

## 1. Abernethy and District Community Council Area

Abernethy and District area south east of Perth is a largely rural area on the south side of the Tay estuary. Abernethy village is the main community in this area with smaller settlement of Aberargie. One drop in event was held in Abernethy along with 3 online survey results. Too few results were received to inform a robust Place Standard score. Comments were received from Abernethy, Glenfoot and the rural area.

### 1. Moving Around

People like the amount of core paths in the area and find Abernethy safe for walking. However the paths are too narrow or overgrown for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Mobility is also made difficult by low kerbs, broken pavements and rubble down Kirk Wynd when it rains. In Glenfoot the traffic speed means walking and cycling friendly roads are dangerous, especially when combined with uncut verges. Cycling within Abernethy is not good, with cycling to Newburgh or Bridge of Earn also difficult.

### 2. Public Transport

The primary and consistent public transport concern was around the need for more buses in the evenings and on weekends. Other issues raised include bus stops being too far away and the need to understand mobility issues when designing public transport such as providing seating at all bus stops.

### 3. Traffic and Parking

There is some concern about speed of the traffic through Abernethy and also through Glenfoot. The main concern in Abernethy however is congested and inconsiderate parking including on pavements and narrow sections of road impeding emergency vehicles and bin lorries. Problems occur in Main Street, at school pick up/drop off, on the School Wynd/Main Street intersection and the area which is stated to be set aside for the school run occupied by other vehicles.

### 4. Streets and spaces

People like Abernethy Tower and the great work of the Bloom Group and home owners in the conservation area. Blocked drains and stones washed down after storms are a concern and the condition of the road to Powrie Park needs attention.

### 5. Natural Space

People like being out in the country with views of rural nature and Powrie Park as a natural space, and the appreciated core paths, but there is a need for better accessible access to nature spots. In rural areas concerns were raised about public education about access at lambing time.

### 6. Play and Recreation

People said there is plenty to do in Perth and Abernethy but less for young people especially when the weather is bad. More play equipment, more park benches and use of the school facilities out of hours are wanted. Venues in Abernethy have good disabled access but the paths to or parking at venues less so.

### 7. Facilities and Amenities

The hall is well used, there is a local shop and a local health room served by a visiting GP a couple of times a week. Otherwise people go to Perth for most services. There is an expectation that Oudenarde development will provide more for people and that new houses need to come with services and shops.

#### 8. Work and local economy

While there are a few local jobs, most require travelling and there is a lack of work opportunities for young people.

#### 9. Housing and Community

People in Abernethy want smaller houses for downsizing, more affordable housing, more rentals and a mix of housing for young people. There are thought to be too many houses for the infrastructure with a suggestion to priorities brownfield land.

#### 10. Social Contact

While there are places to meet people, the pub is only open on the weekend, the café is small and not particularly accessible. Events advertised only on social media or venues without accessibility limit participation.

#### 11. Identity and Belonging

Abernethy is attractive with helpful neighbours, but not everyone feels welcome or can feel excluded due to accessibility.

#### 12. Feeling Safe

People feel safe except for issues around roads and flooding.

#### 13. Care and Maintenance

Issues raised include hedges being cut back from pavements, the road condition to Powie Park and a suggestion to introduce litter pickers to be used e.g. at the primary school.

#### 14. Influence and sense of control

Individual comments include being able to have their say through the community council, finding it difficult to be listened to locally and concern with social media.