



Subject: Update on the Ayr East Place Plan Survey results and progress.

To: Survey Respondents who asked for updates and who gave permission to be contacted by email.

From: Forehill Holmston & Masonhill CC and Belmont & Kincaidston CC

Dear resident of Ayr East Ward in South Ayrshire,

Thank you so much for completing the (very long) survey sent out in Summer '24 asking for your views on a wide range of topics to do with living in your area.

South Ayrshire Council's 'Thriving Communities' staff worked with the two community councils in your area of Ayr East to carry out this consultation of residents.

The two community councils in Ayr East are Forehill, Holmston and Masonhill CC and Belmont and Kincaidston CC.

A total of 300 residents submitted a response and we are extremely grateful to all of you for taking the time to do so. We now have invaluable insights into 14 themes and some proof that we can show to South Ayrshire Council for improvements.

Funding has been promised by South Ayrshire Council to all 8 electoral wards in South Ayrshire of which Ayr East is one. The amount promised is £250,000 per year for four years to be spent on 'capital projects' only.

As a result of comments from residents appearing in the survey, the community councils and Elected Members have been able to request a number of projects, some of which are listed below, and some of which are already approved.

- Extension to Forehill Library to create a community area for local Residents
- Improvements to pathways and installation of lighting at Glencairn Park
- Re-instating the children's play area in Castlehill Woods
- Upgrade of paths and equipment, surfacing and planting of trees at Woodpark play area
- Planting of trees to provide wind break at perimeter of Kincaidston playing field
- New noticeboard at Kincaidston shop
- Improvements for cars and pedestrians at the green space on The Mount, Belmont South.

Most of the comments on the survey relate to services and facilities provided by Ayrshire Roads Alliance and Neighbourhood Services department at SAC, therefore the two Community Councils plan to petition these departments for better maintenance and improvements in the coming years e.g. many residents have complained about poor lighting, so we have asked for a review of lighting from Ayrshire Roads Alliance. Road markings have been requested to stop cars being parked at the edge of junctions. Litter is a big issue, and we hope to make improvements to that. A survey date has been agreed to monitor / review traffic concerns at a local school.

We will send out a further update as these projects progress. Thanks again for taking the time to submit the survey.