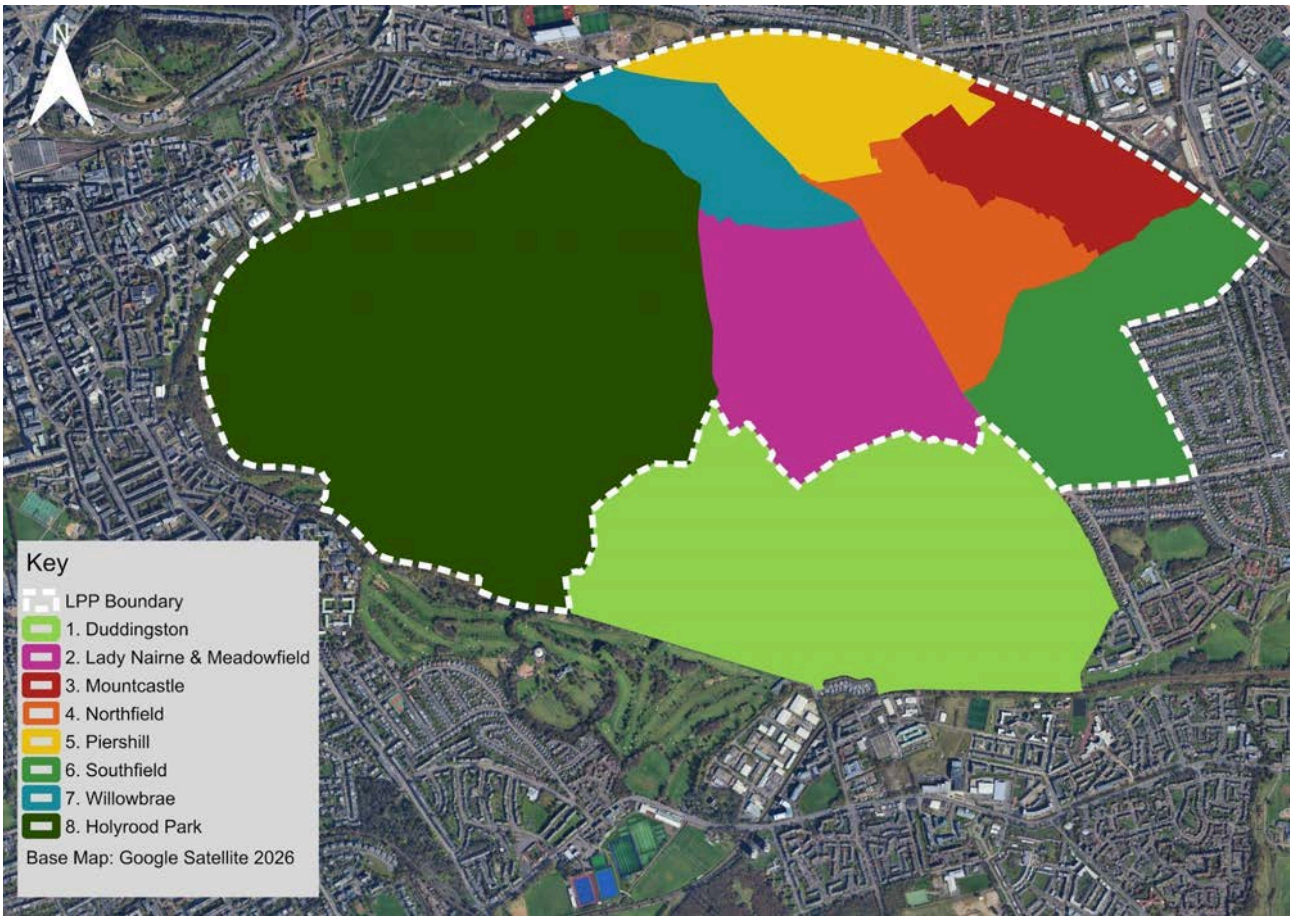


Figure 5A - N&WCC Local Place Plan Boundary showing 7 village boundaries

The Northfield & Willowbrae area has been divided up into 7 ‘villages’. In addition, Holyrood Park is included as a significant area within our LPP boundary. General Proposals for the N&WCC area have been included as a separate chapter.

1	Duddingston
2	Lady Nairne & Meadowfield
3	Mountcastle
4	Northfield
5	Piershill
6	Southfield & Durhams
7	Willowbrae
8	Holyrood Park
9	General Proposals for the N&WCC area

(Note: after several months of discussion in late 2025, Duddingston Conservation Society decided to prepare their own LPP for the village and conservation area. Consequently, the draft proposals for the village were removed from an initial draft, but several wider proposals arising from earlier public consultations were retained following advice from CEC).

Each area is dealt with in a separate chapter. After a short 'Overview' of each area and a specific area locality map, the 'Planning', 'Environmental', and 'Transport' Proposals, arising from the LPP consultations are outlined and a specific **'LPP REQUEST'** made of CEC Planning to consider in preparing the new Local Development Plan – City Plan 2040.

These are shown on the accompanying local maps with related reference numbers (e.g.; N-T-1 for 'Northfield Transport Proposal #1').

Further information regarding the 'Other Community Projects' that do not make up part of the LPP document but are important to recognise within this community-led document can be found in Appendix D with associated key stakeholders and timescales.

5.1 Duddingston (Conservation Area Boundary)

(See separate LPP prepared by Duddingston Conservation Society)

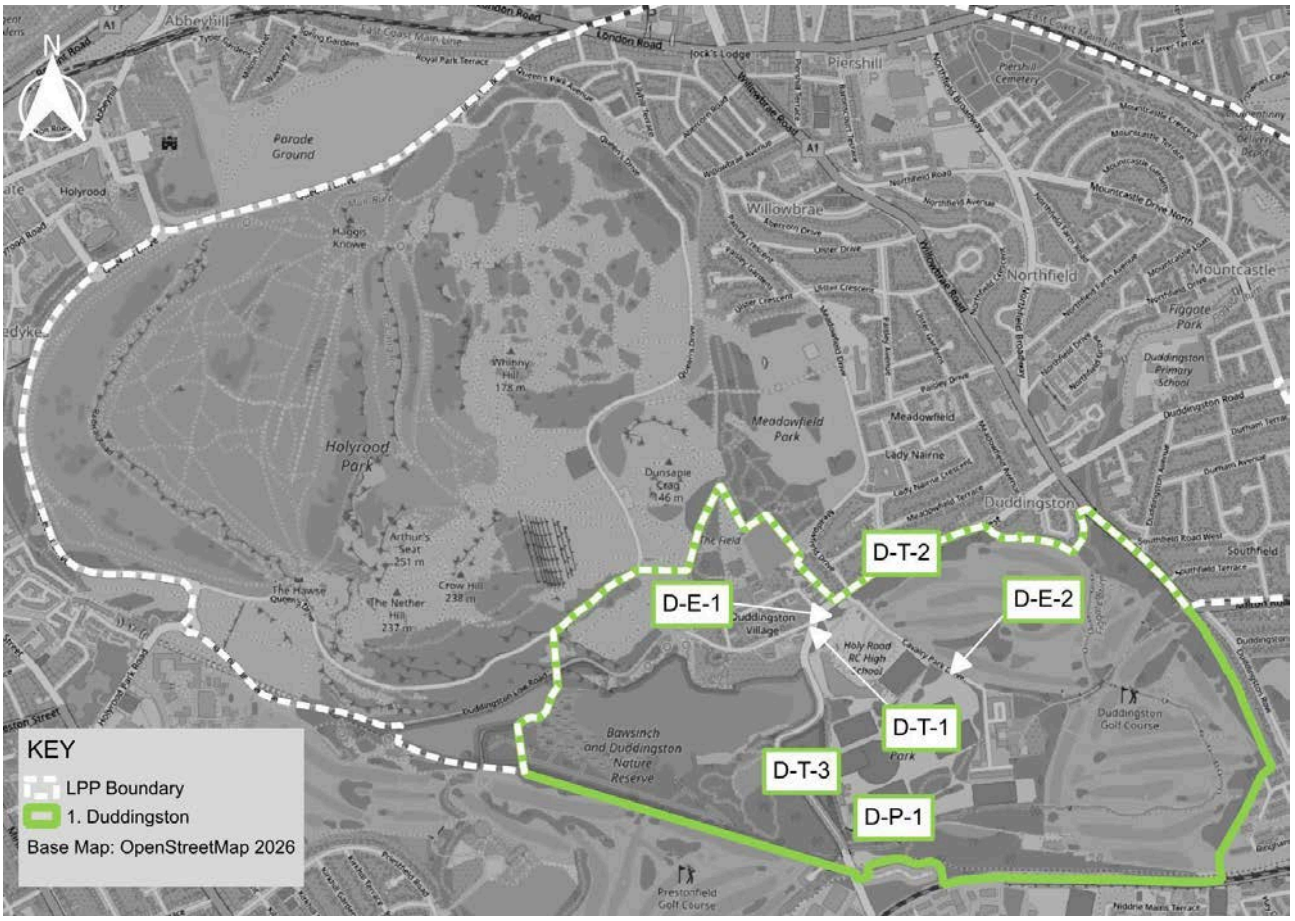


Figure 5.1A - Map of Duddingston Conservation Area boundary (green), Copyright City of Edinburgh Council, contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right (2026),https://data.edinburghcouncilmaps.info/datasets/cityofedinburgh::conservation-areas/explore

General Overview

Duddingston is a historic village lying next to Holyrood Park and Duddingston Loch. It is an 'Outstanding' conservation area, which includes Cavalry Park and the development at Duddingston House. This area should not be confused with the wider Duddingston area, which stretches down along Duddingston Road through the crossroads, with A1 / Willowbrae & Milton Road, towards Portobello which is covered within the Southfield Section. Duddingston Golf Club covers a large area of the former Duddingston House policies.

Many properties are listed (buildings of special architectural or historic interest with legal protection) and in addition to fine period homes, it houses many points of interest including Dr Neil's Garden, The Sheeps Heid pub - reputed to be the oldest in Scotland - and Duddingston Kirk, which originates from the 12th century and the adjacent Jock Tamson's Gairden.

Duddingston Conservation Society (DCS) undertook specific, targeted consultation with villagers in Autumn 2025 about Local Place Plan proposals they liked, disliked and thought

could be improved about the village. The Place Standard Tool was narrowed down to these three main questions. One of the Society's objectives is to stimulate public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of Duddingston Conservation Area and its surroundings.

In February 2026, after several months of discussion between DCS and N&WCC, DCS decided to prepare their own LPP for the village and conservation area However, several wider issues remain from the N&WCC's earlier public consultations that are listed below and CEC Planning may wish to consider any overlap.



Figure 5.1B - Photo of Cavalry Park former Tennis Courts (Proposal D-P-1)

Duddingston Planning Proposals

(D-P-1) Cavalry Park Former Tennis Courts

This is one of the few brownfield sites within the community council area. It lies within the corner of the Conservation Area. The proximity of the Braid Burn on its south boundary and scope for flooding may preclude some form of future development.

It is currently used as a temporary car park by Edinburgh Leisure for events at the playing fields. This use should be clarified and if to become a car park, then the surface needs upgraded, with bays marked out to maximise use and two path connections to the playing fields on its north and east boundaries created, with appropriate directional signage to improve safety. Cavalry Park is now a Pitch Hub and a masterplan will be produced for the wider area.

LPP REQUEST: The use of the brownfield site of the former tennis courts at Cavalry Park needs clarified and associated improvements carried out. Safety risks need to be addressed to improve safety for people using the car park. Key stakeholders should be involved in the decision making during the implementation of CEC's Pitch Hub Strategy.



Figure 5.1C - Photo of junction at Old Church Lane and Duddingston Road West (D-T-1)

Duddingston Environmental Proposals

(D-E-1): War memorial refurbishment

The war memorial opposite Old Church Lane on the south side of Duddingston Road West has been suggested as in need of refurbishment and perhaps a new enclosure of railings. Any road widening works at this awkward junction with Old Church Lane / The Causeway may help the 'D-T-1' proposal outlined below.

LPP REQUEST: Consider if War Memorial public open space needs refurbishment, potentially in relation to any adjacent junction roadworks on Duddingston Road West with Old Church Lane / The Causeway.

(D-E-2): Cavalry Park Drive access points to Playing Fields

Towards the south end of Cavalry Park Drive there are two entrances to the playing fields which are regularly muddy and hard to avoid.

LPP REQUEST: Improve and define the two muddy access points to the Cavalry Park playing fields.

Duddingston Transport Proposals

(D-T-1): Duddingston Road West / Old Church Lane & adjacent Causeway junctions - study to improve cycling and pedestrian safety

which are claimed to be dangerous by users and hence CEC should consider improvements to the junction at Duddingston Road West / Old Church Lane, as well as a review of the cycle route along Duddingston Road West particularly at the above junction. A traffic assessment has been undertaken in 2024 of vehicles travelling along Old Church Lane and the Causeway and will be useful in considering any improvements to these two junctions. Refer to **Appendix I** for traffic assessment results.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads Service carry out a traffic assessment of Duddingston Road West / Old Church Lane & adjacent Causeway junctions and determine if improvements works are required. (Linked to outcome of D-T-2: Low Road below)

(D-T-2): Duddingston Road West (DRW)

As a strategic pedestrian route used by many Holyrood High School students, there is a need for raised pedestrian +/or 'Zebra' crossings at 3 junctions where Meadowfield Avenue, Meadowfield Gardens and Meadowfield Drive meet DRW, to prioritise the large number of walking pupils. This was a project put forward by the Community Council in March 2025 to CEC Roads after it requested 'Local Transport Improvement Projects' and subsequently approved for further investigation at CEC Transport & Environment Committee in June 2025.

There is also a need for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for permanent double-yellow lines to prevent parking along the section of Duddingston Road West, north of the entrance to Cavalry Park Playing Fields, due to the number of indiscriminately parked cars at this junction and at both bus stops when large sports matches and events are using the fields, often at weekends, causing congestion and dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads to confirm details of investigation and potential programming of pedestrian improvements to the south junctions of Meadowfield Avenue, Meadowfield Gardens and Meadowfield Drive with Duddingston Road West and an associated TRO at Cavalry Park playing fields entrance.

For further information regarding other community projects relating to Duddingston, refer to Appendix D.

5.2 Lady Nairne & Meadowfield Community

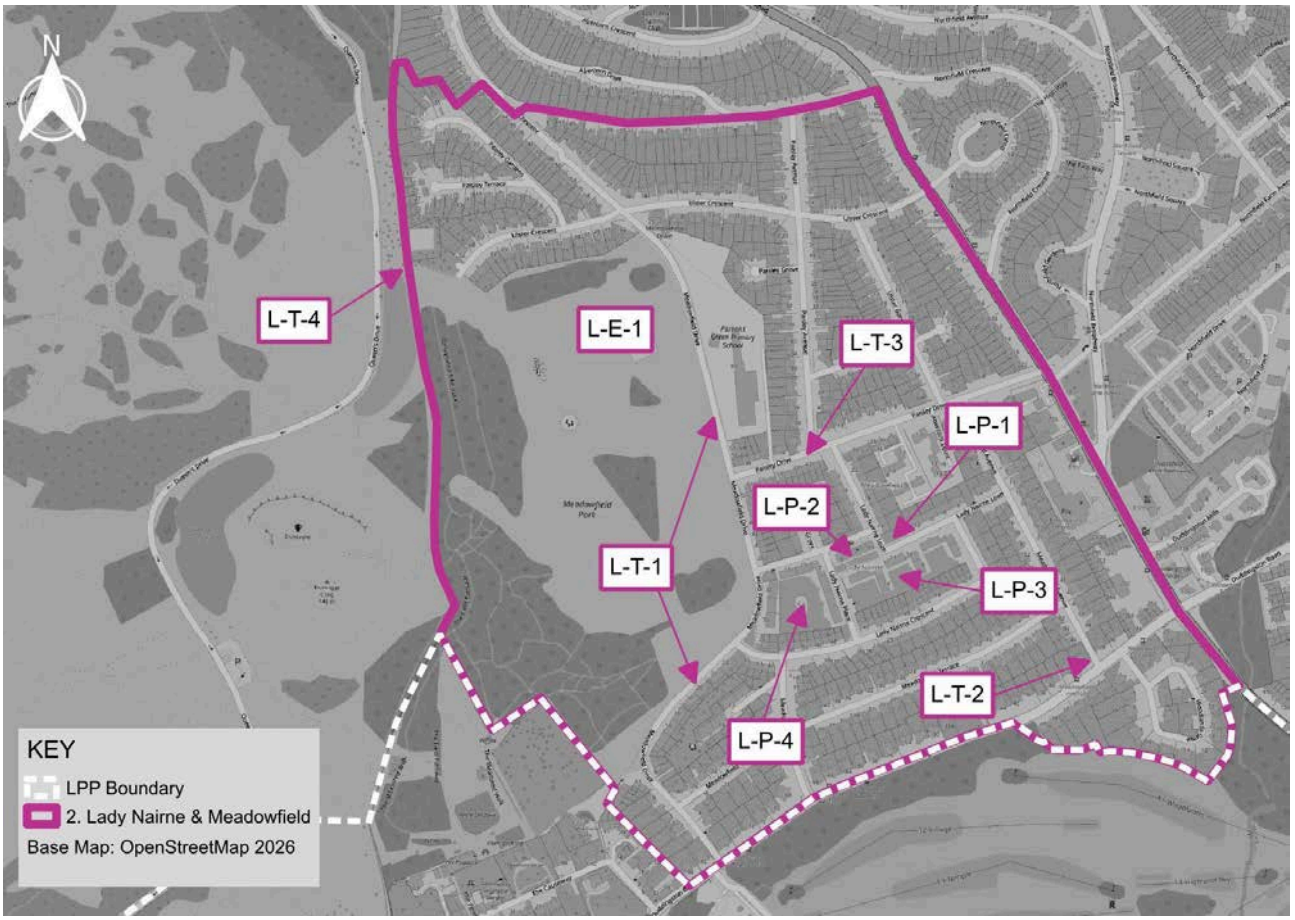


Figure 5.2A - Map of Lady Nairne & Meadowfield Community Area with LPP Proposal References annotated. Please see the corresponding proposal descriptions and vision below.

General Overview

These residential areas are set on the eastern slopes of Arthur's Seat. The large Meadowfield Park lies alongside Holyrood Park with some play equipment and a sports pitch. The Meadowfield area lies north of Duddingston Road West and east of the village. The Lady Nairne Estate was initially a large area of local authority housing built from the 1950's and covers a large part of the hill area, while the various Paisley's and Ulster's streets, named after the estates of the 19th century owner Lord Abercorn's, lie further north.

While Parsons Green Primary School sits alongside Meadowfield Drive with the large hilly park and woodland beyond, there are few facilities in this large suburban residential area, sweeping around the hillside. Abercorn Sports Club lies at the foot of the hill adjacent to Willowbrae Road.



Figure 5.2B - Photo of Lady Nairne Shops (Proposal L-P-2)

Lady Nairne & Meadowfield Planning Proposals

(L-P-1): Site for potential community growing space and hub at Lady Nairne Loan
The two small greenspaces at the corner of Lady Nairne Loan (south of No '14), should be protected as the potential location of a small community growing space and hub (portakabin), that the community have indicated would be desirable to help foster social cohesion. The Community Council would have to undertake a feasibility study and seek external funding to provide and sustain such a facility.

LPP REQUEST: The open space at the south-west corner of Lady Nairne Loan is protected for potential future use for a small community growing projects and hub facility.



Figure 5.2C - Photo of Underused greenspace in Lady Nairne (Proposal L-P-1)

(L-P-2): Lady Nairne shops

Identify and designate the current small parade of shops as a 'Local Centre', as 3 of the 5 units have been lost to residential use. (Local Centres contain small retail and commercial uses that serve a local Estate or area)

LPP REQUEST: Protect the row of shops at the east end of Lady Nairne Grove for retail use as a Local Centre.

(L-P-3): Lady Nairne Loan Back Greens Play Area

Create a well-defined play area for young children in the back greens of Lady Nairne Loan including play equipment. There are few play opportunities in this area for young children.

LPP REQUEST: Designate a play area in the back greens of Lady Nairne.

(L-P-4): Improve access to Play Space from Meadowfield Drive

Create a well-defined access to shared play space from the corner of Meadowfield Drive/Lady Nairne Crescent and upgrade the play area to include equipment for young children and those with access needs. This is an accessible safe location for many young families to visit that is fenced and not accessible to the general public. Families with young children would benefit from access to this play space.

LPP REQUEST: Improve access to play space in back green from Meadowfield Drive and review/improve play offer for young people and those with access needs.



Figure 5.2D - Photo of Play Space (Proposal L-P-4)



Figure 5.2E - Photo of Slide at Meadowfield Playpark (Proposal L-E-1)

Lady Nairne & Meadowfield Environmental Proposals:

(L-E-1): Meadowfield Park & play area equipment

The play area should be expanded and improved and accord with 'Friends of Meadowfield Park' aspirations for environmental improvements to the overall area, which are supported.

LPP REQUEST: Meadowfield Park remains protected as open space. CEC Parks & Greenspace to consider and confirm timescale for additional play equipment discussed with Friends of Meadowfield in early 2024.



Figure 5.2F - Photo of Duddingston Road West and Meadowfield Avenue Junction (Proposal L-T-2)

Lady Nairne & Meadowfield Transport Proposals:

(L-T-1): Meadowfield Drive: parking prevention

There is a need to prevent parking along the west side of Meadowfield Drive on the greenspace / Meadowfield Park and also for better signage to regulate bad parking / stopping on the current zig-zags lines outside Parsons Green Primary School.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads Services extend the current double-yellow lines Traffic Regulation Order northwards along Meadowfield Drive / opposite Parsons Green Primary School, towards Ulster Crescent.

(L-T-2): Duddingston Road West and Meadowfield Avenue junction

can be particularly difficult to exit and enter especially at peak times due to the tail-back, westwards, of traffic from Duddingston crossroads. A yellow, 'KEEP CLEAR' box-junction road markings should be installed at the Duddingston Road West and Meadowfield Avenue junction to aid access and egress to the Estate.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads Services consider creating a box-junction clearway at Duddingston Road West and Meadowfield Avenue junction to ease access.

(L-T-3): Paisley Drive (west end) & cycle lane

There is a need for more effective signage to highlight that the top (west end) of Paisley Drive is closed at School drop-off and pick-up times as the current signage and planters are inadequate. A cycle lane uphill on Paisley Drive (south side), especially for primary pupils, should be investigated.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads Services to consider safety improvements to Paisley Drive (west end) near Parsons Green Primary School vehicular entrance.

(L-T-4): The top of Ulster Crescent to the Queen's Drive

The gap in the Holyrood Park boundary wall should link up as a cycleway. Current rules mean you need to dismount your bike for this short 100m section. This would also improve this route for all wheelers including prams and wheelchair users.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads Services in conjunction with Historic Environment Scotland to consider provision of cycle link from Ulster Crescent (west end parking area)in Meadowfield area, with Holyrood Park Queen's Drive (Top Road).

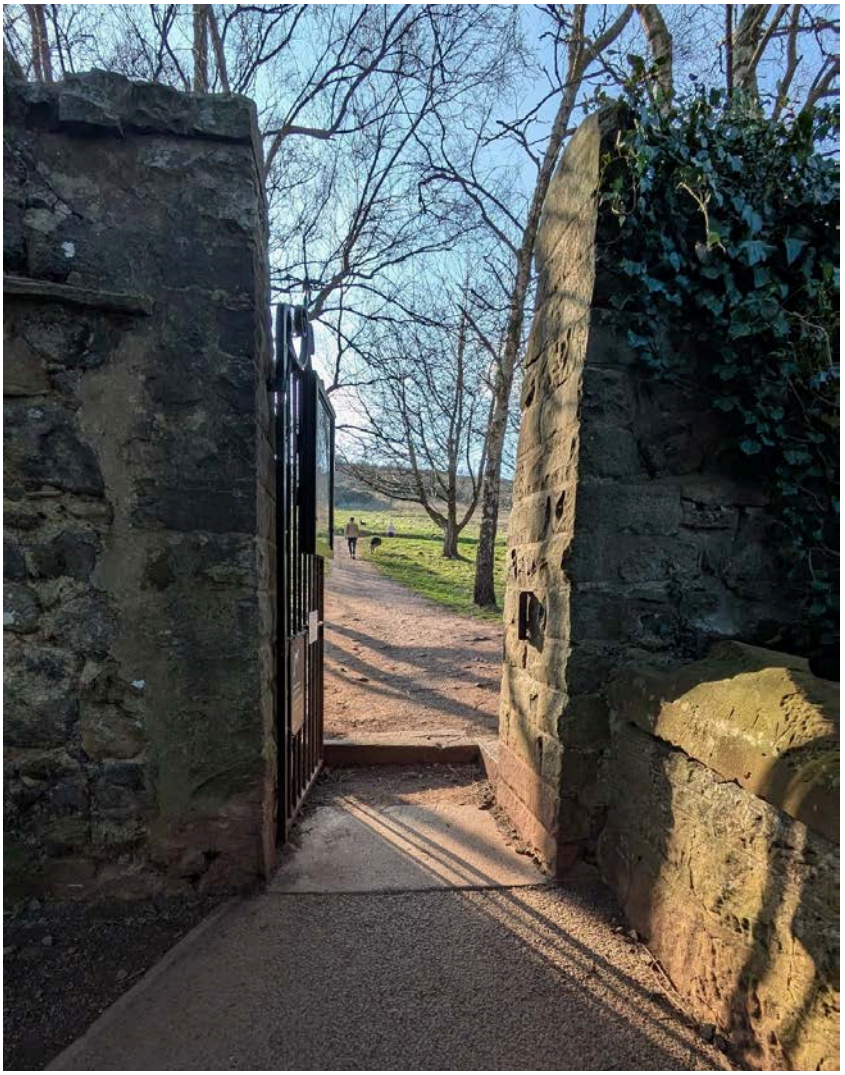


Figure 5.2G - Photo of the gap in the Holyrood Park boundary wall, showing step preventing safe cycle access (Proposal L-T-4)

For further information regarding other community projects relating to Lady Nairne & Willowbrae, refer to Appendix D.

5.3 Mountcastle Community

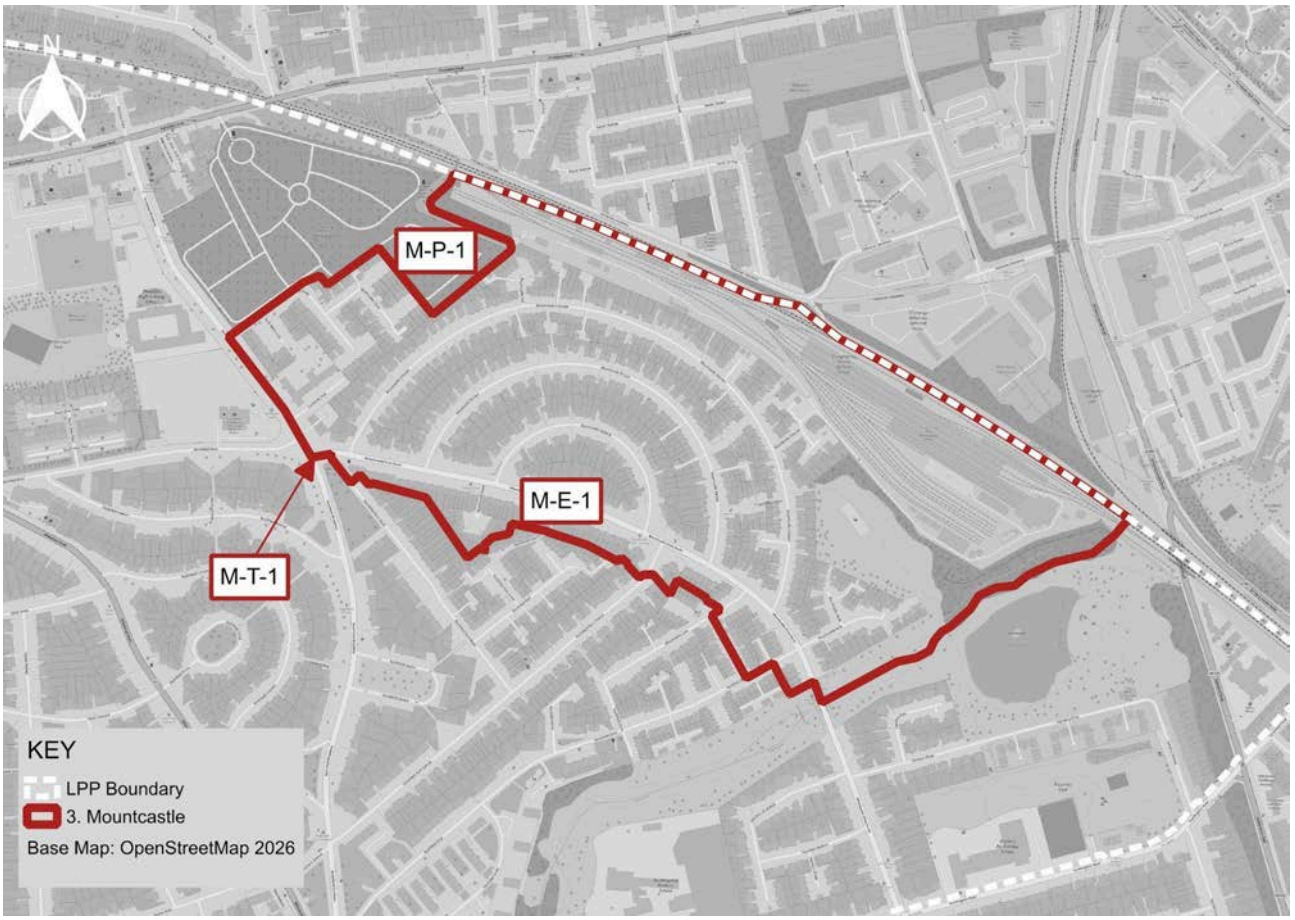


Figure 5.3A - Map of Mountcastle Community Area with LPP Proposal References annotated. Please see corresponding proposal descriptions and vision below.

General Overview

Mountcastle is primarily a residential area, with many early-mid 20th century houses, and originally provided a large horticultural nursery that served the city. It is east of the city centre and lies to the north-west of the neighbouring area of Portobello and north of the linear Figgate Park.

It is separated from Northfield by Northfield Broadway and Abercorn Cemetery which is bounded by the east coast main railway line into and out of Edinburgh Waverley Station.

Mountcastle Planning Proposals

(M-P-1): Abercorn Cemetery extension protection

The south east extension land at Abercorn Cemetery, next to Mountcastle Place, should be clearly designated and protected as a ‘cemetery extension’, rather than just ‘open space’.

LPP REQUEST: Abercorn Cemetery extension remains protected from development as open space.



Figure 5.3B - Photo of Mountcastle Houses along Mountcastle Drive North (Proposal M-E-1)

Mountcastle Environmental Proposals

(M-E-1): Mountcastle area street trees

The area needs street tree planting in verges and greenspaces to help green the wider residential area as is evident in adjacent Northfield Estate as identified in CEC's tree canopy report.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Greenspace to consider funding and priority for street tree replacement planting area on existing verges throughout Mountcastle area (subject to utilities).



Figure 5.3C - Photo of junction at Mountcastle Drive North and Northfield Broadway

Mountcastle Transport Proposals

(M-T-1): Mountcastle Drive North (west end) - junction with Northfield Broadway
This wide and busy junction was remodelled several years ago and a raised table inserted onto the roadway. However, the pedestrian island was removed, but has proved difficult for pedestrian and school pupils to use. The pedestrian island should be re-instated, but still accommodate bus services. There is scope for some 'pocket-park' planters on either side of the very wide junction pavement areas (subject to location of utility accesses and maintenance).

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads to consider re-installation of pedestrian safety island at junction Mountcastle North Drive & Northfield Broadway. CEC Greenspaces to consider planters at this key junction in conjunction with the Community Council.



Figure 5.3D - Photo of the Duck Pond at Figgate Park

For further information regarding other community projects relating to Lady Nairne & Mountcastle, refer to Appendix D.

5.4 Northfield Community

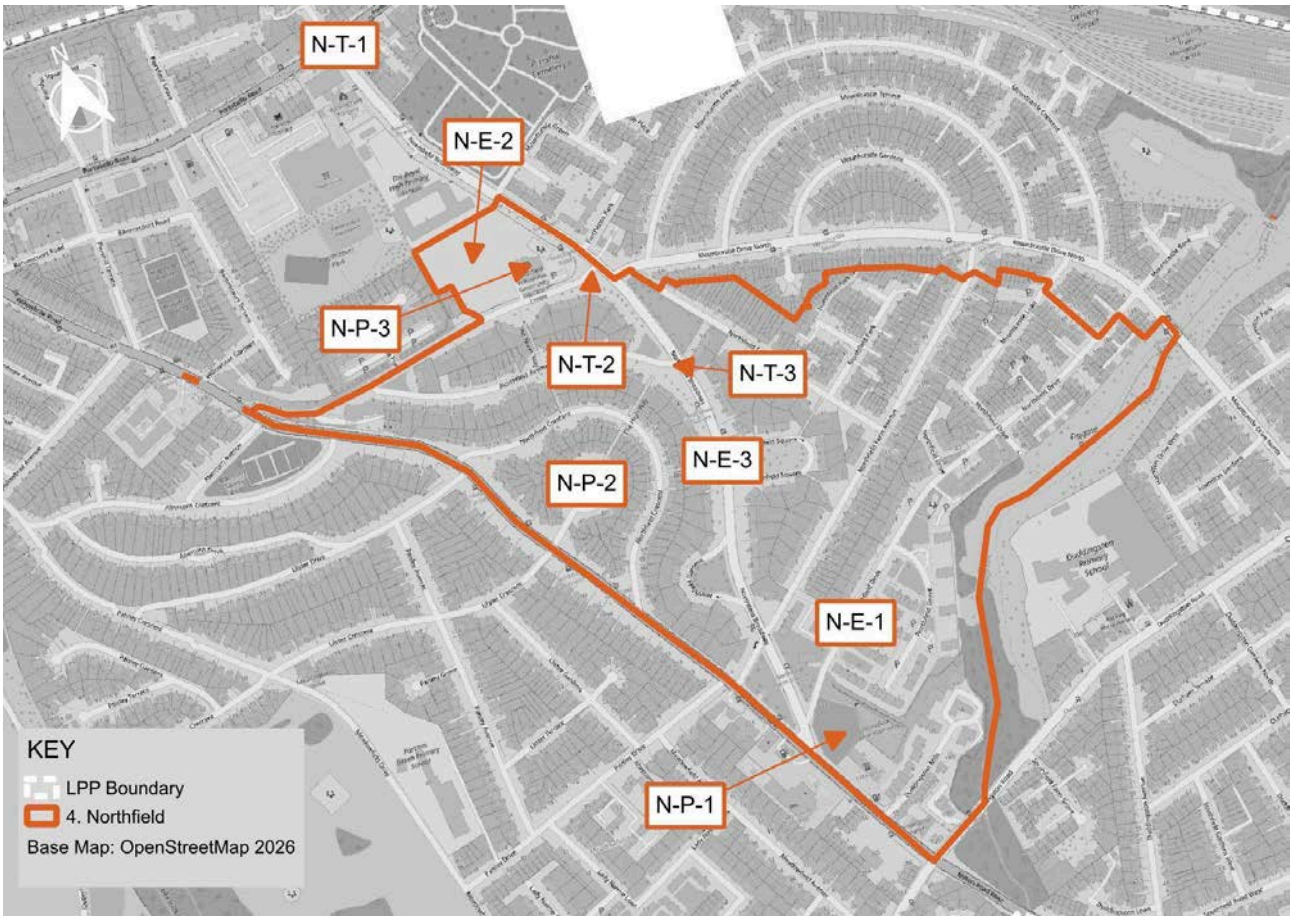


Figure 5.4A - Map of Northfield Community Area with LPP Proposal References annotated. Please see corresponding proposal descriptions and vision below.

General Overview

The Northfield Estate was originally built between 1921-23 as the first local authority housing in Edinburgh and still retains a “garden city” design ambience. Northfield Farm had stood in the area from the 1790’s. Later housing developments occurred in the 1950’s & 60’s on the east side of the wide, curving Northfield Broadway. At its south end is a small local centre of hotel / pub, petrol filling station, car rental garage and a large brownfield site that used to contain a post office and pub / restaurant / chippie & bookies but has been vacant since about 2018.

Northfield Planning Proposals

(N-P-1): Brownfield land at Willowbrae Road / Northfield Broadway (south end)

As this received planning permission for 48 residential flats (with an element of affordable housing) in 2023, this is the community’s preferred use for this site rather than 138 Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) flats, that was granted on Appeal in August 2024, along with a later 13 student flats on the adjacent former ‘Northfield Fry’ site.

LPP REQUEST: The brownfield site at south end of Northfield Broadway / Willowbrae Road should be allocated for Housing use with an element of affordable housing. If it were to be flatted development, several retail units on the ground floor, to replace the lost commercial facilities from the demolition, would be required.



Figure 5.4B - Photo of Brownfield land at Willowbrae Road / Northfield Broadway (south end) (Proposal N-P-1)

(N-P-2): Upper Northfield Estate (Circus / Road / Crescent)

As the first local authority housing in the city built between 1921-23, that remains remarkably intact after 100 years, CEC Planning should conduct a Conservation Area Character Assessment to determine if it was suitable to promote a conservation area over this area, in consultation with local residents.

LPP REQUEST: A Conservation Area Character Assessment should be prepared for the upper Northfield area. Results should be shared with local residents.

(N-P-3): Retain and Improve Northfield Community Centre for Community Use
As the only community space in the whole N&WCC boundary area, it is vital that this building is retained, maintained and improved for community use at an affordable rate. The building is well-used and on main bus routes. Many comments from community engagement highlighted the value of this indoor space and the essential need for the variety of the indoor space for diverse community activities including childcare, exercise classes, community council meetings, community fairs. Building improvements suggested include: energy efficiency measures, acoustic solutions for the main hall, access/inclusion improvements, upgrading the kitchen and WC facilities.

LPP REQUEST: Retain, maintain and improve the community centre for community use.



Figure 5.4C - Northfield Community Centre Playing Fields (Proposal N-E-2)

Northfield Environmental Proposals

(N-E-1): Northfield Drive Flats
Upgrade required at the back / south of the flats as completed recently in nearby Northfield Grove.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Housing Services should confirm if there is a budget for further environmental improvements to the open and hard spaces between Northfield Drive flats and if so, timescale for works.

(N-E-2): Northfield Community Centre playing fields
As so much of the former Royal High Primary School has been lost for development over the years (e.g.; Community Centre / Morrison's / Allotments), the remaining recreational ground should be protected as open space to prevent further building.

LPP REQUEST: Designate Northfield Community Centre playing fields and surrounding local green space and play area as Open space unsuitable for development.

(N-E-3): Northfield area street trees

The area needs street tree planting in verges and greenspaces to supplement those mature species remaining across Northfield, some of which were planted in the early 1920's when the estate was initially laid out. There is scope for additional street trees throughout the area to *'green the neighbourhood'*.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Parks & Greenspace should consider a street tree replacement programme across Northfield, including the main thoroughfares of Northfield Broadway and Mountcastle Drive North that traverse the area.



Figure 5.4D - Photo of Junction at Northfield Broadway / Portobello Road (Proposal N-T-1)

Northfield Transport Proposals

(N-T-1): Northfield Broadway (north end - 'The Scottie') / Portobello Road (A1140) junction

Improve road layout for all users. The width of the roads here make it hard for pedestrians to cross safely. Signalisation should be considered related to Smokey Brae (northbound / downhill) road closure due to the pressure likely to be put on the Broadway junction after improvements to Smokey Brae and directing traffic to use Craigentinny Avenue.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads to consider costs and timescale for new traffic signals at north end of Northfield Broadway. This would require relocation of the two lit pedestrian crossing to the west and east on Piersfield Terrace into a new 4 way pedestrian crossing at the north end of the Broadway and also nearby Craigentinny Avenue junction which will take a higher volume of traffic.

(N-T-2): Road Junction Improvements: Northfield Broadway/Portobello Road and Furcheons Park/Northfield Broadway
Improve safety of these key junctions by installing designated crossing points such as pelican crossing.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads consider designated crossing point improvements at key junctions: Northfield Broadway/Protobello Road and Furcheons Park/Northfield Broadway.

(N-T-3): Road Junction Improvements: Northfield Broadway/Northfield Avenue
There is a need to install a new pedestrian island at this unusually wide junction on route to Royal High primary school.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Transport & Environment Committee agreed in June 2025 that the Northfield Avenue / Broadway junction should be investigated to improve pedestrian crossing. CEC Roads should confirm the outcome of study and timescale of improvements, if any.



Figure 5.4E - Northfield Playpark, Northfield Drive

For further information regarding other community projects relating to Northfield, refer to Appendix D.

5.5 Piershill Community

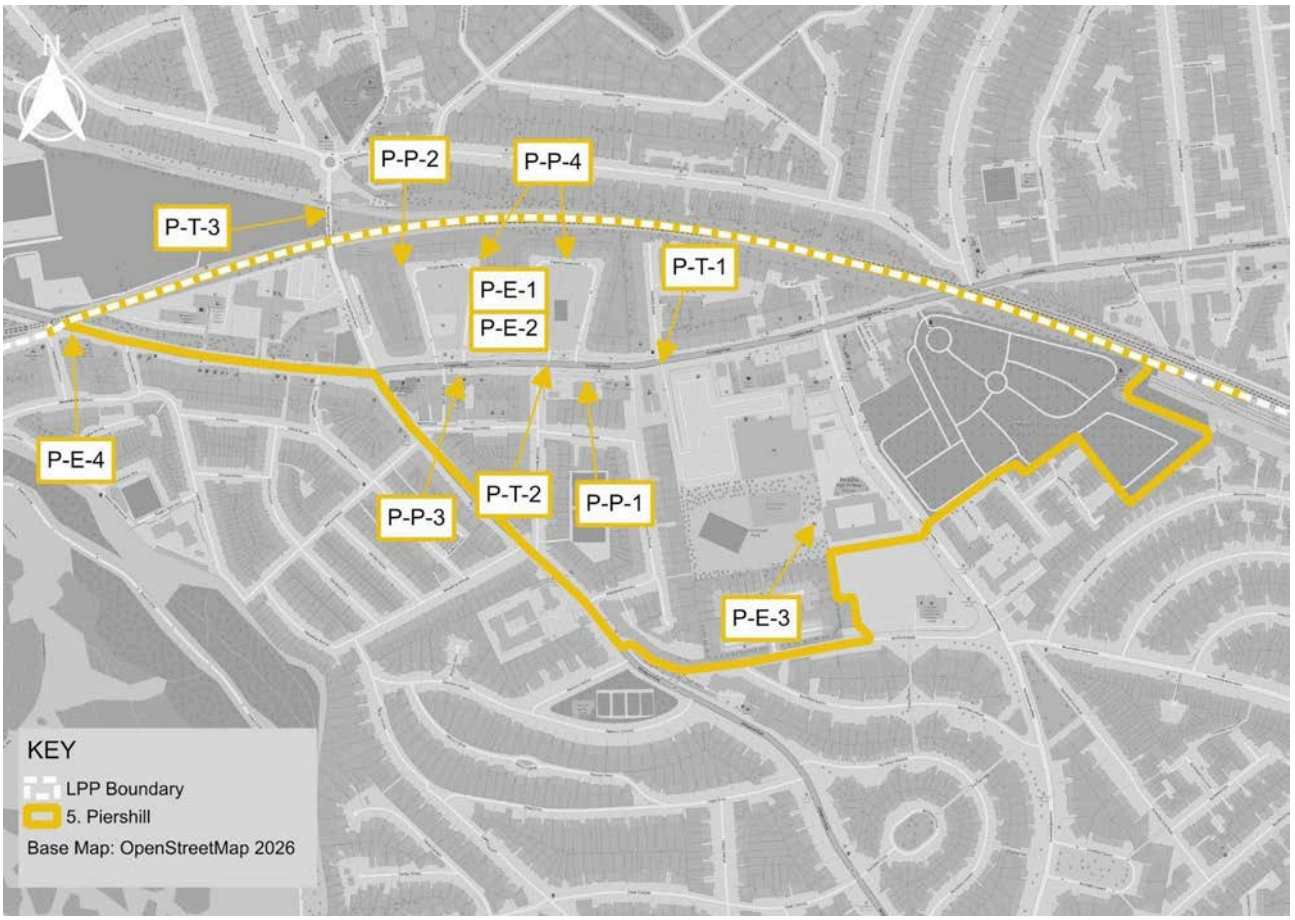


Figure 5.5A - Map of Piershill Community Area with LPP Proposal References annotated. Please see corresponding proposal descriptions and vision below

General Overview

Piershill is a suburb of north east Edinburgh, near Arthur's Seat. It is mainly residential, with local amenities including a large supermarket and petrol filling station, public library, optician, pharmacy, several take-away restaurants and specialist retailers, along with public houses.

Piershill Squares East and West were built c1938/39, on the site of the former Piershill Cavalry Barracks, as local authority housing and some are now Listed of special architectural or historic interest with legal protection. The area straddles A1 / Portobello Road that feeds into Jock's Lodge crossroads to the west and Moira Terrace, alongside Craigentinny, eastwards towards Portobello.



Figure 5.5B - Photo of the Piershill Community Flat which was mentioned in community engagement sessions and place standard tool comments as a missed community place to gather together and get support such as housing officer, NHS support staff, mums groups (Proposal P-P-2)

Piershill Planning Proposals

(P-P-1): South side of Portobello Road opposite Piershill Square East

The community supports the redevelopment of the current low rise commercial and retail units, as set out in the current CEC Local Development Plan (site OPP26) 2030, for higher density flatted accommodation above new retail / commercial premises to make better use of this space.

There should be a clear delivery access to the rear/ south of the new complex and a portion of affordable housing in the flats above to accord with the related planning policy. If possible, existing businesses e.g.; The Salvation Army, should be given the opportunity to re-establish in the new retail spaces.

LPP REQUEST: The current Local Development Plan proposed re-development of this site for housing use, with re-provision of retail uses on the ground floor with priority for current tenants. Any development of this site should reference and include improvements outlined in the POLO study (2016), and be included in the city plan site brief for delivery by the developer.

(P-P-2): Piershill Hub Flat at Piershill Square West

The community supports the re-opening of the former Piershill Hub Flat located in the corner of Piershill Square West (No'6 / Grd Flr / Right). CEC Housing Services should commit the necessary resources to allow for the required structural repairs arising from the survey in 2024.

Should the Community Hub Flat proposal falter, then it should be returned to the public housing stock to help the *'housing crises'* declared by the City Council in late 2023.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Housing Services should confirm the current and planned use of the Piershill Community Flat to residents in both Squares who have campaigned for it to be re-opened.

(P-P-3): 'Local Centre' along Portobello Road and London Road

Both these retail and commercial areas should be identified and linked across Jock's Lodge crossroads and protected for retail and commercial uses, as there is very little such land or premises in the area and residential or student flats should not be permitted to further erode these uses.

LPP REQUEST: A Local Centre (containing primarily retail and commercial uses), should be linked to protect all retail space along London Road and Portobello Road.

(P-P-4): Piershill West Square and Piershill East Square

CEC Housing Services should continue with their window replacement and energy efficiency improvements to retain the Listed Building status of these local authority residential blocks designed in 1938/39 on the site of the former Piershill Cavalry Barracks.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Housing refurbishment of the Piershill local authority housing stock is supported.

Piershill Environmental Proposals

(P-E-1): Piershill Square West and Piershill Square East Greenspace Improvements
There is scope for standard tree planting around the greenspace in both Squares to provide shade. There are several communal & recycling bin areas that have removed some parking spaces. These bins could be relocated onto the edge of the greenspace to help the parking issues.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Parks & Greenspace should consider street tree planting around the open space at Piershill Squares West & East. Waste Services consider relocating the communal bins onto the greenspace boundary to improve parking provision.



Figure 5.5C - Photo of Rear court of Piershill Square West (Proposal P-E-2)

(P-E-2): Open Space Designation to Rear courts of Piershill Square West & Piershill Square East

There is also scope for standard tree or shelter belt tree planting in the rear grass court areas of both Squares, subject to detailed consultation with residents. This land is owned by CEC Housing, but could be put to better use to support biodiversity. The allotments along the north boundary should not be affected, but also allow for their future expansion.

As the Piershill frontage squares are identified and protected as 'open space', this designation should be extended to the rear green space that wraps around these residential blocks.

LPP REQUEST: The new LDP should protect the green space to the rear / north of Piershill Square West & Piershill Square East as open space and CEC Parks & Greenspace consider environmental improvements.

(P-E-3): Royal High Primary School garden

At the east end of Baronscourt Park recent works are underway for the heating system for the listed school. This has meant a new security fence has been erected. Once works are complete the remaining green resource of the school garden should be clarified and re-established.

LPP REQUEST: The former school garden adjacent to Baronscourt Park should be clarified and re-established.

(P-E-4): Review Portobello Road & London Road (POLO) urban design study

The POLO study, undertaken by CEC Planning in 2016, via a street audit, looked to improve the street design and retail frontage along this key eastern approach to the city. It had a related Action Plan.

This decade-old POLO study and Action Plan should be reviewed and cover the street frontage / retail premises westward from Northfield Broadway (north end), towards the Jock's Lodge crossroads. (See **W-E-1** proposal below for the west end of this study area in the Willowbrae area).

LPP REQUEST: The Portobello Road & London Road (POLO) urban design study should be reviewed and Action Plan updated and financial resources necessary for improvements allocated, considered by CEC. Any development within the scope of the POLO study should be referenced within site briefs identified within the city plan.

Piershill Transport Proposals

(P-T-1): Improve Morrison's access / Portobello Road (A1140) junction

There is a need for the current busy store access to have the pedestrian traffic island re-instated to aid pedestrians crossing, improve safety, and slow cycle & vehicle traffic entering and exiting the store. This has been raised with and agreed by CEC Roads Services.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads Services to confirm timescale for re-design of Piershill Morrison's access / Portobello Road (A1140) junction.



Figure 5.5D - Photo of Morrisons's Access off Portobello Road (Proposal P-T-1 and P-T-2)

(P-T-2): Portobello Road north and south bike lanes

Both north and south sides of Portobello Road, but particularly the south side should be reviewed for safety as the community council are aware of several accidents involving bikes.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads Services should review bike lanes on Portobello Road (north and south sides) and communicate review outcomes to local interest groups.

(P-T-3): Improve Pedestrian and Cycle Access along Smokey Brae (Restalrig Road South)

Improve pedestrian access and cycle access in both directions on Smokey Brae. It is common to see people, wheelchairs and prams walking in the road instead of on the pavement due to the restricted width of pavements with limited places to pass one another. Suggestions have included making the road one way (uphill) for traffic to widen the footway and include a safe cycle path.

LPP REQUEST: Improve pedestrian access and cycle access on Smokey Brae to improve safety for all pavement and road users. CEC Roads Services to confirm timescale for Smokey Brae improvement works.



Figure 5.5E - Photo of Playpark in Piershill Square West (Proposal P-E-1)

For further information regarding other community projects that are not covered in this chapter but are of importance relating to Piershill, refer to Appendix D.

5.6 Southfield & Durham's Community



Figure 5.6A - Map of Southfield & Durham Community Area with LPP Proposal References annotated. Please see the corresponding proposal descriptions and vision below.

General Overview

The Southfield & Durham's area lies south east of Duddingston crossroads and is bounded by Duddingston Road / Figgate Park and Milton Road West, with the east boundary of the community council area along Duddingston Road South. It is an interwar and post war residential area with little green space, apart from the well-used linear Figgate Park straddling the Figgate Burn. Southfield Farm House, and walled garden, is surrounded by more modern housing, dates from c1827 and is B-Listed of special architectural or historic interest with legal protection).

(Note: Not to be confused by "Southfield area", a housing development on the north-western edge of Edinburgh, or to the area around Southfield House, a former country house located in the south-west part of the city near Burdiehouse.)



Figure 5.6B - Photo of Figgate Park entrance from Duddingston Road

Southfield & Durham's Planning Proposals:

(S-P-1): Review Surface Water, Drainage and Parking Issues to reduce impact of surface water flooding

Many of the roads in this area are designated as likely to flood from surface water, in particular along Durham Road and Southfield Place. (SEPA Flood Maps).

To reduce the impact of surface water flooding on local residents, support from CEC would be welcome to encourage local residents to take personal action to reduce surface water run-off within their own properties e.g. restricting hard landscaping of front gardens for vehicle use. Improvements to on-street parking in this area could encourage residents to retain their front gardens for biodiversity and slowing water.

LPP REQUEST: Review surface water, drainage and parking issues to reduce the impact of surface water flooding in Southfield & the Durhams. CEC to support with information to local residents on how to take personal action to reduce surface water flooding.

Southfield & Durham's Environmental Proposals

(S-E-1): Street trees

There is scope for additional street trees along the grass verges on Mountcastle Drive South (that forms the boundary of the community council area), to help 'green the neighbourhood'. The residential area needs street tree planting in verges as there are few greenspaces, and would help supplement those mature species remaining along this main arterial road and also the tree lined Northfield Broadway.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Parks & Greenspace support replacement street tree planting on Mountcastle Drive South (west - subject to utilities - and also east sides)

(S-E-2): Figgate Burn Park path connection

There is a mature woodland area to the south east of Duddingston Rd / Willowbrae Rd / Milton Road West crossroads that straddles the Figgate Burn. It is believed to be publicly owned. An old gate is formed in the stone wall beside the south bridge abutment on Milton Road West. It would be desirable to re-open an informal path route along the higher east side of the burn to link to a new access through the railings on Duddingston Road. Some timber fencing may be required along the steeper woodland slopes. The CEC 'Place Profile' identified that area as part of an 'Enhanced proposed strategic biodiversity connection'.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Greenspace Team to consider scope and costs for re-opening up this gate and short path link that joins with Figgate Burn Park path as part of the 'recreational route/ strategic connection' identified in the CEC Ward 14 'Place Profile'.



Figure 5.6C - Photo of underpass in Figgate Park

Southfield & Durham's Transport Proposals

(S-T-1): Junction Improvements: Hamilton Terrace / Hamilton Drive / Duddingston Road

As a key access to St John's Primary School and route for pupils, this road access is particularly wide and could be narrowed to restrict and slow through traffic. Street planters could be installed to test the narrowing of the road layout before permanent solutions are explored. The road surface needs re-screeding.

LPP REQUEST: CEC Roads confirm that the various carriageway improvements discussed with the community council and residents in late 2024 are implemented. Pilot road traffic calming measures by installing temporary street planters.

For further information regarding other community projects that are not covered in this chapter but are of importance relating to Southfield & the Durhams, refer to Appendix D.

5.7 Willowbrae Community

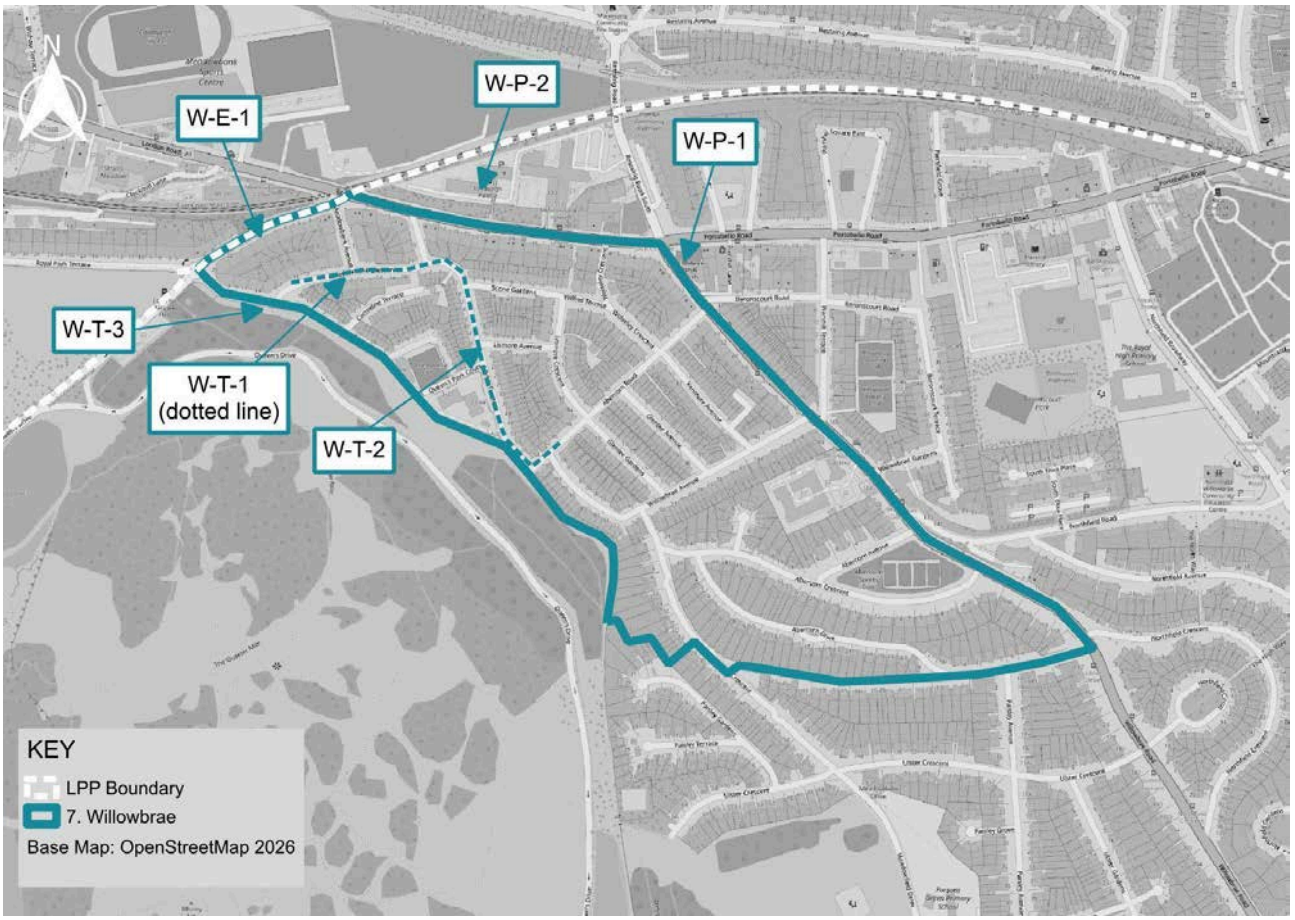


Figure 5.7A - Map of Willowbrae Community Area with LPP Proposal References annotated. Please see the corresponding proposal descriptions and vision below.

General Overview

Sitting below Holyrood Park on the eastern edge of Edinburgh, Willowbrae is a suburb named for its once-abundant willow trees, and has evolved from its late 19th-century when such trees lined the brae between Duddingston and Jock's Lodge. The area is characterized by its Victorian terraces, Edwardian villas, and traditional bungalows. Modern flats and apartments are also present. There are several businesses that occupy units along London Road including hair dressers, corner shops, sandwich bars, and more. There are also two key sports clubs in this area that are well used: Abercorn Sport Centre and Willowbrae Bowling Club.

Willowbrae Planning Proposals

(W-P-1): Willowbrae Church Building at Jock's Lodge junction

This prominent, B-Listed building (of special architectural or historic interest with legal protection) sits at the junction of Jock's Lodge crossroads. In 2025, the Church of Scotland decided to close it and transfer the remaining congregation to Meadowbank & Willowbrae Church. A Community Development Trust (Jock's Lodge Community Trust) has been formed to acquire the building on behalf of the local community. An initial survey of 466 local residents showed that 90% of local residents were in support of community

ownership of the building. Popular ideas for community use included: a community cafe, exercise classes, youth facilities, cinema/theatre performance space, childcare groups, and meeting rooms for hire. Further engagement with local residents has confirmed that a conversion to residential or student accommodation would not be widely supported.

LPP REQUEST: The Listed Willowbrae Church is protected for community use.



Figure 5.7B - Photo of Willowbrae Church at Jock's Lodge Junction, credit: Beverley Walker (Proposal W-P-1)

(W-P-2): St Margaret's House

The current Local Development Plan indicates this area has outline planning permission for a mix of residential and Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA). As it is recognised that this permission has already been approved, the PBSA should be kept to a minimum as since its approval there have been additional student flats planning permissions issued at nearby former *'The Willow'* pub site at Jock's Lodge (on site December 2025) and also on Willowbrae Road, at the south end of Northfield Broadway.

It is the communities view that sufficient PBSA has now been approved in the Northfield & Willowbrae area and that the priority is now for high density residential accommodation, with the appropriate level of affordable housing to meet the relevant CEC Planning policy, as there remains a declared *'housing crisis'* in the City.

There is also concern about the potential loss of the current occupants of St Margaret's House which contribute to our local vibrant arts economy and supports many Edinburgh creative and wellbeing organisations including wellbeing and sports clubs.

LPP REQUEST: The re-development of St Margaret's House should maximise mainstream and affordable housing uses. Further PBSA in the area will alter the demographics and undermine local school rolls and is not supported by the community.



Figure 5.7C - Photo of St Margaret's House from Meadowbank direction (Proposal W-P-2)

Willowbrae Environmental Proposals

(W-E-1): Review Portobello Road & London Road (POLO) urban design study

Similar to the Piershill (P-E-4) proposal, the POLO study should be reviewed and cover the street frontage / retail premises west from Jock's Lodge crossroads to Meadowbank

Terrace junction. This may include a public art improvement to shop frontages similar to nearby Abbeyhill Colony of Artists, but using artists based within adjacent St Margaret's House.

There is scope for several planters / 'pocket parklets' at the prominent junction at Meadowbank Avenue/London Road on the widened pavement adjacent to the existing seats, as the street trees previously proposed are likely to be unrealistic due to the proximity of the rail tunnel under London Road / A1.

LPP REQUEST: The Portobello Road & London Road (POLO) urban design study should be reviewed and Action Plan updated, perhaps with a public art shop front enhancement scheme similar to Abbeyhill and financial resources, necessary for such improvements, considered by CEC.



Figure 5.7D - Photo of Scone Gardens (Proposal W-T-1)

Willowbrae Transport Proposals

(W-T-1): Traffic Management of Paisley Drive - Willowbrae Avenue - Lilyhill Terrace
CEC Roads should consider preventing traffic using the neighbourhoods as a cut-through to avoid Jock's Lodge crossroads. This may become more pressing depending on the outcome of the re-opening of Duddingston Low Road, as closure would push more traffic through the Willowbrae area. Review the wider area for possible more traffic calming, in consultation with residents.

LPP REQUEST: Review through traffic issues in the Paisley Drive - Willowbrae Avenue - Lilyhill Terrace area and potential solutions, in consultation with residents.

(W-T-2): Lilyhill Terrace and Meadowbank Crescent junction

CEC Roads should consider permanently prohibiting through car traffic at this junction and removal of railings at junction Lismore Avenue & Queens Park Court to reduce vehicle ‘rat-runs’ and improve pedestrian safety.

LPP REQUEST: Review Lilyhill Terrace and Meadowbank Crescent junction and also Lismore Avenue & Queens Park Court junction issues.



Figure 5.7E - Photo of Meadowbank Crescent (Proposals W-T1 & H-T-5)

For further information regarding other community projects that are not covered in this chapter but are of importance relating to Willowbrae, refer to Appendix D.

5.8 Holyrood Park

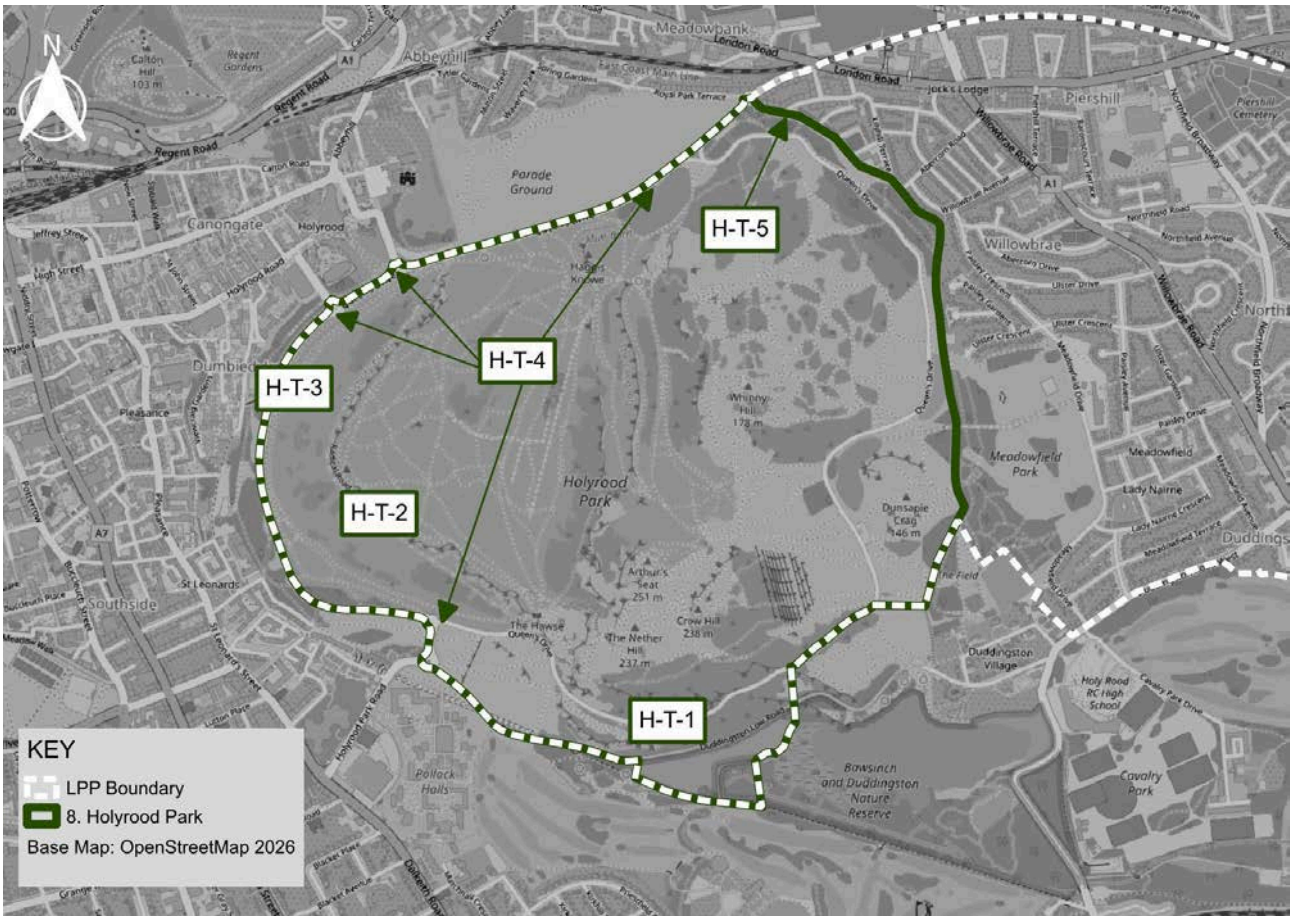


Figure 5.8A - Map of Holyrood Park Area with LPP Proposal References annotated. Please see the corresponding proposal descriptions and vision below.

General Overview

Holyrood Park is a unique large green space in the heart of the city. The Park's location makes it very accessible and popular to local residents and visitors. Although recent years have seen traffic calming measures within the park, further improvements could be made to enhance safety and overall experience for park users and wildlife who enjoy the use of the Park.

In addition, as Holyrood Park is managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES), their Strategic Outline Management Plan (2024) covers the whole park, with most comments from engagement supporting the objectives and vision. Any forthcoming movement strategy by HES should acknowledge views within this document.

The Park plays a unique role in the city as an anchor habitat area. There is a need for CEC to work with HES to improve the biodiversity and habitat connections between Holyrood Park and the adjacent greenspaces within the Northfield & Willowbrae area and also prioritise active travel routes and biodiversity over car access.



Figure 5.8B - Photo of Holyrood Park Low Road (Proposal H-T-1)

Holyrood Park Transport Proposals

(H-T-1): Holyrood Park Low Road

This is a well used east-west route within the city for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. It was closed again in Spring 2025 due to a further rock fall. However, there remains divided opinion within the local community to either keep the road closed, or to re-open it. The Community Council advocates further consultation by Historic Environment Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council Roads Services with Duddingston Village residents, as well as the wider community, once traffic counts (underway prior to the rockfall that forced further closure) are completed and on their long term plans for Low Road.

LPP REQUEST: Further detailed consultation is required from CEC Roads & HES on future of Duddingston Low Road and the local and wider traffic impacts of either re-opening or closure particularly on Duddingston Village and Craigmillar crossroads and through the Willowbrae area as added pressure will be placed on the Jock's Lodge crossroads junction.

(H-T-2): Holyrood Park Radical Road path

This iconic and well used walking route, which has been closed for over 7 years, should be signed and re-opened. A planning application was approved in June 2026 to reopen the eastern third of the route.

LPP REQUEST: HES to re-open the remainder of the 'Radical Road' footpath with suitable repairs and signage.

(H-T-3) Holyrood Park - Dumbiedykes Road cycle ramp

A new cycle ramp connection near the Dumbiedykes playground is required, due to the steps and change in levels, to link with Queen's Drive. An improvement scheme was designed several years ago, but not implemented. Southside Community Council, whose boundary lies adjacent to the west, is in agreement and both community councils submitted this scheme to CEC Roads in January 2026 as a 'Local Transport Improvement' Project.

LPP REQUEST: CEC to work with HES on design and funding related to a new ramped cycle connection between Dumbiedykes Road and Holyrood Park.

(H-T-4) Holyrood Park - Review and Upgrade Cycle Route along Queens Drive

Around 2010, HES proposed improvements to the Queens Drive cycle route. A general upgrade of this strategic cross town cycle route from The Commonwealth Pool entrance to Meadowbank / east entrance would be welcomed. Specifically, the cycle route between the west (Commonwealth Pool)/ Holyrood Park Road entrance along Queens Drive to the east (Duke's Walk) entrance. Additionally, improvements to transitions from cycle path to the road should be reviewed, for example the transition from cycle path to road at the St Margaret's Loch / Duke's Walk east entrance to Holyrood Park that requires attention.

LPP REQUEST: CEC to work with HES on design and funding related to upgrading cycle routes along Queens Drive.

(H-T-5): Improve cycle link from Holyrood Park to Willowbrae Road

Connections avoiding Meadowbank Terrace including a new cycle lane within Park. For the Willowbrae / Meadowbank area, it would be most advantageous to have a cycle friendly connection from Holyrood Park area to Willowbrae Road that avoided Meadowbank Terrace and the A1 London Road junction (including new cycle lane within the Park).

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) have previously been involved in a possible cycle path route at the rear of St Margaret's Lodge (to avoid the roundabout junction with Royal Park Terrace) and link through the park boundary wall, further up Queens Park Avenue / opposite Meadowbank Crescent, to make an off-road cycle link and avoid the busy roundabout.

LPP REQUEST: CEC to work with HES on design and funding related to the new cycle connection between Queens Park Avenue and Holyrood Park.

There are no Planning or Environment Proposals for Holyrood Park

5.9 General Proposals for the wider N&WCC area

General Planning Proposals

G-P-1 Restrict further Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA)

Due to several planning permissions (some granted on Appeal), over the last few years, there are c2,000 student flat places on the edge, or within, the community council area e.g.; at Jock's Lodge / Willowbrae / Meadowbank / Abbeyhill, with another 1,000 in the 'pipeline'.

This has had a direct impact on availability of land for affordable social housing and higher density flatted development - which the community council supports due to the *'housing crisis'* identified by the city council - on the limited brownfield sites in the area. PBSA have an impact on the community due to the transience of the student population and also an impact on supporting local school rolls and services.

Consequently, the Community Council are of the view there should be a specific planning policy explicitly restricting PBSA development on future brownfield sites within the Northfield & Willowbrae area. At the very least existing LDP(2030) Policy Hou 5 'Student Accommodation' should be strengthened and the bar raised with the insertion of an additional criteria to prevent further PBSA in residential areas with already high numbers of student accommodation

LPP REQUEST: Planning policy to resist further Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) in Northfield & Willowbrae area.

G-P-2 Whole-place support for energy efficiency home improvements i.e. installation of heat pumps/upgrading insulation

Whole place approaches to energy efficient upgrades of buildings would be welcomed due to most of our 'communities' built as estates in the same building methods. This would reduce duplicate work being done by individual homeowners, and develop a consistent approach across communities.

LPP REQUEST: Planning policy that supports energy efficiency upgrades to buildings such as installation of heat pumps and additional insulation.

G-P-3 Local Centre boundaries linked

The two local centre boundaries (containing primarily retail and commercial uses), shown on the current City Plan 2030 NE Proposals Map, at Jocks Lodge and at Morrison's Piershill, should be linked as there are commercial properties on the south side of

Portobello Road between the two areas that should be retained for retail use as there are few business premises in the wider area.

(Note: the east Local Centre boundary should be extended to cover the north side of Portobello Road and cover the garage and several premises east of the junction of Piersfield Grove.)

LPP REQUEST: Link Local Centres to recognise the importance and value of the retail and commercial units between the existing local centres.

G-P-4 New Local Centres

There are several areas that should be identified as local centres:

1) **Meadowbank House** - a new small local centre should be identified for the retail / commercial properties at Meadowbank, between Parsons Green Terrace and the corner of Meadowbank Avenue (on the south side). Alternatively, Jock's Lodge Local Centre could be extended to include this area.

2) **On Willowbrae Road** - to encompass the Hotel, petrol filling station and car garage. Should the adjacent H27 site (Former Post Office, shop and Ex-*'Radical Road'* pub site), eventually be developed, the proposed retail unit as part of the PBSA, should be for café use as the Scottish Government Reporter (who allowed the student flats on Appeal), identified as a planning condition.
(Note: While the community does not support the PBSA on the Ex-*'Radical Road' / 'Northfield Fry'* sites, they would welcome the redevelopment of this large, prominent brownfield site that has been derelict for c7-8 years, for the 48 residential flats, with an element of affordable housing, that was given planning permission in 2023 for such residential uses.)

3) **In Lady Nairne Estate** - at the centre of the Estate, on Lady Nairne Grove, there used to be a parade of 5 local shops. 3 have been converted to residential use. The remaining two shops form the convenience store and should be designated as a local centre to protect this valuable, well used central community facility.

LPP REQUEST: Add new areas as key Local Centres (Meadowbank House, Willowbrae Road, Lady Nairne Estate) to the next development plan to recognise the importance of the retail and commercial units.

G-P-5 Future Housing: Small affordable residential homes

From community engagement, there is a need to support Edinburgh's growing housing demand through sustainable, well-planned development that strengthens our existing communities and improves local quality of life.

LPP REQUEST: Any future housing developments including land allocations for housing should:

- Prioritise affordable, family and accessible housing provision with access to greenspace via safe suitable walking and cycle routes;
- Resist further overconcentration of Purpose Built Student Accommodation;
- Ensure all new housing developments are supported by appropriate infrastructure investment including investment in greenspace;
- Require high standards of environmental sustainability and design quality, respecting local vernacular and heritage; and
- Work proactively and collaboratively with communities to ensure future development reflects true needs of local people in need of accommodation within the area.

General Environment Proposals

G-E-1 Improve surface water drainage management

Regular cleaning of road drains, installing natural solutions such as street trees and rain gardens are welcomed to help reduce the impacts of likely future flooding, as well as retaining and improving biodiversity of greenspace.

LPP REQUEST: Implement Nature-based Improvements and awareness-raising to reduce surface water flooding issues and regular maintenance of existing drainage.

G-E-2 Improve and diversify the Play Facilities across the area

There are several play areas, equipment and facilities across the area. From engagement comments, it is clear that a wider variety of play equipment is needed including accessible equipment for those in wheelchairs or with limited mobility.

N&WCC recently undertook a review of the play offer in the area which has been sent to CEC for review.

LPP REQUEST: Improve and diversify play offer in N&WCC boundary.

G-E-3 Improve and maintain accessible pavements and crossings across the area

Several pavements, dropped kerbs, signage, and road crossings are in need of repair, maintenance, replacement and improvement across the area. A review of accessible routes would improve access for all, including bike, buggy and mobility aid users.

LPP REQUEST: Improve and maintain pavements and crossings in N&WCC boundary.

General Transport Proposals

G-T-1 Prioritise Continuous Pedestrian and Bike Routes and Improve Safety for Children

Prioritise creation and protection of continuous pedestrian and bike routes to improve children's access and mobility within our area. In particular, safe cycling routes should be provided from each of the feeder school areas in the N&WCC area to Portobello High School and Holyrood High School.

For example, from the Parsons Green and Royal High catchments, the cycle route for school children at Portobello High is along the A1 and is only partially separated from cars. This is not acceptable for young people's safety, and we would like to see improvements brought forward as soon as possible.

LPP REQUEST: Prioritise Continuous pedestrian and bike routes, with a focus on improving safety for children along school routes.

For further information regarding other community projects that are not covered in this chapter but are of importance relating to the general N&WCC area, refer to Appendix D.

6.0 Conclusion

This Local Place Plan was submitted to CEC in September 2026 by N&WCC after an information notice period between 12th June 2026 and 13th July 2026.

After submitting the Local Place Plan that covers the Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council Boundary area (with the exception of Duddingston village & Conservation Area), the community council awaits CEC Planning consideration and response to the various Planning, Environmental and Transport proposals that have arisen from consultations with the community. The community council would be happy to meet CEC Planning to fully understand those proposals they may not be able to accept for the new LDP (2040).

Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council will seek to advance the various ‘Other’ Proposals identified during the consultation and preparation of this Local Place Plan. It is intended to review these Proposals regularly and invite other groups to progress.

The Community Council is also keen to work with CEC Planning and other Council Services, as well as external agencies, on implementing the various Planning, Environmental and Transport Proposals identified in the LPP.

7.0 The Information Notice Period

The Information Notice period is a statutory requirement for a minimum 28-day period where local councillors and community councils adjacent to the boundary of the Local Place Plan have a chance to make representations about the draft LPP. The steering group took the decision to go beyond this statutory requirement and use this period to also consult the whole community on the proposals that have been developed. A full list of who the information notice was sent to can be found in **Appendix B**.

The Information Notice period for the N&WCC LPP ran from 12th June 2026 to midnight on 13th July 2026.

All comments submitted during this period were assessed by the Steering Group and reviewed against previous feedback from members of the community. The Steering Group decided how best to modify the draft proposals before final submission. Changes that were considered necessary have been integrated into this final document.

The Steering Group are very grateful to all who took the time to respond.

Regardless of any changes that the Steering Group made to draft proposals, all comments and responses submitted during the statutory Information Notice period (including any comments that disagree or object to the proposals) have been included as an additional document and submitted alongside the LPP for the planning authority to assess in full as shown in **Appendix B**.

These responses can therefore be read in full alongside this plan.

Appendix A: Validation Checklist

The below checklist details all the information that is required by CEC Planning to allow this Local Place Plan to be registered:

Requirement	Included
Confirmation of the Community Body's status (including contact details).	Yes
Have 'regard to' National Planning Framework, Local Development Plan and Locality Plan.	Yes
A map that shows land to which the Local Place Plan relates.	Yes
Statement of your proposals for development or use of land or building.	Yes
A map showing proposals for development or use of land or building	Yes
A statement setting out reasons for amending Local Development Plan.	Yes
Before submission of your plan, make sure you have sent an Information Notice and copy of the proposed Local Place Plan to all relevant Councillors and Community Councils. (The period for comments on the plan should be no less than 28 days after the date of the notice).	Yes
A statement on your view of the level and nature of community support for the Local Place Plan.	Yes

Appendix B: Records of when and to whom the Information Notice was Sent

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- Cllr Griffiths
- Cllr Staniforth
- Cllr Whyte
- Craigentinny & Meadowbank CC
- Old Town CC
- Southside CC
- Grange & Prestonfield CC
- Action Porty
- ‘Connecting Craigmillar’ - The Thistle Foundation
- ‘Friends of Craigmillar’
- Sandys Community Centre
- LYRA at Craigmillar
- Willowbrae Mothers CAN Climate Action Network
- Abercorn Sports Club
- Willowbrae Bowling Club
- Duddingston Conservation Society
- Cavalry Park Residents: Town houses
- Courtyard Old House
- Holyrood High School.
- Portobello High School
- Royal High Primary School
- Parsons Green Primary School
- Duddingston Primary School
- St John’s Primary School
- Castlebrae High school
- Places for People - Craigmillar
- Craigmillar and Niddrie Matters
- ScotArt

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DRAFT Northfield & Willowbrae Local Place Plan - for comment by 13/7/26

From [redacted]

Date Fri 12/06/2026 22:41

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listing page number & issue.

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Chris Alcorn - on behalf of N&WCC LPP Steering Group.

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From [redacted]

Date Fri 12/06/2026 22:37

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Responses to the Information Notice

RESPONDEE	COMMENTS RECEIVED (during consultation period 12.June - 13th July 2026)	SUGGESTED RESPONSE from LPP Steering group
Action Porty	Firstly, congratulations to N&WCC for completing what looks like having been a major piece of work.	Noted.
	I think I can safely say that Action Porty has no objections to any of the recommendations contained within the Place Plan, and wish you luck in seeing them implemented.	Acknowledged.
	While Action Porty has carried out extensive community consultation over the last 10 years, we have never undertaken a Local Place Plan, so we will watch with interest to see how the recommendations from the N&W Place Plan are reflected in the next Edinburgh Local Development Plan and subsequently addressed.	Noted.
Mothers Climate Action Network, Willowbrae	We welcome the draft local place plan developed by the N&WCC and acknowledge the huge amount of work put in by the Community Council over a number of years to bring this plan together. We are in support of the proposals included within the LPP, in particular the efforts to improve active travel routes in the area, improve resilience to climate change, and provide additional spaces for children to play and thrive. We would encourage the N&WCC to take the plan further in line with these objectives, and have set out our proposals below:	Noted.
	Section 4.1 Local Place Plan Objectives, p25: in Mothers CAN, we want a sustainable future for children to be the top priority for Edinburgh. This is because we believe that if a city meets the needs for children now, it also plans for the wellbeing of future generations and is sustainable for people of all ages. As part of this, we would like the LPP to include an objective: *To ensure that the area's future development creates a safe, sustainable and opportunity-rich environment for children growing up here.* Examples of what this could mean for current and future planning: - Prioritise creation and protection of continuous pedestrian and bike routes to improve children's access and mobility within our area - Prioritise creation and improvement of greenspaces and play areas so all children in our area can enjoy safe outdoor play	Agreed - Suggested text to be included at Section 4.1 (Page 25) as new 8th objective in list of LPP Objectives. - Suggested text to be included at Section 5.9 (page 66) 'General Proposals for the wider NWCC area'-Transport. - Already in Sec 5.9 as G-E-3 General Environment proposal
	Section 5.9 General Proposals for the wider N&WCC area, p64: In line with this proposed new objective, we also wish to propose a General Transport Proposal for the LPP for the wider N&WCC area, which is that safe cycling routes be provided from each of the feeder school areas in the N&WCC area to Portobello High School and Holyrood High School. We believe this is essential to ensure safe, sustainable and healthy modes of transport for	Agreed – added to text at Section 5.9 (page 66) 'General Proposals for the wider N&WCC area'. Agreed – covered in amendment above.

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	our teenagers and to help them establish habits which will support them throughout life, yet current routes make this extremely challenging. For example, from the Parsons Green and Royal High catchments, the cycle route for school children at Portobello High is along the A1 and is only partially separated from cars. This is not acceptable for young people's safety, and we would like to see improvements brought forward as soon as possible.	
	<u>Section 5.8 Holyrood Park, p61:</u> In our view this section underplays the huge value that Holyrood Park brings to our area and the city. We would ask N&WCC to include in this section: ● add guiding principles for our development goals for Holyrood Park which acknowledge Holyrood's unique role in the city as an anchor habitat area ● improve biodiversity corridors and habitat connectivity between Holyrood and other greenspaces ● A commitment to work with Historic Environment Scotland to prioritise active travel routes and biodiversity in the park over car access.	Noted, albeit section does refer to Park's "*uniqueness*" and *"its location makes it very accessible to local residents…."* Text included at Section 5.8 / Page 61 / end of para 1 add – *"The Park plays a unique role in the city as an anchor habitat area. There is a need for CEC to work with HES to improve the biodiversity and habitat connections between Holyrood Park and the adjacent greenspaces within the Northfield & Willowbrae area and also prioritise active travel routes and biodiversity over car access".*
	Section 5.1 Duddingston, p.28: We note that Duddingston Village has set out its own LPP proposal. We would, however, request that N&WCC engage closely with the Duddingston Conservation Society to ensure that, should Duddingston Kirk be put up for sale—as we understand may be possible—the field between Meadowfield and Duddingston is safeguarded from development.	The Community Council held several meeting with Duddingston Conservation Society when we understood they wished to be included in the N&W LPP With the Church of Scotland (CoS) field between Meadowfield and Duddingston, it is the Community Council's understanding the Kirk House will be sold, but it is unclear CoS intentions for the open field adjacent to the community garden. The current CEC Local Development Plan (Nov 2024) indicates the field site is: ● Protected as open space; ● Set within the Conservation Area; and ● Part of the 'Green Belt'. The LPP already seeks at L-E-1 / page 35 "*Meadowfield Park remains protected as open space".* N&WCC would expect DCS LPP to address "the field between Meadowfield and Duddingston is safeguarded from development".
	We hope that this representation is useful to the work of the community council and the development of the LPP. If you require any further information or clarifications, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at mcanwillowbrae@gmail.com.	Noted.
Duddingston Conservation Society (DCS)	Thank you for sending us the latest draft NWCC LPP, and for all the hard work that has clearly gone into the document. Regarding section 5.1 (Duddingston) we would be grateful if you could please make a few amendments:	Acknowledged.
	<u>Duddingston Transport Proposals, p.31 D-T-1</u> request calls for a traffic assessment where Old Church Lane and the Causeway meet	

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	Duddingston Rd West. Noting that this is also related to the outcome of the low road. Please could this paragraph reference and appendix the traffic assessment that has already been undertaken of vehicles travelling along Old Church Lane and the Causeway? This valuable data is especially pertinent to any considerations regarding traffic at these intersections. (I have attached the document for your convenience). Ref: 15941 Edinburgh Traffic Surveys, Automatic Traffic Count, September 2024.	Agreed. Insert new text at Section 5.1 / Para 1 / D-T-1: Transport proposal / Page 31 - *"A traffic assessment has been undertaken in 2024 of vehicles travelling along Old Church Lane and the Causeway and will be useful in considering any improvements to these two junctions."* & traffic assessment results added as additional Appendix I
	Holyrood Park Low Road: p.62: H-T-1 As agreed in our previous meetings please could you remove the word "artery" with reference to the low road? The paragraph states that the CC *"advocates further consultation by HES and CEC roads services once traffic counts (underway prior to rock fall which forced further closure), are completed."* We are not sure which traffic counts this paragraph refers to. The previously mentioned count (15941) was completed prior to closure of the low road and indicated that during one week 37,828 vehicles travelled through Duddingston village. Please can you include this and appendix the survey? (15941 Edinburgh Traffic Surveys, Automa3c Traffic Count, September 2024). LPP Request: re the future of the low road; this paragraph mentions the potential impact on Craigmillar, Jock's Lodge and Willowbrae. Please can you also make reference to the potential impact on Duddingston Village, as it is directly connected to the low road?	Agreed. Reference to *"artery"* removed at Page 62 / H-T -1 / Para 1 and replaced with "This is a well-used east-west *route*……." The reference to traffic counts arose from a meeting with CEC Roads officer when he informed N&WCC about vehicle movement counts underway in 2024 before the rock fall closed the Low Road. This may well have been the data now included in the LPP as an Appendix (I). Acknowledged. Text amended to read; *"Further detailed consultation is required from CEC Roads & HES on future of Duddingston Low Road and the local and wider traffic impacts of either re-opening or closure particularly on Craigmillar crossroads and through the Willowbrae area as added pressure will be placed on the Jock's Lodge crossroads junction."*

Appendix C: Summary of LPP Proposals for Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council area

The table below is a summary overview of all proposals within this document. All proposals have been allocated a code and a theme of 'Planning', 'Environment' or 'Transport' for ease of navigation. For example 'D-P-1' is a proposal for the 'Duddingston Area', in the 'Planning' theme.

LPP Themes:
P - Planning
E - Environment
T - Transport

LPP CODE	LPP PROPOSAL
DUDDINGSTON (Note: Duddingston Conservation Society are preparing a LPP for village & conservation area - Below are issues that arose with wider consultation)	
D-P-1	The use of the brownfield site of the former tennis courts at Cavalry Park needs clarified and associated improvements carried out.
D-E-1	Consider if War Memorial public open space needs refurbishment, potentially in relation to any adjacent junction roadworks.
D-E-2	Improve and define the two muddy access points to the Cavalry Park playing fields.
D-T-1	CEC Roads Service carry out a traffic assessment of Duddingston Road West / Old Church Lane & adjacent Causeway junctions and determine if improvements works required. (Linked to outcome of D-T-2: Low Road).
D-T-2	CEC Roads to confirm details of investigation and potential programing of pedestrian improvements to the south junction of Meadowfield Avenue, Meadowfield Gardens and Meadowfield Drive with Duddingston Road West and associated TRO at Cavalry Park playing fields entrance.
LADY NAIRNE & MEADOWFIELD	
L-P-1	The open space at the south-west corner of Lady Nairne Loan is protected for potential future use for a small community growing projects and hub facility.
L-P-2	Protect the row of small shops at the east end of Lady Nairne Grove for retail use as a Local Centre.
L-P-3	Designate a play area in the back greens of Lady Nairne.
L-P-4	Improve access to play space in back green from Meadowfield Drive and review/improve play offer for young people and those with access needs.

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L-E-1	Meadowfield Park remains protected as open space. CEC Parks & Greenspace to consider and confirm timescale for additional play equipment discussed with Friends of Meadowfield in early 2024.
L-T-1	CEC Roads Service extend the current double-yellow lines Traffic Prevention Order northwards along Meadowfield Drive / opposite Parsons Green Primary School, towards Ulster Crescent.
L-T-2	CEC Roads Service consider creating a box-junction clearway at Duddingston Road West and Meadowfield Avenue junction to ease access.
L-T-3	CEC Roads Service to consider safety improvements to Paisley Drive (west end) near Parsons Green Primary School entrance.
L-T-4	CEC Roads Services in conjunction with Historic Environment Scotland to consider provision of cycle link from Ulster Crescent (west end parking area)in Meadowfield area, with Holyrood Park Queen's Drive (Top Road).
MOUNTCASTLE	
M-P-1	Abercorn Cemetery extension remains protected from development as open space.
M-E-1	CEC Greenspace to consider funding and priority for street tree replacement planting area on existing verges throughout Mountcastle area (subject to utilities).
M-T-1	CEC Roads to consider re-installation of pedestrian safety island at junction Mountcastle North Drive & Northfield Broadway. CEC Greenspaces to consider planters at this key junction in conjunction with the Community Council.
NORTHFIELD	
N-P-1	The brownfield site at south end of Northfield Broadway / Willowbrae Road should be allocated for Housing use with an element of affordable housing. If it were to be flatted development, several retail units on the ground floor, to replace the lost commercial facilities from the demolition, would be required.
N-P-2	A Conservation Area Character Assessment should be prepared for the upper Northfield area. Results should be shared with local residents.
N-P-3	Retain, maintain and improve the community centre for community use.
N-E-1	CEC Housing Services should confirm if there is a budget for further environmental improvements to the open and hard spaces between Northfield Drive flats and if so, timescale for works.
N-E-2	Designate Northfield Community Centre playing fields and surrounding local green space and play area as Open space unsuitable for development.
N-E-3	CEC Parks & Greenspace should consider a street tree replacement programme across Northfield, including the main thoroughfares of Northfield Broadway and Mountcastle Drive North that traverse the area.
N-T-1	CEC Roads to consider costs and timescale for new traffic signals at north end of Northfield Broadway. (This may require relocation of the lit

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	pedestrian crossing to the east on Piersfield Terrace and also nearby Craigentinny Avenue junction).
N-T-2	CEC Roads consider designated crossing point improvements at key junctions: Northfield Broadway/Portobello Road and Furcheons Park/Northfield Broadway.
N-T-3	CEC Transport & Environment Committee agreed in June 2025 that the Northfield Avenue / Broadway junction should be investigated to improve pedestrian crossing. CEC Roads should confirm the outcome of study and timescale of improvements, if any.
PIERSHILL	
P-P-1	The current Local Development Plan proposed re-development of this site for housing use, with re-provision of retail uses on the ground floor with priority for current tenants. Any development of this site should reference and include improvements outlined in the POLO study, and be included in the city plan site brief for delivery by the developer.
P-P-2	CEC Housing Services should confirm the current and planned use of the Piershill Community Flat to residents in both Squares who have campaigned for it to be re-opened.
P-P-3	A Local Centre (containing primarily retail and commercial uses), should be linked to protect all retail space along London Road and Portobello Road.
P-P-4	CEC Housing refurbishment of the Piershill local authority housing stock is supported.
P-E-1	CEC Parks & Greenspace should consider street tree planting around the open space at Piershill Squares West & East. Waste Services consider relocating the communal bins onto the greenspace boundary to improve parking provision.
P-E-2	The new LDP should protect the green space to the rear / north of Piershill Square West & Piershill Square East as open space and CEC Parks & Greenspace consider environmental improvements.
P-E-3	The former school garden adjacent to Baronscourt Park should be clarified and re-established.
P-E-4	The Portobello Road & London Road (POLO) urban design study should be reviewed and Action Plan updated and financial resources necessary for improvements allocated, considered by CEC. Any development within the scope of the POLO study should be referenced within site briefs identified within the city plan.
P-T-1	CEC Roads to confirm timescale for re-design of Piershill Morrison's access / Portobello Road (A1140) junction.
P-T-2	CEC Roads should review bike lanes on Portobello Road (north and south sides) and communicate review outcomes to local interest groups.
P-T-3	Improve pedestrian access and cycle access on Smokey Brae to improve safety for all pavement and road users. CEC Roads Services to confirm timescale for Smokey Brae improvement works.
SOUTHFIELD & DURHAMS	

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S-P-1	Review surface water, drainage and parking issues to reduce the impact of surface water flooding in Southfield & the Durhams. CEC to support with information to local residents on how to take personal action to reduce surface water flooding.
S-E-1	CEC Parks & Greenspace support replacement street tree planting on Mountcastle Drive South (west - subject to utilities - and east sides).
S-E-2	CEC Greenspace Team to consider scope and costs for re-opening up this gate and short path link that joins with Figgate Burn Park path as part of the 'recreational route/ strategic connection' identified in the CEC Ward 14 'Place Profile'.
S-T-1	CEC Roads confirm that the various carriageway improvements discussed with the community council and residents in late 2024 are implemented. Pilot road traffic calming measures by installing temporary street planters.
WILLOWBRAE	
W-P-1	The Listed Willowbrae Church is protected for community use.
W-P-2	The re-development of St Margaret's House should maximise mainstream and affordable housing uses. Further PBSA in the area will alter the demographics and undermine local school rolls and is not supported by the community.
W-E-1	The Portobello Road & London Road (POLO) urban design study should be reviewed and Action Plan updated, perhaps with a public art shop front enhancement scheme similar to Abbeyhill and financial resources, necessary for such improvements, considered by CEC.
W-T-1	Review through traffic issues in the Paisley Drive - Willowbrae Avenue - Lilyhill Terrace area and potential solutions, in consultation with residents.
W-T-2	Review Lilyhill Terrace and Meadowbank Crescent junction and also Lismore Avenue & Queens Park Court junction issues.
HOLYROOD PARK	
H-T-1	Further detailed consultation is required from CEC Roads & HES on future of Duddingston Low Road and the local and wider traffic impacts of either re-opening or closure particularly on Duddingston Village and Craigmillar crossroads and through the Willowbrae area as added pressure will be placed on the Jock's Lodge crossroads junction.
H-T-2	HES to re-open remainder of 'Radical Road' footpath with suitable repairs and signage.
H-T-3	CEC to work with HES on design and funding related to a new ramped cycle connection between Dumbiedykes Road and Holyrood Park.
H-T-4	CEC to work with HES on design and funding related to upgrading cycle routes along Queens Drive.
H-T-5	CEC to work with HES on design and funding related to the new cycle connection between Queens Park Avenue and Holyrood Park.
There are no Planning or Environment Proposals for Holyrood Park	

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GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR THE WIDER N&WCC AREA	
G-P-1	Planning policy to resist further Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) in Northfield & Willowbrae area.
G-P-2	Planning policy that supports energy efficiency upgrades to buildings such as installation of heat pumps and additional insulation.
G-P-3	Link Local Centres to recognise the importance and value of the retail and commercial units between the existing local centres.
G-P-4	Add new areas as key Local Centres (Meadowbank House, Willowbrae Road, Lady Nairne Estate) to the next development plan to recognise the importance of the retail and commercial units.
G-P-5	Any future housing developments including land allocations for housing should: ● Prioritise affordable, family and accessible housing provision with access to greenspace via safe suitable walking and cycle routes; ● Resist further overconcentration of Purpose Built Student Accommodation; ● Ensure all new housing developments are supported by appropriate infrastructure investment including investment in greenspace; ● Require high standards of environmental sustainability and design quality, respecting local vernacular and heritage; and ● Work proactively and collaboratively with communities to ensure future development reflects true needs of local people in need of accommodation within the area.
G-E-1	Implement Nature-based Improvements and awareness-raising to reduce surface water flooding issues and regular maintenance of existing drainage.
G-E-2	Improve and diversify play offer in N&WCC boundary.
G-E-3	Improve and maintain pavements and crossings in N&WCC boundary.
G-T-1	Prioritise Continuous pedestrian and bike routes, with a focus on improving safety for children along school routes.

Appendix D: List of Community Projects arising from community engagement (not Local Place Plan related)

Note: To be monitored by N&WCC, with responsibility to deliver shared with all Key Stakeholders. These proposals/projects are not the responsibility for N&WCC to deliver alone and will require collaboration and funding. Indicative timescales have been provided.

Issue	Comment	Key Stakeholders	Project Timescale
DUDDINGSTON			
Heritage Information Boards	Duddingston Mill & old school site near the crossroads.	N&WCC	Short / 1 Year
LADY NAIRNE & MEADOWFIELD			
Paisley Drive - new benches	Install benches at suitable locations on steep roads to aid elderly people accessing the bus stop on Willowbrae Road or Tesco's shop.	CEC Greenspace, N&WCC	Medium / 3 Years
Willowbrae Road Bus Stops	Advocate for more bus stops to stop at Willowbrae Road as they used to several years ago. Specifically for routes to/from Western General Hospital.	Lothian Bus, East Coast Bus, Eastern Scottish Express, N&WCC	Short / 1 Year.
Paisley Drive and Ulster Crescent	Extend double yellow lines further up hill to manage parking near the primary school entrance.	N&WCC, CEC Roads Services.	Medium / 3 Years
Meadowfield Gardens & Duddingston Road	Install additional litter bins for Holyrood High School pupils.	N&WCC, CEC Waste Services.	Short / 1 Year.
Heritage Information Boards	Lady Nairne's house & Cauvin's Hospital on Willowbrae Road	N&WCC	Short / 1 Year
MOUNTCASTLE			
Figgate Park café / coffee point	Undertake a feasibility study for a small café / hub (as other large parks enjoy across the city) in collaboration with 'Friends of Figgy Park'.	CEC Greenspace, 'Friends of Figgy Park', N&WCC	Medium / 3 Years - Long / 5 Years

Issue	Comment	Key Stakeholders	Project Timescale
Figgate Park path lighting – on some or all path sections.	Install wildlife friendly lighting on some / all stretches of park paths so routes can be used in the evening (similar to recent new path lighting at Baronscourt Park).	N&WCC, CEC Greenspace, CEC Street Lighting Team, 'Friends of Figgy Park'	Long / 5 Years.
Figgate Park Pond Boardwalk	The boardwalk at the east end of the pond has been closed for several years. Undertake repairs and re-open the popular boardwalk.	CEC Parks, CEC Greenspace, N&WCC	Medium / 3 Years
Heritage Information Boards	The 'ghost' Hibernian FC ground at Mountcastle before WW1.	N&WCC / Other	Short / 1 Year
NORTHFIELD			
Northfield Broadway – Communal Bins	Consider communal bins for flats (No's 60-68 east side) instead of numerous individual bins blocking pavements.	CEC Waste Services, N&WCC	Short / 1 Year.
Baronscourt Park Improvements	Requires more benches. CEC Forestry to review the shelter belts and maintenance work required.	N&WCC, CEC Greenspace, CEC Forestry, Residents of South Elixa Place & Baronscourt Terrace.	Medium / 3 Years
Northfield Community Centre play park	Consider the provision of a shelter.	NCC, CEC Greenspace, N&WCC, Police	Medium / 3 Years.
Heritage Information Boards	Boards are underway at Northfield Circus, to mark 100 years of the first local authority housing in the city	N&WCC	Short / 1 Year
Heritage Information Boards	World Champion Boxer Ken Buchanan was born and lived in Northfield.	N&WCC	Short / 1 Year
PIERSHILL			
Piershill Squares West and East play parks	Consider the provision of shelters.	CEC Greenspace, N&WCC, Police, Local Residents	Medium / 3 Years.
Piershill Library – entrance landscaped area	Look to maintain frontage landscape beds in a better condition.	N&WCC, CEC Greenspace, Piershill Library	Short / 1 Year.

Issue	Comment	Key Stakeholders	Project Timescale
Improve planting at Northfield Broadway/London Road junction	There are 6 disused raised brick wall planters prominent at the adjacent Northfield Broadway/London Road junction that could be planted to improve corner appearance.	Landowner, Tenant, N&WCC, Forgotten Edges	Short / 1 Year
Heritage Information Boards	former Piershill Cavalry Barracks at Piershill Square West	N&WCC / Other	Short / 1 Year
Heritage Information Boards	The Great Lafayette memorial at Piershill Cemetery in 1912.	N&WCC / Other	Short / 1 Year
Heritage Information Boards	The walled-off entrance to the former Piershill Cavalry Barracks at the foot of Smokey Brae, that is marked on the wall 'Back Gate', requires a heritage information plaque.	N&WCC / Other	Short / 1 Year
SOUTHFIELD & DURHAMS			
Duddingston Road: Duddingston Primary School & St John's Primary School parking enforcement	CEC Parking Enforcement Team enforce 'No Parking' on double yellow lines outside school during drop-off and pick-up times.	CEC Enforcement Team, N&WCC	Short / 1 Year.
Treverlen Park maintenance	Reconsider the current grass cutting regime to improve biodiversity and natural habitats.	CEC Greenspace Team, N&WCC	Short / 1 Year –Medium / 3 Years.
Figgate Park - bin locations	Review the locations of waste bins across the park estate.	N&WCC, CEC Greenspace Team, 'Friends of Figgy Park'	Short / 1 Year.
Greenspace improvements to junction at Duddingston Avenue / Milton Road West (A1)	This small triangle of amenity greenspace at the junction should be improved. While this had three mature trees at each corner, these were cut down several years ago due to sightline issues and disease. Three standard trees should be planted in this greenspace to improve this entrance to the area.	CEC Greenspace, N&WCC	Medium / 3 Years.

Issue	Comment	Key Stakeholders	Project Timescale
Southfield Place / Tunnel entrance into Portobello	This approach into and out of the Northfield & Willowbrae area is poor quality with graffiti, noise, lack of maintenance/repair, and poor lighting. Lighting, pavement surfaces, railings and noise should be considered when planning upgrades to this key access route.	CEC Roads & Network Rail, N&WCC	Short / 1 Year
WILLOWBRAE			
Willowbrae Road Bus Stops	More regular bus service stops on Willowbrae Road due to the number of elderly people who use this service as the stops at Meadowbank House and at the foot of Paisley Drive are insufficient.	East Coast Buses, N&WCC	Short / 1 Year.
Wolseley Terrace / Place / Hillend Place	There is scope to consider introducing a shopfront improvements scheme related to ugly fully-closed shutters and screens similar to the nearby Abbeyhill Colony of Artists works with colourful artwork to enliven these blank facades.	Shop Owners, Local Artists	Short / 1 Year
GENERAL ISSUES			
Local Business Directory	Advertising and awareness raising of the many local business in the area, and facilities such as the Community Centre, Library and Bowling Clubs, and local events	Duddingston Direct, N&WCC and NCC	Short / 1 Year.
Promote Northfield Community Centre (NCC)	There is a need to advertise better locally the facilities and clubs available within the centre & seek to re-introduce youth activities.	N&WCC, NCC	Short / 1 Year.
Establish a Northfield & Willowbrae volunteer litter pickers team.	Create a volunteer litter pick team. Monthly basis targeting different areas across the community.	N&WCC, 'keep Porty Tidy'	Short / 1 Year.

Issue	Comment	Key Stakeholders	Project Timescale
6-monthly 'Community walkabouts' with CEC Ward Cllrs & Services.	Organise 'Community walkabouts' with Ward City Councillors and relevant area officers from different CEC Services (e.g.; Roads / Street Cleansing / Greenspace), every 6 months, to see issues on the ground and consider how/when repairs could be undertaken to improve community perceptions and major concerns raised in the Place Standard Tool questionnaire 'care & maintenance' & 'sense of belonging' sections.	N&WCC, CEC, Craigentinny & Duddingston Ward Councillors, relevant CEC Services.	Short / 1 Year.
Bus Shelter roofs planting	Following a survey of bus shelters and discussions with CEC Public Transport Team & Lothians Buses, install green roofs on bus shelters, to improve biodiversity and ameliorate climate change.	CEC	Short / 1 Year
Art painting / mural artworks to reduce unwanted graffiti/tagging	Commission local artists to spray artwork on frequently tagged utility cabinets and/or create large scale mural artworks e.g. Community Centre Sports Pitch Wall	Utility Providers, Local Artists / Other	Short / 1 Year

Appendix E: List Of Comments From The Place Standard Tool Survey

The following tables relate to answers to the Place Standard Tool submitted by the community via on-line web link, or at consultation events. They cover 14 themes:

A: Moving Around.
B: Public Transport.
C: Traffic & Parking.
D: Streets & Spaces.
E: Natural Spaces.
F: Play & Recreation.
G: Facilities & Services.
H: Work & Local Economy.
I: Housing and Community.
J: Social Interaction.
K: Identity and Belonging.
L: Feeling Safe.
M: Care and Maintenance.
N: Influence and Sense of Control.

The tables were edited to remove those entries where responders scored a theme, but otherwise left no comments. These responses were captured in the overall scoring assessments.

A: MOVING AROUND

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1		Remove bike lanes on Duddingston Road West which are dangerous and mean I cycle less. Most obstacles to moving around are Council made.
1		Cycle lanes are dangerous and should be abolished. Streets are narrow and it's impossible to pass. Better maintenance needed.
1	Walking. E-bike group.	Volume of traffic - damaged parked cars / aggressive and vocal drivers, pollution, commercial vehicles
2	There are pavements.	As older pedestrian: - Remove debris including dog dirt. Safer surfaces on roads and pavements and safer crossing places. Cyclists on paths! Cope with flooding.
2		Better maintenance of the condition of roads and pavements.
2		Better public transport
2	Some cycle paths.	Reduce traffic volume and speed.
2	As long as Holyrood Park is open.	Vital to keep the Park Low Road open.
3	The limited traffic days on Queen's drive are excellent and allow people taking leisure in Holyrood Park to lower their guard. This has been transformative!	Wheelie bins on pavements are a menace to cars and pedestrians alike and make bin collection more involved and time consuming. We need communal dumpsters to make pavements more accessible. Pavement parking has improved, but I've seen no enforcement of those who still do it. Perhaps licensed parking would improve things and encourage more active travel?

		The footpath on Restalrig Road South is far too narrow and is limited to a single side only. The pavement should be widened here, and the carriageway limited to a single vehicle - preferably with a dedicated cycle lane at least on the uphill side. Cycling uphill here is dangerous since there is a blind corner combined with a bad road surface, and metal railing on the narrow road section just uphill of the bridge, which makes being followed by aggressive traffic here very committing. Queen's Drive around Arthur's seat is excellent for active travellers, yet it's only in one direction. Extending the motor vehicle ban completely here would enable a two-way cycle lane and therefor better access *back* from the south of the city. Radical Road needs to be re-opened. Willowbrae Road has few places for pedestrians to cross and speeding, idling, red-light running, and delivery / trade pavement parking are issues. Fishwives Causeway could be closed to motor traffic and narrowed providing space for a train platform linking Willowbrae and Northfield to the East Coast Main Line The old foundry railway line should not be left to rot. Either turn it into a railway again or make it a cycle path that joins Meadowbank / Piershill to the Roseburn path. There are no dropped curbs in Telferton Industrial Estate. The road entrance to Morrison’s is a hazard for pedestrians. The top of Ulster Crescent to the Queen's Drive through the hole in the wall should link up as a cycleway. Current rules mean you need to dismount your bike for this 100meter section. Commercial traffic still use Holyrood Park along Queen's Drive against the park byelaws, and nobody appears to respect the 20mph limit. Lothian Buses some use of this arterial highway from East to South. Either that or some enforcement of the law.
3		Some pavements are very narrow and need resurfacing. Difficult to use a buggy, especially on the steep roads. There is no safe walking route from Willowbrae Road under the railway bridge on Restalrig Road South. There is no bus on this route. The pavements at the Wolseley Crescent / London road junction are filthy.
3		Duddingston Low Road is too busy with commuter traffic. Traffic should be removed / reduced to allow cyclists and pedestrians to have better enjoyment of Holyrood Park.
3	Pavements are generally in reasonable repair, bus links are excellent, abundant local amenities mean almost zero reliance on car travelling to meet daily needs.	Reduction in speed limit to 20 is required. More options to cross road. Of particular note is the crossing at the entrance to Morrison’s - this needs traffic lights added for pedestrian movement to improve. Remedial work needed on some areas of pavement. Enforcement by police of dangerously fast electric bikes and scooters - especially those used by delivery drivers. Also enforcement of cyclists using pavements.
3	Plenty of buses.	More bus routes from Northfield to Duddingston and Portobello. More frequent bus stops on Willowbrae Road.
3		Cleaner Streets, fewer weeds and less overgrown in areas like the park.
3	Holyrood Park is awesome. I run and walk with dogs and I’m so lucky to have it.	More frequent buses into town, less scary cycling along Duddingston Low Road, repair pot holes.
3	The playground behind Morrison’s is always mowed.	The playground behind Morrison’s gets pitch black when it’s night which makes walking past there really scary and not safe.
4	Lots of open space. Road to centre.	

4		Concerned about speed of traffic on Willowbrae Road (near Smokey Road end). Traffic often moving 30+mph. Witnessed 3 bumps. Speed camera? Additional crossing Willowbrae to Abercorn so many people struggling to cross. Would also slow traffic. Fly-tipping constant at bins at Baronscourt Road.
4	Pavements generally okay.	Corner parking is an issue, making driving, walking, wheeling potentially dangerous. More yellow lines needed to prevent this.
4		Improve junction at Duddingston Rd W/Old Church Lane to make it safer (traffic lights/roundabout). Make all roads 20mph for safety of the many children in our area.
4	Partial segregated cycle lanes to Portobello.Walking routes in Holyrood Park.	One-way through Holyrood Park (westbound). Safer cycling through Holyrood Park. Improve links to Innocent Cycle Path
4		Pavements and roads are in very bad condition and uneven, cars are unaware of pedestrians, too much rubbish, foliage and litter. All need maintenance.
4		Improve the state of the pavements.
4		better on street parking for bikes.
4	Bus service is quite good.	
4	I can drive, cycle and walk to the city easily.	I am very happy with my options to move around, but would welcome improved bus timetable.
4		Difficult for some due to cars parking thoughtlessly.
4		Reduce traffic.
4		Benches on Paisley Drive.
4		More roads closed off to cars so that more people can cycle.
4		More bus stops on Willowbrae Road. The condition of the pavements is dangerous and a serious trip hazard.
4		Maintain the pavements in good condition.
4	It has some pleasant walks in lovely green spaces with views of the sea.	Safer crossing points on main road including Ulster Drive. Reduce speed of traffic on main road. Ensure private properties have trimmed their hedges so there is room on footpaths. Fix all potholes and improve old cycle path surfaces across the city to increase cycling from this community.
4	44bus is a reliable service.	Re-establish the previous stops for the 124 and 113 on Willowbrae Road.
5	Fairly quiet streets and most are 20 mph.	1) stop traffic using the neighbourhood as a cut through e.g.; Paisley Dr - Willowbrae Ave - Lilyhill Terrace. 2) stop cars parking right round corners making it difficult to see out on a bike / car e.g.; both ends of Lismore Ave. 3) close Holyrood Park to cars to make it nicer and safer to walk and cycle through. 4) improve accesses to Holyrood Park. e.g.; Lilyhill Terrace & Ulster Crescent 5) remove massive crash barriers on Wilfred Terrace. 6) widen pavement and remove railings on Smokey Brae pavement. 7) reopen access to Morrison's through the petrol station
5	Range of bus routes. Distance to city centre and Portobello.	Make the pavements prioritised for pedestrians (no up and downs for driveways) current arrangement poor for wheelchair users, more speed tables at junctions. Need proper strategic cycle routes and infrastructure to get to key destinations. Crossings at Northfield Broadway and Piershill junction & at Furcheons Park and Northfield Broadway should be pelicans. Need to address vehicle parking arrangements on Northfield Broadway, poor use of space and currently dangerous at junction with Piershill. Poor quality of pavements. Fishwives causeway should be closed to traffic from the last house near Moira Terrace to Telferton Estate.
5		People who have hedges and trees near the pavements should be made to cut them down to allow people to get past. Blind people and wheelchair users and prams have difficulties.
5	Away from the main road footways are mostly fine.	Some areas could be improved for cyclists (potholes, cycle lanes). Better walking routes into Morrison's?

5		Some overgrown hedges on Willowbrae Rd leave little room for people to pass each other.
5	The pavements are mostly in a good state of repair. Our street and the surrounding streets were finally resurfaced earlier this year and this is a massive improvement There are good bus links between the centre of Edinburgh and Willowbrae and East Lothian.	Increase the frequency of the number 12 bus. Remove the cycle lanes on Duddingston Road. They have seriously disrupted the traffic flow meaning that the queues at peak times are huge because there is only one lane on each side of the crossroads. They are very rarely used.
5	Easy to get around within the area, although mostly on roads not paths.	All owners to cut back hedges so they don't hang over pavements. Get rid of makeshift cycle lanes - they do more harm than good.
5		Communal bins for flats instead of individual ones on Northfield Broadway.
5	Lots of paths.	Get rid of dumped waste blocking paths. Ensure trees and hedges are cut back. Provide lighting in Baronscourt Park.
5	Easy to get around the area.	Better maintenance and repair of roads and pavements.
5	Not too many cars round our school which makes it quite safe. Holyrood Park is good because it has a cycle path all round it.	I'd stop people walking on the cycle paths. I'd fill the potholes and put more benches on the hill so people can have a rest.
5		Some road crossings are unsafe for pedestrians e.g.; road into Morrison's' car park and junction of Northfield Broadway and Piersfield Terrace.
5	Easy and pleasant to walk around the area.	
5		Improve cycle way at Smokey Brae.
5		Home owners need to cut back hedges and bushes. Bins at top of Lady Nairne Loan need to be moved as they block the pavement for prams and pedestrians.
5	Feel quite safe.	Dreadful pot holes. Cycle lane in Duddingston Road West is not safe. Better cycle routes generally around the area, through Park or to Craigmillar or Portobello. The new cycle paths are not very well thought out, don't feel safe.
5		Close Duddingston Low Road to vehicles.
5	Great for walking. Not so good for wheelchairs.	Less traffic in Old Church Lane. Royal Park very bad at warning of road issues.
5	Free bus passes for children are amazing.	
5	Sufficient.	Fewer cars.
5	Close to bus services into city centre.	More reliable bus timetables.
5	Roads.	Cycling infrastructure.
5	Pavements are mostly wide enough.	Less through-traffic, less cars. There is currently lots of litter, fly-tipping and dog waste. Delivery cyclists with motorised bicycles are not using the bike lanes. Cars are parking in the bike lane despite yellow lines.
6	4 & 44 Lothian Bus Services on nearby Milton Road as well as Borders Buses 285. Streets are all well-lit. Good to see the segregated cycle lanes along Milton Road West and Duddingston Rd.	Eastern Scottish Service 113 stopping again at the Southfield Road West stop. Look to expand cycle lanes and connect up. Review of dropped-kerbs across the area as though lots are in place, there are some gaps for buggies & wheelchairs.
6	Generally no problem for me.	Remove obstacles for the visually impaired.
6	Parks and open spaces.	Leaving boundaries and wild areas.
6	Lots of well-lit paths.	Very hilly and slippery in winter -needs to be well gritted.
6	Easy to move around.	
6	Generally very good .	Improve the path between Morrison's and Baronscourt Park.
6		Stop cyclists using the pavements. Cut overhanging tree branches.
6		Make cyclists use the cycle lanes.
6	Good place to go for walks.	Parked cars are a problem when cycling on the road.
6	Good active travel routes.	
6	One of Edinburgh's better areas - quite satisfied.	
6		Maintain pavement surfaces and insist that utility companies reinstate to original after they carry out work.
6	Cycle lane is excellent.	
6	Bus lanes.	License bicycles.
6	Really liking all the street renovations that have been going on, especially the new high-colour streetlights.	Apparently there's going to be more links to Figgate Park, which will be nice. Buses probably aren't your job, but while it's easy to get *a* bus, there are basically no direct ways to get to Portobello or Newington.

6	Bus services are frequent and reliable.	Improve cycle lanes. Maintain pavements in better condition. Provide seats on hilly streets.
7	- Walking routes through Figgate Park. - Minor roads are fairly quiet. - Decent routes to Holyrood and town.	- improve drainage so the roads and paths in Figgate Park don't flood when it rains. - potholes in the roads are dangerous and uncomfortable for car drivers. - the segregated cycle lanes on Duddingston Road should be removed as they are unsafe for all road users, particularly walkers crossing the roads as the bases are not easily seen. - stop Duddingston Primary school staff parking in surrounding streets by the school & stop parents and carers of school kids from outside of the catchment area parking in the streets beside as this is making the streets unsafe for kids to walk along to school. They cannot safely cross the roads between parked cars. - artificial street lighting in Figgat Park to encourage locals to use the park in the winter time. - repair the holes in the streets so they are safe to walk on.
7	The pavements are very wide and well maintained. There are safe crossing points across each street.	Baronscourt Park is not well lit and would benefit from street lighting. I personally do not use the route after dark due to safety concerns and this can be very limiting in the winter months during shorter daylight hours.
7	Excellent.	Improve bike lanes. Add a Zebra Crossing at the top of Willowbrae Road.
7		More cycle paths and more wheelchair accessible places.

B: PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1	Not good.	We want our 69 bus back.
1	Not good at all.	Infrequent buses. Dark and unsafe to walk from Craigmillar crossroads. Loss of shuttle buses - Porty-Craigmillar.
1	No.	Regular/reliable public transport.
1		Reinstate the live timetable at bus stops.
2		Improve the number 12 bus service.
2	Very poor & unreliable.	Frequent service.
3	Much better than it was.	No 12 bus not good for city centre.
3		Bus tracker signage that works!
3		Let the 113 stop at sheltered housing.
3	Buses from Tesco petrol station are great.	But it's a mile to walk to get to Tesco petrol station and the buses from the village to town are terrible- slow and infrequent.
3		Along Willowbrae Road we would appreciate it if more buses like the X buses were to stop on one of the stops.
3	12 is a good route.	12 run more often. More variety in routes.
3		Improved bus service linking Duddingston and Meadowfield to Portobello and City Centre. Reopen Craigmillar and Portobello Stations to improve fast links to City Centre.
3	Not much - very limited!	A new bus route from Porty through Holyrood Park to Newington. Trams to Porty!
3	No 12 bus better now since new timetable and Sundays introduced.	Only one route along Duddingston Road West - not a good substitute for driving car across Holyrood Park.
3		Return of the 69 bus service to Lady Nairne.
3	12 comes on Sunday at last.	Would be good to have better public transport, more frequent. Seems very often delayed.
3	12 service improved, would be better if old route. V-infrequent. Buses from Paisley Drive very good.	12 back to old route.
3		Bring back the 69 bus service.
4	Lothian Buses are great, though the loss of the bus trackers at smaller stops has been a pain.	Trains. Lots of trains. There was a train station at Meadowbank that quite unaccountably was removed in the eighties. The East Coast Main Line is still there. There is a massive empty bit of land right next to the line. Alternatively there could be a platform at Fishwives Causeway. In any case we need local commuter

		trains so we can cross the entire city on a Train. The proposed Newington and Blackford stations would link-up to this plan.
4		Good bus routes on Milton Road West (A1), but otherwise Duddingston Village is not well served - more routes on Duddingston Road W would be welcome.
4		Bring back the Lady Nairne bus.
4	Best thing is the buses.	Less children at peak period.
4	Number 44 is a good regular service.	Complete the bus tracker upgrade. Restore the 69 bus service.
4		Bus service directly outside village - better if more regular and more routes offered. Real time bus tracker should be installed. Perhaps bus could go through Holyrood Park.
4		Need a local bus that goes to Porty, Leith and back.
4		The new bus screens are not working (bus gone before time, still on screen. Bus not been but off the screen because it was supposed to have left). Buses often not on time. Shelter for some of the stops would be good.
4	Good bus routes from main road.	More bus routes from Duddingston Road West.
4	Bus services to city centre generally good.	More reliable timetables.
4	Good if mobile and can access the bus stops.	Restore the services like the 69 for those with limited mobility.
5	Regular services.	In real time timetable listings.
5	Live bus information, many routes.	There is no bus route from Willowbrae Road to Lochend Park and Leith.
5		Shelters with seats at all bus stops if you want older people to use the bus.
5	Was good.	Return to the previous routes and bus stops and replace the new digital bus timetables with something that works.
5		Reinstate the service to all the bus stops on Willowbrae Road, especially the 113 which serves the hospital. New bus stop signage is hopeless.
5	Pretty regular bus services.	To encourage people to use public transport, provide proper shelters and bring back the bus trackers.
5	Good Lothian buses services in to town and to Portobello. Reasonably priced, good buses, frequent.	Direct bus service between Meadowbank and Fort Kinnard - lots of people go but only easy to get to by car.
5	5 bus routes in easy reach.	Make the bus lanes 24/7 operation. Have bus shelters at each bus stop - reprioritise some road space to do so if necessary. Would be useful if a Portobello to Leith service was available, running along Seafield. Bring the tram to Portobello.
5	10 minutes walk or less to several regular bus stops.	I wish we had timetables in all the bus shelters. Not all of us use the Apps.
5	Lots of busses into centre.	Better busses from south Willowbrae to Portobello. Better busses to Leith/shore (without changing in town).
5		Reinstate 69 bus to Lady Nairne housing estate.
5		Bus required to serve Lady Nairne & Portobello.
5	Frequent buses to City centre.	More reliable timetable information.
5		Buses need to stop at more stops between Paisley Drive and Meadowbank.
5	Bus to city centre.	Bust to meadows.
5		Bring back bus timetables at the stops. Keep bus lanes clear of parked cars and delivery vans during peak travel times.
5	East Lothian buses and Lothian services.	Restoring all the bus stops at Ulster Crescent.
5	Kids bus passes and free travel.	Return of the 69 bus for elderly residents.
5	Service 4 & 5 very reliable.	Reinstate bus to Portobello.
5		Reinstate more bus stops on Willowbrae Road and fix timing displays.
5	Many frequent bus services to town and also to East Lothian.	A direct service to Leith. Reinstate the 113 and 124 service to all stops on Willowbrae Road and the 69 bus through Lady Nairne to Northfield Broadway.
5		It would be nice if there were a 24h service to the 24h ASDA.
6	Numerous bus routes 4, 5, 26, 45 within easy access. Even more on Willowbrae Road and Meadowbank House. Regular and efficient.	Quick repairs to electronic timetables needed. They also are not accurate. Link to actual bus position on route and time to stop rather than the “timetable”.
6	Good number of bus services available.	

6	So many buses on Willowbrae Rd to city.	Older people would benefit from a more local bus, I believe there used to be a 69 that was helpful.
6		Restore the local 69 bus as it's difficult for anyone who has problems walking to the bus stops and up hills.
6	Bus Services around Lady Nairne generally good.	69 shuttle service back - it was better used than recorded - needs to be routed along Lady Nairne Crescent cos of sheltered housing.
6	Good range of buses and glad to hear that the 69 bus may come back.	Restore more of the bus stops on Willowbrae Road for 113 bus.
6	Good frequent services.	
6	Generally very good bus connections from here.	Make buses more reliable and frequent at school entry times. Fix bus real time info boards.
6	I am lucky to live near the Paisley Drive bus stop because there is a good choice of buses there. The day ticket is very good value and the free bus pass for under 22s is a great thing for young people and a good leveller (allowing all young people to travel for work, leisure and study.)	The number 12 could be more frequent. Buses could stop at more stops on Willowbrae Road. This would make using the bus easier for the elderly and those with poor mobility.
6	Lots of different buses.	
6	Free bus pass for young people. Good frequent services.	Buses should stop at more stops on Willowbrae Road as the hills make it difficult for the elderly.
6	Bus services - excellent.	
6	Lots of buses.	
6	OK – just.	More frequent and reliable service.
6	As before # 4 & 44. The bus pass provision is exceptional and makes me use the bus all the time.	Return of Eastern Scottish 113 to stop along Milton Road instead of being an express service only stopping at Willowbrae as its goes to Western General Hospital. Perhaps roll-out of real time info at a few more stops (though acknowledge many people have the Lothian Buses App, but not everybody - elderly people who use the bus a lot / with their bus passes).
6	Good links to the city centre.	
6	Free bus passes for young people.	Free bus passes for everyone.
6	Excellent bus provision.	
6	Excellent buses on main road.	
6	Frequent bus services.	Ensure more services stop along Willowbrae Road. Provide a direct route to Leith. Long term- consider an east leg for the tram.
6	Free bus passes for kids are amazing.	
7	Regular.	
7	Buses available.	More reliable service.
7	Excellent set of buses from Meadowbank House to town and East Lothian.	Stop disrupting buses for more road re-shaping and get rid of the terrible bus stop displays. Go back to the old trackers that worked.
7	Lot of good bus services	
7	Excellent bus service.	
7	Great access to buses.	
7	Excellent service.	
7	Plenty if public transport options.	More electric buses.
7	Excellent.	Reinstate 69 Bus and make 12 bus more frequent. Diversions mean that the 12 bus misses out huge swathes of the route.

C: TRAFFIC & PARKING

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1		Excessive car ownership, improved public transport might reduce this.
1		Parking in our area has been made worse by banning pavement parking.
1		New laws on pavement parking have made things worse and more difficult. Majority were responsible and rules should be removed.
1	Traffic appears contained by traffic lights.	More parking but don't have an answer to where.

1		Permit parking and double yellow lines at corners to prevent bad parking.
1		Far too much traffic is passing through Duddingston Village, especially during commuter hours. There is aggressive driver behaviour and intolerance towards cyclists and pedestrians. This is ruining the atmosphere of the conservation area which is an important destination for visitors and greatly affecting quality of life for those living in the village. At weekends, when transit through the park is closed, the majority of traffic still entering the village is doing so because the closure is poorly signed at the entrance to the village - so these vehicles U-turn and pass back through the village. Duddingston village could be greatly improved as a destination for visitors and for local people if traffic flow through the Park (Duddingston Low Road) were greatly reduced. (Parking is fine however).
1		Always traffic on my street (Scone Gardens) which is effectively single lane and cannot handle non-resident traffic - same as many streets around me. Slow traffic down on side streets, close off some rat runs.
1	Not good at all.	Speed, volume, tourist, commercial, damage to parked cars. Unsafe crossings.
1	Closed at weekends - but too many cars still because signage is terrible.	Far too much traffic in Old Church Lane.
1		Require box junctions at main roads and yellow lines at corners to prevent dangerous parking.
1		Parking is poor - more restrictions needed with box junctions and double yellow lines at corners.
1		One way (westbound) in Holyrood Park Low Road. Keep and improve cycle lanes and connect them up - gaps discourage uncertain cyclists. Widen narrow pavements to make it safer for pedestrians. Stop people parking on the pavement.
2	Not a lot.	An impossible job but try and stop through traffic
2		I want a CPZ and less parking on corners.
2		The village feels like a rat run - fast moving vehicles and increased congestion. Making the village one way would make it better.
2	Weekend Holyrood Park closures are a good thing.	One-way through Holyrood Park Low Road WESTBOUND. One way through village clockwise. Niddrie crossroads redesign. EV chargers in Church Car Park.
2	Bad congestion when Holyrood Park closed.	Vital to keep Park Low Road open.
2	OK except when Holyrood Park is closed. Then builds up much more at Craigmillar lights.	Pollution - only when traffic jams. Parking on Cavalry Park Drive obstructs passing places and potentially impedes emergency vehicles.
2		Need to follow Northfield Area for off-street parking and developed pedestrian access.
2	Ban on pavement parking.	Safer pedestrian facilities especially on Smokey Brae.
2	The pavement parking ban has been very positive though still needs enforcement.	The LEZ has been basically pointless with no identifiable reduction in traffic or size of vehicle on the roads. Make it a real low emission zone. Many pavements are too narrow to even walk with shopping bags, yet the highways that serve traffic are plenty wide enough for multiple rows of vehicles. Buses are frequently unable to serve Lochend due to parked cars. Fit Lothian buses with ploughs. Delivery vans drive along the pavement with reckless abandon. I've had to jump out the way of several over the last few weeks, yet apparently it's *my fault* for being on *their pavement. They should not be exempt from the pavement parking ban. They're larger, have less visibility, and are frequently driven by drivers distracted and interacting with their delivery tracking devices (mobile phones). Free reign to park in cycle lanes makes cycle lanes worse than pointless since when you *don't* cycle in the red strip, but exercise your right to use the public highway to avoid the

		parkers, motor vehicle drivers get aggravated that you're in "their" way (notwithstanding it's a public highway that they must use under license). Ban cycle lane parking & *enforce* it. New SUVs are absolutely massive and make some smaller streets inaccessible to ESVs. I saw an ambulance unable to reach halfway down my street the other day. All of these minor infractions have a huge chilling effect on the joy and accessibility of the outside and mean what could otherwise be a refreshing walk, is actually a stress and diesel-fume lade dangerous escapade
3	Improving slightly with new law.	
3	Having a speed limit!	More places to cross on Willowbrae Road and stop people parking on yellow zig zag lines near the school.
3	There's not too much traffic.	Stop people parking outside the school.
3		The Causeway is a 'rat run' - road rage, pollution. Parking in The Causeway is difficult, I'd consider resident parking permits.
3		Busy through traffic. Not enough parking. Many school drop-offs using roads.
3		Too much traffic through village. Electric car charge points needed. Safe crossing points needed in village and Meadowfield.
3	Neither.	Hard to get parking. Traffic decides to take short cuts through village.
3	Pavement parking ban has made a big positive difference in Mountcastle Gardens - can now use the footpath.	Re-consider parking on Northfield Broadway - dangerous at the Piershill junction, Furcheons Park crossing often blocked by cars during school times.
3	Parking options excellent and free.	Reduce speed limit to 20. Less cars on road.
4	Relatively quiet neighbourhood for traffic away from Willowbrae Road.	Stop vehicles parking on or near corners - very dangerous.
4		Too many vehicles parked on corners.
4		Reinstate the island at Morrison's entrance and improve the pedestrian crossing on Portobello Road near Piershill Terrace - visibility is poor because of parked cars.
4	Most people park on their drives.	Paint yellow lines on one side of narrow streets to enable emergency vehicles to get through unhindered. Restrict access to some rat-run streets by blocking with planters.
4		Cycle lanes need to be better thought out as they cause congestion in some areas.
4		More restrictions for parking round the school.
4		More parking spaces.
4		Better parking.
4	Some of the roads are closed to traffic.	
4	People are thinking more about where they park since the new regulations on pavement parking.	Ensure access for bin lorries, emergency vehicles and delivery vans in narrow streets.
4		Cars are parking in the bus lane over the bike lane. This puts me off cycling in the area, despite there being the bike lane. The traffic is heavy and I am concerned about inhaling pollutants. It does not feel like people have priority over vehicles.
4		There are lots of disabled spaces on Northfield Crescent and I think some of them might not be in use anymore, taking up space. Nothing you can do about people not able to park properly. The speed bumps on Northfield Broadway are horrible when you are on the bus, especially when trying to go down stairs.
4	Pavement parking ban has been an improvement.	1) More car club cars in the neighbourhood. 2) More on street cycle lockers. 3) Introduce a controlled parking zone.
4	Better now there's a 20mph limit.	Traffic through village can be very road ragey.
4	When Low Road is closed, congestion at Craigmillar is a real problem. With cycle lanes in place - so much dangerous congestion is created.	
4		Parking is getting worse, especially around the school and shops at the bottom of the Broadway. Stop people parking at Bus stops or corners, making it difficult when crossing road.
4		Bollards to prevent rat running in Lilyhill.

4		Stop cars using residential streets for short cuts.
4		Double yellow lines need to be extended further up Paisley Drive and Ulster Crescent. Cars are able to park fairly close to the junction at both of these locations and it can be dangerous to turn off Willowbrae Road and not be able to continue up the hill. I've seen a few near misses here.
4		Introduce enforcement to use the cycle ways having first redesigned them to be safer and more visible particularly at Piershill Square East and West. Redesign the traffic calming measures on Northfield Broadway to reduce the severe jolting and increased back pain while on the bus.
4	In general, parking in my street is straightforward and Northfield Broadway benefits from not having yellow lines or permit bays.	There is a real issue around the row of shops/amenities where the Scottie, Broadfields, Giovanni's is etc. People frequently double park - I think in order to collect food deliveries - and this can make the turn from Portobello Road onto Northfield Broadway pretty dangerous. This needs to be monitored and rectified.
4		Concerns over future Council Parking Plans.
4		There is a long wait for pedestrians at junctions.
4	Loading & unloading is a big issue.	Loading bay for businesses.
5	Parking fine, Meadowfield Ave too often used as a rat-run.	Close off ends of road except for access.
5	Having the Low Road OPEN during the week helps the flow of traffic and lets people get to their work quickly and efficiently; but when the park is closed at the weekend, the routes via Duddingston Road West and Niddrie crossroads are hugely congested. Good road networks in the area.	When Holyrood park is closed at the weekend, the routes via Duddingston Road West and Niddrie crossroads are hugely congested. Force Parents & Carers to park 5mi s walk away from each school to encourage walking. Fill in the pot holes on the roads and smooth pavements.
5	Not too much traffic.	More parking spaces.
5	Most people park on their driveways.	Restrict parking to one side in narrow streets.
5		Not sure. Lots of cars parked on back streets.
5	Old Church Lane full of potholes and too busy. I'm frightened to cycle.	Terrible congestion when school (Holyrood) comes out - bad parking in Meadowfield Drive. Car club a good idea. Can't use electric car from my house (off-road).
5		Stop people parking very close to junctions -double yellow lines ?
5		Stop pavement parking outside the community centre.
5	New law to prevent pavement Parking and low traffic zones.	More measures to stop people moving in to other areas to park.
5	Sufficient parking space in most areas.	Enforce the parking regulations and tackle inconsiderate parking.
5	New parking bays in Northfield Dr & Grove.	More parking needed.
5		More electric car charging spaces.
6	Great that pavement parking ban recently introduced. Milton Road & Willowbrae Rd are the A1 so understandable that they are busy as a prime arterial route into and out of the city. The traffic volume has definitely decreased since the Pandemic.	In the Southfield area most people have a driveway but not all and some households have 2-3 cars. There should be a planning policy that gardens can't be dug up to turn them over to additional driveway space for more off-road car parking as that increases hard-standing and water run-off / potential flooding in an increasingly wet climate
6	Very few problems parking now.	
6		Pedestrian Crossing needed on Sir Harry Lauder Road by overhead walkway, to allow access to Figgate Park for prams and buggies from the new housing.
6	Lots of free street parking.	
7	Nothing.	Reduce traffic by making Holyrood Park low road one way.
7	OK.	Reduce traffic in Old Church Lane.
7	Still free parking.	

D: STREETS AND SPACES

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1		Get rid of potholes and maintain roads properly.
1		Repair pavements which are in a shocking state and make walking difficult. Deal with weeds and dog dirt.
2		Maintenance.
2		Potholes and speed bumps need repair.

2	It is lovely to live so close to Holyrood Park.	Stop approving student housing! The proposed development at Jocks Lodge will rip the heart out of the community.
2		Repair uneven pavements and improve street lighting. Some drains regularly overflow and need clearing. Some areas have problems with groups of youths who have nothing to do .
3		Educate population to use the litter bins.
3		Need more street seating.
3	Quiet character of conservation village - cobbles and stone pavements.	Council maintenance is very poor. Overgrowing private hedges need cut back. Dog fouling and litter.
3	Duddingston Rd West worse since cycle lanes.	Deal with congestion at Craigmillar traffic lights.
3		To reduce traffic in Holyrood Park, trade vehicles should also be banned from Duddingston Village, which the council can enforce.
3		There are basically no non-paid indoor 3rd places apart from Piershill Library that I'm aware of. Outdoor folk are well-serviced with Holyrood Park which is outstanding, but community centres, free sports facilities, public toilets, music facilities etc are all missing.
3	Streets are pleasant with many historical features.	Pavements often uneven or on a slant. Crossing points sometimes dangerous. Too many potholes. Too much debris and flooding.
3		Litter clean-ups and more community space such as the community flat being up and running. Places where people can congregate in a positive way.
3		Baronscourt Park could really use some street lighting as it gets really dark there and u want to be able to feel safe walking past it at night.
4		Close rat-runs (e.g.; Lilyhill Tce, Paisley Dr, Meadowfield Tce), or have more traffic calming for safety of children. Has worked very well on Northfield Broadway.
4	Mostly able to get about.	Stop through traffic.
4		The streets just feel like a car park.
4		Used to be dog bin on Meadowfield Drive & at junction Lady Nairne Crescent - replace it.
4		Congestion impacts on the pleasantness of the spaces around the street. Maintenance of streets needs to be improved.
4	Council recently cleaned gutters and roads of weeds.	A community shed for communal gardening equipment. There is also a need for a community hub in Lady Nairne at the shops.
4		Make them more people friendly with better street cleaning and control of dog fouling .
4	Lots of parks, nice streets, nature & having the road next to our school closed to traffic.	Fix the ‘Flying Fox’ in Meadowfield Park and make it more colourful.
4		Less potholes. Less traffic.
4	It's all pretty standard. The Royal High Primary school is attractive. Northfield Broadway and lower parts of Northfield are quite green. Mountcastle is not green in terms of the streets and car dominated. Figgate Park is lovely but tucked away.	Greener streets for Mountcastle - could also help manage surface water better. Better management of Hitachi operation and impacts.
4	Everything is mostly ok.	Ongoing repair and maintenance. Grant planning permission for some new radically designed buildings which will modernise the area and give it more “spark”.
4		Fill the pot holes.
4		Dealing with the persistent littering by secondary school pupils.
4	Wildflowers growing at the edge of pavements. Some trees. Wildflowers on Abercorn Drive. New trees on Paisley Ave	Introduce much more street trees, wildflowers and bushes.
4		Upgrade the border areas at Morrison’s which are very ugly. More shrubs needed.
4		The gutters and pavement have had no maintenance carried out and are now badly weed infested and make for an unpleasant walking experience.
4	Bins are causing issue which located inside street.	Removed bin from side streets.
4		Less dog dirt & mend uneven pavements. Stop speeding bikes on pavements and going off-road in inappropriate places.
4		Litter is a big issue re Holyrood High school - more bins on the route to the shops.
5	Beautiful place, lovely buildings and streetscape.	Lots of weeds in paving and road edges. Reduce pavement parking. Cycle parking. Improve cycle route to Innocent Railway.
5		Too much traffic in Old Church Lane.
5	Great green space.	Improve playground in park.
5		Deal with illegal parking. Keep drains clear and regularly maintained to prevent flooding.
5		Potholes need to be filled.
5		More lollipop people and fixing potholes.

5		Space on Main Road in front of Morrisons' looks very empty - not sure what could be put there.
5		Lights on pathways in Baronscourt Park.
5	Holyrood Park.	The roundabout at Queens Park Avenue, Royal Park Terrace is difficult to manage with a buggy. Pavements are narrow, crossing the roads are difficult.
5	Access to Figgate Park.	Play parks needs improvement and modernisation. Meadowfield Park has few bits of equipment broken for many years and these have not been replaced. Parks need to meet the developmental needs of the children as they grow and develop. They should stimulate and challenge skills, but also help co-operate and play together. Public land and planters are often neglected, such as by Piershill Library. Could Community groups be given ownership of these and encouraged to upkeep them via access to tools, training, etc.? Out-of-catchment pupils should be dropped off 5mins walk from the school and walk the remainder of the way.
5	Mostly fine.	Stop dogs pooing on streets! Improve meadow field park playground.
5	Lovely trees on Meadowfield Drive but too much traffic.	
5		Wide grass verges in Northfield Road could provide more parking spaces.
5		Dog dirt is shocking in Northfield and needs dealing with.
5	I live not far from the Figgate park which is a wonderful space.	In the Figgate there were flowers planted near the children's play area. It has not been maintained which is such a shame. We need more flowers for the bees and other insects that collect pollen.
5	Some nice spaces and sitting areas.	
6	Beautiful neighbourhood with easy access to Holyrood Park.	Make pavements more accessible and make traffic single lane or close streets during certain times. Allow closing of streets for kids and local and more frequent get-togethers. Clean up streets, smarten up retail areas, block unnecessary developments.
6		Better lighting.
6		Street lighting should be brighter.
6	Wide streets& pavements	
6	Southfield suburb is well laid out from the Inter-war and early Post-war period of city expansion and very little SLOAP - *'Space Left Over After Planning'* ! However, very little open space across the residential area and places pressure on Figgate Park. The age and missing street trees are evident on main through-routes like Northfield Broadway and Mountcastle Drive North & South, but also in other grass verges and small green spaces spread throughout the area. In a few instances e.g.; Ulster Avenue, the Council has tried to re-introduce and plant new street trees.	Continue to protect and improve Figgate Park - the Friends of Figgate Park do an amazing job. Redevelop Ex-'Radical Road' pub brownfield site for high density flatted accommodation with an element of affordable housing. More could be made to interpret ate the local heritage of the area: Lady Nairne's house on Willowbrae Rd / Bonnie Prince Charlie at Duddingston Village. The Great Lafayette memorial at Piershill Cemetery / Former Piershill Cavalry Barracks; etc. A programme of new street tree replacement in road verges and green spaces across the area will contribute to greening the area and help city climate change and biodiversity issues - contribute to Edinburgh becoming a 'Million Tree City'.
6	Well maintained roads (resurfaced).	Street cleaners.
7	Amazing places of interest - Dr Neil's Garden. Duddingston Kirk, Duddingston Loch, Arthur's Seat, Bonnie Prince Charlie's House.	
7	Lots of trees and greenery in the area.	Ensure any dead or diseased trees are replaced quickly.
7	Love all the little green spaces.	Allow residents to be involved in maintenance of green space - don't just mow everything!
7	Good provision of street trees.	Some opportunities for new trees and replacing dead ones.
7		Graffiti - clean up quickly - CCTV? Graffiti wall?
7	Plenty of space.	Improve road surfaces.
7	OK.	See above.

E: NATURAL SPACE

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
2	The park nearby is very accessible.	More lighting to make it feel safer.
3	Holyrood Park access for walkers and cars.	Keep access to park. Great asset for disabled car.
3		Again the park street lighting.
3	Meadowfield Park is a wonderfully large open space.	It is far too wet and needs better drainage.

3		Please stop with the weed killing on pavements. . Allow the space for wild flowers to go. Don't need more chemicals.
4		Most parks have problems with youth anti-social behaviour. It would be good to have notices telling people how to report instances of this to neighbourhood police.
4	I like that there is green space around.	Making the green spaces cleaner, safer, and well looked after would make them more welcoming. As would less traffic so that air is cleaner and the atmosphere is calmer. Re-wilding some areas and tree planting would be good. Making sure places are free from litter and fly-tipping.
4	Good to have the park near.	
4	The play area in Piershill Square.	Reduce traffic pollution for cleaner air.
4		Replace dying trees without sacrificing green spaces and existing plants.
4	Magnificent.	
4		Maintenance of the walkways in Figgate Park could be improved to clear the edges and make them more visible. Create a separate cycle path on Portobello prom to increase safety.
4	Not enough.	More.
5	This is a key characteristic of this area and we need to keep it so.	Litter is a problem on Cavalry Park Drive, blows from school and from playing fields. Need more bin emptying.
5		Grass cutting (used to be every 8 weeks March > October).
5	Figgate Park. Holyrood Park, Rosefield Park and Portobello beach in easy reach.	Encourage more naturalisation of green spaces. Could envisage Northfield Broadway as a green corridor. Mountcastle Drive lacks trees and public space.
5	Figgate Park is a lovely space and we are only a short distance from Holyrood Park.	
5		Trees needed at the student accommodation on London Road. Rubbish collection in the school garden adjacent to Baronscourt Park.
5	Lots of green space in the area.	Would like to see Council staff better trained in management of grass areas avoiding use of weed killer and allowing growth of pollinator friendly plants. Also better consultation about where to plant and replace trees.
5	Community Land and Field excellent. Provide links for wildlife to Holyrood Park. Open to all.	Increased flooding makes paths unsafe and muddy. Trees falling as a result.
5	Holyrood Park and Figgate Park on our doorsteps.	- Lighting along the Low Road of Holyrood Park. - Evening lighting in Figgate Park so more locals can use it in the winter. - Renewed path surfaces and better drainage in Figgate Park. - Better drainage and paths in Meadowfield. - More seating to rest on in local parks. - As above, play spaces improved.
5	Baronscourt Park is a lovely space but is underused.	More seats in the park, A proper wildflower area and quiet spot for seniors. Paths need to be cleared and grass cuttings removed, as dangerous when wet.
5		Upgrade required at the back of the flats in Northfield Drive like what has been done in Northfield Grove.
5	V close to Holyrood and Figgate Park and Portobello.	
6	Excellent - Holyrood Park & Meadowfield Park both close by.	Upgrade the children's play area in Meadowfield Park.
6	I love living so close to Holyrood Park, Duddingston village and the Figgate.	Dog fouling is a huge problem not just on the grass and in parks, but on pavements. It is absolutely disgusting and so widespread. Perhaps emptying the bins near the park will help. Spot checks and fines for repeat offenders might help too.
6	Holyrood Park, and Figgate Burn Park are joys for outdoor types.	More trees and greenery on footpaths would be welcome. More playground for children and adults (like those on the east of the Meadows, or the climbing boulder in Bingham) would massively improve the utility of Baronscourt Park and the Parade Ground. There are a set of goal posts in Baronscourt Park diagonally occupying the space. Doesn't seem like a good use of space, where there could be a set of goal posts *and* a playground / climbing boulder. More bins! Public drinking fountains.
6	Lots of natural spaces. Good community volunteers.	Some improvements in paths needed especially in wet weather.
6		Plant more trees like willow to absorb excess water.
6	We have good access to parks.	More seating, better land management (Meadowfield is a swamp).
6	There are so many natural areas.	Plant more wildflowers.
6	Easy access to many green spaces.	More green spaces.
6	There's a lot of green space.	

6	Lots of nice outdoor space and views.	Allow more areas of grass to grow wild.
6	Arthur's Seat/ Holyrood Park.	Enforce rules about dogs on leads to protect other wildlife, other dogs and people who don't like dogs. Improve access to Holyrood Park for disabled .
6		Plant more trees.
6	Holyrood Park.	
6		The enjoyment of public space in the vicinity of Duddingston Village is compromised by the noise of traffic and frequent revving of engines / horn beeping by frustrated drivers on Old Church Lane - so again significant reduction of traffic flow would solve this.
6	Lots of it these naturally.	More organised opportunities to use it.
6		Don't increase the number of allotments in Baronscourt Park.
6	Figgate Park.	Meadowfield Park needs a lot of improvements to the play area equipment and a path up to the site and the overall maintenance regime to become more sustainable with less grass cutting and more meadows (the clue is in the name !), woodland management of the shelter belts and addressing the drainage issues.
6	Very overgrown; not maintained.	Enormous fir trees cut back.
6	Large gardens, proximity to Meadowfield and Holyrood Parks.	
7	Superb community, council parks and Holyrood Park on our doorstep.	Improve path networks in woodlands above Duddingston Village. Don’t allow HES to over sanitise and control Holyrood Park.
7	Plenty of green space is needed and valuable for physical and mental health. It must be protected from development.	Meadowfield Park - more meadows to replace much of the mown grass; stop cars driving on and parking on grass. Cavalry Park - protect all parts of this from built development; it's an important area of greenspace in a semi-rural setting. Bingham Park - protect what remains. Create local gardens in under-used drying greens (e.g.; at Lady Nairne).
7	Amazing natural space on our doorstep - Holyrood Park.	Improve path networks from the village through Holyrood Park. Improvements in drainage as it floods badly.
7	Live very close to Holyrood Park and also regularly walk through Baronscourt Park to get to Morrisons so have lots of nice options near me.	Put street lights on the paths through Baronscourt Park.
7	Lots of green space.	
7	Incredible for an urban location.	
7	Huge amount of green space close at hand.	Maintain play equipment, plant more trees and wildflowers, provide more seating and public toilets.
7	Lovely area for walks and Holyrood Park is a tourist attraction.	
7	Parks are generally great.	
7	Lovely. Mud bad this year.	Make Meadowfield Park less accessible for rogue cars.
7	Easy access to Holyrood Park.	
7	Very good access to green space.	
7		Holyrood Park should be open for cars at weekends.
7	Lots of green space.	Lights in Baronscourt park / picnic benches.
7	Spoilt for choice. Meadowfield, Holyrood Park, the pitches, Innocent Railway, Figgate Burn.	One-way cars around Duddingston Low Road.
7	Arthur's Seat and Holyrood Park.	Control the numbers of people going up to stop erosion and close the Park during February and October to allow recovery.
7	Outstanding provision with Holyrood Park.	Enhancements to the smaller urban green spaces.
7	Duddingston Village is lucky with plenty of green space.	Make sure we conserve what we have.
7	Good.	Please keep open spaces.

F: PLAY & RECREATION

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
2		More play facilities, seating and planting of trees and fruiting plants.
2	Can't think of anything much. Occasionally people drew hopscotch on the pavement with chalk.	Could close streets at certain times for children to play out Nothing for adult play, but then there isn't anywhere.
2		More equipment and fencing round the play area in the park.
2	Kids can’t play in the streets as they are dominated by cars and parking by non-residents!!	Kids can’t play in the streets as they are dominated by cars and parking by non-residents! Make it so the streets are part of the community - not thru roads - and give us control to make the streets available for kids during certain hours i.e.; 3-8pm.
2	Plenty of space for playing / walking. But less "contained" space for small children.	Playpark in Meadowfield the only thing for miles - would be good to have some for small children and maybe fence.
3		Play equipment at Meadowfield Park needs to be upgraded.
3		Play stuff for different age groups. Fix it when it gets broken.
3		Closer play park - nearer to the houses for young children.

3	Free and easy.	Maintain green spaces for sport and recreation.
3	OK.	Please maintain.
4	Cavalry Park is a great asset.	Ensure Duddingston Rd W is uncongested.
4	Plenty for adults and children to do.	
4		Provision of indoor space for teens and elderly to meet. Nearby park could be utilised more.
4	Excellent.	
4	Children and adults need more.	Not enough.
4	Figgate Park. Lovely space. Range of types of space there.	Figgate Park lacks toilets, shelter, cafe. Northfield Community Centre play park is well used, but uninspiring and lacks wind / rain shelter. RHPS playing fields well used formally and informally. Abercorn Cemetery under-utilised as a recreational space. Significant lack of pocket parks/spaces away from the main roads. Bringing in greener and designed play streets would help.
4		More recreational facilities for adults would be good.
4		More facilities for teens e.g.; a play street or the youth bus to provide an indoor space.
4		Develop more play areas.
4	Fair weather football. Walking and running are well served by Holyrood Park.	More outdoor all weather sports facilities including adult playground equipment alongside more children's facilities. Make every park a place where adults and children get to have fun running about! Quite unaccountably, the new Meadowbank Sports complex has no swimming pool. Most people don't want to swim at Portobello either *at all* or during the winter so that means ~10km to the Commonwealth Pool and back (probably by car since it's 2 buses). Meadowbank Sports Complex should have a public swimming pool, or space made for a 25m pool behind the Royal High Primary. There's loads of empty field in Meadowfield Park for extra equipment swings, flying foxes, climbing boulders, gym equipment, and various obstacle courses. Private Golf Courses occupy around 1/5th of our space yet are surrounded by steel fences. They're putatively accessible for walking, but quite unpleasant.
4	Football field in Meadowfield Park.	Renew the Meadowfield 'flying-fox'.
4		Fitness facilities for adults - leisure facilities in Meadowbank and Portobello are more than 15 mins away.
4	Nice children's playground in Piershill Square.	Playground above is not cleaned enough. There is often broken glass and rubbish. Provide a simple shelter for carers and children.
4		I have just joined the mailing list. Hoping that will let me know about things happening in my area. I have not been living here for long still looking for activities.
4		Provide training equipment (e.g.; trim trail) in Baronscourt Park.
4	Figgate Park and new Play area New improvements to Northfield Drive play area.	Meadowfield Park - as previous question. Scope to improve play area for younger kids with new equipment. Due to high density of areas like Lady Nairne Estate consider once a month at weekend e.g.; a Sunday closing-off some of the streets for say 3-4 hours to allow kids to play in the street.
4	Plenty green space.	Stop vehicles going on the grass at Meadowfield Park.
4		Need more recreation facilities for teens.
4	Figgate Park.	Meadowfield playground by Parsons green primary.
4	Piershill library is a good community resource.	Meadowfield play park could be improved with more equipment and repairs to the flying fox.
4		More equipment for older children.
4		Bike parks for children.
5	Excellent library.	Improve maintenance of play areas.
5	Good mixture of open playing fields and parks Play parks available, but a few still quiet run down and suffer from vandalism and broken glass.	- More dog poo bins, plus increased community engagement in cleaning up after pets. - Community cafe or zero waste hub could be open to help people with the cost of living and with living more sustainably. - Subsidised park community hub & cafe building for Figgate, like Princes St and St Andrew's Square enjoy and being created in Leith and others in West Edinburgh. Would help with managing anti-social behaviour via increased footfall, and could be a community hub. - Potential for allotments in Figgate and Meadowfield, even small scale like Victoria Park in Newhaven: can also help with anti-social behaviour.

		- Cut the grass in Treverlen Park so families can sit on the ground and have a picnic. - Street lighting in Figgate Park so locals can walk there in the winter and get exercise. - a floodlit boules arena in Figgate Park.
5	Quite a lot for young people and parents with children.	More places for older people to meet up socially.
5	Parks.	Youth clubs and better parks for all ages not just young children.
5	The Figgate and Holyrood park are great places to be close to. The library is a good resource for the community but it is a bit tired.	I'm glad to see that the flying-fox has FINALLY been replaced at Meadowfield Park, but so much could be done to improve this park. There is lots of room for more play equipment.
5	Lots of green space.	Better play equipment in the park and other amenities like benches.
5		The play parks need maintained, they feel run down.
5	The swings.	Fix the 'Flying-Fox' and make a play park for all ages.
5	Quite a few play areas.	
5		Update old playpark in Meadowfield Park.
5		Provide some play equipment in Northfield Square.
5	The library is well maintained.	More could be done with Northfield community centre and the playground next to it.
5	Playing fields nearby, but often very flooded.	No playpark close by - this would benefit local residents.
5	Figgate Park.	
5		More play facilities for young children and better maintenance.
5	Northfield Community Centre.	Kid's play park is in need of improvement.
5		Play park opposite Parsons Green could do with a facelift.
5		Take down all the 'no ball games' signs. Children should be playing outside -there is an obesity epidemic!
6	Most play areas are much better especially Northfield Farm Road.	More projects like the above and more facilities for youth.
6	Safeguard Cavalry Park as playing fields, not park. This means no obstructions to walkers and runners as well as team sports. Need open car park whenever organised activities.	
6		"Pot Noodle Alley"!! at Lady Nairne shops - need bin at foot of Meadowfield Gardens & Duddingston Road to catch kids going back to Holyrood High School.
6	Green spaces and sports fields.	Have indoor spaces more between community groups.
6	Easy to get up to Arthur's Seat. Little park for dogs and allotments behind Morrisons. A bit further is Figgate Park. Next to the Community Centre is a playpark and a big grassy bit. Walk regularly to Meadowbank Sport Centre.	
6	Great Parks.	
6	Most houses have fair sized gardens and there is plenty of free open space nearby.	Upgrade play equipment.
6	Good in this respect.	No improvements needed.
6	Meadowbank.	
6	Excellent mix of open space, woods and play areas.	Better drainage in Meadowfield Park. No cars around Holyrood Park Queens Drive.
6		Upgrade Meadowfield Park playground.
6	Lovely open spaces.	
6	Good provision already in some places.	Scope for extra provision in some smaller green spaces.
		Move the bin in Figgate Park away from the entrance as it fills with dog waste from passing dog walkers.

G: FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1		Chemist, shops.
2	Good services available.	More places for young people, more mental health support.
2		Make sure the correct bins get emptied separately.
2	Tesco garage and store, Lady Nairne hotel, Parson's Green School and Duddingston Kirk.	More local shops and a cafe or other community meeting place within easy reach for the elderly.
3	Morrison's supermarket, library and doctor's surgery are all nearby.	
3		Toilet facilities as Figgate and Meadowfield Parks. There is a need for a cafe or local hub and a youth space in the area.
3		Morrisons is the only general food retailer, but there's plenty of space for a market in the aforementioned green spaces.
3	Tesco mini-store and garage.	

3	A local pub provides a specific type of amenity and facility for residents but this can be more catered to tourists.	A community village shop providing essentials for locals. Bizzy Lizzie on the edge of the village caters specifically to schoolchildren, causing litter, mass groupings.
3	Tesco Express.	There are no medical centres, dentists or cafes in easy walking distance.
3	Piershill Library is good and should be saved.	More use of the library for community information such as Police contact numbers.
4	Kirk and garden are popular as is the pub.	
4	Good if no congestion at Craigmillar junction.	Access to Commonwealth Pool etc - vital to keep Low Road open.
4		No more student accommodation. We need hubs for the community to come together.
4		Restore the bus service.
4	Good and accessible of Craigmillar junction moves freely. Otherwise challenging in (blue light) emergencies.	Keep traffic moving.
4		More information about local space to hire for work/ music practice etc.
4	Piershill Local Centre on Portobello Road is useful and within walking distance as is Portobello centre i.e.; c20 mins. The Library is excellent, as is the Northfield Community Centre.	Protect the Library & Community Centre. Loss of Jimmy Boggins Shop and Post Office on Willowbrae Rd, as well as the Radical Road pub was a big blow to the area. If the Student flats get planning permission on this site, then the proposed commercial / retail unit as part of that development will hopefully become a café that local residents could use. Maybe consider a small café in Figgate Park at a suitable entrance in e.g.; perhaps in a converted Container.
4		Can we replace the Willowbrae Post Office and shop.
4	Library in Piershill.	-Fill in the potholes and or resurface the carriageway. - Spaces for community modernised and improved. - making more use of Northfield community centre. - Street lighting in Figgate Park so locals can walk there in the winter evenings - More picnic benches I Figgate Park so people can have a picnic with friends/family.
4		Baronscourt Surgery and Nuchem are understaffed.
4	Well served.	
4		These are reducing quickly - no pub anymore! Need more social spaces.
4	Library and community centre.	Extend opening hours for library.
4		Traffic at Niddrie makes access to town, services and hospital difficult.
5	Within short walking distance I have a pharmacy & doctors, cafe, take away food places, pool hall, barbers, a couple of corner shops one opens late and sells alcohol and Morrisons supermarket and Meadowbank Sports Centre. Vacuum cleaner and clothes repairers, local pub that does food and an arts workshop.	Stop the pub closing down - it is being replaced by yet more student flats that aren't needed. Keep the community art hub open as part of new developments.
5	Not very many shops locally for food apart from Tesco garage.	Would be good to have a bit more - but not sure how that happens.
5	We appreciate what is here.	Hope the facilities remain.
5	GP, supermarket, newsagent, post office, some professional service a, car garage all available locally. Portobello easily accessed with better range of shops, city centre easy to access by public transport.	Better cycle links to the Fort - currently indirect off-roadway. Piershill could function better as a local centre, more of a street, very one sided right now. Morrison's carpark an under-utilised space. No cafe outside Morrison's. Library not open as often as it used to be. Events at the community centre not well advertised.
5	Local shops within 10 minute walk, good local library. Community Centre quite close too.	
5	Parsons Green and Portobello High are good schools and are easily accessible.	An NHS dentist in the area. Prioritising community spaces, local shops, restaurants and bars over student housing.
5	App for accessing audio books from the library.	
5	I like the facilities we have.	GP seems stretched. Not enough wee shops.
5	Library.	
5	Services are good.	
5	Community Centre.	Community centres must be funded and kept open.
5	Limited locally.	Access to shops - shuttle services would help this.
5	Nearest surgery is only 10 mins walk away as is Tesco store.	Restoration of 69 bus would make some services more accessible.
5	Not a lot of immediate facilities but it serves my needs.	I usually go to Portobello for local shops etc.
5		Could do with more independent shops.
5	Long way to GP and Library especially for elderly.	Little local buses frequently. Blocked drain on corner of Meadowfield Drive and DRW (opposite school entrance) - huge puddle.
6		Very few services in the immediate area and lots of cuts. Surgery / Library, Morrisons and Pharmacy are all well used.

6	Piershill Library. Good opening hours and helpful staff.	No pub now the Willow has closed.
6	Love the library.	
6		More wheelchair accessible places.
6	Community Centre & accessibility.	Improved health facilities.
6	Local amenities are very good and I regularly use the shops and local businesses.	A small cafe on Northfield Broadway would be lovely. Even turning the disused police box into a takeaway coffee place would be good. Perhaps funding for a small business start-up would incentivise this.
6	All good for me. Would use a local shop in Duddingston Village, but I guess that's not realistic.	
6	Doctor's surgery and chemist. Library. Supermarket. Take-aways. Pub. Sport Centre. Optician. Post Office. Schools and nursery. Bowling club. Tennis/squash club. Church.	
6	Piershill Library is great, in particular kids activities.	Not many local dentists. Booking and appointment at the GP is difficult.
6	Good.	Invest in the community centre as a key local hub.
7	Library has fantastic staff and activities.	Community Centre is totally underused.
		More regular toddler and baby activity groups at the community centre and library.

H: WORK AND LOCAL ECONOMY

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
2	Retired for 20 years.	?
2		People have to travel to work. There aren't many jobs in our area.
2	Not relevant as I am retired.	
3		There are few opportunities in a mainly residential area for business and no major employers other than the school, Tesco and the hotel. It would help to prevent the small amount of available development land being used for student housing and replace the shop, post office and pub which have been lost in recent years.
3	Morrison's supermarket.	Support for smaller businesses who find it hard to survive because of the supermarket.
3		Not much is based here in a mainly residential area - might be helpful to liaise with secondary schools.
3	Not much.	Commercial development.
3		More high quality independent shops, cafes, etc. Community owned pub.
3		Fewer student housing developments. We are losing so many bars, shops etc at both Jocks Lodge and the old Radical Road to student housing. Transient foreign students will not add to the sense of community in any way at all.
3	No local shops, except Lady Nairne.	
3		Have more places open in the evening e.g. pubs.
3		I tried getting to Volunteer at British Heart Foundation the process is too long. I gave up and walked away
4	From a consumer perspective, the only diversity is in Builders Merchants and Body Shops.	More eating opportunities and support for cafes / restaurants would be welcome. Better pedestrian and cycling routes with more leafy and safer streets would help this culture to develop.
4	Opportunities to build skills in volunteering around the community garden. Village supports groups with learning disabilities in community garden.	
4		Not much business around.
4	Good.	Can be damaged by increased congestion.
4	Don't know.	
4	Good.	
4	People cannot park to shop in local shops.	Encourage passing trade to local shops (parking).
4		A better range of small shops like L'Angelou - feels a bit dominated by Morrison's.
4		Few local businesses. How can there be more. Encourage people to buy local. And set up small scale businesses.
4	Nothing in Duddingston at the moment.	- Better information about what's on and what's available in terms of community centres & activities, e.g.; bowling clubs & their club houses aren't well known. - Better quality food and shop options needed near schools, especially Holyrood High School. - Allow classes to run again at Northfield Community Centre please
4		More local jobs needed.
4		A coffee shop and greater range of shops.

4	Small businesses and large public sector employer.	
4	Duddingston village has an active volunteer programme for helping on the gardens and land. We have the Sheep Held pub and Bizzy Lizzy's world famous curry pies.	
4	Some employment opportunities locally but mostly in retail and leisure.	More flexible office space and manufacturing / trade businesses that offer apprenticeships.
4	Morrisons, couple of shops, garage, a few professional services, The Salvation Army charity shed.	More variety of opportunities.
4	Not much local economic activity as area is almost completely residential.	
4		A local Post Office would be great.
4		Create some cheap office space for home workers to spend a few hours and socialise during breaks.
4		Better selection of shops like butcher, fishmonger and grocer.
4		No idea as not sure what the opportunities are?
4		More small businesses providing paid work.
5		Increase employment opportunities in the local area, a new 'local' to replace The Willow pub.
5	I can't think of any / many empty shop units in the Piershill (or Portobello) local centres - if there are, they are normally re-used very quickly. Northfield Community Centre is a great resource.	If the Community Centre has capacity, re-introduce youth activities, though this would need a funded youth worker as can't be left to volunteers. Continue to protect the local centre for commercial and retail uses.
5	The local pub at the former Willow pub site.	Keep the pub and stop any more student housing.
5		I want more local shops, Green Grocer, butcher, hardware store.
5		Small general purpose store, independent.
5	Great volunteering community in Field and Community Land.	
5	Mainly residential area. School is probably main employer.	
5	This is largely a residential area and local jobs mostly serve the local community.	Area may lose attractiveness to live if roads closed in Holyrood Park, leading to less residents, less local expenditure, less local jobs.
6	Not sure I know about this. It seems to be thriving.	
6	Can work in town...	Not many social spaces? Not many pubs (lost The Willow).
6		Support *"That's Amore"* licence application.

I: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1	Some good housing	But we need more affordable housing
2		Consider providing affordable homes for residents before students and tourists.
2		Fewer student flats.
3	Good mixed age group within the area.	Insulation for aging Victorian houses.
3	Lots of green space.	Keep the green space.
3		More social housing needed.
3	Still fairly mixed incomes despite gentrification. Greenspaces available throughout the area have been protected.	We need much more education, advice and grants to help people insulate their homes and save on heating bills. Housing is very expensive, especially rented. Ensure that there is no more building on greenspaces.
3		More affordable housing. No more student flats please!
4		Upgrading and modernisation of Council flats in Lady Nairne as has been done in Lochend and Dumbiedykes.
4	A lot of good housing	Stop student accommodation
4		Stop removing local amenities for student housing and diminishing community spirit and cohesion by forcing through unwanted change.
4		There is a desperate need for affordable family homes both for purchase and for rent. Unfortunately the council is ignoring this in favour of student housing.
4	Single family homes are very well represented	More social housing for a more diverse neighbourhood! There are plans for more student accommodation, but without a higher-education establishment in sight on this side of the city. The city should not issue building permits for lazy rent extraction schemes like privately run student halls, but should instead build efficient and affordable publicly owned permanent homes.
4	Good but being over built in adjacent areas.	
4		No to more student accommodation.
4	Good.	
4	Shortage of house causing issue with overcrowding.	Housing development.
4		More affordable housing needed.

4	Mix of social & private housing.	
4	Mix of flats and family homes.	More family homes, not much choice currently and the age of the area means most homes need to be upgraded for energy efficiency and disabled access. Some parking courts are well used, others are under-utilised.
4		Better maintenance of timber and harling on buildings, removal of unused satellite dishes, and better inspection of private lets and enforcement of rules.
4		Reduce the number of student flats and provide more social housing.
4		No more student accommodation!
5		Too many empty houses.
5	Quite a few changes recently.	Keep the friendly atmosphere.
5		Better maintenance of grounds and buildings by landlords of rental properties both private and Council.
5		Support positive development that doesn't compromise the conservation area character.
5	Great community spirit - activities and social events.	
5	Friendly neighbourhood and attractive. Seems a good mix of housing, but I'm not an expert.	More scope for community managed land & gardens on grass verges and also e.g. at top of 'Smokey Brae'.
5		Weed control on streets.
5	Say hello to quite a few neighbours but don't really know anyone here.	I feel my house is quite damp, however no sign of dampness in the walls or floors. I think these houses were built on a lot of rubble so ground holds water far longer than necessary. Would love to know how to sort this out.
5	Reasonably attractive residential area.	Clean up streets, improve community engagement.
5	The people and the local community are great.	More affordable housing.
5	Great sized properties.	Old buildings - drafty
5	Lovely housing in Northfield of historical architectural significance. Reginald Fairley- National Library architect - 100 years old and still standing!	
6	The housing stock is mainly 1930's and 1950's bungalows which are solidly built, privately owned and well maintained.	A programme of upgrading insulation in older properties and help to install heat pumps which are easily fitted in this type of property. Encouraging people to use their gardens to help mitigate climate change.
6	Great community spirit in my corner of Meadowfield Drive.	
6		Please don't let student flats go up on Willowbrae Rd, this is not the area for them, we need long lasting communities, not students who come and go.
6		Better cohesion in Piershill area.
6	Good mix of larger houses and smaller social housing.	Don't build student flats in a residential area where there are no colleges or universities.
6	There is a good mix of different and a wide range of housing types across the community council area. Southfield is very fortunate to be an affluent area.	Reuse of the Ex-Radical Rd pub site for a mixture of affordable housing and mainstream high density residential use. Further improvements to the Northfield Estate environment as has recently occurred in Northfield Drive for maximising parking layout, street trees and play areas.
6		Larger houses would be nice. Generally good though.
6	Lovely homes and flats. Good mix.	Older properties hard to insulate properly.
6	Houses are mainly privately owned and well-maintained with some private renting.	
6	Good community spirit. Well maintained homes.	Not much in the way of housing for the elderly.
6		Major improvements needed at Northfield maisonettes (mould, leaks and health issues).
7	Very integrated friendly environment.	OK as is with well cared for property.
7		Lady Nairne Cres. is Sheltered Housing only 1 empty but Lady Nairne Houses there are c6 empty-why?
7		Challenge to retrofit houses in the area many of which are 80-100 years old.
7	Lovely community	More affordable houses, not student or Air BnB.
7	All good in Cavalry Park Drive area.	
7	Seems fine?	
7	Good sense of community.	Recognise the social history and significance of the Northfield scheme.

J: SOCIAL INTERACTION

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1	Figgate Park	- Cafes within Community spaces would be beneficial, like Leith Croft. - Monthly local newsletter or well-maintained online noticeboard with everything What's On.

		- More benches. - Portobello High sports facilities access is a mess, requiring someone on the door full time or the entry door doesn't work. The pool area can't be accessed on the entry level via main doors, but has no lift. The pool has also been out of action a lot recently, and changing area and showers are always an issue. - Street lighting in Figgate Park so locals can walk in the park during winter evenings.
2	Opportunities at holiday periods for special events.	Encourage more community projects to establish Green initiatives, Co-op food sharing etc.
2		More communal meeting places such as a cafe or community space. Providing benches in some of the available green space in groups with suitable planting to encourage people to linger and socialise.
2		Don't know of any spaces / places
3	Provision for young mums is okay.	Social space in the park and book groups and events in the library or community centre for older people.
3	People can meet in the open spaces.	More benches.
3		Not many places to meet up socially - need more informal indoors meeting places - cafes, community centre, etc.
3		I have not found somewhere to socialise and meet local people since I moved to this area 3 years ago.
3		Limited.
3	Some community events.	Try to have more events we can all get together.
3		We need more community events I hardly know my neighbours.
3		Streets are choked with cars, making it hard to feel connected.
3		Closure of pubs at Jock's Lodge leaves fewer options. Could do with more sit-in cafes nearby rather than going to Abbeyhill or Portobello.
4	Some good local groups exist.	More interest groups and provision for people to meet such as a cafe.
4		Lots of youth interaction is online and presents challenges such as racism, gangs and drug culture. Opportunities are limited for the non-computer savvy.
4	Baronscourt and Telferton allotments seem like good meeting and craft spaces.	More indoor cultural and craft spaces or activities.
4	Good generally.	
4		Local bar closed. Would be nice to see coffee shop for people to gather. Include things not just for families.
4	Excellent access to parkland for all is great for mind and body.	
4	More.	More offices need to re-open.
4		More social clubs needed.
4	Parks and Morrison's are usual places to meet friends informally.	Events at community centre not well advertised. School not used for many community events. Neighbourhoods feel quite separate/insular in the area, something to bring people together would be good.
4		More opportunities to interact.
4	I know my neighbours. Annual street closure party nearby, but I've not been.	
4	Okay in summer.	Some indoor space for kids.
4	Figgate Park & Piershill Library & Northfield Community Centre.	Continue to protect and support Figgate Park & Piershill Library & Northfield Community Centre, but continue to promote the Community Centre to the wider area. Introduction of a café / coffee shop (other than at Meadowbank & Morrison's café).
5	Friendly neighbours and a good sense of community.	
5	I have good relations with my neighbours and there are regular street parties in the area	As stated in previous answers, stop replacing shops, restaurants etc with student housing.
5		Better advertising of what's on at the Community Centre e.g.; Cosy Cuppa on Thursdays.
5		More and better use of the Community Centre.
5		I would like to know more about what is on at the community centre.
5	Local neighbour keeps street residents together. Community council.	
5	Meeting places in Duddingston Kirk hall and Northfield Community Centre.	A more local community centre and 69 bus to access those further away.
5	All good in Cavalry Park Drive area.	Perhaps some opportunities for coming together across the community council area.
6	Lots of active local groups.	
6	Very positive community spirit, despite lack of community hub.	
6	Since Co-vid a lot of interaction in our street	
6	Strong community.	Reduced traffic allows more interactions on the street.

	Community land. Quiet, close-knit streets	Develop Duddingston Byre.
6	Duddingston village has an active community of summer fairs, Bonfire night etc. Sheep's Heid and Kirk have spaces to meet.	
6	Community spirit / street parties.	
6	What's App groups invaluable. Good mix of housing sizes, but maybe not affordability	
6	Generally good, driven by passionate individuals.	
6	Yes. Good community.	More needed indoors e.g.; for older people or kids which does not involve church.
6		Let people know about all the facilities that exist locally.
6	Active community council. Several social media groups. Duddingston Kirk lunch club. Dr Neil's Garden, Jock Tamson's Garden.	
7	Good opportunities to meet people.	May this remain.
7	Good use of Whats App. Very supportive village.	Not a clear hub for people to get together - we have Miller Hall, the pub and the Byre.
7	Fabulous local community.	Authorities engage with and support local charities.
7	Well established, but took a knock during lockdown.	Village Whats App was a great help; little other social media.

K: IDENTITY AND BELONGING

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1	Nothing!	Very hard for incomers to meet people as there is nothing to do. I'm thinking of moving after the loss of The Willow pub - the only decent pub / eating place.
2		More noticeboards to inform all residents about their community and keep them up to date with community news.
3	Interaction with neighbours improved during Covid and some informal gatherings have continued.	The type of housing tends to isolate people so more communal organised activities would strengthen sense of belonging.
3		Can feel like an in-between place - have to go to Abbeyhill or Portobello for lots of things.
4	Happy to be in a city with opportunities to make connections with diverse groups of people.	
4		Not sure there is a strong sense of belonging or identity.
4		Parts of the area are neglected and some groups feel excluded because of racism, gender issues. Problems with drinking, rubbish, drugs.
4	Good	But not if we are isolated by road closure.
4	The area is pretty stable in terms of turnover, so there are lots of people who have been in the area for a long time or who grew up here.	There's not much that brings the community together beyond individual friendships. Some more community events would be good. Opening out some school events to the community could be worth exploring.
4		Area of CC isn't a natural community.
4	There is a What's App group on my street and people help each other out. We have organised litter picks of the area.	Not sure sometimes it's nice just to be left alone if you want peace and quiet.
4	I know all my neighbours and the local lollipop lady and feel proud of that.	We don't have any monuments or museums or shared places. I'd like to restart the street parties we had before Co-vid when everyone cooked and brought their own food and got to know one another.
4	Quiet residential area. A number of residents involved in volunteering.	Not aware of any active community groups except online.
5	There is street What's App group and an annual street lunch.	
5	It is a good community.	
5	I feel that there is a sense of community where I live.	
5	I think it's a well-liked community.	
5	Yes - a friendly environment.	Reduce influx of traffic passing through.
6	It's a leafy city suburb on the door step of the city centre. More could be done to explain the heritage of the area e.g.; Duddingston Village and also other notable heritage assets (The Duddingston Mill area / Bonnie Prince Charlie's cavalry at Cavalry Park / The 'Hibs football ground that never' was at Mountcastle), to the wider surrounding public.	More street trees to keep it leafy ! A series of local heritage boards.
6	No negatives.	As previous response - always potential to improve sense of belonging, which is great for well-being
6	Strong community. Conservation area character and history. Nature.	Maintain conservation character. Don't make it a 'tourist destination'.
6	Helping at school by volunteering.	
6	I feel a strong sense of belonging to both Meadowfield and Duddingston Village.	
6		Make more of local heritage and provide information boards in appropriate places.

7	All good.	The main reason for being here.
7	Very welcoming community. Volunteering opportunities in community projects, including garden & field groups. Community celebrates events together - Apple Day, annual party.	
7	Strong social bonds and events / celebrations.	
7	Duddingston has a friendly village atmosphere.	Long may it be the same.

L: FEELING SAFE

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
2		Better lighting.
2		Police patrols at the top of Ulster Crescent to deal with anti-social behaviour and drug-taking at night.
3		Repair pavements and improve street lighting.
3	Not too bad, but I avoid the Park after dark.	Many attempted break-ins to the bicycle store and garages on Northfield Heights. More Police patrols?
3		Some places are not safe for kids. The park is good, but a long way from home.
3	Good, friendly neighbours. Good street lighting in London Road residential streets.	Parks feel unsafe at night due to lack of working lighting. Feeling less safe recently with events in Portobello and kids setting fires at Royal High Primary school.
3	Street lighting is good.	Lighting in the park would make it safer in winter months as an access route to Morrison's.
3		CCTV needed in some places- most cameras don't work.
4	Strong police presence.	Problem drug and alcohol use. Invest in youth work provision.
4	Most people feel safe in daytime.	Frightened after dark to be out in less populated areas.
4		Traffic, Traffic, Traffic. We are right on Holyrood Park, yet the place does not feel green and healthy. I'm constantly inches from being run down by a delivery driver or someone doing 60mph along Willowbrae Road. More social and ethnic diversity and cheap real estate make culture flourish
4	Excellent.	
4	More support for people with addictions needed.	
4	Good street lighting from London Rd >Wolseley Cres.	
4		Get Community Police person to come to a meeting.
4	Mostly OK....except	Does not feel safe walking from the night bus (Craigmillar) to Cavalry Park Fields and CP Drive at night in dark.
4	In the main, a very safe area to raise a family.	
4	OK in daytime apart from school lunch.	Not good at night. Lighting poor and poor bus service. Litter and crowding by school children.
5	Generally feel safe, but don't go out much at night.	
5	Lighting.	Keeping eyes on the street. Regular police patrol of Northfield Broadway would be good. A couple of poorly designed alleyways don't feel safe at night. Fishwives Causeway lacks pedestrian entrances to Parker Ave etc so can feel unsafe as there are few exit points.
5	Our school is good now.	I'd like to make Cavalry Park wood safer and cut crime.
5		As above, lights in Baronscourt Park would help me to feel safer in winter.
5		At night the soles of the traffic.
5		Lighting in Baronscourt Park.
5	I feel safe living here.	
5	Excellent community.	Lighting along Holyrood Park Low Road. Stop anti-social littering. Stop aggressive drivers.
5		Too much dog poo, but don't know the answer. Kids hang out at the bus stop at lunchtime and wreck it - school needs to manage them. CCTV on the Innocent rail path would make me feel safer in the dark.
5	Lucky to have some police* in village, active community *retired.	Some negative behaviour in forest, also from Holyrood High School children.
5		Deal with anti-social behaviour-late night noise, litter, dog poo and shop lifting. Needs to be nipped in the bud before it escalates.
5	Good communication via What's App helps feel that the community is watching out for crime etc.	Anti-social behaviour from students at Holyrood High School - more responsibility from the school needed.
6	Generally feels safe. Very occasional gun crime is very disturbing. Police and law-abiding citizens helping to keep it feeling safe. Anti-social behaviour is limited.	
6	Feel safe.	I feel everyone keeps an eye on each other.
6	Low crime rate and not troubled by anti-social behaviour.	

6	Feel pretty safe.	
6	I feel safe, but I'm a 6ft2" man.	
6	Area around Meadowfield feels relatively safe	Neighbourhood Watch.
6	Not much visible crime or anti-social behaviour. It's quite peaceful. Just occasional motorbike riders in Holyrood Park	
6	Generally quiet area with low crime rate.	Street lighting could be brighter in some places.
6	Feel very safe.	
6	Low crime area, generally quiet.	
6	I feel safe in the area (though I'm male, albeit getting on !) The streets are well lit and if you raise an issue, CEC Street Lighting are fast to react and repair.	Redevelopment of Ex-Radical Rd site and remove graffiti on hoardings fronting the site. Youth activities at the community centre +/or at the surrounding playfield fields, so they don't set fire to Royal High School Nursery play sheds again.
6	I feel safe.	School needs the lollypop lady.
6	It's safe living here.	
6		A community police presence would be great.
6	Feel safe.	Improve traffic and pavements / junctions.
7	We feel fortunate to be able to relax here.	Hope this is always the case.
7		New groups of masked gangs are scary.
7	Problems are relatively rare.	Greater local Police presence.
7	The village is small enough to provide a safe environment.	Maybe CCTV could help if anyone feels it is necessary.

M: CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1		Please clear grids, and drains when contacted.
1		Dealing with fly-tipping and overloaded bins. Repair of uneven pavements and maintaining communal garden areas to allow them to be better used.
2		Road surfaces are poor. Pavement maintenance particularly weed control is very poor. The pavement in Mountcastle Crescent near the apex of the curve is atrocious and dangerous with the frequency of up and downs.
2		Less litter. Look after gardens and cut bushes that block streets. Fix things that get broken and vandalised.
2		- Pavements and road surfaces seem neglected in comparison to other, more central / touristy parts of the city, including state of tarmac and weeds. - The streets, bins, pavements look and feel like patchwork - seems dirty and messy in comparison to other cities. - More public bins (waste and dog mess) and collections. - More community hubs in parks. - Portobello has a community rubbish pickers and businesses clubbing together: our area could initiate something similar.
2		Whole area looks neglected - needs major clean up especially of empty areas.
3		Fill the potholes.
3		Maintain the pavements which are a disaster especially for the elderly.
3		Enforcing maintenance of hedges and trees that encroach on pavement space by private home owners and Council.
3		Too much litter, more education needed.
3		Bins need emptying more regularly.
3		Pavement surfaces are in poor repair. Some are filthy, especially by the communal bins.
3	Mostly above average.BUT Litter on Cavalry Park Drive, blown from school and playing fields. Pot holes everywhere take far too long to repair.	
3	Mainly done by local population.	Potholes, litter, leaves and other debris, dog fouling, pavement surfaces slippery. All poor.
3		Keep drains clear with regular cleaning. Many have been blocked for years.
3		Roads and pavements need a lot of repairs and hedges and fences need attention.
3	Care of private property is good, but council roads and pavements are dreadful.	Resurface roads and pavements! Stop littering by Holyrood School pupils. Council maintenance is very poor.
3	Residents take pride and care in the village, looking after private and communal areas	Weeding of the pavements needed. Roads are in a poor condition where heavily congested. Potholes are a constant problem
3		Road condition poor for cars and cyclists.
3		It's a safe area.

4	Barely adequate.	More is needed.
4	Very good.	
4	More care should be encouraged in the community.	
4		Very slow.
4		Need a more co-ordinated approach to dealing with graffiti - we had to deal with ours by ourselves.
4	Generally the place looks ok, but suspect this is down to private owners and little incidental public space.	Maintain the road drains and get better standards of patching the pavements following dig-ups.
4		Reduce height of some trees in Baronscourt Park.
4		Dog fouling is an issue that needs dealt with.
4		Improvements and maintenance of roads,
4		Roads and pavements need repair and maintenance.
4		Regular cleaning of drains and gutters.
4	Bin collection is good.	More pavement weeding and dealing with overgrown areas.
4		Road surfaces are appalling in places with massive potholes and broken speed bumps. Pavement surfaces uneven in places.
4		Roads are in a terrible state and it's hard to get through to report issues.
4		Fill all the potholes.
4		Pavements are generally in poor condition and dangerous for the elderly. Need resurfacing.
5		Not sure.
5	The Park Rangers are great.	Piershill Library looks like it's falling apart at the sides.
5		Buildings need upgrading and residents should be encouraged to improve gardens. Benches and shrubs would improve the communal grass areas. Might be scope for a Community garden.
5	Potholes bad.	Mend potholes.
5		More bins and recycling. Litter picks and less vandalism.
5		Regular clearing of verges.
5		Verges should be cleared regularly to prevent local flooding.
5	Graffiti dealt with.	Many graffiti incidents. Littering from local business.
5	Some road resurfacing recently. Rubbish regularly collected.	Unblock all the drains, resurface some of the pavements
5		The council workers who fill in potholes do not do a very good job. Some recently re-tarred roads nearby already with a couple of months had potholes. I do as much recycling as possible however I have no idea what I can actually put in the recycling bin that the council can actually recycle.
5		Be more sensitive about grass cutting and weed-killing.
5	There is not extensive graffiti, nor fly-tipping or flooding. I recently reported a damaged street lighting column to City Council where the access cover was off and the cables exposed and it was sorted within 4 hours! Pot holes on some roads, though not all, seem to be getting worse - a factor related to climate change.	The graffiti that is evident at bus stop shelters needs tackled. There is a general litter problem in the streets and verges - needs more community activity to keep on top of it.
5		Litter and excess traffic from Holyrood School.
6	Well maintained public areas.	
6		Weed control on streets.
6	Most homes are privately owned and well maintained.	Council areas are more neglected and shared areas need to be maintained regularly.
6	Seems fine. The grass is cut regularly.	
6		School kids litter around Holy Rood high
6		Leave the gate to the green triangle at the junction of Northfield Road/Avenue unlocked.
6		Regular emptying of litter bins and proper disposal of dog waste.
6	Care for houses and gardens.	Street not maintained to standard by council.
6	Some moves to increase wildlife have been taken already.	Promote 'Friends of' schemes for local green spaces that are not managed by the parks department.
7	Council does repair roads - but not pavements.	Repair pavements.
7	The gardens and allotments are well cared for by volunteers and local groups	Hopefully help will continue to be available.

N: INFLUENCE AND SENSE OF CONTROL

Score	What is good now?	How could we make it better in the future?
1	We have a Pupil Council at school where we get to discuss things.	

1		Council consultations happen but locals are not listened to it feels like.
2		I feel I have none, despite attending meetings, consultations etc. Who is listening?
2		Don't know how to make my voice heard or feel listened to.
2		Council needs to be honest about what it can and can't do and what the community must take on. We need more community organisations to help build community spirit.
2		Listen the views of communities instead of ignoring us. Don't knock down historic Jock's Lodge and swamp communities with students and tourists.
2		A greater say in any redevelopment in the area.
2		Residents should have a greater say in what is being built and developed in the area.
3		Proper funding of policies that Council introduce.
3		Lots of bad influences for kids- junkies, drunks, violence and bad behaviour.
3	Strong village community. Excellent village self-sufficiency and proactive community changes.	HES held to account by local communities. The whole of East Edinburgh no longer overlooked by CEC.
3		Listening to what people say. Changes to parking and bins were done without proper consultation.
3	I feel listened to at school.	Often children don't get listened to because of their age, but their opinions should count.
3		Allow residents more input into management of green spaces.
3	Events such as this.	
3		Community Centre is resistant to community involvement.
4	Council response to LPPs will tell	
4	Moderate.	Community can help.
4		Being listened to and consulted. Everyone feels there is no point in complaining as nothing gets done and they do whatever they want anyway.
4	Good neighbourhood watch - but we have concerns this is changing. We have concerns that plans for the park may seriously and negatively impact on our sense of wellbeing and connection to the rest of the city. We love Duddingston - but value being an integral part of the city.	
4	Not much expectation of engaging locally. On a specific Hitachi issue an MSP did get involved.	Achieve replies from elected members. Better publicity of the key things happening in or adjacent to the area - e.g. Seafield redevelopment, gap site redevelopment at Willowbrae / Northfield Broadway junction, Jock's Lodge redevelopment.
4	There is an active Community Council, but it is disheartening to see how apathetic the general population is about getting involved and helping to change things.	More transparency about council planning decisions. The situation with the Radical Road site where the council said that they had "run out of time" to allow local residents to have their say is extremely suspect and I would even go as far as to say fraudulent. This huge unwanted student housing will more than likely now be rubber stamped and approved. Cycle lanes that have been installed in the area are quite frankly a nuisance (see Duddingston Road and Portobello Road)
4		Influence appears very limited- listen to community views.
4	Concerned that official actions are out of control.	E.g.; Closure of Park adversely affects.
4	This is the first time getting involved.	
4	I managed to get double yellow lines put round some of the corners a few years ago.	Ask for views when you make changes e.g.; new traffic lights at London Rd / Meadowbank junction. When streets get resurfaced make improvements don't just put back what was there.
4		I need to have the information. No idea where to go to make complaints and websites nowadays I find so confusing. We used to be able to find telephone numbers or e-mails quite easily.
5		Community walkabouts with city councillor would be a good idea
5	Local Councillors usually attend Community Council Meetings.	Walkabouts in various areas to highlight problems.
5	The Ripple Project.	
5	Community Council was almost defunct, but now with some new members are trying to carry forward local issues and seek physical and social improvements I think the City Council are doing their best under continued financial pressures and reduced staffing levels.	Local Litter Picking Group established?- perhaps operating once a month for say c2hrs to tackle certain areas on a rotating basis.
5	Feel able to have a voice where I live in various ways. Dog walkers are good. Litter pickers in Park!	
5	Most people feel able to act on their own behalf and have agency.	Better communication from the Council about decisions and why they are doing things. Listening to residents' concerns and acting on them when possible.

5	Several SCIOs and Whats App groups.	We care for the village and planning decisions erode our achievements.
5	Hope to have some chance with this survey.	Thank you.
6	Opportunities for discussing ideas. Good local community group. I feel able to take action on improvements, e.g.; litter picking.	Regular meetings with HES would be helpful given close proximity to the park and the impact that it has on the village
6	City Council Ward councillors are generally responsive to community concerns.	Communication issues E-mails to City Ward councillors from public not always responded to – workload / resource issue for councillors.
6	Active Community Council Previous MP v accessible.	
7	Lots of opportunity to discuss in local area.	

Appendix F: Summary of Community Input at N&W Community Fair (20.09.2025)

The draft Local Place Plan proposals were displayed and 3 questions asked:

Q: I like living here because……..	Q: I'm concerned about ……	Q: My suggestion is……..
Duddingston		
Lovely, safe, friendly neighbourhood.	No provision for children and teens. No nice space for people to spend time. Ban on Commercial vehicles in the park is not adhered to . When the Park is closed on Saturday and Sunday it causes congestion elsewhere	More intergenerational opportunities. The Park should remain open to cars. Open the low road through the park to Duddingston. I would love it if low road and high road were permanently closed to cars - cycling behind a car is very unpleasant. Open the Radical Road again. Refurbish the old Tennis court as a proper car park to meet high demand for parking at Cavalry Park. Protect the Conservation area Greenspaces. The old Tennis court is not a car park - use is disputed. A proper vehicle access is needed to Cavalry Park. Do not formalise the path through the SWT woodland to the high school.
Lady Nairne & Meadowfield		
It's nice here and people are warm. Abercorn Tennis Club. Street trees. Bus links. Meadowfield Park – beautiful green space with bio-diversity, plants, trees and animals.	The state of the shop area-improve the front, clean up outside and remove litter and waste. Lack of youth facilities in the area. Need for a play park for small children under 5. Back greens are neglected and unused. Police need to deal with bikes on pavements and aggressive dogs.	Clean up needed on side of pavements which are unsightly and overgrown- use weed-killer. Expand street trees along Paisley Drive - benefits beyond beauty biodiversity and shade. Traffic calming at foot of Ulster Drive -consider traffic lights and pedestrian crossing.

Q: I like living here because……..	Q: I'm concerned about ……	Q: My suggestion is……..
Mountcastle		
Peaceful Streets with lovely neighbours. Good Transport links. Green spaces close by. Good local amenities. Figgate Park. Close to Porty beach. Peaceful / Feels safe. Location between Figgate Park, beach and Holyrood Park. L'Angelou boulangerie	The walkway over the pond in Figgate Park is unsafe - broken slats and not closed off. Poor lighting in the Park makes it inaccessible in winter.	Fix or remove the pond walkway. Improve the lighting along the pathways in the park. More Police needed due to housebreaking in the area.
Northfield		
Green pockets of space and cherry trees. Transport links. Great schools. Rising Independent businesses. Easy access to nature – Figgate Park / Arthur's Seat.	Bikes on Pavements e.g. Walkway between Morrison's and Northfield Broadway. Not enough lighting in the Walkway between Morrison's and the Surgery. Litter and Graffiti around the Walkway between Morrison's and the Surgery. Anti-social behaviour around Community Centre and lack of Police presence. No bike sheds in Northfield estate as promised. More student flats on the Broadway.	I like the idea of more street trees but they are very expensive and don't thrive well. Benches along Northfield Broadway. More youth clubs and activities for 10+ at the Centre. Benefits of going for Conservation Area Status at Northfield?
Piershill		
There are lots of buses.	Smokey Brae lacks safe accessible path – no room for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Empty Council owned properties. Unsafe crossings at Morrisons entrance and at intersection of Moira Terrace and Craigentinny Avenue.	Living Streets/ Polo Study -could this be refreshed or updated? What about a walkabout? Reinstate the island and pavement at Morrison's entrance - some form of traffic control - Pelican crossing?
Southfield & Durhams		
		More trees where possible is a good thing.

Q: I like living here because……..	Q: I'm concerned about ……	Q: My suggestion is……..
		Community litter picking sessions.
Willowbrae		
It's easy to get to East Lothian. It's near the park. There are pretty houses. Lovely Parent/family community.	Losing the arts centre at St Margaret's House to more student housing. Seven empty cottages in Willowbrae House. Community Views being ignored over PBSAs at Jock's Lodge and Willowbrae Road.	Preserve St Margaret's House in current form as an invaluable Community Hub. Community Buy-out of Willowbrae Church for e.g. Toddler Group and community café.
General comments on Transport		
	More buses should stop at all the bus stops. There has been an increase in parking by commuters in residential areas. It is difficult to charge an electric vehicle if you don't have a driveway so I am unable to switch. Some car drivers don't understand what the red section on the road means when a cyclist is on it. Buses to Portobello are poor, especially since 45 and 124 route changed.	Need two buses to get to Leith. Need more bus stops on Bus route to WGH-113 between Willowbrae and Meadowbank. Extend the 69 bus to Duddingston. Provide more bus stops with seats and shelters. More bus routes to Leith and Stockbridge from Willowbrae.
General comments on Housing		
		More affordable housing & Social housing, please. Low impact housing built to Passive House standards by Housing Co-ops on land sold at subsidised price.

Appendix G: Summary of Climate Resilience workshop outcomes (24.11.2025)

Ideas generated are grouped by Place Standard Tool category into either:

A) **Local Place Plan Actions** - and reflected in LPP Proposals above in Section 5;
B) **Community Actions**; or
C) **Personal Actions**.

(Note: more detail is available from Consultants report that also covers whether the ideas could be carried out *"Now, Next or Work Towards*", how they could be funded, their impact and effort involved in implementing, this can be provided upon request to N&WCC).

Place Standard Tool Category	Climate Resilience idea
A) IDEAS FOR LOCAL PLACE PLAN	
Moving Around / Public Transport / Streets And Spaces / Care And Maintenance	• Better public transport like buses and suburban railways. • Improve public transport and make walking and cycling safer. • Clear drains. • More cycle ways. • Re-introduce Porty to Kirkcaldy hovercraft. • Train/trams in Duddingston / Portobello. • Tram link to town - and beyond. • Building practices to cope with flooding on footpaths and roads. • Connect up parks and cycle lanes across the area. • More park and ride outside/just inside bypass. • Network of traffic-free cycle & walking paths. • Plant more street trees. • 'Pocket Parklets' - doing fun stuff and getting rid of tarmac e.g. London Rd at "sad seats" near "Bliss cafe". • Cycle infrastructure in our area is positive. • Green mapping - to map bike libraries. • Bus lanes are positive in our area. • Street trees introduced in grass verges.
Natural Space / Play And Recreation	• Grow food in existing greenspaces (both private and public). • Make more greenspace and remove hard surfaces from gardens. • Making the burn at Bingham more full of flowers, trees and increasing biodiversity. • Planting more trees. • Implement a small children park in Lady Nairne for ages 1-9 years. No current provision, could be swings etc. • Don't build on greenspaces. • More green spaces - cleaner air. • New green spaces. • Green roofs & walls, green EVERYTHING ! • Naturalise stream corridors - say 50m on each side. Especially through golf course.

Place Standard Tool Category	Climate Resilience idea
	• Use some space (incl. green) to hold/slow water to reduce flooding & increase water quality. • More community gardens. • Use of green space to provide community power or heating sources. • Make more play space for children.
Facilities And Services, / Care And Maintenance / Housing And Community / Facilities And Services / Work And Local Economy / Social Interaction / Identity And Belonging / Influence And Sense Of Control	• Everyone on the street gets water butts (stops storm water going to Seafield treatment works). • Change building regulations to make new homes better insulated and not reliant on fossil fuels. • Put solar panels on every building - every building a power station. • Improved technical knowledge - how do you get solar panels on a shared roof? • Make sure people are near to facilities they need. • Convert existing buildings to net zero. • Build more hydro-electric schemes in Scotland. • Passivhaus homes and plenty of them! • Free solar panels for any building that could take them. • Free solar panels, heat source pumps, green roof, green walls of buildings throughout area. • Solar panels & insulation in all homes. • Flood defences at Porty. • Invest in energy efficient infrastructure. • Stop driveways being concreted over - change planning law. • Make community owned heat networks (PCE have a campaign for this). • Open a community hub in unused shops in Lady Nairne for kids club, cafe, play space, groups etc. (a safe space in the heart of the area, for the area). • Community buyout of Willowbrae Parish Church. • Improve existing infrastructure including drainage systems, flood defences, solar panels. • Economic growth so people have money to support change. • Everybody has cheap heating (heat network) and good quality housing. • Personal advisors for energy efficiency and proper maintenance. • Insulate all houses - retrofit older buildings. • Retrofit homes - provide insulation. • New ways to store excess rain water to mitigate against drought. • Raising awareness on climate adaptation and mitigation. • Figgate burn flood control.
B) IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION / 'OTHER'	
Moving Around / Public Transport / Streets And Spaces / Care And Maintenance	• E-bike scheme introduced. • Convince a friend/neighbour/local person to do something climate-friendly e.g.; get on bike. • Free public transport everywhere. • Persuade people the Portobello CPZ is a good idea (businesses in particular).

Place Standard Tool Category	Climate Resilience idea
	• Social media scheme to encourage car sharing. • A cargo bike library in Willowbrae. • Bus shelter roofs- plant up those which are flat. • Repair potholes / speed bumps.
Natural Space / Play And Recreation	• Pick up litter. • Lady Nairne Litter Picks - community engagement advice workshop on mitigating the impact and improving attitudes against being harmful and destructive to your area. People are products of their environment, the cleaner, the better. • Climate education in schools. • Reduce grass cutting e.g. *"No Mow May"* • More gardens in local schools and children cooking what they've grown. • Shade at Parsons Green Primary School.
Facilities And Services, / Care And Maintenance / Housing And Community / Facilities And Services / Work And Local Economy / Social Interaction / Identity And Belonging / Influence And Sense Of Control	• Plan with your neighbours to make hyper local improvements. • Check in on neighbours during a power cut or heatwave. • Scheme to look after vulnerable people during storms. • Utility cabinets in area covered in tagging / graffiti - youth art project to paint all with climate change (adaptation / mitigation) messages and prevent re-tagging.
C) PERSONAL ACTIONS	
	• Keep grass in gardens. • Leave leaves to mulch. • ‘no-dig’ gardening. • Plant seeds. • Convince others to take less car journeys and where necessary they prioritise bus/cycle/walk/scoot. • Use your bike to get about. • Sharing instead of wasting / throwing out. • Turn-off central heating by 1 degree. • Turn-off central heating in summer/early Autumn. • Ban flying / commit to not fly (at least for holidays). • Consume less things and have more experiences. • Encourage food growing on gardens and back greens and old drying greens. • Encourage gardening. • Improve each garden and in turn aid wildlife, birds, biodiversity and community appeal. • Do better! even the little or easy steps/options. • Incentivise the community to improve garden by reducing council tax.

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Appendix I: 15941 Edinburgh Traffic Surveys, Automatic Traffic Count, Sept 2024

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15941 / Edinburgh Traffic Surveys
September 2024
Automatic Traffic Count

Site No.	Location.		Direction.	Speed Limit - PSL (mph)	Start Date.	End Date.	Total Vehicles.	5 Day Ave.	7 Day Ave.	No. > Speed Limit.	%. > Speed Limit.	No. > 110% Speed Limit.	%. > 110% Speed Limit.	No. > 115% Speed Limit.	%. > 115% Speed Limit.	Mean Speed	85%ile Speed
20	Old Church Lane in the vicinity of no.2	All Vehicles	East	20	Sunday, 29 September 2024	Saturday, 05 October 2024	15416	2687	2202	1086	7.0	119	0.8	5	0.0	15.7	18.5
			West	20	Sunday, 29 September 2024	Saturday, 05 October 2024	19986	3655	2855	2179	10.9	252	1.3	4	0.0	16.5	19.3
			East West	20	Sunday, 29 September 2024	Saturday, 05 October 2024	35402	6343	5057	3265	9.2	371	1.0	9	0.0	16.1	19.0
		Free Flow Vehicles	East	20	Sunday, 29 September 2024	Saturday, 05 October 2024	7788	1249	1113	831	10.7	104	1.3	0	0.0	16.3	19.3
			West	20	Sunday, 29 September 2024	Saturday, 05 October 2024	11445	2001	1635	1706	14.9	219	1.9	2	0.0	16.9	20.0
			East West	20	Sunday, 29 September 2024	Saturday, 05 October 2024	19233	3250	2748	2537	13.2	323	1.7	2	0.0	16.6	19.7

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21	The Causeway in the vicinity of no.46	All Vehicles	East	20	Thursday, 26 September 2024	Wednesday, 02 October 2024	1537	266	220	259	16.9	46	3.0	2	0.1	15.8	20.2
			West	20	Thursday, 26 September 2024	Wednesday, 02 October 2024	889	122	127	27	3.0	3	0.3	0	0.0	13.3	16.9
			East West	20	Thursday, 26 September 2024	Wednesday, 02 October 2024	2426	388	347	286	11.8	49	2.0	2	0.1	14.9	19.2
		Free Flow Vehicles	East	20	Thursday, 26 September 2024	Wednesday, 02 October 2024	1410	241	201	245	17.4	46	3.3	2	0.1	15.8	20.4
			West	20	Thursday, 26 September 2024	Wednesday, 02 October 2024	844	116	121	26	3.1	3	0.4	0	0.0	13.3	16.9
			East West	20	Thursday, 26 September 2024	Wednesday, 02 October 2024	2254	357	322	271	12.0	49	2.2	2	0.1	14.9	19.2