

## Report on FCC Drop-in Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

### Purpose

- Increase community awareness of Moray Development Plan 2020 and Core Paths Consultation
- Obtain community feedback for FCC to forward to Moray Council
- Encourage community to provide direct feedback of any concerns to Moray Council
- Publicise Moray Councils Development Plan roadshow meetings

### Locations

- Rafford Village Hall and Edinkillie Hall

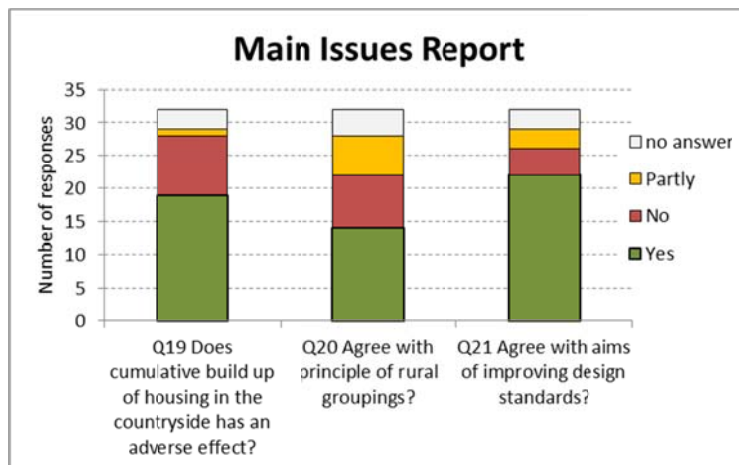
### Attendance

- Over 50 people attended at Rafford Village Hall, and 2 people at Edinkillie Hall, which reflected the fact that most of the Development Plan and Core Paths issues were in the Rafford area. Many commented favourable on the meeting.

### Feedback Analysis

#### Main Issues Report

- 3 questions from the Main Issues Report were posed and comments invited:

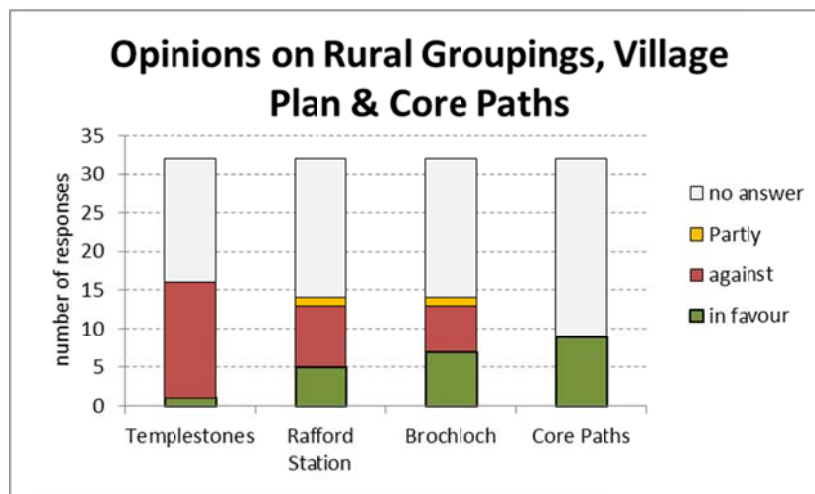


- Key comments included:
  - Qualified support for the concept of rural groupings together with concerns over locations and infrastructure provision.
  - General support for improving design standards, with but some preferences express for low energy “passive house” designs and innovative designs

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### Rural Groupings and Rafford Village Plan

- Comments were invited on the proposed Rural Groupings at Templestones, “Rafford Station”, the current development area “Brochloch” in Rafford Village, and the proposed Core Paths.
- Based on the comments we inferred whether the response was in favour or against each of the proposals.



- Key concerns on each were:
  - Templestones
    - Visual Impact
    - Drainage and Sewage
    - Impact on existing roads
  - Rafford Station
    - Drainage and Sewage
    - Impact on un-adopted road
  - Brochloch
    - Drainage and sewage
    - Increased road traffic
  - Core Paths
    - Impact on privacy
    - Car Parking

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### Common Themes

A number of common themes came up in all the comments. These are summarised below:

Common themes	Count
Roads/Increased traffic	18
Drainage and Sewage	15
Infrastructure	13
Brochloch - sewage/drainage	8
Templestones visual impact	7
Match local design	6
Thermally efficient homes	6
Communication/ HS Broadband	5
Brochloch - no more housing	5
Affordable for young families	4
Rafford Station - unadopted road	4
Brochloch - support development	4
Positive Comment on event*	4
Refuse collection	3
Core paths - parking	3
Core paths - privacy	3
Vehicular access behind Blervie House*	3
Shop	2
Public transport	2

\* Neither of these issues directly relate to Development Plan or Core Paths consultations.

### Conclusions

- The “drop-in” was a worthwhile exercise and appreciated by the community.
- Recommendations to be forwarded to Moray Council:
  - The community is concerned with the build-up of housing in the countryside, but not fully supportive of rural groupings.
  - While improvement of design standards is popular, a significant number think that this should include innovative designs aimed at thermally efficient housing.
  - The provision of suitable infrastructure, and the impact on traffic, drainage and sewage, refuse collection and broadband provision is a general concern.
  - There was almost no support for the proposed rural grouping at Templestones.
  - Drainage and sewage are seen as the key concerns at Brochloch.
  - Access and drainage are key concerns at Rafford Station.
  - Whilst there is a desire for high quality homes with large plots, the community also see a need for affordable housing for young families
  - Privacy and parking are the main concerns in the development of Core Paths
  - Provide a quantitative definition of housing density with respect to rural groupings.