

Golden Glenrothes

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PAS ran this charrette community engagement process on behalf of Fife Council and the Scottish Government.

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This report sits alongside a separate ‘Glenrothes West Action Plan’ 2017-2022 – a ‘living’ community action plan – the essence of which is included as Chapter 4 of this report.

Front Cover - Maci-Mobile by local artist Kerry Wilson.

Commissioned by Fife Council to portray the vibrancy and enthusiasm that was generated in West Glenrothes as a result of the Golden Glenrothes Charrette.



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NB: for the purposes of this project the Glenrothes West Area refers to Macedonia, Caskieberran and Tanshall.

Executive Summary

‘Golden Glenrothes’ is a series of conversations with the people of Caskieberran, Macedonia, and Tanshall that principally took place between March and June 2017. We discussed and shared ideas for the future of Glenrothes West and the Glenwood Centre and listened to suggestions for change. The process used was called a charrette, with PAS using its unique Charretteplus[®] approach.

‘Golden Glenrothes’ (the public-facing name for the charrette, named by pupils from Glenwood High) was led by Fife Council, with support from PAS and funding from the Scottish Government and Fife Council.

Focused community engagement (face-to-face, telephone, and online) took place during March-June 2017, in three distinct phases:

- initial pre-charrette engagement in March, April and May 2017;
- charrette workshops, drop-in and exhibition over four sessions in May 2017; and
- a follow-up community event in June 2017 to show more detailed proposals.

Conversations focused around four key areas of interest to the local community:

- Community Life
- Greenspace and Getting Around
- Homes and Housing
- The Future of the Glenwood Centre

In response to what the community told us we then worked up a number of proposals for change. Whether they do happen or not will depend on many factors - community desire and involvement, funding, landowners and Fife Council.

The agreed community aim for Glenrothes West is to create a safe community with access to affordable facilities and activities and to help people live healthy, happy lives, now and in the future.

The agreed community vision is for Glenrothes West to be a place which makes best use of its existing assets such as greenspace to give it a renewed sense of identity, and where people come together to learn new skills, pass on knowledge and create an even stronger more resilient community.

A community action plan and spatial place plan was developed by the charrette team from ideas generated by the community. These can be seen in Chapters 4 and 5 of this report.

A costed masterplan for the Glenwood Centre was worked up July-October 2017 and shared with the wider community at a drop-in exhibition on 2 November 2017. This can be seen in Chapter 6, together with the range of redevelopment options considered.

This charrette report forms a key reference point for co-ordinating further work. It is important that it responds to the capacity and resources which are likely to be available, in order to focus minds on deliverable actions and opportunities for a transformative impact.

The proposals complement existing activity already being undertaken by local groups.

Common to all of the proposals will be the need to have further conversations to agree the support partners for each proposal, a lead partner, and establish deliverability and priority, including funding. Effective delivery will depend on different partners working together. Town improvement requires bringing together a set of actions in which different partners make contributions using their skills and resources. Co-ordination must start with mutual understanding of what each can contribute and agreement on when the action can be taken. Much progress has already been made by the newly formed local community Macedonia Action Group – with early actions identified in Chapter 6 of the Glenrothes West Action Plan (Chapter 4 of this report)

This charrette process has been transformational – not only in galvanising the local community but in starting a process of transformational change at the Glenwood Centre. Local artists have been involved in painting murals on underpasses and shutter art – and local businesses/groups are all now working together to both bring about Action Plan ‘early wins’ and short/medium terms projects. Since March 2017 local opinion has become more and more positive about what could happen in Glenrothes West – and the will of community is most definitely now behind a new bright future for the area.

37 Pre-Charrette
Engagement Stakeholder
Discussions

4 Charrette Design
Workshop Sessions Held

1 Glenwood Centre
redevelopment drop-in
session attended by 57
people

198 People Attended Charrette
Sessions and Drop-In Events

1 Post Charrette Feedback Event Held

90 People engaged in the process
from St Ninian's Community Cafe

147 Community
Surveys Completed

Introduction

Background

Fife Council successfully secured funding through the Scottish Government's Design Charrettes Programme 2016/17, and Fife Task Force (Community Regeneration Strand) to undertake this charrette in Glenrothes West (Macedonia, Tanshall, and Caskieberran). Led by Fife Council, with support from PAS, the charrette had a strong focus on deliverability and is an extension of the recent community consultation work that has occurred in the area through Fife Council's 'Let's Talk Macedonia' initiative.

The Glenrothes West charrette, known as 'Golden Glenrothes', principally took place in March-June 2017. The aim was to produce a visionary masterplan for the area, with a particular focus on producing costed proposals for the redevelopment of the Glenwood Centre –which were explored with the community in a separate drop-in event November 2017. The Glenwood Centre sits at the heart of Glenrothes West and has fallen into a state of significant decline and dilapidation in recent years. The Glenwood Centre is of additional interest as it contains community based provision through a community café, local businesses and was host to community library facilities until recently.

Golden Glenrothes fed well into the existing Community Planning context and aligned with the Fife Community Plan, Glenrothes Area Welfare Reform Action Plan, and the Glenrothes Local Community Plan. It did so by addressing priorities such as the reduction of poverty and social inequalities, increasing employment, improving health and wellbeing, tackling climate change, and improving educational attainment and learning.

In summary, this process was designed to help determine a long-term vision for the communities of Glenrothes West and create a 'place plan' framework for planned and future community regeneration activity.

Charretteplus®

This project was delivered through the PAS Charretteplus® programme, where the community sets the agenda for change.

A charrette is an intense interactive design process in which the public and stakeholders work directly with a specialised design and engagement team to generate a specific community vision and action plan. The technique recognises that local people are experts about their place.

PAS's Charretteplus® model represents an evolution of the conventional charrette model which PAS has developed using its network of volunteers, aftercare service and education programmes. Its distinctive features include:

- **involvement of professional volunteers from the built environment sector;**
- **integration of PAS's education programmes;**
- **identifying the questions that should be asked rather than seeking to prescribe answers: 'your place in your hands';**
- **a legacy of aftercare with the community; and**
- **provision of that crucial link between land use planning and community planning.**

More information about the PAS Charretteplus® approach can be found on the PAS website - www.pas.org.uk.

Aims of Golden Glenrothes

- *To consider and re-evaluate the role of the Glenwood Centre, with a particular focus on regeneration opportunities given its age and state of repair.*
- *To consider the need for a central hub for the area.*
- *To create a community owned regeneration action plan / vision for the Glenrothes West area – helping create that crucial link between community planning and land use planning, and assisting in realising Fife Council’s desire to create a more connected Glenrothes West.*
- *To increase engagement and active participation in placemaking and land use planning within Glenrothes West, by building community capacity, resilience and knowledge.*
- *To document wider civic engagement in Glenrothes West, including with young people.*
- *To encourage greater inter-generational understanding.*
- *To bring volunteers, professionals and young people working together, in line with public sector reform aspirations.*
- *To transfer skills from PAS to the community.*

Glenrothes West Context

Glenrothes

Glenrothes is a town located in east-central Fife, 30 miles from Edinburgh, and 5 miles from Kirkcaldy. Set out on a garden city layout it was designated a 'new town' in the late 1940s and is one of five such communities in Scotland. It is the third largest settlement in Fife, with a population of approximately 39,300. Initially masterplanned for Fife's mining community, as a base to house miners for the nearby Rothes Colliery, it later developed as an important industrial centre for several major hi-tech and electronics companies, forming part of Scotland's Silicon Glen. Following the early 2000s downturn, the town has been making efforts to diversify away from this sector, with global services seen as a potential area of growth. The town has also become an important administrative centre for Fife over the last 20 years.



Glenrothes is unique in Fife with the majority of the town's centre contained in the Kingdom Shopping Centre, Fife's largest indoor shopping centre. The town itself, its neighbourhoods, numerous parks, sports and leisure facilities and outdoor sculptures and artworks are contained in an extensive landscape / green network. The neighbourhoods / precincts of Glenrothes are named after existing hamlets (Cadham, woodside), the farms which once occupied the land (Caskieberran) or the historical country houses in the area (Leslie Parks, Balbirnie). Glenrothes is well serviced by road, provided mainly by the A92 trunk road, with a major bus station in the town centre and a higher than average one and two car ownership than similar towns. However there is no immediate train station with the nearest stations at Markinch (2.5 miles) or Glenrothes with Thornton (4 miles).



Housing in Glenrothes is historically designed around suburban type neighbourhoods or precincts, each with their own architectural identity. The original vision for Glenrothes was to provide a clean, healthy and safe environment for the town's residents. The residential areas were based on the Garden City philosophy, set out in self-contained residential precincts with their own primary schools, local shops and community facilities in a framework of green spaces, tree planting, and wildlife corridors. Later housing of the 1960s and 1970s adopted Radburn principles - separating footpaths from roads, built with a mixture of higher densities and more contemporary architectural styles, including terraced housing and flats. Housing from the 1980s onwards was largely developed by the private sector as low density suburban cul-de-sacs.

Glenrothes West and the Glenwood Centre

The Glenrothes West area consists of the neighbourhoods of Macedonia, Tanshall, Caskieberran, and has a population of approximately 6,000. Similar to the rest of greater Glenrothes it is well provisioned with green space, with areas such as Southwood in the north east and Bumblebee Park to the west, and was developed using 'new town' planning principles. However, it differs from greater Glenrothes in having significant areas of deprivation, poor health outcomes and unemployment, and areas of past development which are now seen as requiring action (SIMD 2016).

Glenrothes West has two major high schools, Glenwood and Glenrothes High, and a number of feeder primary schools including Caskieberran and Southwood Primary. The central shopping centre, located off South Parks Rd, consists of a mix of national and local retail operators alongside salon, taxi and takeaway food outlets. These are sited across two adjacent locations known as Newbridge Retail Park and the Glenwood Centre. A library situated in the Glenwood Centre did serve the Glenrothes West area up until recently, however it has now been decommissioned following a rationalisation programme. A number of community groups exist in the area, including Ch@T, Starter for Ten, and a community café / charity shop is run by St Ninian's Church in the Glenwood Centre.

One particular focus for this Charrette, the Glenwood Centre to the west of Glenrothes town centre, is a single block high-rise development constructed in 1970 and contains commercial units (x15) at ground level and residential flatted dwellings (x24) above. Occupying a 2 acre site it has fallen into a state of significant decline and dilapidation in recent years with vacant commercial units and poor quality residential accommodation. It has featured prominently in local and national press both as an example of an area requiring regeneration and for a range of high profile examples of anti-social and criminal behaviour creating stigma at a local level. The Centre is flanked to the south and west by the development of new retail units (e.g. Tesco) which, while welcome, have served to magnify the level of dilapidation in the original units.

Policy Context

The subject area is not allocated for any particular type of development in the adopted Fife Local Development Plan (2017). It is noted that recent development proposals include affordable housing on land to the east of Cullen Drive, opposite the Glenwood Centre, and a mixed use development on land to the south west of Detroit Roundabout, to the south of the Glenrothes West catchment area.

Community planning will also guide any development or masterplanning framework through the overarching Fife Community Plan, Glenrothes Area Welfare Reform Action Plan, and the Glenrothes Local Community Plan.

The Fife Community Plan provides an overarching strategic plan for Fife and is focused on reducing inequalities, along with increasing employment and tackling climate change. The Glenrothes Local Community Plan has the following overarching objectives:

- Reducing poverty and social inequality
- Enterprise, the economy and jobs
- Health and Wellbeing
- Educational attainment and learning

The rationale behind, and outputs of, this Charrette will impact positively on each of these and additionally will (in consideration of future community hub facilities in the area) tie to the specific outputs referenced in the Glenrothes Area Welfare Reform Action Plan which include:

- Improved online assistance
- Greater access to money advice services
- Increased support for preventative work to improve financial inclusion and personal/ household budgeting
- Improved welfare benefits advice and representation
- Improved literacy & numeracy support to unemployed people
- Improve employability & skills in target group.
- Established approach to housing advice based on early intervention
- Trained and knowledgeable staff and volunteers



The Charrette Process

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Engagement phases

Good engagement with local residents, businesses and community groups is the lifeblood of a charrette. Their involvement is essential to ensure that the charrette outputs are rooted in local aspirations and ideas, and are deliverable. The charrette had four principal phases of public engagement, complemented by an online and social media presence throughout:

- initial pre-charrette engagement in March, April and May 2017
- charrette workshops and exhibition in May 2017
- a feedback event in June 2017 to transition to delivery
- a drop-in event in November 2017 to explore costed Glenwood Centre options

“Golden Glenrothes” was created by local Glenwood High School students as the public-facing marketing for the charrette. The aim was to communicate that the community’s future was in their hands. The brand-marketing was used throughout the various elements of the charrette engagement which included:

- **Early pre-charrette engagement** in March, April and May 2017 with community organisations, businesses, schools, and other local organisations to promote awareness of the charrette, understand local aspirations and concerns from a range of perspectives, and help set the agenda for the charrette workshops themselves. This included an introductory event at Glenwood High on the 9th May, two separate workshops with the local primary and secondary schools (see Appendix 2), and an online and paper based community survey throughout April/May 2017 (see Appendix 3).
- The **charrette sessions** were held over the month of May between the 11th and 25th. This series of public events comprised of a series of themed workshops for people to get together and share ideas on the future of the area, drop-in sessions, and an exhibition on the final day.
- A **feedback event** a month after the workshops, on 28 June 2017, to present, discuss and seek comment on the initial masterplans and associated actions following the charrette workshops.
- A **drop-in event** on 2 November to explore in greater detail costed options for the redevelopment of the Glenwood Centre – an evolution of options explored in June.

- An **online presence** throughout the charrette process using a dedicated website and social media presence. Twitter and Instagram @goldglenrothes; Facebook facebook.com/goldenglenrothes; Website: www.goldenglenrothes.com.

The dedicated website provided a one-stop shop for information, and contained the social media feeds and all presentations / displays during the charrette and the feedback summit.

Pre-charrette engagement

In the two months preceding the charrette workshops, PAS spent time contacting schools, local residents, community groups, businesses and other key stakeholders (see Appendix 1).

The purpose of this pre-charrette engagement was three-fold:

- to raise awareness of the charrette;
- to enable the charrette team to understand local context, concerns, aspirations and projects already in the pipeline; and
- to allow the charrette workshops to be tailored to local issues and aspirations.

Some indicative themes began to emerge following this pre-charrette engagement:

- The Glenwood Centre and it’s future
- Greenspace
- Getting Around and general movement
- Housing
- Community Facilities

From these indicative themes emerged four key workshop titles for the charrette itself and we have summarised and categorised key points raised during this pre-charrette engagement under each of these workshop titles (please note that these points summarise what the charrette team heard March-May 2017 before the charrette took place – and the full list of comments under each of these headings is included in Appendix 1).

The Glenwood Centre and flats were perceived as being stigmatised by the problems caused by current tenants, and their general state of disrepair.

It was also felt that retail and storage units in the old centre were generally not well utilised, with a number of them presently being vacant. However, the Café, and historically the Library, served an important community function in the centre, and, along with existing retail units such as the hair salon and Indian restaurant, should be re-accommodated in any regenerative works. Some also noted the need for a re-greening of the centre and a proactive approach to maintenance. Being a 'new town', the level of accessibility to **greenspace** is notably good in Glenrothes West, however the existing greenspace was seen as being underutilised and lacking in function and purpose, with improvements such as adventure play areas, nature trails, and the establishment of allotments and orchards being proposed. It was suggested that some of these green areas could also be better connected to assist **getting around** the neighbourhood, and lighting could be better utilised in these areas, and along footpaths and streets, to provide safer **movement** at night.

Housing also arose as a concern and there was a feeling that there wasn't enough affordable housing in the area, and that existing housing stock was of a poor standard. It is noteworthy that two affordable housing development schemes are being proposed by Fife Council, and that the Glenwood Centre is included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan to 2022. Alongside housing, it was felt that there was a lack of **community facilities** in the neighbourhood, with St Ninian's Café and local schools serving important roles but not being able to meet all the needs of various community groups. Furthermore, it was felt that the loss of the community library was difficult, with the newly established Auchmuty community centre nearby being too far for residents to travel to. It was mentioned on a number of occasions that the strength and resilience of the Glenrothes West community was an asset worth promoting and supporting.

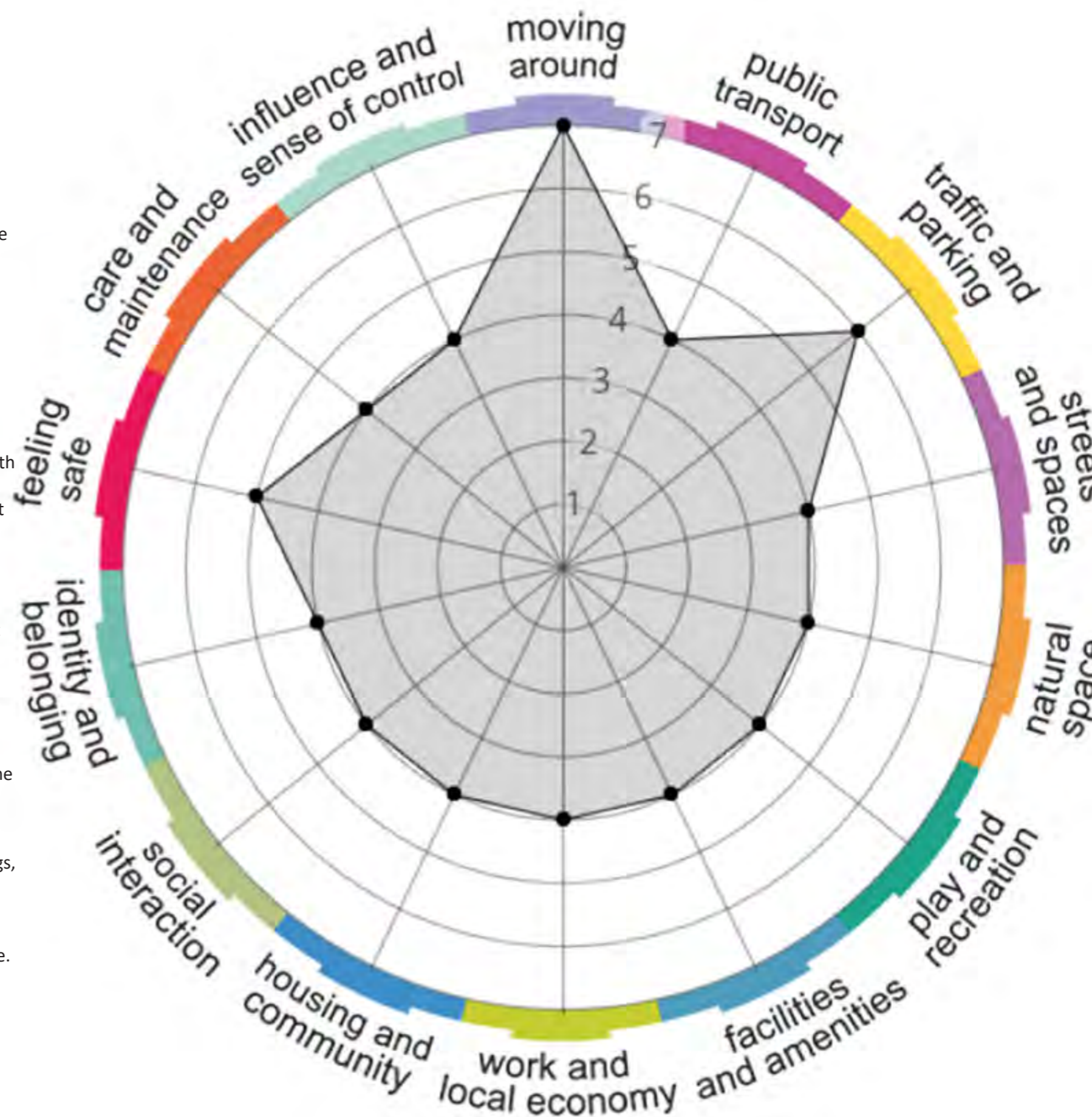
The Place Standard

The Scottish Government's Place Standard tool was used in various pre-charrette workshops and at the opening night of the charrette as follows:

- Young People (Southwood, Caskieberran, St Paul's Primary Schools; Glenwood and Glenrothes High Schools)
- At the opening evening of the charrette (9th May) with various stakeholders and members of the community.

The Place Standard enables people to think about the physical elements of a place (e.g. its buildings, spaces, and transport links) as well as the social aspects (e.g. whether people feel they have a say in decision making). There are 14 themes in total. The stated purpose of the Place Standard is to provide prompts for discussions, allowing people to consider all the elements of place in a methodical way. It should pinpoint the assets of a place as well as areas where a place could improve. The more pressing the issue to address, the lower the score (1-7).

Appendices 1 and 2 contain the results of these various Place Standard workshops. Primary School pupils noted safety, identity, and social interaction to be of concern to them; the public realm and green/open spaces were viewed as good. High School pupils, on the whole, appeared to see most



aspects of Glenrothes West as satisfactory, with minor exceptions being public transport, traffic, and the local economy. They also reinforced the views held by local school pupils, that open, green space and play facilities, were adequate for their needs - although they could be improved in certain locations. In terms of the wider community responses, most aspects of the area were viewed as adequate, however, in contrast to the youth responses, it appeared that safety was not an issue, and that movement and traffic were both seen as being excellent. These results helped influence the charrette themes, objectives and proposals.

Charrette Sessions and Exhibition: 11-17 May 2017

The intelligence gathered through the many strands of pre-charrette engagement was invaluable in enabling the charrette team to develop a programme of charrette activity that reflected local concerns and aspirations. A summary of this pre-charrette engagement, together with key information about Glenrothes to prompt discussion, was on display during the charrette for the community to see and comment on (see Appendix 4).

The programme for the charrette and details of the sessions is outlined in the flyer below. The workshops followed the **four themes** identified at the pre-charrette engagement:

- Community Life
- Greenspace and Getting Around

SHARE YOUR IDEAS **GOLDEN GLENROTHES** **GET INVOLVED!**
 Help shape the future of Glenrothes West

Thursday 11 May @ Glenwood Library
 "Homes and housing"
 1pm sharp - 2:30pm
 How should housing improve? What kinds of new homes are needed? What else does your neighbourhood need?

Thursday 11 May @ Glenwood Library
 "New Build Affordable Housing 2017-19 - Cullen Drive and Golf Course Road"
 Drop in any time between 2:30pm - 5:30pm
 Find out what's planned and give us your views

Thursday 11 May @ Glenwood Library
 "The future of the Glenwood Centre"
 6:30pm sharp - 8pm
 "What should happen to the Glenwood Centre?"
 How can we make it the hub of the community again?

Thursday 17 May @ Glenwood Library
 "Community life"
 1pm sharp - 2:30pm
 What facilities does the community need? What support do community groups need?

Thursday 25 May @ Glenwood Library
 "Putting it all together!"
 Drop in any time between 10:30am - 2:30pm
 Come and see how everyone's ideas fit together. What should the priorities be? How do we make things happen?

Wednesday 17 May @ Glenwood Library
 "Greenspace and getting around"
 6:30pm sharp - 8pm
 How can we make more of parks & public spaces? How can we make it easier and safer to get around the area?

Thursday 9 May @ Glenwood High School
 Drop in any time between 4:30pm - 7pm
 "Tell us about your neighbourhood!"

Thursday 11 May @ Glenwood Library
 Come along to any of these public events to share your ideas about the future of Glenrothes West. Everyone welcome!

Thursday 11 May and Wednesday 17 May
 You can drop into Glenwood Library for a chat anytime between 10am-5pm

Golden Glenrothes is a community based project exploring the future of Glenrothes. What it aims to involve residents, local organisations, community groups, schools, businesses and the Council to create an action plan for the future of the Glenwood Centre, Macdonia, Tanshall and Caskieberran.

Golden Glenrothes will take place in May with four days of community exhibitions and workshops. They are an opportunity for you to share ideas, set priorities and create a shared vision for the future of your community. This will lead into a regeneration action plan for Glenrothes West and a masterplan for the Glenwood Centre.

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- Homes and Housing
- The Future of the Glenwood Centre

Appendix 5 lists the outputs from each of the four workshops. A total of 198 people the four main charrette sessions and drop-in events. All information noted at these charrette sessions is collated in Appendix 5. Display boards shown at these charrette event are shown in Appendix 6.

The first session focused on Community Life, and it was felt the community was strong and resilient in Glenrothes West. Many believe that there are a number of active action groups and that places such as St Ninian's café, regular BBQs and events held in local parks help bring the community together. However, there is a lack of facilities, and the recent loss of the library and some of its connected services has impacted on some residents directly. To help resolve these issues a community hub is desired. It is suggested that this community hub could focus as a central point that young and old can use for internet provision and activities such as job and career advice, as a training facility, and as a space that can be used to share local skills and knowledge. Alongside this, it is suggested that more events and activities, such as a gala or fete, could help bring the community together. There is a desire for a community volunteer action group to become established, possibly one focused on improving the environment around Glenrothes West (NB: as a direct result of this process the Macedonia Action Group has become firmly established as a key community group to action the Glenrothes West Action Plan, working closely with Fife Council).

This second session was dedicated to Greenspace and Getting Around, and residents commented that there are a good number of greenspaces, cycle routes, and footpaths in the area. However, they are concerned about litter, particularly in the open space areas, and the lack of lighting. There is a desire for more recreational spaces to be created for teenagers. It is suggested that public art and school led mural painting could be used to improve some areas, and that there should be more rubbish bins and better signage for both cycle paths and footpaths. Current planting undertaken by Homestart and 'Starter for Ten' could also be broadened. Proposals included providing more growing spaces and allotments, and creating an interconnected cycle scheme possibly in or near schools such as Southwood and Caskieberran Primaries. Improvements to drainage, better foot and cycle paths, and themed walks through Southwoods and Riverside Park were also suggested.

Housing was the focus of the third session. Residents felt that new housing is of a good standard (e.g. Roxburgh Road) and would like more affordable houses to be made available. They felt that there is a good

selection of 2-3 bedroom homes, however the condition of houses, particularly those owned by private landlords, is a concern and property maintenance could be better enforced. Walkability between houses is adequate, however there is a feeling that greenspaces could be better linked to housing and areas outwith the neighbourhood, and could be better used (e.g. use of the greenspace between houses for growing and activity). Linked to this is a feeling that a centre or heart to the community was needed. Many felt that Fife Council should provide clear design frameworks for new development, make better use of brownfield land for new development, and re-examine the criteria to access council housing. Three key action points were:

1. More information could be made available on grants and funding for housing, and that this could be facilitated through a central hub which may offer other key support services.
2. Greenspaces could be better linked to houses and that council support, along with community action groups, could be focused on developing certain areas.
3. Private and absentee landlord responsibilities with regard to maintenance could be better enforced, and engagement could be improved in this area, with a possible grant system made available to encourage upkeep and improvement.

The fourth and final main charrette session was dedicated to the Glenwood Centre. After a brief walk around the Glenwood Centre residents were asked to reflect on its future. Concerns included the lack of adequate road crossings, the safety of the underpasses, the appearance of the flats and empty retail units, and the general layout of the older section of the centre. The new and existing shops, and importantly the café, were considered good aspects of the centre, along with the quantity of carparks. Proposals included more pedestrian inclusive road areas, and integrated greenspaces, along with a flexible community centre/cafe and better scaled buildings that allowed for good public access and active open spaces. It was felt that retail, leisure and community uses should be provided at the Glenwood Centre, with the desire for laundrette and clothing shops noted, and the possibility of affordable units (to rent) and workshops.

A series of daily newsletters were produced to summarise the sessions held throughout the charrette. These were distributed electronically to contacts in the local community, with the contact list increasing after each session as attendees were added to the distribution list (see Appendix 7). Paper copies of the newsletters were also available at each subsequent day of the charrette.

Workshop 3
Homes + Housing

Homes & Housing
One word to describe
Characteristics about

Homes & Housing
One change to make

Homes & Housing
General Comments from
Cafe

The Glenwood Centre
One word to describe the Glenwood Centre

The Glenwood Centre
One change to make

The Glenwood Centre
General comments from
Cafe





Post Charrette: Follow-up event 28 June 2017

The purpose of the feedback summit held in the old Glenwood Library on 28 June 2017 was to show what could happen in the Glenrothes Area in response to what people told us at the charrette. There was a full house for this event, with a number of residents and local community representatives coming along to see how the PAS design team had visually interpreted their views. Three options for the development of the Glenwood Centre were shown – along with six proposals to make more of the area’s greenspaces.

1. The **low level Glenwood Centre option** involved the retention of the flats and retail units, alongwith façade, environmental, surface, and road safety improvements.
2. The **mid level option** involved the demolition of the flats and old retail units, the extension of the library, better road crossings, new buildings for mixed use, a new central public space and community gardens, and the re-engineering of Minto Place and Crescent.
3. The **high level option** involved the demolition of the flats and retail units, new mixed use buildings within the existing site and across Roxburgh Rd, a new community hub, improved crossing facilities and a bus interchange on Roxburgh Rd, partial re-alignment of Minto Crescent, and improved green network linkages to the Glenwood Centre.

Regeneration proposals were also presented for Caskieberran, Bumblebee, and Tanshall Parks, along with public spaces surrounding Roxburgh Rd, neighbourhood wide allotment provision, and greenspace treatment for the areas between residential buildings.



Participants then helped work out what the priorities for action should be, and which option for the Glenwood Centre might be best, by commenting on the exhibition that was on display. Differing views were expressed in response to the three options put forward for the Glenwood Centre as a whole. Many were concerned about the future of St Ninian’s cafe and charity shop, and representatives from the café stressed that there was a need to think long term, which included the possibility of relocating the café/shop as part of a new-look Glenwood Centre (e.g. part of a refurbishment of the library building or a completely new community hub). It was agreed that redevelopment options should only be made once they have been costed.

Display boards shown at this event are shown in Appendix 8.

Costed Glenwood Centre Masterplan drop-in event: 2 November 2017

Many local people dropped in throughout the day to view and comment on a costed Option 4 for the Glenwood Centre – an evolution of Options 2 and 3 (the preferred options from the 28 June event).

Option 4 would likely be undertaken in a number of phases, starting with a residential block on land immediately to the east of Roxburgh Road, with a community hub being built as a phase 2. Demolition of the flats could follow shortly thereafter, to allow for residential and commercial

development around a central green space.

People were generally positive about the concept that something transformational should happen and there was consensus that the Glenwood flats need to be removed. People don't want to see a standard layout here – they desire something different – something to positively change the image of the area forever. It was stressed that ideas are still concepts at this stage and that finer detail will follow in the form of a design brief to guide a future planning application.

Display boards shown at this event are shown in Appendix 9.



Glenrothes West Action Plan

NOTE: The complete Glenrothes West Action Plan 2017 - 2022 can be viewed as a separate complementary document to this report



<p>Aim</p>	<p>To create a safe community with access to affordable facilities and activities to help people live healthy, happy lives, now and in the future</p>			
<p>Vision</p>	<p>For Glenrothes West to be a place which makes best use of its existing assets such as greenspace to give it a renewed sense of identity, and where people come together to learn new skills, pass on knowledge and create an even stronger resilient community</p>			
<p>Themes & Objectives</p>	<div data-bbox="1439 499 1703 760" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Community</p> <p>To encourage / promote community activity and energy</p>	<div data-bbox="1837 499 2101 760" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Greenspace</p> <p>To make better use of and improve the area's greenspace asset</p>	<div data-bbox="2231 499 2496 760" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Movement</p> <p>To make it easier and more affordable for people to exercise and move around the area</p>	<div data-bbox="2656 499 2920 760" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Housing</p> <p>To create a better housing environment and access to good quality housing</p>



Community

To encourage / promote community activity and energy

Priorities	Actions (Quick wins = 😊)	Now to 2018 (short term)	2018 - 2022 (medium term)	2022 onwards (long term)
Community events for all ages	1. Active events e.g. urban orienteering events, music festivals, car boot sales, fun days/galas (not just for families). 😊	✓	✓	
	2. Sociable health activities e.g. walking clubs and runs 😊	✓	✓	
	3. Environmental activities e.g. community gardening, litter picking groups 😊	✓	✓	
Promote / communicate local events and activities	4. Provide a community hub / central focus: (1) trial temporary community use of the library building 😊	✓	✓	✓
	5. Provide a community hub / central focus: (2) feasibility study for community managed community hub in library - create a place to learn new skills / share skills / drop-in / adult evening classes and activities; social evenings, a youth club / cyber café; computer facilities /internet access; a job club; set up family support groups; library facilities	✓	✓	✓
	6. Keep St. Ninian's Café and charity shop in the community.	✓	✓	✓
	7. Provide more public toilets – new and in existing buildings	✓	✓	✓
Promote / communicate local events and activities	8. Provide a community notice board and regularly updated Facebook events page 😊	✓	✓	
	9. Create more local action groups	✓	✓	
Shopping opportunities	10. Encourage any future shops face the Glenwood centre	✓	✓	✓
	11. Do something about the empty shop units pending a longer term solution (e.g. paint murals) 😊	✓	✓	✓
	12. Help create more of a shopping mix e.g. need for clothes shops / laundrette and swap shops (recycle and upcycle)	✓	✓	✓
Leisure / workshop opportunities	13. Consider providing a community gym (ideally as part of the community hub)		✓	
	14. Consider providing affordable workshop space (ideally as part of the community hub)		✓	



Greenspace

To make better use of and improve the area's greenspace asset

Priorities	Actions (Quick wins = 😊)	Now to 2018 (short term)	2018 - 2022 (medium term)	2022 onwards (long term)
Re-prioritise maintenance	15. Selectively cutting grass to create 'meadow grass' and encourage wildlife 😊	✓		
	16. Increase litter collection / broken glass collection in play areas and on key pathways linking to the Glenwood Centre 😊	✓		
	17. Take action to remove fly-tipping and pursue offenders 😊	✓		
Better street lighting	18. Focus lighting in areas people feel unsafe along cycle and footpaths – and in play parks 😊	✓	✓	
Land for allotments and outdoor growing spaces	19. Create growing spaces and community gardens, orchards 😊	✓	✓	
	20. Plant more bushes, trees, flowers 😊	✓	✓	
Improve and upgrade parks and school grounds	21. Provide better play equipment and goal posts	✓	✓	✓
	22. Improve the paths across/around the parks	✓	✓	✓
	23. Provide more litter bins 😊	✓	✓	✓
	24. Consider providing CCTV	✓	✓	✓
	25. Consider providing 'wonder woodlands' in school grounds for children to play in	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor meeting spaces	26. Provide benches, picnic areas 😊	✓	✓	✓
	27. Provide an outdoor covered space e.g. pavilion / pop-up cinema	✓	✓	✓
Green Network (GN) and Green Infrastructure (GI) Improvement	28. River restoration/woodland creation along River Leven in Southwood		✓	
	29. Produce a GI masterplan for Glenrothes West		✓	
	30. Links to and through the Town Centre in one direction and Leslie in the other.		✓	



Movement

To make it easier and more affordable for people to exercise and move around the area

Priorities	Actions (Quick wins = 😊)	Now to 2018 (short term)	2018 - 2022 (medium term)	2022 onwards (long term)
Re-prioritise maintenance	28. Create a better network of walking and cycle routes	✓	✓	✓
	29. Make the underpasses safer / paint murals 😊	✓	✓	✓
	30. Consider widening some footpaths	✓	✓	✓
	31. Create better disabled access	✓	✓	✓
	32. Provide more road crossings	✓	✓	✓
Support and develop active travel	33. Bikeability Training	✓	✓	✓
Affordable access to fitness facilities	34. Improve Southwood skate park		✓	
	35. Provide mountain bike trails/tracks		✓	
	36. Encourage outdoor yoga etc.		✓	
Public transport provision	37. Talk to the bus companies about improving existing/future services / routes 😊	✓	✓	✓
	38. Consider a bus hub at Glenwood Centre	✓	✓	✓
	39. Consider a local mini-bus service	✓	✓	✓
	40. Provide more bus shelters	✓	✓	✓
	41. Investigate the most affordable travel options and publicise 😊	✓	✓	✓
Better signage /wayfinding	42. Provide area maps and directional signage 😊	✓		
	43. Provide information boards to celebrate area history/wildlife 😊	✓		
Reduce the dominance of roads	44. Make the main roads less of a barrier to movement (and to accessing green space)		✓	✓
	45. Do something about the number of roundabouts		✓	✓
	46. Change the nature of the roads and surfacing / create more shared spaces		✓	✓



Housing

To create a better housing environment and access to good quality housing

Priorities	Actions (Quick wins = 😊)	Now to 2018 (short term)	2018 - 2022 (medium term)	2022 onwards (long term)
Better quality housing	47. Remove the Glenwood flats		✓	✓
	48. Create clear design frameworks to ensure quality housing		✓	✓
	49. Provide a better choice of size/type of housing		✓	✓
	50. Provide more social / council housing		✓	✓
	51. Use brownfield / vacant industrial sites for housing		✓	✓
Fix existing housing	52. Maintain existing housing	✓	✓	✓
	53. Pro-actively and positively identify and encourage private landlords to fix urgent works, maintain their property, and become more involved in the community	✓	✓	✓
	54. Introduce new grant assistance for private landlords to improve the exterior appearance of their properties	✓	✓	✓
	55. Fix bin storage – and consider creating a smaller number of large communal street bins 😊	✓	✓	✓
Better link housing to greenspace	56. Make better use of the small pockets of greenspace between houses 😊	✓	✓	
Access to housing	57. Re-consider council house criteria to make it more accessible	✓	✓	✓
	27. 58. As part of the community hub feasibility study – raise awareness of assistance / information e.g. grants available; provide a local area office for face to face support – consider a weekly surgery which also links with the health services (one-stop-shop)	✓	✓	✓



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Glenrothes West Spatial Place Plan

Vision:

“For Glenrothes West to be a place which makes best use of its existing assets such as greenspace to give it a renewed sense of identity and where people come together to learn new skills, pass on knowledge and create an even stronger resilient community”

A new Planning Bill has just been published with a vision for a planning system that is inclusive, respected, ambitious and holistic - a system that inspires and empowers civic participation, recognises the positive force that quality economic development can play in creating a more equal society, and is built on fostering strong relationships through consensus and collaboration. Introducing Local Place Plans is part of this new planning process.

Local Place Plans provide local communities with a mechanism to plan their own places – in the context of the Local Development Plan and Community Plan/Local Outcome Improvement Plan.



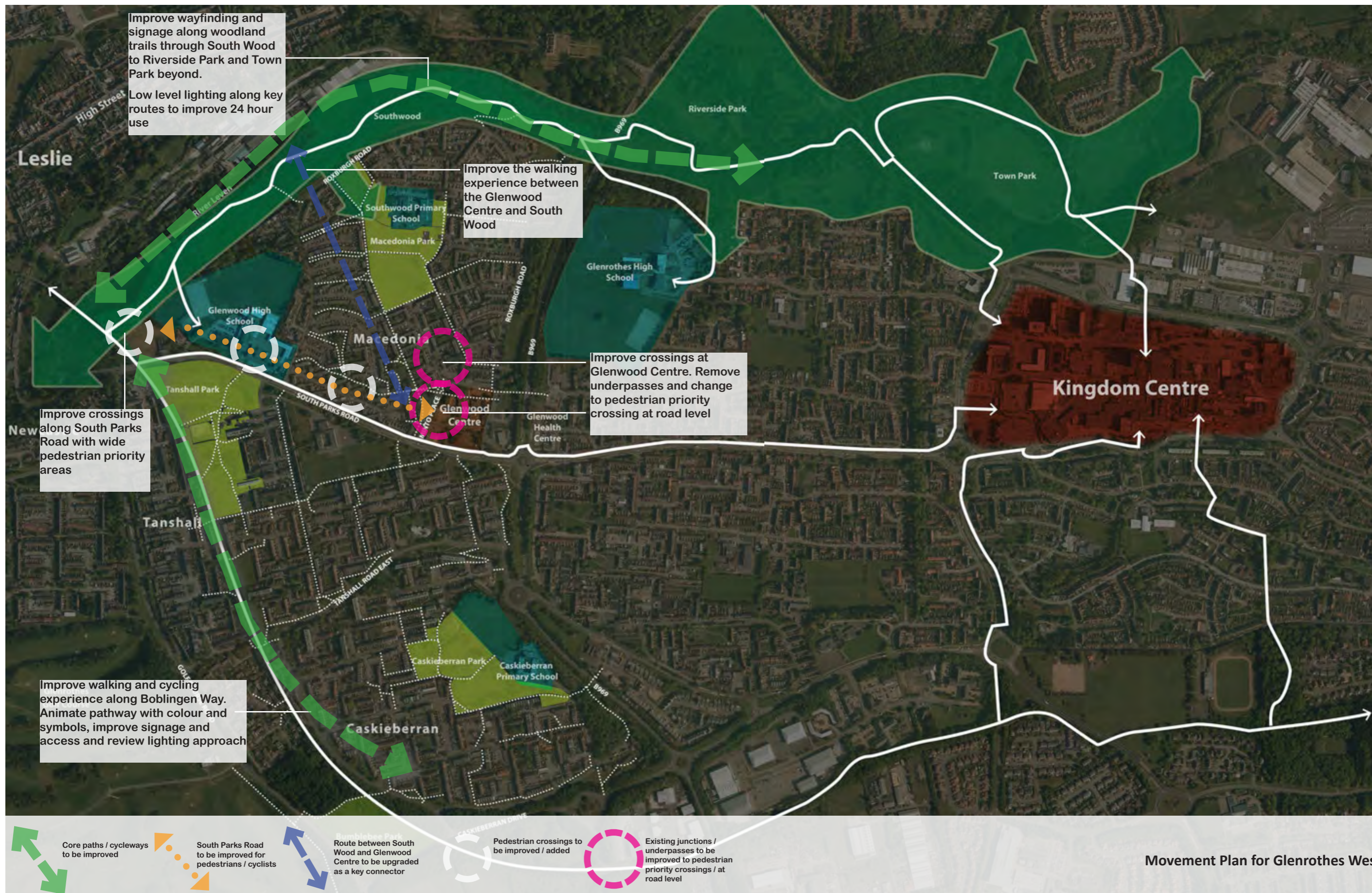
Conceptual Map for Glenrothes West

The Conceptual Map and wider Spatial Plan for Glenrothes West are part of a series of plans developed from the initial community conversations, the sum of which go some way to meeting this new ambition for Local Place Plans.

- The Conceptual Map (left) is about the establishment of a sharing hub / educational hub etc, focused on the Glenwood Centre. The hub is the facilitator to local neighbourhood educational hubs located in local schools, enhanced and supported by community greenspaces
- The Spatial Map (page 20) sets out a wider framework of movement routes and greenspaces, connecting Glenrothes West with the town centre, and framed by a network of greenspaces.
- The plans on the following pages (p22-30) provide more detail for the movement masterplan and greenspace network, including crossings and connections, urban design elements e.g. key nodes / landmarks / transport hubs etc, as well as proposed Greenspace Place Projects (six greenspaces).
- The Glenwood Centre is considered in broad terms in this chapter, but a greater depth of development of the centre is set out in Chapter 6.



Spatial Plan for Glenrothes West



Movement Plan for Glenrothes West



Clear pedestrian / cycle routes

Pedestrian priority at controlled crossings

Activities wanted by the community in Glenrothes West



Art Club



Drama Group



Improved wayfinding and marking of routes

Improved signage along pathways and trails

Movement and Activities:

The community told us that the experience of walking, cycling and moving around in Glenrothes West needed improvement and change. The images top and bottom show precedent examples of how this can be done with better signage, improved wayfinding, clearer woodland trails, better lighting and change to the underpasses and crossings.



Cinema and Puppet theatre



Kids clubs - The Drawing Tree

artwork to improve infrastructure and underpasses



Educational classes



Nature rambles and field trips

Greenspace Network:

The community told us that they wanted different and varied activities, BMX in the school grounds, adventure / natural play, and community spaces like allotments. Five themes emerged (see right) which were considered in combination depending on place and space - Adventure Park, Activity Park, Living Landscapes, Learning Spaces and Growing Spaces, with six project places identified and agreed through the community engagement process.

The quality of spaces was generally considered poor with lots of greenspace but all of the same character and generally of poor quality, whether large main public spaces or smaller intimate spaces between buildings.





Greenspace Network Plan for Glenrothes West



Roxburgh Road / Southwood Primary / Town Park



South Parks Road Allotments



Tanshall Park



Greenspace between Buildings



Caskieberran Adventure Park



Bumblebee Park

PLACE PROJECT 1

Caskieberran Adventure Park

Development of Caskieberran Park for adventure play and exploration including opportunities for school play and learning



Before and after images showing improvements to Caskieberran Park and the inclusion of adventure play structures

This could include:

- Creating a park of local character and identity using natural landforms and gradients to provide adventure biking, skateboarding and parkour
- Improving the approach and walkways to Caskieberran school
- Opening up of park, adding facilities and functions to create a varied experience, planting lines of trees and natural landscapes that enhance colour, seasonality and play experiences
- Improving relationship between school and park by changes to soft and hard surfaces.
- Provide flexible outdoor space for meeting, activities, and learning
- Introduce community / tourist information notice board.

Potential Impact:

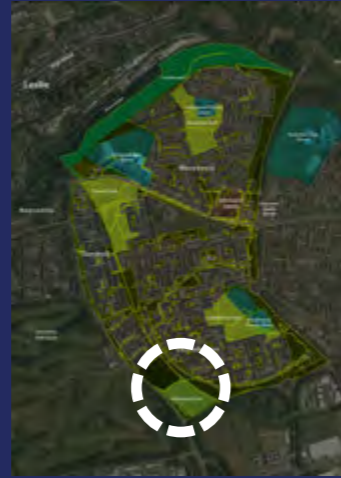
- To create an educational landscape that is fun and engaging
- To enable local people to walk and cycle more safely
- To improve local health and well-being for all from active to inactive residents
- To extend school learning in to the landscape



PLACE PROJECT 2

Bumblebee Park

Building on Bumblebee
Park character and
existing natural play
elements



This could include:

- Creating a park of local character and identity using natural landforms and gradients to provide natural play through earth mounding, dips and hollows, boardwalks and grass mown paths.
- Improving the approach and walkways to the park and local housing
- Opening up of park, adding facilities and functions to create a varied experience, planting blocks of trees and natural landscapes that enhance colour, seasonality and play experiences
- Improving relationship with the neighbouring woodland areas through extended walkways, new planting and educational facilities.
- Provide flexible outdoor space for meeting, activities, and learning
- Introduce community / tourist information notice board.
- Spaces and opportunities for environmental art using local materials and artists

Potential Impact:

- To create an educational landscape that is fun and engaging
- To enable local people to walk and cycle more safely, meet and sit outside
- To improve way finding and create dementia friendly environment.
- To extend school learning in to the landscape
- To improve council maintenance regimes by considering the required maintenance operations required for the park including leaving grass areas uncut, or woodland planting to be maintained by local community groups
- Introduce seasonality through different maintenance regimes

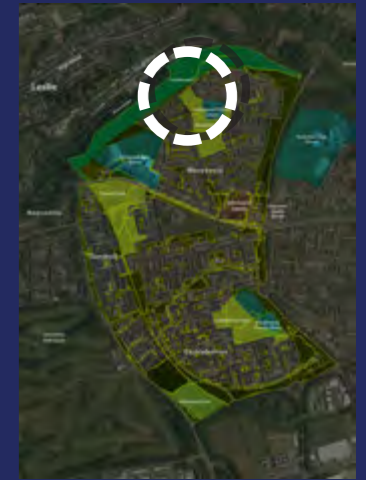




PLACE PROJECT 3

Roxburgh Road / Southwood Primary

Development of Caskieberran Park for adventure play and exploration including opportunities for school play and learning



This could include:

- Utilising the existing features in the landscape, the mature trees, pathways and connections to create spaces and opportunities for environmental art using local materials, the school children and local artists
- Introducing flexible structures that provide shelter and focal features whilst doubling as cinemas, theatre studios and outdoor classrooms
- Improving the approach and walkways to the park, Town park and local housing
- Opening up of park, adding facilities and functions to create a varied experience, that enhance colour, seasonality and play experiences. Planting could be through school and community group programmes
- Improving relationship with the neighbouring woodland areas through extended walkways, new planting and educational facilities.
- Provide flexible outdoor space for meeting, activities, and learning
- Introduce community / tourist information notice board.

Potential Impact:

- To create an educational landscape that is fun and engaging
- To enable local people to walk and cycle more safely, meet and sit outside
- To improve way finding and create dementia friendly environment.
- To extend school learning in to the landscape
- To improve council maintenance regimes by considering the required maintenance operations required for the park including leaving grass areas uncut, or woodland planting to be maintained by local community groups
- Introduce seasonality through different maintenance regimes

PLACE PROJECT 4

Tanshall Park



Development of Tanshall Park in a similar fashion to Caskieberran Park but for activity play and exploration building on and enhancing existing facilities

This could include:

- Creating a park of local character and identity using natural landforms and and existing hard and soft landscape areas and equipment to provide activities such as football, acrobatic / BMX biking, as well as basketball, table tennis and Parkour running.
- Improving the approach and walkways between local schools and housing
- Opening up of park, adding facilities and functions to create a varied experience, planting lines of trees and natural landscapes that enhance colour, seasonality and play experiences
- Improving relationship between housing and park by changes to location of play areas as well as interfaces with housing including soft and hard surfaces.
- Provide flexible outdoor space for meeting, activities, and learning
- Introduce community / tourist information notice board.

Potential Impact:

- To create an educational landscape that is fun and engaging
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- To improve local health and well-being for all from active to inactive residents
- To extend school learning in to the landscape





PLACE PROJECT 5

South Parks Road Allotments

Development of un / under used spaces within greenspace network including brownfield sites and wildscape areas



This could include:

- Utilising the existing features in the landscape, the mature trees, pathways and connections to create spaces and opportunities for environmental art using local materials, the school children and local artists
- Introducing functional and productive community uses including allotments, productive areas, learning spaces and minor sports activities
- Improving the approach and walkways to the greenspaces and local housing
- Providing additional facilities and functions for school and community group programmes
- Improving relationship with the neighbouring woodland areas through extended walkways, new planting and educational facilities.
- Provide flexible outdoor space for meeting, activities, and learning
- Introduce community / tourist information notice board.

Potential Impact:

- To create an educational landscape that is fun and engaging
- To enable local people to walk and cycle more safely, meet and sit outside
- To improve way finding and create dementia friendly environment.
- To extend school learning in to the landscape
- To improve council maintenance regimes by considering the required maintenance operations required for the park including leaving grass areas uncut, or woodland planting to be maintained by local community groups
- Introduce seasonality through different maintenance regimes
- Local productivity and healthy growing programmes to help community groups

PLACE PROJECT 6

Greenspace between Buildings

Development of existing greenspaces between buildings



This could include:

- Utilising the existing features in the landscape, the mature trees, pathways and connections to create spaces and opportunities for environmental art using local materials, the school children and local artists
- Introducing flexible structures that provide shelter and focal features whilst doubling as cinemas, theatre studios and outdoor classrooms
- Improving the approach and walkways to the park, Town park and local housing
- Adding facilities and functions to create a varied experience, that enhance colour, seasonality and play experiences. Planting could be through school and community group programmes
- Introduce temporary soft landscape programmes including mazes, artworks and wildscape plantings
- Improving relationship with the neighbouring woodland areas through extended walkways, new planting and educational facilities.
- Provide flexible outdoor space for meeting, activities, and learning

Potential Impact:

- To create an educational landscape that is fun and engaging
- To enable local people to walk and cycle more safely, meet and sit outside
- To improve way finding and create dementia friendly environment.
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- Introduce seasonality through different maintenance regimes



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Glenwood Centre Options & Costed Masterplan

The initial phases of the Glenrothes West Charrette, Golden Glenrothes community event, was carried out over April to June 2017 by PAS. The event, commissioned by Fife Council, resulted in a vision for Glenrothes West, along with a series of themes and focal areas (see section 5 above). One of the focal areas was the regeneration of the Glenwood Centre which lies at the heart of the Glenrothes West area. The following pages set out the stages of the regeneration process of the Glenwood Centre, based on parameters raised by the community, based on Low (minimum), mid and high level redevelopment strategies.

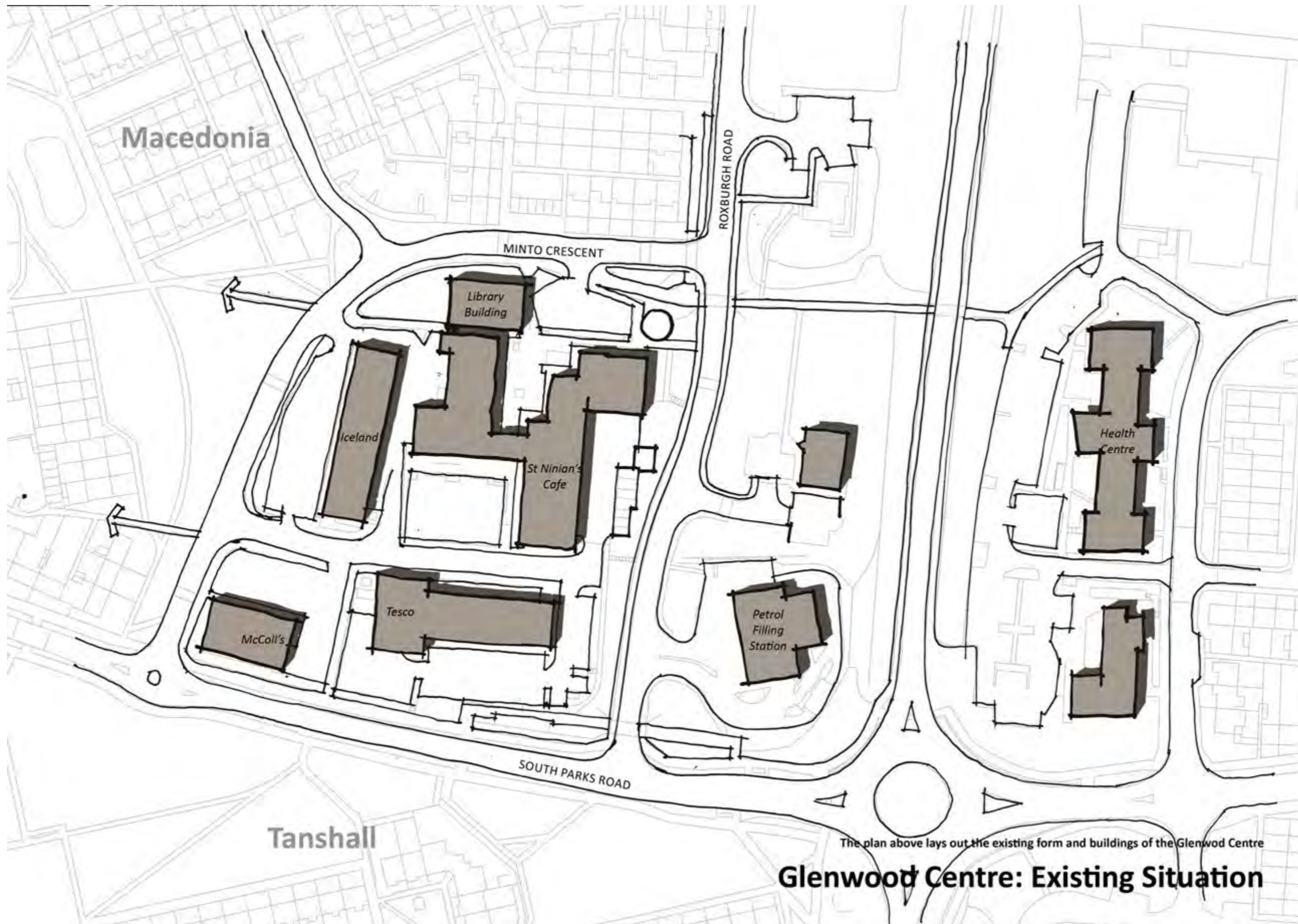
The Golden Glenrothes events 11-25 May 2017 generated a broad selection of views on the future of the Glenwood Centre. Comments informed designs for 3 future redevelopment proposals which were presented to the community on 28 June 2017. These proposals represented differing levels of intervention, low/medium/high, across the Glenwood site. The Community preference was for the mid to high level options (involving varying levels of demolition / development).

Regeneration parameters raised by the community included

- Create a community hub and central meeting place
1) trial temporary community use of the library building (2) feasibility study for community managed community hub in library
- Provide a place to 'uncover', exchange and build on community skills and talents
- Create spaces for events, classes, parties and community meetings
- Removal of Glenwood flats
- Help create more of a shopping / retail mix e.g. need for clothes shops / laundrette and swap shops (recycle and upcycle)
- Consider a bus hub at Glenwood Centre
- New buildings to address Roxburgh Road
- Make the underpasses safer / paint murals
- Consider widening some footpaths
- Consider providing affordable workshop space (ideally as part of the community hub)
- Keep St Ninian's Cafe and charity shop in the community
- Provide more public toilets - new and in existing buildings
- Encourage any future shops to face the historic Glenwood Centre

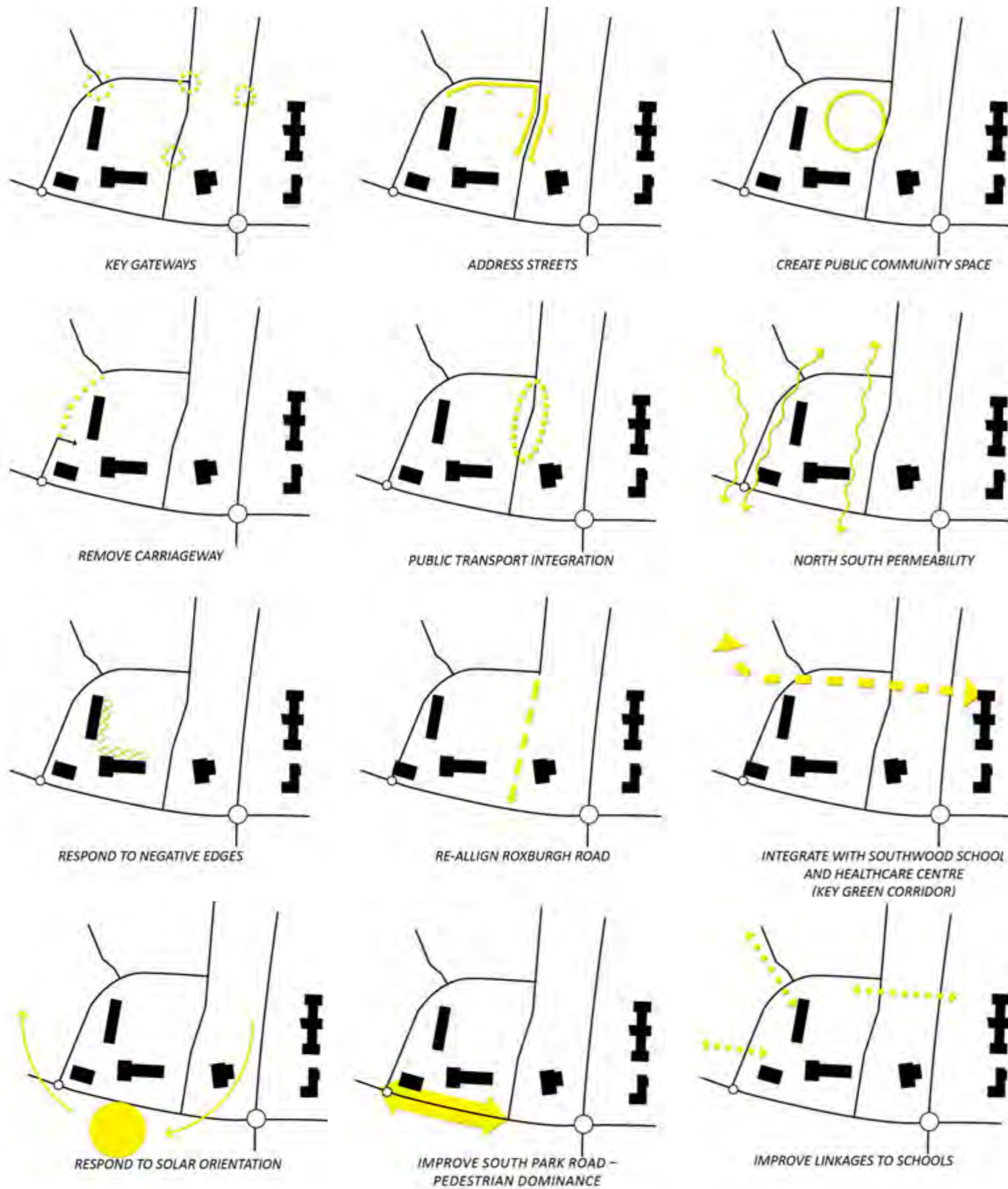






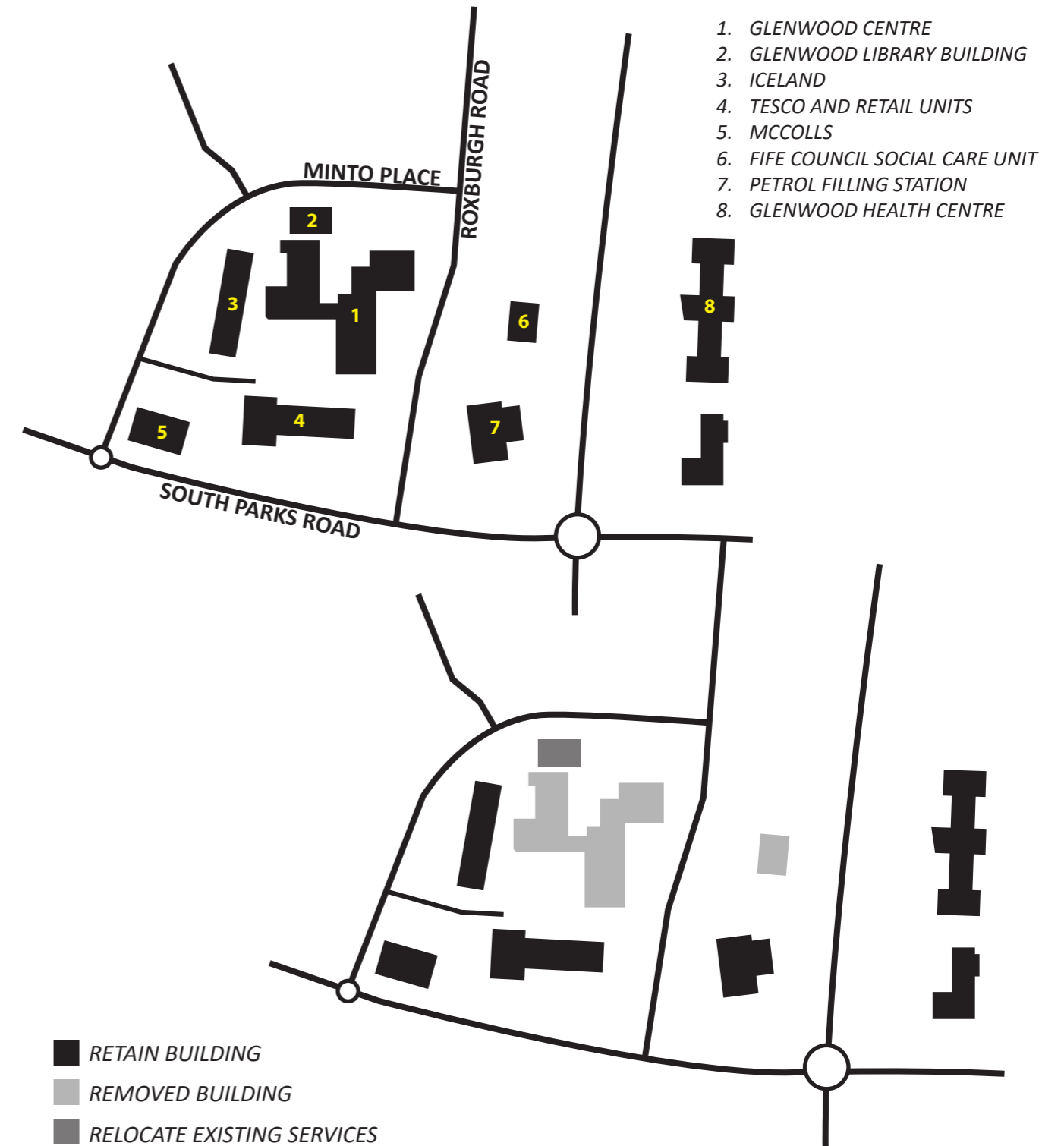
The plan above lays out the existing form and buildings of the Glenwood Centre

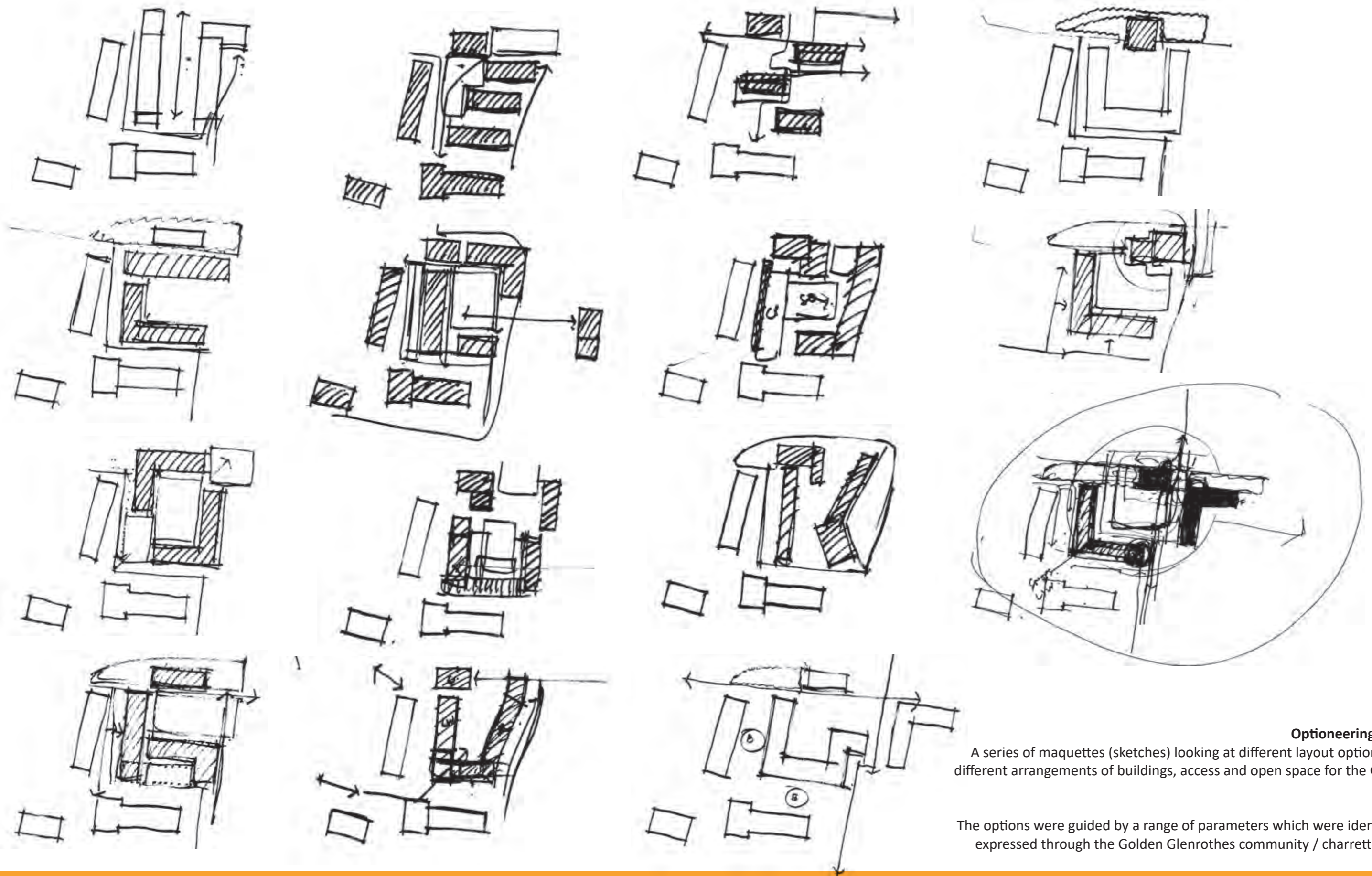
Glenwood Centre: Existing Situation



Design Principles:

The main principles guiding the redevelopment of the Glenwood Centre, the community comments and views, the constraints and opportunities of the site and surroundings, along with the environmental issues are illustrated through a series of simple graphics



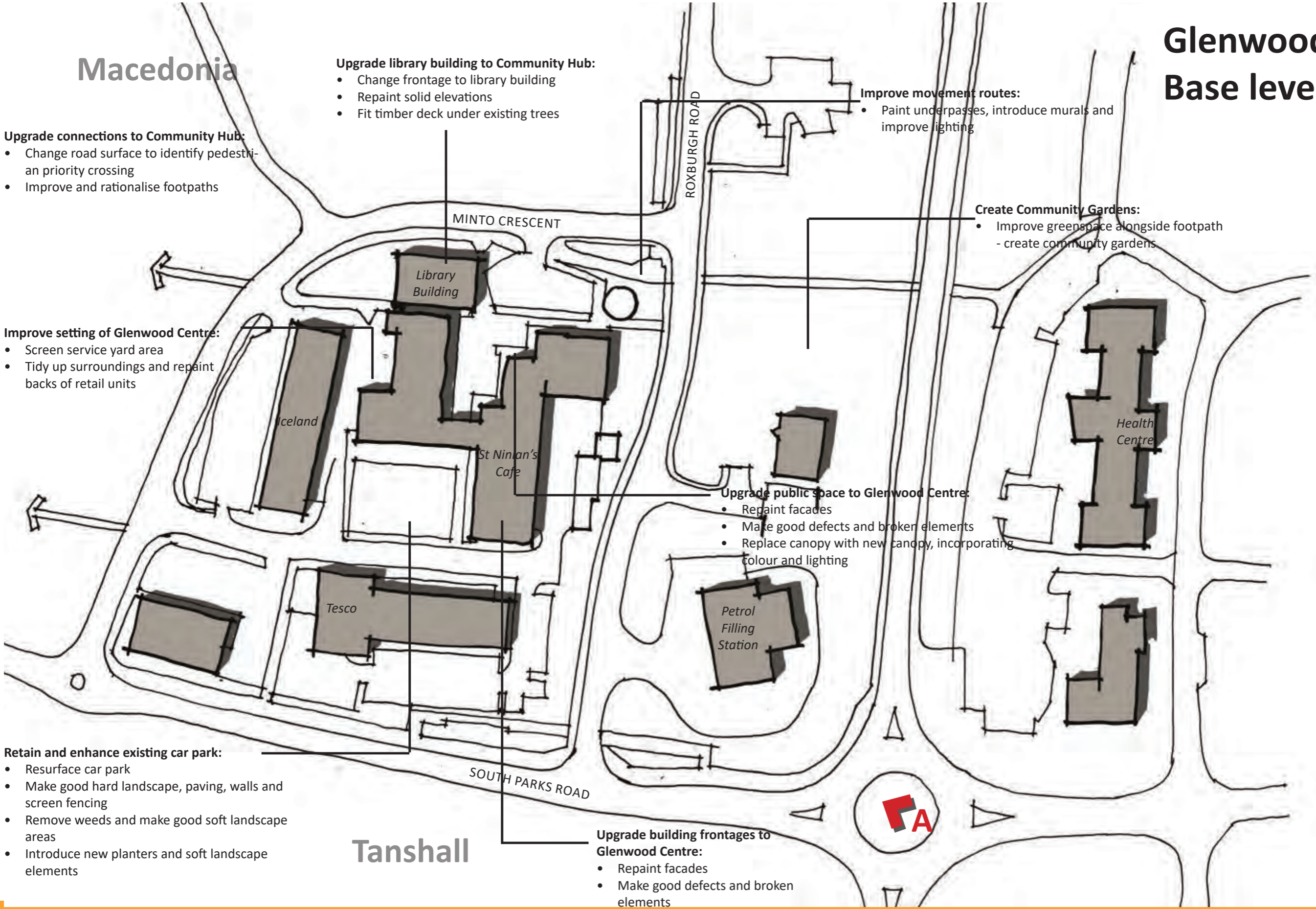


Optioneering exercise:

A series of maquettes (sketches) looking at different layout options, testing different arrangements of buildings, access and open space for the Glenwood Centre.

The options were guided by a range of parameters which were identified and expressed through the Golden Glenrothes community / charrette process.

Glenwood Centre: Base level option



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- Upgrade library building to Community Hub:**
- Change frontage to library building
 - Repaint solid elevations
 - Fit timber deck under existing trees

- Upgrade connections to Community Hub:**
- Change road surface to identify pedestrian priority crossing
 - Improve and rationalise footpaths

- Improve movement routes:**
- Paint underpasses, introduce murals and improve lighting

- Create Community Gardens:**
- Improve greenspace alongside footpath - create community gardens

- Improve setting of Glenwood Centre:**
- Screen service yard area
 - Tidy up surroundings and repaint backs of retail units

- Upgrade public space to Glenwood Centre:**
- Repaint facades
 - Make good defects and broken elements
 - Replace canopy with new canopy, incorporating colour and lighting

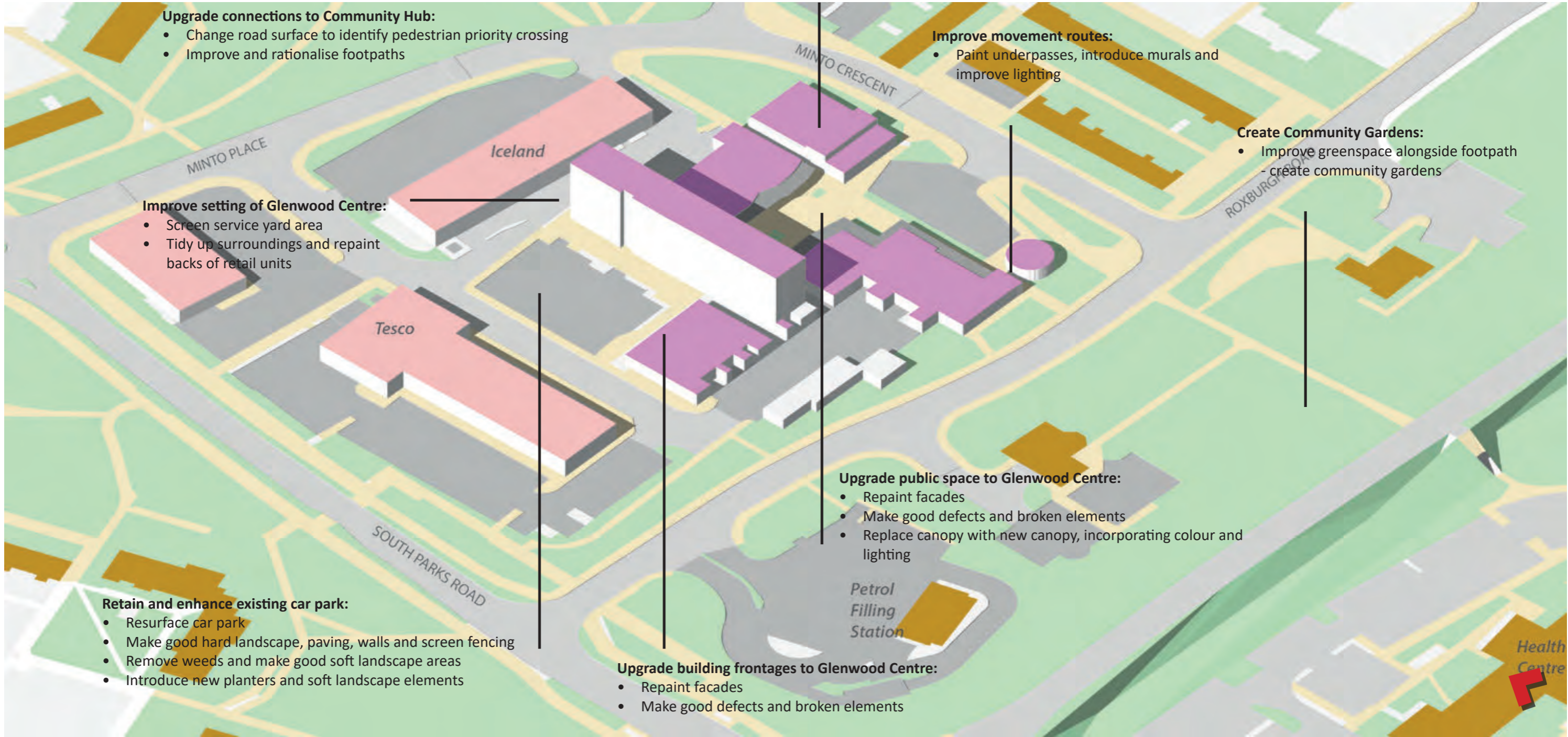
- Retain and enhance existing car park:**
- Resurface car park
 - Make good hard landscape, paving, walls and screen fencing
 - Remove weeds and make good soft landscape areas
 - Introduce new planters and soft landscape elements

- Upgrade building frontages to Glenwood Centre:**
- Repaint facades
 - Make good defects and broken elements

Tanshall

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- Introduce new planters and soft landscape elements

- Retained Buildings
- Building Renovation / Improvements

The base level option looks at retaining the existing buildings and structures of the Glenwood Centre, but improvement through painting, making good landscape areas and adding interest through new elements such as replacement of the canopy and street furniture

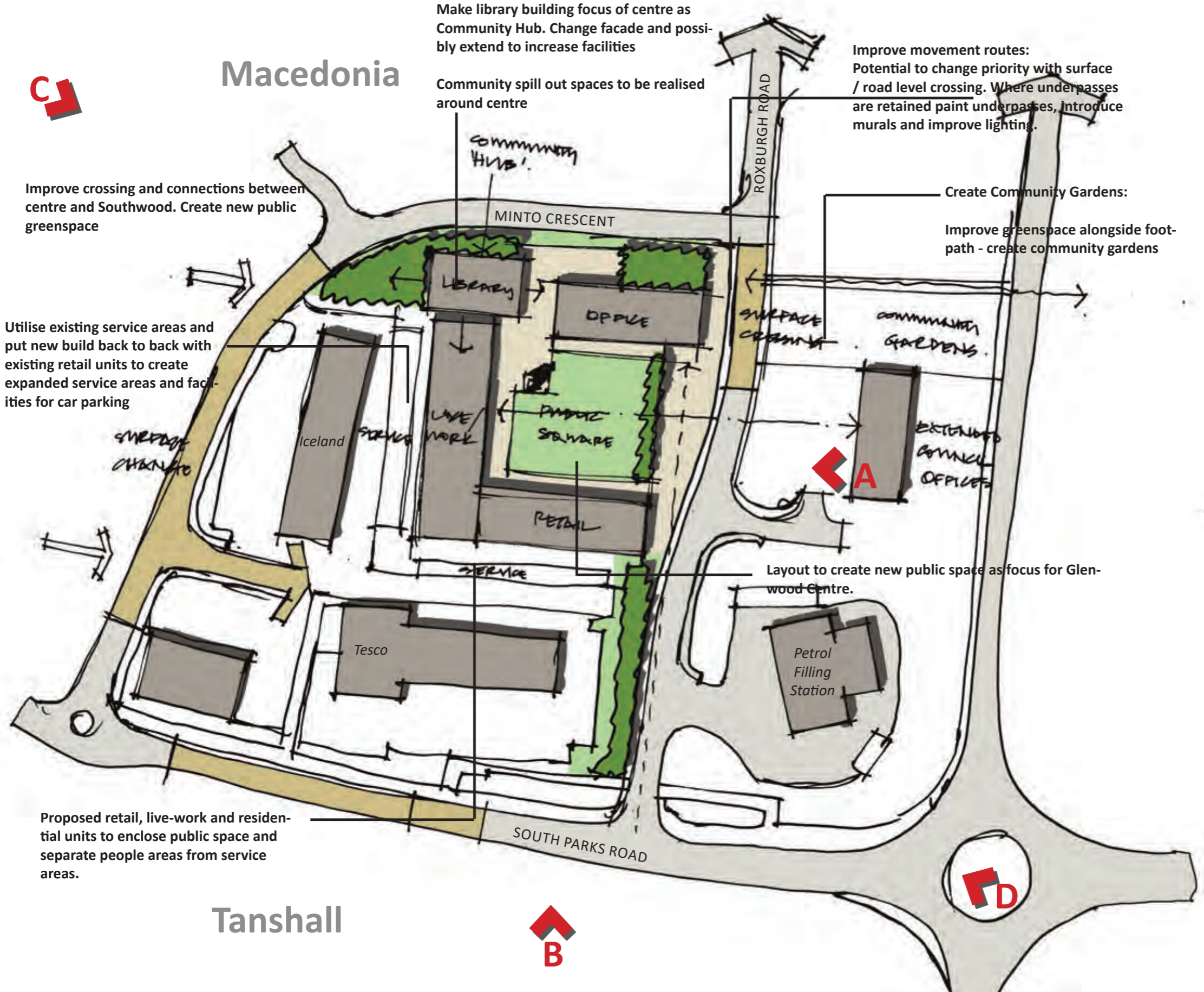


Glenwood Centre: Base level option - Proposed view



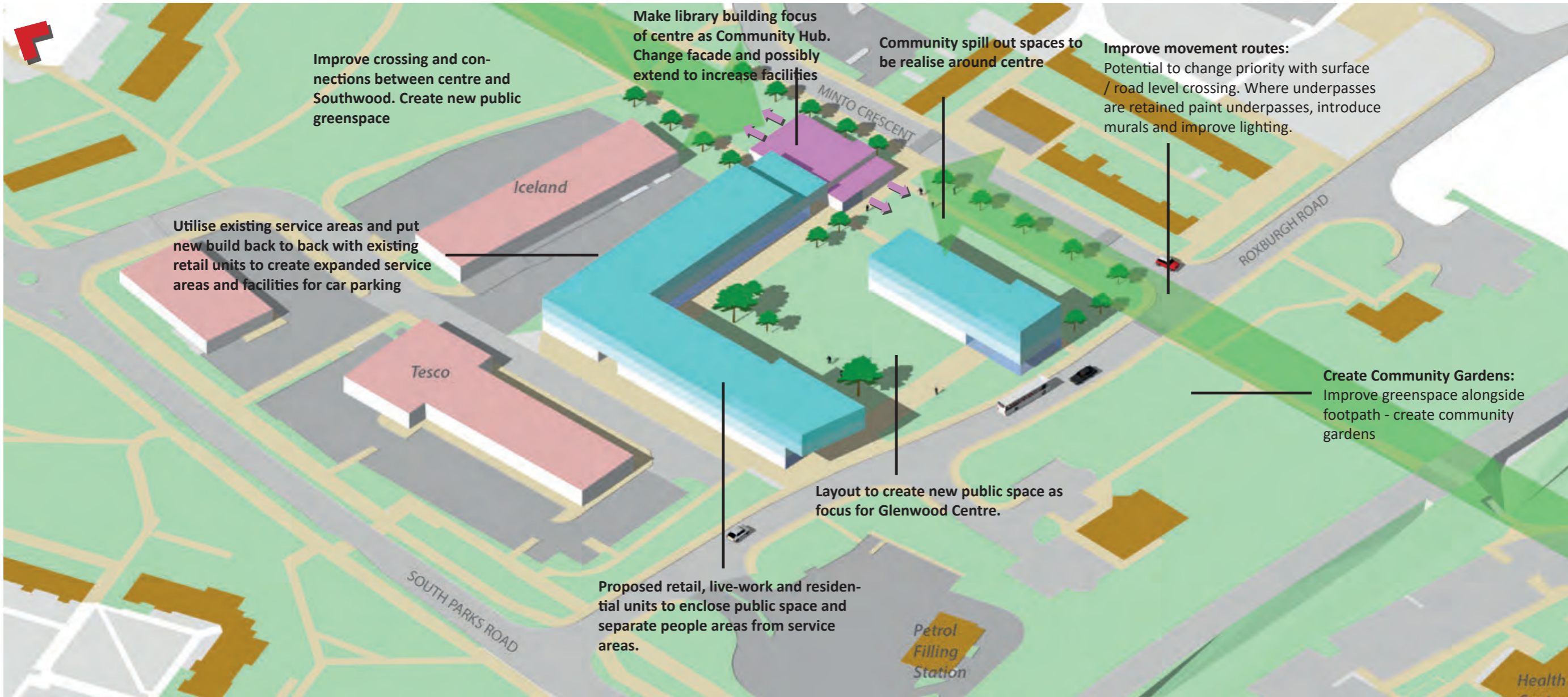
Glenwood Centre: Base level option - Existing view

Glenwood Centre: Mid level option



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- Retained Buildings
- Building Renovation / Improvements
- New Buildings

The mid level option looks at removal of the Glenwood flats and retail space / shops below, but retention of the library building. New buildings and public space to create a new heart for the centre.



Glenwood Centre: Mid level option - Proposed view



Glenwood Centre: Mid level option - Existing view

Glenwood Centre: High level option

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NEW BUILDING: to accommodate Community Hub, help create gateway and control traffic through public space.

Community spill out spaces to be realised around centre

Improve movement routes by creating a public space that connects east and west with vehicular access / movement as secondary priority

Create Community / Social building to front pathway and improve security and safety of public realm. Greenspace alongside footpath - create community gardens to back of building along with additional parking

Layout to create new public space as focus for Glenwood Centre.

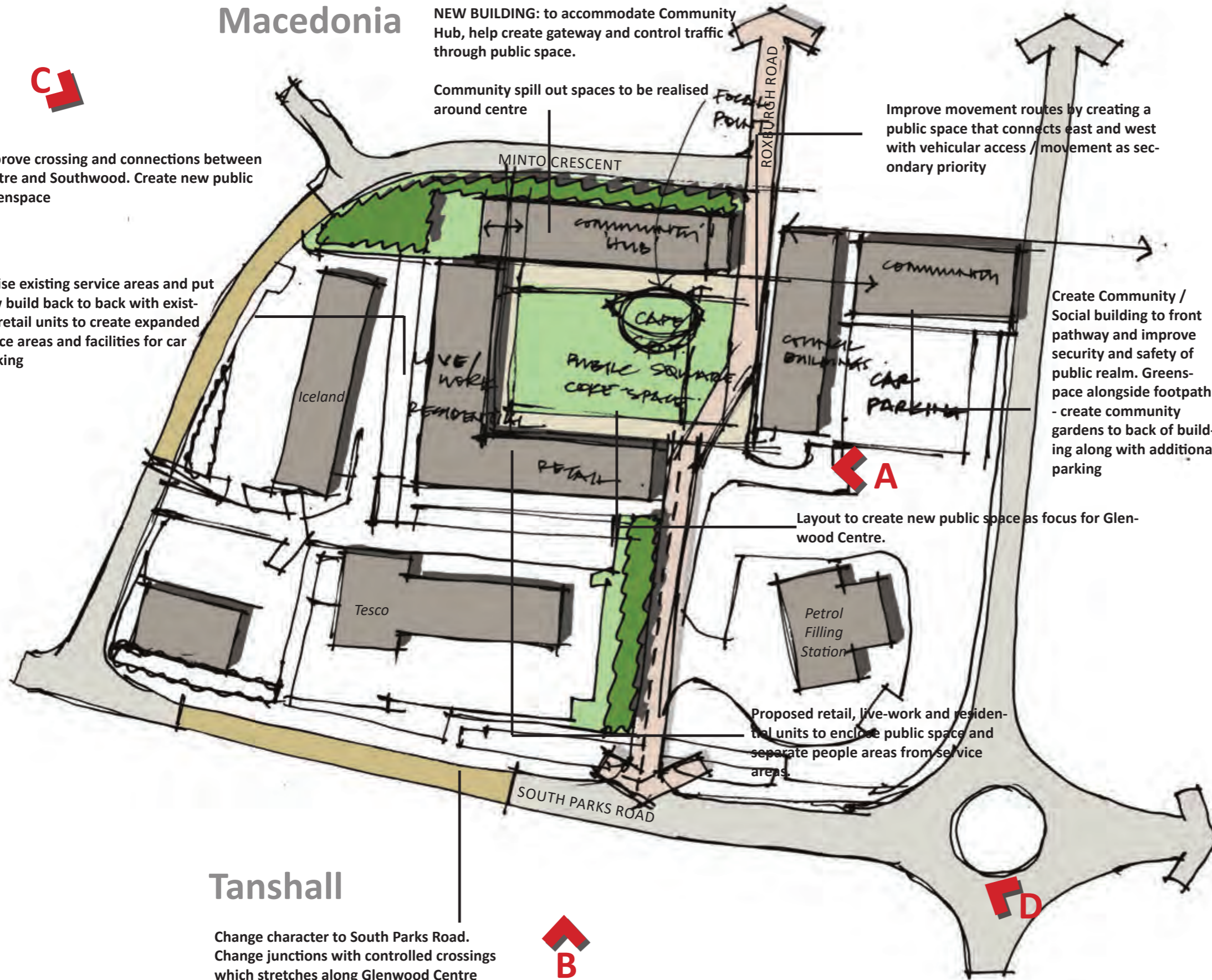
Proposed retail, live-work and residential units to enclose public space and separate people areas from service areas.

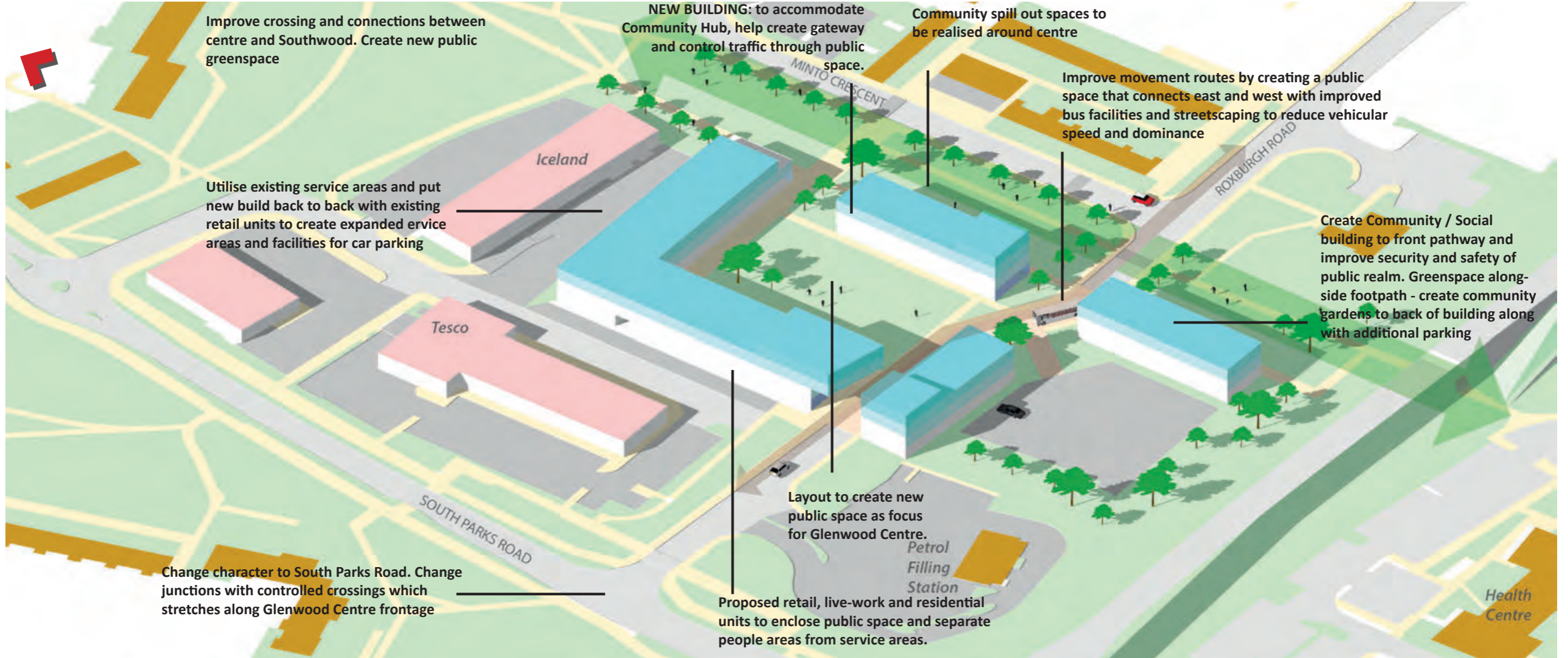
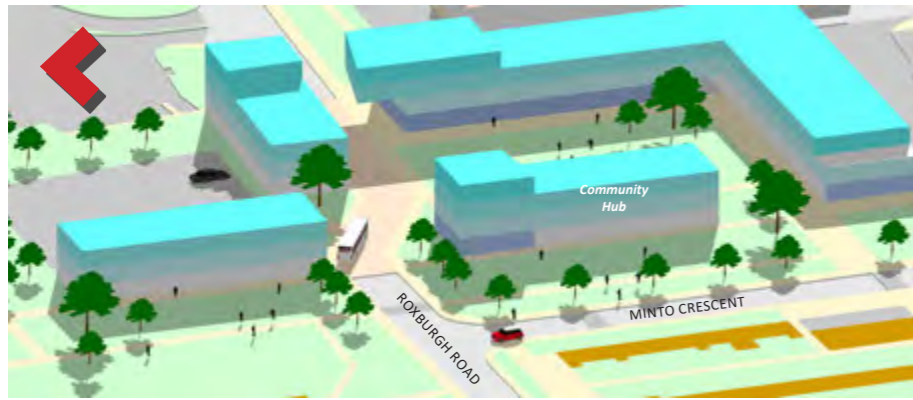
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Change character to South Parks Road. Change junctions with controlled crossings which stretches along Glenwood Centre frontage

Improve crossing and connections between centre and Southwood. Create new public greenspace

Utilise existing service areas and put new build back to back with existing retail units to create expanded service areas and facilities for car parking





- Retained Buildings
- Building Renovation / Improvements
- New Buildings

The High level option looks at removal of the Glenwood flats and retail space / shops below, as well as removal of the library building. New buildings and public space to create a new heart for the centre.



Glenwood Centre: High level option - Proposed view



Glenwood Centre: High level option - Existing view

The following pages set out the design development of the Glenwood Centre from the informed three level options, Low, Medium and High. Costing of the different elements of these options was carried out from which a 4th option materialised which evolved the mid and high level options. Option 4 a costed phased option which further tested concepts (Refer to page 12 for the community feedback context). Finer detail will follow in the form of a design brief to guide a future planning application.

This 4th option:

- Provides better access and movement
- Establishes the community hub as a central public space
- Connects with existing shops, housing, schools, health centre and surrounding greenspace
- Details building uses
- Creates a central greenspace and allotment area, and connects to existing greenspace
- Better positions car parking across the site
- Better connects public transport through a bus interchange point
- Creates a more pedestrian friendly South Parks Road and Roxburgh Road
- Phases the development so that it works financially:
 - Phase 1 - Housing
 - Phase 2 - Community Hub
 - Phase 3 - Housing
 - Phase 4 - Commercial / Housing (CBRA*)
 - Phase 5 - Commercial / Housing (CBRA*)



GLENWOOD CENTRE

Proposals Plan - Phased Option 4

- 1. Residential - 3 / 4 storey
- 2. Community Hub - 3 storey
- 3. Residential - 2 storey
- 4. Commercial & residential - 3 / 4 storey
- 5. Commercial & residential - 3 / 4 storey

— 52 Flats

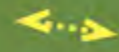
Combined 69 Flats and
17 Commercial Units

- a. Community square
- b. Community gardens / allotment area
- c. 'Green' link corridor
- d. New pedestrian walkway
- e. Bus interchange point
- f. Pedestrian priority route
- g. Widened pedestrian link
- h. Traffic calmed road
- i. Communal common park
- j. car parking



GLENWOOD CENTRE

Proposals Plan - Phased Option 4 - Design features



Strengthened pedestrian routes
including linkage to healthcare centre, community hub and housing areas north and south



Improved crossing points
including removal of under-passes and crossing at grade



Gateway created
creating a sense of arrival and a reinvigorated sense of Glenwood as a community, as a place



New public / community space
The new public space provides a focus for retail, commercial, residential and community



Buildings to address streets and public space
streets and places to be safer and more secure by doors opening, and windows looking on to the public realm



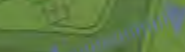
Key building relationships
buildings used to create strong urban forms and legible places



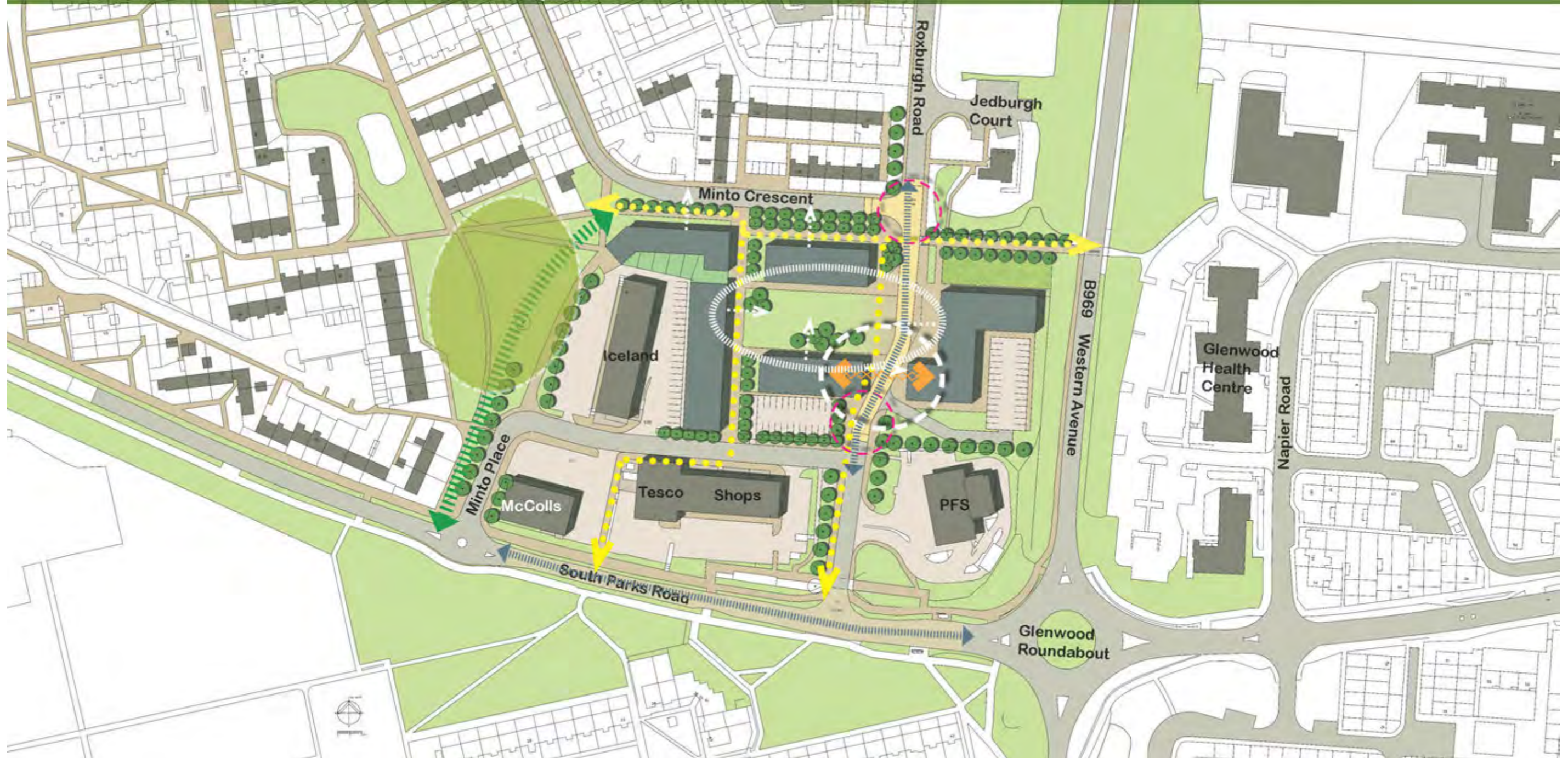
New communal green / play space
re-design of existing routes and green spaces surrounding Glenwood will help improve connections and create better places to play and have fun



Rationalised pedestrian routes and open space



Improved traffic routes with pedestrian priority
an aspiration to improve all routes and connections around Glenwood and better connect to existing housing areas surrounding the centre





Proposed

Option 4 - Illustrative Image 01 - Minto Crescent



Existing

Viewpoint location

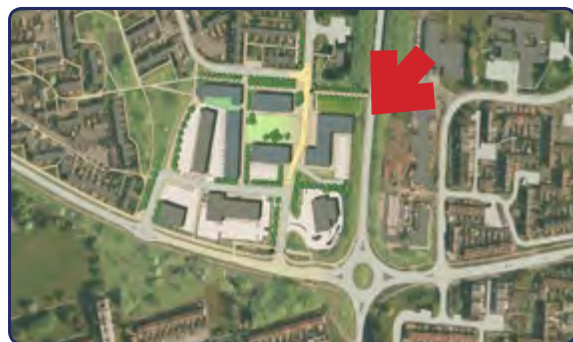




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Option 4 - Illustrative Image 02 - Roxburgh Road

Viewpoint location



Existing



Proposed

Option 4 - Illustrative Image 03 - Walkway from Health Centre

Viewpoint location



Existing



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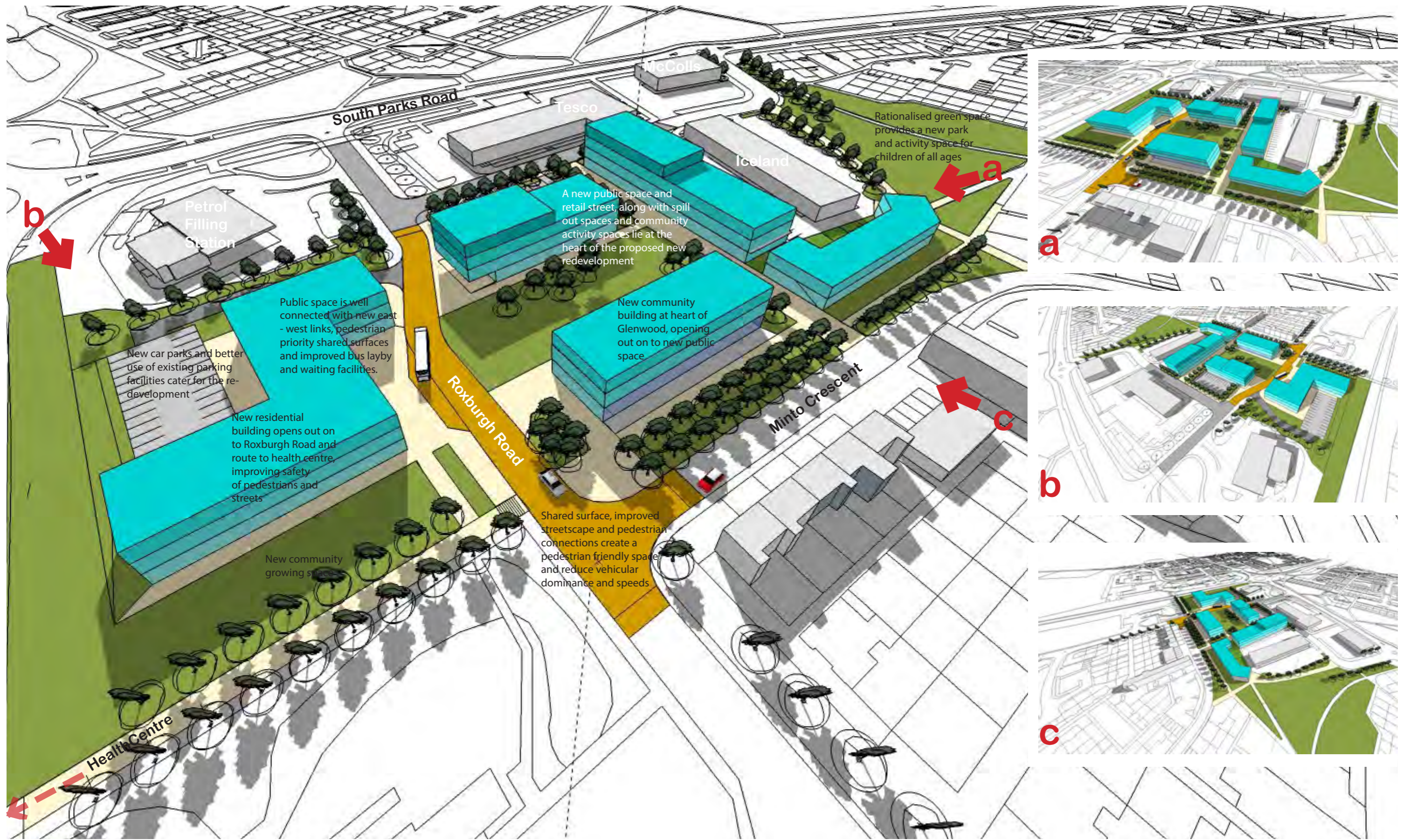


Existing



Viewpoint location

Option 4 - Illustrative Image 04 - Aerial View Looking West



Possible Funding Sources

Possible main funding sources are detailed opposite:



Funding Source	Timescales	Notes
<p>Tesco Bags of Help Greenspace Funding: http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme</p>	2 rounds of funding per year 2015-2018.	<p>Projects that would typically receive funding include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, pocket parks and urban green spaces • Green corridors – river and canals, cycle ways • Formal and informal play areas • Open access sports facilities within public parks and recreation grounds – e.g. football pitches, tennis courts and cricket pitches • Informal outdoor recreation facilities; e.g. gym equipment, trim trails and woodland walks • Nature reserves, community woodland, ponds and village greens • Churchyards • Seafront improvements • Community allotments, community gardens, orchards and city farms • Spaces in the grounds of hospices and day centres • Allotments • School grounds • Community spaces on housing estates or residential areas
<p>Scottish Big Lottery 3rd Scottish Land Fund https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund</p> <p>Tel: 03001237110; advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk, facebook.com/biglotteryfundscotland.</p>	2016-2020 (with a total of £10m available each year)	The fund aims to support urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable. One of the key factors is having a receptive Local Authority. They have a mix of medium (less than £150,000 for e.g. community led activity) and large grants (less than £1m for e.g. capital and revenue projects / grants for community asset projects which are community-led and run). Mentors are available to help support applications.
Big Lottery Community Assets Fund	Opened 16 July 2016. £10,000 to £1m for up to 5 years	To empower people to create strong and resilient communities by helping them acquire and/or develop local assets that are important to them. Funds are available to community-led organisations to tackle inequality.



Funding Source	Timescales	Notes
Awards for All Scotland http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/awardforallscotland	Ongoing	£500-£10,000 to help develop ideas. Aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people in need. You can apply if you are a not for profit / voluntary or community body, social enterprise, community council, school or statutory body. It is focused on organisations who have not received a grant from the programme in the last 3 years.
Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) http://www.centralscotlandgreennetwork.org/resources/funding	2014-2020	Funding available for tree planting and footpaths.
Paths for All http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/grants-a-funding.html	Ongoing	Funding for access and community growing projects. Walking for health grants to support walking within communities – new grants available this year.
Regeneration Capital Grant Fund 2018-2019 https://beta.gov.scot/publications/regeneration-capital-grant-fund-2018-19-application-form-and-guidance/	2018-2019	The fund is primarily aimed at providing new and/or improved infrastructure to improve the economic, social, and physical environment of communities.
Sustrans Community Links Funding (funded by Transport Scotland); https://sustranscommunitylinks.wordpress.com/	Sustrans is supporting £20m towards construction projects. All projects have now been allocated but the fund has been re-opened for 2017-2018 spend given likely under-spend for allocated projects.	Objectives: (1) for infrastructure projects designed to encourage cycling and walking for everyday journeys; (2) to encourage place making schemes that evidence future modal shift to cycling and walking; (3) to meet an identified community need and demand; (4) to link places people live with the places they want to get to; and (5) to encourage investment in new infrastructure solutions which meet the needs of cyclists and pedestrians.
Fife Environment Trust https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/fet/index.cfm	Submission deadlines are twice per annum for grants of between £10,000 and £50,000	The main areas of work that qualify for funding are as follows: Object A: The reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation on land to facilitate economic, social or environmental use. Object B: Community based recycling, re-use and waste prevention projects. Object C: To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity. Object D: The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.

Conclusions and Next Steps

Next Steps

The challenge after any charrette is sustaining momentum by moving quickly to delivery. Since meaningful improvements are inevitably complicated and involve multiple partners, it is important to quickly get arrangements in place to agree and co-ordinate activity. Fife Council and the newly formed Macedonia Action Group have been inspirational in this regard – meeting regularly since July to begin to action the ‘early wins’ (see Chapter 6 of the Action Plan and Chapter 4 of this report).

In addition to the proposal-specific actions identified in the Action Plan (Chapter 4), Spatial Place Plan (Chapter 5), and Glenwood Centre costed Masterplan (Chapter 6), there are a number of other important actions which are needed if the charrette objectives are to be delivered and sustained. These include:

1. Getting long term buy-in from local stakeholders and delivery partners
2. Creating a mechanism for collaborative delivery
3. GARF (together with the Macedonia Action Group) building & co-ordinating local capacity with support.
4. Securing funding from the various funding sources (and more) identified in chapter 7.
5. Keeping young people interested and involved.
6. Demonstrating progress to the wider community.
7. Sustaining momentum!

Fife Council, together with the Macedonia Action Group and GARF, provide an excellent platform to move forward with project management and delivery. It is vital that the package of proposals taken forward are done collaboratively rather than led by a single organisation.

The commitment that has already been made by Fife Council to begin the process of emptying the residential properties at Glenwood Centre and to look to sources of funding to help in its redevelopment is very positive. The drop-in exhibition on 2 November demonstrated a real commitment to a costed masterplan and has now begun the process towards a planning application submission.

The next stage for the redevelopment of the Glenwood Centre will be producing a design development brief to cement the design principles and guide a future planning application / CPO process. Active consideration will then be given to supporting a planning application.







Golden Glenrothes

Report of Glenrothes West Charretteplus® Appendices

Appendix One

Pre-Charrette engagement summary

Meetings /E-mail / telephone exchange has taken place with:

- **Youth engagement:** Caskieberran Primary, Southwood Primary, St Paul's Primary, Glenwood High, Glenrothes High, St Andrew's High School, Newcastle Primary, Youth 1st, Proud LGBT Youth Group
- **Council Departments:** Estates (Sharon Ward, Alan Paul), Housing Officers (Macedonia, Tanshall, Caskieberran), Affordable Housing, Planning, Community Planning (Local Community Planning Support Officer)
- **Governmental Organisations:** Scottish Government, Police Scotland
- **Local Groups / individuals:** Ralph Dean/Sandra Gracey (St. Ninian's Church and Cafe), Bob Hutchieson (St. Ninian's Charity Shop and Community Cafe), GARF, Southwood Primary School and Glenwood High School headteachers and family support workers, Glenwood Homestart, SAMH at Jedburgh Court, CH@T, Bryan Tasker (Starter for Ten), Anne Marie Galloway (Southwood Tots), Salvation Army, Church of Scotland.
- **Local businesses and enterprises:** Glenrothes foodbank, Glenwood Salon, Dhillon Taxis, Barnardos, YMCA Glenrothes, Domino's Pizza, Glenwood Health Centre
- **Local Councillors:** Cllr Bill Brown, Cllr Julie Ford, Cllr Altany Craik, Cllr Craig Walker
- **Media:** Fife Today, Glenrothes Gazette, Kingdom FM, Fife Council News

Pre-Charrette Engagement 'Quotes'

- "There is nothing to do"
- "We are hopeful for the future"
- "It is important to remember that people still live and work at the Glenwood Centre"
- "The flats at the Glenwood Centre are passed their sell by date"
- "What about starting up a 'take a pride in West Glenrothes' group?"
- "The area needs a Community Council"
- "The Glenwood Centre should be the focus for a community hub"
- "The area has a great community spirit"

How Glenwood High Pupils described Glenrothes West

- Magic
- Golden
- Old fashioned / retro

- Safe
- Welcoming
- Green
- Homely

Local groups/organisations who are possibly keen to Implement Ideas

- St. Ninian's Church (new Minister 26 April)
- GARF
- Glenrothes High School
- Glenwood High School
- Southwood Primary School
- Salvation Army

Potential Funds

- Town and Local Centres Fund
- Central Fife Task Force Fund
- Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
- St. Ninian's Charity Shop and Community Café (gives money to local groups who apply)
- Environmental Improvement Fund
- Fife Council

Brownfield, Gap and vacant sites and buildings (not comprehensive)

- No active 'development sites' except Tanshall primary school site (affordable housing - we can test plans at the charrette as this is confirmed investment).
- Durriss Drive / Huntly Drive – block demolitions (south of former Tanshall Primary School).
- Old police station site (in charrette area?)
- Re-use of vacant Macedonia Tenants Meeting Room (TMR), Carfrae Drive.
- Re-use of vacant Caskieberran Tenants Meeting Room (TMR), Marmion Drive.

Workshop Themes Emerging

1. Glenwood Centre

- This is the main neighbourhood centre for West Glenrothes. The original building has a considerable number of vacant units, and the Library recently closed (very controversially) although there is the possibility of community asset transfer.
- Older residents remember what facilities used to be in the Glenwood Centre (butcher, baker, laundrette, chemist etc.).
- It is still seen as a valuable resource by all age groups, albeit underused, unkempt and (for some, such as children) unsafe.
- For Southwood Primary pupils, the Glenwood Centre is both their most used and their least used space!
- There seems to be little attachment to the actual buildings that make up the Glenwood Centre, but there is concern about what will happen to St. Ninian's Charity shop and café if there is any redevelopment. It performs a hugely important local service, as a community meeting place and source of good cheap food – particularly in the mornings and afternoon. (Other services there like the hair salon and Indian restaurant are also well used and liked.) There is a desire that St Ninians in particular should continue to be accommodated if the Centre is redeveloped.
- Some units have been empty for over 10 years – there is a general perception that nothing can be done to encourage re-use of the remaining empty units.
- Southwood Tots would like a unit in the Glenwood Centre but the rents are too high.
- In the flats above, problem tenants in privately rented flats are big concerns. The flats are very stigmatised, and there is little love for them to remain in the wider community or indeed from some of the tenants.
- The newer retail developments to the south are well used and valued, and serve a wider area of West Glenrothes.
- The centre as a whole (old and new) is surrounded by roads infrastructure. Pedestrian access is poor.
- Other services are located nearby – most notably the new Health Centre at Napier Drive to the east, connected by an underpass.
- Students from Glenrothes High School (to the east) and Glenwood High School (to the west) both use the centre at lunchtimes. Lunchtimes are staggered to avoid trouble.

- Concern about the general tidiness of the area / and maintenance (including landscaping). There is an urgent need to improve the environment – including more greenery and colour.

2. Housing

- Housing access issues.
- Poor housing stock.
- Lots of demand for affordable housing.
- Next phase of housing investment – Tanshall primary school site for 60 affordable housing units 2017-2019. The Pre Application Consultation for development of this site will run alongside the charrette (on Wed 17 May).
- Glenwood Centre is included within the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for Fife to 2022.
- No sites within the vacant and derelict land register

3. Community facilities

- There is a general desire for more clubs, events, activities and meeting places (for young and old).
- St. Ninian's Church is very active in the community – it also has adult learning, job clubs, charity shop/community café. The café is now a limited company with 40/50 volunteers, a board of Trustees, 4 paid staff (cook, assistant cook, project manager and cleaner). Good cheap food and somewhere to go.
- St Ninians café and charity shop in the Glenwood Centre performs valuable functions as a place to meet and access good cheap food – combating social isolation and helping health and wellbeing.
- Glenwood Library (charrette base) was controversially closed a few weeks ago. It performed a valued function to access computers, job club etc as well as traditional library functions. Much missed.
- Fife College (Michael Woods Sports and Leisure Centre) is a sub-regional leisure centre for Glenrothes. Outwith the charrette area, about 30 minutes walk from the Glenwood Centre. Opened 2013/14. The local junior football club is adjacent.
- Saltire Centre (outwith charrette area about 20 minutes walk). Local food bank 2/3 days per week. Links to Salvation Army.
- Glenwood High is a community school. Public access to swimming pool, language classes, evening classes, and community food growing in the grounds. A police group also meets there.

- Southwood Primary School is also a community school with a community room (fully booked). Southwood Tots use it on a Friday morning 9.30-12.
- Both Glenwood High and Southwood Primary have family support workers who run various groups and activities (not only for parents in Southwood's case) but have a number of challenges related to availability of space, facilities etc.
- The former Tanshall Primary School at South Parks Road had a community meeting space that operated as a local hub, with local community group CH@T organising many activities, classes and events from there. Since the school was demolished, they no longer have a home (they are looking for somewhere, their preference is the unused Tenants Meeting Room in Macedonia).
- Auchmuty Community Centre (outwith charrette area, 30 minutes walk from Glenwood Centre) is a town wide community resource and has just been refurbished. Job club / adult learning there, which the Council is keen not to replicate. It is some distance from West Glenrothes for those without transport.
- Council say that the current level of community provision in Fife is unsustainable. There is a need for alternative community models.
- There is a need to map public sector buildings and land.

4. Access

- Traffic Islands are needed to stop the traffic speeding
- Need for better pedestrian and cycle access – including lighting, road crossings and signage.
- Bus access is ok (Nos. 5, 2, 30 go past Glenrothes High; No. 32 goes past the old Tanshall Primary school site, No. 391 goes around Newcastle and Macedonia).

5. Safety

- In the Caskieberran / Tanshall police crime area there are issues with drugs, minor assault, theft, minor road traffic offences. Particular problem with 14-16 age range. 2 police officers for the whole of the ward.
- Anecdotally, the area is not regarded as unsafe or 'no-go'. But many people (including children) perceive it as unsafe at night.
- Police station has been moved out of the town centre (1 mile away) – so less of a police 'presence' in the area. There should be more of a police presence, especially in the parks.

- The covered area at the Glenwood Centre is regarded as unpleasant and potentially unsafe, particularly due to some 'undesirable' residents in the flats above.

6. Environment

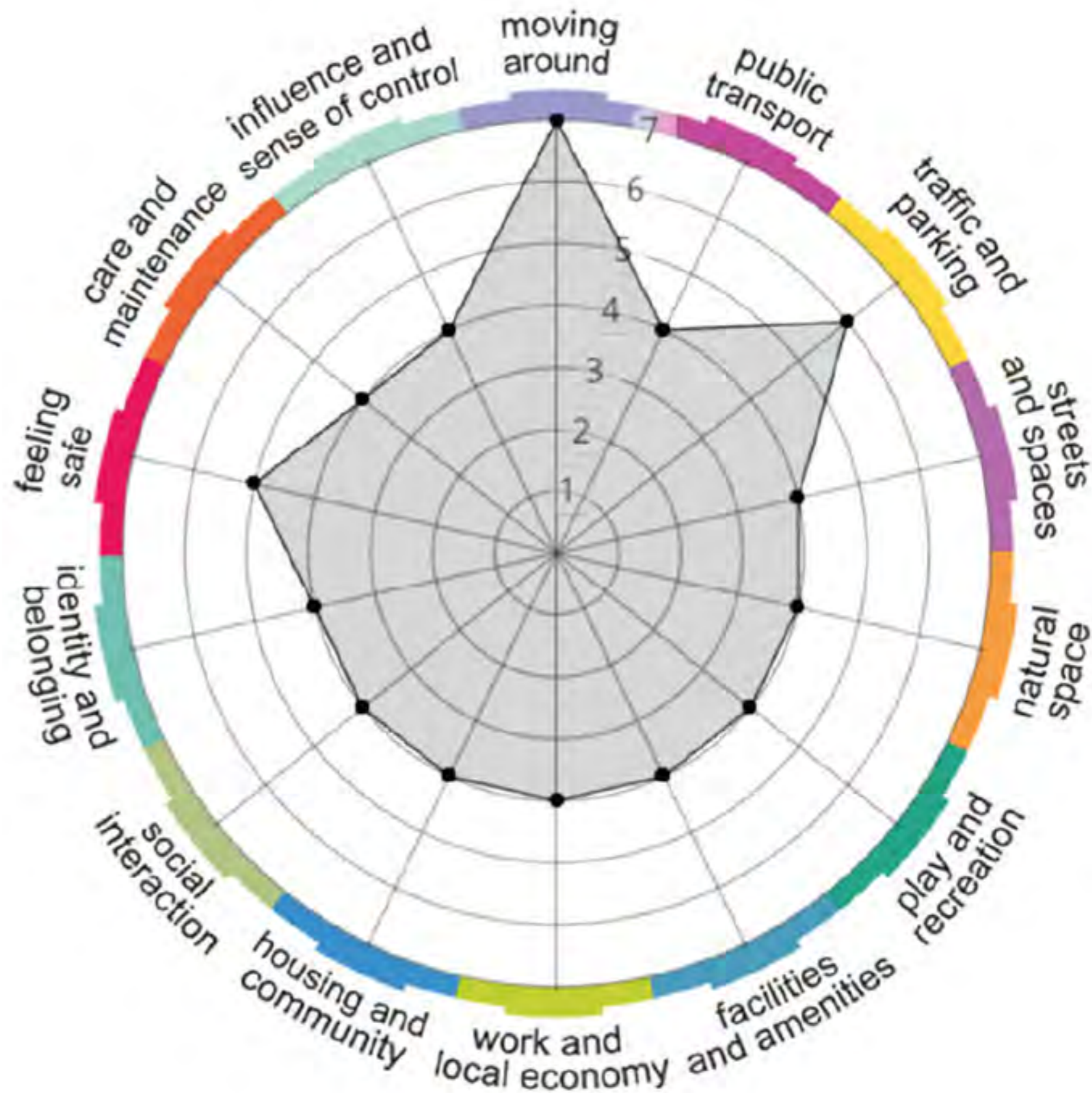
- Safety was perceived as an issue after dark.
- Young people in particular regard litter, graffiti and general standards of care of public spaces as being a major issue.
- Vandalism is seen as a big issue, particularly by young people.
- Illegal dumping in South Wood.

7. Green Space

- There is a need for litter bins, benches and improved paths (sort drainage issues) in green areas (e.g. South Park – which leads to Riverside Park). Riverside Park is for older kids (great skateboard park, flower beds, pond, playing fields); South Park is for younger kids. There is a small skateboard park for younger kids at Tanshall Park which is due to be improved May / June 2017.
- Young people would like better and more adventurous opportunities for play and recreation, with better use of the considerable amounts of green space that are available – including nature trails, adventure play, new play equipment etc. Many of them didn't feel that the spaces were safe at night.
- There is a desire, amongst some, for community orchards and allotments.

Place Standard

At this event residents were invited to express their views of Glenrothes West using the Scottish Government's Placemaking Tool, which can be seen below. Most aspects of the area were viewed as adequate, safety was not flagged as an issue, and movement and traffic were both seen as being excellent.



Southwood, Caskieberran & St Paul's Primary Schools Engagement Report

The following report summarises some of the key themes and responses from primary school students at the Glenrothes West Charrette ('Golden Glenrothes') primary school engagement event held at Southwood Primary on the 19th April 2017.

Through the Window

Pupils were asked to consider what land uses they see out of their most immediate window, and think about wider uses within Glenrothes. The following were noted:

- Built Environment: Mural on Youth Centre, Bottle Shop / ASDA, Fences, Houses (Older/Of Brick construction/Flat roofs)
- Natural Environment: Paths, hedges, Gardens/Tree stump/Trees/Flowers
- Public Realm: Hop scotch, play areas

Then and Now

Pupils were asked to look at photos from different time periods and reflect on the aspects they thought had changed or stayed the same. Overall they felt that the Glenwood Centre looked much more appealing in the older photos, and that it is now hidden away. They stated that the centre is very useful, and good for shopping. They also stated they felt it was unsafe and that the graffiti and untidiness is very noticeable. When shown the neighbourhood photographs they noticed the greenery and trees that were no longer there, and that these areas appear more untidy now.

Mapping Exercise

Pupils were asked to pinpoint areas they use the most and areas they use the least on a map.



Glenrothes West Primary Schools – Most Used Spaces



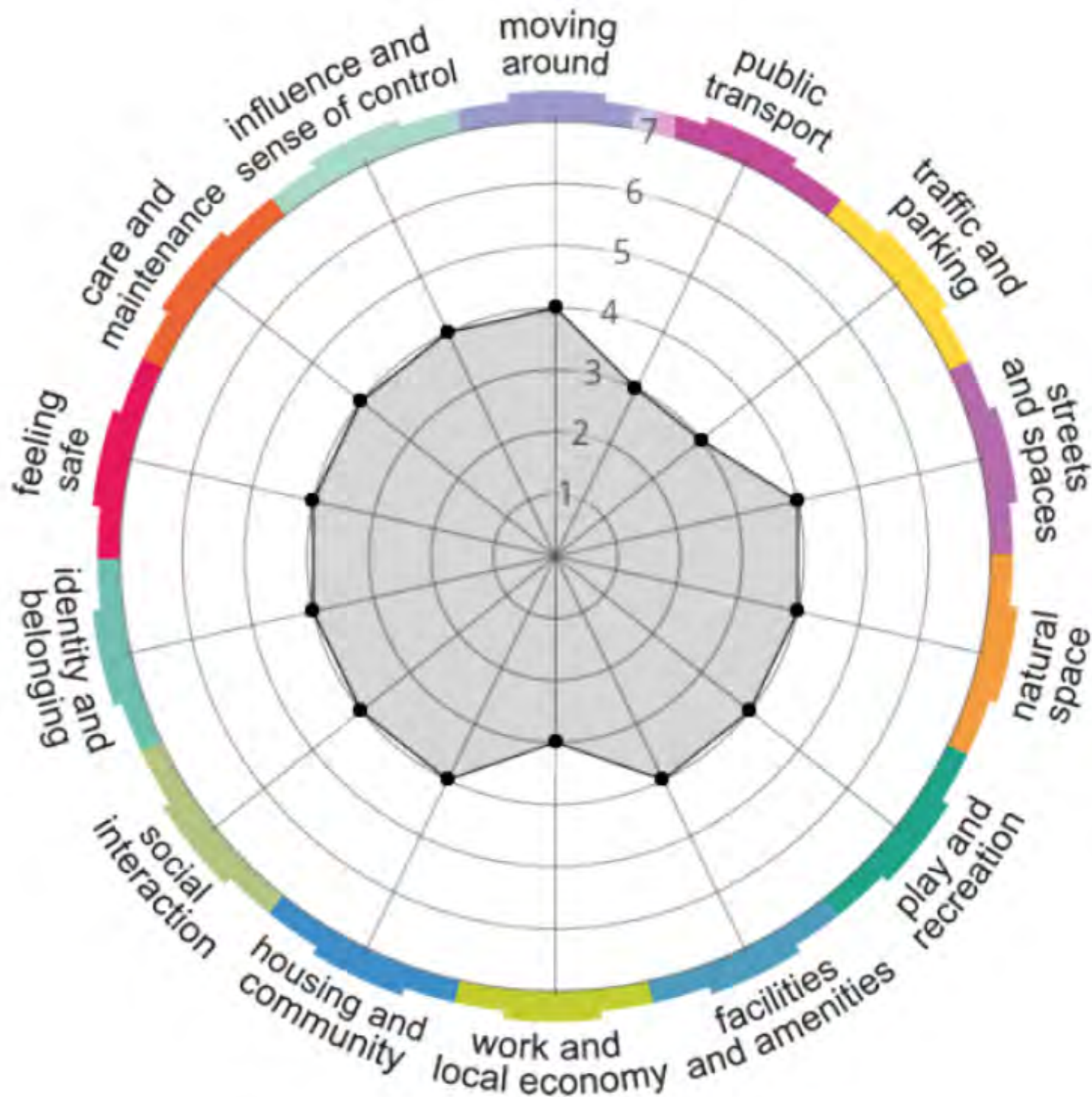
Glenrothes West Primary Schools – Least Used Spaces

Place Standard

Pupils completed the Scottish Government’s Place Standard tool as a group of 4-5 pupils. The results are summarised in the diagram below Fig. 2.41.

A number of key themes came out of this exercise and are outlined in the next wordle. The pupils found the paths to be poorly maintained and that dog fouling was an issue. They felt that there was enough bus public transport although its affordability was questioned, and they noticed there was no access to trains or trams. They thought that there was not enough parking spaces or traffic crossings, and that traffic was dangerous at night. They also thought there was too much vandalism and graffiti and that older places needed to be refurbished, that more street lighting was needed, and that it was dangerous to get around at night. In terms of natural spaces they felt there was a good mix and that spaces were safe and accessible during the daytime, but that there was not enough furniture or seating to relax in these areas. In terms of play and recreation areas they felt provision was good and that they were cared for, however they noticed that they were often vandalised and were a target for graffiti.

They felt that there were not enough meeting places, although the places that are currently there are accessible. They thought that there were good opportunities for employment, with good training opportunities, however they noted there was only one college. They thought housing variety was good, but that some flats needed refurbished. They felt that there were very few places to meet up with others, and that existing spaces had no shelter from poor weather. They also thought that a sense of identity and belonging was non-existent in Glenrothes West and there was no sense of history. They found that they felt unsafe at night and that there was a great deal of anti-social behaviour, with derelict buildings being apparent in all neighbourhoods. They thought that dog fouling, fly tipping, and vandalism were key issues not being dealt with properly and that more bins were needed, along with more enforcement of private property maintenance. Lastly, they felt they were not really listened to by the council and that only adults have a say.



Glenrothes West Primary Schools Place Standard Summary

Glenwood Centre Proposal Development

Children were split into different themed groups and asked to provide proposals for improvements to the Glenwood Centre – and these are outlined in a final wordle below. There was a general sense that the area needed improvement - more colour, green space, and refurbishment. They thought a community centre of some type would be good, and that it would offer classes, courses for residents, and could be used as a drop in centre for the homeless with a food bank, or a possible youth centre. They thought that the area could be better maintained with bins, lighting, better signage, and possibly CCTV. Lastly, they felt there could be better paths for cycling, more public transport, and better road crossings.



Glenrothes West Primary Schools Place Standard Themes

Glenrothes West Primary Schools Glenwood Centre Proposals

Glenwood High / Glenrothes High School Engagement Report

On the 18th April 2017 pupils from Glenwood High and Glenrothes High took part in a combined workshop looking at various aspects of the neighbourhood of Glenrothes West. The workshop was held in Glenwood High School.

Glenrothes West: Your Thoughts

Pupils were asked their thoughts on the neighbourhood of Glenrothes West. The diagrams below summarise the key results from this exercise. The wordle below explains what the pupils liked about Glenrothes West:



Glenrothes West High Schools – What You Like



Glenrothes West High Schools – What You Dislike

Bike Lanes
Public Art People
Skate Parks

Shops

Glenrothes West High Schools – What You Would Like to Stay the Same

Glenrothes West High Schools – What You Would Like to Change

Improve Skate Park

Reputation

More Public Art

More Litter Bins

Better Parks Less Graffiti

Glenwood Centre & Flats

Safer Subways

More Benches

Mapping Exercise

Pupils were asked to look at a map of Glenrothes West and indicate which places were used most and least

Most

- Glenwood High
- Glenwood Shops
- Public Art (@ the Roundabout), it brightens up the area
- Leslie Bridge
- Green Belt
- Statues
- Skate Park
- Southwood Park (No anti-social behaviour)

Least

- Glenwood Centre (atmosphere) x 4
- Nothing to do in the area as a whole
- Areas around the school
- Skatepark (Tanshall)
- Leslie House could be better (tourist attraction)
- Macedonia (Rough)
- Underpass at Glenrothes Centre
- Subway (Graffiti / Anti-social behaviour)

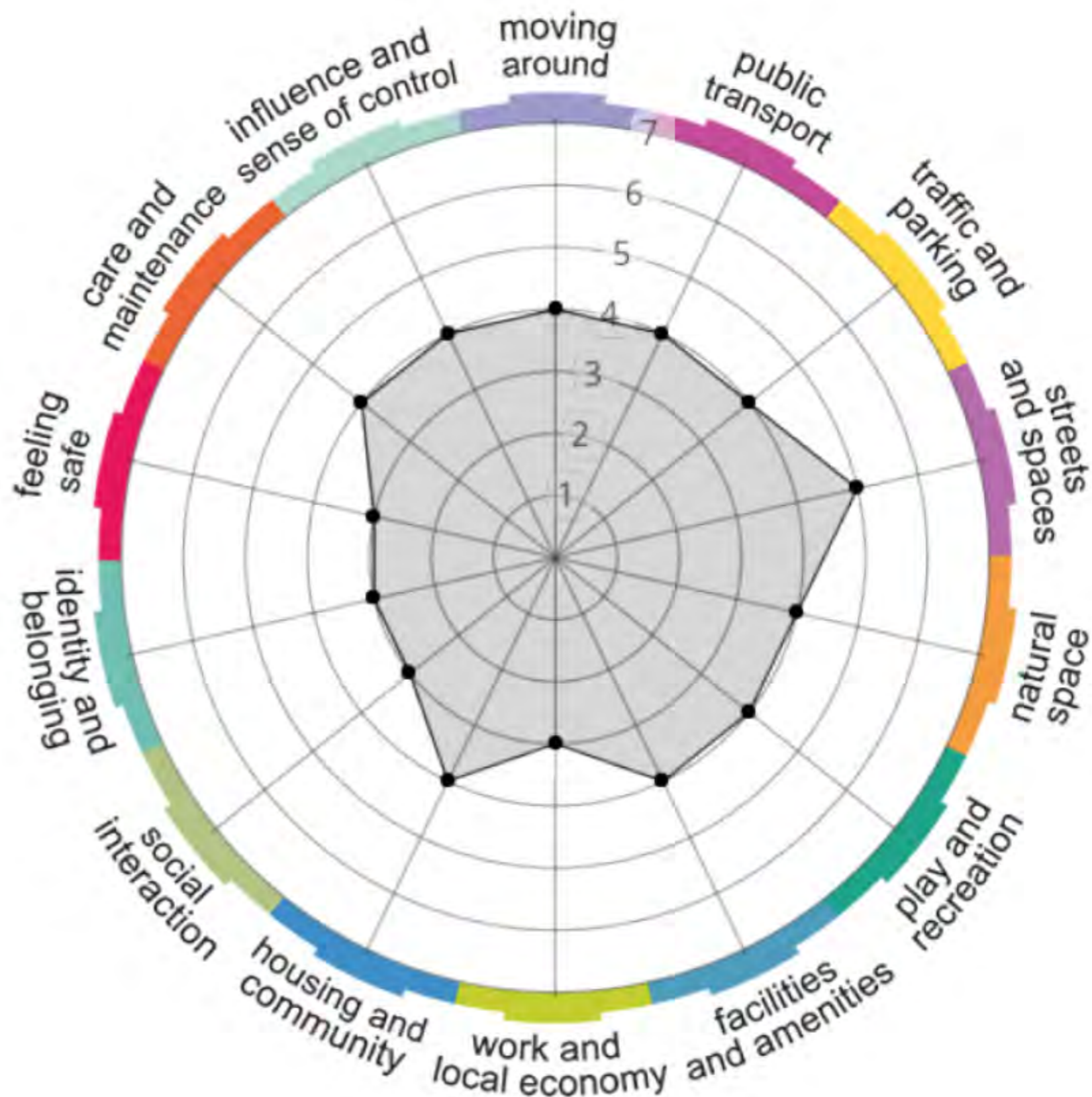


Place Standard Tool

Pupils completed the Scottish Government's Place Standard tool as groups of 4-5.

A number of key themes came out of this exercise and are summarised in the Wordle below. The pupils found that moving around Glenrothes West was relatively easy with good routes. However they thought that paths could still be improved, that they were not in the most scenic areas, that lighting needed to be improved, and that more signage was needed. They thought that although buses were frequent and that bus stops were convenient they were routinely late and were expensive, proposing that students should be able to ride on public buses free of charge. They thought that traffic flowed well but there was not enough parking and that residents tended to use footpaths where parking was not available. They thought that streetscapes could be improved and that buildings and flats looked shabby. They thought there was a good amount of greenspace, but noted that this is disappearing and being replaced with housing. They also thought that natural spaces were a target for litter and dog-fouling. They were concerned about litter in open spaces and play areas and felt that recreational areas could be better maintained, with too much graffiti. They thought that there was a general lack of facilities in the area but that the Michael Woods Centre was a good example of facilities provision in the wider area.

They thought that there were very few opportunities for employment in the area and that more shops may be useful. They thought that there was a poor mix of housing and existing housing was in poor repair, with more social housing needed. There was consensus that there were no community spaces available, and that there was little for them to do in the area, one suggesting that the Kingdom Centre is where social interaction most occurs. They also thought that, overall, Glenrothes West has a bad reputation, due predominately to a few individuals, and that maybe more community events could improve this. In terms of safety, they felt that bullying and crime was an issue and that the Glenwood Centre was poorly lit and felt unsafe; a suggestion was that 'it's not the environment, it's the people'. They felt that although the grassed areas were well maintained, vandalism was a big issue, and the general appearance of many of the buildings in the area is poor. Lastly, they felt that the level of influence they had was not great and that the feeling was that Fife Council tends to have the final decision.



Glenrothes West High Schools: Scottish Government Place Standard Tool

Buses Are Late
Buildings Look Shabby
Better Maintained Playgrounds
Poor Housing Mix
Bad Vandalism
Bad Reputation
Not Enough Facilities
More Path Signage
Good Greenspace
Bad Bullying & Crime
Bus Stops Convenient
Limited Job Opportunities
Improve Paths & Lighting
Poor Influence
Good Movement Routes

Glenrothes West High Schools Scottish Govt Place Standard Tool Themes

Proposals for Glenrothes West

Pupils were asked to propose changes to either the Greenspaces around Glenrothes West or the Glenwood Centre. Greenspace proposed changes are in the wordle below:

Southwood Learning Hut
More Community Events
Path Through Southwood
Inclusive Play Equipment
Cleanup Litter

Glenrothes West High Schools - Greenspace Proposed Changes

In terms of the Glenwood Centre the pupils were fairly evenly split between refurbishing the flats and shops, and demolishing it. There was consensus in making the centre more appealing, and in cleaning it up. The closing of the library was noted as a loss to the community and its re-opening was proposed, along with the suggestion that a community hub or centre, which could be the library, would provide a much needed central social space for the area. Public art, and a colourful paint refresh of the area was also suggested as possible positive interventions. They noted that more litter bins and better lighting in the subways would improve safety and cleanliness.

It was suggested that the greenspaces around Glenrothes West could be better utilised, with festivals, community events, and more activities for teenagers and the young being proposed. Another proposal was to create a path through Southwood; to include a hut or learning centre, along with a nature trail to reconnect people with nature. More dog walking areas, and improved maintenance of greenspaces, was also suggested. Lastly, it was suggested that a welcome arch and tree planting along the B969 road would further improve the image of Glenrothes West.

Refurbish Glenwood Centre

More Shops
Create Park

More Public Art

More Colour

Demolish Glenwood Flats

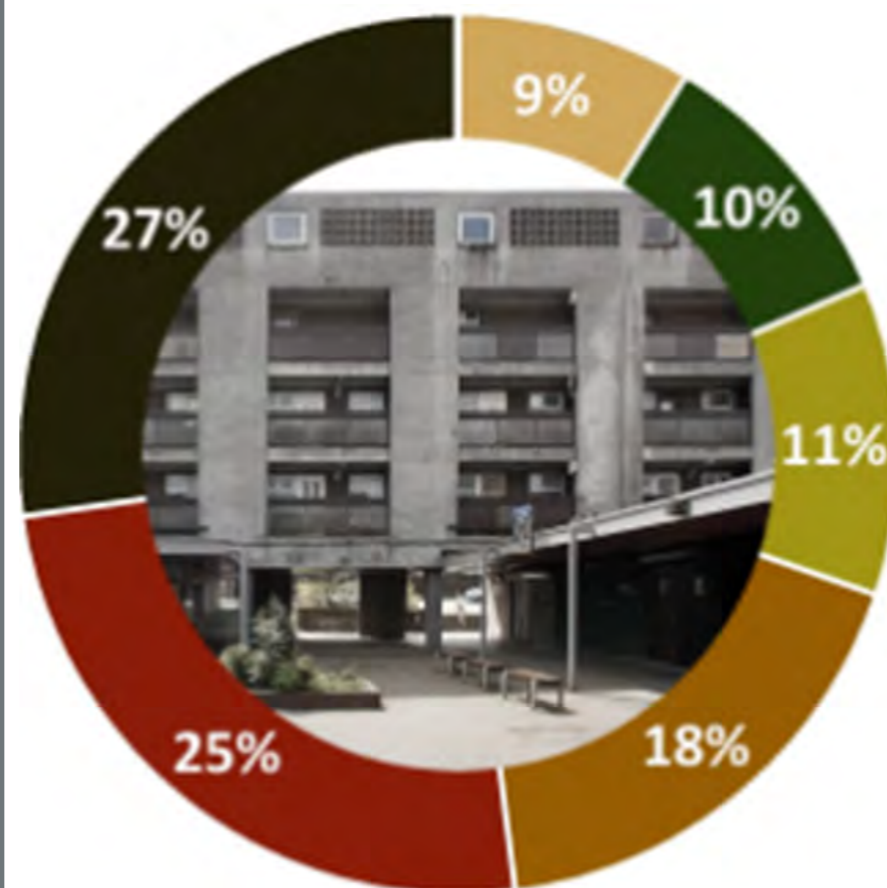
Re-Open Library
Create Community Hub

Glenrothes West High Schools - Glenwood Centre Proposals

Appendix Three

Community Survey Results

An online and paper based survey was conducted which sought to better understand resident's views on Glenrothes West and the Glenwood Centre. A total of 147 surveys were completed. Of those that responded, 33% were aged 0-24, 29% aged 25-44, 22% aged 45-64, and 16% were 65 and above. The gender split was 73% female, 27% male. In total 19% were from Tanshall, 35% were from Caskieberran, 35% were from Macedonia, and 29% were from the greater Glenrothes area and elsewhere.



- Poor +/- or lack of prov. of play facilities
- Poor upkeep/maintenance (general)
- Lack of activities +/- or poorly advertised
- Litter/poor cleanliness/dog fouling
- Crime (inc. vandalism/drugs) +/- or sense of
- The Glenwood Centre (maintenance)

Likes - How to improve



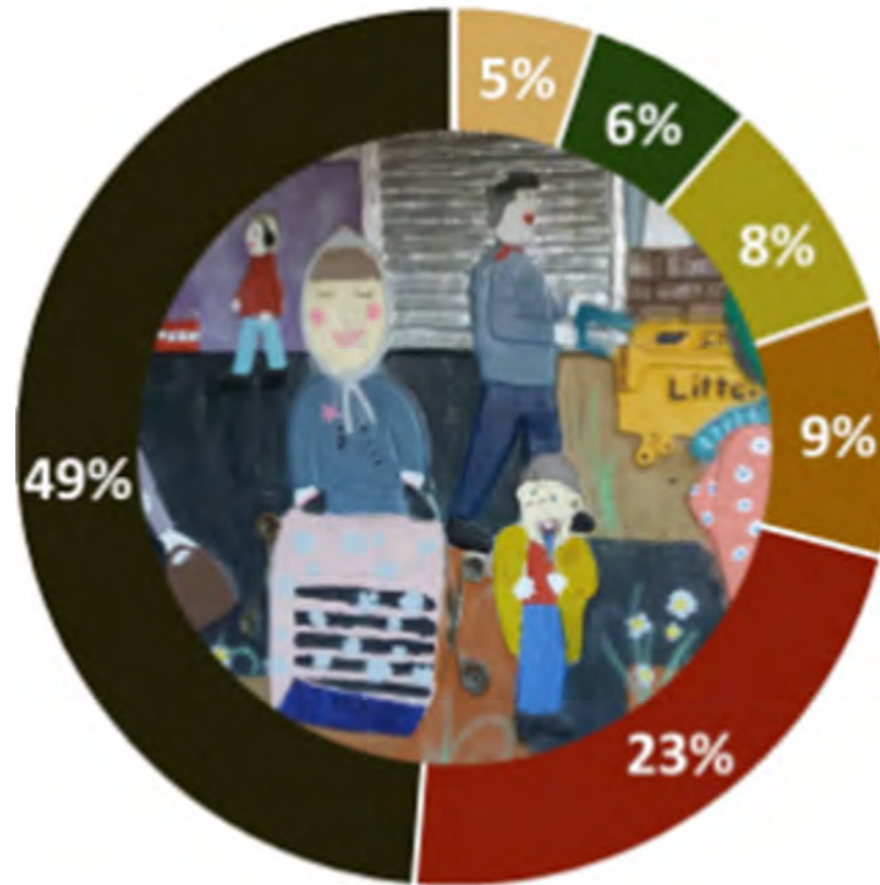
- Schools
- Ambience
- Access/movement
- Sense of community/people
- Greenerly/planting/parks
- Shops/restaurants/cafes

Dislikes - How local people can improve the area



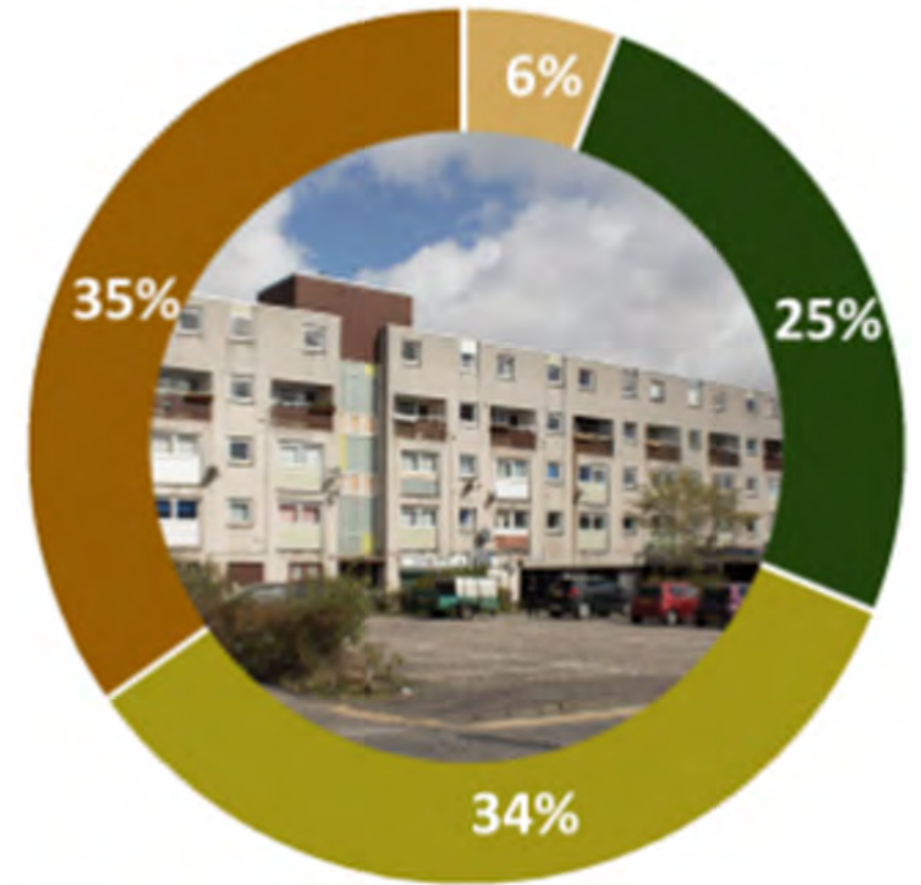
- Improve (inc Glen.) shops (content/appear.)
- Demolish G.wood flats +/- or Rest of centre
- Create/retain com. facil. (inc. keep library)
- Imp (or retained) greenery/planting/fauna
- Events/clubs/activities
- Imp./ more play equipment (inc. indoor)

Glenwood Centre Options



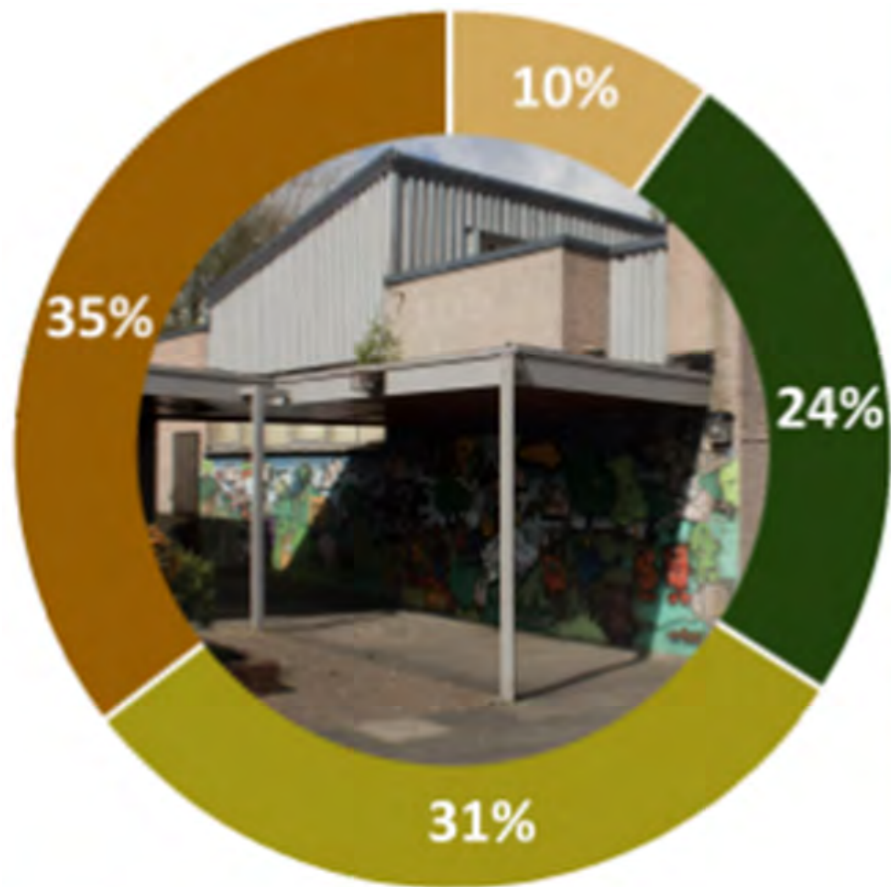
- Comm. gard./gardn. team (inc. w/ FC help)
- Clean up/maintain area (council)
- Local voluntary clean-up group
- Neighbourliness/pride/community feeling
- Comm. meetings/engagement/newsletter
- Residents maintain area themselves

Elements to be Kept if Partial Demolition

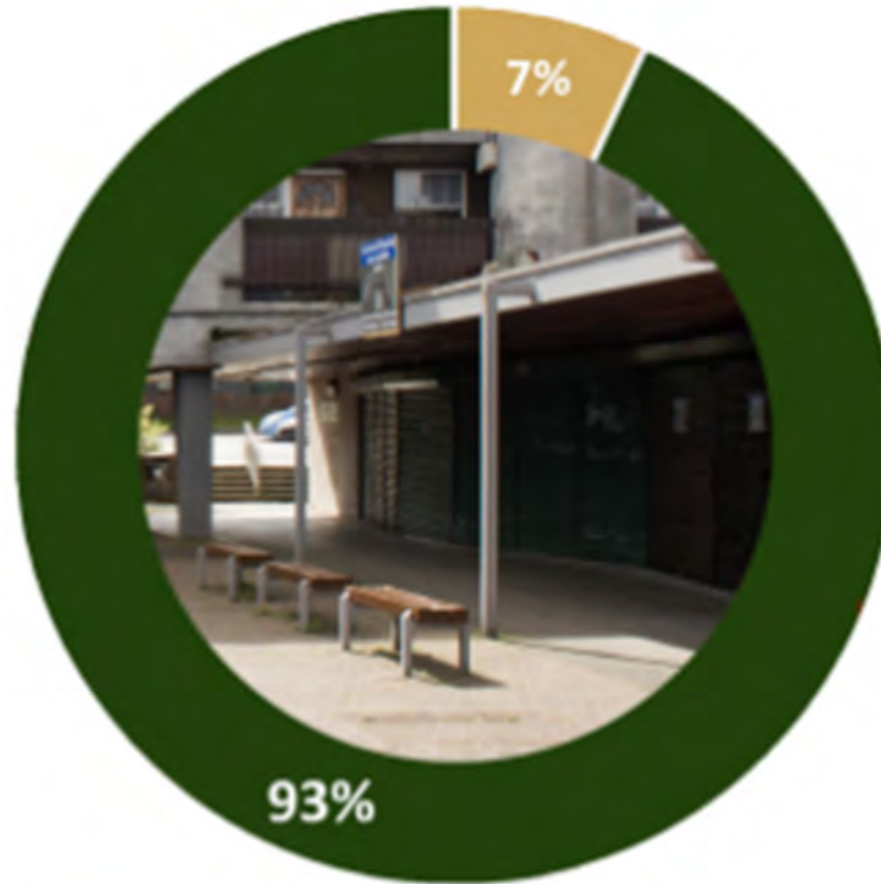


- Stay as it is
- Partial demolition
- Complete demolition
- Renovation of existing buildings

Glenwood Centre -The Future



- Houses/flats
- Green spaces
- Shops
- Community uses (e.g. comm. cafe, clubs)



- Flats
- Old shops

Appendix Four

'Glenrothes' Information Boards Displayed at the start of the Charrette



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Dog Fouling

If you know the address of the dog owners allowing their dogs to foul without clearing up after them, contact Fife Council using their online form (www.fifedirect.org.uk/doitonline) or alternatively call 03451 55 00 22. The owners of these dogs will be visited with appropriate action being taken against them, where it can be proved.

If you do not know the details of the dog owner, you can give Fife Council a description and an idea of times the dog is walked. The council can then target the area at these times which will give them a better chance of catching offenders. The Dog Warden and Environmental Wardens can also patrol the area to watch for people allowing their dogs to foul and issue fixed penalty notices as necessary.

Where dog mess needs cleaned up, you want to request a dog bin or have an existing one emptied, please use the council online form (www.fifedirect.org.uk/doitonline) or alternatively call 03451 55 00 22.

Litter

To report a litter issue please use Fife Council's online form (www.fifedirect.org.uk/doitonline) or alternatively call 03451 55 00 22. Please provide as much information as possible about the location and extent of the problem.

Graffiti

Once notified, Fife Council aim to remove racist or offensive graffiti from council property within 1 working day. All other types of graffiti and flyposting on council property will be removed as quickly as possible, normally within 3 working days. If the graffiti is on private property then it is the owner's responsibility to remove it.

For further information please visit Fife Council's website, www.fifedirect.org.uk

Parking

From 29th April 2013 Fife Council took over responsibility for enforcing all public parking. The Police continue to enforce all endorsable traffic offences such as causing obstruction.

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What is Golden Glenrothes?

Golden Glenrothes is a community-based project exploring the future of the Glenrothes West area. It aims to involve residents, schools, community groups, local businesses, voluntary organisations, the council, churches and others, to inform an action plan for the future of Glenrothes West.

What is Golden Glenrothes going to do?

Golden Glenrothes will include a series of community conversations, exhibitions and events where people are encouraged to come together to discuss and share ideas for the future of the Macedonia, Tanshall and Caskieberran areas of Glenrothes. The exhibitions and events will be designed to share ideas, set priorities and create a shared 5, 10 and 20 year vision for the area. This will lead to a regeneration action plan for the Glenrothes West area and a costed masterplan for the Glenwood Centre. It is a project by Fife Council, the local community and PAS.

This project is delivered through the PAS Charretteplus® programme where the community sets the agenda for change. The aim of Charretteplus is to work with residents, community groups, local businesses, the public sector, charities, voluntary organisations and others, to find out what their priorities are, create a shared vision for their place and a realistic action plan to achieve change.

Who are PAS?

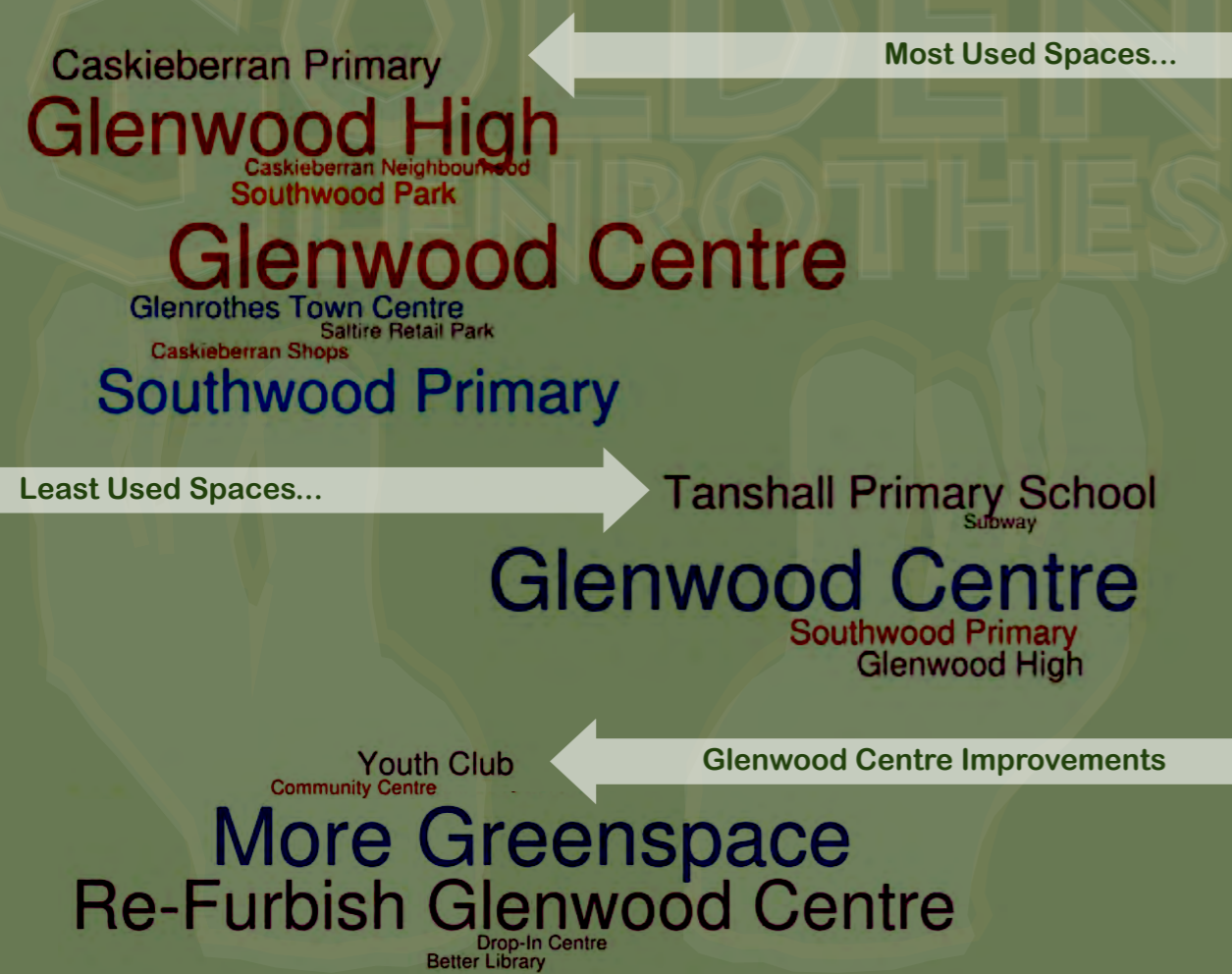
PAS (Planning Aid Scotland) helps people to engage with the place they live in. PAS provides impartial planning advice, training, education programmes, facilitation, community visioning and awareness-raising to ensure everyone has a voice in creating positive communities.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT:
Mapping Exercise**



Pupils from Southwood, Caskieberran & St Paul's Primary Schools were asked to pinpoint areas they use the most and least on a map, as well as, provide proposals for improvements to the Glenwood Centre. The key feedback has been gathered below, the text size indicates how frequently each issue was raised.

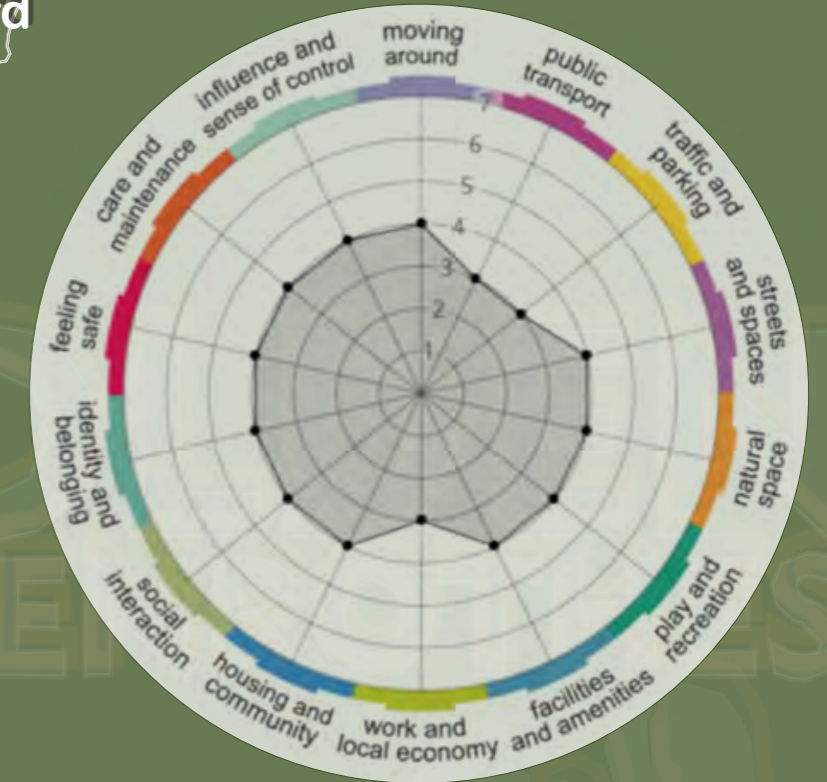


**PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT:
Place Standard**



Pupils completed the Scottish Government's Place Standard tool in groups of four and five.

The results are summarised in the diagram on the right.



Key themes raised

Greenspaces Are Good/Safe
Good Outdoor Social Spaces
 Dog Fouling Buildings Need Refurbishment
 Untidy Flats Disabled Access Parks
Not Listened To Good Job Opportunities
 Fly-Tipping Unsafe Traffic Crossings
Dangerous At Night
 Poor Lighting Anti-Social Behaviour
 Not Enough Benches
Good House Mix
Too Much Graffiti/Vandalism
 Not Enough Carparks
 Poorly Maintained Pavements



**HIGH SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT:
Mapping Exercise**



Pupils from Glenwood High and Glenrothes High took part in a combined workshop looking at various aspects of the neighbourhood of Glenrothes West. The workshop was held in Glenwood High School. The key feedback has been gathered below, the text size indicates how frequently each issues was raised.

Like about Glenrothes West...

Greenspace
Public Art

Shops

Skate Park
Community

Appearance Of Flats

Dislike about Glenrothes West...

Crime/Anti-Social Behaviour

Dog Fouling
Atmosphere

Litter

Empty Shops
Reputation

No Youth Activities



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Stay the same...

Bike Lanes
Public Art People
Skate Parks

Shops

Change...

Improve Skate Park

Reputation
More Public Art

More Litter Bins

Better Parks
Less Graffiti

Glenwood Centre & Flats

Safer Subways
More Benches



HIGH SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT: Mapping Exercise



Pupils were asked to propose changes to either the greenspaces around Glenrothes West or the Glenwood Centre. The key feedback has been gathered below, the text size indicates how frequently the issues were raised.

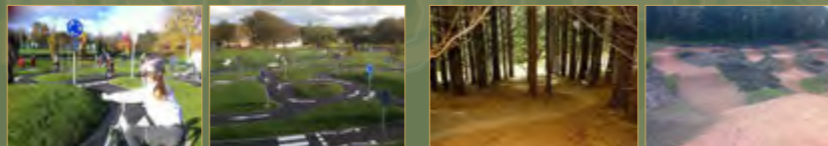
Proposals for Greenspaces...



Southwood Learning Hut

More Community Events

Path Through Southwood
Inclusive Play Equipment
Cleanup Litter



Cycle/scooter track for younger kids Cycle/bike paths/trails – Teenager

Re-Open Library
Create Community Hub

Proposals for Glenwood Centre...

More Public Art

More Colour

Demolish Glenwood Flats

Refurbish Glenwood Centre

More Shops
Create Park

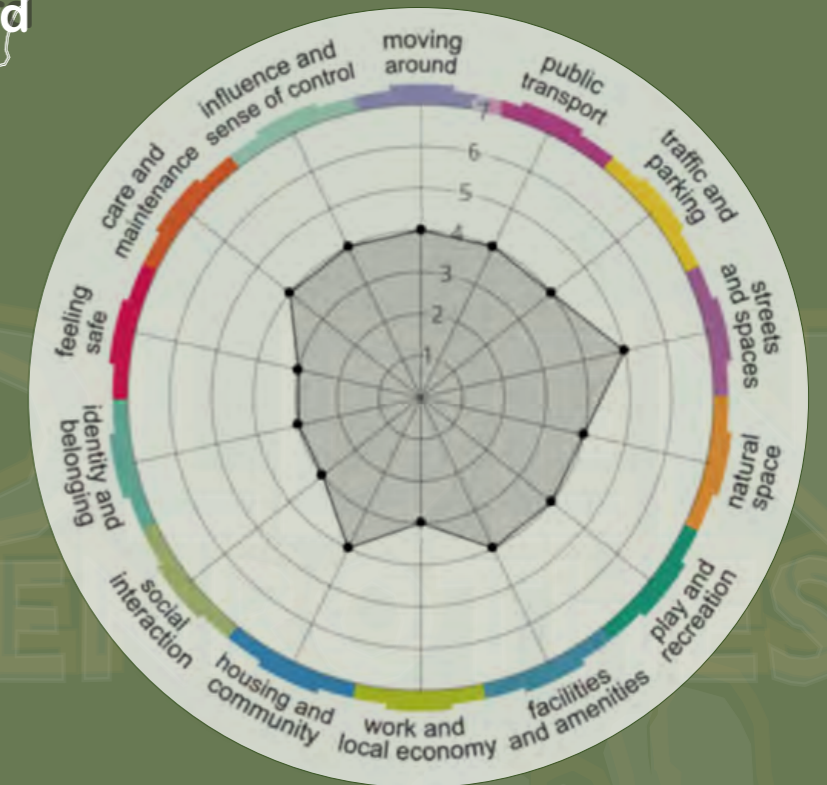


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Buses Are Late
Buildings Look Shabby
Better Maintained Playgrounds

Key themes raised

Poor Housing Mix
Bad Vandalism
Bad Reputation

Not Enough Facilities
More Path Signage

Good Greenspace

Bad Bullying & Crime
Bus Stops Convenient

Limited Job Opportunities

Improve Paths & Lighting
Poor Influence
Good Movement Routes





GOLDEN LENROTHES

Located in the heart of Fife, approximately 30 miles from Edinburgh and 5 miles north of Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes was historically built as a new town, set out on a garden city layout and is the third largest settlement in Fife (pop. 39,300).

The town was planned in the late 1940s as one of Scotland's new towns, post-second world war, as a base to house miners for the nearby Rothes Colliery.

After the closure of the mine the town grew through a variety of businesses and activities including Tullis Russell paper mill, Amazon warehouse, and electronic and high-tech industries.

Glenrothes is an interdependent town with specialist manufacturing and engineering companies, public services and service industries as well as the administrative capital of Fife containing both Fife Council and Police Scotland Fife Division headquarters.

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GLENROTHES



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Statistics from Scottish Town's Partnership and Alcherton websites and relate to Glenrothes



GOLDEN LENROTHES

Glenrothes is unique in Fife with the majority of the town's centre contained in the Kingdom Shopping Centre, Fife's largest indoor shopping centre.

The town itself, its neighbourhoods, numerous parks, sports and leisure facilities and outdoor sculptures and artworks are contained in an extensive landscape / green network.

The neighbourhoods / precincts of Glenrothes are named after existing hamlets (Cadham, woodside), the farms which once occupied the land (Caskieberran) or the historical country houses in the area (Leslie Parks, Balbirnie).

Glenrothes is well serviced by road, provided mainly by the A92 trunk road, with a major bus station in the town centre and a higher than average one and two car ownership than similar towns. However there is no immediate train station with the nearest stations at Markinch (2.5 miles) or Glenrothes with Thornton (4 miles).



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Present day Glenrothes is associated with specialist manufacturing and engineering companies, Bosch Rexroth, Brand Rex, Raytheon etc.

In addition Glenrothes is at present the administrative capital of Fife containing both Fife Council and Police Scotland Fife Division headquarters as well as education, public services and service industries.

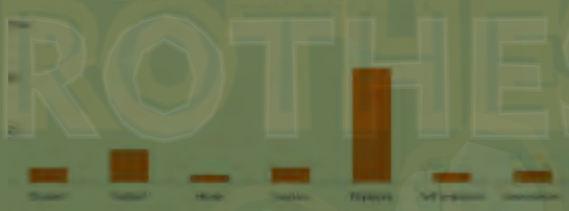
The town was originally planned as a base to house miners for the nearby Rothes Colliery. After the closure of the mine the town grew through a variety of businesses and activities including as an important industrial centre in

Scotland's 'Silicon Glen' between 1961 and 2000. Other business have included paper production including Tullis Russell paper mill, as well as service companies including Amazon warehousing.

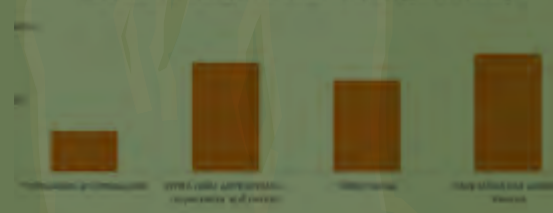
Employment (% working age 16-74)



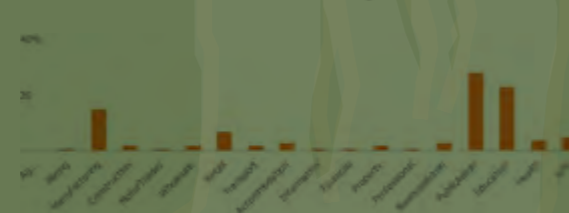
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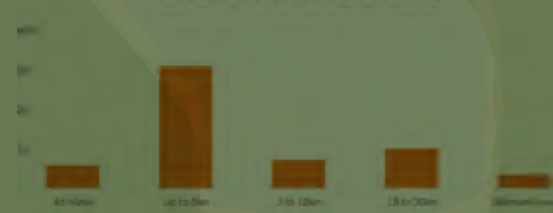
Social Grade (% households aged 16-64)



Sector Diversity



Distance travelled to work



Jobs

27k

More than similar towns per head of population

Jobs change 2009 to 2014 (%)

15

More than similar towns per head of population



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Housing in Glenrothes is historically designed around suburban type neighbourhoods or precincts, each with their own architectural identity

The vision for Glenrothes was to provide a clean, healthy and safe environment for the town's residents. The residential areas were based on the Garden City philosophy, set out in self-contained residential precincts with their own primary schools, local shops and community

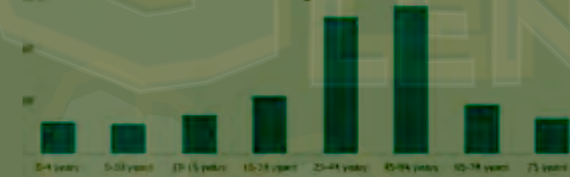
facilities in a framework of green spaces, tree planting, and wildlife corridors.

Later housing of the 1960s and 1970s adopted Radburn principles; separating footpaths from roads, built with a mixture of higher densities and more contemporary

architectural styles, including terraced housing and flats.

Housing from the 1980s onwards were largely developed by the private sector, as low density suburban cul-de-sacs.

Age



Household composition



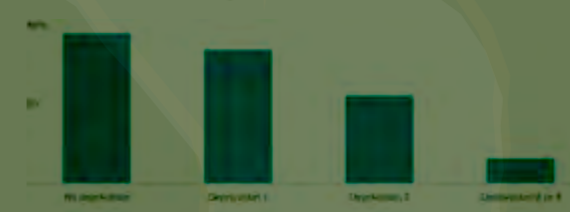
Car ownership



Tenure



Deprivation dimensions



Population

39k

More than similar towns

Households

17k

More than similar towns

Population change 2001 to 2011 (%)

1

Less than similar towns per head of population



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GLENROTHES TODAY: Greenspace and Artwork



Glenrothes has won numerous awards for it's landscape, and was the first town in the UK to appoint a town artist.



Around one third of the land in Glenrothes is devoted to the provision of green / open space with a strong landscape framework containing numerous parks such as Balbirnie, Carleton and Riverside Parks, areas of ancient woodland and designated historic gardens and designed landscapes. In addition areas of semi-natural landscape include a mix of biodiversity and wildlife habitats including red squirrels, water voles and various types of bats



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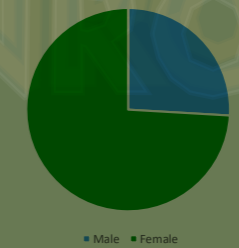
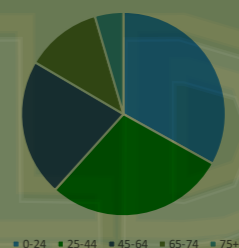
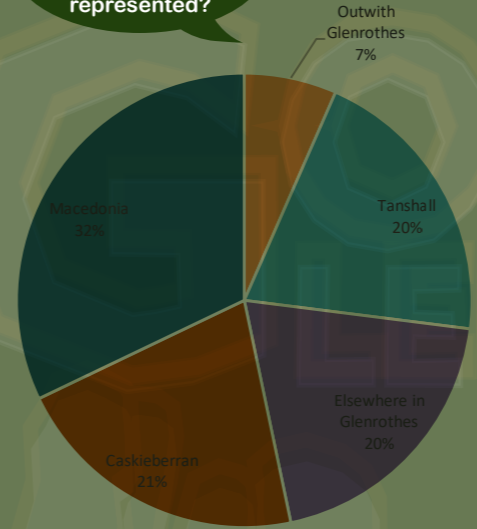
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COMMUNITY SURVEY



We have gathered community feedback over the last month through a community survey. The survey sought opinion on positive and negative aspects of Glenrothes West, Golden Glenrothes, as well as ideas for how to improve the town

Are enough people from your area and age group represented?



There were 134 survey responses submitted both electronically, through SurveyMonkey, and on paper questionnaires. The pie charts to the left give an idea of the demographic make up of the respondents.

The survey asked people a series of questions, including:

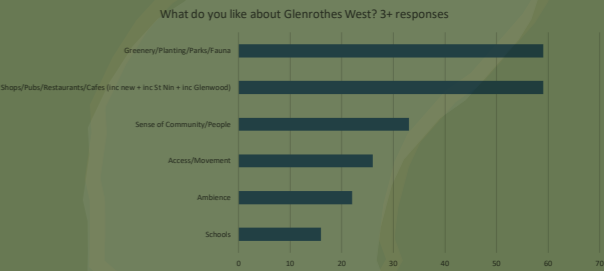
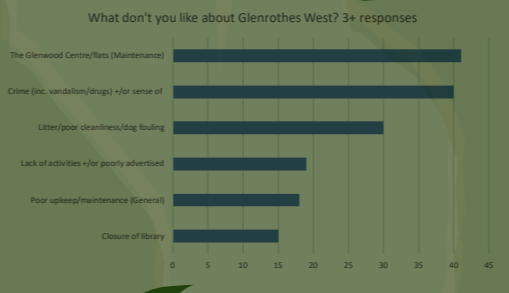
- What they liked and disliked about Glenrothes West?
- How it could be improved?
- What they would like to see happen to the Glenwood Centre?

"It's quiet and friendly, the town art is wonderful, public transport is frequent and easily accessed."

"Its proximity to town. Near to Lomond Hills. Access through the woods along park. Lovely grass area in centre of Macedonia."

"The big old blocks of flats. A severe lack of facilities for children, such as play parks."

The original Glenwood Centre has many empty units and is run down. The flats at Glenwood Centre are intimidating, have a reputation for drug dealing and look unattractive. The area suffers from littering due to the many fast food outlets etc.



"Green areas. The new shops at Glenwood. The Glenwood Medical Centre."

"Vandalism of buildings. Lack of bins and recycling centres. Bad reputation that it has."

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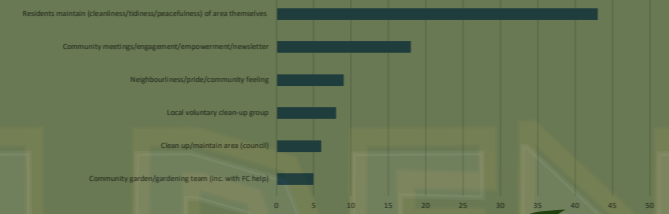


GOLDEN LENROTHES

"More community engagement, landlords should be more involved, more community groups for kids and young adults to engage with."

"A local environmental group of volunteers (eg. Take A Pride In Glenrothes West) might be able to make an impact by undertaking activities such as planting flowers, doing litter-picks and generally being involved in and developing a sense of ownership of the area."

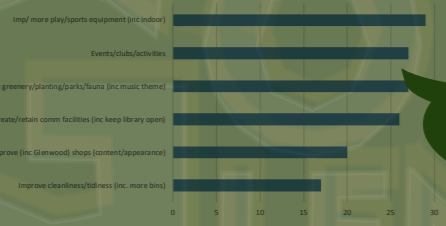
How can local people improve Glenrothes West themselves? What help do you need? 3+ responses



"More for kids. Clubs or activities. More swing parks in each area."

"Local halls could be used for activities for young and old, bring back our art as it was meant for community to enjoy not drivers glimpsing it on roundabouts."

How can Glenrothes West be improved for local people? 3+ responses



"Better use of our community hubs (eg. TMR in Caskieberran) commissioning new town art. Run a beautiful gardens/streets competition/initiative."

"Take a pride in their area. Set up a community group to oversee improvements. Community wardens might be a good idea."

"Either renovation or partial demolition. Keep the library!"

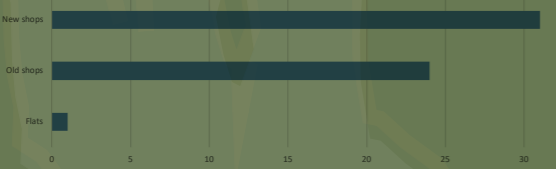
"Complete demolition is the only solution, but new premises would need to be built to accommodate the existing businesses who wished to continue trading in the future."

What would you like to see happen to the Glenwood Centre? (In numbers)



"(Keep) Iceland, the pharmacy and the new shops at Tesco"

If you answered 'partial demolition', which parts would like to keep? (In numbers)



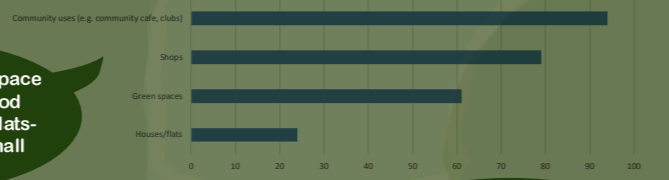
"Refurbish the old Library and make it a library/community centre."

"Do not need any more shops. New ones near Tesco still not fully occupied."

"Get rid of flats above shops to let light in and refurbish the existing shops."

"People need green space around them for good mental health so no flats-houses only with small gardens."

What would you like the Glenwood Centre to have more of in the future? (In numbers)



"Spaces should be open and not enclosed as the current centre is; more facilities and activities for young people to prevent them 'hanging around'."

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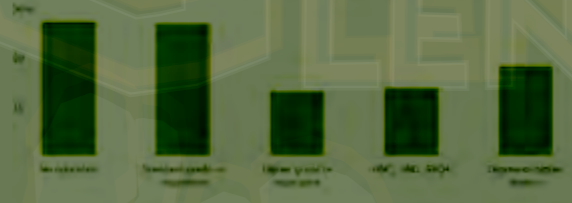


GOLDEN LENROTHES

Present day Glenrothes is associated with.....

Reflecting the employment profile of the town, Glenrothes is mixed in terms of demographics with a wide range of people, housing and activities. Socioeconomic status is higher than similar towns with a mix of professional and non-professional jobs, and whilst full-time is still the pre-dominant employment basis there is significant part-time and self-employed working. Core areas of employment are manufacturing, retail, education and significantly public administration.

Education (% all people aged 16 and over)



Distance travelled to study



Children in primary schools

3k

More than similar towns per head of population

Children in secondary schools

3k

Less than similar towns per head of population

Hospitals

1

Less than similar towns per head of population

GP's and dentists

58

Less than similar towns per head of population

Number of residents per charity

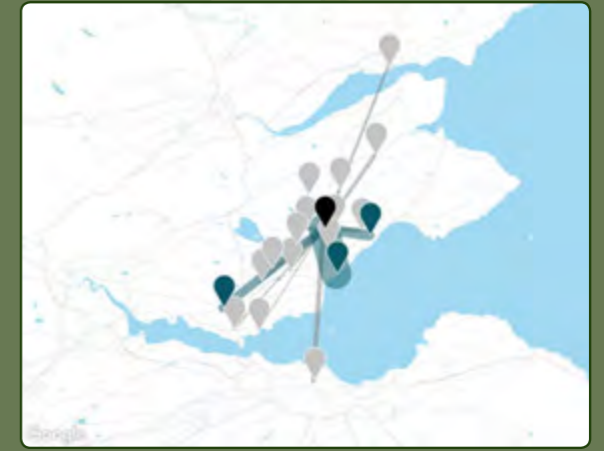
120

Less than similar towns per head of population

Amount of grant funding (£)

856k

Less than similar towns per head of population



Coloured and grey lines / pins show the main and smaller commuter flows, respectively, between Glenrothes and other towns in the area.

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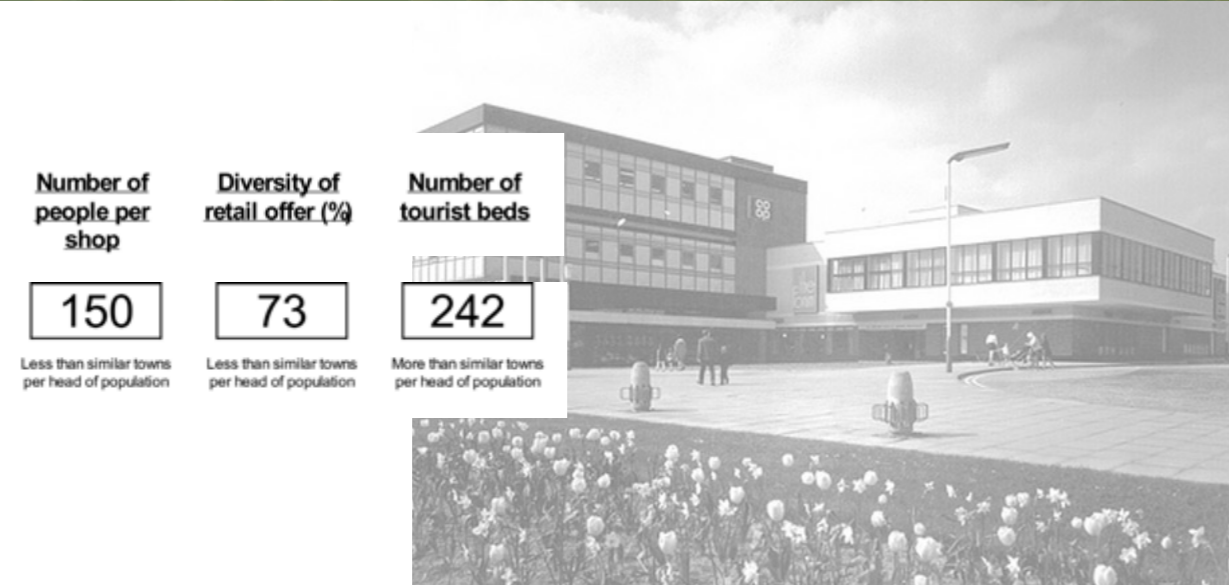
PRESENT DAY: Retail & Commercial



Present day Glenrothes is associated with.....

Commercial businesses in the area is of

A key issue for Glenrothes is



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PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT: Mapping Exercise



Children were split into different themed groups and asked to provide proposals for improvements to the Glenwood Centre – and these are outlined in a final wordle below.



CHANGE WEST 4 BEST

Appendix Five

Summary of charrette drop-in sessions and workshop outputs

Golden Glenrothes –Session 1: Community Life

Community Life		
Likes	Dislikes / Challenges	Bright Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Glenrothes programme • Glenwood School – swimming pool, 5-a-side • BBQs • Lots of Green Open Space • Community Spirit • Community is resilient and comes together when things happen, both daily and for major events. • Macedonia Action Group • Good tenants and residents Association • Plenty of shops • People know each other at Home start / in the Glenrothes Community House • People want change • Strong-willed people • Open Spaces • Tanshall Park • Skatepark • Summer activities at some of the parks • Activities almost every day of the week • Co-ordination of different groups to provide services and activities to the people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having two high schools close together – having one High School would help to reduce division • Closed Library • Flats – always a problem for some • Empty shop units • Community meeting hall near school is closed • Lack of/inconvenience of public transport • Have been impacted by loss of library for printing/internet/computing • Fly-tipping in Southwood • Access for prams and disabilities • Need for salt in winter to combat ice / slippage – give priority to the area at winter • Improve greenspace, access, potential for upgrade to walk but negative perception • Flats and Macedonia as a place itself (reputation) • Access to Greenspace at fringe walk from viaduct to bridge • New retail is not inclusive • No space for older people to connect: pub / space (used to be a miner’s welfare) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For path in Southwood – upgrade benches and litter bins – new lighting • Educational Orchard and allotments • Any re-development must include community facilities • Keeping St Ninians Café • Could Homestart be based at the new community hub? • Activate path from Glenwood Centre to surrounding woods along a central spoke • Library should have stayed and been run by the local community • Improve flats/shops appearance as it is detrimental to the community • “Take-a-Pride” action group • Something free for kids to do rather than be indoors • Hub for meeting in school around Tanshall • Kid’s library book sessions which were lost when library went • Field outwith Southwood Primary – a good location for community space/fun day • Keep Glenwood as a community hub • No1 thing = demolish flats • Minibus service • Learn from CLEAR at Buckhaven– PAS could facilitate this discussion • Improve pathway system in Southwood – better info and signage from Glenwood Centre.

Community Life

Actions already happening - Existing actions

- St Ninians Café
- St Ninians Centre café upcycling group (maybe church)
- Swimming pool, 5-a-side, Judo, Badminton @ Glenwood School
- Church – “welcome in” group for seniors
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Choir – singing for seniors.

Gaps

Action needed (What should be in the ‘gap’)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Hub | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer/wi-fi facilities • Cookery classes / kitchen facilities • Old / young activities / hangout space • The Library / the librarians and the service provided • A warm place to hang out • Public toilets are needed (charity shop also has toilets) • Outside gym • Hub for cooking classes • Benches • Education on good civic behaviour • A place to identify gifts/talents of the children and residents • Hangout space: a place to self organise / warmth / relationships / wi-fi • School meal continuation for holiday time at St Ninian’s café (healthy food) • A community centre where activities and services can be provided for the general public / engage people • Community hub for ALL services: citizen advice / service provision advice / job advice • Keep space at Glenwood library / use former social building on Roxburgh Road • Better facilities for Home Start: cooking classes / Outdoors space / allotments – growing space • TMK next to Southwood primary could be reused as a community facility |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs, events, youths • Lack of youth activities / better and more clubs • Range of activities could be expanded • Events that involve younger people • Gala Day? • Family activities: Home Start has mainly female clientele / something for fathers? • Youth facilities to reduce underage drinking: youth club / café? |

Community Life

Gaps

Action needed (What should be in the ‘gap’)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaces not activated (informally or formally) to enable intergenerational interaction such as families • Job club? (lost through library closure) • Provide better advice & offer trainings for long term unemployed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating what’s going on | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events and activities could be better communicated • An information centre is needed. • Celebrate good and positive things in Glenwood • |

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Community Life in Glenrothes West

One word to describe it

- We are a low income area NOT deprived
- Green
- Swimming / 5-a side football
- Non-existent
- Nice café
- Rundown / scruffy
- Poor community life for children under 10
- No place for chess, quiz nights (with the Library closed)
- Macedonia used to be a great place
- Big community life in Glenwood Centre café
- Junkies, drug users
- People in 'Flats' not taking part in local community life
- Macedonia is not BAD now
- Home Start and Southwood and Community Café are great assets
- Community café is a safe haven for younger children chased by bullies and older ones
- Macedonia – good community feeling
- Community events – BBQ's
- Periphery
- It is an alright place to stay but no jobs
- Indian food
- Café great

One change to make

- Keep library staff on site because they have living connections to people
- Fill the vacant units
- You start with the gifts of the people
- Youth clubs
- Library useful for computer access & had events
- Create a community hub e.g. in Library building
- In Town Park: toilets, café to sit in along route, street lights, benches,
- Tidiness of public space
- Shop shutters for graffiti / local legal wall event
- More for kids
- I miss the computers and wi-fi, I used them a lot.
- Somewhere to meet: allocate space
- Remove rubbish and vandalism
- Keep library open: use it
- Redevelopment of unused building next to Southwood school for community purpose
- Create signage to parks

Community Life in Glenrothes West

One change to make (continued)

- Reporting maintenance issues through email / app?
- Community space: benches, streets / toilets
- Picnic areas
- Too many take aways
- Lack of park benches, bins
- Expansion of family services : one stop shop
- Internet access (public wifi)
- Smaller community centre hubs styled spaces in Caskieberran and Tanshall
- Most clubs are at Lomond Centre – none here
- Playparks outdoor but also indoor
- Get this library open now!
- Regular clean-ups with people on community service?
- Reporting issues on streets

'Community Life' Action List Summary:

Key Players:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help create a community hub(s) • Create more activities • Communicate better what is going on • Encourage/create more volunteering opportunities • Help create more social events and make them inter-generational • Provide a youth club, job services • Keep St. Ninian's café in the community • Talk to the bus companies about public transport provision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macedonia Action Group • GARF • Homestart • CH&T • Create a 'Take a Pride' action group • Parents • Residents • Service Providers • Health service users • Fife Council • Schools |
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Golden Glenrothes –Session 2: Greenspace & Getting Around

Greenspace and Getting Around		
Likes	Dislikes	Bright Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of cycle paths • Cycle paths are brilliant • Good paths from houses to Glenwood • Evenly dispersed paths – accessible and well connected • Paths connect Glenrothes north and south • Don't want to lose any greenspace – it's a great local asset which is mostly good quality and generally well maintained • Attractive landscape setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of clarity over some cycle paths e.g. east from Glenwood Centre (under road) – can you cycle on it? • Glass on the walking / track routes/near children's play parks • Not enough play parks / adventure parks -and activities for teenagers • Public transport relatively poor (provision and routes) – not enough buses for short distances (e.g. from Macedonia) • Lack of lighting in large areas of parkland (unsafe / limits nighttime use) • Litter (cans/bottles) • Dog fouling • Tanshall Park – issues with travellers • No toilets in town park • Vandalism and groups of young people drinking • Don't want all of Tanshall primary school built over – want some greenspace here • Green space is not used as much as it could be • Main roads are barriers to greenspace use • Flytipping in wood (near Roxburgh Road) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More picnic areas / spots / outdoor eating areas to enjoy the green space • Display maps of the town / area to aid orientation • Learn from Kirkcaldy - a good example of a town which makes better use of its existing facilities • More greenspace within Glenwood Centre • Get rid of the dead-ends • Skate parks – make them all the same standard • Create more play areas of kids (indoors and outdoors e.g. play parks) • More greening space (e.g. community gardens / orchard planting) • Wayfinding and signage • Set local school kids a project to paint murals on underpasses • Improve short bus journeys • Create better pathways and signposting • Create more and better clubs • Greenspace needs to be opened up more for community access; needs to be better integrated • Potential to upgrade Southwood – good links to town centre • Allotments on land at Glenwood school • Too many seagulls -needs more rubbish bins • Create mountain bike trails e.g. at Southwood Park / school grounds • Urban orienteering / mountain bike orienteering events • Bowling green • River fishing / bat walks • Close up dark alleys and make safer

Actions already happening - Existing actions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starter for ten tree planting (community orchard at Southwood Primary School) • Green gym at Southwood Park • Homestart BBQ's • Homestart tree planting 	

Gaps	Action needed (what should be in the 'gap')
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events • Outdoor Meeting Spaces • Growing Spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive (not just for families) e.g. BBQ's, Car boot sales (at school?), Tai Chi, walking clubs, football, fairs, charity events (runs, walks, twilight walk) • Pavilions / bandstand idea • pop-up cinema idea • involve schools, children • Kids/schools growing areas / allotment spaces • Community gardens • link to primary schools, residential routes and schools

Growing Spaces		
WHAT - needs to be done	HOW should it be done and WHO should do it	WHY do it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incrementally introduce growing spaces (community gardens) near primary schools, residential homes, high schools – include sensory spaces and potentially ‘wonder woodlands’ near Southwood Primary Use greenspace as connectors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a strategy that identifies appropriate growing spaces Trial small plots in collaboration with local schools, Homestart, Fife Council Align with the school curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide growing space to encourage school / community activity Promote healthy eating and a greater understanding of where food comes from Encourage inter-generational engagement/ learning (residential home + school children shared growing spaces)

Growing Location Soutwood Primary		
What - needs to be done	How - should it be done	Who should do it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating around the play park green gym Wildflowers/garden (possibly also in school grounds) Orchard Kid’s goal posts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH&T JP – wild planting / seating Local businesses – seating (sponsor seats)

Growing Location Tanshall		
What - needs to be done	How - should it be done	Who should do it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain bike area Allotments on patch of land north of South Park Road / Tanshall Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leslie bike shop Kingdom Radio cash for kids

Growing Location Riverside Park / South Wood		
What - needs to be done	How - should it be done	Who should do it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature trail around the park Better signposting More frequent access points to SW Benches / stops Drainage at South Wood park / paths Mountain bike paths Better paths Create better bus routes to area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of Riverside Park Fife Council Countryside Park Foraging walks lady

Growing Location Caskieberran Primary		
WHAT - needs to be done	HOW should it be done and WHO should do it	WHY do it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play park for range of ages Mountain biking Landscaping Community growing space / allotments (Glenwood side) Assault course / trial skills park Facilities / activities Connect to cycle route / link to school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage and signposting strategy Community buy-in Skills learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fife Council Community groups (involved in a community garden) Apprenticeships Cycle charity Other charities – link to mental health (health benefits) School community Sustrans Cycling officers

Growing Spaces	
Summary	Key Players:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events / outdoor meeting spaces / growing spaces • Use greenspace asset to help create a sense of identity for Glenrothes West • Re-invigorate the greenspaces - give them a purpose • Lighting strategy - cycle paths / footpaths • Signage / wayfinding strategy - to celebrate history/wildlife/provide direction/maps • Path strategy e.g. clarity on what paths you can cycle on /walk on and provide additional paths e.g. from Glenwood Centre to surrounding woods • Mountain Bike track strategy • Consider urban orienteering events • Provide benches / bins // picnic areas / remove glass • Provide better play equipment • Make the underpasses safer / paint murals • Make main roads less of a barrier to greenspace use • Create community gardens /orchards / allotments • Do something about fly-tipping • Consider public toilet provision • Better connect the playparks/schools etc, using a network of paths / spaces (create a map/ strategy) • Provide more excellent spaces like Boblingen Way (good off route cycle / green corridor) • Consider additional skate parks • Proposal areas to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bumblebee park • Southwood Park– e.g. improve pathway system • Southwood Primary (area around) • Tanshall Park • Caskieberran primary (area around) • Glenrothes High (area around) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homestart • Fife Council • Schools • CH&T • Local businesses • Leslie Bike shop • Kingdom Radio • Friends of Riverside Park • Countryside Park • Foraging walks lady • Community groups (community garden idea) • Apprenticeship schemes • Cycle charities • Mental health charities • Sustrans

Homes and Housing		
Likes	Dislikes	Bright Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good standard for council housing • Affordable (aside private lets) • No objection to new housing sites • Lots of green space • Walkability • New homes on Roxburgh Road • New Housing, good mix of 2/3 bedroom homes • Parks + green space. Kingdom regeneration has improved area. • New builds • Good access to parks / greenspaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No centre to the town • Poor quality design of flats • Lack of seats/benches in parks • Some flats are not well maintained • Glenwood Centre’s flat design is bad • Private landlords not maintaining property • Location of parks • Flats at centre – issues and conflicts with landlords • Council houses vs privately owned houses (better maintained) • Don’t like flats – cold (private lets) • Condition of Glenwood flats / private landlords • No character areas (mix of styles) • Messy • Run down look • Flat roof leaks – poor design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function / linkages to green space • Landlords should be encouraged to maintain flats • Urban design improvements • Change criteria to access council housing • More council houses (long waiting list) • More high quality housing (council) • Allotment as a social asset (people have garden). Allotment can bring anti-social behaviour. • Design framework to ensure similar styles and quality • More council ownership Use brownfield land (old school) for housing • Adapt the supply of council houses (e.g for single/smaller houses) • Need more housing in the area

Greenspace and Getting Around

Actions already happening - Existing actions

- Roxburgh Road – allocated (Council)
- Special needs tenancies
- Local walk-about / how things are going – any improvements needed to housing and open space
- 1800 people on waiting list

PIPELINE: Tanshall – HA & Council at planning stage

Gaps

Action needed (what should be in the ‘gap’)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making people aware of help they can get to access grants, money (community groups) • Get local office back • Need more information. Booklets of information about where to get final information • Expansion of housing teams to tackle rogue private landlords (Fresh staff = fresh perspectives) • Paths and access – widen paths where possible. Good enough in terms of surface • Street design – bad layout, no bin storage. Better areas for bins • Maintenance of properties – legal action against landlords • More done to compel landlords to take action / responsibility • No community heart / focus Reopen library • Nothing for community – Caskieberran need community facility + keep Church open • Car parking – consider making more spaces instead of greenspace • Linking greenspaces – better use it • Change criteria to access council houses • Not enough council houses – buy them back or build more • Rental housing • Need more 2/3 bedroom houses • New houses – process is time consuming. Budget problems • Use vacant industrial sites for housing • Site – survey to find sites • Glenwood flats – ideally demolish and start again • Governmental policy to encourage affordable housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No community heart • Buy back council housing • Maintenance by private landlords • Streets / bins storage / parking • Private landlords • Sites • Affordable flats • More rental • Greenspace • Types of houses – 2/3 bedroom • Local office • Criteria for housing • Sites • Government policy on affordable housing |
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Growing Spaces

WHAT - needs to be done

HOW should it be done and WHO should do it

WHY do it

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| <p>Absentee landlords - challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make private landlords accountable for maintaining properties <p>Link to greenspace – design issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller pockets of green space linked to small number of houses – community gardens • Because of large number of bins – smaller number of large street bins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage before there is a problem, develop a relationship with landowners • Non-threatening / encouraging letters • Encourage ‘buy in’ to make landowner more involved in communities • Legal action, last resort in extreme cases • Possibly grant assistance but funding is competitive • Community groups to manage gardens • Council to provide big street bins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord registration team (Council) can identify landlords who are neglecting properties • Mutual owner team (Council) can enforce urgent works + engage with owners • Council. Cash-strapped, focus on certain areas. Other funding sources required • Street bins – council |
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Growing Spaces		
WHAT - needs to be done	HOW should it be done and WHO should do it	WHY do it
Info / signposting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signposting • Face to face support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticeboard • Information hub / place. Talking face to face. • Weekly surgery • Access information but also service • Place to learn new skills • Linked with health services, places where people could go to discuss matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People from the community but also council (i.e. Community learning development) • Citizen advice (for money) Run by businesses, providing advice on a volunteer basis. Businesses can provide a set of connections according to the points.
Community facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community operated / controlled space, similar to existing cafe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the Council for temporary access (to library) • • Bring back local services like local housing office, council need to do this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council • Community (existing groups / new groups) • Support from CLD team in council

One word to describe it

- No-go after dark
- Not sufficient amount of Council housing= long waiting list
- Not up to date
- Neglected
- Flats above- knock down
- Macedonia resident- happy with my home
- Fine overall
- Demolish flats above
- Tanshall- quiet good neighbourhood
- Deprived- there is nothing here
- Macedonia-really had to get house in this area, not enough houses, old heating system-breaks all the time

One change to make

- Demolish Glenwood centre
- More houses- two or three bedrooms
- Better maintenance- private landlord owned flats
- Renewing housing schemes
- Better maintenance
- Redesign of old housing in order to match current needs (e.g. smaller sizes)
- More affordable housing
- Change everything
- Place needs scrubbing up
- Demolish 60s blocks
- Semi-privatise internal parking areas/courtyards
- Don't make bins any bigger
- Affordable housing no more private landlords. Maintain property
- Focus on hard to let housing areas and RSL landlords. Joint approach to change stigma
- Better choice of size/type of housing
- Make good use of small pieces of greenspace in housing areas- e.g. growing spaces or parking
- Upkeep (tenants, landlords and Council)
- Make private landlords more accountable for maintenance
- More housing
- More affordable housing
- Better design

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Golden Glenrothes – Workshop 4: Future of the Glenwood Centre

General comments and ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing in general OK • Want to remain here, but buildings are not good • Redeveloped houses look good (Glenwood houses are), Caskieberran- Council housing, 1970s houses- looks not well maintained • Need for 4 bedroom Council houses with private gardens • Keep Tanshall school area free- Don't want flats/houses • Abbotsford Court/Flats- lack of maintenance/dilapidation • Glenwood centre is a disgrace • Macedonia- nice area I like my house • Uneven floor, lady fear of toppling over (lady using walker) • Macedonia- if you pass the area you don't live here • Macedonia- only thing we have here is parks- for kids activity facilities are too far away to be reached by walking • Macedonia-my area is fine but rough neighbourhood further down

The Future of the Glenwood Centre		
Likes	Dislikes	Bright Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current business are good • Keep library • Keep roads as they are. Easy access and parking • Curry house • Newer shops • Newer Tesco has improved things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underpasses • 1960s buildings are poor and should go • Flats are an eyesore • Unmaintained open space • Nothing for young people • Barriers at roads • No home for cat • Back of buildings not appealing • Not safe at night • Flats-buildings and tenants are a problem • Poor disabled access • Make entrance more appealing with more signs • No dropped kerbs (in wrong places) • Too many roundabouts • Fences make spaces inaccessible • What is social services building for? • Rear of shops unsightly • No road crossings • Ownership issues • Poor signposting • Too many takeaways • Need better links with care home • No point in locked gates • Internal courtyard is solely for walking, not a resting space • Poor walkways • Mix of ownership in flats causing problems • Slopes at underpass, need stairs • Used Needles • Knock down flats and older shops • No more takeaways • Junkies • Unsafe • Scary • Sad • Not safe for kids • Horrible • Nothing Welcoming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create retail and community centre • Kids to paint murals in underpass • Centre is a n ideal place for retail • Good housing mix around site • New shops • Café • Cyber café • Modern buildings • Bushes and trees • Would like housing • Community use

Keep

- New shops and retail parks
- Current businesses , could be moved but stay in centre
- Library
- Roads, easy access and parking
- The Flats and re-furbish the library as a community centre
- The café
- New shops
- The underpass
- The trees
- Hairdressers
- Indian restaurant
- Green landscaping and add to car park
- Library
- Iceland
- Shops / hairdresser
- Car parks – but re-design
- Retail/community local point
- Re-open library

Get rid of

- Change nature of roads and surfacing, create more shared spaces
- Crossings in the wrong places
- Lack of activity reduces likelihood of cutting through using space
- Blank walls facing the streets and empty shops, remove any vibrancy
- Layout needs to change
- Road dominance
- Fast food outlets, some of the shop units
- The concrete surfaces
- Lack of kid activities/clubs
- Unused railings
- Delivery/service yard fronting on to streets
- Whole of 60s Glenwood Centre
- Oppressive feeling centre
- Underpass
- Flats
- Underpass
- Iron gates
- Canopy outside shops

What to add

- Affordable retail/workshop space
- Workshop space
- Maintenance. Paths in particular, lots of weeds/out of control greenery
- Clothes and shoe shops
- Bank
- Pub
- Laundrette x2
- Housing, of a good density
- Front buildings onto Roxburgh Rd
- Flexible Community space
- Café with appended Green Play area for children
- Community hub
- Youth Café
- More pedestrian crossings
- Community gym/fitness
- Community hub

Ideas for the Community Hall

- Drama
- Dance
- Boxing
- Cooking
- Baking
- Skills Workshop
- DIY
- CAB
- Housing
- Credit Union
- Arts & Crafts
- Toy library
- Swap Shop
- Recycle
- Upcycling

What skills do you (or someone you know) have

- Folk Music
- Crochet
- Electric Guitar
- Photography
- IT
- Sewing
- Care
- Path and Walkway Routes/Maintenance
- Cooking
- Growing Your Own Food
- Sugar craft
- Dance/Hip Hop classes
- Guitar Lessons

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Final Event - Golden Glenrothes Masterplan Proposal Presentation

Theme	Comments
Glenwood Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need 2 options 1. Demolish 2. Refurbish
Community Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More affordable housing needed where the shops are Library: soften the wooden surrounding passageways, expose the wood, make it a feature and landscape it. Use wooden cladding on the exterior, introduce coloured glass at the front Get the kids to come up with some ideas Look at a similar building in Dunfermline Ideally re-open the library. Otherwise use it as a community hub
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patio flats in Tanshall are not appealing Tidy up front gardens School litter needs to be picked up
Greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get local ownership; give living landscape areas to communities Running markers 1 mile/2 mile, etc Adventure park in Tanshall Park (west end) Activity Park in Bumblebee Park Activity and fitness needs to be designed in to greenspaces as part of route / trail or free play mounds, ropes , tunnels
Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let the School kids choose the design/pattern of road markings for pedestrians

Community Drop-In Comments

Comments were gathered at the Charrette sessions and Whilst

Golden Glenrothes - Comments from Day 1 Drop-in

Community Life	Greenspace and Getting Around	Homes and Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More social evenings needed More needed for young and old people – facilities and to work together More volunteers needed within the community to stop people feeling isolated Community hub is needed Youth club Loss of facilities has impacted on the community St Ninians is an important social space More emphasis needed on people helping themselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Path and other areas need to be better lit Bumblebee park should be looked at for opportunities Better signage needed to and along River Leven path. This could celebrate history and wildlife The play parks need to be better connected Connect and link spaces to the town park - needs a strategy Upgrade path through Southwoods with benches, bins and regular maintenance to keep it tidy Leven River/Southwood needs to be linked to Kingdom Centre and west of Glenrothes Good greenspace More signage for cycle routes could be good Better play equipment needed Buses are never on time Streets don't look nice Underpasses feel unsafe Some spaces, such as Boblingen Way, are excellent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flats need to be better insulated with energy saving measures

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The Future of the Glenwood Centre	General Issues / Comments	Opportunities / wants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more eating places needed Replicate the new shops to replace the old worn out shops at the Glenwood Centre Taxi Ranks are useful, particularly being 24 hrs Needs to be repainted, more colour Do something about the shops Demolish the Flats (view from Police Officers and others) Community centre was useful for computing/internet access Bit empty, we would like more things to do here Too much rubbish, attracts crime Kids like to sit on the green grassy slope next to Glenwood Centre Potential for town square Tesco shoplifting is a problem Flat residents may be the problem, not the people of Glenrothes, or even the Centre itself. Should be demolished to create a community hub Need to move HomeStart to Glenwood Centre Demolish old part and redesign around a landscaped open space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The skatepark is used a lot Staggered lunches at the schools has helped Don't feel safe around Macedonia, fear of crime Nothing to do for older lads High school kids like to sit on swings at Primary School Glenrothes West needs a more positive sense of identity Unsafe area, definitely don't go out at night time. No one listens to views of residents Anti-Social behaviour is an issue People lack pride due to economic conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underpasses near Glenwood Health Centre needs improvement and better maintenance – its unsafe and more lighting is needed Concreted area between Minto Crescent and Greenlaw crescent needs to be improved, or removed More lighting needed so that residents can stay out later Downgrade Minto Place, make it a minor road Better public facilities needed

Golden Glenrothes - Comments from Day 2 Drop-in

Community Life	Greenspace and Getting Around	Homes and Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good health centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good bus services Good parks and green areas around - good to take children but lack of facilities Area next to Glenrothes High could be better utilised Need easier ways to get from Glenwood Centre to schools and across the area Nice plants Underpasses are dark Build a mountain bike track in Glenrothes High school grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build social housing at the top end of Glenrothes High (near Health Centre) Build better looking flats

The Future of the Glenwood Centre	General Issues / Comments	Opportunities / wants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units to let are too expensive Get rid of the flats Flats in centre – change them or taken down Make place for starters in retail units Create art or graffiti on shutters (legal walls) Knock down the residential building Open up shops again Move café into the library building Need computers to remain in Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly tipping along walking routes in Town Parks Better rental flat allocation needed through pricing or subsidising Closed down shops and the 'Flats' are a problem Pedestrian safety in the area is poor - vehicles are prioritised People are hanging around parks watching kids Lack of reporting issues with public space or vandalism (to be fixed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More frequent clean-up of paths Secure future of St. Ninian's coffee shop Renovation of Macedonia housing Setting up a kid's shop for new and second hand clothing (possibly in the centre, but could be elsewhere) Better use of public spaces – more green facilities, less 'concrete' Improve lightning – replace vandalised lights in underpasses

Summary of charrette drop-in sessions and workshop outputs
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The Future of the Glenwood Centre	General Issues / Comments	Opportunities / wants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine health services into Library building Bulldoze the flats General maintenance of public spaces – remove weed, coat of paint, fix broken fences, trim the bushes I would like to have the Glenwood centre knocked down Fill in empty shops with cheap rents for start-ups Jasmine opened up in town – may close down here Create a bus hub at the Glenwood Centre Create a frontage facing the old Glenwood centre (new retail units have their backs to old centre) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No buses to here after 9pm There is a need to focus on all three neighbourhoods – Tanshall, Macedonia and Caskieberran. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing and community space at the Glenwood centre There is a need for short. Medium and long term options for Glenwood library

Golden Glenrothes - Comments from Day 3 Drop-in

Community Life	Greenspace and getting around	Homes and Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People are friendly and down to earth Communication is a problem – need more posters/community notice boards (make visible) Voucher scheme is a great idea – allows families to be together and go out and about A library or other space for the community Glenwood was the main library in Glenrothes, the only one with a reference room, and space to study We need a drop in centre like the Lomond Centre e.g. evening session More fun stuff to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More parks Nice park Green spaces are nice No bus shelter on Denholm Court More parks Put a seat here (open space at Southwood Primary School) Safe playing areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of private houses

The Future of the Glenwood Centre	General Issues / Comments	Opportunities / wants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could we have a family fun event at the Glenwood Centre (outside) – hopscotch Good to get library back Too many closed shops School kids came to Glenwood Centre after school Make this into a proper library with computers again Flats are an eyesore Build more shops once flats are demolished We like the range of shops Clean more Bring back the library café? We like the new shops Bulldoze the old part of Glenwood Centre New houses, stand alone Landscape community areas Keep the library it was a hub No need for more shops Too many vacant units Vacant units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebuild Leslie House Safe playing areas Cadham – could be better access by foot 	

Summary of charrette drop-in sessions and workshop outputs
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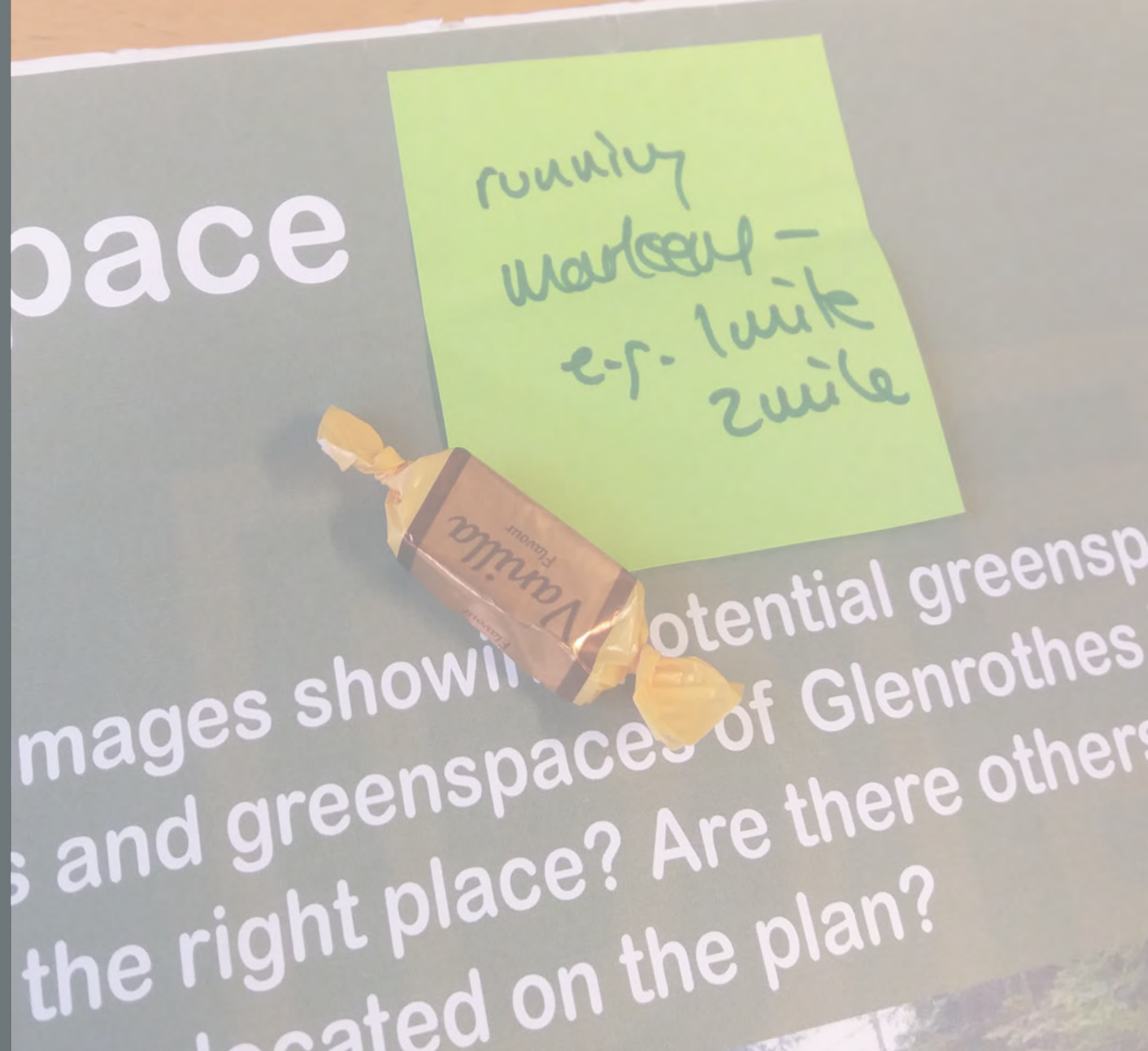
Community Life	Greenspace and getting around	Homes and Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is community spirit left • No community room/hub x 5 • Good school x 2 • Charity shop & café are good x 2 • Post office is good x 2 • Food shops are good e.g. Tesco/Iceland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lovely green areas, plenty of them • Rural areas nearby but have to travel x2 • Southwood skate park needs improvement • Litter, glass (more maintenance) x5 • Dog mess x 3 • Lack of bins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flats are bad

Comments from Southwood Primary Oarents Group (17/05/17)

The Future of the Glenwood Centre	General Issues / Comments	Opportunities / Wants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gala Day – bringing residents together • Community hub • Access locally to CAB, etc. External talkers • Improve Glenwood centre flats x 2 • Knockdown Glenwood flats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good School x2 • Good park • Shop improvements are good x3 • Anti-social behaviour • Drink / drugs • Too many takeaways x 2 • High cost of uplifting items x 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better / bigger play park x3 • Benches in park x 2 • CCTV in park x 2 • Bring back library x 3 • More community spirit • Community gym • Police / Community wardens x 2 • Allotments • Events and gala days • Skills / toys / clothes – (e.g. recycle and upcycle) swap shops x 3 • Free uplift for bulky items • More general groups / clubs. Resident led x 3 • Youth clubs x 5

Appendix Six

Charrette Boards displayed to gather comment during the charrette days



Golden Glenrothes

The AIM is to create a safe community with access to affordable facilities and activities to help people live healthy, happy lives, now and in the future

VISION

For Glenrothes West to be a place which makes best use of its existing assets such as greenspace to give it a renewed sense of identity and where people come together to learn new skills, pass on knowledge and create an even stronger resilient community

THEMES



COMMUNITY

To encourage / promote community activity and energy

- Create a community hub and central meeting place - a focus for community action and events, promoting what's happening, events programming and fundraising
- Provide a place to 'uncover', exchange and build on community skills and talents
 - Create spaces for events, classes, parties and community meetings e.g. youth club, IT, music, cooking classes, basic DIY, local skills, swap shop
 - Create opportunities for people of all ages
- Create the right conditions for better shopping and leisure



GREENSPACE

To enhance the environmental riches and assets of Glenrothes West

- Ensure all greenspace gives a sense of purpose and function and works for all
 - Introduce new and place specific functions, allotments, community growing areas, activity spaces for all age groups, mountain biking and adventure play
- Improve and upgrade parks and school grounds



MOVEMENT

To improve access and use of the Glenrothes West area, and beyond

- Improve walking, cycling, access to all greenspace areas
 - Develop a circular path network that links South Wood, Town Park and Bumblebee Park
- Develop adventure play areas including off-road mountain bike trails and BMX tracks in and near schools
 - Provide better signage and wayfinding and connections to wider path networks
- Reduce dominance of roads and help improve public transport provision



HOUSING

To create a framework within which new development can contribute

- Provide improved connections and access between housing, community facilities and green space
 - Fit and upgrade existing housing
- Provide an improved range and quality of housing
 - Prove access to housing





Linking together the town's northern parkland

Glenwood Centre



GLENWOOD CENTRE

To restore the Glenwood Centre as the heart of the Glenrothes West community

- Redesign and reconfigure the Glenwood Centre, including removal of flats
- A building, possibly the former library building, at the heart as a community hub
- Improve connections and re-prioritise road and path connections around the centre, dealing with the underpasses and roundabouts with at grade junctions
- Focus for community networks connecting schools, skills zones and learning hubs

You told us that you wanted to keep

- the shops, hairdresser and cafe but perhaps in new buildings
 - the car parks, but maybe redesigned
- the community facilities and re-open the library
 - the underpasses
- the library and re-open as a community hub

You told us that you wanted to get rid of the

- Flats
- Underpasses
- Iron gates
- Canopy outside the shops
- the concrete surfaces
- the fast food outlets

You told us you wanted in the Glenwood Centre

- More and better pedestrian crossings
- More shared space - (less roads)
- A Community Hub with flexible spaces, a gym, library, youth cafe, located in the former library
- Buildings on to Roxburgh Road
- better children's play areas and activities
- More affordable retail and workshop space
- A bank, pub, and clothes shops

Some of the comments, plans and layouts from the workshops

Show us on the aerial images what you would like to change and where?



Where might it be?
What might it look like?



Former Library Building, Glenwood Centre

Where do you think a community hub would be best located?
In the Glenwood Centre? In an existing building such as the former library building (left) or in a new building as the images of other community hubs below?



Newmains, Wishaw



Ardeer, Stevenson



Castlehaven, Camden



Images of existing community association activities showing the potential for local activities in a community hub. Can you think of any others?

What might it contain? Some or all of...

- St Ninians Cafe and charity shop
- Homestart
- GARF
- Adult learning space
- Training kitchen
- Multiple / flexible rooms for different uses, including some confidential spaces for Homestart / Social Work
- Gym / dance studio
- Computers and wifi
- Noticeboards and information
- Library
- Choir
- Community growing space
- Secure linked outdoor space / park
- Toilet

Community

What community activities would you like to see? and Who should be involved?

- Community run - management committee of willing volunteers and voluntary groups
- Administrative and operational guidance / support from Fife Council Community Learning and Development
- Local people to volunteer skills and talents, e.g. to run classes or events, share skills and knowledge



Art Club



Drama Group

Are these activities you would like to see in a community hub?



Cinema and Puppet theatre



Kids clubs - The Drawing Tree



Adult / Interactive learning



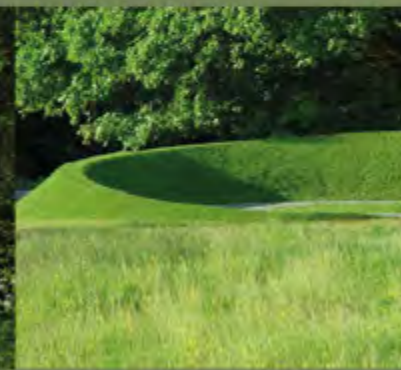
Adventure / Exploration Walks

Management volunteers (to run and organise activities)	Skills volunteers (e.g. cooking, music, IT)	Support volunteers (e.g. meeting and greeting, tea & coffee)	Supporting organisations (e.g. Council)
Name + email & / or telephone number	Name + email & / or telephone number	Name + email & / or telephone number	Name + email & / or telephone number



Precedent images showing potential greenspace types and activities that are proposed in the parks and greenspaces of Glenrothes West. What do you think of the activities? Are they in the right place? Are there others you can think of and if so show us where they should be located on the plan?







You told us that housing is important to you. Key issues raised included:

- the removal of the Glenwood Centre flats
- improved maintenance and upkeep of existing properties (private rented and council rented)
- better and wider choice of housing types and sizes, and
- better use of and connection to greenspaces between houses

Let us know how housing in Glenrothes West could be improved, and where, by drawing on the map?

Existing housing in Tanshall



Existing housing in Caskieberran

New housing along Roxburgh Road



New housing along South Parks Road





Clear pedestrian / cycle routes



Pedestrian priority at controlled crossings



You told us that the experience of walking, cycling and moving around in Glenrothes West needed improvement and change. The images top and bottom show precedent examples of how this can be done with better signage, improved wayfinding, clearer woodland trails, better lighting and change to the underpasses and crossings. Is this right?

Kingdom Centre



Improved wayfinding and marking of routes



Improved signage along pathways and trails



artwork to improve infrastructure and underpasses

No	Theme	Priority	Actions	Now	Now to 2018 (short term)	2018-2022 (medium term)	2022 onwards (long term)	Potential Lead partner	Potential Support Partners	Funding / Comments
Community										
1		Community events for all ages	Active events e.g. urban orienteering events, music festivals, car boot sales, fun days/galas (not just for families)	😊	✓	✗				
2			Sociable health activities e.g. walking clubs and running clubs	😊	✓	✗				
3			Environmental activities e.g. community gardening, litter picking groups (like the CLEAR Buckhaven model)	😊	✓	✗				
4		Community facilities and activities for all ages	Provide a community hub / central focus: (1) trial temporary community use of the library building (by September)	😊	✗	✗	✗			
5			Provide a community hub / central focus: (2) feasibility study for community managed community hub in library - create a place to learn new skills / share skills / drop-in / adult evening classes and activities; social evenings, a youth club / cyber café; computer facilities / internet access; a job club; set up family support groups; library facilities		✗	✗	✗			
6			Keep St. Ninian's Café and charity shop in the community			✓	✓			
7			Provide more public toilets – new and in existing buildings		✗		✗			
8		Provide / Communicate local events and activities	Provide a community notice board and regularly updated Facebook events page	😊	✗	✓				
9			Create more local action groups		✗	✓				
10		Create the right Shopping opportunities	Encourage any future shops to face the historic Glenwood centre		✓	✓	✗			
11			Do something about the empty shop units pending a longer term solution (e.g. paint murals)	😊	✗	✗	✗			
12			Help create more of a shopping mix e.g. need for clothes shops / laundrette and swap shops (recycle and upcycle)		✓	✗	✗			
13		Leisure / workshop opportunities	Consider providing a community gym (ideally as part of the community hub)			✓				
14			Consider providing affordable workshop space (ideally as part of the community hub)			✓				
Greenspace										
1		Re-prioritise maintenance	Cut grass less frequently, create 'Living Landscapes' & encourage wildlife	😊	✓					
2			Increase litter collection / broken glass collection in play areas and on key pathways linking to the Glenwood Centre	😊	✓					
3			Take action to remove fly-tipping and pursue offenders	😊	✓					
4		Better street lighting	Focus lighting in areas people feel unsafe along cycleways, footpaths & parks	😊	✓					
5		Land for allotments and outdoor growing spaces	Create growing spaces and community gardens, orchards	😊	✓	✗				
6			Plant more bushes, trees, flowers	😊	✓	✗				
7		Improve and upgrade parks and school grounds	Provide better play equipment and goal posts		✓	✗	✗			
8			Improve the paths across/around the parks		✓	✓	✓			
9			Provide more litter bins	😊	✓	✓	✓			
10			Consider providing CCTV		✓	✓	✓			
11			Consider providing 'wonder woodlands' in school grounds for children to play		✓	✓	✗			
12		Outdoor meeting spaces	Provide benches, picnic areas	😊	✓	✓	✗			
13			Provide an outdoor covered space e.g. pavilion / pop-up cinemas		✓	✓	✗			

No	Theme	Priority	Actions	Now	Now to 2018 (short term)	2018-2022 (medium term)	2022 onwards (long term)	Potential Lead partner	Potential Support Partners	Funding / Comments
	Movement									
1		Improve and better connect cycle paths and footpaths (and their link to greenspaces)	Create a better network of walking and cycle routes		✓	✓	✓			
2			Make the underpasses safer / paint murals	😊	✓	✓	✓			
3			Consider widening some footpaths		✓	✓	✓			
4			Create better disabled access		✓	✓	✓			
5			Provide more road crossings		✓	✓	✓			
6		Affordable access to fitness facilities	Improve Southwood skate park			✓				
7			Provide mountain bike trails/tracks			✓				
8			Encourage outdoor yoga etc			✓				
9		Public transport provision	Talk to the bus companies about improving existing/future services / routes	😊	✓	✓	✓			
10			Consider a bus hub at Glenwood Centre		✓	✓	✓			
11			Consider a local mini-bus service		✓	✓	✓			
12			Provide more bus shelters		✓	✓	✓			
13			Investigate the most affordable travel options and publicise	😊	✓	✓	✓			
14		Better signage / wayfinding	Provide area maps and directional signage	😊	✓					
15			Provide information boards to celebrate area history/wildlife	😊	✓					
16		Reduce the dominance of roads	Make the main roads less of a barrier to movement (and to accessing green space)			✓	✓			
17			Do something about the number of roundabouts			✓	✓			
18			Change the nature of the roads and surfacing / create more shared spaces			✓	✓			
	Housing									
1		Better quality housing	Remove the Glenwood flats			✓	✓			
2			Create clear design frameworks to ensure quality housing			✓	✓			
3			Provide a better choice of size/type of housing			✓	✓			
4			Provide more social / council housing			✓	✓			
5			Use brownfield / vacant industrial sites for housing			✓	✓			
6		Fix existing housing	Maintain existing housing		✓	✓	✓			
7			Pro-actively and positively identify and encourage private landlords to fix urgent works, maintain their property, and become more involved in the community		✓	✓	✓			
8			Introduce new grant assistance for private landlords to improve the exterior appearance of their properties		✓	✓	✓			
9			Fix bin storage – and consider creating a smaller number of large communal street bins	😊	✓	✓	✓			
10		Better link housing to greenspace	Make better use of the small pockets of greenspace between houses	😊	✓	✓				
11		Access to housing	Re-consider council house criteria to make it more accessible		✓	✓	✓			
12			As part of the community hub feasibility study – raise awareness of assistance / information e.g. grants available; provide a local area office for face to face support – consider a weekly surgery which also links with the health services (one-stop-shop)		✓	✓	✓			



Newsletter #1 Tuesday 9 May 2017

Golden Glenrothes Charretteplus® is a series of community workshops where people can get together to discuss and share ideas for the future of Glenrothes West. It is a collaborative project run by Fife Council and planning charity PAS. It aims to gather the views of the public to set priorities and create a shared vision for the Glenwood Centre, and the wider areas of Macedonia, Tanshall and Caskieberran. This will lead to a Masterplan and Regeneration Action Plan for the area.

Pre-Event Activities

Discussions have already taken place with local charities and groups, businesses, churches, and the council. A community survey was undertaken with over 134 respondents. Workshops were held with Southwood, Caskieberran, and St Paul's Primary Schools, and, Glenwood and Glenrothes High Schools. These survey results and youth engagement posters were on display at the drop-in event at Glenwood High School on 9 May - and you can also see them on display at Glenwood Library throughout the rest of the charrette process.

Issues Raised in Pre-Event Activities

Community Life: There is a general desire for more community facilities and social spaces – including the availability of places for community and youth events.

Greenspace and Getting Around: There is a general feeling that there is a good selection and quantity of greenspace but that maybe this could be better utilised and linked. Safety issues related to movement at night through streets and open spaces.

Homes & Housing: The mix of housing appears adequate, but there is a shortage in the quantity of affordable houses, and the state of repair of existing houses was noted.

Future of Glenwood Centre: Some residents feel that the centre is generally untidy and can be unsafe. This may be exacerbated by empty units and anti-social behaviour. St Ninian's Café and charity shop is a well-used resource in the area and there is a desire to retain this and other community facilities in the area.

Introductory Event - 9th May, Glenwood High



To open the Golden Glenrothes charrette a drop-in event was held at Glenwood High to coincide with a school parent's evening to maximise publicity and interest. It was great to meet and

listen to parents, active members of the local community, school children who had been involved in the pre-charrette workshops, the local police, and Fife Council employees from a number of different departments.

The Scottish Government's Place Standard Tool, and a comments board, were used to capture some early thoughts. The responses echoed the pre-event issues, with residents keen to see improvements made to the Glenwood Centre, but with recognition that it serves an important role as a central place for the community, particularly St Ninian's Café. Residents felt that greenspaces were a real asset, however could be better maintained and utilised, and possibly linked to wider greenspace networks. These issues will be developed in forthcoming workshops.

Schedule

11 May & 17 May: Drop In For a Chat anytime between 10am – 8pm.

11 May: Community Life, Glenwood Library, 1pm-2.30pm / Greenspace and Getting Around, Glenwood Library, 6.30pm-8pm.

17 May: Homes & Housing, Glenwood Library, 1pm sharp-2.30pm / New Build Affordable Housing 2017-19 (Cullen Dve & Golf Course Rd Sites), Glenwood Library, 2.30pm-6.30pm / The Future of the Glenwood Centre, 6.30pm sharp – 8pm.

25 May: Putting it Altogether, Glenwood Library, 10:30am-2.30pm.

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Newsletter #2

Thursday 11th May 2017

Day 2

The 2nd day of Golden Glenrothes took place on Thursday at the Glenwood Library and St Ninian's Café, and included an all day drop-in service and two sessions on (1) Community Life, and (2) Greenspace & Movement.

Issues Raised in Drop-In Activities

A number of residents felt that general maintenance and tidiness of the neighbourhood and the Glenwood Centre could be improved, and that more seating could be provided in public areas. They also felt that more community shared space should be available and that this could be in the form of a community hub.

Session 1 – Community Life

Held in the early afternoon, this first session focused on community life and was well attended by members of the community, several representatives from Fife Council, and members of local groups Homestart, Starter for Ten, St Ninian's Café, and Ch@t.



There is a sense that the community is strong and resilient in Glenrothes West. Many believe that there are a number of active action groups and that places such as St Ninian's café, regular BBQs and events held in local park help bring the community together. However, many feel that there are a lack of facilities, and the loss of the library and some of its connecting services has impacted on some residents directly. To help resolve these issues a community hub is desired.

It is suggested that this community hub could focus as a central point that young and old could use for internet provision and activities such as job and career advice, as a training facility, and as a space that could be used to share skills and knowledge held by existing residents. Connected to this it was suggested that more events and activities, such as

a gala or fete, could help bring the community together. There is a desire for a community volunteer action group to become established, possibly one focused on improving the environment around Glenrothes West.

Session 2 – Greenspace and Getting Around

This second session was also well attended by a range of local residents and groups, and they commented that there are a good number of greenspaces, cycle routes, and footpaths in the area. However, they are concerned about litter, particularly in the open space areas, and lack of lighting. There is a desire for more recreational spaces to be created for teenagers.



It was suggested that public art and school led mural painting could be used to improve some areas, and that there should be more rubbish bins and better signage for both cycle paths and footpaths. Current planting undertaken by Homestart and Starter for Ten could also be broadened. Proposals included providing more growing spaces and allotments, and creating an interconnected cycle scheme possibly in or near schools such as Southwood and Caskieberran Primary. Improvements to drainage, better foot and cycle paths, along with themed walks through Southwoods and Riverside Park were also suggested.

Wed 17 May: Drop In For a Chat between 10am – 8pm.

Wed 17 May: Homes & Housing, Glenwood Library, 1pm sharp-2.30pm / The Future of the Glenwood Centre, 8.30pm sharp – 8pm.

Thursday 25 May: Putting it all together, Glenwood Library, 10:30am-2.30pm.

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Newsletter #3

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Day 3

The 3rd day of Golden Glenrothes took place on Thursday 17th May at the Glenwood Library and St Ninian's Café, and included an all day drop-in service, and two sessions on (1) Homes and Housing and (2) The Future of the Glenwood Centre. Sessions were attended by members of the community, several representatives from Fife Council, and Kingdom Housing Association. Views captured from residents at St Ninian's Café, and from parents at Southwood and Caskieberran Schools at school pick-up, were also included in both session discussions.

Issues Raised in Drop-In Activities

Reflecting previous responses, many felt that a general improvement of the Glenwood Centre was needed, along with the possibility of establishing more shops in the centre, the re-use of the library, and the creation of landscaped community areas.

Session 3 – Homes and Housing



Residents felt that new housing was of a good standard (e.g. Roxburgh Road) and would like more houses to be available. They felt that there was a good selection of 2-3 bedroom homes, however the condition of houses, particularly those owned by private landlords, was a concern and property maintenance could be better enforced. Walkability between houses was adequate, however there was a feeling that greenspaces could be better linked to housing and areas outwith the neighbourhood, and could be better used (e.g. use of internal courtyards for growing). Linked to this was a feeling that a centre or heart to the community was needed. Many felt that Fife Council should provide clear design frameworks for new development, better use could be made of brownfield land for new development, and the criteria to access council housing could be re-examined. Three key points were worked up in more detail.

Firstly it was felt that more information could be made available on grants and funding for housing, and that this could be facilitated through a central hub which may offer other key support services.

Secondly, greenspaces could be better linked to houses. Council support, along with community action groups, could be focused on developing certain areas. Thirdly, it was felt that private and absentee landlord responsibilities in terms of maintenance could be better enforced and engagement could be improved in this area, with a possible grant system made available to encourage upkeep and improvement.

Session 4 – The Future of Glenwood Centre



After a brief walkabout around the Glenwood Centre residents were asked to reflect on its future. Concerns included the lack of adequate road crossings, the safety of the underpasses, the appearance of the flats and empty retail units, and the general layout of the older section of the centre. The new and existing shops, and importantly the café, were considered good aspects of the centre, as was the quantity of car parks.

Proposals included more pedestrian inclusive road areas, and integrated greenspaces, along with a flexible community centre/café and better scaled buildings that allowed for good public access and active open spaces. It was felt that retail, leisure and community uses should be provided on the site, with the need for laundrette and clothing shops noted, and the possibility of affordable spaces and workshops.

Schedule

25 May: Putting it All Together, Glenwood Library, 10:30am-2.30pm.

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Newsletter #4 Thursday 25 May 2017

Day 4

The 4th day of Golden Glenrothes took place on Thursday at the Glenwood Library. The event was well attended, and it was an opportunity to see all the ideas and proposals put forward by local people over the last month and a half. An action plan and a set of proposals for each of the workshop themes were presented, and residents were asked to indicate which ideas they supported. Potential "quick wins" were identified.

Action Plan and Thematic Concepts

The theme **Community** organised a number of ideas on neighbourhood activity and energy. There was widespread support for the establishment of a community hub which would be used as a space to share skills and knowledge, and support youth activities. As expressed previously some thought the existing Glenwood Centre library could meet this purpose. It was also felt that St Ninian's café and associated charity shop should be supported and retained. Alongside this more activities and sociable events could be organised, and the empty retail units in the Glenwood Centre could be painted – all of which could be achieved relatively quickly.



Movement was themed to address proposals associated with access, mobility, active travel, and public transportation. Popular ideas included a better network of cycle and walking routes with improved wayfinding. It was felt that there was a need to provide better pedestrian road crossings and subway access points, especially around the Glenwood Centre. Murals and patterned road designing could be incorporated as part of new road crossings, perhaps designed by local school pupils. There was also support to create a woodland path and mountain bike trails in the woods along the River Leven, and the establishment of a bus hub at the Glenwood Centre.

For **green spaces**, people liked the ideas of improved maintenance and litter programme along main paths and in play areas. Also popular was provision of more seating, benches and picnic areas, better lighting, and activity and adventure play at Tanshall Park, Glenwood High, Bumblebee Park, and Caskieberran Primary. It was also suggested that the local community should have more influence over future changes, and possibly manage or own some green spaces.



Finally, the theme **Housing** brought together ideas related to existing accommodation in the neighbourhood, and the way in which houses are linked to wider greenspaces. Most people wanted to see the Glenwood Centre flats demolished, but some suggest that they should just be refurbished. We will be producing options for the Glenwood Centre over the next month.

Lots of folk wanted a more pro-active approach to improving the physical appearance and maintenance of housing across the area. Housing advice should be included in a community hub.

What Happens Next

As a result of these findings, we will now work with Fife Council to develop some of these ideas further and work out what might be possible. Identification of funding sources will be a key aspect of this. A number of projects will be researched so that the community can decide what and when they want to take forward. These will be presented on a date to be confirmed shortly, please keep an eye out for this.

Lastly, a Community Sing-Together event will be held in the former Glenwood Library on the 30th May at 1.30pm. For more information please contact kirsty.strachan@fife.gov.uk.

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Newsletter #5 Wednesday 28 June 2017

Masterplan and Proposals Summit

The 5th day of Golden Glenrothes took place on Wednesday the 28th June at the Glenwood Library. It was a full house, with a number of residents and local community representatives coming along to see how our designers had visually interpreted their views. Three options for the development of the Glenwood Centre were shown – along with six proposals to make more of the area's fantastic greenspaces.

Glenwood Centre & Greenspaces

Three proposals were presented for the Glenwood Centre: low, mid, and high level intervention options. At this stage these are interpretations of what was expressed by the community.



The low level option involves the retention of the flats and retail units, alongwith façade, environmental, surface, and road safety improvements. The mid level option involves the demolition of the flats and old retail units, the extension of the library, better road crossings, new buildings for mixed use, a new central public space and community gardens, and the re-engineering of Minto Place and Crescent. The high level option involves the demolition of the flats and retail units, new mixed use buildings within the existing site and across Roxburgh Rd, a new community hub, improved crossing facilities and a bus interchange on Roxburgh Rd, partial re-alignment of Minto Crescent, and improved green network linkages to the Glenwood Centre.



Regeneration proposals were also presented for Caskieberran, Bumblebee, and Tanshall Parks, along with public spaces surrounding Roxburgh Rd, neighbourhood wide allotment provision, and greenspace treatment for areas between buildings.

A full set of visuals and plans for all of these draft proposals can be found on the Golden Glenrothes website: www.goldenglenrothes.com.

Discussion

Participants then helped work out what the priorities for action should be, and which option for the Glenwood Centre might be best, by commenting on the exhibition that was on display.

Differing views were expressed in response to the three options put forward for the Glenwood Centre as a whole, yet it appeared the mid-level option is preferred. Many were concerned about the future of St Ninian's café and charity shop, and representatives from the café stressed that we need to think long term about this, including the possibility of relocating the café/shop as part of a new-look Glenwood Centre (e.g. part of a refurbishment of the library building or a completely new community hub). It was agreed that redevelopment options should only be made once they have been costed - which will take place over the next few months.

It was agreed that another meeting should be arranged (probably around September / October) once the costings for the Glenwood Centre options have been worked up. This meeting will allow the community to work through options with Fife Council. The future of the Glenwood Centre flats will likely be a particular focus for this meeting.

What Happens Next

We'll work on the feasibility of options for the Glenwood Centre redevelopment and come back to you in the Autumn for a more informed discussion about the way forward. Please look out for an update via email or our Facebook page.

If you want to be added to the mailing list to be kept updated, please let us know your contact details if you haven't already - ideally email!

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Newsletter #6

Thursday 2nd November 2017

Day 6

The 6th day of Golden Glenrothes took place on Thursday at the Glenwood Library and was very well attended. The exhibition was an opportunity to view and comment upon Option 4, an evolution of Options 2 and 3 (the favoured options) from previous events.



Comments From the Drop In

People were generally positive about the concept that something transformational will happen, and understandably needed reassurance that any new housing will not lead to a repeat of the problem Glenwood flats. The reality is that new housing is needed to not only fund site improvements but make it safer by putting 'eyes on the streets'. There is now a consensus that the Glenwood flats need to be removed.



Visitors generally agreed with the notion that development be undertaken in a number of phases, starting with a residential block on land immediately to the east of Roxburgh Road (which could happen relatively quickly), with the community hub being built as a phase 2. Demolition of the flats would follow shortly thereafter, to allow for commercial and residential development. There is an understanding that what was presented at the exhibition was only a concept at this stage and that finer detail, and realigned costings, will follow later.

There was discussion about the height of any new buildings – and the need for new development to create a bright / airy feel. The community favoured, if possible, Fife Council as the sole landlord for any new development - to avoid the problem of multiple landlords, some of whom might not adequately maintain their properties.

What Happens Next

Comments and ideas from Thursday's event will allow Option 4 to be further refined before proposals are presented to Members. Work will then begin on a potential planning application – in principle for the whole site, and then in detailed planning applications for the development phases.



Sustainability is key to the success of the new centre and will not be confined to the environmental sense of the term; the long term use of the proposed development is also key. As such, it is encouraging news that Homestart have expressed an interest in moving into one of the units at the community hub. They are particularly impressed by the potential to use the proposed central green space for barbeques and other similar events. Similarly, local businesses currently at the Glenwood centre are keen to relocate, including St. Ninian's Café. Further details can be obtained from Ian McCrory at Fife Council.

In addition to the site specific proposals for the Glenwood Centre, the Glenrothes West Action Plan 2017-2022 was also launched, the contents of which draw directly from the issues and ideas raised as part of the community events held during the summer. If you would like a copy please e-mail julia@pas.org.uk

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Appendix Eight

28 June Feedback event Display Boards



GLENWOOD CENTRE Design Principles

1. Improve Strategic Connections
2. Consolidate and rationalise parking
3. Improve crossing points
4. Improve access along South Parks Road and connections to Glenwood Centre
5. Potential to extend Glenwood Centre
6. Repurpose land for parking / community gardens
7. Key linkage to healthcare centre
8. Improve frontage onto Roxburgh Road and Minto Crescent
9. Partially remove road carriageway as roads physically isolate Glenwood Centre
10. Improve integration of public transport and community facilities into Glenwood Centre

NOTE: Glenrothes West has no specific / identified civic space.



GLENWOOD CENTRE Low Level Proposal



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GLENWOOD CENTRE Low Level Proposal



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GLENWOOD CENTRE Underpass Improvements



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GLENWOOD CENTRE Mid Level Proposal

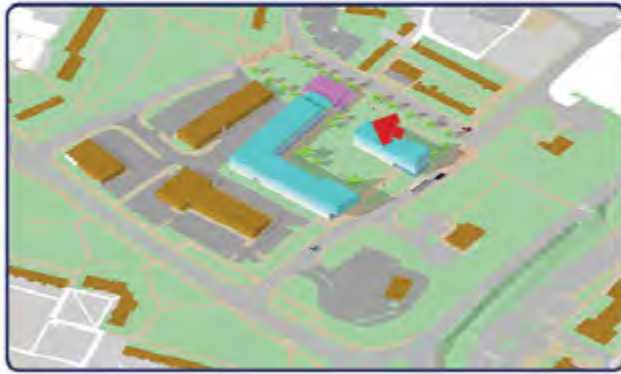


1. Extended library for new community hub
2. Demolition of flats and retail units
3. New buildings for retail, office, residential
4. Improved crossing facilities
5. New central public space
6. Community gardens
7. Re-engineer Minto Place / Minto Crescent junction

- Retained Buildings
- Building Renovation / Improvements
- New Buildings



GLENWOOD CENTRE Mid Level Proposal



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GLENWOOD CENTRE High Level Proposal

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1. New community hub across Roxburgh Road
2. Demolition of flats and retail units
3. New buildings for retail, office, residential
4. Improved crossing facilities
5. New central public space
6. New buildings on other side of Roxburgh Road
7. Improve linkages between Glenwood Centre and green network to the west.
8. Partial realignment of Minto Crescent
9. Bus transport interchange

- Retained Buildings
- Building Renovation / Improvements
- New Buildings



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GLENWOOD CENTRE High Level Proposal



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GREENSPACE Caskieberran Adventure Park



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GREENSPACE Bumblebee Park



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GREENSPACE Roxburgh Road



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GREENSPACE Tanshall Park



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GREENSPACE Allotments



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GREENSPACE Greenspace Between Buildings



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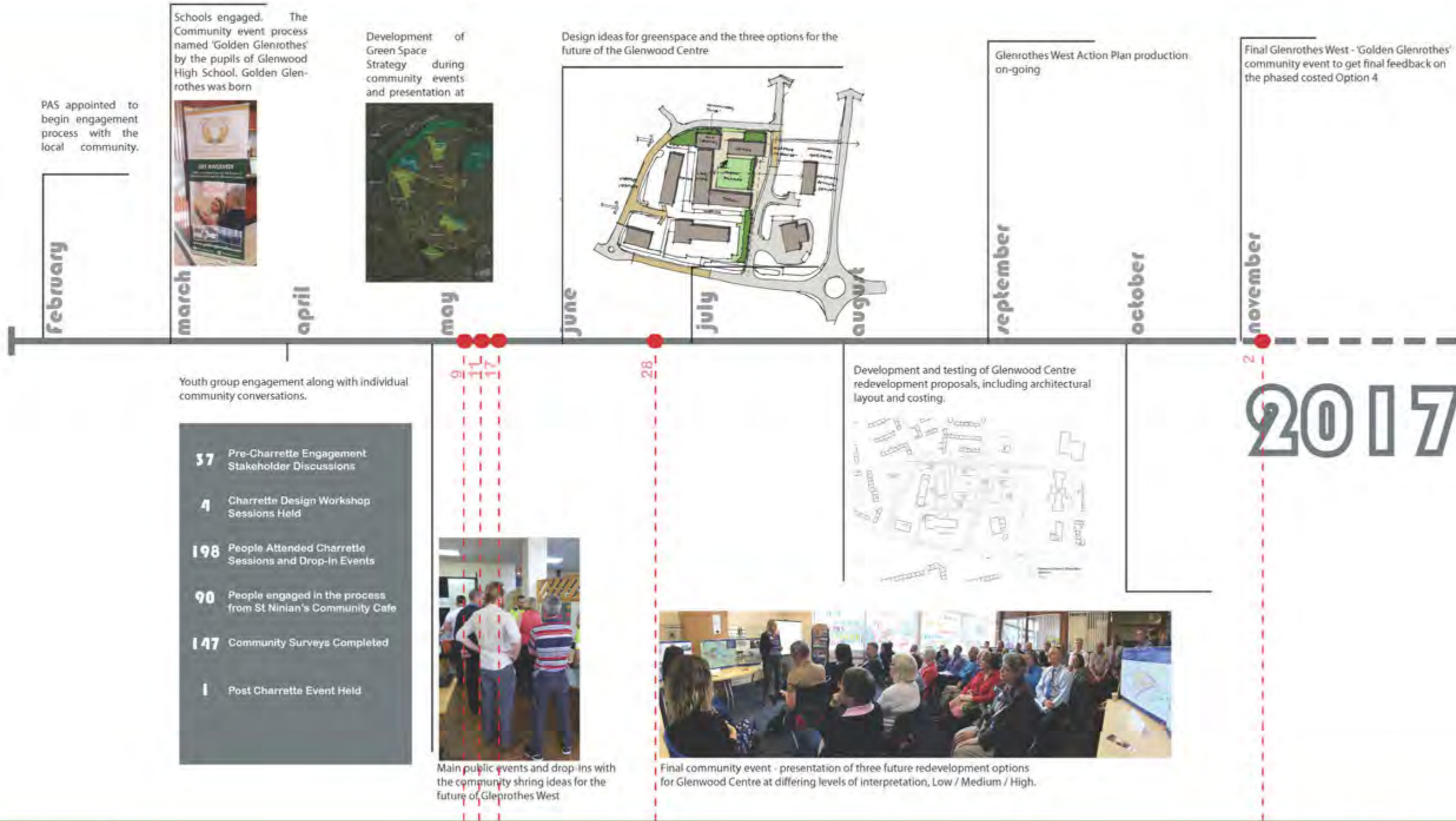
Appendix Nine

2 Nov Costed Masterplan Display Boards



GLENWOOD CENTRE

Design Journey - Timeline..... so far



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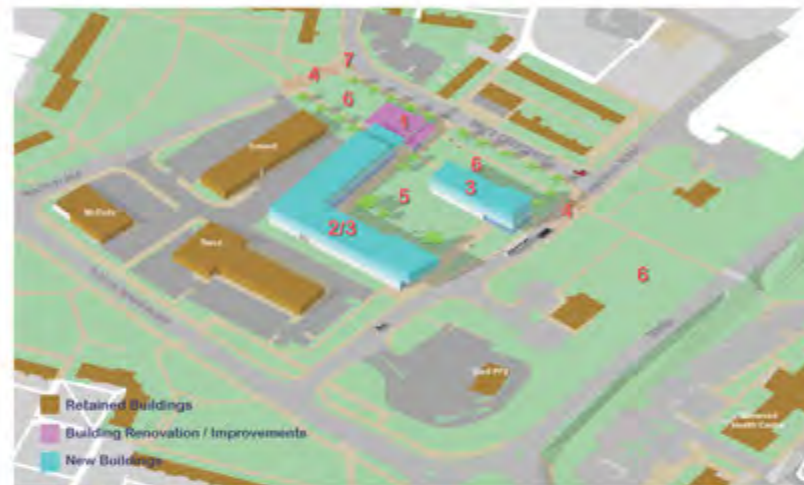
GLENWOOD CENTRE Design Journey - Earlier Options 1-3

Below is a reminder of the three initial redevelopment options of the Glenwood Centre, and the main features of each



Option 1 - Low Level Proposal

1. Flats and retail units remain
2. Library frontage improved with coloured glass / wood
3. Traffic calming / Improved pedestrian crossing
4. Environmental improvements



Option 2 - Medium Level Proposal

1. Extended library for new community hub
2. Demolition of flats and retail units
3. New buildings for retail, office, residential
4. Improved crossing facilities
5. New central public space
6. Community gardens
7. Re-engineer Minto Place / Minto Crescent junction



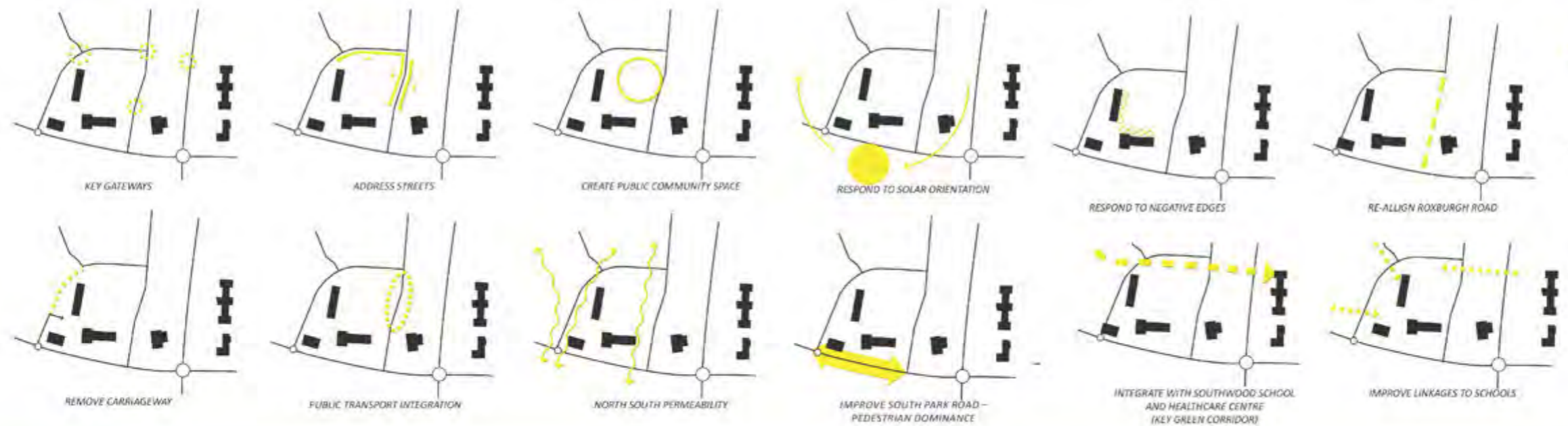
Option 3 - High Level Proposal

1. New community hub across Roxburgh Road
2. Demolition of flats and retail units
3. New buildings for retail, office, residential
4. Improved crossing facilities
5. New central public space
6. New buildings on other side of Roxburgh Road
7. Improve linkages between Glenwood Centre and green network to the west.
8. Partial realignment of Minto Crescent
9. Bus transport interchange

GLENWOOD CENTRE Design Principles

The main principles guiding the redevelopment of the Glenwood Centre, the community comments and views, the constraints and opportunities of the site and surroundings, along with the environmental issues are illustrated below through a series of simple graphics

1. GLENWOOD CENTRE
2. GLENWOOD LIBRARY BUILDING
3. ICELAND
4. TESCO AND RETAIL UNITS
5. MCCOLLS
6. FIFE COUNCIL SOCIAL CARE UNIT
7. PETROL FILLING STATION
8. GLENWOOD HEALTH CENTRE



The Golden Glenrothes events 11-25 May 2017 generated a broad selection of views on the future of the Glenwood Centre. Comments informed designs for 3 future redevelopment proposals which were presented to the community 28 June 2017. These proposals represented differing levels of intervention, low/medium/high, across the Glenwood site. The Community preference was for the mid to high level options (involving varying levels of demolition / development).

Costing of the different elements of these options has now taken place and a 4th phased option has materialised which evolves the mid and high level options. Phase 4 is a costed phased option which further tests concepts. It will be refined after community comments before potentially going forward as a planning application

We believe this 4th option:

- Provides better access and movement
- Establishes the community hub as a central public space
- Connects with existing shops, housing, schools, health centre and surrounding greenspace
- Details building uses
- Creates a central greenspace and allotment area, and connects to existing greenspace
- Better positions car parking across the site
- Better connects public transport through a bus interchange point
- Creates a more pedestrian friendly South Parks Road and Roxburgh Road
- Phases the development so that it works financially:
 - Phase 1 - Housing
 - Phase 2 - Community Hub
 - Phase 3 - Housing
 - Phase 4 - Commercial / Housing (CBRA*)
 - Phase 5 - Commercial / Housing (CBRA*)

* Commercial Below Residential Above



We are now keen to know what you like and don't like about Option 4. Grab a post-it and let us know.

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Proposals Plan - Phased Option 4 - Design features



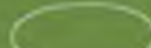
Strengthened pedestrian routes
including linkage to healthcare centre, community hub and housing areas north and south



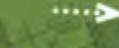
Improved crossing points
including removal of under-passes and crossing at grade



Gateway created
creating a sense of arrival and a reinvigorated sense of Glenwood as a community, as a place



New public / community space
The new public space provides a focus for retail, commercial, residential and community



Buildings to address streets and public space
streets and places to be safer and more secure by doors opening, and windows looking, on to the public realm



Key building relationships
buildings used to create strong urban forms and legible places

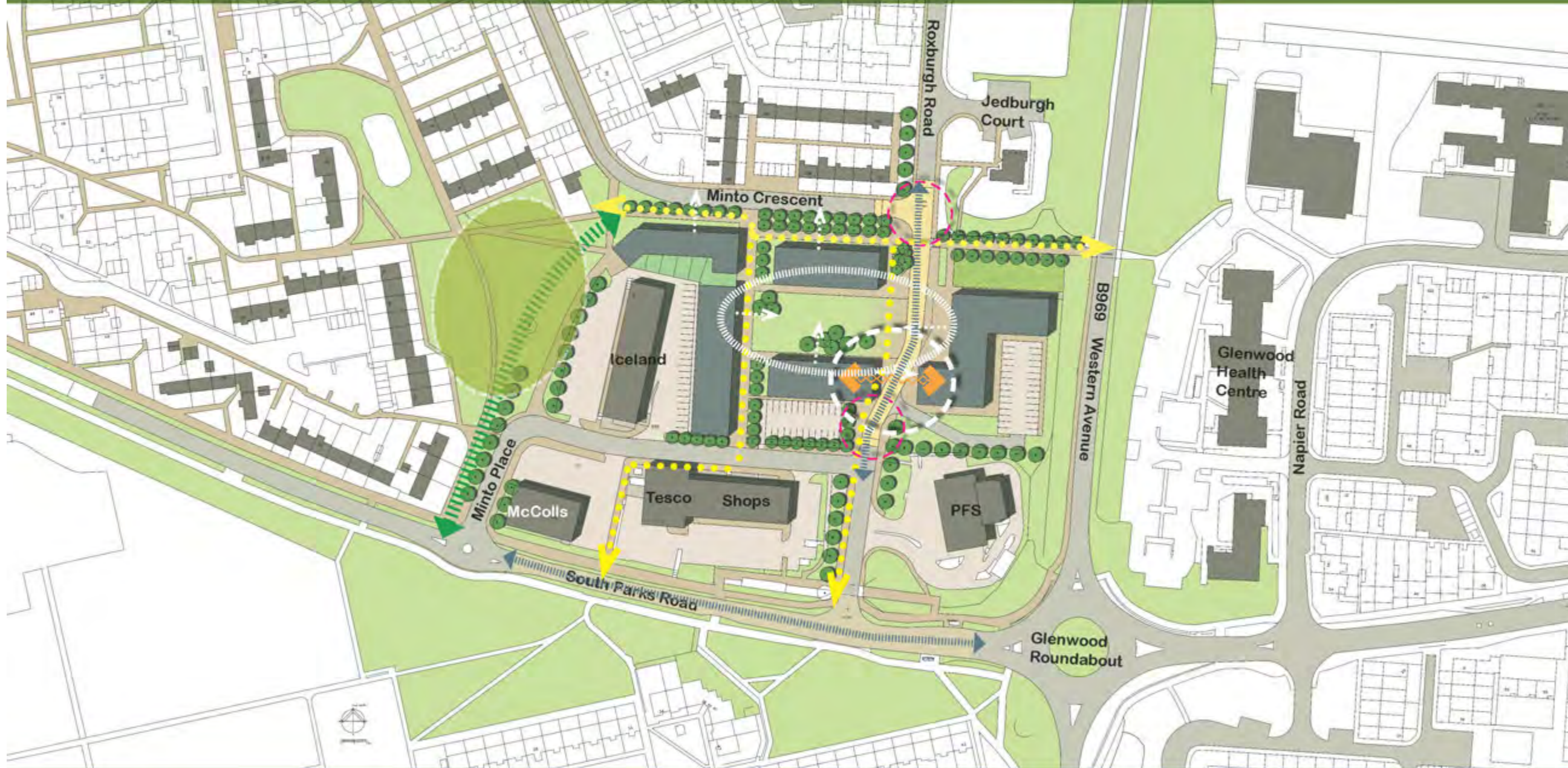


New communal green / play space
re-design of existing routes and green spaces surrounding Glenwood will help improve connections and create better places to play and have fun

Rationalised pedestrian routes and open space

Improved traffic routes with pedestrian priority

an aspiration to improve all routes and connections around Glenwood and better connect to existing housing areas surrounding the centre





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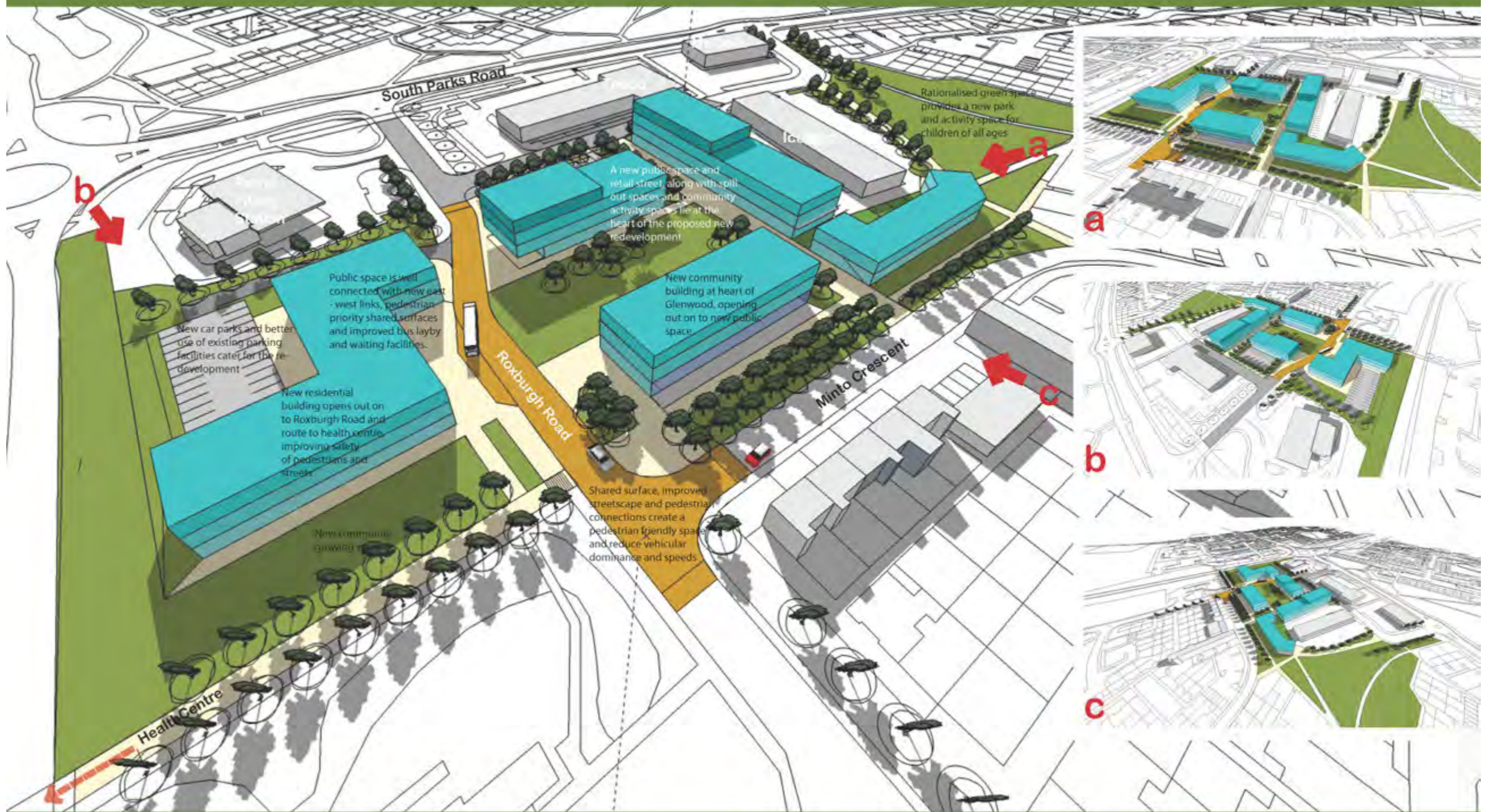


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