

The Outer Hebrides Community Appraisal Survey – Supplementary report for Pairc and Kinloch

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Introduction

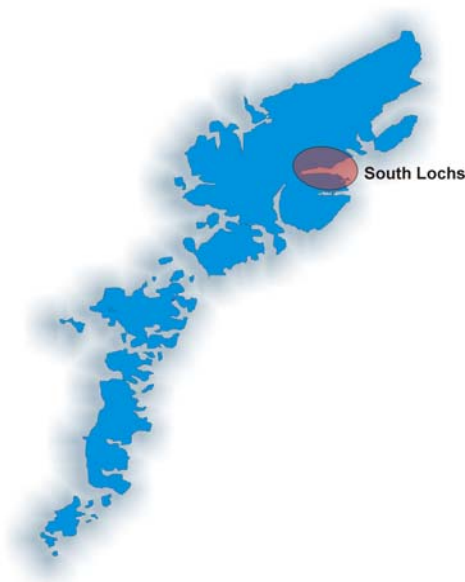
This report contains the findings of the Pairc and Kinloch Community Planning Partnership area questions included in the Outer Hebrides Community Survey 2007. This survey was conducted by Ipsos MORI Scotland on behalf of the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership.

The survey was the first island-wide survey designed to gather information from all residents to inform the future development of the islands and local communities. It represented the key consultation device for the Partnership in their commitment to actively engage with local residents towards improving community vitality throughout the Western Isles.

As part of this, the Pairc and Kinloch sustainable community area included a number of questions that were asked only of Pairc and Kinloch residents (see figure 1 for boundaries of the Pairc and Kinloch Sustainable Community Area). These include: perceptions of a number of suggested developments in Pairc and Kinloch area; support for community land ownership and the provision of housing on common grazing land in the area; prospective household use of residential care for the elderly in the next two years; and household use of mobile services.

Figure 1: Boundaries of the Pairc and Kinloch Sustainable Community Area

South Lochs Sustainable Community Area



Structure of the report

All households in the Outer Hebrides were invited to participate in the Community Survey by completing a paper questionnaire. Thirteen different versions of the questionnaire were designed, comprising of a core section of questions asked of all households in the Outer Hebrides and an additional section specifically designed to inform the unique local issues and challenges of each Sustainable Community Area. The additional section for Pairc and Kinloch enabled local residents to be asked about issues that were specific to the local community.

The core report documents the major findings from questions contained in the core section of the questionnaire and indicates the overall picture of residents across the whole of the Outer Hebrides. This report provides supplementary analysis of the results from the questions asked specifically of residents in Pairc and Kinloch. The data tables, available from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, also provide a comparison of responses to the core questionnaire between residents on Pairc and Kinloch and those in the rest of the Outer Hebrides.

Pairc and Kinloch Community Questions

This chapter focuses on the responses from residents living in Pairc and Kinloch regarding a number of topics specific to their local area. It details their views on a number of suggested developments in Pairc and Kinloch. It considers residents' opinions towards community land ownership and the provision of new housing on common grazing land in the area. In addition, it outlines whether they or anyone in their household would be likely to use residential care for the elderly in the next two years. Finally, it considers household use of mobile services provided in their area.

Satisfaction with living in the Outer Hebrides

At the start of the questionnaire, residents were asked if they were satisfied with living on the islands. Most residents (94%) living in Pairc and Kinloch are satisfied with the islands as a place to live. The overall satisfaction level across the Outer Hebrides was 94%.

Over half (60%) say they are very satisfied, while 34% say they are fairly satisfied with the islands as a place to live. Only 3% of residents who returned a questionnaire say that they are dissatisfied.

Priorities for a range of suggested development in Pairc and Kinloch

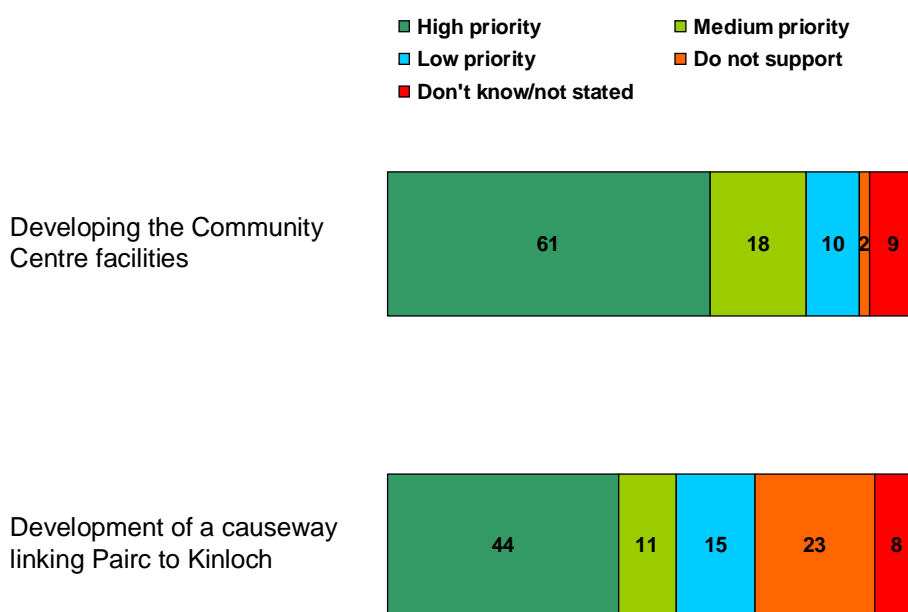
Residents were asked how much of a priority should be given to two suggested developments in the Pairc and Kinloch area.

Around 6 out of 10 residents said that high priority should be given to developing the community centre facilities (61%).

Less than half (44%) of residents said that the development of a causeway linking Pairc to Kinloch should be given a high priority.

Figure 2: Prioritising developments in Pairc and Kinloch

Q *A number of developments have been suggested for Pairc and Kinloch. How much of a priority, if any, should be given to the following in the area?*



Base: All respondents (110)

Source: Ipsos MORI

Community land ownership and housing in the Pairc and Kinloch area

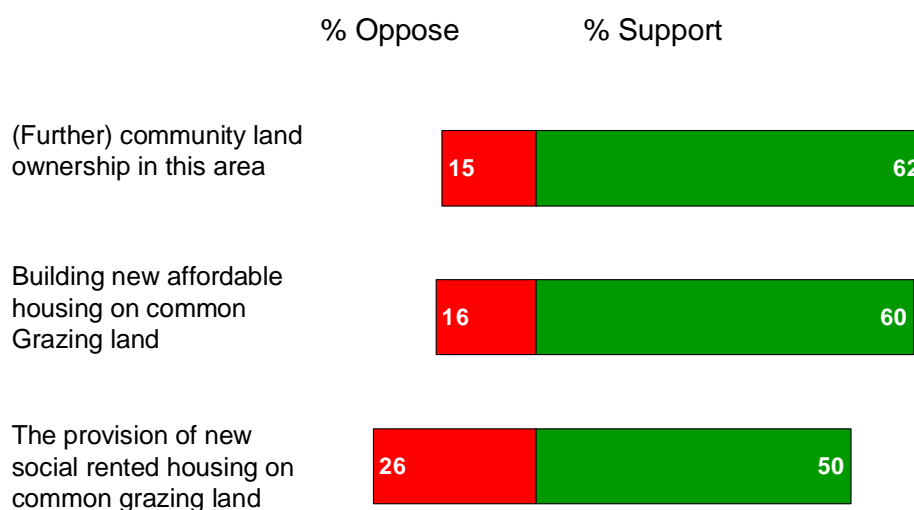
Around 6 in 10 (62%) of residents support community land ownership in the area, while 15% of residents oppose this proposal (see Figure 3).

Around 6 in 10 (60%) of residents also support building new affordable housing on common grazing land. Around one in six (16%) oppose this proposal.

Half (50%) of residents support the provision of new social rented housing on common grazing land. Around a quarter (26%) of residents oppose this provision.

Figure 3: Levels of support for community land ownership and the provision of housing on common grazing land

Q *In principle, how strongly would you support or oppose the following.....?*



Base: All respondents (110)

Source: Ipsos MORI

These questions were asked in most Community planning areas across the Outer Hebrides (see Table 1).

Table 1: Levels of support by area

<i>In principle, how strongly would you support or oppose the following?</i>													
	Barra and Watersay	South Uist and Eriksay	Benbecula	North Uist and Berneray	Harris	Paicr and Kinloch	North Lochs	Stornoway	Point	Broadbay	Uig and Bernera	West Side	Ness
<i>Base: All</i>	111	216	105	180	264	110	97	666	217	309	132	377	211
% Support	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
(Further) community land ownership in this area	54	-	45	33	50	62	46	-	-	-	54	50	-
Building new affordable housing on common grazing land	59	60	47	48	58	60	53	-	49	51	61	60	46
The provision of new social rented housing on common grazing land	55	54	36	40	52	50	41	-	37	39	55	47	36

Source: Ipsos MORI

Residential Care for the elderly in Paicr and Kinloch

Asked how likely they or their household would be to use residential care for the elderly if it was located in Paicr and Kinloch, most residents (74%) say they are not likely to use it. Only one in ten (10%) say they are likely to use it. However, it should be noted that this question was asked of all residents in Paicr and Kinloch, not only elderly residents.

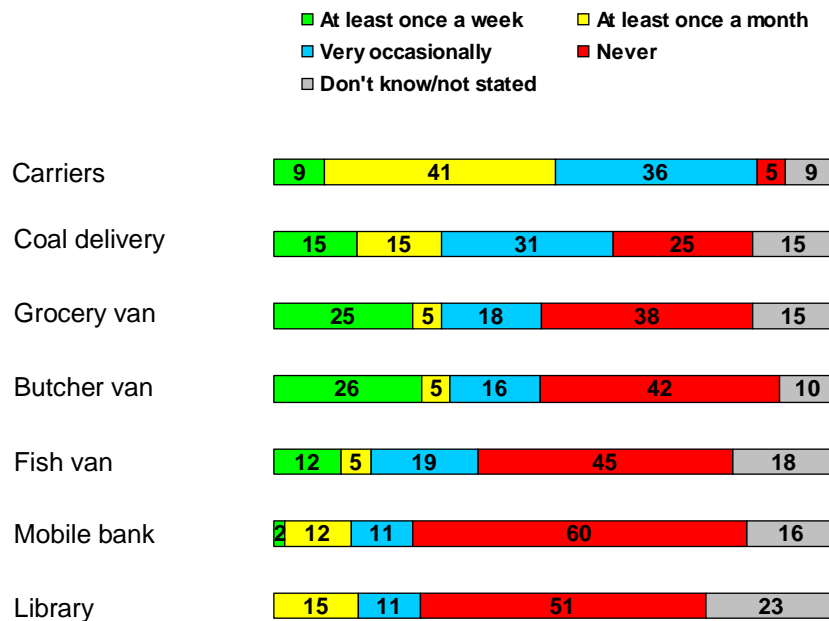
Mobile Services in Pairc and Kinloch

As figure 4 illustrates, use of the different mobile services available in the Pairc and Kinloch area varies widely. Residents are most likely to say they use carriers (86%) and the coal delivery service (60%). With regards frequency of use, residents use the butcher and grocery van services most often, with a quarter of residents using these services at least once a week (26% and 25% respectively).

The majority of residents never use mobile bank services (60%) and mobile library services (51%).

Figure 4: Use of mobile services in Pairc and Kinloch

Q How often, if at all, do you or anyone in your household use the following mobile services in your area?



Base: All respondents (110)

Source: Ipsos MORI

Appendix: Pairc and Kinloch Questionnaire
