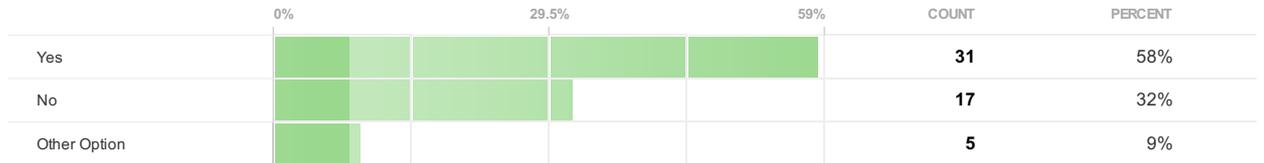


Lochinver Community Survey - G...

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Survey Results

Question 01 1. Do you support the proposal for the Assynt Development Trust to purchase the Glebe site, subject to securing the required funding? (Mandatory) Answers **53** 100% Skips **0** 0%



Question 02 The uses of the Glebe land will be influenced by a range of factors including funding availability, community views and the need identified for each potential use. Following our feasibility study, the potential uses identified are listed below. Please indicate which you are in favour of: Answers **53** 100% Skips **0** 0%

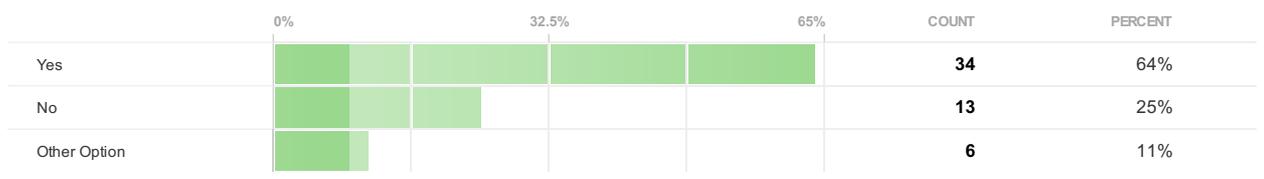
	YES	NO	NOT SURE
A range of affordable housing - with an agreed community-led allocations policy	34	16	3
Woodland Crofts - for family forestry	19	19	9
Recreational facilities including paths and trails	37	6	7
Un-serviced hardstanding space for Camper Vans to cope with peak times (facilities in the village)	11	25	13
Educational facilities - potential for outside learning for a range of user groups and ages	30	9	8
Commercial units for business	18	22	8

Question 03 Please list any other potential uses that you think the Glebe site may be able to offer: Answers **16** 30% Skips **37** 70%

240,624,836	Recreational facilities for both local young people as as visitors for example; mountain bike circuit, or path providing means for exercise (additional equipment). Scope to accommodate different users and activities - not all trying to use same track.	Today, 12:16PM
240,592,052	I am a big supporter of special wild places being left as is. I would not support any use that was not in line with my environmental values. A range of carbon-neutral, affordable, zero-impact, sustainable tiny homes, perhaps using straw bales or similar, with their own solar and wind power generation (no more than 3 or 4) would be the way forward for me.	Yesterday, 7:16PM
240,567,541	The Glebe land is a beautiful piece of unspoiled land within walking distance of Lochinver. There are parts of it which are also very boggy and flood in wet weather. This would impact on the cost of any development. It would also impact on wildlife living in that area. Possible educational and information centre, providing jobs for local people and with minimum impact to the untouched, natural beauty of this area.	Saturday, Aug 22nd 7:16PM
240,549,144	Yes if it provides the much needed affordable housing as without this Assynt will continue to loose it's young people. Commercial units would help provide employment but I believe we should make homes the first priority.	Friday, Aug 21st 6:25PM
240,537,106	Use of composting toilets if possible for increased visitors.	Friday, Aug 21st 8:45AM
240,526,836	Stables for horses	Thursday, Aug 20th 9:02PM
240,525,371	Creating a business that will provide jobs locally.	Thursday, Aug 20th 7:50PM

240,520,210	With the views of the Loch and Suilven another all abilities path with benches and wee covered shelters winding around the new affordable housing areas would be a great asset to Lochinver. And I'm sure would be popular with visitors and local dog walkers, disabled people and families with push chairs alike. It would compliment the fantastic work the Culag Community Woodlands do and maybe they would be interested in helping to develop this?	Thursday, Aug 20th 4:13PM
240,514,448	Leave it alone for it's natural beauty	Thursday, Aug 20th 1:37PM
240,510,710	Outdoor type businesses, landscaping & agriculture	Thursday, Aug 20th 10:49AM
240,492,613	Leave remaining areas as 'wild' land	Wednesday, Aug 19th 8:04PM
240,491,561	Scenery to be admired - not for buildings to be built on	Wednesday, Aug 19th 7:19PM
240,486,472	Has an affordable housing need truly been identified? Is there evidence of a growing young population to justify such a development? Bunkhouse / Hostel for visitors? Pedestrian / cycle safe routes necessary to Primary School and village. School Bus pick-up point? All street / path lighting should avoid creating 'sky glow' (unlike the Fish Quay monstrous!)	Wednesday, Aug 19th 3:32PM
240,479,297	Community garden. Bike trails. Crofting.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 1:08PM
240,477,241	Woodland planting schemes for income generation through subsidies. Maybe allotments for future housing residents and for others locally. nb. a comment regarding 'commercial units for business' - I guess that may be likely to be the more touchy-feely, pretty, crafty/outdoorsy end of 'commercial units', but, it seems to me that it would be a shame to have more conventional industrial type units there when there's brownfield / quarried ground sites in the harbour area, and some other sites nearer main roads and existing buildings, which would be more appropriate for that.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 11:40AM
240,476,765	each house plot could be big enough for the householders to have their own small business unit/garage/sheds/garden fruit trees etc. I don't think there should be business units for others as the road is not up to it.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 11:29AM

Question 04 4. Do you think the community's proposal for the Glebe site would benefit Lochinver and Assynt? (Mandatory) Answers **53** 100% Skips **0** 0%



Question 05 Do you work with a business or service that may be interested in renting commercial premises? If yes, then please provide a brief outline of the size of building and the facilities you may require below: Answers **15** 28% Skips **38** 72%

240,592,052	If I rented anything I would not be interested in a new build. New builds should be kept to a bare minimum.	Yesterday, 7:16PM
240,567,541	No I don't but I do think that house building and the amount built should reflect on the jobs available and current local businesses. Unless it can be guaranteed that new businesses are going to open up here then building too many houses I think will be a disaster and will result in what has happened in Ullapool with all the new houses which have been built there. Some are occupied by those who appear to constantly be causing trouble, mainly people who have moved there from away with no intention of contributing to the well being of the local community. There are plenty of people in this area with the fear that this will happen here.	Saturday, Aug 22nd 7:16PM
240,565,893	Garage for community bus or car. Shared office space.	Saturday, Aug 22nd 5:08PM

240,544,967	NO	Friday, Aug 21st 3:21PM
240,544,056	No in the past commercial premises , rented and sold at Glackmore have not been used for any of the promised industries.	Friday, Aug 21st 2:38PM
240,537,106	N/A	Friday, Aug 21st 8:45AM
240,526,836	Horse stables/ Riding school To reduce carbon foot pint	Thursday, Aug 20th 9:02PM
240,514,448	No. Who do you really think needs a commercial premise there?	Thursday, Aug 20th 1:37PM
240,492,613	No	Wednesday, Aug 19th 8:04PM
240,489,381	No.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 5:59PM
240,489,240	no	Wednesday, Aug 19th 5:56PM
240,486,472	NO but ... If housing is to be the prime purpose then I cannot see it sitting well with Commercial enterprises (or camper-vans). A sense of pride and Community must be engendered in the residents. Binding contractual conditions must be imposed on residents (and policed) so that they and only they occupy the properties. No sub-letting, air B&B etc. The housing should be the residents 100% full-time main habitation.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 3:32PM
240,483,420	no	Wednesday, Aug 19th 3:08PM
240,477,241	Not really for myself personally at the moment, though I may soon be out of full time employment in which case then I might need something like that. Even in my current situation, shared crafts space may be something I'd use. I also have many friends and neighbours in Assynt who are crying out for craftsy enterprise space, including for their main self-employed businesses. These are mainly needs for small-ish hardwearing units with decent natural light and able to be warmed up in winter, and some with covered outdoor space, eg. for drying and storing wood. Maybe with some rooms or facilities shared with other units, eg communal bathroom.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 11:40AM
240,476,765	no	Wednesday, Aug 19th 11:29AM

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If you would like to make other points not covered by the survey, please add them below:

Answers **27**
51%
Skips **26**
49%

240,624,836	Important for this proposal to be developed closely with Assynt Foundation to ensure there is coordination and possible partnership as it has adjacent land and both could benefit such collaboration. For example service improvements (power supply, broadband as well as improvements to access road and other visitor facilities)	Today, 12:16PM
240,592,052	Five years ago I tried to sell my home, a lovely flat, for £40,000 as I was in a hurry to get away and it needed a little work doing on it. I offered all sorts of incentives for young locals (lending them the deposit, rent to buy, you name it) but not a soul came forward. So how do you know there is a need for affordable housing and it's not just low-level grumbling? If they can't afford £40,000 then how will they afford new builds?	Yesterday, 7:16PM
240,567,541	Jobs first, then housing depending on need to protect Lochinver from a disastrous impact the same as Ullapool has suffered. Once it's done, it will be too late so a lot of thought, consultation and listening to local people needs to happen before any major decisions are made.	Saturday, Aug 22nd 7:16PM
240,565,893	Affordable housing must not be saleable.	Saturday, Aug 22nd 5:08PM

240,562,718	If you provide a non-serviced parking area for camper vans/tourists etc..... don't be surprised if they leave a mess when they leave.	Saturday, Aug 22nd 1:35PM
240,544,056	An unserviced site for camper vans would only increase rubbish in the area which has already shown Assynt has not been able to cope.a serviced site would be possibly be better giving someone employment and income	Friday, Aug 21st 2:38PM
240,537,106	I feel that extra housing in the area needs to be accompanied by more work for locals.	Friday, Aug 21st 8:45AM
240,526,836	Why do we need houses unless we are trying to attract people from the cities and where are they going to work?	Thursday, Aug 20th 9:02PM
240,525,371	Housing trusts have to work from the housing list as a whole and is not allowed to discriminate against people who do not live locally. Creating a housing scheme will undoubtedly bring more problems than it will solve. Where are all these new residents work? You only have to look at the increase in crime in Ullapool since their development of more housing.	Thursday, Aug 20th 7:59PM
240,520,210	Gardens should be big enough for home office/working space as so many people now work at home. Hopefully houses will be very well insulated so fuel costs kept low. There should be Plenty of space at each house for parking as this always is skimped in new developments and causes so much stress for residents. Electric charging points for cars. Secure covered storage and charging points for electric bikes. In this area people depend on having their own transport, increasingly local people and especially teenagers are being encouraged to try out electric bikes through the local hire schemes. Many households have more than one vehicle for their work.	Thursday, Aug 20th 4:13PM
240,516,265	Strongly believe that using the land for affordable housing is the best option. Young adults in the community don't have many opportunities to make the area their home, so are continually forced to move elsewhere or live with relatives. This would be an exciting prospect for them. Strongly against using the space for the options listed 'Un-serviced hardstanding space for Camper Vans to cope with peak times' and 'Recreational facilities including paths and trails'. The advertisement of the NC500 is one of the most negative things to have happened to the area and the state of the land. Locals, particularly young adults and families, should be prioritised instead.	Thursday, Aug 20th 2:22PM
240,514,448	If you go ahead with this it will only attract more incomers to Lochinver who have no steady employment, there is enough here already who are milking the social system, we don't need more! There seems to be a culture at the moment for groups like ADT to chase grants and come up with ideas about anything really, i.e. the electric bikes, the rickshaw and a community car was in the pipeline, I wonder who would or do use these? You know who you are!	Thursday, Aug 20th 1:37PM
240,510,710	Please ensure this happens as Assynt is desperate for affordable housing	Thursday, Aug 20th 10:49AM
240,510,468	The access road will need massive improvement. Good sized walkers car park for Lochinver Loop and Suilven walks should be incorporated within plans. Public toilet facilities would be welcome. Past proposals for housing in this location should be reviewed to avoid re-inventing the wheel. By being an online survey only, many residents are excluded - a postal reply option would have been welcome.	Thursday, Aug 20th 10:30AM
240,508,601	I would be in favor of the above selected ideas if ADT were NOT part of the venture. They have the Sadim Touch and are NOT supported by the majority of the local community. Most of their projects start out well but gradually and inevitably have negative impact due to NOT listening to the community and forging ahead regardless; their self righteous, narrow minded idealism is a genuine issue of major concern. I'm afraid the bottom line is they just don't listen to advice or take on board criticism and only take well to achieving what they personally THINK we want and then wonder why we, the community they are supposed to be serving, are unhappy.	Thursday, Aug 20th 8:20AM
240,493,377	Wouldn't it be easier to post a link to the survey on the Assynt Development Trust Facebook page?	Wednesday, Aug 19th 8:32PM
240,491,561	There are no houses required as there is no work available. We do not need anymore unemployed people in the area or brought to the area (which has happened in the past) There are no commercial units required. Please do not ruin what is beautiful countryside just because Assynt Development Trust think it's a good idea, their favourite subject is, Chasing Grants.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 7:19PM
	The Glebe is a small wildlife haven with a considerable population of Newts, Frogs and Toads plus Common Lizards, old growth mixed woodland and bird habitat. It's close enough to Lochinver and so it can and should benefit local families as it currently stands, with perhaps the addition of some raised	

240,489,381	walk ways etc. We are in the middle of a climate emergency. Using land like this for housing or commercial interests is a crime. I understand the need for community housing (though there are houses in Lochinver and the wider area currently empty) but any such development should be on brown field sites (the area near to the leisure centre could only be improved by building houses!). Please leave this area for wildlife, the planet and for the benefit of mental health in the community.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 5:59PM
240,489,240	We are already overwhelmed by horde of tourists just passing through our Parish leaving behind trash, no respect for our community, and destroy our fragile roads. Thanks to NC500. before thinking of building more housing, meaning more people around, we should think of having this problem solved, having better roads and infrastructure. Not mentioning that attracting people here, we need work to offer, there is none. We need quality not quantity.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 5:56PM
240,488,843	New houses and the school in Stoer is mothballed? Makes NO sense... Then, the roads are, thank you NC500, in such a bad state that you should first of all repair all our roads. New houses? Where should these people work? Sorry, but it makes again NO sense...	Wednesday, Aug 19th 5:50PM
240,487,849	We definitely need new houses	Wednesday, Aug 19th 5:21PM
240,486,472	Culag Wood already has outdoor education potential and campervan parking available at 58.145459, -5.242460 and 58.141107, -5.241360. Affordable housing and campervan parking do not lie well together. I read elsewhere that a re-watering / camper Toilet disposal point is being considered for Lochinver... this is a seriously important need, would bring folks to the town and could be charged for.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 3:32PM
240,484,650	I don't know the size of the site, but if most of the potential uses are implemented then the road MUST be upgraded, ideally all the way up to Glencanisp Lodge.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 3:33PM
240,483,420	I am in favour of low impact development in Lochinver	Wednesday, Aug 19th 3:08PM
240,482,819	I'm not sure how the figures for housing need were calculated and I am not an expert in this field but feel in a village where young people in their teens and early twenties can be allocated social housing within weeks of applying, often a house with a garden to themselves, there can not be too much of a need for more housing. I think the problem here is a lack of jobs, people cannot move to, or remain in the area without employment. For more elderly or vulnerable people there are always empty sheltered houses available in Kirk Road.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 2:49PM
240,477,241	I wholehearted support the community purchase of the glebe and hope housing and other developments can happen there within the next few years to help reverse the ongoing trend of loss of young and working age people locally. Also to say, I hope that this project doesn't delay any possible community purchase and development of other sites identified in and around Lochinver.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 11:40AM
240,476,765	I am not a road engineer but I think that part of the road is floating on a bog and over time will not stand up to use by campervans. I agree we need somewhere for them and it would be a good site if the road could have a major upgrade.	Wednesday, Aug 19th 11:29AM