

LOCHGILPHEAD FRONT GREEN

Public Consultation 9th March 2019

Feedback and Findings





HEADLINE FIGURES



people of all ages, from
Lochgilphead and the
surrounding communities,
attended the event

202

comments left by the
public on the day

506

votes cast on the nine
'Project Ideas' on the day

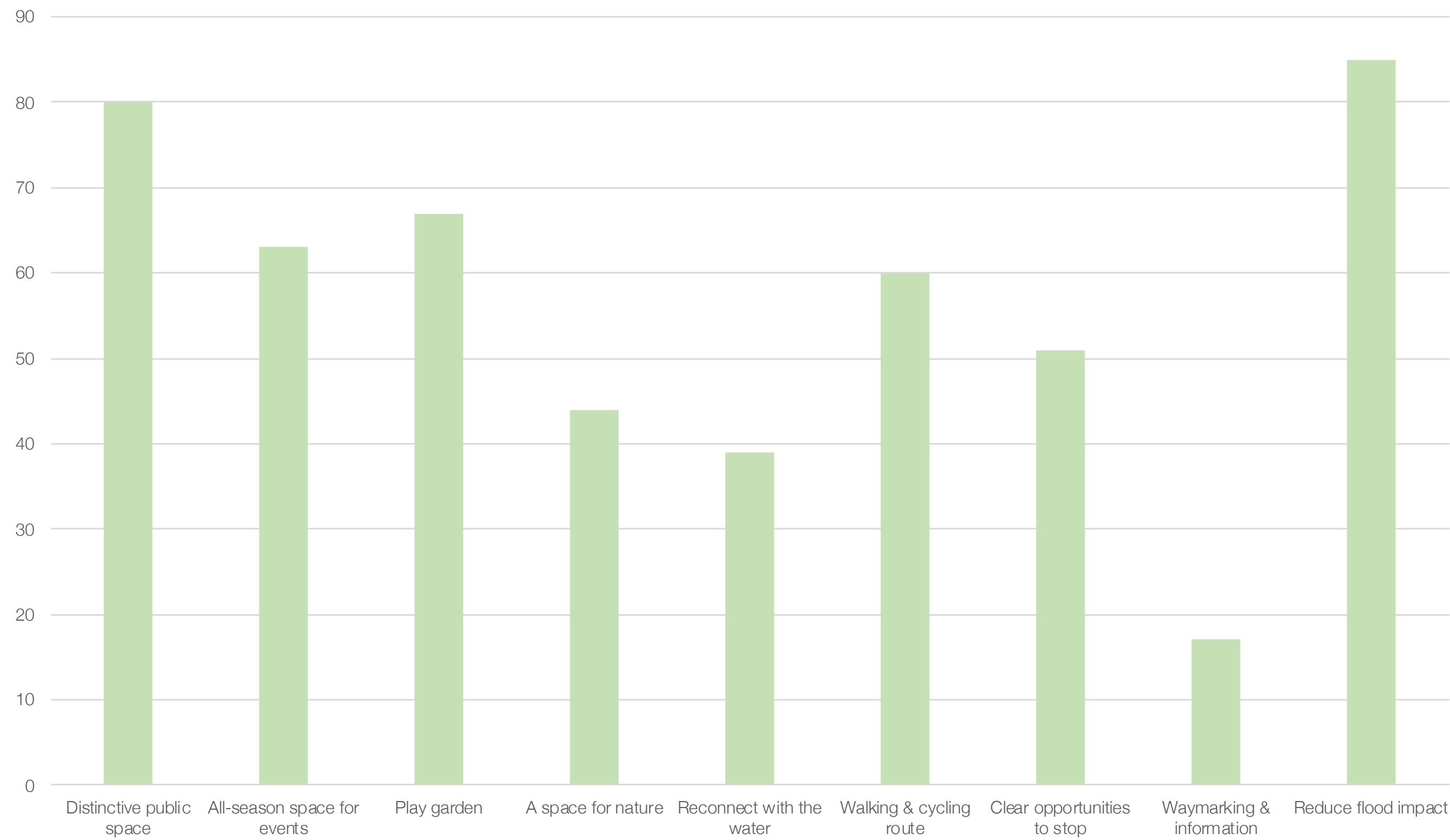
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ideas from students at
Lochgilphead High School

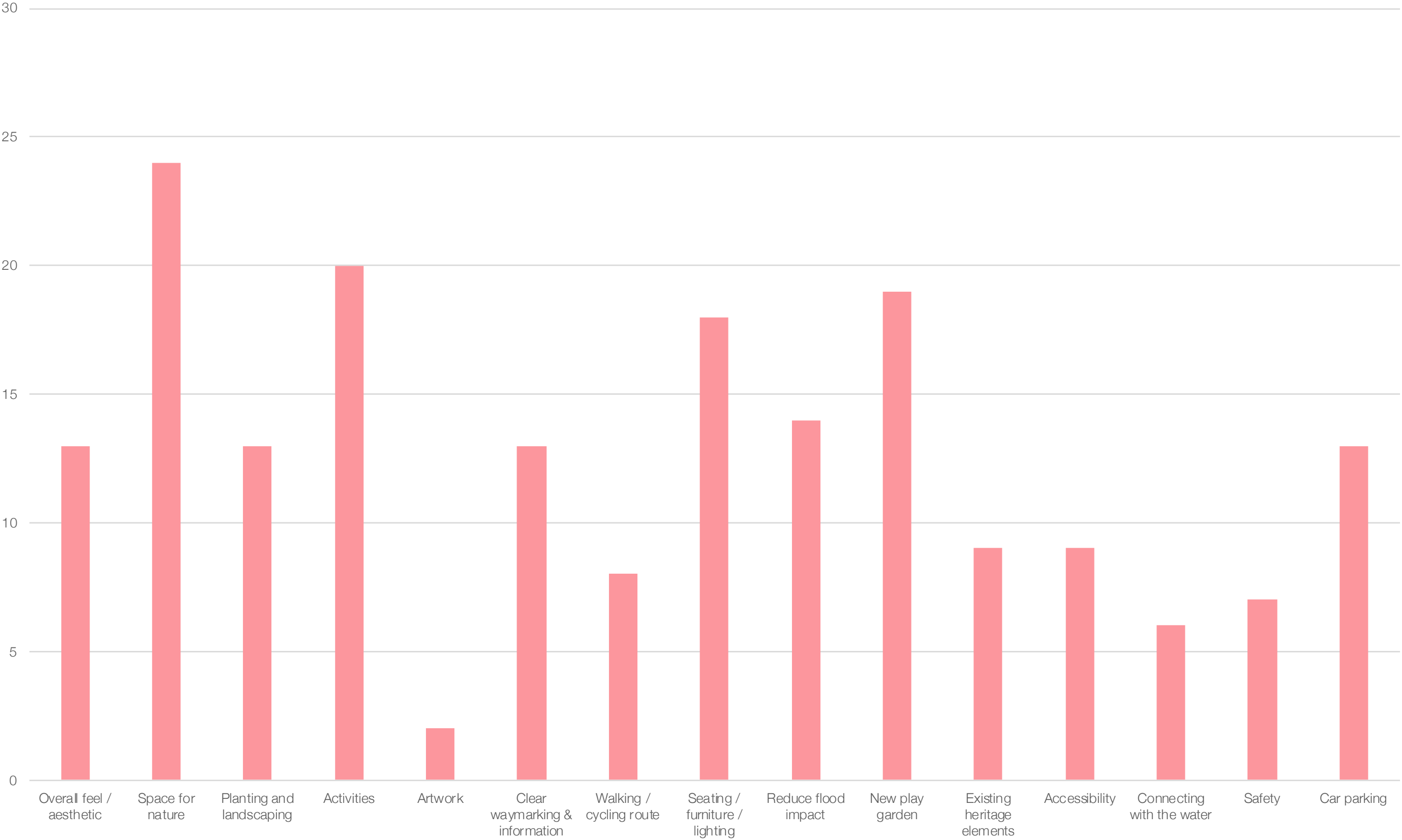
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responses left on the online
survey and counting...

PROJECT IDEA VOTING



SPREAD OF COMMENTS RECEIVED



COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: OVERALL FEEL / AESTHETIC

keep the stunning outlook ●●●●

keep it green

keep it simple

keep it Scottish / west coast looking

keep it unpretentious

avoid the twee

not too much infrastructure

not too much concrete

not too corporate

enhance the natural beauty

maintain visual relationship of church and cross

quality stonework to keep relationship with local heritage



COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: SPACE FOR NATURE

remove the knotweed ● ● ● ●

bird hide (all ability access) ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

maintain views of birds on the sands

board walk ● ● ● ●

nature trail

dredge the river to attract wild life

encourage people to use the 'ebb'

information on flora and fauna



COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: **PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING**

more trees ● ● ●

keep mature trees

flower bed

hanging baskets

floral seating areas ● ● ●

no old-fashioned plant beds

landscaped gardens

butterfly garden / sensory garden

landscape planting to create sheltered seating areas

plant quality green spaces to view and walk



fenced dog park ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●



mosaic
work by local artists

COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: CLEAR WAYMARKING AND INFORMATION

tourist information ● ● ●

community noticeboard

town map

interpretation panel on the green

information on local history

advertise existing facilities

signpost links to surrounding heritage

signage from Tesco roundabout

signage to remind all not to drop litter

no garish signs - keep them in-keeping



COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: WALKING / CYCLING ROUTE

safe connection to the canal network ● ● ●

as much cycle path as possible to the school

interesting walking paths instead of cycle path

promenade at waters edge



make it sheltered



COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: ACCESSIBILITY

plenty of disabled access for all abilities ● ● ●

access for horses

wheelchair access

mobility scooter access to the canal - not too steep

more dropped kerbs



COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: SAFETY

slow the traffic

reinstatement railings on road edge ● ● ●

safer pedestrian/pelican crossing to Colchester Square ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●



COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK: CAR PARKING

parking on the front green ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

no parking on the front green ● ● ●

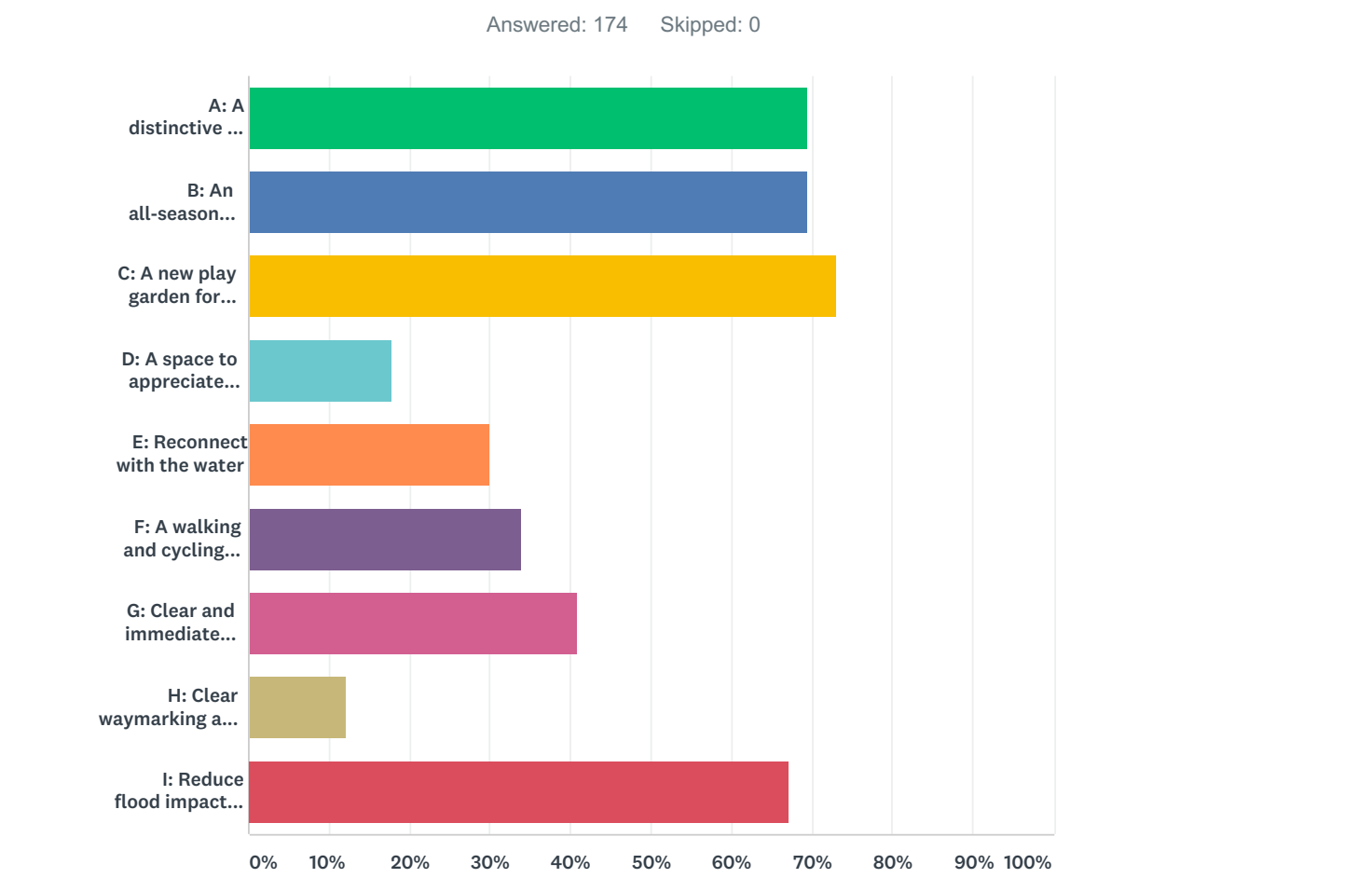
utilise existing parking

move lorry parking to the industrial estate



ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

Q1 Of the initial ideas, which do you think are the most important to improve Front Green and Colchester Square? (please pick up to 5)



Q2 Do you think there are any ideas missing? Please tell us about them...

Answered: 69 Skipped: 105

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A bandstand would be a great idea to encourage local musicians and entertainment. Consideration would need to be given to allowing musicians, entertainers access to power for their equipment. Lots of picnic tables, not just benches, too. Putting a car park near the Corran roundabout is a mistake in my mind. Visitors reaching there are already on their way out of the town. Parking needs to be in the town centre. Maybe more could be done with the stag car park, e.g. better advertising, cycle racks. The grassed area of the front green next to the police station would make an ideal smallish car park. It could be emptied when the fair arrives or any other similar event. A hard surface would also surely make it easier for those providers when siting equipment. Flower baskets, bunting, more promotion of the local attractions, e.g. Dunadd, Crinan Canal, anything that makes the town more attractive and welcoming is needed. What about a digital display somewhere advertising upcoming events? An online diary perhaps maintained by a willing local business or member of the community council. A big screen could be sited somewhere central, e.g. post office or other business window (or perhaps the Argyllshire Advertiser Office) and the website easily accessed by anyone who wants to see it. There are too many events that clash and so some weekends are busy when others are totally empty.	3/13/2019 9:37 AM
2	More trees, flower beds and picnic tables / benches.	3/13/2019 8:08 AM
3	All of these ideas are important, but if you were to ask us to grade them this survey might be more helpful	3/13/2019 12:07 AM
4	Picnic area. Canoe launch.	3/12/2019 10:48 PM
5	Remove the limited parking spaces in the square and replace with pedestrian area with all weather seating, picnic benches etc.	3/12/2019 9:37 PM
6	Making the front green more attractive to encourage others to use some a beautiful view down the loch, even bring back the puting	3/12/2019 9:11 PM
7	Picnic benches included	3/12/2019 9:02 PM
8	Paint the buildings along the square And front street bright coulors like Tobermory cleaning up the look of the town and would attract tourists	3/12/2019 8:42 PM
9	More seating and picnic area	3/12/2019 8:33 PM
10	More sitting areas	3/12/2019 8:33 PM
11	Some where for kids to play.	3/12/2019 7:49 PM
12	I think it is important to have a safe crossing point - if there are activities on the front green drivers will look at them and perhaps not pay full attention to the road. Children should also get a safe crossing point to get to the front green.	3/12/2019 7:40 PM
13	A nice winding path or paths, with boards telling about interesting Lochgilphead history. Include fountains and exercise machines.	3/12/2019 7:38 PM
14	get the old paddling pool back. have a more fun play park like the one at Aberlour. Crazy Golf Course Climbing Wall Teenagers area (swings/benches/hammocks) Steps down to the loch Get the annual charity assault course back make something on the island and have a bridge across to it	3/12/2019 7:03 PM
15	Take down the dead trees on front green and plant some new ones and a big wooden gazebo for people to sit in to enjoy the view and the wildlife	3/12/2019 6:46 PM
16	Stone Walled areas that could have Interesting local facts, plants, seating areas, updated public toilets.	3/12/2019 6:29 PM
17	Proper drainage on Front Green and a sea wall to stop watercoming over on to the Green	3/12/2019 5:22 PM

LOCHGILPHEAD HIGH SCHOOL COMMENTS

Fiona Kalache, manager of the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services consulted with students at Lochgilphead High School about the redevelopment of the Front Green. The students were given the following information, and then asked to respond on a post-it note.

Front Green is about to be redesigned. Before the Council starts the redesign, it wants to ask young people what would they would like to see on the outdoor space at Front Green. That could be anything from more gigs to better play equipment.

Thinking about what you already have in Lochgilphead, and what you've seen when you've been to other places, what would you most like to see take place on Front Green?



We recieved 128 responses, which we have organised into categories relating to our nine 'Project Ideas'.

On the following page is a selection of the responses.

LOCHGILPHEAD HIGH SCHOOL COMMENTS



Reconnect with the water

pier
pontoon
dock
beach

slide into the sea

Seating / furniture

more picnic benches
a hut out the rain and wind

Events

all year round fair
outdoor concert hall

Planting

trees
nice plants

Sports

tennis court
hockey pitch
5 - a - side pitch
cricket pitch

Wow factor

a large sculpture to represent
local history, heritage and
nature - made locally!

New play garden

more swings
trampolines in the grass
climbing area
monkey and gorilla bars
zip line
more springy things
outdoor gym equipment

Other exciting ideas

rollercoaster
zoo
glass floor aquarium
skatepark
pump track
mountain bike trails
water park
arcade
ice rink
mosque



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

TOURISM ANALYSIS

Map showing the location of the project area within the wider region.

CURRENT COMMUNITY ANXIETIES

Map showing the current community anxieties in the area.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Map showing the public open space in the area.

ZONAL FLOOR PLANNING

Map showing the zonal floor planning in the area.

PROJECT IDEAS

Map showing the project ideas in the area.

LOCKHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

Map showing the location of Lockhead High School.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Map showing the project ideas in the area.

