

## Discussion Output: Place (6<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

Issues / Challenges	Solution / Commentary	Priority Rating
Infrastructure / Services (MIR)	<p>Transport halved, people are not using the public transport, why? Need to have transport available at the right times of the day when people need and want to actually travel</p> <p>Think about the potential for 'Local Transport Systems', with community involvement. However, this would be a lot for the community to get involved with</p> <p>Transport links, look at transport systems and linking the different modes of public transport together. Joint up thinking regarding trains, buses etc</p> <p>Transport has to be quick, people will not use public transport if it is significantly quicker to get in the car!</p> <p>Promotion of cycling docking stations/electric cars and share points</p> <p>Enabling people to be where they need to be, on different modes of transport</p> <p>Transport affects education</p> <p>Time and cost effectiveness, systems have to be linked to trains for example</p> <p>Integrated transport systems are key</p> <p>The transport and infrastructure needs to be in places and this will be a key driver for housing, investment and businesses</p> <p>Scottish water must assess existing pipework before new builds placed to ensure can cope with demand.</p> <p>Reston station to drive demand</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>We need it now!!</p> <p>We need to ensure transport links up! To support our towns/villages sites for trucks to park up!</p>	19
Town Centre Regeneration (MIR)	<p>Question posed, how do we get more business into town centres?</p> <p>Issue is online shopping, takes people away from the High Streets</p> <p>Possibility of exercise and sports facilities within town centre</p> <p>Wide based uses, catering for wider range of uses required</p> <p>Entertainment needed within the town centres</p> <p>Keeping viable and vibrant town centres is key</p> <p>Potential for museums to be located within some of the vacant buildings?</p> <p>5/6 day week for banking service, is an issue, given the internet banking now</p> <p>Potential for broadband hubs in town centres</p> <p>Must move with the times, consult with young people on how to shape town centres.</p>	14

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	<p>Leave banks on high street not everyone has broadband or internet to use online banking. Too many charity shops, rents too high, nobody can afford flats that need renovating. No parking charges but time limit Pop up shops Reduce rates / Incentivise SME'S – use rates to upgrade domestic flats etc. above shops – development grants Lower Business Rates to encourage growth Town centre impact of major retailers on town centres – more flexibility of uses in town centres Enforcement of redevelopment of brownfield sites (e.g. former garage, Gordon) Derelict condition – enforcement of notices - why not put property on market</p>	
Transport (Other)	<p>Rural coverage Lack of time and consistency Times of buses align to contractor times 9-5. No transport links to central borders- solutions in process.</p>	11
Business and Industrial Land (MIR)	<p>Have different initiatives Lack of marketing on the existing employment sites More flexibility required in terms of the end user is needed, in particular places Community empowerment, for buying land and sites needs to be promoted Possible relaxing rules on some premises re. Allowing tattoo shops etc. High streets not like it was in the old days... must move with the times. SBC must support entrepreneurs and small businesses for gathering community support. No real need in Berwickshire but jobs. Small Derelict farm steadings Unfilled sites in Duns and Coldstream Site at Coldstream is empty. Transport, business rates, marketing required. Business at Hirsell shut down due to business rates. How can we try to ensure / promote development of business land / industrial land in Lennel – Could Brexit decision affect? MIR suggesting more flexibility in industrial estates – yes; Why restrict – too restrictive – but what happens if business wishes to set-up jobs in industrial estate where there is no protected land left.</p>	9
Climate Change (MIR)	<p>Ground Source Heat Pumps, should be promoted Community Heating should be promoted New buildings make them more carbon neutral Don't have skills to generate the business investment in training programmes regarding climate change measures To address fuel poverty issues at house design stages so factored into plans.</p>	6

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	<p>Adaptation Acceleration Good practice Personal responsibility Energy efficiency Don't reduce incentives Encourage waste recycling.</p>	
Housing Supply meets Community Need (LHS)		6
Condition and Quality of Homes (LHS)		6
Housing / Affordable Housing (MIR)	<p>Housing, we need transport to stimulate housing development Needs to be sustainable housing development Berwickshire has a lot of Prime Quality Agricultural Land, cannot afford to lose any more of this land Lack of residential home care, not extra care housing but more residential care Long farm workers. Berwickshire Housing Association carry out village/ community consultation before making decision to build to ensure tenants to inhabit houses. Eyemouth- singles &amp; couples Small projects of social housing required in each village. Concern about how long it is taking to develop sites</p>	5
Get more community planning in Eyemouth (Other)	Blank sheet – green areas, opportunities, new Planning Bill	3
Housing in the Countryside (MIR)	<p>Not if it results in people being isolated and isolated communities How do we assess this need? Sub-standard farm cottages Working with landowners / estates No investment / incentive for farmers and landowners to invest Only if there is adequate transport. Why develop on rural hamlets? Support shops, schools ... i.e. not necessary Not keen on isolated development</p>	1
Vacant Land / Derelict Sites (MIR)	<p>Brownfield land: Cost of bringing these sites back into use is a negative point and a lot of companies/individuals do not have the money or cannot get the investment to undertake the work and costs associated with brownfield sites Introduce a levy rate when you re-development a site Grant money, is there the possibility of this for those who re-development brownfield sites</p>	1

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	Eyemouth industrial estate Old college in Galashiels. Eccles- Farm land at bottom of village Bottom road of Chirnside (Hendersons yard?)	
Digital Connectivity (Other)	Issue of digital connectivity was raised for Berwickshire, regarding access to broadband This affects businesses wanting to re-locate or set up within the area	
Lack of transport to BGH for visiting (Other)	Low cost solution for people must address access to transport & availability.	
Road Safety (Other) - Safe driving and reducing speed measures.		
Young people leave and move to cities (Other)	Give them more a sense of their roots & feel more connected.	
Stay away from 'Compartmentalising' & labelling groups of people i.e. elderly, young (Other)	More mixing of groups & intergenerational living communities.	
Reducing Fuel Bills and Carbon Emissions (LHS)	Community switching programmes	
How are 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties informed of Registered Social Landlords plans for developing housing? Neighbour Notifications not carried out correctly? Who's responsibility? (Other)		
Youth People in Eyemouth (Other)	Issues with standard of housing / social issues. How can we stop them leaving? Education (get more young people involved in planning)	
Digital Connectivity (Other)		