



 Queen's Park Neighbourhoods
Local Place Plan

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Introduction

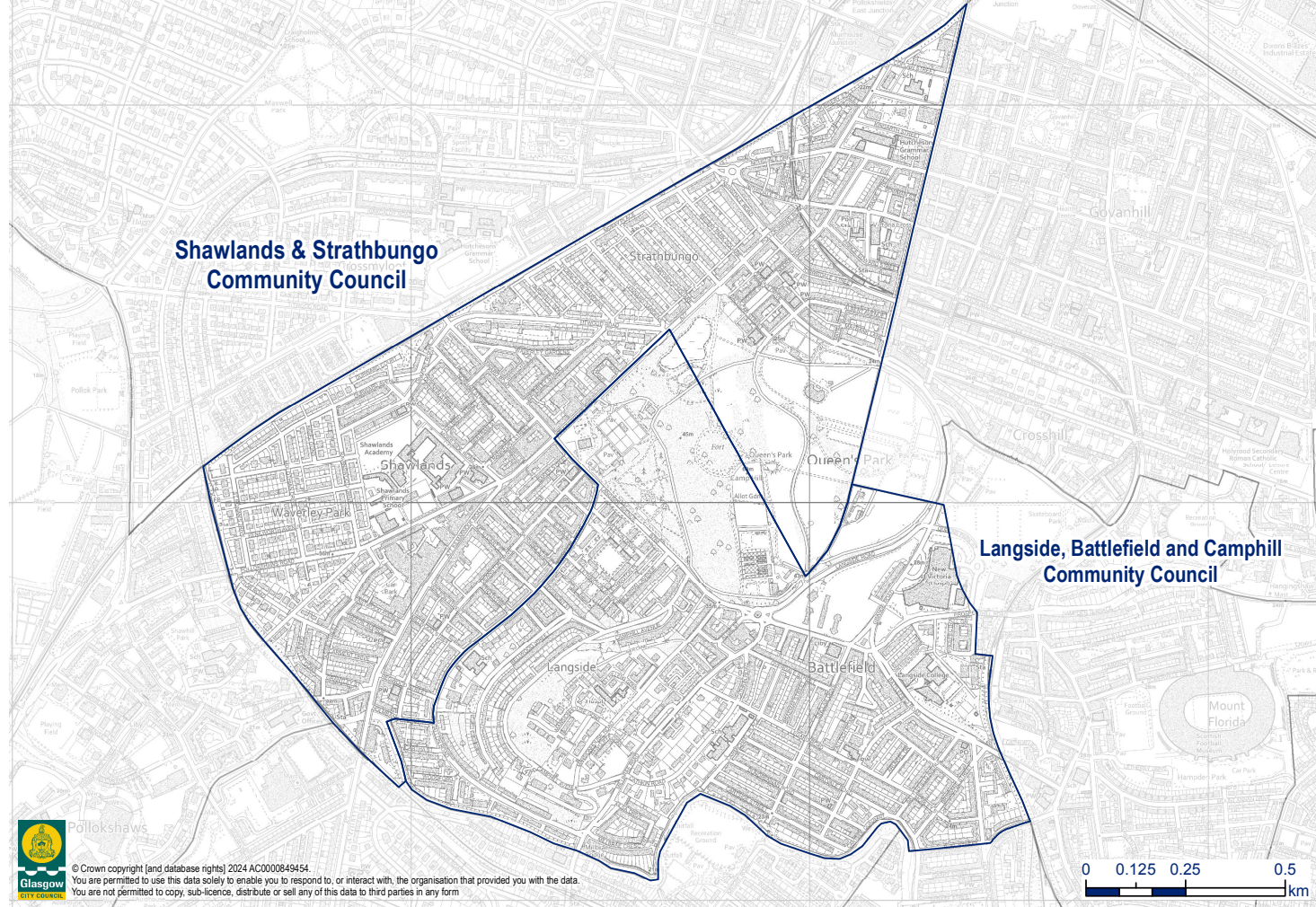
Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council have partnered to lead a Local Place Plan (LPP) on behalf of the communities adjacent to Queen's Park.

Local Place Plans are a relatively new mechanism introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, for communities to shape how land should be used in their area. The plans can identify areas of potential change, promote improvements, prioritise areas of vacant or derelict land for new uses and activities and propose building and land uses. LPPs can also consider the local economy, social considerations and health outcomes.

Local Place Plans are important community led projects that, once registered by the local council can become material considerations in planning decisions and support the local authority and community organisations in funding applications, by showing a clear, cohesive strategy, supported by local people.

To facilitate the development of the LPP, the community councils have appointed Kevin Murray Associates (KMA) to lead a community engagement process structured across three stages, with the process overseen by a steering group of representatives of the community, local business and service providers. The steering group and wider community council team have also been supported throughout by a wide range of local stakeholders, contributing from third sector, community, education and business perspectives.

These stakeholders included: Battlefield Community Project (BCP), Clyde College Student Association (CCSA), Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council (CGCC), Friends of Queen's Park (FoQP), Glad Foundation, Greater Govanhill



Community Councils boundary map

CIC (GG), Inhouse Events CIC (IE), Langside Community Heritage (LCH), Langside Halls Trust (LHT), Mount Florida Community Council (MFCC), MyShawlands, Shawlands Academy, South Seeds, Scotland's Rural College at Queen's Park (SRUC), and Strathbungo Society.

While led by the community and rooted in local people's aspirations for the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods (QPN), this LPP has also been supported by Glasgow City Council (GCC), who have funded development of the plan, among a number city-wide, through their Place Fund.

LPP Scope

The boundary for this LPP includes the Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council areas, and serves the people who live, work and visit that area. The LPP focusses primarily on the spaces around Queen's Park, particularly concentrated along the sections of Pollokshaws Road, Langside Avenue and Langside Road that border Queen's Park and the neighbourhoods immediately adjacent to them. This includes civic space, land and buildings that connect the park to neighbouring communities.

Although the plan is limited to the Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council areas, representatives from Crosshill and Govanhill Community Council and Mount Florida Community Council have been engaged throughout the development of the LPP in order to ensure that the plan considers how best to compliment the adjacent neighbourhoods, particularly being cognisant of existing community provision and ongoing or future initiatives.

The Queen's Park Neighbourhoods Local Place Plan covers a period of 10 years, from 2025-35, although it is anticipated that the lifespan of some of the larger projects will run beyond this, and indeed may not start until after the plan is refreshed.

Aims

This document is a plan led by local people, for local people, and is written and designed to be readable and usable by the community who own it. The QPN Local Place Plan aims to build on what is already regarded as an extremely desirable place to live, giving local people more ownership of their area and, in particular, focussing on a protecting and restoring a number of key local assets which are viewed as catalysts for positive change.

The LPP allows local people to feed their ideas and aspirations into the formal planning process, but also provides a set of actions, some of which are spatial and some of which are activity based, from which local organisations and individuals can work cohesively. The plan contains the community's overarching vision for the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods, four key themes, and a list of 21 projects, each with a number of action points.

Key aims of this Local Place Plan which run throughout the themes and projects are: to ensure that the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods

caters to everyone, regardless of age, ability, or any other defining characteristics; to better integrate Queen's Park into the surrounding neighbourhoods; to create a more people centred place, with priority shifted from road users to pedestrians and active travel; and the restoration and creation of community facilities and spaces throughout the area.

This LPP aims to be realistic and deliverable, although there are some projects which are more ambitious and therefore longer-term. The plan must be driven forward by the community and by local organisations, but will require strong support, and in some cases, leadership from Glasgow City Council.

Policy

As required by legislation, the QPN Local Place Plan takes account of Glasgow's City Development Plan (2017), as well as considering relevant policy at national and local level.

Glasgow City Council is currently in the process of working on a new Local Development Plan (City Development Plan 2). The Queen's Park Local Place Plan has taken account of the currently adopted plan (City Development Plan) and of the emerging plan, working with Glasgow City Council throughout the LPP process to ensure that both parties are as informed as possible of the respective strategies and approaches.

The LPP also aligns with the National Planning Framework's (NPF4) key themes of sustainable, liveable and productive places, and with the six key qualities of place: healthy, pleasant, connected, distinctive, sustainable and adaptable. Additionally, the LPP considers the Govanhill Locality Plan, with which the project area overlaps, and the South Central Local Development Framework. A more detailed policy analysis can be found in Appendix 1.

Conservation Areas

There are two main Conservations Areas within the LPP site:

- 1. Strathbungo** - The architectural character of the Conservation Area derives from a strong uniformity of built form, particularly within the formally planned core and includes well regarded buildings by Alexander Thomson.
- 2. Shawlands Cross** - The Shawlands Cross Conservation Area of today comprises an amalgamation of the growth of two former villages; Shawlands, situated at the present Shawlands Cross, and Crossmyloof.

There is also slight overlap with Millbrae Conservation Area to the south and a number of listed buildings throughout the study area.

Langside Halls, Shawlands Cross Conservation Area



Local Context

The Queen's Park Neighbourhoods are located in the Southside of Glasgow, around the north, west and south sides of Queen's Park. The project area sits across three wards – Southside Central, Pollokshields and Langside.

History

Up until the mid-19th Century, Shawlands was a small hamlet in the northern vicinity of Pollokshaws, Renfrewshire, situated along the main road route between the city of Glasgow and Irvine, then the main port for Glasgow.

1860's maps of the area show numerous clay pits and quarries in the vicinity and Shawlands shared in the textile and other industries (e.g. pottery) of the nearby town of Pollokshaws. The population grew, largely due to the opening of the large Camphill Bakery, in 1847, and the relocation of the Cart Forge from Pollokshaws, while transport links by train through the Cathcart Circle and the introduction of the tram network to the outer settlements improved connections drastically, leading to a further suburban development of the Shawlands area.

Based mainly on crofting and mining, the area now known as Strathbungo was named Marchtown in recognition of its position between the boundaries or 'Marches' of the counties of Lanark and Renfrew. By 1850 other trades and crafts had replaced mining.

The original settlement of Langside grew up around what is now Algie Street. The White Cart River supported paper and meal mills going back to the 17th century, but by the early 19th century many of the villagers were weavers and flower growers. Langside became incorporated into Glasgow in 1891, just after the Victoria Infirmary, one of the most prominent local landmarks, was built.

The Battle of Langside, on the south side of modern Glasgow around Queen's Park, was fought on 13 May 1568 and is significant as the final act of Mary, Queen of Scots, before her flight to England, imprisonment and death.

In 1887 the 18m (58 feet) tall Langside Battlefield Memorial was erected by public subscription at the junction of Langside Avenue and Battlefield Road. The lion at the top of the memorial rests his paw on a cannonball and faces Clincart Hill where the forces of Mary Queen of Scots were positioned.

Battlefield Monument



Facilities

Today, the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods sit within Glasgow's desirable Southside and are well served by local services and amenities.

There are a number of schools, including Shawlands Academy, five primary schools and one private school, with several nurseries. The area also includes the Langside Campus of Glasgow Clyde College.

There are approximately seven GP practices, while the New Victoria Hospital, which is a day case and ambulatory care centre, sits just to the east of Queen's Park, within the project area.

There are a number of places of worship throughout the area, primarily churches but also mosques and Islamic centres. The area has one library – Langside Library – which is currently closed for refurbishment. There are a lack of formal community spaces and facilities within the project area.

There are a range of sports and leisure facilities, including football pitches and a MUGA, playing fields, bowling clubs, indoor and outdoor gyms. There are other sports and leisure facilities in surrounding areas that are relatively easily reachable for most people, including Hampden and Toryglen and several Glasgow Clubs (including swimming pools).

The area is well served by public transport links, with four train stations including Queen's Park, Crossmyloof, Shawlands and Mount Florida, with a number of other stations on the periphery of the site boundary. There are key bus routes along Pollokshaws Road and Victoria Road which connect north-south, while to a lesser extent there is some east-west connectivity.

The South City Way, which was completed in 2024, links the area to Glasgow City Centre with segregated cycle lanes. There is ongoing work to expand the network.

Shawlands is classified as a major Town Centre, and the Strathbungo, Govanhill and Battlefield Local Town Centres all fall within or on the boundary of the site area. As such, the QPN area is well served with local shops, including many small and successful independent businesses and a number and range of supermarkets.

Datashine Scotland shows commuting patterns from the area primarily to the city centre, but also to Laurieston and Tradeston, and the West End, with the vast majority of journeys within the Glasgow City Region. Most people commuting to the project area to work come from surrounding neighbourhoods, with Battlefield, which sites the New Victoria Hospital and Glasgow Clyde College Campus, the only area which shows a strong incoming commuter pattern from across the region.

There are a number of community organisations, charities and groups delivering activities and services in the area, the community councils are active and the Shawlands Town Centre is in a Business Improvement District.

Demographics

Due to the gradual release of limited 2020 census data (some of which has recently become available), we have gathered information on the configuration of the project area demographics from a number of sources, including the 2011 and 2020 census, and the Glasgow indicators project, which is largely based on 2011/2012 data. In order to maintain comparability, we have analysed census data by datazones, which are noted in the appendices.

The datazones include a total of 23403 people with a fairly even split of male to female, and 77% of residents between the ages of 18 – 64, compared to 61% across Scotland. Understanding Glasgow (largely based on 2011 data) notes the

Shawlands and Strathbungo population at 8,531, and that of Langside and Battlefield as 13,673.

While Scotland has the highest percentage of one-person households in Britain, the area data shows that nearly half of all households are single occupancy, which is well above the national average.

Life expectancy for both men and women is higher than the Glasgow average in both neighbourhoods, with claimant rates relating to unemployment and disability or sickness benefits lower than average. Levels of deprivation and child poverty are much lower than the Glasgow average.

The project area as a whole ranks healthily in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) with only 5 of the 29 datazones within the 50% most deprived.

Notably, S01009907 in Strathbungo is ranked as the most deprived datazone in Scotland against housing – which is measured against houses without central heating and overcrowding – which is generally one of the poorer indicators, as is crime.

Although neighbouring areas are notably diverse (Govanhill is recognised as Scotland's most ethnically diverse neighbourhood with an estimated 30-40% of residents from ethnic minorities), the project area is less so, while still reflecting a mixed demographic. The proportion of people from an ethnic minority in Shawlands (15%) is above average, while Langside and Battlefield (10%) is slightly below the Glasgow average.

95% of residents responded as being able to speak, read and write English. 84% of residents were born in the UK, 7% from other European countries, 6% from the Middle East and Asia, and a further 3% from Africa, the Americas and Caribbean, Antarctica, Oceania and other.



Kilmarnock Road, Shawlands



Pollokshaws Road, Shawlands

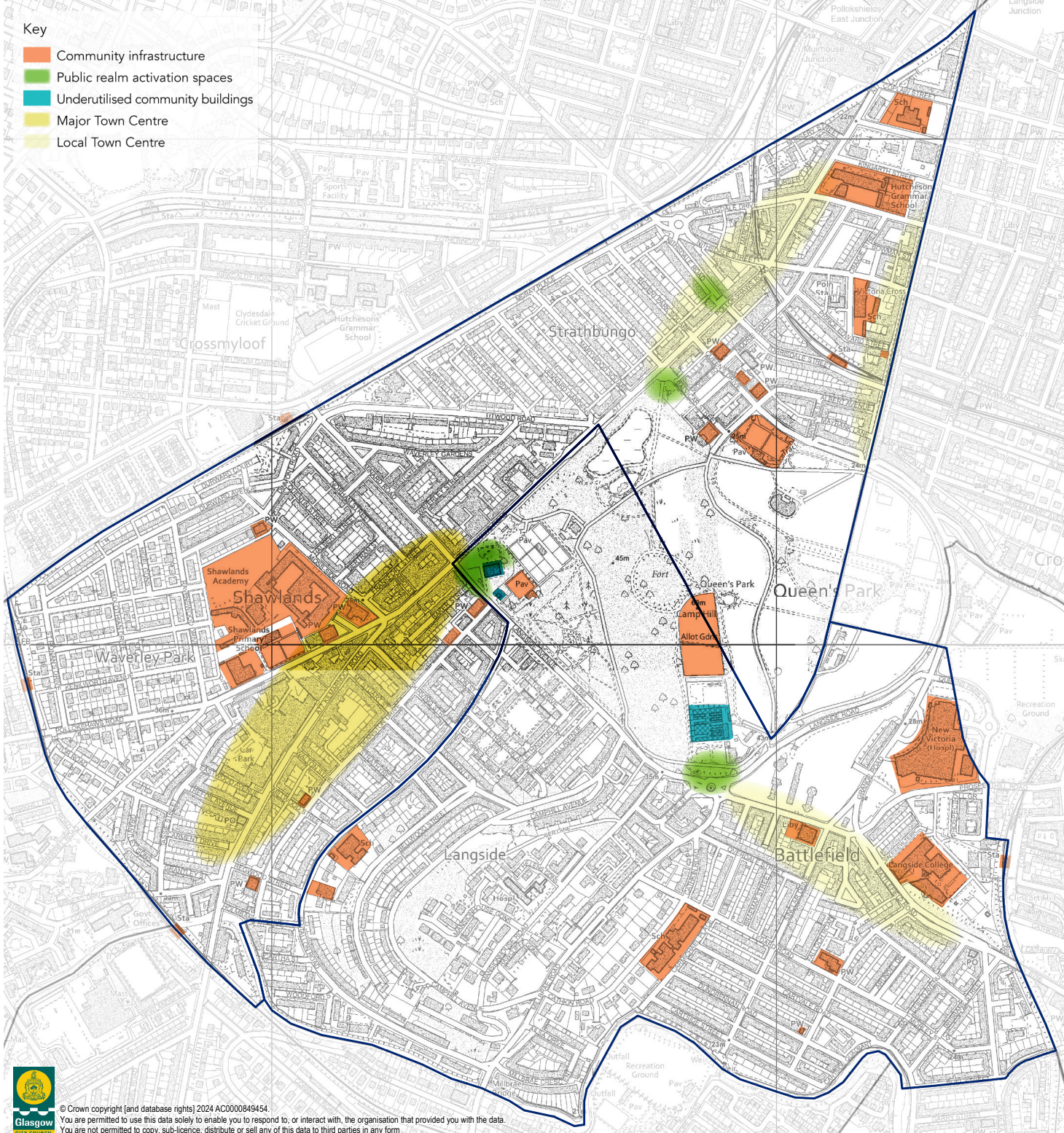
Community Assets

This LPP identifies a number of local assets which are of significance to the project area and the people who live, work and visit it.

These are identified in the map below and include:

- Important community infrastructure: education, health, places of worship, libraries, social and sports facilities
- Key public realm, where there is scope for improvement
- Important but underutilised buildings, which the LPP designates for community use
- Major and Local Town Centres

While there are many other important local buildings and spaces, these are the ones which the LPP considers to be directly relevant to the plan's scope and proposals.



Community Assets Map ▶



Engagement summary

Approach

It was important to the steering group and consultant team that the LPP properly reflects the vision of local people for their area in an authentic manner, capturing both what matters to the community and their proposed actions. For this purpose, the LPP was developed through a staged approach, whereby local people fed in at every point and were asked to review and check emerging outcomes.

Stage 1 allowed the KMA team to explore what the issues and challenges felt by the community are, as well as broad aspirations for the project area. This stage included: a site visit with the steering group to familiarise with the area, an initial stakeholder workshop with invited representatives from local groups and organisations, community drop-in events at Langside Halls and the Glasshouses, an online survey, a workshop with pupils from Shawlands Academy, an accessibility visit around the area with Glasgow Disability Alliance, and attendance from team members at various community events to promote the LPP.

Stage 2 was an opportunity to play back the information gathered throughout Stage 1 and sense check it with the community. This was also a chance to look forward and consider the overarching vision for the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods, and what the key LPP themes might be. This stage included a second stakeholder workshop, a community drop-in at the Shawlands Christmas Fayre, an online survey, and a number of meetings and calls with key local actors and stakeholders who are involved in ongoing projects in the area.

The purpose of Stage 3 was to present a draft plan to stakeholders and the wider public, allowing them to check that the plan reflected the issues and actions discussed through earlier stages. This entailed a final stakeholder workshop, a community drop-in in the Glasshouses, an online survey, and several meetings with Glasgow City Council's Spatial Strategy, Liveable Neighbourhoods and Active Travel teams to brief them on draft projects and discuss overlaps with GCC plans and initiatives.

Throughout the three stages of engagement, there were approximately 949 unique engagements with the community by the design team. In addition to this, the QPN Steering group carried out a significant amount of additional engagement, with Shawlands Academy, Glasgow Disability Alliance and at local events. The QPN website also had over 2,000 impressions throughout the LPP process.



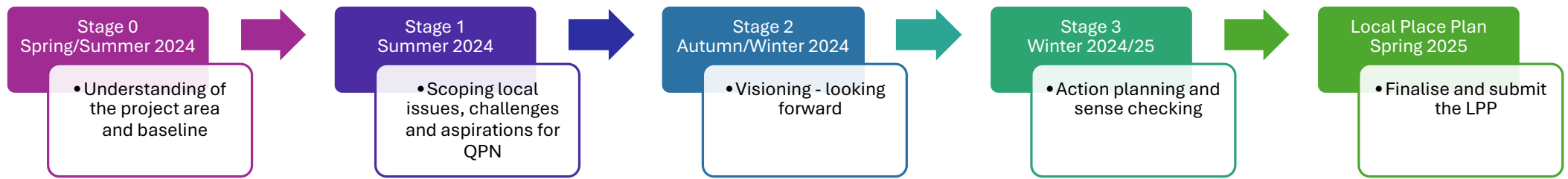
Stage 2 Stakeholder Workshop

Stage 1 Shawlands Academy session



Stage 3 Glasshouses Drop-in





Key outcomes and considerations

The following summary gives an overview of the outcomes of the community engagement process, with full engagement reports for Stage 1, 2 & 3 attached as appendices.

Many people feel affection for, and pride in, the neighbourhoods included in the QPN plan area. Queen’s Park itself is seen as a key facet of local life and one of the reasons that the area is so desirable. Local people value the access to nature and having a space to socialise, play and retreat from the city.

There is a feeling that this is generally a good place to live, with a range of shops and services and a strong local centre. People think that there are many spaces and places which could be made more of and that improved investment in and maintenance and care of existing community assets is important.

A focus on the axis of Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue emerged, diffusing into and away from the park. There are clear issues around traffic management and the balance between cars and other road and street users in these areas, particularly speed and parking, which affect safety and the perception of safety in everyday experience. There is an aspiration to make the area more people-centred and to shift the priority towards active travel, with the roads around Battlefield Monument also emerging as a challenging area which people want to see addressed.

There is also a desire to strengthen the links from the surrounding neighbourhoods to the park, with safe, legible routes that follow desire lines and are accessible to all.

Improved public realm was a priority for people, with key existing or potential public spaces around the park which could be used better. Similarly, a number of local assets are considered underused or neglected, and could be restored to usable condition, with an opportunity to address the lack of community facilities. Langside Halls and the Glasshouses were both seen as flagship projects and key priorities for local people.

There is a sense that one of the key issues in the area is cleanliness and maintenance, including widespread concerns over littering, dumping, vandalism, and a need for better upkeep of public areas and infrastructure.

People identified a need for:

- Community space for groups and activities
- Purposeful greening and growing spaces (for food and plants) such as community gardens
- Additional green spaces such as pocket parks
- Sports facilities
- Public toilets
- New or improved play areas for children and families
- Creative and social spaces
- Spaces for young people

There is also a widespread desire for the QPN area to be welcoming and inclusive to all. Places and resources for young people were often raised, as was ensuring that public space and facilities were accessible for all abilities.

There is a will for the LPP to be forward looking, with a sustainable approach that considers the environment and looks to future-proof wherever possible. People are keen to protect and enhance existing natural resources and to look for new opportunities to green, grow and be innovative in living sustainably. There is a particular will for the biodiversity and nature within the park to be protected and nurtured.

It also became apparent that there are already a number of key ongoing projects, including work on the Queen’s Park Masterplan, Langside Halls and the Bothy (in addition to GCC-led work on Liveable Neighbourhoods and the Active Travel Network), which align closely with many of the objectives and projects emerging from the LPP. It will be important to ensure that there is continued clear communication between all parties to ensure that the proposals complement each other wherever possible.

Vision, Themes & Projects

Vision

As local people discussed how they felt about the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods now and in the future, a vision emerged for the area.



Queen's Park Neighbourhoods area aims to be a creative and sustainable community that is diverse, inclusive and accessible, with excellent public buildings and natural and built spaces that are loved and cared-for



The development of the vision was an iterative process, growing from initial input from local people and developing through conversations with stakeholders and residents, before being verified by the wider community. The key messages were that the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods LPP should reflect the diverse and creative nature of the local population and that it should focus on making the area work for everyone. There was also a clear feeling that it is important to protect, care for and invest in the built environment, nature and the park itself, and the people of QPN.

Themes

In order to deliver the vision and objectives of the LPP, four key themes were identified through engagement that guide priority actions.

Theme 1: Moving Around, Accessibility & Connections

Theme 2: Green & Sustainable

Theme 3: Distinctive & Diverse Placemaking

Theme 4: Creative, Safe & Inclusive Community

Embedded within each of these themes is the need for a supportive environment for physical and mental health, and support for the local economy.

Projects

The LPP has identified a number of projects throughout the QPN area. There is a mix of projects which are largely spatial, and therefore feed directly into the forthcoming LDP, and projects which are activity based and feed less directly into the formal planning system. A number of the projects have both spatial and activity elements, which are designed to complement each other.

While the LPP is community led and owned, there are some projects – particularly larger capital works – which require leading or support from either GCC or other organisations. Within the actions list, key leads and/or partners have been identified. Project delivery is not limited to these partners, but should be progressed by those best suited and most capable of delivering sustainable change. It is vital that the list of LPP projects does not duplicate or impinge on existing activities by community organisations and it is intended to support, rather than compete with existing community delivery. To this end, it is important that local stakeholders be consulted before projects are progressed, to ensure that the correct partners are involved in and aware of delivery.

Stage 2 Drop-ins, reviewing the vision & themes

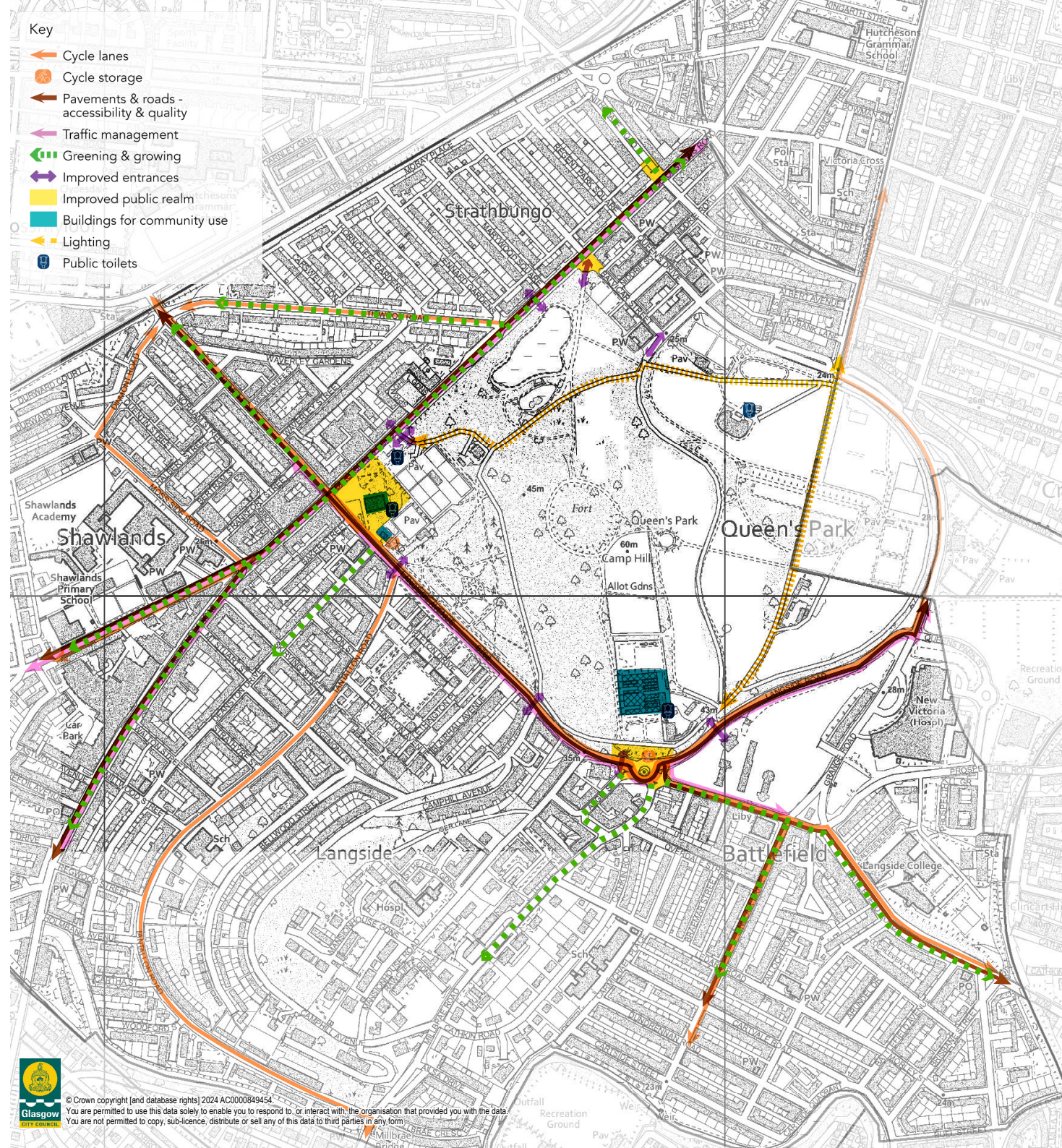


Stage 3 Stakeholder Workshop, reviewing projects



The map illustrates the key spatial elements of the plan and includes:

- **Cycle lanes**, which align with the GCC Active Travel Network proposals
- **Cycle storage**, with locations identified at the Bothy and Battlefield Monument
- **Improvements to pavements and roads**, particularly Langside Avenue and Pollokshaws Road, but also bleeding out into the nearby centres, along Minard Road, Kilmarnock Road, Battlefield Road, Sinclair Drive and Langside Road
- **Traffic management** on Pollokshaws Road, Langside Avenue and linking roads
- **Greening and growing**, with a green network extending from the park along Pollokshaws Road, Nithsdale Road, Titwood Road, Minard Road, Kilmarnock Road, Deanston Drive, Algie Street, Millbrae Road, Battlefield Road and Sinclair Drive
- **Improved entrances** to Queen's Park at Balvicar Drive, Balvicar Street/Pollokshaws Road, Pollokshaws Road at the Boating Pond, Pollokshaws Road at Goals, Landside Avenue/Tantallon Road, Langside Avenue/Camphill Avenue, Langside Avenue at Church on the Hill, Langside Road opposite the Victoria development
- **Improved public realm** on Nithsdale Road, on Pollokshaws Road outside Brodies, at the civic square at Langside Halls, at the Battlefield Monument
- **Buildings for community use**, including Langside Halls, the Both and the Glasshouses
- **Limited lighting through the park**, connecting the Victoria Road entrance to the Goals entrance on Pollokshaws Road and the Langside Road entrance
- **Public toilets** at Hugs and Mugs, the Glasshouses, Queen's Park Arena, and possibly in the future at Langside Halls



Action & Delivery

The projects identified in the LPP aim to be realistic and deliverable, although some may require significant development, funding and delivery. The following projects detail an overall approach, with specific actions, partners and possible funders identified.

Theme 1: Moving Around, Accessibility & Connections

Project 1 Cycle lanes

While support for cycle infrastructure is not unanimous and there remain tensions, particularly with the ease of car use, the community is largely supportive of improving existing cycling provision and making roads work for the people who live in the QPN area, rather than those who commute through it.

- a. The plan supports further linking and joining up of existing cycle infrastructure, with cycle lanes around the park linking to the South City Way and opportunities for extending the network further into residential areas. The proposed GCC Glasgow South Active Travel network will connect the perimeters of the park with the City Centre via the South City way, also linking to neighbourhoods south through Shawlands, east through Battlefield and toward Mount Florida, and west towards Pollokshields.
- b. The plan prioritises active travel throughout the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods and around the park, reducing traffic on roads and particularly along Langside Avenue and Pollokshaws Road where possible. The plan supports the Scottish Government's sustainable transport hierarchy, with pedestrians given priority.

Project Locations: Nithsdale Rd, Langside Ave, Minard Rd, Titwood Rd, Tantallon Rd, Battlefield Rd. Connecting to new routes on Langside Rd and Grange Rd, and existing routes on Victoria Rd

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Sustrans, Queen's Park Working Group (QPWG), Langside Primary

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Medium/High

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: GCC , Scottish Government (SG)

Project 2 Cycle storage

There is a desire for increased and improved cycle storage for local people, with a particular need in the denser neighbourhoods where residents are less likely to have storage space and gardens of their own. Increasing cycle storage locally will allow people greater access to local shops, community facilities and the park.

- a. Affordable and accessible cycle hangars (or equivalent), including storage for cargo bikes, are proposed to be located throughout residential neighbourhoods, particularly where primarily tenements.

There should be careful consideration given to minimising the loss of local parking spaces, with recognition that while a shift to sustainable methods of travel is important, parking in the Southside is already difficult for residents.

Project Locations: Cycle storage at key points

around the park including: 1. The Bothy, as it becomes a community space. 2. Battlefield Monument, utilising reclaimed road space and providing cycle storage on the south east fringe of the park, where there are currently fewer options. In addition, the plan supports further locations throughout surrounding neighbourhoods.

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Medium

Timeframe: Short - Medium

Possible Funding Sources: SG Residential Cycle Storage & Parking Fund, Cycling Scotland, GCC Residential Cycling Parking, Sustrans, Cycling Scotland – Cycling Friendly Community

Cycle lane exemplar, Oxford Road, Manchester



Project 3 Maintained and accessible roads and pavements

Throughout engagement, people identified the poor quality of surfaces - including roads, crossings, pavements and paths - as an immediate concern, and one that particularly and adversely impacts those with mobility issues. The plan proposes the improvement of key pedestrian infrastructure around Queen's Park, ensuring accessibility around and into the park for all ages and abilities. The plan proposes an audit of roads and surfaces around the Park, focussing on:

- a. The need for repair and improved maintenance of roads in the area around the park
- b. Safe and accessible pavements and crossings, including tactile paving and dropped kerbs

In addition, a review of blue badge/disabled parking spaces around the park should be undertaken, with consideration given for the provision of blue badge space(s) at Balvicar Street

Project Locations: Queen's Park perimeter, linking to Govanhill, Strathbungo, Shawlands and Battlefield town centres

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Glasgow Disability Alliance, Glasgow City Parents Group

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: High

Timeframe: Short

Possible Funding Sources: National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

Project 4 Traffic management and pedestrian priority

Throughout engagement, there was a clear sense that many of the areas and streets surrounding Queen's Park feel dominated by traffic. Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue in particular are viewed as barriers to the park. The plan proposes the promotion of pedestrian priority around the park through a programme of traffic management and a series of improvements to the pedestrian infrastructure, primarily around the Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue axis. This includes:

- a. Widening pavements, particularly along Langside Avenue
- b. Gradiated raised tables, in order to slow traffic and increase the effectiveness of current crossings, particularly along Langside Avenue and around Battlefield monument. Note that all traffic management would be subject to input from emergency services and other statutory consultees
- c. Increase visibility of crossings through additional signage, surface treatment to crossings (including side roads along Langside Avenue and Pollokshaws Road), road markings and lighting, particularly at the crossings at the end of Tantallon Road and at the Ivory entrance
- d. A programme of road painting/markings where there are crossings to highlight the location of junctions and to promote more cautious driving. Designs could be created with input from local young people and applied using thermoplastic, high grip road surface material or similar. This project has scope to engage young people and the creative sector in the delivery of key LPP outcomes

- e. Increased crossing times at lights, particularly at the main crossing at the corner of Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue
- f. Traffic calming measures around the park, with speed bumps and a 20mph speed limit enforced along Pollokshaws Road, Langside Avenue, Langside Road (which will become an important access point from Battlefield), bleeding into Shawlands Centre and down along Battlefield Road
- g. A redesign of the Battlefield Monument road layout, as proposed in the Liveable Neighbourhoods stage 2 designs, with the removal of the current roundabout and an emphasis on crossings on Langside Avenue, Algie Street, Millbrae Road, Battlefield Road and Langside Road
- h. Narrowed road space where possible and appropriate, in order to improve crossing visibility and safety
- i. The development and implementation of a cohesive parking strategy for the area, considering challenges around double parking and pavement parking in particular
- j. The distribution of information and education material to local people as changes are made, to explain and inform how transport hierarchies are changing and how to behave safely as road users or pedestrians

Project Locations: Pollokshaws Road, Kilmarnock Road, Minard Road, Langside Avenue, Algie Street, Millbrae Road, Battlefield Road and Langside Road

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: High

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: NIIF

Theme 2: Green & Sustainable

Project 5 Cleanliness and litter campaign

Cleanliness and littering across the area was a recurring concern for local people, with a feeling that there while some responsibility lies with GCC, there is also an onus on local people to look after the QPN area. The plan proposes a set of programmes of education and community participation combined with improved local infrastructure and management, including:

- a. Appropriate signage throughout the project area, with regular emptying of bins
- b. Community litter picks
- c. School programmes focussing on education and behavioural change
- d. Signage promoting clean neighbourhoods and local pride
- e. A community led public awareness programme, with strong branding and participation from local businesses

Project Locations: Throughout the project area

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Shawlands Academy, all local primary schools, Shawlands & Strathbungo Community Council (SSCC), Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council (LBCCC), Business Improvement District (BID), Friends of Queen's Park (FOQP), possible collaboration with community payback team

Proposal type: Activity

Priority: Medium

Timeframe: Short

Possible Funding Sources: ASDA Outdoor Community Spaces Fund, Keep Scotland Beautiful

Project 6 Greening and growing

The plan proposes a network of 'green fingers' extending from the park into surrounding neighbourhoods via key arteries, linking the park more strongly to its surroundings and extending nature into neighbourhoods and contributing to more pleasant and walkable streets, and a softer and greener environment. The plan proposes:

- a. Growing and greening along routes to and from the park, with planters, hanging baskets and pocket parks, but also with in-ground street trees where possible, rain gardens and SUDs. This is particularly on roads which although key routes to and from the park are currently hard and grey. It is important that interventions in specific locations are made in partnership with local residents, with opportunities for them to be involved in planting, management and stewardship of spaces, in addition to scope for these projects to be linked to creative, arts and heritage projects, such as planter designs.

It also supports access to increased community gardening or growing opportunities for local people, with:

- b. Increased community activity proposed for the Glasshouses, working with SRUC and Friends of Queens Park to provide use of the facilities for growing, planting and horticulture activities, classes, events and storage

c. Increased funding, organisation and promotion of local opportunities for people to become involved in growing, both in the Glasshouses but also in Queen's Park, pocket parks and allotments

d. The provision of storage facilities for local organisations, particularly the Friends of Queen's Park. There are opportunities for the Bothy to become utilised as a storage space, with the boathouse proposed as a meanwhile resource

Project Locations: Titwood Rd, Minard Rd, Nithsdale Rd, Pollokshaws Rd, Battlefield Rd, Langside Place, The Bothy, Glasshouses, Finn's Place

Potential Project Partners & Leads: SSCC, LBCCC, FOQP, GCC, Glasgow Life, BID, Queen's Park Community Hub CIC, Finn's Place, Glasgow Clyde College, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), South Seeds

Proposal type: Spatial and Activity

Priority: High

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: Area Partnership, NIIF, Heritage Lottery, ASDA Outdoor Community Spaces Fund, Glasgow City Council - Let's Grow Together Fund, Cultivation Street



Greening & growing exemplar, Stanford & Cleveland



Greening & growing exemplar, Sheffield

Project 7 Access to recycling facilities

Through consultation, local people identified challenges with accessing recycling facilities, particularly for those who do not drive or own a car. The plan proposes a number of strategies to increase access and to make better, local use of waste.

- a. Building on previous work by South Seeds to map and promote awareness of local recycling points
- b. Exploring community led recycling, upcycling and circular economy projects and social enterprise which can be integrated into new community hub(s)
- c. Exploring central composting locations in and around Queen's Park, with community led collection initiatives

Project Locations: Throughout the project area

Potential Project Partners & Leads: South Seeds, SSCC, LBCCC, volunteers, BID and local business

Proposal type: Activity

Priority: Medium

Timeframe: Short - Medium

Possible Funding Sources: EB Scotland – Scottish Landfill Communities Fund

Project 8 Local green energy

Sustainability has emerged as a priority for many local people, who have emphasised the importance of responsible stewardship of the area and opportunities to test new approaches to creating a more resilient place. The plan supports the progression of community led future proofing initiatives, particularly including green energy solutions and retrofitting. Possible projects include:

- a. There may be opportunities for local tenements to be approached as case studies for retrofit and upgrade. While likely to be led by Housing Associations, un-factored properties should also have access to opportunities
- b. There may be funding opportunities whereby a local fund is made available for small sustainability led projects or for innovative local pilot projects. If so, existing local organisations with a grounding in sustainability should be invited to be included in the development of any funding processes

Project Locations: Throughout the project area

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Southseeds, SSCC, LBCCC

Proposal type: Activity

Priority: Low

Timeframe: Long

Theme 3: Distinctive & Diverse Placemaking

Project 9 Langside Square

There is a desire amongst local people for the square at Langside Halls, at the junction of Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue, to be used more often and purposefully and to become more of a focal point. Recognising that the civic square is a relatively new space and in good condition, proposals are largely focussed on activating through increased opportunities for use, but include an element of landscaping:

- a. Retain the current market space, but link with the Park lane Market to consolidate into one monthly event.
- b. Support the BID and community councils in hosting a regular calendar of community facing events on the square, building on the success of the Beach Day(s) and similar initiatives.
- c. Improve seating options for any users with mobility challenges including sheltered options, set back from the road.
- d. Subtle softening of hard surfaces, with greening and planting across the square, utilising raised planters where necessary, but with in-ground trees preferred where possible.
- e. Introduce an informal play area to the north of the square, with adventure play and hammocks/relaxation areas.

Project Locations: Langside Square, including green plots to the north of the hard surface

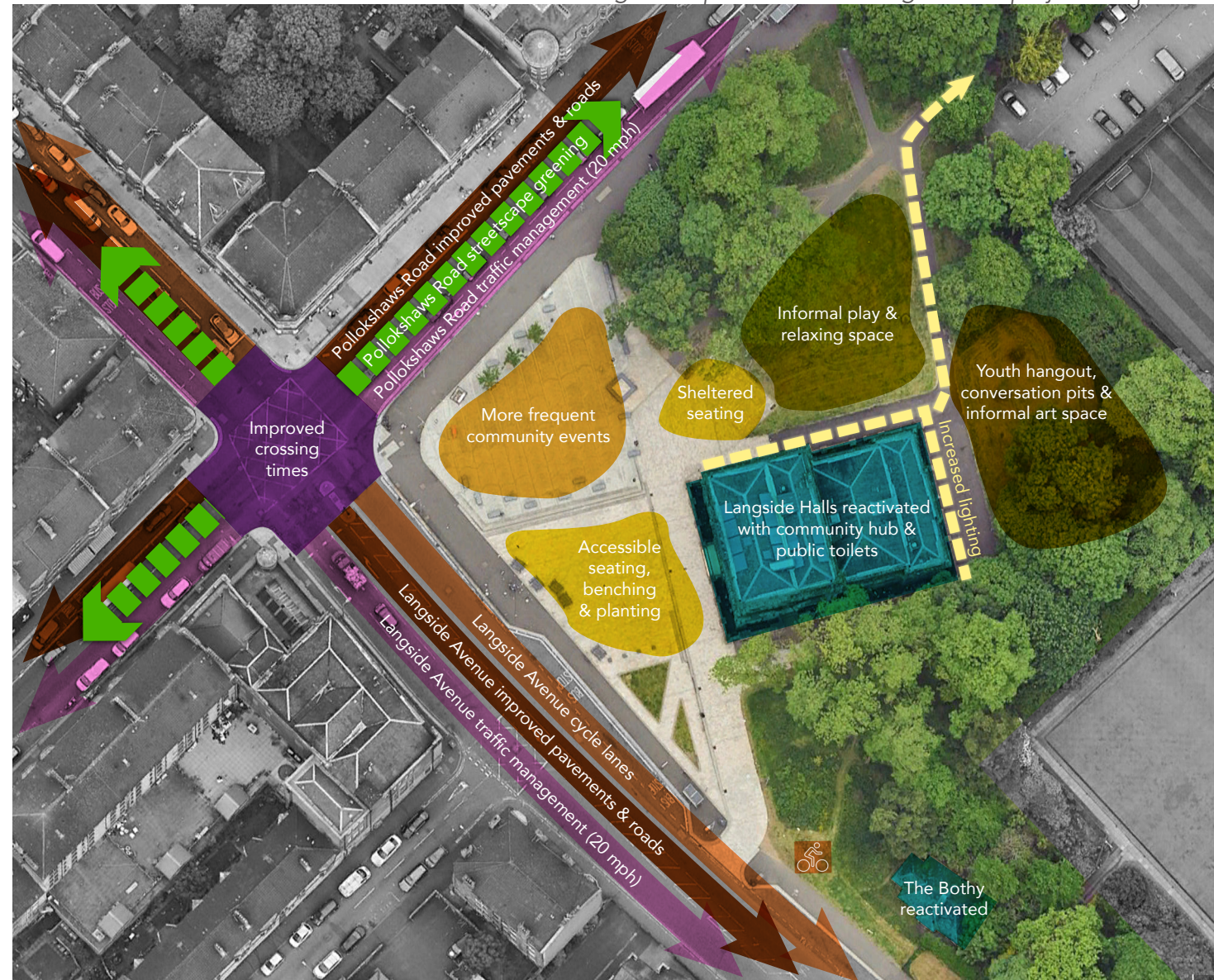
Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Langside Halls Trust (LHT), BID, SSCC, LBCCC, Langside and Park lane Markets, Queen's Park Working Group

Proposal type: Spatial and Activity

Priority: Medium - High

Timeframe: Medium

Langside Square & surrounding context projects map



Project 10 Queen's Park entrances

Improving access to the park is a key facet of the LPP, with a desire to ensure that it is as accessible and welcoming as possible. The plan proposes improvements to a number of the Queen's Park entrances, which have been identified through consultation, with the more substantial interventions detailed separately.

- a. Crossings at desire lines, particularly on Pollokshaws Road outside Hugs and Mugs at the Goals entrance and at the entrance opposite the new Victoria development on Langside Road. This should include narrowed crossings and/or continuous pavements for visibility where possible.
- b. Improved pedestrian crossing across the Goals entrance, which is currently in poor condition and can be tricky to cross. Options for pedestrian priority include the implementation of road painting, a graduated raised table, surface treatment or similar. This should include dropped kerbs if necessary, to ensure accessibility.
- c. Clearer and more welcoming entrances around the park, which are well signed. This includes repainting the perimeter fence surrounding Queen's Park and could link to local design competitions or culture and heritage projects.
- d. Accessible and maintained surfaces around the perimeter of Queen's Park, with appropriate dropped kerbs at all crossings and park entrances.
- e. An audit and subsequent increase of blue badge spaces surrounding Queen's Park, with appropriate signage for drop-off areas (note GDA comments in Stage 1 Engagement Report).

f. Traffic management along Pollokshaws Road, Langside Avenue and Langside Road, detailed elsewhere.

Project Locations: Pond entrance on Pollokshaws Road, Goals entrance on Pollokshaws Road, entrance on Langside Road

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Glasgow Disability Alliance, Queen's Park Working Group, local arts and heritage organisations i.e. Strathbungo Society, Langside Community Heritage

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Medium - High

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund

Safe crossing exemplar with dropped kerbs, tactile paving and planting



Possible Funding Sources: Corporate events

Project 11 Square at Brodies

The plan proposes improved public realm and a more accessible park entrance at the corner of Balvicar Street and Pollokshaws Road, with:

- a. Sheltered seating
- b. A softened and greened streetscape
- c. Public art opportunities, with opportunities for local artists prioritised
- d. Greater accessibility where required, including improved paving surface and ensuring access to dropped kerbs
- e. A stronger relationship to the Balvicar Street play area

Project Locations: Square at Brodies, Balvicar Street

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, SSCC, LBCCC, Queen's Park Working Group, Strathbungo Society

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Low

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: LEZ Fund

Project 12 Battlefield Monument area

The plan proposes an emphasised public entrance which relates more positively to Battlefield and to the Glasshouses, is accessible and safe, with increased and improved public realm around the monument and a focus on improving pedestrian access and safety.

- a. A statement entrance to Queen's Park from the Battlefield Monument linking Battlefield and Langside more effectively with Queen's Park and championing the Glasshouses as an asset and destination. A possible route may be a grand set of stairs leading from the Glasshouses directly down to the Monument area, large enough to sit and relax on, complimented by an accessible ramp
- b. While the plan supports the Liveable Neighbourhoods proposals for the Battlefield Monument area, it suggests that any new public realm is unlikely to be used as performance space etc. (as noted within LN proposals) given its proximity to the road, although improved public realm sets the groundwork for a better relationship between the park and Battlefield Road, Millbrae Road, Algie Street and Langside Avenue, and particularly the buildings and spaces to the south of the current roundabout on Langside Place
- c. Gradiated raised tables on roads approaching the current roundabout area, on Langside Avenue, Battlefield Road and Langside Road, with a view to slowing traffic around the monument
- d. Pedestrian crossings on all surrounding roads, with clear road markings

Project Locations: Langside Avenue, Battlefield Rd, Millbrae Rd, Algie St, Glasshouses, Battlefield Monument

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Queen's Park Working Group

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: High

Timeframe: Medium - Long

Possible Funding Sources: Scottish Government, GCC

Project 13 Nithsdale Road

The plan proposes a feasibility study into the partial pedestrianisation of the east end of Nithsdale Road, approaching Pollokshaws Road. There is already a wide paved area here which might be expanded with minimal impact on parking for local residents and businesses, providing additional spill out spaces for local bars and restaurants. This might include the provision of good quality seating and shelter, a softened and greened streetscape, public art opportunities and greater accessibility where required. Further consultation and engagement with local businesses would be important in order to ensure any proposals emphasise rather than detract from their footfall and income.

Project Locations: Nithsdale Road, Pollokshaws Road

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, local businesses, Strathbungo Society

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Low

Timeframe: Medium - Long

Possible Funding Sources: Liveable Neighbourhoods, Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Fund



Liveable neighbourhoods proposal for Battlefield Monument area

Nithsdale Road exemplar, Glasgow



Theme 4: Creative, Safe & Inclusive Community

Project 14 Langside Halls

The plan supports the Langside Halls Trust in their efforts to restore Langside Halls. The Halls are widely seen as a key local asset which must be brought back into use and as an opportunity to address the lack of local community venues. The plan supports:

- a. The phased repair and reopening of the Halls
- b. Utilising the Halls as an accessible community hub, with a programme of community events as soon as is financially and organisationally viable
- c. A programme of capacity building for the long-term management of the Halls, including volunteer programmes and training
- d. Community ownership of the halls, if viable

Project Locations: Langside Halls

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, LHT, Glasgow Building Preservation Trust

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: High

Timeframe: Short - Long

Possible Funding Sources: Area Partnership, NIIF, Historic Environment Scotland - Heritage & Place Programme, Heritage Lottery

Project 15 Rear of Langside Halls

Throughout consultation, perceived antisocial behaviour at the rear of Langside Halls was identified as an issue that people want to see resolved. The plan proposes that the rear of Langside Halls is activated, becoming a purposeful and safe space for young people. There are currently challenges around litter, graffiti and damage to the rear of the halls. It is important that young people are included in improvements to this space and feel some element of ownership of it. The Plan proposes:

- a. A design exercise with local young people to explore options
- b. Likely key elements include improved lighting with good sight lines and general visibility, seating and shelter
- c. With challenges around graffiti, a formal or informal street art project to the rear of the halls, possibly including the provision of appropriately placed legal graffiti walls, providing an alternative to the walls of the Halls

The feeling of many of the stakeholders and members of the public is that improvements to the behaviour around the halls is intertwined with the Halls being brought back into use.

Project Locations: Rear of Langside Halls

Potential Project Partners & Leads: Shawlands Academy, Police Scotland, Langside Halls Trust, SSCC, Queen's Park Working Group

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: High

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: Part of Langside Halls Trust/Inhouse proposals, ENV2, Lottery, NIIF, LEZ if another round, Legal walls fund, The Leche Trust – Conservation and Performing Arts Grants

Project 16 Glasshouses

Throughout the LPP engagement process, the Queen's Park Glasshouses were consistently pinpointed as a key local asset which people want to see protected and improved, with a feeling that there has to be better access for locals and increased activity. The Plan proposes that the Glasshouses are restored to local prominence, with increased community access and activity. The plan also notes that Glasgow Building Preservation Trust is currently undertaking a feasibility study on future uses of the Glasshouses. There are a number of strands to improving community access to the Glasshouses, which include:

- a. Exploring community ownership or lease of all or parts of the Glasshouses
- b. A programme of refurbishment over time as funding becomes available, ensuring that the structure is proactively repaired and preserved
- c. Community programmes for local people i.e. yoga, parent and child, gardening/growing
- d. Exploring social enterprise opportunities, such as re-establishing the cafe in order to part-fund staffing

e. Working with Scotland's Rural College and Friends of Queen's Park to provide a programme of growing opportunities to local people, in addition to increased access and agency of the Glasshouses for these organisations

f. Increased access throughout the week to the Glasshouses for local people, including to the toilets, of which there are few publicly available in the area

Project Locations: Glasshouses

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, SSSC, LBCCC, Scotland's Rural College, Friends of QP, Glasgow Building Preservation Trust

Proposal type: Spatial and Activity

Priority: High

Timeframe: Short - Medium

Possible Funding Sources: Area Partnership, Venue Hire, Fundraising, Development contributions from Victoria

Project 17 The Bothy

The Plan supports current People Make Glasgow Communities proposals to repair the Bothy on Langside Avenue and transform it into a community facility. As a small, empty building located next to the park and with a lack of other demand, the Bothy is ideally placed to fill some of the voids identified through the engagement stages. There are opportunities to emphasise the park entrance beside the Bothy as well as future possibilities to link activity to space to the rear of the building and to compliment provision at Camphill Bowling Club.

Project Locations: The Bothy

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC/People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC), Queen's Park Community Hub CIC, Queen's Park Working Group, Camphill Bowling Club

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Medium

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: FCC Scottish Action Fund, National Lottery Community Fund

Park lighting exemplar



Project 18 Queen's Park lighting

Given significant concerns around safety in Queen's Park, the plan proposes the lighting of key routes throughout Queen's Park. It is noted that there is already some limited lighting throughout the park in the form of off-grid columns, but engagement has shown a desire from local people for this to be enhanced.

It is important that this is implemented with consideration of the impact of artificial light at night on the surrounding ecosystems and nature, including, bats, birds, insects and other wildlife limited times i.e. dark times.

A detailed ecology study to inform implementation is proposed, with a view to installing increased lighting, on an extremely limited basis, to key routes connecting the Victoria Road entrance to the Goals entrance on Pollokshaws Road and the Langside Road entrance.

Project Locations: Proposed routes from:

1. Victoria Road entrance to Goals entrance
2. Victoria Rd entrance to Battlefield Monument/ Langside drive entrance

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, FOQP, Queen's Park Working Group (QPWG)

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Medium

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: Infrastructure improvement funds, Area partnership funds

Project 19 Queen's Park area public toilets

A priority for people in the Queen's Park area is access to public toilets, which is currently extremely limited. The plan recognises a need for accessible public facilities in and around the park and proposes potential solutions through:

- a. Reopening public toilets at Hugs and Mugs
- b. Consideration of access to public toilets at Langside Halls as and when that may become viable for the managing organisation, with the acknowledgement that a phased repair of the halls may mean that this is not an immediate solution
- c. Increased public access to the Glasshouses.
- d. Utilising the existing temporary toilets at the Queen's Park Arena on a year-round basis, with support from GCC
- e. Installing clear signage throughout and around the park identifying nearby facilities

Project Locations: Langside Halls, Hugs and Mugs, Glasshouses, Queen's Park Arena

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Glasgow Life, QP Arena, LHT, Hugs and Mugs

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: High

Timeframe: Short

Possible Funding Sources: NIIF, Feminist City Fund, Place Fund, Scottish Government Changing Places Toilet fund

Project 20 Sporting facilities

The plan supports increasing opportunities for local sports provision where possible. Although outwith the project area, there are opportunities to link to Queen's Park Rec Ground, which has an existing skate park and is used by a number of local sports groups. There are several suggested actions:

- a. Upgrades to the MUGA in Queen's Park, particularly improving the surface which is dated and in poor repair
- b. Exploring opportunities for a purpose built basketball court in Queen's Park Rec Ground. The plan notes ongoing discussions around the relocation of the skatepark and suggest that any additional facilities such as a basketball court be grouped with the skatepark
- c. Improvements to existing skate park at Queen's Park Rec Ground, whether relocated or not

Project Locations: Queen's Park MUGA, Queen's Park Recreation Ground

Potential Project Partners & Leads: GCC, Local sports clubs, Glasgow Life, QPWG

Proposal type: Spatial

Priority: Medium

Timeframe: Medium

Possible Funding Sources: Sportscotland - Sport Facilities Fund, Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund through Third Sector Interfaces, Sports Charity Scotland, ENV2

Project 21 Cinema

The Plan proposes a pop up community cinema programme, building on the successful and widely appreciated Queen's Park Arena summer events. There may be opportunities to link to Langside Halls as long-term hosts as the Halls gradually reopen, or to other venues such as the Glasshouses. Local businesses or organisations may have interest in hosting events.

Project Locations: Queen's Park Arena, Langside Halls, Glasshouses

Potential Project Partners & Leads: QP Arena, Local businesses, Shawlands BID, Inhouse

Proposal type: Activity

Priority: Low

Timeframe: Short

Possible Funding Sources: Film Hub Scotland, Cinema For All – Coaching Bursaries, National Lottery Film Festival and Screening Programme Fund, National Lottery Awards for all Scotland, Culture & Business Fund Scotland Funding must be matched with business sponsorship income, Regional Screening Scotland

QPN Legacy

It has been clear throughout the development of the LPP that local people care deeply about the QPN area and place particular value on Queen's Park, both as a local amenity and as a haven for nature.

The 21 projects and their component parts identified within the plan aim to address the key issues raised throughout the engagement process and to provide a clear strategy for local people and organisations to work to in delivering the vision for the area. The mix of spatial and activity based projects allows for a holistic approach, with opportunities for a range of local partners to progress actions.

Moving forward, there are several key projects which have been identified as having a significant impact on the QPN area, and are also viewed as catalysts for further change. These include the restoration of Langside Halls and its eventual use as a community hub; increased community access to, use and stewardship of the Glasshouses; and the progression of Liveable Neighbourhoods work around Battlefield Monument, mitigating the impact of traffic and linking Queen's Park more strongly to the southeast.

As elements of the LPP begin to be delivered, other opportunities may present themselves locally, some of which sit outside or adjacent to the scope of this LPP. These may include opportunities for community use of other spaces, such as the Tusk nightclub and Waverly Tearooms building, or within the proposed Shawlands Arcade redevelopment.

The role of the QPN steering group will be important in maintaining momentum following submission of the LPP to Glasgow City Council, and strong relationships and partnership work with both GCC and other local organisations will be vital in ensuring a cohesive and effective delivery of outcomes for local people.

Finally, thanks and appreciation are due to all those who have given up their time to facilitate the delivery of this plan and inform its development.



Appendix 1 – Policy Analysis

NPF4 (2023)

Scotland's [National Planning Framework \(NPF4\)](#) places the global climate emergency at the forefront, with additional focus on equal access to opportunities and local living. It strengthens community voice in planning and further embeds the place principle.

This is reflected in the spatial principles of: just transition, conserving and recycling assets, local living, compact urban growth, rebalanced development, rural revitalisation; all of which seek to support the planning and delivery of key themes: **sustainable**, **liveable** and **productive** places.

Sustainable Places:

Scotland's future places will be net zero, nature-positive places that are designed to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change, whilst protecting, recovering and restoring our environment.

Liveable Places:

Scotland's future places will have homes and neighbourhoods that are healthier, affordable and vibrant places to live.

Productive Places:

Our future places will attract new investment, build business confidence, stimulate GDP, export growth and entrepreneurship, and facilitate future ways of working.

Priorities for Central Scotland include net zero energy solutions, low carbon, resilient urban local living, targeted economic investment and community wealth building

There are six key qualities of place to consider:

Healthy: Supporting the prioritisation of women's safety and improving physical and mental health.

Pleasant: Supporting attractive natural and built spaces.

Connected: Supporting well connected networks that make moving around easy and reduce car dependency

Distinctive: Supporting attention to detail of local architectural styles and natural landscapes to be interpreted, literally or creatively, into designs to reinforce identity.

Sustainable: Supporting the efficient use of resources that will allow people to live, play, work and stay in their area, ensuring climate resilience, and integrating nature positive, biodiversity solutions.

Adaptable: Supporting commitment to investing in the long-term value of buildings, streets and spaces by allowing for flexibility so that they can be changed quickly to accommodate different uses as well as maintained over time.

The Queen's Park Local Place Plan Vision aligns with many of these qualities and indeed, places sustainability and distinctiveness at the heart of its proposals.

Glasgow City Development Plan (2017)

Glasgow's [Local Development Plan](#) (LDP) aims to support the two key aims of; a healthy, high quality place; and a compact city that supports sustainable development. These sit above the four strategic outcomes for the city of: a **vibrant** place with a growing economy, a **thriving** and **sustainable** place to live and work, a **connected** place to move around and do business in, a **green** place, which is resilient, accessible and attractive.

The LDP takes a 'town centre first' approach (as does NPF4), which includes:

- protecting and revitalising all Town Centres within the Network
- supporting the 'Town Centres First' principle by directing appropriate footfall generating uses to Town Centres
- supporting the role that Town Centres play as integrated transport hubs and encouraging travel by sustainable means to and between Centres
- embracing the principles of placemaking, and building on the strengths of each Centre.

Shawlands is designated as a major town centre, while Pollokshaws Road (Strathbungo), Victoria Road (Govanhill) and Battlefield Road (Battlefield) are all designated as Local Town Centres.

SG4: Network of Centres supports the implementation of the approved Shawlands Town Centre Action Plan by maintaining the retail focus of the Town Centre whilst also encouraging a more balanced approach towards other town centre uses in appropriate locations. There is also support for the comprehensive redevelopment of Shawlands Shopping Centre in line with the principles set out in supplementary guidance.

SG4: Network of Centres aims to

Maintain a balance between retail and non-retail uses that protects the shopping function and permits other appropriate town centre uses;

Reduce vacancy levels;

Promote accessibility in order to reduce car dependency and promote social inclusion;

Support investment in the built/physical environment in order to ensure that centres are desirable places to visit and attractive places to invest in;

Support local enterprise.

While the LPP does not focus on the town centres, it aligns in many aspects with SG4 and the town centre first approach, particularly in linking town centres to Queen's Park, improving accessibility and increasing local footfall.

Areas of Shawlands and Strathbungo fall into conservation areas, with the historic battlefield of Langside the only historic battlefield in Glasgow

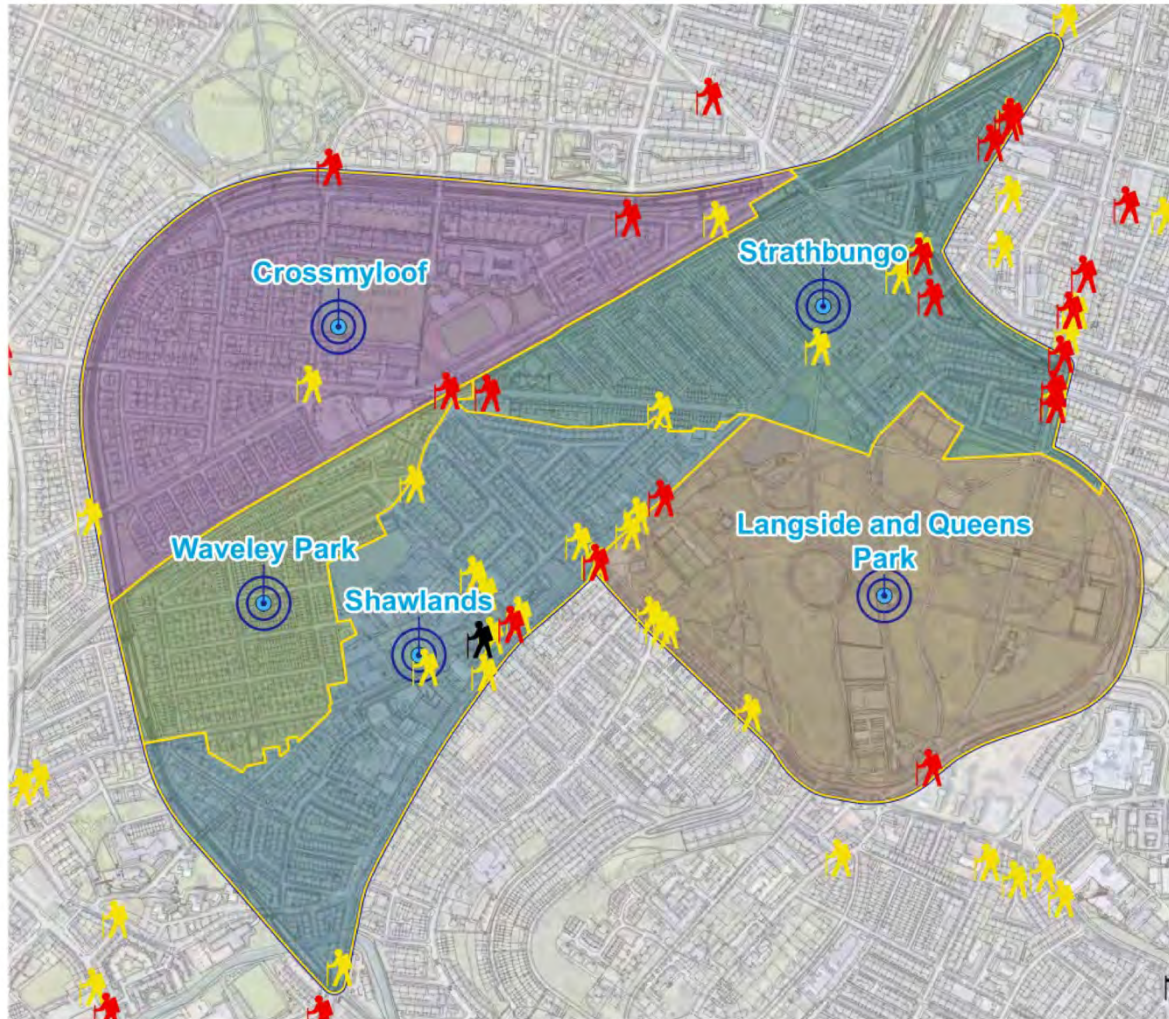
Key housing sites designated within the GCC Housing Land Audit 2024 include the Shawlands Arcade, the Victoria development and associated affordable housing on Grange Road/Prospecthill Road, Pollokshaws Road/Nithsdale Drive.

There are Liveable Neighbourhoods projects proposed for the LPP site, at this point limited to stage 1 and 2 RIBA work; including plans around the [Battle of Langside Monument](#) to reconfigure the streetscape and emerging proposals in Shawlands. [Connecting Battlefield](#) phase 1 delivery is now underway and phase 2 is likely to make even more significant changes to the flow of people and traffic, as well as the sense of place.

Valuable sources of data include:

[Shawlands and Strathbungo Accessibility Strategy](#), which includes significant transport and accident data for the LPP site.

Figure 14: Pedestrian personal injury collisions



Key

Project study area

Pedestrian collision severity

Fatal

Serious

Slight

Govanhill Locality Plan (2017)

The QPN LPP area overlaps with the [Govanhill Locality Plan](#) area to the west of Victoria Road. The Locality Plan sets out a vision for the Govanhill area from 2017-2027. There are seven key strategic themes within the Locality Plan.

Cohesion - The LPP aligns with this in particular through the provision of accessible public and community spaces for all groups, with the park and surrounding spaces key mingling, social and activity areas for local residents and community members.

Economy – By continuing to ensure that Queen’s Park is both a local and city-wide attraction, the LPP aims to support the local economy through strong footfall.

Environment – The LPP proposes a number of projects to help tackle some of the environmental problems around the park, although many of the challenges identified in the Locality Plan are more specific to Govanhill. The LPP also particularly aligns with the goal to enhance local assets and green spaces.

Housing – the LPP includes a number of projects supporting retrofit and tenement upgrades, which relate to some of the housing stock issues identified in the Locality Plan.

While the LPP supports the themes of Health and Social Care, Learning, Safety, it overlaps less directly with them.

South Central Local Development Framework (2023)

The QPN project area also overlaps with the [South Central Local Development Framework](#), largely in Govanhill, Shawlands and Strathbungo. The LPP aligns with many of the neighbourhood priorities, particularly in mitigating traffic impacts, improving pedestrian connectivity and priority, improvements to public realm, the identification of Langside Halls as a multi-purpose community hub, avenue style improvements, safeguarding the historic environment (particularly Langside Halls and the Glasshouses), supporting local organisations, and ensuring quality and accessibility of green space.

A thriving and vibrant South-Central

The LPP aligns with

1. Investing in Town Centres

The arts and culture priorities by preserving heritage and providing spaces for the creativity, increasing activity around Queen's Park and focussing on the provision of community venues, and ensuring that Queen's Park is a key destination not just locally, but regionally.

Streets and spaces, by making use of vacant spaces, celebrating, protecting and repairing local heritage, particularly buildings, proposing key public realm improvements around Queen's Park.

2. Unlocking Potential

Supporting local organisations and initiatives relating to the green economy, particularly in resilience, retrofit and recycling.

Minimising the impacts of traffic and promoting active travel around Queen's Park.

A sustainable and liveable South-Central

The LPP aligns with

1. Sustainable access to amenities and services

Considering gender perspectives (and all other demographics) in proposals relating to provision of services or facilities.

Directing investment towards refurbishing existing buildings, with a focus on existing community assets for use as community hubs around Queen's Park.

2. Place quality and design

Improvement of public realm and promotion of street level activity, at key points adjacent to the park.

Supporting safe walking, wheeling and cycling through traffic calming measures, particularly on Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue.

Promoting intelligent and innovative re-use of vacant historic buildings, particularly Langside Halls as a community hub.

3. Community Focus

The LPP provides a set of community led development programmes, which are suitable for funding via a variety of programmes.

The LPP process has brought a number of local stakeholders together in an attempt to improve cohesion and partnership between local community bodies.

The LPP has been developed with community at the heart of the decision making process and, moving forward, the delivery process.

A connected South-Central

The LPP aligns with

1. Connecting places

The LPP promotes sensitive and inclusive pedestrian oriented design, particularly along Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue, but also on surrounding streets.

The LPP focusses on enhancing connections to Queen's Park, but also to other nearby green spaces and parks.

2. Active Travel Network

Traffic calming measures are proposed on a number of streets surrounding Queen's Park.

Pedestrian priority at key park entrances and nodes is supported within the LPP.

The LPP supports the expansion of the active travel network along proposed routes around the park, as shown on the LPP projects map.

The improvement of active travel networks – particularly for those with mobility issues – is an important aspect of the LPP.

There are several bike parking and storage proposals within the LPP.

3. Low traffic neighbourhoods

The LPP supports Liveable Neighbourhoods proposals, particularly the Battlefield Monument redesign.

A green and resilient South-Central

The LPP aligns with

1. Low carbon growth

The LPP supports local living through a number of measures including enhancing public realm and prioritising accessibility via low and zero carbon travel modes.

2. Climate adaption and resilience

A key facet of the LPP is community engagement and stewardship of the local area, including on green and sustainable projects and measures.

The LPP proposes a programme of greening along key avenues connecting to the park, many of which would contribute positively to a desirable environment, biodiversity and mitigating flooding.

Enhanced greening and street trees, particularly along key active travel corridors, are suggested within the LPP.

3. High quality blue-green network

The LPP identifies opportunities to link Queens Park to surrounding neighbourhoods through a network of 'green fingers'.

The promotion and safeguarding of local biodiversity is a key element of the LPP, and something that local people feel strongly about.

The LPP proposes new and improved aspects of formal and informal play, particularly around Langside Halls.

The inclusion of schools and young people in relation to the care and management of the local environment – particularly cleanliness – is an important project within the LPP.

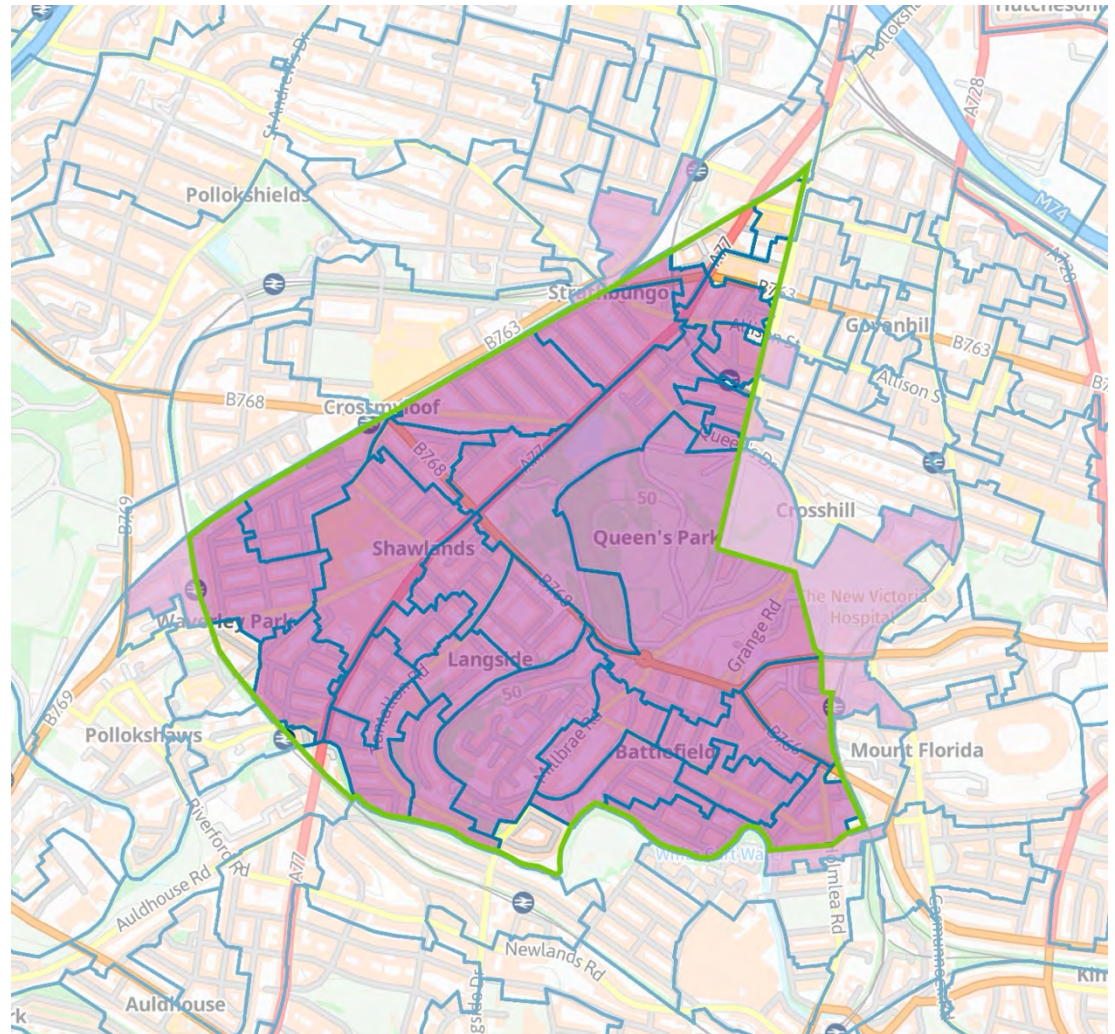
Accessibility and inclusion is at the heart of the LPP, with a desire to make Queen's Park and surrounding areas as usable as possible for all members of the community.

Appendix 2 – Datazones

Datazones for the project area analysed include:

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S01009904, S01009906, S01009907, S01009908,
S01009909, S01009911, S01009917, S01009918,
S01009919, S01009920, S01009921, S01009922,
S01009923, S01009924, S01009926, S01009927,
S01009928, S01009929, S01009930, S01009931,
S01009932, S01010006, S01010015

As shown below, the 29 selected zones cover most of the project area - with some overlaps with surrounding areas – providing a reasonably accurate data area.



Queen's Park Neighbourhoods Local Place Plan

Stage 1 Report



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1. Introduction

Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council have partnered to lead a Local Place Plan (LPP) on behalf of the communities adjacent to Queen's Park.

To facilitate the development of the LPP, the community councils have appointed Kevin Murray Associates (KMA) to lead a community engagement process structured into three stages, with the process overseen by a steering group of representatives of the community, local business and service providers.

The steering group and wider community council team have also been supported throughout by a wide range of local stakeholders, contributing from third sector, community, education and business perspectives. These include: Battlefield Community Project, Clyde College Student Association, Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council, Friends of Queen's Park, Glad Foundation, Greater Govanhill CIC, Inhouse Events CIC, Langside Community Heritage, Langside Halls Trust, Mount Florida Community Council, MyShawlands, Shawlands Academy, South Seeds, SRUC at Queen's Park, and Strathbungo Society.

Local Place Plans are a relatively new mechanism introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, for communities to shape how land should be used in their area. The plans can identify areas of potential change, promote improvements, prioritise areas of vacant or derelict land for new uses and activities and propose building and land uses. LPPs can also consider the local economy, social considerations and health outcomes.

Local Place Plans are important community led projects that, once registered by the local council can become important considerations in planning decisions and can support the local authority and community organisations in funding applications, by showing a clear, cohesive strategy, supported by the community.

While led by the community and rooted in local people's aspirations for the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods, this LPP has also been supported by Glasgow City Council, who have funded development of the plan, among a number city-wide, through their Place Fund.

The wider area for this LPP includes the respective Community Council neighbourhoods, but the LPP project area will focus on the spaces around Queen's Park, including civic space, land and buildings that connect the Park and neighbouring communities.

This report describes the first stage of community engagement, which took place throughout the summer of 2024.



The LPP study area, with a focus around Queen's Park

2. Site Visit

On Wednesday 1st May, the KMA team (including Kevin Murray, Gregor Henderson and Emma Churchyard) attended a site visit, the purpose of which was to:

- Meet the steering group and a number of stakeholders in person
- Familiarise with the project area
- Identify some of the initial opportunities and issues

The group met at Langside Halls and included:

- Friends of Queen's Park (Susan Readman, Chair)
- Crosshill & Govanhill CC (Keith Hawley, CC member)
- MoFloCoCo (Cassandra McLuckie, CC member)
- Battlefield Community Group (Jane Whitehead, Chair)
- Langside Halls Trust (Kevin Kane, Chair)
- MyShawlands (Jonny McDonald, Chair)
- Shawlands & Strathbungo CC - Jude, Andrew, Nick & Paul
- Langside, Battlefield & Camphill CC - Christine, Richard

Initial discussions were around both **Langside Halls** themselves and **Shawlands Civic Square**.

There was some sense of disillusionment around the use of the square. Initial aspirations had been that the square would be lively, with activities and seating, but execution was underwhelming. JM from the BID outlined a number of events held by MyShawlands with a view to activating the square and driving footfall. The regular Farmers Market was seen to be disappointing, with a dwindling number of stalls and poor attendance, emphasised by the Park Lane Market nearby which is thriving. The group was unsure as to who manages the respective Markets but approaches by the BID to Glasgow City Council to try and link things up have been rebuffed. There was also a recognition that when events are held, the square is lively. There was discussion around both the activation of the square through events and the possible installation of other street furniture/infrastructure to provide activity space and promote use.

Langside Halls are currently in state of disrepair, as advised by KK. A feasibility study has been carried out, but significant funding is needed to carry work forward. There are recurring and well-known issues around graffiti and antisocial behaviour at the rear of the halls, particularly young people. There was also a question of ownership around the land between the rear of Langside Halls and the edge of Queens Park.



Artwork in Shawlands Civic Square



The bothy

The small **Bothy** beside Langside Halls was identified as an opportunity site. KK advised that it had been included in initial Ironside Farrar work but was not being taken forward.

The **glasshouses** at the top of the hill were agreed to be underused and a potentially important community asset. RD advised that the building is currently being used by the rural college and there were discussions around the space being more open to the public, with alternative/additional services and activities that could be community led.



Stakeholders on the site visit

Discussing the **Langside monument location**, there were aspirations for an improved and more accessible entrance to the park from the southern corner, possibly linking to the Liveable Neighbourhoods proposal to replace the roundabout with a simplified road system and improved public realm, currently at RIBA Stage 2. Steps – of Spanish or French design – were suggested.

Conversation around the new Sanctuary-led **housing development** on the site of the former Victoria Infirmary considered how the significant influx of residents would change the makeup of the community and the importance of proper integration, also of increased demand for the park and local services. It was suggested that the two buildings closest to the main Langside Road entrance were those which had been designated for community use, but frustration at the lack of clarity and communication around this, with little success up to now in engaging with Sanctuary about how this may look.

The group briefly looked at the **Recreation Ground**. Southseeds have funding to renovate the old pavilion, creating a community hub which will enhance the current croft that they utilise for growing. Possible opportunities around the skate park, gym and sports provision, but this would overlap with Mount Florida LPP.

Also raised was the possibility of improved public realm on **Nithsdale Road**, currently rather car dominated. Given the food and retail options immediately surrounding, there was a feeling that it could be much more people and place focussed.

3. Stakeholder Workshop

Following the site visit, a group of key stakeholders were identified and invited to an early stage workshop on Tuesday 21st May at the Queen's Park Govanhill Parish Church.

The aims of the workshop were to:

- Introduce stakeholders to the LPP, including background and outcomes
- Garner buy-in in order to maximise reach and agency at later stages of the consultation process
- Begin to explore key issues and opportunities throughout the project area



In addition to the QPN Steering Group, attendees included:

- Kevin Kane (Langside Halls Trust)
- Christine Jess (Langside, Battlefield & Camphill CC)
- Jonny McDonald (MyShawlands)
- Michael Igoe (Shawlands & Strathbungo CC)
- Isla Scott (Shawlands & Strathbungo CC)
- Paola Rezzilli (Strathbungo Society)
- Janet Muir (Friends of Queen's Park)
- Jane Whitehead (Battlefield Community Project)

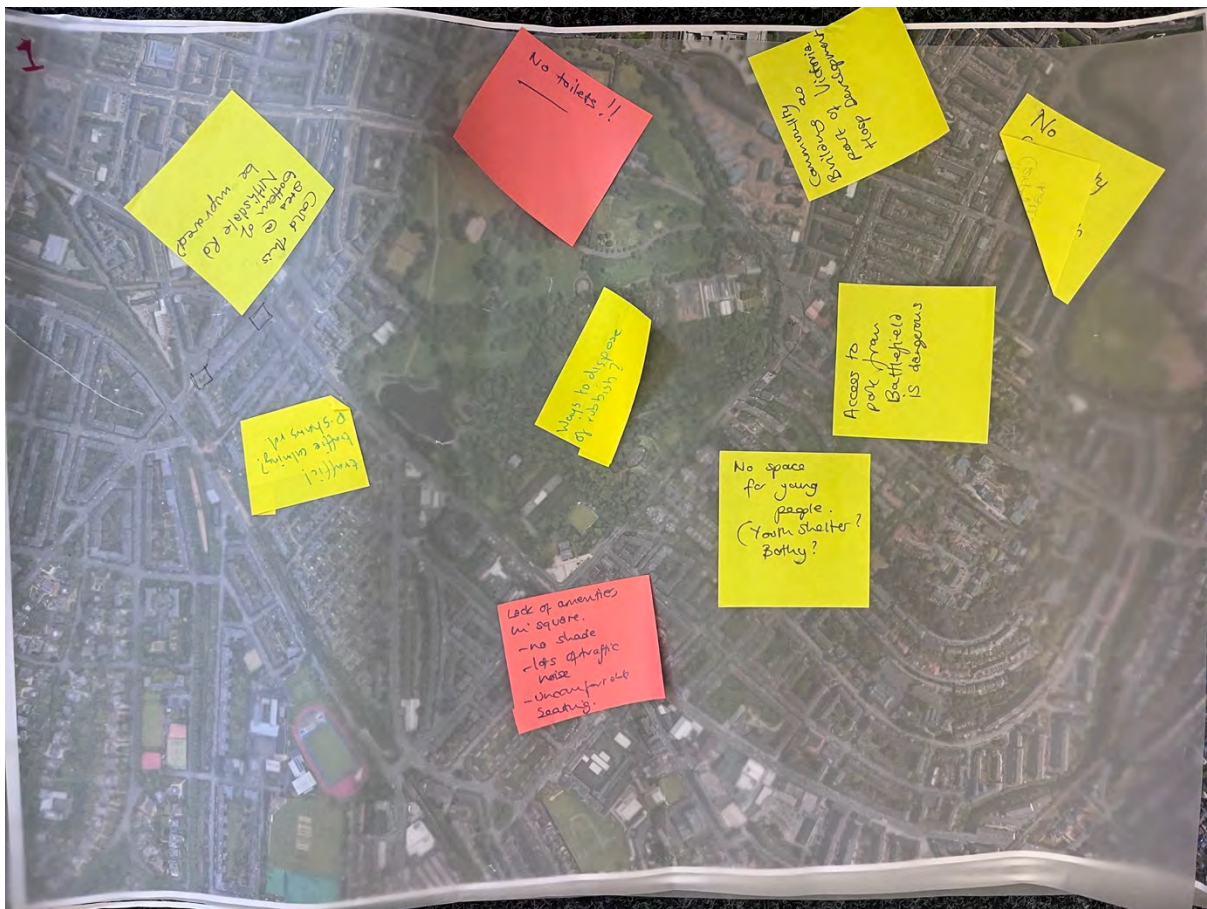
The workshop was introduced by Jude Hunter (QPN Steering Group), who stressed that the LPP is by local people for local people. Emma Churchyard (KMA) then introduced the aims and format of the stakeholder session before Gregor Henderson (KMA) gave an overview of the LPP content and process. Richard Dye (QPN Steering Group) discussed the launch of the QPN website and survey, discussing the outreach strategy.

The **first workshop exercise** tasked the stakeholders to **address the issues** that residents, businesses & customers identify with, including: residents (including families & young people), businesses & local services and customers & visitors. The attendees worked in three groups, mapping issues on an A1 map with tracing paper, as seen below.



Group discussions at the stakeholder workshop

Group 1



Group 1 – issues

Group 1 identified the following as key issues:

- No public toilets in and around the park
- No space for young people
- Lack of amenities in the square (Langside Halls) including no shade, lots of traffic noise and uncomfortable seating
- Not many ways to dispose of rubbish
- Fast and loud traffic on Pollokshaws Road and Langside Ave, more traffic calming measures
- Nithsdale Road area needs improvement
- Community Building in Victoria Infirmary Development?
- Lack of community facilities outside of church halls not available

Group 2

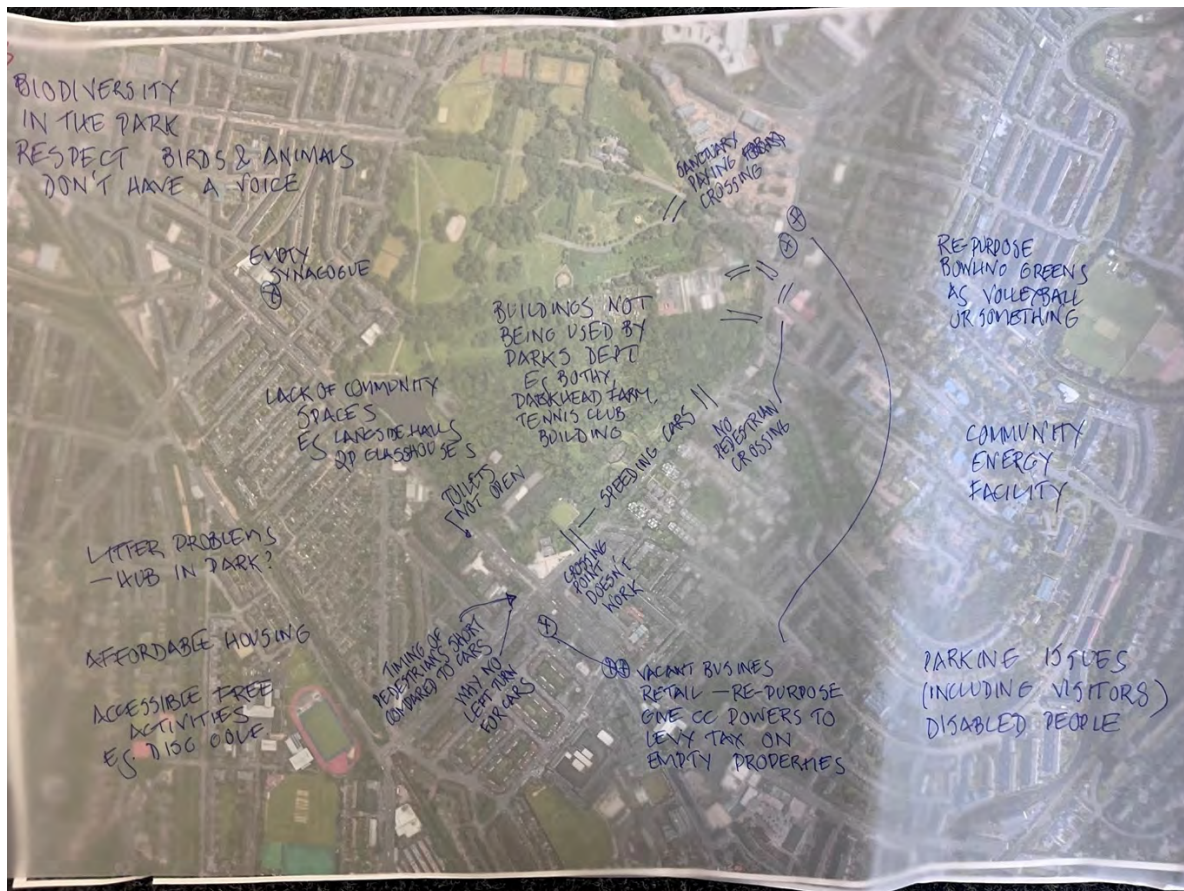


Group 2 – issues

Group 2 identified the following as key issues:

- Not enough for young people to do
- Movement not easy across roads leading to the park
- Not enough green space outside of the parks, need to maximise green spaces such as pocket parks
- Get more businesses on board/engaged in activities in and around the park
- Engaging more with Crosshill, Govanhill and Holyrood

Group 3

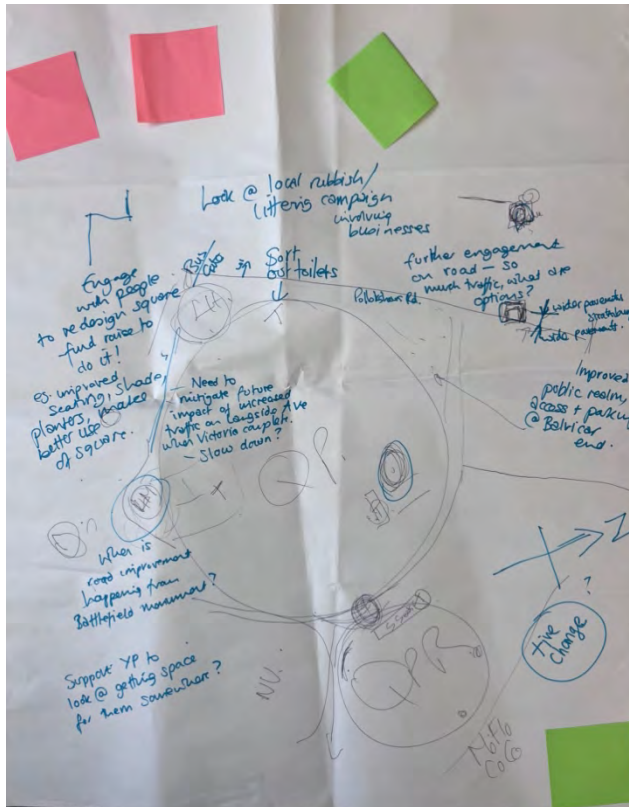


Group 3 – issues

Group 3 identified the following as key issues:

- Biodiversity should be appreciated and included more in the park
- Lack of community spaces, e.g. Langside Halls, QP Glasshouses, empty Synagogue
- No public toilets
- Litter problems
- Affordable Housing
- Accessible, free activities e.g. disc golf
- Buildings not being used by parks department e.g. Bothy, Parkhead Farm, Tennis Club building
- Traffic speed along Langside Avenue too fast and loud
- Vacant businesses and retail spaces could be repurposed to give city council powers to levy tax on empty properties
- Parking issues for residents and visitors, particularly for those with disabilities
- No community energy facilities
- Repurpose bowling green into something like volleyball
- Safer crossings needed, including near the Victoria Development

The **second workshop exercise** asked stakeholders to provide ideas and suggestions to address their issues from the first exercise, including either existing, older ideas and new ideas. This task required the groups to brainstorm ideas on flipchart paper, which can be seen below.



Group 1 made suggestions including:

- Look at local rubbish/ littering campaign involving businesses
- Further engagement on roads surrounding the Queen's Park, with wider pavements and greening
- Improved public realm, access and parking
- Make toilets public again
- Engage with people to redesign Langside Square, and fund raise to do it. Considering improved seating, shade, planters and better use of the square
- Positive change is needed

IDEAS

LANGSIDE HALLS - WINDFARM - SEE ART COLLECTIVE IN LONDON - LOTS OF CLIMATE IDEAS e.g. insulation INVOLVE COMMUNITY ENERGY - BE INNOVATIVE

SKATEPARK - NEED A BETTER ONE, IN A BETTER PLACE - INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DESIGN - MAYBE AT CIVIC SQUARE

GLASSHOUSES - DAY AND NIGHT VENUE INVOLVE LOCAL INITIATIVES LIKE RADIO BUENA VIDA

NEED PLACES FOR E.G. BOARD GAMES / KNITTING CLUBS

GREENSPACES - MAKING MORE USE OF THESE

MAPPING THESE

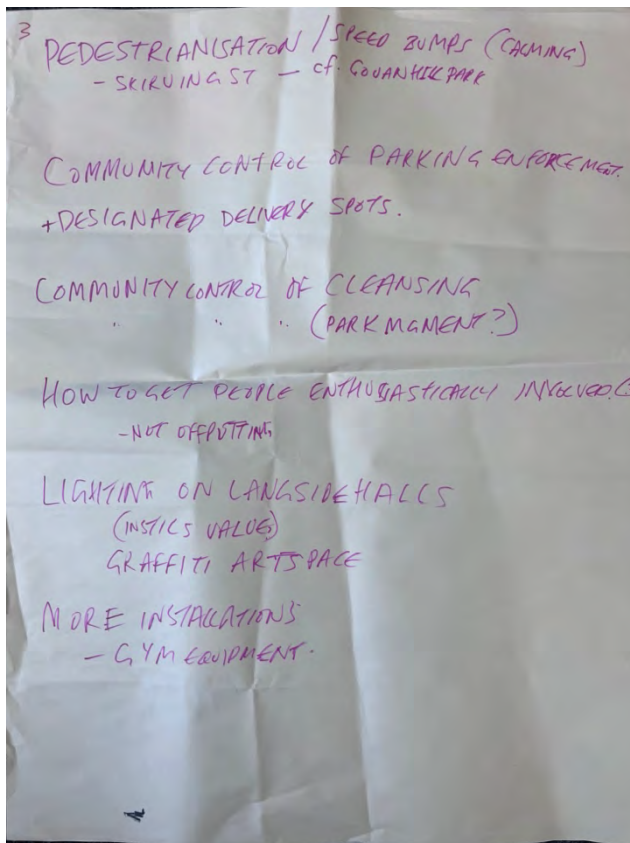
LANES ARE A GREAT POTENTIAL RESOURCE
SEE 'OUR LANE' -> BATTLEFIELD, OFF LEDARD RD
MORE LIKE 'BUNGO IN BACK LANES'
" COMMUNITY GARDENS, SPACES

CROSSINGS - CHANGE THE DANGEROUS ONES
e.g. LANGSIDE AVE

MORE BIKES, MORE BIKE BUSES, MORE FLOWERS AND BEES! AND BIRDS!

Group 2 made suggestions including:

- Langside Halls could be used similar to Art Collective in London: lots of climate ideas e.g. insulation, innovative community energy
- Skate park – need a better one, in a better location and involving young people in the design, potentially at the civic square
- Glasshouses – day and night venue and involving local initiatives like Radio Buena Vida. There is a need for places to have board game nights, knitting clubs and other community uses
- Greenspaces – making more use of these and mapping them. The lanes are a great potential resource (see 'Our Lane' Battlefield, 'Bungo in the Back Lanes', community gardens & spaces
- Crossings – change the dangerous ones e.g. Langside Avenue
- More bikes, buses, flowers, bees, birds, etc



Group 3 made suggestions including:

- Pedestrianisation, speed bumps, and other traffic calming measures from Skirving Street through to Govanhill Park
- Community control of parking enforcement with designated delivery spots
- Community control of cleansing and park management
- How to get people enthusiastically involved and not off-putting engagement
- Lighting on Langside Halls, facilitating areas for purposeful graffiti art space
- More installations such as gym equipment

Key outcomes from the stakeholder workshop include:

- More purposeful greening, including biodiversity measures within the park and outwith the park
- Reclamation of community assets and buildings (Langside Halls, Glasshouses, Bothy, etc) and adding to the offer of public and community spaces
- Enhance public realm offer, activities and lighting
- Improving maintenance, incl. rubbish and planting
- Traffic calming along busy roads and pedestrian priority crossings to and around the park
- Strive for better engagement with businesses, young people and community groups to improve sense of community and place

Gregor Henderson (KMA) covered the **next steps** to follow the stakeholder workshop:

- Wider public consultation, including surveys and drop-ins throughout June & July
- Analysis of feedback
- Develop a vision, themes and ideas throughout August & September
- Consult with stakeholders and wider community
- Develop a draft plan throughout October & November
- Revise and develop a final plan

4. Online Survey

Alongside in-person engagement, an online survey was developed to gather baseline information on how local people feel about the area and some of the key issues and opportunities at present. A copy can be found in Appendix 1.

The survey was promoted across social media platforms, on banners and posters throughout the site area and via business cards with QR codes. Paper copies were also widely available in order to ensure that the survey was accessible to as many people as possible. It was open throughout summer and received 309 responses.

Within the survey, respondents were asked to assign a rating out of five to a number of themes, depending on how important each theme was to them. Across the seven themes, the average scores were as follows, with public realm and maintenance and care denoted as the most important to people.

PUBLIC REALM	4.48
MAINTENANCE AND CARE	4.42
ENVIRONMENT	4.20
SAFETY	4.15
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES	4.04
ACTIVE TRAVEL	4.00
TRAFFIC	3.86

Within each of these categories, respondents were given the opportunity to comment, which were then coded against recurring themes, with outcomes as follows:

Public Realm

Langside Halls – concern around a lack of progress and a desire for it to be restored to use, with a particular keenness for community uses. The square is seen to be bare and hard, with a desire for a softening and greening, and greater use and events.

There is a strong feeling that pavements are not fit for purpose and are particularly challenging for those with mobility issues (or prams), and that investment in good

pedestrian access and connections is important, rather than prioritising cars. There are also concerns around poor road surfaces.

Existing play areas are seen to be of poor quality or badly maintained, with a will to explore more creative and imaginative possibilities for play.

Cleanliness is an issue for many, with problems around litter, graffiti and dog waste.

Green space was identified in many instances as a priority – both in terms of protecting existing areas and expanding/increasing provision. This includes possible greening initiatives through the streets, and a consideration of biodiversity in planting and management.

There is a desire for increased and improved public space, which encourages people to stop and spend time, with more activity, linking to building a sense of community. More seating would be welcomed, including sheltered areas, with a desire for drinking fountains.

Traffic

There are clear concerns around driving behaviour in the area, with a sense that traffic calming measures may mitigate some of the speeding.

A number of people feel that there are issues with crossing times at lights with longer required for people of all abilities to safely cross.

There is a sense that pedestrians should be prioritised in the area, and that many drivers' attitudes don't reflect this.

Several problem areas were identified, including Langside Avenue, and the roundabout at the monument; Pollokshaws Road (including the junction at Minard Road); with Sinclair Drive and Camphill Avenue also mentioned.

Access to Queen's Park was an issue, with a demand for more crossings, and ensuring that these are safe and that traffic is slowed.

Parking is a problem, although more from a perspective of poorly or dangerously parked cars – on corners and pavements – and a feeling that this could be better policed.

Active Travel

While feedback is mixed, sentiment around existing cycle lanes – particularly on Victoria Road – is largely positive, although there are concerns about the maintenance of the routes.

There is some demand for increased cycle lane provision in the project area, with Pollokshaws Road identified in particular as an opportunity. There is some feeling that the

routes being constructed currently may not be in the most useful locations and that there could be a lack of joined up thinking in the cycle lane strategy.

Having well-lit routes (including through QP) was identified as important, while general care of roads, pavements (including managing hedges) and parking was again identified as a problem area.

Other suggestions included increased access to next bikes, greater cycle storage provision and tracks and trails, particularly for young people to learn.

Community Facilities

Langside Halls and the Glasshouses were repeatedly identified as key community assets which are unused and underused respectively, with opportunities for community use and to act as hubs for local people.

There is evidence of reasonable demand for public toilets in and around the park.

A general desire for more sporting facilities – whether new or improvements to existing – was repeated, including better access to swimming pools and cycle tracks.

A lack of dedicated community facilities was shown, although there are a number of churches and bowling clubs. There was also a desire for flexible community space and ensuring that community-based organisations don't lose current facilities.

A number of suggestions were made including food growing spaces and low-cost community space.

Maintenance and Care

There are a number of issues around litter, including: littering, overflowing bins, particularly in the park, fly tipping in back lanes, limited access to recycling points for non-car owners. While there is frustration with GCC there is also recognition that this is largely a people problem and the education and community action are likely to be the most realistic way to deal with this.

There is a feeling that GCC have cut resource and staffing to the point that maintenance in the park and surrounding streets is suffering. The pond in particular is identified as being dirty and unkept.

For some, more responsibility has to i.e. with business owners – small and large – in keeping their premises tidy.

Environment

People see the environment and sustainability as a priority, with a willingness to try and innovate where possible, including exploring options around green energy, with the community possibly taking the lead in some cases. There is also a will for the softening of some of the streets through greening.

There is a largely positive impression of existing rewilding through the park, with people keen to see an emphasis on promoting biodiversity, although not necessarily at the expense of existing, more formal areas.

There is broad support for increased growing and planting, with many people expressing an interest in community gardening.

Improving the local environment through discouraging car use and increasing access to recycling facilities also featured.

Safety

Lighting is a clear issue in and around the park, with many people avoiding it entirely outwith daylight. There is a feeling that if main routes through the park are lit, it must be done in such a way as to have minimal impact on wildlife.

Road safety is a recurring concern.

People generally feel safe around the area, with the exception of walking through/being in Queen's Park at night time.

Respondents were also asked for their 'big idea' for the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods. While wide ranging, responses included:

- Proposals for Langside Halls
- Proposals for the Glasshouses
- Promoting and catering to pedestrians
- Community led cleanliness drives
- Greening and planting
- A safe, welcoming and equitable neighbourhood
- Events and activities
- Sports provision
- Public toilets
- Shared and activated civic space

5. Community Drop-in Events

Following the stakeholder workshop, two community drop-in sessions were held.

The purpose of these sessions was both to inform local people of the LPP process and to further explore some of the key issues which had already been raised. While stakeholders have expert local knowledge and in many cases are informed by a range of first- and second-hand experiences, local people are unconstrained by organisational obligations and are the group who are most directly impacted by the outcomes of these processes.

On Thursday 1st August, GH and EC were in attendance at the Shawlands pier event, organised by MyShawlands. This was part of an initiative which ran across ten days and featured a sand pit, giant deck chairs and a series of games and activities for local people, as part of a longer-term programme for enlivening Langside Square and increasing footfall throughout the local centre.

A stall was set up in front of Langside Halls, with banners promoting the Local Place Plan and maps for people to use as discussions points and to identify key assets and spaces.



KMA set up for consulting at Langside Halls

Footfall across the day was fairly slow and steady, with a mix of people who were aware of the LPP and others who were curious. Throughout the day, GH and EC also distributed LPP cards with QR codes throughout the area, engaging with people – particularly parents and families – who were in the vicinity but had not approached the stall.

Feedback was largely concentrated around Langside Halls and the need for them to be restored and brought into community use, but the Waverly Tearooms were also mentioned as a significant local opportunity. People were generally positive about the LPP and keen to see community feedback turned into action.

On Sunday 1st September, a public drop-in was held at the Queen’s Park Glasshouses, with support from a number of other local stakeholders who were also invited to facilitate and participate in conversations, gather feedback and promote their organisations. This included Friends of QP, Greater Govanhill - the Community Newsroom, Langside Halls, Langside Community Heritage, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council, Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council, and Crosshill & Govanhill Community Council.

Queen’s Park Arena also generously supported the event with logistics, staff and catering. Prior to the drop-in, a paid Facebook ad was run and printed flyers were distributed at venues around the park promoting the event.



Community Drop-in at the Glasshouses

KM, EH and GH were in attendance from KMA and were supported by members of the QPN steering group and community council members. There were four pop-up banners on display outlining the purpose and scope of the LPP and presenting feedback gathered throughout stage 1, shown below.

There were also two A2 maps showing aerial views of the site area, which attendees were invited to identify on one anything that they viewed as a community asset and on the other anything that they regarded as a priority for improvement. There was also a table for children to illustrate their ideal version of the neighbourhoods.



Assets (left) and priorities (right) maps

Throughout the day there was a steady stream of people, some of whom were previously aware of the LPP and some who had not previously contributed. The feedback presented on the board was generally viewed as accurate and prompted lively conversation amongst those who were there.

Key comments were captured throughout the day via post-it notes and thematically grouped following the event. Recurring comments included:

- A need for (accessible) community space, with the Glasshouses a suggested venue
- Repurposing of grey space for green
- Support for growing space and allotments
- Improved maintenance and cleanliness
- Demand for investment in play spaces

- Concerns around poor and unsafe pedestrian experience surrounding the park
- Demand for increased cycle storage
- Improved recycling options
- A need for public toilets
- Concerns around lighting in the park, but also the impact of any lighting on wildlife

Also noted were:

- The importance of venues being accessible
- Community spaces being deliberate, with activities/infrastructure built in
- Improved pond maintenance
- The importance of supporting and retaining Langside Library
- Opportunities for public art
- Drainage and flooding concerns
- Parking concerns, particularly around the new Victoria development
- Storage space for community equipment, with the rec ground suggested as a possible location
- Support for looking after/maintaining woodland outwith the park i.e. between tenements

On the maps, attendees identified a number of key community assets, including:

- Glasshouses, as an iconic building and space for local people
- Langside Halls, as a key building in the heart of the area, which in many ways is tied to people's perception of it
- Allotments, which people felt were a valuable asset in an urban area
- Tennis courts and bandstand, seen as important leisure facilities and generally well used
- Langside Library, as a key community space which must not be lost

Areas for improvement were clustered around:

- Langside Halls, which people wanted to see restored to community use
- Battlefield Monument roundabout, with prohibitive layout and traffic for almost everyone trying to access the park, but also connecting across neighbourhoods
- Glasshouses, with a desire for increased access and community provision
- Disused QP bowling greens, although many recognised that there is current informal use
- Play park, which people felt is outdated and in poor condition
- Battlefield Road, with issues around traffic

1 QPN LPP Introduction

What is QPN?

This Queen's Park Neighbourhoods project is a collaborative initiative by the neighbouring Community Councils for Shawlands & Strathbungo and Langside, Camphill & Battlefield. QPN is about local people taking initiative and leading in uniting the neighbourhoods surrounding Queen's Park.

Our ambition is to develop a Local Place Plan (LPP) by the community, for the community, to create a locally-driven vision for our neighbourhoods and park.

To stay and touch and learn more, visit www.qpn.org.uk.

What is an LPP?

Local Place Plans are a way for local people to influence how their places develop over time. They can map important local assets and services, and outline future projects.

Now is an opportunity to identify the needs of the local community and put them into a cohesive plan. This plan will be owned by the community and available to any service providers and community members interested in new opportunities for QPN and taking them forward.

By showing a clear strategy, planned and supported by the community, this plan can help in applications to win funding for local projects.

Imagine QPN in 20 years' time... what improvements have been made that make it a better place to live?




2 Feedback & Priorities

Traffic

The Stage 1 survey responses revealed a sense that pedestrians should be prioritised in QPN and there are concerns around driving behaviour, with suggestions that traffic calming measures may mitigate speeding. There are also comments about poorly maintained roads and issues with parking, stating that this could be better policed.

Access to Queen's Park could be improved, with a demand for more crossings. Respondents also suggested increasing crossing times at existing lights, allowing for pedestrians to have ample time to cross safely.

Active Travel

While there are mixed sentiments around existing cycle lanes, feedback has been largely positive with demand for more, although there are comments about the maintenance of pavements and routes. Some voiced concerns for how routes are being chosen and constructed. Respondents stated having well-lit and well-kept routes is important, both for walking and cycling. Other suggestions included increased access to Next Bikes, greater cycle storage provision and trails, particularly for young people.

Safety

People generally feel safe around the area, apart from walking through Queen's Park at night. Lighting is a clear issue in and around the park, with many people avoiding it entirely when dark. There is a feeling that if main routes through the park are lit, it must be done with minimal impact on wildlife. Additionally, in line with comments regarding traffic, road safety is a recurring concern.

What projects could be done to make improvements to traffic, active travel & safety in and around the park?





3 Feedback & Priorities

Public Realm

The first survey revealed a desire for increased and improved public space, which encourages people to spend time, with a wider variety of activities available. This includes the square at Langside Halls, which is underused. Investment in good quality pedestrian access and connections (for all ages and abilities) is important, rather than prioritising cars.

People voiced a need to upgrade play areas, with more creative options for play. Green space is identified in many instances as a priority, including greening throughout streetscapes.

Maintenance & Care

Respondents raised issues around litter, such as overflowing bins, fly-tipping in back lanes and limited access to recycling points. Education and community action are seen as likely to be the most realistic ways to deal with this.

Many comments stated cuts to GCC resource and staffing are reflected in maintenance and cleanliness in the park and surrounding area. Some commented there is an obligation for local people and businesses to keep things tidy.

Environment

People see the environment and sustainability as a priority for the LPP, with a willingness to explore options around green energy. There is a generally positive impression of rewilding through the park and broad support for increased growing and planting, including to soften streetscapes, with interest in community gardening. Many respondents are keen to promote biodiversity, although not at the expense of existing, more formal civic areas.

What projects could be done to make improvements to public realm, maintenance & the environment?





4 Community Assets

Respondents to the survey feel that despite there being several churches and bowling clubs in the area, there is a lack of dedicated community facilities. There is a desire for flexible community space, and it is important to ensure that community-based organisations don't lose current facilities.

Langside Halls and the Queen's Park Glasshouses were repeatedly identified as key community assets that are unused and underused respectively. Both present opportunities for community uses and have scope to act as hubs for local people.

Some people feel the area is missing access to public toilets in and around the park; adequate sporting facilities, whether new or improved, including better access to swimming pools and cycle tracks; food growing spaces; and low-cost community space.

Next Steps

There are three stages of the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods project across this year and into the new year. The input to this first stage will influence plans developed over the later stages.

Therefore, please give us your ideas, suggestions and priorities if you haven't already.

We will be back in the autumn for Stage 2 to discuss the QPN vision and projects, which will then be prioritised and turned into actions for Stage 3, taking place in the winter.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing your ideas.




Pop up banners

6. Other Engagement

In addition to the above, members of the QPN steering group undertook a number of engagement activities across stage 1.

School Workshop

GH and EC attended Shawlands Academy with members of the steering group to meet staff and present the LPP. It was agreed that a group of students acting as values ambassadors would participate in a workshop with Jude Hunter

The group identified a number of key changes that they would like to see, including a focus on greening and growing, traffic calming and pedestrian priority with improved safety for walking and wheeling, community spaces including the restoration of Langside Halls, improved care and maintenance, sports and leisure facilities such as bike tracks and public toilets.



Pupils at Shawlands Academy



QPN in Strathbungo

Accessibility Visit

On Wednesday 14th August, Glasgow Disability Alliance carried out an accessibility visit of the area with representatives from the QPN Steering Group. This included a review of drop-off points, blue badge parking, signage, surfaces, furniture and toilets which highlighted a number of problems around the park, although with a feeling that if many of these were addressed the area would become much more accessible and welcoming. The full report of their visit is attached in Appendix 2, including recommendations.

7. Engagement Summary

Many people feel affection for, and pride in, the neighbourhoods included in the QPN plan area, while Queen's Park itself is seen as an important local asset. There is a feeling that this is generally a good place to live, with a range of shops and services and a strong local centre.

Within the LPP plan area there are a number of distinct neighbourhoods, all of which have various different characteristics, composition and relationships with each other.



Local shops in Shawlands (left) and housing surrounding the Park (right)

Throughout stage 1, a focus on the axis of Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue emerged, diffusing into and away from the park. There are clear issues around traffic managements and the balance between cars and other road and street users in these areas. There is also a desire to strengthen the links from the surrounding neighbourhoods to the park, with safe, legible routes that follow desire lines and are accessible to all.

There are key existing or potential public spaces around the park which could be used better, addressing people's desire for improved public realm. Similarly, a number of local assets are considered underused or neglected, and could be restored to usable condition, with an opportunity to address the lack of community facilities. Langside Halls and the Glasshouses both merged as such priorities for local people.

There is a sense that one of the key issues in the area is cleanliness and maintenance, including widespread concerns over littering, dumping, vandalism, and a need for better upkeep of public areas and infrastructure.

Concerns around cars are also prevalent, particularly speed and parking, which affect safety and the perception of safety in everyday experience.

People who contributed identified a need for:

- Community space for groups and activities
- Growing spaces (for food and plants) such as community gardens
- Additional green spaces such as pocket parks
- Sports facilities
- Public toilets
- New play areas for children and families
- Creative spaces
- Family-friendly evening spaces for socialising
- Spaces for young people

There is also a widespread desire for the QPN area to be welcoming and inclusive to all. Facilities and resources for young people were often raised, as was ensuring that public space and facilities were accessible for all abilities. This will require proper consideration of all user groups within forthcoming proposals, ensuring that the park and surrounding area caters to all demographics and abilities.

There is a desire for the LPP to be forward looking, with a sustainable approach that considers the environment and looks to future-proof wherever possible. People are keen to protect and enhance existing natural resources and to look for new opportunities to green, grow and be innovative in living sustainably.

Stage 2 of the LPP engagement process will move towards collaboratively defining the vision for QPN, with the outcomes of stage 1 presented to the community for verification and discussions around priorities, actions and responsibilities.

Appendix 1 - Survey



QPN LOCAL PLACE PLAN FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

What matters most to me and what I think will improve Queen's Park Neighbourhoods is...

Score out of 5, with 5 high priority (very important) and 1 low priority (not very important)

PUBLIC REALM

Good quality pavements, public squares, seating, green space, play areas and wayfinding

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on public realm issues/opportunities:

TRAFFIC

Reduced speed and flow of traffic, safer and quieter streets, improved crossings

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on traffic issues/opportunities:

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Connected, consistent and good quality walking, cycling and wheeling routes

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on active travel issues/opportunities:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Existing and potential facilities for local people and organisations

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Better, cleaner environment

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on maintenance and care issues/opportunities:

ENVIRONMENT

Supporting biodiversity, sustainability, climate adaption, local green energy

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on environment issues/opportunities:

SAFETY

Perception of public space and routes, lighting, road safety

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on safety issues/opportunities:

My big idea for QPN is:

Anything else you would like to add:

We must consider how different people will be affected by the Local Place Plans, and we also want to make sure we hear from local people in QPN. Therefore, the next few questions are about you, to help us ensure we hear from a range of voices. If there are questions you would prefer not to answer, please just leave them blank. The personal information you give us will remain strictly confidential and we will not use it in a way that could identify you.

Age:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ | | | | |

Ethnicity

- Asian or Asian British** (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Any other Asian background)
- Black, Black British, Caribbean or African** (Caribbean, African, Any other Black British, or Caribbean background)
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups** (White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background)
- White** (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British, Irish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Roma, Any other White background)
- Other**

Would you describe yourself as having a disability of any kind?

- Yes**
- No**
- Would rather not say**

Please provide the first four characters of your postcode

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Appendix 1 – GDA Feedback

Glasgow Disability Alliance Access visit

Venue / Location: Langside Halls and Pollokshaws Road

Date of Visit: Wednesday 14th August 2024

Below are findings and recommendations from Glasgow Disability Alliance's accessibility visit of the Langside Halls and the area of Queens park running along Pollokshaws Road. The visit was carried out by three Glasgow Disability Alliance members, with a range of impairments, supported by GDA staff members Kenny Bates and Sai Stephenson. Judith Hunter showed us round the site and inputted on the background behind the access visit.

Findings

Drop-off Points

- Taxis driving into pedestrian area at Langside Square to turn/drop people off, and park over pavements in this area.
- Rest points would be useful along park route from Langside Halls to pond.
- Dangerous crossings at the roundabout/Church on the Hill access to park.
- No crossing over to where the proposed Community Building will be in the new development at the former hospital site.
- Lack of safe, easy to use, accessible drop off points for the park in general.

Parking / Blue Badge parking

- Blue Badge parking spaces no longer in use outside Langside halls.
- No blue badge parking in area around Balvicar Street – an area the group indicated was a main drop off point for the park.

Information / signage

- Signage at all drop off points for Queens Park would be useful (Balvicar Street, Langside Halls, Pollokshaws Road entrance) indicating directions of park attractions/areas.
- Not enough signage at the Glasshouse or indicating direction of Glasshouse from other areas of the park.

Surfaces / pedestrian areas

- Langside Halls and square area noisy, doesn't feel entirely safe.
- Crossing on Langside Avenue at the bottom of the hill not safe – cars travelling fast. Perhaps lights needed here instead?
- Overgrown areas around Langside Halls would benefit from clearing.
- Uneven and broken section of pavement along Pollokshaws Road next to pond, with circular grass area breaking up the surface too.

- No drop kerbs to help navigate the pavement at the 'Goals' road entrance (across from Sweeney's on the Park).
- Broken and closed off areas of paving at main park entrance next to Balvicar Street.
- Balvicar Street pavement on park side very broken and dangerous. Poor drop kerbs here too.

Infrastructure / furniture

- There are bollards blocking the route behind Langise Halls.
- Seating in Langside Square not suitable for many – no backs to any seats. Also placed too close to the road.
- Steps and slopes at Langside Square make area difficult to navigate.
- Rest points would be useful along park route from Langside Halls to pond.
- No pedestrian crossing on Pollokshaws Road between Shawlands cross and the pond.

Toilets

- Accessible toilet at Hugs and Mugs never open.
- No accessible toilets anywhere in the area.
- No changing places toilet anywhere in the area.

Ideas / suggestions

- Make Langside Halls into a cultural centre for the area, detailing the history of Shawlands.
- Lots of useable space behind Langside Halls. However would only feel fully safe if Halls were in use and open, and if overgrown trees etc were removed to be less secluded.
- More markets and events using bright colours to attract people into Langside Square.
- Clear 'desire line' into the park at the pond, across the road from the McMillan restaurant. A proper established and accessible entrance here would be beneficial.

Recommendations

GDA members have reflected above the areas which they felt were of most importance to a wide range of disabled people. While one of the initial aims of the visit was to look at alternative uses for the Langside Halls/Square area, members fed back that these ideas were difficult to generate while the fate and future use of the Langside Halls was still undetermined. Members were clear in their interest for this area to be animated and inviting, for and about the local community. Members felt that the hall and the square have great potential for being an accessible and inviting spaces once the factors outlined above have been addressed and assuming disabled people are included throughout future consultations. Beyond this, the group were eager to reflect the current lack of safe drop-off and access routes; accessible toilets; safe paving surfaces; rest points; and Blue Badge Parking. These are factors that currently inhibit the use of the area by disabled people - important now and an important part of any future development plans.

Queen's Park Neighbourhoods Local Place Plan

Stage 2 Report



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1. Introduction

Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council have partnered with local stakeholders to lead a Local Place Plan (LPP) on behalf of the communities adjacent to Queen’s Park. To facilitate the development of the LPP, the community councils have appointed Kevin Murray Associates (KMA) to lead a community engagement process structured into three stages, with the process overseen by a steering group of representatives of the community, local business and service providers.

This report describes the second stage of community engagement, which took place throughout the Autumn of 2024 and built on an initial stage which explored some of the key issues, opportunities and aspirations for the area.

A stakeholder workshop was followed by a community drop-in at the Shawlands Festive Fayre, while a community survey ran throughout the Autumn. A number of additional meetings with representatives from other local projects also allowed the KMA team to build a fuller understanding of ongoing and future work in the area which is relevant to the LPP. Engagement throughout this second stage continued to be strong, with local people who care about their area and want to see it improve.



Photo of groupwork at the stage 2 stakeholder workshop



The LPP study area, with a focus around Queen's Park

2. Stakeholder Workshop

A Stage 2 stakeholder workshop was held on Monday 23rd September at the Camphill Bowling Club on Langside Avenue. A copy of the agenda can be found in Appendix 1.

The aims of the workshop were to:

- Feedback the data captured from Stage 1, reviewing ideas and responses from the community
- Develop the emerging Local Place Plan vision
- Explore specific and tangible projects to take forward
- Thematically categorise projects
- Look forward to the next steps



Kevin Murray facilitating the stakeholder workshop

In addition to the QPN Steering Group, attendees included:

Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council, Mount Florida Community Council, Friends of Queen's Park, Strathbungo Society, and Langside Halls Trust.

Attendees were seated around the room in three groups. The pop-up panels from the Glasshouses event which outlined stage 1 feedback were displayed around the room.

Kevin Murray (KMA) introduced the aims and format of the stakeholder session, including outlining the ground rules. He then described how the LPP fits with national and local policy and how the vision, themes and projects sit within the document.

Gregor Henderson (KMA) then presented the headline feedback from stage 1 engagement, including refreshing the outcomes of the previous stakeholder workshop, detailing key outcomes from the community survey and drop-in events.

Exercise 1: Reviewing the emerging vision

Emma Churchyard presented the first workshop exercise, which was to review the vision for the LPP which has emerged from the identity and aspirations linked to the area from community feedback. She outlined the hierarchy of the LPP, where the vision sits above the themes and projects, and illustrated how the vision guides the direction of the plan.

The vision which was presented to the group was:

"The Queen's Park Neighbourhoods area is a forward-looking, strong community that is sustainable, accessible and cared-for, with excellent public buildings, spaces and activities for all."

The stakeholders were asked to review and discuss the vision in their groups, considering:

1. If it felt accurate
2. What they would change, if anything



Group discussions at the stakeholder workshop

Feedback from the groups was as follows:

Group 1

Changes included: *The QPN area is a strong, inclusive and sustainable community in which people, public buildings and spaces are well cared for*

- Inclusion of strong, inclusive, sustainable, well-cared for people and public spaces
- Keen to make the vision tighter and more succinct
- Removed 'forward looking', as it was felt this was implied

Group 2

Changes included: *A forward looking, strong and inclusive community...*

- Addition of inclusive
- Felt that 'forward-looking' should be retained

Group 3

Changes included: *...Creative, dynamic community that is loved, with the potential to be sustainable, equitable*

- Inclusion of creative, dynamic (felt that these reflected the population), equitable, accessible
- Also removed forward-looking, with a feeling that this implied something overly aspirational
- Replaced 'cared for' with 'loved' for same reason
- Felt that there was a transience to the community, which should be reflected in some way, hence used the word dynamic

There followed a discussion around the wording of the vision, with the consensus that it was close to what the group wanted, but that there were some nuances in the wording that were not quite resolved. The groups talked about the possibility of keeping 'loved and cared for', without having to choose between the different sentiments. There was agreement that care also relates to decision making and custodianship of land, buildings and assets.



Two groups in discussion at the stakeholder workshop

Exercise 2: Project Development

The second workshop exercise asked stakeholders to review a suite of possible projects which were emerging from feedback. The projects were printed onto small individual cards, with each group receiving a set and being asked to:

1. Add, remove or amend projects as appropriate
2. Define projects further, considering how they might be developed and how they would look in practice
3. Consider the actions required and the practicality and feasibility of proposed projects

A full list of the projects is included in Appendix 2.

The outcome of the project review was as follows:

Group 1

- Organised the projects into a grid measuring cost and importance
- Projects which fell into the high-cost/high-importance category were Langside Halls and the Glasshouses
- Medium-cost/high-importance projects included the space at Nithsdale Road, public toilets and a local cinema
- The project which was identified as low-cost/high-importance was work around Queen's Park entrances, including restoring/painting the fences to suggest a grandness

Group 2

- Added comments on what's important, with notes on certain ones that may require partners or other community orgs to progress (i.e. Langside Halls and Battlefield Monument)
- Felt that the projects relating to the civic square at Langside Halls & community access to the glasshouses could be taken forward by QPN
- Brodie's square and play parks were also a priority
- Felt that there were opportunities in future funding for green energy related projects

Group 3

- Similar to Group 2
- Priorities included the ponds and a refurbishment of the glasshouse, with a focus on community use and events, even as a potential wedding venue
- Traffic calming was a priority
- Langside Square was identified as a space for co-community events similar to Bungo in the Back Lanes
- Bringing communities together was key

The list of projects can be seen below, alongside comments against them drawn from each group.

Group 1 comments are shown in **green**

Group 2 comments are shown in **blue**

Group 3 comments are shown in **purple**

Langside Halls

Felt that although very important, it may be too big a project for the LPP. Felt there is a need to speed the process up and scope to recruit volunteers

Glasshouses

More access for events, which could be easier to achieve and trigger opportunities for restoration. Felt that this was a priority and that there should be co-control for the community, with programmes running

Langside Square

Felt this was important and that the summer beach scheme run by the BID was a good example. Scope to move Bungo in the Back Lanes to Langside Sq, with cooperation between all community groups

Other Public Spaces? Seating, shelter, drinking fountains etc.

Felt that this was too broad/generic. Felt that this was too broad/generic

Square at Brodies

Constructively conjoin with Balvicar St play area, which already has some funding attached

Battlefield Monument Area

Very much want this, but feel that other orgs such as Sustrans would need to take the lead. Desire for priority for pedestrian crossings all the way round the roundabout

Nithsdale Road

Possible opportunity for a local consultation on the idea. Could also be implemented on Skirving Street

Queen's Park entrances

Support for another crossing on Pollokshaws Rd near the M&S garage, creating another entrance to the park

Queen's Park lighting

Queen's Park public toilets

Outwith the park as well as inside. Need to be accessible, with questions around maintenance

Queen's Park pond

Felt that this is an issue, but not for the LPP. Felt that this was a priority and related to biodiversity, with both ponds needing attention

Pavements and roads – accessibility and quality

Increased time to cross roads, with a desire for slower speeds on Langside Ave

Traffic management

Felt that this was duplication. Felt that this is NRS responsibility. A need to tackle pavement parking and speeding, with a desire for speed humps and 20mph limits

Cleanliness and litter (Campaign)

Potentially effective and good value for money

Greening and growing

The community may be able to identify appropriate areas. A need for land and storage i.e. a container

Cycle lanes

Align with Glasgow City Network

Cycle storage

Felt this was part of the Glasgow City Network. Support for the idea but the where and how need to be carefully considered

Sporting facilities

Felt that this was beyond the scope of the LPP.

Community facilities

Felt that this was too broad/generic. Possible opportunity to carry out a scoping exercise of local venues. Identified the arena, poetry garden and glasshouses as examples of good indoor/outdoor community space

Local green energy

Felt that this was beyond the scope of the LPP. Felt that this should be retained for potential funding purposes (aligning with SG). Opportunity for a community revolving fund – a selection of streets and tenements could be piloted as case studies

Access to recycling facilities

Felt that this was beyond the scope of the LPP. Felt that this was very important and there was scope for creative solutions such as weekly 'bring out your rubbish'

Suggested Additions:

Cinema

Redesign parking in Arundel Dr to create community avenue linked to the community garden



Group 2 analysing projects at the stakeholder workshop

Exercise 3: LPP Themes

The third workshop exercise invited stakeholders to review the vision and projects from previous exercises and to consider what themes can be used to define the LPP and deliver meaningful projects which fit with local objectives.

Attendees were presented with key themes from NPF4, the Scottish Government's six qualities of place, and the Local Development Plan's strategic outcomes as an example of themes which are likely to sit above the LPP once adopted.

They were then asked to:

1. Categorise their projects
2. Consider the vision
3. Create a set of core themes which projects could sit within

Each group's themes are shown below:

Group 1

- Sustainable & Green
- Connected Places (including mobility)
- High Quality Places (attractive)
- Community
- Growing Economy (commercial)

Group 2

- Moving Around & Connection (from areas to the park)
- Distinctive & Historical (buildings and places)
- Life Enhancing (healthy, social, green, community)
- Safety (crossings, lighting, toilets)

Group 3

- Placemaking
- A Connected/Community Place (linked to sustainable and liveable)
- Well-being & Mental Health (a slow culture)
- Creativity
- Biodiversity (linked to sustainability)
- Circular Economy (owner managed businesses)
- Celebrating the Area's Diversity

In closing the session, Gregor Henderson outlined the next steps, which included:

- Continuing the Stage 2 survey until December
- Stage 2 Drop-in consultation through November
- Stage 2 Analysis through November and early December
- Moving into Stage 3 over Winter, with a draft plan developed in January
- Revisions and the final plan completed in February.

3. Online Survey

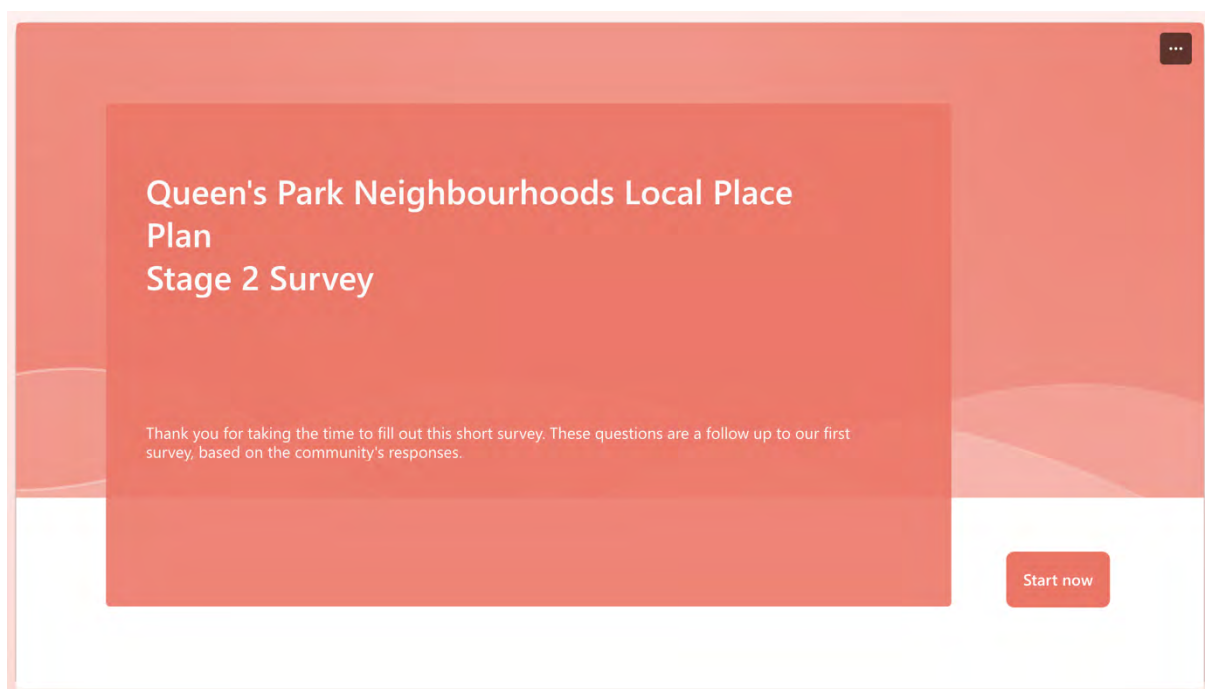
In addition to in-person events, a second online survey ran from the start of September, through to the end of November. A copy of the survey is available in Appendix 3.

The survey was promoted across social media platforms, on banners and posters throughout the site area and via business cards with QR codes. Paper copies were also widely available in order to ensure that the survey was accessible to as many people as possible. Overall, it received **198 responses**.

There were several purposes to the survey, including:

1. Checking and refining the vision
2. Identifying community hubs, spaces and activities
3. Prioritising outcomes from stage 1
4. Exploring in more detail the opportunities for some of the spaces and assets identified in stage 1.

The outcomes of the survey are detailed below.



A screenshot of the online survey introduction

1. Respondents were presented with the draft vision:

"The Queen's Park Neighbourhoods area is a forward-looking, strong community that is sustainable, accessible, and cared-for, with excellent public buildings, spaces and activities for all."

When asked how they felt about it, 89% felt that it was either very or quite accurate.



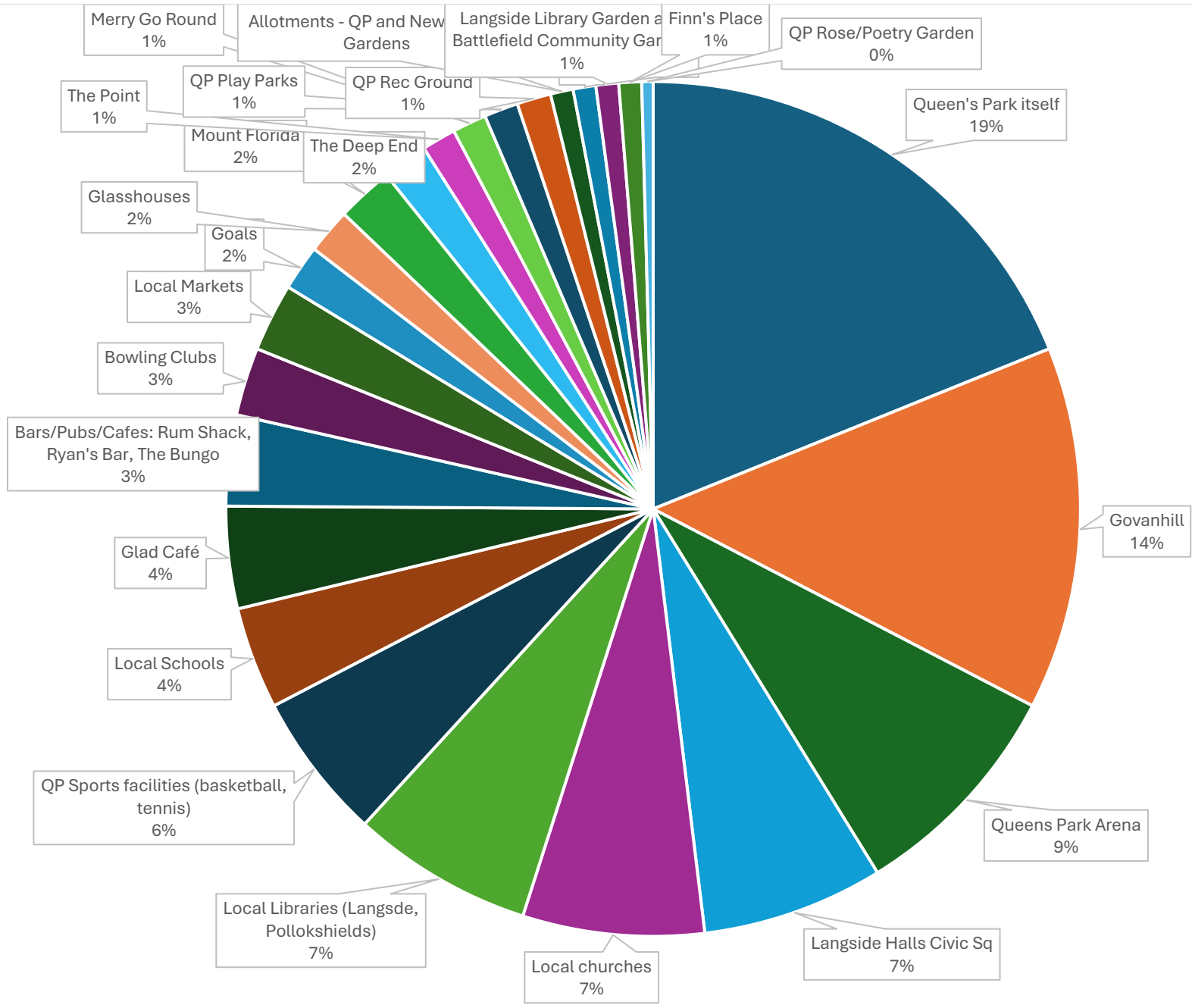
Offered the option to comment on anything that they would change or add, feedback was:

- A feeling that the wording must reflect an aspiration/aim, rather than suggest a current state of affairs
- The vision should reflect the multicultural aspect of QPN, celebrating the diversity and vibrancy of the area
- Equality and inclusion emerged as important, as was accessibility
- A feeling that the term forward-looking didn't add value to the vision
- Some felt that there should be explicit reference to nature and that the park itself should be prominent in the vision, linking to a desire for a people centred (rather than traffic dominated) place
- Other comments included a focus on heritage and maintenance and cleanliness.

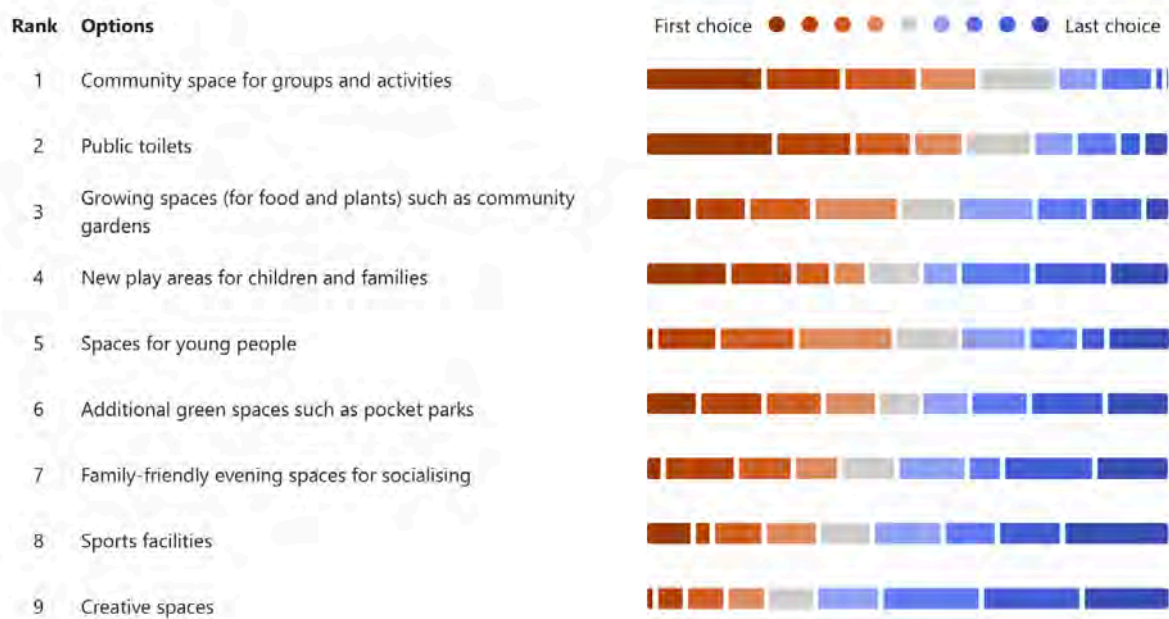
2. In order to continue to map community activity, respondents were asked where within the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods they currently attend community events, activities or clubs.

Many identified Queen's Park itself – or the arena or sporting facilities – as somewhere they took part in activities, while local churches and libraries were also prominent. A significant number of people saw Govanhill as a likely destination for community based activities.

The full set of responses can be seen below:

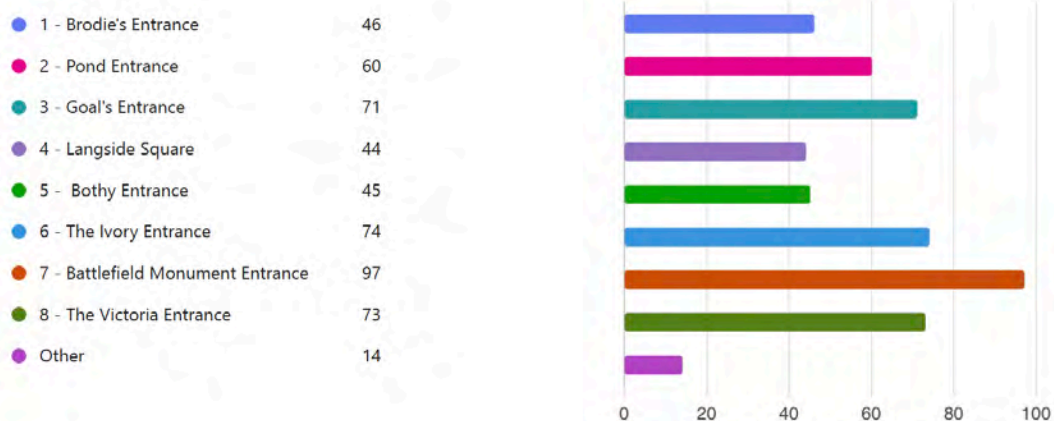


3. Based on data from stage 1, respondents were asked to prioritise the following facilities.



Community space and public toilets were seen as higher priorities, while creative spaces, sports facilities and family-friendly evening spaces were identified as less important to people.

4. Respondents were asked which park entrances they would like to see changes to, such as traffic calming, pedestrian priority crossings, and improved accessibility.



Battlefield Monument Entrance was the entrance which people most wanted to see improvements to, followed by entrances at the Ivory, the Victoria and Goals.

5. Based on a clear desire from the stage 1 responses for the park and surrounding area to be inclusive and accessible, people were asked if there are any specific spaces in and around the park where there are challenges with accessibility.

There are clear concerns around access from Battlefield Monument, with challenges crossing what are seen to be dangerous and busy roads and with using the steep steps to the Glasshouses.

Pollokshaws Road is seen as a barrier due to traffic, linking to concerns around traffic entering and exiting at Goals. There are also concerns around traffic on Langside Avenue, particularly the speed with which cars move and a feeling that crossings are inadequate, with concerns about drivers ignoring the crossing at Tantallon Rd.

Pavements around the park are generally seen to be in need of repair and maintenance, including on Battlefield Rd and dropped kerbs were noted as adequate at the Victoria Rd entrance, with an unclear balance and relationship between pedestrians and cyclist following the installation of the new cycle lanes. There was a wider issue around cars parking on/over dropped kerbs and a desire for this to be tackled.

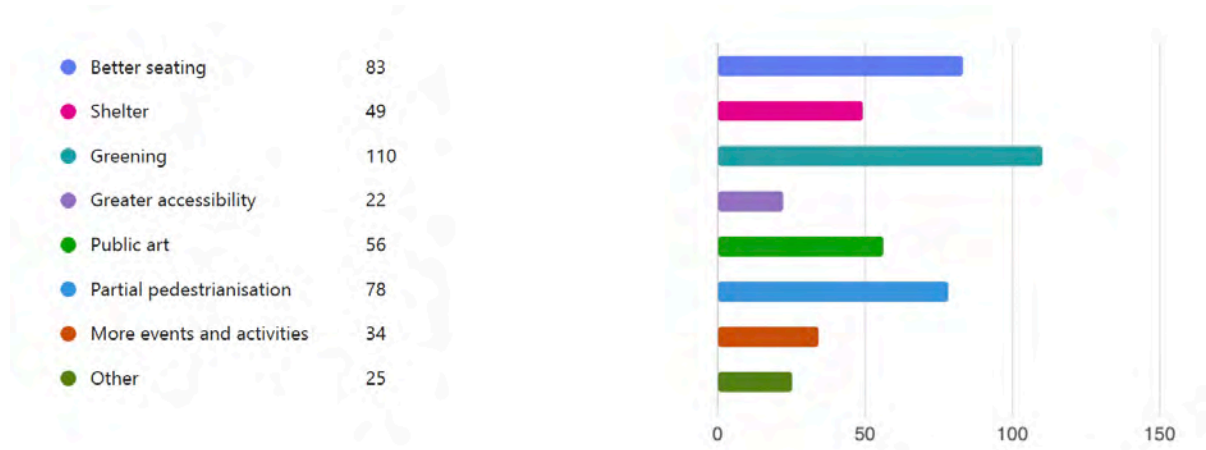
The Balvicar Street play area was identified as having no accessible play equipment. Access to the flagpole was seen to be difficult, given the incline of the hill. The surface at brodies was identified as often muddy/wet.

Safety was noted, with a desire for improved lighting through the park and the general lack of toilets was noted as a barrier to accessibility.

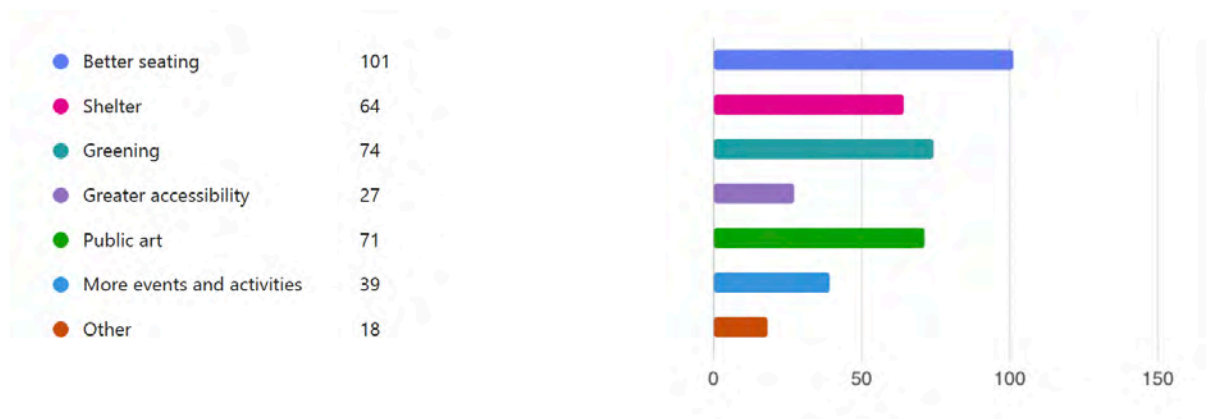
A number of people also felt that the park was reasonably accessible and that there are limitations on what can/should be done related to the natural topography of the park.

6. A number of current and potential key spaces relating to the park were identified in stage 1. Respondents were asked to think about what interventions or changes they would like to see in each of them.

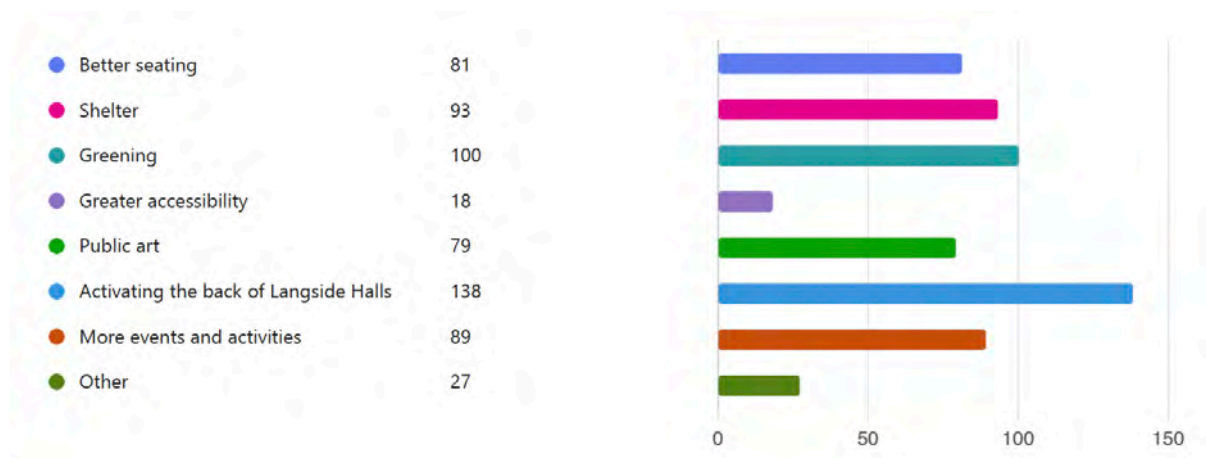
The end of Nithsdale Road



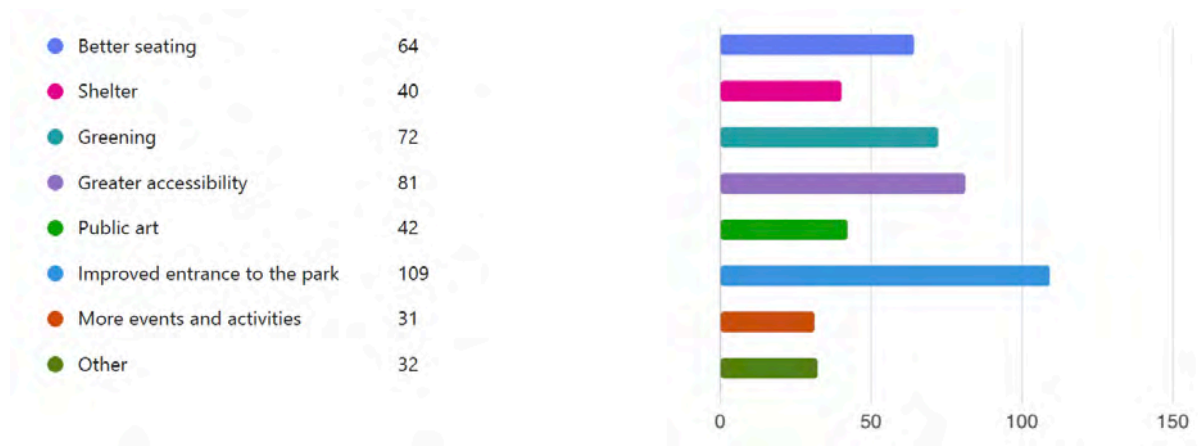
The Space outside Brodie's



Langside Square



The area around Battlefield Monument (Part of Glasgow City Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods Improvement Programme)



Responses indicated:

- A desire for greening at the end of Nithsdale Road, with some support for better seating and partial pedestrianisation.
- A desire for better seating outside of Brodies, with some support for greening, public art and sheltered spaces.
- There was most support for activating the rear of Langside Halls, while some were keen to see greening, shelter, events and improved seating.
- An improved entrance at Battlefield Monument was supported.

7. Respondents were also asked if there could there be more potential community use in Langside Halls, the Glasshouses, the Bothy, or others.



**note that respondents should have been able to select more than one option, but due to a fault in the survey were only able to select one.*

A significant portion of respondents indicated that they would like to see all three venues used, with particular support for increased use of Langside Halls and the Glasshouses.

8. Respondents were given an opportunity to add any other comments at the end of the survey.

These included:

Improving access to and activities within the Glasshouses (8) was important for people, with mentions of the previous soft play and café.

Restoration of Langside Halls (13) was key for a number of people, while reintroducing trees, shelter and activating the square was also mentioned

Improvements to the Balvicar play area (9) were identified as important, while there was also mention of a need for improved general provision for children and young people, including activities and safe spaces.

There were several comments about the **need for reduction or calming of traffic** around the park, while others raised a need for continuing to improve active travel links. There was also a feeling that work is needed on the **balance and relationships between drivers, cyclists and pedestrians**. Issues around cycle lanes merging with pavements at Victoria Rd were noted. Improvements to the road and pedestrian layout at Battlefield Monument were raised again.

There were requests for **public toilets, improvements to paving around the park**, and ensure **equity and accessibility for all**.

Some respondents identified a **need for lighting through the park**, while there were also a number of responses indicating a demand for a **purpose-built basketball court** in the area, or at least improvements to the MUGA surface.

General cleanliness and maintenance was again raised, as was **traffic/parking enforcement**.

Other comments related to:

- A need for access to local recycling facilities
- Opportunities for murals/artwork in the area
- More use of Queen's Park Arena through the year (the summer events are well thought of)
- Requests to see LPP related things promoted on notice boards (entrance to park)
- Opportunities for pop up cafes
- Concerns around dog behaviour and management

- Requests for coloured lights around the park
- Repairs to the fence on Queen's Drive
- Community growing spaces
- Improvements to the Rose Garden
- Questions about alternatives to BID
- Nithsdale Rd pedestrianisation

4. Community Drop-in Events

Following the stakeholder workshop, a community drop-in session was held at the Shawlands Festive Fayre.

The purpose of this session was to sense check the feedback from stage one with community, ensuring that the key issues and aspirations that had been picked up were representative of what people actually feel. It was also to present the draft vision, themes and outline projects which had emerged through stage 1 and begun to be refined through the stakeholder workshop.

On Thursday 21st November, KM and EC were in attendance at the Shawlands Festive Fayre, organised by MyShawlands. This event took place on Kilmarnock Road, with reindeer, street entertainment, stalls from local businesses and other seasonal activities.

A stall was set up amongst other local businesses and activities, with display boards outlining the emerging vision, themes and projects and also identifying key entrances, spaces and opportunities around the park



KMA consulting at Festive Fayre on Kilmarnock Road

Footfall across the event was consistent, with 41 people engaged. Many of those who stopped at the booth had not been engaged previously.

Throughout the evening, most people identified that their biggest priority was implementing **public toilets**. Other key discussion points included space for dogs, green avenues, entrances to the park (including accessibility and the Battlefield entrance), maintenance, wayfinding, the pond(s), better lighting in the park, play areas for children (including younger children), horticulture, rewilding and increasing student involvement.

Community assets were also discussed, with some saying they missed more **community use of the glasshouses**, referencing the former cafe and soft play area. As many of those who visited the drop-in booth had young children, they felt it was a loss to the community, particularly to families.

Vision & Themes
"The Queen's Park Neighbourhoods area will be a forward-looking, strong community that is sustainable, accessible, and cared-for, with excellent public buildings, spaces and activities for all."

Creative, Safe & Inclusive Community
 Community facilities
 Langside Walk
 Glasshouses
 Queen's Park lighting
 Queen's Park public toilets
 Sporting facilities

Distinctive & Diverse Placemaking
 Queen's Park entrances
 Langside Square
 Other Public Spaces
 Square at Brodie's
 Battlefield Monument Area
 Queen's Park ponds
 Nithsdale Road

Moving Around & Connections
 Cycle lanes
 Pavements & roads – accessibility & quality
 Traffic management
 New pedestrian crossings

Green & Sustainable
 Greening & promoting biodiversity
 Cleanliness & litter
 Community growing
 Access to recycling facilities
 Local green energy

Public Realm

Park Entrances
 Throughout our previous conversations with the community, many people voiced a need for significant improvements to park entrances. Changes to these places include traffic calming, pedestrian priority crossings, and improved accessibility. Is this a transformation you would like to see at any of these entrances?
 1- Brodie's Entrance
 2- Pond Entrance
 3- Goal's Entrance
 4- Langside Square
 5- Ivy's Entrance
 6- The Ivory Entrance
 7- Battlefield Monument Entrance
 8- The Victoria Entrance

Key Public Spaces
 In addition to park entrances many people voiced a need for improving key public spaces around the park. Changing these spaces could include better seating, shelter, greening, improved accessibility, public art to make space more conducive for events and activities. Is this a transformation you would like to see to any of these spaces?
 1- End of Nithsdale Road
 2- Space outside of Brodie's
 3- Langside Square
 4- Area around Battlefield Monument

Have your say in our Stage 2 Survey or visit www.qpn.org.uk

Display Boards for the Shawlands Festive Fayre

5. Other Engagement

Throughout the course of stage 2, a number of other meetings and calls took place, largely to ensure that the design team are aware of and up to date with other relevant initiatives and projects. A brief summary of these meetings is included below.

Meeting with Kevin Kane, from Langside Halls Trust

On 6/11/24, GH and EC met with Kevin Kane from the Langside Halls Trust (LHT), to discuss how the Halls may fit into the emerging LPP.

KK confirmed that the Halls are currently GCC Owned and Glasgow Life operated, having been closed since 2017. A feasibility study was carried out in 2021 for the refurbishment of the Halls, after which the Trust engaged with PMGC about a possible lease.

Over 2024 and via PMGC LHT has engaged with the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust (GBPT) which has funded the original professional team to re-phase and re-price the original 2021 feasibility study, which has significant costs attached (c. £7.1M). This would likely take the form of 3-4 phases, with initial “meanwhile use” phase of de minimis repairs to enable the reopening of the Main Halls.

Most recently, (Nov/Dec 2024), LHT, GBPT and Inhouse (operator of QP Arena) have been in active discussion about forming a partnership to take the project forward. The partners have met with PMGC and will submit a reworked de minimis Phase One plan and Business Plan to PMGC in early January 2024. LHT is aware that the Council is keen to see some movement on the Halls, even if that means putting to to the market via City Property (as is the case with other stalled heritage properties e.g. Martyrs School. Parkhead Library etc.).

It was also agreed that a representative from the LPP would attend the Strathbungo Society on the 12th of November 2024 to present on the LPP, which Richard Dye duly undertook.

Meeting with Iain Morrison from Ironside Farrar, working on the Queen’s Park Masterplan

On 27/09/24, GH and EC met with Iain Morrison from Ironside Farrar, who are the consultants working on the Queens Park Masterplan (QPM), for the Queen’s Park Working Group. Given that a number of the areas being looked at within the LPP are likely to overlap with the QPM, this was an opportunity to ensure that duplication or conflict are avoided where possible.

QPM is likely to utilise a ‘rooms’ approach to the park, with the project currently at a longlisting stage.

There are several key locations or assets which may overlap. IM advised that the masterplan covers the entire area of Queen’s Park and Recreation Grounds, but may consider some key connections to park close to entrance points, beyond the park boundary, and is likely to consider the entrances from Langside Square. The glasshouses are emerging as a priority

for local people and are also likely to feature in the QPM, with a Glasgow Buildings Trust report anticipated. It is unlikely that the glasshouses will be progressed as a project at this stage, without the report.

Other potentially relevant projects include considering lighting of specific routes throughout the park, which is a contentious issue.

Stage 2 projects are likely to concentrate on deliverable and community supported environmental, landscape, recreational and heritage projects as identified within the stage 1 report.

Call with Bruce McLeod, working on proposals for the bothy

On 6/11/24, GH spoke with Bruce McLeod, a local with an active interest in the bothy building on Langside Avenue.

BM advised he has submitted a PMGC application for a long-term lease of the bothy and is currently building a business plan for submission, including formal and informal community engagement.

Ambitions for the building are for a community hub (likely with a coffee/food element) that can be used by local community organisations as a base, with community activity space to the rear of the building.

BM advised that he has also taken on the container at the boat pond as a volunteer club house, where FOQP and the boat club can store tools. Once the bothy is operational, the ambition is that volunteer operations – which will be key to the running of the facility - will be moved to bothy. Utilising DofE programmes through schools and working with existing community groups is seen as a realistic option to build a pool of volunteers for the running of the bothy.

BM advised that it was likely to be a minimum of 12 months before any work is underway onsite, with no funding currently confirmed.

6. Demographics

Following analysis of responses to the stage 1 survey, the QPN steering group noted that although the project area sits with relatively diverse neighbourhoods (particularly the Shawlands area), this was not necessarily reflected in the demographic spread of responses.

In order to try to ensure that the LPP was as representative as possible of the entire community, an effort was made to engage with two local Islamic places of worship (on Eastwood Avenue and Tantallon Rd). Although no attempts at contact were successful via phone, letters were handed in to each outlining the purpose and scope of the LPP and inviting engagement.

7. Engagement Summary

Throughout the course of the second stage of engagement, there has been broad agreement with the draft vision, although there has been a good level of feedback on some of the nuance and wording of the statement.

A number of themes have begun to appear, both from the stakeholder workshop and the wider community engagement. These are:

Moving Around & Connections

- *Including active travel, accessibility and quality of connections, and traffic management*

Green & Sustainable

- *Including maintenance and cleanliness, greening and growing, and sustainable/environmental initiatives*

Distinctive & Diverse Placemaking

- *Including public realm and entrances to the park, and other public and natural spaces*

Creative, Safe and Inclusive Community

- *Including community venues and facilities, lighting and toilets*

Embedded within each of these themes is a need for a supportive environment for physical and mental health, and support for the local economy.

Community space has been confirmed as a priority for local people and there is a desire to see gateways into the park improved. Public toilets remain important for many, as does the relationship between people and traffic around the park.

It also became apparent that there are already a number of key ongoing projects, including work on the Queen's Park Masterplan, Langside Halls and the Bothy (in addition to GCC-led work on Liveable Neighbourhoods and Active Travel Network), which are likely to align closely with many of the objectives and projects emerging from the LPP. It will be important to ensure that there is continued clear communication between all parties to ensure that the proposals complement each other wherever possible.

Appendix 1 – Stakeholder Workshop Agenda

18:45 – 19:00	Registration and Coffee
19:00 – 19:05	Welcome & Introduction
19:05 – 19:20	Stage 1 Feedback
19:20 – 19:40	Exercise - Emerging Vision
19:40 – 20:20	Exercise – Project Development

15 min feedback & comfort break

20:40 – 20:55	Exercise – Key LPP Themes
20:55 – 21:00	Next Steps

Appendix 2 – Emerging Projects

Projects

Langside Halls
Restore and utilise as an accessible community hub.

Glasshouses
Restore to prominence, with increased community access and activity.

Langside Square
Soften, green, introduce improved seating and activate through increased opportunities for use.

Other Public Spaces? Seating, shelter, drinking fountains etc.
Identify opportunities for improved public realm, meeting, resting and socialising spaces.



Projects

Square at Brodies
Improved seating and shelter, with a softened and greened streetscape and public art opportunities. Greater accessibility where required, with possible public events and activity space.

Battlefield Monument Area
An emphasised public entrance which relates more positively to Battlefield and to the Glasshouses, is accessible and safe. Creating public realm around the monument.

Nithsdale Road
Partial pedestrianisation. Improved seating and shelter, with a softened and greened streetscape and public art opportunities. Greater accessibility where required, with possible public events and activity space.




Projects

Queen's Park entrances
Improve access including crossings at desire lines, more welcoming entrances.

Queen's Park lighting
Lighting of key routes, with consideration of the environment and nature.

Queen's Park public toilets
Public facilities in and around the park.

Queen's Park pond
Improved maintenance and care of the pond.



Projects

Pavements and roads – accessibility and quality
Improve key pedestrian infrastructure around Queen's Park, ensuring accessibility. Repair and maintenance of roads in the area and around the park.

Traffic management
Promoting pedestrian priority around the park, including increased crossing times at lights and traffic calming measures around the park.

Cleanliness and litter
Programmes of education and community participation combined with appropriate availability of bins and signage.

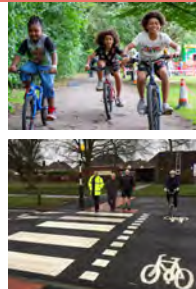


Projects

Greening and growing
Softening of streets and public realm with greening. Access to increased community gardening or growing opportunities.

Cycle lanes
Further linking and joining up of existing cycle infrastructure.

Cycle storage
Increased and improved cycle storage for local people.




Projects

Sporting facilities
Identifying opportunities for local sports provision, possibly linking to Queen's Park Rec Ground.

Community facilities
Identifying venues for flexible community space, with regular access.

Local green energy
Opportunities for community led future proofing initiatives, including green energy solutions and retrofitting.

Access to recycling facilities
Improved access for local people to recycling facilities.



Appendix 3 – Online Survey

Queen's Park Neighbourhoods Local Place Plan Stage 2 Survey

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this short survey. These questions are a follow up to our first survey, based on the community's responses. Please visit our website to stay up-to-date at www.qpn.org.uk

Vision Statement:

"The Queen's Park Neighbourhoods area is a forward-looking, strong community that is sustainable, accessible, and cared-for, with excellent public buildings, spaces, and activities for all."

1. Does this vision statement accurately represent the community's vision for Queen's Park Neighbourhoods?
 - Very accurate
 - Quite accurate
 - Not very accurate
 - Not accurate at all

2. If you were to change or add anything to the vision statement, what would it be?

3. Where within the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods do you currently attend community events, activities or clubs?

4. The community have told us that there is a need for the following facilities in our previous survey. Please rank them from 1-9 in order of your priority.

- Community space for groups and activities
- Growing spaces (for food and plants) such as community gardens
- Additional green spaces such as pocket parks
- Sports facilities
- Public toilets
- New play areas for children and families
- Creative spaces
- Family-friendly evening spaces for socialising
- Spaces for young people

5. Which park entrances would you like to see changes to, such as traffic calming, pedestrian priority crossings, and improved accessibility? *Please tick all that apply.*

- 1 - Brodie's Entrance
- 2 - Pond Entrance
- 3 - Goal's Entrance
- 4 - Langside Square
- 5 - Bothy Entrance
- 6 - The Ivory Entrance
- 7 - Battlefield Monument Entrance
- 8 - The Victoria Entrance
- Other: _____



6. Are there any specific spaces in and around the park where there are challenges with accessibility?

7. Key Public Spaces

Based on the previous survey, the community identified the following as key public realm areas. What changes would you like to see in them? *Please tick all that apply.*

1 - Nithsdale Road

- Better seating
- Shelter
- Greening
- Greater accessibility
- More events and activities
- Public art
- Partial pedestrianisation
- Other: _____



2 – Space outside of Brodie’s

- Better seating
- Shelter
- Greening
- Greater accessibility
- More events and activities
- Public art
- Other: _____

3 - Langside Square

- Better seating
- Shelter
- Greening
- Greater accessibility
- More events and activities
- Public art
- Activating the back of Langside Halls
- Other: _____

4 – Area around Battlefield Monument (As part of the GCC Liveable Neighbourhoods proposal)

- Better seating
- Shelter
- Greening
- Greater accessibility
- More events and activities
- Public art
- Improved entrances to the park
- Other: _____

8. Could there be more potential community use in any of the following buildings? *Please tick all that apply.*

- Langside Halls
- The Bothy
- The Glasshouses
- Other buildings inside/outside the park: _____

9. Do you have any additional comments you'd like to add to this survey?