

# The Outer Hebrides Community Appraisal Survey – Supplementary report for Uig and Bernera

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# Introduction

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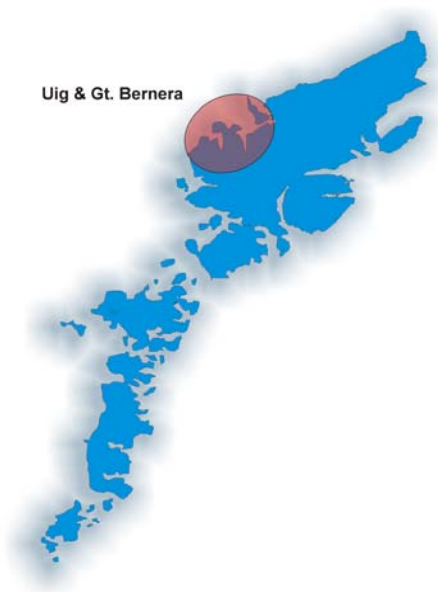
This report contains the findings of the Uig and Bernera Community Planning Partnership area questions included in the Outer Hebrides Community Survey 2007. This survey was conducted by Ipsos MORI Scotland on behalf of the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership.

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 Uig and Bernera sustainable community area included a number of questions that were asked only of Uig and Bernera residents (see figure 1 for boundaries of the Uig and Bernera Sustainable Community Area). These include: perceptions of a number of suggested developments in Uig and Bernera area; support for further community land ownership and the provision of housing on common grazing land in the area; and household use of mobile services.

**Figure 1: Boundaries of the Uig and Bernera Sustainable Community Area**

Uig and Gt. Bernera 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 Uig and Bernera 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 Uig and Bernera. The data tables, available from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, also provide a comparison of responses to the core questionnaire between residents on Uig and Bernera and those in the rest of the Outer Hebrides.

# Uig and Bernera Community Questions

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This chapter focuses on the responses from residents living in Uig and Bernera regarding a number of topics specific to their local area. It details their views on a number of suggested developments in Uig and Bernera. It considers their opinions towards further community land ownership and the provision of new housing on common grazing land in the area. In addition, 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 (93%) living in Uig and Bernera are satisfied with the islands as a place to live. The overall satisfaction level across the Outer Hebrides was 94%. This difference is not statistically significant.

Over half (57%) say they are very satisfied, while 36% say they are fairly satisfied with the islands as a place to live. Only 2% of residents who returned a questionnaire say that they are dissatisfied.

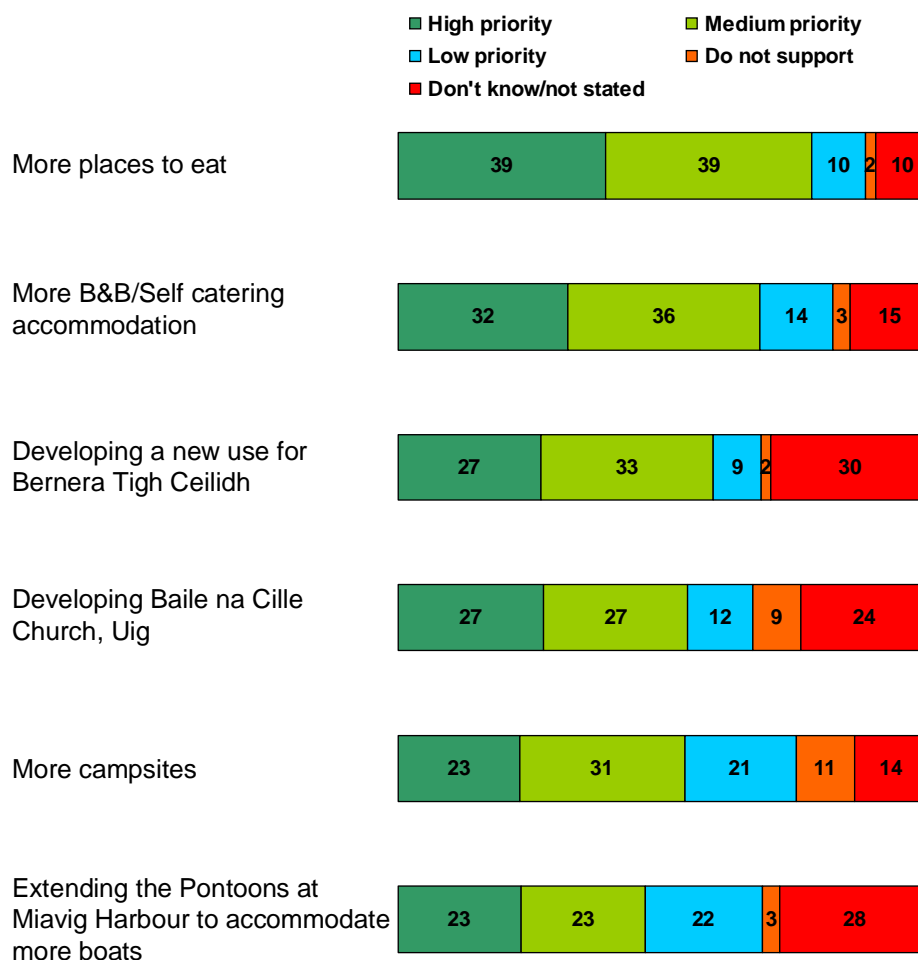
## Priorities for a range of suggested development in Uig and Bernera

Residents were asked how much of a priority should be given to six suggested developments in the Uig and Bernera area.

None of the six suggested developments are seen as a high priority by the majority of residents. Residents are most likely to say that high priority should be given to providing more places to eat in Uig and Bernera (39%) and developing more bed and breakfasts and self catering accommodation (32%). Fewer residents said that a high priority should be given to developing a new use for Bernera Tigh Ceilidh (27%), developing Baile na Cille Church, Uig (27%), providing more campsites (23%) or extending the pontoons at Miavig Harbour to accommodate more boats (23%).

**Figure 2: Prioritising developments in Uig and Bernera**

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



Base: All respondents (132)

Source: Ipsos MORI

## Community land ownership and housing in the Uig and Bernera area

Around 6 in 10 residents (61%) support proposals to build new affordable housing on common grazing land. Around 1 in 5 (20%) residents oppose this proposal (see Figure 3).

Over half (55%) of the residents support proposals to provide new social rented housing on common grazing land, while 22% oppose this proposal.

The majority of residents (54%) also support further community land ownership in this area, while 18% oppose this.

**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 (132)

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	<b>132</b>	377	211
<b>% Support</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
(Further) community land ownership in this area	54	-	45	33	50	62	46	-	-	-	<b>54</b>	50	-
Building new affordable housing on common grazing land	59	60	47	48	58	60	53	-	49	51	<b>61</b>	60	46
The provision of new social rented housing on common grazing land	55	54	36	40	52	50	41	-	37	39	<b>55</b>	47	36

*Source: Ipsos MORI*

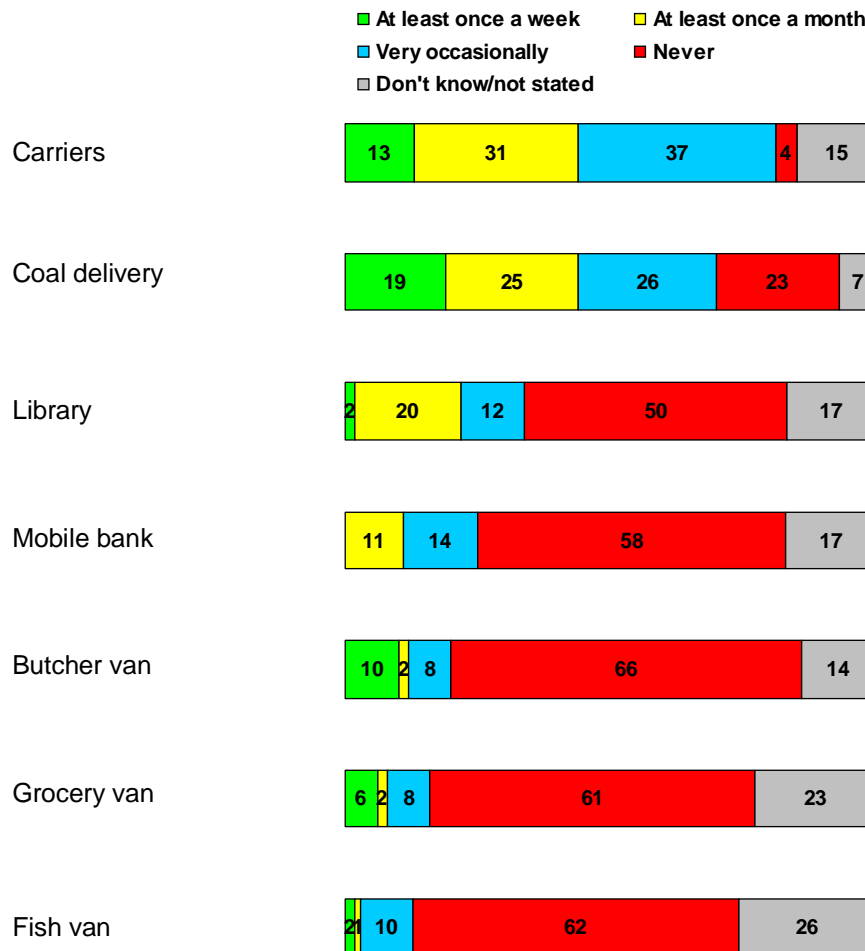
## Mobile Services in Uig and Bernera

As figure 4 illustrates, use of the different mobile services available in the Paic and Kinloch area varies widely. Residents are most likely to say they use carriers (81%) and the coal delivery service (70%). Residents use coal delivery and carrier services most often, with two fifths of residents using these services at least once a month or more frequently (44% and 44% respectively).

The majority of residents say they never use the butcher van (66%), fish van (62%), grocery van (61%) mobile bank services (58%) and mobile library services (50%).

**Figure 4: Use of mobile services in Uig and Bernera**

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



Base: All respondents (132)

Source: Ipsos MORI

# Appendix: Uig and Bernera Questionnaire

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