‘Living Well Locally’

Could Drymen be a 20 Minute Neighbourhood?

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20 Minute Neighbourhood

‘Where people can meet their needs within a 20 minute walk from their house – enabling people to live better, healthier lives and supporting our net zero ambitions.’
Drymen Village

• Approx. 800 residents
• Rural location near Loch Lomond
• 30 min drive from Glasgow
• Active Development Trust
FEATURES OF A 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD

CONNECT PEOPLE TO JOBS & SERVICES
- Local employment opportunities
- Well connected to public transport, jobs and services within the region
- Local public transport
- Safe cycling networks
- Walkability

THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMIES
- Local shopping centres
- Local health facilities and services
- Local schools
- Lifelong learning opportunities
- Local playgrounds and parks
- Green streets and spaces

SERVICES & DESTINATIONS
- Affordable housing options
- Safe streets and spaces
- Sport and recreation facilities
- Community gardens and food growing

PUBLIC REALM
- Housing diversity
- Ability to age in place

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE & WELL CONNECTED
- Vital services

VARIABLES
Engagement

- Survey & place standard questionnaire
- Primary school map activity
- Joining local gatherings
- Walking interviews
- Cycle bus ride
- Online talks
- Pop-ups with ‘place passport’
- Capacity building sessions
Findings for Drymen

Lower room for improvement:
• Identity
• Feeling safe
• Natural space

Higher room for improvement:
• Public transport
• Traffic
• Moving around
• Housing, work, social, recreation
Location of Amenities

- **Drymen and East Loch Lomond**
  - Local Shops
  - Hospitality
  - Library
  - Primary school
  - Online farmers market

- **Wider rural area**
  - Post Office
  - Grocery (e.g. fresh veg)
  - Bank
  - Sports centre
  - High school

- **Larger towns and cities**
  - Supermarket
  - Specialist retail
  - Leisure
  - Hospital
  - Higher education
  - Higher paid jobs
Priorities

- **Movement**
  - Shared paths through and between villages
  - Public transport (local and tourism)
  - Dedicated off-street parking
  - Pedestrian priority
  - Park & ride / cycle for tourist traffic
Other Priorities

**Space**
- Multi-use hubs in underused buildings
- Green spaces for growing, biodiversity and seating

**Stewardship**
- Being listened to at Local Authority level
- Maintenance – litter, recycling, dog mess
- Maintenance – footpaths, road surfaces

**Civic**
- Cement identity and share resources
- Safe streets – lighting, speeding vehicles

**Resources**
- Venues to meet and connect with others
- Quality of high street – grocery, bank, post office
- Career opportunities
- Affordable, appropriate, sustainable housing
Drymen ATAP

Undertaken 2021 with LLTCT
116 survey responses

Top Five Concerns:
• Traffic
• Lack of safe routes to local villages
• Poor accessibility (poor footways)
• Lack of connectivity
• Weather and Distance
Actions to Date

• Two E-bikes for free loan
• Weekly “Drymen Cycle Meanders” led rides
• Drymen Cycle Meanders leaflet of local cycle routes
• Dr Bike Session
• Improvement of pavements around Village Square
• Solar powered E-bike chargers on bus shelter
• Tool Station and Top-up Tap
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Ongoing and Future Activities

• Updating our Place Plan based on recent studies

• Traffic calming trial around the village square

• Feasibility Study for safe walking and cycle routes to local villages – working with neighbouring communities

• Providing Ebikes for short loans (i.e. local trips)

• Discussing bus access with National Park Authority

• Pushing for Public Toilets in the Village!
20 MN in a Rural Setting

• ‘20 minute neighbourhood’ replaced by places where people ‘Live Well Locally’

• Features of a ‘20 minute neighbourhood’ connected by high quality active travel or public transport routes

• Wider collaboration on how to meet people’s everyday needs equally, conveniently and sustainably

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Any Questions?

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