Faughan Local Growth Plan
To be reviewed in 2023

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Introduction & Welcome

Community Planning is a process led by Derry City & Strabane District Council in conjunction with partners and communities to develop and implement a shared, long-term vision to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Derry City & Strabane District area. It will also guide how our public services will work together locally to plan and deliver better services.

Derry City & Strabane District Council adopted a significant co-design process to develop the Strategic Growth Plan for the Derry & Strabane District. This included engaging with statutory organisations, business, community and voluntary organisations and interested citizens to agree the way in which the plan should be developed.

There are 3 Pillars:

- **Social Well-being** – to improve the quality of life of all our people now and in the future
- **Economic Well-being** – to grow and sustain our economy to create more and better employment opportunities for everyone
- **Environmental Well-being** – to live in a low carbon, sustainably designed and connected region

8 Local Growth Plans have been developed for Strabane Town and the 7 District Electoral Areas (Ballyarnett, Derg, Faughan, Foyleside, Sperrin, The Moor and Waterside). Extensive consultation has been carried out in each of the local community planning areas with 48 workshops held over the 2016 – 2017 period. The local community growth plans will feed into the overarching Strategic Growth Plan and their key purpose will be to develop local actions to address local needs.

‘Cluster Village Plans’ have also been developed across the Council area, to cover all 49 rural settlements, as part of the NI Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. These Plans complement the Local Growth Plans. They identify needs and actions at a village level within each DEA which reflect key priorities emerging from the Local Community Planning process. The approach of ‘clustering’ villages is for the Cluster Village Plans to encourage collaborative working between settlements. The Cluster Village Plans are, therefore, appendices to the Local Growth Plans and will be reviewed at the same time. The final Cluster Village Plans are available at www.derrystrabane.com/rural.
As a result of our extensive co-design process the following outcomes were agreed and aligned to the three statutory pillars of wellbeing.

These outcomes have also been developed and refined to closely align to those of the Northern Ireland Executive’s Programme for Government.

The key actions have been developed by the thematic working groups, cross referenced and tested against the outcomes and are set out in the following pages.
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Faughan is an area with 6,700 households and a population of almost 18,500 people who live and work in the area. The Faughan landscape borders the foothills of the Sperrin’s at one side and Limavady at the other with a total area is 217.6 sq. km. The Faughan DEA gets its name from the river which runs throughout the DEA. The area is linked through villages, townlands and settlements including Ardmore, Bready, Clady, Eglinton, Enagh, Lettershandoney, Magheramason, Maydown, Newbuildings, Slevekirk, Strathfoyle, Tamnaherin and other settled areas.

Faughan is steeped in rich history, natural beauty and heritage. There are a number of woodlands within this area such as Ervey, Ness, Prehen Woods and Bonds Glen which the River Faughan flows through, into the mouth of the Foyle.

Other historical sites include Brackfield Bawn, three historic dwellings of; Prehen House, Ashfield House and the Beech Hill now a thriving hotel. Faughan also includes Eglinton, a plantation village which was founded in 1619.

The Faughan boasts an array of community facilities, sporting grounds, excellent schools, open spaces and recreational activities. This area has great potential for economic development which will benefit the whole community such as food, tourism, extreme challenge sports and the development of small and medium sized business.
Population density of Faughan Local Area and associated Wards
Faughan: This is Our Time – a time of Opportunity

The Faughan has an abundance of natural and built heritage that has potential social and economic benefits for the area. The area boasts 2 rivers, the Faughan and the Foyle, with the latter being one of the most prolific salmon rivers in Europe. It provides an opportunity to promote the river to its full potential and bring in anglers from across Ireland, the UK and Europe.

The development of the A5 will have a major impact throughout the Faughan area. This will be an opportunity to improve transport links and accessibility for the area and particularly the more isolated areas of the DEA.

With the population living longer within the Faughan area and over 80% of people identifying their health as ‘good or very good’ the Faughan DEA is an area with a positive health message. The Faughan DEA can build on this and provide more/new basic Health and Wellbeing services for people in the DEA.

We have the opportunity to develop tourism packages linking local accommodation, heritage & food to promote the Faughan as a vibrant area to visit. Places of interest include Beech Hill, Ashbrooke House and Prehen House, Enagh Lough and plantation sites.
Faughan: This is Our Time – a time of Opportunity
Faughan: This is Our Time – a time of Challenge

The new Growth plan is a shared vision for the Faughan area, developed in partnership with the community and statutory agencies. This plan will benefit the whole DEA and will make a great difference to people’s lives. But to achieve these results some challenges are yet to be overcome.

With the population living longer within the Faughan area, it is timely to look at issues around supported housing and age friendly/dementia friendly hubs. There is more need for social housing including accommodation to meet the needs of our older residents.

29% of the residents in the Faughan have little or no qualifications and 16% of residents are aged between 16 – 24 years of age. There are currently no provisions for level 3 education such as A levels, BTEC diplomas and NVQ’s within Faughan (qualifications levels under RQF and FHEQ, the main frameworks for Northern Ireland). This highlights an urgent need for investment in education and skills in the local area to enhance employability.

Faughan residents have requested the same level of health and wellbeing provision that is on offer in more urban areas. 19% of the residents live with either long term pain or mobility issues. It is vital to ensure people in rural areas don’t feel isolated and have access to the health services that they require.

Climate change is one the greatest challenges facing society today. In the North West the consequences include severe weather events; heatwaves, storms and flooding as well as gradual changes such as rising sea levels.
Faughan: This is Our Time – a time of Challenge
Local Community Planning and Village Renewal consultations have initiated a process of communication and networking between rural towns and villages thus enabling people to ascertain and value what they have already and examine options to build upon this.

- Development of new FAUGHAN Local Growth Plan Partnership

**Rural Development Programme – Village Renewal - Cluster Village Plans:**
- Newbuildings, Bready, Magheramason and Donagheady (Sperrin DEA)
- Strathfoyle and Maydown
- Claudy and Killaloo
- Lettershandoney, Ardmore, Tamnaherin and Goshaden
- Eglinton and Campsey

**Rural Basic Services Scheme:**
- 7 community organisations awarded total of £28,883 for feasibility studies;
- 8 community organisations awarded total of £642,445 for capital projects.
  Total Faughan = £671,327

**Rural Business Investment Scheme:**
(up to June 2019) 11 businesses supported - £451,120 - creating 25 new jobs

This process is a shared vision which involves working together and developing strong partnerships between the statutory, private, community and voluntary sectors to plan and deliver better services to make a real difference to the day to day lives of our residents.
Faughan: This is Our Time – a time for a New Story
Faughan - Key Capital Projects

Key Capital Projects:

- Magheramason Green Space Project
- Strathfoyle Play Park & MUGA
- Explore options for St Canice’s Park, Eglinton
- The Greenways Development (i.e Strathfoyle Greenway)
- Eglinton Recycling Centre
- Lisahally Waste Transfer centre
- Flood damaged areas which include Drumahoe and Eglinton

Basic Services Capital Grants:

- **Gortilea Social Farm (Claudy):** £70,944 - (2 grants) Purchase of equipment and creation of hippotherapy trail for children with disabilities;
- **Alla Parish Community Group:** £117,984 - Extension to current facility to provide luncheon club and services for young people;
- **Bready & District Ulster Scots Development Association:** £21,947 - Extension to the rear of Sollus Centre to create training rooms;
- **Art Space:** £50,000 - Rosie’s Catering Training Project - Creation of training kitchen for young adults with additional support needs;
- **Mullabuoy Community Centre:** £157,870 - Creation of Outdoor Community Health & Wellbeing Hub at Lettershandoney;
- **Claudy Parish Community Group:** £173,700 - Capital works to support a Health and Wellbeing Hub for older people and carers (pending Letter of Offer);
- **Cruise Centre:** £50,000 - Capital works and equipment for Young Driver Road Safety Project (pending Letter of Offer).

RDP Village Renewal Capital Projects:

**Strategic projects (grant of £183,000):**
- Newbuildings - access & environmental improvements to link community and sporting facilities.

**Small Projects (grant of £35,000):**
- Claudia - gateway and environmental improvements.

**Basic Services Technical Grants** (Feasibility Studies):

Claudy Parish Community Group Ltd
Upper Cumber Congregation Presbyterian Church
Eglinton Community Limited
Rural Area Partnership in Derry Ltd (RAPID)
Enagh Sustainable Development Forum
RAPID (Strathfoyle Youth Centre)
Newbuildings Community & Environmental Association
Outcomes & Actions: Community & Social

Community Development

Outcome: We live in a shared, equal and safe community

Refers to Programme for Government outcomes: 3, 7, 8 & 9

Key actions include:

- Establish a Local Growth Planning Partnership with representation from across the DEA to take the lead in helping to develop and regenerate the Faughan DEA
- Complete an audit of existing community, public and private facilities in the area and promote these and develop community hubs to promote shared community spaces where need is identified
- Build capacity of local groups with weak or no community infrastructure
- Government Departments to explore revenue funding for rural groups similar to Neighbourhood Renewal funding in the urban areas
- Develop and sustain partnerships between local community, voluntary groups and volunteers, identify training, build opportunities and support their needs
- Consult with statutory agencies to develop and implement a strategy to ensure that services and facilities available across the DEA are accessible especially for older people and people with disabilities

We are more actively engaged and can influence decisions which affect us

We have access to quality facilities and services

Our Community and Voluntary sector is more resilient and sustainable

We have safer communities

- Develop programmes and initiatives that promote diversity across communities and within communities and strengthen the whole community as a welcoming and inclusive place for all
- Promote in partnership with other departments a high standard of health and safety and well-being at public events
- Work with local partners and statutory agencies to improve water safety in rural areas, address vandalism of water safety equipment
- Work in partnership with statutory partners to develop initiatives and deliver on crime prevention and community safety across the DEA
- Identify partnership options for transfer of assets to communities
- Promote awareness of and encourage rural participation in initiatives under the Rural Development Programme including Basic Services and Village Renewal and the Peace IV programme (covering Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations)
- Lobby statutory agencies to rural proof
One main concern within this DEA is the sustainability of local facilities and services. These are a lifeline for people within rural areas and if they dwindle people could become isolated and miss out on opportunities. The community is aware that with more collaborative working we can strengthen community capacity and inclusion.

Personal and household safety is also a key issue. Within the DEA there are many older and vulnerable adults that require extra safety information and support.

Giving local people a voice to be heard will strengthen greater community development and help tackle the above issues.

- Create a centralised approach to funding and support groups to identify and submit applications forms
- Deliver farm safety initiatives across the DEA
- Local Community Growth Partnership to work with Council’s Good Relations team and Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) to scope and deliver initiatives promoting equality, integration and inclusion for all section 75 groupings
- Develop diversionary interventions and initiatives around times of community tension and support communities to defuse tensions and reduce fear of hate crime and anti-social behaviour
- Appoint a Good Relations champion for the DEA and deliver sustained cross community reconciliation programmes under PEACE IV
- Ensure resilience of our community to the effects of climate change
**Outcomes & actions: Community & Social**

**Health & Wellbeing**

We live long, healthy and fulfilling lives

Refers to Programme for Government Outcomes 4

We age actively and more independently

Health inequalities are reduced

We are more physically active

We have improved physical and mental health

**Key actions include:**

- Develop an audit of health services and wellbeing activities/provisions across the DEA, identify gaps and implement any recommendations
- Promote, develop and encourage usage of walkways, green spaces and facilities
- Develop support mechanisms for mental health issues for children to young adults and de-stigmatise the support
- Work towards obtaining the Compassionate City and District Charter and support the delivery of Compassionate Community programmes to assist people with chronic or end of life conditions to remain in their home
- Promote affordable warmth and associated schemes to combat fuel poverty within the district
- Promote health, safety and well-being and safeguard the environment by supporting communities and businesses
- Continue to promote/support and participate in a range of health and well-being initiatives linked to Making Life Better Strategy
- Develop the role and function of Home Accident prevention services
- Develop Community Crisis Intervention Service
- Develop services and programmes to facilitate long-term carer support
- Develop a campaign about dementia to be rolled out across the DEA
- Deliver health programmes so individuals can take control of their own health and make healthy lifestyles choices
- Build capacity of local sporting activities and provision across the DEA to increase higher levels of participation which is accessible to all
- Develop provision to promote and support independent living for those with physical or learning disabilities
- Promote age friendly/dementia friendly community, ensure buildings/facilities are dementia friendly
- Develop provisions for family hubs, parental support and child development programmes across the DEA
Deliver ‘positive ageing’ initiatives locally for older people and support measures to facilitate independent living.

Work with partners to improve housing standards including those in the private/rented sector.

Deliver actions relating to the Health Impact study in the Faughan Area.

Work in partnership through the Civic Forum to address community concerns with alcohol/drugs/mental health/emotional wellbeing and homelessness.

Our actions for the Faughan area focus on improving access to health services and opportunities for people to be involved in wellbeing and exercise activities. The vision is to improve Health and Wellbeing services and promote a higher level of health activities. The rural areas have requested the same level of health and wellbeing provision that is on offer in more urban areas.

As our population is growing older, more emphasis has been placed on promoting dementia friendly communities and ensuring that carers are given more support. This is vital to ensure people in rural areas don’t feel isolated and have access to the health services that they require.
Children & Young People

Outcome

Our children and young people have the best start in life

Refers to Programme for Government Outcome 14

Key actions include:

- Develop an audit to identify child/youth provisions within the Faughan area, consider how to implement recommendations
- Develop and support a child development strategy for provision of services that cover from 0-18 years of age
- Link with the Education Authority, voluntary/community sectors and youth provisions in regards to the new Youth Strategy, so the voices of the youth can be heard
- Improve and develop programmes/facilities that focus on child/youth provision throughout the year
- Ensure existing children’s and youth programmes are sustained with an opportunity to explore previous models of good practice
- Support facilities to provide alternative programmes to children age 0 - 4 years, i.e. sensory, autism awareness, baby massage, baby yoga, movement etc.
- Improved/enhanced rural transport/infrastructure to ensure young people have access to key services and opportunities

- Develop more visual Community Policing and build relationships between youth and Community Police in Faughan area.
- Work in partnership with various agencies to design and deliver diversionary activities/programmes to engage hard-to-reach young people and youths at risk of becoming marginalised and disaffected
- Develop transition programmes between key life stages for children and young people (through engaging, befriending, motivating, peer support, etc.)
- Involve local statutory, voluntary and community sector partners in training for the UNICEF Child Rights Framework
- Support families living in poverty through local community support programmes to ease the effect that poverty can have on CYP e.g. seasonable programmes such as winter fuel/summer hunger
- Involve local children and young people in the development of the Child Rights Manifesto
- Support community led early intervention programmes which are led by the Local Community Planning board
- Identify opportunities for CYP to take part in recreational activities and encourage the use and promotion of the NI Family Support Directory

Our children and young people are safer, healthier, more respected and included

Our children and young people are better able to fully realise their potential and become active, responsible citizens
Outcomes & Actions: Community & Social

- Develop facilities and programmes of recreational activities which are open and accessible to all sections of the Community including those with a disability.
- Develop community led programmes using play, music, art, drama, recreation and sport to engage young people in positive community activities.
- Involve local young people in shaping the programme of events for the Year of Youth 2019. Support local statutory, community and voluntary sector organisations to develop youth led events to contribute towards the Year of Youth 2019.
- Provide access to advice outreach clinics to support families living in poverty;
  - Kick start to work programmes
  - Supported employment schemes
- Support local youth involvement structures to enable young people to have their voice heard through the Community Planning process and Youth Council.

Our actions within this theme lead to improved access to greater provisions for our youth within the rural areas. We want our children and young people to have the best possible start in life and to become healthy, happy and confident individuals. These actions will help to:

- Identify gaps
- Develop a youth strategy that covers pre-conception to 18 years old
- Engage and empower young people so their voices are heard
- Improve transport to gain more access to key services and provisions
- Enable our children and young people to realise their full potential and to become active, responsible citizens.
We have a better skilled and educated workforce

Education & Skills

Outcomes and actions: Economy

We are better skilled and educated

Refers to Programme for Government outcome 5

Our young people have improved attainment levels

We have a better skilled and educated workforce

As a North West Learning Region we have increased training and learning opportunities

Key actions include:

- Provide better education, training and up-skilling provisions, while ensuring this also meets the needs for those disengaged in the labour markets
- To support service providers and employers in meeting the needs of those disengaged in the labour markets
- Engage with NW and SW Colleges to address course access issues
- Utilise community hubs/schools as accessible venues for courses
- Creation of a Hub for Education, Life Long Learning and Re-training/Re-skilling partnership with key local providers
- Maintain rural transport provision for primary and post primary children while working with schools to sustain the rural education offering
- Remove barriers to accessing education and skills programmes
- Develop community leadership skills to grow the capacity and sustainability of the rural area
- Assist and work towards securing UNESCO Learning City and Region status, promote and accelerate the practice of life-long learning, develop an active, creative and inclusive learning culture from early education in families, the workplace and communities.

Our actions within this theme aim to improve opportunities for rural people, so they have access to better education, training and upskilling which would enable them to enter the work force.

It is important to ensure services that help and support people at all stages of their employment are accessible in rural areas. In particular, tailored advice and mentoring support and access to practical forms of support such as help with transport and childcare.
4. Outcomes and actions: Economy

Enterprise & the Economy

We prosper through a strong, competitive entrepreneurial and innovative economy

Refers to Programme for Government Outcomes: 1, 5, 6 & 12

Meaningful and rewarding employment is available to everyone

Our economy is better connected and more prosperous

We are more entrepreneurial, creative and business ready and have grown our economic base

We are more specialised and innovative and have competitive advantage

Key actions include:

- Encourage and support local people to start their own businesses through participation on Council’s Business Start Up (Go For It) Programme, Entrepreneurship events and mentoring
- Support local people to develop skills to open social enterprises and create job opportunities
- Provide support for agricultural businesses
- Develop tourism throughout the DEA to attract investors and promote the area as a vibrant social hub
- Support the growth of Local Micro and SMEs through participation in Council’s Business Boost and Export focused Mentoring Programmes
- Support efforts to promote rural enterprise and economy beyond agriculture
- To action recommendations from feasibility study carried out on Lisahally Mart
- Support the growth of vibrant social economy sector through targeted support programmes
- Support local people to promote their arts and crafts locally, in pop up shops and during key events
- Scoping study of potential derelict/unused buildings/sites across the DEA that could be used for Social Economy led business units
- Support the local economy and business through signposting to clear advice, guidance and good regulation
- Encourage participation in the Rural Development Programme’s Rural Business Investment Scheme providing primarily capital support for micro, small and social enterprises in non-agriculture/non-food business
- Promote and improve partnership arrangements with statutory, community, voluntary and business
Support for social enterprise is a key action within the Faughan DEA. It is important to create revenue and employment opportunities locally, especially for our young people to encourage them to remain within the Faughan area.

There is also a need for training and support for farmers to help sustain their business and/or diversify within the rural setting.
Outcomes and actions: Economy

Tourism, Arts & Culture

Outcome: We live in the cultural destination of choice

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Refers to Programme for Government outcomes: 10 & 12

Key actions include:

- Support tourism product development and marketing opportunities in line with the tourism strategy for the City and District and as part of the Future Search exercise for the Sperrin’s. This will highlight the built and natural heritage of the Faughan area and the need for accommodation provision including campervan and camping provision.

- Support increased tourism product development and promotion of areas of outstanding natural beauty, woodlands, waterways, wetlands, nature reserves and heritage sites within the DEA. In particular to increase access to same.

- Develop an audit of key tourist, heritage and cultural offerings/projects throughout the region and promote this as an area of attraction.

- Support engagement with the rural crafters to develop workshops and residential programmes.

- Support the development and delivery of improvement programmes for walking and cycling routes and countryside access.

- Develop and support seasonal events that take place throughout the DEA so year on year attendees and visitors grows.

- Develop improvements for anglers such as signage, disability access and recreational spaces at popular angling locations.

Within the Faughan DEA there is a need to develop and promote its assets to attract more tourists and visitors. One of these assets is the River Faughan, adjacent to the River Foyle, which runs throughout this DEA. This is an area of natural beauty and with the development of the Greenways programme there is an opportunity to build on this and attract visitors to the area.

There is a rich heritage asset within the Faughan area, including; Brackfield Bawn, Prehen House, Megalithic tombs and listed buildings. These historical assets could capitalise on genealogy and cemetery tourism.

The Faughan also boasts an array of woodlands such as Ness Wood, Cumber Forest, Killaloo and Oak woods and it is hoped that access paths/walkways will be developed to increase visitors.

The Cultural actions for the DEA will attract tourists by creating developing and promoting opportunities for accommodation and events and highlighting the Faughan as a thriving and vibrant place to visit.
Outcomes and Actions: Economy
Key actions include:

- Scope and develop the need for social and supported housing or tailored units for retirees, disabled and older people who want to downsize and live rurally.
- Explore opportunities for an active and passive recreation in the DEA as part of the Green Infrastructure Plan.
- Support the emerging Green Infrastructure Plan for future green space provisions.
- Promote in partnership with others the conservation, re-generation and sustainable management of all local woodlands and wetlands and the development of Faughan valley as a major countryside recreation destination.
- Work with stakeholders to monitor, manage and improve local air quality.
- Promote and support responsible dog ownership.
- Endeavor to perform title searches on water bodies where landowner or fishing rights are unknown: Gransha Lake, Longfield Embankment, Rosses Bay, Straidarran Lough, Tullintrain Lough.
- Scope the potential for development of play areas, pitches and green spaces in the DEA.
- Investigate and address issue of access to pitches of all types, i.e. football, rugby, cricket etc. to include issues of drainage and maintenance.
- Encourage participation in the Rural Development Programme’s Cluster Village Plan process (development & implementation of plans). Village Renewal capital projects to be implemented in selected settlements to contribute to regeneration through environmental improvements, heritage conservation, derelict/vacant site enhancements, shop front schemes or gateway/signage projects (Newbuildings, Claudy, Drumahoe, Eglinton).
- Promote the development of Green Infrastructure projects to contribute to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.

We have stronger environmental stewardship

We benefit from well designed and managed green space

We live sustainably - protecting the environment

Our Local Development Plan contributes to the development of sustainable communities and to meeting housing need

Outcome

We value and enhance our environment

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4. We value and enhance our environment

Within the rural Faughan DEA there is a lack of social housing and supported living. There is a real need to develop this type of housing as the population is growing but also getting older, allowing local people to stay within their own area with easy access to services and opportunities.

This is a place of natural beauty with an abundance of forests, woodlands, walks and a river. To enhance these attractions there is a real need to develop increased and better outdoor facilities which will also enhance the green space.

Whilst there is need for development there is also a strong requirement for supervision and enforcement of developments within the DEA to ensure no adverse effect or impact on the environment, including biodiversity corridors, comprising the maintenance of trees, waterways and hedgerows.
Outcomes and actions: Environment and Regeneration

Infrastructure: Energy, Waste, Transport & Water

We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure

Refers to Programme for Government Outcome 13

Key actions include:

- Review Translink and Easylink services to identify areas for improvement and opportunities for new routes and timetables
- Promote & develop existing volunteer car schemes to increase transport opportunities across the Faughan DEA
- Work with statutory agencies to identify issues with the maintenance of rural roads in the areas (grass cutting, elimination of potholes, gritting)
- Promote with others the “Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Recover” message in the area and encourage social enterprise within this field
- Establish a working group to identify illegal dumps, oversee clean-up of dump sites, improve communication on progress and work with NIEA on lobbying

We have a secure and affordable energy supply

We have moved towards a Zero Waste circular economy

We have more integrated, sustainable and accessible transport

Our water is cleaner and more effectively managed

- Work with statutory agencies to review and support improvements to the sewage infrastructure and treatment system to east of Claudy Village and where needed across the DEA
- Review rates charges for community buildings as part of revenue and sustainability plan
- Promote renewable energy where appropriate, taking account of SSI status
- Review with local partners and statutory agencies the provision of infrastructure including footpaths, cycle paths, roads, traffic calming measures and use of buses in the area across the DEA
As a rural DEA it is important to improve transport provision in the DEA so residents can access the city and other parts of the region and so that visitors can access the developing opportunities in the DEA.

Within this rural area there is a need to provide public transport which does not restrict residents in obtaining employment or gaining access to other services if they cannot drive.

It is vital to develop a strategic transport and road infrastructure to support local residents’ needs and support city and district plans for a highly effective transport infrastructure.

The quality of the route throughout this rural DEA needs to be enhanced with safer and well maintained roads, pathways and lighting to ensure the safety of all road users in rural areas including pedestrians and cyclists.

Local residents are now becoming more aware of recycling and renewable energy. It is important that they are supported in their waste management to promote energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty creating a positive impact on the future of the area.
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