

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LOOKING FORWARD IN ABERFELDY

Summary of questionnaire responses to feed into the priorities for addressing issues within Aberfeldy for residents and tourists.

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May 2014 a consultation process was undertaken within Aberfeldy to garner the feelings of the residents in relation to a number of issues which could potentially be improved or addressed within Aberfeldy.

A total of 982 questionnaires were delivered by members of the Community Council. Of the 982 delivered 157 were returned which equates to a 16% return rate. This puts it just above the expected average return rate for an external survey, which would be 10~15%.

Input from the questionnaires will play a vital role in assisting future decisions and as such it would be reasonable to discard those responses which did not help due to a lack of questions being answered or spoilt responses. With this in mind a total of 3 response sheets can be excluded from the study as they answered no questions at all but provided comments on issues not raised. This response sheets are 46, 83 and 113.

This leaves a pool of 154 response sheets from which to collect data.

All questions, unless specified, were Yes or No answers and comments invited.

1.1 PRIORITY 1 – DEFINING/MARKETING ABERFELDY BETTER

Question 1 - Should we look to define better the town's identity

85.7% responded Yes

1.2 PRIORITY 2 – CAR PARKING

Question 15 – Do you consider parking is an issue in Aberfeldy?

77.3% responded Yes

Question 16 – Do you consider the embankment/grass area on Old Crieff Road suitable for development into a car park?

62.3% responded Yes

Question 17 – Do you consider the Green triangle by the new toilet block a suitable place to be developed into a car park?

56.2% responded No

Question 18 – Do you consider the verge opposite Dunolly a suitable area to be developed into a car park?

63.0% responded No

Question 19 – Would you consider it suitable to develop approx 1/3 of the putting green into a car park?

67.5% responded No

Question 20 – Should there be charging for parking in Aberfeldy to help with funding?

57.1% responded No

1.3 PRIORITY 3 – THE ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN

Question 2 - Should we look to improve the 'sense of arrival' at the east, north and west ends of town?
84.4% responded Yes

1.4 PRIORITY 4 – TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE TOWN

Question 10 – Could a One Way system being introduced through Aberfeldy?

51.3% responded No

Question 11 – Would a One Way system be beneficial?

53.2% responded No

1.5 PRIORITY 5 – SIGNS IN THE TOWN

Question 3 – Should we give a high priority to improving the contradictory, confusing or redundant signage around the town?
81.2% responded Yes

Question 4 – Do you feel the signage is adequate around the town for tourists?

61.0% responded No

1.6 PRIORITY 6 – BETTER PAVEMENTS

Question 8 – There is a number of very narrow pavements in Aberfeldy, notably around Bridgend, do you think they are dangerous?
37.0% responded Yes

Question 9 – Would you like to see these pavements widened?

46.1% responded Yes

1.7 PRIORITY 7 – THE LOWER BIRKS

Question 14 – Do you want to see the town entrance to Lower Birks improved?

79.2% responded Yes

1.8 PRIORITY 8 – A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Question 12 – Would you consider the lowering of the speed limit to 20mph on all residential roads of Aberfeldy?
73.4% responded Yes

1.9 PRIORITY 9 – IMPROVEMENTS TO SHOP FRONTS

Question 7 – It has been suggested that the council could support the upgrade of some shop frontages, would you support this? **64.3% responded Yes**

1.10 PRIORITY 10 – A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Question 13 – Do you support the provision of a single surface and the levelling of the whole Square to support events? **49.4% responded Yes**

1.11 PRIORITY 11 – BETTER LIGHTING IN THE SQUARE

Question 5 – Do you consider the level of existing lighting to be sufficient in and around the Square? **67.5% responded Yes**

Question 6 – Is lighting an issue elsewhere in Aberfeldy?

63.0% responded No

2. WHERE IS ABERFELDY?

As locals we take it for granted, but Aberfeldy as a tourist destination has to cater for various types of visitors, from the pre-booked visitor wanting easily to find the town from any direction, to the casual visitor who is passing through the area and who might, with correct signage, be encouraged to visit.

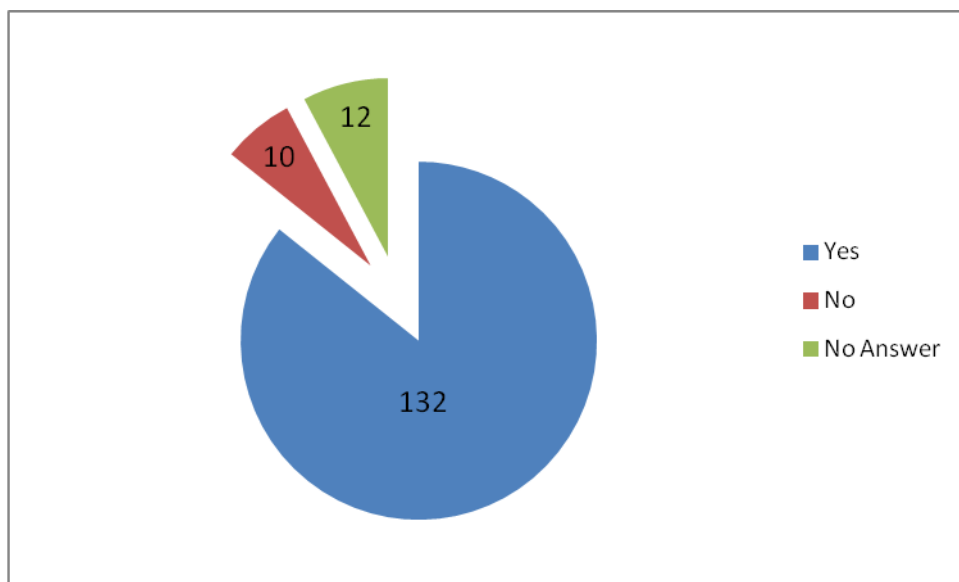
We already know that:

- Aberfeldy is not well signposted from most of the major trunk routes. For example many of the tourist signs refer to either 'Breadalbane' or 'Tourist route to Pitlochry' with Aberfeldy getting few mentions.
- It is essential to give people a 'sense of arrival'. For example, when arriving in Aberfeldy from Crieff direction there is a real sense of arriving in the town.

In this section the following 2 questions were specifically asked and comments requested;

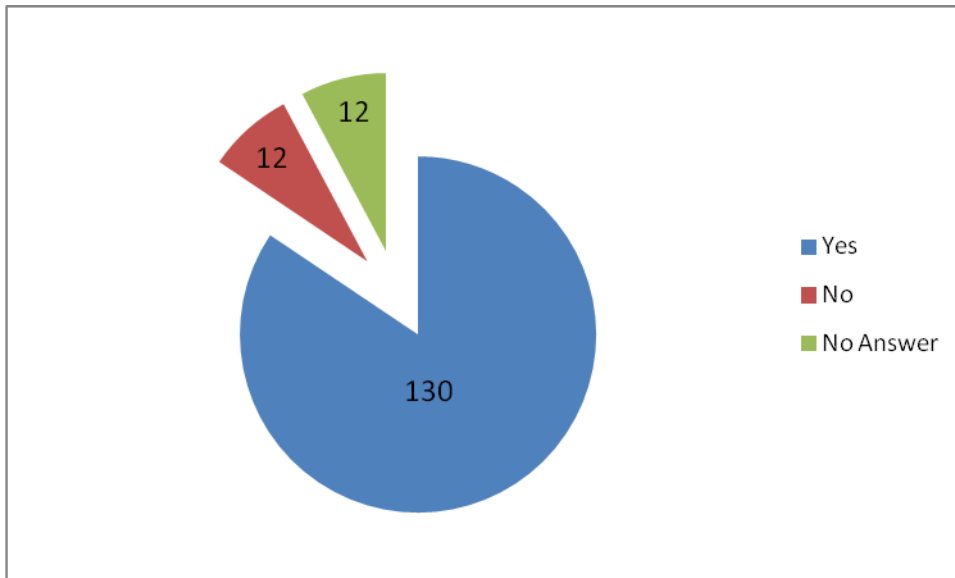
2.1 SHOULD WE LOOK TO DEFINE BETTER THE TOWN'S IDENTITY?

132 responded YES, 10 responded No and the remaining 12 didn't provide an answer.



2.2 SHOULD WE LOOK TO IMPROVE THE 'SENSE OF ARRIVAL' AT THE EAST, NORTH AND WEST ENDS OF TOWN?

130 responded YES, 12 responded No and the remaining 12 didn't provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

Visit Aberfeldy are working to improve the definitions and branding of Breadalbane. Could Aberfeldys identity be linked to this and could we be included in this project. Tourist round to Pitlochry via Crieff & Aberfeldy? Ensure main attractions are high

Part of the attraction of Aberfeldy is that is an unspoilt town

Aberfeldy should be added to the tourist route signs eg Aberfeldy and Pitlochry. Signs to Breadalbane are simply clutter as there is no such place on the map and is more likely to confuse then bring tourists to the town

Tourists dont know where Breadalbane is! Signage showing tourist attractions must relate them to Aberfeldy and not Breadalbane. Prime example here is the signage on the A9 at Balinluig - all attractions currently shown in Breadalbane and not Aberfeldy

Aberfeldy is a small place but is vibrant. We should emphasis the skills of the are's inhabitants - musicians (have some sessions in pubs etc) artists, artisan, cooks, bakers, chocolatiers, etc.

Remove some trees so the river is visible on entering from the east

Good clear signs at the Four entrances to the Town would be a benefit.

How about a waterfall at the west entrance made from Spirals that move out of shiny metal to depict the Moness

Make sure properties for sale kept in a tidy condition eg Church, Crieff Road. Wheelie bins left on pavement Breadalbane terrace (24/7/14). Litter on Old Crieff Road left for weeks on end

The putting green should be kept as a "feature". Such a lovely place to sit and relax. Keep it as a green and beautiful part of Aberfeldy.

Clear advance publicity for Wades Bridge as one approaches from every direction.

I think there should be better Policing in Town especially at weekends

M21 are trying

Better signage for Aberfeldy, Generally

Good lighting on the main entries to the town

Agree with points made above

Investment in landscaping and maintenance

All need improvement especially from the east. Suggest softening the industrial area

The sign coming in from the east is very confusing as the first thing you see is a list of attractions. All directions the same.

Clean up frontage Breadalbane Terrace this is the worst area, also Splash and Old filling Station

Why so much emphasis on Breadalbane? I'm sure most visitors have no idea what it relates to. Entrance from west is very low key just now. From the east is not too bad but there is a big empty which would benefit from shrubs or sculptures. From the north

The empty shops are bound to have a negative effect. The Co-Op building will make it much worse when it is empty - but not a huge car park please.

De-clutter! "Welcome to"

Possibly the Distillery could help at the East end. They must be keen to establish Dewars and Aberfeldy connection as they have named one of their whiskeys Aberfeldy.

I think the current signage is in keeping with the image of Aberfeldy. However I feel that we could do with more the "Osprey" sculpture from the eastern entrance. And the "stag" at the southern entrance to the town. These features help to create an image

Welcome signs and more flowers

Substantial stone or wood pillar supporting board/sign stating welcome to Aberfeldy on all roads into the town

Signage from east is very insignificant and could be improved. Daffodils could be planted on ground prior to crossing Urlar Burn (from south)

Welcome Signage to be more personal and pertinent to local. Less "Brown" signage.

New Aberfeldy signs

West entrance could be improved

Do not have too many signs on one post

Let tourists discover Aberfeldy for themselves. Plenty of people use Aberfeldy as a stopping place - see the bikers in the square most weekends

The town should find a focus i.e A General Wades town or Menzies Town or Aberfeldy in Breadalbane or Aberfeldy on the old road to Inverness or Aberfeldy by the tay. In other words focus on Aberfeldys place in History or its wonderful geographic location

Welcome to Aberfeldy on signposts

A greeting board on the town side of the distillery might help. What is a quite messy east-west arrival. Ditto before the Kenmore street roundabout.

Reduce signs. Reduce individual company signs. Get rid of toilet town signs. Redevelop an area of Aberfeldy e.g "Scotlands Drug Centre"

As a walker in town I still feel that a gradual pavement repair plan would be the best safety work and also look smarter to visitors who do tend to walk about.

Welcome to Aberfeldy would be inviting

Aberfeldy seems to be an afterthought, just a route to somewhere else

So long as there is tasteful signage - appropriate and proportionate, congruous and consistent with whats already present and in keeping with the area.

Litter clearance. Clear signage, perhaps floral tubs etc

It is not signage but the town itself that needs improving. Kenmore street and Dunkeld street are not attractive. The Breadalbane Amrs is an eyesore and some of the buildings around the square are scruffy.

More public art created by local artists, sculptors, poets etc. To represent the towns artistic community and vibe and give an interesting sense of arrival.

Of course, identity could be improved but it doesn't seem a high priority. The sense of arrival is more important. Perhaps main attractions, the birks, the cinema etc. Could be highlighted as you arrive.

Let the town itself do this - as stated funds are limited and so marginal costs should be avoided.

Old fashioned iron Aberfeldy signs needs replaced

Condense signage and make Aberfeldy clearer

East End - too many advertising business signs. Why is there a portacabin at cemetery for rafters, would be better down the bank nearer the river. Cemetery is a disgrace at best of times. Artificial flowers tied to Bulworks tacky. Buses and Lorries parke

East - more could be made of Flat Arch opposite caravan site eg larger version of boat sign. North - more difficult due to lack of space and sharp bend before bridge West - field on south side could be used for signage

More attractive signs Aberfeldy

Lack of parking

All direction signs should include Aberfeldy. The Birks should be on a brown tourist sign showing a water fall.

Instead of always promoting water sports, golf etc. Could try to highlight other benefits of staying in area, Cinema, things for kids to do, shopping etc.

Cut back the sides of the roads example ditches, hedge, grass pavements leading into Town. Badly need a clean Tourists need more reasons to come to Aberfeldy more indoor reasons to stop for an hour to a week onwards.

More prominent signage at west end of town. Breadalbane means nothing to many people. Could have Aberfeldy on the tourist route signs.

Make it clear that this is the heart of Scotland - a holiday town - list visitor attractions and recreational facilities. We have everything the English Lake district has and more, but don't advertise the area for walking like they do and extend our seas

Aberfeldy the centre of Scotland. Also create a walkway to the exact spot, perhaps a mini monument

Entry from South. Cleaning of Bridge of Birks entrance with lighting on or under bridge. Birks entrance to be landscaped or tidied.

All entrances are unique from south, the sense of identity is provided by geographical setting similarly bridge and monument. What is nice is the sense of discovery from east - suddenly you are there.

Emphasise Aberfeldy not Fairtrade, do people actually come here to Fairtrade? I doubt it

Welcome to the home of the Blackwatch. To the Birth Place of John Dewar Whiskey. Queen Victoria and Robert Burns paths crossed here. The above signs encourage visitors to move on.

No already kept well by local groups. Enhance the facilities we have already. Try to get visitors to spend time in

A Keep Aberfeldy clean campaign, bins on tayside walks, Birks walks. Footpath up, Faragon up. A Village development plan. Consider open space, traffic flow, visual impact of the high street

Bit of a silly question, who would say No to any improvement

Aberfeldy needs to be identified as a location from the A9 travelling North and from the A9 travelling south in Crieff (Dunblane) Pitlochry

Its a no brainer - Aberfeldy needs to seriously consider its position as a tourist destination

Certainly - a really smart sign on entry, set in flowers and shrubs. Also, any buildings/plots of land that are an eyesore. Can there be an incentive to improve these.

West only needed

Signs could say Aberfeldy - welcome to the Heart of Scotland and please drive carefully at entrances to town.

Better signage and more information of the area with places of interest.

Floral displays

The sense of arrival is perfectly welcoming already. Signposts from A9 could be better

Several signs of very different design and construction look a mess (eg at the turning just before Kenmore to Crannog etc) Breadalbane does seem much less appropriate than Aberfeldy on sign posts.

Some signs pointing out that Aberfeldy is the exact geographical Centre of Scotland - did you know that?

Feature First Fair-trade town in Scotland and the Black Watch

Yes we should improve this, but it is not priority at the moment. It is nice to see Welcome to Aberfeldy or Thank you for visiting, see you soon again.

The lower Birks as the way through for Pedestrians to the Upper Birks is singularly lacking in signage from the main street. Especially as the Birks is a justifiable claim to fame.

This survey is quite obviously skewed with the needs of Business People

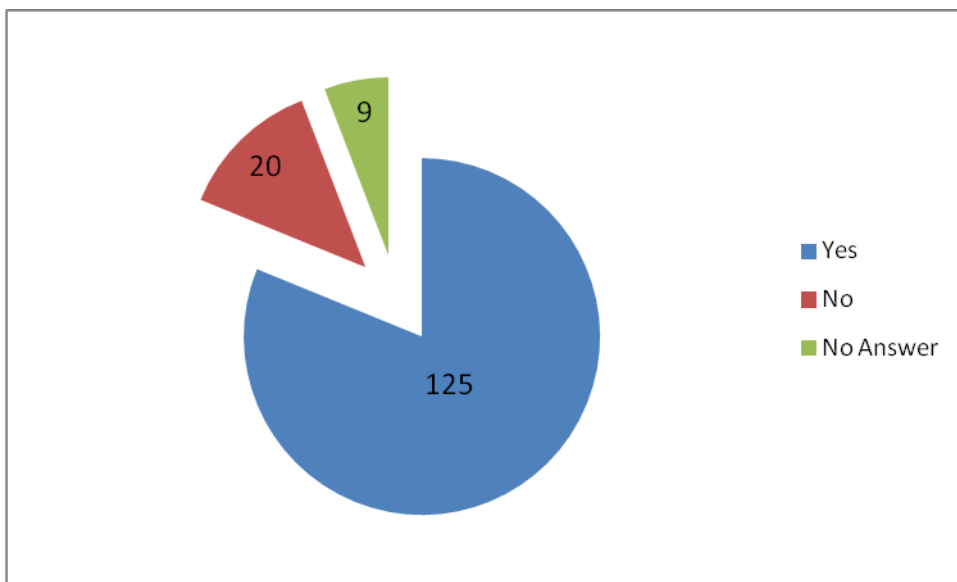
Need improve more for tourist

Aberfeldy placed at connect of 4 roads - need to keep visitors in town/area instead of driving through. Having an identity and welcoming arrival important as first impression vital

3. VISITOR SIGNAGE AROUND ABERFELDY

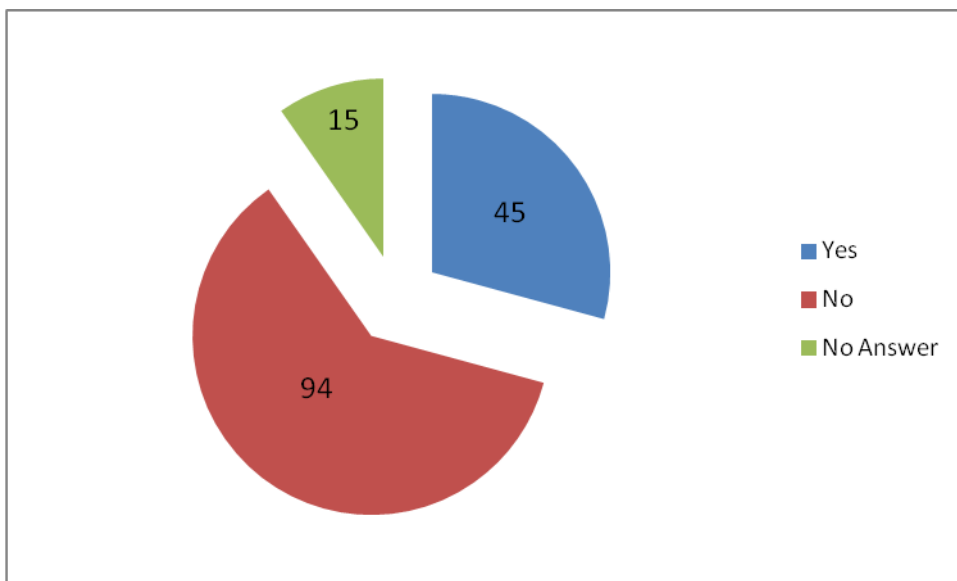
3.1 SHOULD WE GIVE A HIGH PRIORITY TO IMPROVING THE CONTRADICTORY, CONFUSING OR REDUNDANT SIGNAGE AROUND THE TOWN?

125 responded YES, 20 responded No and the remaining 9 didn't provide an answer.



3.2 DO YOU FEEL THE SIGNAGE IS ADEQUATE AROUND THE TOWN FOR TOURISTS?

45 responded YES, 94 responded No and the remaining 15 didn't provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

One recognisable type of sign for all attractions leading off from Square. Signs for toilets for public use.

Event organisers should be made to take their signage down immediately after event - eg Etape road closure signs still up a week later. Signage visible to drivers to such as Balck Watch monument and wades bridge required. Prominent street maps for tourists

Tourist attractions should be listed on signage for Aberfeldy. Both on outlying tourist routes and on entrances to the town.

I'm often asked for location of certain tourist attractions in the area (not always in Aberfeldy). Also approx distances for walking etc,

By all means remove redundant signage and improve any confusing signage but it would not be first thing on list so not High Priority

The Locus centre is poorly signposted

Signs for toilets need be kept up to date

There are signs that are no longer appropriate to the town and also the multi-directional signpost in the square need to be adjusted and kept in place

Fewer and cleaner and more geared to helping the visitor

They don't know where there are any public toilets

Too many signs

Many times have been asked where Post Office is. Also display way to Chemist

Could be a lot better

Signage explaining Wades Bridge and Black Watch History

Need more signage re toilets

We are in danger of having too much signage

A large easily read map in the square with local attractions on it.

Some signs are redundant whilst other facilities are hardly shown, i.e, swimming pool

The shops, pubs, galleries and cafe are fairly easy to find. Start at Dunkeld street and follow straight ahead to Kenmore street. Obviously there has to be clear signage for things like Wades Bridge, Black watch monument, Watermill, Victoria park

Remove redundant signs, update signs. Use clear, professional signs for local events such as monthly market events in town hall

A sign for the Upper Birks. Car park in the approaches to the town.

This should be something that needs to be done, but not high priority for a town like Aberfeldy. And since I am not a tourist I cannot speak from that standpoint

Take away the redundant signs

At appropriate locations perhaps a "You are Here" type of signboard showing map feathering places of interest primarily

Sat-Navs direct tourists to Moness Hotel, via Moness avenue instead of via Crieff Road. Perhaps more signage to Moness Hotel in square would be useful

Better signs for point of interest around town

Many of the road signs could do with a good wash. A new Crieff Road sign above AMPM - its illegible

The signs at the approach to the A9 at Logierait are confusing.

Need clear signage to public toilets

Poor signs for toilets and parking restrictions

All the places of interest are signed, why put up more signs

Most definitely not. All signs should seek to strengthen the feeling that Aberfeldy is a natural gateway to the highlands and historically this is correct. We are not putting our inhesited history to use - our signage should emphasis Aberfeldys three ma

Location of tourist information office not well signed. Other venues such as distillery, watermill etc could be improved

There are too many largely irrelevant signs. Comrie has it about it

I agree Aberfeldy might have a higher profile on the signs on the A9 and needs som road signs in the Town

Tourists need clearer signs to the places of interest in Aberfeldy

Where there are already several signs in place, which look messy, you could replace them with one sign. In

particular the approach to Aberfeldy on the A827 signs for toilets, campsite, fairtrade town etc.

Untidy, yet fails to highlight key attractions

The pedestrian crossing is far too near the roundabout, lorries/buses just go over it.

Update tourist maps at Tourist & car park. More direction signs for monument, Birks etc

Not thought about it much but could probably be better

Moness Resort should give directions to their customers the way to their front drive. Backgate is always locked therefore causing a lot more traffic on the Old Crieff Road and Moness Avenue

Too many signs are overkill, also, signs to what?`

The map in the Car Park is faded and useless. It needs replacing with one showing clearly where the Birks are in relation to the Car park as well as all the other spots of interest in the town.

P&K maps incl comfort schemes at car park behind Garage are absolute disgrace

We should have places of interest on signposts in square, monument, cross road and Birks

More info on where toilets are available. Perhaps a list rather or as well as signage pointing to locations

The black cast iron signs are attractive. Too many signs are unattractive and confusing

Minimise signs so that signs that are needed can be seen. Clean and repair signs so that they can be seen.

Make sure correct signs are in place

Paint all the Street name signs on Buildings. Paint all street furniture including lampposts

Some need cleaning eg Watermill sign at bottom of Mill Brae

Partly - parking at the moment is awful due to gasworks/pavement repairs/work at the New BP/Co-Op horrendous for locals and off putting to visitors

People confuse Crieff Road and Old Crieff Road especially when finding Moness

Some street name signs seem to be missing. Some signs are unnecessary eg the 30 sign below

Finding your way around a new village is part of the fun of travel

Just get rid of the Rubbish signs. Big Welcome boards ie USA style would be an improvement

Review all signage and local area maps consider type and size

Aberfeldy needs to have large signs at all the incoming roads, detailing such attractions as the Birks, the Distillery, the Cinema etc

Don't know

Very good

Enhanced signs would be good - indicating all parking areas (free)

Finger posts not always in right direction. Redundant signage need removed. Brown tourist signage not easy process for business owners

It does need to be improved but I don't think it should be given high priority

Too much street furniture is not a good idea. Any improvement must be done sympathetically

Obviously TOILETS are the most urgent needs of everyone passing through town

See previous comment and yes to taking down redundant signage

Too many signs left for too long. Eg Recent cycle race signs have been up for over a week after the event.

Diversion signs are also misleading

I feel the Campus and in particular the Library needs to be shown in signs. Tourists are not aware they can find the library and they find the campus hard to locate and the only sign says Recreation centre

More signs to car parks. More signs to toilets

Especially toilets

Yes. I do remember my first days in Aberfeldy. Locus centre is good signed. I went there, gave me a map and explained where everything is.

Remove redundant signage. Remove comfort scheme signs. Place on the doors of Businesses.

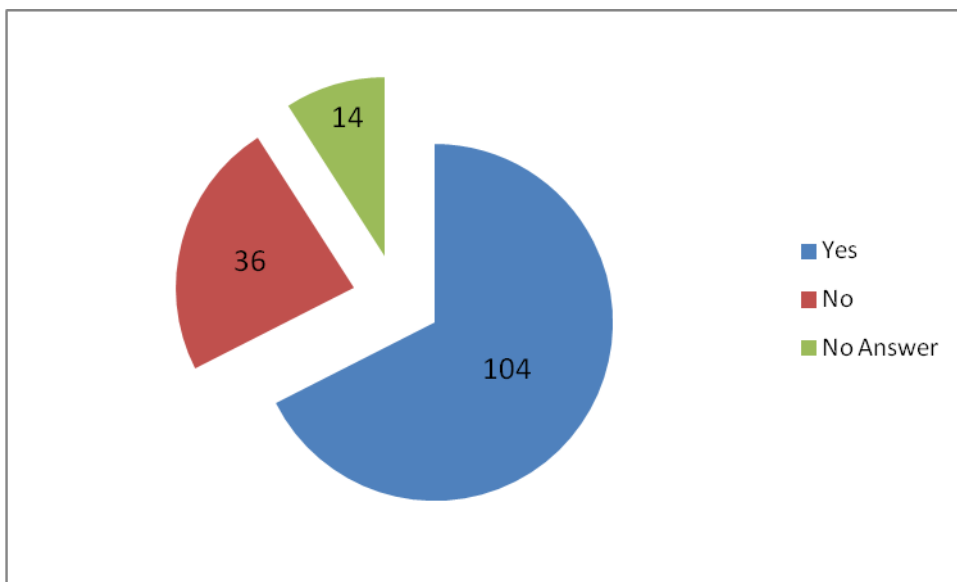
Signage does not welcome people to Aberfeldy nor does it say Thank you for visiting. It does not make clear what is in Aberfeldy on arrival

Too many signs can be confusing (also too many different signs/type/colour etc) Out of date signage confusing (also no signage / street names)

4. LIGHTING IN THE SQUARE

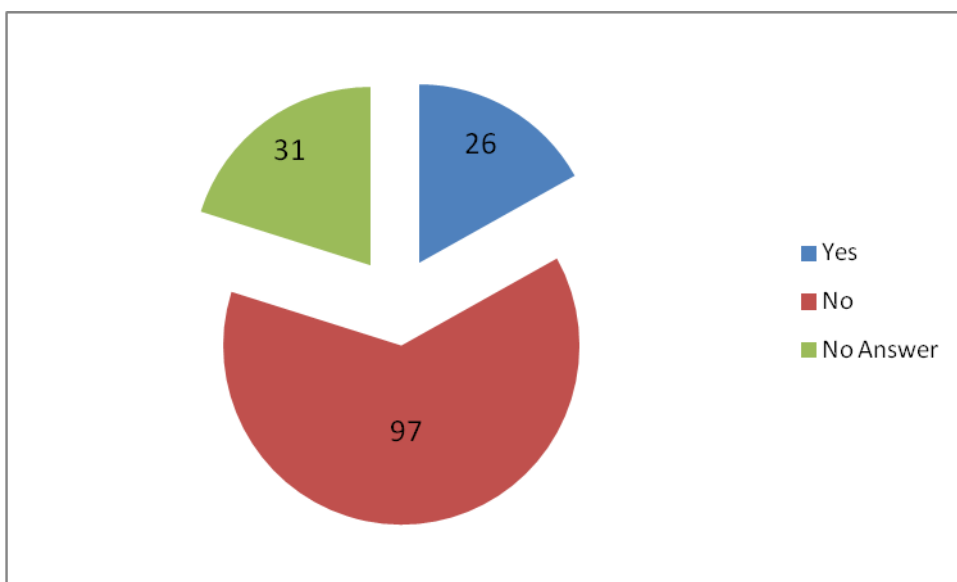
4.1 DO YOU CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF EXISTING LIGHTING TO BE SUFFICIENT IN AND AROUND THE SQUARE?

104 responded Yes, 36 responded No and the remaining 14 did not provide an answer.



4.2 IS LIGHTING AN ISSUE ELSEWHERE IN ABERFELDY?

26 responded Yes, 97 responded No and the remaining 31 did not provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

The street lights that are on a sensor don't work. The lights go off as you approach them.

Christmas lighting sometimes not always on in some displays. The tree lighting is not very attractive

Crieff Road towards Moness round by Park

17 & 18 Moness Crescent and Alma Avenue

Lighting in the square is totally unacceptable. Very dark particularly in area of RBS, Locus centre and Slorance Gallery corner. Elsewhere in Aberfeldy faulty lights are not being maintained generally

some on Birks Bridge would look good

Replace Sodium lamps. Better with old fashioned lamp posts in keeping with victorian context

I am not aware of issues with lighting although it may well be an issue with others

You could get Andy Scott to design something lit up like "The Kelpies" - maybe a trout/salmon or a set of golf clubs on a large sculpture

Can't comment - not often in town after dark

I have frequently took trips out in the evening to most locations in the town and I am happy that the current light that I have encountered is both most adequate and meets safety standards for the area

Brighter bulbs are needed

Generally very good

Square is darker than approaching roads. Also one of busiest places. Too many dark corners especially for of Old Crieff Road

Lighting from Birks to Urlar Road very dark

Lighting in the square is adequate if all the are working properly at present the lights on RBS building are just a glimmer

We should have 2 information boards in the square with suitable lighting to emphasis say its links with the Clan Menzies and Campbell, General Wade the Aberfeldy branch and Aberfeldy as a gateway to the treasures of the highland. Lots of more information

I don't really know. Perhaps a little more in the square or entrance streets until bedtime, not all night

Lighting is in keeping with the square

Lower Birks needs lighting - feels unsafe to walk through at night from Crieff road to Bank street

Mill Brae is quite dark

Again, could be better, but not a priority

Lighting in the square will be virtually non-existent once Co-Op moves. More lights please

No action required

Downlights to signpost and trees in square. Lights on or under Bridges around Town

The square is centre point of Aberfeldy so should be well lite. Not enough light up hill behind Bank of Scotland, shrubs and over-growth shading pavement. Change to LED light for better light amd more cost effective

Ornamental globe-type lamps would enhance square otherwise best to try to reduce light pollution

At the Bottom of Old Crieff Road it is very dark

Would like to see some kind of mood lighting in Birks

To bright lights could have the opposite effect, but improvement could help

Very bottom of old Crieff Road very dark

Any additional lighting should be low level 1880's style or ground lighting v's high impact lighting

Up at Moness Crescent and Crieff Road

Light is not really a problem outside of the square

Mill Brae, Burnside

Perhaps better lights would enhance the square

I have not ticked either yes or no because I am not sure

I am not evening walker. So far was enough light everywhere. Lighting in shortcut from Moness Crescent to Birks

I reported a lam post not working in Farragon Drive over a month ago and it has still not been fixed. There is a need for another light near to the entrance to Tom Chulan Court, opposite the entrance is very dark in wintertime.

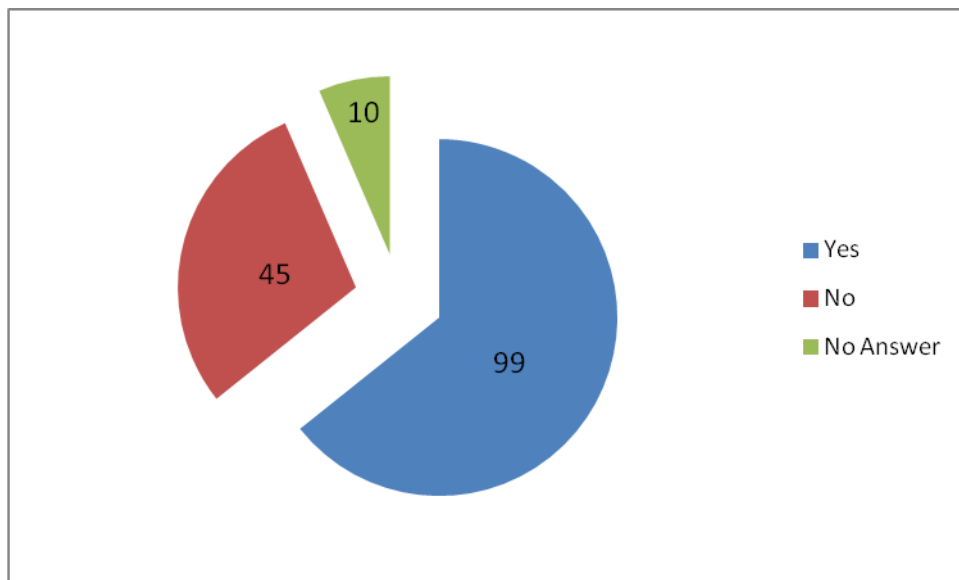
Mill street, Ard Beg

5. SHOP FRONTAGES

It has been suggested that the council could support the upgrade of some shop frontages in Aberfeldy.

5.1 WOULD YOU SUPPORT THIS?

99 responded Yes, 45 responded No and the remaining 10 did not provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

Especially the empty shops but probably not a priority or the best use of council money

If business owners do not understand the need to keep their frontage clean and tidy to help their own trade. I do not see why taxpayers should take on the responsibility.

Empty shops and their frontages do have an impact on the attractiveness of the town. Not sure what the answer is. Is there a way of brightening up empty shop frontages.

The appearance of some shops spoils the upgraded and tasteful appearance of others eg Look at the square - Cafe Habitat and Audrey Slorances Gallery next to some unattractive shop fronts

Former Chinese shop in Dunkeld Street should be made to tidy up

Why should those shop owners/leaseholders who fail to maintain their premises benefit and not those who do maintain their frontage. It would have to be available to all for a windfuall on completion and found to be of a satisfactory standard

Improve the plants grown at the Breadalbane Hotel and remove the weeds. Get the Chip Shop frontage painted

Shop keepers should keep shop frontage cleaner. Whatever happened to soapy water!!! Pavements swept. Co-Op cages are an eyesore and filthy

Hopefully when the Co-Op moves we can get rid of all that window signage which is hideous

They should look after their own shop fronts if they have pride in their business

We would like to see Empty shops with something on their windows, even an advert for something local. PKC could improve the appear of their own redundant properties i.e. Old council offices, they are a disgrace.

What is got to happen when the present Co-Op closes, that needs action

In principle good idea if owners will contribute as well. Some PKC back-up with planning applications might be useful if nothing else.

No sure how ths would work from Financial perspective. Uniformity of frontages would be a positive.

Either all or none get help. If really is the shopkeepers responsibility. Certainly lean on people to get it done. Is it not up to individual shops to tidy themselves up. I do not think many shops are untidy/need upgrading. This is the responsibility of owners and those renting. Pressure should be brought on them

Compared to some places Aberfeldy shopkeepers seem to take a pride in having clean and well kept shop fronts but a new coats of paint keeps things fresh and updated. There are however one or two premises that need definite upgrading.

Recent painting of some shops in Dunkeld street brightens up and makes them more attractive - more needed eg old chip shop. (Find uses for empty shops - school children art work)

The cleaning / painting of the shop front of the one-time Chinese chipper. This will be full view of the new Co-op exits presumably

Do something with the empty properties and the appearance of the Fish and Chip shop would stop me going in. Not only the upgrade of shop fronts but also helping small businesses stay in business, so that there are not empty premises as well.

P&K Council can't look after their own property at crossroads its an eyesore

But actually love Aberfeldy for its traditional appearance so would advise caution to maintain same style

Don't see why council should support financially but could encourage especially at former Chinese takeaway

Enforcement order served to maintain standard cleanliness. Windows could be utilised by posters places to visit, where to eat, where to stay, local shops, events this week.

It is the responsibility of the person who owns shop or building

Business need to take this into account and should pay their own upgrades

Some of the shops need to do alot more to smarten up the appearance. This in turn will give the place a much better feel and look much better. We want tourists to come back and it will be nicer for locals

It is up to the shop owners to pay for this not the taxpayer

Chinese Takeaway needs improvement and the Hub in bank street

Shop frontages are the responsibility of the shop owners unless the building has a listed status

It is up to the landlords to maintain their shop fronts. Would you give me a grant to keep my front garden tidy?

This would help to strengthen the town as a gateway to something exciting - eg the four of five assets G Wade, The Birks, Gateway to the Highlands, Burns, The Clans

Dunkeld street could be smartened up a bit. It is an important route to the town centre

This is important for people passing through the town

Thats down to individual shop owners - subsidies would have be shared out equally

A prosperous look encourages visitors and their spending

Empty shop fronts could be utilised for public art, displays, pop-up galleries and shopts etc

Not a council function in my view

Business must do this themselves. This seems to be spending non-existant funds

Some shop keepers are very good but most dont seem to appreciate that a clean/bright welcome frontage would entice more people in to their premises

Also think the shop owners should be held responsible for maintaining buildings. Prime example, Haggats old building lick of paint on top half would improve the look, also old chip shop does nothing for Aberfeldy

But is that within their remit

Is it not up to the owners of the property to keep things clean and tidy

Co-Op should be forced to paint and tidy up before moving to new site. Should also be forced to maintain site

As long as it was even-handed and shop owners were allowed to retain individuality

Those who leave their shop units empty should be forced to make them look more attractive. Perhaps with poster in windows of local scenes. The council could impose a charge if they don't comply

It will be needed once Co-Op moves to the Garage

Not at the expense of making everything standard. Keep the character as much as possible. Whats to become of the old Co-Op building? Info needed

Should this not be done by the local owner of many shops along Bank Street and Dunkeld Street

Anything to make shops more attractive to visitors

We live in the 21st Century so should move with the times and look more modern

Restoration of poor signage shop fronts such as Pizza shop in Old Haggarts (good takeaway). Council need to consider how to reduce impact of vacancy of Co-Op in Square - see Crieff

Some properties are looking awful which gives a bad impression to visitors in the town.

Aberfeldy could become a destination known for its high quality artisan shops. Empty shops should be made to look attractive and plastic signs replaced with hand painted signs. Haggarts, Dows, Habitat Cafe and Audrey Slorance are all good examples.

Not very important

Cost

Think business owners or landlords of empty buildings should be made to keep buildings upgraded and to a high if not good standard.

Council paying to improve private business?

Remove all grass and vegetation from roofs and gutters on buildings. Repair fences, gates and paint

Ok, traditional

Some shops looking jaded and empty shops always give a bad impression

Promote independent retailers. Different to other towns with Chain Stores only in them.

Is there no way to coerce property owners to keep their frontage presentable? I guess this is about the Co-Op which is a disgrace - if all else fails, better to spend public money than have an eyesore in the middle of town.

Talking about eyesores, Chipp

Yes, Yes, Yes!

Property owners should be accountable and minimum standards set. Re: style/design and presentation

Premier shop, Bank Street Frontage. More appearance through windows

Unrealistic but desirable. But who would decide what upgrade means

This is up to the shop owners who will profit from this

Town centre regeneration should be ongoing as a joint council/local action

I think that it would be a worthwhile scheme

I think Aberfeldy would benefit from a mix of eclectic shops - unusual things or new products not yet on sale elsewhere. Lead the way

Up to owners and tenants

I also think that the landlords of properties should contribute to this rather than the council - after all they charge high enough rents and I'm sure they could offset this against tax

Uniform colours (where possible) Similar designs throughout (complimenting each other would be good) Similar materials used throughout

Especially the Co-Op building in the square once it becomes empty

If we used a speed camera the charges could be used towards this and probably a lot of other projects due the amount that ignore the speed limits now.

However it must be in keeping with existing architecture. What has been allowed to happen to Haggarts shops is appalling

Each property ought to look after their own frontage

As a sign writer I notice more than a lot of folk, poorly designed or coloured shop frontages and would love to see more hand-painted signs. We need tasteful without dreary

Some shops could do with a good coat of paint

No I feel shopkeepers should do this themselves unless the shop being used is a community project

I am not entirely sure what is meant by upgrade frontage? - and anyway a lot of shop premises are empty and closed down. Much more important to fill these - charity shops are a good thing

Empty and poorly frontaged shops make the whole place look tatty

I think it is up to every shop keeper to make it nice and welcomed for customers

The Habitat Cafe and Birks Cinema has thrown a lot of the rest of the square into a more shabby outlook. The one hotel in the square really could do with a coat of paint especially on the gable ends.

Whitewashed windows are not an attraction to anywhere

Yes - some shop frontages need smartening up. Some very garish colours too!

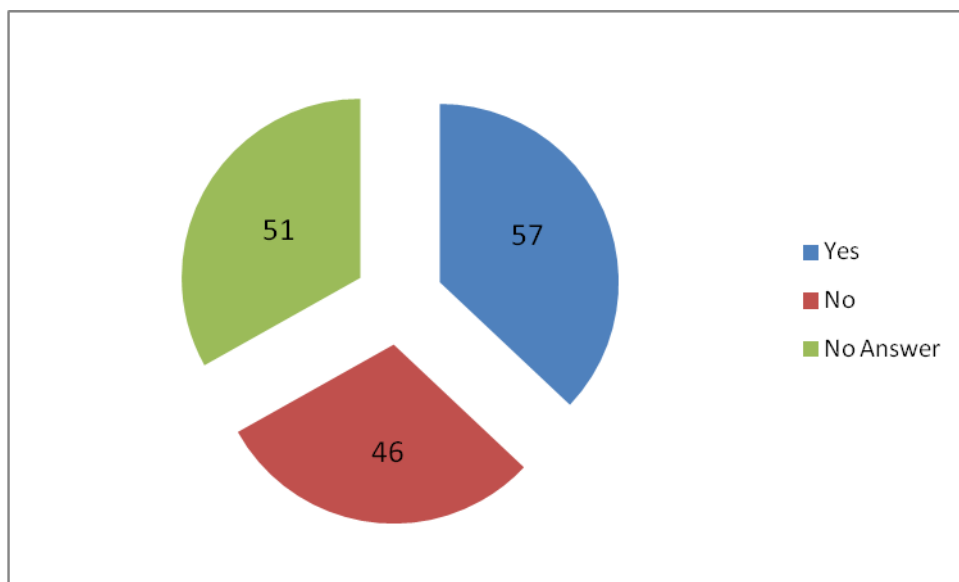
6. PAVEMENTS

There is a number of very narrow pavements in Aberfeldy, notably around Bridgend.

6.1 DO YOU THINK THEY ARE DANGEROUS?

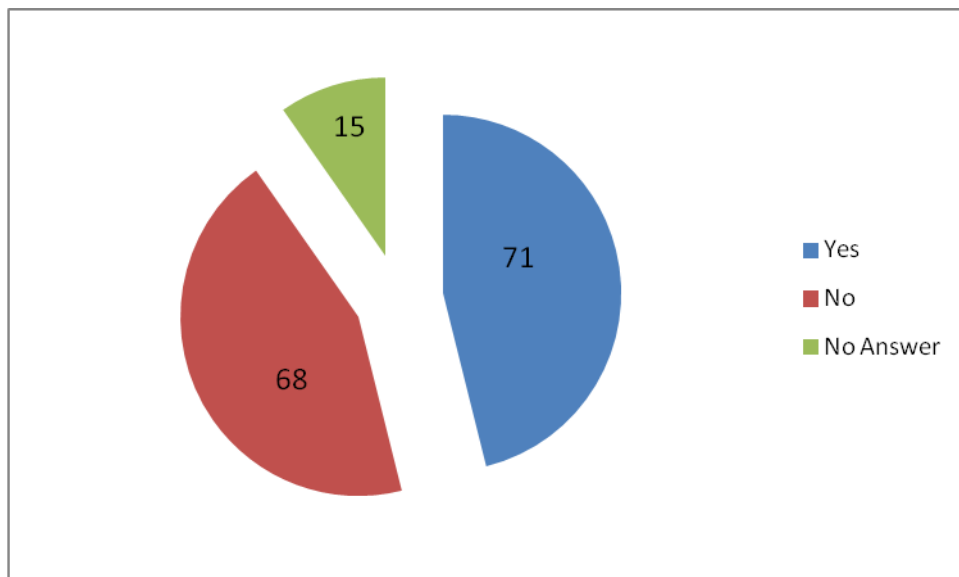
57 responded Yes, 46 responded No and the remaining 51 did not provide an answer.

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6.2 WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THESE PAVEMENTS WIDENED?

71 responded Yes, 68 responded No and the remaining 15 did not provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

They are narrow but manageable. Cant see how they could practically be changed to improve the situation.

Pavement surface needs improving

Do not see how the pavement at Bridgend could be widened without narrowing the road and with some of the inconsiderate parking regularly seen would only create a greater traffic bottleneck

I am not aware that the pavements currently present a particular safety hazard. Their current varying width adds to the character of the town.

People often step into the road to pass one another. Also the surfaces are uneven in places

A Road is too narrow to widen the pavements

Ver steep pavement between Card Shop and Noa

Not dangerous just narrow. No evidence from any accidents over the years to suggest Dangerous. If you widen pavement at Bridgend you further narrow the road. By all means resurface pavements in places like Bank Street (Homer Side)

Yes and the dip on the hotel side raised that passers by do not get splattered.

Pavements would be safer if all shop signs were removed. The square is full of tables and chairs, do they all have permission for this? Co-Op cages a hazard to pedestrians

Differing levels should be sorted somehow

The pavements are in a terrible state with kerbs sticking up and drastically uneven

If traffic was 1 way

Idiosyncratic perhaps but not surely dangerous. The worst is the differing levels past the Crown

If you widen pavement, you narrow the road which would mean the need for traffic lights on it. When Town is busy there are already enough obstacles to cause congestion. Narrow pavement is wide enough for Wheelchair.

Usually at the Bridgend some has to go onto the road.

They are dangerous. A lot of very heavy traffic comes through Aberfeldy

Would mean traffic control on Bridge

I think they are adequate with care and part of the character of Aberfeldy.

To wider pavements would create traffic problems. Pavement surfaces could be improved greatly.

Most of the time the pavements are wide enough. The only time it seems to be a problem is when the school children are out.

Pavements need improving. Money seems to be spent in some areas whilst others are missed. Pavement in Taybridge Terrace for example

Don't think there is much room for widening. People just need to take care. Be grateful you don't live in Edinburgh with a big tram bearing down on your silently.

This would make road narrower

The pavements are too narrow - I would like to see the double pavement outside the Country garden and apartments/ serenity altered to make 1 level only - the present height can be dangerous for elderly/infirm people.

Must be difficult for carers with wheelchair/pram. Need more stringent measures on pavements for dog fouling - still a disgrace.

A railing on the pavement edge of the bridge. This would look awkward to negotiate but would be safer for unaccompanied children going to and from school.

They are potential dangers for families with toddlers, also prams and wheelchairs, especially when heavy lorries are passing.

To be honest I am already surprised at the amount of road and infrastructure work that goes on in such a small town. I think road and drainage work etc is acceptable since it is necessary. But lets leave such matters as widening pavements thank you very m

I would like to see pavements lowered for mobility scooter, invalid chairs and zimmers

Its satisfactory at the moment and traffic is always moving slowly at this point

Sure if pavements were widened traffic over bridge would have to be controlled by traffic lights, not a good idea.

Non observance of vehicle parking restrictions should be adhered too.

For those with mobility problems the pavement are no good at all.

Bridgend at least has another pavement on the other side besides how could the council widen it. Birks path from traffic light down very narrow and taking the kids to school I could do with a wider pavement.

No need to widen pavements if two One way systems were adopted
On the bridge over the Moness burn
Traffic already a problem here due to parked cars
Not if it means traffic lights
Aberfeldy is an old historic town. Visitors like it that way. Lets not change it to broadwalks Ref: villages in the Lake district.
Most definitely dangerous. But difficult to achieve without a one way system
It will severely narrow the road which isnt very wide already.
Traffic flow is awkward enough. But I do think it should be slowed to 20mph limit from Breadalbane Terrace to the east of Kenmore Street
This gives the town identity
No because at Bridgend and other narrows it would be extremely expensive to achieve and spoil the feel of the
Bridgend is a accident waiting to happen i.e. When school is coming out or in
The surface to these pavements need improving
Pavement on Crieff Road is used by a high number of School Children and there is no pavement on the other side.
The traffic comes quite fast along this road and its dangerous. You have to step off pavement to pass in opposite
It would mean narrowing the roadway - we can all be polite pedestrians.
There will be accident statistics - no need to depend on what people think. The road is also very narrow at
Bridgend and unless there have been accidents it should it shouldn't be further narrowed in order to widen
There are part of small town quaint appearance
Adds to town atmosphere - consider Dutch model - take away all pavements - 10mph limit around town centre
Not sure, would need to see them. Certainly uneven pavements are very dangerous. I have seen old people fall.
One Way system around town centre
Bridgend very dangerous with oncoming traffic too close to pavement. Two people struggle to pass especially
when prams need to use the pavement. Extra lighting nearer the bridge.
Problem is widening these impinges on traffic flow which is already problematic. Too many park on double yellow
lines on Bridge at Premier, this creates problems too.
How would buses or lorries cope then - use lights and cause a build of traffic
Would spoil the character
pavements and square should be pressure washed & cleaned on a regular basis. Slabs should be replaced if
broken and re-laid where uneven and unsafe
One way traffic system would be safe in the town.
Part of the charm of town. Generally short sections, people could be encouraged to be more considerate of others
and traffic given warnings
The most dangerous thing in Aberfeldy is the zebra crossing! Should be moved
It would seem im-practical
You can't possibly make that through road any narrower that it already is at Bridgend. The road here were never
designed for logging lorries and tankers etc.
Road cannot be reduced in width at Bridgend
Would make them safe for Pedestrians and keep vehicles further away.
Would distract from Oldness of town. Possibly, if, instead of pavement on both sides of bridge there was only one
wider pavement and nothing on other side. However people like to look over ont the water
Construct pedestrian bridge alongside the parapet. Pavement is dangerously narrow
All pavements in Aberfeldy are needing looked at and repaired. As many people fall due to to tripping on uneven
slabs, pot holes etc. Also far too many heavy lorries using main street through Aberfeldy.
But it is not really possible
Move the pavement to foot bridges on each side of road bridge
More concerned with surface quality and maintenance
Ideally yes, but perhaps not a possibility/cost effective
Not sure how you could that and keep traffic flowing smoothly. Enforcing double yellow lines would help generally
in Town

More disabled access points. Lower kerbs which are adjacent to other side of road.

Level pavements would be much appreciated. I find due to hip problems. The short stretch of narrow pavements on the bridge doesn't bother me, better than restricting traffic even more.

Widening pavements = narrower roads - not on! But pavements are in a shocking state, especially around Premier, upgrade those.

The big slope going down into the lower Birks at the Card Shop

But not feasible

If this goes ahead - keep cyclists off them - even now they are a danger to Pedestrians & OAPs who can't hear them coming

Not practical. Keep pavements clear.

Sadly you cannot widen the pavements without narrowing the roads

However wheelchair access around the square is not good. Not enough flat edges, lumpy kerbs and locus centre needs a push button entry for the front door

Widening pavements would narrow the road, making it more dangerous for traffic

They should be wide enough for a pram being pushed with a toddler holding on.

Would cause issues with traffic on the bridge

yes in the very narrow parts. Also the zebra crossing needs moving as its in a very awkward place too near the roundabout

But don't want traffic lights on bridge

Not necessarily widened but smoothed out would be a help.

People still need to use common sense and courtesy in this world – here's a small opportunity

This is very necessary

Elderly and poorly sighted people are at great risk. You can't get from the square to the chemist on an electric buggy of which there are more every year

Yes definitely! It is hard to walk two people together on pavement. And cars go very close to pavement, ones almost hit by cars back mirror. Idea: Wide pavements and make road only for one direction passing at time.

But it would cost a prohibitive amount of money and must by definition slow traffic. However especially on the Bridge, Large vehicles are scary, especially log lorries.

Would not like them widened if it meant traffic lights on the Bridge

and all pavement seen too as well

Don't see how as road also narrow over bridge

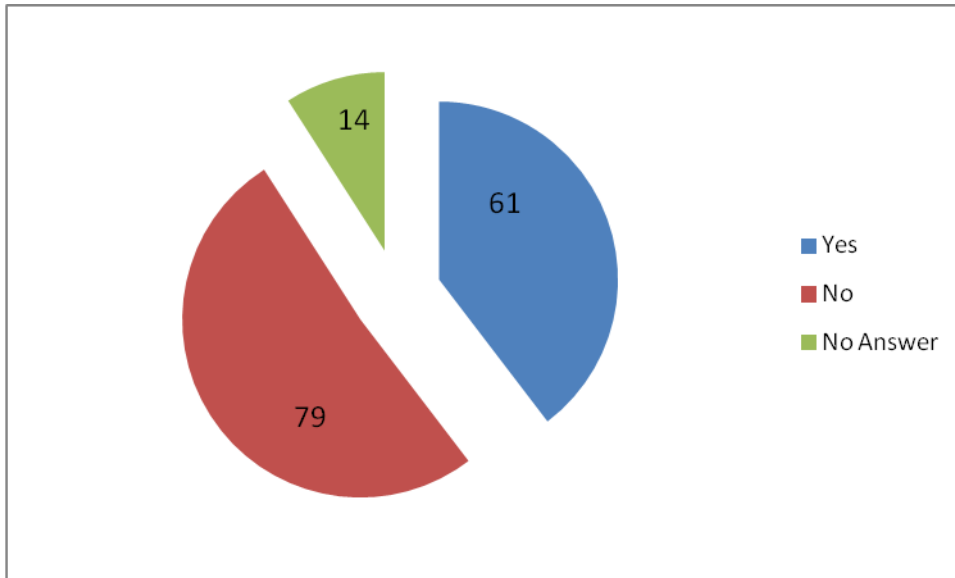
High ending to curbs with a step down to the pavements are dangerous

Problem with narrow pavement - roads are not wide enough unless a oneway system implemented but then visitors might bypass centre of town.

7. TRAFFIC FLOWS

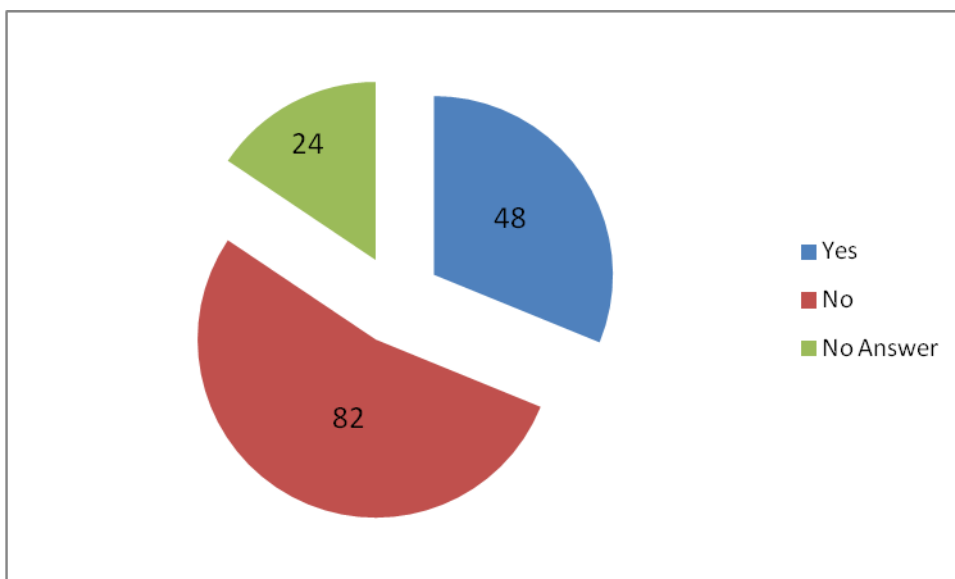
7.1 COULD A ONE WAY SYSTEM BE INTRODUCED THROUGH ABERFELDY?

61 responded Yes, 79 responded No and the remaining 14 did not provide an answer.



7.2 WOULD THIS BE BENEFICIAL?

48 responded Yes, 82 responded No and the remaining 24 did not provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

It would be annoying. The residential roads and road by the park would be very busy. Passing trade might be

affected

Not for residents in Taybride area. Parking in the main street - especially near crossings - clogs the flow. This should be addressed

One way system on Mill Street and Burnside

Satisfactory as it is

Make sure road/gas/water mains not done during the summer months as is happening at in May by the bridge

Cars parked on double yellow lines (eg photo below) does nothing for traffic flow and is dangerous for children to cross as they have to be in the middle of road to see any cars coming. Action is needed

In part - not if traffic bypasses town centre Old Crieff Road/Strutad could be one way

All attractions - shops etc are in the one street. Kenmore - Bank - Dunkeld

Waste of time and money

No need for one way system if parking regulations were enforced. No alternative for HGV's but to use main street

Lately there seems a tremendous increase in very large vehicles. Some years ago when the mine was in action there was a time they were allowed through the town for safety reasons

From west divert all traffic via Tay Drive/Terrace Market street/Home Street. From east through the square as normal

Current infrastructure unsuitable for one-way

If you want tourists to stop you have to slow traffic. One way system would speed traffic

I don't think it would be possible but the large vans etc being directed round the edge of town ie down Home Street and Taybridge Terrace etc

Chapel Street one way. North Old Crieff Road one way from square. Stop all parking in Dunkeld street

Can't see how this would work. Surely you would prevent visitors in cars from seeing half of the town.

I don't consider traffic flow problem

Uncertain. I would be unhappy about the increase of heavy traffic in Kenmore street (timber lorries/trailers etc in Kenmore street, it is residential/school health centre/Dalweem, safety of people/animals/parked cars

Possibly one-way might help but bad parking causes traffic problems - could be no parking on one side of Chapel street would help traffic flow, also on Bridge and Bank Street

The only viable way to divert traffic would be via Home Street, Victoria Park (a children's play place) and the Black Watch monument not suitable. A one way system from the square up the old Crieff Road to the 1st left turn would benefit hospital traffic

I am not that a contraflow system in the town would be of benefit to the town. It just requires more respectful drivers and drivers who know this is Aberfeldy and not a grand-prix track

I suggest yellow lines from Dunolly along Taybridge Drive and Taybridge Terrace to Chapel street on one side of the road

Impractical

Might lead to speeding traffic. Buses have job to turn into Home Street because of parked cars. Once Co-Op moves should be less congestion at foot of Old Crieff Road

Restrict delivery access to 8-00am - 10-00am only. HGV through traffic diverted away from Main through fare. Reduce on street parking

If you are thinking along these lines, try putting a one way system in operation when the Farmers Market is on. Make the square a pedestrian zone for one day. Try it, it may work

Ridiculous idea. Would not work!

Better to keep traffic in the centre of Town

Detailed suggestions sent to Victor Clements

Conditional upon proposed routing and rationalised street/town parking

Direct HGV traffic down by Park and Golf course rather than thru town

Traffic lights at Bridge cross roads would be difficult. Would wood lorries safely negotiate the corners on north route. Park to toilet and back off for children

Are you crazy?

From an Amenity view point but would not be so popular with the traders

Restrict parking on access to square opposite Breadalbane Hotel

See for grip answer. To divert the traffic into the back roads would be highly detrimental

Stop shop owners parking in town taking up parking space. Stop HGV's using town route

No not yet, but perhaps the moment has come for a look at the parking place arrangements for Dunkeld street

The would not help local trade and would stop visitors coming into the town, they would bypass without entry - not seeing the centre

It will increase the speed of traffic if it ran just one way

People do not appreciate interruptions to their journeys

Mill Street should be one way as there is no pavement and heavy foot traffic (children going to/from playpark school, dog walkers, kids on bikes, scooters)

Better enforcement of the (generally sensible) yellow lines. New yellow lines outside Munros would improve pedestrian safety on pavement opposite. One way system impracticable because Market Street too narrow

The town is already for a one way system. The service buses always go one way through the town. Its long over

Stop the double parking on Dunkeld Street, outside post office. We need a traffic warden all day

Would bring lots of traffic through smaller streets

Something should be done. The square is very dangerous. Many roads are not wide enough for two lanes of cars when there are parked cars

Heavy traffic should be directed away from Town Centre

Various - HGV's restricted to Taybridge Road round via Home street. No Parking Dunkeld st (already nearby car park) or traffic from West via Chapel Street, Market Street and Home Street

Absolutely No to one-way system! This would re-direct all traffic including heavy goods vehicles along quiet residential street and completely destroy the peace & quality of life of those residents

One way traffic system and no parking in Town Centre roads

Not sure. A lot of the issues are caused by daft driving for the Co-Op. Its move could solve many of these issues

Not sure, don't drive

wait until the Co-Op has moved it may change the location of the problem

It would re-route large vehicles through inadequate streets - better to sort out parking and de-clutter existing roads

Crackdown on illegal parking on yellow lines would solve most of the problems. Just look at the picture

Increase off main road parking to allow for less parking on main roads

Difficult for wide lorries (wood lorries) and Vans on the Narrow Old Crieff Road or Laundry Corner

Stop people parking on side of road and causing obstructions which narrow access through Aberfeldy

Traffic should continue to flow both ways through the commercial district and no increase traffic on residential areas. Try dealing with illegal parking which blocks flow

Possibly. Too many large vehicles eg timber lorries coming round/through town. Especially difficult access from Bridgend into square and vice versa due to corner

Don't know how it could be implemented though

I think a one way system would add to frustration and make it more difficult to get from A to B increasing pollution

Old Crieff Road down to the Strulach

unable to read correctly the handwriting

Old Crieff road – one-way as suggested by Councillor M Williamson and 4 years ago by ASBA. Hence also giving more parking. Most side Roads make one side only for parking

Can cause problems for the emergency services - can direct tourists away from Town Centre

Don't know but big lorries eg artics and log lorries should divert round Market Street as square too obstructive for them

I think this would probably be detrimental to businesses with tourists simply by-passing the town altogether

Have to see Aberfeldy in wider context of other Towns drive through. If make centre one way then 1/2 visitors won't drive through. Enforce yellow lines more and many issues would stop

No No No to one-way system! Log lorries thundering past the park entrances? Its bad enough now as it is.

One way systems can be very confusing - especially for visitors

You only have to look at Fort William to see that a one way system is not a good idea

Establish optional v's mandatory traffic flow along Market street. If one way system, then include Bicycle lane

and expand green bike idea

Chapel Street, Mill Brae

From east - up Home Street, Market Street, Dunkeld Street. No Change from West, North or South

Traffic flows well enough if current parking is Adhered too

I believe that this would be worth trying

Its lovely to look at the town from either direction. The traffic doesn't speed anyhow

One-way not an option. Traffic Lights on Dunkeld Stree as option? During the Day only

Lorries - unless delivering to the square - could be re-routed along the quieter back roads i.e down Home Street, along Market Square, across into Taybridge Terrace then Drive and back onto Kenmore Road

If a one-way system would allow additional parking outside shops on the main street this would help local trade

Have not opinion on this without more detailed information

Direct west to east bound traffic left at Dunolly, along Taybridge Drive to rejoin the main road via home street. East to West bound traffic goes directly through the town system.

Would be terrible for folk living along the only roads this could work on, with lorries and masses of traffic

There are lots of heavy lorries going Aberfeldy eg loads of timber. They do cause congestion

Anything that helps the flow of traffic should be a high priority

Has been done from time to time for eg roadwork's but is very inconvenient

Yes in some areas. I would put double yellow lines on the part of road here as you continue up the hill and turning right (unknown word it is very bad corner, can't see properly, dangerous even in 10 mile speed

Not Sure. Find this very difficult to answer as all the first shopping attractions are more or less on one street and they need all tourists from every direction. The lower half of old Crieff road as a one way would be beneficial but look how many cars

If signed right!

Your picture below is a wonderful example of Parking in Aberfeldy

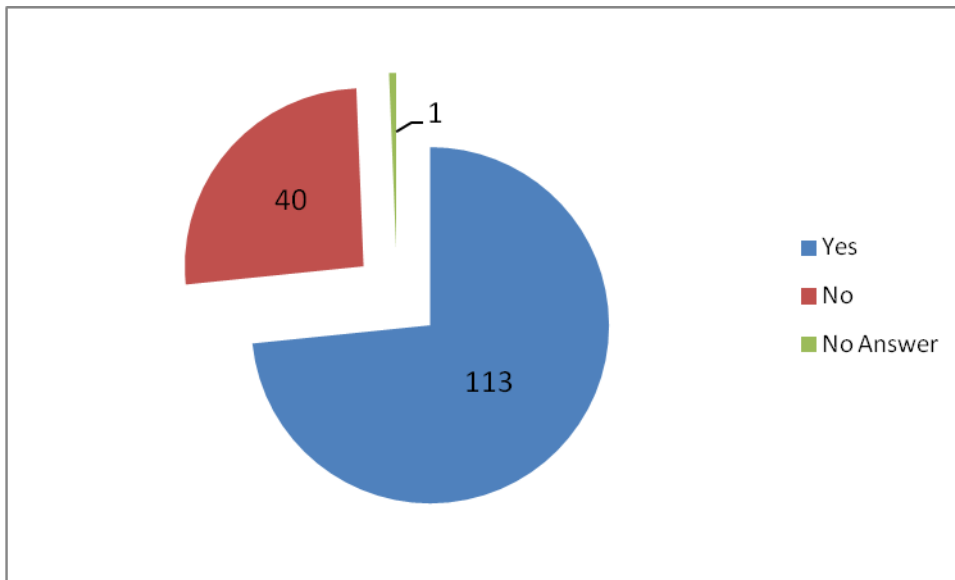
A one-way system could be routed round by Victoria Park/Fishers - but this is a residential area and visitors might by pass centre unless good signage and parking put in place.

8. SPEED LIMITS AROUND ABERFELDY

8.1 WOULD YOU CONSIDER THE LOWERING OF THE SPEED LIMIT TO 20MPH IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ROADS OF ABERFELDY?

113 responded Yes, 40 responded No and the remaining 1 did not provide an answer.

**Note – from a lot of the comments written in relation to this question it is clear there was misreading of the question when it referred to 'Residential roads' and a lack of awareness that the town currently has a 20mph restriction in place through the Square (currently un-enforceable due to signage issues)*



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

Definitely although should also be policed or enforced

Better enforcement of the existing limits and illegal parking should be tried before changing limits

Also traffic calming and restriction of parking around the public toilets opposite the park entrance

As the 20mph already on main street is ignored by most

Too confusing at moment between 20/30 limits

Fine as it is! No serious accidents in the town over the years in the schemes and other streets to warrant a 20mph limit

At particularly by the park where young children may exist

Drivers already exceed the 30mph and 20mph in town . Police doe nothing about it

Would everyone stick to this limit? This is the question

A total waste of time like the parking, people would totally ignore it and when are police going to be here to enforce the law.

At the entrance to the town from The Kenmore Road is 30mph and I live just abot it, is too fast. Also cars coming out of Aberfeldy clock up speed and a lot race past

Yes should be 20mph throughout Aberfeldy

A 20mph scheme should be enforced for everybody's safety

Kenmore Street/Kenmore Road disaster. Mini roundabout useless. Used as a speed up point. Traffic calming required. Kenmore Road, Beeches, Orchard Brae waiting for a serious accident to happen

Would cause traffic to build up

I think this would be beneficial to everyone

Note - speeding in Kenmore street (both directions) a major problem for residents. Damage to parking cars. Lack of police surveillance and checks. A slow down sign like Grandtully essential - too much heavy traffic

Only in housing areas

Maybe speak to Dunkeld - how is their 20mph working/helping

From the Splash centre through town to the mini roundabout at Dunolly house. Also from far side of Weed Bridge to the entrance to Community centre on Crieff Road. Also round by monument past Victoria Park and up Home Street

Absolutely, there is really no need for anyone to want go any faster. Once one is actually back in the town, it takes them no time to get from A-B. So 20mph limits are perfectly acceptable

It might stop the jobs racing around the town and up and down Chapel street

Also would like to see 20mph limit on Wades Bridge as pedestrians have little room

Possible 20mph through main street from Breadalbane Terrace to Kenmore street at traffic lights

Im surprised anyone can get any speed up in town, the roads are full of potholes. You will be shaken to pieces. Resurfacing of the whole of Crieff Road and Dunkeld Road from (rest unreadable)

Yes a good idea

In addition to signs, flashing lights to warn motorists to reduce speed

Vehicle speeds on Taybridge Road and a survey conducted by P&K council found that the average speed was 33mph. This road is dangerous and a speed limit of 20mph should be imposed. There is no pavement on the E side of the road making things more dangerous.

There is a 20mph limit in the centre already but never enforced, so what difference would it make?

But more important is the enforcement of existing limits - particularly the noise and speed being generated by a few thoughtless drivers on the main town roads. There is a also a major problem with east bound traffic accelerating to 50/60 from the Schihalion

Would it stop the occasional driver speeding down Taybridge road? Doubtful

Particularly in the through roads

No because people would not keep this speed limit and there are limited ways of enforcing it

Live in Kenmore street and see how fast the traffic is at all times

No question this is important

And to have them monitored and upheld

Especially in Mill Street

20mph from Girvan's new shop to traffic light would be good, but not otherwise

A must for some

The present 20 is non enforced. Young bucks, loud exhausts do 40mph plus on Dunkeld street

This is okay if perpetrators are caught speeding through town otherwise it would serve no purpose

What nonsense. And would this stop the local boy racers? It would be policed any more than the current limits

Although there aren't many roads that aren't residential in some way

I doubt if the boy racers would pay any attention to them and they never ever get stopped/caught

Necessary ASAP

Especially Kenmore street, Breadalbane Terrace etc - the entrances

No Necessary

Definitely as some cars go up and down the streets at great speed, Burnside being quite bad for this

Who would police it? Crieff Road has that at School times and very few cars do 20mph

I think this is a good idea but too many signs and 20 painted on the roads looks ugly

Especially on Kenmore Street and Kenmore Road

Health and Safety

Doesn't matter the speed. Those who want to speed will still speed. Hence it is just a small amount who speed at the moment at 30mph

Should be done already

Okay as it is

Some - but not all

All this may change when Co-Op opens. Central focus of Town will shift east againj

As we live in a 20 area and no one appears to adhere to it by the school is there any point doing it just for it to be ignored most of time

But better signage so that the current 20mph limit is noticed more

How would anyone police this

Some people go over the speed limit

Not necessary nor can it realistically be policed

Yes - but must be rigidly enforced - but how? Maybe speed bumps. Police the Boy Racers in the evenings

There is no need for higher than 20

I think that this is a good idea from a safety perspective

20mph fast enough for safety of pedestrians especially children

Boy racers who are usually the ones exceeding the 30mph limit are certainly not going to take notice of a 20mph one

Speed cameras would be a good idea on the approach from the Caravan site. The speeding is outrageous on this particular part. Its dangerous and very bad for some residents in the area

Lorries drive far too fast through the square

only in town centre

definitely - even slower would be even safer

I'd love to know what this strange narrowing is for, as would lots of people

This might make road safe for the elderly and children out playing

This is again a high priority, providing you can enforce it!! The 30mph speed limit is broken by many drivers who are obviously getting away with it

Because all of them usually have parked cars

20 is enough, Aberfeldy is kids friendly town. Kids/Old people/Everybody cross road everywhere. More Zebra crossing is necessary on the roads

Unless there are traffic calming methods employed (sleeping policemen) whatever lower speed limit was put in place, there would still be those who ignore it

Only the main road through the town from Palace Hotel to Crossroads

Parking means that speeds are self restricted

Aberfeldy can be busy and no road crossing (except the one outside Cinema and the vehicles ignore this).

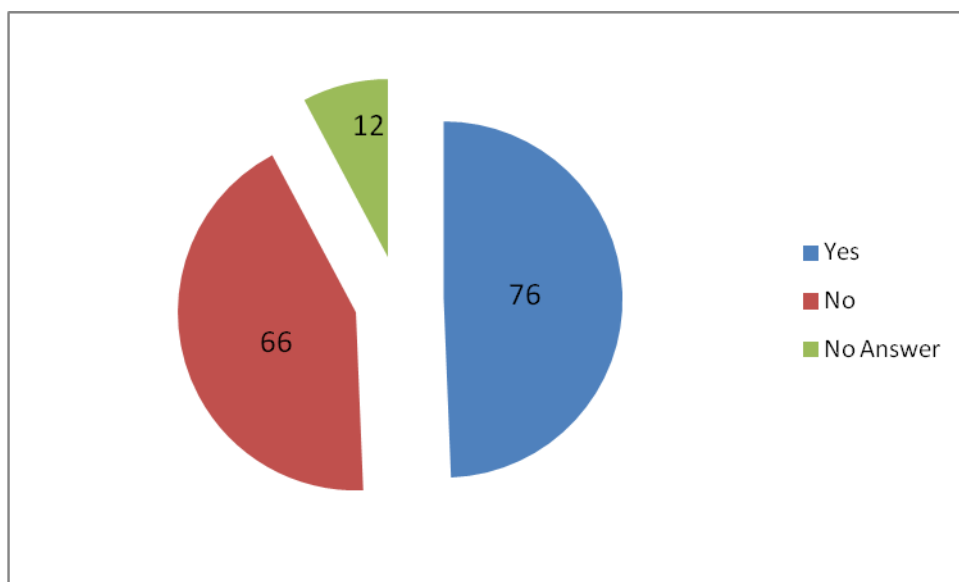
Roads are narrow, especially if there are cyclists using them and road surface very bad

9. THE SQUARE

The Square currently consists of parking, through road and pedestrian areas on different levels making organisation of events, such as the farmers market difficult to achieve.

9.1 DO YOU SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF A SINGLE SURFACE AND THE LEVELLING OF THE WHOLE SQUARE TO SUPPORT EVENTS?

76 responded Yes, 66 responded No and the remaining 12 did not provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

Don't think it would be safe for pedestrians, especially children and teenagers who already wander in the middle of the road

Altering the square to accommodate half a dozen events per year does not seem a good use of resources. The existing layout allows businesses to create a cafe feel by having outside tables. This town is short enough of parking to make changes that may alt

Levelling of the square is unlikely to be particularly beneficial. The varying levels currently in the Square add character

Removal of parked cars; one level throughout with attractive (local ?) paving stones. Zero tolerance for litter and dog poo!

As cars would try to park even closer to shop the they already do

Remove middle pavements through square

Undecided until I would see a plan. Certainly wouldn't support this for the reason given of supporting events in the square which is little more then 12 days out of 365 a year. Need a better reason for change

Dont see the need and some shops may have a danger of being flooded if the square is raised

Cars would park on pavement if it was all one level

Before square was split parking was chaotic and life threatening

There is no problem the way it is set out already

Pavements are in place for safety of pedestrians. We have here long enough (all our lives) to remember it being level before when there was far less traffic

I would like to see the parking removed. I think some form of seating . Visitors seem to enjoy sitting. A central

flower garden would be nice

In conjunction with One Way system

If parking lanes were marked out at an angle it would be much easier and safer to park and reverse out. Trees in the square have enhanced the look and this should be preserved and extended

Parking centrally needs to be kept

Open the whole area up

Although the square has improved over the years with seating, hanging baskets etc. The varying road levels make it difficult to enjoy walking around the square safely. Also the pedestrian crossing is too close to the

This was the case years ago and worked far better (not only for farmers market - 6 days a year!!!) Traffic used to go round square up beside Co-Op and along by Bank of Scotland and fountain

Would like to see it pedestrianised but have concerns if the traffic around the park becomes heavier that could be a hazard to children

Yes - mainly for elderly infirm people. It would be a major improvement

The parking is a big issue and puts people off staying or shopping here. No idea how to improve it though

Not sure - may take away historic feel of square with fountain etc.

Yes as far as this would be feasible

The steep kerbs outside the Co-Op prove troublesome when taking trolleys to the car boot. A level surface would improve the looks of the square

I would be happy to support such a move, just make sure that the correct safety protocols are in place such as: the segregation of people areas and those areas where the cars are allowed through

Levelled and Herringbone Parking each side of square for 8 cars

This was what square was originally - all one level. Kerbs keep traffic and Pedestrians separate

There should be more disabled parking in the square

there will be only so much money available and to do this will be an expensive project. The money might be better spent on more important things

Nothing wrong with what is there. Another waste of money

Better to keep the raised levels for pedestrians otherwise vehicles would just drive over everywhere in the

The number of events would always be so few to justify the expense

May also Aid traffic calming as will make it more of a pedestrian area

Parking in the square is already chaotic and selfish - where will the pedestrians be safe. Could Stewarts garage be given a better site on edge of town and a car park built there so no parking in square.

Turn Aberfeldy centre back to the 1900's

As we remember Aberfeldy from the past the square should be one of the town's main focuses and assets - it is a feature which should be used to the full - there are many towns in Scotland without such an Asset - it should be seen as the most important loc

Single surface would make square a bland featureless space

I think the difference between pedestrian and traffic area is helpful. This is an everyday concern eg waits (Very hard to read writing)

Get rid of the roundabout (both)

Flat but clearly marked for parking areas

Difficult but achievable - any levelling would be wastefully expensive

Some concern about what happens when Co-Op moves - will shop remain empty for years?

Pressure on Co-Op to leave its present shop front in an attractive state when it moves - an opportunity to highlight main attractions. This is a very high priority

Parking limit to increase to 2 hours but must be enforced - traffic warden. At least 12 van keeps same spot or replaced by owners car nearly 24/7

Unsure - as long as road/parking in town available

The square could and should be a wonderful and beautiful and functional focus for the whole town. The atmosphere should be great. It should be safe and practical. Please carry out this work ASAP

Difficult to envisage a solution which would ensure safety of pedestrians

It works fine as it is

only if the parking issue is worked out. If there is no-where easy and obvious to park then people may not use

town centre shops. Through road should continue or some people will have not incentive to stop

Why did these stupid steps get the go ahead in the first place

Different levels = character. Stop parking on Market days to get sufficient space

I would only support this levelling suggestion if we got the 40-50 car parking spaces in the old Crieff Road. However I can't see that this suggested car park would be a feasible option because of the height of the hillside and chaos during the work process.

Keep its character

Take away stupid Roundabout at top of Chapel St and put in traffic lights

More attractive area for people to sit and enjoy. Make more spaces for local businesses to set up sitting areas for likes of coffee/food shops

The square crossings are the most dangerous for school kids - slow the traffic down but don't remove kerbs - These provide key visual barriers of children especially those with special needs - removing flattening will seriously increase danger

Single surface but with bumpy paving to indicate verge on to road

An old fashioned cobbled square would be lovely with more sit out area's and trees French style

The kerbs are not a significant obstacles

Revert to original Market Square

Cost

Okay as it is

But not to the detriment of what little parking there is - unless new nearby parking could be introduced

The problem is more that it is a cross roads for traffic. Money spend on Hard landscaping of the whole of central Aberfeldy is long overdue

As would improve disabled access as well. Think about population age, seats, toilets mean they could use town more as well as the visitors

Parking more important. I don't find the different levels a problem during events

Nice idea but way too costly. We manage fine as it is.

Different levels seem to be safer for pedestrians

A free flow of traffic through the town is imperative otherwise it may be avoided altogether

Stylistic design of Aberfeldy High Street & Square. Gradual refurbishment of shop fronts with Business Permits. The rents are high enough that owners can pay for this expense.

Take away pavements threw the square

Pedestrianise the square

Keep it as it is. It works fine

Events can be held easily by taking over Parking Areas

A single surface would be difficult to achieve, but would be worth it.

I think this could be more dangerous for pedestrians

With parking on all 4 sides. Pedestrian lanes marked

Unless planning to pedestrianise whole area what is the point? This would be a complete waste of money therefore why are you considering it?

The demarcation between pedestrians and traffic would have to be made clear

This would solve the problem of uneven pavements and road surfaces.

It is fine as it is

Is it worth the money spent? I can't say as don't know how hard to organise events or how much leveling would cost. Would still need one or two disabled parking spaces? Or maybe not with Co-Op gone? Maybe level

Yes a single surface is urgently needed - I am about to start using a mobility scooter so I am very aware of all the ups and downs I will encounter

But too expensive?

More Zebra crossing from every side. Close the road when Market is on - diverted traffic is possible.

The Zebra crossing outside the Cinema is an accident waiting to happen! People don't see it properly or expect it coming from the square and it is hidden from the other direction by vehicles trying to pass parked cars.

Revert to Market Square

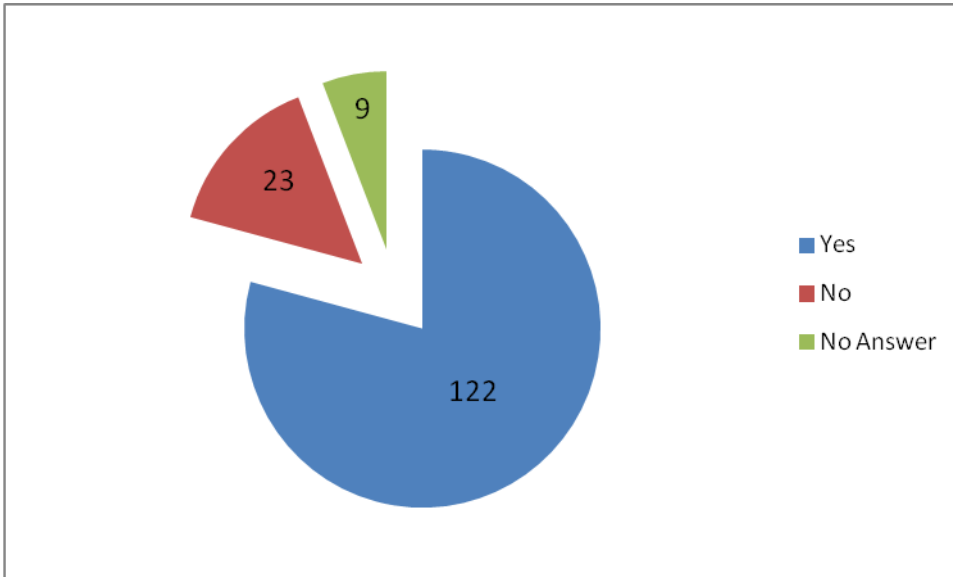
Feel there are other areas which could be better used

Do not need to have pavement diagonally across the square - this restricts parking.

10. ENTRANCE TO THE BIRKS

10.1 DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE TOWN ENTRANCE TO LOWER BIRKS IMPROVED?

122 responded Yes, 23 responded No and the remaining 9 did not provide an answer.



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

It could be more visible. A bigger sign or the info sign moved to the pavement

The monument requires cleaning and lighting would certainly enhance it. Better entrance signage and a map the extent of the Birks paths

The birks are a major tourist attraction in Aberfeldy but the signage (above photo) is woefully inadequate. Enhanced signage is necessary - describing the Birks paths, history etc - at this point in the town.

This would mean that students from the local Academy could not leave litter from lunches etc.

Levelled out

Would wish to see the War Memorial cleaned up. Would also like to see 3 or 4 hooks into the stonework to hook the wreaths onto to take them off the ground

Yes most visitors have difficulty finding the entrance

It is a disgrace to the people that died in the war. It should have been improved before this. Litter left by school pupils also a disgrace

Tasteful signage and interpretation board maybe. Visitors don't know what it is.

The litter situation in the Lower Birks is Appalling despite almost daily cleaning

Aberfeldy pupils to have a weekly litter pick and perhaps some flower beds would be good

It is adequate for walking through to the gateway of the lower birks

A sign with cenotaph on it perhaps

The banking and green improved to allow a seating area for visitors and locals to enjoy. This was once a very sociable area where Highland nights etc were held. The Birks cottage is a mess with cars & car repairs, motor bills all over the place. I suspect on ground which does not belong to them

It is so dark at the moment

Looks like entrance to private house at present. People will not enter

Picnic and Barbecue area provision

Cleaned more often

No signage to say it is the entrance to the Birks

War memorial is a disgrace. Either fit it or move it. Suggest take it down and move to a spot possibly by Black Watch Monument.

Its a bit dull at the moment. A plaque/sign/map at the entrance which is clearly visible might attract visitors

Grass cut regularly - proper seating. No motor bikes etc tearing up grass

Could be made more of a feature with planters possibly

Better signage and welcome - stricter controls over litter (school pupils particularly) levelling off of approach - too steep at corner. Clean it up a bit (grass planting and general tidy of Lower Birks needed)

More welcoming

A sign at eye level for pedestrian tourists

Anything to bright it up and make it more inviting. The gardens up to the Crieff Road are a disgrace of poor maintenance and litter

For a start it would help if the entrance was not seen as a private car park. And once in the Birks, visitors should be treated to better signage that appeals to them not just to Perth and Kinross council

Lower middle and top birks need a lot of TLC. We used to have a man who looked after it all and it was beautiful. We need someone to do that.

The Birks are a beautiful feature and should be highlighted more than it is

Floral displays at War Memorial

Clean and highlight War Memorial

Brighter entrance maybe some baskets and better signage

It may be a bit for those less mobile. A major problem is the littering by school pupils. This should be targetted. Its really very bad.

This area is a disgrace. The war memorial needs a good clean off. The road leading into the lower birks needs resurfacing and everything needs cleaned up. LITTER

How could you improve there without destroying the memorial

Lower birks is appalling. Needs tidied up. Supposed to be tourist attraction and War Memorial is there. Downhill biking should not be allowed in upper birks

A regular collection of litter

Decluttering and improved signage plus some suitable interpretation and directional guidance

No Parking, better signage. Artwork?

Promote the beauty and historic links to the Birks - lots more information - the actual Birks could also do with a bit of a tidy as old timber is in certain area's unsightly - safety at certain points of the west side path is a major concern - there is a further path to the west (used by the bikers) this could be shared path as there are wonderful meadows with spring flowers on this path

Make it more obvious without lowering visibility of War Memorial

It could be be brightened up a bit with more and the old bowing green kept tidy

If possible but looks difficult without spoiling the general appearance

If it is at all possible

Easier access

Better signage to the entrance. The green area between archway and bridge should be converted to formal flower beds/paved footpaths etc.

Could be better featured

Additional summer/winter planting in big planters to the right of Noa and up the lamppost from pavement to signs

Not a priority

Difficult - Architects will do a better job than me

Again this should be done with the square refurb, creating complimentary and inviting ambience

Pot holes at entrance, past arch muddy, banking a disgrace with nettles, this used to be full of primroses, daffodiles etc. With seats at the top to sit and enjoy space (this health and safety again). Further up, over run with wild garlic, used to be beautiful with wood anemones bluebells etc. Whoever placed the stones with Burns poetry could maybe re-do as writing gone

Relocate war memorial to a more open, less Damp depressing site and take redevelopment from there

Clear away bushes and tidy up

Fine as is

Approach road to monument is a disgrace - needs resurfacing urgently. Monument needs to be restored i.e. Cleaning, Re-pointing etc. Railings and gate to be painted and re-hung. Should be a plinth for wreath and lighting. Through memorial need bollards to stop cars churning up grass. Memorial garden should be established at Grassy area at RHS

More obvious entrance with info on walk through to Upper Birks

More information on walk - how you can reach main Birks - maybe a map. Hanging baskets. Flowers

A face lift might be an improvement

It is another feature for the town to shout about

Police litter black spots especially at School Lunchtimes eg just inside archway. Keep arch looking clean and tidy

With the narrow steep slope of the entrance and the War Memorial it is difficult to see what you could alter - unless you put picnic tables and flower tubs on the grassed area inside. Its full of midges in the summer

Clean up war memorial. Allow for better disabled access

A good tidy and new grass surface with picnic tables and outdoor games games eg chess etc

Just needs better signage and easier to find starting point

Why?

Better path. Benches and tables

Surface improved, litter tidied, railings either side painted black, signage & loampost tidied up. A metal arch perhaps with lighting at the top of the entrance on the street to draw attention

Nice flowers, good signage

Pedestrian access only

None, maintain it as it is, in remembrance to war veterens on memorial

Lighting, Signage, Archway cleaned up. Make it look a proper entrance and not a driveway to some houses

Road surface and through the arch done in nice matching stone sets. Handrail on hill for elderly curved on fence

Don't know how you could do this without damage to buildings adjacent

More floral arrangements and clearer signage of the easily accessible and lovely walk

Signage and flower tubs

More could be made of the whole space

Keep it and Birks as a feature to bring in walkers to area even it just for a stroll around.

Up to date signage, some improvements to the path at the entrance which becomes muddy. Try to tack the kids to take their fast food rubbish away

More obvious signage and some sense of importance about the site. A sense of discovery. Information boards ref birds/wildlife/flowers/Burns/Waterfalls

A small pedestrian sign indicating the Birks walk and Waterfall. More rubbish bins along way up the Birks

Pavement needs to be improved especially people with sticks and mobile scooters

Anything can always be improved. Seems OK to me though

Improve the entrance with improved signage but make Lower Birks suitable for public use and maintained

Most definitely

War Memorial. A very fitting entrance to the Birks (as it is)

Not the entrance itself but would like to see the war memorial moved to grassy area by Black Watch Monument. It is appalling that on Remembrance Sunday everyone is squashed into an alley and can't hear because of traffic noise

Perhaps some flowers. Maybe a sculpture

The lower Birks is the start to a fairly important tourist attraction and is not given enough importance,

Better signage and a better road and pavement surface to the Entry

Tidy up. The surroundings as you walk in are definitely distracting

The saddest thing about this is amount of litter there is sometimes. Don't know how else it could be improved.

Road surface uneven

A radical suggestion - turn it into a parking area. The upper Birks is what people visit

But how?

more bench/picnic tables. Information display about Birks

Here just one small thing which would help straight off - some hooks put into the stonework to keep the Poppy wreaths becoming untidy, dirty, soggy mess as the year progresses where they lie on the ground. And a litter bin at the top of the steps to encourage people to bin their rubbish instead of just scattering it in the lower birks.

Load of work

Brighten it up. Notice board showing where you are going.

Not obvious or appealing to visitors. Often asked where the entrance is situated.

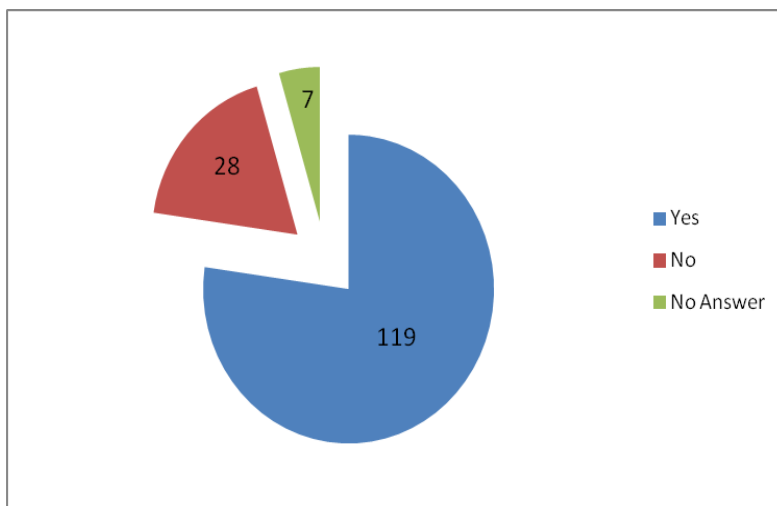
11. CAR PARKING IN ABERFELDY

Car parking is essential for both locals and visitors. The relocation of the Co-Op will relieve some of the parking in the Square but will this be sufficient?

Back in 2000, the Upper Tay Area Development Group identified a number of potential satellite parking areas around the town from which visitors could walk to the town centre in less than five minutes. Some of these would be more useful than others, some might not be technically possible or too expensive, others might be too controversial.

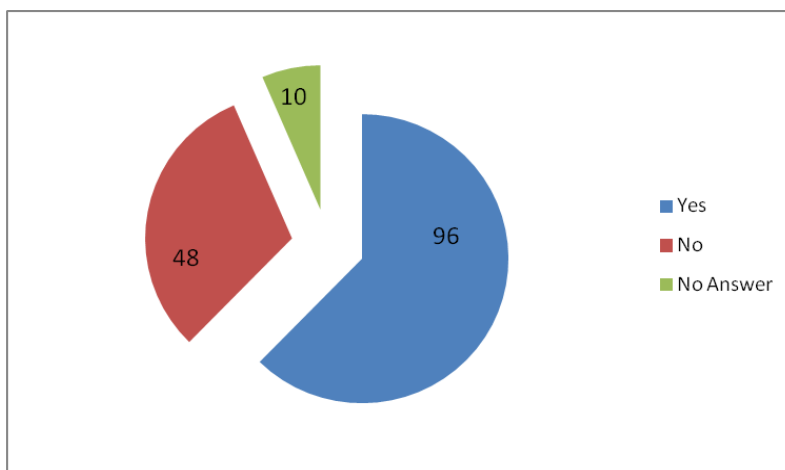
11.1 DO YOU CONSIDER PARKING IS AN ISSUE IN ABERFELDY?

119 responded Yes, 28 responded No and the remaining 7 did not provide an answer.



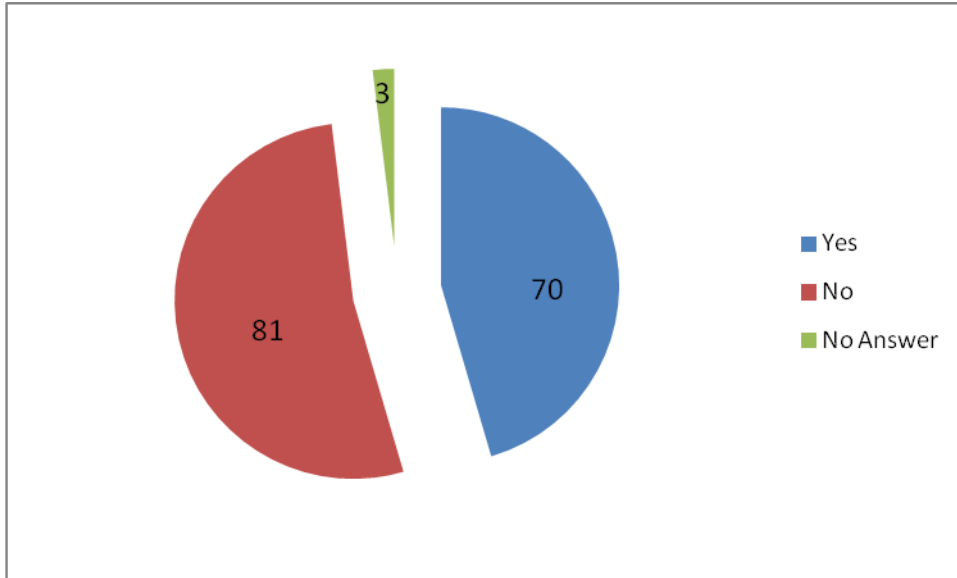
11.2 DO YOU CONSIDER THE EMBANKMENT/GRASS AREA ON OLD CRIEFF ROAD SUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT INTO A CAR PARK? THIS AREA WOULD BE CLOSE TO THE SQUARE AND COULD PROVIDE PARKING FOR 40-50 CARS.

96 responded Yes, 48 responded No and the remaining 10 did not provide an answer.



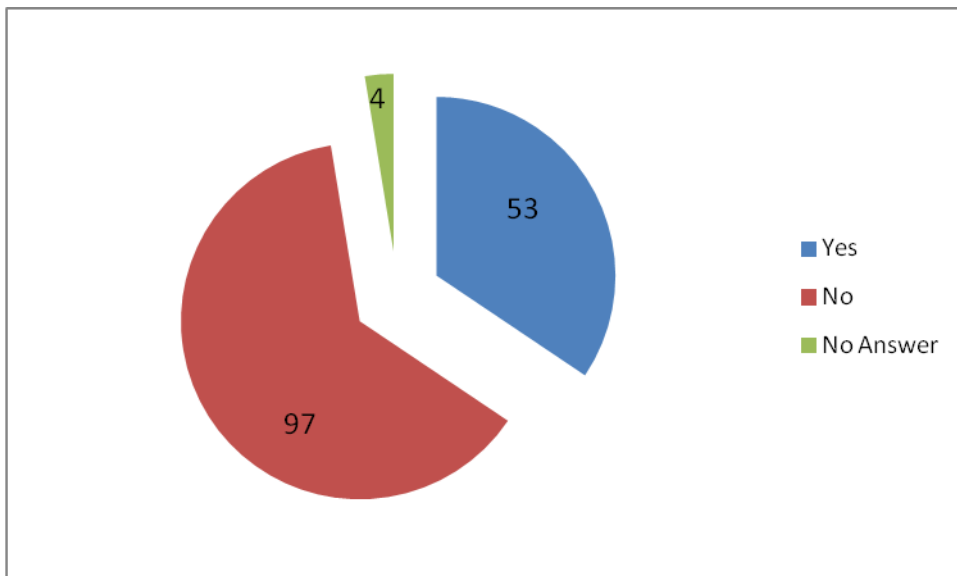
11.3 DO YOU CONSIDER THE GREEN TRIANGLE BY THE NEW TOILET BLOCK A SUITABLE PLACE TO BE DEVELOPED TO ALLOW CARS TO PARK ON THE TRIANGLE ITSELF?

70 responded Yes, 81 responded No and the remaining 3 did not provide an answer.



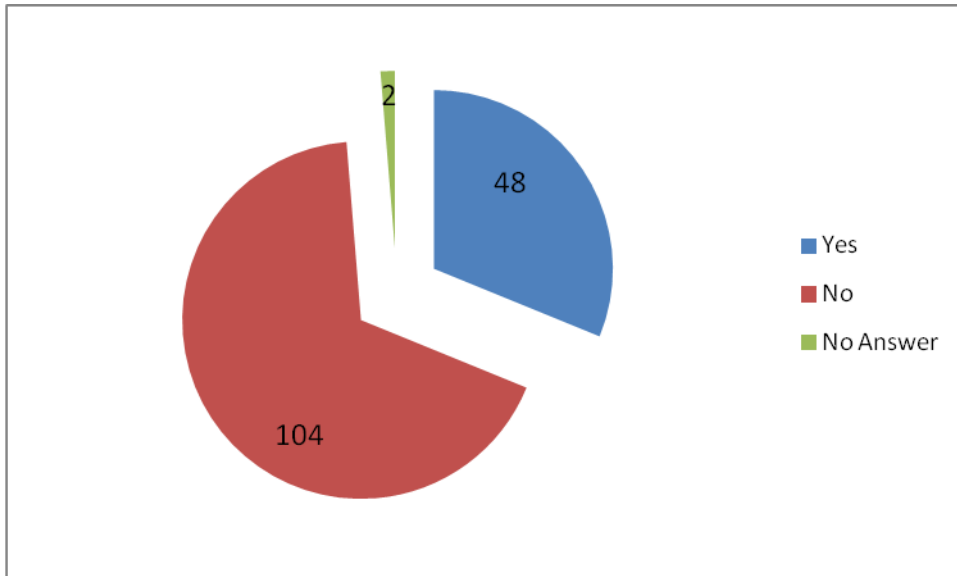
11.4 DO YOU CONSIDER THE VERGE OPPOSITE DUNOLLY A SUITABLE AREA TO BE DEVELOPED WITH POTENTIAL FOR APPROX 15 CARS?

53 responded Yes, 97 responded No and the remaining 4 did not provide an answer.



11.5 WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT SUITABLE TO DEVELOP APPROX 1/3 OF THE PUTTING GREEN FOR PARKING FOR 30 TO 40 VEHICLES?

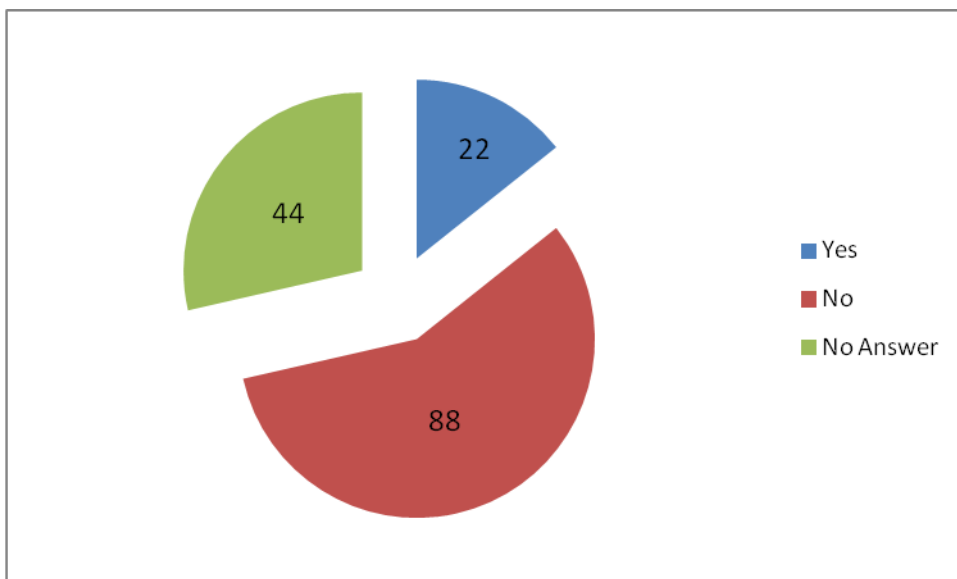
48 responded Yes, 104 responded No and the remaining 2 did not provide an answer.



11.6 SHOULD THERE BE CHARGING FOR PARKING IN ABERFELDY TO HELP WITH FUNDING?

22 responded Yes, 88 responded No and the remaining 44 did not provide an answer.

**Note – a high No Answer rate is probably due to the physical position of this question on the questionnaire sheet.*



The following are the range of comments made in relation to these questions:

Parking where you shouldn't is an issue. The car park option on the Old Crieff Road makes the most sense.

The other options are too far from square and would be used enough to justify & street parking is available in these areas.

Increase signs to existing car parks behind garage and at Market square

The putting green could be developed not a super car park plus picnic area b the provision of benches and tables.

Maps such as the new one in Pitlochry should be put up around the town to guide tourist to the various places of

More plants please. Also encourage shops to provide attractive seasonal window displays

But only in some places Embankment definitely Yes. Putting green definitely No not even part of it. Dunolly too far out. Triangle should be kept. Keep green spaces it what people love about Aberfeldy

Yes to triangle if daffodils relocated and not all space used. Dunolly would be too far to walk to town. Putting green equally too far to walk. People do not want to walk, pity!

Aberfeldy to be keep a lot cleaner than it is at the moment. Eg Litter and Dog Dirt. Aberfeldy used to be a nice clean town. Now it is a disgrace

Cars parking at the rear of the Black Watch majorly restricting access to houses

Seasonal charging

Perhaps too pricy to do, you would have to flatten the embankment. You could keep the toilets open and have an attendant there to look after them

Much of parking around triangle is generated by dentist clients and staff. They have large garden area - could it not be adapted to provide their own parking. Definitely do not want putting green as parking - who would use it? Is there no possibility of obtaining grant to keep putting green open as an amenity

I think charging for parking will cause trouble in Town and for the visitors

A series of satellite parking areas within 5 mins walking distance of square

The putting green could be made into a picnic area with some nice ornamental trees planted where tables could be placed under them - giving shade or shelter. Kiosk could be rented out to provide refreshments

Putting green parking could incorporate river walks etc. Shop keepers must stop parking outside their shops

More parking needs to be provided but I am not sure where. People do not want to walk. Parking restrictions need to be enforced. Double yellow lines parking should be discouraged and fines imposed. Photos in this leaflet should parking on double yellows

At a nominal rate 1 hour free then charge. Traders are the biggest offenders parking all day by their shops

Please - No Charges. Were surely trying to attract visitors not put them off. Triangle at new toilet block not for parking - the trees are lovely and there are lots of spring bulbs. Its dangerous at the moment with cars parked there - kids just run across the road

Get rid of mini roundabouts. No advantage

The putting green should be kept as green space

Charges for visitors not locals. There is a need for a large parking area but it must not spoil the town

May need pedestrian crossing for this parking/public toilet. Enough parking in this area already

The green triangle and the putting green are both attractive scenic spots. Parking on the verge opposite Dunnolly could prove a traffic hazard

I think that before any approach is undertaken that will allow any more cars to park in the town. Alternative transport options should be sought and put into place, such as the use of a more frequent local bus service and car sharing, through the deeds for needs initiative for example

We want people to stop and spend and enjoy their stay charging makes ones time limited

Living immediately opposite the Crieff Road proposal means we are very concerned and would like to be advised of any meetings. However we acknowledge this may be the logical best choice

Deters tourists (parking charges) Maybe more frequent visits from Traffic Wardens

Free parking is vital to locals and visitors

There is plenty of parking in Aberfeldy. Sadly people wont use the legs. More parking space in the square and bank street should be used by disabled people

Old Crieff Road - totally unsuitable for parking - too much earth would have to be moved

Detailed list sent to Victor Clements

Explore residential permits & purchasable clock/dial cards for display in restricted zones

Wait until Co-Op move complete then re-evaluate. Green spaces are very important for aesthetic appear of

Aberfeldy - Do not remove them

Park on all of it - add toilets and bus parks - keep some trees for shade and appearance or make a roller skating rink

Except at major cost. Most definitely not - this is the location of one of the iconic views of Aberfeldy

Note - a lot of people don't want to walk for 5 mins to get to where they want to go

Parking should be easier. This would (WRITING UNREADABLE)

Parking is not a problem. If more people walk the 10 yards they need to go and don't park their cars in the town

See page 1

We would like visitors to spend their money in the shops, not on parking fees

Without parking near the square - shops and cinema this would affect business for everyone, also for the disabled it would be difficult

It would definitely deter people from using the local shops. I may pop into the shops a couple of times a day but would think twice if I had to pay each time. When the Co-Op moves I believe it will relieve a lot of parking issues and should be assessed at that time

The problem is people don't want to walk 5 mins - too far! Always room to park by the triangle but people want to park right by the shop. We've never seen the car park off Moness Terrace full

Green spaces should not be sacrificed to create more parking areas. People will still try to park as close to the centre as possible meaning green spaces will be lost and money wasted

Car parking is an issue everywhere - Aberfeldy's not bad but enforcement of yellow lines needs improving. These are too far from the town

What will happen to old Co-Op?

People using their legs a bit more instead of using the car for a five minute drive

Stop the abuse of existing parking. The car park near fuel station is under used and is near town

Just ensure landscaping and design are all well thought out and it should be okay

Putting green parking only if not other area suitable. It would be a shame to lose the green space - which could be developed into garden picnic area

This would be fine if the money was ploughed back into Aberfeldy and not to the likes of Perth etc,

Picnic area where putting green was plus parking area

The only potential parking development is (sadly) the putting green as it's gone out of use and out of fashion, is already level and would be the least costly. The other suggestions are Madness and would destroy the attraction and ambience of these pockets of Aberfeldy

Parking wardens would be cheaper and ease the lack of spaces

Toilets should be provided in car parks to encourage tourist buses

We have gotten used to walking very little distance to amenities. You would expect to have to go much further from your parking in a big town. Even the edges of town aren't that far away from the centre

People don't want to walk far after parking - Old Crieff Road is a perfect central location

Don't know the best place. No one wants to walk far these days. Embankment on the Old Crieff sounds a good place but this was looked into years ago. Nothings been done. Nothings been done. Needs tidying up. Black Slugs!! A nightmare on the pavement

The demand may change when the Co-Op moves. It would seem a shame to lose a green area to make little room.

Not council land, not available. It is very sad to see it go but the lease is very expensive, but time moves on

Ban parking on Dunkeld street to allow cars etc to pass both ways. Worse with HGV's and Coaches

Dunkeld has a beautiful flower bed as you drive in on the left. It would be nice to have similar on the grassy area opposite the Caravan site entrance. Azalias, Bergenis etc heathers and bulbs are pretty low maintenance

Putting green has never really been profitable. Coaches now park by Black Watch monument - better in new car park with loos working. Maybe mini train/bus going to Town Centre. Have talks with new management - Breadalbane arms - Their car park should be chargeable for all - residents get refund - At present this Car Park is never full - open it

Parking charge would discourage visitors

Grass area up Old Crieff road is great place for parking only if it was made also to give access to houses at back of Moness Crescent. As would reduce parking issues up on one way system around Moness Crescent. Putting

green should be kept as good for kids.

The car park behind the filling station is seriously underused. People park on Main street because of convenience - try charging on street and encouraging use of car park. Don't reduce Green space especially putting green. Better control of parking near park entrance

If it is decided to develop a small car park on Old Crieff Road this could be chargeable to encourage use of out of town parking

Yes most towns charge for parking now

No parking on corner at chip shop. Parking restrictions on Crieff Road brought back. We used to have it with parking and school buses it can be very congested at School times

One-way system as in most other towns

It is not appropriate to inflict a car park on an existing residential area as this would have a detrimental effect on the town and to the neighbouring houses especially the idea of excavating the tulloch (Old Crieff road). I have very strong objections to that. There are several commercial sites around the town that are empty/on the market such as the Old Laundrette ground Chapel street, Burnside joiners premises and yard, Home street and Wilsons premises and yard, Mill Street

Less parking restrictions but areas left with restriction enforced more sternly by wardens

A cleaner more welcoming Aberfeldy

To even consider a car park on the putting green is obscene! And will be actively resisted

Increased parking time in square to allow shopping/eating, visit cinema. Clearer free parking signs. Drains cleaned oftener and work done on Crieff road to reduce water flooding at Cross Roads

Possibly. Dangerous to junction ie mini roundabout if driver backing and turning

Perhaps in limited areas and very lost cost

I think when the Co-Op moves it will make a huge difference to parking in the square. If people wouldn't walk from large car park at Garage they are not going to walk from Dunolly or putting green

Encourage parking at town hall, Campus, Churchill Court, Old Station Yard. All existing could be better signposted

Putting green needs to be kept as a facility for visitors to go to and locals to have a nice seat on a stroll around area & keep riverside walk able area

Better not to take any green spaces away which make Aberfeldy attractive. If feasible the embankment on Old Crieff Road would be best. Dunolly and Putting green too from centre

We manage fine with parking the way it is. It requires a little patience with each other and common courtesy. Putting more traffic near the park entrance would be crazy - you can't see well as it is

Take the pavements away from the centre of the square

Generally I'd like all retail proprietors, hotel and bar staff to go on regular courses on customer service and how to make regular and visiting customers feel really welcome

None, its quite adequate as it is. Put yellow lines at the toilets triangle.

The addition of 40-50 car parking in Old Crieff Road and 20 new places at the new Co-Op will improve parking.

Do not even think about the putting green

NO

No charge is a great welcome to the town. A hydro scheme on Moness burn could provide funding and must needed green power

Square now appears much fuller since advent of the cinema. Can these lazy people not use the car park by Girvans. Signage i.e. Parking for 1 or 2 hours is never enforced in Aberfeldy. It would help if it were.

Make it easier to stop in the town rather than letting traffic drive through as an easier option re putting green - what would happen to the rest of it?

I have to use my car to go shopping nearly everyday. This is because I can't carry anything. I have to do my parents shopping too as I help care for them. This would be very expensive for me. Stop people parking on yellow lines

Parking is only an issue for those who will not walk more than 100 yards. None of these suggestions is suitable and we should not be paving over any green space in the town. The idea of using the putting green as a car park is shocking to say the least. It is a community and visitor facility and should be re-instated as such

More traffic wardens to fine bad parkers all around the town - even residential roads

The Dunolly option is part of Oakbank property - I think

If parking is charged for, more people would find non-charged places and clutter those. Also free parking for visitors gives off a sense of generosity from the town.

From a visitors point of view if they cannot find parking they drive on and out. The lack of parking in Aberfeldy is now a crisis. I seriously suggest turning Lower birks into parking - people cannot stroll thru it if they cannot park in first place!11 No point marketing the town if there is nowhere to park!! Far too many locals take car when they could easily walk

More disabled bays in square

Will be necessary to recognise charging visitors and residents. I would be not happy to pay for parking while enjoy to stay in park with my child. For residents - annual ticket £5-£10

When the Co-Op moves, the centre of the town will move to Moness Terrace. People nowadays wont walk the length of themselves when shopping. The Tulach in Old Crieff Road would be better kept tidy and grass cut to make access to the magnificent view. It is supposed to be earmarked by P&K council for housing. Old Crieff road is too steep for people to bother going to a car park and it is too narrow for ingress and egress

Need more variety of restaurant and good food for visitors

I think the people who work in business in Aberfeldy should not park outside their place of work all day. This would eliminate parking on double yellow lines on the Old Crieff Road and outside Wades newsagents eg MSA, Doigs, Tourist information, Co-Op, Dows, Pets etc Premier

if need be! Plus everywhere else too plus funding to Aberfeldy area

Would be a blight to residential area of town which would badly affect surrounding houses. OCR very narrow and could not support extra traffic. The tullich is a well used and appreciated amenity. There are industrial locations more suitable ie burnside joiners yard plus wilsons yard, mill street and old Laundrette Tayside place

In view of putting green not being let this land is a waste of space - its close to the park/bridge/river walks. Parking should be free - at the moment issue with people parking on double yellow lines, this will continue if parking is not free. Once Co-op relocates parking will free up in square

12. WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT?

The questionnaire asked the respondents to put the issues raised in an order of priority, with 1 being the most important and 11 being the least important.

***Note – of the 154 responses valid responses received only 89 answered the priorities in a useable and consistent format. The remaining 65 responses used ticks, circles, incomplete scoring or did not answer at all. For the purpose of the following analysis only the 89 correctly answered responses were used:**

The following priorities were identified:

Priority 1	Defining/marketing Aberfeldy better.	Average 4.30
Priority 2	Car parking.	Average 4.36
Priority 3	The entrances to the town.	Average 4.39
Priority 4	Traffic flow in the town.	Average 5.56
Priority 5	Signs in the town.	Average 5.75
Priority 6	Better pavements.	Average 6.11
Priority 7	The Lower Birks	Average 6.28
Priority 8	A 20mph speed limit	Average 6.40
Priority 9	Improvements to shop fronts.	Average 6.62
Priority 10	A single user surface in the Square.	Average 7.60
Priority 11	Better lighting in the Square.	Average 8.60

The following are the final comments made in relation to the questionnaire:

The current street signs, certainly in the central area of the town, are almost unreadable in some cases or hidden behind downpipes or others. There is little point in providing maps if tourists can not find the Streets due to poor or non-existent Street signs.

Taxi Rank - 2 Cars (possible to share bus stop)

Staggered parking in areas of Home Street as bus drivers have often problems driving this street

I am seriously concerned about children running out of the Park gates into the road. We need zigzag lines in front of the gates so motorists can see children

It is silly spending more money on car park when the one on Atholl Terrace is never used. Money would be better spent on keeping the place cleaner than it is at the moment. Noise from the square need to be addressed at the weekend. It must be terrible

Public transport is an increasing problem, its not often enough and its extremely scarce. Also the school buses (the 823 & 23) should be for Public Only and the school children should get a private service

I really do not know why the putting green cannot be kept as a lovely green spot in the town for folk to sit and enjoy, why must it be turned into something

CCTV Cameras in the square

People visiting don't realise that the entrance to above is our Cenotaph. Visitors think it is the Black Watch monument that is the Cenotaph.

Email sent to Victor Clements

Since the Cinema opened there is an increase to parking

A number of people have spoken about re-installing the giant outdoor chess board. I think this would be a great

idea.

Removal of pavement that juts out at entrance to Alma Avenue (an accident waiting to happen)

I would like to see yellow lines on the road in the area of the new toilets. I think an accident there is only a matter of time

A one-way system may get cars through town quicker but they may not stop in Town. Wider Pavements will impede traffic flow

If shop keepers parked elsewhere than on the Main street then visitors could have these useable spaces

Walkway around Black Watch monument as this is a major stopping point for tourists

The end of speed limit sign on the way out of town to Kenmore is too near to the mini roundabout at Dunnolly resulting in cars speeding up before leaving town and is hazardous to residents/animals at this end of town

The parking is certainly a problem. The car park behind the garage should be more clearly marked, it is not fully used. Speeding in Kenmore Street very serious, lack of clear speed restrictions at Crossroads (too many signs at Newsagents/FSB etc)

The more recent car park by the Bridge in Dunkeld would seem not have eased the numbers parking on the main street. Folk are generally reluctant to walk any distance from their car to the shops/cafes. I think that expense of providing the above would p

Two extra Blue Card parking slots in the square, one outside bank of scotland and one outside Habitat

I strongly feed that there is a lack of cohesiveness in the town between the local organisations, the public at large (local residents) and the funding partners.

Keep the toilets at Putting Green. Erect new toilets at car park behind new Co-Op Dunkeld street the plumbing is already there.

More of the bridge and walks by River. Make it Family Friendly with picnic area

Litter bin at seat on Old Crieff Road. Also more dog poo bins around town, especially on old Crieff Road

Keep road in a good state of repair. Remove small roundabouts at Dunolly and Square

When visitors and locals come over Wades Bridge theyh see a very nice green area which is well maintained. Lets keep it that way

It sounds like people want to spend money on stuff that not essential

The riverside walk in Taybridge Drive is a disgrace. Needs tidied up. The pathway should be grassed over and levelled, so that when River floods the paths would not become rutted and stones washed out.

Roads & Pavements require repair. Embankment off Old Crieff Road badly needs attention, when wet black slugs are a nightmare

Detailed comments sent to Victor Clements

Better policing of parking on double yellow lines, litter louts and irresponsible dog owners

The community campus don't seem to advertise the out of school availability of tennis courts, sports halls etc especially in the School holidays to holiday makers. We are a sporty town

Aberfeldy has a lot to offer - but it need an agency to sell it. Should preserve its putting green at all costs - additional policing of the irresponsible behaviour in the towns streets and road would . We need someone to sell it - Why not promote the town

The community council should continue to lobby to get rid of the idiotic and limited Publicly available toilet scheme and to re-instate properly regulated public toilets in or near the square. This is a travisty
Congratulations on the questionnaire

Please find a way to open the putting green toilet block for visitors to our war memorial and river

To benefit the town parking must be in the centre allowing easy access for all ages to shop - cinema and places of interest

When there are events on in the square traffic should be closed and diverted around the town. More litter bins on routes used by school children - top end of lower birks (Crieff road), Urlar Road. Dog poo bins in the Birks. CCTV in the square near pubs

Id like to see the school more actively involved in ownership and maintenance of the town. The children should understand civic pride

Too many signs already in the town cluttering up lampposts

A big sign outside the Caravan park, no cycling on the footpath it is illegal and dangerous. If they can not walk the short distance to the shop they would not be here. Bikes are for the road not the footpath

Aberfeldy is lawless. Abandoned Police station and no wardens. 2 GBH this year, one nearby theft and a cars 4 tyres slashed nearby. Minor Graffiti

Putting green should not be used - as may be putting green next year. Gorgeous area around Bridge and Monument - dont waste by putting parking in conservation area

Far, far too much rubbish lying about, mainly on trunk roads. What do visitors, tourists think? Its embaessing and a poor reflection on the Scottish people. People just throw it out their cars. Put up signs -Take your rubbish home

Old Crieff road - car park idea good but would be difficult to achieve - this area would make a good community woodland area

Do we ever had dog wardens on a regular basis. Dog fouling is everywhere. Litter around the town especially after the weekend in the square. Should food outlets take more responsibility. Bike track up Birks disgraceful,

More control over dog fouling. More control over litter in town after school lunch break

These proposals clearly place an emphasis on visitors, rather than what matters to the people who live here. Aberfeldy is a small town and most of these changes are unnecessary and would ruin its character, especially a

one way system and the ludicrous p

Parking on putting green area - well screened by trees much less expensive than Old Crieff Road

Entrance from A9 to Aberfeldy - far too many signs. Tidy and establish a picnic area with planting

Dog fouling in Aberfeldy is a big problem. Would be good to have a dog warden who could take positive action against offending dog owners. The children's play park in Victoria Park would benefit from fencing off and dogs prohibited as many towns have

Over hanging trees and bushes from gardens and properties can be dangerous and a hazard. Especially when the leaves fall off, makes the pavement slippery

The putting green is a great site, it needs to be used for more than a car park

Manage empty shops so that they dont become an eyesore. Address litter problem in lower Birks

A car park on the putting green is a Horrendous idea. If you must find another use for it, you would be better putting picnic bench seating on it for use by holiday families and locals alike. We need to keep the few green spaces we have

In car park behind garage - guild good tourist facility. All underground pipework already there.

More international tourist advertising town as Heart of Scotland

New toilets (Public)

Aberfeldy will benefit from good reviews online eg trip advisor so businesses need to promote a good service. A single surface in Square would discriminate against children requiring visual barriers

Burnside overgrown with trees and gardens on left hand side going down neglected and a mess. Wall has been knocked down in places but never repaired. Looks a total mess

The improvement I would like to see is a metal safety railing on the bed of the road outside the Chip Shop because few months ago an accident happened and the car crashed into the chip shop

If there are no plans for the old Co-Op. If it was stripped out to the original Victorian pillars and concrete floor it would make an excellent venue for indoor markets etc

One way road traffic management is essential. This would helpfully affect most other problems

I have lived in Appin Place since it was built 44 years ago and at that time there weren't so many cars coming in here. Rannoch road etc was fields owned by the Greive Partners. Now drivers come in from Perth Direction (some quite fast) and don't realise

Get a toilet block to get the buses back. Move the recycling bins out of car park to other end of town in a proper compound. This would also encourage buses to use car park. Tidy and look after the Peach Tree on Moness Burn

Public toilets in car park so buses will come and stay in town bring increased trade. Look at Dunkeld its much busier as buses stop there because toilets available

In a time of austerity we shouldn't be spending vast sums such as would be incurred by some of these ideas. We have adequate parking now if people were prepared to walk from the car park behind the garage and elsewhere. And shopkeepers should not park outside their businesses.

Car parking between the square and lower Birks entrance seems to cause traffic flow problems. The putting green and Black watch memorial area is very beautiful and should not be ruined by having more cars parked there. Thank you to all the people who are looking at the issues.

Most important to me is to vastly improve the square, re-landscape and Pedestrianise. The diagonal bisection is terrible. I appreciate redirection and traffic would affect more residents of streets which traffic is diverted

Sell off the redundant Putting green to perhaps McCarthy & Stone - 16 plus flats would be better financially and otherwise than fiddling about with parking etc.

Less dog poo. Also general tidy-up like no weeds growing at edge of pavement etc. Cleanly presented shop fronts.

There must be a way to encourage this!

Toilets in centre of town or at car park. Putting green operating. Round about removed at west end of Kenmore Parking. If you charge for car parks it discourages people from using them. In a small country town like Aberfeldy people from outlying areas street park to use the shops so charging here put an unfair burden on them

More than a 20mph limit on the approach to Aberfeldy from the Caravan site. Its usually ignored especially outside Breadalbane Terrace. This area would also do with a lot of repairs etc, the fences are all broken and the gardens are untidy. It brings down the town.

More Police presence to tackle anti-social behaviour from the same people

Shop owners/workers should not park in street all day. Every day

More tasteful Christmas lights

The square at present is very uninviting, especially the Building occupied by the Co-Op with its shoddy paintwork.

Hope this will improve when the Co-Op moves to its new location. Also the parking should be easier when this happens.

I would like to see more of a police presence at the weekends. Drunken brawls are quite common. There are scary and noisy for residents and seriously off putting to tourists. More Police please

Toilets, toilets, toilets!! We hear this time and again. They should always have been in main car park. A pedestrian crossing for people going to new Co-OP - an elderly registered blind, friend suggested this to me and I agree it would be really good

Encourage kids to put rubbish in the bins. School /nursery involved. Monthly one day - pick up rubbish in the town.

Add more things in Play/area in Moness Crescent park

What about burnside Joiners workshop/yard and behind breadalbane terrace for parking. Its for sale at present. Its on the flat and would be closer to the new Co-Op. Making a car park in old crieff road would create artificial cliffs around it and would

May survey should pay Aberfeldy for the inconvenience of digging up the road a 2nd time due to them making a mess of it 1st time

More say in the area younger generation as well as older generation. 20mph in load of area

First impressions are very important and Aberfeldy has a lot to offer visitors. Needs good signage and parking for this. But the town is also important to locals as somewhere for shopping/recreation and this should also be considered.