

# North Berwick Local Place Plan Additional Documents

January 2025

**This document contains all three additional documents as referenced in the North Berwick Local Place Plan.**

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# Additional Document 1

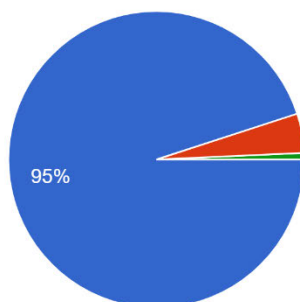
## Statement of Community Support for the Plan

The following data is a copy of all the responses received to the survey, as part of the Information Noticed period.

### About You

1. Are you commenting as:

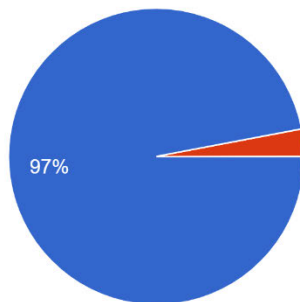
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- An individual citizen (expressing your own personal views). PLEASE ALSO ANSWER Q2
- As a representative of a local community group (expressing a position agreed by that group) PLEASE ALSO ANSWER...
- As a representative of a community council adjacent to the North Berwick...
- As a councillor of Ward: 04 North Berwick Coastal Ward PLEASE ALSO...

2. If you are commenting as an individual, please confirm one of the following about yourself:

134 responses



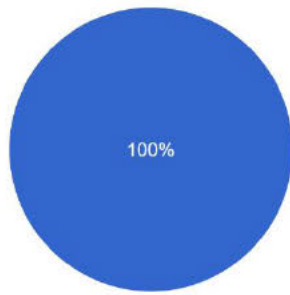
- My permanent residence or place of work or education lies with within the boundary of North Berwick Community Council
- I live and work/receive education outwith the boundary of North Berwick Community Council

3. If you are commenting as a representative of a local community group, please submit the full name of the local community group you are submitting on behalf of:

1. Sustaining North Berwick
2. North Berwick Youth Project
3. North Berwick Coastal Area Health & Social Care Charity
4. Bring Back the Outdoor Pool (BBOP)
5. North Berwick Rugby Football Club
6. North Berwick Trust Limited

5. Please confirm you have read the instruction sheet for this survey

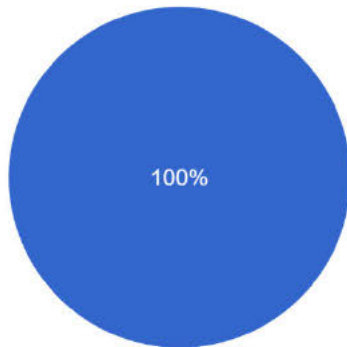
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● Yes, I have read the instruction sheet

6. Please confirm you have read the data protection information and that you are happy for Planning Aid Scotland and North Berwick Community Council to process the information you submit.

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● Yes, I agree to NBCC and Planning Aid Scotland using the data I/we submit

For each answer, approximately 15% of people indicated they hadn't read the additional Statements Chapter before answer.

List of Proposals

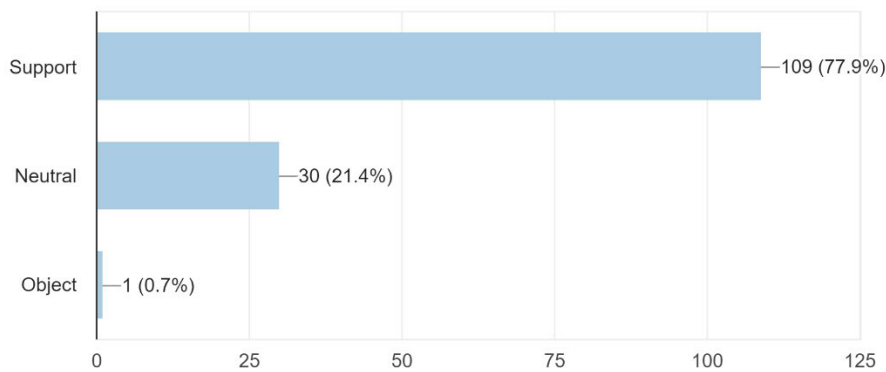
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### Positions taken on each proposal

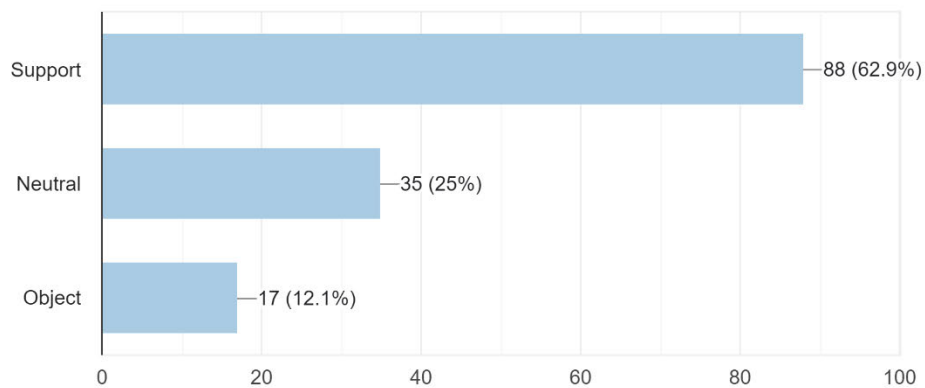
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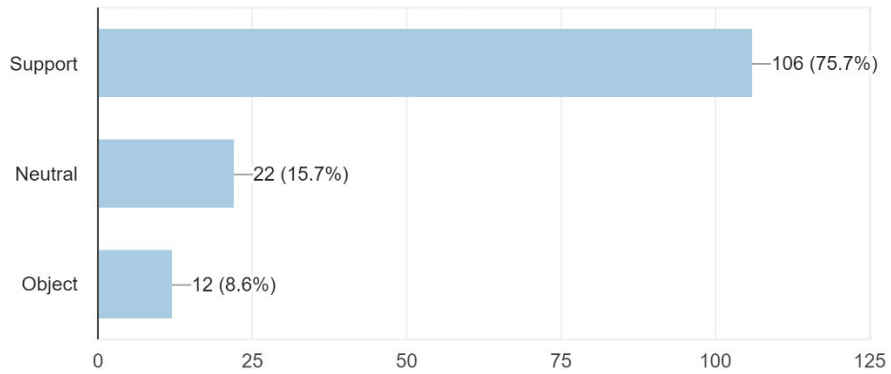
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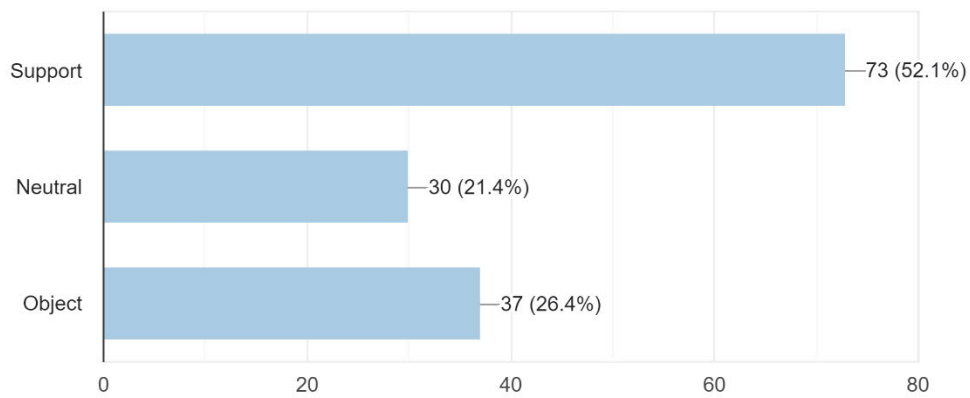
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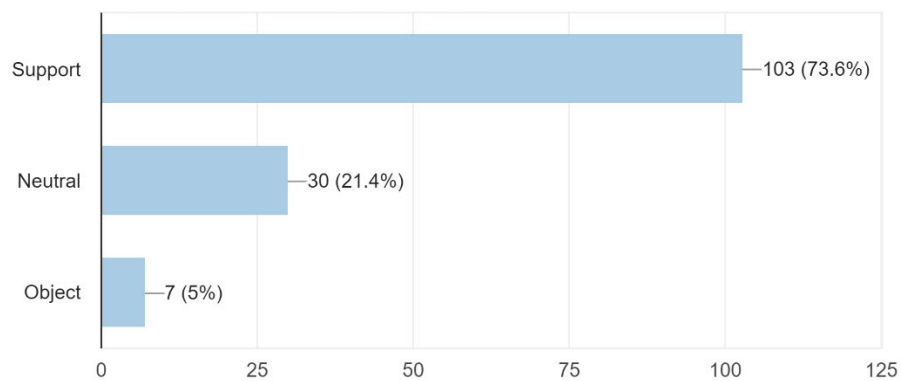
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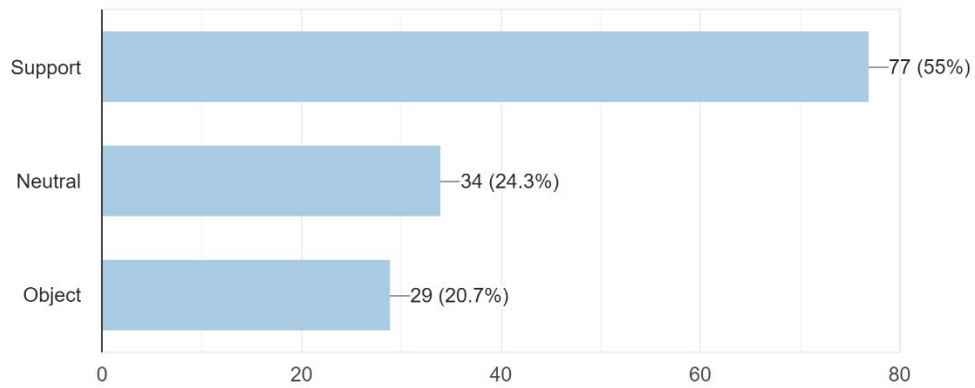
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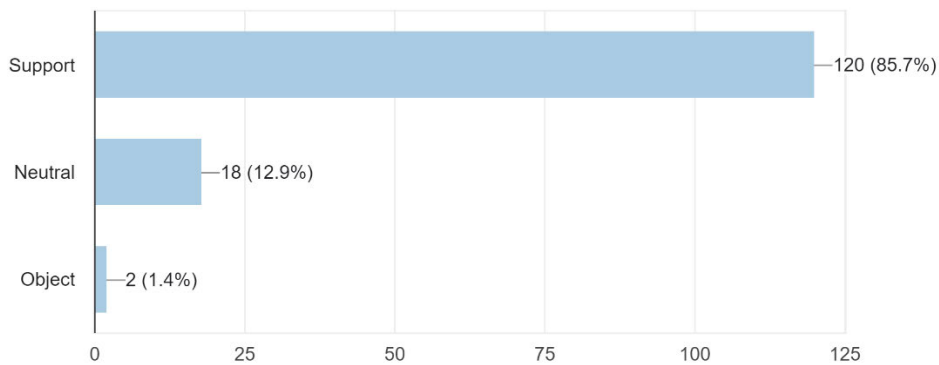
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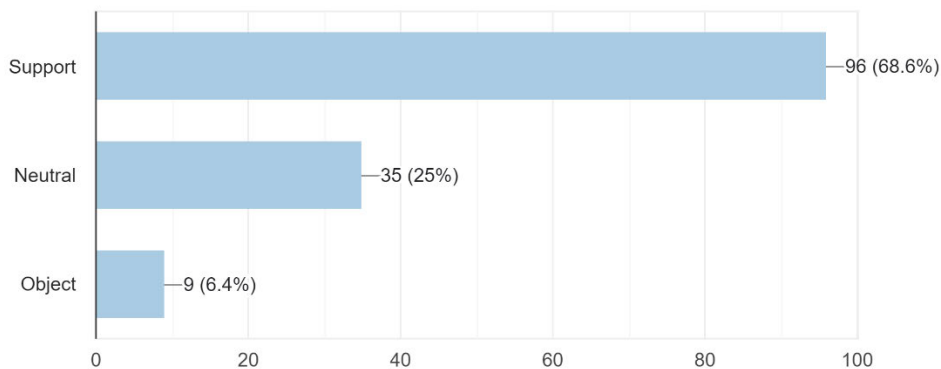
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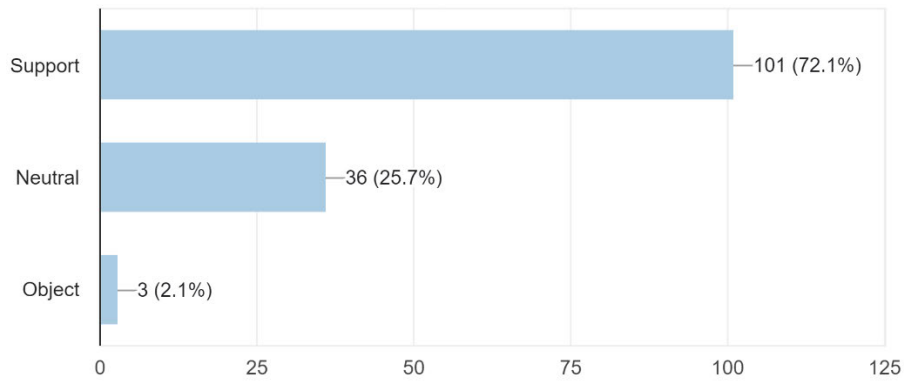
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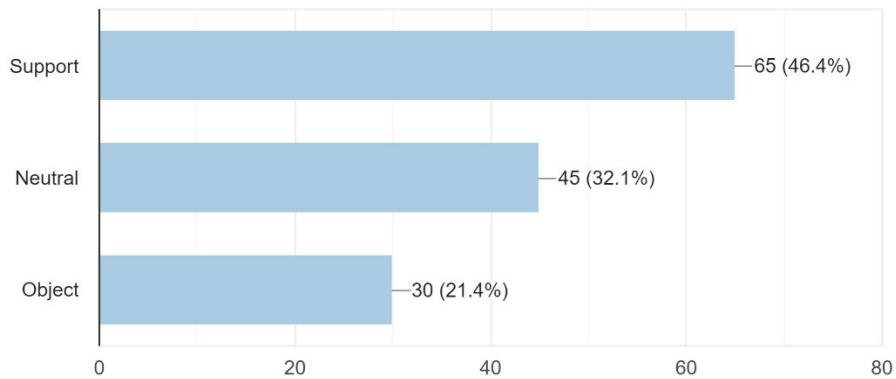
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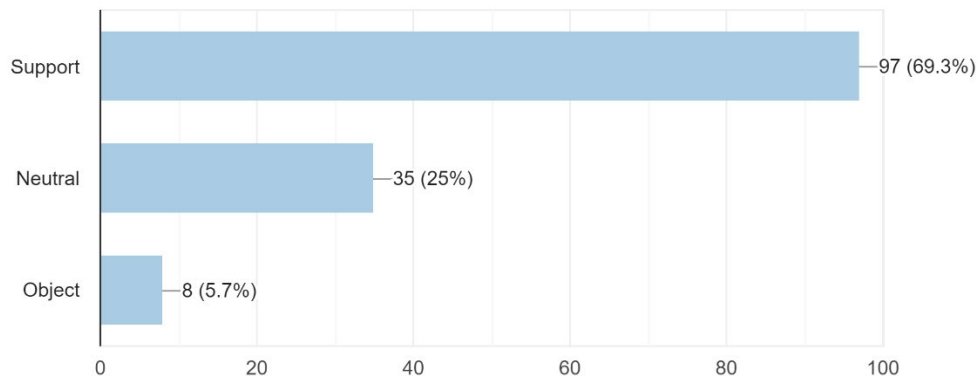
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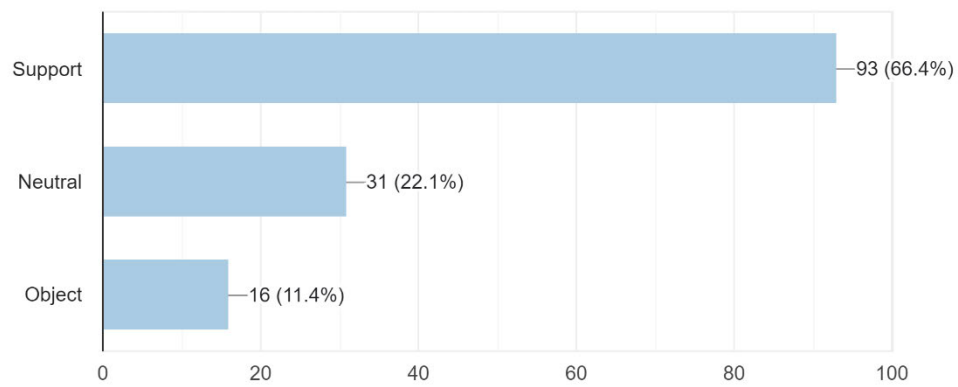
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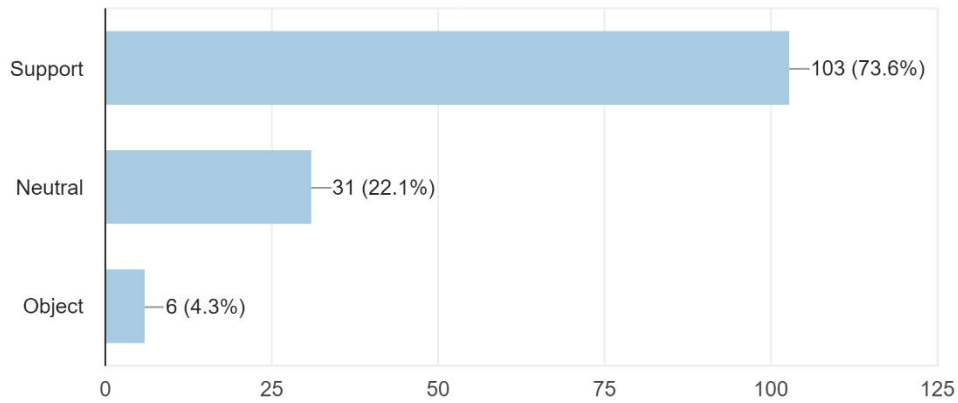
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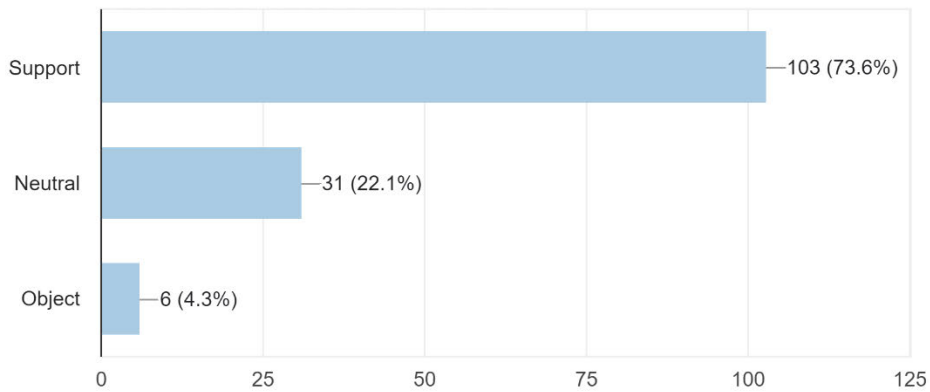
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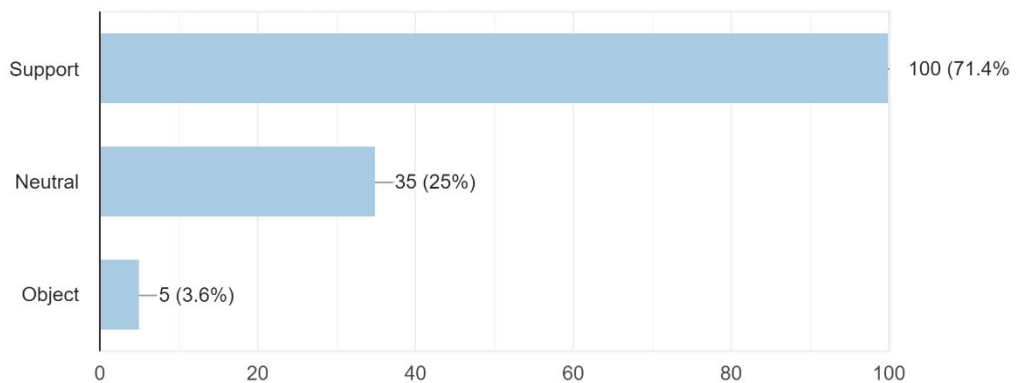
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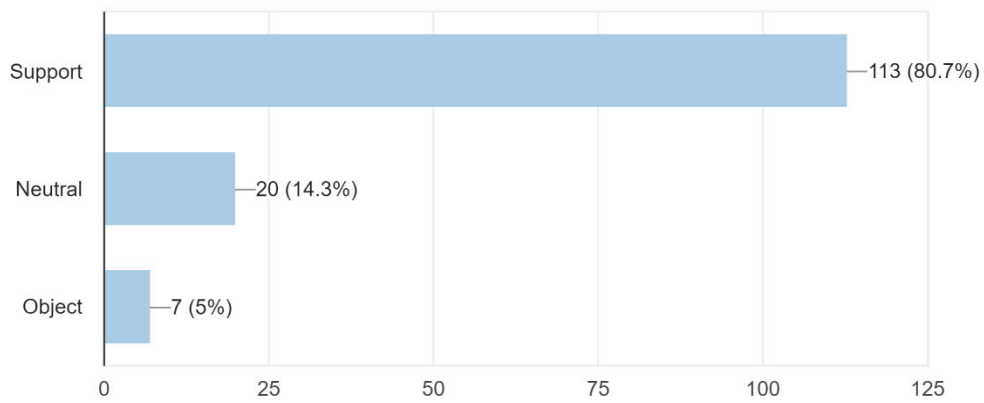
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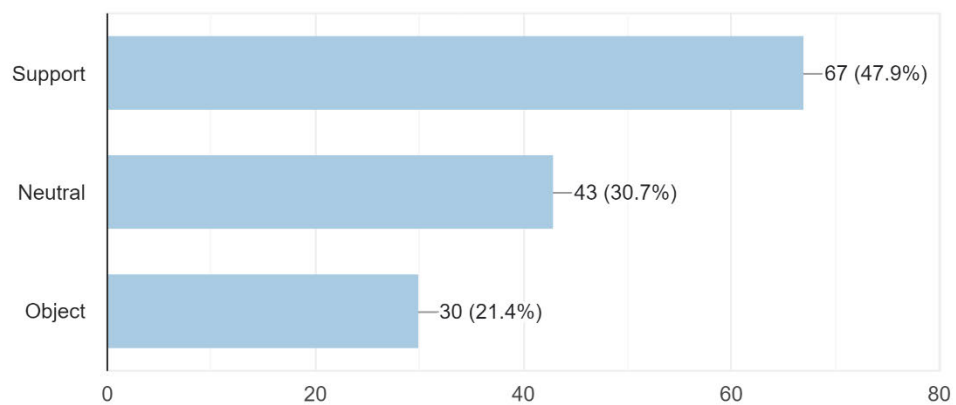
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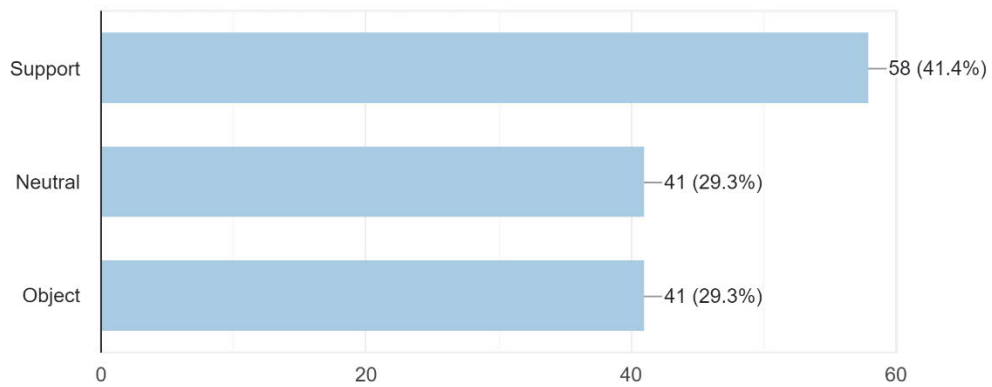
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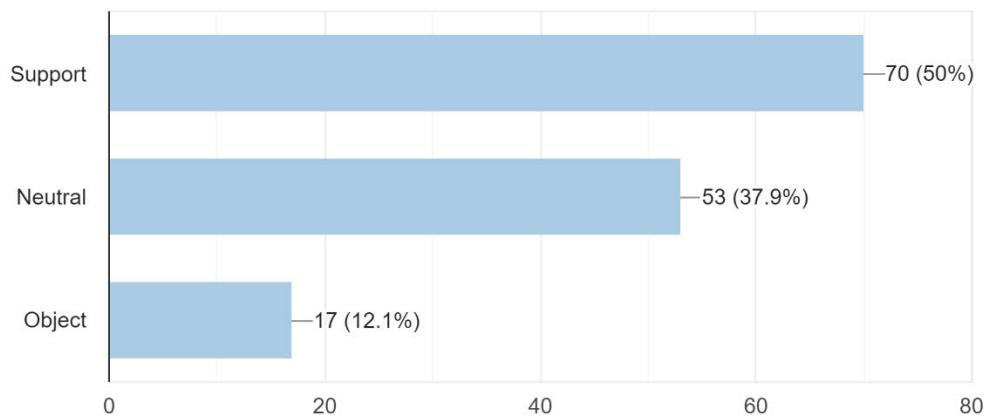
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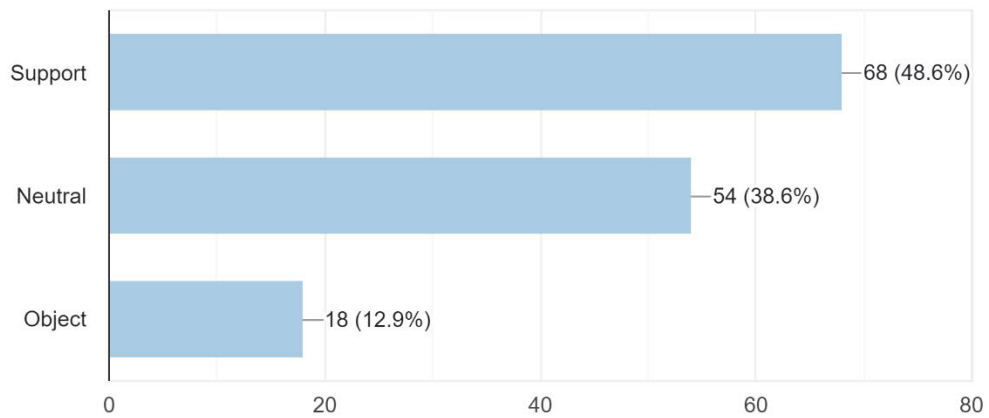
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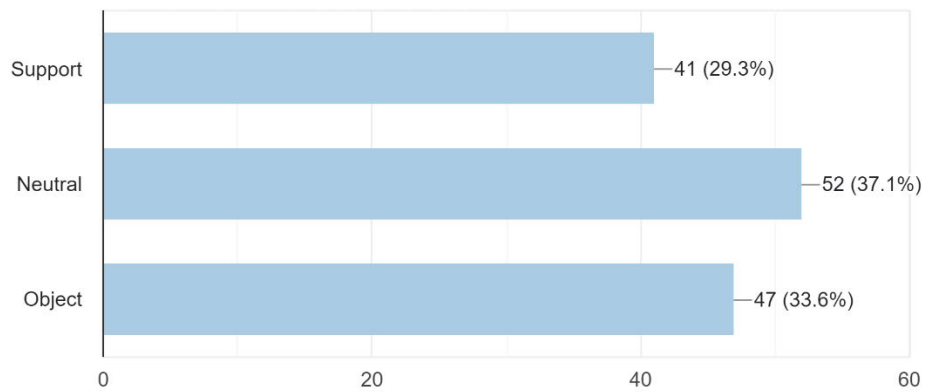
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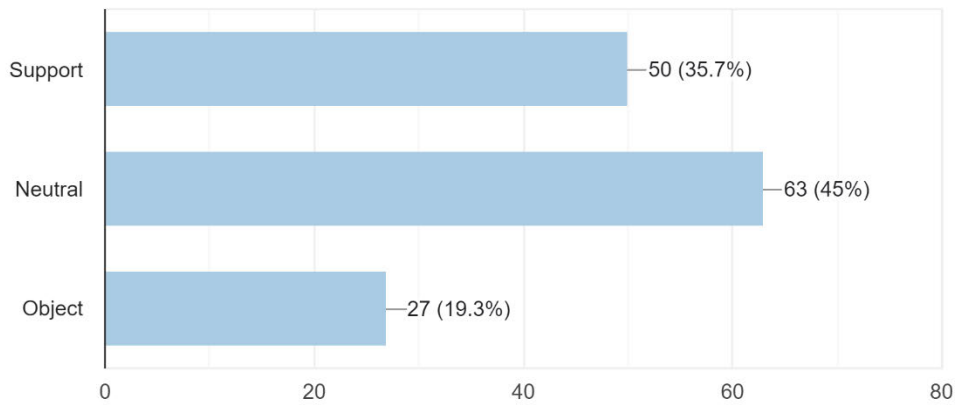
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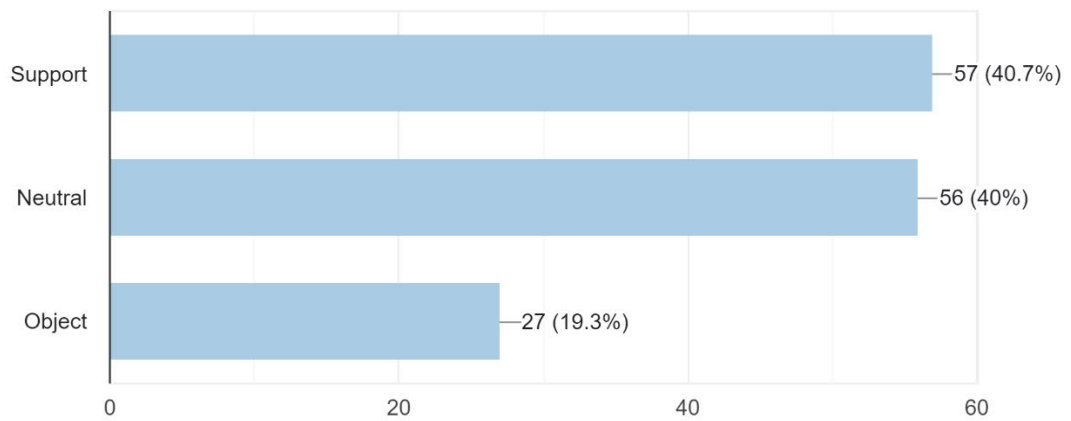
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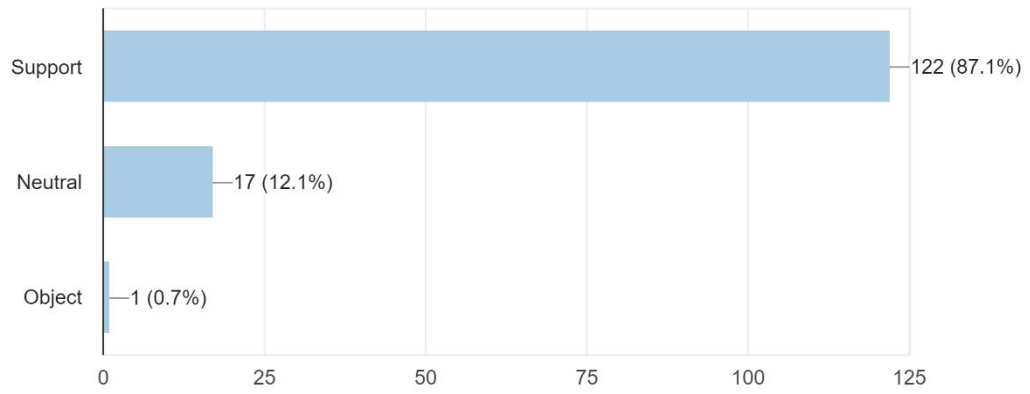
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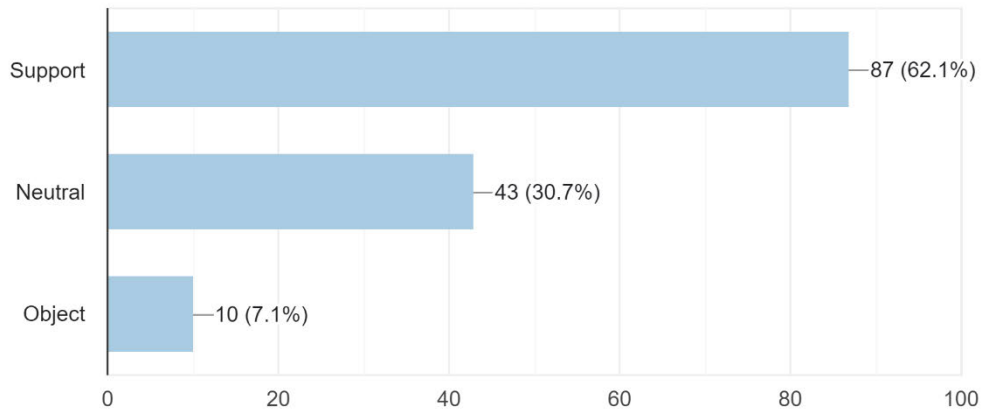
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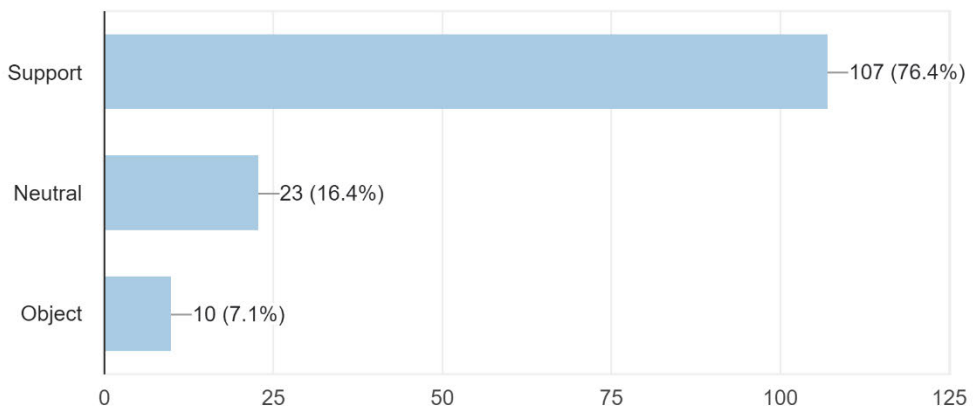
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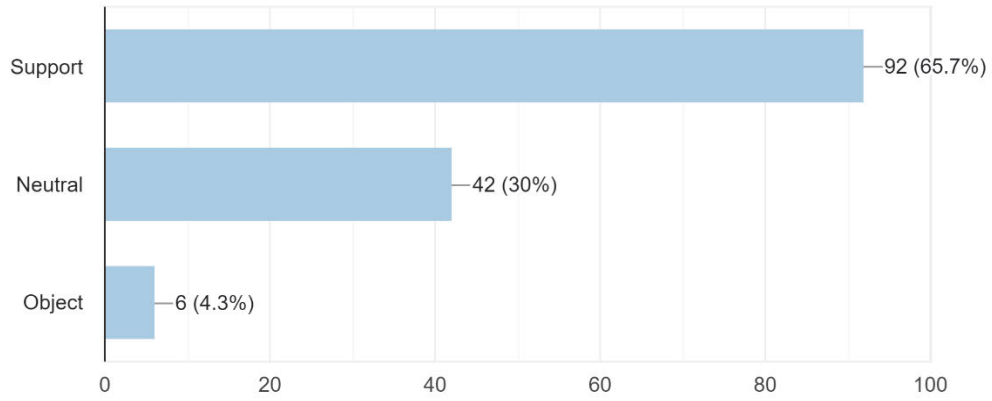
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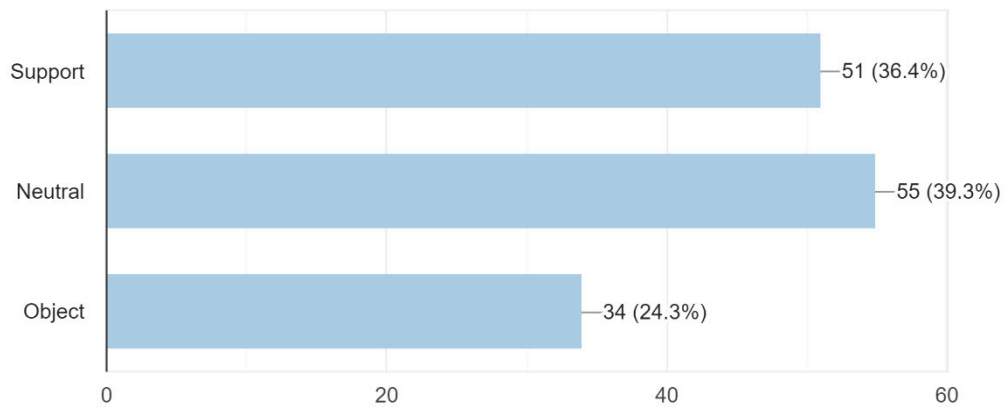
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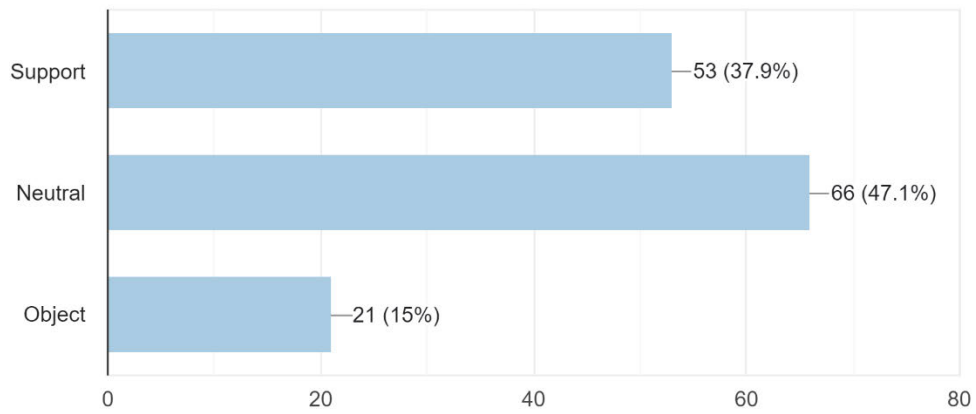
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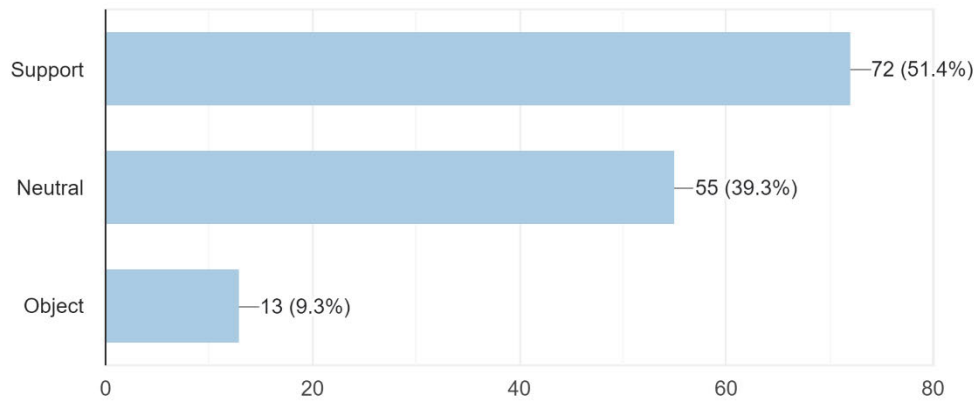
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### Information Notice Survey – Written responses for Proposals 1-6

#### **Proposal 1 - Anticipating need for Coastal Resilience - 48 written comments**

1.	This just needs to happen
2.	Natural solutions should be tried first, but it may necessary to take more drastic constructions in future, which also need to be planned for.
3.	Without serious changes coastline will start to disappear
4.	Risk of coastal erosion / damage to property
5.	I have owned my house here for 12 years and it's my main and only residence. I care about the environment and want to see it protected.
6.	Little choice but to be proactive or we will lose too much coast and houses/town threatened by high seas which have become more a regular occurrence and cut away more of the coast.
7.	From the damage from the winters storm it is clear that we need to look at how we cope with global warming.
8.	Climate change is inevitable and although mitigation is by far the most important part of the strategy, we cannot afford to ignore adaptation
9.	Climate change is approaching more rapidly than thought and it is essential that the issues associated with it are addressed
10.	This is conceptual idea/planning. Investing in this right now moves funds from more important topics.
11.	I am concerned that the storm which damaged harbour wall might become a more common feature in our weather. This being the case there is an obvious need for a robust action plan to be developed for the North Berwick coastline.
12.	Prejudice in the presentation makes me doubt the motives of the proposal. Coastal erosion is emphatically not caused by climate change which is a politically charged concept suggesting bias. Coastal erosion is caused by water and wind. Please keep proposals based on easily agreeable fact and do not politically charge the debate.

13. North Berwick needs to retain it's identity as a coastal tourist resort. East Beach at Dunbar is a prime example of this going wrong.
14. Absolutely support this. It is our responsibility to protect and keep the land for future use.
15. North Berwick has seen in recent years significant impact on the physical structures at the seafront as a result of climate change.
16. Climate change will continue to cause damage to the coast line
17. Recent erosion caused by storms and surge waters indicates need for pro-active approach
18. The storm damage to the harbour wall and to the wooden supports on West Bay was a stark indication of the challenges facing our coastline due to the climate emergency.
19. Need to protect coastline especially with climate change altering sea levels
20. We look forward to a discussion of a detailed action plan. We need to co-ordinated actions to address climate change as well as adaptation. Swift action as was taken with the harbour wall and the shoreline at Elcho Green was vital for the local economy.
21. This is essential as climate change will see greater coastal erosion than even the storms of Autumn 2023. Zone needs to be extended to include Haugh Roads access required by Scottish Water and road is in danger of being undermined.
22. It would be difficult to oppose this.
23. We have seen the direct impact of climate change both in the harbour and the shoreline. We need to protect them further as well as take immediate action to address the causes of climate change. I welcome the community renewables proposals. ELC should positively support proposed solar panels in residential properties throughout North Berwick.
24. A local focus should prompt Statutory bodies to consider NB's needs
25. I fear the wording is too vague without enough precision and is not place based.
26. It is common sense.
27. It is the right course of action
28. With climate change being at forefront of all of GB this should be more advanced.
29. Positive action
30. Climate Change will be devastating.
31. We are a large mixed estate and it was agreed when buying houses 8 years ago at significant cost there would be retail units and bus route, which is still wanted by the majority. There is local and big firm interest for at least one shop on the site but little response is made by north Berwick trust.
32. Given the effects of climate change and the damaged already inflicted on the coastline this must be considered
33. Engagement with Scottish Water is also vital on upgrading sewerage system under the streets of NB, which is seriously overcapacity.
34. Why stop at the west bay? The gold course is a major revenue generator and employer for the town. Include NBGC as a Lead Organisation to ensure a coordinated approach for the whole town.
35. Important issue to consider and supportive of the work done but still uncertain about timescale proposed and that best scientific evidence is used.
36. This makes sense, I would like to see more flood/ climate projection work and planning in the harbour area, so more proactive than reactive.
37. Enacting this proposal is essential and urgent. Storms of 23/24 have wrought untold damage to the coastal environment especially in the East Bay where no remedial work has taken place to restore dunes or steps. The strength and height of the sea walls in the east must be surveyed to improve resilience and secure properties along the coast.
38. We would like to see more consideration given to a long term coastal resilience plan at the Harbour, works are currently very reactive and a more proactive proposal for this area including a comprehensive masterplan with genuine community engagement with the wider population of North Berwick is essential.
39. Coastal erosion is a serious concern. The damage from high tides and storms last year was extensive. It's important to try and slow this down.
40. We support this but the projects identified do not address surface flooding, to include sports pitches, and we feel that merits a higher priority than small scale community renewables. We suggest adding explicit mention sports playing surfaces when referring to surface flooding. Increased rainfall impacts the availability of grass playing surfaces for all sports. This has adverse impact on community and individual wellbeing.
41. Protecting the coastline will be increasingly important over the coming years and is vital for both humans and local biodiversity.

42. Our coastline is a precious part of the town, providing huge benefits to both locals and tourists.
43. I think there are more pressing issues
44. This is clearly crucial as the damage to the beaches showed this year
45. Recent weather has largely ruined the West Beach. This will hopefully improve with time but we should endeavour to prevent further deterioration.
46. taking more views from parties that will be affected
47. Fundamental to our collective futures. Climate change is here we need to mitigate see climate resilient towns from architecture design Scotland.. Many good examples. Let's move fast
48. Coastal erosion has become an issue in the town over recent months and needs to be addressed

### Proposal 2 Community renewable energy project(s) - 47 written comments

1. Yes
2. Community Renewables: Not sure if there is capacity for this within the CC area .Not really in favour on onshore wind farms close to urban environments and solar projects tend to be on green field sites which use up prime agricultural farmland.. Have to be careful not to export this concept into neighbouring CC areas who may not be so keen on this.
3. Fully support green Energy. Wind turbines are best on exposed higher ground, but would not like to see them there within the town area. We should look more to tidal energy,. We have large tidal range. tidal turbines off shore would be best Located between islands and shore, with Substation located at existing water treatment plant once replaced.
4. There is a large development of offshore windfarm in the Firth and this proposal doesn't specify the need for this when such a large offshore development is happening
5. The local community must take control of energy production to reduce costs
6. Important for future sources of power
7. I am a supporter of renewable energies and see this proposal as a positive development for the future.
8. Supporter of renewable energy
9. We cannot phase out fossil fuels too soon. Hence renewables are crucial. People will object (eg seabirds and turbines) but climate change does FAR more damage than turbines and panels to the environment.
10. See comment above (climate change )
11. Clean is required for the future
12. Local environmentally friendly energy generation seems like an obvious benefit to our community. However, in looking at this, we need to think carefully about the energy surcharge attached to energy generation in Scotland and the cost to the consumer. This proposal is tied to the UK Government approach and their logic on why Scotland faces the highest charges for our home energy production.
13. Should all be looking toward renewables. Everyone has a responsibility here
14. High potential long term impact, low potential benefit which is better managed with a larger focus than our community.
15. It is important that there is a benefit from the installation of renewables, solar appears to be a great choice and should be fitted to all new builds and as many public buildings as possible.
16. I don't think the expense is worth what we'll get from it.
17. Local energy production builds a more sustainable and secure future.
18. Sounds like a good idea
19. I would like to see a wider range of solutions for district heating and microgeneration
20. There's an urgent need to decarbonise energy and community initiatives would strengthen ties within the town and build the resilience we'll need to contend with climate change. I'm not in favour of solar farms as there are likely to be better use for shared open space. The priority should be to install panels on roofs. East Lothian Council should put panels on the High School/Law Primary/Sports Centre complex.
21. Uncertain about solar power. Need to protect agricultural land. Do we get enough sun?
22. We welcome the idea of shared ownership. This should not be limited to wind and solar. In the shorter term ELC should support installation of residential solar panels throughout the town and lobby Scottish Government to remove restrictions in conservation areas.

23. Community led hydro schemes have been successful in the Highlands. Solar in particular would be a low maintenance source of energy.
24. I do not see any obvious places for renewable energy development in North Berwick but if a practicable scheme could be developed it should be considered
25. I support any proposal to boost renewable energy and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Community renewable projects are an excellent idea and all households should be encouraged and supported to install solar panels / heat pumps and other renewables.
26. Is there any point to this when huge off shore wind farms are being constructed? Smacks of virtue signalling.
27. Common sense, but be wary of hidden costs and exit clauses.
28. Good idea
29. Unnecessary. Disputes ver how any income might be allocated.
30. Positive action
31. These have been successful elsewhere.
32. Unnecessary proposal which would be costly and make no difference to climate change
33. Community energy is extremely important and the option to buy into the off shore wind farm should be taken up. Some of us tried to encourage this several years ago following the example of Dunbar environmental group and when the first off shore wind farm was in the planning stage. Unfortunately the community in NB were not interested.
34. I support this in principle but the location would have to be carefully considered.
35. Vital to maximise community benefit, in both energy and financial terms.
36. Also consider tidal power? And ELC needs to provide clear guidance on installing solar panels in the conservation zone, including where neighbouring trees block direct sunlight.
37. Absolutely sensible and since authorities have been very late in Scotland in seeing the important opportunities, we must go ahead to make up for lost time.
38. Locally owned micro/mini generation of renewable energy should be supported.
39. I like the idea of community energy, it would be great if the community could benefit especially those struggling with bills. I think there should be a zero carbon energy strategy for all new developments/urban regeneration projects or community infrastructure projects. For example a harbour masterplan could include seawater heat pumps to create sustainable energy for the buildings and facilities in the harbour area, including a new community pool.
40. We would like to see a zero-carbon energy strategy at the Harbour as part of a broader masterplan, potentially including the reinstatement of the outdoor pool. Sea water heat pumps could provide a sustainable energy source for key buildings around the site. A piecemeal approach to adding facilities should be avoided in favour of a cohesive harbour masterplan that ensures sustainability and long-term benefits for the area.
41. Renewable energy is the only way forward. It's important to explore all options on how we can produce more of our energy using this technology.
42. I think there is enough energy generation from the wind farm so I don't think this is needed. A better thought would be support for home owners to generate power from their own houses.
43. I am generally supportive but not of wind farms in the environs of the town. We must have a boundary as to where the town ends and any kind of development whether buildings or services related begins
44. Happy to support though I fear there would be some local opposition. I am doing my bit at my home.
45. unable to read the tiny font
46. Many good examples of this and anything to alleviate fuel poverty and inequality will benefit all. Needs to be tied with deep retrofit of old building stock putting aside restrictive planning to enable quick outcomes
47. Agree with this inactive but as no site identified yet have no full opinion yet

**Proposal 3 Develop a comprehensive network of walking, wheeling and cycling routes across town and out into surrounding countryside - 63 written comments**

1. Mobility access to beach and paths for elderly and wheelchair users please
2. Better accesability can only be a good thing

3.	I agree with the proposed path from huegh to haddington road. this would be a safer and quicker path for School children from the East of the town. However I feel the town is otherwise well catered for already with paths / wheeled access pavements etc.
4.	I support the principle, but the devil may well lie in the detail.
5.	The growth of cars suggests that having clearer separation for bikes and cars is safer. Particularly along Lochbridge Road, therefore the path behind lochbridge road would be welcome
6.	As long as cycle paths do not reduce lanes on roads as per Edinburgh - complete disaster
7.	A project for the future when the Council finances are in a better position.
8.	We need safe and accessible walking/cycling routes to promote health and wellbeing for all
9.	Increasing opportunities for physical activity, low carbon travel, and more social connections are crucial for a safe, secure, liveable future.
10.	Healthy lifestyle is supported
11.	This will make it safer on Lochbridge road
12.	I have some suggestions and some things I disagree with. I do not believe we should focus on electric vehicle charging points as am unconvinced that private electric vehicles is way forward rather than improved public transport. Ebikes have to be considered for their power and speed and how these fit with pedestrian spaces as I have safety concerns. I think improved lighting should include looking at motion activated lighting to save on power.
13.	This should not be to the detriment to alternative users.
14.	A network of cycle routes would be incredible for this area. Currently they are not provided for at all - cyclists have to either risk causing harm to pedestrians or cycle on the road with speeding traffic.
15.	Great idea! This is needed. We as residents would love this.
16.	Connectivity throughout the community is important and the 'daily exercise' routines established during covid had very positive benefits to physical and mental well being. Moving forward it is important to embed walking and wheeling around the town.
17.	The High St is used by surrounding towns, far away houses, infirm people and visitors. Walkers tend not to shop enough to sustain the whole High Street minus every other group! A small town needs local shops or online van deliveries to individual houses will quadruple and who wants a dead High St, no independents and more vans? That is NOT green. This is emotional and knee jerk and many who barley use a shop just want a quieter town. Is the High St not a big part of why we win awards?
18.	Essential for health and wellbeing
19.	I don't think creating cycle routes would be a good use of money as I don't think they would be well enough used.
20.	Active travel must be encouraged as an alternative to car driving to reduce carbon emissions. We need more cycle racks in the town centre.
21.	As long as they provide safe routes
22.	We fully support this initiative which should be driven forward as fast as possible because of its environmental and health benefits. We need more cycle racks including places for e-bikes.
23.	Provision of eBikes for hire at out of town park and ride sites.
24.	As a cyclist and walker I could hardly object to the principle. I would want consideration of cycle routes to include cycle parking.
25.	Fully support the suggestions. Encouraging walking / cycling is good for physical and mental health as well as the environment. Provision of cycle racks (incl electric bikes) at key points around the town should be included.
26.	I object to some aspects of these draft plans. I acknowledge that change is required and that traffic problems must be dealt with. I am not in agreement that we can succeed in banning cars from the town centre and my experience of dealing with the rise in tourism throughout Scotland and the pressure brought about by the current craze for use of camper vans is not necessarily a long-term, year-round crisis. I am against proposed P & R, plus camper van facilities in the field by Strathearn Road.
27.	Encouraging people out of their cars might reduce the whining about car parking; and help gain support for High Street pedestrian improvements.
28.	Doesn't go far enough. Only two routes mentioned and they relate really to schools. Movement needs to be for all sectors of the community and their are problems around the

town such as plant growth narrowing pavements - an issue for wheelchair users and motorised scooters.
29. Concerns that cyclists often move against traffic, especially on oneway streets, often little care for pedestrians, pushchairs, wheelers, hearing/visually/mobility impaired. Not sure they should be included in this bracket without addressing behaviours.
30. Good idea
31. Good fo safety and health
32. Positive action
33. It could, however, go further to create a circular route - the Bass Rock Walk/Tantallon/ return over tracks and fields to right of way leading to the Law paths.
34. The proposed upgraded path and cycle route would go close to the NBL marsh and through a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It has been discussed before and there are various concerns: • Disturbance to wildlife from increased numbers of people and bicycles using this route • Safety risks to children on a route next to the marsh which is liable to occasional flooding and icing over in winter • Would lead to further developments such as street lighting Not needed and intrusive
35. Extremely important to develop this for sustainability and safety.
36. Not to all, but east section of possible path to Heugh Brae. Too close to SSSI & wildlife, introduce disturbance, litter, plus it floods and is a danger to children especially in dark and winter.
37. Supportive, but object to east section of path to Heugh Brae. In favour of path, but take it through gates and higher up field away from houses on Heugh Road. This will keep privacy, take it away from flooding areas and use exiting openings in walls.
38. This is worthwhile in terms of encouraging more exercise
39. NO cycle route through SSSI wetland, many waterbirds need quiet to breed successfully, path would skirt pond closely (2ft from open water e.g), OS map shows ponds far from path because REEDS hide water that extends to path (birds nest and shelter in these). The only clean litter free haven for nature in NB. Litter would gather in ponds over time impossible to retrieve. Unsafe for children esp in winter dark. Impassable after days of rain, floods 6+ inches deep. ELC declared a Nature Emergency!!
40. I would like to see this section start with park and ride or shuttle bus proposals. It should be first and a positive, not the last point that we all just have to hope happens once the high street is pedestrianised.
41. I was disappointed that the John Muir Way is simply ignored as a cycle route or a walking route. Disappointing that you have to have everything new and cannot integrate what is already there. Illogical.
42. Support the idea - but feel that the proposal is not ambitious enough - the proposed Heugh path should link into proposal 14 on biodiversity - as the field identified - in future will be in the middle of North Berwick (when all housing development is complete). In recent years flooding from the land at the base of the Law has extended into this field, the 6 foot stone wall has subsided. Wildlife has increased (bird; deer; bats). The field could be a wildlife corridor in the 'middle' of the town.
43. The Law Path should be provided to link up the east and west sections of town, promoting active travel and avoiding the overcrowded Lochbridge Road. Consideration should be given to a raised boardwalk alongside the wetland to link the school to Heugh Brae. Linking the whisky bottle woods to the Glen would also be a great heritage trail.
44. I have two young children and its so dangerous trying to cycle around town with them. Our eldest is now walking to and from school which is honestly worrying given the speed and volume of cars driving through our town. We desperately need to change the priority from cars to active travel modes, we need zebra crossings at key points to connect children in residential areas to our green spaces, roads around the Rec, tennis courts & lodge need traffic calming and zebra crossing points urgently!
45. As one of many young families living in Kingston, we could be so happy to have a path connecting us safely into Nth Berwick.
46. The needs of pedestrians and cyclists are important however their are many elderly or disabled residents in the town and their movement and access to facilities must be maintained.
47. An eminently sensible approach to benefit the community
48. It's so important for children to have a safe route to school that encourages active travel. These new cycle routes would help with this.

49. Better bike routes around town benefit residents of all ages, encouraging active outdoor activity. This benefits residents and keeps traffic congestion down, which also has a benefit for the environment.
50. This would very much benefit the environment, and encourage a more physically active lifestyle. The proposal would also provide a safer route to the school campus, which has been of real concern to our family.
51. As a cyclist i see no reason for extra lanes etc which would give more fuel to the council's obsession with stopping parking & passage for cars. NB is only small if the crazy building of excessive housing stopped there would be plenty of room for cars
52. I support a fair blend of walking and cycling - often however walkers are at risk to high speed cyclists - this needs to be addressed.
53. Routes should not come at the expense of road space
54. North Berwick needs to invest in networks that allow people to move around without using cars.
55. We need far more of these
56. Very important because as present although NB is small town and in theory should be walkable and cycleable, priority is given to cars a lot and I would not feel safe cycling as an adult (never mind with children). There are good area of cycles path but it's not connected up well enough to stop people taking their cars. Paths from Mains Farm and The Heugh are very important as school children should be able to walk to school safely in a town this size.
57. Any initiative that improves the provision of non-vehicular travel and exercise should be supported.
58. More connected paths are needed. There needs to be a circular route from the beach to the Law and back for tourists and local residents
59. You should consider parts towards the new estates around the Law and Ferrygate if possible.
60. Prioritising safety and accessibility of pedestrians and cyclists is all very well but does not take into account those with mobility issues who are more reliant upon their cars.
61. Can only be good to make this happen, happier healthier and safer streets with people moving slower, saving fuel and spending more in the shops. What's not to like. Good examples of the success of similar schemes especially the ROI see sustrans for funding and examples
62. Agree this will add value to all residents to improve this type of infrastructure in North Berwick
63. To encourage healthy lifestyle amongst residents, reduce climate change, and create a sage network of paths for cyclists, walkers, etc.

**Proposal 4 Priority for pedestrians on High Street from Church Road to Quality Street  
- 79 written comments**

1. Having quick car access along the high street is beneficial for the future of North Berwick and restricting car access as it is at the moment will adversely affect the future of the shops and community.
2. The high street is too narrow for modern day vehicles and pedestrians. Priority should be given to blue badge holders though
3. I think we have to be very careful here. We saw the large and vocal objections to the last ELC parking solution both from residents and businesses. I supported traffic calming from Quality Street to Gregs but would be against similar to Church street and suspect business would as well. Full pedestrianisation is not something I would support.
4. This will kill many shops on the High Street. Also will push heavy traffic onto high residential areas.
5. Fully support pedestrianization of this part of the high street
6. In the Pedestrian Pound key issues do not apply to NB. The HS is thriving and does not need regeneration. Key findings, Statement 3, point 1: "If more space is given for walking and cycling and less to cars, the absence of customers arriving by car is more than compensated by people arriving on foot or by bike". In NB it would only be "very partially compensated" in a street where the average duration of parking is just 23 minutes, meaning the parking provides a huge turnover of customers.
7. Disabled people who need to drive must have access



8.	I have heard from shop owners that pedestrianisation would lead to less business, so it is good that it is being suggested as a pilot. We definitely do not want to make it harder for local shops
9.	This is highly dependent on the parking being solved
10.	No reasonable person would object to this. Common sense.
11.	Pedestrianising the high street would be a disaster for traders and those shopping from out of town
12.	I frequently use the local shops as a pedestrian and the High street would definitely benefit from a pedestrian zone. At present it is dangerous and unpleasant for pedestrians and to have a vehicle free area would enhance the shopping experience. With a more relaxed pace in the street shops and cafes would benefit.
13.	Great idea in theory but where will the cars go? St. Baldred's Road already a nightmare. It will lead to considerable congestion elsewhere and the shop keepers opinion should be given high priority. People will shop in the big supermarkets rather than driving in circles around the High St. We have to accept it, North Berwick design and parking problems are just a fact of life in this town. The problem is very much seasonal.
14.	Strongly object as this proposal will kill the high street.
15.	This is the proposal I really do support and so do all my family and friends in North Berwick, AND all the visitors we get. The congested polluted and unsafe high street, with tiny pavements and huge idling SUVs really put people off contributing to the local sustainable economy. I get told this by visitors constantly who give it as their prime reason for avoiding N Berwick.
16.	Current situation untenable
17.	Totally agree that the current status quo is not sustainable
18.	This really needs to be done for safety, environmental, health and business reasons. This will encourage and grow the High St as a destination and local shopping hub.
19.	The streets are too narrow and needs to be timed pedestrian priority as Lorrie's still require access
20.	The pedestrianisation of North Berwick High Street has been controversial topic for many years. It feels that ELC seems to believe work done by the 'Charrette' and that pedestrianisation is what the people of town want. This isn't the case. There are many who strongly disagree with this proposal. The town's vocal social media feeds regularly argue on this subject. As this subject is so controversial, I would like things left as they are and this proposal to be removed from the Local Place Plan.
21.	Quality to church street only though. Feel any further would deter locals from using the high street on days with poor weather
22.	We have arguably the best High Street in the UK. Current mixed use is working well. Congestion is for very limited periods during very limited season. Please do not adopt misguided changes that have a significant chance of degrading our amazing High St
23.	The High Street at the moment is not a pleasant place to wander and bump into friends. The pavements are narrow and unsuitable for double buggies and wheelchairs. There must be a dozen solutions which would enhance the town.
24.	I think we should find a better compromise with the shop owners. Our High Street is celebrated for it's independent shops and they are part of our community. We can't do something that will negatively effect them and possibly close them down.
25.	I think this has to be seasonal, with normal car access in the winter. Also, to work the Glebe and Law Rd car parks must be limited to 3 hour stays as they were during covid.
26.	WHO ACTUALLY WANTS THIS!! AND WHERE DO YOU PROPOSE ALL THR CARS THAT USE THE HIGH STREET GO!!!
27.	Outside villagers, day trippers, people who can't manage long walks or heavy shopping, People who live up the hill or further out, time poor people nipping to the shops ALL sustain the High Street. This plan eliminates all groups except the walkers. The fit and healthy walkers who live near by are a tiny proportion of shoppers. Walkers alone CANNOT sustain a High Street.
28.	Needs to be very carefully and creatively considered
29.	I don't think this should be implemented until, at the very least, the town centre parking issues have been ironed out.
30.	This is a really good proposal. I believe that prioritising pedestrians in that part of the High Street would make the town centre much more attractive and would improve the air quality. Whilst I understand the reason for making this proposal dependent on having new edge of

town car parks and a shuttle bus, I'm concerned that this would mean a long delay before change happens on the High Street. Meanwhile could the Community Council call for experimental road closures at weekends?
31. Why yet more discussions on parking & pedestrianisation of High Street? I never have any problems but foresee trouble if this goes ahead. I am heading fast for 80 years but not entitled to blue badge. How am I supposed to support High Street if no parking. The adjacent streets will be jammed with people trying to park. I shall shop elsewhere if I can't get near the shops. Strongly object to this idea
32. We enthusiastically support this. We recognise that it will take time to achieve the edge of town parking so in the meantime as a matter of urgency camper vans/motorhomes should be banned from the town centre. The pilot road closures should be carried out in 2025 at weekends in the first instance.
33. For able bodied people this proposal makes the High Street more attractive. Suitable provision has been built in for delivery vehicles and blue badge holders.
34. The eastern end of the High Street is too narrow for a comfortable mixture of vehicles and pedestrians. I would support access for shop deliveries and collections and for blue badge holders etc. but pedestrians should have the right of way and vehicle speeds should be restricted to 5 or 10 mph.
35. I fully support this proposal. It needs to be part of an integrated approach (park and ride, parking review, residents parking priority ) to ensure residents are not unfairly impacted. Blue badge parking is essential but many residents may not justify a badge but may have limited mobility and provision for them should be included. A trial pedestrianisation of the H St should be tried out perhaps over several weekends initially . Camper vans should be banned from the town centre.
36. This narrow part of the High Street is an accident waiting to happen already. Pedestrian behaviour seems to believe it is already a no-traffic zone. It is difficult to negotiate at busy times for any driver. I believe we have not covered the arguments for and against managing the High Street. As an elderly resident, I will need to have some access, sometimes. I live too far to walk and do not expect to cycle there any time soon! There is no local bus service near where I live.
37. Nothing gets done anyway!
38. Pedestrians should have priority, preferably with wider pavements.
39. The east end of the High Street is unsafe for the old, the young, able-bodied and the disabled. It is now - with the very odd planters - an obstacle course and most unpleasant to linger in. It could be so much better as a safe thoroughfare.
40. Against mix of pedestrian and vehicle shared access. Invites confusion, disrupts business, no need for entertainment zone, disturb nearby residents. Electric delivery vehicles - bonkers.
41. Good idea
42. This would kill off the viability of many shops in the High Street even for a 12-month trial let alone permanently. It would also redirect traffic on to other roads which would become overcrowded and dangerous
43. Restricting vehicles/parking between Church Road and Quality Street would harm trade and cause inconvenience to shoppers. Not everyone can walk all the time. Park and Ride not feasible. Shuttle bus possible but only if a commercial bus company takes it on at own risk and cost.
44. Provision for blue badge holders. What does "review upgrade for access to shops" mean? Electric vehicles for deliveries to shops! Option of trial period, who decides whether to do this or not? Is park and ride for shopping?
45. Positive action
46. Whereas I support pedestrianisation, I appreciate that this is contentious - but the minimum should be widening pavements on both sides of east end of High Street so that two wheelchairs can pass - and NO on street car parking.
47. There has been better solutions put forward
48. Some of us have been pushing this for years! There are more and more huge cars trying to drive down and park on the narrow part of the High Street. The new estates have increased the population and not many of these residents seem to want to walk to the High Street. Please don't wait until there is an accident!

49. I do not believe that this proposal represents the views of the vast majority of local residents, but reflects the views of a few with extreme views. This is likely to be very damaging to the local economy
50. All vehicular access should continue, but heavily controlled (e.g. with street redesign) so that pedestrians are top priority.
51. disruption to traffic flow and affect on local businesses
52. I don't know enough about the pros and cons to make either support or object
53. The trial should start with no parking, not full pedestrianisation. It may show that banning parking at the narrow pavement points solves a lot of problems. Also, please include a snowy day in Feb in the trial - to see if people walk or just drive to Tesco instead of using the High Street.
54. I'm not convinced consequences for all members of the community have been thought through (eg older people using the Post Office).
55. Important to provide easy access to post office services particularly for elderly who do not have blue badges
56. The east end of the High Street is so dangerous as the pavements are far too narrow and parked cars restrict space - urgent need for improvement
57. So much conflict over this issue. And current parking proposals address none of the actual issues- seasonality adroitly. Disabled people are not clearly catered for .
58. Need to ensure adequate access for disabled and elderly. Sufficient blue badge and cycle ebike parking
59. This would make a huge positive impact for all residents and visitors to North Berwick, there is no question I would spend more time and hence money on the High Street if this project was realised!
60. Pedestrianising the High Street would make it a better environment for pedestrians however there would be a very substantial negative impact on businesses. Where would shop users who currently park on the High Street park? Could they carry their shopping the distances involved - would they choose too when it would be easier to go to Tesco or Aldi or other towns where they can park near the shops. Many residents are elderly and would be unable to get to shops/cafes/hairdressers.
61. High Street can be unpleasant and feel dangerous at times when huge lorries are trying to drive through. Pedestrianised shopping areas in other towns in UK and abroad are attractive and relaxing places to shop. Like the 'last mile delivery' experiment proposal.
62. Strongly support this. The wider research does not support the proposition that pedestrianisation reduces business to shops and it would make the centre of the town much easier than move around and also a friendlier place. At the moment it is overcrowded on the pavements and the road and parking spaces are chaotic. Removing the cars from the equation (aside from say deliveries) would rectify that immediately and make it easier for locals and tourists alike.
63. The high street is currently unsafe, especially for small children. Any improvement that can be made to make it more pedestrian friendly is a good option.
64. We are lucky to have such a great High Street, however cars dominate this space and it remains difficult to navigate as a pedestrian - especially for those with young children or mobility issues.
65. I believe it is totally unnecessary alterations within the tiny high street we have based on experiences in other much larger towns. I would agree with perhaps pedestrianising the portion of the high street from Quality street to Rock & Bird but that's it. The council have these ridiculous flower troughs taking up loads of spaces & then took away the two spots at the police station (which if it is to close will free up spaces in their car park too)
66. High Street is crowded and uncomfortable for pedestrians at present
67. I agree with this as it is disgraceful that prams and wheelchairs can not use our high street and there is not enough space for cars and humans at the top of the high street.
68. The high street is so dangerous for young kids and disabled people. It is only a matter of time before there is an awful accident. They can make this work on other high streets, why not ours! People need to embrace change and see the positives.
69. This will impact very negatively on Kirkports which is not suited as a busy route. I suggest a compromise position whereby this is a weekend issue when the town is busier with visitors and shops don't get deliveries as much.
70. Modernisation of the high street is crucial for its sustainability and vibrancy. Currently, 90-95% of high street space is allocated to vehicles, despite studies showing that pedestrian-

friendly areas significantly boost local economies. Research by Gehl Architects (2010) found that reallocating space to pedestrians increased foot traffic and retail spending by up to 30%.
71. Pedestrianisation of a section of the high street makes sense for locals, visitors and business owners alike. People will want to come to NB as a shopping destination because shoppers want to saunter and take their time without worrying about stepping off a narrow pavement into the flow of traffic. Currently a double buggy or a wheelchair CANNOT fit on sections on the high street pavement (speaking from personal experience). This is not acceptable. It is unsafe and unfair for these wheel users.
72. As long as there is sufficient car parking and/or non-vehicular routes to access the High Street then trade need not suffer with this proposal. The option of outdoor space for cafes and shops is appealing and presumably profitable during the summer months.
73. It should be pedestrian only with very limited vehicle access
74. Only one answer. Make the whole high street for pedestrians and only allow delivery trucks. I grew up in a city that did that and the city centre flourished. Local opposition is corrupt by business interests.
75. can't read the page
76. This proposal is surprising considering the strong public campaign last year against pedestrianisation of the east end of the High Street. The proposal extends to Church Road with no consideration given to those with mobility issues who do not have a blue badge and would find it difficult to walk from a car park carrying heavy shopping. The option of a trial period would kill our vibrant High Street from which it would be very difficult to recover.
77. With timed access for delivery and disabled access. The street will be safer and people will enjoy it more.
78. Agree, there is currently contention with cars and pedestrians on the highstreet and this needs to be improved
79. To reduce climate change, make the high street safer, and support economic growth by creating a space on the high street where people can socialise, sit outside cafes / restaurants, etc.

#### Proposal 5 Complete the Coastal Trail to Tantallon Castle as a circular route - 40 written comments

1. Cccc
2. All that is required is a small extension of the footpath from where it currently ends at dunbar road, upto the castle car park, and then from the carpark to the top of the hill and the NB Gin junction. Thereafter there are sufficient low use C roads connecting to the John Muir way behind the law. This need not be a major undertaking. Paths within the field boundaries should be utilised
3. There is an existing path to Tantallon that would need a short extension to make it footpath all the way there, I don't think there is a need to make it a circular path
4. Finances do not allow for vanity projects. Good idea but not a high priority. The road out to Tantallon is not a busy one. How often do locals go out to Tantallon? The improved pavement suffices in tough Financial Times.
5. It would be a safer and desirable path that many would use
6. Simple, just needs the last few yards completing!
7. Improved amenity leading to healthy lifestyle
8. This is not a priority, Scotland has laws for people to use fields etc
9. I completely support improving the route to Tantallon Castle. The most important element is having a pavement which goes all of the way there. Visitors are left walking on the verge of a 60mph road to get there at the moment. This would be an easy solution.
10. Great idea!
11. This walk could be better tied in to visitor car parking at the east end of East Bay, especially if this were designated as a coastal car park with daily charges and restrictions on camping to encourage more day visitors.
12. Coastal trails and off road cycle paths should be put around the edges of all farms. I do not feel safe on a bike on a road
13. Good for connectivity and interpretation of cultural coast
14. Looks like a lovely route between 2 local landmarks
15. We'd like to see wildflowers planted to support biodiversity and appropriate parking for bikes & cars for access.

16. Sounds like a nice idea
17. An excellent idea.
18. Nice, but not a priority at this time. Too many more important things to budget for.
19. Safer walking/cycling
20. Don't stop at Tantallon!
21. Those who want can already do this walk at no extra cost to the community.
22. Good idea
23. Only need a rough path from castle car park alongside road to join up existing tarred path at corner.
24. Positive action
25. But as I have said extend a circular route to Tantallon and back to right of Way Leading to Law.
26. Walkers can follow this route at present. A formal route is not needed.
27. Great for locals and visitors alike.
28. Last bit up to the road through east end of Glen GC will be challenging.
29. This seems way down in the list of priorities, relative to a shuttle bus to connect the housing developments on the outskirts of the town.
30. It would be excellent were this to be done. But found maps unclear and coping with tides along by Canty Bay? Are pathways on top of cliffs? What about round radar station? Really felt maps didn't make proposals plain.
31. Support the idea - feel it could be more ambitious. Not clear how the Tantallon loop will be complete. It would be good to link through the Heugh Brae field to the back of the Law and have options to link down to the town
32. seems like a nice idea but not a priority, for me making it safe to travel within the town should be the priority. Its crazy that the John Muir way includes numerous dangerous crossing points, most notably across St Baldreds Rd, a simple zebra crossing and parking restrictions for visibility would be an easy fix
33. The existing path is not great and causing significant erosion around the edges of the golf course and I would worry it may cause further erosion if not put in place properly?
34. This is a great idea. I think it would be used lots as many people in the area enjoy walking.
35. Safe paths are essential
36. A good initiative to increase physical activity and minimise vehicular travel.
37. Great idea. It is very much needed
38. can't read the page
39. Not as important as connecting Kingston or White Kirk or direlton with continuous network of pavement or off road routes to centre of population rather than tourist destination
40. Have no strong opinion on the matter

#### Proposal 6 Develop a sustainable strategy for parking and traffic management - 41 written comments

1. Ass
2. Park and Ride has been tried before with little success either from landowners or bus companies. No harm trying though. In my mind site A on the map is the important one but do not think there will be much demand for site B and have my doubts about site C.
3. We need more parking especially at peak tourist times
4. This is a white elephant, and would be underused and a cash drain. Probably a detrimental impact on existing commercial bus service? Would the e-bus be free to use? Are locals going to pay for it through council tax rises ? N Berwick is too small for this sort of scheme.
5. Good idea, if the shuttle bus becomes reality. But even then it needs clear advertising, if potential P&R users have to wait up to an hour for a bus!
6. I'm just unsure about whether the proposal will work. But the idea of having a strategy that is informed by experts is valid
7. Great idea. The town is too small for driving, but too big to walk everywhere. This is an ideal solution.
8. It's a common sense plan to manage traffic.
9. Shuttle bus could be a good idea but past trials haven't worked. Visitors insist on driving into the town centre. Is Rhodes caravan park full all the time? All the camper vans parked up by the Glen are taking advantage of the town and leaving no space for short stay

visitors. They also have no toilet facilities..to the detriment of the beach where there are some disgusting results of this.
10. Supportive of park and ride BUT not supportive of any car parking payments on the high street or anywhere else in North Berwick
11. See response to proposal 4.
12. Current situation untenable
13. As a inhabitant of Victoria Road, I strongly feel that seasonal parking charges are the only way forward, with residents parking or total exemptions for them.
14. This is not a priority item for the town
15. Shuttle buses are a key component in trying to manage visitor traffic. To proposal I would add some other locations. What about using parking in Fenton Barnes. This would generate more footfall for businesses there and would benefit both NB and FB. What about publicising use of railway station car parks from Musselburgh to Drem and getting train to NB? What about signs on roads into NB which tell visitors if parking is full? Maybe walking buses to direct visitors on foot when trains arrive?
16. Should be free much like parking in town otherwise footfall on high street would likely be impacted
17. This should not be done based on ideology. A well designed scheme during peak times could work. We should seek to minimise signage.
18. Having lived worked in coastal towns in various countries i do not see a huge problem here in North Berwick. A french style 'petit train' linking the two castles would be brilliant and would help while also retaining the charm of our town. Most tourist towns in france do it so surely the 'Biarritz of North' could give it a go.
19. 100% support this! We need to find a better parking solution for our community.
20. Cars and motor homes should be prevented from entering the narrow and busy streets in the town centre. There are lovely walks to the beach from these sites. Existing car parks at the schools should also be used during holidays and weekends and should be clearly signed.
21. Turning the field at position A into a park and ride is completely unacceptable. It would ruin the entrance to our seaside town and have a very negative impact on local resident safety, traffic, noise and beauty. I have very strong objections
22. There will never be the money or space for this and everyone who agrees is kidding themselves. The council will only use the 'agree' to remove parking with no solution as we have seen so many times.
23. Park and rides are not the answer. Better to encourage sustainable transport solutions
24. Rather than create new spaces, we need to make better use of existing parking facilities eg school, community centre, rugby park. Liaise with Aldi to make use of their empty spaces during peak months. All these places are empty for large periods of the year so we should make use of them where possible. Is the parking area at the aviary currently run by the community/EL council? If not, why not? Money being made could be reinvested in the town/county roads for example.
25. This is a very good proposal. I would like to see East Lothian introducing a Tourist Tax, some of which could be used to subsidise the shuttle bus. (I happily pay the Tourist Tax when I go to cities like Paris.) The sustainable parking strategy should also address overspill parking for the station in nearby streets such as Links Rd & May Terrace. The shuttle should stop at the station & tie in with train times.
26. Already answered re: High Street. Object strongly. Why spoil the lovely entrance to North Berwick on west side with a car park? We should be preserving good agricultural land - NOT covering it in tarmac. However good idea to restrict camper vans to certain places & charge them
27. Residents should have priority. Existing car parks at the school and community centre should be made available during the holidays. Camper vans/motor homes should be banned from the town centre and should only be allowed to park at designated parking areas. A tourist tax could support the running costs of the shuttle bus.
28. Important to wean people off the reliance of personal vehicles, however, families with pushchairs, picnic bags, windbreaks etc need suitable alternative transport.
29. There is an obvious case for a Park and Ride scheme in North Berwick provided the parks are sensitively constructed and screened and the circular bus service is an excellent idea. I live own the west of the town with a reasonable bus service but the people on the southerly

<p>estates must need a better service. Ass an aside I think a frequent direct service to Haddington would be even more beneficial.</p>
<p>30. The key is to reduce the traffic in the town as well as manage it. Park and ride would be a positive start but in the meantime parking restrictions are needed, priority for residents parking and no camper vans allowed to park outside designated areas which have appropriate services. Combining residents and visitors parking penalises residents when visitors can park for 5 hours.</p>
<p>31. These facilities A B &amp; C are too far from the centre of the town, the beach and leisure facilities, places to eat and drink etc. I question how many visitors will actually use them. Why are we not doing more to encourage them to travel here by bus or train? Improve those services? Camper vans will never use these facilities. They don't go to campsites (by choice) so why would they use these areas? Law unto themselves. Also, Site A a very fertile field, producing important food for Scotland.</p>
<p>32. We need parking not charging mini bus shuttle bus for summer months</p>
<p>33. Good idea but sceptical about funding.</p>
<p>34. The text needs to be augmented now ELC has issued four TROs. I do not support all year round charging. I do want camper vans removed from residential streets and the shoreline car parks and roads. A long term approach must be delivered at the same time as alternative means of moving around the town. ELC simply wishes to provide an annual income stream. That is not acceptable in a town characterised by a older age profile.</p>
<p>35. Shuttle bus essential.</p>
<p>36. Sounds a sensible solution</p>
<p>37. Would have very high capital costs and would destroy green fields permanently. Town only busy for two months of the year. Would not be used the other 10 months. Would cost a fortune every year. Who would pay?</p>
<p>38. Park and ride not feasible. Shuttle bus possible only if a commercial bus company takes it on at own risk and cost. Only allow camper vans to park overnight at formal camp sites.</p>
<p>39. Park &amp; ride? Proposal 4, pedestrianise the High Street a priority!</p>
<p>40. Positive action</p>
<p>41. Extending the car park at the Berwick Law is a very bad idea. It will prejudice the SSSI by discharges and lighting, will affect the special landscape area visually, will be poorly used thus abused by doughnut racers, the shuttle bus is impractical, there is an agricultural tenancy and good farmland, the NBHS car park can be available in Grange Road (more accessible and successful during FBTS.) The access lane is not suitable nor is the junction.</p>
<p>42. Great examples of shuttle buses are St Davids in Wales and Durham in England. Were do camper vans discharge their grey water? Where do they empty their chemical toilets? European countries have earmarked places for vans with time limits set - usually 48 - 72 hours with places to discharge both types of waste on site. Fife Council has slots at beach car parks marked for van overnight stops from 8pm to 8am. Nearly all their beach sites have good toilets.</p>
<p>43. Given the increasing number of visitors to the town and the use of cars etc this needs to be done along with an integrated transport strategy.</p>
<p>44. Shuttle bus good idea. Throw out ridiculous ELC parking zones idea. Make Haugh (road and top) proper coastal carpark (insert height gate at Glen GC that can be opened by Fire Service and Scottish Water lorry) with proper limits on motorhomes; make decent designated campervan parking elsewhere if ELC wants income (but don't undercut Tantallon CP).</p>
<p>45. Parking and traffic management only a problem one or two summer months per year maximum. Peripheral park and ride unlikely to be used as service would have to be frequent and continuous therefore expensive and generally not necessary.</p>
<p>46. A shuttle bus to connect the housing developments on the outskirts of town is a must. As is park and ride for tourists. Why is this proposal last in the section on Movement - it seems this should go first so people see that the solution will be put in place before the High Street is closed to cars, etc.</p>
<p>47. Don't believe moving camper vans to 'park and ride' sites is appropriate. There should be development of existing paid facilities in North Berwick.</p>
<p>48. Concerned about over tourism and attracting more cars and camper vans. Camper vans should park in commercially managed sites where there is adequate oversight and management of environmental impact particularly in relation to noise and waste.</p>
<p>49. North Berwick is far too small for these park and rides - they will not be used</p>

50. Much listening and thinking would be needed to solve this conundrum. Don't think anyone really has addressed issue calmly and intelligently.
51. Not sure about the campervan proposal, right by the law, there is already lots of erosion, do we want more foot traffic? I also think they want a more coastal location, is there not somewhere on the edge of town that could be coastal, not at the end of a residential road (i.e. not at the end of Marine Parade where they currently park) that would better meet their needs? I do not have strong ideas on this.
52. Strongly endorse park and ride shuttle bus proposal. Strongly endorse finding alternative parking areas for camper vans outwith the town and returning Sewage works and Haugh Road car parks to solely car parking with no overnight stays.
53. Parking outwith the town especially for tourists would be an excellent idea.
54. Additional parking provision for peak times is required. Capacity at the Recreation Park car park on Saturdays is inadequate. Of the proposed sites indicated in the plan only Site C would assist with this, although the dispersal of campervans to alternative sites would be beneficial.
55. Making more parking will only lead to an increase in vehicular traffic. We have learned this urban planning lesson is cities and towns around the world.
56. The idea of a park & Ride in our little town is ridiculous. A crazy waste of money which necessitates parking charges to fund it. Insane. Also a park & ride car park would be a hideously ugly entrance to our supposed best town in the UK to live. What on earth are you thinking! Residents know its busy for 6 weeks of the year & fine other than that. I have never not got a parking space, you only have to drive to Westgate to find them. This is utter madness
57. Urgent need for parking and circular bus transport. The uncontrolled campervan parking along the road by the Glen Gold Club and the small car park at the top of the road is in need of serious attention - especially as there are no toilet facilities available. Controlled alternatives must be provided
58. We need more parking in NB!!
59. Yes fully support out of town parking and shuttle bus. Lets make our town centre a place where, people can walk and cycle without being in danger.
60. This is a positive suggestion regarding the camper vans but only if they are removed from overnight parking along the beach and in the beach side car parks, otherwise it will exacerbate the problem. Park and ride a good idea as the parking pressure is largely seasonal and this could be dialled up or down as needed.
61. Support parking site A but not B. Concern that site B next to the Law would increase traffic flow and more fast cars to this road next to the nursery and school which is already not very safe due to cars going too fast and no proper pedestrian crossing next to the Law itself. Many people cross on this blind corner and it's an accident waiting to happen.
62. I have always thought that a park and ride/shuttle bus would be an excellent addition and work well with the pedestrianisation of the high street.
63. Car park site A is off the main and only road approaching the town from the West, and would cause congestion. In addition it is also very close to residential properties and would cause noise and traffic pollution for the residents.
64. Makes sense. Good luck!
65. THE CONSEQUENCES FOR RESIDENTS with cars. Permits MERELY ON APPLICATION for visitors/STLs not been considered. Central NB - Double lines everywhere. Tenements and those with no off-street parking. Permits for Workmen will NOT GUARANTEE SPACE. Traffic wardens agree - insufficient parking for residents who own cars - Will have to keep leaving house to try find space. ON STREET PARKING / OFF STREET PARKING PLACES/ HOW MANY? NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PERMITS? Freedom of information request.
66. A shuttle bus would not suit everyone, particularly those with mobility issues. Park & Ride has been considered in the past and rejected as non-feasible and the site to the west of the town would detract from the appearance of the entrance to the town. The current parking management proposals are controversial. This is a small seaside town which does not require parking zones,
67. The Park and ride suggested sites are not well thought out. These sites would not be suitable and should not be catering campervans. Providing extra campervan sites would not be welcomed by residents. A site - excluding amenities for campervans - should be identified closer to the centre of the town. This would align with similar schemes across Europe, rather than the outskirts of the town.



68. Control traffic and parking but match it so residents can park in East from West or vice versa don't split the town pointless admin for minimal revenue increase. Maybe it easy for everyone. Please do not use the space below the law. This would be detrimental to view if the law
69. Agree with proposal
70. The proposal for a park-and-ride and a motorhome park on the field next to Dirleton Road is dreadful. First I must declare an interest in that I live close by in Abbotsford Road. Nevertheless, the approach to North Berwick from the West is nigh on iconic with its line of trees backed by the open agricultural field until the town closes in after Strathearn Road. The Park-and-Ride would be intrusive enough, would need some sort of built infrastructure, possibly 24hr lighting, and if it were indeed to be hidden by landscaping would require far more land than the small rectangle shown on the plans, The overnight campervan park has far more serious implications. Lines of parked campervans are hideous (see photo of the Recreation Ground), they will create noise and light pollution, and will almost certainly require some sort of very ugly constructed infrastructure. Why does the Community Council want to destroy this particularly attractive approach to North Berwick with something that could hardly be more ugly? I understand the problem that camper vans pose for North Berwick but I think that rather than trying to compete with the two commercial parks close by at Dirleton and near Tesco, tight restrictions should confine them to beside the Sewage Works and in the Law car park, which has little local impact.

### **Information Notice Survey – Written responses for Proposal 7**

#### **Proposal 7 Phase 1 - North Berwick Harbour - 37 written comments**

1. Great to see this work being carried out so quickly
2. Sorry but the BBOP plan is not going anywhere. Firstly there is no money for this type of project and secondly there are to many other users of this area for there to be a permanent pool however nice an idea this is.
3. Dont know why this is included here as this is almost complete...is to score an easy win? That said I fully support this project and think great job has been done.
4. The wall is already being repaired so it was a surprise to see this being consulted on
5. It is almost completed. Necessary work
6. If the harbour is not fixed quickly the storms could further destroy the harbour and it is well used.
7. Essential repairs
8. .
9. This needs to be repaired and the local teams/council should be ashamed of themselves for the duration and lack of up keep
10. Maintenance of harbour buildings and sea wall seem well thought through. The part of this proposal which I have doubts over is the outdoor pool. There is a current indoor pool at NB Sports Centre and there are also sea swimming groups. I am unconvinced of need for outdoor pool and am concerned about the disruption this would cause to Beach Wheelchairs, Beach Huts, Rowing Club, Lobster Hatchery, rental of kayaks and paddle boards and to boat owners.
11. The repair seems to have gone well - not an easy (or cheap) job.
12. 100% support this.
13. It needs funding properly
14. Needs to be taken in context of wider coastal resilience plans
15. Need the harbour to be kept in state of good repair
16. We feel that the Catherine Watson memorial should be named in the LPP.
17. Essential
18. The Harbour is an important part of the economy as well as historically significant.
19. Exceptionally important to preserve this historic harbour, the heart of our community.
20. Already happening. Further defences needed at east of dinghy park.
21. The repair works are complete and the text should be altered to reflect this. I do not support a pool where the original pool was - it is misguided proposal. Other alternatives of a tidal pool unheated should be explored.
22. Keen for all, but would prefer to see new build reflecting colourful doors and wall of existing building which are iconic

23. Positive action
24. This will be very costly and benefit rich boat owners. Simply do minimal repair.
25. The harbour is an important feature in the town and must be suitably maintained and enhanced
26. Support phase 1 - even though it has been very costly
27. The harbour is part of North Berwick's identity. But do keep in mind how few NB residents actually use the harbour facilities when considering budgets, etc.
28. Already fixed
29. A good start has been made and any attempt to make people more welcome with toilets and useful spaces is good.
30. Fabulous effort by all to date on the wall repair.
31. Fundamental to the town and so is entirely necessary
32. This will only get worse if not repaired.
33. See response sent from Chair of Harbour Trust on 28/8 - detail regarding planned improvements and priorities
34. Unbelievable that this is not government funded
35. Yes harbour wall needs repaired and HBHT have done a great job.
36. It's should be part of an holistic coastal plan for climate resilience.
37. Agree fixes of damage are a priority

### Proposal 7 Phase 2 - North Berwick Harbour - 41 written comments

1. Lobster shack is an eyesore at the harbour and the rubbish around it is appalling it should never have been given the go ahead.
2. This one reason why the BBOP plan will not fly.
3. good idea, could may be increased ion ambition to provide a bigger community hub at this location?
4. Additional changing and storage and business opportunities are welcome
5. Many use the harbour for a variety of reason which we must treasure and protect from cuts/lack of funding.
6. Support but not seen as high priority at present
7. The character of the old changing rooms needs to be retained, they give the area its charm
8. Again not a priority other efforts will make a better impact.
9. See my comments for proposal 7 phase 1.
10. New toilets are definitely needed - it seem like e project will also be including harbour wall repairs so this is a great idea. It would be nice if the design could be more sympathetic and keep the coloured doors.
11. The harbour is such a special part of our community. We should utilise it more. Having a new outdoor pool would be a dream come true!
12. A higher sea wall is needed to protect the esplanade.
13. Im running out of patience with this lengthy form!
14. Must dovetail with coastal resilience plan
15. The Lobster Shack should be removed at the end of each season, along with the (unsightly) seating area. Why is it allowed to remain there when every other temp building is removed over winter?
16. All sounds like a good idea.
17. The proposal to include community spaces are welcome to encourage the use of the harbour area all year. I don't support the idea of a swimming pool - we already have one at the sports centre and the sea itself!
18. Definitely support preservation and appropriate development.
19. The Rowing Club desperately needs a workshop and covered space for boat repairs.
20. I support additional facilities at the harbour.
21. Essential,
22. No to outdoor swimming pool - not feasible or practical
23. Positive action
24. Costly and main beneficiaries are rich boat owners.
25. Move Lobster Shack to east side of dinghy park where it is less intrusive (present quayside site is too narrow and limits general pedestrian access to that side of harbour).
26. phase 2 seems reasonable if there are funds.

27. Support protecting the harbour. Neutral on providing new facilities as I can't keep up with what's proposed for the Community Centre, former Abbey care home, the harbour, etc. Are they all connected in terms of what the town needs?
28. I wasn't sure where dinghies were going and those are a current feature of the harbour and in a sense the harbour is theirs.
29. Like many residents, I strongly object to the current planning application. While I support new community facilities as part of a masterplan, any development should consider the needs of the broader North Berwick population, including the potential return of the outdoor pool. Moving forward without planning for future phases is a missed opportunity and unfair to residents, failing to address the long-term potential for the town.
30. The harbour is one of the key draws for the town externally and is also a lovely hub for the community.
31. As an organisation, we oppose the current planning application, including the removal of the historically significant pool doors. Development should be part of a comprehensive masterplan that respects the town's heritage while addressing the long-term needs of the wider North Berwick community, such as the potential return of the outdoor pool. A piecemeal approach risks missing future opportunities and fails to create a sustainable, balanced vision for the area.
32. There is huge community support to bring back the outdoor swimming pool, surely this is in direct conflict with doing this?
33. The harbour is an important focal point to the town. Many use it for work, it attracts tourists and therefore benefits the local economy, and it benefits ELYC and encourages national sailing events to take place in North Berwick.
34. See previous response
35. Please can we have the pool back
36. We require a harbour master plan, not a piecemeal approach. This plan involves demolition buildings that are important to the cultural heritage of the town and frustrates hopes for an outdoor pool. Can't we take a holistic joint approach to planning with proper public consultation?
37. The proposals are not sympathetic with the open air history of the harbour, completely out of character. The services are primarily for the boat owners who park here, a small percentage compared with the rest of the community.
38. The boating pond needs to be made into a tidal swimming pool with changing facilities etc to encourage more local people to get the health benefits of cold water swimming without swimming in the sea
39. There has been no public consultations for submitted phase plan. There have been multiple objections to the submitted plans for the building. The building would benefit a few rather than the town- small community with vested interests in the status quo support it. Have a public consultation on the whole shore including a pool and before losing the historic buildings
40. The coloured changing room doors are iconic and a tourist attraction and add to the history of North Berwick
41. Agree, fixes for this damage are a priority

### Proposal 7 Phase 3 - North Berwick Harbour - 22 written comments

1. Ddd
2. Obviously if it is required this should be done, but I have no knowledge of existing problem
3. if the NBHT deem this to be needed to sustain the harbour then that influences me
4. Needs to be done
5. One of the most vibrant beautiful and interesting parts of the community.
6. See my comments for proposal 7 phase 1.
7. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are crucial.
8. This is a crazy location for heavy investment in new community facilities given the high likelihood of further flood and storm damage as climate change progresses. There are other locations within the town that should be used for community facilities, meeting places etc.
9. Yes
10. Vital part of NB
11. Maintaining the integrity of the harbour must be good idea.

12. I support broader community use as it will encourage all year use of the harbour area and boost the local economy.
13. Essential
14. Positive action
15. Basic work only.
16. Phase 3 not necessary at this time
17. Support, but need to make it a facility that more people in North Berwick will access - not just for the few sailors who are lucky enough to inherit a space in the harbour.
18. A difficult job, previous attempts have not been using best science.
19. No specific objection to this, other than lets do a master plan for the whole area - I think this would be captured in it, but lets look at doing it holistically.
20. Historic importance . Safety for fishermen etc
21. Have a holistic approach to a climate resilient harbour of the future the servers everyone including biodiversity
22. Agree fixes for this damage are a priority

## Proposal 7 Open Air Pool - 64 written comments

1. Sss
2. See previous answers
3. It is part of North Berwicks History and some form of pool back would be a huge boost for tourism
4. White elephant, large cost to benefit few people, and at the expense of existing users of this space.
5. It could be wonderful, but the BBOP report says investment costs are £8 to 10 million, and adding up their projected running costs means they are £50k per annum higher than the projected income, even though the income includes doubtful items like parking fees. How is that sustainable? Furthermore, their examples for success are places much further south with much higher summer temperatures.
6. An open air heated pool is not environmentally sustainable, there is no statement of where the dinghys would be located. ELYC is vibrant and hosts national regattas, the dinghy park is well used. The vision of the bring back the old pool group seems romanticised and idealistic. We have an existing swimming pool plus two beaches that are safe to swim from
7. Outdoor pool would be a community focal point and cold water swimming is great for mental health.
8. Not required and it was closed for a reason
9. It would be an amazing facility for the local community and visitors
10. Not high priority
11. Waste of money and it will hardly be used. A sentimental proposal and totally unrealistic.
12. It would be nice ok to bring it back but does the council have the budget
13. See my comments for proposal 7 phase 1.
14. Could this be heated?
15. This will be expensive. There must be better use of resources. If there had never been a pool here, nobody would propose one.
16. This would put NB back on the map and increase foot fall through our town even more. The only real question is why we haven't done it already!
17. 100% support this. Having an outdoor pool would be an amazing addition to our community! It would create a safe place to swim, be something all ages would enjoy, and would bring us together as a community. I think you would get great community involvement in volunteering and helping raise money. Please consider this.
18. The purpose of a harbour is for boats and boats should be the priority. Reinstating the former swimming pool would displace boat users from the harbour area.
19. Think it's a bit late to bring something back, but maybe
20. Too much has been removed for public and particularly children's enjoyment. It would be amazing to see this back in our town
21. Subject to consideration of sustainability
22. How many of the yachts currently berthed on the site of the old pool are used every week? It's such a large public space that isn't really being well used for the majority. A pool would be well used, albeit for a few short summer months. If it was possible for them to co-exist, then all the better.
23. Swimming pools cost a huge amount to construct and run. I feel this is a low priority when there is already a pool in the town and the sea! The shuttle bus and allotments are more urgent priorities!
24. Who is going to pay?
25. Boats should be prioritised for the viability of the harbour. We already have a heated pool, a safe paddling pool and the sea!
26. Agree in principle, however, money involved is probably better spent on essential developments in the LPP
27. I wonder how much use it would get and it would be a significant commitment.
28. We already have a pool at the sports centre, a safe paddling pool and the open sea. There is no need for a pool at the harbour which would cost an enormous sum to create and to run. It would also seriously impact the local sailing groups who should have priority in that space.
29. Fabulous idea, long overdue.
30. Completely unrealistic
31. I think the proposal is misguided. I support a tidal pool unheated as an alternative.

32. Far too expensive.
33. Excellent idea the old outside pool was a huge asset to the town.
34. No demand. Capital and revenue costs would be very high. previous pool closed because of lack of use and operating losses.
35. Strongly object - not feasible or practical. Would be too costly.
36. Positive action
37. While it would be lovely to have the outdoor pool back, I don't believe this is remotely sustainable -perhaps a sea tidal pool similar to Cellardyke in Fife might be more realistic? We will probably be lucky to keep the pool at the Sports Centre with the likely future ELC funding position.
38. An unnecessary and costly development taking up valuable space
39. While this could be a good idea, it will be difficult and costly to achieve, and there is a risk of the concept of an open air pool losing popularity.
40. [1] Proponents are over-optimistic on anticipated take-up. [2] Development costs would be enormous. [3] Existing space is needed for harbour users esp. storing boats.
41. Do not support BBOP proposal. Unnecessary and expensive
42. There is a reason the old outdoor pool closed. And a lot of people seem to prefer wild swimming in the sea. I wonder what the response would be if it became a choice between an indoor or outdoor pool in the town?
43. Will not be used
44. Much loved by my family; but not by all. Are costs of service provision feasible? Would it be used?
45. I fully support a pool but in its original historic location. An outdoor pool would be an amazing asset for North Berwick. It's sad the LPP includes this as an afterthought. Without groundwork in earlier phases, I doubt this project will progress. What a wasted opportunity! Please reconsider and promote a holistic, community-driven masterplan for the harbour, rather than pushing through a proposal that so many in the community oppose.
46. Not Practical without disrupting existing amenities
47. Nowhere in the harbour area it can be located. Conflicts with Phase 2 proposals.
48. Re-establishing the open air pool would be a huge benefit to the local community and also as a wider draw. The boom in wild swimming demonstrates that there is no need for heating. Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise but with the way pools are being run it is not accessible. The re-creation of the pool would be amazing for the town.
49. "As you may be aware, there has been significant public interest in bringing the pool back to life, with over 3,000 signatures collected in support, alongside substantial backing at community engagement events. As part of our community engagement there have been three sold out screenings of the film, 'Shivery Bites', which is a beautiful exploration of the history of the pool and local communities push to bring it back. The outdoor pool remains a cherished part of North Berwick's heritage, and we believe its restoration would provide tremendous benefits to the community. We are about to carry out a piece of engagement at Law Primary School and expect that this will result in a significant amount of support as up until now the petition has only been accessible to those over 18 years old. We are keen that section 7 accurately reflects BBOP's positions, so have clarified that below: We are very much in favour of a harbour master plan which is created through public consultation, we would happily share the burden of delivering this. We would hope an outdoor pool would then form part of that plan, but it depends what the community wants. Without a pool being included in current planning it is really hard to be able to create a business plan or even obtain a feasibility study. A piecemeal approach to planning can result in opportunities being lost, including the possibility of a pool. We are in support of retaining current historic pool infrastructure remaining on-site to retain the cultural heritage of the area. We also fully support the provisions that are in phase 2 of section 7, but would like to see them delivered in a way that is sympathetic to the cultural heritage and iconic buildings on site, we believe this tension could be resolved through consulting on a masterplan and sympathetic planning. BBOP's first preference is for a harbour-wide masterplan to explore whether the pool could be reinstated to replicate its exact historic dimensions, including retaining the sections of the historic pool that still remain on-site today. Only if a master plan developed after community consultation or feasibility study concludes that the pool cannot or should not be located in its original position, would BBOP be open to exploring alternative options. These options could include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reduced pool footprint,</li> <li>• Maintaining the same footprint but in a new location,</li> <li>• Extending the esplanade to the northeast, among other possibilities.</li> </ul>
50. There is huge support within the community to bring back the pool. It would provide a safe fun place for children to learn to swim. Outdoor pools all over the country are very well used, people often travel to use them and having a pool would bring people to the town.
51. I believe that this would have an incredibly positive impact on the sense of community & local residents well-being. It is something that my 70+ mother in law would use and my three primary aged children would love. A multi-generational community hub is exactly what is needed in North Berwick. And with the number of people accessing outdoor sea-swimming it will also play a hugely important role in safety. I fully support
52. Outdoor pool provision in NB would be an asset, but all possible locations should be explored
53. Ridiculous idea
54. This would be a huge asset to the town
55. There are so many benefits to bringing back a pool. A social space for the community, place for swimmers and other water sports to practice, swimming lessons which the town is desperately in need of to keep young folk safe. The pool was there and enjoyed for nearly 100 years, it would be wildly popular and give the harbour a real community focus.
56. This would benefit many more people than the alternative proposal and would be more sympathetic to the historic environment of the harbour
57. An outdoor heated pool will enhance the waterfront, provide year-round use, and foster community engagement. The pool will be an architectural landmark, integrating history and creating a vibrant public space for both locals and visitors.
58. This is a great proposal.
59. This would be amazing!
60. I support the plan to have a pool but am neutral to the text used. It wrongly states that pool could not be possible, no viability testing has been carried out. As harbour trust board also sits on NB trust board , it has refused funding for study plus funding for public consultation. There is good evidence for viable public outdoor pools <a href="https://www.futurelidos.org">https://www.futurelidos.org</a> To support a pool is contrary to small harbour group with vested interests. Without trust support no consultation can be held.
61. This is a fantastic idea which I fully support, I would love to see a outdoor pool in this site and think it will be widely used by people of all ages
62. Not sure if this is a priority
63. I have supported this for some time and would love the pool to be re-instated. Need for showers for swimmers could be remedied by bringing back the pool which I used numerous times in my youth, even before it was heated! It definitely needs to be addressed now, not several years down the line. The other proposal would be to improve the boating pond to have a tidal pool, which might turn out to be less costly!
64. The proposal for a heated outdoor swimming pool is ridiculous in today's environmental context. However it is heated, it is simply a permanent source of convected heat into the atmosphere. What might have seemed acceptable to the people of Gourcock in 1969 is completely misplaced in today's environmentally aware context. There is a perfectly good pool in North Berwick at the Leisure Centre.

### **Information Notice Survey – Written responses for Proposals 8-12**

#### **Proposal 8 Retain allocation of land to west of school playing fields for educational and community use - 44 written comments**

1. This land should be laid to natural meadow with some copse tree planting giving a natural space and barrier between residential and school zones.
2. NB is big enough infrastructure can't cope with any more new builds
3. My main issue here is allotments. Nothing against them but once they are in place it will be very difficult to get rid of them if other proposals come forward. Would suggest this option is removed.
4. Keep for educational use

5.	I support it being kept for recreational and educational purposes, though its not clear what kind of development the plan would like to see
6.	Sounds good. Although The Pilgrims Way site would be better for a community hub.
7.	We keep losing green space.
8.	Health facilities sound good: both health care and active opportunities for connecting with nature
9.	THIS area should be considered for additional allotments, not all child like sports!
10.	Keep this as playing field. It's a safe area
11.	The proposal to retain allocation of land to west of school playing fields for educational and community use is worthwhile. It feels that so much land is under pressure for ever more housing. I have doubts over whether town needs more residents and what they add to our community so reserving land for non-housing use has my support.
12.	This is important. We need to make sure we keep land around our schools for growth and for the children.
13.	current expansion of the playing fields will provide the minimum area required for outdoor sports facilities and the school has a large shortfall of both indoor and outdoor facilities. Land must be retained for future expansion and to allow a double sports hall to be built. This piece of land is flat and adjacent to the school site and therefore should be prioritised for school use into the future.
14.	There is plenty of long grass over the road. We were supposed to be getting a pump track?
15.	NA
16.	This land should be retained for educational use only, not community or health facilities. The town is growing and we need to think ahead. Temporary use for eg allotments is fine but it must be made clear at the outset that this is for future educational requirements.
17.	The remaining hedge must be protected too!
18.	Why more buildings. North Berwick is getting spoilt by building after building after building. Allotments are a good idea
19.	We agree that this should not be developed for housing or commercial use. We believe strongly that it should be retained for educational use.
20.	As an organisation, we feel that a youth specific space should be built into any community spaces and would like this wording to be used. Youth provision should be built into plans and should not be 'shared space' but instead dedicated space as part of the development.
21.	I support the land being retained for sports use associated with the school. I don't support alternative community (or private sector) use such as health centre. The Eddington hospital site is entirely appropriate for expanded health facilities.
22.	Where is parking going to be and are there anymore trees being felled??
23.	Sensible to keep space for future school use
24.	This would be a vital and important community asset and help relieve pressure on existing institutions
25.	I consider the site well placed to provide health facilities. It should have access onto Grange Road.
26.	Growth of town needs to retain sport spaces.
27.	Land could be much better used for say new health centre. Nit required by the school.
28.	Positive action
29.	Given that the school is now 'land locked' this land must be retained for future education-based needs.
30.	Essential this land remains designated for educational use. Once it's gone it's gone, and all three schools on the campus can benefit from it, whether for development as sports facilities or simply other recreational uses as green open space (outdoor learning). And keep the rest of the hedge. Destroying a section of it was environmentally damaging and in fact unnecessary.
31.	I don't have enough knowledge of the pros and cons to either support or object
32.	I may be referring to the wrong piece of NB Trust land, but given all of the good NB Trust does for the town it seems wrong to put a no housing order on their land, but the farmers are still able to profit by selling land for housing. How can the wider town benefit from the next housing development?
33.	Probably would provide excellent facility for new house dwellers, but a bit out of the way on a winter's evening for old or west NB dwellers.
34.	The school campus is now landlocked. NBHS is desperately short of indoor sport facilities, and needs this land safeguarded to allow for the construction of a future indoor sports hall.



35. Temporary allotments here would be a great addition to the town. Future use for the school or health care would also be great.
36. Youth and adult sport participation, particularly team sport such as rugby and football, continues to increase in the town. Additional facilities are important to securing strong future participation. We would strongly support proposals which integrate spectator/athlete/community enjoyment and involvement. As sport grows in the town there is serious pressure at peak times on existing artificial surfaces and surfaces with winter lighting. There needs to be more provision with winter lighting.
37. I would prefer this site as community use rather than more housing.
38. This would benefit the school and leisure campus, and encourage more physical activity across all age groups. It would also provide a safer route to school for many on the Law Gardens estate.
39. Change this to – ‘retain allocation of land to west of school playing fields or educational OR community use.
40. Does the school need more land?
41. This is a tiny space for all the proposals but all of the needs are real! There is not enough space for the current number of sports teams and we desperately need a new doctors!
42. While I would rather this remained open space because the land near the Law has been so heavily built on, this would be preferable to yet more housing
43. Please retain this land before they build more houses on it!
44. Think the proposed changes would benefit the community but would like to know more details

**Proposal 9 Develop a modern, multi-purpose, flexible community and arts venue - 54 written comments**

1. Losing the cinema was a blow to the community. Many other communities manage to run small venues like this successfully
2. Option D would be perfect as well as G if a central site is preferred, Lime Grove would be best as it has the space to create something special. Abbey Care Home is also good but unlikely to come available NHS Lothian will want maximum ££ for this.
3. I feel there are more urgent matters to address
4. Could also consider at harbour as extension of 7 phase 2
5. This proposal was rejected by ELC, rejected by the Scottish Ministers on appeal, and yet it appears again here with minimal revision. When will the group suggesting this realise that the plan is unrealistic and therefore unsustainable? This proposal has been thoroughly reviewed and found to be unconvincing.
6. The local area is home to many artists. The Poldrate centre, Haddington, is over subscribed for art and craft classes. North Berwick artists have lost facilities at the Community centre and would benefit from a purpose built facility or renovated older building.
7. I am not sure it is necessary. Could more use be made of the Community Centre if it was refurbished?
8. Much needed
9. I don't know what happened to the original Lime Grove proposal, but that land is crying out to be used. It is such a waste of resources in a wonderful location for it to be derelict, and left to ruins as it currently is. Yes, consideration needs to be given to residents, and traffic/parking etc. but to leave the buildings and ground to ruin and waste is poor stewardship of resources and a wasted opportunity to create a valuable community asset.
10. This would be a benefit for the local area and I support that
11. I have previously asked council about the properties at Lime Grove and approached the owner of County Hotel with a view to creating an art venue with space for exhibitions, for classes and for studio space for artists. Sadly the responses were all negative. Currently in NB there are various arts clubs which make use of church halls and the like but have only temporary access for exhibitions with no permanent spaces. I fully support this proposal.
12. I think that this is another great idea - the current Community Centre might be a great location for this. Now that the nursery is gone there is additional space and in my opinion the centre is run down and under utilised.
13. Great idea! We have so many local artists that can get involved and children and families would really benefit from this.

14. This has strong potential to benefit the community and the local economy through arts tourism/residential courses etc. if the Abbey were to be used for both residential accommodation and activity space. (model of the Cromarty Arts Trust)
15. Yes but it's unclear where they propose to build it?
16. Part of vitality of NB. Should dovetail with wider cultural plans
17. Lime Grove needs to be developed into a Community space asap before it gets taken over for more housing.
18. A good idea if on "grey belt". No spoiling of green spaces
19. A community arts centre would be very good for health and wellbeing but should be separate from a NHS facility. The Bank of Scotland should be retained for a banking hub. The police station should not be sold off to the private sector and retained for community use.
20. Owners of derelict/unused sites should be required to release them for community use.
21. As an organisation, we feel that a youth specific space should be built into any community spaces and would like this wording to be used. Youth provision should be built into plans and should not be 'shared space' but instead dedicated space as part of the development.
22. There is a need for further community space, preferably including close to the town centre for accessibility. The proposed sale of the Abbey care home is very disappointing. The Bank of Scotland branch should be converted into a banking hub. The Police Station is an ideal location for community use and should not be sold off.
23. Not sure if I would prioritise this, but like the ideas very much.
24. We need carers/support workers for people not an arts venue! We have the comm centre and the disused nursery!
25. Make better use of community centre and church halls
26. The text needs to be updated given the status of the Abbey Care Home being for sale currently. ELC is proceeding fast in disposing of the former nursery and the police station is now the subject of a consultation exercise.
27. Serious concerns that performances will disturb residents e.g. Police Station. Bank of Scotland should be banking hub. Worth trying for Lime Grove again. Community Centre continues.
28. A white elephant project. Town is too small to support an arts venue. Huge annual subsidies would be required.
29. No to Arts venue unless if part of existing building and truly multi-use. We already have the Community Centre (the former nursery space could be revamped?) and the churches. Strong no to the Abbey, Lime Gorge, police station, County Hotel, Bank of Scotland, NBT land
30. Positive action
31. Reconnecting the Community Centre and old Nursery buildings would make more sense financially, geographically, and might be more sustainable in the future.
32. There are good venues in the town already.
33. Existing facilities are sufficient and this would be a costly and unnecessary development
34. This has been an objective in various sites for some time.
35. Try to recreate what 'Space' (old Ben Sayers site) used to provide, particularly indoor activity space and rehearsal space with as much provision as possible for youth involvement. Do not consider using the Trust land immediately to the west of the High School; that must be retained for educational/sports/outdoor use, and besides, dimensions of Grange Road would make access to a busy public arts facility difficult.
36. This could be in the Abbey Nursing Home grounds.
37. Should the Community Centre not be fulfilling this task? Or invest in it rather than building something new just because some buildings happen to be empty. Also, it sounds like the harbour plans have some overlaps.
38. No need for this
39. There are several community sites and most are really well used. But excellent to provide better spaces for music and theatre from local and visiting companies. Spaces for youth groups to hone skills.
40. Support all but location G, which must be maintained for educational use.
41. This would be amazing in basically any location but a central location to me makes the most sense, breathing new life into the community centre could make it a real focus for the town.

42. Given the amount of young children and teens this would be a fantastic addition to the town.
43. Strongly agree the need for this facility. Don't think police station is appropriate venue.
44. We feel it's a missed opportunity not to include the harbour area in this section. A harbour-wide masterplan could revitalise this part of town, bringing new community spaces and services. This area, which was once a cultural hub with the theatre and outdoor pool, could benefit greatly from such an integrated approach, reconnecting it with the vibrant community services it once had.
45. A community hub with these facilities is well needed within the town.
46. We are lacking in community arts venues and this would be a wonderful addition to our local amenities.
47. This would be of huge benefit to the community, there is currently no where to access this type of space in North Berwick
48. Remove locations options G and H (both Trust land)
49. We need community facilities
50. Strongly support the Abbey Care home proposal or a development of ELC owned properties, not a new build or any of the privately owned options
51. Community arts centre would be an asset to the town. Good for people of all ages. We need more indoor fit for purpose community spaces.
52. Also marker spaces and sharing libraries associated with these venues would be useful.
53. Agree the proposed changes would benefit the community
54. Would be very beneficial to the community.

#### Proposal 10 Install network of accessible public toilets - 50 written comments

1. Ggg
2. Considering how north Berwick thrives on tourism and how busy it is at times this would be a fantastic addition for all.
3. Staffing will be an issue here, currently I doubt ELC will manage this.
4. Only having 1 site currently in such a tourist heavy town is embarrassing
5. Only if managed, and cleaned and inspected regularly. Recently found the existing facilities to be awful!
6. Greater accessibility to toilets would be good and make the tourism to the town better
7. It doesn't feel like we need more public toilets.
8. The station in particular needs a toilet. People trail up to the station, trains frequently cancelled and then there is no toilet for them to use without going back to the other end of town.
9. Good idea if the money is available.
10. Local premises would miss out on trade but as this is a beach town these are beneficial
11. I think need for public toilets is obvious. I have some questions and concerns. Do we need as many as is proposed? Toilets out of sight for example at the Lodge might be prone to anti-social behaviour and attacks by vandals. Could an alternate site be next to tennis courts which could potentially serve in place of toilets at Rec and the Lodge?
12. Both myself and husband have just mentioned how much we liked the flowers which used to be in the quality street toilets
13. I have not seen a need for this demonstrated. As long as there is somewhere we do not need a network of facilities
14. We already have toilets at Quality Street and at the Harbour. I don't believe that we need more.
15. We need this with the increased influx of visitors.
16. Great idea
17. Need to be of high quality and adequately managed.
18. Sorely needed at the railway station. The other sites proposed all have facilities nearby - they just need better signage.
19. Definitely need more public toilets with all the tourists who are now coming to North Berwick - especially at the station
20. This is an important public health issue. A tourist tax would contribute to the running costs.

21. North Berwick is short of public toilets
22. I do think the site at the Train station could be used for more than just toilets
23. The lack of provision of toilets, especially at and around the railway station is a serious concern. I fully support this integrated approach and should be a short term priority.
24. Absolutely essential for visitors to the town and locals too. Long overdue. Every community in Scotland needs improved facilities. I hope these can be afforded and employees can be found to manage and keep them clean - as good as they usually always are in harbour communities on the Continent. Beware camper van users who will empty their grey and black water in toilets without batting an eyelid!
25. Much needed
26. Let's make sure we keep the ones we already have
27. It would be good to develop further and understand how these toilets will be maintained in the long term
28. All, yes.
29. Much needed
30. Positive action
31. Some older people will not go into town for fear of getting caught short.
32. Yes I think this is very much needed
33. Very much needed as tourism increases.
34. North Berwick used to have 7 public toilets, and now has 1. With the increase in tourist numbers this must be increased.
35. Fine as long as they are looked after properly by the local authority.
36. More toilet facilities around town would be beneficial
37. To be clear, is this in addition to the Imperial Car Park toilets - or would they be removed? Assuming that one stays, I'm not sure The Lodge would need its own toilets.
38. Would support public toilets where public buildings already exist eg harbour but not on beach.
39. Prioritise railway station
40. Yes please. Current provision is a disgrace by its limited nature.
41. Public toilet at Quality Street serves much of the tourist area. One at the train station is a sensible idea.
42. 100% so many reasons to support this!
43. One/two sets of public toilets is just not enough. Particularly where they're frequently closed, and the family change part is almost always.
44. The lack of toilets in the town is often frustrating. It can mean a long walk with small children to find one.
45. We need more facilities
46. Should include showers at the beach!
47. This is overkill for the size of the town and the cost of maintaining but railway toilets essential and perhaps one other site
48. Yes please. We need more of them.
49. Neutral, unsure if there is significant demand for this
50. I am part of a swim group (Salty Selkies) Who have been swimming in NB for years, first of all there are no facilities for us, showers etc and given the number of swimmers recently, there must be a around 100 swimmers of different groups going for a swim daily, definitely more at the weekends. This is a very important amenity for us and given NB has been given the most desirable place to live! Nothing has been done to improve on the amenity which draws the people here!

**Proposal 11 Incentivise bringing brownfield and vacant land and empty & underused buildings into meaningful use – 40 written comments**

1. We need to use existing town sites. I would be against extending out past Tesco
2. Once again I feel there are more important matters to deal with first
3. Existing buildings should be repurposed unused land eg East of Tesco should be used for housing
4. In principle I support the use of brown field sites, but not for more housing. The plan needs to reflect better that NB needs small business development and creation of employment

opportunities. Light industrial, workshops, businesses, offices would all be suitable on the land east of tesco, and in lime grove. Not more housing
5. I don't like the idea of land/property grab by the Council. I thought the County Hotel owners were going to refurbish it?
6. These amenities must be put to full use
7. Totally agree with this - empty buildings/land left to waste ground have a significant negative visual impact on the surrounding areas. And are a waste of valuable resources - be that land or buildings.
8. Local buyers that have the monopoly needs to be excluded from buying properties. They control too much and do what is right for them and not the community
9. Incentivise bringing brownfield, vacant & derelict land and empty & underused buildings back into meaningful use. I think the key word here is meaningful. I wouldn't be in favour if this just mean more housing but if land and properties were for community use then yes I would be in favour. I would also like to see council have powers to compulsory purchase housing which isn't used and allocated this as additional council housing.
10. The building behind Alandas is a state and being so central should be used
11. We definitely need to use the buildings we have first, currently we have great buildings that are sitting falling into disrepair.
12. This is always a great idea.
13. Re doing old buildings - yes. Building - always wary
14. Support in principal. Care needed to avoid poor quality redevelopment. Existing site value for ecology should be evaluated.
15. It's too easy for people to buy up land/buildings then just leave them to gather dust. The council should be allowed to force them back into meaningful use. Derelict hotels & Buildings (eg County, Golf, RBS ,BoS) should be used for original purposes eg commercial and not allowed to morph into private dwellings. PLEASE don't knock any lovely old buildings down just because it's cheaper and easier to rebuild than regenerate.
16. Several of the buildings identified are eyesores that undermine the attractiveness of the town and they are a waste of potential. Do not the East Lothian Council have powers to ensure owners keep land tidy and prevent buildings deteriorating?
17. As long as they don't encroach on green spaces
18. We fully support the use of such sites to provide affordable homes for local people
19. Owners of derelict/vacant sites should be required to restore them, if a building, or release them for community development
20. In an area where land and buildings are in very short supply having unused land and buildings is a disgrace
21. I agree such sites should be put to good use, such as affordable housing or community use before new sites on the edge of town are developed. Action should be taken to force owners to keep sites tidy and presentable (eg County Hotel and former Golf Hotel) in the meantime.
22. We do not have much, but let's make the most of what we have got. Also, why is there no compulsion for shop owners to maintain and make available for let, flats above their premises? There are several that could be used for local couples starting-out, local employees who want to live near their work, visiting frontline workers, project workers, etc. I do not believe these properties should all be allowed to be let as holiday homes.
23. Not necessarily the responsibility of Council other than to be flexible with Planning policy.
24. All, yes.
25. Agree brownfield sites should be considered for housing
26. Positive action
27. Support the NB Community Development Company.
28. Surely these buildings could house some of the other proposals
29. The number of vacant commercial property in the town centre and on the approach to the town is increasing, and should be reversed.
30. Include Abbey Care Home and police station (see locations mentioned in proposal 9).
31. Suggest this section has more of a vision of what the town needs, rather than just randomly wanting to snap up any old building when a business or public service no longer want them. E.g. why snap up the Bank of Scotland building but limit how the old RBS one can be used? Create more affordable housing rather than more community spaces.
32. Cost, feasibility important but clearly housing in small numbers would work well.
33. Again 100% supportive of this!

34. Fully support. North Berwick has a thriving high street, one of the best in the UK for variety, diversity and for supporting independent businesses and retailers. These derelict sites are an eye sore and could be put to good use to benefit both locals and the local economy.
35. Support but with good consultation with residents
36. Developers are just waiting to make these sites housing (which we don't need more of!)
37. So many empty buildings, this is a great idea.
38. Strongly support this, most of these buildings contribute to the heritage of the town. Don't agree with building on Tesco site, the development of the town must stop impinging on the countryside
39. Depends what the intent is? More overpriced shops for tourists or something accessible for the locals?
40. So long as connected to other strategies - climate resilient, carbon neutral, energy network partners, biodiversity net gain are all part of the design

**Proposal 12 Expansion of North Berwick Health Practice onto property of Edington Cottage Hospital – 58 written comments**

1. Absolutely the health centre poorly serves its growing population and fails short in every aspect. Staff are stretched leading to errors and misdiagnosis as face-to-face appts gave become a thing of the past. Let's see the Edington used to facilitate this
2. North Berwick desperately needs this. This should be addressed as a matter of urgency.
3. As long as additional parking
4. Note> Edington has not yet closed as some services are being maintained there. It is unclear what NHS Lothian has planned for this site and I sit on the IJB and cannot get an answer out of them.
5. Makes perfect sense
6. Dont let Eddington fall in to disrepair
7. But the health practice needs to supply the current services provided by the Edington plus bring back small injuries services!
8. Expanding the health centre into the edington is needed
9. This is an urgent priority
10. Sounds a good idea but will it make it any easier to get an appointment to see a GP?
11. Support although most health is won or lost outside the healthcare setting. Early years interventions such as surestart probably more important if these can be incorporated. Do not medicalise health.
12. Not sure how this might be done but approve of the proposal
13. This makes real sense. The health centre desperately needs more space for existing and future care facilities. The loss of the Edington is significant for the community. If the building could be utilised for health care, that would ensure it still provides at least some health care facilities for the town. With a growing population, this is very much needed.
14. This site should be used for local health delivery, not sold for profit.
15. As the town grew with new houses the local services did not and it is not a issue
16. Edington is still used be it only for Covid and other injections. It seems obvious if the NB surgery is short of space to expand to make use of Edington. Having said that I heard that there might be restriction in use of building due to bequest which gifted this to town. Would need to understand what is permitted. I hope that proposals mean retention of the form of the Edington building and not demolition and replacing with some modern structure with no sense of the history of this space.
17. Expanding the surgery is vital as the town grows. Could the practice be expanded enough to provide services for mental health?
18. Absolutely needed!
19. This building would not solve the needs of the health centre for expansion and would still leave the severe parking issues
20. This is a really good idea - and the shuttle bus should stop outside!
21. Why would normal members of the public be asked about this? How do we really know how many doctors are really available to fill this space or what the budgets are? We are all still gutted the Eddington closed
22. Essential with aging population
23. Learn lessons from the past - old buildings are much more robust than new ones! Definitely refurbish the lovely Edington into a new Health Centre. Could Community Centre be used for parking?

24. More space required at Health Centre. Makes sense to use the Edington.
25. Sustainable solution without need for new-build
26. An obvious thing to do. It would be even better if it could incorporate a minor injuries unit.
27. The Edington is the ideal site to allow expanded health facilities for the town.
28. Absolutely essential. We all know this. Why is it taking so long?
29. Medical practice needs to grow with population and offer more services locally
30. Personally I would prefer to see the Health Centre move to a new site and develop a health centre fit for the 21 st century. The current facilities are substandard. All functions should be provided together. The existing Health Centre could be demolished and extended the Edington repurposed for community use in a central location.
31. Essential.
32. Wrong location. Would be better to have new facilities with adequate parking at an alternative site.
33. Question how expansion of Health Centre into Edington would work e.g. as regards parking.
34. Positive action
35. I support this only if there is absolutely no chance of reinstating the Edington. If this goes ahead, could minor injuries clinic be resumed?
36. Where will people park? At the moment St Baldred's Road is a carpark for the health centre!
37. The current location of the health centre is good, but parking is not. Land should be sourced from the Lodge and adjacent Catholic Church to increase the site area.
38. Agree that the central location is excellent; but the services withdrawn from the Edington were vital and should be restored too.
39. Edington is not fit for new Health Centre. It is occupied by CTAC & Vaccination team. GPs have not been consulted. Planning is important! It should involve discussion on new location, e.g. "H" on "Community Buildings and Services" (Trust land) for "Option 71" of H&SC -"redevelop a larger ELHSCP/ Local Authority-run site with consideration given to protected step-up/step-down, palliative care, community respite and community hub approach" and colocation with NB Day Centre - like Gullane.
40. Yes, need additional capacity to keep up with the new housing developments. Also needs parking or transport connectivity - don't assume everyone can cycle up Law Road. Consider if the extended practice could continue to support vaccination programs, small injuries or other services that the Edington used to provide.
41. Need parking
42. I supported Save the Edington and the Plan has completely ignored the desire for a small unit that would offer respite beds. While doctors need surgeries of course, there are other medical needs in the town. Makers of the plan out of touch with what was requested by the Edington Group. Better listening needed.
43. Assuming the Edington cannot be used as a hospital anymore having the Health Centre expand into it is a good move. Stays centrally located for the population.
44. This feels very sensible
45. Vital to expand local health facility
46. A new purpose built health centre is required. Doubt if the Edington can be repurposed.
47. Current premises are past their sell by date. Residents of NB deserve better.
48. Population growing so will require more doctors, resources, land etc
49. The town has grown considerably and local services need to adapt to fully cover the increase in population.
50. Devasted at the loss of the Edington but if it will be integrated into the medical centre then at least it wont be turned into flats
51. Support but with good use also made of Edington space for vaccinations and other standard treatments
52. We need a bigger doctors but we also need parking spaces with it!
53. Much better than selling off for other purposes
54. A new site with adequate public parking would be better for gp surgery
55. As an NHS employee, I would say that Edington is an old building that does not suit modern healthcare. It is a nice idea to preserve the building but in reality I imagine it would cost considerable sums to make the space fit for a modern GP practice.
56. For the benefit of the health provision of the community
57. as long as it is used to extend GP practice and not for residential use
58. Agree this is a priority

## Information Notice Survey – Written responses for Proposal 13

### Proposal 13 Housing Development in North Berwick - 47 written comments

1. Should have thought about social and affordable housing 20 years ago
2. It would greatly benefit locals like myself struggling to find anything affordable
3. Support in principle, but doubtful about the Garage Courts. In particular Glenburn Road has not space for additional parked cars; nearest point to park would be Lochbridge Road , which also only has limited capacity left.
4. Bringing more homes into primary dwelling rather than holiday lets and weekend homes is needed to allow people to live here
5. Stop all development till we see how things work out with existing new houses. GP practice, school, roads, town centre all under too much pressure now.
6. More affordable social and inter generational mixed housing
7. Local employers need staff, and staff need affordable 1-2 bedroom flats, not five bedroom, two car garages!
8. We do not need this we need high end houses to bring in wealth to the area. This pays for not me thank low cost house.
9. The character of North Berwick been seriously impacted by the speed of growth. As much of the land used for this new housing was held in trust for the benefit of the people of North Berwick I question what benefit the people who live in North Berwick have seen because of all these new builds. I have serous doubts about why there is any need for our town to continue to grow in this rapid way. I see no benefit and am against most of these proposals for yet more new builds.
10. Have read text but appears to be a fault with form
11. More housing needed but unused buildings need to be developed first and service provision must be considered. How many more pupils can NB primary take - the school is brilliant but starting to burst at the seams.
12. No more houses until we upgrade the local infrastructure!
13. The shortage of housing affects not only getting enough key workers and carers, but also staff to service holiday accommodation and to work in restaurants and hotels. It is at a really critically low level, with the best hotel in town staffed by school children or young school leavers who still live at home.
14. Can't currently find anything affordable
15. Sounds good in theory but it will just be used by large housing companies to build yet more of the same
16. I would like to see proposals for infill and re-use prioritised.
17. I strongly support rebalancing housing provision. New homes for key workers are essential. I'm shocked how difficult it is for low paid workers to find anywhere to rent. It's essential to highlight the need for social housing. The term 'affordable' has become meaningless! I agree with the need to balance conservation & making homes energy efficient. Given the climate emergency ELC should press Scottish Gov't to remove the need for planning permission for solar panels in Conservation Areas.
18. More buildings. Will it ever stop?
19. It is vital for the sustainability of the town to have a more balanced housing stock to enable a diverse income range of people to live here. We welcome ideas for affordable homes for key workers and social housing. The security of tenure associated with social housing is very important. We strongly support ELC imposing planning conditions to ensure new homes are principal residences. ELC should encourage solar panels in conservation areas. New homes should be built to Passivhaus standards
20. Affordable housing of the types proposed much needed
21. I fully support the prioritisation of affordable / social housing in the town. This is socially and economically key to having a diverse working age population and supporting the local economy. Steps should also be taken to reduce the number of short term lets / holiday homes which has inflated local house prices beyond the reach of most people. A more balanced approach is needed to ensure the town thrives all year round.
22. Ensure Council enforces affordable housing policies
23. I think the LPP misses a trick. Not enough sites for housing are identified and one is probably not developable (Gasworks Lane) one will not be released for housing (next to



Tesco) and ELC wish for a hotel adjacent to the new care home. A large new housing allocation will be needed and the LPP does not make any reference or preference to its location.
24. No property developers are set up. ELC would use new council houses for everyone in East Lothian not particularly for NB residents.
25. Positive pressure
26. I do agree with this but not at the cost of retail for walker/cala huge estates
27. Rebalancing of house provision urgently needed. Far too many large expensive properties.
28. Low cost housing is needed for care, retail and hospitality workers to live and work in the town.
29. Short-term lets (which essentially use housing stock as small businesses effectively subsidised by East Lothian's taxpayers) and second homes are still big limiters on the provision of affordable housing for residential accommodation and their effect on community cohesion is degrading. Ground-sourced heating should be installed as part of the infrastructure for any new housing development that is built.
30. Affordable Housing is important for residents on lower income.
31. Using these hemmed in bits of land to build on seems overly constricting, tightly squeezed, no space for people to breathe!
32. I support this. But why not have a dedicated new development for affordable housing? That's what Lochbridge Road and the surrounding area once was - and it is a great success.
33. In general sympathy with objectives here but STLs were they to grow make life in town difficult in terms of communities. So no STLs in the new sites developed?
34. Agree that smaller, single-level accommodation should be prioritised as it will allow downsizers to move, and help re-balance the housing allocation in the town.
35. I generally support the aims, but it's disappointing to see the lack of ambition in efficiency for new homes. With the Scottish Government consulting on a Passivhaus-equivalent for all new homes and 97% of the Scottish Climate Assembly voting for Passivhaus standards, we should aim for all new homes to be Passivhaus Certified. This would ensure all providers, public or private, deliver truly sustainable homes.
36. Sounds very difficult to do, particularly given the cost of purchasing houses from those who are downsizing
37. 3 and 4 bed homes don't service all despite developers push on it.
38. We have had far too much building here. NB is full. Affordable housing would be good for the young folk starting out but that's never what is built. Builders can buy their way out of that so enough building for the foreseeable future and let NB assimilate the obnoxious number of extra houses that have been built in all at the same time.
39. As a resident of Pilgrims Way I object to the proposals for "low affordable rent social housing" on this site as being out of step with the local area. Many of us have spent the best part of 500k on our homes here and were assured by Walker and Cala this space would be for retail. There is already some "affordable housing" as part of the development but to bring in what you are proposing here is a betrayal of what we were sold.
40. We don't need more housing
41. Yes, we are so in need of affordable housing. Fully support.
42. This should have been factored into the huge housing scheme already built. I don't agree with increasing the density of the built environment to this degree though one or two sites could be developed. Lime Grove isn't a brown field site in this sense.
43. In favour of affordable housing in areas where it makes sense to place it
44. I strongly object to a development being built in the proposed 13D location. There are plenty of vacant and underdeveloped sites that could be used for development without building on another field like this one.
45. We have enough housing as it is. More houses will be opportunities for people to buy them and rent the out as holiday let's. Some of your suggestions don't make sense either. 13D is on Ferrygate lane which is a single track road and right next to the path to station and school from Ferrygate. It often floods as well. I would not want a house there!
46. put strain on local services
47. Agree with the intention for affordable housing but not locations

## Proposal 13A Pilgrim's Way - 56 written comments

1.	Fff
2.	This area as far as I'm aware was for commercial development. This would massively benefit from a small retail outlet and could also be a great site for some of the other proposals ie shared community use.
3.	Properties would be overlooking a park and busy football pitch, increasing traffic in area with high footfall of children which could be dangerous and potential safeguarding issues. Could land be used as sensory garden?
4.	Not sure if more housing here is the answer.
5.	Need more affordable housing
6.	No flats though
7.	In general more houses are not needed, but affordable housing serves a different purpose so I am more neutral
8.	Shops and community hub would be better here. These houses are already too far from local amenities.
9.	This area is already losing green space every year and already feels overcrowded.
10.	We were informed by Walker that this land were to be used for retail units when we bought our house five years ago. There is already affordable housing on this development, I strongly object to more social housing being built here. It is fraudulent of Walker and Cala to have sold these houses with the knowledge that this land could be used to build low rent social housing.
11.	Strongly object. There was a plan to have a small selection of shops or units as well as a bus route to support the houses. It is very disappointing that this has not happened as both the shops and bus route would be well used and essential for the new houses
12.	The houses in that estate were all sold on the basis that the land mentioned on Pilgrims Way was going to be a retail establishment of some sort. The estate needs that. It seems like North Berwick Trust is now trying to change this. Legal challenges ahead.
13.	We need housing but we also need islands of green.
14.	I object to this as I live there. No more housing.
15.	I don't go up Pilgrim's Way very often so really speaking any more new builds concern the existing residents of estate. My concern is more about the wider impact to town over more new builds. I have heard no positive case for more housing.
16.	Would love a small shop/takeaway in this location. NB lacks good affordable takeaways
17.	Its a good spot for housing, shame that we have to build on every green space.
18.	Why a small retail unit next to Tesco and not too far from the High Street? We have now got a huge number of housing and social housing
19.	Seems suitable infill, subject to environmental evaluation
20.	Excellent to highlight the need for housing for key workers
21.	More building. Will it ever stop?
22.	Affordable housing of the type proposed much needed.
23.	I do not know that part of town well enough to have an opinion on that site
24.	The need for a shop in this estate is still there
25.	We do not have many sites, so let's make the most of what we have to improve housing for first-timers. To buy or to rent.
26.	Only if all council homes affordable housing is in excess of 700 per month!
27.	Get bus running by too.
28.	Bit far from town for elderly and disabled
29.	This should be a community hub for Mains Farm albeit with an element of housing.
30.	This was promised by walker/cala to be a line of retail units and there is significant interest in the site. North Berwick trust do not communicate with local or big firms to discuss. The majority of residents would like to see retail on this land as houses were bought at significant cost being told there would be local shops and bus route.
31.	Better for this site to be given over fully to commercial/retail, so that the character of this large housing estate is more varied.
32.	Affordable accommodation is important for Lower income families in NB
33.	Agree with using the space. But seems the whole question is housing is focused on affordable, whereas some areas will be more suited to 'more of the same' of what is already there.
34.	Concerned about the quantities of excellent agricultural land being developed. Climate Change will mean we have to expand our growing areas when such areas are lost to

heating. But that doesn't feature anywhere. Plan does not outline where NB's boundaries are going to be.
35. Support affordable housing on the site, but a retail unit MUST be provided. Was promised in the masterplan and has not materialised. Very much wanted by the residents, and a local family is wanting to lease the retail space for a corner shop.
36. I think this area desperately needs a shop! Not sure it needs more homes? Maybe some innovative co-housing or self-build sites?
37. When I bought my home on Richardson Crescent specific reference was made to local amenities/shop(s) being discussed for that land. If nothing else, having a shop here reduces local transport to other NB stores and parking in the town. Would be great for reduced carbon emissions as well as having the amenities promised!
38. As a resident of mains farm development - we had been led to believe that this land had been allocated for retail units. While I appreciate additional housing required - infrastructure for existing developments required - no retail unit in this area impacts additional congestion around town, further use of cars etc
39. The land at Pilgrims way was to be developed into either retail space or a community hub/centre. That was what the purchasers were told when buying the properties on the development. Without that, the nearest shop is the Nisa which doesn't encourage walking and means that the majority of the development will drive to Tesco/Aldi instead of walking to a shop on the land that was actually designated for that purpose
40. Retail unit was on agenda 5 years ago with Walker homes and still no further forward. Would be an asset to estate
41. This land was supposed to be developed into 4 retail units. This would be the best use of this land. It would cut down on traffic across North Berwick to supermarkets if there was a shop/shops within short walking distance of the new build housing, the caravan park at Gilsland and older housing estates around Grange road. Jobs would be created too.
42. As a resident of Pilgrims Way I object to the proposals for "low affordable rent social housing" on this site as being out of step with the local area. Many of us have spent the best part of 500k on our homes here and were assured by Walker and Cala this space would be for retail. There is already some "affordable housing" as part of the development but to bring in what you are proposing here is a betrayal of what we were sold.
43. I accept the site will be used but it is vital that any new building is in keeping with the height of existing houses and that full consultation is undertaken before any private developer is approved. This site has already been the focus of much misinformation and mismanagement. The proposed solution requires full local support and must be completed to a strict set of legally-binding height and mass conditions.
44. This should be retail space
45. Strongly object to this as a local resident, as the land would be better served by being wholly offered as commercial units, or even providing medical services such as a pharmacy, which this development desperately needs given its distance from local amenities. There is already a number of affordable housing units within the development already.
46. The houses in the current estates were sold on the basis that shops and commercial premises would be in this area. NOT low cost housing!!
47. There is significant affordable housing options closeby. These should be 3 bedroom starter family homes available on the open market allowing families to get a first family home in NB, closeby to school. A small shop similar to Loco/Margiota is essential. A cafe would be nice. Both would be used by estate residents, Grange Rd, dog walkers in the field and families of children using the football field. Parking is also required for the football field. The 2/3 spaces isn't enough. A picnic area?
48. 13A Pilgrim's Way - must be low level housing, residents of this estate should have first consultation on the design and also it should only be agreed if a local shop is added to the development as a condition. We need a local shop here as it's too far to nearest shop and increases cars on the road.
49. In the heart of an existing development seems like an ideal spot - infrastructure and community are already present.
50. This area does not need more houses but it would definitely benefit from a retail unit. There is nothing in the nearby. The closest shop is in Lochbridge Rd that is too far to walk for some elderly or disabled etc
51. I thought the idea was to maintain the outlook from the schools. Why more houses?

52. I thought this site was scheduled for mixed commercial and low cost housing use.
53. With a local heat network, climate resilient and include the connecting cycle path
54. I live in this development and do not want more housing. Would be happy for it to be a shop or used for sports
55. -disproportionate amount of affordable housing in a concentrated area of the area - existing affordable housing is not built to the same spec/standard of other housing in the estate, look and feel is not equal to other areas where housing is of a higher aesthetic, and natural features, such as green areas, cycle paths are available -Due to elevation of intended area, structures more than one storey may cause daylight and views to be obstructed,
56. No great need for retail unit at this site. Would rather the land was developed as a green space for biodiversity or allotments.

### Proposal 13B Vacant land to east of North Berwick Cemetery - 25 written comments

1. Hhh
2. Currently this is where a hotel should be built according to the planning permission given to the developer who built the nursing home, who owns this by the way. If we are to reduce the number of STL's then more affordable hotel space will be needed to aid NB's tourism product.
3. And again very much needed
4. ALSO consider for Retail / commercial use
5. Again I'd prefer to see this developed as small business and light industrial usage to create employment
6. It's a small area, could be turned into something for the town
7. Should be open market housing of any type
8. My concern is more about the wider impact to town over more new builds. I have heard no positive case for more housing. If new housing does not benefit our town then we should look at community use for this land.
9. Was always going to be hotel, its a shame that it couldn't happen.
10. If it really is just for key workers but I don't trust builders
11. Support in principal subject to checking expansion of cemetery
12. Do we really need more housing? It's never aimed at the people who really need it, despite what the builders say.
13. Land is lying fallow, but new buildings nowadays are crammed in like sardines. If that happens it won't look good as you enter North Berwick
14. Excellent to highlight the need for homes for key workers.
15. Affordable housing of the type proposed much needed on this unused site.
16. New affordable housing is obviously needed but I think that land was earmarked for a hotel and I would have thought we could do with more hotel accommodation as well.
17. We need self employed units
18. My understanding is that ELC wish to see a hotel there. The site has been sold on twice since planning permission was granted for a hotel. Redevelopment for housing (flats or small terraced units) would be good to see but an allocation in the Development Plan will require a willing owner and ELC to change position.
19. Definitely
20. Should be connected to planned circular bus route
21. Write into sale contract: for residential use only (not business use as short-term let).
22. Affordable accommodation is important
23. Good to have this site made civilised. Prevents in it disgraceful pavement stretch a safe and dry walk to Tesco. and no better on the other side of the road- puddles and mud in the Glen groends pathway (no other pavement offered.) Same on the Haugh. No concern for walkers anywhere.
24. again, what about supporting innovative models like co-housing or self-build along with a Passivhaus Certification mandate?
25. Shame that this isn't a hotel

### Proposal 13C Land to east of Tesco petrol station - 29 written comments

1. Ghg
2. Bungalows here please
3. I'd prefer to see this developed as light industrial, small business use to encourage employment
4. It is increasingly unsightly. If the neighbouring petrol station proves too much of a constraint, plant trees there. That would be good for the environment, and the local residents. It has a negative impact on the area at the moment, and is another waste of a resource.
5. 1-2 bedroom flats, no more Stepford Wives streets!
6. Its is difficult to build there as the proximity to the fuel station
7. Again this proposal of more relevance for people who live near to this site. My concern is more about the wider impact to town over more new builds and whether there is any positive benefit for more housing.
8. Great spot for additional housing.
9. All these proposed housing sites should be solely for affordable homes and planning constraints placed to ensure they are only used as primary residences - not second homes or short term holiday lets.
10. It's next to Tesco and near a High Street. Retail warehouses mean big business not small and it could effect the High Street
11. Support in principal
12. Housing is not needed there. Just because it's not yet been needed for small business, doesn't mean it should be zoned for housing.
13. As above. If land can't be used except for building - at least let it be pleasant to look at
14. Affordable housing of the type proposed much needed on this unused site.
15. It looks like a reasonable place to build houses
16. I would support affordable / social housing on this site.
17. Only if council owned
18. The owner wishes to develop the land for light industrial units and PP has been granted. It could be suitable for housing but would also suit a modest business use given its location next to the petrol filling station.
19. More than enough housing, allotments yes.
20. Positive action
21. Write into sale contract: for residential use only (not business use as short-term let).
22. Affordable Accommodation is important for low income families in NB
23. See a and b answers
24. Could be used as a community garden until such time as it is developed for business use.
25. As previous answer, could we support more innovative models? Co-housing etc, with a requirement for Passivhaus Certification.
26. Can't we have some green space!
27. Would love us to keep mature pockets, but also understand the need for affordable housing.
28. Not sure if it should be affordable housing, but agree that the land should be put to better use.
29. Although it seems a little unfair to build something greater than two storeys in front of existing houses.

#### Proposal 13D Land in northern portion of field to east of Gasworks Lane - 44 written comments

1. the field is a natural habitat, adds to the character and enjoyment of the cycle path and should stay undeveloped.
2. Jjj
3. This is prime agricultural land. Should not be built on,
4. Feel access is poor and other sites are more appropriate
5. This land is prone to flooding , so this would need to be addressed
6. thats a green field site, privately owned. Its not the communities business what is to become of it and I wouldn't want more houses
7. Agree and support this part of the development but safeguard needed for field connected south of proposed site

8. Strongly disagree. We need to stop building new houses. The local amenities are struggling to support the people who already live in North Berwick.
9. Should be open market housing
10. This a beautiful clear space bordered with trees. I see such space as the lungs of our town with nature on our doorstep. We should not seek to build on every space simply because we can. I see no benefit to the people of North Berwick in developing this site.
11. Obviously wider access roads required.
12. This is an area of green space and is currently used as farm land, which is ever depleting in north Berwick and to change to housing would further detract from the green space left and further add to overcrowding housing. The lane that is proposed to be used is not fit for purpose and is currently already almost unfit for purpose with the recent use of lane by business at gasworks. Why waste good working farm ground on yet more housing. Why not repurpose derelict ground proposal 11 instead?
13. The proposed access road Gasworks Lane is properly owned and maintained and is not public land hence could not be used for access to this site. The field floods every winter at the northern end due to poor drainage worsened by the new house building behind Dalrymple garage and the building of a path around the proposed field. The path itself is regularly under water and any drainage would have to be done against gravity as the land below the field is also privately owned.
14. We are at full capacity at the school, at the doctors and generally. There is plenty of social housing now and way too many houses have been built here. Let us try to adapt before throwing up more housing
15. In principal, subject to environmental evaluation
16. Access is very poor here, and builders have already been knocked back. It's on the outskirts of town, cars needed to get to the shops. Not the correct place for housing.
17. This could be 'the thin end of the wedge' and make it difficult to resist the whole field being lost to housing at a future date. The land should be kept for growing. It would be an ideal site for some allotments but not homes.
18. Looks like agricultural land. Surely it should not be built on?
19. This field should be retained for growing. If building was to be allowed on part of it, resisting the whole field being built on at a later date would be very difficult. Allotments would be a preferable use for this space.
20. Affordable housing of the type proposed much needed.
21. It looks like a reasonable place to build houses provided the footpath that goes around the north and east of the field is kept.
22. This is an attractive field and should not be treated as the first step towards developmental of the surrounding land.
23. Won't be able to support more traffic into town
24. Land needed for food production.
25. Too much sprawl.
26. Subject to upgrading the cycle path and improving vehicular access.
27. This site has difficult access
28. Gasworks Lane is a private single track lane and completely unsuitable for providing access to a new housing development be it from Dirleton Road or Ferrygate Meadows. Drainage in the north east corner of the site is very poor with flooding every time there is heavy rainfall.
29. Makes sense, looking at the map of housing development that has already happened in the vicinity (opposed by NBCC and ELC but approved on appeal to Scottish judges) but it is a shame to lose another beautiful field which is an example of prime agricultural land.
30. Affordable accommodation is important for low income families in NB
31. The way this proposal reads, Gasworks Lane is not appropriate for the additional residential traffic. Needs thought out with access through the newer development behind the petrol station or via Williamson Court. Also, why just the norther portion of the field? If developing the area, might as well do it all. The remaining field is unlikely to be big enough to be worth the farmer using.
32. Lovely pathway around this, breath of rural air in the town. Adjacent Ferrygate enough!
33. Same answer regarding innovative models and Passivhaus Certification as a quality assurance and sustainability standard.
34. We need green space rather than continual housing
35. see previous comment.

36. Not sure if it should be affordable housing, but agree that the land should be put to better use.
37. Homes should be available for general purchase not restricted
38. A terrible spot - this area floods with several feet of water after any heavy rain. In addition, gasworks lane is a tight single track which is already potentially unsafe for pedestrians. With additional traffic in the lane it would be chaos. It would be a much better idea to build on the field on the opposite side of the A198 beside the proposed park and ride. This field would be better to be turned into a green space to serve the families of Smileyknowes and Ferrygate.
39. I strongly object to 13D being planned for development. There are enough vacant and underdeveloped sites available in our town without building on this field, which would significantly alter the outlook for existing residents.
40. As I said earlier, this location is not suitable. Bad vehicular access on a single track road, existing path to station and schools and prone to flooding. Please scrap this proposal. It's also a habitat for deer and other wildlife with some ancient trees. Move along now!
41. Congestion, of traffic at an ill thought out site. Disruption to access link between existing housing and railway network.
42. Unsuitable site for further housing development. Existing road cannot accommodate the necessary vehicles to build the housing and the future needs of new residents vehicles. Would take out of the use the direct access for local residents to walk to the train station. There are better sites in the town centre.
43. already enough housing here and route kids walk to school
44. Limited access to site

#### Proposal 13E Housing development site: Garage Courts - 26 written comments

1. Kkk
2. See answer to main question
3. These are people's garages, this group has no business suggesting what should be done with them. They should not be given over to more housing.
4. Affordable houses don't have garages and so some need to be kept for those residents to use.
5. Strongly object, see previous answer
6. The way our town was constructed when North Berwick Mains Farm was developed left us with walkways, garages and green spaces between streets. I think the council leaders of the time created something which still has value. We need to think of why we should fill these spaces with more housing and consider the choice of not building in every space and of creating ever more traffic. I see no benefit to the people of NB in building housing in these locations.
7. Too much has been built here in recent years
8. In principal
9. Are these garages not in constant use? Where will they park if they're removed? streets are already far to busy with parked cars.
10. Some of these sites are very unsightly and in need of development.
11. Well built house would look better than garages
12. We strongly support this. Some of these areas have become eyesores and this would be a better use of the land. Garages could be incorporated in the design.
13. I do not know the areas well enough to have an opinion
14. Open spaces benefit residents.
15. Sites privately owned
16. The rising population of North Berwick is already causing problems, measures to deal with this?
17. I don't generally support lots of new building as infrastructure already overwhelmed, especially sewerage, schools and health. I do support affordable housing, especially good quality, energy efficient.
18. The garages are needed and occupied. If these sites were developed the garages would need to be reprovisioned.
19. Seems unfair to have a public consultation where people vote on whether owners or a private garage (Cromwell Road) should be made to give them up for housing.
20. Hard to imagine a worthwhile proposal that would not be overwhelming here.

21. Ideal location for smaller residential flatted units. From my observations over the years , the garage tenants tend not to store cars, instead storing all manner of things - and this is not in line with their council lease.
22. This would be good for the town, but only if truly high quality housing is delivered. Again Passivhaus Certification and consideration of innovative models
23. Crazy to be squashing more houses in here
24. As far as I am aware these are well used and a useful resource to those who do not have garages
25. Not sure if it should be affordable housing, but agree that the land should be put to better use.
26. This is squeezing more housing into already busy areas.

**Proposal 13F Housing development site: Mixed use development site: Lime Grove - 34 written comments**

1. Kkk
2. There are better uses for this land than more housing but this has been covered in previous pages.
3. Need more housing
4. Possible site for community venue if parking sorted out
5. See my response to proposal 9. This community arts hud ideas has been deemed to be unrealistic by both ELC and the appeal to the Scottish ministers. The proposal for further housing is not welcomed, we do not need to have more houses. More affordable houses are a different matter and I would be more neutral on that development. A better proposal is small business, light industrial, office etc. My hope would be that this would create employment opportunities for local people
6. This could be changed into community allotments
7. This should be a public space
8. Lime Grove is a choice for a community space of an Art Hub. There could be many other community uses for such a site. Housing is such a limiting choice which shuts down options for the people of this town. With housing in this space we won't be able to go back and change our minds. I think the council need to say no. There is no benefit for North Berwick in yet more housing, ever bigger profits for house builders and less options for our community. I reject this proposal.
9. Prime land which would be ideal for premium housing.
10. A really complex site that the council has not managed well at all.
11. We have been given a huge number of social housing already along with too much housing generally. Is it beyond ridiculous to suggest some wild land is badly needed for biodiversity or is every patch to be built on?
12. In principal
13. We keep hearing about affordable housing but it doesn't seem to materialise. I strongly object to more housing going in here. It should be retained as a community space.
14. Unsightly, derelict site suitable for affordable housing.
15. This should be considered alongside the other proposals for the site, which does need something done to it, so it is hard to say at the moment whether housing would be appropriate or not.
16. I would support affordable / social housing. A sustainable community hub seems inappropriate for such a residential area as further traffic should be discouraged.
17. Affordable/council housing only not private with nice views!!
18. Council should sell for high price
19. I believe the site should have a community and/or health use.
20. Yes to community hub.
21. Disastrous location for a community facility
22. Only agree with housing proposal, to include for the elderly?
23. Would support community Centre but not more housing The traffic at this end of town is already difficult
24. Not enough good quality information for such an important site
25. It is time this eyesore site was developed and - essentially - for mixed use (inc. affordable housing) and not just for a few luxury houses that will make big bucks for ELC.



26. Support, but a bit confused if this site is earmarked for housing or a community space or something else. Should likely do nothing until the route of the new sewage works is confirmed.
27. Well the current state of decay is bad but to allow the sale to a top market housing company to block the beach access and give moneyed individuals prime domination of the cliff top and views would be deplorable.
28. It sort of depends on whether we get a venue space somewhere else, I support community spaces but also see the housing need. Its a balance but we can't loose all of our spaces to developer housing, so if it is for housing, it should look at innovate models and Passivhaus Certification to ensure quality.
29. Dangerous to put houses in range of golf course - where this is planned will be inundated with golf balls.
30. Housing should be for rent only.....to ensure it is available for those who need it and not bought and resold to those who don't.
31. Prefer community arts venue proposal
32. For all housing developments it will be vital to also development local facilities - especially regarding health and education which are already both under severe staffing pressures
33. Shame this isn't a community hub
34. Only if a small element of housing supports the community use, in my view this site should not be heavily developed

### Information Notice Survey – Written responses for Proposals 14-20

#### **Proposal 14 Preserve, protect and promote green spaces, biodiversity and trees and in and around North Berwick - 32 written comments**

1. Lill
2. North Berwick needs to keep these fantastic assets.
3. The lans to the west if the lime grove depot is such a green space, and it also needs protected, as do the other green spaces around the town, otherwise it will all become houses
4. We need to protect our green spaces for our environment.
5. Crucial to have places that provide connection with nature and habitats for flora, fauna and increased biodiversity.
6. The proposal to preserve, protect and promote green spaces seems obvious and I support it. I would point out that this proposal is at odds with proposals 13A-F which actively seek to reduce green spaces and the potential to create further green spaces.
7. hugely important to the character of North Berwick to retain these green spaces and networks. The Elcho Green and the open space behind Tantallon Terrace have been threatened in the past by ELC plans to build car parks on them. Good to see a formal level of designation to protect them from such moves in the future.
8. Absolutely. We need to save ourselves from climate change and the bio diversity emergency we ignore for house building every time
9. Subject to connectivity
10. This is vital for both people and planet. Given the extent of nature depletion we need to protect the open spaces we have and nurture biodiversity. I feel significant number of landlords neglect nature when they rip up gardens for impermeable parking areas.
11. Everybody needs access to green spaces. Vital for physical & mental health
12. It's really important to designate/recognise these as valued open spaces that are part of a biodiversity network.
13. All green space should be retained unless a derelict brownfield site.
14. Open spaces are important
15. I fully support this including promoting biodiversity.
16. Important and important to achieve all-round community involvement.
17. As long as your not going to fell anymore trees for a line of sight that is non existent!
18. Open space is an attractive feature of NB and should be protected
19. Vital
20. Positive action
21. Make ELC put their money where their mouth is when it comes to biodiversity.
22. I strongly support this as nature is in severe decline.

23. Support, but concerned that people are trying to slide areas owned by NB Trust into this - removing the ability of the Trust to sell one day and fund yet more great work around the town.
24. Very important.
25. support in principle - but think the Heugh Brae field should also be included in the consideration for public green spaces and linked to active travel routes. This field will be in the middle of the town (not the rear) as housing development to the East expands. This field could be a biodiverse corridor and flood prevention zone (it already floods in winter and the stone wall has subsided with the wet ground). It already attracts wild life (deer; birds; bats)
26. 100% yes
27. Essential for the community
28. It is also essential that sport and leisure use is given priority when considering changes to green spaces including biodiversity corridors. Not only existing sporting provision to be safeguarded, but also safeguard future development of sporting provision.
29. Change of wording needed - Vision for proposal – Currently – ‘Ensure that all existing public greenspaces are assigned protected Open Space status.’ Change to – Ensure public green spaces, specifically the Lodge, the Recreation Ground, the Glen and Roundal and its beaches are assigned protected Open Space status’.
30. A number of other proposals seem to contradict this!
31. Give the area on pilgrims way this special status too rather than more homes
32. Welcome the green spaces aspect but unclear that building-dependent biodiversity such as bats and endangered bird species such as swifts and house martins are considered during protection and enhancement measures, such as swift bricks - a universal nest brick for small bird species; North Berwick has one of UK's most famous house martin colonies ( <a href="https://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/19959649.300-people-sign-online-petition-remove-bird-netting-north-berwick-tesco/">https://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/19959649.300-people-sign-online-petition-remove-bird-netting-north-berwick-tesco/</a> ), should be celebrated!

#### Proposal 15 Recreational area with pump-track and path - 46 written comments

1. This space is great for a natural biodiverse area with planting, orchard, etc but NOT A PUMP TRACK. It's completely the wrong place for this and will encourage anti social behaviour which will also affect local residents and the schools. You just need to look at other pump tracks and even the North Berwick skate park for examples of this. The Glen's fences and trees in NB has had damage by youths hanging out and the same will happen with the biodiverse area and schools. This is a huge oversight.
2. Ddd
3. This would be fantastic for our town to have this facility. The skate park is massively used already and this would be great to give the kids and adults alike more space for recreation. Having used this facility in another town and the Facebook page set up a while back I was hoping this would've already happened.
4. I have put Neutral as I am not convinced this is the right place for a pump track. The rest I am in favour of. Would prefer the pump track to be on the south side of the B1347 closer to the Law and further from housing.
5. The track by the rugby park is very busy and another one this side of town would be good to attract more youngster away from their screens.
6. Other towns with pump track facilities are very popular.
7. I don't agree with the pump track location as too near the school and case not made for this activity and how it will be managed - weak case, many holes around running and maintaining
8. Good use of this area especially if there is a safe walking route to school developed and investment into biodiversity as well as developing an area for people to exercise
9. I have marked neutral as I am unsure what a pump track might be. Am guessing this is recreational use and for once it seems that NB Trust are thinking about existing residents of our town.
10. Looking forward to garden. Plans look great
11. Yes! Why is it taking so long to get the pump track built! There is huge support from the community! We need to get this moving forward!
12. It has reduced anti social behaviour in every town where these have been placed. We need one!

13. Would be important to link to other nearby green spaces/network
14. Is this something that will be used for a decade or more. I'm not sure it is, but at least it's not more housing.
15. Unsure of how well this would be used.
16. Please consider parking!
17. Good use for land next to school
18. I'm strongly in favour of the path, which is essential community infrastructure. However I object to the pump track, as I'm concerned about the lack of parking for people coming from out of town, the lack of toilet facilities, and the potential for noise and antisocial behaviour. If the pump track is to go ahead provisions should be made for parking, toilets and there should be a closure at night
19. I disagree with the location and proposal for the pump track.
20. Be useful to explain what a pump track is!
21. This path was meant to be built by the developer (Miller) on completion of project. Why was it not completed?
22. But no artificial lighting.
23. This is needed and long overdue
24. Ensure there is adequate parking provision - may need to widen the road that would run to the east of the pump track?
25. Seems like a good idea. But unless a discussion on parking, etc then it will only be usable to people who live very nearby the site. Also, can't be at the expense of NB Trust selling the land one day to ensure they can continue to fund the many great initiatives for the town.
26. Space totally committed to certain activities. Are they genuinely popular or just a current vogue? Clearly a derelict equipment space would not be an enhancement.
27. A pump track is a wonderful option for kids who are not into team sports but want the chance to be outside and active. Excellent location near school too. Has been demonstrated to be a huge positive to other communities.
28. This looks fantastic, the plan was a little small to see all the annotation but in principle this looks great
29. Great for kids.
30. Skate park has been incredible addition to town and pump track would be equally valuable. Health & wellbeing benefits as well for children and some adults as well
31. A pump track would be a great facility for the local community.
32. These proposals promote active young people and general health and wellbeing and are to be welcomed.
33. Children and young people need more provision for outdoor learning and play in our community. This proposal would be an excellent addition to our landscape.
34. This would be very beneficial to give the young people a social option that promotes wellbeing
35. I'm not bothered about the pump track, but a path linking the school and nursery to the estate would make a huge difference and improve walking to school safety,
36. A pump track in this location will bring noise and potentially anti social behaviour. There are likely to be better locations for it elsewhere.
37. I don't think this proposal fits into this location. It will risk creating traffic and parking issues
38. There is precious little for our teens to do. We would need to make sure it didn't become a trap for anti social behaviour. Perhaps a youth club type set up with cafe would help.
39. I strongly support this. Other areas have great amenities for kids. north Berwick needs more at this end of the town
40. Need more parking in the area if youngsters to use the facility
41. yes to pump track - good for all ages and gives kids a great outdoor free activity.
42. This would be a fantastic asset to the town and a way of providing for our young people.
43. Great idea. Would be great for the kids
44. Regarding the pump track, has parking been taken into account? The school, law, and residential areas do not have the necessary parking spaces. Is it really a good idea to have something that distracting located next to the town's nursery and primary school. I really don't know how this site could be identified as the 'preferred option' for the site, given it is on the outskirts of town next to a busy road, which people regularly speed onn with no real public transport nearby, and 3 schools.
45. We need more of these.

46. This will be a fantastic facility for the young people of the town

**Proposal 16 North Berwick Trust Park – resist any future commercial or employment allocation - 42 written comments**

1. Sss
2. Another fanatastic asset to the area that need to be retained.
3. Happy to support resisting that development there, but the other brownfield sites east of tesco and next to morar homes are good for that purpose.
4. This area MUST be protected. It is well loved and used by many people from North Berwick. The work that has been done to develop the area is so important for our environment. It must be protected
5. If this area were developed I would lose all faith in the planning process.
6. Green spaces on the edges of town should be protected in this way.
7. Should be allocated for housing
8. I support retention of green space. I realise that in the days where cost is allocated to many things that the cost in land set aside for wellbeing is something which some might grind their teeth but I think it is worthwhile and follows example of our town forefathers in creating spaces within our worn and not building on every scrap of land. This is something we should consider when thinking of yet more housing.
9. Commercial on this parkland would be a horrible waste
10. Absolutely leave this wild land. It should be against the law to build on places like this if we actually cared about this dying planet. If anyone understands what a biodiversity emergency means they would realise we cannot afford to entertain such an idea. This town wins awards but we keep skirting with ideas like loose the High Street or lose green space. Can we not protect what is actually good and fix the bed stuff instead?
11. Keep this as a green public space and encourage wildlife, planting and biodiversity as much as possible.
12. Preserve all possible green spaces in North Berwick. SO important
13. Let's get everything else sorted first. We need the infrastructure fixed before we bring more pressure to bear upon the community and its facilities.
14. Parking needs to be provided
15. This is a much used and loved community asset and should remain as such
16. Strongly support.
17. Land should be used for next phase of house-building in NB providing about £20 million of funds for NB Trust to provide for a range of projects in the town.
18. Totally disagree. Strongly doubt that many NB residents other than Mains Farm residents (who themselves bought properties on former green fields) use this area bearing in mind that NB has the beaches, Law, and surrounds, Lodge gardens and several green spaces.
19. Positive action
20. Unless more affordable houses are needed.
21. This is an attractive park land. Employment units could be created elsewhere.
22. Definitely resist building units etc. on that space; but 'employment' doesn't have to mean building; you could keep sheep there and employ a shepherd, or create allotments there and employ a site manager.
23. A good place for new build Health Centre, CTAC/Vaccination HB services and "option 71" "Edington redeveloped as larger ELHSCP/Local Authority-run sites. Consideration to be given to protected step-up and step-down provision, palliative care, care home beds, community respite and community hub approach". Co-location of Day Centre like Gullane should also be considered. Access from Pilgrims way or B1347. NBCA H&SC Charity would support further consideration of this site for Health purposes.
24. I strongly support this as nature is in severe decline and urgently needs protected space
25. The whole idea of NB Trust is a means to raise money and fund many great initiatives around the town. Why limit them whilst letting farmers profit from selling land for housing? Would NB Trust really not be allowed to sell the land if for example the entire proceeds went towards coastal erosion projects?
26. Absolutely - and no building beyond. The perimeter of NB.
27. Yes, this is a lovely space but we should look to provide that commercial space elsewhere in the town, in sites identified by this study
28. Critical for the community and wildlife.

29. As with the pilgrims way point made earlier. It was stated that the park would remain greenbelt
30. There are other spaces available
31. It is a much needed, much enjoyed area of land that benefits the whole community.
32. This area was supposed to have an area for a commercial unit. This was only a small part of this area and I believe this could exist alongside the lovely meadow/ green space that is currently there and well used.
33. Change of wording - Include - North Berwick Trust recognises the amenity value of the site, but considers there could be capacity for an appropriate form of sensitively considered residential development that retains the majority of the park and responds to a direct community need.
34. Keep green space!
35. Keep this as a greenfield site!
36. More commercial space and jobs are needed in North Berwick to help people develop careers and buy property etc rather than relying on social housing and the town purely being a commuter town
37. Very important to keep NB Trust park as green space into the future. It is so well used and a great asset for the community and wildlife.
38. Plenty of other under-utilised non-green space that could be utilised for commercial purposes prior to requiring this site
39. Green space vital
40. This the perfect location for further housing development. It is located next to the local school and aligns with the Scottish Government's active travel objectives.
41. we use this space daily for family walks and dog walks, we are very lucky to have it. My sons Beavers group even used it tonight
42. I strongly agree. This space is a much-loved and valuable green space for the residents.

#### Proposal 17 Development of allotments - 33 written comments

1. Ggg
2. if there is demand for allotments this seems like a good place for them
3. I massively support this. The field opposite as well should be turned into biodiverse parkland, joining the law to the NBT Park. This would set NB apart as a leader in the fight against nature loss.
4. I support but not at the expense of the existing car parking space
5. There are allotments available that no one uses causing extra work for present users
6. Totally support Allotments, however this is a shadowy and damp site, other Trust sites would be a better for allotments.
7. Theses are unsightly right now
8. My neutrality is based upon idea that am unsure on demand for allotments. Many of the modern housing schemes are built with minimal gardens and it is common to see hard landscaped gardens or even plastic grass so I wonder who wants allotments. It might be nice to see this as more land to resist future commercial or employment allocation and would compliment The Law and the land in proposal 16.
9. Benefits too few people
10. Generally allotments are scruffy and i dont think the approach into our town is ideal for this at all.
11. It is important to bring this land back into public community use as it is essentially public land, being owned by the local authority. Part of it should be used to expand the car park at the Law. The field on the other side of the car park is also owned by ELC and could be used for future healthcare facilities or similar. - rather than using the flat land by the school which should be retained as it is the only area suitable for playing fields.
12. Future food security will become a problem so preserving and expanding allotments is a great idea
13. How much requirement is there for allotments in NB? I'm not against it but they need to have pretty tight guidelines as to what is and isn't allowed. It's an entrance to the Law that lots of visitors will see and it could look very tacky and messy if not managed well.
14. This is a really important and very welcome proposal. Climate change means we must improve food security. I would also like to see allotments off Gasworks Lane rather than the housing proposal.

15. Allotments are a good idea if there is demand & if they are cared for properly
16. We strongly support the provision of allotments as a means of developing sustainability and food security. This is an ideal site. The part of the field off Gasworks Lane would also be a good site for residents at that end of town.
17. Fully support this initiative
18. Support, but know it will only benefit a few in the community. Good not to waste this patch of land. Can the community have an allotment or two as well? Could the schools have one?
19. There is a serious lack of allotments in the area and this would help
20. Ideal spot
21. Some of the land to the east would be better used as a nature reserve
22. Positive action
23. Would this affect the draining of water near housing? Isn't this quite a marshy area? Do we know what the biodiversity is there and what would be affected? I don't have the knowledge to answer this. If no adverse effects likely, allotments would be very nice.
24. Are allotments needed in north Berwick
25. This field is let by ELC to a farmer for agricultural use. The Joint Laws Advisory Group have supported a proposal to take this field back in hand and manage it for conservation and education but ELC have refused to do this. However, use as allotments would be better than current arable use which pollutes the marsh.
26. Gardening is a recognised therapy, and good for mental health
27. I'm not sure about this location yet, I should have gone to have a look, definitely would not want any part of the marshland used (but I don't think that is proposed).
28. Agree. But make them community allotments where volunteers grow veg that's sold in a community shop on the high street.
29. Unclear that current allotments are well used.
30. Better than a campervan site.
31. The waiting list for allotments in the area is very high. This would help ease that.
32. And a community garden too
33. As above. This land should be allocated for affordable housing development.

#### Proposal 18 Installation of public shelters across North Berwick - 45 written comments

1. As we have seen around North Berwick. Shelters encourage anti social behavior. You just need to look at all the bus shelters that have been smashed and abused plus the history of fires in the Lodge shelters. This seems like planning and building for the sake of it and not actually required.
2. Fff
3. Hopefully not subject to vandalism. Incorporating some sort of cctv in these areas would be beneficial I'd imagine.
4. I feel more important matters need to be dealt with first
5. Existing shelters are misused / gratified, why waste more money
6. If developed as part of toilet provision its likely more cost effective.
7. Sounds a good idea but I think (judging by the Glasclune one) they become associated with graffiti or drinking/drug taking.
8. Concern about vandalism
9. Present shelters abused by drunk/drugs people. Demolish them all.
10. I support this, however there needs to be some mechanism for security/to prevent vandalism/graffiti which has happened all too frequently at the shelter opposite the cemetery/bus depot
11. I am unconvinced by this idea. Are these shelters necessary? We live in a wet climate and are all used to the rain. Raincoats would seem a more obvious choice than a collection of public shelters which would need money spent on building and on upkeep and would appear to be magnets for vandals and anti-social behaviour. I think here of shelter in Glen Grounds towards Tesco, the shelter up the hill from Coos Green and the one burnt down in the Lodge grounds.
12. The current shelters we have are either vandalised, burnt down or a problem for anti social behaviour. Why would we want more?
13. don't forget the existing shelters. Maybe use the same model?

14. I have teenagers. They will tell you shelters are where kids go to drink, smoke and take drugs sadly. Use the money for swimming pools and pump tracks!
15. Subject to careful siting and good design
16. I don't think this is a good use of money.
17. I can see these could be useful especially for day visitors. However, they are not as urgent as other proposals.
18. Good idea as long as they are not vandalised
19. Can be combined with public toilet provision
20. I am the path warden for the path that runs above the East Links. There is a rather dilapidated shelter on the path and I have spent quite a lot of effort clearing litter from it. It seems to attract people who want a place to drink, smoke, vape and eat supermarket food. It has also attracted graffiti artist(s) who were not of Banksy's standard. There is a danger that any new shelters become a mess and an eyesore. Provision of waste bins that are emptied frequently might help.
21. there is a great need for shelters in the town, and for those that are dilapidated to be reinstated, not only removed. Many have been removed through the years, but not reinstated and this should not be an option
22. I support this proposal although they should be designed to reduce the risk of vandalism and anti social behaviour.
23. Good idea, but they will need to be supervised and monitored regularly.
24. Facilities for under age drinking and recreational drug taking?
25. I'm concerned about maintenance and antisocial behaviour. I'm also not convinced there is a clear need for these structures.
26. Get umbrellas. This would provide space for negative activities.
27. Only some of the locations make sense
28. Question whether these are necessary. Risk of vandalism and bad behaviour by youths
29. Positive action
30. Every shelter, old and new that I can remember in North Berwick, has been a dirty, scabby mess. ("The Brainshed," as just one shining example.) If there is an absolutely clear plan to regularly clean and maintain them, they might be nice to have.
31. Not needed. Costly and intrusive.
32. Several shelters have been lost over the years, however if these were created the materials would need to be carefully considered to reduce damage from vandalism.
33. I'm confused as this plan doesn't seem to acknowledge or take on upkeep of existing shelters. I'm thinking the one at Castle Hill and another on Glasclune Gardens. I'd also like to see a plan that ensures they won't be vandalised and quickly become unusable. The Lodge and the west bay putting green hut already provide some shelter from unexpected rain.
34. Likely to encourage anti social behaviour
35. Not at all sure these are needed- the others in situ have clearly been abused. Youth in empty evenings?
36. Kids need somewhere to hang out away from parents. Yes they will inevitably require maintenance, but most things do.
37. I recently saw some really amazing examples of this in the US when combined with toilets and other facilities, care would be needed to maintain these spaces and have oversight
38. Any development of shelter at Recreation Park should take account of the sporting activities which take place there and be combined with an assessment/ development of spectator facilities.
39. Remove '4. North Berwick Trust Park' as a location for a public shelter.
40. Not sure of the point
41. I see no purpose in these and they would encourage anti social behaviour
42. Existing historic shelters are not maintained, how would this be different
43. May encourage anti-social behaviour
44. Public shelters always end up dirty, smelly and attract teenagers who will just damage them. This has always been the case in north Berwick
45. The last one was burned down

#### Proposal 19 Memorial for North Berwick witches at North Berwick Harbour - 35 written comments

1. Ddd
2. Again there are more important matters
3. Depends on which form it takes
4. This seems easy to support as it isn't asking for much. Highlighting and attoning for former male hegemony and abuse of power against women is a valuable thing to do and if a piece of artwork or memorial can lead to greater awareness and stance against current male abuses of power then the such a development would be good
5. Depends on costs
6. Better uses for the space
7. Waste of money. Why remember witches??
8. Am unconvinced by this. In times of austerity it is difficult to find justification for the money for a memorial for something which happened hundreds of years in the past.
9. Love seeing these local memorials and stories when visiting other towns
10. This would been to be sensitively developed
11. Lovely idea.
12. Is this a joke? Really?
13. Time poor to read everything
14. Will many people actually take an interest?
15. We support the idea of a memorial but question whether this needs to be part of the LDP2.
16. Not a priority for me.
17. Embrace all our history!
18. More virtue signalling. Put it in the Museum car park.
19. Potentially yet more clutter.
20. Plaque or story board yes?
21. There were no witches in NB
22. Maybe
23. Not a high priority for me in the current financial situation, but something like the East Coast Fishing Disaster Memorials (for St Abbs, Cove, Bournemouth and Eyemouth) by artist Jill Watson are stunningly beautiful and moving
24. Not needed. Costly to erect and maintain.
25. The towns history should be celebrated
26. I support this. But presume it is low hanging fruit, relative to figuring out shuttle busses, park and ride, etc. Why can't it be part of the NB Harbour Trust plans if they already have multiple phases in mind, rather than needing its own section?
27. Really needs to be something but what where....
28. nice idea
29. There is space for sculptural public art in NB and this memorial is worthy of a quality installation. Not only historical but a contemporary memorial re-educating and reframing the clichéd narratives.
30. Feels as though there may be a better use of resources?
31. We have a part in history here so I agree they should be memorialised.
32. Long overdue!
33. Aye, why nae
34. Perhaps a bit over the top.
35. as long as it doesn't impact on bringing the outdoor pool back
36. The proposal to build a grandiose monument to the witches of North Berwick seems completely misplaced. A small plaque somewhere could record the historical fact but that is all that is needed. This is a single issue topic that has got out of hand. Can it really be a priority?

#### Proposal 20 Short Term Let Control Area around settlement boundary of North Berwick - 42 written comments

1. Ss
2. Not convinced that STL Control Areas work as planned. In general I am against prescriptive laws that can have unintended consequences. I believe that ELC Planning regulations are strong enough to exert control in this area and as I sit on Planning Committee I think I have sufficient knowledge to say this.
3. The amount of 2nd/3rd home-owners for short term let is shocking. Housing shouldn't be a commodity



4. Doesn't make sense to include existing caravan sites
5. Existing business owners have a right to continue to maintain their income through letting, but there should be a curb on new buy to lets
6. needs more details
7. The introduction of licensing has, in my opinion, severely reduced the quantity of available short term lets for visitors. Proceeding to implement a short term let control zone without fully understanding/evaluating the impact of licensing would be illogical. We need balance but we also need ample rooms/properties for tourists to stay over at and spend their money in our town. We cannot continue to demonise locals who wish to rent out their properties.
8. Current situation is damaging the community
9. I agree, but the town does need accommodation to support tourism. Hotels and B&Bs that are no longer open to provide that need to be replaced/reopened to offer reasonably priced accommodation for visitors to the town.
10. Don't be Edinburgh council here, this is good for the town
11. Rent controls are wrong
12. Yes I support anything which tries to exert control over housing which is out of use and used for holiday lets. I would like to see second homes targeted too. Both of these ideas would see more properties come onto the open market and would have an impact on any need for new housing. I have previously explained why I do not believe the people of NB are best served by the construction of ever more housing schemes. These ideas also impact the traffic volume coming through our town.
13. But as a town which thrives on the tourist industry we need some holiday lets.
14. We do not need more camper vans. These tend to be low spend high impact tourists. We should encourage short term lets which bring in higher spending tourists to the area who support our town. I would be in favour of recording short term let properties through a presumed to be granted license so this could be controlled in the future if necessary.
15. We already have this in the form of the Short Term Licensing Act.
16. Controlling short term lets helps to achieve sustainable tourism that benefits the local economy. There is an urgent need to achieve a better balance between housing need and second homes or short term holiday lets.
17. Not enough information to decide but it seems like a good idea
18. There are far too many short term lets in the town. You say we need more affordable housing, but rather than keeping building more and more houses, reducing the number of short-term lets drastically would open up a huge market of affordable homes for local people. Why not consider 'local occupancy' rules like they do in the Lake District.
19. This is really important. The prevalence of second homes and short-term lets undermines the sustainability of the community and excludes key workers and lower paid workers from the housing market. The economist's report shows that the economic benefits to the area have been overstated.
20. Having argued for a Sustainable Tourism Strategy, we really welcome the reference to sustainable tourism. We strongly support having a Control Zone and look forward to a community debate on what a sustainable balance between principal residences and holiday lets would be. Second homes are also an issue. We want ELC to impose principal residence planning conditions on new homes. We favour a tourist tax to help ELC meet the additional costs eg. waste management that result from tourism.
21. I support the STL control area. I would hope the new registration / licensing arrangements will reduce the number of STLs by eliminating those that don't meet minimum standards. We need a more balanced approach to housing prioritising permanent residents. I am one of only 3 full time (all retired) residents in 12 neighbouring properties. That imbalance is damaging both socially and economically.
22. Essential. Should have been in place for years before now.
23. Limit but not ban
24. More measures are needed. This is not enough. Too many recent houses are sold as second homes and the LPP ignores this huge problem. of loss of stock
25. Licences, annual review, encouraging responsible ownership.
26. Positive action
27. Totally agree, the town centre, where I live, has been hollowed out by short term lets. It affects community cohesion, we don't have many proper neighbours, and too many tourists. All of the places that were first time buys for younger people just starting out are

now unavailable, due to buy to let holiday rentals. What is happening in European holiday hotspots is happening in North Berwick.
28. The report commissioned by NB Community Council makes worrying reading. Smaller properties are being bought up for short term lets reducing the affordable housing stock and making large profits for a few.
29. The need for short term lets arose from the loss of many hotels. We need accommodation for tourists who spend in local shops and hospitality. The loss of housing stock created by short term lets should be addressed in affordable housing
30. One of the most crucial outcomes that are needed in the new local plan.
31. It is almost impossible for people to find property to rent or buy in order live in NB and holiday lets are a big part of this.
32. Is most of this not already in place - with the new short term holiday let licenses? Although with incoming parking restrictions some further thought may be required. Also, reopen the former County and Golf hotels to provide more accommodation for holidaymakers.
33. Sorry, couldn't understand what exactly was beinf proposed here.
34. This makes so much sense for local people
35. I SUPPORT the proposal, but i could NOT press the "Support" button.
36. The negative impact of STLs is already a serious issue in 'old' NB especially in tenements and flatted buildings-neighbourhood communities are eroded leading to isolation and insecurity of permanent residents faced with irregular, unpredictable visitors arriving. Inconsiderate visitors can cause noise disturbance, parking issues and waste management problems. The 'doughnut' effect is the opposite of a thriving, vibrant community.
37. I think tourism is vital for the town and so wouldn't want to remove the short term lets, but think there should be controls to ensure the quality of them and also to ensure that they do not cause issues for local residents in terms of noise etc. I dislike the free parking for camper vans on the road past Glen Golf Club and up on the car park there. It's not bringing money back in the form of hotel revenue, often people are not eating out and it encroaches on resident space.
38. Very difficult to decide on this, we are a tourist town with hardly any hotel/B&B services so short let properties are necessary but I guess a cap could be introduced allowing those that have been doing this for years get first refusal? Not sure about this one
39. Vital, the town is suffering from STL overload
40. Town relies on tourism. Need more short term lets available
41. This is essential.
42. STLs destroy vital community support for its residents/ We are surrounded now by strangers. It is quite disturbing to see strangers constantly passing one's window. No one to help those those who need a little bit of extra care or alone in their house. HOUSES NOW SNAPPED UP FOR INVESTMENT / ENCOURAGES RAISING THE RENT FOR TENANTS / AND REDUCES THE NUMBER OF YEAR-LONG RESIDENT CUSTOMERS FOR BUSINESSES STLs take away vital accommodation for workers for local businesses

## Final Comments

1. Please don't allow campers to have their holidays in our beach front carparks. It looks ugly and deters people with mobility issues being able to park and enjoy the view
2. Some fantastic proposals in here. Look forward to the next stages.
3. Just to say well done for putting this together as it has been a lot of work for you.
4. Disappointing not to see anything on restricting motorhome parking in public areas
5. Plant more trees along the cliffs east of town to reduce landslides in storms
6. The least favoured aspect of these proposals is the community arts hub, especially at lime grove. This has been fully reviewed twice and found to be unrealistic. It should not be appearing in this local place plan as it is not believed to be feasible in two independent reviews. I don't see enough in the proposals to encourage small business and employment development.
7. This is a fantastic piece of work and everyone involved should be thanked. Thank you for all your efforts
8. I'd like to re-emphasise the idea of naturalising the fields at the Law car park; joining the Law and the North Berwick Trust Park to make a Holyrood Park style landmark. The cost would be low and the benefit to nature and the community enormous.

9. Please do not spoil North Berwick with more housing - doctors, schools, dentists can't cope with the number of residents currently.
10. Excellent consultation document.
11. A pedestrian crossing near Rhodes Park/Barley Brae/Lime Grove would be helpful for residents in the area, and holidaymakers at the Tantallon Caravan park, and increase safety on what can be a busy road where vehicles often drive well over the speed limit.
12. Please consider allotments on Trust land along with ELC's.
13. I hope the board are looking to the future and not stuck in their ways. I have lived here for 30 years and still to see a real impact.
14. Thanks for taking time to put this together
15. Too much bias of views in the proposal. Pros and cons should be presented objectively.
16. The council need to regulate campervan/motorhome parking. The current practice is unsafe Yellowcraigs/Tantallon/Gilsland have to operate within the rules set by ELC yet 50-80 motorhomes can park together without any fire extinguishers being provided, no safety regulations, no rules, no fire gaps, no waste disposal for grey or black waste. Completely irresponsible and ELC need to act before something dreadful happens and they are guilty of gross negligence. They are aware of the risk.
17. Additionally, your proposal to add yet more housing at gasworks goes against your pledge to maintain green space in later proposal, this is hypocritical, as this is maintained green space.
18. Think sustainable tourism!! We need town edge parking for cars and motorhomes. But motorhomes that stay overnight in North Berwick should pay a site fee at the campsite – that is how they contribute to the local economy beyond being 'day visitors'. We can get plenty of day visitors on the train from Edinburgh who have far less environmental impact than motorhomes.
19. Very strong objections to the park and ride site A. Please don't do this
20. I think facilities should be erected near the Glen where mobile homes park. Even just a waste emptying spot. A lot of these people have been coming to NB for years but have lost too many camp sites to house building. We thrive on tourism but between this and air B&B's being lost people are finding it harder to visit. My kids would not afford the flats here anyway- or the centre of London or anywhere else expensive! That's just reality. We seem to think tourism is a problem here!
21. I applaud the consultation process and thank the Steering Group for their hard work. There are some bold proposals here which I very much hope ELC will include in LDP2 in order to address climate change and promote biodiversity.
22. Pedestrianisation of High Street is the worst idea - unless you are a blue badge holder. Parking will be pushed into adjacent areas which will be a nightmare for everyone. As a result I shall shop on-line & get my prescriptions delivered since I won't be able to get near to the chemist
23. We commend the Steering Group's thorough consultation and level of public engagement and the positive proposals being made. Given the strength of the community's voice we urge ELC to incorporate the key proposals for sustainability in the LDP2. Ideas at a conceptual stage require rapid development and action to address the climate emergency.
24. Could a schedule of Common Good Land and ELC owned land be added to the LPP?
25. Congratulations to the Steering Group for condensing the multitude of responses in the consultation into practical proposals
26. The LPP is a very encouraging document which overall I fully support. I particularly like the interlinking themes of encouraging movement, improving community facilities and providing affordable / social housing for local people. Much of it is conceptual and there is a danger that the gap between it and council finances is too wide and little will be achieved in practice. ELC should adopt the plan and develop clear actions plans to ensure it is put into practice in the next five years.
27. Please remember your elderly residents who support local business at every possible opportunity and do not want to become housebound because they cannot socialise with others in the town centre. We want to mix with young and old, to watch young people enjoying themselves in the town and to have opportunities to keep in touch with other people. We are part of the community and have a lot to give.
28. A pathway onto the John muir way from the law that avoids lifting bikes and is accessible for wheelchairs/horses would be easily done from back of whisky bottle currently although a footpath it's regularly used by bikes and they have to be lifted over the gate also walkers

with big dogs can't get through the gap in the wall. Riders have to go onto Highfield/Haddington Road to cut up by Bonnington or risk their lives at Balgone Road end. Kingston Road needs a footpath
29. Control of camper van parking needed. Perhaps charging a fee.
30. The housing and tourism sections are not strong enough. Second homes and STL much reduce the housing stock and will continue to do so unless action is taken. The meetings I was at wanted this to be addressed and you've not done that. On second homes this document is SILENT Shame on you for this silence.
31. Do not increase the "partytown" appeal. Residents first please.
32. Survey was very long... I understand why. Good luck with it all.
33. With reference to the LPP Introduction, "who makes the final decision?" The answer is ELC Planning Department, so why bother with any consultation?
34. Only making this online is exclusionary -more opportunities to have views recorded other than online should be offered. I understand the reasoning, but people who struggle either with technology, or because they struggle to focus reading on screens, or they need some encouragement to participate (dyslexia, literacy, add etc) These folk may not be comfortable asking for help and would rather not participate if it is online. They would however, talk to someone supportive and encouraging.
35. Overall very good but with one major exception.
36. Thanks to those involved in drafting this document which is a very worthwhile exercise.
37. These are all great ideas. Many of them have been asked for many years but have not been implemented. I wonder if now they are all so clearly spelt out there will be any money to implement them?!
38. Sole concern is eastern section of a path to Heugh Brae.
39. Concern is at section of safe route to school path from Heugh Brae. Take higher up filed away from flooding, houses on Heugh Road and use existing wall openings.
40. While I am overall supportive of this document, I fear some of the survey results have been distorted by locals not engaging with the process.
41. Thank you for developing this Local Place Plan, much time and work must have gone into it.
42. Thank you for such a comprehensive plan. Would be interesting to have timescales on these proposals - e.g. I think its inevitable that parts of the high street will be pedestrianised in the next 20 years, but the park and ride solution needs to be in place first. Think carrot rather than stick.
43. Congrats to those who have worked hard. But costs of most of this ..
44. Having a good playpark and bbq space down along Elcho Green would be great. It's used to great effect in Australia and NZ. Makes the beach even more family friendly.
45. Thank you for the amazing work on this document to all of those who have managed this and volunteered their time. It is truly appreciated.
46. We have to preserve the wonderful amenity we have in North Berwick. I agree there is scope to develop and advance this amenity, whilst, at the same time, preserving the good things we have. It is vital that there remains a supply of affordable housing in the town. With current growth in house prices, this is increasingly difficult. I strongly support restricting the expansion of further short term lets. (However, i could NOT press the "Support" button for this option!!).
47. Dyslexia UK state very clearly 'Use dark coloured text on a light (not white) background' so why do large sections of the document contain white on coloured background? This is so difficult to read whether one is dyslexic or not and presumably only done for aesthetic reasons which are irrelevant. Dark text on the coloured backgrounds would have been readable by all. This is so fundamental to equality I cannot believe it wasn't checked and adhered to.
48. BBOP have submitted an email response in addition to our comments in the online form
49. Most extracurricular sport for young people is delivered by volunteers who can only deliver training/ coaching in the evenings. There is a need to coordinate training between sports (many young people play multiple sports) and also to coordinate with game days at the weekends. The volunteer community is able and willing to deliver more sporting opportunities. Facilities, including outdoor lighting, need to evolve to allow more safe enjoyable sport in our dark and increasingly wet winters.
50. There was no specific call for an increase to pedestrian crossing points around town, but there are several well known problem areas - including a crossing over St Baldreds Road at

Lady Jane Rd, from the Lodge over Kirk Ports, and a crossing over East Road to the tennis courts. We should prioritise human life over vehicles.
51. I do wonder where all the money has gone from the selling of the land that was gifted to NB , for the good of the community, for housing and whether this could be used for any community based improvements & thereby avoiding the need for parking charges.
52. Please can we think about extra parking for NB. Perhaps making a “green” multi storey and not having ridiculous parking charges. Also the schools (primary and senior) need to be much more integrated I to the community. The whole space around there should be a learning campus with suitable links and community engagement
53. Thanks for doing a great job on this, so much work has gone into it.
54. While this is a well considered piece of work I am disappointed that there is nothing in here about the built heritage of the town which is a serious omission in my view given that it is impacted by all these proposals in one way or another.
55. Excellent work North Berwick Community Council. Keep up the good work.
56. Reason for filling this out is to strongly object to 13A [Housing Development Site: Pilgrim’s Way]; this should not be allocated for affordable housing.
57. These are all great ideas. I would add that we need the boating pond on East beach to be made into a tidal swimming pool. It would need to be dug out to a certain depth for swimming. It would be a great asset for the local community.
58. Thank you for putting this together and good luck. Please ensure you send out more meeting invites for further consultation should any of the concepts move into development stage.
59. Overall a comprehensive and robust plan looking to address many of the town’s current ‘shortfalls’ - reads as being well researched and is very well presented. Commendations to the hard work in compiling the document.
60. We approve the attempt to canvas wide views of support and objection.
61. Think priorities need to be reconsidered
62. I get the impression that some strong single-interest individuals or groups have over-influenced the drawing up of these proposals, and in doing so have undermined the credibility of the rest of them

The following pages contain a copy of the response from Dunsper Community Council and the response from East Lothian Council to the proposals shared in the Information Notice period.

**Paul Ede**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Dunpender CC <dunpendercc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2024 17:49  
**To:** Paul Ede  
**Cc:** Don McKee  
**Subject:** Re: Information Notice for the North Berwick Local Place Plan

Dear Paul & Don

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the North Berwick Local Place Plan. This is an impressive document with many excellent ideas; and as a neighbouring Community Council, Dunpender is supportive of your plan. We have three specific points to make:

1. We welcome the intention to promote more sustainable tourism which is entirely in keeping with the Dunpender Community Action and Local Place Plan 2024-2025 (CALPP). We have a shared interest in promoting tourist/visitor use of public transport and active travel, as opposed to motorised transport. Like North Berwick, we are also proposing a Short Term Let Control Area to balance better housing needs and tourism demands.
2. We also welcome the initiatives to 'Develop a comprehensive network of walking, wheeling and cycling routes across town and out into surrounding countryside' (Movement 3, p.20). As yet there are no proposals for routes south of North Berwick into the Dunpender area. However, our CALPP is proposing upgrading the existing Becky's Strip path (part of the John Muir Way Cycle Route), from Whitekirk north to the Gleghornie lane, to improve it for cycling. It would be ideal if this then linked in to a family-safe route into North Berwick town, the obvious route being via Blackdykes and Rhodes Smallholdings. We would happily liaise with the On The Move group to advance this.
3. As a long-term vision, it would be fantastic if a route could be established east from NB along the coast around Canty Bay to Tantallon and on through Scoughall to Tynninghame Links. This would then allow the John Muir Way to go along probably the most dramatic stretch of coastline between Dunbar and Helensburgh.

Kind regards

Eileen

EILEEN GILL  
Secretary, Dunpender Community Council

On Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 10:49 AM Paul Ede <Paul@pas.org.uk> wrote:

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- > Yes of course, CC's may respond how they wish.
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- > Thanks so much for your time

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> Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:43 AM  
> To: Paul Ede <Paul@pas.org.uk>  
> Subject: Re: Information Notice for the North Berwick Local Place Plan

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> Hello Paul

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> May we submit some short written comments rather than completing the full survey form? If so, should the response come to you?

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> On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 4:22 PM Paul Ede <Paul@pas.org.uk> wrote:  
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> I confirm receipt of your email and attachment. We will consider whether Dunpender Community Council  
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> I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email.  
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Draft North Berwick LPP: ELC comments

CLIMATE ADAPTATION	
<u>1 Anticipating need for Coastal Resilience</u>	<p>Focus on coastal issues. Opportunity for more nature-based solutions which would link well with Climate Ready South East Scotland risk register climate risks to the area.</p> <p>Dynamic Coast Assessment would have given it a wider area not just the beach.</p> <p>The majority of erosion is to the west of the harbour.</p>
<u>2 Community renewable energy project (s) (no specific site as yet identified for this proposal)</u>	<p>Note sites will be identified at a later date.</p> <p>Project should ensure there are real benefits for the community and that these are beneficial to those most vulnerable to energy price fluctuations. Suggest linking in with ELC LHEES officer and the ELC Poverty Plan.</p>
Movement	
<u>3 Develop a comprehensive network of walking, wheeling and cycling routes across town and out into surrounding countryside.</u>	<p>All core paths already in place and promoted.</p> <p>Tantallon is in progress.</p> <p>Some of the other links identified have previously been explored however are constrained due to land ownership and access.</p> <p>Any paths should be shared use.</p> <p>Will other bike types be encouraged? If only aimed at e-bikes maybe add an explanation why specific to that type of bike.</p>
<u>4 Priority for pedestrians on High Street from Church Road to Quality Street</u>	<p>Support overall principles.</p> <p>Ongoing project will include traffic calming and enhanced accessibility on the High Street. Aim to start in the new year.</p> <p>Page 21 final bullet point under the title <u>DETAIL</u> refers the reader to "new park and ride and shuttle bus provision (see proposal 7)" it should be proposal 6.</p>
<u>5 Complete the Coastal Trail to Tantallon Castle as a circular route.</u>	<p>Work ongoing with Area Partnership to get the core path along the coast in place, which joins the pavement that heads along the road towards Tantallon.</p> <p>ELC previously worked with the landowner to provide an extension to the pavement on the final stretch to Tantallon. The landowner is supportive, but so far funding bids have failed. ELC are still supportive of this.</p> <p>Long-term ambition to provide a return route from Tantallon to the Law, ELC have never managed to get the agreement</p>

	<p>of all of the landowners. Supportive of this route, happy to work with the community to try to see if it can be delivered.</p> <p>Community group working with the council to draw up plans for a path between the school and Glenburn Road.</p>
<p><b><u>6 Develop a sustainable strategy for parking and traffic management.</u></b></p>	<p>All Park &amp; Ride/shuttle bus depot options propose land redesignation.</p> <p>A – Prime agricultural land.  B- DC1 Rural Diversification/Countryside Around Towns/Special Landscape Area/Prime Agricultural Land. ELC ownership full long term agricultural lease.  C - DC1 Rural Diversification &amp; Countryside Around Towns.</p> <p>A good idea to attract visitors to the town.</p> <p>Park and Stride may be an attractive option for visitors. Could make use of existing parking and install signage at certain locations.</p> <p>If other proposals in the LPP go ahead then this might help deliver the Park &amp; Ride proposals.</p> <p>Ongoing project - links between parking at the rugby club and walking into the town centre.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND SERVICES</b></p>	
<p><b><u>7 North Berwick Harbour</u></b></p>	<p>Many of the projects ongoing note application submitted 24/00280/P for Erection of community building (Class10), storage or distribution buildings (Class 6), heightening of breakwater wall and associated works.</p>
<p><b><u>8 Retain allocation of land to west of school playing fields for educational and community use</u></b></p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b><u>9 Develop a modern, multi-purpose, flexible community and arts venue</u></b></p> <p>Sites identified:  A - Abbey Care home – ELC ownership  B – Lime Grove  C – Former nursery behind community centre  D – Police Station  E – County Hotel  F – Bank of Scotland  G – North Berwick Trust Land west of School campus  H – Appropriate site on North Berwick Trust Land</p>	<p>Amend the accompanying map for this proposal ELC Estates confirmed that the Police Station (D) is not owned by the Council.</p> <p>The assessor’s website states that Police Scotland are the tenant and also the owners.</p> <p>Abbey Care Home currently being market for sale:</p> <p><a href="#">Commercial/industrial property/land for lease/sale - For Sale - Former Abbey Nursing Home, North Berwick EH39 4BP   East Lothian Council</a></p>

<p><b><u>10 Install network of accessible public toilets</u></b></p> <p>A – at railway station  B – Lodge grounds  C – recreation park  D – East Bay  E – Harbour proposals (7) include an accessible toilet</p>	<p>Temporary provision on the East Beach has previously been provided this could be considered.</p>
<p><b><u>11 Incentivise bringing brownfield and vacant land and empty &amp; underused buildings into meaningful use.</u></b></p> <p>A. Land to the east of Tesco petrol station  B. Former County Hotel on the High Street  C. Lime Grove  D. Former Golf Hotel  E. Abbeyfield House  F. Bank of Scotland</p>	<p>ELC aim to review sites on the vacant and derelict land register and identify any areas with potential for development through site assessment.</p>
<p><b><u>12 Expansion of North Berwick Health Practice onto property of Eddington Cottage Hospital</u></b></p>	<p>Noted that the practice is under pressure. NHS are actively looking at solutions.</p>
<p><b>HOUSING</b></p>	
<p><b><u>13 Housing Development in North Berwick</u></b></p> <p>13A - Pilgrim's Way site (NB Trust Land)</p> <p>13B - Vacant site East of North Berwick Cemetery</p> <p>13C - Land to East of Tesco Petrol Station</p> <p>13D Northern Portion of field off Gasworks Lane</p> <p>13E Garage courts (multiple options):  Glenburn Road  Gilbert Avenue  Cromwell Road</p> <p>13F Lime Grove East Lothian Council Buildings &amp; Land</p>	<p>All proposals noted.</p> <p>13A - forms part of the current employment land supply.</p> <p>13B – subject to planning approval as a hotel.</p> <p>13 - forms part of the current employment land supply.</p> <p>13D - DC1 &amp; prime agricultural land.</p>
<p><b><u>14 Preserve, protect and promote green spaces, biodiversity and trees and in and around North Berwick</u></b></p>	<p>Support principles pleased to see proposals that would fit in with Council's plans around the nature and climate emergency.</p> <p>The public spaces map on page 41 incorrectly refers to the reader to page 32 to see proposal 14 – Preserve Greenspaces.</p> <p>You have noted it as existing public greenspaces. Important to mark up all <u>publicly accessible greenspaces</u> whether they</p>

	are public or privately owned should be included. The Council Open Space Strategy covers both with the aim to protect where we can.
<b><u>15 Recreational area with pump-track and path - North Berwick Trust land to south of school campus playing fields.</u></b>	Noted.
<b><u>16 North Berwick Trust Park – resist any future commercial or employment allocation.</u></b>	NK1 Mains Farm South – forms part of the Employment land supply identified as Phase 8 in the approved Masterplan 13/00227/PPM.
<b><u>17 Development of allotments</u></b>	Currently this area of land is under full long term agricultural lease.  Any proposals would require consultation with Historic Environment Scotland and ELC Heritage Officer.
<b><u>18 Installation of public shelters across North Berwick</u></b>	In principle a good idea worth noting that a previous shelter in the lodge grounds was removed due to anti-social behaviour.  Possible consideration of more nature-based solutions, appropriate tree cover, perches/hedges to shelter from wind.
<b><u>19 Memorial for North Berwick witches at North Berwick Harbour</u></b>	Supportive.
<b><u>20 Short Term Let Control Area around settlement boundary of North Berwick</u></b>	Noted.

## Additional Document 2

### Copy of Information Notice and records of when and to whom the Information Notice was sent

The following pages contain a copy of the email correspondence and information about the North Berwick Local Place Plan Information Notice period sent to:

- Local councillors
- Surrounding community councils

## Paul Ede

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**From:** Paul Ede  
**Sent:** 13 August 2024 08:56  
**To:** jfindlay@eastlothian.gov.uk; lallan2@eastlothian.gov.uk; cmcfarlane1@eastlothian.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Information Notice for the North Berwick Local Place Plan  
**Attachments:** Local\_Place\_Plan\_Information\_Notice\_NB LPP - Councillors.pdf

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We would be grateful if you could read over the attached letter and consider whether you would like to respond to our [survey](#) seeking representations on the content of [the draft Local Place Plan](#) we have prepared.

*This Information Notice is being sent to adjoining community councils and, over the next couple of days, we are also inviting the wider community to respond, marketing via our website, social media and mailing list.*

*We will also sending this invitation to Community Groups in North Berwick via the dedicated North Berwick Trust mailing list.*

With warm regards,

Paul  
(On behalf of the North Berwick LPP Steering Group)

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This Information Notice is therefore being sent to the following Councillors:  
Cllr Jeremy Findlay, Cllr Liz Allan, and Cllr Carol McFarlane.

### 1. Proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed North Berwick Area Local Place Plan is [available for download](#).

We would ask that you would provide any feedback that you want to give via our [online survey form](#). A Q&A and set of instructions for filling out the form is also available via that link.

If/when you do submit a response, please follow the question prompts and indicate that you are a Councillor and enter your name as appropriate.

### 2. Brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed Local Place Plan covers the area of the North Berwick Community Council Area.

The proposed Local Place Plan contains 20 proposals aligned with the following 6 themes, as follows:



No.	Proposal
1	Anticipating need for Coastal Resilience
2	Community renewable energy project (s) <i>(no specific site as yet identified for this proposal)</i>
3	Develop a comprehensive network of walking, wheeling and cycling routes across town and out into surrounding countryside
4	Priority for pedestrians on High Street from Church Road to Quality Street
5	Complete the Coastal Trail to Tantallon Castle as a circular route
6	Develop a sustainable strategy for parking and traffic management
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*This Information Notice is also being sent to Councillors for Ward 04.*

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email.

With warm regards,

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No.	Proposal
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## **Additional Document 3**

### **North Berwick Context - Desktop Research Report**

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# North Berwick Desktop Research

February 2024



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# North Berwick

North Berwick is located on the south shore of the Firth of Forth in the East Lothian council area. It is approximately 20 miles from Edinburgh in the direction of the North Sea.

Below is a map showing the boundaries of the North Berwick Community Council (NBCC). This is also the area covered by the Local Place Plan to which this report is to be an aid. Visible also are some of the islands which can be seen from North Berwick, including Bass Rock, Fidra and Craigeleith.

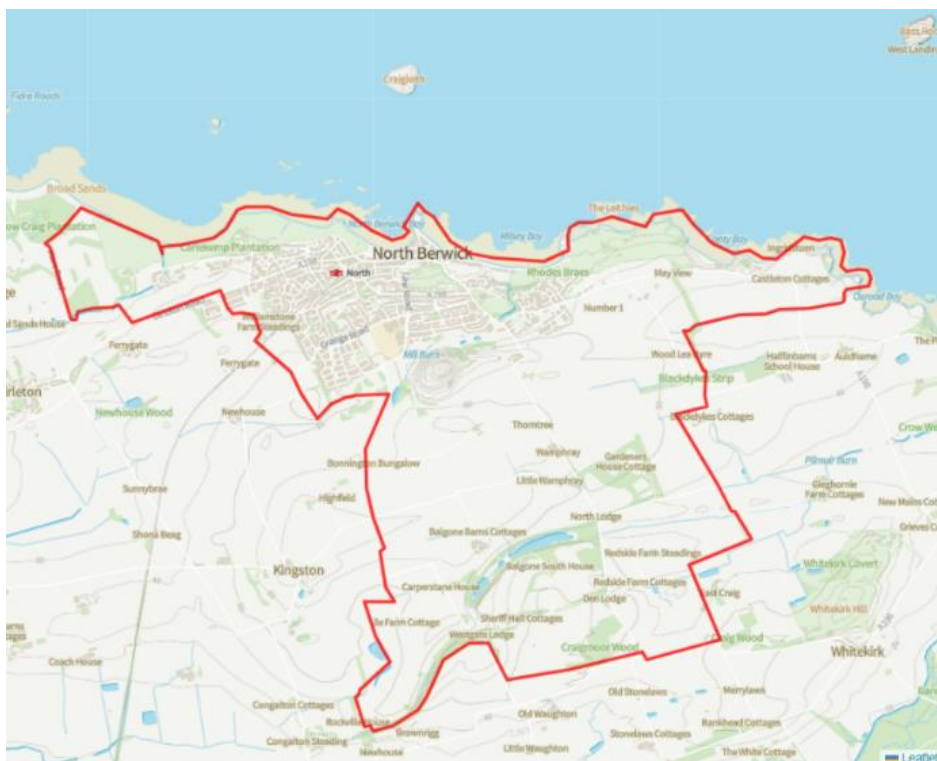


Figure 1: Map of the North Berwick Community Council boundaries (source: [Leaflet](#))

According to the Scottish Government’s 8-fold Urban Rural Classification, the town of North Berwick falls into the “Accessible Small Towns” category, while the surrounding area is classified as “Accessible Rural Area”.

[Understanding Scottish Places](#) (USP) defines North Berwick as an “independent town”, one of only two such in Scotland (the other being Banchory in Aberdeenshire). According to USP, “independent towns have a high number of assets in relation to their population; a strong diversity of jobs; and residents travel shorter distances to travel to work and study. These towns attract people from neighbouring towns to access their assets and jobs.”

USP also notes that medium-sized towns of North Berwick’s type tend to be commuter localities with higher than average incomes and a prevalence of private housing and home ownership. Many residents are retired and many of the remainder are in professional employment.

North Berwick was named the ‘[Best Place to Live in Scotland](#)’ by *The Times* in 2021 and also [made the shortlist](#) in 2022. Its most famous inhabitants include Robert Louis Stevenson and William Dalrymple.

## Heritage

Archaeological evidence shows that human habitation in the area of what is now North Berwick dates back at least 2,000 years.<sup>1</sup> Remains of hut circles, middens, Iron Age cist burials and an ancient field system have been discovered near North Berwick Law.

North Berwick is one of the oldest communities in East Lothian and one of the three historic royal burghs in the county.<sup>2</sup> It is speculated that the settlement grew up around the terminus of a ferry crossing between the Lothian coast and Fife on the pilgrim route from Lindisfarne to St Andrews.<sup>3</sup> This would have been near the present day harbour and the original St Andrews Church.



Following the Scottish Reformation, the burgh faded in importance. Sheltered from the violence that engrossed much of the rest of the country, the inhabitants of North Berwick focussed instead on agriculture. It was during this time that North Berwick witnessed the most brutal witch trials ever seen in Scotland, during which 70-200 individuals were accused of witchcraft and persecuted.<sup>4</sup>

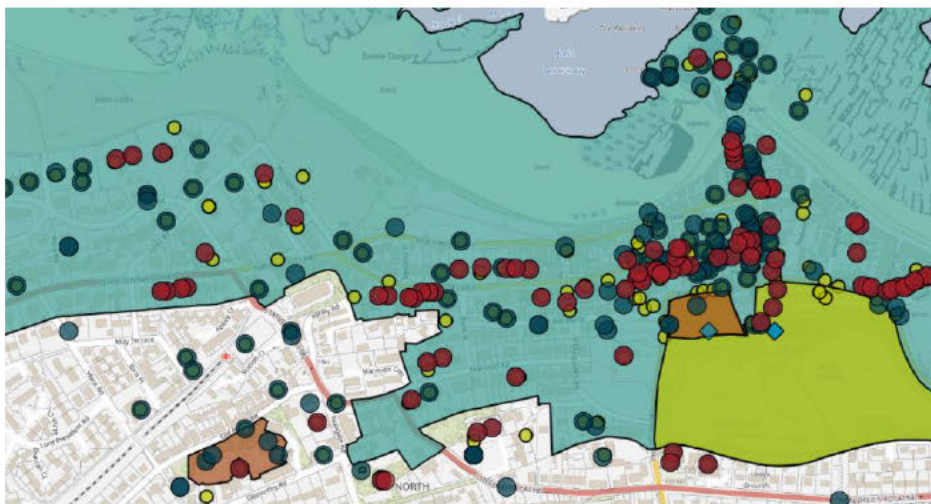


Figure 2: Detail map showing part of North Berwick's conservation area and listed buildings (source: [Pastmap](#))

By the 17<sup>th</sup> century, fishing had become a significant part of the town's economy, and by the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was the main economic driver.<sup>5</sup> It was also during the 19<sup>th</sup> century that North Berwick saw its fortunes take a turn thanks to the introduction of the railway.

Advertised as the 'Biarritz of the North', North Berwick became a prime destination for holidaymakers from Edinburgh, Glasgow and London.<sup>6</sup> This newfound popularity

<sup>1</sup> Canmore, Historic Environment Scotland.

<sup>2</sup> [John Gray Centre](#).

<sup>3</sup> Understanding Scottish Places (2015).

<sup>4</sup> Stewart, Terry. [Historic UK](#).

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also attracted 'settlers', a pattern which would continue in later years.

The coastal area of North Berwick is now a designated conservation area, or an area of "special architectural or historic interest".<sup>7</sup> This means planning permission is limited and is required even for relatively minor work.

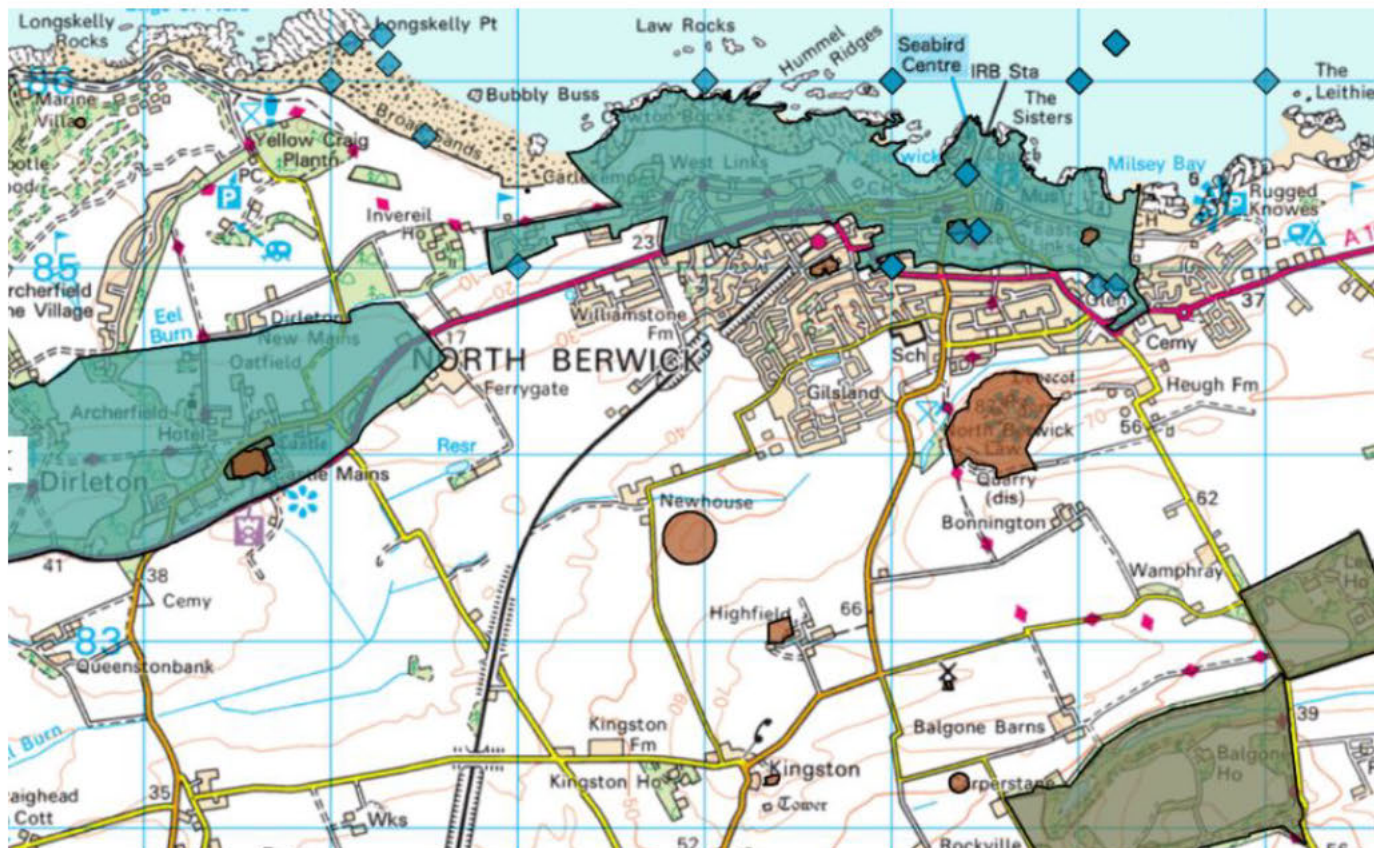


Figure 3: Detail map showing, among other things, scheduled monuments around North Berwick (brown) (source: [Pastmap](#))

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# Demographics

According to USP, which relies primarily on data from the 2011 Scottish census, the population of the town of North Berwick is 6,605.

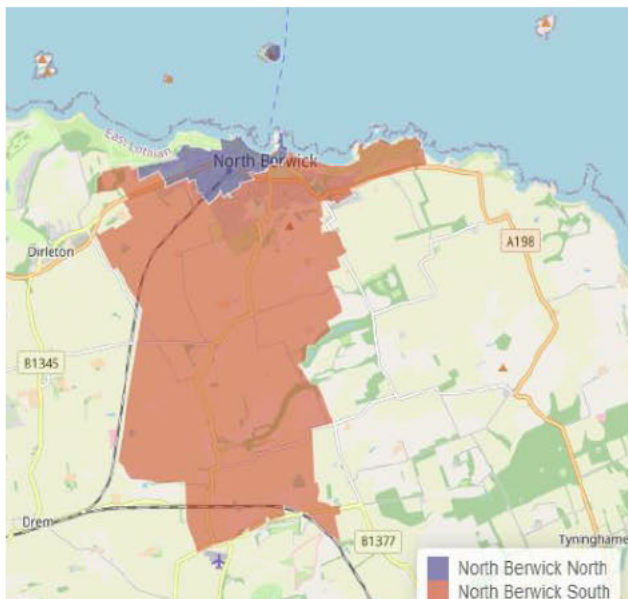


Figure 3: Map of North Berwick North (IZ18) and North Berwick South (Z19) (source: [OpenStreetMap](https://www.openstreetmap.org))

Below is a map depicting the two primary Intermediate Zones (IZs)<sup>8</sup> – statistical geographies created by the Scottish Government – which correlate with North Berwick. As of 2021, the total population of these zones was 8,397.<sup>9</sup> The total number of households in the same area was 4,050 in 2020.

The total population of the eleven the data zones – the statistical geography below intermediate zones (see Deprivation) – fully or partially included in the Community Council boundaries is 8,912, meaning the number of people residing within the Community Council boundaries is slightly lower than that figure.

From 2001 to 2011, the population increased by 3% and the number of households by 6%, both lower rates than those for similar towns in Scotland during the period.<sup>10</sup> However, the population increased by 4% between 2012 and 2016,

more than in similar towns.

According to [Scotland's 2022 Census](#), East Lothian population change from 2011 to 2022 was +12.7%, the second highest increase after Midlothian (16.1%). More granular data for the 2022 census is scheduled for release in spring 2024.

The working age population (16-65) of North Berwick's data zones is 4,942.<sup>11</sup> In North Berwick North, 50% of the population is of working age.<sup>12</sup> For North Berwick South, the figure is 59%. Conversely, 38% and 20% of residents in these zones are over the age of 65, respectively.

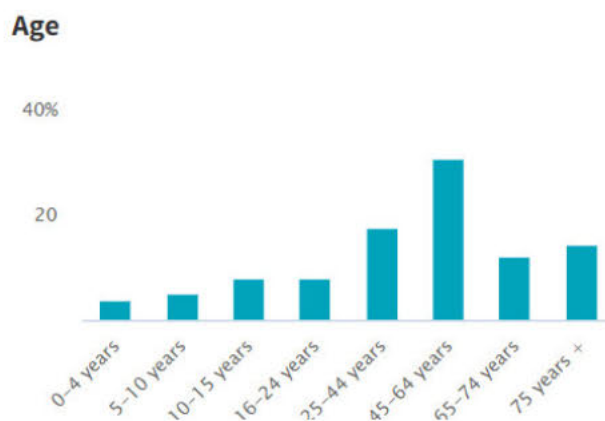


Figure 4: Graph depicting age of North Berwick inhabitants (source: [Understanding Scottish](#))

<sup>8</sup> SpatialData.gov.scot, Intermediate Zone Boundaries (2001). In 2021, IZ18 had a population of 3,200 and IZ19 had a population of 5,197.

<sup>9</sup> Public Health Scotland (2024).

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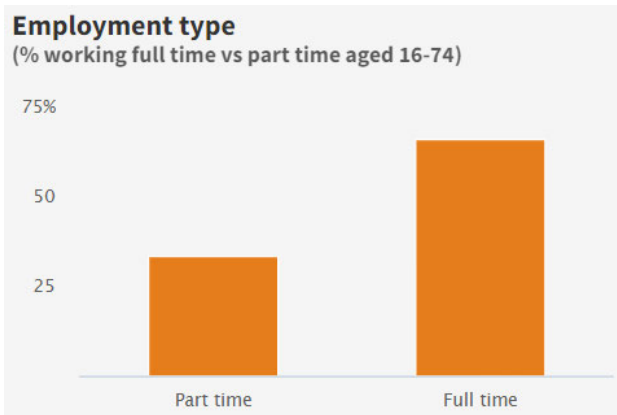


Figure 5: Graph depicting employment stati in North Berwick (source: Understanding Scottish Places)

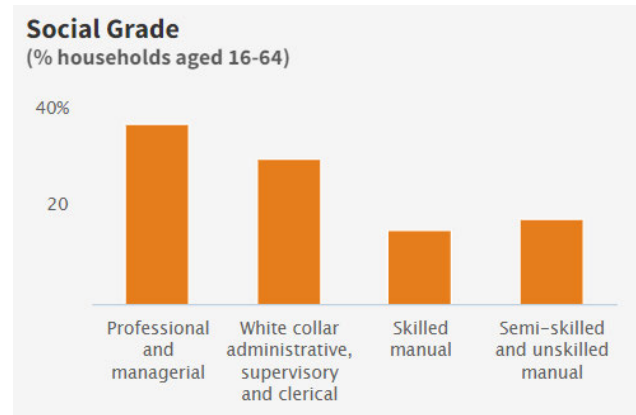


Figure 6: Graph depicting professional classes in North Berwick (source: Understanding Scottish Places)

In a survey of East Lothian residents, North Berwick Coastal was found to have the lowest proportion of respondents in full-time employment at just 25%.<sup>13</sup> North Berwick Coastal respondents were most likely to be permanently retired from work, with 37% reporting as much. This was almost double the proportion of respondents who were retired in other areas surveyed.

The life expectancy for females in North Berwick North is 84.16. In North Berwick South, it is 87.32. These are both higher than the East Lothian average of 82.74 and the Scotland-wide average of 80.81. For males, the averages are 83.57 and 81.77, respectively. These are higher than the East Lothian average of 78.97 and the Scotland average of 76.58.



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# Deprivation

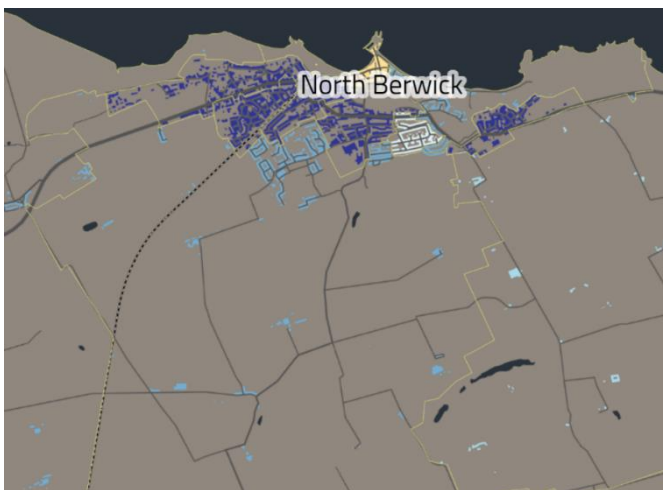
According to most metrics, North Berwick is very well off compared to the Scottish average. North Berwick Coastal is considered East Lothian’s most affluent area, with inequalities less prominent across categories than in other area partnerships.<sup>14</sup>

The [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation](#) (SIMD) is a measure of relative deprivation across Scotland published by the Scottish Government. The aim of the SIMD is to help improve understanding of the outcomes and circumstances of people living in deprived areas in order to allow for the effective targeting of policies and funding.

The meaning of “deprived” in this context can relate to low average incomes but can also mean fewer resources or opportunities. The SIMD looks at the extent to which an area is deprived across seven domains: income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing.

It is important to note that the SIMD is an area-based measure of relative deprivation. This means that while it highlights concentrations of deprivation, smaller ‘pockets of poverty’ in an area can remain hidden.<sup>15</sup>

To analyse multiple deprivation, the SIMD divides Scotland into data zones. The population of a data zone varies but is usually between 600 and 1,000 people. The SIMD ranks data zones from most deprived (ranked 1) to least deprived (ranked 6,976). People using the SIMD will often focus on the data zones below a certain rank; for example, the 5%, 10%, 15% or 20% most deprived data zones in Scotland.



NBCC boundaries encompass eight SIMD data zones<sup>16</sup> and contain part of three others.<sup>17</sup> The graphic opposite colour codes North Berwick’s data zones according to their relative overall deprivation. The colour indicates the decile (10% increment) in which a data zone’s deprivation ranks relative to the national picture.

Five of the 11 data zones fully or partially included in the Community Council boundaries of North Berwick are in the top (least deprived) 10%. One is in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile. Only one data zone – covering the area along North Berwick’s harbour – is below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (it is in the 47<sup>th</sup>). The average percentile is 77.6. This would be higher accounting only for the

*Figure 7: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation rankings for North Berwick*

population residing within in the Community Council boundaries as the data zones that lie partially outside the boundaries are more deprived on average, mainly due to a relative lack of access to services.

Looking more closely at the ‘domain ranks’ for various measures of inequality can give a more nuanced picture of how North Berwick’s data zones compare to national averages.

<sup>14</sup> East Lothian Council housing data (2024).

<sup>15</sup> East Lothian Council Housing Data (2024).

<sup>16</sup> S01008268, S0100826, S01008270, S01008271, S01008273, S01008274, S01008275 and S01008276.

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For income, North Berwick had an average domain rank of 5,083 (73<sup>rd</sup> percentile). On average, only 5% of people across North Berwick’s data zones are defined as income deprived. These results are supported by those from a survey of East Lothian residents, which found that North Berwick Coastal respondents were significantly more likely (61%) to say they are managing very well financially than people in other areas.<sup>18</sup> They were also most likely to say they could afford sport, exercise, hobby and leisure activities; repairs and replacements; and family day trips.

People on universal credit in EH39			
	Not in employment	In employment	Total
September 2023	267	170	440
September 2022	233	189	420
September 2021	247	201	451

People in North Berwick are, on average, very well educated and have good access to educational opportunities. The town ranks 5,566 (80<sup>th</sup> percentile) for education and boasts far below average numbers of working age individuals without qualifications. The percentage of young adults (16-19 years old) participating in education, training or employment is 98.5%.<sup>19</sup>

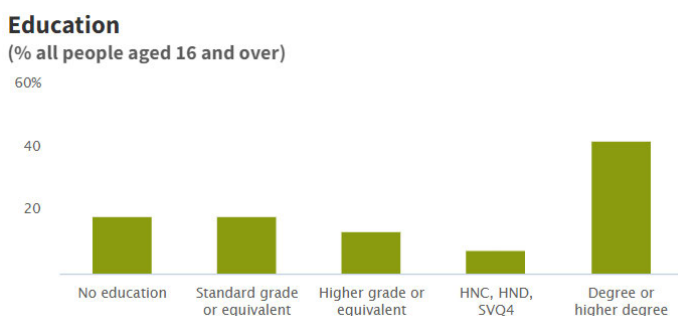


Figure 8: Graph depicting educational attainment in North Berwick (source: [Understanding Scottish Places](#))

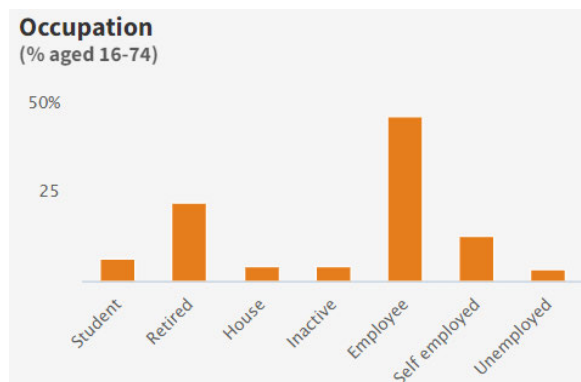


Figure 9: Graph depicting educational attainment in North Berwick (source: [Understanding Scottish Places](#))

North Berwick ranked 5,156 (74<sup>th</sup> percentile) for employment. On average, only 5% of people across North Berwick’s data zones are defined as employment deprived. (See Economy and tourism for further analysis).

North Berwick’s highest average ranking in the SIMD was for health: 5,765 (83<sup>rd</sup> percentile). Indeed, the rates of coronary heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma and early death from cancer are all significantly lower in North Berwick than they are in East Lothian and Scotland as a whole, particularly in North Berwick North.<sup>20</sup> Similarly, people in North Berwick experience fewer emergency hospitalisations before the age of 65.

There are few hospital stays related to drug use in North Berwick – none in seven of the 11 data zones – and few stays related to alcohol compared to the Scottish average.<sup>21</sup> This is despite there being a significantly higher number of alcohol outlets per 1,000 persons (10) in North Berwick North than the East Lothian average of one.<sup>22</sup> Overall, 17%

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of North Berwick's population is prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis. In the East Lothian residents' survey, North Berwick Coastal residents were significantly less likely (38%) to say that their mental health had declined than respondents living in other areas surveyed.

North Berwick's access rank was 3,095 (44<sup>th</sup> percentile), meaning the town is far more deprived in terms of access to services than it is in other dimensions of deprivation. However, compared to other rural areas in East Lothian, many of which lie below the 3<sup>rd</sup> SIMD decile,<sup>23</sup> North Berwick residents live very close to all essential services. They are, on average, less than a five minute drive from a GP, post office, primary school and retail outlet and only slightly over a five minute drive from a secondary school. North Berwick residents also have 78 hectares of green space per 1,000 people, more than in similar towns.<sup>24</sup>

Broadband access ranges considerably within the NBCC boundaries. At the time of the creation of the latest SIMD, in seven data zones less than 5% of people had access to superfast broadband (>30Mb/s download speed). In three zones, 0% did. However, in one zone, 91% of people had access to superfast broadband. In 2011, the average download speed in North Berwick was 16Mb/s, less than in similar towns.<sup>25</sup> However, according to Public Health Scotland, 98% of households in North Berwick North and 81% of households in North Berwick South had superfast broadband in 2022, compared to an East Lothian average of 87%.

North Berwick ranks 4,855 (70<sup>th</sup> percentile) for housing and 5,090 (73<sup>rd</sup> percentile) for crime in the SIMD. In the East Lothian residents' survey, North Berwick Coastal respondents were the least likely to feel threatened by crime (9%). However, they were most likely to say that their confidence in the police had decreased in the past two years (46%).



The number of residents per charity in North Berwick is 116, more than in similar towns, but the amount of funding (£65,000) secured by organisations from four major providers of grant funding in Scotland is greater than in similar towns.<sup>26</sup>

Given these statistics, perhaps it is no surprise that North Berwick Coastal respondents were most likely (70%) to say their neighbourhood was a very good place to live in the East Lothian survey.<sup>27</sup> However, they were also most likely (35%) to say that it had got worse.

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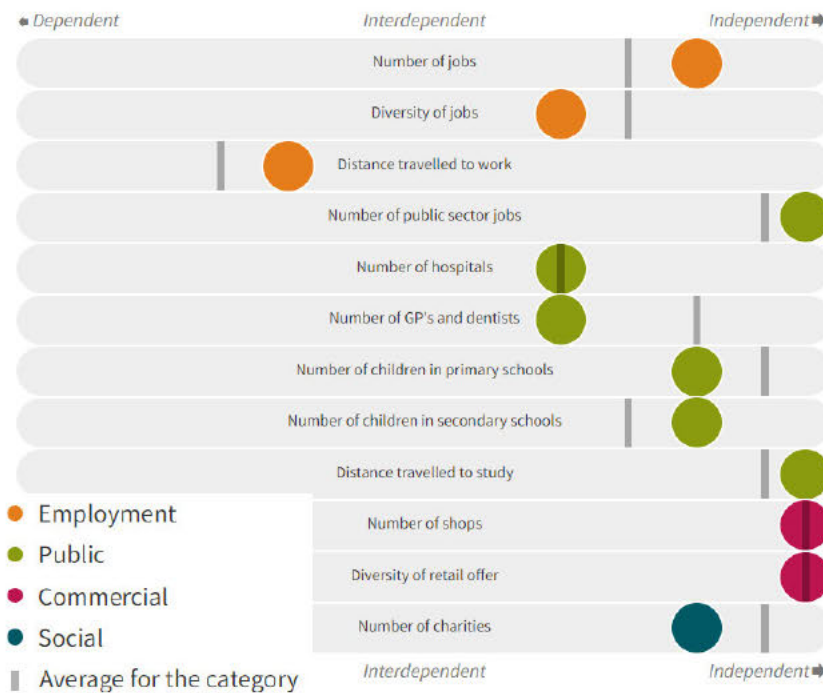
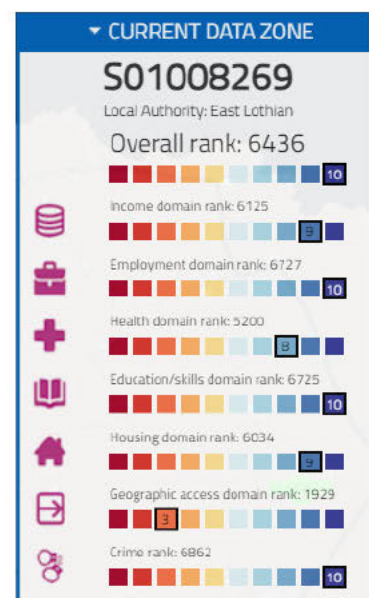
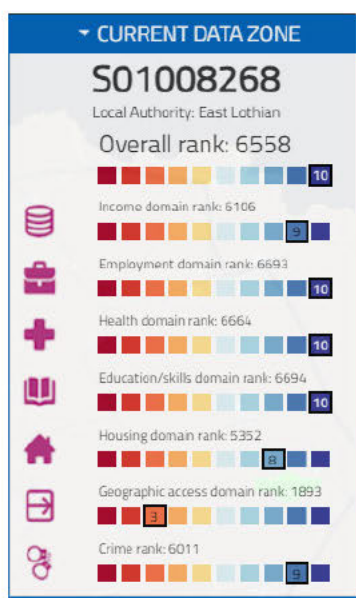
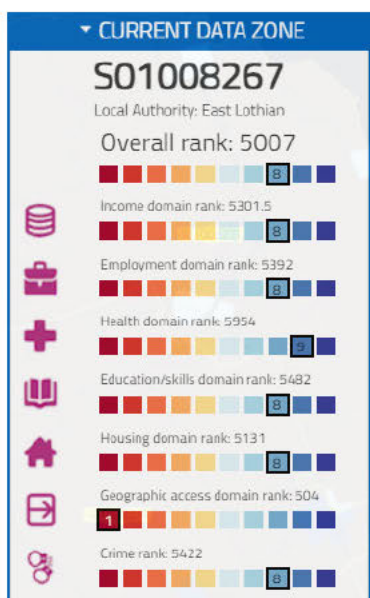


Figure 10: Graph depicting North Berwick's level of dependence across various metrics (source: [Understanding Scottish Places](#))

Figure 11: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation rankings for North Berwick data zones





# Economy and tourism

As discussed in Heritage, North Berwick has long been associated with tourism. Although visitation numbers spent decades in decline after their Victorian-era heyday<sup>28</sup> – especially during the 1960s when the rise of package holidays forced many shops and tourist-focussed activities in North Berwick to close – the town is once again [being hailed](#) as an attractive destination. This perception is reflected in the recent success of local [events](#) and businesses catering to tourists – and is borne out in the statistics.

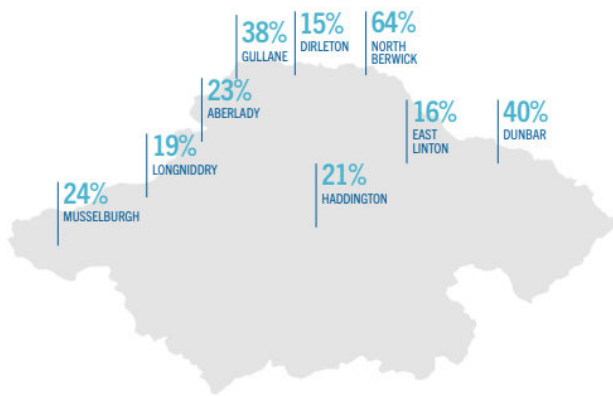
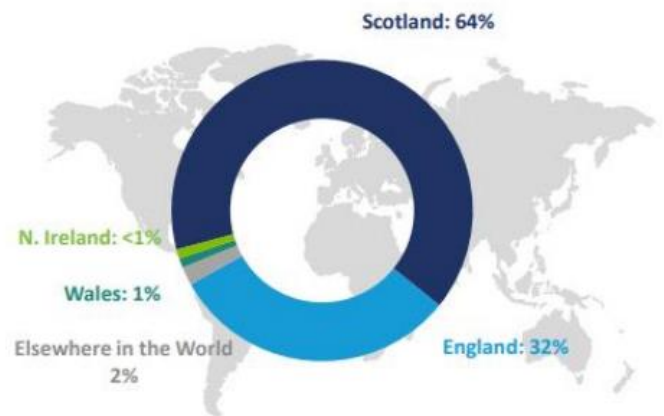


Figure 13: Map showing the percent of visitors who visit destinations in the county. North Berwick is by far the most popular (source: East Lothian Council's "Tourism Factsheet")

North Berwick's coastal views, East and West Bay beaches and vibrant harbour; golf courses; shops, pubs and restaurants; sites of archaeological, cultural and historical interest; proximity to nature; and accessible location by train from Edinburgh make it an appealing destination for day trippers. Edinburgh residents make up a quarter of all visitors, while Scottish visitors make up nearly two-thirds.<sup>29</sup>



Visitors aged 55-64 are most common, accounting for 30% of the overall sample. Those aged 35-44, 45-54 and 65-74 each account for nearly 20%. The most common type of

### Activities Undertaken

Places Visited	2003	2011	2015	2018	2021
Visiting the beach	48%	64%	62%	62%	77%
Sightseeing/touring	45%	68%	51%	55%	57%
Going to cafes	-	60%	32%	40%	43%
Countryside / country parks	7%	34%	35%	35%	38%
Going to restaurants	17%	52%	28%	29%	34%
Visiting gardens / parks	9%	14%	12%	18%	29%
Other shopping	22%	32%	20%	18%	24%
Farm/local food & drink	8%	16%	20%	22%	22%
Museums / galleries / exhibits	8%	43%	28%	30%	21%
Visiting friends/relatives	-	-	21%	19%	18%
Going to pubs	-	24%	15%	16%	18%
Historical buildings	27%	31%	23%	24%	17%
Craft centres / shops	8%	20%	13%	14%	11%
A specific event	-	1%	21%	19%	7%
Other	-	1%	3%	7%	6%

Figures 14 and 15: The origin of visitors to North Berwick (above) and activities undertaken by visitors to North Berwick (below) (source: East Lothian Council's "Tourism Factsheet")

<sup>28</sup> "Tourism", The Fourth Statistical Account of East Lothian.







<sup>29</sup> East Lothian Visitor Statistics & Insights, Key Figures (2022).

visitor group is two adults (45%) followed families (32%). The majority of visitors (65%) work either full- or part-time or are self-employed; nearly three in 10 are retired.

Most visitors to East Lothian staying overnight (around 60%) plan and book their trip at least one month before visiting. Less than 10% reported that they did not book any aspect of their trip in advance. The average length of overnight stays is 4.5 nights, a significant increase from 2018, when the average was 3.9 nights. In 2021, the most popular type of accommodation was caravan parks/camping (33%), followed by rental accommodation (24%), hotels (19%), staying with friends/relatives (16%) and Airbnb (6%). The number of tourist beds in North Berwick is 117, more than in similar towns per head of population.<sup>30</sup>

Thirty-eight percent of visitors to East Lothian stated that their visit was better than expected; only 1% said the opposite.<sup>31</sup> Seventy-two percent rated their likelihood to recommend East Lothian as a place to visit at 9 or 10 out of 10. Overall, people rated their visits to East Lothian 4.6 out of 5. These results have improved over time.

Tourism has a large economic impact on North Berwick. Visitors spend an average of £63.54 per day during their trips. This money goes toward food and drink, shopping, entertainment, travel and transport and accommodation (for overnight stays). In 2022, the Fringe by the Sea festival brought in [£6.5 million](#) during its 10-day run. Although overnight visitors account for roughly one-third of all tourists, they drive 85% of the economic impact of tourism in North Berwick.

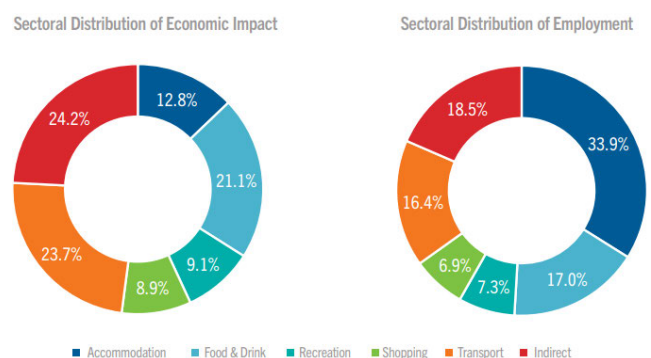
	 Total	 Food & Drink	 Shopping	 Entertainment	 Travel & Transport	 Accommodation (overnight stays only)
Day Trip Scotland	£25.13	£12.02	£5.70	£3.62	£3.79	-
Day Trip Rest of UK <sup>1</sup>	£54.01	£21.67	£18.21	£7.50	£6.64	-
Staying Visitors Scotland	£56.64	£14.08	£11.95	£4.19	£3.76	£22.66
Staying Visitors Rest of UK	£71.96	£16.75	£9.33	£5.63	£4.42	£35.83
Rural Relaxers	£62.64	£11.07	£6.94	£2.38	£3.87	£38.38
Sightseers	£63.33	£15.35	£8.44	£4.24	£4.26	£31.04
Active Explorers	£77.31	£19.92	£14.59	£6.14	£5.82	£30.84
Visiting Friends & Family	£46.33	£13.19	£7.70	£2.81	£3.90	£18.73
Event Goers	£95.08	£19.81	£8.15	£9.77	£4.03	£53.31

<sup>1</sup> Caution small sample size (n<50)

Figure 16: Chart detailing the average expenditure of various types of tourists (source: East Lothian Council)

Tourism in North Berwick is not without its associated problems. Namely, concerns have been raised about the number of short-term lets and second homes in the town centre (see Housing for more).

Figure 17: Pie charts comparing the sectoral distribution of tourism's economic impact to the distribution of employment in tourism by sector



<sup>30</sup> Understanding Scottish Places (2015).

<sup>31</sup> East Lothian Visitor Statistics & Insights, Key Figures (2022).

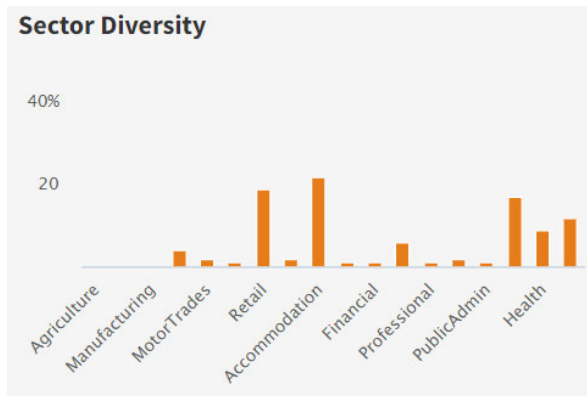


Figure 18: Business sector diversity in North Berwick (source: Understanding Scottish

The non-tourism economy of North Berwick is fairly diversified. Various professional businesses representing a variety of sectors operate out of the town (see Businesses), in addition to a large number of shops. The diversity of North Berwick’s retail offer is 46%, greater than in similar towns.<sup>32</sup>

There are approximately 2,000 jobs in North Berwick, fewer than in similar towns. The lower per capita number of jobs is likely explained by the relatively large portion of the population that is retired and the fact that the town is within commuting distance of a much larger city (see Transport). The mismatch is further offset by the fact that job growth has consistently been greater than in similar towns, signalling a robust and resilient economy.



<sup>32</sup> Understanding Scottish Places (2015).

# Housing

North Berwick, like many communities across the country and the world, is experiencing a housing crisis.

This is not the first time the town has found itself in this position. In 1946, the *Haddingtonshire Courier* reported an “acute housing shortage”.<sup>33</sup> The town council responded by making housing their number one priority. They immediately allocated 35 temporary prefabs, followed by 76 permanent dwellings later that same year and more in the subsequent years for a total of 200 municipal houses completed in the post-war period. This was widely regarded as a progressive approach to housing at the time.



In 1951, households in North Berwick were evenly divided among three main types: owner-occupancy, private tenancy and public housing. As salaries increased in the 1960s, many people became interested in purchasing property. The council introduced a new fixed-rate mortgage to first-time buyers working in the town. Meanwhile, they set high rents – reportedly the highest in the country – and used the additional revenue to maintain and upgrade the town’s amenities.

Although the council continued to build and redevelop existing structures into flats and houses in the 60s and 70s – including the award-winning Wishart Avenue, built with stone from the re-opened quarry at the Law – a government credit squeeze and a comparative lack of investment from the East Lothian District Council meant private development came to dominate.

By 1981, the figures were: 20% owner-occupiers, about 17% privately rented and over 60% rented from local authority. However, by 1991, these figures had reversed; 50% of households were occupied by the owners, just under 10% were private rentals and just under 40% were rented from the council.

Land scarcity constrained the size of developments, although large areas were developed in the 1990s. There was also much redevelopment and demolition, including of well-known structures such as Tantallon Hall, Harbour Terrace and the Royal Hotel. Some were converted into luxury flats. These redevelopments were often met with disapproval for various site-specific reasons.

Meanwhile, there was a growing need for rentals and sheltered accommodation to meet the needs of the many retired residents of North Berwick. “It has been said that North Berwick in the 1990s had the worst homeless record in East Lothian, which continued [into the 2000s]. The waiting list for council housing was said to be about 17 years.”<sup>34</sup>

Despite the expansion of housing during the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the overall appearance of North Berwick changed little during this period, according to [The Fourth Statistical Account of East Lothian](#).

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<sup>33</sup> “Homes”, [The Fourth Statistical Account of East Lothian](#).

<sup>34</sup> “Homes”, [The Fourth Statistical Account of East Lothian](#).

Today, there are approximately 3,140 homes within the NBCC boundaries, as estimated by East Lothian Council based on data from all of postcode EH39 4 and some of EH39 5.<sup>35</sup> In 2021, 59% of North Berwick Coastal residents reported owning their home outright, the highest percentage among respondents to the East Lothian Residents Survey.

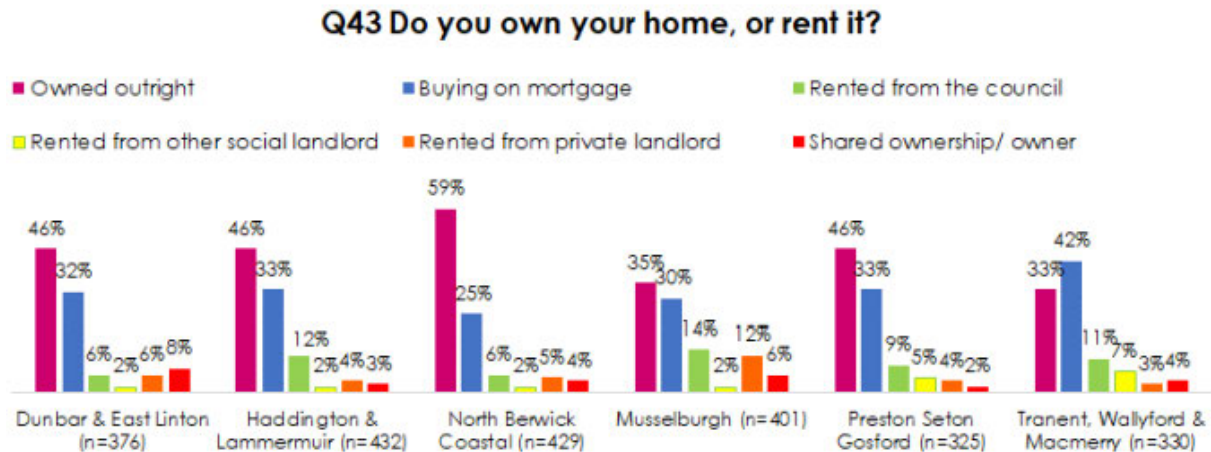


Figure 19: Graph depicting self-reported tenure types for North Berwick Coastal and other areas (source: East Lothian from the 2021 Residents' Survey)

Properties by tenure		
	Home Analytics	Various other available data (2023, more accurate)
Housing Association	109	78 (data provided by HA)
Local authority	280	345 (ELC Housing system)
Owner occupied	2394	<i>Only EH39 Data available</i>
Privately rented	350	432 (landlord registration system)
Unknown	7	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3140</b>	

The majority (65%) of the private rented stock in NBCC is owned by a landlord with a single rental property. Only seven registered landlords own six or more properties, and 34 own between two and five. Thirty-five rental properties have been added to the market in the past 17 months. The distribution of properties among landlords is shown in the chart below.

However, there are multiple challenges with regards to housing in North Berwick.

Houses prices are approximately twice the Scottish average. In 2021, the average price of houses sold in IZ18 was £393,600 and in IZ19 it was £414,136.<sup>36</sup> The average across Scotland was £201,160. (In East Lothian it was £281,716).

<sup>35</sup> Housing data, East Lothian Council (2024).

<sup>36</sup> Public Health Scotland (2024).

In the past year, there were 195 North Berwick properties sold on Rightmove, the UK’s largest real estate portal. The average sale price was £481,803. The average for East Lothian during the same period was £309,760 across 2,296 properties.

Public Health Scotland estimate that only 20% of households in IZ18 and 33% of households in IZ19 were in council tax bands A-C in 2020, compared to a Scottish average of 60%. Conversely, 47% of IZ18 households and 44% of IZ19

Number of properties owned by same landlord registered with East Lothian Council			
	August 2022	January 2023	January 2024
1 property owned	278	281	299
2-5 properties owned	32	34	34
6+ properties owned	7	7	7
Total number of registered landlords	317	322	340
Total number of registered properties	424	432	459

households were in council tax bands F-H, compared to a Scottish average of just 13% in these higher bands.

East Lothian Council estimate that the figures for council tax bands for Parish EH39 in 2024 were as follows:

Band	Properties	Percentage of total
A	35	0.7%
B	431	8%
C	887	17%
D	704	14%
E	762	15%
F	715	14%
G	1409	27%
H	261	5%

As house prices have increased in North Berwick, home ownership has become prohibitively expensive for many residents. In particular, the current issues with affordability make it extremely difficult for lower income households to get on the property ladder.

Another challenge is the relatively high proportion of second homes and short-term lets (STLs). This puts extra strain on the system and makes it more difficult to ensure enough homes are available for locals, especially those employed in the service and care sectors.

The East Lothian Council estimates that second homes account for 4.6% of properties in the North Berwick Coastal Area, although they note that this statistic could underrepresent the reality as there is no incentive for self-reporting and they must therefore rely on council tax data. There are 238 second homes in EH39 Parish, fewer than in 2020/21 when there were 247. The total number of homes in EH39 has increased by 143 in the same period for a total of 5,204.

The North Berwick Environment & Heritage Trust estimates that short-term lets account for [over 50%](#) of total accommodations in the town centre. The East Lothian Council does not yet have data on short term let licensing, but a commissioned report on the private rented sector found approximately 225 STLs across the North Berwick area partnership.<sup>37</sup>

Under [legislation](#) approved by the Scottish Parliament, local authorities were required to establish a short-term lets licensing scheme by 1 October 2022. In East Lothian, existing hosts and operators had until 1 October 2023 to apply for a licence and new hosts and operators must now first apply for a license before providing SLTs.

Local authorities were also given powers to designate control areas to manage high concentrations of short-term lets. The first of these was established in Edinburgh on 5 September 2022. So far, East Lothian Council has not designated any control areas, but says that this will be reviewed over time.

<sup>37</sup> “Research into the Private Rented Sector in East Lothian”, Arneil Johnston for East Lothian Council (2022).



Since 2022, 33 planning applications for change in use to SLT have been filed in NBCC.<sup>38</sup> Some of these are still awaiting a decision and some decisions are going through an appeals process. At the time of writing, 16 of the 33 applications were granted permission and 14 were refused.

The quality of the housing stock is also a source of concern. Buildings in conservation areas are often older and less energy efficient. With 150 listed buildings and 1,430 properties located within its conservation area, North Berwick faces associated challenges.

Of the 3,140 houses in NBCC, 1,017 (32%) are solid brick or stone. While durable and long-lasting, these properties may suffer from poor insulation and moisture control. In fact, 59% of houses in are uninsulated. However, the 49% of properties with built using cavity construction and 19% of houses with timber frames will fare better by these metrics. Moreover, only 105 people in North Berwick (1.5% of the population) lack central heating.<sup>39</sup>

The age breakdown of properties in North Berwick is as follows:

A final, and most intractable, problem is the unmet need for affordable housing, as well as a general shortage of suitable housing. The East Lothian Council estimates a current council housing demand of 708. According to the SIMD, 478 people in North Berwick's data zones are in overcrowded housing.

There were 78 total properties rented by registered social landlords (RSLs) in NBCC in 2023.<sup>40</sup> The East Lothian Housing Association (ELHA), which owns six of these, has had no increase in stock in NBCC in the past three years. The other RSLs are Dunedin Canmore with 33 properties, Places for People with 27 and Homes for Life with 12. At the end of 2022/23, there were 87 applicants who already lived in North Berwick on the ELHA registration list. The demand for other RSLs is currently unknown.

Age of properties in North Berwick		
Pre-1919	943	30.03%
1919-1949	304	9.68%
1950-1983	872	27.77%
1984-1991	323	10.29%
1992-2002	440	14.01%
Post-2002	251	7.99%
Unknown	7	0.22%

Existing Stock and Demand ELC Housing in North Berwick by bedroom number 2022							
	0 beds (studio)	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 bedrooms	Total
Existing Stock	0	85	163	87	10	0	345
Existing Demand / Housing list	0	285	147	64	16	0	512

Existing Stock and Demand ELC Housing in North Berwick by house type 2022							
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<sup>38</sup> Housing data, East Lothian Council (2024).

<sup>39</sup> Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (2020).

<sup>40</sup> Housing data, East Lothian Council (2024).

	4 in block (lower and upper)	Amenity housing	Bungalow	Double storey house	Tenemental flat (lower and upper)	Grand total
<b>Existing stock</b>	121	14	44	142	24	345
<b>Existing demand/ Housing List*</b>	707	34	467	183	473	512
*Applicants can select multiple types of properties, total does not add up to all property types.						

However, there have been some strides in terms of provision of affordable housing in recent years. The East Lothian Council reports, “Across the North Berwick area partnership, 242 affordable homes were developed in the past five years, including 75 mid-market properties and 129 wheelchair and ambulant disabled accessible homes. This provision of affordable housing has been higher than in any other area partnership due to the level of new housing developments in the area.

“Between 2012/13 and 2022/23, 79 East Lothian Council social rented homes were built, of which:

- 9 wheelchair bungalows
- 24 flatted properties
- 21 house for 4 persons
- 25 houses for 5 persons

“34 homes were built for mid-market rent and 32 homes were built for Low Cost Home Ownership.

“The percentage of tenancies sustained for more than a year has been over 90% in the past three years. Likewise, the turnover in properties is one of the lowest nationally. Only 4.82% of ELC properties became lettable in 2022/23, compared to a national average of 7.42%. This data is positive because it means tenants are satisfied with the property they are given. However it also means that properties are not becoming available regularly for new tenants.”

According to the East Lothian Council, there are 12 ‘vacant unoccupied’ properties in EH39 Parish that have been empty for less than six months. This is compared to 19 such properties in 2020/21. However, there are 41 ‘long term vacant’ properties which have been empty for more than six months, up from 36 in 2020/21. This means that five of the 19 dwellings that had recently been vacated in 2020/21 remained unoccupied, while two regained occupancy.

Public Health Scotland found that as of 2020, only 87% of properties in North Berwick North were occupied, compared to 96% of properties in North Berwick South and 97% of properties across East Lothian. If correct, this would present an opportunity to alleviate housing pressures. However, the Council estimates that just 1% of properties in NBCC are ‘long term empty’, presenting significantly less room for improvement.

# Transport

For a town of its size, North Berwick is well serviced by public transport, both in terms of local and further flung connections.

According to Public Health Scotland, 99% of people in North Berwick North and 86% of people in North Berwick South were within a 10-minute walk of public transport in 2021, while 99% and 74% respectively were within a 10-minute walk of high frequency public transport (defined as having more than five stops per hour). In 2015, the average travel time to a GP by public transport was nine minutes, less than the East Lothian and Scottish averages of 11 and 10 minutes respectively.

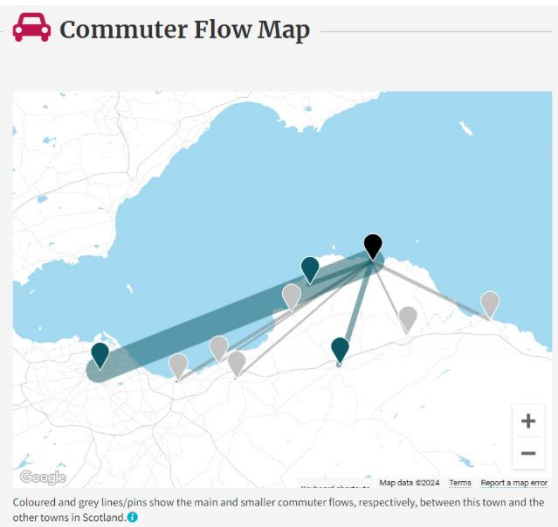


Figure 20: Map of commuter flows (source: Understanding Scottish Places, which uses data from the 2011 census)

Passenger rail services have been running between North Berwick and Edinburgh since 1850. The North Berwick Branch connects North Berwick to the East Coast Main Line via Drem. It takes 33 minutes to get to the capital. Trains run hourly, with additional services during rush hour and on Saturdays. As of February 2024, tickets are usually £7.90 one-way.

Local bus services to Edinburgh include East Coast Buses 124 and X5, which run throughout the day. Both depart from the Tesco on Tantallon Road. The 124 line ends at Usher Hall in Edinburgh’s West End and the X5 goes to Frederick Street. Prices vary but begin from £4 one-way for daytime passengers travelling without a bus pass, meaning this is usually the cheapest way to get to the capital. With 71 stops in total, including many in North Berwick and the surrounding area, these buses also serve to connect different parts of town.

A weekend late-night bus service, the N124, runs from Lochbridge Road to Semple Street in Edinburgh. Additionally, the 125, 126 and 127 buses each depart once a day at 15:35. They connect North Berwick to Musselburgh, Aberlady and Longniddry respectively. Tickets start from £3 one-way.

It is also possible to access towns across East Lothian via bus from North Berwick. For example, Haddington can be reached in under an hour by taking the 120 and 106/X7 buses and East Fortune (home of the National Museum of Flight) can be reached in around 30 minutes on the 121.

Residents’ outlook toward buses in North Berwick appears mixed. Only 37% of North Berwick Coastal respondents to the 2021 East Lothian Residents’ Survey said they were satisfied with their local bus services. Almost as many (31%) said they were dissatisfied. This compares to a satisfaction rate of 71% and a dissatisfaction rate of only 8% in Musselburgh. However, in the 2017 version of the survey,

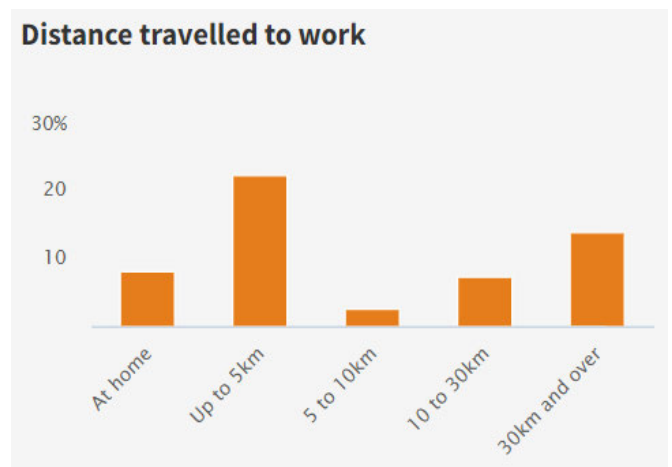


Figure 21: Graph showing the distance people in North Berwick travel to get to work (source: Understanding Scottish Places, which uses data from the 2011 census. This may have changed post-Covid)

84% of North Berwick Coastal respondents were satisfied with the local bus service, compared to an East Lothian average of 77%.

In the 2021 survey, North Berwick Coastal residents were the most likely to report walking or cycling to work frequently, with almost half (45%) saying as much. They were also the most likely to say that their area is safe for pedestrians and wheelchair users (64%). This corresponds with relatively positive metrics for many aspects of walkability as measured by Public Health Scotland (eg proximity to restaurants, cafes and social and cultural spaces). However, in other regards, North Berwick is average or below average with respect to walkability, particular North Berwick South due to its comparatively rural nature.

This means that North Berwick is no stranger to the car. The 2011 census found that approximately 8 in 10 residents owned at least one vehicle. And North Berwick respondents were most likely to say that they drive to public transport facilities and libraries in the East Lothian Residents' Survey.

They were also most likely to say that roads are now safer for drivers (50%). Indeed, the rate of traffic accident casualties per 100,000 people is lower in North Berwick than in East Lothian as a whole, especially in North Berwick North, where it is 35 compared to 62 in East Lothian.<sup>41</sup>

The average drive time to a primary school is 3 minutes,<sup>42</sup> and the average drive time to a petrol station is 3.5 minutes.<sup>43</sup> North Berwick residents live on average around 10 minutes by car from GPs, post offices and public transport.

However, there are problems with traffic volumes in town, especially during the summer.



*Figure 22: A screenshot showing the live road traffic flows at 16:45 on Tuesday, 30 January 2024 (source: Parish Online)*

<sup>41</sup> Public Health Scotland (2024).

<sup>42</sup> Public Health Scotland (2024).

<sup>43</sup> Understanding Scottish Places (2024).

According to The Fourth Statistical Account of East Lothian, “The one-way traffic system in the High Street / Forth Street began as long ago as August 1934, initially during the summer months, and was then extended to apply all year round. The first traffic warden in North Berwick was appointed in 1974.”

In April 2023, the East Lothian Council introduced a new parking charge scheme.<sup>44</sup> This was after an extensive consultation process, during which 49% of 1,407 respondents agreed that North Berwick has a parking problem and 29% stated that it does not.

The move to manage demand and clamp down on free parking in the city centre was motivated by the understanding that “parking management strategies can encourage the use of alternative and more sustainable modes of travel, as well as reduce congestion and increase the turnover and thus parking opportunities in the spaces available.” It will also [raise an estimated £1.2m annually for the Council](#).

As part of the scheme, four [controlled parking zones](#) were created. In these zones, motorists must pay between 50p and £1 per 30-minute period for on-street parking, while residents can purchase £40 permits. Motorists are also now being charged to use town centre car parks during the day, with a maximum stay of four hours.

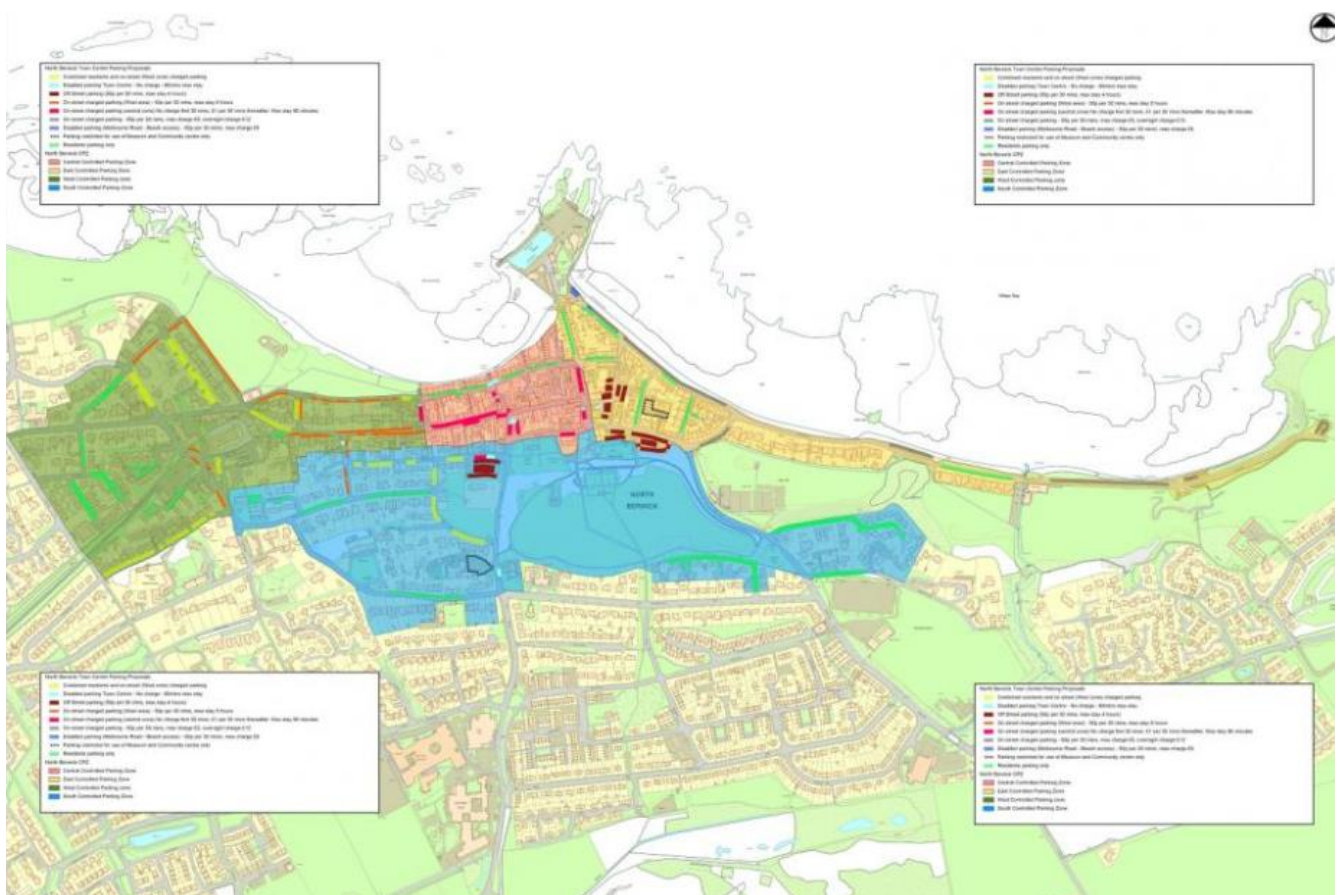


Figure 23: Map showing the four controlled parking zones in North Berwick: Central (red), West (green), South (blue) and East (orange) (source: [East Lothian Courier](#))

<sup>44</sup> “Introduction of Parking Management proposals in North Berwick”, East Lothian Council (2023).

# Climate change and environment

Climate change means that all areas of the world will experience increasing extremes of weather and temperature with a wide range of effects occurring throughout the year.



Figure 24: Vulnerability to coastal erosion (source: [Dynamic Coast](#))

As the result of climate change, Scotland will experience warmer, wetter winters with more intense rainfall events.<sup>45</sup> Under a low emissions scenario, average winters are projected to be around 8% wetter and 1 degree warmer by 2050. Under a high emissions scenario, average winters are projected to be around 19% wetter and 2.7 degrees warmer by 2080.

Scotland will also experience hotter, drier summers. Under a low emissions scenario, average summers are projected to be around 1.2 degrees warmer and 7% drier by 2050. Under a high emissions scenario, average summers are projected to be around 3 degrees warmer and 18% drier by 2080.

North Berwick in the near term is coastal erosion.

One of the biggest climate changed-related challenges facing

Conservation efforts have already taken place at the North Berwick Golf Club, which [commissioned environmental consultancy EnviroCentre](#) to design a solution. Maintenance work commenced following an environmental

assessment of the potential impacts of coastal intervention. It included the replacement of rock armour protection and sand dunes washed away during a storm in 2016.<sup>46</sup> New sand was imported and soft rock sacks made of geotextile material were placed in layers in the centre of the sand dune to mitigate further erosion. Marram grass was planted in the hopes that its root system will assist in reducing the movement of the dune. North Berwick will increasingly be at risk from flooding and, eventually, sea level rise due to



Figures 25 and 26: Works to prevent coastal erosion at North Berwick Golf Club (source: [North Berwick Golf Club](#))



climate change.

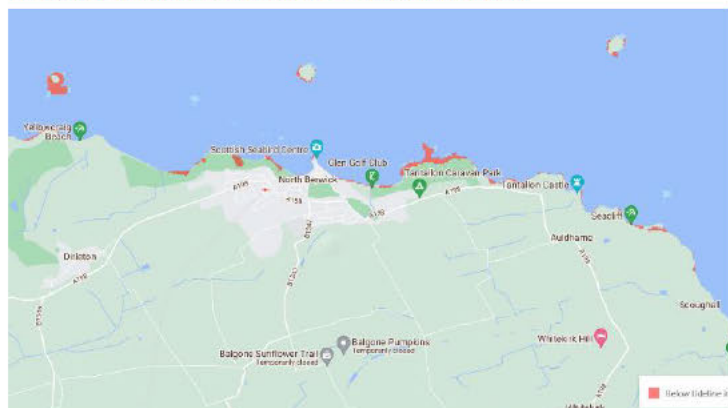


Figure 27: Map depicting the parts of the current coastline projected to below the tideline in 2100 with 2.9 degrees of warming, the maximum temperature rise predicted by the International Panel on Climate Change if we do not make progress toward lowering emissions (source: [Climate Central](#))

<sup>45</sup> [Historic Environment Scotland](#).

<sup>46</sup> "Coastal Erosion at North Berwick, 2018-19", [northberwick.org.uk](http://northberwick.org.uk)

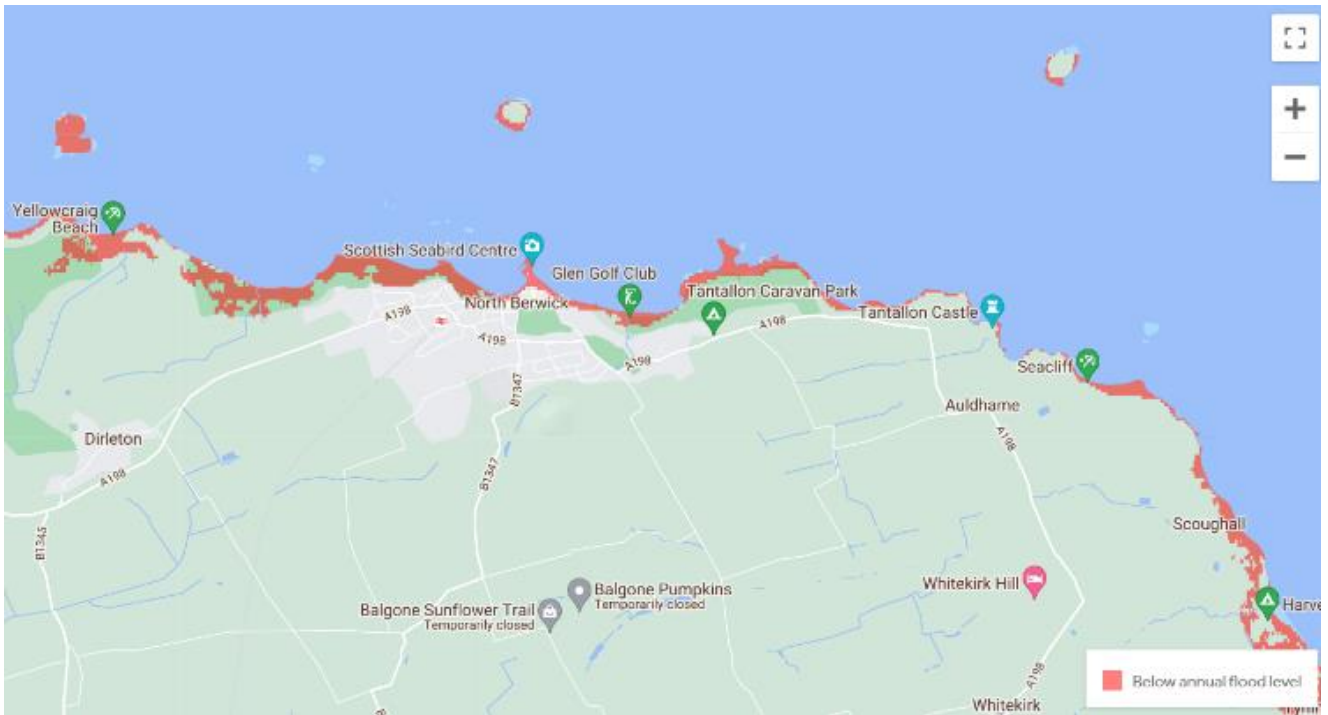


Figure 28: Land projected to be below annual flood level in 2050 (source: [Climate](#))

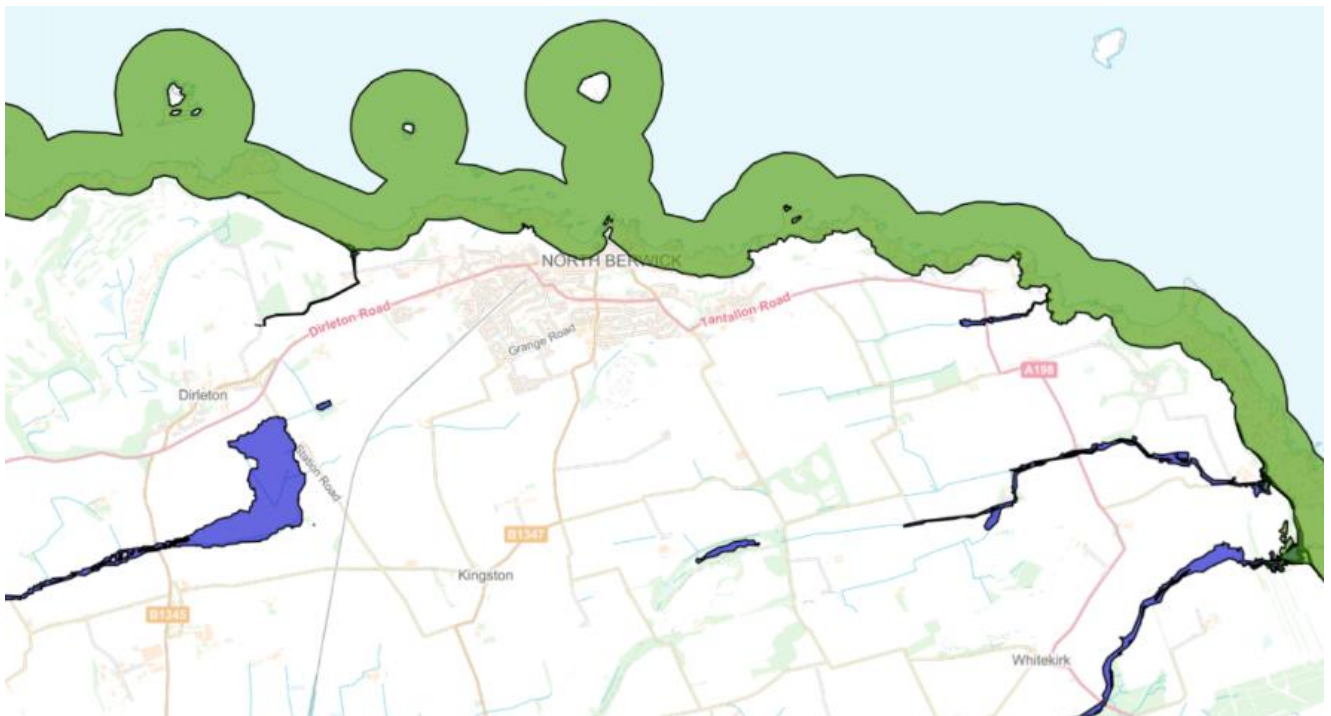


Figure 29: Areas at high risk of coastal and river flooding (source: [Parish](#))



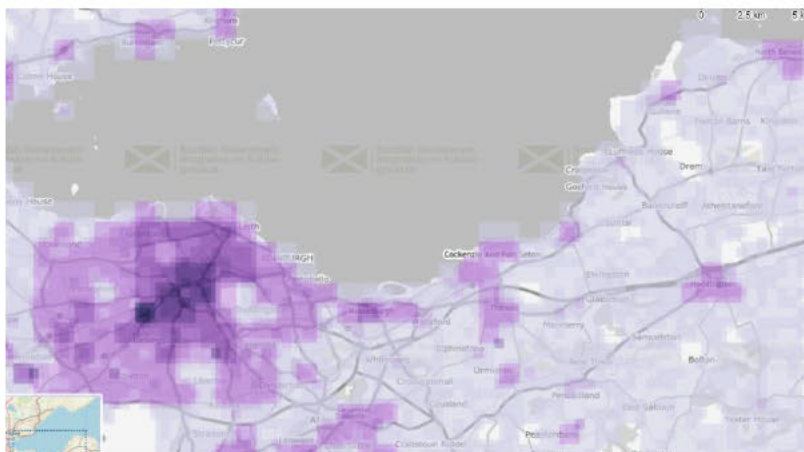
In late 2023, a storm [washed away a section of the 200-year-old listed harbour wall](#) and walkway and caused significant damage to the town's beaches. In response, the North Berwick Harbour Trust, together with East Lothian Council, immediately enacted an emergency repair plan.

As of February 2024, much repair work has been completed, and improvements such as kayak racks, drains and metalwork had been added.<sup>47</sup> In the longer-term, a more heritage-focused repair could be developed.<sup>48</sup>

*Figure 30: Storm damage to harbour wall (source: [North Berwick Harbour Trust](#))*

Heat islands are what happens when the built environment elevates temperatures in a developed area compared with its surrounds. Due to the town's density, North Berwick residents are likely to experience heat island effects.

The map above shows North Berwick in the context of other settlements along the Firth of Forth. As can be seen, central Edinburgh experiences the worst heat island effects, but towns like North Berwick are not unaffected. The map below shows a close up view of heat island effects in North Berwick.



*Figure 31: Map showing heat island effects around the Firth of Forth (source: [Scottish Government](#))*



*Figure 32: Detail map showing heat island effects in North Berwick (source: [Scottish Government](#))*

North Berwick appears to be relatively climate conscious. Climate-focussed community group [Sustaining North Berwick](#) is very active, embodying their driving principle of “acting locally, thinking globally” by hosting events like a monthly Climate Café and encouraging locals to take part in climate activism.

A [request for public feedback](#) on climate change by Sustaining North Berwick revealed that local people have many concerns about the changing climate – as well as many ideas about what individuals and governments alike can and should do to prevent catastrophe.

<sup>47</sup> “Storm Update”, North Berwick Harbour Trust (2024)

<sup>48</sup> “Fears of worsening damage to harbour after coastline battered”, *East Lothian Courier* (2023)



In the 2021 East Lothian Residents' Survey, North Berwick Coastal respondents were most likely to buy local produce (78%) and frequently eat less meat (48%). Additionally, they were most likely (43%) to say that more electric vehicle charging points would definitely improve their individual impact on climate change and to say that 20mph speed limits have a positive impact on climate change (47%).

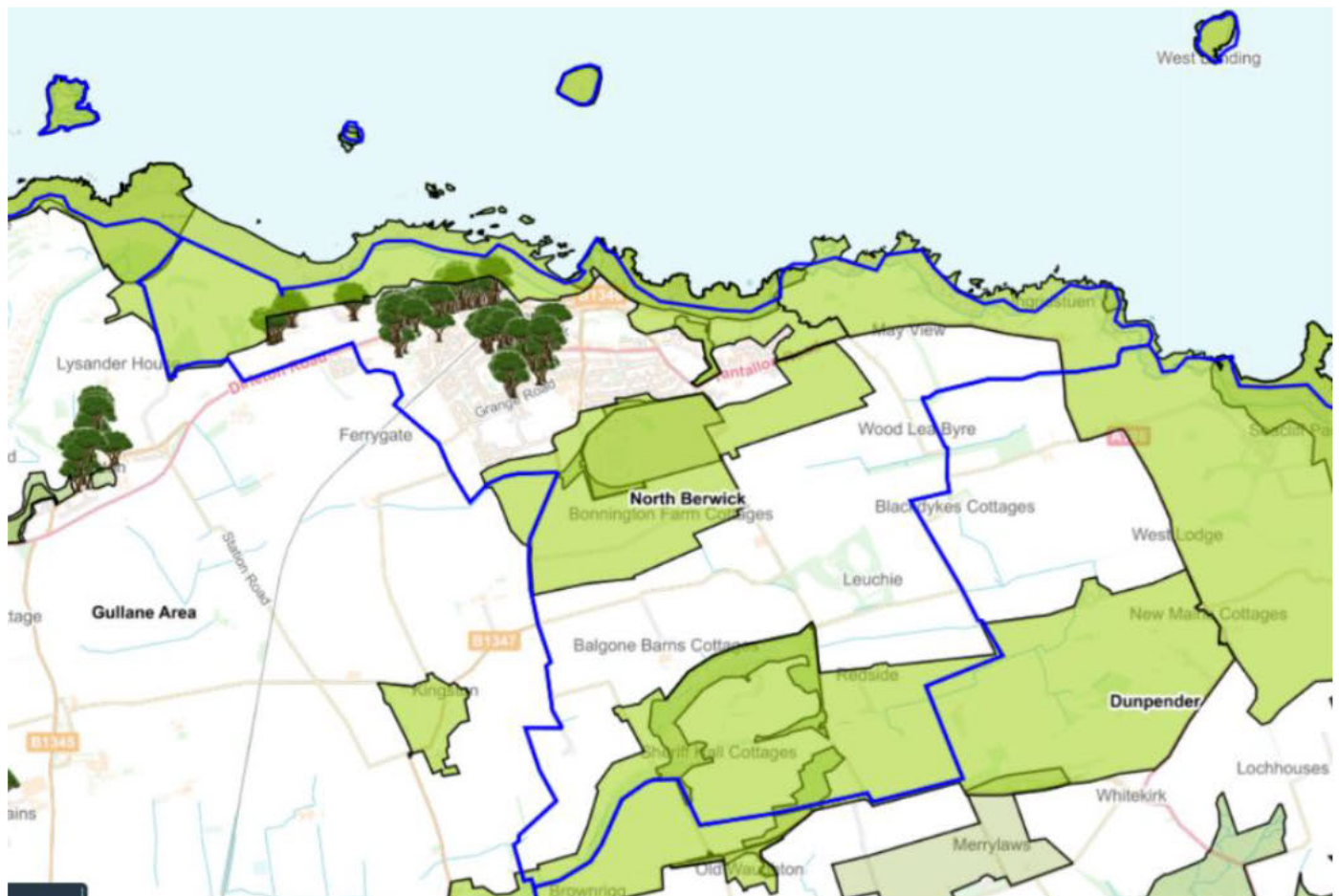


Figure 33: Map showing [Local Landscape Areas](#), Local Nature Conservation Sites and Tree Preservation Orders (tree icons) (source: Parish Online)

# Energy

According to data from 2019 and 2021, 22% of people in North Berwick lived in fuel poverty under the definition set out in the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019.<sup>49</sup> This is lower than the figures for other area partnerships in East Lothian. However, it does not account for soaring energy prices and the cost-of-living crisis they have fuelled in recent years.

The three key areas that require energy in Scotland are heating (53%), transportation (25%) and electricity use in buildings and industry (22%), according to the Scottish Government. Progress has been made on the latter in terms of decarbonisation, with significant electricity demand now being met by renewables.



Figure 34: Map showing the sites of wind turbines in and around North Berwick (source: Parish Online)

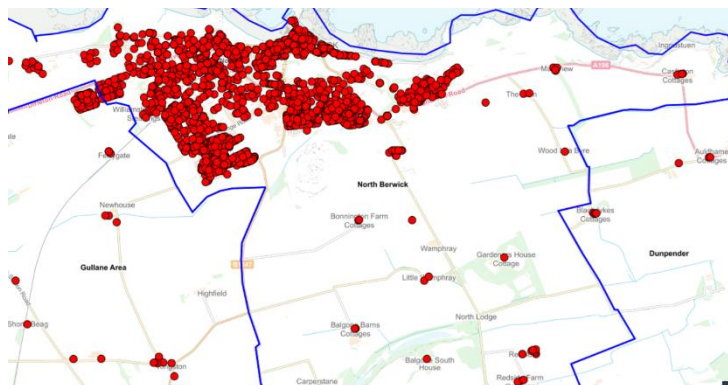


Figure 35: Map showing properties with the potential to increase their EPC ratings (source: Parish Online)

Residential heating, however, remains a persistent source of greenhouse gas emissions.

Currently, 43% of homes in North Berwick have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of A-C, meaning they are fairly energy efficient. This is below the Scottish average. To meet the national net zero target, all buildings in Scotland must have significantly reduced their energy use, and almost all buildings must be using a zero-emissions heating system, by 2045. This creates a challenge for North Berwick, but also demonstrates that there is room for significant improvement in this aspect of sustainability.

<sup>49</sup> Housing data, East Lothian Council (2024).

## Local assets

There are a large number of community groups operating in North Berwick. Below is a list of some of those that have been identified by the Steering Group, and their contact information.

Group	Contact
North Berwick Community Council	
North Berwick Environment & Heritage Trust	
North Berwick Trust	
North Berwick in Bloom	
North Berwick Harbour Trust	
Community Centre	
Stepping Out	
Scottish Seabird Centre	
North Berwick Art Collective	
North Berwick Youth Project	
North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership	
North Berwick Coastal Health and Wellbeing Association	
East Lothian Council	
East Lothian On the Move (by North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership and East Lothian Council)	
Cycleforth	
Sustaining North Berwick	
North Berwick Business Association	
Rotary Club of North Berwick	
Bass Rock Community Group	
The Friends of the Edington Hospital	

## Businesses and attractions

North Berwick supports a wide range of businesses of various types. These include retail shops, pubs and restaurants; mining; professional services (consultants, accountants, PR/communications agencies); construction and home improvement services (property developers, contractors, interior designers, surveyors, landscape designers, painters, decorators, carpenters, architects, builders); technology and digital services (e-commerce agencies, web designers, media consultants, online marketers, software development houses); and miscellaneous specialised services (catering, dog grooming, event planning, bike repair, acupuncture).

Here is a sampling of some of the businesses currently operating in North Berwick.



- [\*Steampunk Coffee Roasters\*](#) is a highly successful artisanal roastery and coffee shop housed in an old joinery warehouse in Kirk Ports. Opened in 2012, it has received much [positive press](#) and [plans to expand](#) in the future.
- [\*KTDesign Partnership\*](#) is an architecture and design firm founded by chartered architect Kath Thomson in 1996. KTDesign's portfolio includes residential, retail, commercial and domestic interiors. They have worked on schools, social housing and listed buildings across Scotland.
- [\*Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery\*](#) is a registered Scottish charity started by three local lobster enthusiasts who aim to help strengthen the marine ecosystem and support the local economy through their work.
- [\*The Lighthouse\*](#) is a business hub offering coworking, fixed desks and private offices as well as meetings and events spaces at flexible rates.



North Berwick has a number of attractions that both locals and tourists can enjoy. These include the highly rated Scottish Seabird Centre, winner of the Green Tourism award; North Berwick Law; the famous West Links and other golf courses; the island of Bass Rock, home to the world's largest northern gannet colony; and Tantallon Castle.

## Facilities

North Berwick's core facilities include North Berwick Group Practice, North Berwick Police Station and North Berwick Fire Station. The following lists of schools and churches were compiled by the Steering Group subject to minor editing:

### Schools:

Law Primary School	law.ps@law.elcschool.org.uk
North Berwick High School	mmoore@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk
Law Primary School Nursery	nurseryadmin@law.elcschool.org.uk
Pumpkin Patch Nursery	ppnorthberwick@aol.co.uk

### Churches:

St Andrew Blackadder Church	admin@standrewblackadder.org.uk
Abbey Church of Scotland	abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
The Baptist Church	northberwickbaptist.org
North Berwick Christian Fellowship	hello@nbcf.church
St Baldred's Episcopal Church	stbaldredsnorthberwick.org.uk
Our Lady Star of the Sea	<a href="https://www.ourladystarofthesea.co.uk/contact">https://www.ourladystarofthesea.co.uk/contact</a>

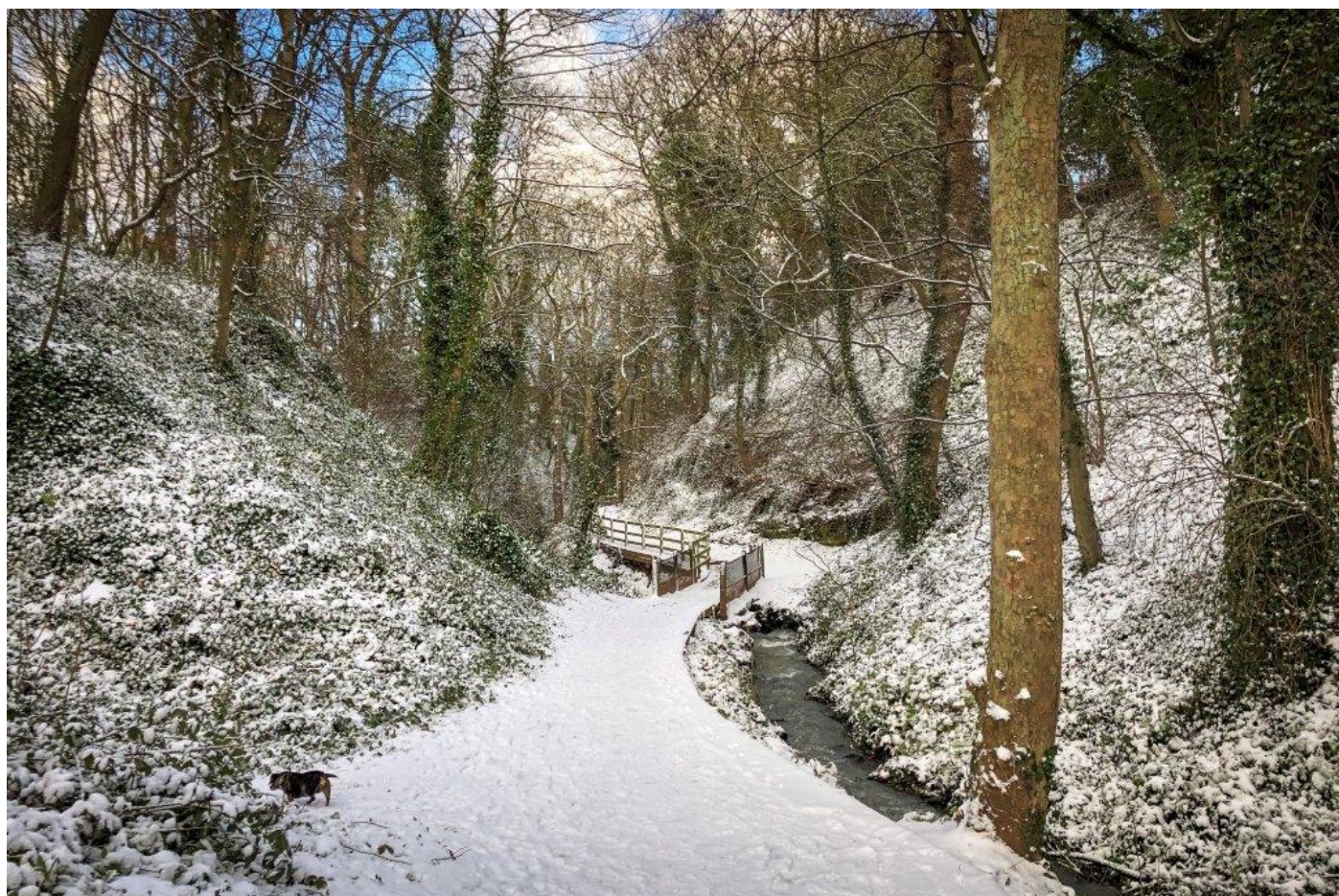
The following NBCC care homes and sheltered housing facilities were identified by East Lothian Council:

### Care homes in NBCC:

Name	Type	Area	Owner	Criteria	No places
Astley House Nursing Home	Care home with nursing	North Berwick	Copperbeech	Older people / mental health conditions / dementia	40
Fidra House	Care home with nursing	North Berwick	Randolph Hill Group	Older people	60
Richard Cave MS Holiday Home (Leuchie House)	Care home with nursing (respite)	North Berwick	Multiple Sclerosis Society	Respite / older people / physical disabilities	18
Tantallon House	Care Home	North Berwick	Morar UK	Older people / dementia / palliative / respite	70
The Abbey	Care Home	North Berwick	East Lothian Council	Older people	30

**Sheltered housing in NBCC:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Tenure</b>	<b>No</b>
Craigleith View	Sheltered housing	North Berwick	Trinity Factors	Older people	Ownership	42
Dirleton Court	Sheltered housing	North Berwick	Castle Rock Edinvar	Older people	Social rent	46
Forth Street	Sheltered housing	North Berwick	Castle Rock Edinvar	Older people	Social rent	24
Lord President Road	Sheltered housing	North Berwick	Bield	Older people	Shared ownership / ownership	41
Tantallon Court	Sheltered housing	North Berwick	McCarthy and Stone	Older people	Ownership	42
Tigh Mohr	Sheltered housing	North Berwick	Castle Rock Edinvar	Older people	Ownership	23
Woodville	Sheltered housing	North Berwick	Abbeyfield	Older people	Social rent	6



## Appendix: Public Health Scotland data

Indicator	Data Type	Time Period	North	South	East Lothian	Scotland
			S02001551	S02001552	S12000010	
<b>Population</b>						
Total population	count	2021	3,200	5,197	109,580	5,479,900
Gender ratio male:female	ratio	2021	1:1.08	1:1.1	1:1.08	1:1.05
Working age population (16-65 years)	%	2021	50	59	62	65
Population over 65 years old	%	2021	38	20	20	18
Population living in most deprived SIMD quintile	%	2021	0	0	6	20
<b>Housing</b>						
Total number of households	count	2020	1,800	2,250	49,633	2,653,521
Occupied households	%	2020	87	96	97	96
Households with single occupant tax discount	%	2020	34	29	34	38
Occupied households exempt from council tax	%	2020	1	1	2	3
Households in council tax bands A-C	%	2020	20	33	52	60
Households in council tax bands F-H	%	2020	47	44	22	13
Average residential House Price (by property sales transactions)	£	2021	393,600	414,136	281,716	201,160
<b>Economy</b>						
Population in receipt of out of work benefits	%	May 22	6	8	12	15
Attendance Allowance - cases with entitlement (per 1,000 65+ pop)	rate	Feb 23	121	97	114	137
Carers Allowance - cases with entitlement (per 1,000 16+ pop)	rate	Feb 23	5	19	22	27
Pension Credit Cases (per 1,000 60+ pop)	rate	Feb 23	33	34	62	88
Personal Independence Payment - cases with entitlement (per 1,000 16+ pop)	rate	Jul 23	18	29	50	61
People on Universal Credit (per 1,000 16+ pop)	rate	Jul 23	24	73	100	108
% of Roles in businesses located in area that are full time*	%	2021	52	55	59	66
<b>Access, Environment and Crime</b>						
Average travel time to GP by public transport in minutes	mean	2015	9	9	11	10
Average travel time to primary school by car in minutes	mean	2015	3	3	3	3
Population within 500 metres of a derelict site	%	2021	0	1	18	27
Crime rate per 10,000	rate	2021/22	665	396	986	1,337
People living in 15% most 'access deprived' areas	%	2017	0	39	14	15
Number of total alcohol outlets per 1000 persons in 2020	rate	2020	10	1	3	

Number of total tobacco outlets per 1000 persons in 2020	rate	2020	4	1	1	
<b>Life Expectancy and Mortality</b>						
Life expectancy, females	mean	2017-2021*	84.2	87.3	82.7	80.8
Life expectancy, males	mean	2017-2021*	83.6	81.8	79.0	76.6
Deaths all ages per 100,000	rate	2019-2021	804	840	1,019	1,181
Deaths, aged 15-44 years per 100,000	rate	2019-2021	0	41	85	117
Early deaths from cancer, aged <75 years per 100,000	rate	2019-2021	71	105	132	150
Early deaths from coronary heart disease (CHD), aged <75 years per 100,000	rate	2019-2021	16	18	38	53
<b>Ill Health, Behaviours and Injury</b>						
Coronary heart disease (CHD) patient hospitalisations per 100,000	rate	2019/20-2021/22	130	290	266	342
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) patient hospitalisations per 100,000	rate	2019/20-2021/22	19	30	145	207
Asthma patient hospitalisations per 100,000	rate	2019/20-2021/22	55	28	68	68
Emergency patient hospitalisations per 100,000	rate	2019-2021	4,145	5,314	6,145	7,234
Multiple emergency hospital admissions, aged >65 years per 100,000	rate	2019-2021	2,706	3,326	4,228	4,998
Alcohol-related hospital admissions per 100,000	rate	2021/22	222	687	437	611
Bowel screening uptake	%	2019-2021	75	76	68	66
Road traffic accident casualties per 100,000	rate	2019-2021	35	53	62	55
<b>Children and Young People</b>						
Children living in poverty (previously low income families)	%	2021/22	3	9	16	21
Children in households receiving child benefits**	%	2018	54	54	79	80
Premature births	%	2019/20-2021/22	0	8	7	8
Maternal obesity	%	2019/20-2021/22	27	15	24	26
Healthy birth weight	%	2019/20-2021/22	70	86	81	84
Babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks	%	2019/20-2021/22	65	59	38	32
Immunisation uptake at 24 months - 6 in 1	%	2019-2021	95	97	97	97
Immunisation uptake at 24 months - MMR	%	2019-2021	93	94	94	94
Developmental concerns at 27-30 months	%	2018/19-2020/21	20	8	14	15
Child healthy weight in primary 1	%	2020/21	57	82	70	70
Child dental health in primary 1	%	2021/22 SY*	100	89	81	73
Child dental health in primary 7	%	2019/20 SY*	82	91	84	75



Uptake of the HPV vaccine in S3 girls	%	2017/18-2019/20 SY*	89	83	82	85
Average highest qualification score	mean	2018/19-2020/21	6	6	6	6
First time mothers aged under 19	%	2016/17-2018/19	0	10	9	7
Young adults (16-19 year olds) participating in education, training or employment	%	2022	96	96	93	92
<b>20 Minute Neighbourhood (access within 800m [average 10 minute walk])</b>						
<b>Domain</b>						
Healthy Food Outlets	%	2021	0	25	47	
Public Transport (Bus, light rail, tram, metro and underground stations)	%	2021	99	86	94	
High frequency public transport (>= five stops an hour)	%	2021	99	74	66	
General Practitioner (GP) surgery or National Health Service (NHS) walk-in-centre.	%	2021	46	46	36	
Recreational resources	%	2021	81	82	82	
Primary school (Age 4–11 years).	%	2021	15	41	53	
Cash machines, Banks and building societies or Post offices.	%	2021	82	57	76	
Pharmacy	%	2021	60	22	50	
Accessible public open spaces	%	2021	89	81	86	
Social and cultural space	%	2021	96	62	75	
Restuarants and cafes.	%	2021	64	37	55	
Households with superfast broadband	%	2022	98	81	87	



# North Berwick Local Place Plan **Additional Documents**

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