

Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership

Draft Locality Plan – Environment & Place

- Special/more consideration given to rurality/countryside
- Transport: infrastructure; have to have a car; need to create the connections
- Newcastleton Development Plan
- Take the Area Partnership meetings out of Hawick?

Lack of rurality is the theme

Priority	Success What would success look like? (Measures)	Partnership How can we work in partnership together?
<p>Regenerate the town centre (Hawick) and villages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be the catalyst • Scottish Towns Fund £50M. • CARS Scheme = 7 buildings • Bringing back to life/Where is the buzz? 	<p>Attractive Difficult when business rates too high Low footfall so success would be higher footfall</p> <p>How to leverage investment (STF £50M & CARS)</p> <p>Area will see a drop in population over the years A year's pilot re. planning Hotel – accommodation. PEEL building? Reinvent the High Street Cultural Centre Mixed High Street Knitwear - only one shop</p> <p>Full Asset Appraisal needed (people/skills/opportunities) – whole town approach 2017 Rydens – vacant land register (1 hectare) – only part of the picture</p> <p>Rural regeneration grants for the high street</p>	<p>SBC Economic Development Relationship Manager? What could it be used for? Is the governance right for Area Partnership? – rural vs urban, and who's involved</p> <p>Everyone working together – better “planning”– not just planning, e.g. economic development, local people etc. Better local reflection in service delivery</p> <p>Joined up thinking Planning</p>
<p>Use vacant land and empty buildings for housing and business opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put a number to this - Links with affordable and specialist homes priority 	<p>e.g. PEEL Building, Howgate</p> <p>Who owns them? Don't want to open them up / Absentee landlords (tax losses) Can local authorities use commercial loans to help the above? Using brownfield sites Empty properties above shop fronts / town centre properties Street level occupancy – got to be <u>lived in</u></p>	<p>Marketing the opportunities and access to it Who is doing what / what info is available. Communications Area Partnerships - what's the Hawick pitch? Are we talking it up? Streamlining the process How best to welcome Use Land Reform Act</p>
<p>A long term plan for environmentally friendly, sustainable housing and industrial building development and an increase in renewable energy projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what types of projects 	<p><u>Conservation status changed!</u> Main issues report</p>	

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<p>Increase affordable and specialist homes to meet <u>need in the locality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need in the locality = critical - 75% population in Hawick 	<p>Use existing housing stock What do we mean by specialist? Are we matching the demographic changes? What do we mean? Older people? People with disabilities? How do we change existing housing stock in the local community – don't take people out. Different approach? - extra care? Whole range of accommodation Adapted homes Newcastleton – empty social housing (Eildon) - not presented appropriately (how to market)</p>	<p>Registered Social Landlords (Waverley, etc.) – changing priorities, not imposing impractical policies</p> <p>RSL – need to review letting policy - New application process – 1st May</p>
<p>Improve pathways around the locality to improve connectivity</p>	<p>Improvement through Flood Protection Scheme Armstrong building – will help with this Joined up rural pathways around the locality</p>	<p>Forestry</p>
<p>Regenerate the rural economy (better under Economy, Skills & Learning?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sheep farming - forestry - National Park (could be a vehicle) 	<p>Tourism Diversification – ice cream, specialist products, holiday lets Support in diversification & marketing (what are the pathways)</p>	<p>Ride Borders – town of the horse</p>
<p>Extension of the railway</p>	<p>Where to put the stations and the locale Making people want to come History, culture, heritage</p>	
<p>Other comments:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What story could be told? • How do you stop tourists in the town? • What's the hook? • What will make people want to come to Hawick • History, culture, heritage • Hotels • Make more of Hawick assets (River – riverside walk/flood protection scheme) • Jewel in the crown is the landscape – protect the landscape (National Park) • Create community arts centre (more than Heart of Hawick) • Newcastleton – redaction of conservation status/planning changes? – it's burdening people with additional costs • Make best use of abandoned houses • Build in more local interest • Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) & Planning Aid for Scotland (PAS) • People wanting to come here – investment, what's the draw? • Recycling facilities – better place to put these? And how is this developed? What is being done elsewhere? • Better connections across the public and third sectors - Better communication of the content / messaging 	<p>Waste Services</p>