

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

## CHARRETTE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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# 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.





The 'Big Floor Map'



Traffic & Transport Walkabout + Workshop



Schools Workshop



Schools Workshop



On-Street Engagement



Issues + Ideas Workshop

# 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**.

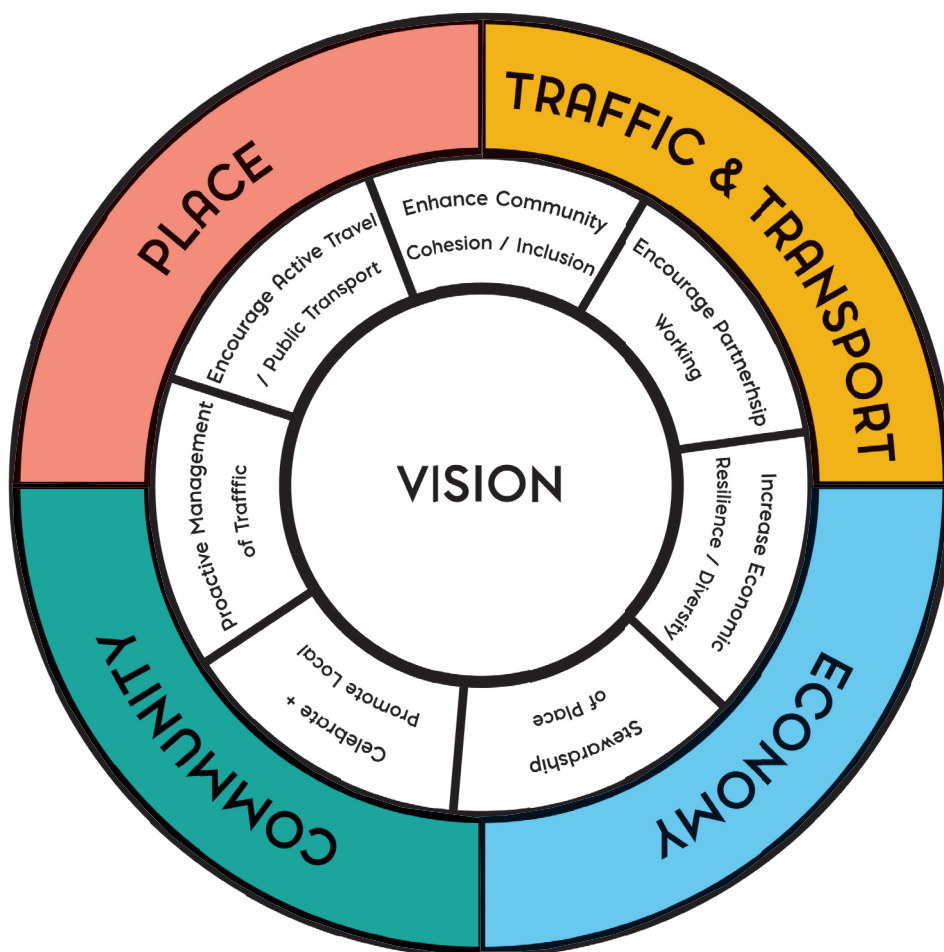
The **active community is inclusive, working together** to better Falkland and Newton.

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

# KEY MOVES



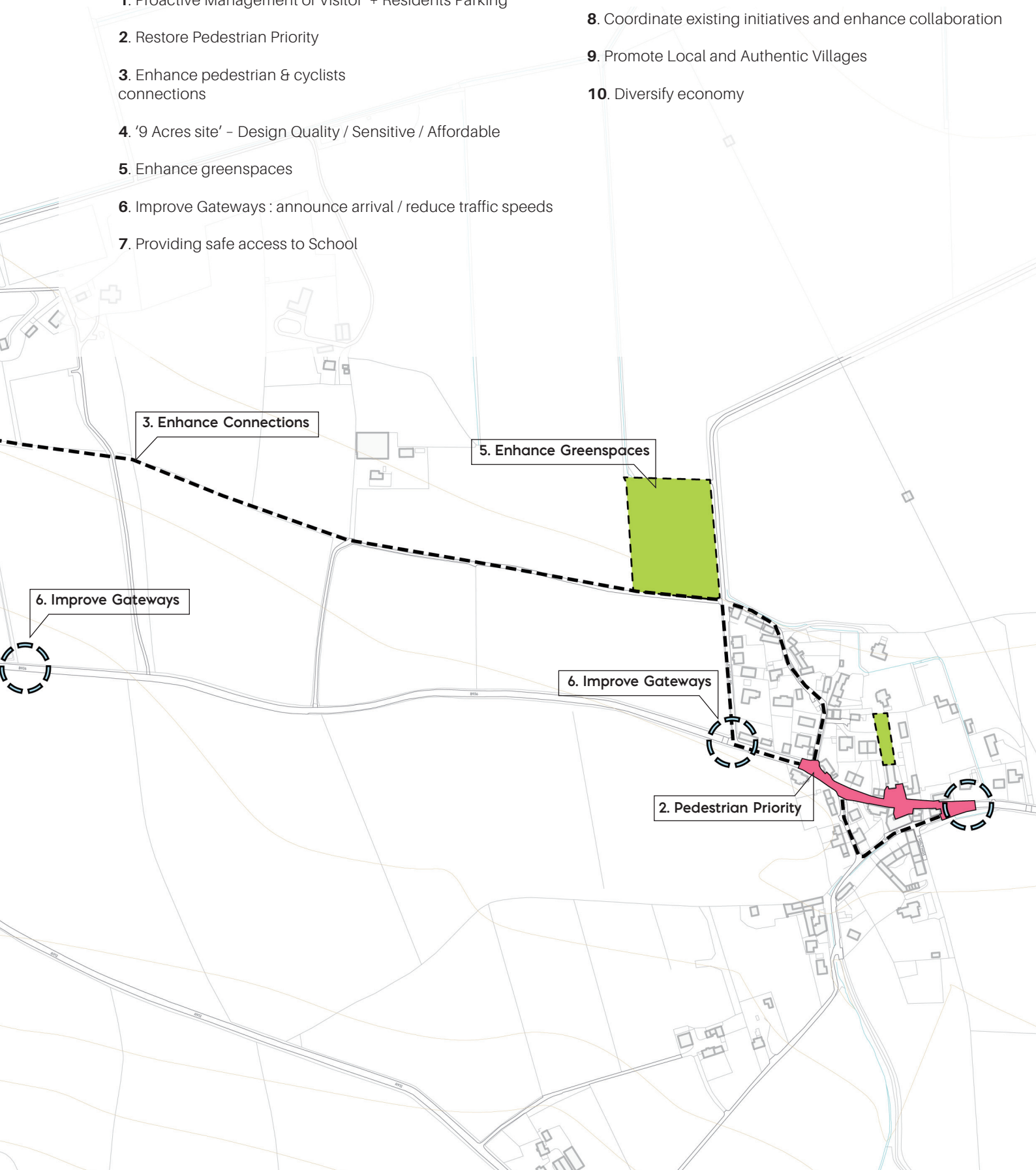


## KEY PLANNING MOVES

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

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## RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

(Refer to full report)

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



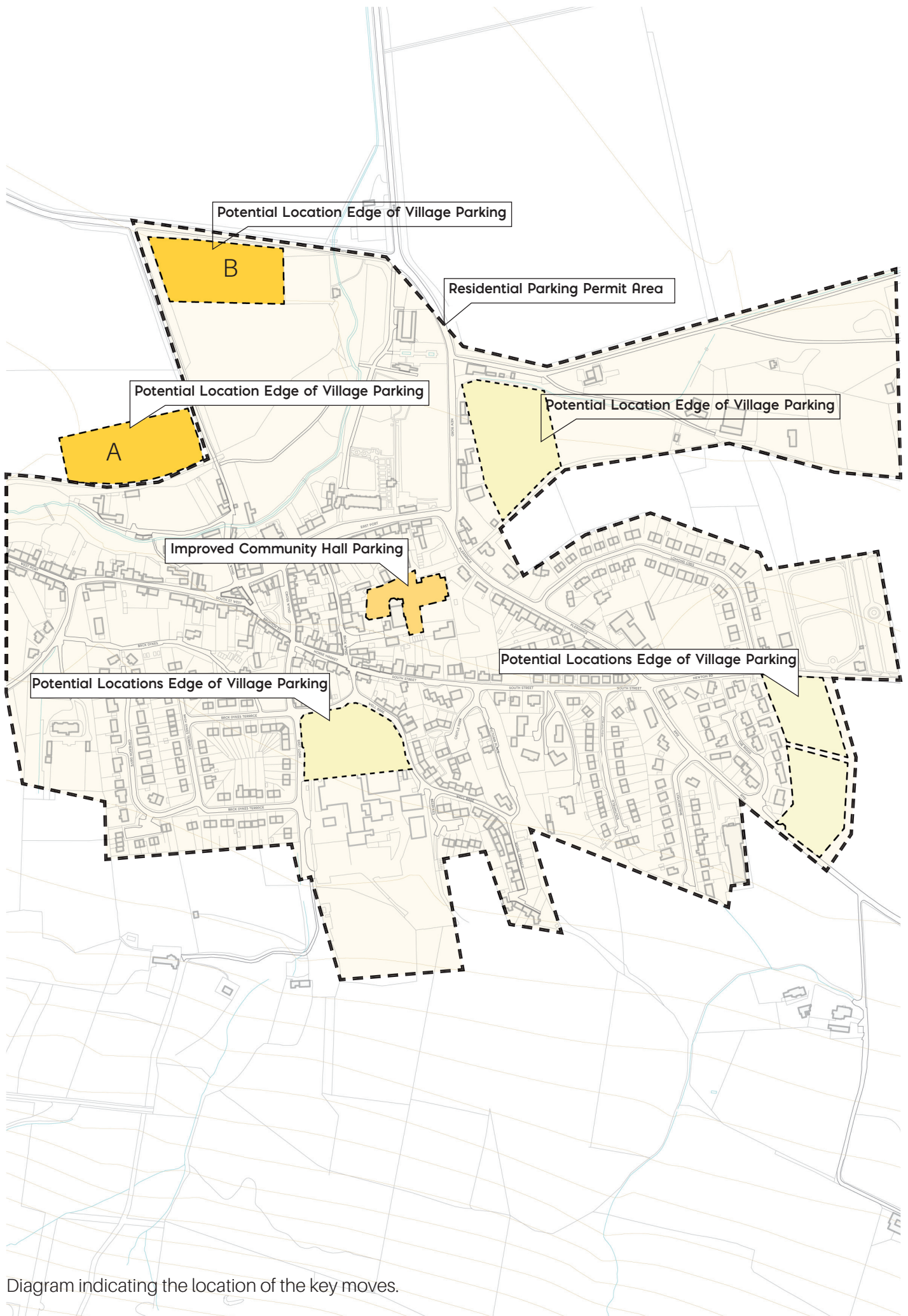


Diagram indicating the location of the key moves.

## 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

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### RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

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- 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 & 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

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## RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

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1.7.2. **Themed Routes**

2.2. **Accessibility**

2.4. **Enhance Cycle Route**



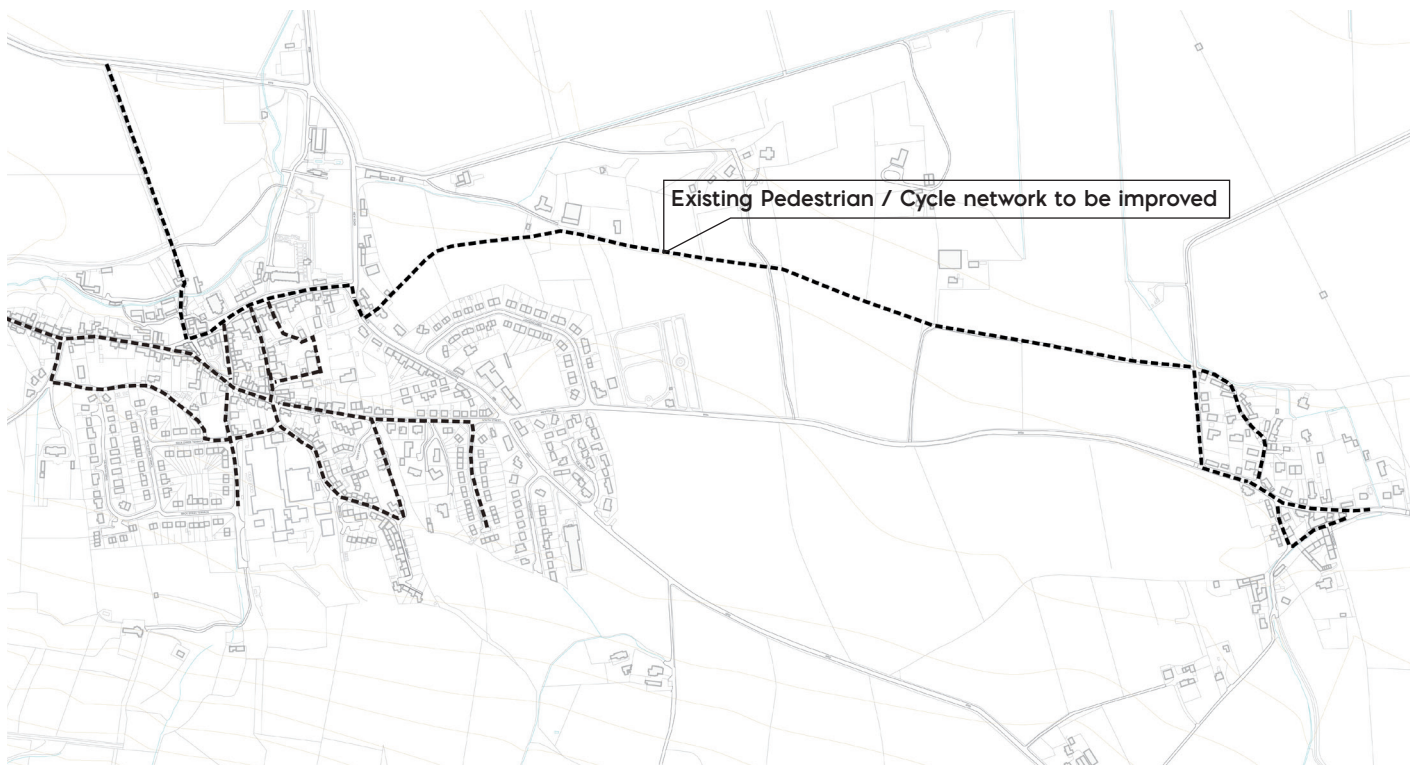


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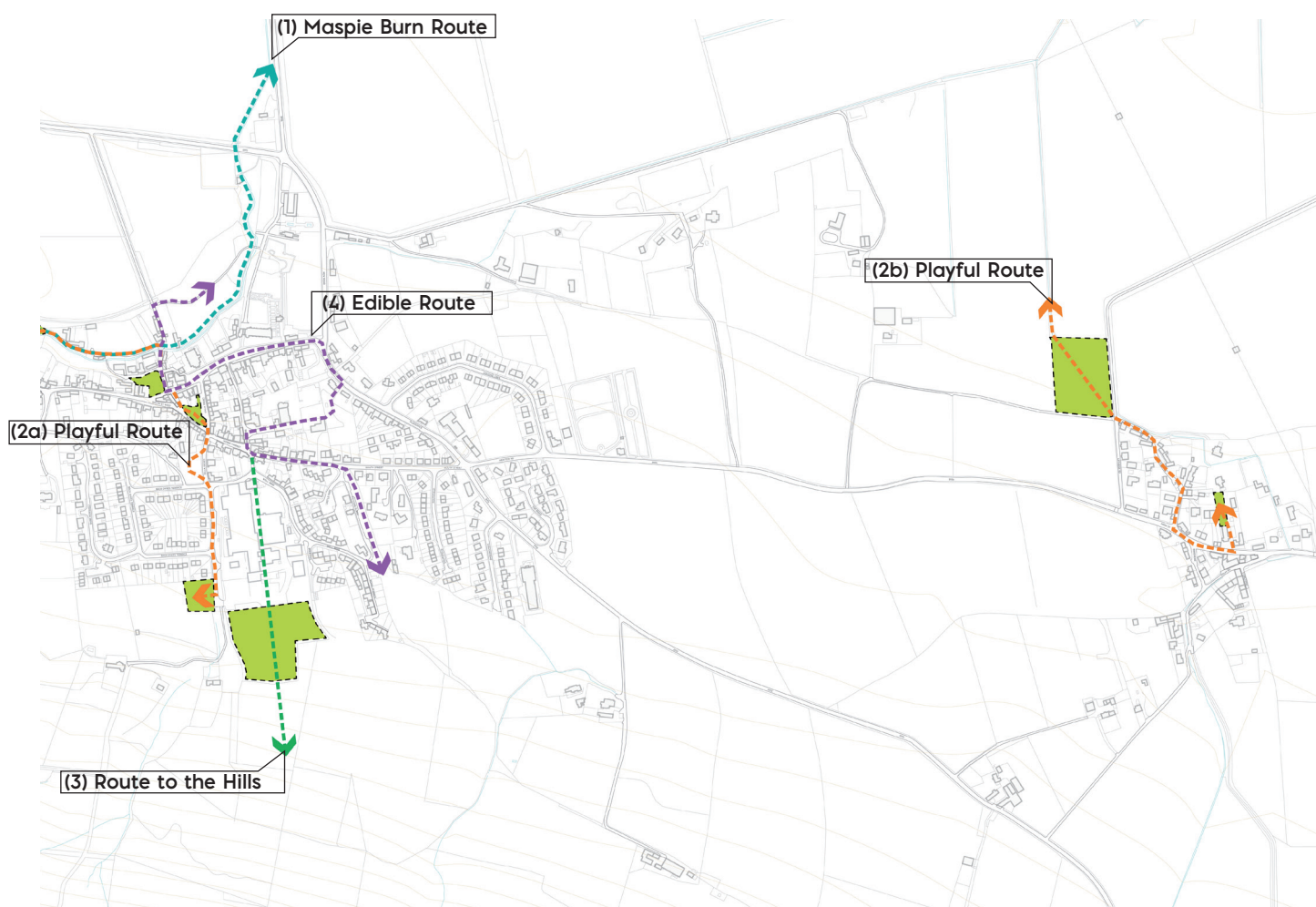


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## 4. '9 ACRE SITE'

### 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.

### 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

### 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

### 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.

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### RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

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1.2.1. **Community Statement**

1.2.2. **Options / Concept**



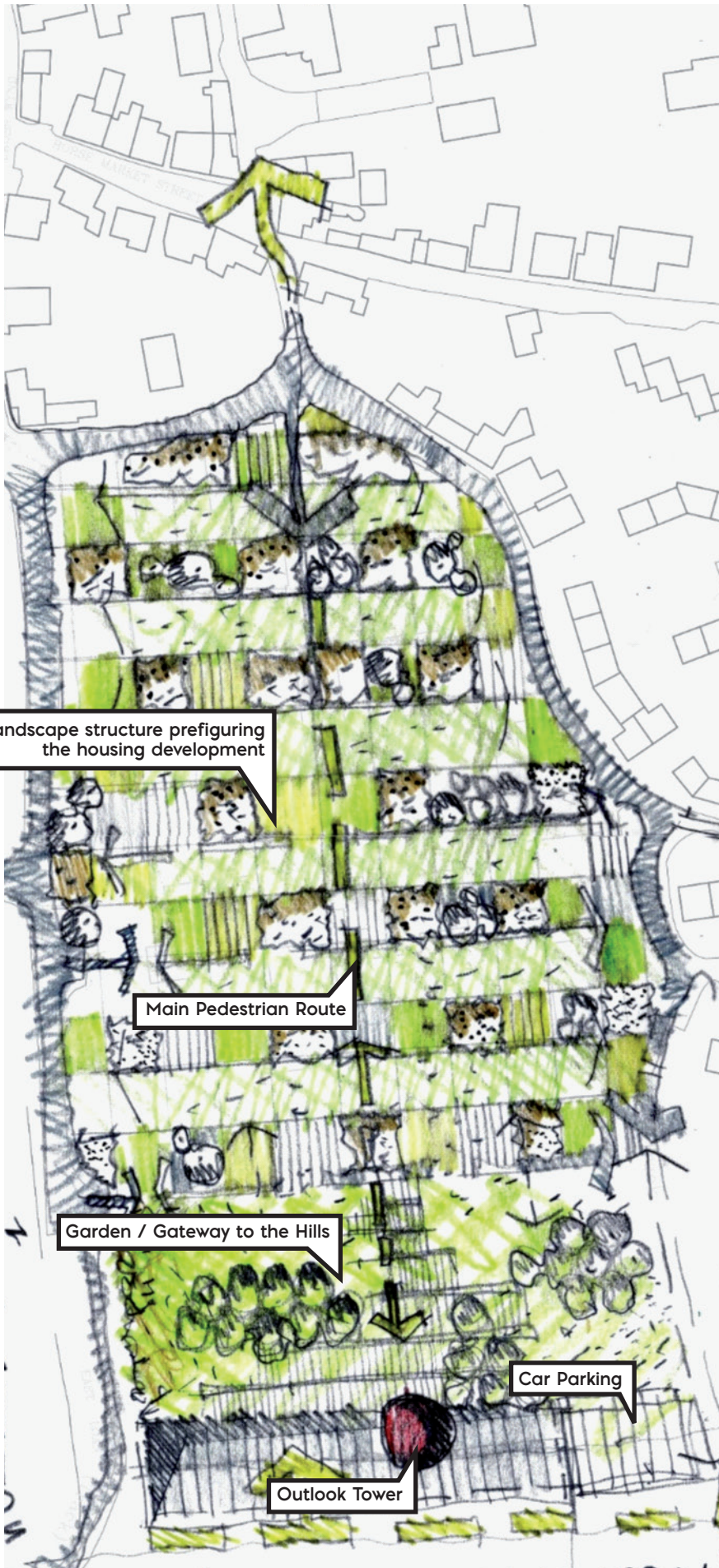


Diagram indicating the location of the 9 acres site



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

## 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

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### RELATED PRIORITY PROJECTS

(Refer to full report)

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

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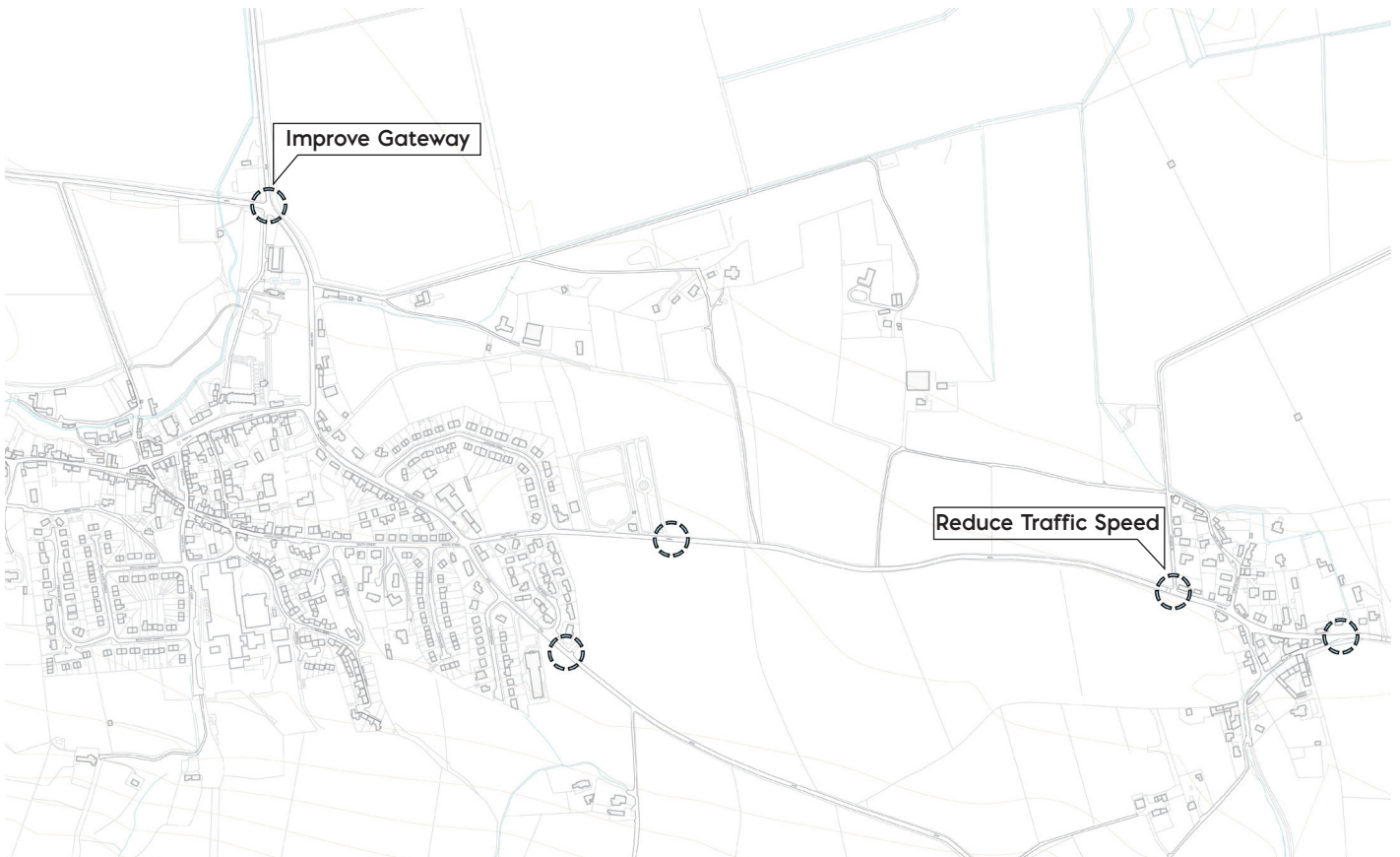
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### RELATED PROJECTS (Refer to full report)

- 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

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

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### RELATED PROJECTS

(Refer to full report)

**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

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### RELATED PROJECTS

(Refer to full report)

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.

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## RELATED PROJECTS

(Refer to full report)

- [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.

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## RELATED PROJECTS

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3.7.1. **Diversify Economy Opportunities**

3.7.3. **Culture & Creative Art Sector**







## 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



# 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.

## 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

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