

## Discussion Output: Place (5<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

Issues / Challenges	Solution / Commentary	Priority Rating
Infrastructure / Services (MIR)	<p>Infrastructure can prevent developments</p> <p>Live in Walkerburn can get late buses back from Peebles but last one from Gala 9.30 mon-sat. Want to use Gala cinema facilities.</p> <p>Electric charging points – require a strategy. Encourage landowners to facilitate.</p> <p>Planning requirements should be relaxed for farm steadings in order that they can be sympathetically developed for business purposes in the countryside.</p> <p>There should be a priority system for pothole repairs in order to encourage businesses to certain locations.</p> <p>Infrastructure: Internet, gas, lack of a link, lack of a bus service</p> <p>Better roads - maintenance &amp; creation of roads to create better network.</p> <p>Just be bold enough to stay 'Stop' no more development, don't have the infrastructure / no scope to provide it</p>	12
Housing / Affordable Housing (MIR)	<p>Issues re. affordable housing in countryside</p> <p>Register Social Landlord (RSL) wish to have schemes where there are services, buses, facilities</p> <p>There is a lack of vacant, available rented properties in rural Tweeddale</p> <p>RSL can refurbish old properties</p> <p>Ensuring sufficiently affordable</p> <p>Peebles needs more affordable housing as wages in the town are severally poor</p> <p>Social Work perspective – Tweeddale is quite well off at the moment with extra care in Dovecot and Innerleithen.</p> <p>Younger people (16-25 yrs) with additional needs/ alcohol and drug related issues – there isn't enough support in Tweeddale.</p> <p>There is a perception that family units and accommodation for the elderly is lacking. Encouraging that development will take place at Tweed Bridge Court.</p> <p>Affordable housing in the countryside is lacking.</p> <p>For mainstream housing, should developer contributions still be charged?</p> <p>Building south of river in Peebles – issues with bridge.</p> <p>Connectivity between communities – must have access to public transport.</p> <p>Accessibility.</p> <p>More smaller units for older people that want to downsize</p> <p>Manage expectation – young people should start small</p>	8

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Independent Living (LHS)	<p>Other comments (aside from detail in template):</p> <p>“Links to Health – community allotments etc.”</p> <p>“25% delayed because of no care (in place), others could just go home but no property to go too.”</p> <p>“Care homes”</p> <p>“Road surfaces for accessibility”</p> <p>“Long term plan beyond 10 years”</p> <p>“Residential for dementia units”</p>	8
Business and Industrial Land (MIR)	<p>Extend Cavalry Park in Peebles</p> <p>West Linton – nothing currently available. Existing site currently on market. Need to keep youngsters in the area.</p> <p>Criteria should require superfast broadband in the area.</p> <p>Small workshops should be provided with small offices where superfast broadband is made available.</p> <p>Start-up units should be encouraged. Should allow for future growth, however infrastructure must be available.</p> <p>Consider green field sites – farming not as productive as it was, land that is fallow could be used</p> <p>Consider development of existing buildings, e.g. old mills</p> <p>Create another Cavalry Park</p> <p>Attract businesses to generate need for buildings</p> <p>Local ‘Dragon’s Den’ supported by local successful businesses</p> <p>Social enterprise hubs</p>	7
Town Centre Regeneration (MIR)	<p>Must ensure there are enough members of the public using public transport.</p> <p>In school holidays there is a 6-hour gap in public transport between Broughton and Peebles.</p> <p>Theatre in Peebles – lack of public transport in the evening.</p> <p>Police Officer highlighted that we need to have a safe place. Effective CCTV required. Design of our areas vital to ensure appropriate lighting.</p> <p>‘Big named’ companies such as M&amp;S, Costa, Fat Face in Peebles is positive. Double edged sword however, as may impact local businesses.</p> <p>Should have no boarded up shops. Vacant shops should not be allowed to be boarded up for too long.</p> <p>Town centres must be attractive.</p> <p>Impact of business rates highlighted.</p> <p>Increase car parking in town centres to encourage more people.</p> <p>There is parking available, however people not willing to walk.</p> <p>Charging for parking – question if this has an impact. Not currently enforced.</p> <p>Parking permit ‘clocks’ are an option, as used in Berwick-Upon-Tweed, however enforcement is an issue.</p>	5

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	<p>Mixture of shops on high streets – less charity, coffee, hairdressers. Is it a change? Pop up shops. Scrap business rates – compulsory purchase of empty properties. Need to encourage small, local shops / businesses Support community buy outs</p>	
Housing in the Countryside (MIR)	<p>Can support school roles, support village shops – positives, Newlands etc. quite supportive Portacabins are put up to accommodate farm workers as there are no other options for mainstream housing Community funding could help housing development in rural areas Development in Westruther has been clever, creative people – opportunities for community purchasing i.e. village pub Other means of creating developments which are infrastructure lead If this happens should be a new town e.g. Cardrona. Then can add school, GP, village green. Mix density housing – open up to different age markets Need a new town – developed with required infrastructure rather than tinkering round the edges of what we already have. Yes - selective</p>	5
Housing Supply meets Community Need (LHS)	<p>Other comments “Community Empowerment Vs Profit” “Peebles Town Action Plan” “Private Rented Housing”</p>	4
Condition and Quality of Homes (LHS)		4
Homelessness (LHS)		3
Climate Change (MIR)	<p>Could ‘Changeworks’ visit village halls in peebles and give info. Wind Farms Solar Farms Hydro electric Energy efficiency</p>	2
Community Trusts	<p>Voluntary Feels like duties have been passed on by Government, but no funding Need dedicated staff but frustrated as to lack of progress</p>	2
Vacant Land / Derelict Sites (MIR)	<p>Walkerburn mill site (has got asbestos) Top end of mill site Innerleithen off Traquair road. Registered Social Landlord opportunities As previous – not commercially viable farm land</p>	1

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	Redundant Historical / Old Buildings	
Reducing Fuel Bills and Carbon Emissions (LHS)	Other comment “Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing” will improve quality in affordable housing, but not in the private sector.”	1
Creating jobs for younger people	Major issue in Scottish Borders. Young People tend to move on and leave	1
Vacant properties	Some under pension schemes How do you get them back into use Halmyre & vacant steading an example Community Right to Buy – court case	
Bus services	Major concerns re. withdrawal of bus services in Tweeddale. This is a common theme of concern.	
Extra Care Housing (Other)		
Shared Ownership Housing (Other)		

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