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Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust

RIVERSIDE FIELD SURVEY RESULTS

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1) BACKGROUND

The Riverside Field Survey was undertaken by Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust (SFCT) to capture the current views of the community as it moved into the Planning phase.

SFCT consulted the nearby residents who expressed an active interest on the methodology of the survey. This was conducted online over a period of two weeks from 7th to 21st June 2021 with paper copies made available to nearby residents who weren't online. 70 responses were received online and 3 on paper. The sample size comparative to size of the local population gives confidence of the accuracy of the community view on this project.

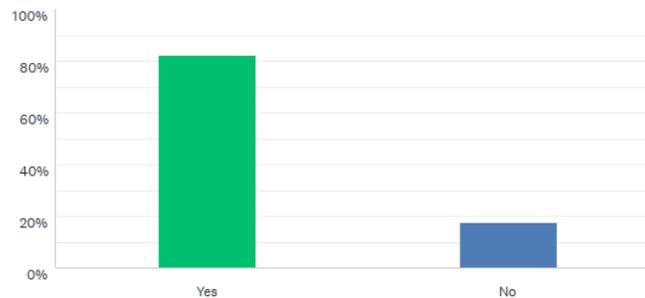
SFCT offered to produce within the report the general view of the community and the thoughts of the nearby residents to the development. SFCT also encouraged residents in the area to give their views to the planning application and have made arrangements for this survey to be sent to the Community Council and Planning. It will also be shared with Trust Directors, the Steering Group and the community of Stratherrick and Foyers.

The survey was promoted via the Trust website, facebook groups, twitter and email database.

2) RESULTS

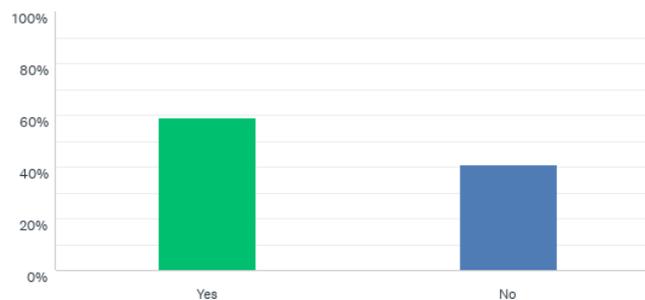
The results are below with comments to questions as an appendix.

Q2 Do you support the idea of a Sports and Recreation Facility for the community of Stratherrick and Foyers?



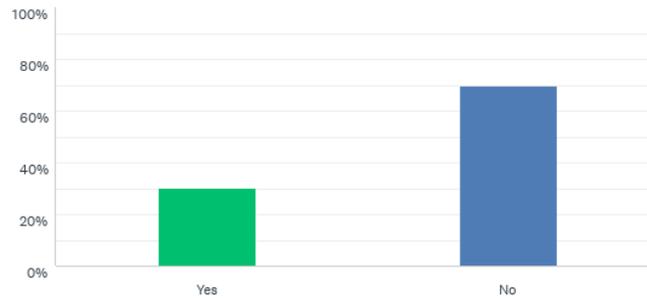
82.19% are in favour of Sports and Recreation Facility (60 people), 17.81% against (13 people)

Q3 Do you support the idea of a Sports and Recreation Facility at the Riverside Field Location?



58.9% are in favour of the Riverside Field Location (43 people). 41.10% against (30 against)

Q5 Do you live in view of or live close to the Riverside Field?



22 people who responded to the survey were from the Riverside Field location.

9 residents in the Riverside Field Location were in favour of the location. 13 people were against the Riverside Field Location.

Those 13 people against the project nearest to Riverside Field gave the following reasons;

Noise – 4 people

Wrong Location – 3

Cars – 2

Road Safety – 2

Impact on location – 2

Light Pollution – 2

Upset – 2

Access – 1

Loss of privacy – 1

Visual Impact – 1

Impact on Wildlife – 1

Lack of Consultation – 1

Too close to houses – 1

Those 9 people for the project closest to Riverside Field gave the following reasons

Good use for kids – 2

Be sensitive to area – 2

Good use of land – 2

Community benefit – 1

Impact – 1

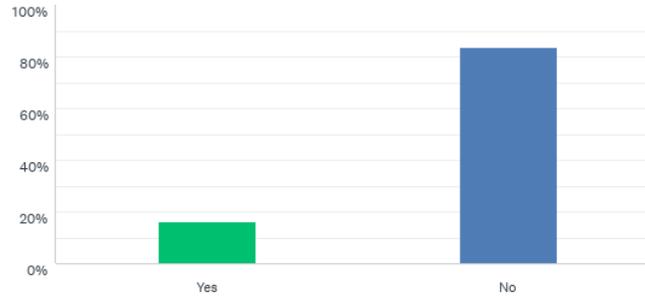
Won't have to travel to Inverness – 1

Good idea – 1

Improve quality of life – 1

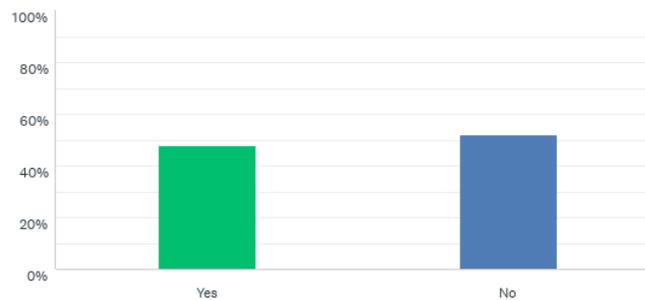
Walking opportunity – 1

Q7 Are you part of a sports group who may use this development if it goes ahead?



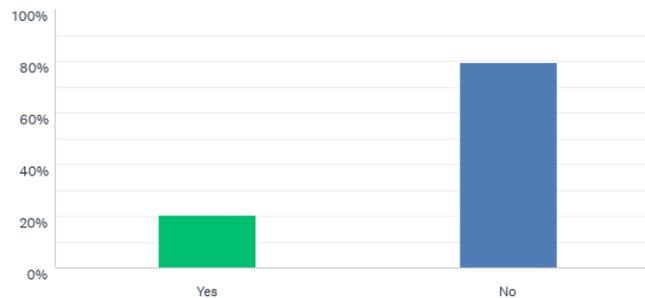
16.44% of respondents were part of a sports group, 83.56% were not.

Q8 If there is a gym as part of the development would you use it?



47.95% of respondents would use a gym, 52.05% would not.

Q9 Would you like to be on the Steering Group for this project?



15 people would volunteer their time to be on the Steering Group to take this project forward if it gets through planning.

APPENDIX ONE

Riverside Field Community Survey (two comments have been edited to ensure confidentiality. Spelling has not been corrected on comments)

Q4 Please give a reason for your answer to Question 3

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Great Lower Foyers Foyers road safety creating current sports facilities large good
development residents given local central sports existing road access site without
field local residents think support will proposed use impact
area issues community design facility see need kids
buildings live also houses traffic place location idea noise people
campsite Inverness already consultations close recreational facilities benefit
whole community take

1 More cars on road, noise, more upset of Riverside

2 See OP

3 Enough noise as it is about without having more

4 It would be great for myself and the kids to have it on my doorstep! I do however have concerns about the access and impact it will have on those living by the entrance to the field.

5 I believe it is entirely the wrong location, too close to existing houses, mainly Riverside, creating a noise hazard and serious light pollution. Access is another problem (roads, bridge), also that it is in the periphery of our community, creating more travel than a more central location in the Strath would.

6 I think a place for sports/healthy smoothies and exercise classes would be a great addition to the community.

7 Great opportunity to provide facilities that will improve health and well-being, bring the community together and most importantly give youngsters something to do.

8 It is a wide open space, lends itself perfectly to the idea of some form of sports facilities. Would be happy to consider other spaces.

9 Wrong location. It destroys a valuable green field site. It destroys wildlife habitat. It's highly intrusive to local residents. Its construction will be even more divisive to the community than the construction of the campsite was.

10 There are too many buildings associated with the proposed development. These would dominate the site at the expense of the greenspace. The cumulative impact of new buildings along with the adjacent caravan park would overwhelm the residential houses. There may also be issues related to increased noise and light pollution if buildings are open in the evenings.

11 I don't think what is being proposed will be used by the community. Particularly the running track. Also with its proximity to the camp site I imagine it would mostly be used by campers rather than local people.

12 The development has too large a built-up footprint too close to the residential houses and campsite. The space is too small for all that is proposed.

13 It's the sheer size of the buildings that I don't like in this rural location. Pitches and tracks with modest changing facilities would be fine.

14 I am shocked to think that this is a) the best use of funds and b) the most advantageous option for the benefit of the community

15 Central location

16 Foyers school needs a pitch for PE days and sports day

17 Would benefit the community as a whole, otherwise, residents have to travel to Inverness.

18 I support the idea of a development here for those that may use it, but I think more could be done with the design/use of the ground to make it more appealing to more people and more sympathetic to the existing field/view. I think more thought should be put into incorporating much larger areas for wild meadows/ponds/natural habitat to give a balance between recreational use and benefits to the environment given the rural location

19 I wholeheartedly object to this application being approved for the following reasons. Environmental impact and road safety I chose to live at Riverside in 2011 because it was quiet and peaceful. Since then a large campsite has been established bringing a significant increase in vehicle movement. This has created road safety issues both locally and on the road to Inverness. This application will add to the issues that already exist, furthermore increasing traffic issues around Riverside itself. No acceptable plan to manage traffic has been lodged. Visual/noise impact The proposed MUGA and changing room facilities will impact on a stunning natural location which is used for local recreational use. It will not be used totally for community benefit as visitors to the campsite will undoubtedly use it. This will increase noise significantly from increased vehicle movements and people. This application provides parking for 40 vehicles and estimates from transport report up to 250 movements are possible. This is totally unacceptable given the existing issues regarding traffic.

20 It could be used mainly by tourists and people from the campsite and greatly increase traffic in and out of Foyers on single track roads. Such a facility should be central in Gorthleck. A modified plan with a simple pitch and community gardens and polytunnel might be preferable. The site is also very near to the graveyard and inappropriate. A modified facility might be better than a grand scheme where money could be wasted.

21 I think it would be beneficial to young people and the community more widely, particularly in the winter months.

22 Why not

23 The community already own the land, and there is ample room on site for vital parking facilities, which we would struggle to find elsewhere

24 Accessible and close to community

25 I do not support the current proposed sports and recreational facilities at Riverside Field, as the MUGA will take away the beauty of the area by being too built up and will also effect the current wildlife that use the field, it will also cause irreparable damage to the area and ruin it for future generations. This will effect the beauty of South Loch Ness as a whole. The proposed plans will have a negative effect on the mental wellbeing of the residents of Riverside that face the field, due too noise pollution and light pollution. The lighting that is on the plans is completely unacceptable! It is also a health and safety risk having space for up to 40 vehicles in the proposed plans as the roads are not designed to take that much traffic in to Lower Foyers at one time for events on top of the traffic for the campsite and the residents, also the bus already has issues trying to get turned in Lower Foyers. If there was an accident and the emergency services were trying to get to someone in Lower Foyers while there are an extra 40 vehicles going to an event in the field it could end in a fatality.

26 I feel that our community needs such facilities and the field was in fact purchased for recreational use. That said the development needs to be proportional and must fit in with the local environment.

27 Great idea for everyone to use

28 I fear it'll be under used by locals and a target for vandalism by the less conscientious visitor to the area. Furthermore I foresee it'll be massive drain on financial resources.

29 We would prefer not to have yet another lightly used community facility that requires huge initial building and improvement costs, then ever increasing ongoing maintenance, electric, heating etc costs. This sports based proposal is a potentially huge and ongoing expense for very few users and so is a disproportionate drain from our funds. We need perhaps just the suggested blackhouse 'living museum' structure with some lightly managed wild gardens, viewpoints and walking areas with benches - a 'natural' improvement to the area and less impactful for the locals living by the site. .

30 Large open area

31 Good for the kids, however I think all sports facilities, such as pitches and tracks, should be moan into the grass and the rest of the meadow should be left for wildflowers or trees to be planted. I hope there won't be an excessive amount asphalt or other hard landscaping materials used for the sports facilities which might make the facilities less eco friendly and more of an eyesore.

32 I am in favour of a wooded area with central area where the community can meet, play, possibly a tennis court but not buildings. A natural tree planted area with central seating/benches and a covered area for music or gatherings

33 Badly needed for the children, teenagers and young adults of the community.

34 Accessible and close to community

35 I do support the use of the site, but not the current proposals

36 I believe that not every little bit of space that is left should be built on. The field is home to nature, it has wild flowers, wild animals, birds... the Stags and deer come down every night. There are badgers too, owls come down to hunt. Birds nest in it every year! The whole point of being in the country is to get away from hustle, bustle and noise and pollution. Yet here we (humans) are destroying every bit of greenery for mans use. There has been such publicity lately regarding climate change and man destroying what we have, why can't we leave things be. Not everything has to be built on!

37 Unfair on local residents who have already had to put up with the campsite next to them. The facilities would be used by people in the campsite, the road isn't up to taking additional traffic, completely the wrong location.

38 As a mum the idea is good but on a whole for the community where there is a much older population a don't see it as a must. To spend community money that majority can't use. Or have no need for.

39 The area needs a sports facility and recreational area that can be used for everyone including the schools, neither of which has a sports field. Location isn't important to me as long as it's within the community!

40 This is a proposal brought about by full consultation with the whole of our Community. SFCT have undertaken many consultations, listened and then briefed their Architect accordingly. The facilities and their design are what the Community asked for and desire. Everyone had a number of opportunities to have meaningful input through the correct channels. Those who have now started complaining (not having bothered to express their views previously) are minimal and are not cognisant of, nor do they care for, the benefit of the folk of Stratherrick and Foyers as a whole. I look forward to an early start to works upon receipt of Planning Consent

41 Not my first choice of location, but in absence of any other proposed location it has to be somewhere.

42 It is a good use of the land purchased

43 Foyers is central to the SFCT area so travel distance would not be too great, even for those who stay in the outlying areas. The field was purchased for this development following the last survey in 2013. A community sporting facility was one of the key requirements identified. But more importantly, the area has to cater for current younger residents (under 50's!) and has to have a facility to encourage younger folk and families into the area to ensure its sustainability in the future. Health, wellbeing and fitness are essential and a facility at Riverside would be beneficial for the whole community now and long into the future.

44 It will improve the quality of life of people in the area and provide a hub for future projects.

45 Too close to the campsite so the tourist will end up taking over and the community then won't use it. If someone was there to prevent the tourists from using it they will end up getting abuse thrown at them. I don't think it is fair to the people who live there to have that right next to them. I don't agree with the running track part of it as our local area has plenty of places to go running and I feel it would be a waste of money. Instead why not put in a decent sized gym? I love the idea of the garden/walk way part but tourist will end up camping there and then local won't use it. You can see the way they treat our laybys and other places they stop, it would not be a pleasurable place to take a stroll and you definitely wouldn't take your kids there. I think it should be near wildside or at least in the whitebridge or gorthleck area.

46 Lack of sustainability, who would use it? I was a board member of the Inverness sports centre and the Highlands sports council and have concern re. The need and sustainability of such a costly venture

47 Too close to houses, noise and traffic pollution. Caravan site traffic too much without adding access for visitors for use of field. Road already in a bad state of repair, traffic using the road around

Riverside not ideal for more traffic not to mention danger for children and elderly pedestrians. Wildlife in area will be scared off. House value will decrease in value.

48 This seems to be the most practical option - although I feel that the design should be acceptable to those nearby.

49 Visual impact from viewpoint. Introduction of noise. Increased light/shadow. Loss of privacy. Plan not in keeping with the local architecture. Road safety. Road congestion. Neighbours not properly consulted/listened to.

50 The land is owned by the community and perfect for the facility

51 I don't really mind where it is, but there aren't many suitable locations in the area. Foyers is reasonably central.

52 It would be great to have the facility there as it seems like a good spot which is relatively flat unlike most places in the area. Personally, I could walk there which would be nice.

53 its a blot on the area its like a shopping centre its in a very scenic area that should not be spoilt

54 Great facility but I don't think it's the best location for it

55 Bad idea and has only been thought up by people unaffected by the disruption this will cause

56 Lower Foyers has enough to contend with with the camp / camervan site let alone adding this facility into the mix - the bridge is in poor condition and the local residents needs some peace and quiet. Sports and recreation facility yes - but not on this site. Has anyone even thought about parking volumes if events are held there combined with the caravan traffic. Right idea, wrong venue

57 Great location. Great for the kids of the community

58 We need one in the area

59 The site is not suited for a project of this scale. you have not given any thought to the negative impact this will have on the immediate residents or nearby area with things like noise, light pollution, over spill parking on the very narrow roads and the most important the horrendous view it will give the residents from their homes. this is nothing more than a vanity project for previous trust board members and will only benefit them and their group

60 Whilst I recognise and respect that some prefer buildings and man-made pitches/tracks to exercise on, I simply see no need to take on such a project or develop and build over a piece of land that has so much potential as a meadow or wildlife habitat. Forcing through the construction of a sports complex against the wishes of the community members living close to the site would seem a dangerous precedent to set and one that could be repeated next to anyone else in the community. Sports complexes and gyms tend only to serve the desires of a very small proportion of the community. Perhaps some consideration of the intend to use vs actual useage of similar projects would help inform this. Shinty/sports pitches are already present in the area. The previous 18 months have demonstrated that shared gyms & sport facilities are not essential for exercise. It represents unnecessary development and a move in the wrong direction whilst the rest of the country is recognising the importance of true greenspace (See the Scottish Government greenspace initiative) Sports complex construction is a relic of 80s culture, the children of the Strath need the adults to actually recognise that we in the midst of a climate emergency - not my words, but those of the government, as well as a biodiversity crisis. There is an opportunity here to learn from the

mistakes already made and both preserve/enhance the environment and make it an accessible, enjoyable, health-enhancing asset to the community... Without building all over it.

61 The field was purchased by the Trust after being asked at a public meeting to purchase the field for recreational facilities. The Trust still holds a copy of that petition. The land was acquired for the very purpose of providing recreational facilities. Lots of consultation with the entire community has already taken place and the Masterplan was created following all of those consultations. The Masterplan is therefore a communitywide plan that will benefit the entire community, not just a few.

62 Too close to resident housing causing an increase in traffic in area. Also they already have a campsite next to them, do they really need to be looking onto this development also! Concerned that campsite would use it preventing local residents making full use of it when they want to.

63 This location is within the most populous area of Stratherrick and Foyers, therefore more convenient of access for a larger percentage of the Populus.

64 If 'maybe' or 'sitting-on-the-fence' were alternative answers for Q3, then I probably would have chosen them, as I cannot say that I have strong feelings towards either a 'yes' or 'no' position. If pushed, I would say that I do support it because this is something that a proportion of the community appears to want, while I hope that the future noise disturbance caused to homeowners near the field will be less than they anticipate.

65 Think the area needs it I would use it and look forward to it, also thinks kids need something here too

66 It will be a huge asset to the kids (and adults) in the area! It creates a new meeting place for the people in the community

67 It will be good to see the lower end of Foyers have a facility.

APPENDIX TWO

Riverside Field Community Survey

Q6 The need for a sports facility was identified in the 2013 community survey. Riverside Field was purchased using Scottish Land Fund for the purpose of sports, recreation and greenspace activities. If any proposal is not in keeping with that we may have to sell the land and return the money to Scottish Land Fund. This would be a last resort. Have you any alternative suggestion for the land. It cannot be kept just as a field.

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ONE recreational facility Walk training recreational sold perhaps many facilities local
allotments Suggestion field Foyers residents green space think
sports recreation area growing USE sporting facility
community community garden buildings green park
development etc make garden great sports may activities allotments community
land green space activities Well

1 Use the area for Foyers Primary as they have no green areas. let out allotments for the community. use it as a nature walk with wild floors an increase of natural wildlife

2 Landscaped park with pathways and sensory garden

3 I remember the purchasing process quite clearly but NOT that the field's use was limited to sports/recreation. Suggestion for alternative use would include agricultural use (eg livestock for the community or a community vegetable garden). Or for the time being paths etc. for recreation, but a more moderate development than the MUGA/climbing wall etc. - I still see it as an unresolved problem that due to the field being adjacent to the caravan site it will attract a lot of their guests, even be considered to be there for their benefit. So use could well be more by visitors rather than locals.

4 An animal farm run by the community?

5 I think that sports, recreation and greenspace activities can all be achieved through the current plan but as the planning progresses we can adapt some of the proposals to make the space more 'green' yet still achieve a fantastic sporting facility which would be amazing for the schools and children in the area, as well as many other age groups and businesses.

6 Put in a walking running trail (recreation) install allotments (green space activities), install an unlit football/shinty pitch (sports). Job done, recreation/sports/greenspace boxes ticked. 6

7 The community survey contained many suggestions for low impact recreational use that did not involve the construction of buildings, a gym or lighting. An accessible footpath winding through planted trees and shrubs to the cemetery was one such suggestion

8 I don't live nearby so really think the residents of Foyers should have the final say. But how about rewilding the area and making walking routes with benches and barbecue spots. Then include some outside gym equipment along the routes. Then maybe some allotments for veg growing?

9 "sports, recreation and green space activities" do not necessarily constitute a built facility. There are many activities that do not require buildings (changing rooms, toilets, car park, lights) and a concrete footprint. Many gym type activities can take place in buildings already owned by the trust without disturbing another green space. The campsite development has removed easily accessible walks for local residents. The field would be an ideal opportunity to restore the natural habitats that once grew alongside the river (bluebells, blackberries etc). Create simple walking circuits alongside a running track, outdoor sports pitch, allotments, community composting, fruit trees and children's adventure installations, Allow the field to re-establish as a wildflower meadow.(controlled cutting!) Expand native woodland to 'hide' the campsite and protect the houses of riverside. This could be a peaceful, low impact, project desperately needed for all of our wellbeing not a development primarily for the more athletically motivated age group who are possibly in the minority..

10 I've answered this in 4.

11 Would be nice to have access to a sauna and steam room, as well as a smallish gym, to cater for older residents. I don't see myself running round a sporting facility.

12 Nature reserve!

13 Community recreational space including all ability walkway. Allotments, community garden, and orchard providing produce for local consumption. Space for one off events.

14 Shinty pitch, raised beds for gardens, community polytunnel and greenhouse. Children's playground. Seating area under cover for locals to meet.

15 If not a sports facility perhaps an allotment and community garden.

16 No, it's a good idea

17 swimming pool

18 This field would be ideal for green space facilities and an educational hub, such as a wildlife pond with a path around the field, hedge rows, mini orchard, community garden, allotments and building bird and bat houses, this would help to preserve this precious green space for future generations while being carbon neutral, educational and provide overall wellbeing for those that use it. It would be very in keeping with the natural beauty that is south Loch Ness. You don't have to completely ruin a beautiful green space by building huge buildings, a MUGA and creating light pollution to create a recreational facility and green space activities.

19 The development could be scaled down and buildings reduced in number. Fruit trees to screen from Riverside houses and items installed with multi uses, Mugga could be used for multiple sports, track for walking, cycling and running. Open plan to give a feeling of space.

20 To host recreation on a less grand scale, perhaps with tree planting, water gardens, picnicking & barbecue facilities. Parking & toilets might be helpful too.

21 As above - a gently managed semi wilderness walking and relaxing area that requires little maintenance and minimum costs, easily looked after by volunteers on an irregular basis.

22 I personally think the plan needs to be scaled down even more and I think the biggest bone of contention is the MUGA installation as it will be visible when lolling down to lower Foyers as well as by the residents and with the development now known as Shires if Loch Ness campsite I think it looks like too much concentration and over development in one rural area. MUGA could go at Shinty pitch away from residents or on land at Inverfarigaig. I also have huge concerns over suitability of Bailey Bridge to access Riverside. I think a compromise should be looked into again to reduce the size of the complex and provide an area for a community allotment - one not allotment plots for individuals and keep some of the field undeveloped

23 Make a small nature reserve with a wildlife pond and education hut for local schools. A community orchard would also be attractive but would need sufficient protection from deer and rabbits. I do also like the idea of leisure facilities however, I just hope it's not too much of an eyesore.

24 Happy to get involved with tree/shrub planting

25 No 6

26 My proposal would be to use it for sports and recreation but in a way more sensitive to the natural

27 Well that's that then. It shouldn't have been bought using Scottish land fund if it HAS to be used for sport, recreation and activities.

28 A community garden where people can grow their own things this was brought up several years ago by the Glenlea residents when we dine play park I think if recent times is more needed

29 Focus should be kept on tranquility, butting up to the Cemetery. I think a project of a "Scottish Wilding Garden" .. meadows of Wild Flowers and planting of Scottish trees/heathers and a portion for a community garden... growing all things Scottish! A wilding project of the field could be very educational for the primary school, giving them an area for planting etc. I don't think we need another community hall. A gym could be added to the large Whitebridge Wildside facility. As the pier/jetty is being developed and as there is a shinty pitch in Lower Foyers that could be great as an activity area with soccer pitch? Perhaps the land could be leased/sold to the Trust. In general people that are in the area are of an aging population and I believe the Riverside folk generally are "senior/retired". Also younger generation who are in high school and may like a gym grow up and move to college etc. They presently use school football pitches etc. I feel that a recreational area next to the caravan park may be "taken over" by non-residents

30 No, I like the current proposal.

31 The land could be sold alongside the Caravan site to allow expansion, or consent sought for significant housing development, then sold with consent for residential development. This would certainly generate significant funds for SFCT. However, huge amounts of positive consultation, well attended by the Community, must now be progressed to provide what this Community has asked for - a wonderful recreational facility for us all. As a footnote, the purchase of the subject land came about as a result of a petition from the Community, including residents of properties at Riverside, requesting the purchase of the land - for exactly what SFCT proposes!

32 No

33 The Directors bought the land based on the outcome of the previous survey and the land should be used for this purpose. 6

34 I think an indoor swimming pool would be a great thing to put there (nothing big). It would be a great tool for the community. Such a wide variety of people are able to use a swimming pool, such as the elderly, primary school children, pregnant woman, disabled, etc.

35 Yes it is fairly good agricultural land .think of the long term benefits training opportunities etc if it was utilized as a recreational farming /gardening tiered project with so many long term sustainable opportunities

36 Was not aware field had been bought in 2013 for purpose of sporting activities by all means a walk in a park with trees, plants and benches and move children's park into the field. Perhaps a section to read the history of our area, stories of interest

37 A wild/multi-sensory garden and/or allotments: a wooden community building with a stage (eg Farr) that could be used for local events; sculpture park

38 It is now apparent that the reasons for the purchase of the field was never or improperly conveyed to the community. Some recreational facilities may very well be acceptable to the immediate neighbourhood but anything which introduces excess noise and traffic is not acceptable.

39 If it was deemed unfeasible to build anything substantial , there could be a wild garden or perhaps a well kept orchard or similar but I have seen it muted before, PLEASE NO EYESORE ALLOTMENTS and/or a mish mash of messy poly tunnels and sheds. It should be well maintained and designed. I saw on the ideas section of the CAP, a maze - that would be nice but obviously playing the long game with growing/training it. That would be recreational and green. Lawn tennis courts? Or a pitch for lawn bowls? If plans fo go ahead, in whatever guise I don't think it's sustainable to only offer it for use to the local community, others should have access by paying fees (free for locals?) to fund a caretaker and maintenance. Perhaps there are issues with access and parking so residents in the immediate vicinity should be consulted and plans set out for the existing bridge? I have already suggested fixing the old bridge which would give people on foot an alternative access point.

40 nature centre for the area education of this wonderful place and grow food for us all a community larder i see a centre built like a lovely big black house with turf roof every could be grown in a garden around it organic beehives could have few goats wild fower areas all over

41 A recreational Park area with gardens, seating, possibly a community garden and hub. Would be lovely to have a community cafe down there.

42 Sell

43 1. A covered pavilion for yoga and meditation classes (see example: https://www.google.com/search?q=covered+pavilion+for+yoga+in+woods&sxsrf=ALeKk02h7UKsFIVyzXK5CKxhGpyoRIsjw:1623077436304&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi5laLQ4oXxAhXJ7eAKHcJaAVcQ_AUoAXoECAEQAw&biw=1280&bih=689#imgrc=ly moU-4brKXlxM) 2. A child's activity area to improve balance and motor skills (like the one at Sands campsite in Gairloch) which included a bike track for children. (See example here: <https://www.schneestern.com/bike/tracks-trails-facilities/balance-bike-track/?lang=en>)

44 People are calling out for community allotments and quiet spaces. How about a an advetnure course, a section of allotments, community graden for fruit and veg (pick your own herbs etc) and significant tree planing to give the residents some peace, cimmunity tool store. All tjings people are asking for but much lower volumw of people / traffic at any one time that a sports venue would create. Until the bridge is sorted, there should beno more development in that section of Foyers. A

proper sports facility / field / changing rooms - use the old site which has gone to ruin - its at least flatter and would bring that section of the village back into use.

45 Either a community allotment or nothing.withdraw the planning and return the money.

46 Greenspace activities, according to NatureScot could include a meadow. Perhaps a rare wildflower/butterfly meadow incorporating paths to allow locals and tourists to relax and enjoy a rare native meadow & its wildlife. Alternatively a community garden and allotments. 6/7/2021 2:04 PM

47 No. I repeat my comments above. The Masterplan was created following ideas from the entire community. That consultation is as recent as November 2020! It is not old consultation! Other ideas were included in previous versions of the masterplan, such as allotments, and these were subsequently removed from the final draft based on community consultations and residents expressing concerns about those uses. For clarification to Q8 below - the gym was included at the specific request of the Fire Service who have no facilities to train in the winter months - I know this from a community consultation response!

48 Orchard and allotments

49 Subdivided into allotments to enable residents to grow their own produce.

50 It could be planted as a small woodland with areas of open ground for sitting and a large central pond with a hide and outdoor classroom.

51 Sensory walk, Community

52 is there room to have the community market there. Could it be turned into an attraction of rural walks to the falls, a walled garden of special or scientific interest and a community cafe perhaps. Why not look to develop an apprenticeship academy or some sort of training provision. Possibly an income generating venture, outward bound facility for hill walkers, winter sports, hold world champion skate boarding competitions etc. Something really unusual that people can come to, learn at and puts foyers and areas on the global map...just like Carbridge and its famous porridge competition!

APPENDIX THREE

Riverside Field Community Survey

Question 11 Are there any other points you would like to make about the Project not covered in the short survey?

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development people Lower Foyers make given consultations lights use
small facilities local area green plans people
community close think don t residents need
project t will sports facilities field great

The field floods in bad weather which runs a river down riverside

2 Increase in traffic roads not suitable increase in noise disturbance to wildlife proximity to cemetery insensitive

3 Provided the access issues are addressed and considerations are made to the times any events/sports are held then I think it would be a great asset to the community.

4 Some of the questions create bias, in particular question 8. If, contrary to what I hope, the development goes ahead as planned and there is a gym, I may well use it. But I had to answer the question with 'no' or my answer may have been misconstrued as support for the development.

5 This is an important part of a strategy to provide a set of facilities that will make the area a wonderful place to live. It could be done with minimal impact on the people who live nearby.

6 Yes: 1) At no time during the purchasing process of the field was it ever made clear to the community, or widely publicised, that the purpose of purchasing the field was for providing sports and recreation. 2) I am not opposed, in principle, to providing more recreation facilities for the area but the wording of question two is loaded (especially considering the timing of the survey regarding the planning application) and forces me to answer no

7 Riverside field is too small an area and too close to houses for such a large and complex plan.

8 Cant think of any

9 As yet there has been no feasibility study presented to the community into a proposal of this magnitude. Outgoings eg Insurance, liability, facilitators and maintenance staff need to be factored in and approved. The impact on the neighbouring houses must be factored in - noise, lights, too many buildings.

10 Surely the question is the size of the development - have sufficient users been identified? There is a risk it will benefit the campsite more. A gym could be anywhere - one of the many halls, or even the aluminium works. Surely no need for a new building.

11 No

12 Would like to know if this facility will be available to those who use the campsite or is it strictly residents only.

13 I think any development would need to be sympathetic to the surrounding area. The use of material to minimise the impact of any structures, green roofing etc to blend in. The use of outdoor lighting kept to minimum so as not to impact on dark skies and residents of that area.

14 Access and exiting must not take traffic round riverside

15 More communication and transparency is needed from the trust and project management for this project with the people of Lower Foyers.

16 My only concern is that it's next door to the campsite. Will they be contributing towards its running costs as I imagine their guess will be the main people benefitting from it.

17 When the land was first purchased I was very keen on a Mugga and could see both local schools using it. My worry now is that large sums of money will be spent and it will not be what the whole community wants. Local residents should be consulted but they should not have a veto on anything. Some how the local residents should be encouraged to join the steering group and participate. I think that SFCT should have waited until the conclusion of the CAP before submitting the planning application. I agree that a number of consultations have taken place but most of those against never bothered to attend and voice their opinions. To get to this stage has taken a long time and various people have moved into the area who do not know the history and the hard work put in to date.
Good Luck

18 As a family unit, we'll happily go with the masses with no particular preference either way.

19 A gym is a waste of money, but anything that encourages outdoor sports I welcome such as archery, tennis outdoor table tennis badminton cycling

20 I have two teenagers who would benefit from this essential facility to improve health and mental health.

21 1. I do not see the logic in consulting after the planning application is lodged. Why not consult on the final form plans and maybe you could have received some great ideas to help inform the plans?
2. The climbing wall confuses me. I should expect for liability purposes you won't be able to just allow members of the public to freely use the wall. I wonder if legal advice has been taken on this and if someone were to get injured climbing if you would be liable. I am also not sure if public liability insurance would cover the climbing wall if it's not staffed by a qualified instructor. I wonder if this affects the feasibility of the wall?
3. Love the idea of the gym, wildflowers and children activities
4. Don't like the MUGA white roof. Green would be better and less visible.
5. Climbing wall seems to be pictured 3 x higher than the MUGA. Rather odd to have this on the Loch frontage.
6. I see there has been feedback on the planning portal already about the lack of a real design statement here and I share that view. I don't think the architect has done a good job in how this has been presented for planning permission. This is a sensitive site in planning terms and he doesn't seem to have given any real regard to this. I think plans for the field as a concept is good, but I don't think the plans as they stand are quite right. Some areas are wonderful and really inspired, others severely lacking. It's a shame for the community we couldn't input before you applied for the permission as several could likely have helped make this a great application

22 No point.

23 I know of very few people in the community who are in favour of the plans being submitted for Riverside field. It's been pushed through the back door without a fair consultation being carried out. It's a totally inappropriate project for such a small community and should be delayed until the results of the community consultation are available.

24 I understand that there will be different perspective on the project. There is a great interest in gardening/ecology in the area as can be seen with the "Green Ladies" organising plants etc during lockdown. I think the community could do something absolutely amazing with a "green" project. Community garden for me!

25 Definitely do not use it for green space such as allotments or keeping livestock as others have suggested. We live an a community with hundreds do green space acres and farm fields full of livestock. Plus most people have gardens so there is not need for allotments.

26 There is an extremely small minority of negative and vocal social media users, who have never bothered to attend any of the many consultations facilitated by the Directors of SFCT and their professional advisors. Of far greater weight and import are the opinions of this Community as a whole (who did make an effort to have meaningful input) and having listened, amended , added, omitted and modified the plans, SFCT now have the support of, and a mandate from, this Community to proceed. Please do not let them down

27 My only concern is that being so close to the neighbouring campsite will attract visitors from there to use the site which if is the case should not be at the detriment of local users.

28 If there is to be a covered playing area, it should be green and not white so that it is less obvious. There should also be an access gate from the campsite so visitors can use the facilities too

29 I appreciate that there are a number of people who live close to the field and that they are (understandably) not in favour. The greater good of the community must take priority.

30 I would like to see it powered by solar panels feeding into a battery storage system so that people can use the facilities during power cuts to cook and recharge mobile phones

31 Look at existing similar projects in the Highlands before making any decisions

32 Consideration to the people in Lower Foyers who wish only for tranquility, peace, quiet and safety for their neighbours and wildlife

33 There are lots of better sports facilities within travelling distance. If this development is for local people, it should reflect their views. It should enhance and respect the natural environment and the Loch Ness vista- the current proposal does not suit the surroundings and reflects the views of a minority. Any development should not seek to 'urbanise' an area of natural beauty. 34 Please make sure that the results of this survey are published in full. There has been no sign of the results of the survey from early 2020!

35 I don't have time to be part of the steering group but hope a resolution can be found whereby some facilities can be created but not so it has a detrimental effect on the closest residents. It should be noted though that if the land has to be sold because plans cannot be agreed, it will go on the open market and anyone who buys it could potentially build anything there, so hopefully a happy medium can be found. A mixture of green recreational uses which don't spoil the outlook. 6

36 could also make sure the locals effected have the last say thanks

37 A great project and one that's been well invested in by the trust and directors. It would be an ideal extension to the facilities at The Wildside Centre.

38 Another stupid idea from the Trust Directors or former Directors

39 Try asking the people in lower foyers how they feel and i think you will find the answer i have given.its not wanted and withdraw the planning.

40 Without having been involved, it would seem unfortunate that the planning application was submitted prior to the working group consultation, thus appearing to undermine the democratic, consultative, process. In this way it appeared as if consultation was merely around tweaks and minor adjustments, even if this was not intended to be the case. This I suspect has only handed a big bucket of 'see, I told you so's' to those with whom the trust has yet to build trust. Perhaps a lesson for future projects

41 I can only reiterate that the entire community has been consulted on the Masterplan! It is not fair to give greater weight to some residents than to others. ALL residents of our community have had an equal say in the production of the Masterplan and ALL residents have had an opportunity to input over several consultations. Residents of Riverside were personally invited to the consultations and have had ample opportunity alongside all our community's residents to input in the Masterplan. It would be extremely disrespectful to me and to other former Directors and to those residents who bothered to come along to all previous consultations if the Masterplan were changed to suit the few. Please remember that this is a facility for the entire community, not just the residents of Riverside.

42 It seems strange and such a waste of money to have plans drawn up and to submit a planning application before it has been decided by a local steering group as to what the community want to do with this field. Also, more weight should be given to the views of nearby residents as they are going to have to live beside this development.

43 Whilst I agree on the need for sporting facilities, I do believe that they should fit with the environment around them. In an area where dark skies and lack of light pollution are a draw I do not think it appropriate for the site to be flood lit.

44 BCC are also planning to provide a sports facility in their project at the Gorthleck area. Perhaps speaking with them to bring both projects closer together may be an idea and prevent overlap of facilities