

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR KIRKMICHAEL & TOMINTOUL COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA:

1. Are you answering questions on behalf of:

	Base	No reply	Yes	No
household?	59	6	51	2
main residence?	51	7	37	7
business?	59	12	13	34

2. Is there a need for more housing in your area? a) Open market housing

	No reply	Yes	No	?	
open market housing to rent	59	10	21	21	7
open market housing to buy	59	4	25	24	6

2. Is there a need for more housing in your area? b) Low cost/affordable

	No reply	Yes	No	?	
low cost housing to rent	59	6	32	14	7
low cost housing to buy	59	9	32	12	6
low cost housing to build	59	10	26	16	7

3. Where should housing be developed?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	
within towns or villages	59	7	46	6	0
around towns or villages	59	12	23	21	3
in open countryside	59	13	13	32	1

4. Is there scope for new business sites in your community?

Missing	No reply	11
Scope for new business sites?	Yes	28
	No	10
	?	10

5. Are there areas which should be safeguarded from development?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified	
Community green spaces	59	8	41	5	4	12
parks/playing fields	59	5	48	3	3	17
paths	59	12	41	4	2	10
wildlife habitats	59	12	35	6	6	7
viewpoints/views	59	11	35	7	6	7

6. Do any of the following facilities need to be created or improved in your area?

	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified	
roads	59	3	38	15	3	26
footpaths	59	8	25	23	3	13
cycle paths	59	12	21	21	5	8

waste water treatment	59	12	18	17	11	10
water supply	59	11	21	19	7	13
car parking	59	14	7	34	3	2
recycling	59	5	38	11	4	21
community facilities	59	14	12	27	5	6

7. Are there any specific environmental improvements required within your area?

	Base	No reply	Yes	No	? area specified	
tree planting	59	16	12	28	3	7
landscaping	59	12	15	27	5	12
walls and fences	59	13	20	20	6	11
wildlife habitat	59	19	11	25	4	4
pathways	59	17	18	20	4	9

8. Are there any buildings...which need to be preserved, listed...within your area?

		No reply	Yes	No	? specified	
Buildings	59	14	19	16	10	14
landscape features	59	20	9	18	12	3
archaeological sites	59	21	10	17	11	4
historical sites	59	21	11	15	12	5

9. Are you in favour of (sensitively sited) renewable energy developments..?

		No reply	Yes	No	? location specified	
commercial wind farms	59	10	14	34	1	7
commercial HE	59	10	11	36	2	4
commercial biomass	59	7	15	36	1	3
community wind turbines	59	4	29	23	3	5
community HE	59	6	29	19	5	6
community biomass	59	1	36	19	3	14

11. What do you feel makes your community a special & distinctive part of the CNP?

Missing	No reply	2
What makes your community a special part of the CNP?	people	28
	landscape	36
	buildings	7
	natural environment	31
	wildlife	22
	cultural heritage	8
	outdoor activities	15
	tourist attractions	10
	recreation	5

facilities	
history	8
quality of life	24
social events	4
community life	19

12. Are there wider environmental, cultural or sustainability issues

	No reply	Yes	No	? Description	
Environmental	59	17	23	11	8 12
Cultural	59	21	13	12	12 7
Sustainability	59	18	19	8	12 12

Questionnaire comments and suggestions for Q's 4 - 12

Q 4 : Scope for new business.

Where are possible sites?

Yes	chip shop
Yes	surrounding fields
Yes	Ivecols
Yes	around existing commercial/industrial sites. Old school building for small workshops etc
?	local chippy close by
Yes	because if you put them in the countryside they would be much healthier than if you were in a city
Yes	Lots of sites in Tomintoul and much needed work sites
Yes	Outskirts of village farm land that is not arable.
Yes	old school building could be made into units, ground where the old mast used to be
No reply	Tomintoul but no takers for the units
Yes	around village
No reply	Competitively prices petrol stations
	estates need to be put under more pressure to release derelict houses for sale so they can be developed into home without building new houses. the old buildings
?	add character to the beautiful landscape.
No reply	Grantown has potential sites
Yes	many of the sites are currently being developed however there is plenty of scope to build around the village area
Yes	the old school
Yes	old mart site and areas designated on existing moray plan
Yes	Station place
Yes	all empty buildings & cottages
Yes	Tomintoul X mart site, camping and caravan sites at top of village
Yes	by cattle market sheds
Yes	old school buildings

Q 4 : Scope for new business

What problems face businesses?

Yes	I would like to see jobs for the younger generation up and coming. There is not a lot to offer.
Yes	distance from potential markets/lack of broad band
Yes	transport costs and capital to get started and maintain
Yes	Fuel costs, high council tax and substandard access roads
Yes	lack of low cost fuel facilities, low grade roads, lack of business subsidies
Yes	Planning laws put in place by the CNPA and councils - too many tiers of regulation
Yes	no transport, lack of staff
Yes	perhaps businesses in the GlenLivet area should be less tourism based
No	B9163 Strath Avon could not accommodate extra traffic caused by business development or new housing. Already dangerous with distillery traffic
Yes	fuel costs
Yes	lack of support from locals

Question 5 area - green spaces

all areas around Tomintoul
village square
community green spaces could be used for businesses
Tomintoul village and surrounding area
village square entrance to village
wooded strip of land in Tomintoul
all within the area
village square, public park

Question 5 area - parks

school playing field
play park - school pitch
games park/ school playing fields/village parks
All in Tomintoul
play park upgraded and landscaped
Community games park, Delnabo Road
depends on their usage
all within the area
kids playpark, school field, adventure playground
Tomintoul school
school field community park

Question 5 area - paths

as above
all community paths
village circular path
pathway over square and new one over Gordon square
Livet and Cromdale hills and Avonside
Tomintoul circular walk
eg Crown estate developments
GlenLivet estate walks encourage visitors

millenium walk, right of way Fordmouth--Tomnabat
village circular path, military road path

Question 5 area - habitats

Safeguard from humanity
Strath Avon v beautiful
Avonside, Strath Avon, Delnabo, Inchrory
as above
Conglass valley
eg Crown Estate developments
forests

Question 5 area - viewpoints

Queen Victoria viewpoint
Strath Avon
as above
view point at back of tennis court is disgraceful
Avon valley
behind tennis court needs upgrading
eg Crown estate developments

Question 5 Q5 other

When present building work and applications are completed, we consider further development in Tomintoul would be detrimental to village status.
all this area should be protected for wild life
should use areas with derelict buildings first
riverside areas

Question 6 location - roads

re-tar roads
B9008 N & A9
all roads upgraded to allow development
Tomintoul - Lecht Road needs further widening in places. Bridge of Brown urgently in need of repair.
you name it and it needs doing.
Tomintoul village and surrounding area
potholes in Conglass lane!
side roads off main street in village
main roads in and around area are deplorable
all over the Tomintoul/GlenLivet area
Stath Avon road very narrow
public roads
B9136 if buses are continually sent down this narrow road - clipping telephone lines. There should be a review of which road are suitable for these types of vehicles
speed restrictions need more policing
A939 especially to north of village

Tomintoul to GlenLivet and Tomintoul to bridge of brown
B9136 below Kirkmichal Manse needs crash barriers
Drumin to Kirkmichael
A939

Question 6 location - footpaths

plenty
more
need to be checked and drained now and again
as above
the ones in the village
back dykes in Tomintoul
Between houses
Avonside to Cromdale rights of way on Cromdale side
better signposting needed everywhere
the more the better
pavements in village
path across square
main street

Question 6 location - cycle paths

aren't any
more
we need lots more
none exist to my knowledge
around village
the more the better

Question 6 location - waste water treatment

local sewage treatment does not meet SEPA standard
Have we any?
seems adequate at the moment
not big enough to cope with expanding buildings
ensure there is capacity for new houses being built in Tomintoul
effluent going into river Avon
depends on development
main water treatment plant for Tomintoul
outfall from village into river Avon causing concern
needs urgent updating

Question 6 location - water supply

Braes of GlenLivet - only springs
as the number of houses increase
Water very brown after heavy rain
Water tastes terrible sometimes
Much is from wells and springs and contaminated by agriculture
very chlorinated in Tomintoul

pure water with no additives
Won't be sufficient to supply all new houses
very peaty after heavy rain and becomes undrinkable
from Lecht
depends on development
less chlorine in water
water quality poor

Question 6 location - car parking

car park toilets need to be clearly marked
too many tourists blocking the main street in Tomintoul

Question 6 location - recycling

For disposal of household items: mattresses, plastic, cooker
should be resisted in old school playground left side Tomintoul
new site created but not yet open
cloth, paper etc
only glass available - paper bank would be good
disaster!
we have one which isn't in use. why?
paper recycling needed at Nethy and Boat
new site developed but no facilities in it!
paper, cans, plastic
only glass in Tomintoul - need more
complete and open facility at north of village
Hope Moray Council brings new separate bin system to all parts of Moray

Question 6 location - community facilities

more sports facilities, showers, changing rooms, kids sports gym, swimming pool etc. Would also like to see secondary school reopened.
old school building should be improved for community use and recycling facilities
Richmond hall is adequate for most users
funding should be available to run local hall as a community centre
Tomintoul hall lacks character

Question 6 Q6 other

waste disposal site needs to be opened
redundant school building waiting to be used for community/business
a separate roundabout from the other parks
use should be made of gymnasium in school!
use old school for children's activities
public transport needed

Question 7 where - tree planting

we are lucky Crown Estates constantly maintaining & improving
entrance to village
Generally

Should be going on
most clearfell areas should be cleaned up to tone in with the area
Tomintoul distillery - many trees rotten - need replanting
to hide rubbish dumps

Question 7 where - landscaping

entrance to bottom of village
we are lucky Crown Estates constantly maintaining & improving
for coal fires
entrance to village
natural is best
Conglass bridge down to footbridge
Conglass river site
square needs upgrading as a focal point of the village
Tomintoul is an ugly place
area as nature intended
below Findouran garage and old petrol station
to hide rubbish dumps

Question 7 where - walls and fences

various fences that run alongside the roads
we are lucky Crown Estates constantly maintaining & improving
entrance to village
Old church yard wall in Tomintoul and car park wall at back
Tomintoul village
smithy lane, Lecht drive, Delnabo road
all over
fences on farms - animals often on road and tourists drive too fast - tourists should be made
aware of potential problems
all very shabby in Tomintoul
along 939 north of village
Unless stone walls

Question 7 where - wildlife habitat

we are lucky Crown Estates constantly maintaining & improving
so much of the area has grouse shooting and shooting fox/stout etc. Need an area where these
are encouraged.
stop felling trees in village used by squirrels
a lot of region allowed to grow too thick for birds

Question 7 where - pathways

we are lucky Crown Estates constantly maintaining & improving
Need upgrading in and around Tomintoul
sufficiently maintained
Conglass walk through trees at south of village
signposting required generally

repair circular walk and end of Speyside way
improve pedestrian pavements within village
round village walk/cycleway

Question 7 Q7 other

rabbits need to be controlled - eating flowers in people's gardens in Tomintoul
ditch clearing would reduce flooding on roads
old rusting bridge in area in front of Ballantruan where children play needs removed, Have contacted estate but it has not been removed
clear forest of debris and create footpath

Question 8 what and where - buildings

various derelict crofts and houses in Main Street
all significant sites already protected
I think we have enough listed buildings in this area. Present ones should be kept. Churches should never be sold as houses especially with grave yards attached.
Some Tomintoul buildings need demolished and rebuilt
all original village buildings
old Lecht lodge recreated
a lot of unused businesses in Tomintoul
privately owned steadings need grant aid to help keep them so that they don't fall down
there are a lot of derelict crofts in amazing locations. these could be renovated and bring new life and work to the area
derelict buildings in village
main street Tomintoul, some buildings are falling down
old school buildings

Question 8 what and where - landscape features

all significant sites already protected
Avon valley - no more building on farmland
may be already along Avon

Question 8 what and where, archaeological sites

all significant sites already protected
Pictish house near knock farm
iron age settlements and knock ice house within estate
Knockfern slate quarry

Question 8 what and where - historic sites

all significant sites already protected
iron mine
earth house Avonside needs better signs
surely all need to be preserved
Scalan seminary, Lecht mine

Question 8 Q8 other

the whole area is rich in history both physical and oral.
renovate fountain in square

Question 9a location - commercial wind farms

too controversial -plenty of space outside of Park
on top of a hill
several locations on the GlenLivet estate suitable
Plenty of hillside on lower regions eg. the Lecht
no no no
Lecht ski area - would give green image - hillside already looks unnatural with ski lifts
lower hillsides

Question 9b location - commercial hydro

too controversial -plenty of space outside of Park
several locations on the GlenLivet estate suitable
possibly - how large?
improve output from existing plant by 20%

Question 9c location - commercial biomass

several locations on the GlenLivet estate suitable
the roads are not up to it in this area
possibly - how large?

Question 9d location - community wind turbines

on a hill
anything green and of benefit to community
depends on siting
small scale serving a few houses
Tomnabat hill

Question 9e location - community hydro

as above
possibly
Conglass river
hydro dam at old quarry Tomintoul
small scale serving a few houses
because of much less impact

Question 9f location - community biomass

Just out of Tomintoul
plenty of sites on lower hills
plan already devised and site chosen
around Tomintoul
for villages

adjacent to GlenLivet distillery
possibly
end of Tomintoul, Campbell rd
don't want lorries
beside wood at Inchnacape
top of village

Question 9 Q9 other

all new builds/renovations should include solar/geothermal with grants towards cost
more wood for coal fires
solar panels and minor wind turbines on houses
geothermal?
nuclear power
solar panels on buildings

Question 10 Other developments - general overall answer

half pipe in park
swimming pool
clothes shop- bus service
no
Park should be an example of how carefully managed development can work eg renewable energy
I want to see solar panels
No more pylons
beware of people from outwith the area imposing their ideas on the people within the area.
improve green energy
employment needs to be generated
more support for local businesses
improve tourist facilities- public toilets, railway facilities
no large town expansions

Question 10 Developments wanted in community?

they should put up a music festival where little children can go and play
Houses and employment for our young folk
properly sited green energy developments which benefit the community are desirable
desparately need camping/caravan site in Tomintoul. Road fuel nearer than 14 miles either way.
Public transport.
Small scale & sensitive, low impact
more hydro electricity
more employment

Question 10 Developments not wanted in community

Leave countryside alone
Private houses for retirement people moving up from the south
no more ugly agriculture buildings

over enlargement of small communities so the essence of community is lost, or over large business developments

Second homes ruining community. Renovate old building stock before building new- see letter windfarms & biomass plants

Question 10 Developments wanted in National Park

The Avon Glen has been described by Sir Henry Alexander in his guide to the Cairngorms "regarded from the point of view of river and mountain scenery is perhaps the most perfect glen in Scotland". I hope the Park will ensure it remains so.

If a large scale biomass plant is to go ahead in the CNP, it should have good road and rail links and be near an industrial site

all developments should be sustainable and in keeping with the area
more hydro electricity

Question 10 Developments not wanted in National Park

windfarms & biomass plants

Question 12 description - environmental

No more indiscriminate deer culls

no more pylons - investigate using underground cables to replace existing ones.

Needs to be protected

more recycling

sensitivity to environment - no more railways up mountains!

leave it alone, national parks end up making a mess

since the national park was created, litter from cars has increased. Reduce light pollution from distilleries and villages.

more housing

stronger insistence on speed limits e.g. radar trap in Nethy

area is outstandingly beautiful

waste disposal

impact of new buildings sold on

Question 12 description - cultural

a yoga hall

Sell off derelict houses and use sites for housing (crown estate)

Scottish culture

keep your noses out

Educate tourists to stop staring into people's windows

increase population

bring in groups such as opera-on-a-shoestring

Question 12 description - sustainability

maintaining of forestry and farming

could be an example of how sensitive renewables can be developed in a special place

community must be strengthened & allowed to develop

That's what we are in a national park for your paid guidance

Better transport

£2.5 million being spent on road signs, what a joke
definitely affordable housing for local communities
of village

many landowners dislike walkers/tourists. more publicity to allow right to roam to open up the
countryside for visitors

economic viability of communities. encourage small businesses

Local supermarket delivery service

help with winter sports, promote more activities

CNPA Local Plan Consultation		
Community Council Area	Tomintoul	
Meeting & Date	23rd November 2004	
Staff/Facilitators present	Sheila Thomson, Jean Henretty, Norman Brockie	
Number attending	47	
Issue	Comments (and location, if applicable)	No. of similar comments
Housing	Make sure only affordable housing is built here.	
	Affordable Housing.	2
	Social Housing.	2
Business	Weekly Market.	
	Filling station	2
	Camp Site.	
	Work closely with Cairngorm Chamber of Commerce.	
	Encourage businesses to attract people to the area by helping them to advertise Tomintoul.	
	Small Units with community use of gym & committee rooms (<i>in Old School</i>)	
	Develop old school for community and business	
Protected Sites	No comments	
Community Facilities	Swimming Pool. Gym/leisure centre	4
	All weather i.e. 5-a-side, basketball, tennis (<i>in existing tennis court</i>)	
	Keep Fit	
	Pitch and Putt, 9 hole. Golf Range (practice and competition).	
	Multi-purpose Tennis Court	
Infrastructure	Sewer not adequate.	2
	Open A road in summer autumn spring	
	Open A939 all year round	
	Recycling not up and running	
	Top water needs attention	
Renewable Energy	YES! Biomass please! Community Biomass please.	4
	No wind farms but sensible development of Biomass Project.	
	Needed, but where or what?	
Environment	More openness and entry to non-government owned estate lands.	
	Protect the environment as it is with enhancement where possible.	
Cultural	This village is an extraordinary example of our history. Make it a heritage site but with care for those who live here.	
	Whole square and Main Street.	
Design	Please encourage innovative design of houses.	
	Traditional in centre – more scope in other areas.	
	Consider this place as a precious example of a Highland village by protecting its culture and architecture	

	Let's have some variety – no more little boxes.	
Other	Forest Walks	
	Possible association of swimming pool with biomass	2
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