Our Place Our Future – Inverkip & Wemyss Bay results

West Braeside, East Inverkip and West Gourock

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There were 98 responses from people who gave post codes that sit within the locality of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

The overall highest scoring areas (based on average scores) were natural space (5.7), feeling safe (5.1) and identity and belonging (4.8). The lowest scoring areas were work and local economy (3.6) and traffic and parking (3.6).

Demographics

There were 67 females and 29 males. There were 2 non-responses to this question.
The average scores and recurring themes from comments for each aspect of the Place Standard are as follows:

1. **Moving Around**

   Q: Can I easily walk and cycle around using good quality routes?

   Average rating = 4.4

   The graph below shows the range of scores from those that responded to this question.
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Moving Around

Key / recurring themes from comments:

- Lack of cycle paths / safety issue with existing cycle paths
- Pavements / footpaths in need of repair and better maintenance
- Narrow footpath next to very busy road
- Poor links between existing routes

2. Public Transport

Q: Does public transport meet my needs?
Average rating = 4.0

The graph below shows the range of scores from those that responded to this question.

Public Transport

Key / recurring themes from comments:

- Public transport is too expensive, particularly buses
- Public transport service is limited, infrequent train service (one an hour)
- Both bus and train service returning from Glasgow finish too early
3. **Traffic and Parking**

Q: Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely and meet the community’s needs?

Average rating = 3.6

The graph below shows the range of scores from those that responded to this question.

![Traffic and Parking Graph]

**Key / recurring themes from comments:**

- A number of respondents commented on parking arrangements in Greenock being off-putting to shopping in the town
- Poor road infrastructure in Inverkip
- Lack of parking provision around Inverkip school / dangerous parking at school
- Inverkip Main Street junction is very busy, creates safety issues
- Traffic is particularly bad in Inverkip during around school start / finish
- Parking on pavements is an issue
- Lack of adequate parking spaces was mentioned by several respondents in various locations e.g. new community hub Inverkip, schools, local GP surgery, shops, Ardgowan Road Wemyss Bay

4. **Streets and Spaces**

Q: Do buildings, streets and public spaces create an attractive space that is easy to get around?

Average rating = 4.5

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Streets and Spaces

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Key / recurring themes from comments:

- Several respondents commented on feeling safe in their own village but not elsewhere in Inverclyde
- Anti-social behaviour by teenagers from outwith the area in the evenings
- Dog fouling is an issue
- Appearance of buildings need to be improved

5. Natural Space

Q: Can I regularly experience good quality natural space?
Average rating = 5.7

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Key themes from comments:

- Beautiful walks
- Good quality green space, countryside, beach, woods, Clyde Murshiel
- Some outdoor areas suffer from neglect
6. **Play and Recreation**

Q: Do I have access to a range of spaces and opportunities for play and recreation?
Average rating = 4.1

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**Play and Recreation**

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Key themes from comments:

- Lack of facilities for teenagers
- New Inverkip Hub is a welcome resource
- Facilities in the area are lacking compared to other areas of Inverclyde
- Parks could be improved

7. **Facilities and Amenities**

Q: Do facilities and amenities meet my needs?
Average rating = 4.4

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Facilities and Amenities

Key themes from comments:

- New community centre is good
- Better advertising of what is available
- Lack of amenities for the size of the area, need to travel to Gourock or Greenock

8. Work and Local Economy

Q: Is there an active local economy and the opportunity to access good quality work?

Average rating = 3.6

The graph below shows the range of scores from those that responded to this question.

Work and the local economy

Key / recurring themes from comments:

- Little opportunities to gain good quality employment in the area
- Better advertising of training / volunteering opportunities would be helpful
- Lack of support in the area
- More classes for mature students
9. **Housing & Community**

Q: Does housing support the needs of the community and contribute to a positive environment?

Average rating = 4.2

The graph below shows the range of scores from those that responded to this question.

**Housing & Community**

- A lack of good quality social housing
- Not enough affordable housing for first time buyers

10. **Social Interaction**

Q: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people? Are there attractive, safe and accessible spaces to meet people from across the community?

Average rating = 4.6

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**Social Interaction**
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Key / recurring themes from comments:

- A large number of respondents felt that facilities could be improved and that you have to travel to other parts of Inverclyde for most things.
- A few people felt that there was good opportunities for social interaction e.g. church, cafes, a few good bars

11. **Identity & belonging**

Q: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?
Average rating = 4.8

The graph below shows the range of scores from those that responded to this question.

![Identity & belonging graph]

Key / recurring themes from comments:

- There were mixed views as to whether a sense of identity and belonging exists in the area. A number of respondents commented that they feel a sense of identity within their own community whilst others felt that weren’t involved.
- A few people suggested that more could be done to advertise how to get involved with groups locally

12. **Feeling safe**

Q: Do I feel safe?

Average rating = 5.1

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Feeling Safe

Key/ recurring themes from comments:

- A large number of respondents commented that they feel safe at home or in their local area but not elsewhere in Inverclyde

13. Care & maintenance

Are buildings and spaces well cared for?
Average rating = 4.0

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Care & maintenance

Key/ recurring themes from comments:

- Dog fouling and litter was an issue noted by the majority of respondents
- Footpaths overgrown with weeds
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14. **Influence & sense of control**

Do I feel able to participate in decision and help change things for the better?

Average rating = 4.1

The graph below shows the range of scores from those that responded to this question.

**Influence & sense of control**

- There were mixed views from those that responded about whether they felt a sense of control, some people commented that they knew how to get involved whilst others felt that decisions were already made.

Key / recurring themes from comments: