



1. BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Town and village centres, residential streets and country roads, parks and playgrounds, paths and pavements, buildings and car parks, together with the backdrop of landscape, are vital to creating a quality built environment. They are part of our everyday lives, supporting transport, tourism and business. Natural and built heritage and the historic environment also have an important role in contributing to the unique fabric and character of an area.. Other important aspects of the built environment include the need for quality and affordable housing, creating and maintaining open spaces within our built environments and maintaining distinctive and well-designed buildings.

1.1 Will the initiative maintain or enhance the character of built heritage or a particular historical feature in the area? *(for example scheduled monuments, archaeological structures and sites, historic buildings, townscapes, parks, gardens and designed landscapes)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

1.2 Will the initiative help to provide a sufficient range of (particularly affordable) housing that is well-designed and sustainable?

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

1.3 Will the initiative be well designed to support and enhance local distinctiveness whilst creating a "sense of place"? *(for example sympathetic and sensitive design, architecture and green infrastructure)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

1.4 Will the initiative help to ensure that a wide range of accessible, attractive and safe open spaces are available to all? *(for example green space including land, water and geological features, or civic space such as civic squares and market places)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

2. CLIMATE CHANGE

An increase in the earth's temperature (from burning of fossil fuels) together with changes in wind patterns and precipitation has led to changes in climate and increased disruption in weather patterns - causing severe drought, floods, storms and rising sea levels, with devastating consequences for communities. By including climate change in our future plan and decision making and improving awareness of climate change, we can adapt to these effects and minimise their impact on local services and communities.

Adapting the way we live can also help us reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Industry, transport (especially road transport) and households produce the majority (about 61%) of greenhouse gases in the region. The Scottish Government have set a target of a 80% reduction of emissions by 2050. Reducing the use of energy from fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal is the simplest route to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, especially carbon dioxide. In addition, more energy needs to come from sources which emit little or no carbon dioxide - most particularly through new and renewable sources such as wind, solar or biomass energy.

2.1 Will the initiative take into account potential changes brought about by climate change?

(for example, flooding, higher temperatures, heatwaves and more frequent storms)

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

2.2 Will the initiative help to mitigate greenhouse gases?

(for example reducing the use of energy from fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal, and promoting the use of new and renewable sources such as wind, solar or biomass energy)

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

3. COMMUNITY

Sustainable communities meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, are sensitive to their environment, and contribute to high quality of life. They are active, safe and inclusive; well planned, built and run; economically thriving and well connected; environmentally sensitive; fair for everyone with equal opportunity and good services for all.

3.1 Will the initiative improve and support access to jobs, services and amenities for the local community? *(for example GP surgeries/medical centres, local shops, Post Office, bus stops and bus/train stations), community centres and places of worship)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

3.2 Will the initiative contribute towards reducing crime, disorder and danger and support social cohesiveness? *(for example mutual tolerance, respect and engagement among people from different cultures, background and beliefs; community identity and belonging; and civic responsibility and pride)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

3.3 Will the initiative seek to adequately engage with all members of the community in the decision-making process for the area through using VOICE?

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

3.4 Will the initiative help support and enhance the local identity whilst promoting citizenship? *(for example creating a sense of place with: a positive 'feeling' for people and local distinctiveness; civic values, responsibility and pride; and community identity and belonging)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

3.5 Will the initiative help promote social inclusion for all? *(for example a combination of problems such as: unemployment, discrimination, poor skills, low incomes, poor housing, poor health, high crime and family breakdown)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

4. CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION

Consumption refers to all the ways we use the planet's resources in our everyday lives; from the food, clothes and electronics we consume to our central heating, how we get about and where and how we take our holidays. These products and services all have social and environmental impacts, whether in their production and distribution, when in 'use' or when they are thrown away as waste. Sustainable consumption and production is about achieving more with less. This includes reducing the inefficient use of resources, looking at the impact of products and materials across their whole lifecycle and encouraging people to think about the social and environmental consequences of their purchasing choices.

4.1 Will the initiative promote more sustainable production and consumption of goods and services?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

4.2 Will the initiative help reduce energy consumption and promote energy efficiency?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

4.3 Will the initiative encourage the prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

5. CULTURE & RECREATION

Culture and recreation play an important role in developing the identity and character of a place as well as defining what and who we are. A positive cultural and recreational environment enhances quality of life, promotes individual and social development and attracts interest and investment. Perth and Kinross is home to a wealth of cultural and recreational attractions which contribute significantly to both personal and economic well-being - including our built environment, our magnificent landscapes, our monuments and sites of historic importance, as well as our people and traditions. Together these factors create a rich cultural character, enhancing recreation for those visiting and living in the area whilst supporting the region's thriving tourist industry.

5.1 Will the initiative preserve, promote and enhance assets of local culture and heritage? *(for example historical buildings, monuments, landscapes and local practices and traditions)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

5.2 Will the initiative help provide, encourage and improve access to leisure, sports and recreational activities for all? *(for example sport and fitness facilities, spectator sports, museums and galleries, historic castles, theatre and music venues, day out activities, rambling and countryside walks, water and rural based pursuits)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

6. ECONOMY

A strong business environment together with improved learning, skills and employment opportunities is vital in creating a stable economy and promoting sustainable economic growth. In Perth and Kinross, tourism is a key industry, with tourism related employment accounting for a large proportion of the total workforce, particularly during seasonal periods.

6.1 Will the initiative encourage business creation and development?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

6.2 Will the initiative ensure a wide range of jobs are accessible to all communities and locations?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

6.3 Will the initiative help promote sustainable tourism for the area? (for example promoting economic growth from tourism whilst taking into account: reducing the impact of tourism transport; minimising tourism resource use and waste production; protecting and enhancing natural and cultural heritage; enhancing quality of life; improving the quality of tourism jobs; supporting adaptation to climate change)

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

6.4 Will the initiative help to develop and improve people's skills? (including basic entry skills, vocational qualifications and higher level skills)

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Equality is about creating a fairer society where everyone can participate and has the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Common features experienced by people suffering inequality in society include: restricted access to employment, goods, services, and other material resources essential to their economic wellbeing; under-representation in senior positions in work, professions and business; under-representation in political and public life; experience of direct, indirect and institutional discrimination; and experience of abuse and violence.

Diversity is about respecting and valuing all forms of difference in individuals, and positively striving to meet the needs of different people (for example, men and women, young and old people, people of different races, people with and without disability). Equality and Diversity are not inter-changeable; they need to be progressed together. There is no equality of opportunity if difference is not recognised and valued.

The Equality Act 2010 includes the nine protected characteristics listed in the questions below. This Act introduces a new public sector equality 'general duty', requiring public authorities to pay 'Due Regard' to the need to:

- Eliminating discrimination, harassment, victimisation or any other prohibited conduct under the Equality Act 2010
- Advancing equality of opportunity by removing or minimising disadvantage. meeting the needs of particular groups that are different from the needs of others and encouraging participation in public life
- Fostering good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not.

7.1 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against age groups of any range?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.2 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against people with disability?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.3 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against people who choose not to live as their birth gender?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.4 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against married people or civil (same sex) partners?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.5 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against pregnant women or who have recently given birth or breastfeeding?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.6 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against any racial groups as recognised in the Equality Act 2010?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.7 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against any religion, religious belief or philosophy as recognised in the Equality Act 2010 and the courts?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.8 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against either men or women?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

7.9 Will the initiative discriminate, directly or indirectly, against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual (LGB) or heterosexual/straight people?

Please justify your selected response (*unless you answered 'Not relevant'*):

8. HEALTH & WELLBEING

Our health is a complex interaction of many different factors. Personal choices and behaviour (smoking, diet, alcohol consumption and physical activity); the environment in which we live (housing, air quality, workplace and so on); the social environment and access to resources (poverty/wealth); education and employment all inter-relate and impact on our health and well-being. People who experience material disadvantage, poor housing, lower educational attainment, insecure employment or homelessness are among those more likely to suffer poorer health outcomes and an earlier death compared with the rest of the population.

8.1 Will the initiative promote opportunities for gaining knowledge of and achieving a healthier lifestyle? *(for example addressing issues such as: diet and nutrition; alcohol, tobacco and drug use; physical exercise and sexual behaviour)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

8.2 Will the initiative help to create a healthier physical environment for all? *(for example addressing issues such as: pollution, housing, neighbourhoods, safe areas and working conditions)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

8.3 Will the initiative help to create a healthier social environment for all? *(for example addressing issues such as: living and working conditions, income level, educational background, employment, stress, poverty and social exclusion, access to transport and services)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

9. LIFELONG LEARNING

Lifelong learning is learning open to everyone at any age. Lifelong learning is about personal fulfilment and enterprise; employability and adaptability; active citizenship and social inclusion. Lifelong learning encompasses the whole range of learning: formal and informal learning, workplace learning, and the skills, knowledge, attitudes and behaviours that people acquire in day to day experiences. Lifelong learning benefits the individual, the economy and wider society by improving opportunities for knowledge and skills development, leading to wider job opportunities and increased productivity and earnings. It also contributes to the development of society through the achievement of social goals such as civic participation, sustainable development, improved health and wellbeing, reduced crime and greater social cohesion.

9.1 Will the initiative provide opportunity for community learning and development?

(for example community education, community work, youth work, adult education, adult literacy and informal further education)

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

9.2 Will the initiative provide opportunity for children and young people to improve their attainment and achievement?

(for example qualifications, enhanced employment prospects, improved self esteem and a greater sense of choice)

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

10. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The natural environment is an integral part of the quality of life enjoyed in Perth and Kinross and is of tremendous value in its own right. The area is renowned for its stunning landscapes and wealth of habitats and species, some extremely rare. It is also recognised that these environmental qualities contribute significantly to local social and economic wellbeing, through providing, among other things, health benefits, employment, recreation and access opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

10.1 Will the initiative protect and enhance the quality of the area's air, water and land? *(including in relation to wildlife, habitats, built environment, health and climate change)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

10.2 Will the initiative protect, enhance and manage the area's biodiversity? *(including in relation to agricultural practices, afforestation, deer grazing, excessive land burning, water abstraction and impoundment, recreation, construction, engineering and alteration of buildings, introduction of new and non-native species and wildlife crime)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

10.3 Will the initiative protect, enhance and manage the area's historic natural environment? *(including in relation to: flora, fauna and geology of terrestrial and marine landscapes, parks, gardens and designed landscapes; tourism, local distinctiveness and sense of place; cultural heritage and the historic built environment)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

10.4 Will the initiative protect, enhance and manage the area's natural landscape, geology and soils? *(including in relation to: environmental and cultural features; community well-being; biodiversity; supporting the local economy through tourism; healthy soils to aid agricultural and forestry industries; valued and rare habitats; protection from pollution and as a foundation for buildings and roads)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

11. TRANSPORT & CONNECTIVITY

Transport is an important tool connecting people with health care, education, jobs, and services. In addition transport is an essential part of economic activity. Infrastructure, roads, rail, airports and ports - and the businesses that use these assets - are all vital components of the economy.' In rural areas, transport and communication play a vital role in keeping people and communities connected. Whether it's for residents to travel to services or for incoming visitors, local transport is a vital mode of keeping remote communities linked and involved, providing equal access to services and avoiding any form of exclusion. Technology (such as internet access, mobile and communications technology) also plays a vital role in keeping people connected.

11.1 Will the initiative provide and support adequate and accessible transport provision for everyone? *(including in relation to: environmental and cultural features; community well-being; biodiversity; supporting the local economy through tourism; healthy soils to aid agricultural and forestry industries; valued and rare habitats; protection from pollution and as a foundation for buildings and roads)*

Please justify your selected response *(unless you answered 'Not relevant')*:

11.2 Will the initiative support and encourage the provision of sustainable modes of transport? *(for example walking and cycling)*

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