

**ABERFELDY WEST**

---

# **PLANNING FOR REAL FINDINGS**

**SUMMER 2020**



# INTRODUCTION

Between **8 June and 3 July 2020** a planning for real exercise took place with residents living in Aberfeldy.

Residents were sent a Planning for Real Pack, consisting of:

- 🌸 Planning for Real toolkit
- 🌸 A Map
- 🌸 Sticker sheet
- 🌸 Post-it notes
- 🌸 Envelope
- 🌸 Tea Bag

There was also an online version of the exercise.



# ABERFELDY WEST CONSULTATION

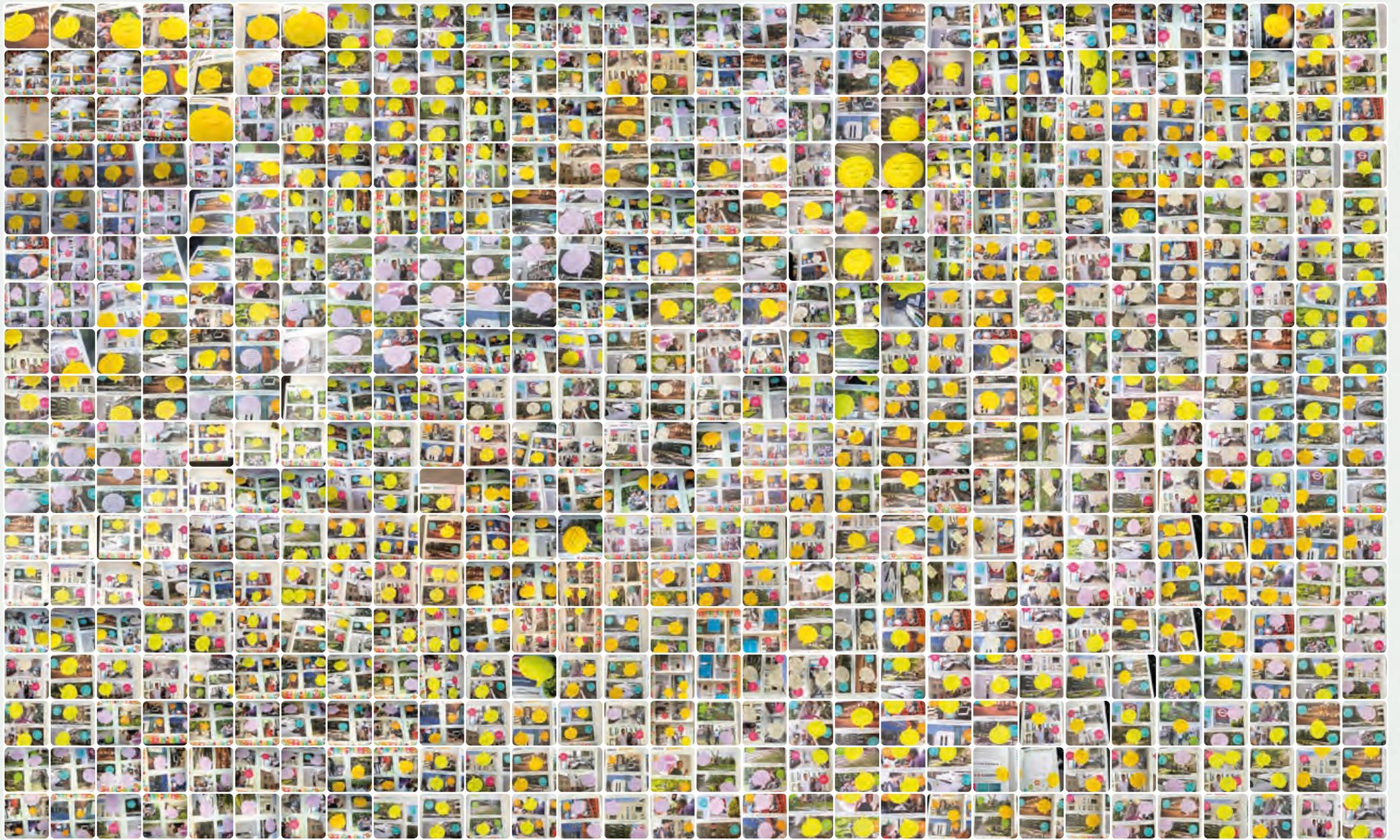
Over **120** households completed and returned toolkits and maps. Over **280** residents took part in the exercise, generating over **2,500 ideas, and suggestions.**

The consultation methodology was unique in allowing individuals and whole families to participate from the comfort of their own homes.

Residents embraced the creative nature of the exercise, using a variety of ways to feedback ideas, including short videos, WhatsApp photos and an imaginative use of post-its and stickers.







# KEY FINDINGS

---

## **Resident feedback on all the regeneration proposals in the toolkit was overwhelmingly positive:**

- ❁ Residents want modern new homes that are, affordable, secure, spacious, light and well built, that incorporate traditional materials and offer a choice of both open plan and separate kitchen.
- ❁ Residents want to see a variety of housing types, with high rise on the edge of the Estate, and houses provided for those currently living in houses.
- ❁ Safety and security are important, and run across all themes including streets, homes, green and play space. Subways were highlighted as a particular concern.
- ❁ The need for new shops, cafes, and safe green spaces were identified as important in creating the type of environment residents want to live in.
- ❁ Parks, a new Mosque and community activities were highlighted as important ways to bring the community together, and create a sense of belonging.
- ❁ Parking is a priority for many residents, and expectations are high, the need for greater enforcement is a current priority.
- ❁ Work, training, apprentice and volunteer opportunities are an important element of regeneration for residents.
- ❁ Activities and spaces for children and young people are a priority.
- ❁ A separate space for Dogs was highlighted throughout the consultation in relation to open spaces, and parks.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR HOMES

Open plan  
or separate  
kitchens?

We would prefer  
separate kitchens for  
dining areas as it is  
important to socialise  
with your family

Separate kitchens  
are essential

Would like to  
see both before I  
decide

Separate

**Summary:** The majority of residents expressed a preference for separate kitchens. A small minority of residents preferred open plan.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR HOMES



New homes for everyone?

Yes, new homes

Everyone would like to live in a new home'

Everything needs to be modernised

Tenants should be provided with the choice between new home and relocation

Love this house

Bigger homes for overcrowded

Affordable houses for everyone including low income family

**Summary:** The majority of residents welcomed the opportunity for new homes.



## YOUR IDEAS

## YOUR HOMES



Size and look of balcony

Frosted glass

Solid balcony with higher fence for safety

This is a beautiful example of a balcony, spacious enough to put seats & table and relax and enjoy the view

Spacious and closed in

People like growing plants and decorating

Should look modern

Higher fence for safety

Ceramic tiles

**Summary:** Residents wanted good sized balconies, offering security, privacy, overlooking green space. Residents wanted a choice of flooring and height of frontage.



## YOUR IDEAS

## YOUR HOMES

Flats,  
houses and  
maisonettes

We would like  
to see town houses  
and to have more  
open spaces

Beautiful  
looks nice

If a flat is next to  
maisonette do not put  
maisonette bedroom next  
to flat kitchen like here,  
people come in at 1-2 in  
the morning and start  
cooking and banging  
cupboards

We currently  
live in house  
so would prefer  
house

variety is good

Houses separate

All kinds of  
properties

**Summary:** Residents said it was important to have a mixture of homes. Residents currently living in houses want replacement houses. It was suggested that high rise blocks border the estate, with houses and low and medium rise blocks taking up central areas.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR HOMES

Central Green space

Picnic area, water feature

A large place for people of the community

Should look modern and trendy

Great safe area for the kids to play

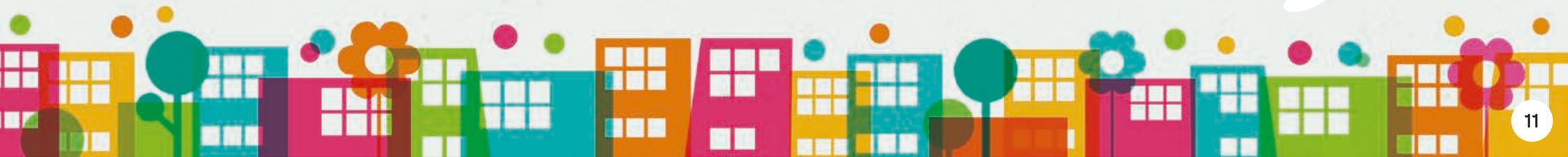
Fantastic and peaceful

Play space and reading corner

Suitable for both adults and children

Yes, nice open and airy

**Summary:** A central green area was very popular with residents. Residents said it would provide an open space that all residents could enjoy. Residents suggested the space could offer features to enhance the environment and create a sense of safety.



## YOUR IDEAS

## YOUR HOMES

How would you like your home to look

The building should look brand new

Stylish and roomy

Highest quality build

Large windows for lots of natural light

Modern, low maintenance, spacious, airy, inviting

Good sound proofing

We would like modern, good quality buildings, with lots of windows and decent sized bedrooms and storage space

**Summary:** Residents said new homes needed to use best quality materials and incorporate fresh and modern design. Resident highlighted the use of bricks and other traditional materials in the design. Residents said light was important, and emphasised large windows. Storage space, building security, size of rooms and lifts were highlighted as important. Residents said that new buildings would need to be energy efficient, include good sound proofing and fire safety. Some residents suggested a window in the kitchen, and a number said the kitchen needs to be spacious. Residents requested separate bathroom and toilet.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS

Spaces for bins and bikes

Secure bike sheds, with underground facilities for waste

Designated space for bins and bikes

Safe docking space for bikes

Modern, low maintenance, spacious, airy, inviting

Plenty of underground rubbish bins that don't fill so quickly

Yes, environmentally friendly

We would like bins to be outside, not too close to the houses

**Summary:** Residents said an underground refuse system was needed, and highlighted the need to consider the location carefully. Bike storage was popular, and the need for security highlighted.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS

Wide pavements and front gardens

Brownfield looks amazing, wide pavements is safe

Looks nice, front garden & wider pavement

Love the bigger front gardens, definitely makes a difference

Communal garden for flats would give everyone access to green space

Wide pavement to separate buildings and roads & easy for wheelchairs & pushchairs

Yes like the wide pavements helps with privacy

Secure bike sheds, with underground facilities for waste

**Summary:** The majority of residents welcomed wider pavements, and highlighted the benefits for residents with disabilities and young children. Front garden were popular, and residents said these would provide greater security.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS

Well lit, safer streets

It is important to have well lit streets for safety and to act as a deterrent against anti-social behaviour

Good idea, makes the area look safer, especially short winter days

Lighting on building exterior and street lights

100% yes

Safer streets, with street cameras too

Underpath in bad condition all the time, not safe, needs CCTV for residents to feel safe

Don't use subways, not safe

Brilliant, these lights are ideal, it will make properties safer

**Summary:** Residents said street lighting would improve safety. Residents suggested CCTV could be added in key locations. Resident highlighted the need to improve subways, and access on and off the Estate. Residents said subways currently feel unsafe, many residents avoid using.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS



Places to sit

Nice benches to sit on, should have a modern and trendy look

Benches would be good idea around green spaces

Street seats could be dedicated to important figures in the community especially around green spaces

Yes, in green area

Green spaces with relaxing surroundings. Trees, flowers & water flowers

Helps to meet neighbours

**Summary:** The majority of residents welcomed more places to sit, and many suggested this could be combined with new open green spaces. Some residents were concerned about anti-social behaviour, and recommended location of seating is carefully considered. Residents suggested benches could be designed to celebrate local history.



## YOUR IDEAS

## YOUR STREETS

### Community art

Nice to see art around our area

Yes, community art would be amazing

Should be interactive, easily maintained, and educational

Stand as an instalment about this awesome place to live

Permanent and semi-permanent installations

Yes, to mark history and culture

Yes, make the place more lively and interesting

**Summary:** The majority of residents welcomed the opportunity for community art, and said it would help to celebrate local culture and provide opportunities for local artists.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS



Places to play

Is a must have for all children

Brings a sense of harmony and unity

Musical instruments built into play spaces - outdoor xylophones/drums/rattles

Adventure playground for children

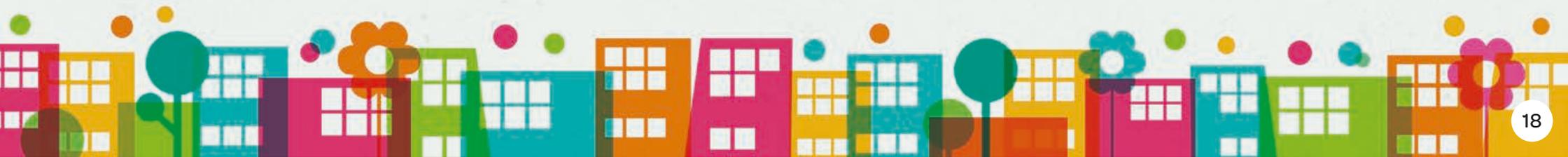
Reflective leaning area for both children and adults

Something like Bartlett Park combine all 3 parks together

Safe places for children is a priority

Table tennis, chess, climbing frames

**Summary:** Residents said the need for good quality places for children to play was essential. Residents highlighted the type of equipment needed, and the need for a safe and secure spaces.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS

## Parking

On street parking if possible

Allocated parking, individual bays

Underground parking for residence would increase street space and clear streets for parks, greenspace, shops, art

Need control and monitoring

We would like all residents to have at least one parking space near each household free of charge

Would like to park outside house

Residents need to be able to park in their own area

**Summary:** Providing parking to residents with current parking permits was highlighted as a priority. Residents made a range of suggestions on ways to provide parking. The need for better enforcement and monitoring parking was highlighted.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS

## Car Club

Not bothered  
really

Very beneficial  
for fast advancing  
technology in  
automobiles

Only a couple  
of spaces

Yes, this  
would reduce  
congestion

**Summary:** Some residents welcomed the opportunity for a car club and the benefits to the environment.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS

## Transport

Always found the 309 route a good service

309 is a lifeline for older people for market and health centres

Yes, wide spaces for riding bikes

More buses to run at frequent times

Traffic lights for cars turning in since they speed down the road after leaving Blackwall tunnel approach

Less cars on the Estate - more walking to and from School

The bus service should be available later as its difficult to get home late

**Summary:** Residents highlighted the important of the 309 for transport, and suggested more frequent and later services. Residents highlighted problems with traffic on Abbott Road.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR STREETS

Cycle routes

Cycle routes are a good idea

Integrated with community art

Yes, would keep pedestrians safe

More cycling routes, also running, jogging spaces

More bike sheds

Need cycle paths for kids

Cycle routes a lot safer than roads

**Summary:** The idea of cycle routes was popular, providing a safe space separate from pedestrians and traffic to move around the area.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

## Cafes

It's important to have a coffee shop in the area

Café would be good to go to and meet with friend

This can also bring residents together for social events

Internet cafes would be a good idea for students to study in if they need a place with food and drinks

Yes, with spaces to work and learn to cook for young people

café with outside seating area

It would be great to have an open plan café

**Summary:** The suggestion of a café was very popular. Residents said it would provide a space to meet neighbours and friends, get a coffee as well as provide a place to study, work and socialise.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

Faith buildings

Yes, in addition to the Church

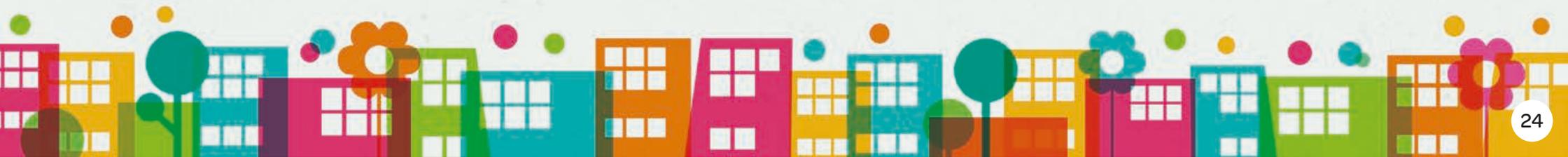
We want Mosques and churches for people to practice their faiths helps bring the community together

Important for people to pray

I would love to see a Mosque here!!!

A new Mosque is needed for the Muslim community

**Summary:** Residents said faith building provide an important space to bring the community together. The need for a new Mosque building on the Estate was highlighted.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

Pub

Decent food and soft drink options

Should close early

Somewhere between old fashioned and contemporary with good range of beer - normal lager - craft beer

Pub quiz, comedy nights, music nights, mocktails

Be great to have a pub nearby

Not next to houses

Yes pub is needed there are no social places where people can drink

**Summary:** Many residents felt a pub can provide a hub for the community to get together, to take part in activities, and provide food and work opportunities. Some residents were concerned a pub could attract nuisance and noise.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

Shops

Mini-supermarkets such as Tesco, Sainsburys

Shops in different locals across the Estate

Farmers market

Fish & chips, butchers, bread shop, post office, bank/building society, food shops, decent off licence, hairdressers, launderette, butchers, fruit/veg shop, chemist, supermarket, cash machines

Healthier takeaways eating options, fresh food

Need a high street vibe

Local shops are vital for the community

Opportunities for young people to start enterprise

**Summary:** The need for new shops was expressed by all participants. Residents want to see a busy high street that creates a community hub, providing a variety of shops and services. Residents highlighted the need for a name supermarket, as well as healthy takeaway options, and business and job opportunities for local people.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

Community spaces for everyone

Children activities, youth clubs, tuition, adult learning, advice centre

Good programme of community activities

Chat and draw classes for over 60's

Gym, boxing, karate, gymnastics

Community spaces for people to learn new skills

Nice for community gathering

Opportunities for local people to get involved

**Summary:** Residents said community spaces would be welcome. Residents suggested spaces could include activities for children, young people and older people. Residents said space could offer the opportunity for community gatherings, volunteering, and to learn new skills and gain advice. The need for a gym/boxing club was highlighted.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

Good idea

Yes it would be nice to have places to work

Places to work

Nice to have a place where you can work and get assistance

Quiet place like a library to go to work

Great idea!

People can work and chill out

Job opportunities would increase if decent shops provided, allow local residents to apply first

100% - coincide with café

**Summary:** Places to work was a popular idea, residents suggested a work space could be combined with a café.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

Workshops

Yes if it benefits people who are looking for employment

Multidiscipline workshops

Good for community

A creative hub in Aberfeldy

Study space/ exhibition space

Poplar Works has been a big bonus to the Aberfeldy area thank you!

If it helps students

This will create learning new skills and career opportunities

**Summary:** Residents said workshops could provide a creative hub for the area providing work, training and apprenticeship opportunities.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

Child friendly spaces

A centre for babies

A secure place for children

Places where children can play safely

Yes, loads of infant and parent spaces

I support this because the parents can meet and the children can have fun!!!

The whole area neighbourhood should be child friendly focussed

Big soft play area for kids

Soft play area big space

**Summary:** Residents said secure child friendly spaces were essential.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

## Spaces for Young People

clubs for younger kids to keep them off the streets

Multi-media music space

A space for young people to meet other young people

Need a space for youth clubs, scouts

Essential to give young people somewhere to go

Better spaces for young people with more activities to engage in

Fashion and creative hub

Football and dance

**Summary:** Residents highlighted the need for more spaces for young people. Residents suggested a range of activities including, boxing, training, creative arts, multi-media and dance.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR COMMUNITY

## Healthy Streets

Speed restrictions near Culladen School and signs

Streets and walkways with no cars or buses but with good disability access

I love this because the area has lots of pollution!!!

More trees, good quality air, more green spaces, safety for children and adults.

Cycling, walking and jogging friendly

Less roads, more pedestrians and cyclists

Boulevard style with seating and tidy shops and café, all linking without having to cross a road with cars

**Summary:** Residents said streets that provide a safe and clean environment for walking and jogging would be welcome. Residents suggested more trees, good air quality and linking green spaces.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR PARKS

Spaces for nature

Allotment

Inspired by the River Lea

A peaceful place where people can go

Great to have the area kids need to be able to enjoy nature

You can't beat a bit of green

Republic development - they have done it perfectly

Meadow plant areas

It's a must have amongst all the concrete

Every resident building to have plant-life

**Summary:** Residents really welcome a space for nature, residents said this would offer peaceful spaces for the whole community, and provide an opportunity for children to learn about nature.

# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR PARKS

Kids play

We need playgrounds

Green space and local parks

Safe environments for children

It is essential for all young people

Safe spaces for children to play

More equipment, slides, swings

Adventure playground - zipline

We want nature and a place for kids to play

**Summary:** Residents said a safe and well equipped space for children to play was needed.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR PARKS

Exercise equipment

Will be good for all ages to keep healthy and fit

I want there to be gymnastic poles and playgrounds

Yes, helps with wellbeing for all residents

Not everyone can afford gym, so this a good idea

It's very much needed for people that cannot go to the gym

Provide route to volunteering, running workout classes for residents

Exercise equipment in open space will encourage people to keep fit

Is ideal as it gives people a chance to exercise

Football, basketball and badminton area

**Summary:** Residents said outside exercise equipment would provide an opportunity for residents to exercise, get fit and improve wellbeing.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR PARKS

Safe green spaces

Always look nice and make the air easier to breathe

Not near roads or parking

Good for mental health

Somewhere safe to go for a walk

Is very much needed

Safe green spaces for children to play

Will be good for walks

Very aesthetically pleasing

**Summary:** Residents said safe green spaces would provide space to walk, meet neighbours and enjoy the environment.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR PARKS

## Community gardens

A good idea for people to grow things

Yes please always nice to smell flowers to beat the polluted air

Good plants for pollinating bug species

Plants so there is good colour all through summer

This would be an excellent place to relax and unwind

Very relaxing places

It would be wonderful to see community garden and veg grow

Nice space for elderly in tranquil garden

**Summary:** Residents said a community garden would offer a quiet space to relax. Residents highlighted opportunities to grow and cultivate flowers and vegetables. Resident said a community garden would provide additional colour and beauty to the area.



# YOUR IDEAS

# YOUR PARKS

Spaces to run and play

Beautiful for all ages

Children need space to let off steam

More parks to play and run

Yes for children to play sport and have community gatherings

I would love there to be lots of space for people to run and grow up in!!

Open space to play outdoor sports

Provide space for the football, cricket and rounders

Yes! Nice big and open

To keep our kids healthy and fit

**Summary:** Residents identified the need for more park space, including a space to provide activities, including sports, community gatherings, and a space for children to 'let off steam'.

# MAP FEEDBACK

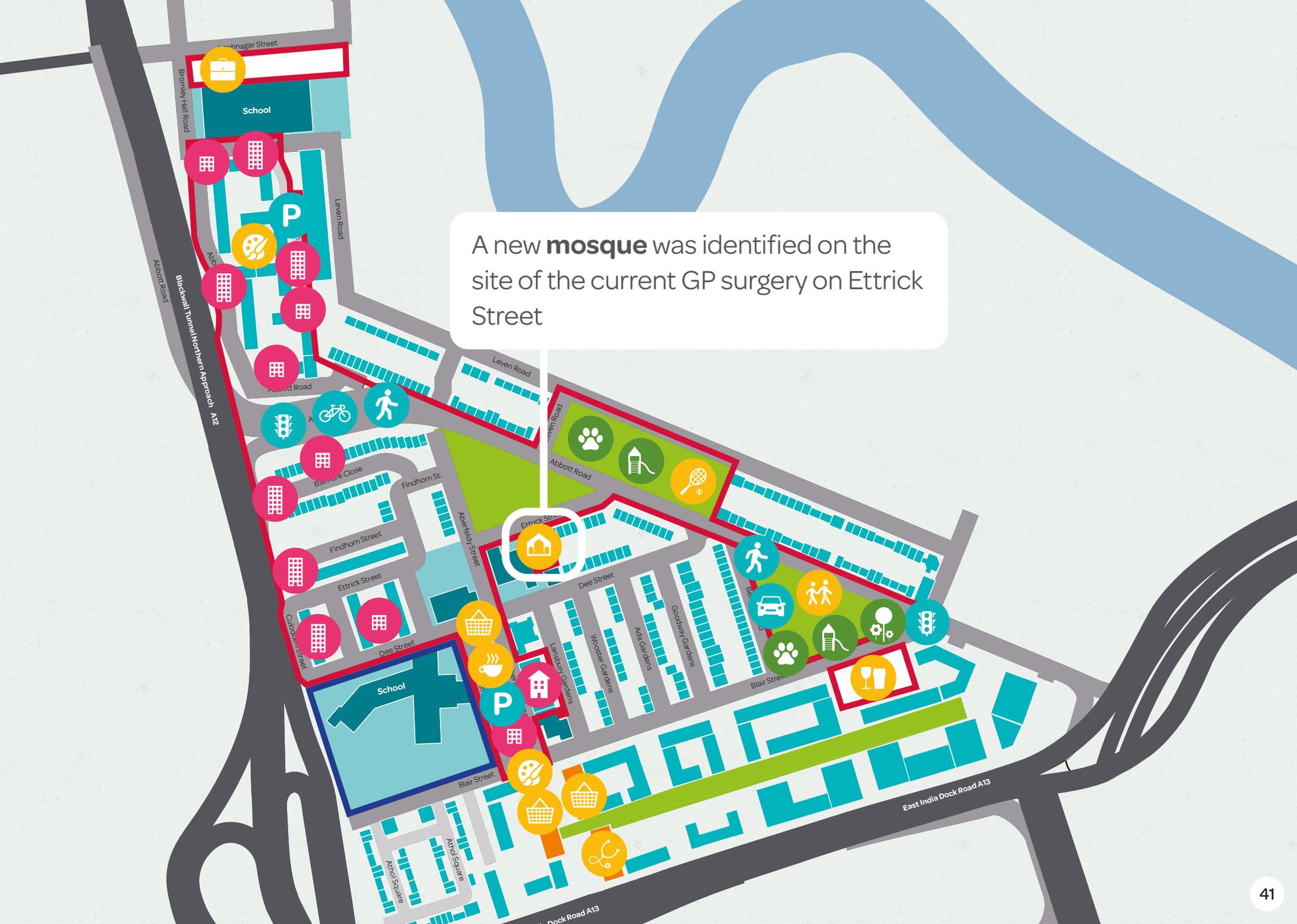
Feedback from completed maps have been collated to provide an overview of consistent locations residents identified.

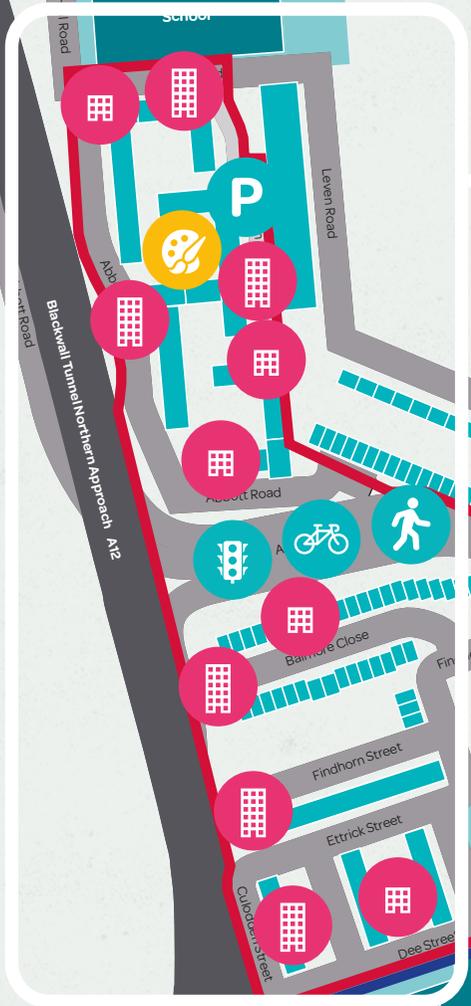


The main cluster of **shops** and **café** were located in the southern part of Aberfeldy West



A new **mosque** was identified on the site of the current GP surgery on Ettrick Street



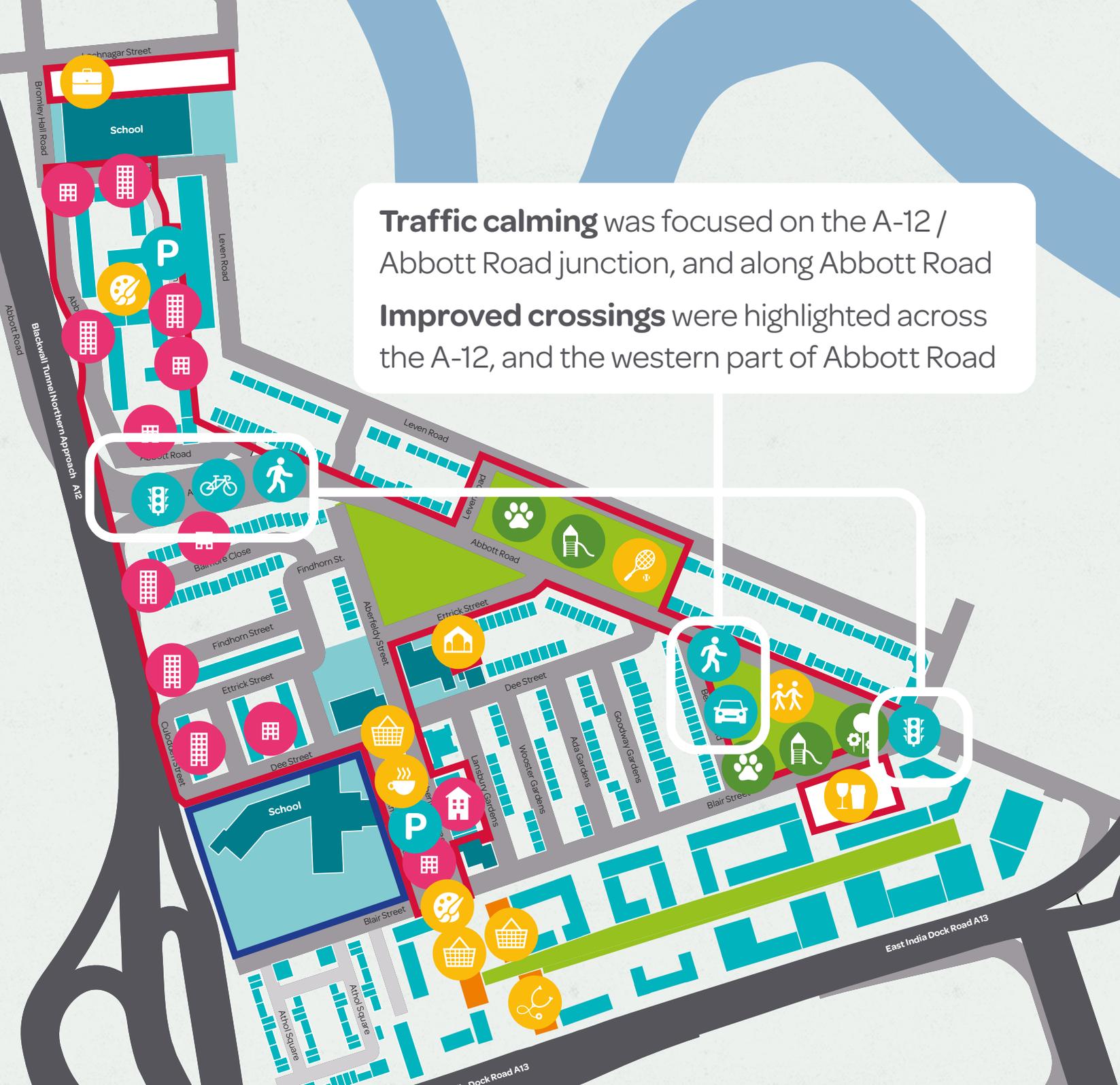


**High rise** blocks were clustered along the A-12 border, **Low and Medium rise** were spread inside the Aberfeldy West area, Houses were focussed towards the south of Aberfeldy Street and Nairn Street



**Traffic calming** was focused on the A-12 / Abbott Road junction, and along Abbott Road

**Improved crossings** were highlighted across the A-12, and the western part of Abbott Road



**Parking** was highlighted in southern part of Aberfeldy West and Nairn St





**Parks, play and sport areas** were located in green areas adjacent to Abbott Road

**A Pub** was located in Blair Street area





**Community Art** was located across the area  
**Workspace** was located in Nairn St and  
Lochnagar Street

