



# Finderne Community Council

## Report on Community Consultation Survey 2022



## Background

The Finderne Community Council (FCC) decided that because it had been four years since the last survey of the Finderne community and with the events that had taken place since 2019 that it was timely to seek the views of the community to see what should be the focus and priorities of the community and the FCC. In June/July the FCC forwarded a questionnaire to 491 addresses seeking the views of the community.

## Executive Summary

### Responses

There were 110 replies, which represented 22% of the total, of which 77 were online and 33 hard copies.

### RESILIENCE PLANNING

There were 30 replies indicating willingness to become involved in producing the proposed resilience plan and/or the execution for the Finderne community. This will provide a good basis for the plan. However, some replies did not include contact details so the FCC will reach out to the community to ascertain contact details.

**Next Steps.** The FCC will form a working group to include community volunteers to develop a resilience plan for Finderne. This will include looking at wildfires amongst the risks to be managed.

### TRAFFIC ISSUES

The responses showed significant support for the use of vehicle activated signs and the construction of a shared use path from Rafford to Forres. Moreover, there was support for increased police speed checks and traffic calming measures.

**Next Steps.** The FCC will continue to press ahead with its current plans to develop a footpath within Rafford, the procurement of vehicle activated signs and enhanced village signage. We will also campaign for a shared use path from Rafford to Forres, and engage with the Moray Council regarding a speed limit between Upper and Lower Rafford, visibility at junctions and grass cutting.



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### WINDFARMS

Whilst the consensus view from Rafford was to focus on maximising the community benefits from windfarm developments, the Logie and Dunphail area showed a majority, albeit only slightly, in favour of continuing resistance to new windfarm developments.

**Next Steps.** The FCC will modify its present stance on windfarm developments within the Finnerne area and would consult the community on a case by case basis. The FCC will engage with organisations such as Energising Moray to ensure maximising the benefits of windfarm developments to the Finnerne community. However it will not routinely object to windfarm proposals outside the Finnerne area.

### HOUSING

Generally there was little support for additional housing, particularly from Upper Rafford. Whilst in responses from Logie/Dunphail there was less resistance to any new developments. Responses from Upper Rafford indicated nearly 60% were against the proposed Brockloch housing development, with most preferring it to be used for other community purposes. However, if additional houses were to be built, responses showed they should be smaller affordable homes.

**Next Steps.** The FCC will continue to monitor and comment on any future planning applications within the Finnerne area. FCC will also liaise closely with the Finnerne Development Trust (FDT) who are the main party in developing the Brockloch project, with a view to minimising impact on the local community.

**Chairman's Note:** The FDT had recently acquired ownership of the plot of land, opposite the Rafford Village Hall, upon which the proposed Brockloch housing project would be built.



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### OTHER ISSUES FROM THE RESPONSES.

There were several issues raised by the responses that did not fit into any of the preceding topic headings and included the following;

- The concerns of poor broadband service within the Finderne area figured considerably.
- Road safety including verge cutting and footpaths.
- The issue of dog waste and the provision of dog waste bins.
- The lack of public transport.
- Active travel routes.
- A community shop.
- Refuse collection.
- Mains sewage.

**Next Steps.** The FCC will work towards addressing the various issues raised in the 'Other Issues', concentrating on the broadband issues.

### CONCLUSION.

The questionnaire was designed to highlight the issues that matter to the residents of the Finderne area and act as a vehicle for residents to express their concerns for their environment. The FCC would like to thank all those that took the time to reply to the questionnaire. The FCC will now move forward and work hard to resolve these issues. Clearly some are likely to be simpler to tackle than others.



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### Main Report

#### Survey Responses

The survey was launched on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022, and closed on 9<sup>th</sup> July. We sent out 491 copies of the survey by post, and received 110 returns, (77 on-line and 33 hard copy). This gives an overall response rate of 22%.

By area the responses are shown below:

Area	Addresses	Responses	Response Rate
Rafford	227	90	40%
Logie&Dunphail	159	14	9%
Altyre	32	0	0%
Califer&Burgie	73	3	4%
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<b>Overall</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>22%</b>

There were a few surveys which did not include a postcode, and a few households sent in duplicate surveys. More detail is available by locality within each area. (appendix 1)

### Resilience

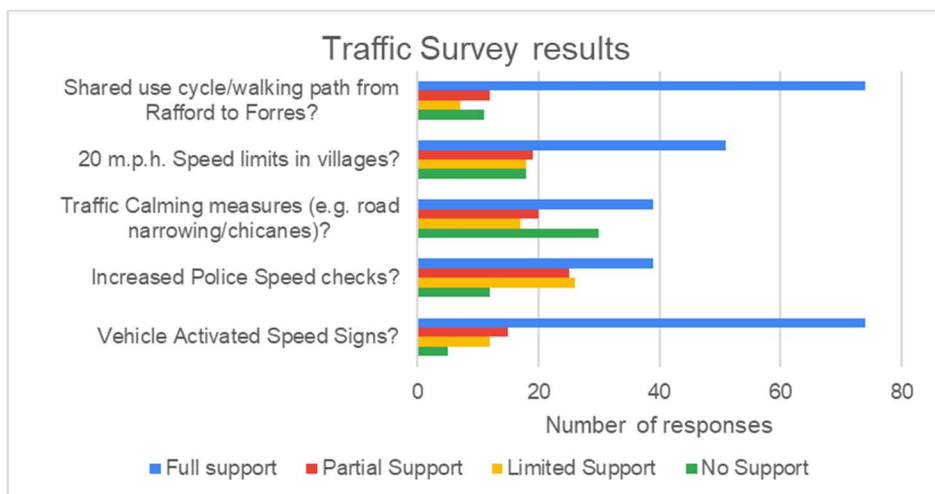
We had a total of 30 responses indicating willingness to participate in planning and/or execution of the proposed Resilience Plan. This will provide a great start. Not all provided contact details so we will need to reach out again to the community on this topic.

Proposed actions:

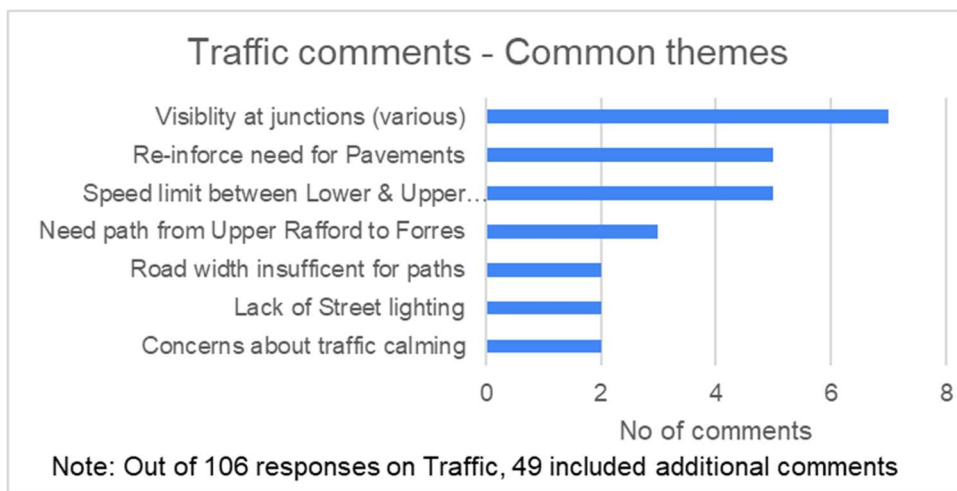
- Form a subgroup, including FCC members and community volunteers, to develop a Resilience Plan for Finderne.
- Include Wildfires in the risks to be managed, and press local, and national government and windfarm operators for improved management practices.

## Traffic

The results show a significant support for Vehicle Activated Signs, and a shared use path from Rafford to Forres, plus majority support for other initiatives surveyed. However the appetite for traffic calming measures in the Logie & Dunphail area is much less than in the Rafford area. (see appendix 2)



Respondee were invited to make additional comments on traffic issues. Common themes emerged:



### Proposed Actions:

- Continue to press ahead with current plans for a pavement in Rafford, Vehicle Activated Speed signs, and enhance village signage.
- Clearly communicate plans for pavements and paths, to alleviate concerns about road widths.
- Address the issue of speed limits between Upper and Lower Rafford with Moray Council.
- Campaign for a shared use path from Rafford to Forres
- Highlight issues on visibility at junctions and grass cutting with Moray Council (identified in Other Comments)

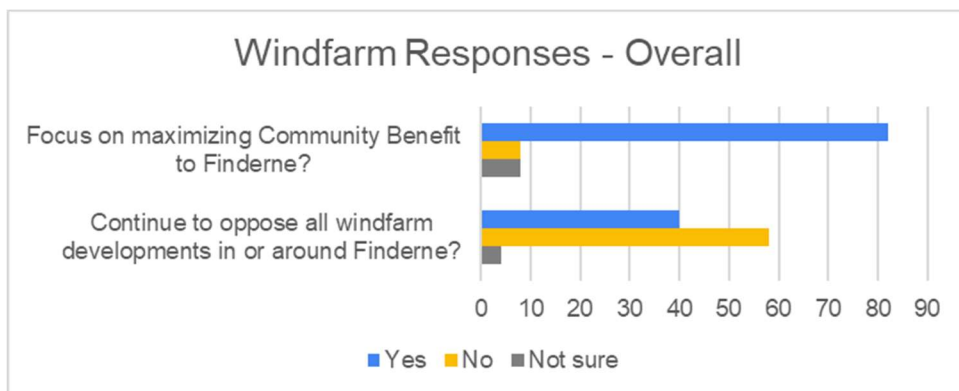


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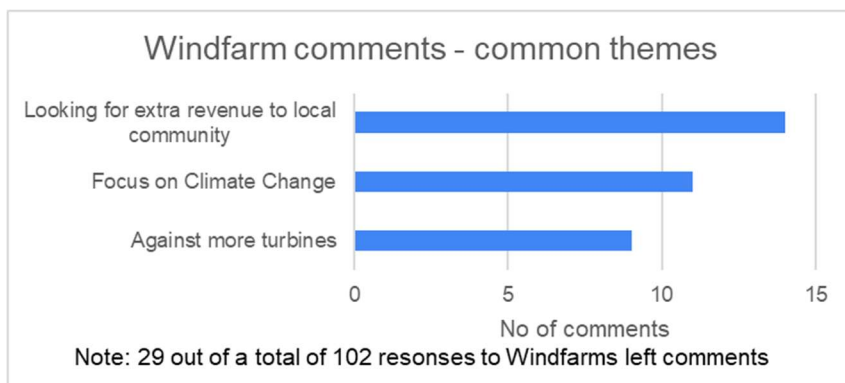
### Wind Farms

The consensus view is that we should not be opposing windfarm development in future, but focusing our efforts on maximising community benefits.



However, in the Logie and Dunphail area a slight majority are in favour of continuing opposition to new windfarm developments. (see appendix 3)

Again additional comments submitted under the topic of Windfarms included some common themes.

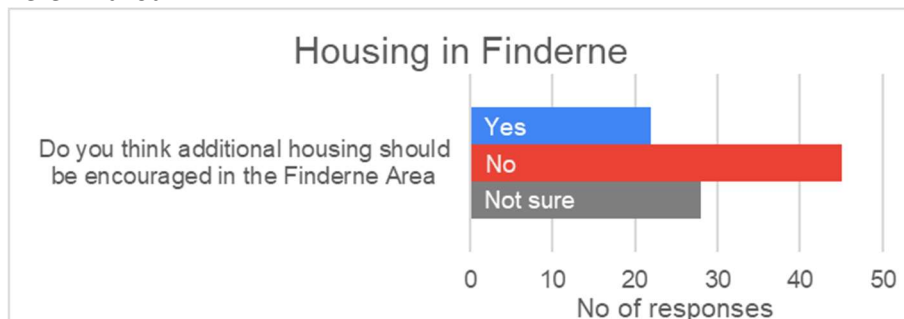


#### Proposed Actions:

- FCC to modify current position on opposition to all Windfarms in and around Finderne.
- To consult with the community on a case by case basis, if new developments are proposed within the Finderne area.
- To engage with organisations such as Energising Moray, in order to maximise community benefits to Finderne.

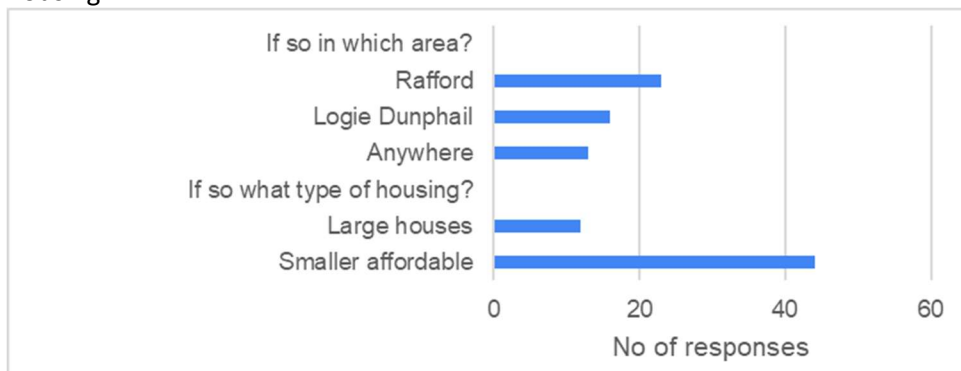
### Housing

There were twice as many respondents who were against additional housing in Finderne, than those who were in favour.

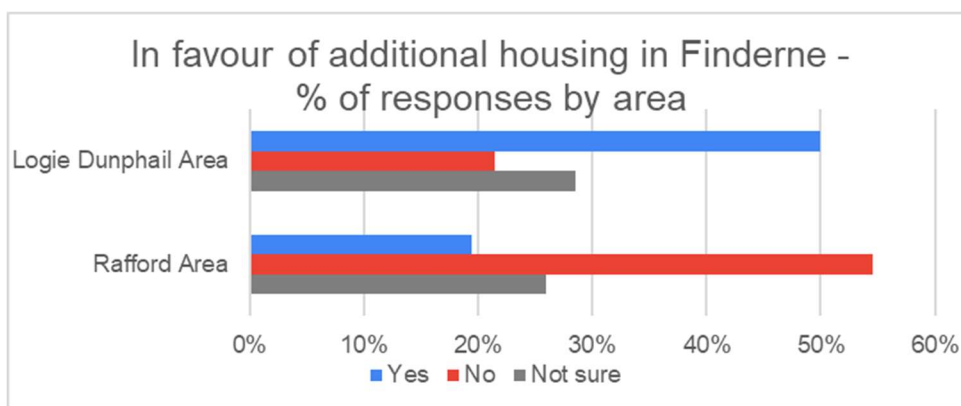


Having said that, the response for which area should have additional housing were fairly balanced between Rafford, Logie/Dunphail, and anywhere in the countryside.

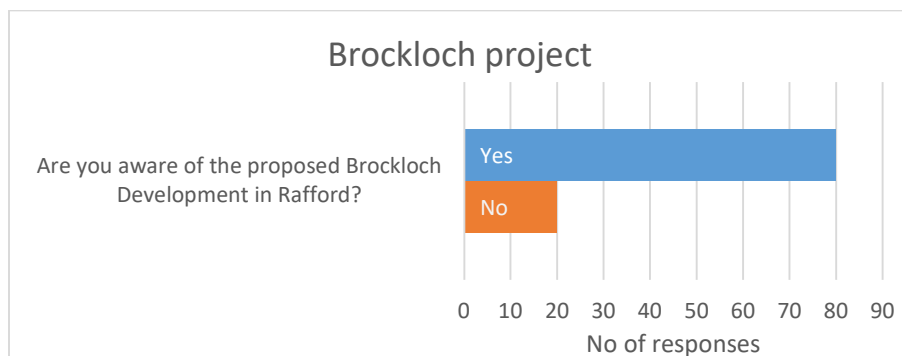
Again if additional houses were to be built a significant majority were in favour of smaller affordable housing.



Responses from the Logie and Dunphail area are most in favour of additional housing in Finderne, whereas those from Rafford are most against.

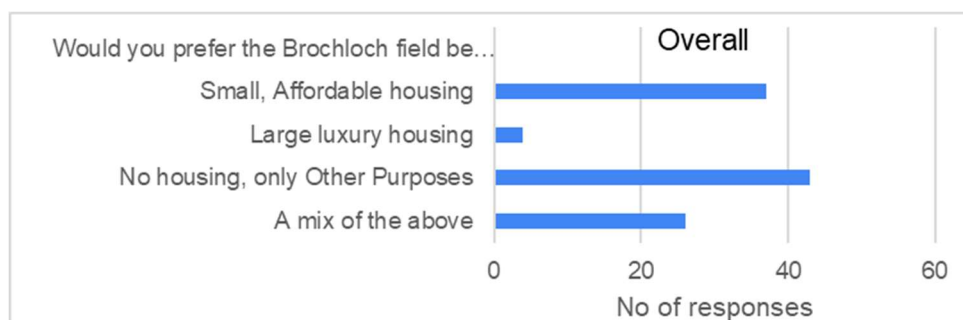


Overall, almost all respondents were aware of the proposed development in the Brockloch field.

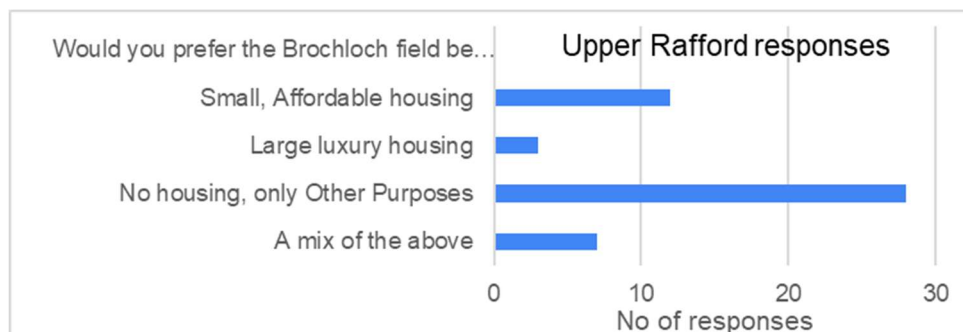


Unsurprisingly there is a much lower awareness of the proposed Brockloch housing project in responses from Logie and Dunphail.

When asked what the Brockloch field should be used for a significant number did not want it used for housing.



Responses from Upper Rafford show nearly 60% against using the Brockloch field housing, preferring it to be used for other community purposes.



More details can be found in appendix 4.

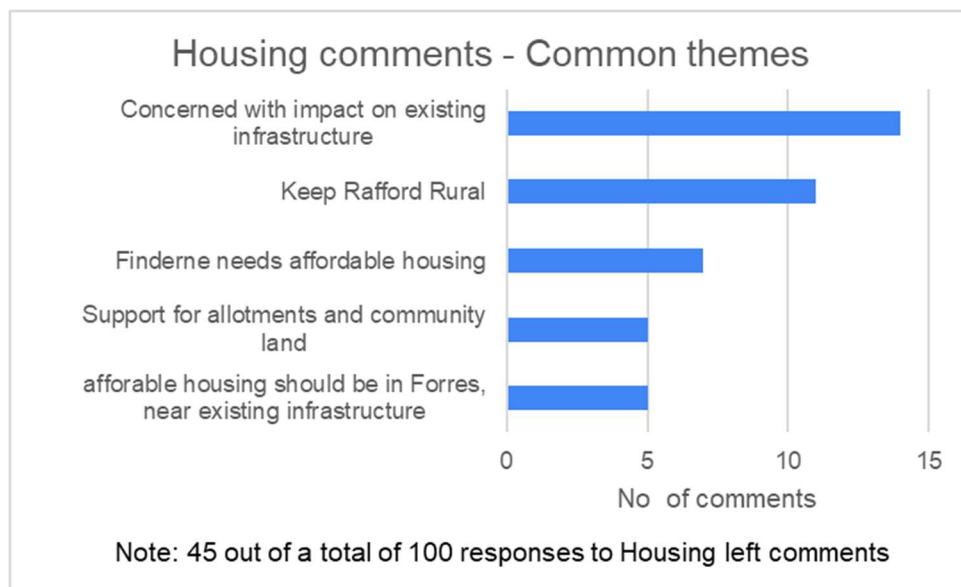




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Common themes on additional comments under the housing topic are presented below.

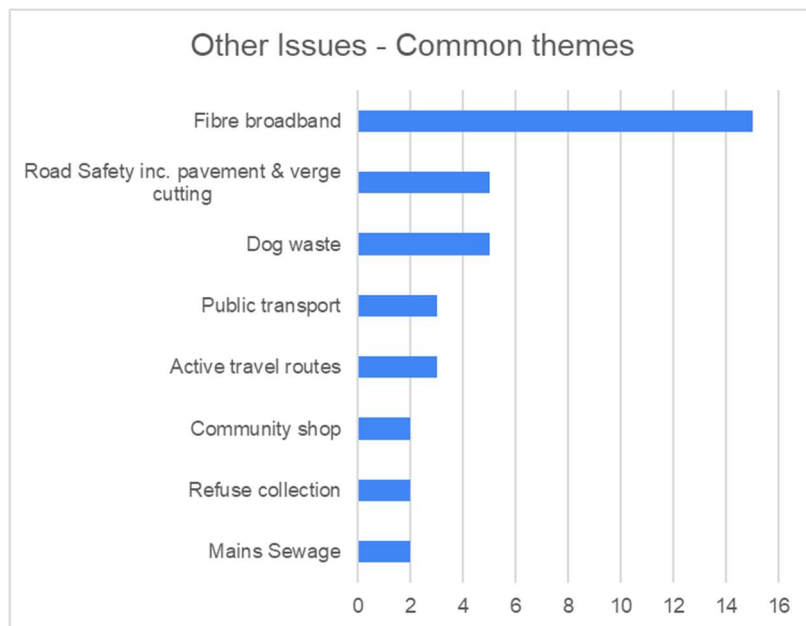


### Proposed Actions:

- Continue to review planning applications for housing outwith the current Moray Development Plan.
- Engage with Finderne Development Trust, to seek modifications to their proposals for Brockloch field, to minimize impact on the local community.

### Other Areas for FCC

Respondees were invited to identify any other topics that the FCC should address.



Proposed actions:

- Continue to work with FDT and 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, to enable Fibre Broadband for properties not currently included in the OpenReach R100 Fibre Broadband rollout plans.
- Work with others to campaign to bring forward, and publicise Public Transport and Active Travel initiatives in the Finderne Area.
- Launch a local campaign to highlight issues around dog waste.
- (Road Safety issues covered in the Traffic Section)

### Analysis of responses by area

As we captured the postcodes of most responses we are able to see if the answers are different in different area. See Appendices.



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### Appendices

#### Appendix 1

#### Response rate by Area and Locality

Area / Locality	Addresses	Responses	Response Rate
<b>Rafford</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>40%</b>
Lower Rafford	49	8	16%
New Forres	10	0	0%
South&West of Rafford	36	15	42%
Upper Rafford	83	49	59%
Marcassie/Templestones/Blervie	35	12	34%
Rafford Station	14	6	43%
<b>Logie&amp;Dunphail</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9%</b>
Dava	2	0	0%
Dunphail	75	4	5%
Half Davoch	22	5	23%
Logie	36	4	11%
Relugas	24	1	4%
<b>Altyre</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Altyre	32	0	0%
<b>Califer&amp;Burgie</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4%</b>
Burgie	40	0	0%
Califer	33	3	9%
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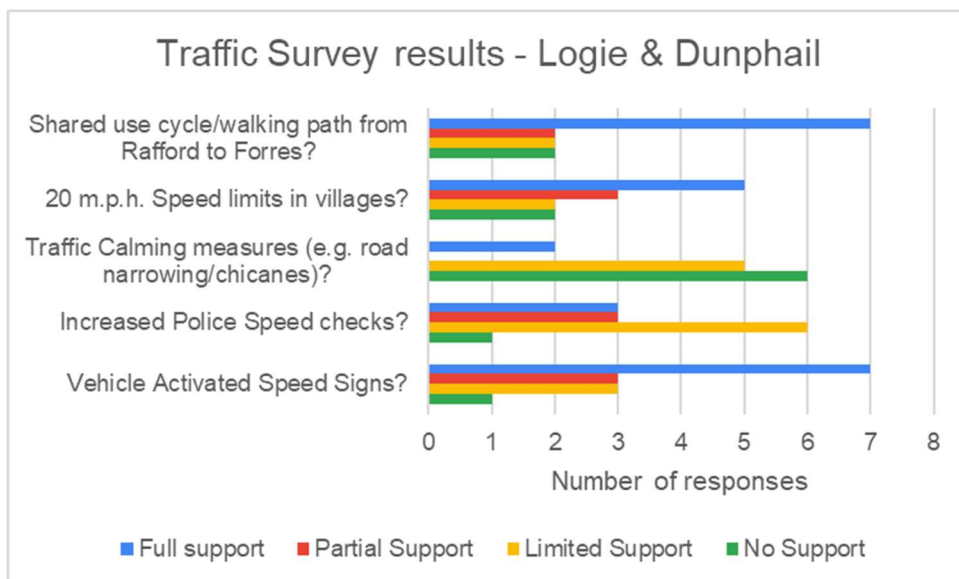
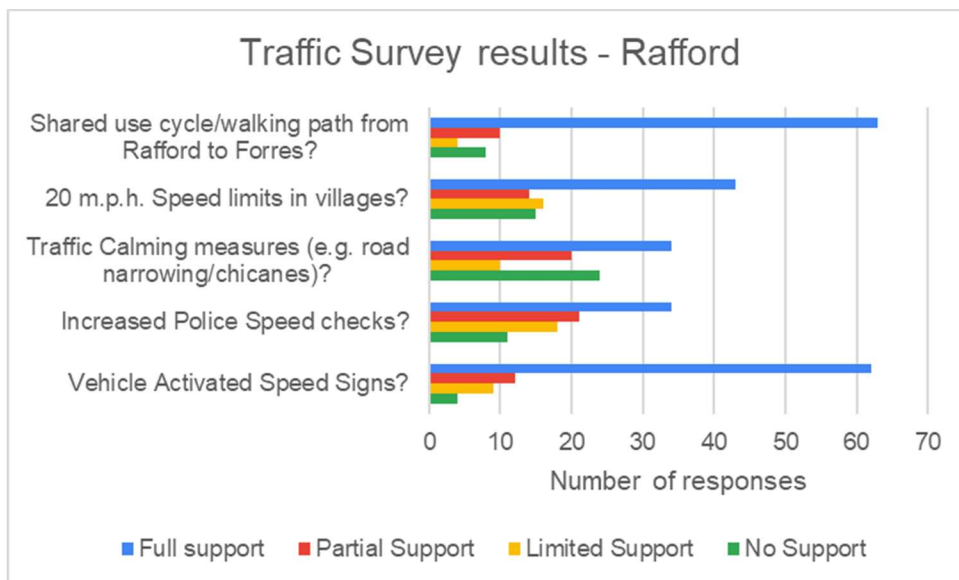


Areas and localities based on the following groups of postcodes.

Row Labels	Sum of Adresses
<b>Altyre</b>	<b>32</b>
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IV36 2SG	1
IV36 2SH	18
IV36 2SQ	13
<b>Califer&amp;Burgie</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Burgie</b>	<b>40</b>
IV36 2QU	25
IV36 2QY	12
IV36 2QZ	3
<b>Califer</b>	<b>33</b>
IV36 2RL	14
IV36 2RN	19
<b>Logie&amp;Dunphail</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Dava</b>	<b>2</b>
PH26 3PU	2
<b>Dunphail</b>	<b>75</b>
IV36 2QH	34
IV36 2QP	4
IV36 2QQ	32
IV36 2QW	5
<b>Half Davoch</b>	<b>22</b>
IV36 2QR	22
<b>Logie</b>	<b>36</b>
IV36 2QG	27
IV36 2QN	9
<b>Relugas</b>	<b>24</b>
IV36 2QL	24
<b>Rafford</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>Lower Rafford</b>	<b>49</b>
IV36 2PT	12
IV36 2RJ	16
IV36 2RT	13
IV36 2UH	1
IV36 2WH	7
<b>Marcassie Templestones Blervie</b>	<b>35</b>
IV36 2RH	35
<b>New Forres</b>	<b>10</b>
IV36 2RE	3
IV36 2RG	3
IV36 2RQ	4
<b>Rafford Station</b>	<b>14</b>
IV36 2RR	14
<b>South&amp;West of Rafford</b>	<b>36</b>
IV36 2SJ	36
<b>Upper Rafford</b>	<b>83</b>
IV36 2JZ	19
IV36 2RU	37
IV36 2SL	16
IV36 2TU	1
IV36 2WD	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>491</b>

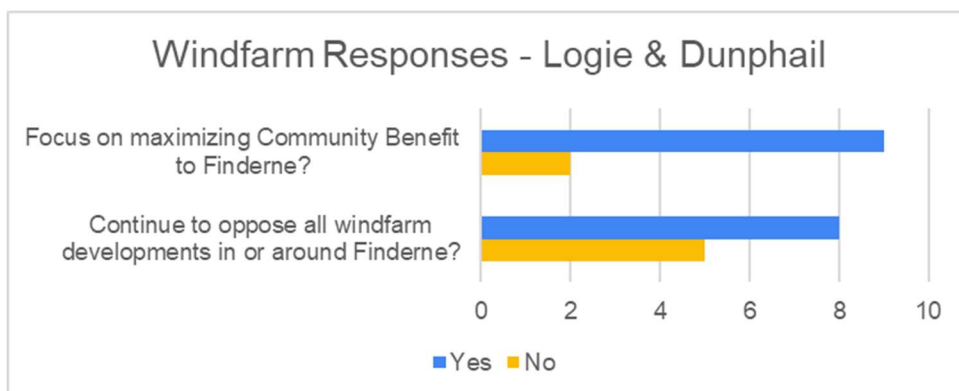
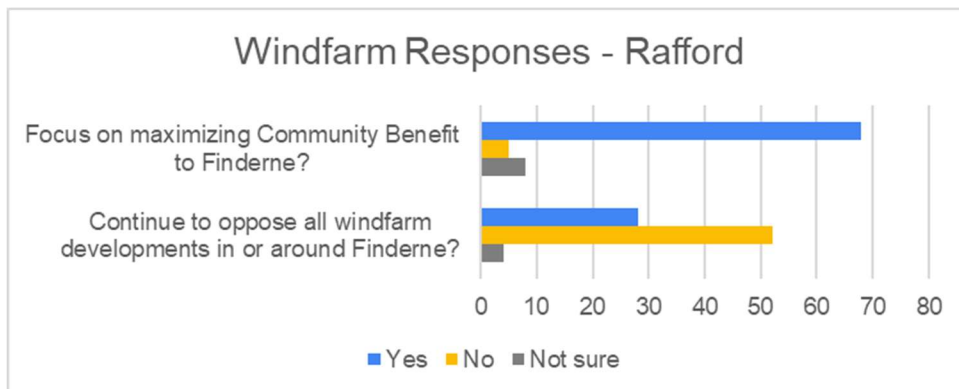
### Appendix 2

#### Traffic responses by Area



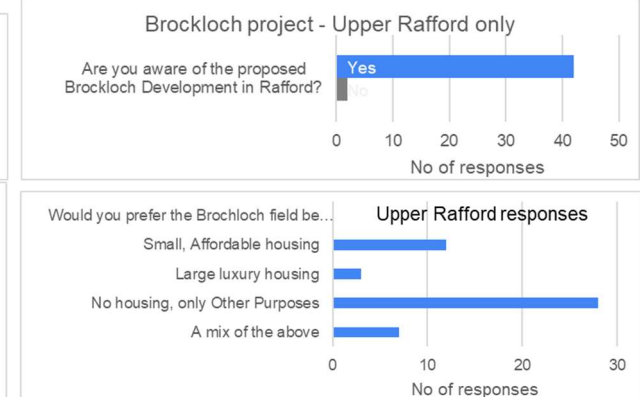
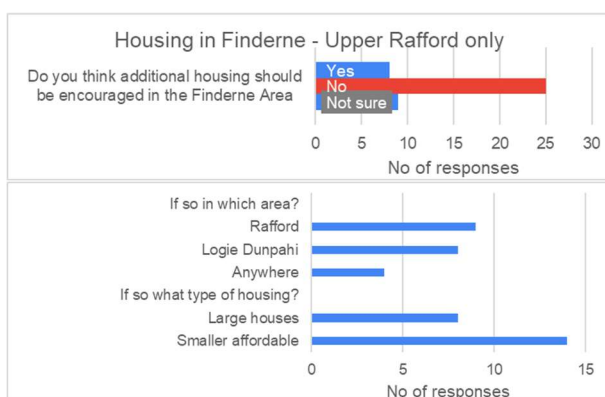
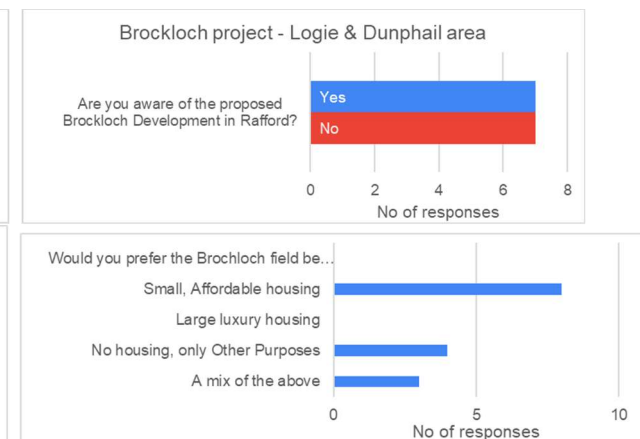
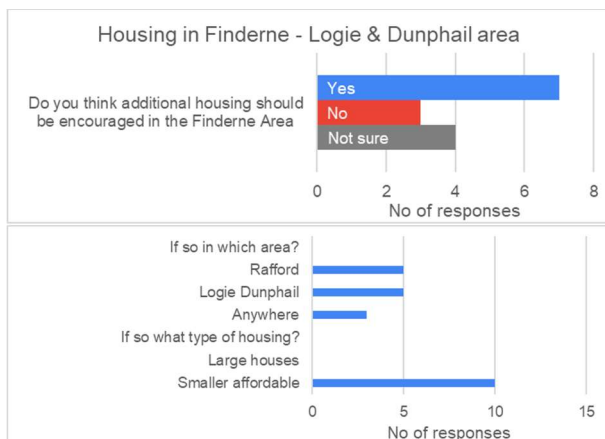
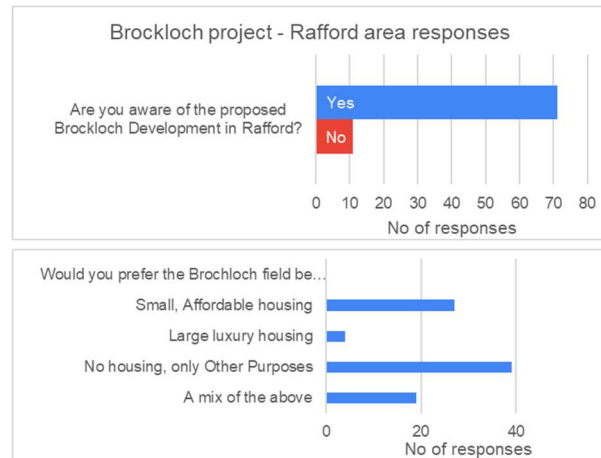
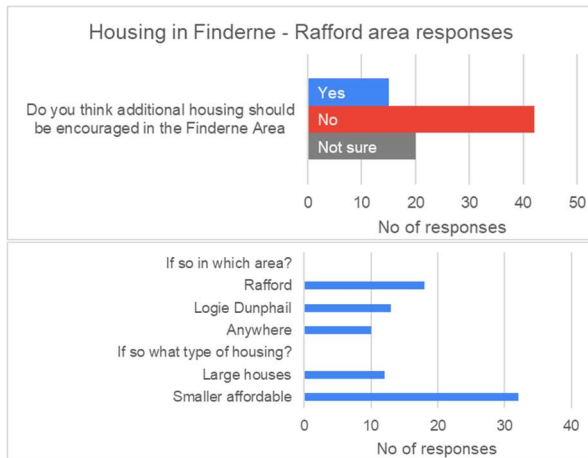
### Appendix 3

#### Windfarm Responses by Area



### Appendix 4

### Housing Responses by area





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### Appendix 5

#### Comments on Road Safety and Traffic Issues

Are there any other road safety issues in Finderne of which we should be aware?
No
There used to be black and white warning posts before the first entrance to Granary Park. These were removed without the Council's knowledge and have never been replaced. There needs to be an extra street light on the hill on the approach to the Community Hall.
Pavement in village on at least one side of road
Speeding
I would like to propose that the national speed limit section of road between Upper and Lower Rafford be reduced to 40mph.
I do not believe that either electronic signs or an increase in Police checks (unsustainable) will have any impact.
Instead I would like to see either road narrowing or traffic calming measures at the where the existing 30mph signs are.
The worst thing is that change of speed between the villages. Easier kept at a single speed limit throughout the whole section of road, ie. 40mph. That road also needs a path alongside however, as there are so many dog walkers up and down between the two villages and it gets dangerous for them with the cars. A dog waste bin or two in the village wouldn't go amiss either - at the entrance to the wee woods, and down by the church?
Children walking to school bus with no pavement is a concern due to speed of traffic, especially in winter with dark nights and weather conditions.
Puddles can be a nightmare, especially where there are no French drains to clear them away
Not that I know of
No
The impact of loss of parking space at premises if the proposed path were to go ahead.
This is a residential <a href="https://www.chainreactioncycles.com/r-pl/summer-sale?icn=week28_2022_summersale&amp;icb=aspot1-week28_2022_summersale&amp;campaigntype=sale&amp;campaignname=summersale22">https://www.chainreactioncycles.com/r-pl/summer-sale?icn=week28_2022_summersale&amp;icb=aspot1-week28_2022_summersale&amp;campaigntype=sale&amp;campaignname=summersale22</a> area where people regularly walk along the road. Any traffic calming measures needs to take into account the noise of vehicles slowing and speeding up. Farm vehicles with trailers are very noisy when crossing speed bumps!
Junction of road down from Blervie Castle and Rafford Road. Grass on left at corner needs better management to ensure safer right turn. Visibility to right is virtually nil at the moment.
The blind summit in Lower Rafford which reduces traffic from 60 to 30 outside the Church of Scotland is extremely dangerous. The cars over the blind summit in excess of 60 M.P.H. and often racing each other. There is to junctions on this summit. One from the Church of Scotland turn off, and one at Church Terrace (where the War Memorial is). I know the community traffic police are aware of this, and came to speak to me to see who owns the small parcel of land near me (which they thought was communal land) which is used by my neighbour for parking his vehicle on. As far as I know, they have not been back, so not sure if they have to seek his permission to park there or not.





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I would love to have a speed limit with sign about speed near Logie Primary school!
There appears to be a distinct lack of vegetation management on the minor roads which has resulted in reduced visibility.
1.cycle/walking path - I would need to see proposal/draft plan before commenting.  2. 30mph signs - there about 18 Repeater Signs (small versions) in Lower Rafford but none in Upper Rafford. I think they should be at all junctions, Damhead, Marycroft, Sourbank, Granary Park roads and by the Village Hall.
Yes. There is very little street lighting next to one of the busiest places in Rafford at the Village Hall. It was there but seems to have been removed.
Emerging from Granary Park by vehicle is difficult due to poor visibility left and right. Unkept overgrown verges affect visibility on road.
Pavement in Upper Rafford. Also houses bordering with the road, encouraged to cut hedges, bushes and grass on their verges. This is reducing visibility when exiting Granary Park.
Householder placing stone on verges should be discouraged. Blervie house opening sluice gate to drain pond caused much water and debris on the road.
Why not explore the cheapest option first as regards speeding in Rafford? Try 20 mph limits, at least vehicles may not go above 30mph. What is so difficult about changing the '3' to a '2' whilst complying with the conditions? Perthshire is covered with small hamlets with 20 mph limits. It works for them. A pavement, which will make the road even narrower, is likely to cause more accidents.
Perhaps speed control from church right through to last Granary turning. Tractors need to use road but overtaking is not really safe anywhere along this stretch.
The speed of the traffic past our house makes it physically shake . Traffic passing though early hours and late on is extremely fast. Many children walk around the village hall going to the park. It would be helpful to have children at play signs along with speed limit signs throughout the village not just on entry to the village . Speed bumps and chicanes are the only way to slow the traffic in Rafford. Many of our children of High school age are at a huge disadvantage socially from their peers as they lack the ability to safely cycle to school and friends. Young children have nowhere to safely learn to cycle their bikes. Many schools run a walk to school initiative in which with the use of a cycle path pupils would be able to do this . It is also not safe for adults to make use of the cycles to work schemes and reduce carbon emissions by cycling . Even the joining of 2 community areas of lower Rafford and upper is impossible, children are not able to walk along to the park, instead families are forced to drive less than a mile because of a narrow and dangerous stretch of road. This is not inclusive to families or disabled let a long elderly members of our community there is nowhere safe to travel unless you are in a car.
I think you are doing a great job , cannot think of anything else, speeding is the important one.
From the top of St Leonard's road to Rafford is an extremely dangerous road for pedestrians: high verges and fast traffic leave little or no space for pedestrians to move away from danger.
Improve visibility of turning of /off A96 at Mundole (trees and bushes on north side) Improve visibility of Mundole turning onto A940 ( Grantown road)
Visibility on corner above Church Terrace
Why is the Dava Way not used more to link Finderne and Forres?



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Lack of community parking in Rafford leads to stopping on side of road narrowing the road. (Village hall carpark is the only place to park but is not allowed to be used unless visiting the hall, although it is empty most of the time) Could some spaces be allocated for stopping in, even if max 1 or 2 hrs? (Nowhere to park for walkers near the woodland). In Rafford the edges of road are worn away/ potholes in places which makes passing wide vehicles more awkward.
Poor quality passing places on the Mannachie -Rafford road.
no
CARS SPEEDING ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN LOWER RAFFORD AND DALLAS DHU
Lack of parking in Church Terrace due to outdated sheds taking up space
Not that I am aware of at this time.
Where will walking cycling path go?
The reluctance of the police to provide speed traps. When they do they ignore ones below 40 mph. Ridiculous.
The access from the Damhead Lane onto the B9010 is dangerous due to the height of the fence fronting the road.
The existing roads are too narrow in places for all the huge agricultural vehicles and lorries that use them to support some of the above suggestions
The speed and number of HGVs Upper Rafford and U102E Road. Material constantly deposited on U102E never swept up and no dust mitigation
Lack of awareness regarding safe distance for passing cyclists and use of passing places by motorists
Increased Police speed checks are a waste of Police time
Awareness signs for children, horses and other animals. Traffic calming is dangerous
Pavements. Exiting village hall in Rafford very difficult, limited vision of oncoming traffic.
no room on our narrow country lanes to provide such pathways
no room for cycle path, plenty of backroads.
Road from Rafford Church to Granary Park should all be speed limited the same
Realistically all these things cost money and most have limited impact on the people who ignore speed limits. The most dangerous pieces of road are those with "national" speed limits.
Large tractors and lorries should be aware of how terrifying they are when going through Rafford, even at 30mph. Cyclists and pedestrians are never given enough space.



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### Appendix 6

#### Windfarm Comments

Any other comments?
No
Won't get resultant financial benefit from wind farms if we succeed in opposing them
None
Windfarms are in principle a good way forward, I don't have an issue with them, so long as they are well away from houses, I.e. on heathland etc....most importantly any side revenue MUST be used to the community benefit, I say MUST because I bet its hard to seek agreement on how and where..
It's a difficult one. FDT does not offer small grants to our community and they are needed for smaller local projects.
Enough is enough
I'd be interested to hear more about how these developments can directly support those who live in the area with regard to renewable energy - this becomes even more important as the cost of living continues to increase
Lobby for more benefits going directly to the community (e.g. through subsidised electricity costs), rather than going through a managed Fund. Also lobby for partial community ownership of windfarms, so again, benefits flow directly to the community.
We are saturated by these developments that span the Moray/Highland boundary. The minimal voice we have as locals - set against the wider area and interest groups where developers offer community benefit funding (e.g. Energising Moray) to conveniently outweigh us as those living with construction and environmental impact/visual blight - needs continued representation by the FCC.
Our community benefits financially from these developments, which is positive. And we need energy from green power sources!
We need more wind farms
Focusing on community benefit is fine, once the planning has been passed, but I think the remit of the FCC is more to represent the views of the residents which are broadly against more and more windfarms springing up.
We need as many sources of renewable energy as possible with the move away from fossil fuels and towards electric power. With this in mind we should resist the temptation to have the attitude of "not on our doorstep".
With the costs of energy rocketing and the government trying to reduce the amount of oil we use, we'll need the likes of wind farms for our electricity supply. Finderne and other local communities have benefitted, financially, from these wind farms. It shouldn't be a case of 'not on our doorstep' and then apply for money/funding from them.
A year ago I would have answered the opposite to both questions above, but the battle against windfarms is now a lost cause and we should accept that and maximise the benefits the community can gain from these monstrosities.



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Look at each application on a case by case basis. One more development may be ok, but as more are added the cumulative effect may reach a tipping point
Without safe road measures in our community there is a real threat that young families will not settle in the village as children are unable to have freedom to play safely or travel any other way other than by car. We are at huge risk of isolating our older generations , those that cannot travel safely by walking on the road because of the use of walking aids / wheelchairs. It is simply not good enough. People are being excluded from our community.
We have plenty Wind Farms we do not require any more.
Oppose expansion, but if agreed by Government, extract maximum benefit
We should support all efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuels
We cannot ignore the need for sustainable energy. If Finderne can help this, we should.
Think windfarms are needed to help resolve climate & energy crises. But the developers should give generously to the local community.
My answers may seem contradictory, but what I am meaning here is that if our opposition falls on deaf ears and one or more applications get the go-ahead despite our NO, then we need to make sure our communities will receive some benefit.
Why not allow a windfarm in the area which produces power at a reduced price for the community?
Windfarms are an excellent way of producing natural power - however it seems that the big energy companies pass these to turn off the turbines at times therefore not passing this cheaper energy on to the public.
Global climate change and protracted shortage of oil and gas, on global scale should obviate and ideological objections to wind farms
It is unlikely that all windfarms will be approved and developed, I believe FCC should support this community doing its bit for climate change and resilient energy whilst ensuring it is not exploited and gains suitable benefits.
Windfarms OK, can be removed. Electric pylons not acceptable. Community will benefit
These are very leading questions that ignore the wider issues. A more proactive approach would be more realistic. Pentland tidal power, plus government support for home/community solar hot water, solar electric and woodfired heating. No nuclear, no fossil fuels.



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### Appendix 7

### Housing Comments

Housing comments
There has been a huge expansion of housing in Forres which has destroyed beautiful rural areas on the approach to the town and almost reaches Dallas Dhu. Rafford is only 3 miles from Forres and there is no need for housing, affordable or otherwise in Rafford. There are also sewage and drainage issues in the village. You cannot live in Rafford without a car and affordable homes should be built where there is public transport. If any housing is built it should be at Logie where there is a school, however I do not think this is necessary.
Suppose village store may become more attractive as fuel prices increase
No
I have worked hard to afford my house in a rural environment. I enjoy the identity of a small village, I do not want Rafford to become just a suburb of Forres.  The Brockloch field could be used as a dog run area... Perhaps bookable to allow dogs to be run off the lead on their own or in pre-agreed groups.
Strongly against this I'm afraid. It makes no sense to put it this far out, given that people needing affordable housing also probably need easier access to schools and public facilities like GPs etc. Once that's introduced we then run the risk of having to build up our village to accommodate more and more facilities to meet those needs. Keep that style of housing down towards Forres where those things are on their doorstep, and leave the green space in Rafford alone. Not every village needs to be increased and turned into bigger towns.
A community allotment is a great idea, increasing biodiversity and selling produce in the community cafe (honey, vegetables, jams and chutneys). Orchard and rewilding is a great idea too. A combination of all three would be great! If houses were to be built bigger houses would be our preference.
Agricultural land and open spaces don't need filling with houses, it's nice to see a field of sheep grazing in the middle of a sleepy Scottish hamlet, nothing needs changing
The Brockloch (note correct spelling) project question here has been misrepresented, in that the area was identified for housing in a 2015 Moray Council plan. To offer "other community purposes" here as a sole option could mislead those completing the questionnaire as that being a possibility
We need affordable housing in our community.
A mix of small affordable housing and other community purposes, not large luxury housing .
Concern about increase in housing with no increase in facilities.
We need new residents to keep the community alive and I'd rather have small developments which attract families than huge, single dwellings that local people can't afford. Families should be encouraged as our population is already older than the national average
We do not need new houses, the old ones are much nicer!
Adapted housing for peoples with disabilities



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Affordable housing, by its very name, should be restricted to towns with infrastructure suitable for households that cannot afford personal vehicles.

We already have issues due to large numbers of soakaways and septic tanks and a rising water table (e.g. corner of playing field diagonally opposite the village hall), not to mention unpleasant smells in some areas.

Therefore, until we have mains drainage installed in Rafford, I feel there should be no further development.

The site, in question, should be kept for Community purposes ie community car park, overflow parking for the hall. Where would the large amount of cars have parked if the field wasn't available at the recent Jubilee event? It would have caused havoc on the road.

The remainder of the field could either be used for an orchard, rewilding or let out to a local farmer for livestock or someone with horses ( income generation for Rafford area).

I don't feel there should be any more housing in Rafford, especially the amount they are suggesting, there just isn't the infrastructure for them. Poor roads, no mains drainage and lack of public transport.

I worry that Rafford will eventually be swallowed up by Forres. But if we must have more housing, and there seems to be an insatiable demand, then let's make it affordable housing.

There's plenty of new housing in Forres and affordable housing should be included there. Further housing in Rafford shouldn't be considered as changes the village atmosphere.

FDT should think again about the use of the field. We do not believe there is sufficient infrastructure (schools, transport, shops) to support this development, and we are concerned about the impact on traffic, light and noise pollution, and the natural environment. The proposed development would change the nature of the village. It is fine as it is.

Not keen on new development but aware of the need for affordable rural housing. Any new housing should have strong eco credentials and good design to fit well into the landscape

None of the above. One presumes that the clear majority that were against developing housing at Templestones, made up the 50% who in favour of developing housing at Brockloch and Rafford Station? Traditionally, those who moved to Rafford did so for the rural aspect of it, not so as it could be developed with housing, shops etc. There is a well known ongoing issue in Rafford - speeding, more housing will only increase traffic, making this problem worse. There is affordable housing on Mannachie Road. Forres is 3 miles from Rafford with a good selection of shops. Perhaps the potential place for housing is around Califer where there is easier access to the A96 bypass without the need to travel through Rafford or Forres for the commute to work?

New houses should be within walking distance of village and paths provided .

Huge consideration needs to be given to the houses in the area . We moved to this location to enjoy countryside views . We do not want to be looking out on to a sports pitch/ outdoor gym etc. please respect out privacy.

Or for Community purposes.

What about the Burgie area? Why is there only reference to Rafford and Dunphail?



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In my experience, if not born in the area, people move to areas such as Finderne for the small close knit community, access to the countryside and views uncluttered by housing developments etc. To my knowledge the proposed development at Brockloch is supported by only very few Rafford residents and this should be respected by those actively supporting and pursuing it. The suggestion that this form of development will prevent big developers taking an interest is not valid. The field is too small to be of interest to any other than small local developers. I do not believe it is within the remit of a Community Trust to become involved in this type of project. CTs should concentrate on improving life and the environment for existing residents.
There seems to be tons of houses being built in Forres but not enough new services to support them.
We should improve our roads, transport options, online sewage, and broadband before letting any further housing be approved
To have the possibility to grow one's own food is going to become increasingly important in the months and years to come. Currently not everyone has that possibility around their own residence. Therefore additional common land is needed that can be made available to folk in the village for creating allotments and maybe a shared orchard too.
A passing place at the north east corner of the field( opposite Finlarig) would be a help with large vehicles passing each other
Be aware that any development in the Brockloch field will require a substantial visibility splay by the council transportation department.
Broadband, Village shop in Rafford,
Small/affordable housing should be encouraged in Finderne. However, importantly this should be proportionate developments of one or two houses, so as not to adversely affect existing communities. Logie School capture area should be the priority to support the Primary School
Road safety in Rafford would be compromised by the increased traffic joining from Brockloch
What about some kind of natural energy to be used by community - a battery of PV panels? Not wind turbine only because not suitable location
I confess I was really saddened when I saw that there was a building proposal approved for the area opposite the village hall. On an environmental and traffic basis I find it hard to understand his decision. I assume local residents were made aware of this and I just missed that communication?
See attached letter
Infrastructure, not able to cope at present. Particularly in relation to health requirements. Massive Springfield etc development.
The countryside should remain as field with sheep cows pigs etc, not some housing estate
What about a pub?
There is not the infrastructure ie doctors, dentists, schools, social care facilities, plus transport to support rural developments and rubbish collection. The list goes on and on.
WE live here because it a small village. Let it stay that way. Have the field stay a place for the villagers to enjoy, not a building site
New houses should be in walking distance of the village. Car use not essential.
How many responses? Is this a representative cross section? Your questions are leading. There are more possibilities and the choices/decisions are rather more complex. For example: is there enough infrastructure to support more housing? Would Rafford provide enough custom to support a modular shop/workshop/small business? How can we ensure that "affordable housing" is well managed?



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50 years ago the council said there was to be no more ribbon development in Rafford until there was a mains sewage put in place. The water table is high in this area, and at one time sewage was in the park. The road is needing to be updated as well. Too many entrances coming onto the main road, and the amount of vehicles, especially huge lorries, tractors etc are making it more dangerous every day.

Field corner housing, NO, Smaller affordable limited due to lack of transport in rural situation. Locate on Forres edges or within Rafford. Don't encourage ribbon development





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### Appendix 8

#### Comments on Other Topics

Are there other issues affecting Finnerne on which you think the community council should take action?
High Speed Broadband. Object to planning consent for individual houses in open countryside. Ongoing investigation into faster broadband
No
Given the high numbers of dog walkers in the area (myself included) I would like to see some dog waste bins strategically placed at entrances to the popular walks.
As above, dog waste bins to be made available in a couple of locations, given how many pets there are around the village, it would make a lot of sense.
Faster broadband, connection to mains water and sewerage system relieving septic tank impact on the environment.
Dog poo bins & a campaign to reduce the amount of dog poo around Rafford. The woods on the Blervie Estate are disgusting.
Campaign to get the final section of the Dava Way (which currently has the diversion, to the east of Altyre House) opened up, improve the surface, and then promote it as an active travel corridor (e-bike, bike, foot) through Finnerne - i.e. not just as a leisure route. Help people switch away from car use, get fit, and save money!
The resilience planning needs to include wild fire aspects
Financial and other support for our community facilities such as our halls and play areas. Of course we are assuming broadband is coming to Rafford this autumn, as promised!
Continue fast broadband for ALL area and not just limited to R100 plan
Lack of public transport.
Lack of affordable public transport. Lack of fibre optic broadband.
Yes. Concentrate some effort on getting better broadband speed. It is absolutely pitiful.
With the continuing development in Forres leading towards Dallas Dhu, I feel that the road through Rafford has become a rat run to Elgin and Speyside. Walking on this road is no longer comfortable and I feel FCC should continue with their sensible drive to have pavements installed and also to have areas of roadside vegetation trimmed on a regular basis.
The road safety is one of my biggest issues. Pushing forward with the pavement plan and speeding traffic I feel are priority.
You are doing a wonderful job on behalf of the community and this is very much appreciated. Your work on broadband and on the new A96 has been superb.
Not that I'm aware of
Better co-ordination with FDT.
Before the FCC/FDT existed, Rafford was a nice quiet place to live. Now it appears to be controlled and changed into something like an undesirable parish council. Why not boost local business and issue every household in Finnerne with a shopping voucher funded from the wind farm windfall money? This could be used at local businesses to give them a boost.



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A permanent community shop should be open several days per week (5?)for basics , coffees and reasonably priced local produce. Tuesday -Saturday?
Many of the children used the field last year across from the hall for sledging. Until such a time when developments are made we ask would it be possible to have the grass cut so the children may enjoy their sledging in the winter. Perhaps a farmer could be offered the area to cut and bail as silage for the animals in winter. We do appreciate all the efforts that the council are going to in order to address the road issue.
Maybe our Broadband is pathetic.
Keep pushing on broadband rollout. Avoid street lighting, pavements should have low level lighting, if any
Very happy with the wildflower verge. Great work!
I would say public transport but my fear now is that would only encourage the use/development of Brockloch!
I hear fibre broadband is finally coming. That would have been the main thing.
Bike tracks to Forres, keep our children safely off the roads. As we are recycling more the blue and purple bins should be collected every two weeks.
none
Very very poor wi-fi. Dangerous when people walking on road between Forres and Rafford, blind summit and corners. No walkable verge or path.
Not that I am aware of at this time.
The 30 mph sign on the B9010 approaching Rafford from Dallas should be moved 100m further away.
The roads in and around the area cannot cope with additional traffic. Also the water plate here is very high, so additional septic tanks would only exacerbate the problem! There was supposed to be mains sewage in place long before now.
Maintaining core pathways. Dog fouling.
Small pub in Rafford, Potholes in Roads, Mowing grass verges
Maintain a positive but independent relationship with other Finnerne community initiatives. Maintain a positive contribution to the wider West Moray/Forres community
The lack of refuse collection from individual properties requires a recycling point at Cloddach Farm. This is inadequate for the number of households and is also abused by non-residents.
Lack of useable broadband, re-cycling every 3 weeks is not acceptable, dog mess. Always plenty on the track outside my hedge.
Campaigning for the small hospital in St Leonards road to be re-opened as a much needed second health centre.
Sort out broadband
Village shop, Rafford (maybe with café area? Newspapers post box (save trips to Forres especially in winter months
Yes the public sector is being exhausted and destroyed. Are there ways that the community can try to support the NHS and Council whilst also being very pragmatic about the prognosis for local public services?
Internet - Speed up