

St Fillans Community Place Plan

A scenic view of a lake in St Fillans, Scotland. In the foreground, a wooden dock extends into the water, with a white boat moored at it. The lake is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the clear blue sky. In the background, a forested hillside rises, leading to a larger body of water. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

2023 to 2033

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Executive Summary

Local Place Plans were introduced through the 2019 Planning Act (Scotland), allowing people to provide a 10 year vision, and outline aspirations to influence and steer development in their communities.

These documents must take account of national and local planning policies, and local planning authorities must, in turn, take account of them in their Local Development Plans.

A Place Plan Steering Group was established in St Fillans comprising members of several community groups, including the Community Trust and the Community Council.

They secured funding from the National Park Authority and were able to hire a coordinator to support the delivery of the Place Plan.

Following an extensive community consultation, six themes were identified:

1. Land and Nature
2. Climate Change and Energy
3. Transport, Roads and Parking
4. Village Amenities
5. Housing
6. Community Resilience



After the consultation we collated and analysed the data collected and identified a number of priorities and actions that the community would like to see delivered over the next 10 years. Our top 10 priorities are:

- ◆ Access to good, reliable public and community transport.
- ◆ Increase and improve paths and trails for cycling and walking.
- ◆ Reduce speeding and improve road safety across the community.
- ◆ Improve parking across the community.
- ◆ Loch, land and forestry better managed for nature and people.
- ◆ Improve the community relationship with local landowners, authorities and agencies.
- ◆ Expand and improve the range of community spaces available.
- ◆ Assess opportunities for community owned renewables and ensure community benefit from local renewable schemes.
- ◆ Ensure services and drainage are sufficient and able to cope with further development and climate change.
- ◆ Increase spaces and activities for children and young people



Community Place Plans: What are they and why do we need one?

What are Local or Community Place Plans?

Community or Local Place Plans were introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 to give communities the opportunity and power to influence and guide local planning, development and land use.

Community Place Plans (Place Plan) set out the community's 10-year vision, aspirations, and proposals for development and use of land in their area.

Once completed they are registered with their local planning authority: here this is the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority (the National Park).

Once agreed, the Place Plan will be considered during the preparation of the National Park's Local Development Plan and Partnership Plan.

Place Plans should:

- ◆ Ensure that the whole community has an opportunity to take part.
- ◆ Be collaborative in approach, taking into account national and local development plans
- ◆ Consult with local authorities and non governmental organisations where possible.

Why are they important?

Place Plans are important as they allow communities to influence and define how their community is developed.

The preparation of a Place Plan provides an opportunity for our community to identify and define issues from land use to traffic, services to visitor management, and determine actions to resolve them.

It gives our community's vision and outlines how villagers, landowners, and businesses want our village to develop over the next 10-years. Extensive community consultations have ensured that all voices are heard, so the Place Plan is representative.

Once published, the Place Plan will help the community to obtain funding and support (such as lobbying powers). Enabling us to deliver the community's aspirations and proposals.

Our Place Plan will influence the National Park's Local Development Plan and Partnership Plan. Legally, it must be taken into account and the planning authority must listen to you.

"The aim is to significantly enhance engagement in development planning, effectively empowering communities to play a proactive role in defining the future of their places" (ScotGov, Place Plan Circular 2022).

Community Place Plans: Steering Group and Location

St Fillans Community Place Plan Steering Group

St Fillans Community Place Plan Steering Group is made up of representatives from the Community Trust, Community Council, Village Hall Committee, Festive Committee, Gardening group, Paths Group, and other interested residents.

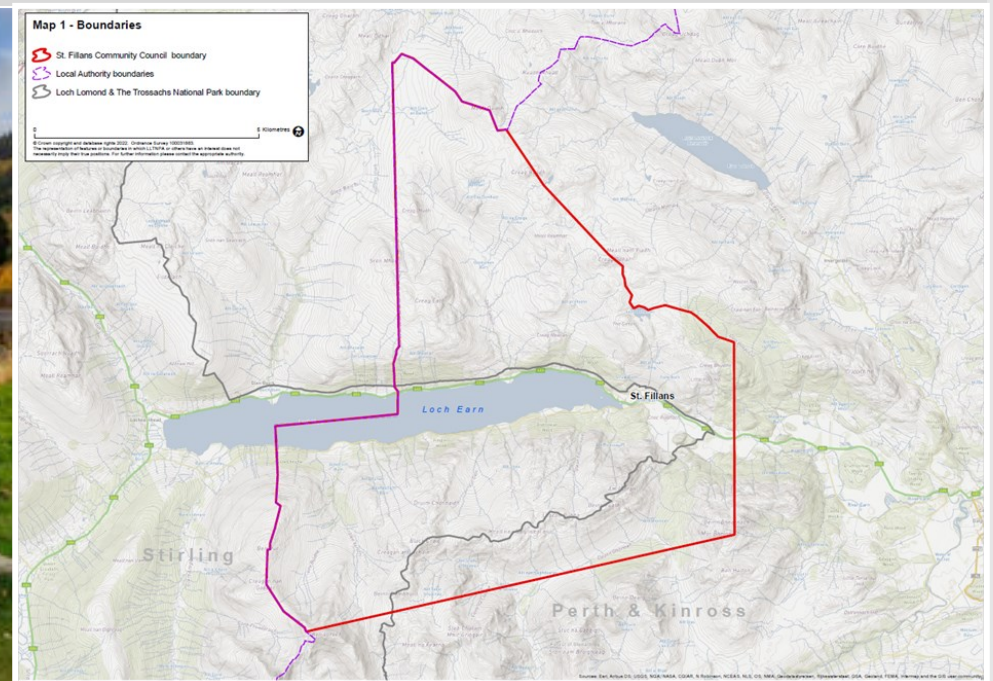
It is fully supported by the Board of the St Fillans Community Trust.

To support the delivery of the Place Plan, the Steering Group secured funding from the National Park to employ a Place Plan Coordinator.

The National Park's Communities Team and Mapping Team have also provided guidance and practical assistance.

St Fillans Community Place Plan: Where we are.

St Fillans is located in the north-east corner of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and is within the region of Perth and Kinross. It sits at the head of Loch Earn and the confluence of Strathearn to the east. It is surrounded by mountains with mixed woodland on the lower slopes and peatland on the peaks.



Community Consultation: What we did

Community Survey

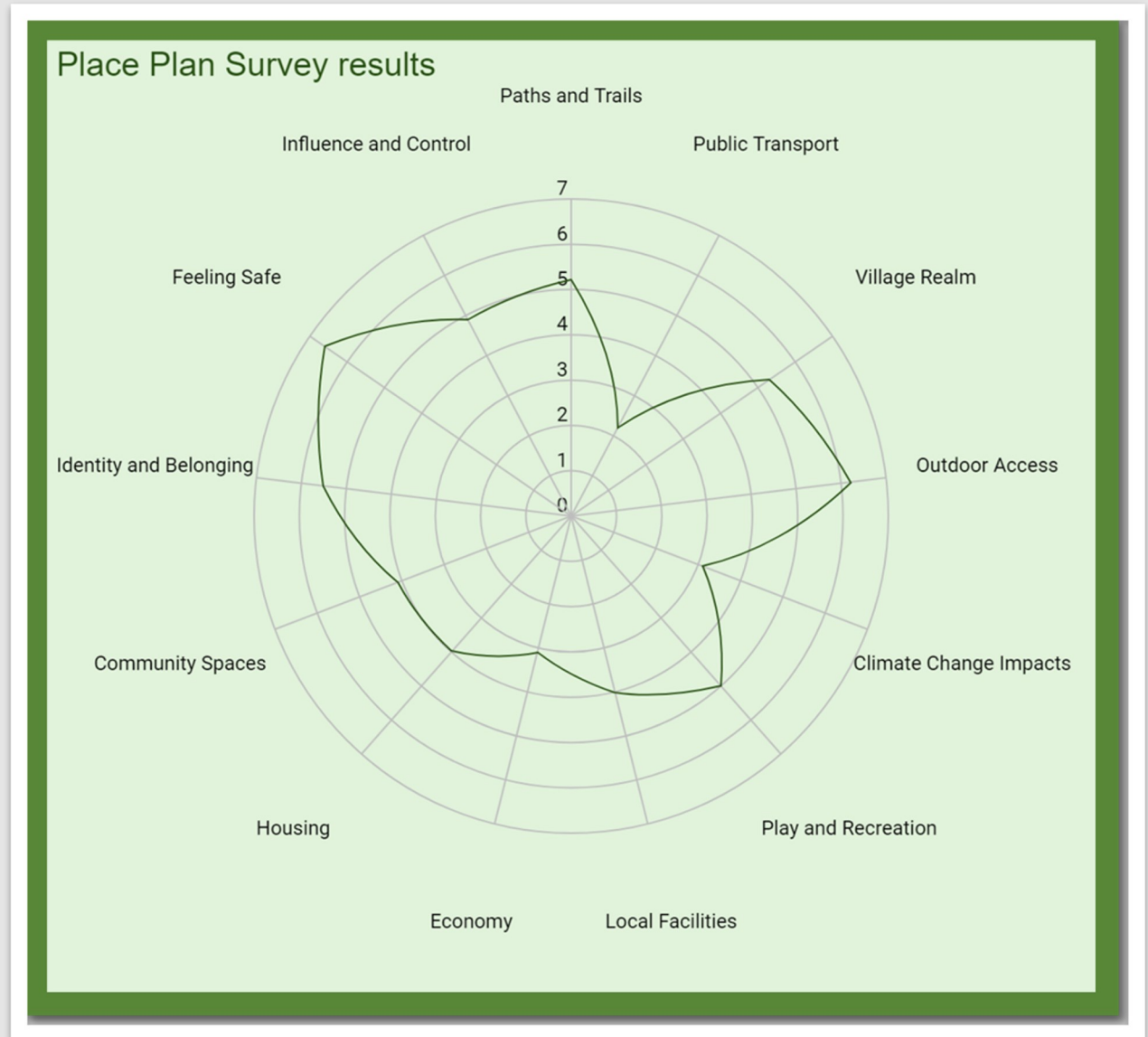
Towards the end of 2022 the Steering Group issued fliers raising awareness of the Place Plan consultation with a view to undertaking a survey in early 2023.

Based on the Place Standard, the Steering Group worked with the coordinator to tailor a survey to suit the rural village of St Fillans.

The survey was publicised through the local village WhatsApp Group, Website and community notice boards, and was issued online and made available in hardcopy format for those who did not have access to the internet. It was issued in mid-January 2023, and collected at the beginning of February.

In all, 73 people completed the survey, equating to 32% of the community.

Of the areas looked at, 'feeling safe' and 'outdoor access' scored the highest for satisfaction, while 'public transport' and 'potential climate change impacts' were of the highest concern for the community.



Community Consultation: What we did

Community Open Day

On March 26th, 2023, an Open Day was organised to discuss the results of the survey and provide an opportunity to have a more in-depth look at the priorities identified.

The Open Day ran for three hours and comprised of a short presentation by the coordinator of the survey results, followed by round table discussions.

Seven tables were available, one for each of the six themes identified and a young person's table. Each table was facilitated by a Steering Group member.

Residents were encouraged to move around the tables to discuss the results and add their thoughts and suggestions to maps and sheets.

The Open Day was attended by 41 people with an additional 15 giving their apologies.

The afternoon was very successful, with lots of enthusiastic discussions and clarification of points raised during the survey.

There are limited numbers of teenagers in the village, but several did attend this session.



Want a say in how St Fillans develops over the next 10 years?

**Community Place Plan
Open Day**
Sunday, March 26th
Sandison Hall, 2pm to 5pm

Make sure your voice is heard.

Find out the results of the Place Plan Survey

The Open Day is open to ALL residents, don't miss out on having your say. And spread the word; tell your family, friends and neighbours!

Programme

- 2pm: short presentation on the survey results.
- 2.30pm to 5pm: round table discussions on the community priorities identified.

Refreshments available!
Lifts on offer!

For more information on the Open Day, please email the St Fillans Place Plan Steering Group at stfillansplaceplan@gmail.com

Community Consultation: What we did

Business and Landowner Survey

Local businesses and landowners were approached following the survey and Open Day to gather their views on what the community's aspirations were, provide their own views on the issues, and determine how they could work with the community to make it better for all.

The survey was issued online with an option for a hardcopy if needed.

The Steering Group contacted businesses directly to encourage more participation. In all, six local businesses and landowners completed the survey.

Their suggestions and opinions were enthusiastic about more partnership working with the community. This collaboration could help progress some of the aspirations raised.



Primary School Consultation

The coordinator organised a session with St Fillans children attending Comrie Primary School.

The school were very enthusiastic as it fitted in with their curriculum that term: 'making our voices heard'.

Using questions based on the children's Place Standard template and several maps of the area, the coordinator spent two hours discussing their relationship with their community, what they liked about it and what they would like to see change.

This was attended by 10 children from St Fillans, from P2 to P7. They were very enthusiastic and engaged, having some great opinions and ideas.

Having children's voices heard is important, as they are the future of communities and often most concerned about how well it is looked after.

Community Consultation: What we did

Final Options Survey

Once the data had been collated and analysed a final series of Priorities and Actions were identified and mapped.

These were issued to the community in the form of a survey in September 2023 to rate whether they were of 'high', 'medium' or 'low' importance.

Those with the largest number of 'high' and 'high-medium' scores form the basis of the Place Plan.

In all, 46 residents took part in this final survey.



St Fillans: Who We Are.

Population and Housing

According to the 2011 Census, the last published census (the 2022 Census is currently unavailable), the total population of St Fillans is approximately 259, comprising 113 households.

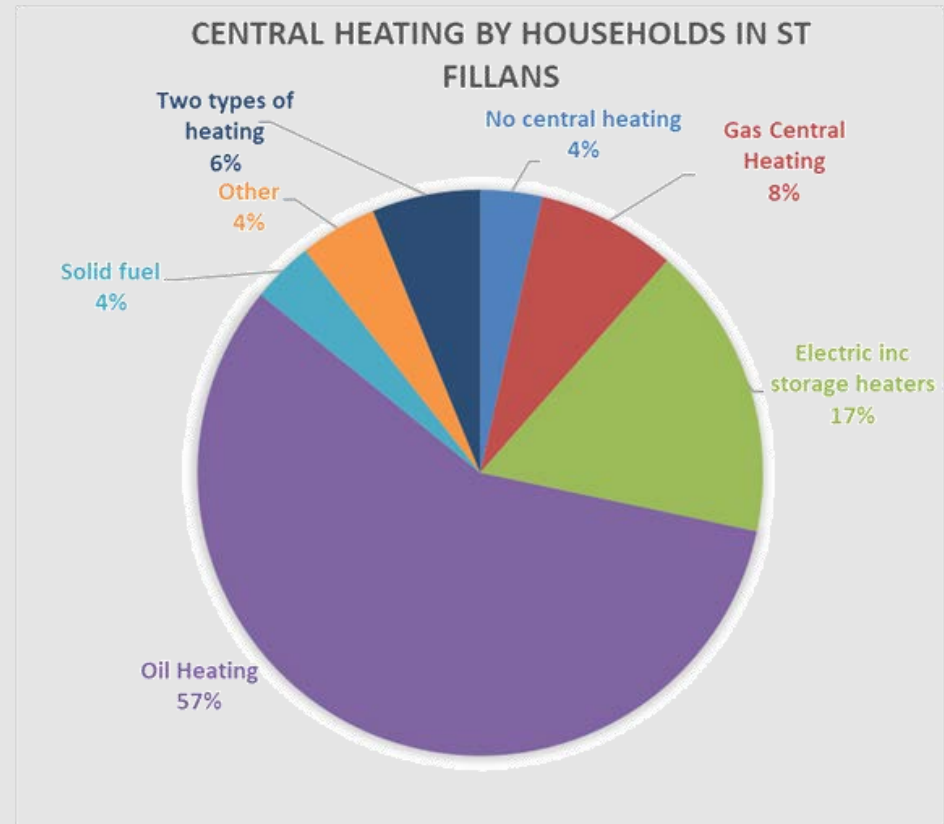
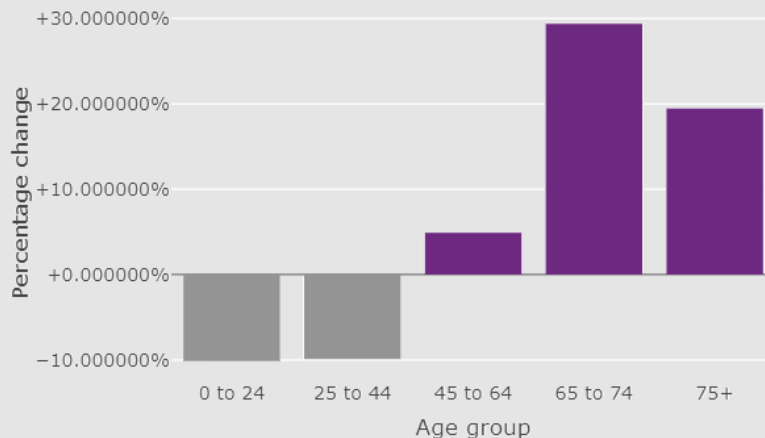
We know that the population of the community has changed and based on the 'Small Area Population Estimates for Scotland 2021', it is likely we have seen an overall increase in numbers, accompanied by a drop in the younger population of 10% and an increase on the older population of 24%.

Of the 113 households, 83 are owner-occupied homes, with 55 households owning their home outright. There are two houses that are social rent and 24 are private rent.

Around 10% of the housing in the area is likely to be second-homes.

Once the 2022 Census data has been released we will add this as an addendum in due course.

Comrie, Gilmerton and St Fillans - 05 (S01011)
Population change by age group, 2011-2021



Energy Use

Energy usage for heating homes is dominated by oil, with 57% of households relying on it.

Electric heating is the second largest at 17%, with a variety of gas, solid fuel and no central heating comprising the remainder.

With the rising price of oils and energy in general, improving energy efficiency is important for many residents.

St Fillans: Who We Are

Economy

The most recent data for St Fillan’s economy comes from the 2011 Census.

It notes that 70% of residents are employed, while 22% are retired.

Of those working, over 50% commute to local towns and cities, while 35% work from home.

Only 15% of residents work within the community.

The largest employer is the health and social care sector (13%), followed by the accommodation and service industry, including hospitality (12%).

The traditional industries, farming, forestry and fishing, account for only 5% of employment.

Community Outcomes Profile

The Community Outcomes Profile provides a snapshot of the community now, looking at child poverty, education attainment, unemployment, crime, and health outcomes.

In St Fillans both health outcomes and attainment outcomes are good, with over 6% of residents having the highest attainment.

Child poverty and unemployment rates are average at around 10% and 7.5% respectively.

However, the crime rate is rated higher than average, with 222 per 10,000, compared to 100 per 10,000 in adjacent areas.

Travel

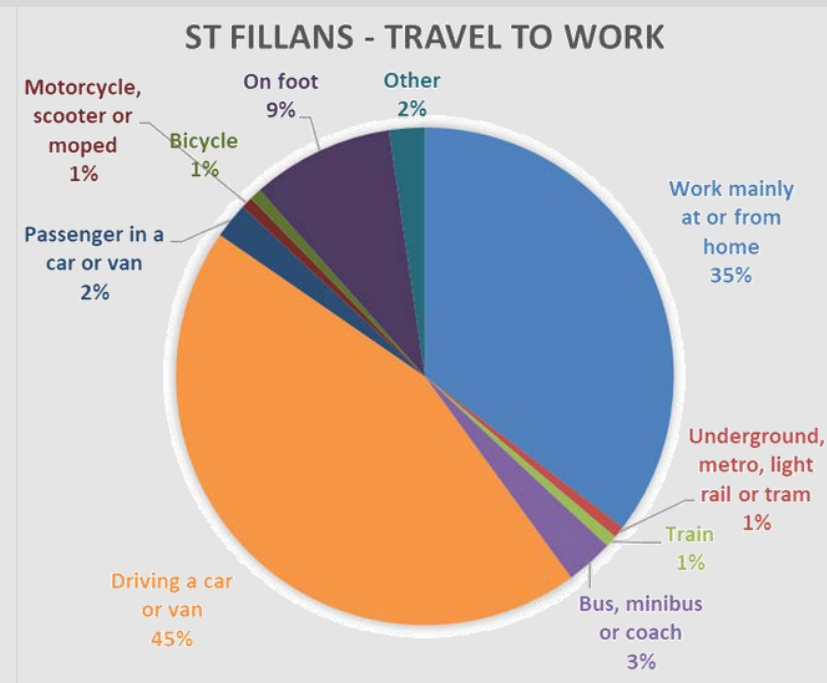
Travelling to work is one of the main contributors to carbon emissions and the energy crisis.

As with many rural areas, St Fillans is reliant on cars and vans to travel to work.

The 2011 Census notes that over 45% of residents either drive or are a passenger.

3% of people take public transport to work, and only 10% walk or cycle.

Around 35% of people work from home, and this is likely to have increased during the Covid pandemic.



St Fillans: Our History and Environment

Our History

St Fillans has a long and rich cultural heritage, dating from the Dark Ages.

Formerly the village was known as Port Mhor or Meikleport and began life as a small collection of thatched cottages and a lime kiln.

In 1817 the husband of Clementina Drummond, who was the heiress to the Drummond Estate, Lord Gwydyr, released land for development along the loch shore. The hamlet was then named after St Fillan, who was reputed to have converted the Picts at Dundurn to Christianity.

Additional information can be found on the St Fillans Community Website- [Heritage \(stfillanscc.org.uk\)](http://stfillanscc.org.uk)

Places of Historic Interest:

- ◆ **Dunfillan Hill:** known as St Fillan's Hill or Dundurn Hill located at the eastern end of the village. It was the site of a small hill fort occupied from the early 600s onwards. It is associated with the Celtic missionary Faolan the Stammerer or Leper, where the name St Fillan comes from.
- ◆ **Dundurn burial ground and chapel:** the ancient burial place of the Stewarts of Ardvorlich.
- ◆ **The Queen of Lochearn:** a popular motor pleasure boat that operated on the loch until the outbreak of World War II. She made two daily trips between St Fillans and Lochearnhead. [Queen of Loch Earn | Clyde River and Firth \(dalman.com\)](http://dalman.com)
- ◆ **Neish Island:** a man-made island or crannog, which was the main residence of the Clan Neish from around 1250 to 1420, then lived in periodically until 1622. Legend has it that the clan was nearly wiped-out following a raid on the island in 1612 by Clan McNab from Killin. Nothing remains of the fort, which once stood on the island. The island was subsequently inhabited by the Ardvorlich family, who built an occasional residence.
- ◆ **The Sandison Hall:** the village hall was formerly a library, and was named after Alexander Sandison, who bequeathed his library to the residents of St Fillans.

Places of Historic Interest:

- ◆ **Highland Games:** site on the South Shore of Loch Earn that was the location of the first Highland Games in Scotland.
- ◆ **Battle of Glen Boltachan:** In 1522 there was a battle on the land of the current Little Port Farm between members of Clan Neish and Clan McNab.



St Fillans: Our History and Environment

Natural Heritage

St Fillans is located within the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park.

Surrounded by mountains and at the head of Loch Earn it occupies a glorious site, appreciated by locals and visitors alike.

The loch sides are lined with native woodland, some ancient, with some areas of conifer plantation on the lower southern slopes.

The upper hillsides comprise a mix of grouse moor and important peatland areas occupy the tops.

There is only one Site of Special Scientific Interest in the area, Coille Chriche along the south-west shore of Loch Earn, an important alder, hazel and ash woodland and bird assemblage.

The wildlife of the area is also of note, with red squirrels and pine martens, and protected species such as osprey, golden eagles, red kites, otters, bats and even beavers making their homes in the area.

Outdoor Recreation

This abundance of nature has led to the popularity of the area for outdoor recreation and sports.

Water sports dominate, with sailing, jet skiing, kayaking, water skiing and paddleboarding, as well as loch and river fishing.

The mountain paths, including the new Cycle Path to Lochearnhead and Comrie, and trails provide ample opportunities for cycling, hillwalking, mountaineering and mountain biking.



St Fillans: Our Community Now

Community Spaces and Places

St Fillans has a number of facilities and services for its population and visitors, these include the village shop and café, two functioning hotels, Dundurn Parish Church, Crieff Hydro Water Sports centre, Sailing Club, and a visiting butcher's and fish van .

Amenities owned and managed by the community include the Sandison Hall, marquees, staging, sound system, rotisserie, generator, trailer, and defibrillator.

There is also a small recreational area at the top of Shoemakers Lane, which houses the new and acclaimed play park and a small football pitch.



Community Activities

St Fillans is an active, sociable, and connected community.

There are numerous social clubs and groups active within the village such as Knit and Natter, Ladies Lunch Club, Ladies Supper Club, Gents Supper Club, Tai Chi, Scottish Country Dancing, Bridge Club, Beer Club, book groups, and the Mighty Hikers.

The village also has several hard-working groups and committees whose focus is on maintaining and developing community cohesion and the local environment.

Some of these groups/committees report to the Community Council in an open forum, such as the Festive Committee, Village Hall Committee, Paths Group, Gardening Group, , Playpark Group, Place Plan Group, Community Hub Group and Heritage Group.

A wide range of successful social and fundraising events are regularly organised by village groups and individuals.

These include the Festive Weekend, Bonfire Night, Burns Night, and Hogmanay Party.

Talented village artists have also taken part in the Perthshire Open Arts Studios.

The village Paths Group and Community Trust are also involved with the development of the Loch Earn Railway Path, part of an accessible long-distance path.

The community is informed of up-coming events and local news via the regularly maintained St Fillans Community Council website, Facebook page, WhatsApp Group, and noticeboard.

To assist with communications there is also a village email list and phone directory.

Notices regarding village events are also displayed in the village shop.

St Fillans: Our Community Now

Previous Community Engagement

The St Fillans Community Action Plan 2017-2022 was the last significant consultation on the community's needs and wants and can be found [here](#), which replaced the previous Community Action Plan 2008-2011.

The top ten priorities identified in the previous Community Action Plan were:

- ◆ Excellent community facilities and services
- ◆ Good local information
- ◆ Engaging clubs and groups
- ◆ Well-attended local events
- ◆ Provision of well-maintained and used paths
- ◆ An attractive village
- ◆ An attractive river and loch side
- ◆ Reduce traffic speed through the village
- ◆ Well maintained roadside pavements
- ◆ Suitable and sustainable local public transport

The 2017-2022 Community Action plan was very successful and most of the aspirations were met by village working groups or interested individuals. Funding was obtained to carry out a feasibility study regarding the possible building of a new Community Hub and a viable site was identified. Traffic and roads continue to be areas for development.



Planning Policy Context and Implications

National Planning Framework 4

The National Planning Framework 4 sets out the Scottish Government's priorities and policies for planning until 2045.

These include how planning development should contribute towards reaching net-zero and a 'sustainable Scotland' by 2045.

NPF4 has three broad aims: the delivery of 'Sustainable Places', 'Liveable Places' and 'Productive Places'.

These aims are achieved through six spatial principles: that places will be 'healthy', 'pleasant', 'connected', 'distinctive', 'sustainable' and 'adaptable'.



Scotland 2045



Local Development Plans

Local Development Plans outline the planning priorities and policies at a regional level and reflect the principles set out in NPF4.

In the National Park, planning is slightly different to the rest of Scotland. The NPA must adhere to the *National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000*, which sets out their responsibilities, including statutory planning and access.

The NPA's *National Park Partnership Plan* is the management plan for the *National Parks Act*. This must be reflected in the Local Development Plan and support the delivery of the four main aims of National Parks:

- ◆ To conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area.
- ◆ To promote sustainable use of the natural resources of the area.
- ◆ To promote understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the area by the public.
- ◆ To promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities.

St Fillans: Our Vision

Our Vision is for a cohesive, connected, sustainable, inclusive and fun community, where everyone is valued.

An ambitious community where businesses can thrive and grow, and we can reach our full potential to meet current and future needs.



St Fillans: Our Aims and Themes

Our Aims: How do we achieve this?

Our Vision will be delivered through a series of aims and ambitions identified by the community. These are summarised briefly below, with more detail on the Priorities and Actions in the following themed sections. Six Themes were identified:

Theme 1: Land and Nature

This theme outlines our community's ambitions for how we access the outdoors and how the landscape around us is managed for nature and people. Our ambitions are:

- ◆ Increasing and improving paths and trails for cycling and walking.
- ◆ Improving access and safety on Loch Earn.
- ◆ Ensuring that our loch, land and forests are better managed for nature and people.

Theme 3: Transport, Traffic and Parking

This theme outlines our community's ambitions in improving public and community transport, increasing road safety, and providing better public parking. Our ambitions are:

- ◆ Ensuring access to good, reliable public and community transport.
- ◆ Investigating ways to improve parking.
- ◆ Exploring ways to reduce speeding and improve road safety across our community.

Theme 2: Climate Change and Energy

This theme outlines how our community will adapt to the climate emergency and secure better energy access and production. Our ambitions are:

- ◆ Ensuring services and drainage are sufficient and able to cope with further development and climate change.
- ◆ Improving understanding of climate change impacts and proposed mitigations.
- ◆ Assessing opportunities for community owned renewables and ensuring our community benefits from local renewable schemes.
- ◆ Investigating improving heating systems and insulation for older, rural properties.
- ◆ Lobbying for flexibility in the planning system to help householders and businesses mitigate climate change.
- ◆ Lobbying for more funding and support for rural energy costs



St Fillans: Our Aims and Themes

Theme 4: Village Amenities

This theme outlines our community's ambitions in improving our spaces, places, facilities and services, from our village hall to recycling provision. Our ambitions are:

- ◆ Encouraging increased use of the village hall.
- ◆ Improving our community spaces.
- ◆ Reducing dog fouling across the village.
- ◆ Improving the maintenance of buildings and spaces.
- ◆ Improving village facilities and infrastructure.
- ◆ Increasing recycling and waste provision.
- ◆ Extending pavements and improving their maintenance.
- ◆ Developing an affordable pub or regular community pub

Theme 5: Housing

This theme outlines our ambitions in improving housing provision across our community. Our ambitions are:

- ◆ Increasing the number of smaller homes for those who need them.
- ◆ Ensuring new housing developments are in-keeping with the village character.
- ◆ Building more affordable homes for young families and people



Theme 6: Community Resilience

This theme outlines our community's ambitions to improve engagement and participation, from how well we socialise and gel as a community, to how much control and influence we have over local decision making. Our ambitions are:

- ◆ Increasing spaces and activities for children and young people.
- ◆ Improving access to and understanding of local heritage and history.
- ◆ Ensuring we are a sociable village where everyone mixes well.
- ◆ Improving social care for elderly and more vulnerable residents.
- ◆ Improving our community's relationship with local landowners, authorities and agencies.
- ◆ Reducing antisocial behaviours across the area.
- ◆ Improving participation and representation in local groups.



Theme 1: Land and Nature.



Theme 1: Land and Nature. What we Said.

Residents

We love our paths and trails. There are lots of lovely places to go, and access is generally good. These spaces are important to everyone, from the young to old in our community.

There are some improvements we would like to see, such as finishing the Cycle Path to Lochearnhead, some more accessible paths for walking and cycling, better maintenance of some of our paths, and better information and signage.

Our loch is an important focus for all of our community. It is used regularly for swimming, paddle boarding, fishing and many other outdoor activities.

We are concerned about the number of motorised water vehicles on the loch; they can be noisy and dangerous. We would like to swim and paddleboard more safely, especially towards the eastern end of the loch.

Our community is split on how well managed the land is for nature and people, but we all appreciate how beautiful and important our environment is.

We would like to see fewer conifer plantations and more native trees, and a reduction in deer numbers.

Littering is still a big issue, especially around the loch, and visitors breaking of Byelaws is very frustrating. We would be happy to work with the National Park and local landowners to deal with these issues.



Businesses and Landowners

Paths and trails are important to many of our local businesses; for hospitality they can be a key part of our offer.

We would like to see more information, such as signs and maps, for our customers.

We would like it to be safer along the South Loch Earn Road for people who are walking and cycling.

Local landowners would like to work with the community more to help improve access and reduce clashes between people and activities such as field sports, farming and deer control.

We agree that having safe access to the loch is important, however, we must consider the needs of businesses to have good access to the loch for our customers.

There should be a balance of what the community and businesses need, with compromises on restrictions for motorised water vehicles.

The loch and the surrounding landscape is important for creativity and health for businesses with an art and fitness focus.



Theme 1: Land and Nature. What we said.

Children

It's really easy to get around the village and see friends.

We really like the cycle path and even cycle to Comrie, and we would love to see the Cycle Path to Lochearnhead finished.

Although we feel that the hills around us are well looked after, we are worried about littering on the loch side and on Neish Island, and what it might be doing to our environment.

There are nesting birds on Neish Island and we want them protected.

We want visitors to respect our area more, and stop making as much noise, dropping litter, and camping where they shouldn't.

There has even been damage done to some jetties. We would like the Rangers to do more.



Young People

We really like the paths and trails around our village, and we use them regularly, whether visiting friends or just getting out and about.

We like to use and play in the loch, although are concerned about our safety. Lots of jet skis can be scary and off-putting, and we are worried about the cleanliness of the water.

We would like a safe area for swimming and paddleboarding, and better monitoring of the water quality.

Theme 1: Land and Nature. Priorities and Actions.

Outdoor Access and Recreation

Our Priorities

- ◆ Increase and improve paths and trails for cycling and walking.
- ◆ Improve access and safety on the loch.

Our Actions

1. **Upgrade the War Memorial Path to be accessible for all-abilities.**
2. **Explore if there are any feasible locations to improve all-ability access to the cycle path.**
3. **Work with relevant bodies and partners to complete the Lochearnhead Cycle Path.**
4. **Upgrade and improve the existing path network:** improved maintenance of the Cycle Path, shared cycle path management with local relevant bodies, support the Paths Group, and install solar lights on some paths.
5. **Work with the National Park and local landowners to improve path access and maintenance.**
6. **Improve the promotion of local paths and trails:** guided walks for locals and visitors, create a suite of online and offline resources for local paths and trails, increasing signage on paths and trails with links to the online resources, promote local walks using digital and social media outlets.
7. **Work with landowners and National Park Authority to improve loch access and safety including:** establish formal community and public access to the loch and a safe area for swimmers etc
8. **Explore restrictions of motorised vessels from east of Neish Island.**

Land Management

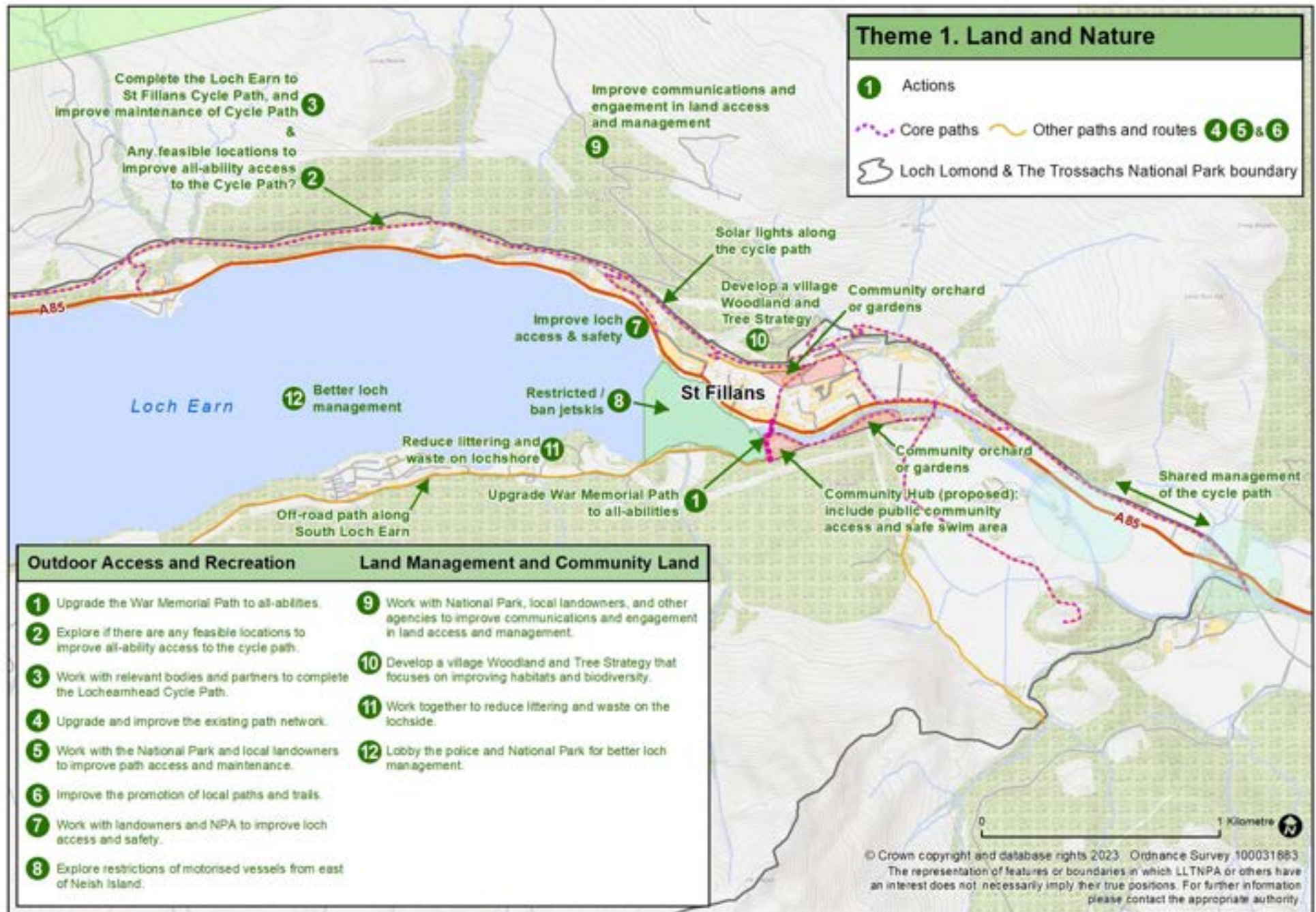
Our Priority

- ◆ The loch, land and forests to be better managed for nature and people.

Our Actions

9. **Work with National Park, local landowners and other agencies to improve communications and engagement in land access and management:** reduce monocultures and the impact of overgrazing by deer, reduce clashes with farming, field sports and deer control, improve drainage to reduce flooding and ensure storm damage is dealt with.
10. **Develop a village Woodland and Tree Strategy that focuses on improving habitats and biodiversity.**
11. **Work together to reduce littering and waste on the loch side:** work with the National Park and landowners to deal with littering, and other waste, regular community litter picks.
12. **Lobby the police and National Park for better loch management:** enforce the Byelaws to reduce irresponsible and illegal camping, work with landowners and the National Park Authority to improve water quality and drainage.





Theme 2: Climate Change and Energy.



Theme 2: Climate Change and Energy. What we said.

Residents

We expect to see more rainfall and extreme weather events such as storms and spells of heat and drought.

This will lead to more periods of flooding, rise in river and loch levels, increased fire risk, damage to property and roads, power cuts, impact on older and more vulnerable people, impact on nature and wildlife.

We would like to see better education for locals and visitors to encourage behavioural change.

Better maintenance of essential infrastructure such as drains and roads to cope with weather extremes.

Businesses and Landowners

Climate change and recent storms has started to affect some of our local businesses and landowners. Climate change has also affected some of our local estates' activities such as field sports.

Less reliable and extreme weather has made planning ahead difficult for some businesses, and restricted some activities and venues.

Loch Earn has been lower this year which led to more green-blue algae issues.

Some of our local landowners are tackling the situation through investing in renewable energy projects.

We feel that improvements to the recycling offer would be helpful. Better education for visitors on reducing and dealing with waste would have a positive impact..

There needs to be better drainage maintenance and awareness of flooding risk.

Energy costs for our local businesses have increased dramatically over the past couple of years and customer spend is down. Which is a real issue.

We need to encourage more visitors to help boost the economy, but we need the infrastructure to cope with them.

There also needs to be more government support for businesses, including support schemes, business relief, grants, and support for improving property efficiency.



Theme 2: Climate Change and Energy. Priorities and Actions.

Climate Change

Our Priorities

- ◆ Ensure services and drainage are sufficient and able to cope with further development and climate change.
- ◆ Improve understanding of climate change impacts and proposed mitigations.

Our Actions

1. Lobby local authorities, road agencies and landowners for better drain and culvert maintenance.
2. Work with relevant authorities to develop an understanding of the capacity of the sewerage system for now, and all future developments.
3. Work with the National Park and local businesses to provide information for campers and visitors to encourage more sustainable tourism.
4. Provide information and understanding on how to become a more sustainable village.



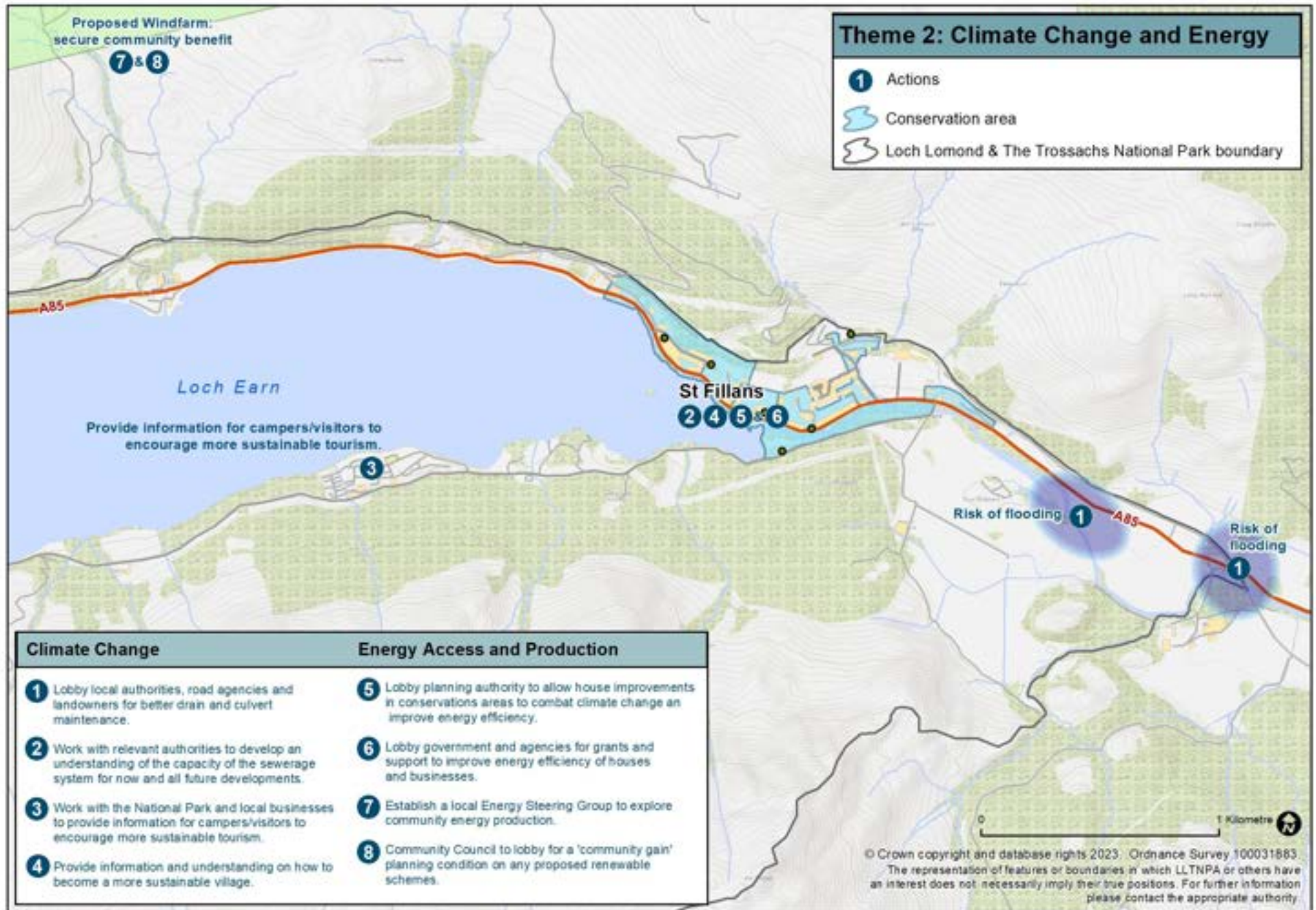
Energy Access and Production

Our Priorities

- ◆ Assess opportunities for community owned renewables and ensure community benefit from local renewable schemes.
- ◆ Investigate improving heating systems and insulation for older, rural properties.
- ◆ Flexibility in the planning system to help householders and businesses mitigate climate change.
- ◆ More funding and support for rural energy costs.

Our Actions

5. Lobby planning authority to allow house improvements in conservations areas to combat climate change and improve energy efficiency: Allowing sympathetically designed solar panels and double glazing. All new houses should be eco-homes as standard.
6. Lobby government and agencies for grants and support to improve energy efficiency of houses and businesses: funding for insulation and efficient heating systems, a 'rural weighting' for fuel and energy costs, small business support, oil price controls for rural areas.
7. Establish a local Energy Steering Group to explore community energy production: undertake a feasibility study into community renewable opportunities, explore communal heating systems, explore community battery storage.
8. Community Council to lobby for a 'community gain' planning condition on any proposed renewable schemes, such as windfarms and hydro schemes.



Theme 3: Transport, Roads and Parking. What we said.



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Residents

Our public transport is awful. It is limited, inconvenient and infrequent.

We need improved routes and timetables to local villages and towns, and to make sure that it meets connections for larger towns and cities.

We want improved public transport to help tackle climate change and make it easier for our young people and those who cannot drive to get about.

It would help young people get to work outside the village and help hospitality businesses employ staff from outwith the community.

We are generally supportive of a community transport option, though it would depend on what it was.

Speeding traffic is a real issue through the village and can be scary and dangerous.

We would really like to see some better traffic calming measures, including a 20mph zone through the centre of the village.

Crossing the road with young children can be difficult and daunting, so having a designated crossing would be really good.

Lack of parking in our community is a very big problem and leads to dangerous and antisocial parking on main roads.

We are not sure where parking should go as we don't want to spoil the character of the village, but it does need to be resolved.

Businesses and Landowners

Public transport for both staff and customers is terrible. Staff from outwith the village, such as Crieff cannot get to work in St Fillans when they are needed, and visitors struggle to take trips out using the buses.

The lack of public transport also limits potential clients, as people from local towns and villages cannot make specific sessions or workshops.

We really need better buses to local towns and villages.

Improved parking across the village is really needed for some of our local businesses.

During the season, when it is very busy, and lots of cars line the road, it can be very dangerous.

Local businesses and landowners would be happy to work with the community to identify land and create parking if the costs are shared.



Theme 3: Transport, Roads and Parking. What we said.

Young People

We don't have good enough public transport and often have to rely on our parents to drive us to places.

We need more buses to local towns and villages such as Comrie, Stirling and Perth, and better-timed buses to get us to and from college or part-time jobs.

We don't need big buses, even a mini-bus would do.

There is too much speeding in the village, especially lorries.

We feel the parking is okay.



Children

There is too much speeding in the village and motorbikes are very fast and noisy.

We only use the school bus at the moment, but when we are older we can catch the bus to Stirling and Perth - though there are not enough buses or bus stops.

We would like some 'children playing' signs near the play park to stop people speeding, and flashing signs as you come into the village.

Parking is ok, but visitors often park or turn in resident streets, which is annoying.

It would be good to see more parking in the village and along South Loch Earn Road.



Theme 3: Transport, Roads and Parking. Priorities and Actions.

Public and Community Transport

Our Priority

- ◆ Access to good, reliable public and community transport

Our Actions

1. **Lobby for an improved bus service across the area:** timetables and connections to local towns and cities, weekend and evening bus services, lobby for smaller, electric buses for short journeys between villages, improved promotion of existing services.
2. **Undertake an assessment and consultation into alternative transport opportunities:** community transport, such as car share, community mini-bus, and volunteer drive scheme, assess potential 'Direct Response Transport' options.



Traffic and Parking




Our Priorities

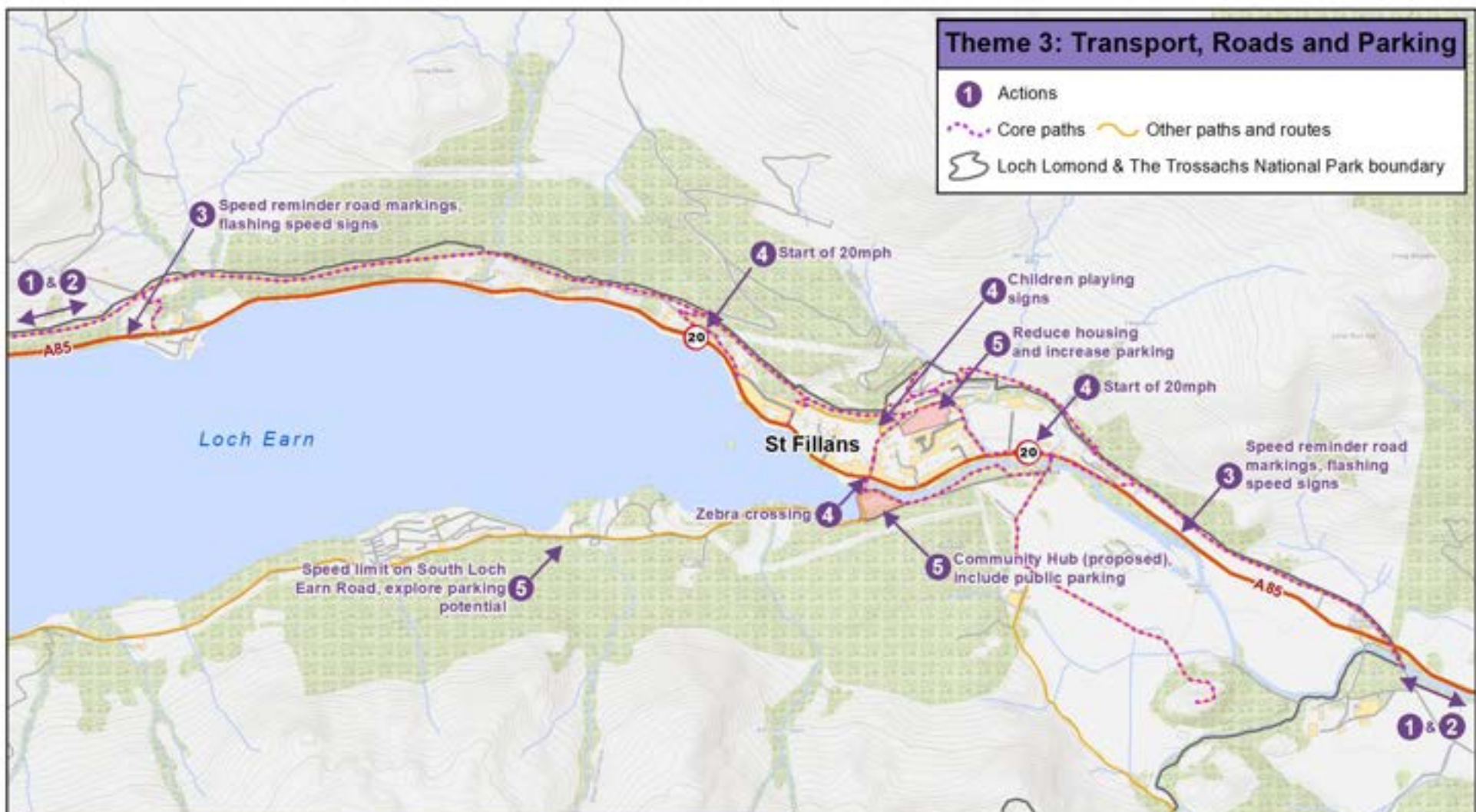
- ◆ Reduce speeding and improve road safety across the community.
- ◆ Improve parking across the community.

Our Actions


3. **Lobby the Council and Transport Scotland to reduce speeding throughout community:** undertake a speed survey, reduce limit to 20mph through the village centre, extend the 30mph limit to village outer boundaries, regular police speed checks and introduce a speed limit on South Loch Earn Road.
4. **Lobby Transport Scotland to install traffic calming infrastructure through the village:** install flashing speed signs and average speed cameras, install 'children playing' signs at play park, construct a safe zebra crossing at the Drummond Hotel, create speed reminders and markings when entering the village.
5. **Explore opportunities to improve and increase public car parking:** create parking on proposed new hall/community hub site, improve parking near the play park and at the village hall, explore opportunities to improve parking along South Loch Earn Road, work with local businesses and landowners to deliver.

Theme 3: Transport, Roads and Parking

- 1** Actions
-  Core paths  Other paths and routes
-  Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park boundary



Public and Community Transport	Roads and Parking
1 Lobby for an improved bus service across the area.	3 Lobby the Council and Transport Scotland to reduce speeding through the village and the surrounding area.
2 Undertake an assessment and consultation into alternative transport opportunities.	4 Lobby Transport Scotland to install traffic calming infrastructure through the village.
	5 Explore opportunities to improve and increase public car parking.

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Theme 4: Village Amenities. What we said.



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Residents

We are very fond of all our community's spaces.

Our play park is well used and appreciated by children and parents alike, although, there is a lack of spaces and activities for our teenagers.

We love our village hall. It is quite well used, though we feel it could be used more. It could also do with some upgrading works to modernise it.

More of us feel that we could do with some more or improved social spaces, including a larger, more modern community hub that could have multiple uses.

We love our beautiful village, it is generally well looked after and attractive. Most of our community takes pride in where we live.

Nevertheless, there are a few issues, particularly with dog mess.

Some buildings and spaces could be better maintained, such as the public toilets and Old Burial Ground.

We would like to see more recycling facilities in the village, for locals and visitors.

Accessing facilities and services in St Fillans can be challenging and we often need to travel to Comrie or Crieff to access GP surgeries or libraries.

We do, however, feel that it is generally fine, and appreciate our shop and café, and understand we are probably too small to support any more services.

We would like to see some improvement of existing facilities, with perhaps a more affordable pub in the village and better toilets facilities for the public.

Businesses and Landowners

As local businesses and landowners we really want to be part of our community and would like to feel we support and are supported by the community.

We do employ locally if we can, but often our applicants come from outwith the village.

Our businesses are for locals and visitors, and good facilities and infrastructure is important to us.

A modern space that businesses could use would be appreciated.

We would be happy to be part of organising and supporting community facilities and opportunities for the community to get together, whether through a community pub or through other social spaces.



Theme 4: Village Amenities. What we said.

Children

We love our play park, it's the best thing about St Fillans, and football field. That's where we see our friends.

Sometimes we see them at the loch side or in the shop.

We feel that the play park and the football field could be better, and we were upset by the vandalism at the play park.

We really like our village shop but would like to see more shops in the village or even an ice cream truck in the summer.



Young People

We like our play park, and it is where we like to meet our friends.

We also like to meet up at the shop and sometimes the village hall.

We would like there to be more spaces for us to use or to meet up, or some places could have more things to make them better, like benches or better equipment.

Theme 4: Village Amenities. Priorities and Actions.

Village Spaces

Our Priorities

- ◆ Encourage increased use of the village hall.
- ◆ Improve our community spaces.

Our Actions

1. **Improve use and promotion of the Sandison Hall:** organise a regular community pub night, host more activities or events such as a small gallery, afterschool clubs, table tennis, movie nights, food themed nights, a community market, regular warm space, and improve the advertising on the village website.
2. **Deliver some improvements to the Sandison Hall:** rubber matting, install Wi-Fi, purchase equipment to make the hall more useful for young people, undertake upgrades including a new floor, brighter walls, better insulation, and encourage a more representative committee.
3. **Extend social spaces and infrastructure across the village:** approach the owners of a tennis court about community use, install benches at the Wire Woman, the Weir and along the railway cycle path, and take forward the proposed Community Hub development at the east end of the bay.
4. **Undertake some improvements to the play park and football pitch:** Play park: install a covered picnic area, wheelchair access, a dedicated pet area, and outdoor gym equipment. Football pitch: low level lighting, improved drainage and surface, and better goals.

Village Realm

Our Priorities

- ◆ Reduce dog fouling across the village.
- ◆ Improve maintenance of buildings and spaces.
- ◆ Increase recycling and waste provision.
- ◆ Improve pavements and their maintenance.

Our Actions

5. **Install infrastructure and increase information and education to reduce dog fouling:** install signage and biodegradable bag stations at hotspots, and increase promotion of waste facilities through traditional and online messaging.
6. **Increase local recycling options and waste disposal:** install a bottle bank at the west end of the village, lobby to remove charges for garden waste and explore more creative composing options. Lobby for more refuse collections in summer, and better promotion of facilities through social media and traditional platforms.
7. **Improve maintenance of village streets and properties:** encourage residents and businesses to maintain and improve the quality of our village spaces, including the management of litter and waste. Explore ways to improve burial ground maintenance, and install more greenery and planters around the village.
8. **Extend and upgrade pavements across the village:** Lobby to extend the pavements to the 30mph limit, lobby to upgrade pavements near church and Manse Lane, lobby for better drain maintenance and provision of salt bins during the winter.

Theme 4: Village Amenities. Priorities and Actions.

Village Facilities and Services

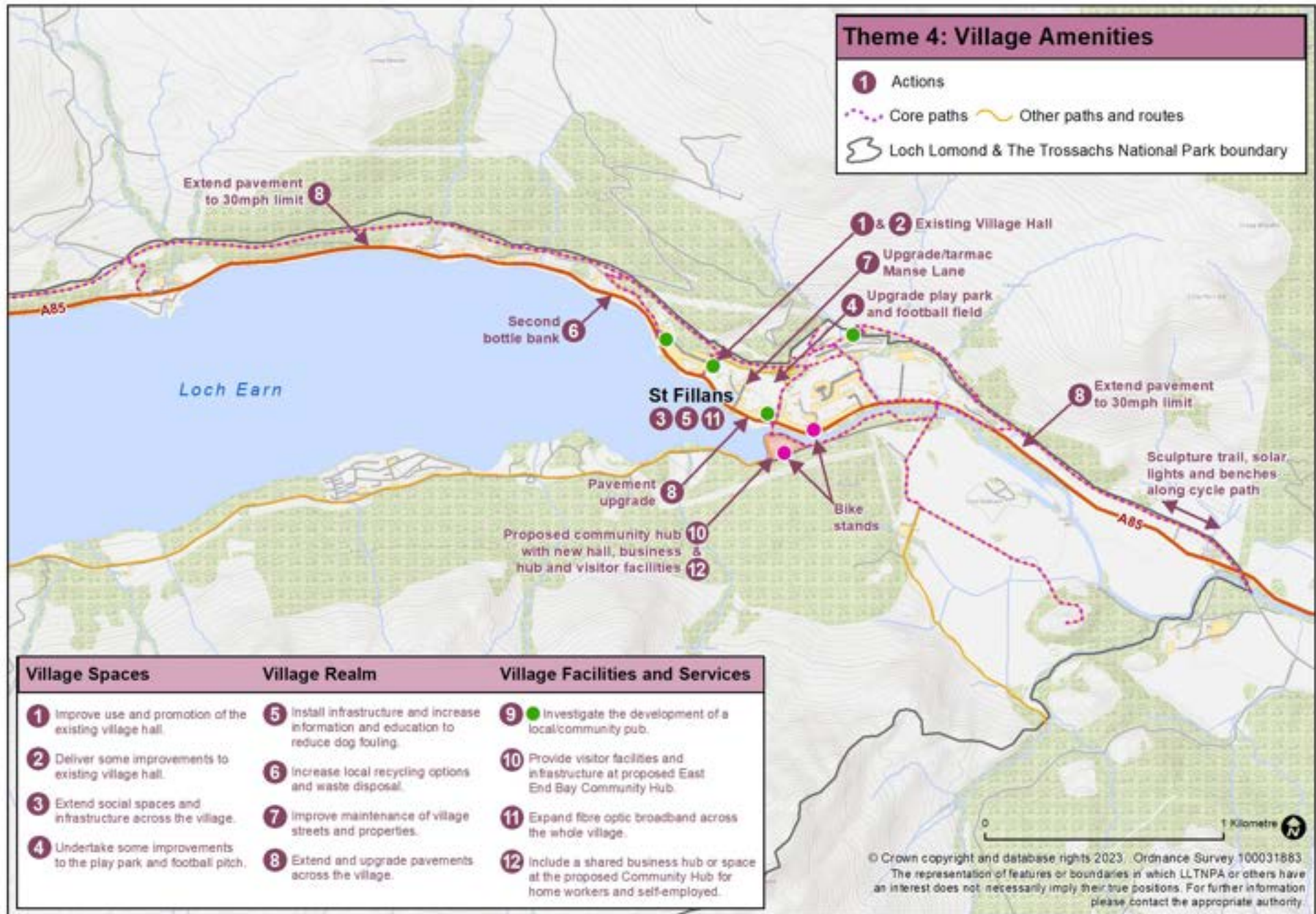
Our Priorities

- ◆ Develop an affordable pub or regular community pub.
- ◆ Improve village facilities and infrastructure.

Our Actions

9. Investigate the development of a local or community pub: approach local businesses to support or host a local or community pub night, such as the local hotels, lease local spaces or using the hall to host community run pub nights.
10. Improve toilet facilities across the village: better promotion of existing facilities through signage, noticeboards and online messaging, lobby to improve maintenance of current public toilets, investigate installing toilets at the play park, include provision of public toilets at proposed Community Hub site.
11. Expand fibre optic broadband across the whole village.
12. Include a shared business hub or space at the proposed Community Hub for home workers and self-employed.





Theme 5: Housing



Theme 5: Housing. What we said. Priorities and Actions.

Residents

We feel that there are insufficient houses in our village to meet our community's needs.

We really need more affordable homes for young families and young people, as local businesses are struggling to find staff.

We also need smaller scale housing for retirees to downsize to, which we hope would free-up larger family homes.

Most of us would welcome an expansion of the village, however, any housing built must be in-keeping and not spoil the village feel, and the local infrastructure must be robust enough to cope.

Businesses and Landowners

We generally agree with residents' views on housing in the community, we need more affordable homes and more accommodation suitable for downsizing.

Some of us are concerned about the possible increase in houses being used as holiday lets as this reduces rental opportunities for staff, making it more difficult to find and retain people.

Some of us have created our own housing, as it is the only way to ensure we get the staff we need.

Nevertheless, getting planning through for housing has been difficult and we need to think about alternatives such as self-builds.

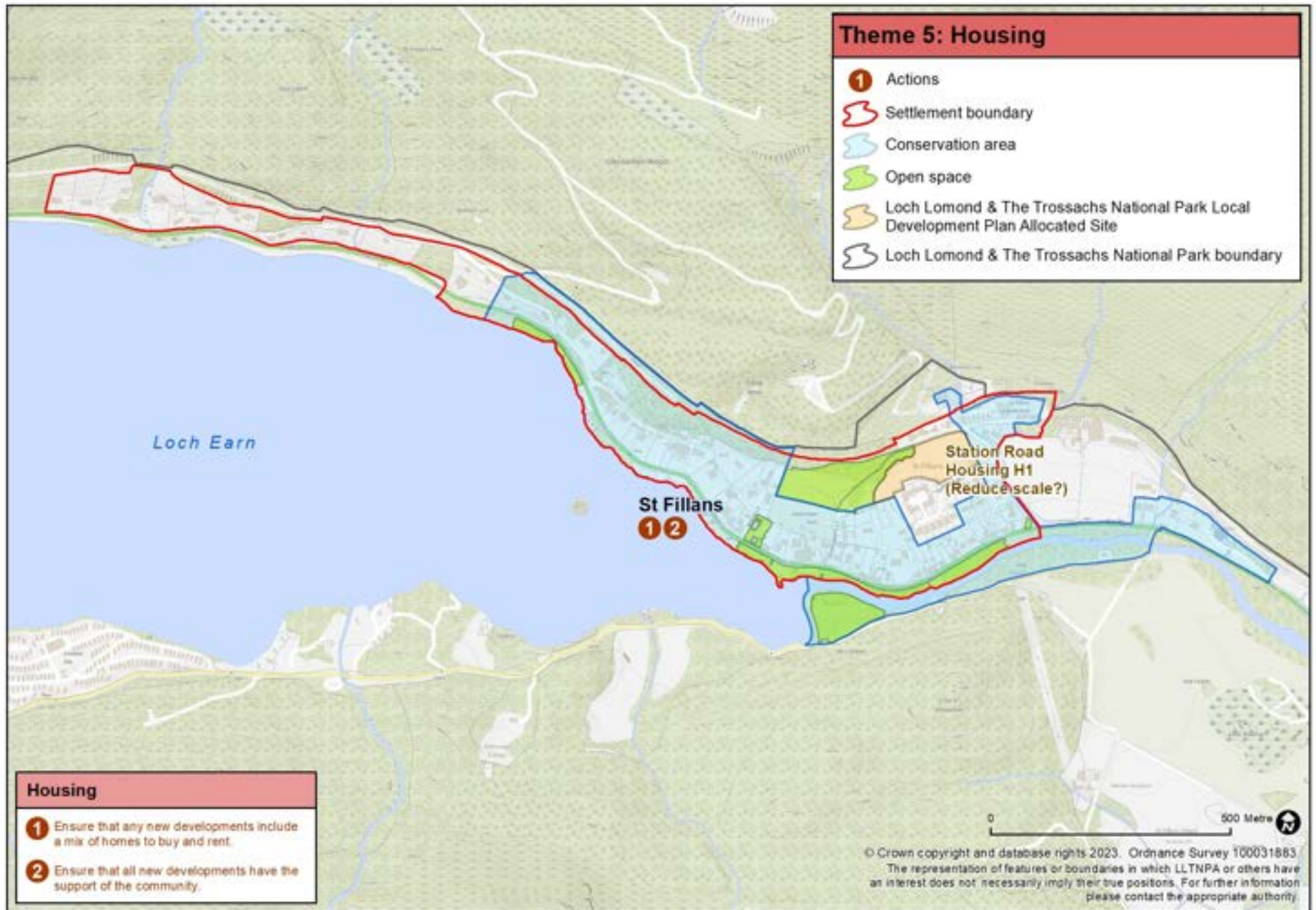
Our Priorities

- ◆ More smaller homes for those who need them.
- ◆ More affordable homes for young families and people.
- ◆ Ensure new housing developments are in-keeping with the village character.

Our Actions

1. Ensure that any new developments include a mix of homes to buy and rent: single-floored homes and sheltered for elderly people or those with mobility issues, affordable long-term lets, medium/short-term lets for seasonal workers, all new houses to be eco-homes as standard, explore options for self-builds.
2. Ensure that all new developments have the support of the community: reduce the scope of the proposed H1 housing, ensure there is full community consultation by planning of any proposed development.





Theme 6: Community Resilience. What we said.



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Residents

We feel our community is, in the main, safe, inclusive, friendly and welcoming, and we socialise well across all the demographics.

Our heritage is well known by the community and celebrated and appreciated.

We do lack in activities and spaces for our younger people, especially teenagers, and we would like to cater for them more.

Although our community is generally free from serious crime and antisocial behaviour, there are still some issues related to visitors breaking the Byelaws, camping where they shouldn't and leaving litter and sometimes even fly-tipping.

This is very frustrating, and we would like to see more done by the National Park to combat this behaviour.

Sometimes we feel ignored by local authorities and agencies, including their contractors, and occasionally even some landowners; we would like to have better communications with them.

We appreciate our community groups, including the Community Council and Community Trust, and feel they do a good job representing and delivering for the community.

We would like to see some better access to these groups, especially for working people and families, where meeting timings might not be suitable, and more effort to engage younger people.



Businesses and Landowners

We have a good relationship with our community and feel that both the Community Council and the Community Trust do a good job.

We also have good relations with other agencies and stakeholders in the area.

We are keen to work with the community for the benefit of us all and would be happy to get involved in community projects and activities.



Theme 6: Community Resilience. What we said.

Children

Although we feel happy and safe most of the time, it can get very busy during the summer and there is a lot of noise from the campsite which can be a bit scary.

We have also had our play park vandalised, which was very upsetting.

There are lots of things going on in the village hall and lots of events where we can meet up.

Our parents and other adults do listen to us. However, we would like some more things to do for children, like a youth club and some sports clubs.



Young People

Although we generally feel safe and happy in our village, we would like to see more activities for young people, such as an informal youth club and space to hangout.



Theme 6: Community Resilience. Priorities and Actions.

Recreation, Cohesion and Identity

Our Priorities

- ◆ Increase spaces and activities for children and young people.
- ◆ Improved access to and understanding of local heritage and history.
- ◆ A sociable village where everyone mixes well.

Our Actions

1. **Work with young people to set up a regular winter 'Hangout' at the village hall.**
2. **Work with children and young people to see what affordable activities might be available:** kayaking and swimming, golf, football, rugby, tennis lessons, and regular activities at the park.
3. **Ensure that activities and events cater to the whole community:** more indoor activities for older people, consult families and working people to see what they can attend, encourage more people to help develop and deliver events and activities.
4. **Broaden the types of events and activities, and improve their promotion including:** advertising events and activities as widely as possible using social media and traditional platforms, new events and activities suggestions: indoor bowling, tennis coaching, movie night, reading club, adhoc social groups and social occasions, yoga, tai chi classes, and theme nights for adults.
5. **Explore opportunities to increase knowledge and interest in our heritage:** offer heritage tours and walks, establish a permanent exhibition and village archive at an appropriate venue, re-establish the Heritage Group to deliver the exhibition.

Control and Influence

Our Priorities

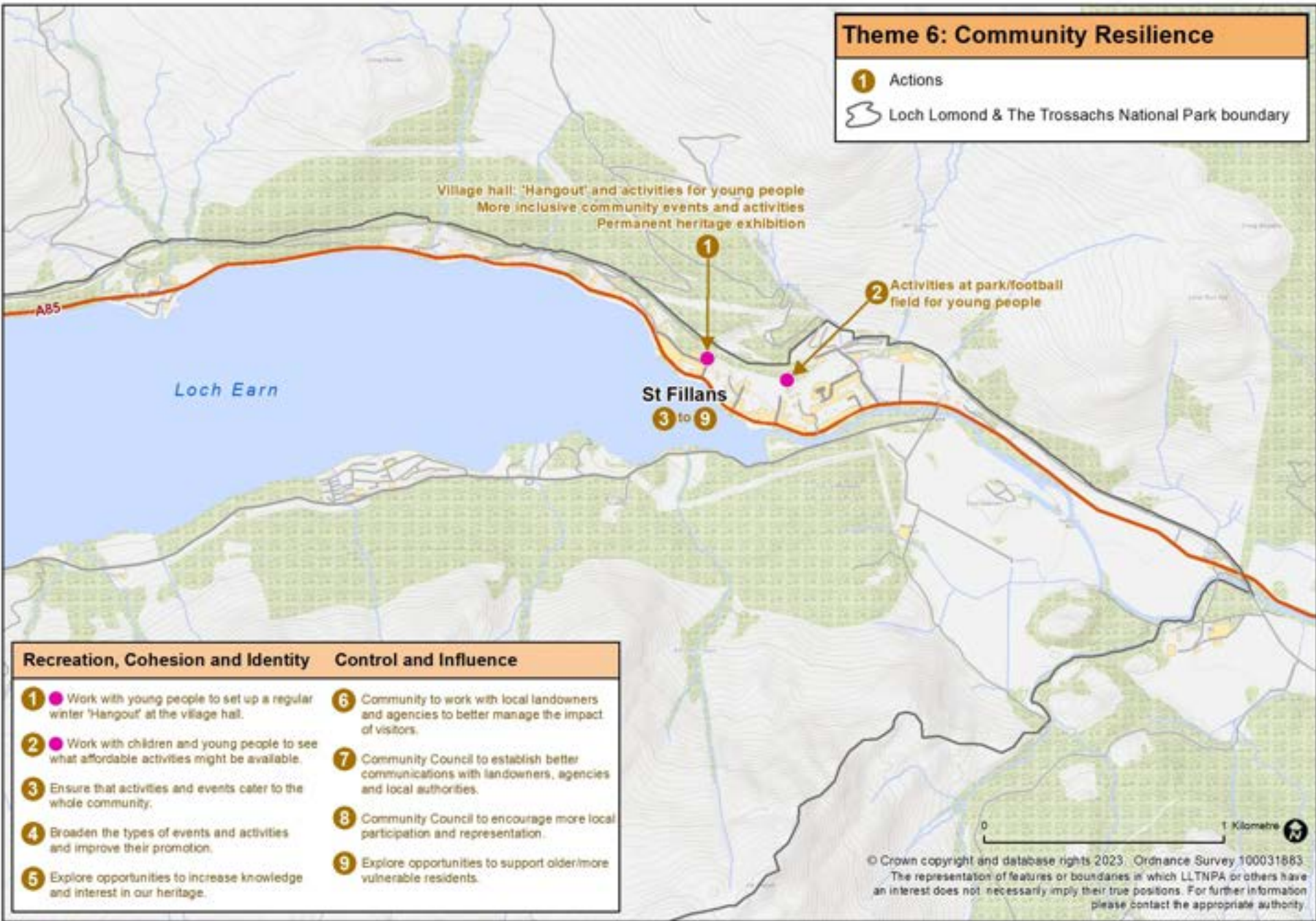
- ◆ Improve the community relationship with local landowners, authorities and agencies.
- ◆ Reduce antisocial behaviours across the area.
- ◆ Improve participation and representation in local groups.
- ◆ Improve social care for elderly and more vulnerable residents.

Our Actions


6. **Community to work with local landowners and agencies to better manage the impact of visitors:** better enforcement of the Byelaws and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, more National Park Ranger presence, police presence for traffic management and anti-social behaviours, improve signage and information.
7. **Community Council to establish better communications with landowners, agencies and local authorities:** regular meetings and contact, request regular police and local authority updates at meetings, provide more support for local businesses and their development.
8. **Community Council to encourage more local participation and representation:** explore ways to become more representative, provide wider consultation when making significant decisions, provide online access to meetings and proactively engage with underrepresented groups such as young people and families.
9. **Explore opportunities to support older and more vulnerable residents:** identify local carers, investigate community transport options.

Theme 6: Community Resilience

- 1** Actions
-  Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park boundary



Recreation, Cohesion and Identity	Control and Influence
<p>1  Work with young people to set up a regular winter 'Hangout' at the village hall.</p> <p>2  Work with children and young people to see what affordable activities might be available.</p> <p>3 Ensure that activities and events cater to the whole community.</p> <p>4 Broaden the types of events and activities and improve their promotion.</p> <p>5 Explore opportunities to increase knowledge and interest in our heritage.</p>	<p>6 Community to work with local landowners and agencies to better manage the impact of visitors.</p> <p>7 Community Council to establish better communications with landowners, agencies and local authorities.</p> <p>8 Community Council to encourage more local participation and representation.</p> <p>9 Explore opportunities to support older/more vulnerable residents.</p>

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Current Local Development Plans and Strategies

National Park's Local Development Plan

The current Local Development Plan 2017-2021 has three overarching areas that guide development across the National Park:

- ◆ Conservation
- ◆ Visitor experience
- ◆ Rural development.

These contribute to a series of interlinked visions, which form the basis for development. These include:

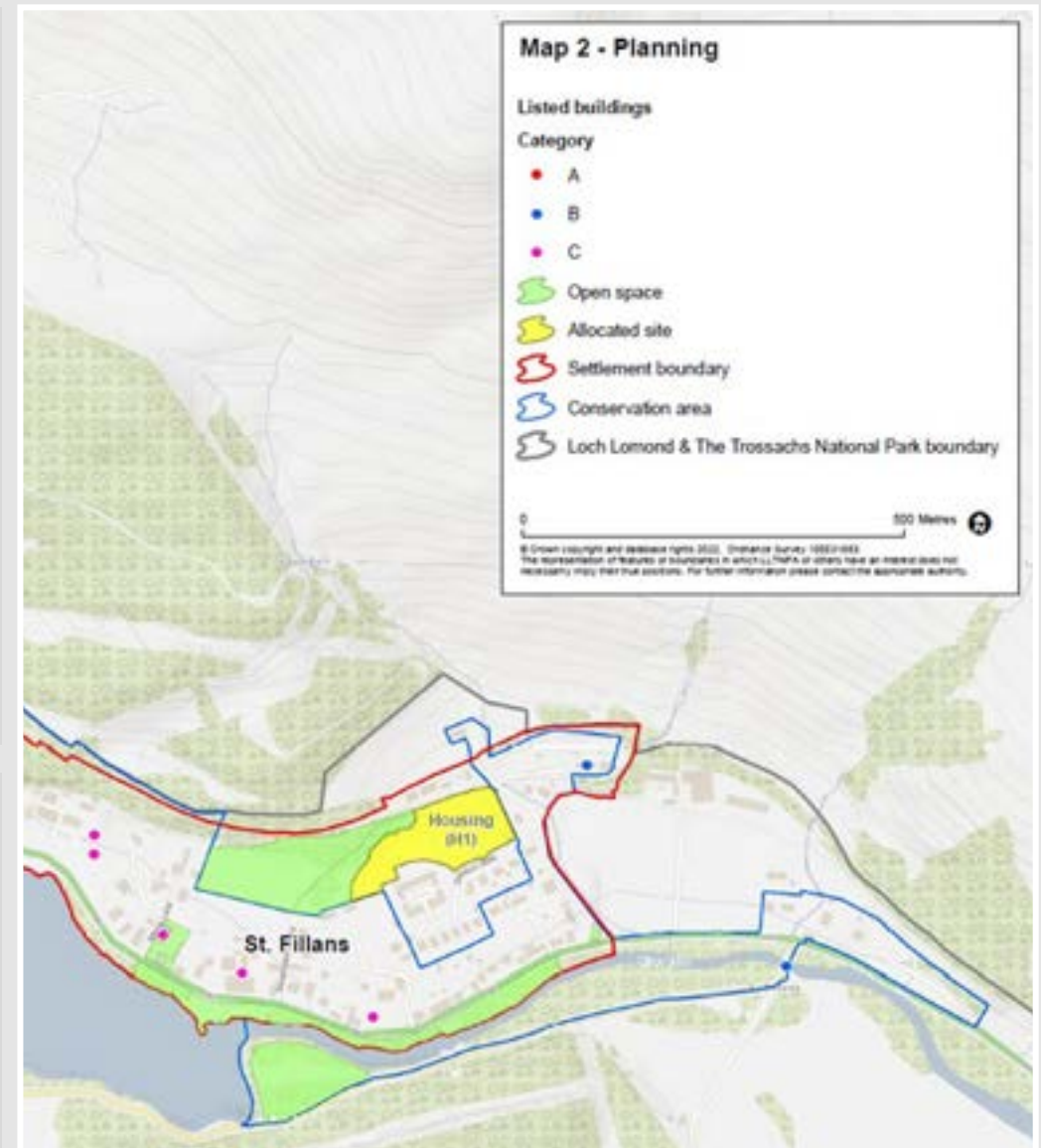
- ◆ Safeguarding natural and cultural assets and historical buildings.
- ◆ More travel options including active travel and water travel.
- ◆ High quality visitor accommodation and camping options.
- ◆ Development that enhances towns and villages and supports thriving communities and the rural economy.
- ◆ Supporting the needs of everyone, including assisting young people to stay and work in the National Park.

Local Development Plan: St Fillans

The current Local Development Plan identifies St Fillans as a village within the remote rural area.

Although it is within an area identified as having new small-scale tourism development opportunities, there are no placemaking priorities for the area.

Only one allocated site is identified within the St Fillans area, Housing Site (H1) at Dundurn Walk (see below), which has provision for 16 homes.



Current Local Development Plans and Strategies

National Park's Partnership Plan

The National Park Authority's Park Partnership Plan details how they will work with stakeholders to deliver their vision of a healthy, sustainable and thriving National Park.

The new Partnership Plan (2024-2029) is currently being developed and a first draft was launched in summer 2023 for consultation.

Although it is not a final version, it is likely that the main bulk of the content will remain.

There are three overarching themes for the new Partnership Plan:

- ◆ Restoring Nature
- ◆ Creating a Sustainable, Low-carbon Destination
- ◆ Enabling a Greener Economy and Sustainable Living.

Although St Fillans is not mentioned directly in the Partnership Plan, the overall ambition of the National Park's plans will affect how the community and its surrounding landscape will develop.

Partnership Plan: Overarching Themes

1. **Restoring Nature:** restoring nature for climate, restoring nature for healthy ecosystems, and shaping a new land economy by:
 - ◆ Reducing and repairing degraded peatland.
 - ◆ Increasing the number and diversity of trees.
 - ◆ Increasing the quality and health of all water environments.
 - ◆ Undertaking landscape scale nature restoration.
 - ◆ Ensuring communities are engaged in land use decisions.
 - ◆ Supporting green jobs, skills and business opportunities.

Partnership Plan: Overarching Themes cont.

2. **Sustainable, Low-carbon Destination:** connecting everyone with nature, improving popular places and routes, and low carbon travel for everyone by:
 - ◆ Providing outdoor education and learning.
 - ◆ Providing opportunities to increase audiences and volunteers.
 - ◆ Developing a multi-year programme of improvements.
 - ◆ Working with partners to better manage visitors and Byelaws.
 - ◆ Encouraging sustainable travel choices a rural transport sector.
3. **Enabling a Greener Economy and Sustainable Living:** transitioning to a greener, rural economy, living well locally, and harnessing development and infrastructure investment by:
 - ◆ Supporting communities and businesses to transition to a green economy.
 - ◆ Supporting residents to reduce their carbon emissions;
 - ◆ supporting communities in adapting to climate change.
 - ◆ Ensuring that housing meets the needs of the local population.
 - ◆ Supporting communities to improve public and community travel.
 - ◆ Supporting communities to influence planning and own assets.
 - ◆ Ensuring that all new development is carbon neutral and benefits the community.
 - ◆ Ensuring that derelict and vacant land is brought back into use to benefit communities and businesses.

Planning Implications

This is an assessment of the Local Development Plan (LDP) and National Park Partnership Plan (NPPP) and incorporating suggested amendments and considerations to meet the vision and ambitions of the Community Place Plan. Please see the table below.

Top Priorities in LPP relevant to LDP and NPPP	Detailed Actions in LPP	Suggested amendment/consideration for LDP or NPPP
Land and Nature		Theme 1 Map
Increase and improve paths and trails for cycling and walking.	<p>Action: <i>Upgrade the War Memorial Path to all-abilities.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Work with the National Park and local landowners to improve path access and maintenance.</i></p>	<p>LDP: War Memorial Path identified as a Core Path on p81.</p> <p>NPPP Objective: <i>“Investment in the National Park’s recreational path network will focus on keeping the existing network and statutory core paths in good condition”.</i></p> <p>Amendment to LDP for Memorial Path upgrade.</p> <p>Consideration for partnership working in NPPP.</p>
Improve access and safety on the loch.	<p>Action: <i>Establish a formal community and public access area to the loch.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Create a safe area for swimmers and paddleboarders.</i></p>	<p>LDP: Area classified as Open Space on p81. Ambition for safe area to be included in LDP.</p> <p>NPPP Objective: <i>“Promoting Visitor Safety: A coordinated approach will be taken across responsible bodies to ensure the safe enjoyment of publicly managed and other popular visitor sites.”</i></p> <p>NPPP Action: <i>“raise awareness of public safety issues and potential hazards in the outdoors, particularly in relation to water safety.”</i></p> <p>Consideration for a safe swimming area in LDP and NPPP.</p>

Planning Implications

Top Priorities in LPP relevant to LDP and NPPP	Detailed Actions in LPP	Suggested amendment/consideration for LDP or NPPP
Land and Nature		Theme 1 Map
<p>The loch, land and forests are better managed for nature and people.</p>	<p>Action: <i>Reduce monocultures and overgrazing by deer.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Develop a Woodland and Tree Strategy that focuses on improving habitats and biodiversity .</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Work together to reduce littering and waste on the loch side.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Lobby the police and National Park for better loch management.</i></p>	<p>NPPP Objective: <i>“To increase the number, species diversity and health of trees across suitable areas of the National Park”.</i></p> <p>NPPP Objective: <i>“Reduce grazing, browsing and trampling pressures in order to promote recovery of key habitats and sites”.</i></p> <p>NPPP Action: <i>“Encourage and support more projects and proposals that deliver healthy and diverse tree and shrub habitats in suitable landscapes in the National Park”.</i></p> <p>NPPP Objective: <i>“To ensure a strong partnership approach to coordinating all public bodies with a role in supporting the safe and responsible enjoyment of the National Park.”</i></p> <p>NPPP Action: <i>“plan visitor management with partners to ensure a co-ordinated approach to staff presence on the ground, litter management...”</i></p> <p>NPPP Objective: <i>“To increase the quality, naturalness, and health of freshwater and marine bodies in the National Park”</i></p> <p>Consideration in the NPPP for more partnership working.</p> <p>Consideration to work together to improve loch management in NPPP.</p>

Planning Implications

Top Priorities in LPP relevant to LDP and NPPP	Detailed Actions in LPP	Suggested amendment/consideration for LDP or NPPP
Climate Change and Energy		Theme 2 Map
Ensure services and drainage are sufficient and able to cope with further development and climate change.	Action: <i>Work with relevant authorities to develop understanding of the capacity of the sewerage system for now and future developments.</i>	LDP: H1 Housing identified on p81. Consideration that sewerage capacity taken into account during planning assessment.
Improve understanding of climate change and proposed mitigations.	Action: <i>Work with the National Park and local businesses to provide information for campers and visitors to encourage more sustainable tourism.</i> Action: <i>Allowing sympathetically designed solar panels and double glazing where needed.</i> Action: <i>All new houses should be eco-homes as standard.</i>	NPPP Objective: <i>“Outreach and outdoor learning programmes are focused on building understanding of the challenges facing our planet, inspiring action for nature and climate and promoting the wellbeing benefits of enjoying the outdoors.”</i> LDP Overarching Policy 1: <i>“Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through sustainable design; use of energy efficient materials, passive solar design, landscaping and micro renewables, connecting or creating opportunities to a shared heating scheme”.</i> Consideration for partnership working included in NPPP. Amendment to ensure that planning policy considers support for householders and businesses to incorporate green measures in conservation areas, and that new houses should be ‘eco-homes’.
Ensure community benefit from local renewable schemes	Action: <i>Community Council to lobby for a ‘community gain’ planning condition on any proposed renewable schemes, such as windfarms and hydro schemes.</i>	LDP: Renewable Energy Policy does not incorporate a community gain into their criteria. Amendment in LDP that a community gain condition should be applied to every renewable scheme proposed in the National Park.

Planning Implications

Top Priorities in LPP relevant to LDP and NPPP	Detailed Actions in LPP	Suggested amendment/consideration for LDP or NPPP
Traffic and Parking		Theme 3 Map
Improve parking across the community.	Action: <i>Explore opportunities to improve and increase parking – proposed community hub site and near Play Park.</i>	LDP: H1 Housing identified on p81. Amendment in LDP to reduce scope of H1 and incorporate small-scale parking for Play Park. Consideration in LDP for public parking to be incorporated at the proposed Community Hub site.
Village Amenities		Theme 4 Map
Improve our community spaces.	Action: <i>Extend social spaces and infrastructure across the village – community hub development at East End Bay.</i>	LDP Community Facilities Policy: “New community facilities which contribute to the qualities of a successful place will be supported where they are located within Towns, Villages or within Small Rural Communities.” Amendment to LDP to include the East End Bay proposal.
Improve village facilities and infrastructure.	Action: <i>Improve toilet facilities across the village – explore toilets near the play park and provision in the proposed community hub site.</i> Action: <i>Include a shared business hub at the proposed community hub site.</i>	LDP: Visitor Experience Policy 1 states that “New or improved/expanded/altered visitor facilities” will be supported where the development “will help deliver a Visitor Management strategy or action identified in the National Park Partnership Plan”. NPPP: Visitor Experience p27. They will support “Opportunities which exist for the creation of new tourism services, facilities and accommodation throughout the National Park”.

Planning Implications

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		<p>NPPP Action p103: "Support opportunities to re-purpose and for multi-use of existing facilities including halls, local business hubs and valued heritage assets within communities".</p> <p>LDP: Currently no provision for this kind of development.</p> <p>Amendment in LDP to include public toilets in proposed community hub at East End Bay.</p> <p>Consideration in LDP to explore toilets at H1.</p> <p>Consideration of inclusion of a business hub in the LDP at the proposed community hub at East End Bay.</p>
Housing		Theme 5 Map
<p>More smaller homes for those who need them.</p> <p>More affordable homes for families and young people.</p>	<p>Action: Ensure that any new developments include a mix of homes to buy and rent – affordable homes, sheltered accommodation, self-builds.</p>	<p>NPPP Action p97: "Through the National Park Authority's planning role and working with housing partners, ensure new housing more closely corresponds to identified requirements of communities and the local labour force".</p> <p>NPPP Objective p103: "Housing within the National Park better meets the needs of young and working-age people who want to work and live in the National Park, directly supporting the rural economy and vibrant rural communities".</p>

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		<p>NPPP Action p103: <i>“Through the new Local Development Plan, ensure that new housing responds to meeting local housing needs of both communities and the rural economy through a continued focus on affordable housing provision and securing delivery of a broader range of housing types and tenures”.</i></p> <p>LDP St Fillans p81, H1 housing allocation.</p> <p>LDP Housing Policy 1: <i>“A range of house types, sizes and tenures will be provided on all sites to help meet the needs of everyone living and working within the National Park”.</i></p> <p>LDP Housing Policy 2: <i>“Sites for 4 or more homes shall provide for affordable housing needs in accordance with Affordable Housing Requirements”</i>: 25% for St Fillans.</p> <p>Consideration in LDP for an increase in the percentage of affordable homes and sheltered housing.</p>
<p>Ensure new housing developments are in-keeping with the village character.</p>	<p>Action: <i>Reduce Scope of proposed H1 housing.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Ensure community consultation by planning for any development beyond self-build.</i></p>	<p>LDP Housing Policy 2: <i>“Each site shall be developed to a density which is in keeping”.</i></p> <p>LDP Housing Policy 2: will be supported <i>“where new housing is sensitive to the scale and character of the host small rural community”.</i></p> <p>Consideration in the LDP for full community consultation for any housing development.</p> <p>Amendment to reduce scope of H1 to increase parking.</p>

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<p>Recreation, Cohesion and Identity</p>		<p>Theme 6 Map</p>
<p>Improve the community relationship with local landowners, authorities and agencies.</p> <p>Reduce antisocial behaviours across the area.</p>	<p>Action: <i>Better enforcement of the Byelaws and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>More National Park presence for littering, irresponsible camping, jet-skis, vandalism, and managing loch access and maintenance.</i></p>	<p>NPPP Action p76: <i>“Jointly plan visitor management with partners to ensure a co-ordinated approach to staff presence on the ground, litter management, visitor information campaigns and operation of publicly managed visitor facilities”.</i></p> <p>Consideration of more community partnership working in NPPP to mitigate visitor impacts.</p>



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