

# QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR LAGGAN COMMUNITY

## 1. Are you answering questions on behalf of:

	Base	Missing	Yes	No
household?	23	3	20	0
main residence?	20	2	16	2
business?	23	6	7	10

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

	No reply	Yes	No	?
open market housing to rent	23	3	15	5
open market housing to buy	23	4	13	5

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

	No reply	Yes	No	?
low cost housing to rent	23	4	15	3
low cost housing to buy	23	3	14	4
low cost housing to build	23	4	11	4

## 3. Where should housing be developed?

	No reply	Yes	No	?
within towns or villages	23	5	13	3
around towns or villages	23	5	16	1
in open countryside	23	8	7	7

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

Missing	No reply	9
Scope for new business sites	Yes	6
	No	5
	?	3

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

	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified
community green spaces	23	7	14	0	2
parks/playing fields	23	7	14	1	1
paths	23	7	15	1	0
wildlife habitats	23	5	17	1	0
viewpoints/views	23	6	16	1	0

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

	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified
roads	23	2	19	4	0
footpaths	23	9	7	6	1
cycle paths	23	9	7	7	0

waste water treatment	23	10	11	1	1	6
water supply	23	6	14	2	1	10
car parking	23	8	10	5	0	9
recycling	23	8	14	1	0	10
community fac.	23	9	8	5	1	6

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

	Base	No reply	Yes	No	?	area specified
tree planting	23	15	2	6	1	1
landscaping	23	14	4	4	1	3
walls and fences	23	13	8	1	1	3
wildlife habitat	23	15	3	4	1	1
pathways	23	13	5	5	0	4

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

		No reply	Yes	No	?	specified
Buildings	23	11	10	2	0	9
landscape features	23	18	5	0	0	4
archaeological sites	23	13	8	2	0	8
historical sites	23	14	7	2	0	7

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

		No reply	Yes	No	?	location specified
commercial wind farms	23	7	3	12	1	5
commercial HE	23	10	2	9	3	2
commercial biomass	23	9	3	11	1	2
community wind turbines	23	5	12	4	2	8
community HE	23	3	15	3	2	6
community biomass	23	5	11	5	2	5

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

What makes your community a special part of the CNP?	
people	7
landscape	10
buildings	0
natural environment	14
wildlife	6
cultural heritage	6
outdoor activities	3
tourist attractions	1
recreation facilities	0

history	8
quality of life	10
social events	2
community life	4

**12. Are there wider environmental, cultural or sustainability issues**

	No reply	Yes	No	?	Description	
Environmental	23	11	10	1	1	6
Cultural	23	12	5	3	3	4
Sustainability	23	9	12	1	1	10

## Questionnaire comments & suggestions for Q's 4-12:

<b>Question 4</b>	<b>Scope for new business</b>	<b>Where are possible sites?</b>
	Yes	Laggan Community forest
	No	training in skills & maintaining traditional way of life; encourage home based businesses
	Yes	Forestry Commission land around Strathmashie Forest
	Yes	within the community & forest
	Yes	Catlodge, Strathmashie, Encourage people to look beyond honey trap of Aviemore & tourist attractions. A central up to date larder facility used by local estates & farms for local produce
	No	not until telecoms are improved
	No reply	not until infrastructure is improved - road and rail

<b>Question 4</b>	<b>Scope for new business</b>	<b>What problems face businesses?</b>
	Yes	sustainability
	Yes	poor infrastructure-small local market-lack of entrepreneurial spirit-small labour source
	Yes	lack of broad band-housing shortage
	No	lack of broadband, poor infrastructure (access to the rest of the world, including UK). Utilities - unreliable electricity, availability and quality of water
	No reply	Telecoms - need broadband and better mobile phone reception for all networks
	No reply	need broadband and reliable utilities and infrastructure
	No reply	broadband and other telecoms
	?	land is expensive both to buy and rent

**Question 5**    **area - green spaces**  
 Picnic area/community forest walks  
 In & around Laggan  
 Opp Laggan shop  
 the Avenues Laggan  
 prime agricultural land-Balgowan crofts  
 Laggan area

**Question 5**    **area - parks**  
 In & around Laggan  
 Laggan village picnic park, field around main village  
 Laggan school football pitch  
 football pitch  
 football field Laggan  
 Laggan bridge area

**Question 5 area - paths**

Laggan walks  
In & around Laggan  
forestry  
right of way routes  
all existing  
circular path-Gergask  
Strathmashie forest  
Laggan bridge area

**Question 5 area - habitats**

Open spaces around Laggan  
In & around Laggan  
whole Laggan area is wildlife habitat  
Catlodge wildlife  
Gergask pond  
may be less important than people related things  
Laggan bridge area

**Question 5 area - viewpoints**

Pictish fort  
In & around Laggan  
The Doune, Old Cluny's Monument Mr Cluny's monument  
danger of new pylon route spoiling views to E & W around Laggan  
Corrieyairick pass, the Fort- no pylons  
yes from pylons  
may be less important than people related things  
Laggan bridge area

**Question 5 Q5 other**

no development on good flat farmland  
good agricultural land  
privacy of existing and future developments  
Need a clearer policy on deciding how to use available plots of land.  
policy to distinguish streets of development from scattered development and doesn't allow ad hoc development  
arable land should not be built on

**Question 6 location - roads**

Safety at Catlodge at bend A889, & Cluny bend (A86)  
A9  
A95 maintenance improved, not widening  
A889  
A86 Laggan-Newtonmore (Auchmoreto Cluny)  
Kingussie-Fort William is appalling  
cutting verges & winter snow clearing

better signs, bends/hazards on A86  
Laggan-Dalwhinnie-Newtonmore roads  
safety on A889, surfaces on most roads, winter clearing  
Cairngorm NP

**Question 6 location - footpaths**

a footpath along the Spey  
maintenance of paths -is grant available to provide footpaths but not to maintain them  
roadside path on A889 Catlodge to Laggan. paths between all villages

**Question 6 location - cycle paths**

Road improvements to A86 should include a cycle path to link to rest of national cycle network  
cont development of MTB trails + cycle track Laggan/Strathmashie  
on roads for safety and access between hamlets  
paths between all villages

**Question 6 location - waste water treatment**

new water supply essential. Waste water treatment plant is inadequate  
Gergask  
Laggan village  
definitely - in particular the costs to individuals of providing and maintaining private  
supply/treatment  
reed-bed systems  
Catlodge

**Question 6 location - water supply**

Major problems with mains  
v poor in village  
new water supply essential.  
Laggan supply frequently fails  
Gergask  
Laggan supply  
definitely - in particular the costs to individuals of providing and maintaining private  
supply/treatment  
Catlodge

**Question 6 location - car parking**

Below Craig Dubh at Lochan Oric for climbers  
beside A86 for access to Gallovie/Pattack  
for residents of Gergask Ave  
roadside by Lochanlivie should have large car park  
shop  
either forbid parking on roads or provide areas and stop ad hoc parking in passing places  
prevent parking in silly places  
dispersed small (1-4 cars) places/parking areas to facilitate waiting, not formal car parks  
Charge hill walkers for parking as in Lake Dist

**Question 6 location - recycling**

Away from houses  
more than just bottles  
paper & plastic, layby behind shop  
plastics & paper collecting points in Laggan  
some residents still don't have paper or tin boxes  
Laggan only has bottle banks currently  
cans  
more household collections, plastic recycling

**Question 6 location - comm. facilities**

Extend village hall to include community office  
Info centre next to hall possibly  
Future of community office uncertain. Opp Laggan shop  
financial assistance always welcome to improve facilities which are poor  
Laggan needs permanent community office  
Laggan needs community office

**Question 6 Q6 other**

footbridge needed across Spey Cluny to Catlodge  
Laggan needs broadband now  
broadband and mobile phone mast at Catlodge should be forced to provide signal to other operators  
rail and telecoms  
cycle lanes on all main roads  
Collect litter of roadsides & ragwort big problem on rly roadsides & roadside fields.  
Regeneration scheme enc ragwort as sheep kept out - legal obligation for l/owners to control

**Question 7 where - tree planting**

too many already

**Question 7 where - landscaping**

clear trees -A86  
screen mobile masts near Catlodge

**Question 7 where - walls and fences**

Drystane dykes repaired  
dry stane dyke at Blailia Beag  
all over - improve look of area

**Question 7 where - wildlife habitat**

everywhere

**Question 7 where - pathways**

a path along the Spey  
maintenance money required-we have locally trained people but no money to contract them  
crossing the Spey east (and maybe west) of Laggan

roadside for cycle ways, for access not necessarily tourists

**Question 7 Q7 other**

nice as it is  
ragwort control before it gets out of hand  
large trees & scrub invading roadsides-block vision-need clearing  
cycle path Newtonmore to Laggan A86?  
removal of pylons

**Question 8 what and where - buildings**

Laggan parish church, old manse  
Church (listed). Old Lime kiln at Kinlochlaggan  
Ruined cottages, Garvamore & further up glen, just outside Park boundary  
Monadhliath Church Laggan  
the old fort at Monadhliath Hotel  
Church within grounds of Monadh Liath Hotel, Laggan  
repair Grubenmore bridge  
"Barracks" in Glenshero  
renovation of unsightly mast at Catlodge

**Question 8 what and where - landscape features**

'Cluny's Whiskers' Both MacPherson monuments, Doune  
Dun Na Lamh  
no electric pylons  
Hills need maintained by sheep, cattle

**Question 8 what and where, archaeological sites**

Doune  
Catlodge hills  
Dun Da Lamh Pictish hill fort, Newfoundland woodcutter sites, Drum-An-Aird General Wade  
military Rd  
Fort Drum an Aird  
Tynrich Lagg

**Question 8 what and where - historic sites**

Cluny Castle, already listed General Wade's Rd over Corrieyarick  
Garva barracks  
Catlodge hills  
Dun da Lamh Newfoundland woodcutter sites, Drum-An-Aird General Wade military Rd  
Corrieyarick rd needs attention  
Gorstan -battle site

**Question 8 Q8 other**

no to pylons  
agriculture



**Question 9a location - commercial wind farms**

no to hydroelectric

Glentruim

not for export to the S

sites could be found that are unobtrusive

Don't know enough to say yes - but should be considered and evaluated

**Question 9b location - commercial HE**

sites could be found that are unobtrusive

Don't know enough to say yes - but should be considered and evaluated

**Question 9c location - commercial biomass**

sites could be found that are unobtrusive

Don't know enough to say yes - but should be considered and evaluated

**Question 9d location - comm. wind turbines**

possibly above Balgown

above playing fields at Laggan

Back of Strathmashie/ Strathmashie forest

Glenshire, behind Cluny, Breachay, Gaskbeg

sites could be found that are unobtrusive

how does this differ from large scale technically and in economic value?

if small and on buildings or adjacent to the community they serve and are associated with energy conservation and energy use reductions

**Question 9e location - comm. HE**

numerous. relatively small visual impact/continuous, supply easy to sustain & maintain

Possible Markie Burn

Strathmashie

sites could be found that are unobtrusive

how does this differ from large scale technically and in economic value?

small scale private schemes eg Breacachy, Laggan

**Question 9f location - comm. biomass**

Possibly nr groups of houses

Strathmashie Forest

sites could be found that are unobtrusive

how does this differ from large scale technically and in economic value?

**Question 9 Q9 other**

Green coal, ground heat exchange, solar-Strathmashie forest

don't know enough but support renewable energy in principle

funding for solar panels for each household

**Question 10 Other developments - general overall answer**

no to wind farms

The Hydro line- Beaulieu to Denny taking the west to east route from Strathmashie to Glentruim  
no large commercial enterprises-encourage traditional crafts/skills

regulate quota of holiday homes-if one becomes a permanent residence then there another slot free

modern communication technology

Cluny castle & surrounding grounds open to public

priority should be to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area.

against overhead power lines & pylons

**Question 10 Developments wanted in community?**

insist that all mobile phone masts are available to and used by all operators.

Would like to see community composting scheme

**Question 10 Developments not wanted in community**

although need for affordable housing would not like large scale housing developments

no to wind farms

The Hydro line- Beaulieu to Denny taking the west to east route from Strathmashie to Glentruim

**Question 10 Developments wanted in National Park**

visitor centre/heritage centre/resource centre/woodland garden/sensory trail/indigenous tree nursery/willow coppicing/community composting site

A CNP identity (which will hopefully come with time) eg when someone asks 'where do you live?' people say 'in the CNP'

education/training courses - opportunity for CNPA to establish world class ed activities that add socio-economic benefit through tourism and direct to locals

Space allocated for allotments and big campaign on local food issues to help people grow their own food

**Question 10 Developments not wanted in National Park**

very tall pylons, croft land to speculative devlmt, more 2nd homes for non-locals, ribbon development

no to wind farms

The Hydro line- Beaulieu to Denny taking the west to east route from Strathmashie to Glentruim

Need clear policy to distinguish areas where cluster of housing/street is developed from areas where separate homes are developed. Stop policy of @great! someone's offering a plot & we must approve it at all costs

no more developments that damage, degrade or destroy the environment, landscape or wildlife

Modern architecture - keep houses traditional

overhead power lines

**Question 12 description - environmental**

planting hardwoods to replace ageing ones

signposting at entry points

projects should seek to improve environment & sustain, emphasis on environmentally friendly litter on roadsides, fly tipping

tourism biggest earner don't jeopardise it with pylons/turbines

reduce red deer population. prevent new and restore existing vehicle hill tracks

**Question 12 description - cultural**

important to retain & maintain  
Maintain cultural identity, not dilute it, encourage  
more funds for arts & musical events  
Gaelic language

**Question 12 description - sustainability**

need to develop sustainable employment  
good permanent jobs to bring families to Laggan, to increase population. Diversification for  
farmers  
employment; community projects  
any new projects should be carefully assessed for sustainability, & funding to include  
maintenance as well as initial set up assistance  
jobs & housing  
housing not large developments -clachans 6 homes  
must be able to run modern businesses here for the park to survive. eg hi-tech villages and  
tourist accommodation  
need to offer hi-tech tourism for people needing to work whilst on a long break  
Public transport needs to be better and support maintained for community car schemes and  
local food issues addressed  
should be based on environmental sustainability

## CNPA Local Plan Consultation

<b>Community Council Area</b>	<b>Laggan</b>
<b>Meeting &amp; Date</b>	<b>Main Event, 25 November 2004</b>
<b>Staff/Facilitators present</b>	<b>Gavin Miles, Anna Barton, Will Carey, Sheena Slimon</b>
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>41</b>

**Note: The meeting consisted of an hour of informal discussion, looking at maps and recording comments. This was followed by a session which reached consensus on a number of issues as indicated below.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Comments (and location, if applicable)</b>	<b>No. of similar comments</b>
<b>Housing</b>		
	No-one had any objections to any of the sites identified as suitable for affordable housing by HSCHT.	
	The following points were agreed during the end of session discussion:	
	Long-term affordable housing needed particularly for those working in the immediate area.	
	Sites for self-build for first-time buyers.	
	More rented accommodation.	
	Additional points raised on the forms:	
	Community, not commercial, developers	2
	Not half buy/half rent.	
	Surely housing needs to be as close to transport, employment and other amenities as possible?	
	No huge developments	3
<b>Business</b>		
	Potential for Laggan to become UK's No 1 mountain biking destination with appropriate development into Blackwood and surrounding areas.	
	Possible outdoor centre, including mountain bikes, climbing, walking etc.	4
	Workspace, not houses	
	More support beyond start-up for all businesses, including retail	3
	Small business units	3
	Community development support vital for economic improvement	
	The environment/scenery is our biggest draw – don't spoil it!	2
	Serviced sites for small-scale IT businesses	
	Business will benefit from improvements in paths, cycle tracks and housing	4
<b>Protected Sites</b>	The following points were agreed during the end of session discussion:	
	No building on crofting in-by-land.	
	Village Elm	
	Old Church yards	
	Gallows sites	
	Clumps of trees throughout area	
	Steadings – not to be converted	
	Good farmland	
	Additional points raised on the forms:	
	Dunda Lamh to be protected	
	Ruins of cottages on Strathmashie ground	

	Blargie heronry	
	Football pitch	
	Cluny's Whiskers	
	Lime and corn kilns	
	Cluny Steading	
	Auchmore Steading	
	Druminaird – no listing!	
<b>Community Facilities</b>		
Speed limits	Speed limits and traffic calming needed – very fast heavy traffic	Unanimous
<b>Infrastructure</b>		
	Pumping station opposite School House and Am bothan?	2
IT	Improve exchanges, etc	
IT	We need Broadband, but BT aren't interested in us (too small) Can CNPA help us?	
Car parks	At Locahn Uvie and at end of Avenue	6
Lay bys	On the Glen Road ( <i>passing places?</i> )	
Footpaths/ pavements	Throughout Laggan for safety	Unanimous
Water & sewage	Needs to be improved to allow for development	Unanimous
Transport	Improve	
Cycle paths	From Laggan to Newtonmore and throughout area	Unanimous
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	No comments	
<b>Environment</b>		
	TPO on Elm tree behind village hall	Unanimous
	Development of paths and trails for walking and mountain biking reduces impact on wider environment – if you provide good trails, people won't go so far afield.	2
Paths	Catlodge to Laggan	Unanimous
	From Craig Dhu to Laggan (Balgowan/Cluny)	Unanimous
<b>Cultural</b>	No comments	
<b>Design</b>	No comments	
<b>Other</b>		
	No pylons!	8
<b>Comments compiled by:</b>		<b>Anna Barton</b>

<b>Additional Written Representations</b>		
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Received from:</b>

Housing	More affordable housing is required in the Laggan/Catlodge area, but not large-scale development that would destroy the areas' character. Concerns over a proposed housing development in Catlodge.	M.Duncanson
Housing sites	Suggestion that part of the owners' woodland at Laggan could be developed as housing sites	S.Grant