

MAKING  
**FALKLAND'S**  
& NEWTON'S  
**FUTURE**  
CHARRETTE  
REPORT

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# PURPOSE & STATUS OF REPORT

This report summarises the background, outcomes, key moves and priority projects that emerged through the “Making Falkland’s and Newton’s Future” Design Charrette (March-April 2018).

The design team acknowledge and thank all the organisations, community and third sector groups and individuals who contributed to the success of the “Making Falkland’s and Newton’s Future” Design Charrette.







# INTRODUCTION

A design charrette is:

- ***An intensive & collaborative plan-making process over several days***
- ***Undertaken in the place under consideration***
- ***Engages a wide range of participants to define a Future Vision, Development Framework + Action Plan for the place.***
- ***is facilitated by a multidisciplinary charrette team.***

***Making Falkland's and Newton's Future*** was an exciting and interactive multi-day planning charrette event to discuss, debate and decide Falkland's and Newton of Falkland's Future. In collaboration with the Falkland and Newton of Falkland Community Council (FNFCC), a team of architects, planners, artists, economists and engineers worked with local communities to develop a shared vision for Falkland and Newton of Falkland. The event, running through March and concluding in April 2018 was delivered with funding from the Scottish Government for community-led design charrettes.

The fundamental aim of the charrette process was to prepare a realistic, feasible and integrated strategy and action plan, establishing the priorities for investment in improving the physical appearance, facilities, services and access to and around Falkland and Newton of Falkland, with the full support of local residents, businesses and key stakeholders.

**Over 420 people attended a series of 12 events and a drop-in studio over the 4 days of the charrette. Attendees and participants included local residents, businesses, local and national agencies and stakeholders.** The charrette took place within Falkland and Newton from 20 -22 March 2018 and a 'report back' session was held on 18 April 2018. Many more local people engaged with pre-Charrette 'community animation' events in locations throughout the villages, at local schools and clubs in a series of in-situ activities. The public, designers and specialists worked together, 'hands on', to prepare a long term vision, identified priority projects and next steps for Falkland and Newton of Falkland, with the ideas translated into plans and drawings.

Everyone was very welcome and all the events were free.

The Making Falkland's and Newton's Future team included:

- Austin-Smith:Lord (Urban Designers, Architects, Landscape and Conservation Architects), appointed to facilitate the charrette, as part of a design team also including;
- WAVEparticle (artists/facilitators)
- Transport Planning Ltd
- Economics consultant Keddie Consulting.







# STUDY AREA WIDER CONTEXT

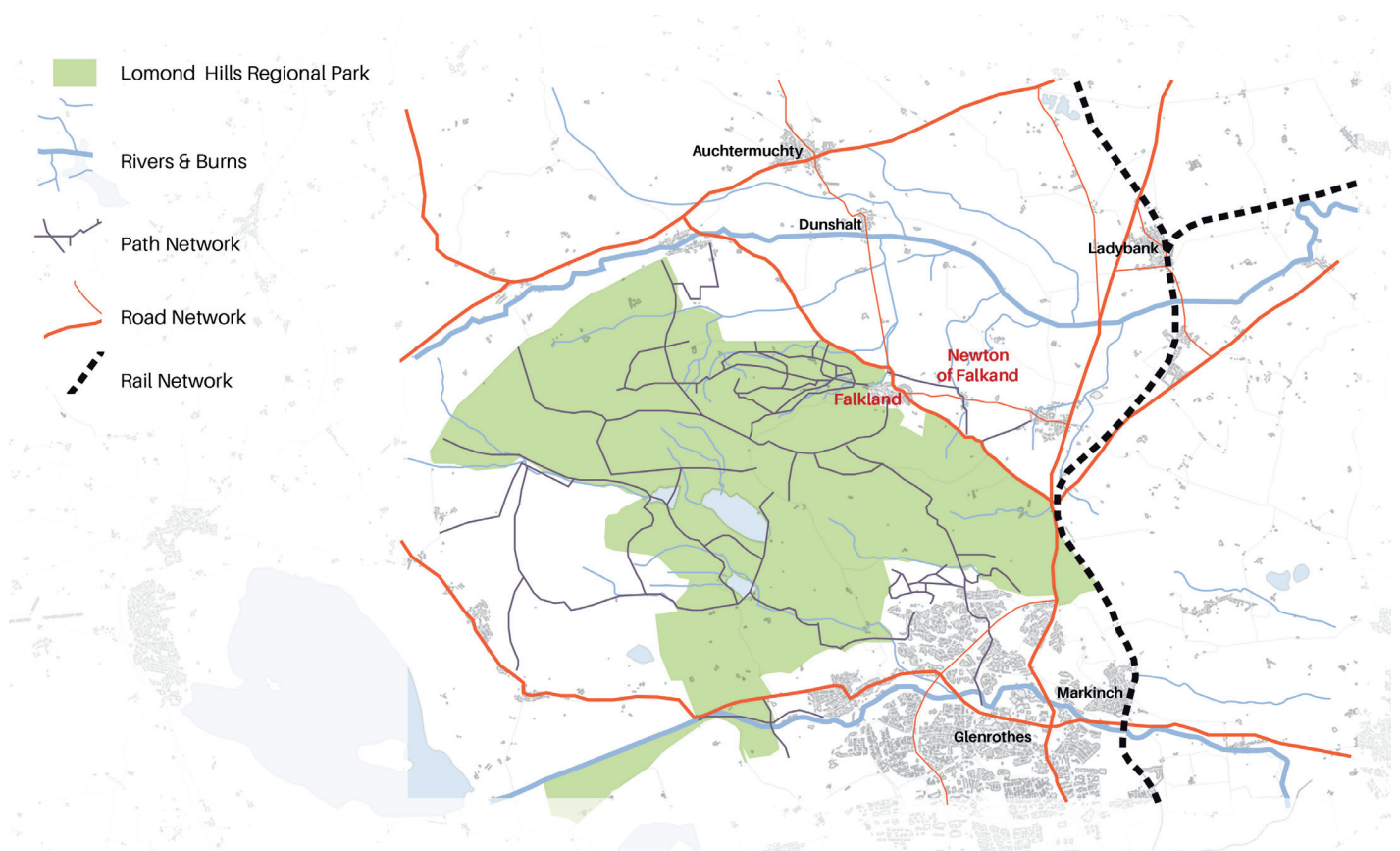


## Regional Context

Falkland and Newton of Falkland are located in Fife, a large peninsula of lowland and hills, bounded by the Firth of Tay to the north and the Firth of Forth to the south.

The two closest train stations are Markinch and Ladybank. The villages are located approximately 45 minutes from Dundee and 1 hour from Edinburgh (by car).





## Local Context

Falkland and Newton villages are nested amongst a unique environment, at the threshold between the rugged hills of the Lomond Hills Regional Park, one of Fife's most prominent natural landmarks, and a distinctive agricultural landscape.

The land surrounding the two villages is marbled with many rivers and burns which contribute to its character.



# FALKLAND & NEWTON OF FALKLAND



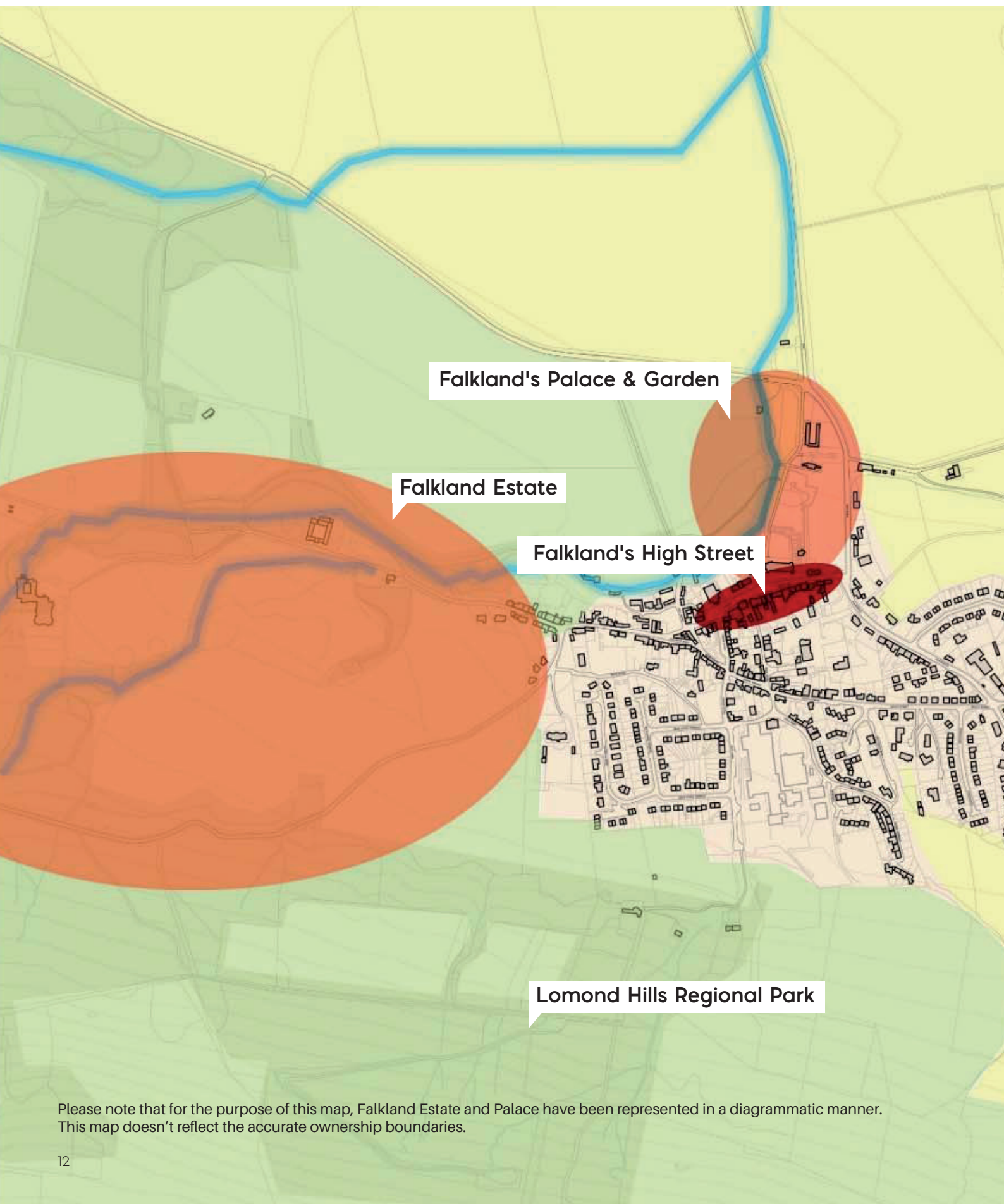




Newton of Falkland



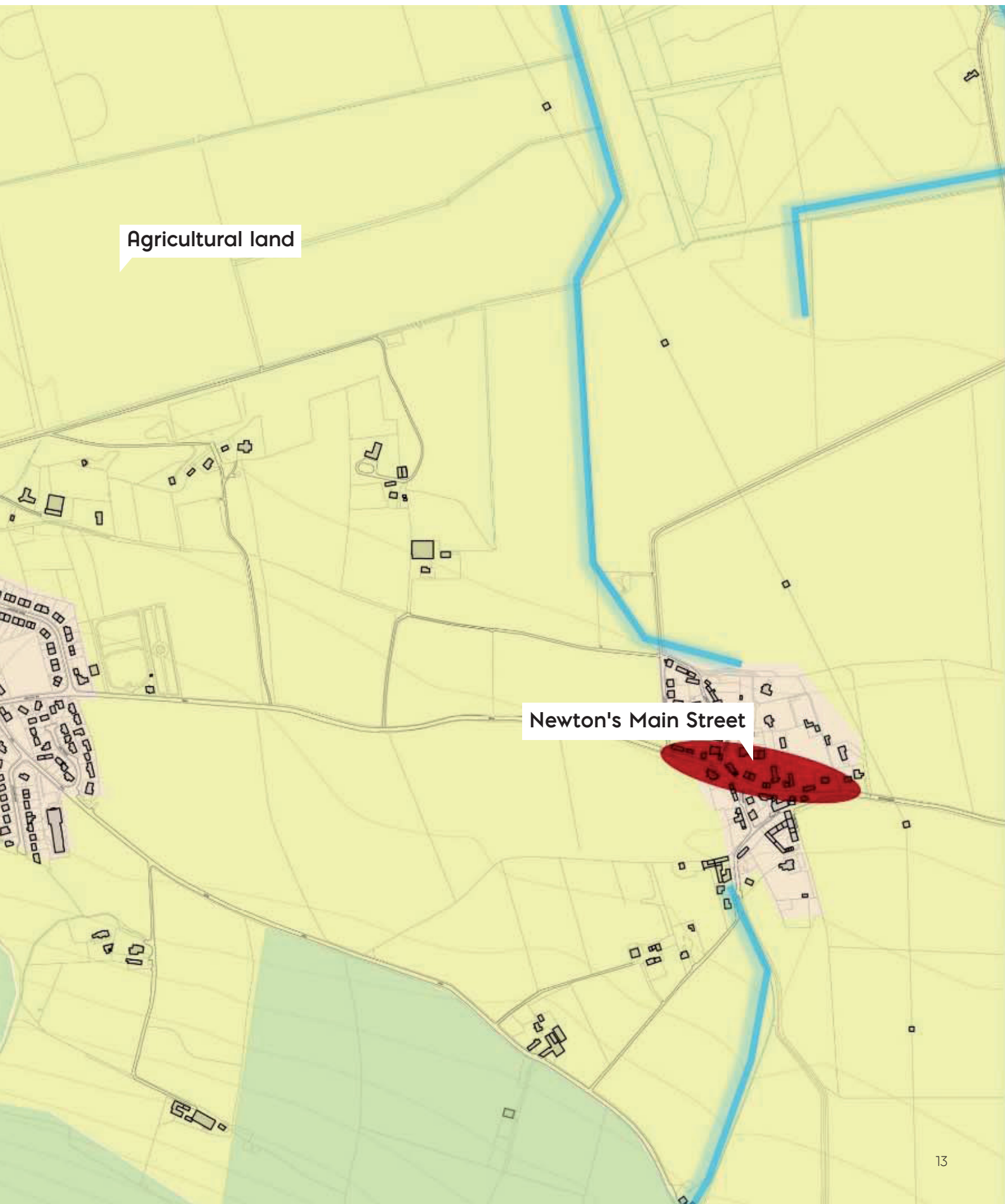
# FALKLAND & NEWTON OF FALKLAND



Please note that for the purpose of this map, Falkland Estate and Palace have been represented in a diagrammatic manner. This map doesn't reflect the accurate ownership boundaries.



# CONTEXT AND KEY ELEMENTS



Agricultural land

Newton's Main Street



# STUDY AREA

## Falkland - Current Conditions





## Newton of Falkland - Current Conditions





# MAKING **FALKLAND'S** & NEWTON'S **FUTURE:** PROCESS







# EVENTS PROGRAMME

In collaboration with the Project Board, a Pre-Charrette + 4 day charrette was agreed, organised in a '3+1' arrangement. From previous charrette experience, this approach is effective and worked well, allowing greater participation and building in a period of 'thinking time' to enable a more fulfilling charrette process.

Essentially the '3+1' arrangement involved pre-charrette engagement one week prior to a series of events; launch event, developing the vision and testing ideas. Thereafter the team (and participants) develop ideas, check facts and hone the drawn information before returning to Falkland and Newton for a further full day of interactive discussion and engagement around the emerging plans.

The Pre-Charrette activities were held one week in advance of the 3 days that were held on consecutive mid-week days, with the Report back (Day 4) on a mid week afternoon and evening.

## 13 MARCH

### Pre-Charrette

The Making Falkland's & Newton's Future team will be in, around and about Falkland and Newton of Falkland to discuss your issues, ideas and to raise awareness of the forthcoming 'charrette' events. Look out for the team with the 'Big Floor Map' of Falkland and Newton of Falkland.

## 20 MARCH

### Newton Village Hall

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Issues + Ideas Workshop

### Falkland Community Hall

3.00pm - 4.30pm

Place Standard Workshop: Let us know what you think

### Falkland Old Town Hall

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Local Business and Economy: Issues + Opportunities

## 21 MARCH

### Falkland Community Hall

11.00am - 12.30pm

Issues + Ideas Workshop

12.30pm - 8.30pm

Traffic & Transport: Walkabout & Workshop

1.30pm - 2.30pm

School Workshop- Setting the Agenda

3.00pm - 5.30pm

Afternoon: Issues + Ideas Workshop

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Evening: Issues + Ideas Workshop

## 22 MARCH

### Falkland Community Hall

10.00am - 8.30pm

Drop-in Design Studio

11.00am - 12.30pm

Economic Development & Tourism Workshop

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Futurewalk ; Past, Present, Possible

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Work in Progress Presentation

## 18 APRIL

### Falkland Community Hall

12.00pm - 8.30pm

Drop-in Design Studio

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Emerging Ideas Presentation

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Emerging Ideas Presentation



# ATTENDANCE AND REACH

## ATTENDANCE

### Pre-Charrette

On-Street Engagement	50+
Schools Workshop	20

### Day 01: 20.03.18

Newton: Issues + Ideas Workshop	11
Place Standard Workshop	12
Local Business + Economy Workshop	20

### Day 02: 21.03.18

Traffic + Transport: Walkabout & Workshop	19
Schools Workshop	20
Drop-in Design Studio	22+
Issue + Ideas Workshop	22

### Day 03: 22.03.18

Drop-In Design Studio	28+
House Visits	2
Economic Development + Tourism Workshop	20
Futurewalk: Past, Present + Possible	16
Work in Progress Presentation	31

### Day 04: 18.04.18

Drop-In Design Studio	26+
Afternoon Presentation	50
Evening Presentation	40

**Attendance to date** **400+**

## PUBLICITY

### Promotional Material

Flyer Distribution	1000
Posters	50
Press Articles	2
Exhibitions (Town Hall + Community Hall)	2

### Social Media

Facebook Page Followers	101
Facebook Page Reach	3,678
Twitter Followers	33
Twitter Likes	40



# PRE-CHARRETTE

In preparation for the Making Falkland's and Newton's Future Charrette on 21st and 22nd March, a team from WAVEparticle visited Falkland and Newton of Falkland on Tuesday 13th March. WAVEparticle is an art organisation who specialise in developing and delivering effective community engagement and treat engagement as a creative process and artform.

The WAVEparticle team, including artist's Elizabeth Murphy and Erin Busswood and photographer Sean Campbell arrived in Falkland on a drizzly morning. They received a warm and friendly welcome from all the people that they met! Their first stop was outside Campbell's coffee shop, opposite the Bruce Fountain, where they had great conversations with people passing by.

After lunch the team headed to Falkland Primary School where Head Teacher Laura Munro had kindly agreed to host a Creative Collective Schools Workshop which also included pupils from Bell Baxter High School.

With the aid of the large vinyl floor map of Falkland and Newton of Falkland and its environs, gold stars and red dots, and the Postcard From The Future, the pupils were encouraged to think about and envisage Falkland and Newton of Falkland in 2028.

The pupils visualised their comments through the placing of gold and red coloured dots on the big map.

- A Gold Star to mark a significant place, organisations or something in the town that works particularly well. Where / what might that be?
- A Red Dot for an area that needs improving. Where might that be?

Portraits were taken of a number of the pupils reading their Postcard From The Future. The reporter and photographer from The Courier popped in to the workshop to take a photo of all the children standing on the big map, gold stars at the ready.

It was a real pleasure to meet and work with all the young people representing their schools. The WAVEparticle team were really impressed by the pupils insight, imagination and engagement, and by how much they could tell them about Falkland and Newton of Falkland.

Directly after the schools workshop, the WAVEparticle team took themselves and the big map to Falkland Palace where they spoke to visitors and staff about their ideas for Falkland and Newton's future. From here the team moved the big map to outside the Premier Shop and The Bruce Inn and then on to The Covenanter and The Stag. More great conversations were had and insightful feedback generated.

*Further information to all of the charrette events can be found in the appendices.*



The 'Big Floor Map'



Schools Workshop



On-Street Engagement



# DAY 01

## NEWTON ISSUES + IDEAS WORKSHOP

The Charrette launched in Newton Village Hall. Gathered around the big floor map discussions focussed on issues of speeding traffic, the challenges facing the local group responsible for the Village Hall and playspace (both are well used and great assets), the potential and challenges (especially flooding) of the 'Meadow' which is in community ownership, the potential of a community pub (which infrequently opens) and concerns about the maintenance of unadopted roads.

## PLACE STANDARD WORKSHOP

Facilitated by Gordon Forbes of Fife Council, this workshop used the Scottish Government / A+DS / NHS 'Place Standard' tool to assess Falkland's current performance against 14 topics / criteria. The workshop enabled each participant to rate perceived performance and then discuss, as a group, areas of focus for the charrette. This analysis showed that traffic and parking, and the local economy were areas of concern and underperformance. Against the topics of feeling safe, identity and belonging, natural spaces and social contact Falkland was rated very highly.

## LOCAL BUSINESS + ECONOMY WORKSHOP

This well attended evening session in the Old Town Hall enabled a lively discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing local businesses. The workshop was facilitated by David Keddie (economist) and Graham Ross (urban planner) and involved an informal plenary session, followed by breakout discussions in small groups, considering a range of issues facing the local economy. Replacing the jobs lost by the Smith Anderson factory closure and having an agile local economy which capitalises on new technology, patterns of (home) working and improving the quality of local businesses were flagged up as key issues. There was a debate about the over-reliance on tourism and the seasonal impact of visitor economy, the need to improve the quality of the 'offer', the pressing need for a resilient and diverse local economy and apparent points of conflict with regards the impact of markets on local business. It was evident that the local economy would greatly benefit from a more joined up approach, with an increased awareness of how local businesses could work together for mutual and wider benefit.



Newton Issues + Ideas Workshop



Place Standard Workshop



Local Business + Economy Workshop



# DAY 02

## DROP-IN DESIGN STUDIO

A design studio was established in the Community Hall throughout the day till evening, establishing the Charrette base. The studio set up enabled interested parties to share and sketch out thoughts, discuss with architects, landscape architects, planners, and transport planners the implications of ideas and propositions. The studio was augmented by a display of analysis, comments and emerging ideas that grew over the course of the charrette events.

## TRAFFIC + TRANSPORT WALKABOUT + WORKSHOP

Led by Alex Sneddon (Transport Planning Limited) this interactive session benefited from visiting key areas within Falkland that need attention. Issues of parking (visitor and resident), traffic speeds, safe routes to school and trip generation by development at the 9 Acres site were all highlighted as priority issues. The walk and talk was well attended, and included colleagues from Fife Council. The group toured the historic High Street and wynds, car parks, the A912 and primary school access, South Street, 9 Acres Site and West Port before returning to the Community Hall design studio to formulate priorities for action around the big floor map.

## SCHOOLS WORKSHOP

Following on from pre-charrette activity with local school children, Peter McCaughey of WAVEparticle, led a workshop with pupils from Falkland Primary School. This enabled the children to share their Postcards from the Future, review the work in the charrette exhibition, debate and discuss issues around the Big Floor Map and help suggest challenges for the charrette to tackle, including lack of play space, safe connections to school and sports facilities.

## ISSUES + IDEAS WORKSHOP

The structured workshop enabled participants to start to get into greater detail around a series of themes; Local Community, Local Economy, Place, Transport / Access. Participants were also invited to complete Postcards from the Future and this helped to shape the ambitions and vision for Falkland and Newton. The interactive session, facilitated by most of the charrette team, featured presentations on possible ways to innovatively develop the 9 Acres site, enhance the path network and cater for seasonal visitor parking.



Traffic & Transport Walkabout + Workshop



Schools Workshop



Issues + Ideas Workshop



# DAY 03

## DROP-IN DESIGN STUDIO

The Charrette base at the Community Centre received interested visitors participating in the charrette throughout the day, from morning till 9pm in the evening. The material on display steadily expanded during the day as comments, flip chart notes and sketches were added to the Postcards from the Future and Place Standards to build up a picture of key issues and ideas emerging through discussion and debate.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT + TOURISM WORKSHOP

Building on the outcome of the opening day event at the Old Town Hall this structured workshop, led by David Keddie (economist) and Graham Ross (urban planner) enabled a more focussed and in-depth discussion around the key economic drivers and challenges facing Falkland and Newton. Attendees included local businesses, the National Trust for Scotland, Falkland Estate, Historic Environment Scotland and local residents. Opportunities to diversify the local economy, enhance and better integrate the visitor economy, support micro-businesses with shared workspace and the ambition for a Business Forum to help coordinate and network between local businesses emerged through discussions.

## FUTUREWALK

The Futurewalk, instigated by Peter McCaughey of WAVEparticle and led by Rod Crawford (Community Council) and Ninian Stuart (Falkland Estate), took an inspiring wander through the rich and significant history of Falkland (ancient and modern) to help set the scene for the village as it is today to help frame discussions about what Falkland should become. Using the framework of Falkland Past, Present and Possible the Futurewalk started with a breath-taking rooftop vantage from the Palace battlements (akin to an Outlook Survey by Patrick Geddes) to set the Burgh in landscape and historic context, before meandering along the High Street, back along the burn and culminating in the former St John's Works factory site. Futurewalkers retired to the warmth of the Charrette base at the Community Hall to debate the potential for influencing future plans for the 9 Acres site as well as pondering wider issues for other sites relating to community right to buy, CPO and stewardship of the village and land.

## WORK IN PROGRESS PRESENTATION

At the end of the first three days of charrette activity a summative presentation of 'work in progress' was shared giving an overview of what people had said, what the priority issues were and some ideas and suggestions about how to address challenges and opportunities emerging through the charrette. The long and wide-ranging presentation by the Charrette team enabled participants an opportunity to gauge and comment on progress and help to shape the next steps to refine thinking with respect to key issues including the school, 9 Acres site and Business Forum concept.



Economic Development + Tourism Workshop



Futurewalk



Work in Progress Presentation



# DAY 04

## REPORT BACK

The Community Hall was taken over by an extensive exhibition of work in progress featuring over 50 proposals and propositions emerging from the first three days of charrette. The exhibition presented the analysis, comments, sketches and contributions collated during the charrette. It also presented a Vision for the villages, information on funding and delivery, sought expression of interest in the Business Forum and Pledge Card for interested parties to champion or support specific ideas.

The exhibition of possible projects was structured under place, Community, Economy and Access. At 2pm and 6.30pm the Charrette team gave a detailed overview of the work and invited comments. Between these sessions, discussion, debate and drawing took place as ideas were sharpened up, tested and re-presented. Breakout discussions during each presentation enabled participants to spend time discussing ideas around traffic / transport, landscape, community health and wellbeing, economy and the 9 Acre Site.

Attendees were also advised of next steps and the role and anticipated governance of the Project Delivery Board.



Emerging Ideas Exhibition



Emerging Ideas Presentation (2pm)



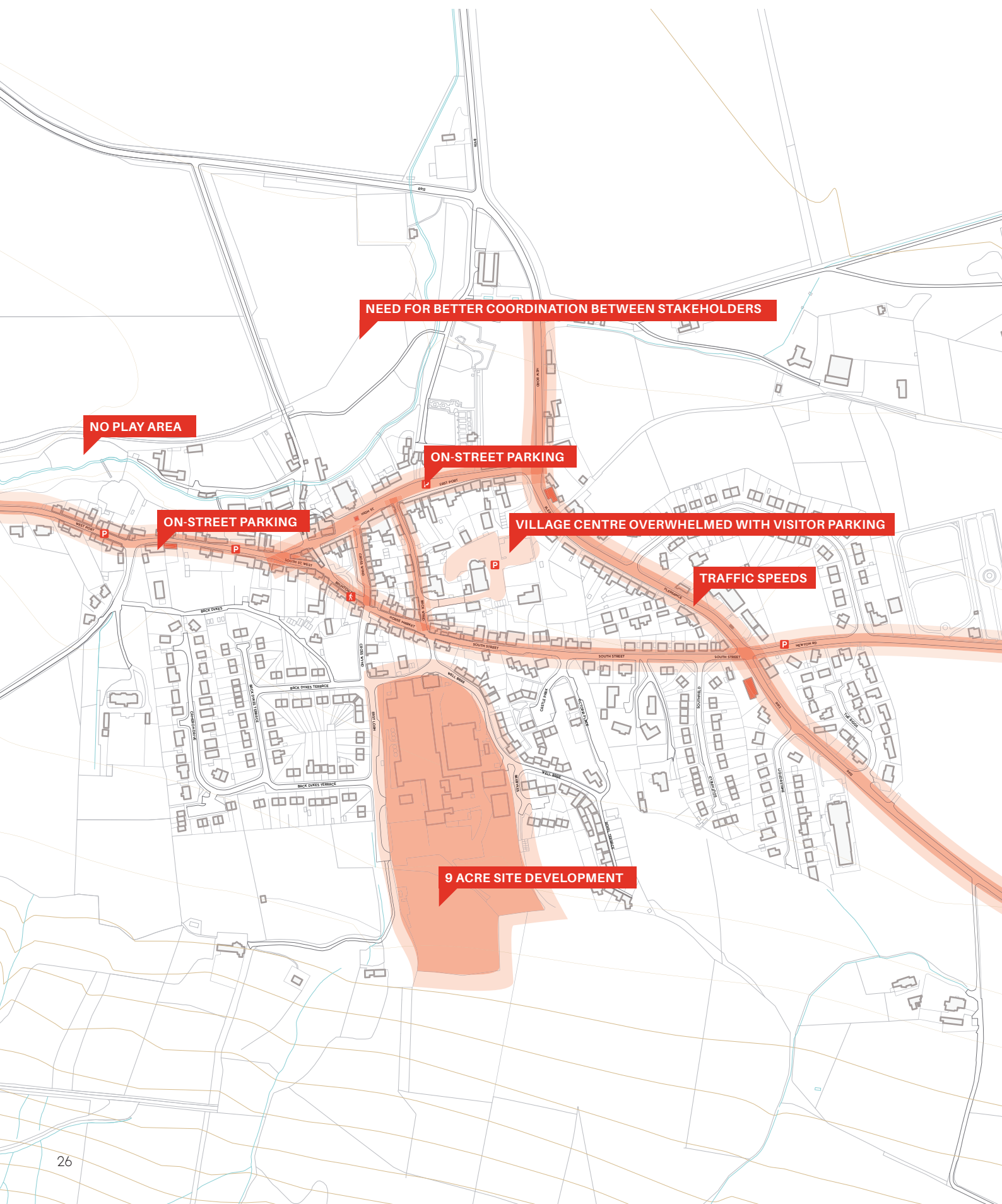
Emerging Ideas Presentation (6:30pm)







# ISSUES + CHALLENGES









# STRENGTHS + OPPORTUNITIES







IMPROVE ROUTE TO NEWTON

IMPROVE OPEN SPACE

REDUCE TRAFFIC SPEED

IMPROVE GATEWAYS

COMMUNITY ASSETS

OR OUT OF  
RKING

WAYS



MAKING  
**FALKLAND'S**  
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**FUTURE:**  
VISION  
OBJECTIVES  
& THEMES





# VISION STATEMENT

## **Falkland and Newton of Falkland 2028**

Both villages are **great places to live, work and play.**

Folk of **all ages enjoy a healthy, happy** way of life.

The renowned **natural, social and built heritage** is celebrated and enriched by **contemporary environmental design excellence.**

The **active community is inclusive, working together** to better Falkland and Newton.

**A diverse economy thrives, serving local communities and welcoming visitors.**

There are **accessible opportunities** for new ways of **living, working, creating prosperity and sharing the benefits** of village life within a **well-connected rural setting.**

The **villages, the Palace and the Estate combine** to create a positive asset which benefits the local community and delights visitors.

The **past is respected, the energy of the present harnessed to innovate for an exciting future!**







# OBJECTIVES & THEMES

Each proposed project / action has been formulated with the following 8 objectives in mind, and categorised under 4 themes: Place, Traffic & Transport, Economy and Community.

## 1. PROMOTE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Enable and encourage an enhanced setting for proactively improving physical and mental health and well-being in the community through quality placemaking, environment and access to amenities, services and support.

## 2. ENHANCE COMMUNITY COHESION / INCLUSION

Improvements in each village should contribute to a greater sense of togetherness, tackle apathy and enhance the place for everyone resident and/or with business in the local area.

## 3. ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Effective collaboration between existing and new groups / interests would increase the likelihood of success in delivering positive change.

## 4. INCREASE ECONOMIC RESILIENCE / DIVERSITY

A sustainable local economy should be resilient and diverse to avoid over reliance on the visitor economy, whilst securing the many benefits it can bring.

## 5. STEWARDSHIP OF PLACE

Intelligent stewardship of the buildings, open space and landscape would ensure the enduring qualities and assets of the villages are handed to future generations in an improved condition

## 6. CELEBRATE + PROMOTE LOCAL

Increased awareness and appreciation for all facets of local culture (the people, the place, its produce, creativity, heritage – social, built and natural) should secure benefits for all

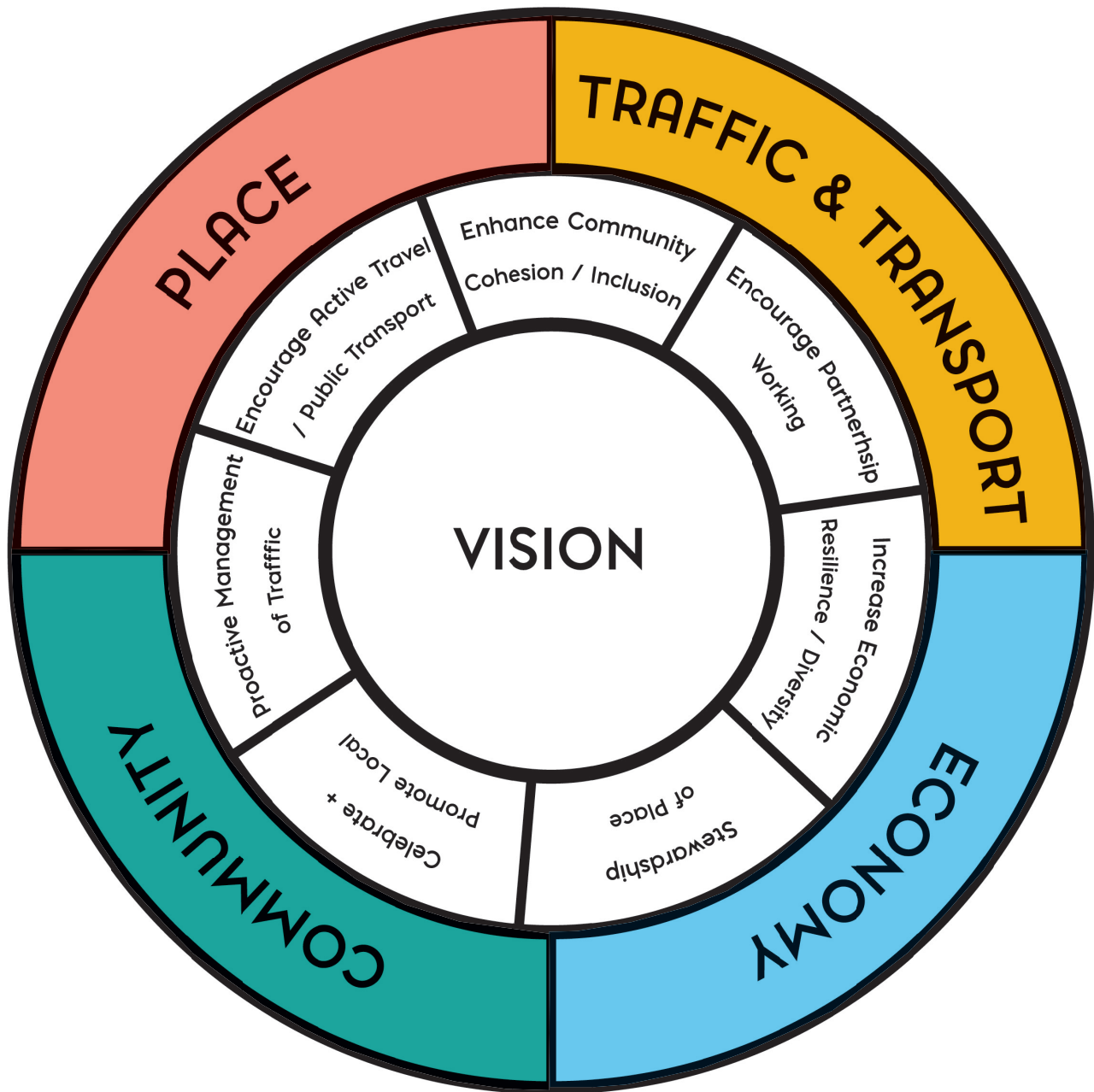
## 7. PROACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC

Proactive interventions should enable proportionate car / service access to provide betterment and minimise detrimental impacts of traffic in each village

## 8. ENCOURAGE ACTIVE TRAVEL / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Healthy, future-proofed villages should ensure an accessible, well connected place with good provision of local services and an environment conducive to much more walking and cycling and less reliance on cars





# MAKING FALKLAND'S & NEWTON'S FUTURE: PROJECTS

The tables on the following pages list projects that have emerged / were confirmed through the charrette process.

The projects have been categorised according to the charrette's themes: Place, Traffic & Transport, Economy and Community.

Priority projects have been highlighted in **bold**. Those priority projects are associated with key moves and are detailed in the next chapter "Key Moves and Priority Projects".





# PLACE PROJECTS

PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
1.1	VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT	Production of an illustrated document outlining strategic planning priorities for both villages.
1.1.1	NEW BUILD STATEMENT	A guideline document with a suggested series of outline design principles for new build interventions should be produced to ensure that any new developments follow best practice principles and insert themselves in a harmonious and coherent manner within the villages' context.
1.1.2	HERITAGE STATEMENT	A report collating references to best practice with respect to good stewardship of built heritage should be put together as a guideline document for any heritage / conservation works.
1.2	9 ACRE SITE	The buildings on the former St John's Works site have recently been demolished and the site has been purchased by a developer (unknown at the time of writing) for the erection of new housing.
1.2.1	9 ACRE SITE COMMUNITY STATEMENT	<b>A document should be produced to define Falkland community's desired approach to the 9 acre site development. This should be used as a base to invite an earlier meeting with the new owners and advisers, seek constructive dialogue with new owners / developers and scope out mutual benefit / and potential joint venture.</b> Refer to Key Move 4 for further detail (p.64).
1.2.2	9 ACRE SITE OPTIONS / CONCEPT	<b>A series of illustrative proposals of potential development scenarios should be produced and include possible access circulation for residents and construction traffic which may be related to at least a temporary one-way arrangement.</b> Refer to Key Move 4 for further detail (p.64).
1.3	FALKLAND STREETScape	
1.3.1	HIGH STREET + CROSS STREETScape	<b>Enhanced public realm on the High Street to create a pedestrian priority environment. This could include restoring intimate connection between Burgh and Palace by removing the perimeter wall / hedge on High Street and creating a new Plaza in front of the Palace.</b> Refer to Key Move 2 for further detail (p.56).
1.3.2	GENERAL STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS	Enhanced public realm to principal streets in historic core and key gateways to prioritise safer pedestrians / cyclists circulation and improve the quality of the streetscape materials and external furniture.
1.4	NEWTON STREETScape	
1.4.1	MAIN STREET / VILLAGE HEART STREETScape	<b>Public realm enhancements to suppress traffic speed and define Newton's village centre.</b> Refer to Key Move 2 for further detail (p.56).



PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
1.5	VILLAGE GATEWAYS	
1.5.1	<b>FALKLAND GATEWAYS</b>	<b>Environmental enhancements to create positive sense of arrival with optimised street geometry reducing traffic speed and improving village entrance gateways.</b> Refer to Key Move 6 for further detail (p.76).
1.5.2	<b>NEWTON GATEWAYS</b>	<b>Environmental enhancements to create positive sense of arrival with optimised street geometry reducing traffic speed and improving village entrance gateways.</b> Refer to Key Move 6 for further detail (p.76).
1.6	VILLAGES GREENSCAPE	
1.6.1	<b>FALKLAND'S PLAY SPACES</b>	<b>Enhance existing play / exercise provision with formal equipments (mountain bike trails, skate park, swings, slides...) and informal playful spaces (better access to burns to be used as natural play areas...etc)</b> Refer to Key Move 5 for further detail (p.74).
1.6.2	FALKLAND'S COMMUNITY GARDEN / GROWING	Enable more community garden space and increase number of volunteers associated to growing spaces in Falkland and Newton. Make the "Local Food Works" Edible Planters initiative more visible.
1.6.3	<b>NEWTON'S MEADOW</b>	<b>Enhancement the Meadows in Newton (corner of Jubilee Crescent + Lathrisk Rd) to create play spaces, community gathering / growing space whilst dealing with waterlogging (potential de-culverting of the burn)</b> Refer to Key Move 5 for further detail (p.74).
1.6.4	NEWTON'S VILLAGE HALL GARDEN	Maintain and enhance existing play space located at the back of the Village Hall
1.7	ROUTES + PATHS	
1.7.1	RURAL LANDSCAPE + LOMOND REGIONAL PARK	Improve access, routing, wayfinding and linkages from the villages to the Lomond Hills
1.7.2	<b>THEMED ROUTES</b>	<b>Introduce a series of themed routes in both villages. Themed routes could include a Maspie Burn route, Playful routes, Lomond Hills Routes and an Edible route.</b> Refer to Key Move 3 for further detail (p.62).
1.7.3	VENNELS / PENDS	All vennels and pends to be improved with new lighting, signage and better quality of materials.
1.8	<b>FALKLAND PRIMARY</b>	<b>The safe access to Falkland Primary is one of the key issues that was highlighted during the charrette. An audit of the existing situation should be carried out as well as an option appraisal exercise to define how the issue could be resolved.</b> Refer to Key Move 7 for further detail (p.78).

PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
1.9	MICRO SITES	Beyond the main sites to be considered for potential future developments, there is a constellation of smaller development / improvement opportunities within both villages. It is crucial to adopt a coherent yet flexible strategy when it comes to the re-development of those sites. This will allow the emergence of spontaneous / temporary community proposals whilst tying into the villages' vision and objectives.
1.9.1	GAP SITES / STALLED SPACES	Production of an illustrated document collating examples of good practice for gap sites / stalled spaces and an outline strategy plan matching the villages' needs with currently available gap / stalled sites.
1.9.2	BUILDINGS AT RISK	Production of a document collating audit / assessment of buildings at risk and suggested next steps / potential uses.

## TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT PROJECTS

PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2.1	<b>STREETSCAPE DESIGN</b>	<b>The streetscape design strategy should be developed in accordance with the National Transport Strategy and the associated hierarchy of modes (pedestrians and cyclists first). The streetscape strategy should establish overarching principles: declutter, accessibility / inclusive design, reduce severance, suppress traffic speeds, enhance safety... The extent of the streetscape design interventions should focus on the historic villages cores incl. area around Palace and links towards West High Street and West Port and Newton's Main Street.</b> Refer to Key Move 2 for further detail (p.56).
2.2	<b>ACCESSIBILITY</b>	<b>Identify missing linkages to core path networks together with possible recommendation for accessibility audit to include crossing locations etc. for those in e.g. mobility scooters.</b> Refer to Key Move 3 for further detail (p.62).
2.3	SIGNAGE / WAYFINDING / VISITOR MANAGEMENT	Undertake a wider signage review possibly linked to / including an Edge of Village parking location (2.11.1).
2.4	<b>ENHANCE CYCLE ROUTE</b>	<b>Carry out a signage / wayfinding + route audit and consider parking provision and possible 'e-bike' hire scheme within Community Hall Car Park in Falkland and back of Village Hall in Newton.</b> Refer to Key Move 3 for further detail (p.62).
2.5	CYCLE HUB	Scope out the potential development of a cycle hub which might present a future business opportunity.
2.6	BUS SERVICES	Potential shuttle linkage to reach express services / rail station(s) (see 2.7) has been mooted – location of existing bus stops on A912 to be reviewed.



PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2.7	CONNECTION TO RAIL STATIONS	Possible dovetail with shuttle linkage at 2.6
2.8	SERVICING	The rationalisation of parking in the villages should assist with servicing of the shops, amenities and venues.
2.19	ELECTRIC CHARGING	Install electric car charging points at the main car parking areas in the heart of the villages.
<b>2.10</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS</b>	<b>A Resident Parking Permit Strategy should be linked to a parking controls strategy (e.g. 60 mins no return within 60) on key retail frontages to enable shop visitor turnover which may enable establishment of a Falkland 'parking zone'.</b> Refer to Key Move 1 for further detail (p.52).
2.11	VISITOR PARKING	
<b>2.11.1</b>	<b>EDGE OF VILLAGE PARKING</b>	<b>Carry out site appraisal exercise to ascertain best location for Edge of Village parking which should alleviate the traffic and parking pressure on Falkland's village core and accommodate approx. 8 coaches and 250 vehicles. Once the preferred site location is confirmed, develop suitable designs for high quality integrated landscaped parking.</b> Refer to Key Move 1 for further detail (p.52).
<b>2.11.2</b>	<b>COMMUNITY HUB PARKING + PUBLIC REALM</b>	<b>Review of existing car park and possible increases in its capacity.</b> Refer to Key Move 1 for further detail (p.52).
2.12	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	
2.12.1	ONE WAY SYSTEM	A one-way-system would assist with safer traffic, car park and access to 9 acre site. Emerging preference for anti clockwise operation of Cross Wynd / Back Wynd.
<b>2.12.2</b>	<b>JUNCTION</b>	<b>Improve junctions treatment at key locations outside Palace and at School, and Main Street in Newton - likely to recommend road safety review at school junction and review of blanket 20 mph.</b> Refer to Key Move 6 for further detail (p.76).

# ECONOMY PROJECTS

PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
3.1	COORDINATION & COLLABORATION	
3.1.1	OVERALL BODY	<b>Establish a joint co-ordinating body to represent the focus of views and interests of all elements of the Falkland and Newton communities, when dealing with or in negotiation with external partners, agencies, or other interests - format, membership, and structure to be determined.</b> Refer to Key Move 8 for further detail (p.80).
3.1.2	BUSINESS FORUM	<b>Establish a sub-level local business association or forum acting as a representative voice on the business community's behalf acting as an avenue of communication with other interests.</b> Refer to Key Move 8 for further detail (p.80).
3.2	BUSINESS MAP / DIRECTORY	Complement the existing 'Take a look round Falkland' leaflet/map with the development of an on-line digital platform business directory of all businesses in the villages; and tie into the development of the Digital Economy Action Plan ( Project 3.5).
3.3	KEY ATTRACTIONS MAP / TRAIL	Create and introduce a clear directional trail and visitor information of key attractions also making use of QR (Quick Response) Code technology embedded in a series of signs to provide low visual impact virtual means of delivering detailed interpretative information via a visitor's smart phone. Potentially use local artists / stone-masons to design these signs suitable for the Conservation Area (tie into traffic and transportation Project 2.3 signage review).



PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
3.4	SHARED WORKSPACE	Investigate potential of such new workspace in the short term on (a) Falkland Estate, and in the villages potentially in (b) Falkland church's Craig Room, (c) the Old Town Hall, or (d) any other available identified under-used building; or in the medium to longer term on (e) the old factory site as part of new housing redevelopment, or (f) on the Balmbrae redeveloped site potentially along with housing. The new workspace has the potential to act as the base of the new Local Business Forum and for a link with Enterprise Hub Fife at Glenrothes.
3.5	DIGITAL ECONOMY ACTION PLAN	Development of an on-line, social media, mobile and app strategy and action plan that includes real time communications with potential markets / customers / visitors. Using either any existing on-line platform or creation of new village 'app'. In developing this make use of the advice and assistance provided by Business Gateway - DigitalBoost Support. In addition, aim for a reduction in 'digital exclusivity' and where possible standardise digital online broadband speed across village areas.
3.6	SHOP LOCAL	
3.6.1	LOYALTY CARD & OTHER PROMOTIONAL TOOLS	<b>Investigate interest in a 'loyalty card' and other promotional tools for shopping in local businesses and make use of existing other shop local comparative templates, such as those produced by 'TotallyLocally'. Make use where applicable of the Fife Town Centre Business Support Fund for improvements in premises, facilities, and products.</b> Refer to Key Move 9 for further detail (p.81).
3.6.2	INTEGRATION OF LOMOND VIEW	Investigate and discuss with Kingdom Homes Ltd the potential means of greater integration of Lomond View nursing home as a key business focus into the local economy (also tie into 3.8 below).
3.6.3	LATE NIGHT OPENING	Local shopping promotion on a selected weekday evening co-ordinated with other evening events (tie into Project 3.9 below)

# ECONOMY PROJECTS

PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
3.7	DIVERSIFY ECONOMY	
<b>3.7.1</b>	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>Use of new workspace (shared or otherwise) to promote economic activity and business start-up / expansion in Falkland &amp; Newton. .As part of this project make us of Business Gateway services to support existing and develop new business opportunities in Falkland &amp; Newton.</b> Refer to Key Move 10 for further detail (p.82).
3.7.2	AUTHENTIC MERCHANDISE	Encourage the creation of new and diverse range of authentic Falkland & Newton based products and merchandise able to be retailed all-year round avoiding visitor seasonality.
<b>3.7.3</b>	<b>CULTURE &amp; CREATIVE ART SECTOR</b>	<b>Establish and encourage network of operators, artists, ... etc. Potentially could represent a key user of the new small workspace project. Should more than one small workspace option be realised one could become dedicated as a cultural &amp; Creative Hub. To be promoted and featured on new digital platform or 'app' (3.5 above).</b> Refer to Key Move 10 for further detail (p.82).



PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
3.8	LOCAL TOURISM OFFER	
3.8.1	<b>EMERGENCE OF NTS FIFE CLUSTER ACTION PLAN</b>	<p><b>Working towards the emergence of NTS Fife Cluster Action plan. There is an intention on the part of National Trust for Scotland to improve facilities and visitor numbers at the Palace through implementation of Action plans for the Fife Cluster likely to begin in 2019 and delivered through the property teams.</b></p> <p><b>The Fife cluster is defined as Falkland Palace, The Hill of Tarvit Mansion and Kingarrock Hickory golf course, Kellie Castle and Balmerino Abbey. The plan may potentially include extended public events, functions as well as improved facilities at the Palace and greater use &amp; promotion of the Real Tennis court.</b> Refer to Key Move 8 for further detail (p.80).</p>
3.8.2	<b>ACTIVE TOURISM</b>	<p><b>Encourage and promote Falkland &amp; Newton as the 'gateway' for the Lomond Hills Regional Park, and promotion of green &amp; sustainable recreational activities, making use of the potential of the proposed Forest of Falkland Land Centre as a key facility. Develop an 'active tourism' prospectus.</b> Refer to Key Move 9 for further detail (p.81).</p>
3.8.3	<b>LOCAL TOUR GUIDES</b>	<p><b>Encourage local villagers to become tourist guides - whether either 'Blue Badge' guides offering a potential business opportunity both inside or outside Falkland, or more locally 'Black &amp; Gold' guides offering a local guiding perspective.</b> Refer to Key Move 9 for further detail (p.81).</p>
3.8.4	VISIT SCOTLAND AND AIRBNB AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE	Investigate with VisitScotland the potential of roll-out of the initiative to Falkland & Newton as a 'village pilot' involving the 14-15 airbnb local providers and other local food and drink and experience specialists; offering potential business networking opportunities.
3.8.5	CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING	Identify means of ensuring all outlets' customer service training & skills are up to the VisitScotland 'World Host' and 'Welcome Host' standard level.

# ECONOMY PROJECTS

PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
3.9 EVENING ECONOMY AND COORDINATED PROGRAMME OF EVENTS	In tandem with the more extensive range of Palace evening events being investigated (Project 3.8.1 above), with the potential 'Authentic Experiences' initiative roll-out (Project 3.8.4 above), and the ongoing programme of events and lectures hosted in the Community Hall and the Old Town Hall, ensure the co-ordinated and jointly promoted opening of the villages food & drink outlets and licensed premises on such occasions. To boost the food & drink outlets and licensed premises tie into the CAMRA 'Pub Trails in Fife' network most likely at the weekends, and also the 'Stay in a Pub' walking network, throughout the week.



# COMMUNITY PROJECTS

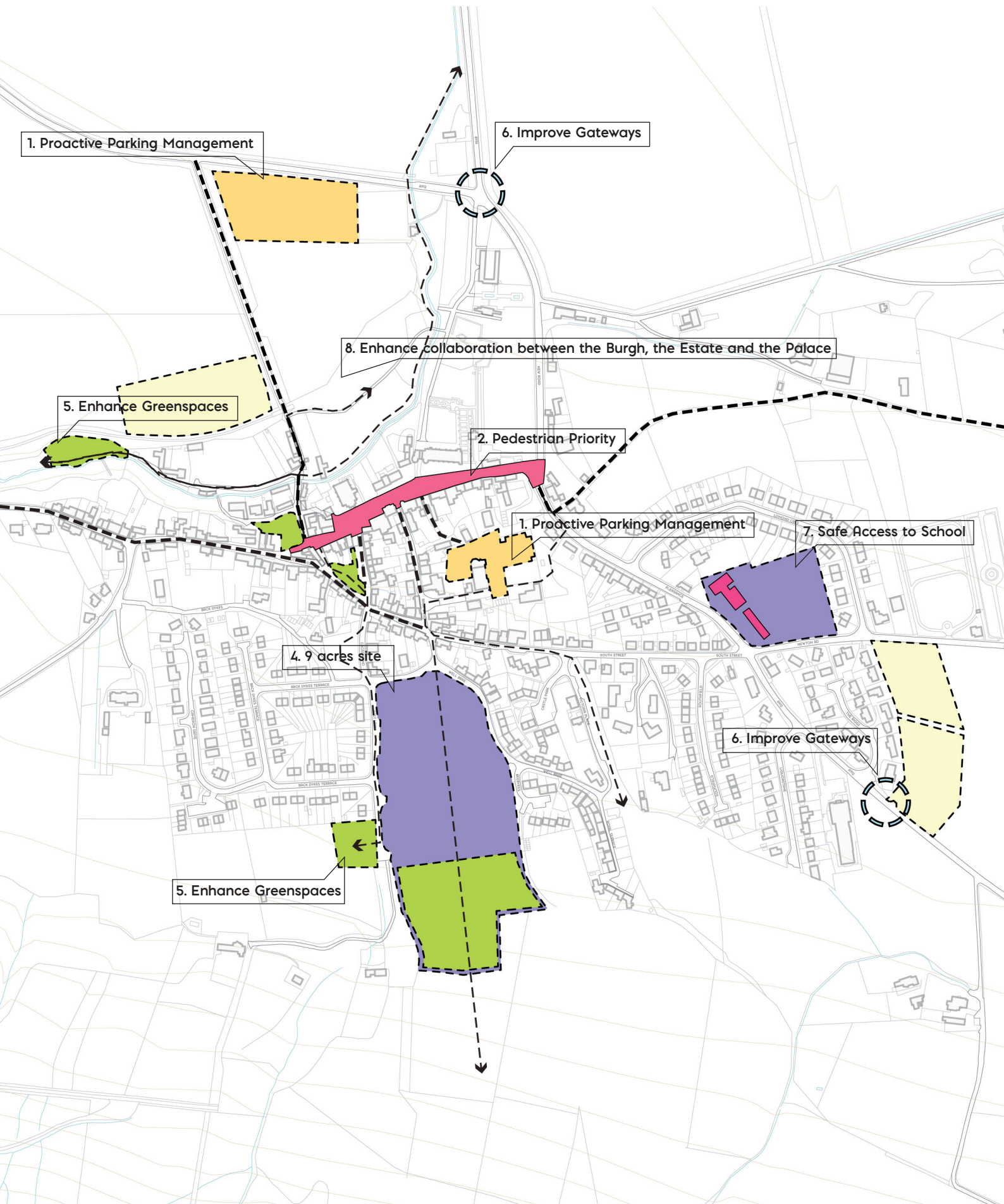
PROJECT		PROJECT DESCRIPTION
4.1	COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING	Proactive support / training / succession planning to ensure better collaboration
<b>4.2</b>	<b>PROVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>Future planning / service design of health and social care, education etc.</b> Refer to Key Move 9 for further detail (p.81).
4.3	COMMUNITY HALLS / SPACES	Securing and sustaining existing amenities in both villages. Skills / capacity building / funding support
4.4	COMMUNITY SPORT HUB	Establish a village community sports hub ( <a href="https://sportscotland.org.uk/clubs/community-sport-hubs/">https://sportscotland.org.uk/clubs/community-sport-hubs/</a> ) with cricket, bowling, tennis, football, golf, hiking / walking and cycling
4.5	COMMUNITY GOOD FUNDING	Proactive funding strategy / support
4.6	YOUTH FACILITY	Review and enhancement of facilities for young people
4.7	EVENTS PROGRAMME	Coordination and promotion of events

MAKING  
**FALKLAND'S**  
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KEY MOVES  
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# KEY MOVES



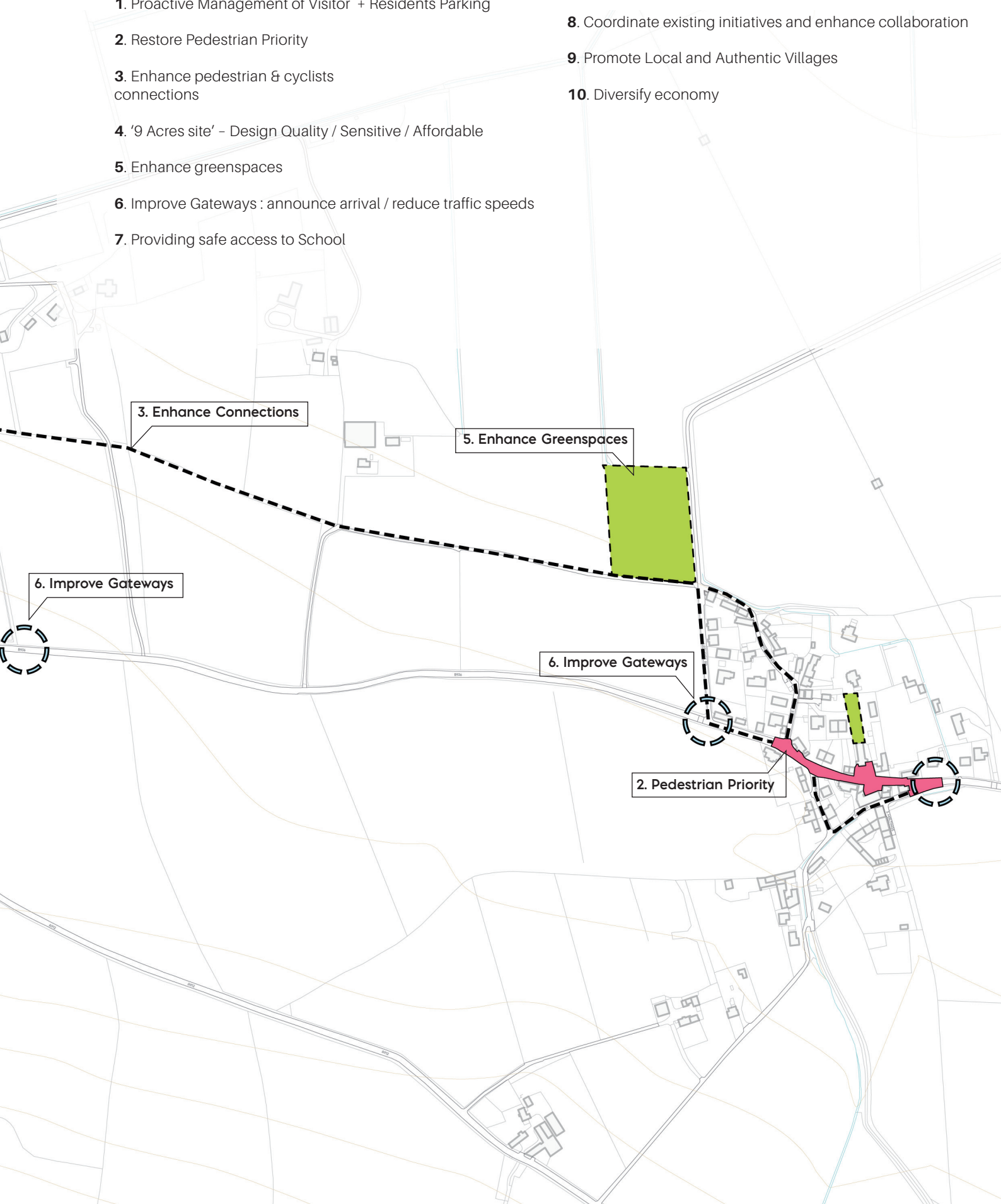


## KEY PLANNING MOVES

1. Proactive Management of Visitor + Residents Parking
2. Restore Pedestrian Priority
3. Enhance pedestrian & cyclists connections
4. '9 Acres site' - Design Quality / Sensitive / Affordable
5. Enhance greenspaces
6. Improve Gateways : announce arrival / reduce traffic speeds
7. Providing safe access to School

## KEY COMMUNITY & ECONOMY MOVES

8. Coordinate existing initiatives and enhance collaboration
9. Promote Local and Authentic Villages
10. Diversify economy



# 1. PROACTIVE PARKING MANAGEMENT

Due to high number of visitors in Falkland, there is currently a strong traffic and parking pressure on Falkland's historical village fabric and on its residents.

To remediate this issue, a two-fold plan of action is proposed:

1 - **Regulating Residents Parking** by formulating a Resident Parking Permit strategy and improving parking provision at the Community Hall Car Park.

2 - Creating an **Edge of Village parking** for visitors (cars + coaches). Six potential locations were identified and discussed as part of the charrette process (see adjacent plan), with two preferred locations (A+B on the adjacent plan). This project was identified as a key intervention during the Charrette as it would considerably alleviate the pressure of traffic and parking on the village's core. However, there is a risk that the implementation of such an infrastructure might spoil the existing landscape. It is crucial that the quality of delivery is very carefully considered.

For this project to be successful, the proposed Edge of Village parking should:

- Mitigate its impact (1) on the historical core and designed landscape of Falkland, (2) on valuable arable land, (3) on archaeological & historical features and (4) on the environment
- Provide accessible, inclusive and safe routes from the parking area to the village's destinations
- Enhance the visitors experience by proposing a high quality / significant route from the parking area to the village's destinations with various landscape sequences responding to the existing designed landscapes of Falkland
- Propose a design solution that builds on local knowledge / high quality craftsmanship using locally sourced, long-lasting and natural materials
- A civic / events space could also be provided adjacent to the parking area for large gatherings

## FIRST STEPS

- Appoint appropriate design team to carry out site appraisal to validate best site location to develop Edge of Village parking
- Apply for funding (Rural Tourism Infrastructure, Sustrans Community Links funding...etc) for the Edge of Village Parking
- Review and confirm required statutory consents
- Undertake required surveys
- Create working group to develop a Resident Parking Permit strategy

## NEXT STEPS

- Carry out option appraisal exercise on preferred site for Edge of Parking Village to determine suitable design
- Appoint delivery team for edge of Village parking + construction in collaboration with local craftpeople
- Validate Resident Parking Permit strategy and implement strategy

## CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

### ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

- 3. Encourage Partnership Working
- 4. Increase Economic Resilience / Diversity
- 5. Stewardship of Place
- 7. Proactive Management of Traffic
- 8. Encourage Active Travel / Public Transport

## IMPACT / REACH

Extra Small / Small / Medium / **Large** / Extra Large

## RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 2.10. **Residential Parking Permit**
- 2.12.1. **Edge of Village Parking**
- 2.12.2. **Edge of Village Parking**



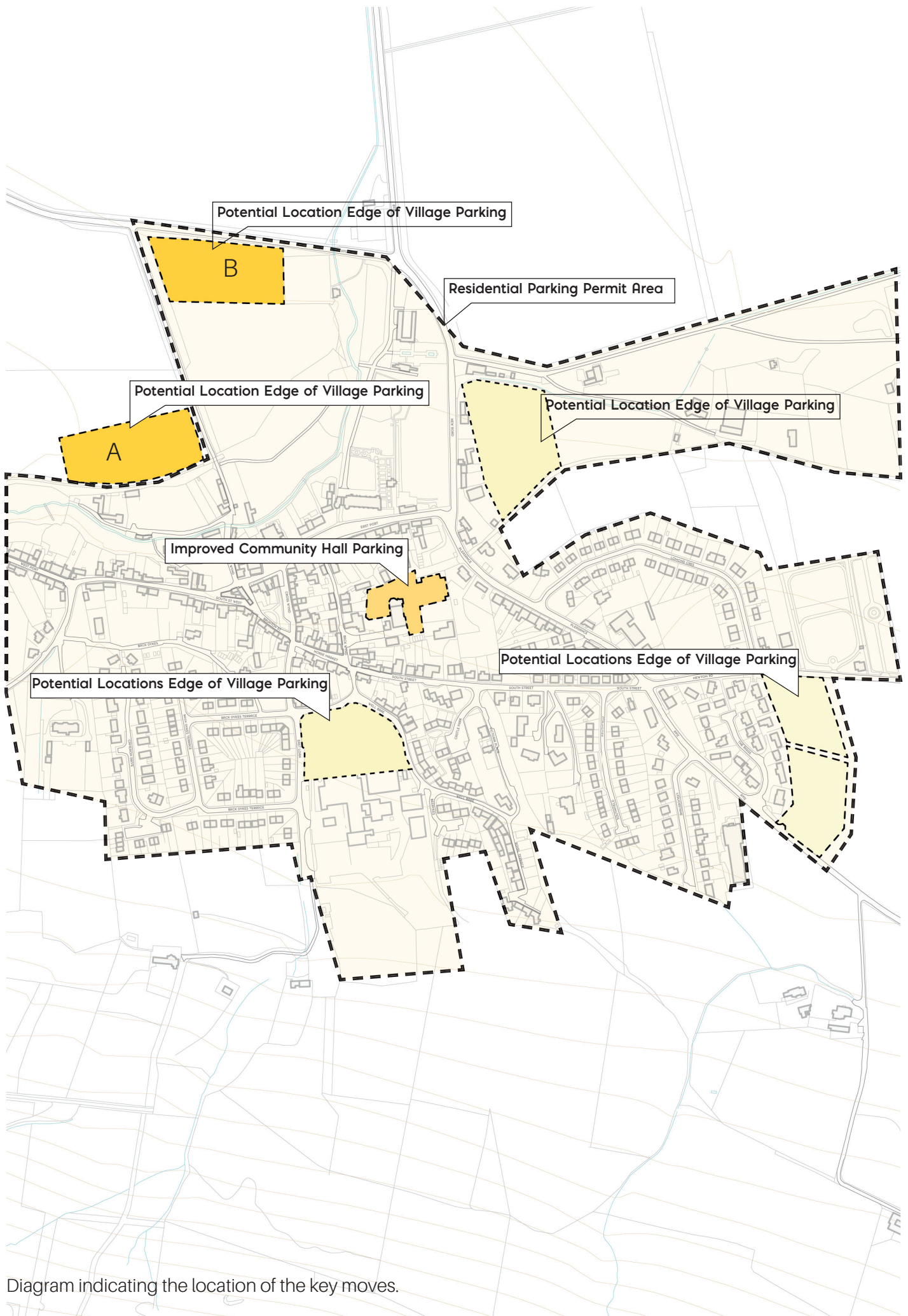
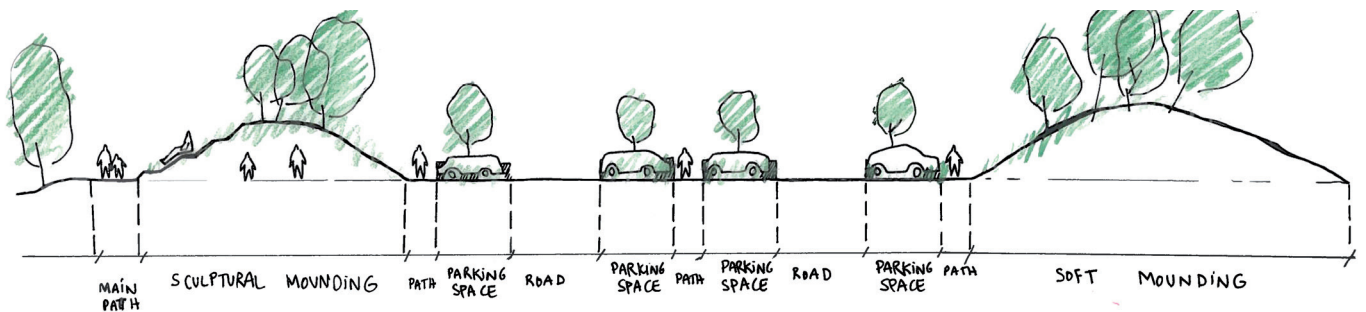
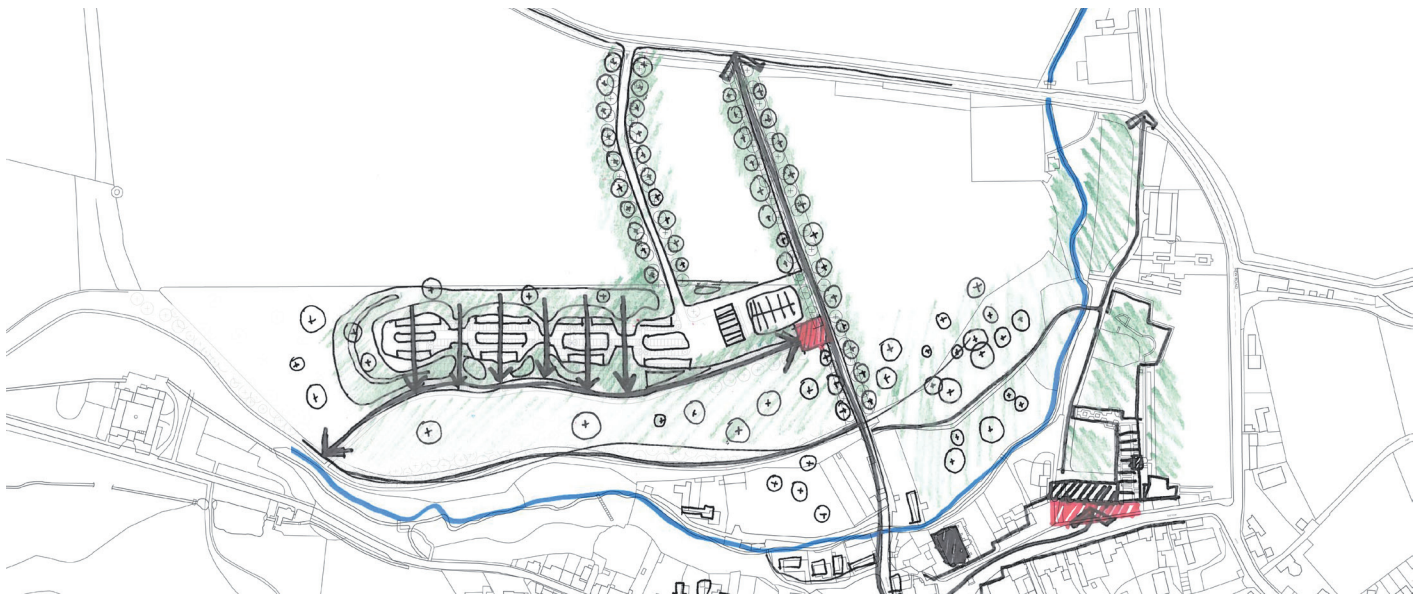
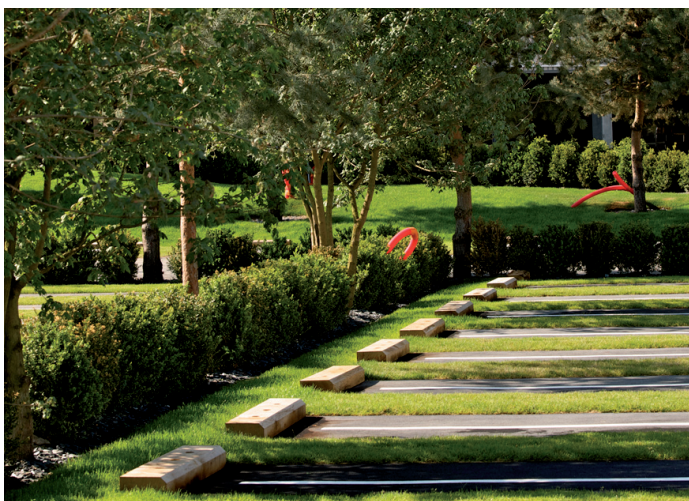


Diagram indicating the location of the key moves.



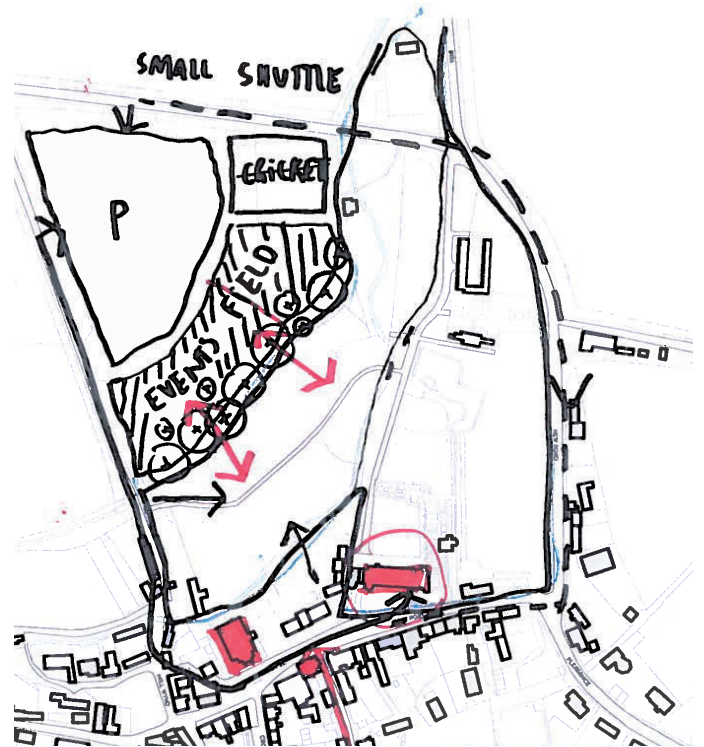
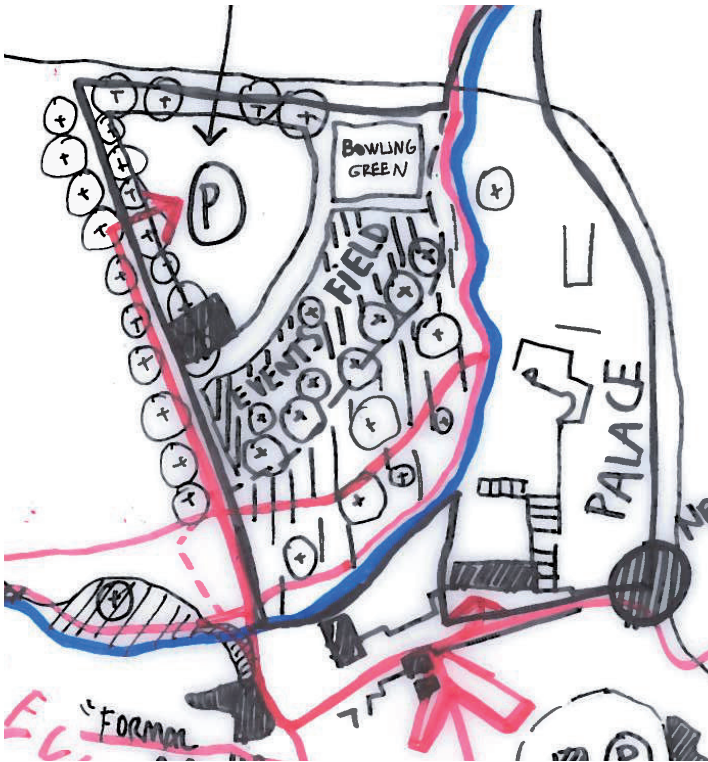


Various indicative proposals for the insertion of the new Edge of Village parking into Falkland's landscape (Opt.A)



Precedent Images showing examples of parking integrated within a strong landscape structure.





Various indicative proposals for the insertion of the new Edge of Village parking into Falkland's landscape (Opt.B)



## 2. RESTORE PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY

As noted in the description of “1. Proactive management of parking”, Falkland is under strong traffic and parking pressure which doesn’t leave adequate space for pedestrians and cyclists.

The aim of this key move is to, according to the National Transport Strategy, restore pedestrian and cyclist priority in both Falkland and Newton of Falkland’s village centres.

Falkland’s centre could benefit from a complete transformation of its streetscape, with less emphasis on vehicular modes of transportation, rationalised parking and potential one-way loops implemented.

The priority intervention area that emerged through the charrette is Falkland’s High Street with:

- The provision of continuous pedestrian circulation spaces

- The creation of “plazas” in front of significant buildings (Parish Church, Town Hall...)

- The potential removal of the high hedge along the Palace’s curtilage to restore an intimate connection between the Burgh and the Palace

- The potential adoption of shared surfacing throughout with retained access to shops for servicing and marked accessible parking near the Palace

- The provision of cycle stands

- The material palette would also have to be commensurate with the conservation area setting

A similar approach should be adopted in Newton with provision of continuous footpaths throughout the village.

### FIRST STEPS

- Confirm priority areas
- Apply for funding
- Appoint design team accordingly
- Gather information required (ownership plan, utilities survey, topo survey archaeological survey...)
- Consult with relevant stakeholders and community
- Carry out feasibility study

### NEXT STEPS

- Apply for further funding
- Appoint detailed design and delivery team
- Consult with relevant stakeholders and community
- Deliver projects

### CHARRETTE OBJECTIVE

#### ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

1. Promote Community Health and Wellbeing
2. Enhance Community Cohesion / Inclusion
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6. Celebrate + Promote Local
7. Encourage Active Travel / Public Transport

### IMPACT/REACH

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### RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 1.3.1. High Street + Cross Improvements
- 1.4.1. Newton Main Street + village heart Improvement
- 2.1. Streetscape design





Diagram indicating the location of the key moves.



Proposed Concept Plan - Falkland High Street



Photo showing the existing perimeter wall + hedge along the Palace's facade as well as parking on the High Street.





Proposed Concept Sketch showing the new Palace Plaza (Priority Project 1.3.1)



Precedent images showing the quality of material and streetscape treatment which should be used in Falkland and Newton's High Streets.





# 3. ENHANCE CONNECTIONS

Falkland and Newton are distinctive villages located at the foot of the Lomond Hills Regional Park and within a high quality rural environment.

The aim of this key move is to improve the pedestrian and cycle paths network's extent, quality, accessibility and safety in and around the villages.

This could be implemented through:

- Public realm improvements (as per "2. Restore Pedestrian Priority projects")
- The improvement of the existing rural paths network, especially of the route connecting Falkland to Newton (Laich Path)
- The creation of new paths connecting Falkland and Newton to the Lomond Hills
- The creation of themed routes in Falkland and Newton, weaving through the villages' fabric and using natural, historical or integrated built elements as wayfinding components to avoid signage clutter.

• Themed routes discussed during the charrette include:

**(1) a Maspie Burn Route** (Falkland) with potential improvement / creation of a continuous route running along the burn, along the edge of the Palace's Garden (subject to discussion with NTS) and connecting into the Estate's path network

**(2a) a Playful Route in Falkland** running from the existing play area on East Loan (to be improved) and intertwined in the village's existing greenspaces with various playful elements (formal and informal) to be provided, **(2b) a Playful Route in Newton** linking the Meadows to the playspace at the back of the Village Hall

**(3) a Route to the Hills** and;

**(4) an Edible Route** (Falkland), going from a potential new orchard space along Victoria Place, into the existing community allotment garden adjacent to the Community Hall and finishing in the Palace's formal Orchard (to be discussed with NTS). The edible route would also highlight the Local Food Works' Edible Planters initiative which currently provides edibles in timber containers that are dotted about Falkland.

## FIRST STEPS

- Apply for funding
- Engage with local organisations / stakeholders
- Undertake a quality / accessibility audit of existing path provision and existing wayfinding strategy to identify gaps and elements to improve.
- Define strategy

## NEXT STEPS

- Appoint design and delivery team
- Implement strategy and design solutions

## CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

### ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

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## RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 1.7.2. **Themed Routes**
- 2.2. **Accessibility**
- 2.4. **Enhance Cycle Route**



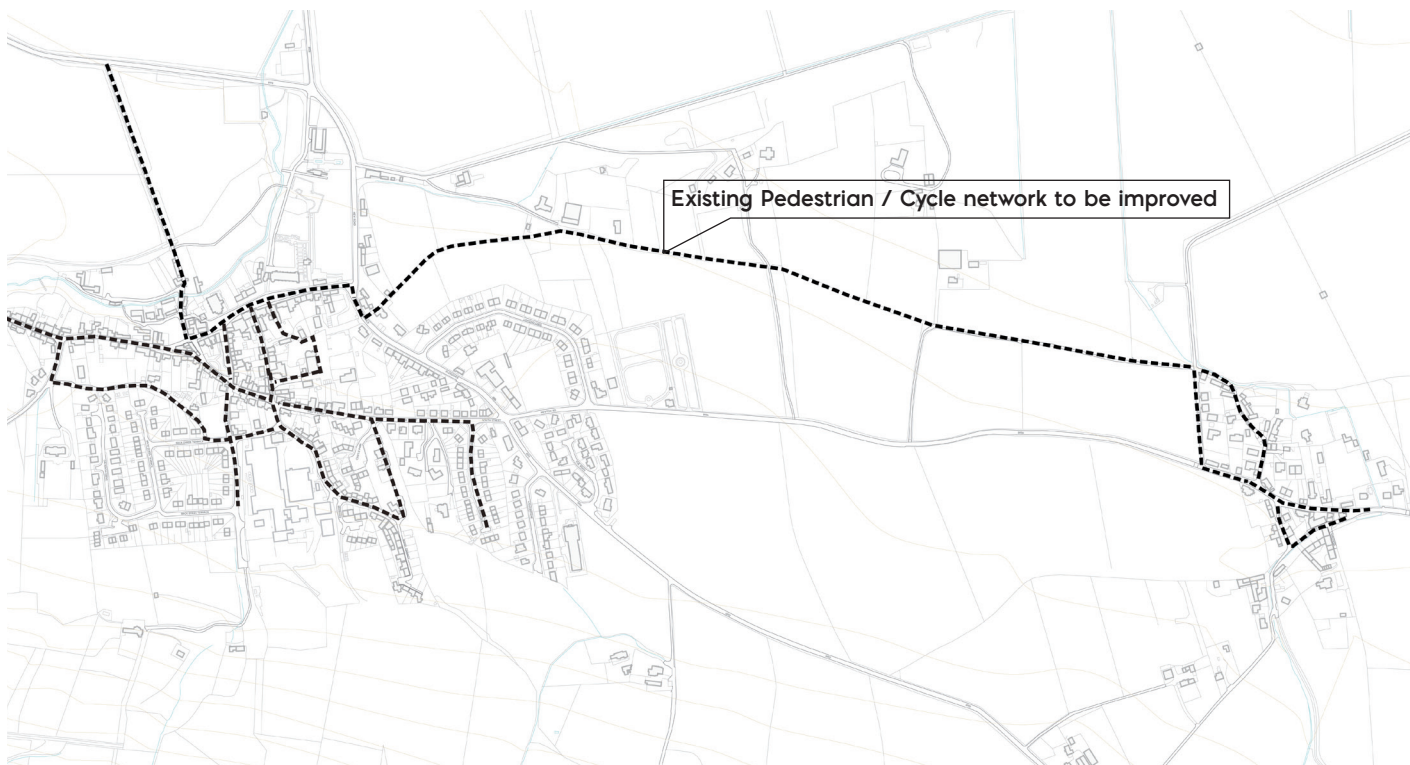


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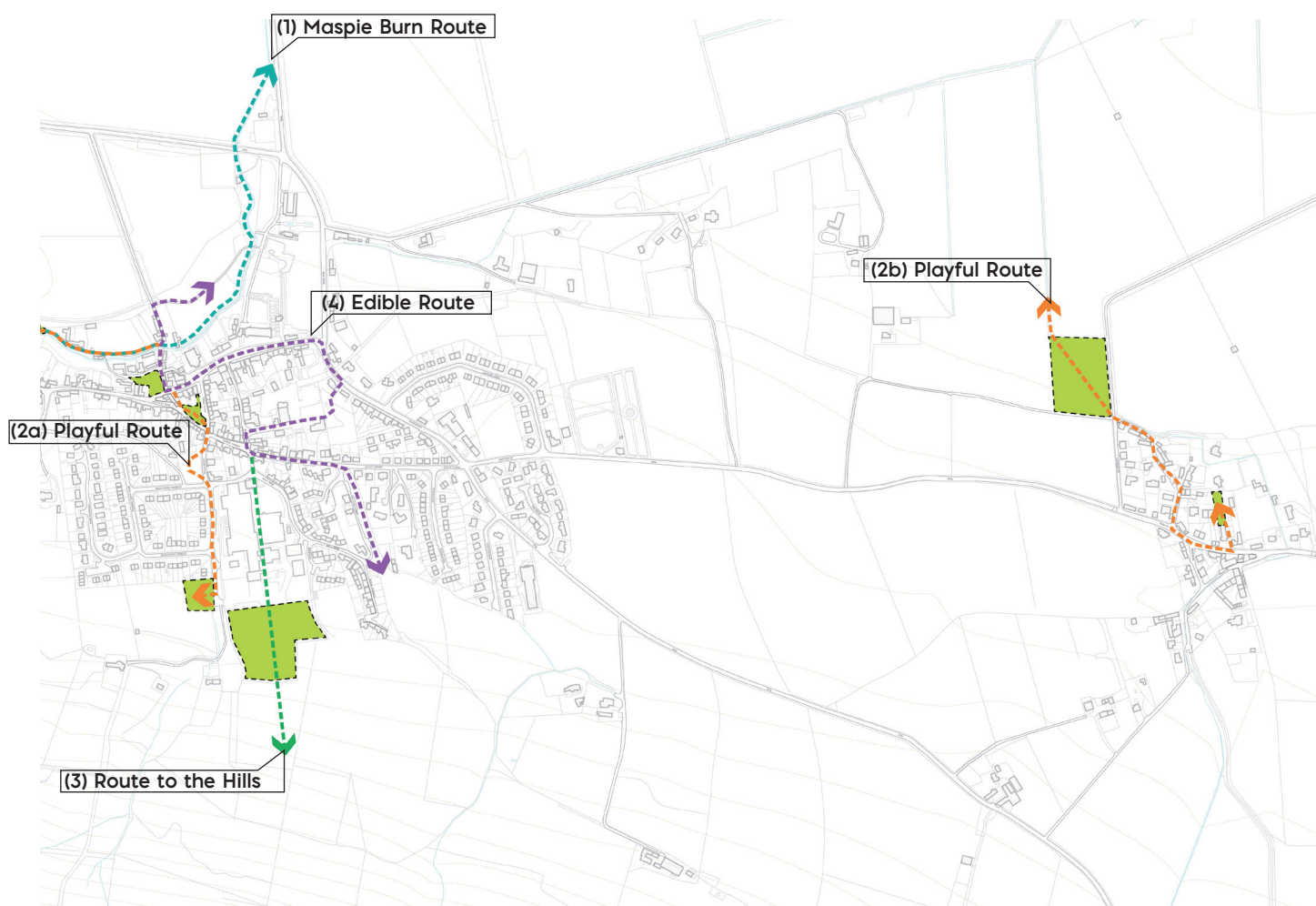


Diagram indicating the location of the key moves.

## 4. '9 ACRE SITE'

The former Smith Anderson / St. John's Works site (aka the '9 Acres' site) was a headline issue during the charrette. Many participants highlighted the cleared site of the former factory site as being a priority for Falkland.

The site is located on the southern edge of Falkland. It is a north-facing sloping site, with an increasing gradient to the southern end. The predominately brownfield site is circa 9 acres (3.7 hectares) in area. The site extents, as designated in the LDP, include greenfield / agricultural land to the southern end. The site is bounded by East Loan, Back Dykes Terrace and Well Brae.

### Recent Site History

The St. John's Works was originally a linoleum factory which was acquired by Smith Anderson in 1968 for paper packaging production. It closed for business in July 2013. The site has subsequently been cleared. The site was designated for development in the FIFEplan, the local development plan adopted in 2017. The site was advertised for sale and went to a closing date for offers in late March 2018. Details of the new site owners are awaited at the time of writing.

### Local Development Plan

In FIFEplan (2017) the site is designated as FAL001 St. John's Works site, for Employment / Housing (estimated capacity of 100 units).

The LDP refers to the need for a 'Development Framework' which is defined in the glossary of terms as outlining 'in a conceptual form, a possible means of developing a site by demonstrating key design, development, layout and possibly phasing principles.' Therefore any future application does not need a 'masterplan' as some participants believed. Given the size and capacity of the site (exceeding 2 hectares and / or 50 dwelling or more)

it would be deemed a 'major project' in planning terms thereby when planning permission or planning permission in principle is sought by a new site owner pre-application consultation (PAC) with the local community by the applicant is necessary. A proposal of application notice (PAN) would need to be submitted to the planning authority at least 12 weeks before the planning application is submitted, during which period consultation with the local community shall occur. Development at the 9 Acres site will need to follow this standard statutory process, and (contrary to some comment) there do not appear to be any enhanced requirements for community engagement.

### Emerging Issues

The 9 Acres site has been the focus of discussions in the community for several years. The Community Council held public meetings in April 2017 to consider the site. At that stage comments / ideas for the redevelopment of the site included;

- Consider community right to buy
  - Concern at traffic and impact on services (health, schools)
  - Concern about defining the settlement edge – brownfield / greenfield
  - Seek mix of tenure and house types (affordable, elderly, first homes / young people). Seek high quality design. Custom build?
  - Provide community greenspace – eg. allotments
  - Relocate school?
  - Provide parking for the village incl. coach parking
- All of these ideas were restated, alongside many comments during the charrette with regards sewerage, site drainage and site contamination / remediation.





Diagram indicating the location of the 9 acres site



## Design Development and Considerations

Site analysis and sketch design ideas created during the short charrette period confirmed the significance of the site to Falkland.

In terms of size it could increase the existing number of dwelling in the village by between 15% - 20%.

It was recognised at the charrette that this could have a significant impact in terms of availability of affordable homes, the village's demographic and pressure on local services.

The need / scope for a shared workspace / incubator office / makerspace for employment was highlighted throughout the charrette and the St. John's Works site could accommodate a purpose built facility as part of its designation.

Many raised concern at development on the highly visible southern end of the site, which is beyond the established and

historic settlement boundary. This location was cited as a preferred location for community / greenspace amenity and as a gateway to the Lomond Hills Regional Park.

Design concepts sketched out during the charrette indicated ways in which, working with the contours, the site could accommodate a low-rise housing development characterised by shared space / pedestrian priority lanes, green roofs and landscape to integrate new development in to the hillside setting and green infrastructure to maintain biodiversity and contribute to rainwater attenuation.

## NEXT STEPS

- Maintain contact with the sellers agents (Galbraith) – Community Council
- Seek advice / support from Fife Council planners
- Explore scope for supplementary planning guidance
- Develop community proposals post-Charrette focussing on design quality, points of access, greenspace and location of employment uses
- Invite an earlier meeting with the new owners and advisers
- Seek constructive dialogue with new owners / developers and scope for mutual benefit / joint venture?
- Engage with applicant of any forthcoming planning application

## CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

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3. Encourage Partnership Working
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## RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 1.2.1. **Community Statement**
- 1.2.2. **Options / Concept**



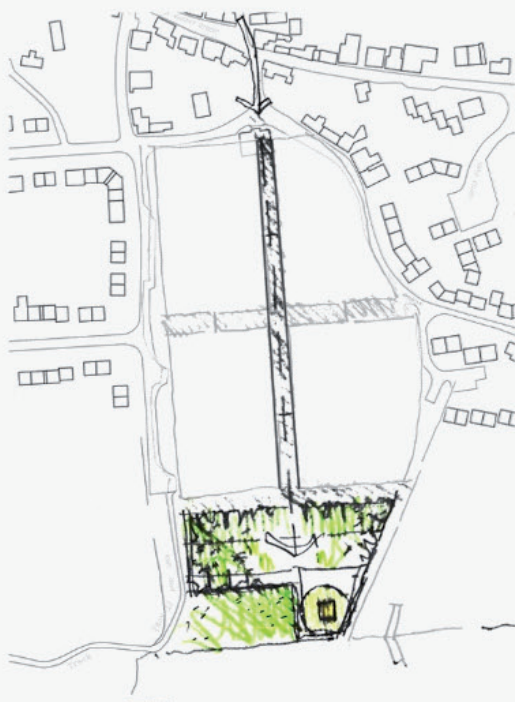


9 acres site - Current Historical Image



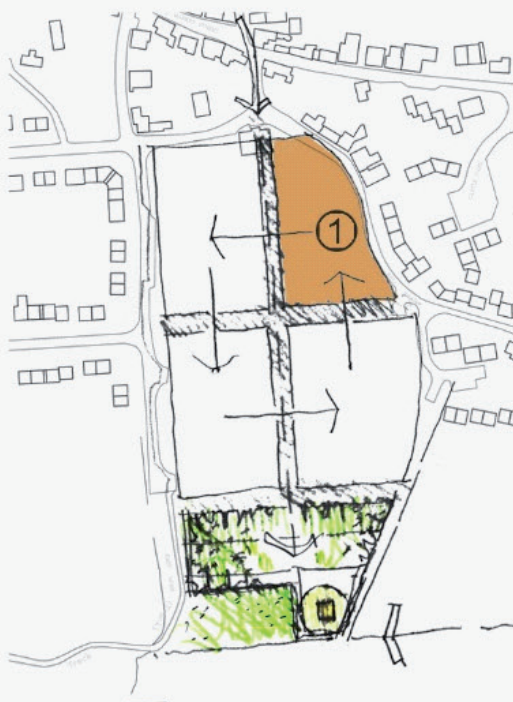
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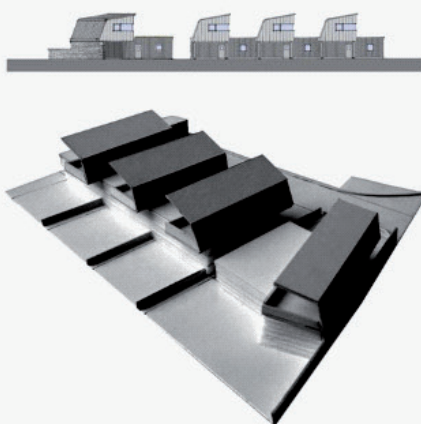


Green field site to become community asset - Camera obscura set within a designed landscape framework:

- Educational outreach
- Visitor attraction
- Local resource



A planned sequence of development phases 1-4, mixed incremental stages of growth and change offering a



Series of diagrams illustrating the potential development process of the 9 acres site with precedent images at the bottom.





ed use of residential, studios and small business workshops.  
 range of built outcomes including self build custom designed houses.

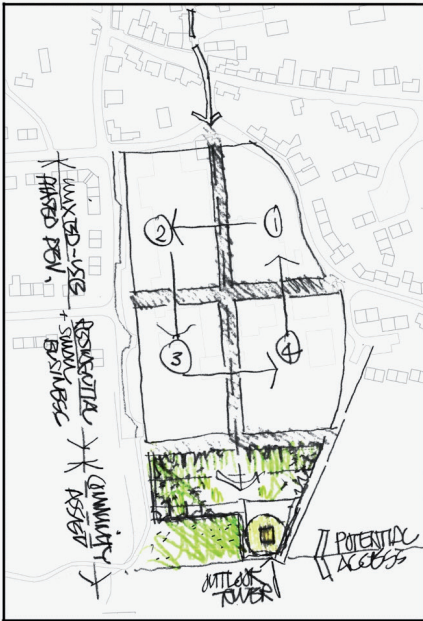






Concept Sketch showing a potential site layout for the 9 acres site redevelopment.





Phased development (see process and strategy). Establish a community group task force to engage with land owner, statutory and other stakeholders.



Introduce green landscape core elements to establish development framework for future mixed use of housing and small business workshops.



Establish a design statement and strategy with plot passports for delivering phases of self build, custom design. Use local resources (existing and new) for delivering the houses.

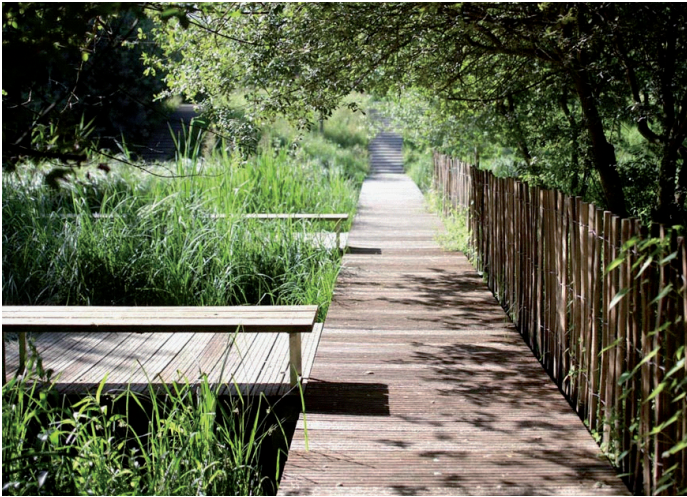






Precedents showing quality housing development with varied roofscape, small scale and quality material palette.





Precedents showing quality landscape elements to be integrated to the 9 acres site development. The quality of the 9 acres site new landscape should provide a contemporary response to the designed landscape of the Palace and the Estate with varied planting palette, integration of water features, generous footpaths, outlook platforms / towers...etc.

## 5. ENHANCE GREENSPACES

This key move aims to re-activate under-utilised greenspaces in Falkland and Newton.

The current greenspaces generally lack purpose and could benefit from a higher quality treatment.

These spaces, especially in the predominantly “mineral” streetscape of historical Falkland, could provide a unique opportunity to introduce a sense of environmental stewardship at the core of the villages, with improved local biodiversity and amenity provision.

The villages would benefit from an holistic greenspace strategy. As a starting point, the following main intervention areas have emerged through the Charrette:

- Improvement of play areas in Falkland and Newton (refer to “Playful Route” description in “3. Enhance Connections”) with play equipment ranging from formal elements such as mounded areas and suitable structures for mountain biking, skate boards...etc, to more informal elements such as improved access to Maspie Burn to support its use as a natural play area.
- Enhancement of the “Meadow” site in Newton with creation of a community gathering / growing space and treatment of current waterlogging situation with potential de-culverting of the burn.

### FIRST STEPS

- Audit existing situation
- Apply for funding
- Appoint strategy design team
- Formulate greenspace strategy based on current and potential future community needs (events...)
- Define priority areas

### NEXT STEPS

- Apply for further funding to deliver greenspace improvements
- Appoint detailed design and delivery team
- Deliver projects

### CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

#### ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

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### RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 1.6.1. **Falkland's Play Spaces**
- 1.6.3. **Newton's Meadow**





Play provision in Falkland and Newton - Existing Situation



Precedent showing a wider variety of play opportunities which could be introduced in Falkland and Newton.

## 6. IMPROVE GATEWAYS

An environmental enhancement should be implemented at the main gateways for both villages to improve the sense of arrival and slow the traffic down.

This could be implemented in both villages through:

- Better defining the edge of the villages' heart through proposing an improved material treatment at the main gateways into the villages with potential artwork / gateway feature / planting...etc
- The installation of a "Heart of Village" traffic sign indicating a pedestrian priority zone ahead and reducing speed to 20mph.
- The transformation of the road geometry to prioritise pedestrian and reduce traffic speed

### FIRST STEPS

- Apply for funding
- Appoint design team to carry out feasibility study
- Consult with local authority to define required statutory consents
- Carry out feasibility study

### NEXT STEPS

- Appoint detailed design and delivery team
- Deliver Projects

### CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

- 2.** Enhance Community Cohesion / Inclusion
- 5.** Stewardship of Place
- 7.** Encourage Active Travel / Public Transport

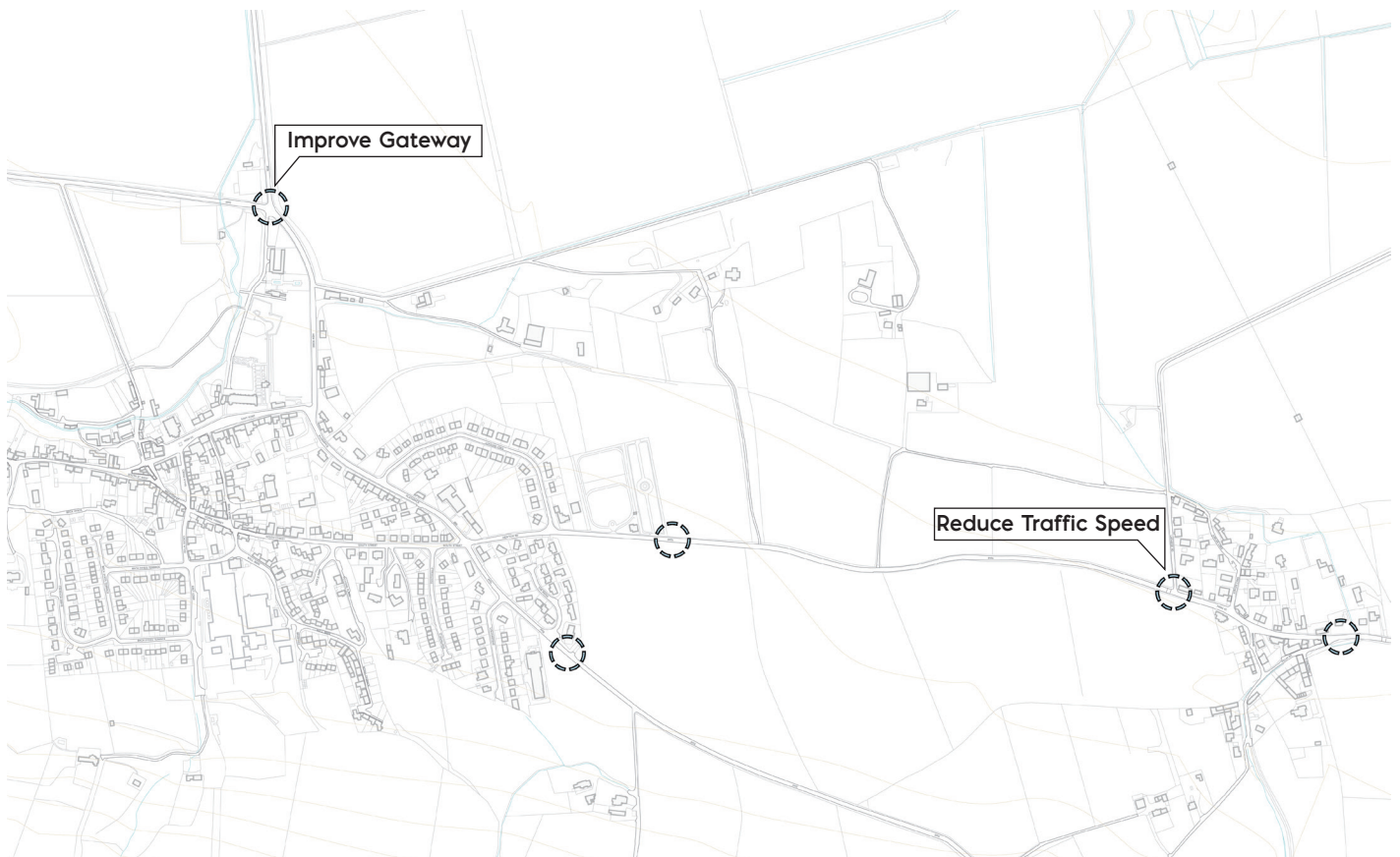
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### RELATED PROJECTS

- 1.5.1. Falkland Village Gateway**
- 1.5.2. Newton Village Gateway**
- 2.12.2. Junction Improvement**





Diagrammatic map showing the location of the proposed improved gateways.



Precedent images showing improved road treatment and (top images - before / after) and feature gateway artwork.

## 7. SCHOOL

The safe access to Falkland Primary is one of the key issues that was highlighted during the charrette.

The following actions need to be considered to remediate the situation (listed in order of priority / scale of intervention):

1. Change road geometry to reduce traffic speed
2. Review and adjust current roundabout and traffic light arrangement
3. Environmental improvement to provide a better boundary treatment to the school

4. Reconfiguration of school grounds to potentially reprovide the school building in another part of the site and allow for safer entrance / better integrated parking

5. Relocation of the school + playground to another site.

An audit of the existing situation should be carried out as a priority to define how the issue can be resolved.

### NEXT STEPS

- Audit of existing situation
- Apply for funding
- Appoint design team
- Option appraisal to identify short / medium and long term solutions
- Implementation of design solutions

### CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

**7.** Encourage Active Travel / Public Transport

### IMPACT / REACH

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### RELATED PROJECTS

1.8. **Falkland Primary**





## 8. COORDINATION OF EXISTING INITIATIVES & ENHANCE COLLABORATION

Falkland and Newton have a host of active economy and community partners but they appear to be disjointed. This key move aims to enhance collaboration between existing stakeholders and support the emergence of new partnerships that would foster joined-up thinking for the greater benefit of the community. Emerging priority actions are as follows:

- Establish a joint Overall Co-ordinating Body representing all elements of the Falkland and Newton of Falkland communities and the focus of local views and interests. This body could also drive project opportunities, initiate the collaboration of community group and deal with negotiation with external partners, agencies...etc.
- Establish a Local Business Association or Forum acting as a voice on the business community's behalf.

- Working towards the emergence of NTS Fife Cluster Action plan. There is an intention on the part of National Trust for Scotland to improve facilities and visitor numbers at the Palace through implementation of Action plans for the Fife Cluster likely to begin in 2019 and delivered through the property teams.

The Fife cluster is defined as Falkland Palace, The Hill of Tarvit Mansion and Kingarrock Hickory golf course, Kellie Castle and Balmerino Abbey. The plan may potentially include extended public events, functions as well as improved facilities at the Palace and greater use & promotion of the Real Tennis court.

### NEXT STEPS

- Establish a Project Board or Implementation Board or a short-term Delivery Group to determine format, membership, and structure for a joint co-ordinating body
- Consult with business community to determine need, format, membership, and structure of potential business group.
- Encourage and support development of business group
- Proceed with implementation of business group
- Discussion with local product producers & suppliers.
- Undertake extensive community engagement
- Coordination of events with local service providers

### CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

2. Enhance Community Cohesion / Inclusion
3. Encourage Partnership Working
4. Increase Economic Resilience / Diversity
6. Celebrate + Promote Local

### IMPACT / REACH

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### RELATED PROJECTS

- 3.1.1. [Coordination + Collaboration: Overall Body](#)
- 3.1.2. [Business Forum](#)
- 3.8.1. [Emergence of NTS Fife Cluster Action plan](#)



# 9. PROMOTING LOCAL & AUTHENTIC VILLAGES

A few potential initiatives that aim to promote Falkland and Newton of Falkland as local and authentic villages emerged from discussions during the charrette events: The following were established as priorities:

- Investigate interest in a 'loyalty card' and other promotional tools for shopping in local businesses.
- Make use of existing town centre funding sources and advice and other shop local comparative templates & experience (e.g. 'TotallyLocally' templates).
- Promote Falkland & Newton as the 'gateway' for the Lomond Hills Regional Park, and promotion of green & sustainable recreational activities. Develop an active tourism prospectus.

- Development of the Forest of Falkland Land Centre as a key focus.
- Encourage local villagers to become tourist and visitor guides.
- Offers potential business opportunities both inside and outside Falkland. Either (a) Blue Badge guides or (b) 'Black & Gold' local guides.

## NEXT STEPS

- Source advice from specialist retail experts on 'most suitable' approach to engage with the shop local initiative
- Seek and secure shop local initiative 'buy-in' from local businesses.
- Establish a 'shop local' project sub-working group from the Business Forum to implement and manage.
- Await result of Forest of Falkland Land Centre project development.
- Establish a 'tourism project' sub-working group from the Business Forum to develop an 'active tourism' prospectus.
- Source advice from specialist activity tourism experts.
- Implement recommendations.
- To launch the 'Blue Badge' initiative, establish interest in Scottish Tourist Guide Association (STGA) training from local population. Make application to STGA for 2019 season. Establish potential funding assistance support. plan of action.
- 'Black & Gold Badge' – Establish interest in principle and forward plan of action.

## CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

2. Enhance Community Cohesion / Inclusion
3. Encourage Partnership Working
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## RELATED PROJECTS

- [3.6.1 Loyalty Card and Other Promotional Tools](#)
- [3.8.2. Active Tourism](#)
- [3.8.3. Local Tour Guides](#)
- [4.2. Provision of Local Services](#)

# 10. DIVERSIFY ECONOMY

Developing a diversified, resilient economy which doesn't only rely on tourism was one of the strong moves that was confirmed during the charrette.

A series of projects could be implemented, with the two following identified as priorities:

1 - Promote economic activity and business start-up / new workspace hub. The new workspace (shared or otherwise) should promote economic activity and business start-up / expansion in Falkland & Newton. As part of this project, the make-up of a Business Gateway services should support existing businesses and develop new business opportunities in Falkland & Newton.

2 - Culture & Creative Arts sector - Establish and encourage a network of local operators & artists.

Establish and encourage network of operators, artists, etc, via individual artists / operators and linked into NTS emerging programme of new Palace evening events. Potentially could represent a key user of the new small workspace project. Should more than one small workspace option be realised one could become dedicated as a cultural & Creative Hub. To be promoted and featured on new digital platform or 'app'.

## NEXT STEPS

- Seek advice and assistance from Business Gateway Fife to establish small workspace management group.
- Consult with relevant local Culture & Creative Arts operators, artists, groups and other interests.
- Establish a 'diversify economy' project sub-working group from the Business Forum to consult with National Trust for Scotland, and other external enabling groups, and to guide input to new local online platform, and implement and manage the projects.

## CHARRETTE OBJECTIVES

ADDRESSED THROUGH THIS KEY MOVE

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## RELATED PROJECTS

(Refer to full report)

- 3.7.1. **Diversify Economy Opportunities**
- 3.7.3. **Culture & Creative Art Sector**





MAKING  
**FALKLAND'S**  
& NEWTON'S  
**FUTURE:**  
NEXT STEPS





# DELIVERY

Translating the ideas and energy developed through the charrette process into action and implementation is crucial. Experience from other Charrettes demonstrates that it is vital to ensure a coordinated approach. Having an agreed and prioritised action plan, aligned with funding opportunities and with project 'owners' responsible for making progress is fundamental. Moreover this action plan should be reviewed regularly to monitor progress.

# PROJECT BOARD

Identifying whom should co-ordinate and monitor progress is, therefore, clearly very important. The FNFCC have established a Project Board which acted as a Steering Group during the charrette process. This Project Board comprised representatives of the Community Council (Chair), Visit Falkland, National Trust for Scotland, Falkland Estates Trust and Fife Council.

It is proposed that the Project Board becomes a Project Delivery Board. The terms of reference, governance and membership of this Board is to be confirmed as an early action.

During the Charrette attendees were invited to complete 'pledge cards' indicating projects that they wished to promote, support or lead. Several participants have indicated an interest in contributing to the Project Delivery Board and these expressions of interest should be followed up. It may be project groups / 'champions' report on progress to the Project Delivery Board and these details of governance and coordination should be clarified early.







# FUNDING

Aligning projects, notably those with high priority and 'quick wins', with potential sources of funding is essential. Against key projects listed in this report you will find commentary on potential sources of funding that should be explored in greater detail.

The findings of this Charrette should be used to support funding applications, providing evidence of community support and engagement. Inevitably, given the breadth of ideas and ambition captured within the Charrette it is apparent that a cocktail of funding options should be pursued, using the existing network of community council, development trust, local trusts and the local authority to seek to secure monies to implement the recommendations of this report.

Contact should be made with Fife Council's Community Group Support and Funding Team. Moreover the Fife Funding Search / SCVO's Funding Scotland website is an excellent and updated resource for monitoring potential sources of funding.

Potential sources of funding to be explored can be summarised / include;

## Public

### 1. Scottish Government:

- I. Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
- II. Town Centre Communities Capital Grant Fund
- III. Activating Ideas
- IV. Town Centre Empty Homes Fund
- V. Empowering Communities Fund
- VI. Communities Choices Fund
- vii. A+DS 'Stalled Spaces'
- viii. Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund

### 2. European Funding Programme (2014 - 2020)

- I. European Structural & Investment Funds (ESIF)
- II. East of Scotland European Consortium: Scottish & Transnational
- III. Fife LEADER Programme

### 3. Heritage Lottery Fund e.g Heritage Enterprise

Historic Environment Scotland - CARS & Scotland's Urban Past

### 4. Big Lottery Fund

- I. Community Empowerment: Awards for All, Scottish Land Fund, Investing in Ideas
- II. Investing In Communities: Growing Community Assets
- III. Life Changes Trust: people affected by dementia

### 5. Creative Scotland

- I. Creative Place Awards
- II. Cash Back for Creativity

### 6. Sportscotland: Facilities Fund

### 7. Transport Scotland: Access: Smarter Choices / Smarter Places

## Private

1. Section 75 contributions
2. Fife Council Proactive: de-risking & packaging market ready opportunities
3. Local property owners investing
4. Local occupiers
5. Local benefactors
6. Opportunistic: proactive planning

## Community: Local Solutions

1. Self build: sites & interest database
2. Custom build: sites & interest database
3. Community ownership of assets: Development Trust: Community Interest Co.
4. Tridos Bank: loans to organisations bringing positive & lasting change
5. Social Investment Scotland
6. Robertson/Gannochy Trusts
7. Crowd sourcing







# NEXT STEPS

Successful implementation of the ambitions and opportunities emerging from the charrette will only occur through genuine collaborative working between key stakeholders in Falkland. Input and support from all existing groups and organisations with an interest in Falkland, reinforced by wider participation from the local community, is necessary to secure the objectives set out in this report.

To this end the following next steps, to be actioned within 3 months of this report, are suggested;

- Confirm the status and remit of the Project Delivery Board
- Contact those who submitted 'pledge cards' during the charrette and discuss scope to involve others in championing key / priority projects.
- Post the signed off charrette report online for public review / comment.
- Exhibit / present the findings of this Charrette report to the local community / stakeholders and seek agreement on priority projects.
- Contact those who expressed an interest in forming a Falkland Business Forum. Seek advice from Fife Council / Business Gateway. Call an exploratory meeting with local businesses to establish level of interest.
- Establish contact with Fife Council and the new owners of the Smith Anderson / 9 Acres site and develop a constructive dialogue with respect to the community's aspirations for the site and public engagement in the development process.
- Undertake an edge of village parking options assessment to identify preferred and future visitor parking options.
- Review funding options to support priority projects, in liaison with Fife Council and other key potential funders.
- Review 'fit' between the Fife Local Development plan, new Plan for Fife and the outcome of the Falkland charrette.







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