

Learning Outcomes

A number of learning outcomes have been identified through the feedback forms. These will help improve the operation of the Forum in future, and the Local Development Plan Team will try to meet as many of these outcomes as possible in future meetings.

The outcomes are set out as follows: -

- More time should be spent on particular planning topics.
- Discussion topics should be circulated with agendas (prior to meetings).
- Members not attending the Forum meeting should still receive agendas and papers.
- Members not attending the Forum should have an opportunity to comment on agenda papers/ topics via e-mail/letter.
- Question and answer sessions should be introduced to future meetings.
- General time management should be improved.
- Discussion groups should be smaller.
- Feedback forms should be collected before the end of event.
- Venues should have suitable facilities for break out sessions.
- Topic groups could be more effective if people selected their topic of interest.
- Visual Aids should be larger.

The Local Development Plan Team would like to thank all members of the Local Planning Forum who attended the inaugural meeting of the Forum at Belmont Academy on 2nd September 2009. 64 members were present at this session, including South Ayrshire Councillors, Community Councillors, development professionals and members of the public.

The Forum was introduced by Councillor Margaret Toner as Portfolio holder for Economic Development, Tourism and Leisure, and planning staff provided an overview of where the Council is its Local Development Plan preparation. Following this, workshops on site selection and development constraints gave the Forum the opportunity to comment on issues affecting the identification of land for development.

The outcomes of this meeting will shape the early stages of the Local Development Plan. As part of the Main Issues Report (February 2010) – *the first significant stage in the preparation of the Local Development Plan* – the Local Development Plan Team is working on preparing a land-use map, which will indicate where development should and should not be located. The workshops will have a direct influence on this process.

It is intended to update the Forum on how it has influenced the Plan preparation at future meetings.

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OUTCOME REPORT

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BUILDING A PERFORMANCE

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Discussion Sessions

The workshops were managed by dividing Forum members into 5 groups with approximately 14 members in each group.

Discussion Group Session 1 - Development Constraints

Table 1 shows the order of constraint priority for each group, using agreed headings. Group 5 did not prioritise as they believed the range of constraints was significant and rating would be inappropriate.

Further analysis of the Forum members' constraints data is shown in Bar Chart 1. This identifies the perceived constraints that were most commonly raised by the Forum, before any votes had been undertaken on priorities. This highlights that Accessibility was the most commonly raised constraint with over 23% (50 post-it notes) of the constraints falling within this category. Despite this, it was not the constraint voted most important to Forum members, as Table 1 highlights.

Bar Chart 1

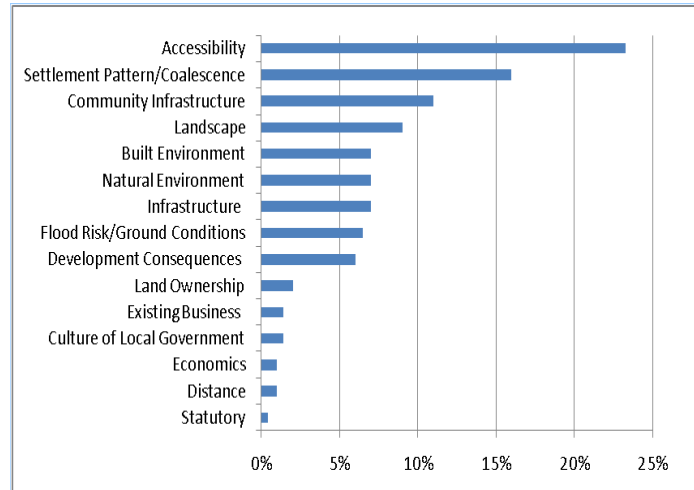


Table 1

Constraint	Congestion/ Infrastructure	Flood Risk	Employment	Character/ Townscape	Sustainability	Heritage	Land- scape	Greenfield Open ace	Caravan sites	Facilities Distance
Order of Preference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Group 2

Constraint	Development Consequences	Facilities Distance	Public Transport	Landscape	Conges- tion	Capacity	Current Planning System	Settlement Pattern	Availability	Flood Risk
Order of Preference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Group 3

Constraint	Built Environment	Settlement Patterns	Landscape	Facilities Distance	Ground Conditions	Conges- tion	Flood Risk	Settlement Coales- cence	School Capacity	Communi- ty Benefits
Order of Preference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Group 4

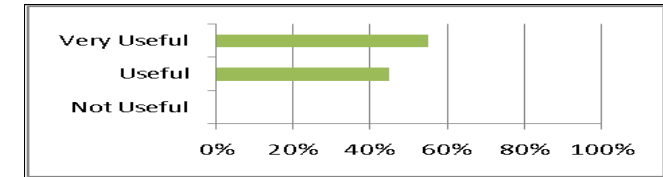
Constraint	Lack of Utility Services	Quality of Open Space	Tourism	Roads and Transport	Natural Heritage	Land- scape	Swamp- ing	Built Heritage	Lack of Rural Services	Coales- cence
Order of Preference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Group 5

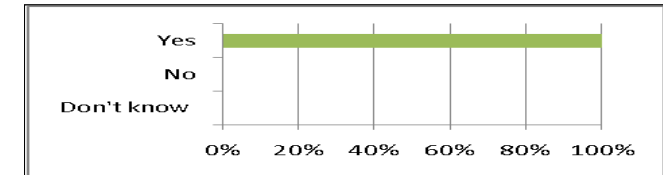
Constraint	Environmental Sustainability	Public Transport	Flood Risk	Tourism Impact	Viability	Coales- cence	Land Ownership	Settlement Pattern	Ground Conditions	Infra- structure

Feedback Information Analysis

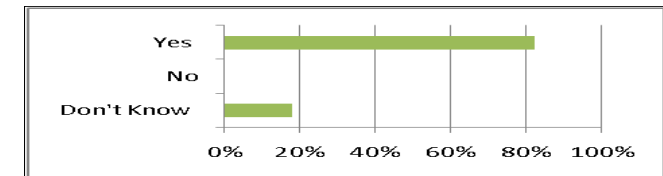
How useful was the event overall?



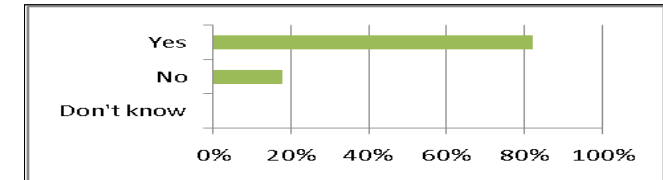
Do you consider that South Ayrshire Planning Service is moving in the right direction with the creation of a Planning Forum?



Did you find the discussion topics relevant?



Do you consider there was sufficient opportunity to put your views across in discussion groups?



Do you consider the event helped with your understanding of the Local Development process?

