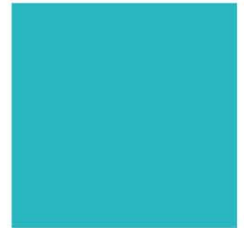
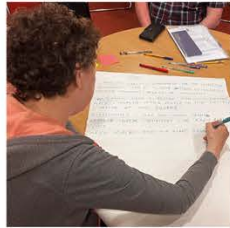


Queen's Park Neighbourhoods Local Place Plan

Stage 1 Report



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1. Introduction

Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and Langside, Battlefield & Camphill Community Council have partnered to lead a Local Place Plan (LPP) on behalf of the communities adjacent to Queen's Park.

To facilitate the development of the LPP, the community councils have appointed Kevin Murray Associates (KMA) to lead a community engagement process structured into three stages, with the process overseen by a steering group of representatives of the community, local business and service providers.

Local Place Plans are a relatively new mechanism introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, for communities to shape how land should be used in their area. The plans can identify areas of potential change, promote improvements, prioritise areas of vacant or derelict land for new uses and activities and propose building and land uses. LPPs can also consider the local economy, social considerations and health outcomes.

Local Place Plans are important community led projects that, once registered by the local council can become important considerations in planning decisions and can support the local authority and community organisations in funding applications, by showing a clear, cohesive strategy, supported by the community.

While led by the community and rooted in local people's aspirations for the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods, this LPP has also been supported by Glasgow City Council, who have funded development of the plan, among a number city-wide, through their Place Fund.

The wider area for this LPP includes the respective Community Council neighbourhoods, but the LPP project area will focus on the spaces around Queen's Park, including civic space, land and buildings that connect the Park and neighbouring communities.

This report describes the first stage of community engagement, which took place throughout the summer of 2024.



The LPP study area, with a focus around Queen's Park

2. Site Visit

On Wednesday 1st May, the KMA team (including Kevin Murray, Gregor Henderson and Emma Churchyard) attended a site visit, the purpose of which was to:

- Meet the steering group and a number of stakeholders in person
- Familiarise with the project area
- Identify some of the initial opportunities and issues

The group met at Langside Halls and included:

- Friends of Queen's Park (Susan Readman, Chair)
- Crosshill & Govanhill CC (Keith Hawley, CC member)
- MoFloCoCo (Cassandra McLuckie, CC member)
- Battlefield Community Group (Jane Whitehead, Chair)
- Langside Halls Trust (Kevin Kane, Chair)
- MyShawlands (Jonny McDonald, Chair)
- Shawlands & Strathbungo CC - Jude, Andrew, Nick & Paul
- Langside, Battlefield & Camphill CC - Christine, Richard

Initial discussions were around both **Langside Halls** themselves and **Shawlands Civic Square**.

There was some sense of disillusionment around the use of the square. Initial aspirations had been that the square would be lively, with activities and seating, but execution was underwhelming. JM from the BID outlined a number of events held by MyShawlands with a view to activating the square and driving footfall. The regular Farmers Market was seen to be disappointing, with a dwindling number of stalls and poor attendance, emphasised by the Park Lane Market nearby which is thriving. The group was unsure as to who manages the respective Markets but approaches by the BID to Glasgow City Council to try and link things up have been rebuffed. There was also a recognition that when events are held, the square is lively. There was discussion around both the activation of the square through events and the possible installation of other street furniture/infrastructure to provide activity space and promote use.

Langside Halls are currently in state of disrepair, as advised by KK. A feasibility study has been carried out, but significant funding is needed to carry work forward. There are recurring and well-known issues around graffiti and antisocial behaviour at the rear of the halls, particularly young people. There was also a question of ownership around the land between the rear of Langside Halls and the edge of Queens Park.



Artwork in Shawlands Civic Square



The bothy

The small **Bothy** beside Langside Halls was identified as an opportunity site. KK advised that it had been included in initial Ironside Farrar work but was not being taken forward.

The **glasshouses** at the top of the hill were agreed to be underused and a potentially important community asset. RD advised that the building is currently being used by the rural college and there were discussions around the space being more open to the public, with alternative/additional services and activities that could be community led.



Stakeholders on the site visit

Discussing the **Langside monument location**, there were aspirations for an improved and more accessible entrance to the park from the southern corner, possibly linking to the Liveable Neighbourhoods proposal to replace the roundabout with a simplified road system and improved public realm, currently at RIBA Stage 2. Steps – of Spanish or French design – were suggested.

Conversation around the new Sanctuary-led **housing development** on the site of the former Victoria Infirmary considered how the significant influx of residents would change the makeup of the community and the importance of proper integration, also of increased demand for the park and local services. It was suggested that the two buildings closest to the main Langside Road entrance were those which had been designated for community use, but frustration at the lack of clarity and communication around this, with little success up to now in engaging with Sanctuary about how this may look.

The group briefly looked at the **Recreation Ground**. Southseeds have funding to renovate the old pavilion, creating a community hub which will enhance the current croft that they utilise for growing. Possible opportunities around the skate park, gym and sports provision, but this would overlap with Mount Florida LPP.

Also raised was the possibility of improved public realm on **Nithsdale Road**, currently rather car dominated. Given the food and retail options immediately surrounding, there was a feeling that it could be much more people and place focussed.

3. Stakeholder Workshop

Following the site visit, a group of key stakeholders were identified and invited to an early stage workshop on Tuesday 21st May at the Queen's Park Govanhill Parish Church.

The aims of the workshop were to:

- Introduce stakeholders to the LPP, including background and outcomes
- Garner buy-in in order to maximise reach and agency at later stages of the consultation process
- Begin to explore key issues and opportunities throughout the project area



In addition to the QPN Steering Group, attendees included:

- Kevin Kane (Langside Halls Trust)
- Christine Jess (Langside, Battlefield & Camphill CC)
- Jonny McDonald (MyShawlands)
- Michael Igoe (Shawlands & Strathbungo CC)
- Isla Scott (Shawlands & Strathbungo CC)
- Paola Rezzilli (Strathbungo Society)
- Janet Muir (Friends of Queen's Park)
- Jane Whitehead (Battlefield Community Project)

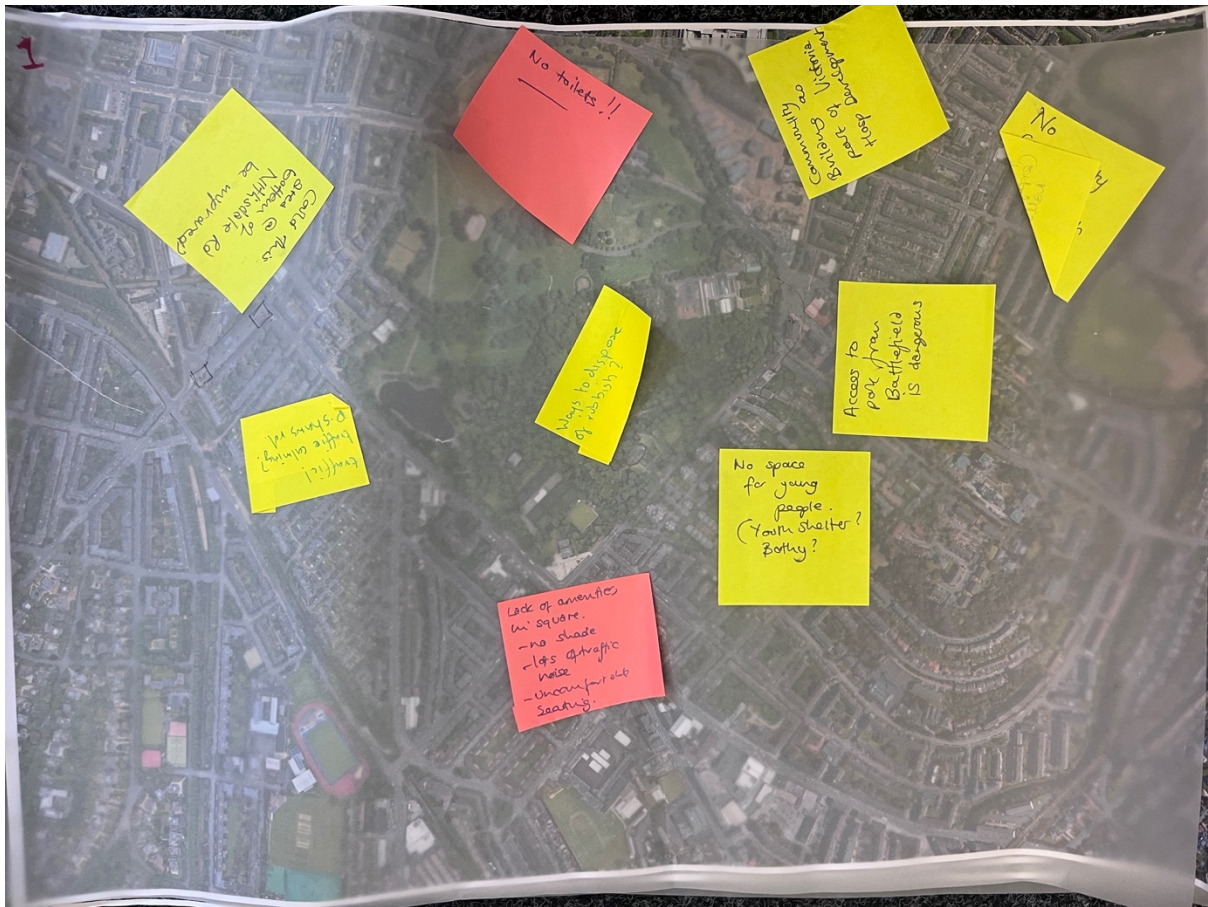
The workshop was introduced by Jude Hunter (QPN Steering Group), who stressed that the LPP is by local people for local people. Emma Churchyard (KMA) then introduced the aims and format of the stakeholder session before Gregor Henderson (KMA) gave an overview of the LPP content and process. Richard Dye (QPN Steering Group) discussed the launch of the QPN website and survey, discussing the outreach strategy.

The **first workshop exercise** tasked the stakeholders to **address the issues** that residents, businesses & customers identify with, including: residents (including families & young people), businesses & local services and customers & visitors. The attendees worked in three groups, mapping issues on an A1 map with tracing paper, as seen below.



Group discussions at the stakeholder workshop

Group 1



Group 1 – issues

Group 1 identified the following as key issues:

- No public toilets in and around the park
- No space for young people
- Lack of amenities in the square (Langside Halls) including no shade, lots of traffic noise and uncomfortable seating
- Not many ways to dispose of rubbish
- Fast and loud traffic on Pollokshaws Road and Langside Ave, more traffic calming measures
- Nithsdale Road area needs improvement
- Community Building in Victoria Infirmiry Development?
- Lack of community facilities outside of church halls not available

Group 2

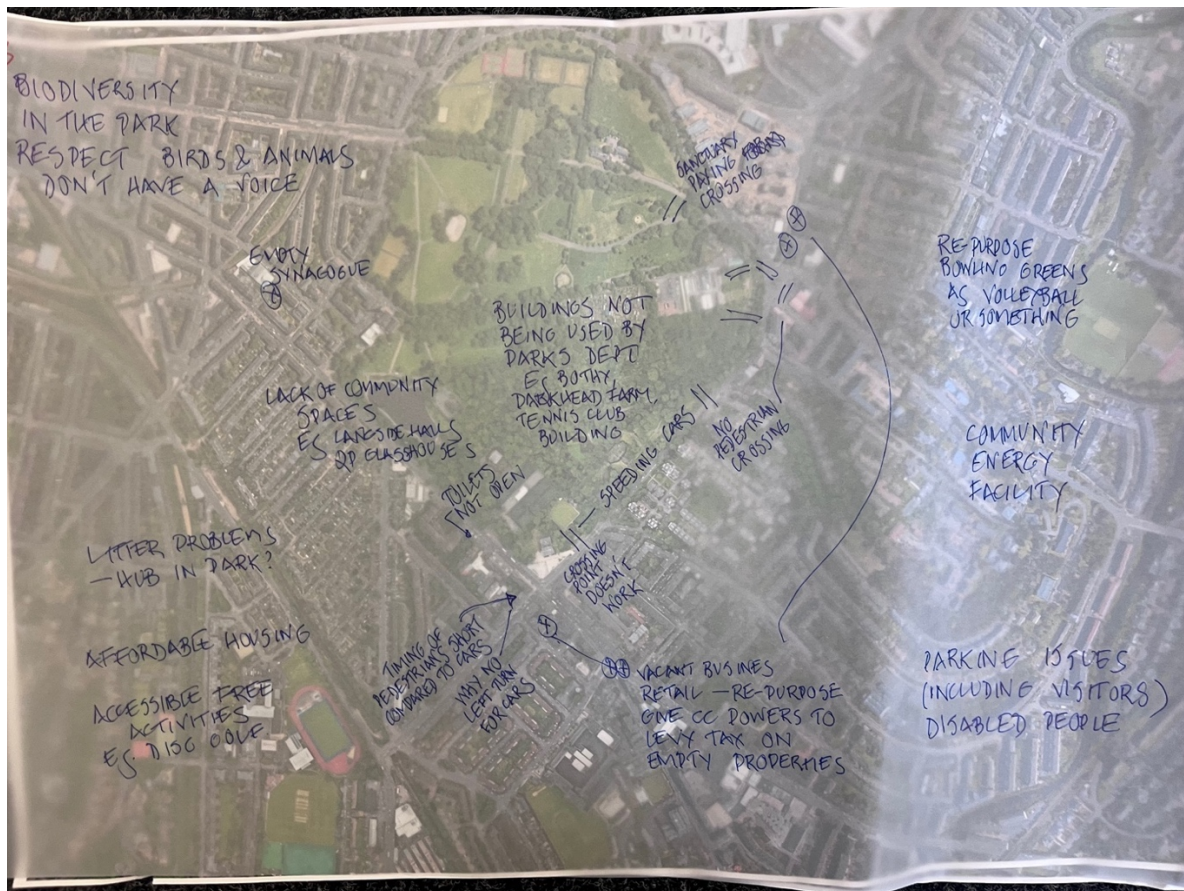


Group 2 – issues

Group 2 identified the following as key issues:

- Not enough for young people to do
- Movement not easy across roads leading to the park
- Not enough green space outside of the parks, need to maximise green spaces such as pocket parks
- Get more businesses on board/engaged in activities in and around the park
- Engaging more with Crosshill, Govanhill and Holyrood

Group 3

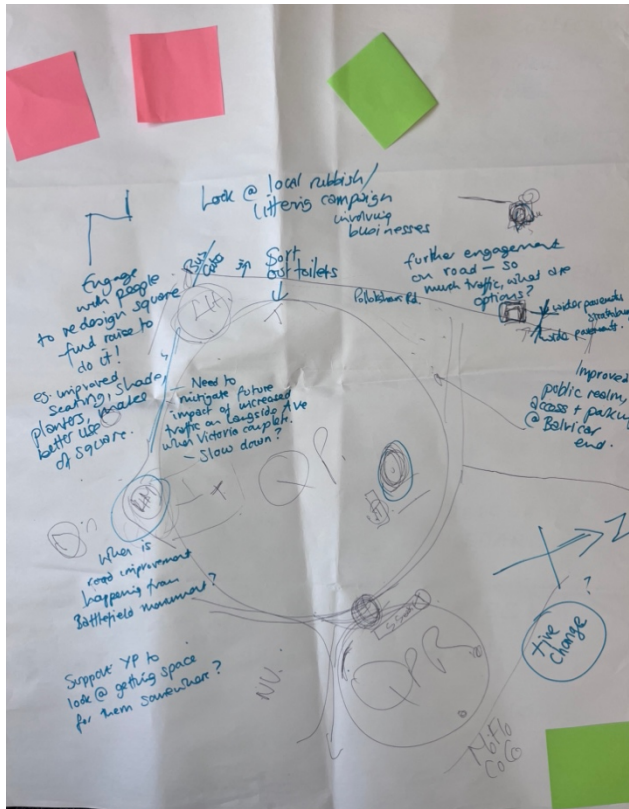


Group 3 – issues

Group 3 identified the following as key issues:

- Biodiversity should be appreciated and included more in the park
- Lack of community spaces, e.g. Langside Halls, QP Glasshouses, empty Synagogue
- No public toilets
- Litter problems
- Affordable Housing
- Accessible, free activities e.g. disc golf
- Buildings not being used by parks department e.g. Bothy, Parkhead Farm, Tennis Club building
- Traffic speed along Langside Avenue too fast and loud
- Vacant businesses and retail spaces could be repurposed to give city council powers to levy tax on empty properties
- Parking issues for residents and visitors, particularly for those with disabilities
- No community energy facilities
- Repurpose bowling green into something like volleyball
- Safer crossings needed, including near the Victoria Development

The **second workshop exercise** asked stakeholders to provide ideas and suggestions to address their issues from the first exercise, including either existing, older ideas and new ideas. This task required the groups to brainstorm ideas on flipchart paper, which can be seen below.



Group 1 made suggestions including:

- Look at local rubbish/ littering campaign involving businesses
- Further engagement on roads surrounding the Queen's Park, with wider pavements and greening
- Improved public realm, access and parking
- Make toilets public again
- Engage with people to redesign Langside Square, and fund raise to do it. Considering improved seating, shade, planters and better use of the square
- Positive change is needed

IDEAS

LANGSIDE HALLS - WINDFARM - SEE ART COLLECTIVE IN LONDON - LOTS OF CLIMATE IDEAS e.g. insulation INVOLVE COMMUNITY ENERGY - BE INNOVATIVE

SKATEPARK - NEED A BETTER ONE, IN A BETTER PLACE - INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DESIGN - MAYBE AT CIVIC SQUARE

GLASSHOUSES - DAY AND NIGHT VENUE INVOLVE LOCAL INITIATIVES LIKE RADIO BUENA VIDA

NEED PLACES FOR E.G. BOARD GAMES / KNITTING CLUBS

GREENSPACES - MAKING MORE USE OF THESE

MAPPING THESE

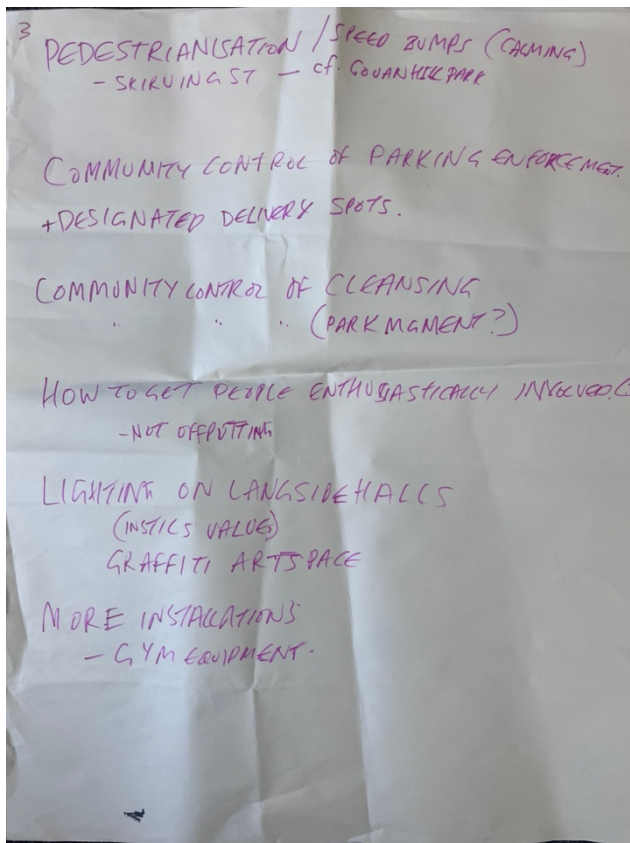
LANES ARE A GREAT POTENTIAL RESOURCE SEE 'OUR LANE' -> BATTLEFIELD, OFF LEDARD RD MORE LIKE 'BUNGO IN BACK LANES' " COMMUNITY GARDENS, SPACES

CROSSINGS - CHANGE THE DANGEROUS ONES e.g. LANGSIDE AVE

MORE BIKES, MORE BIKE BUSES, MORE FLOWERS AND BEES! AND BIRDS!

Group 2 made suggestions including:

- Langside Halls could be used similar to Art Collective in London: lots of climate ideas e.g. insulation, innovative community energy
- Skate park – need a better one, in a better location and involving young people in the design, potentially at the civic square
- Glasshouses – day and night venue and involving local initiatives like Radio Buena Vida. There is a need for places to have board game nights, knitting clubs and other community uses
- Greenspaces – making more use of these and mapping them. The lanes are a great potential resource (see 'Our Lane' Battlefield, 'Bungo in the Back Lanes', community gardens & spaces
- Crossings – change the dangerous ones e.g. Langside Avenue
- More bikes, buses, flowers, bees, birds, etc



Group 3 made suggestions including:

- Pedestrianisation, speed bumps, and other traffic calming measures from Skirving Street through to Govanhill Park
- Community control of parking enforcement with designated delivery spots
- Community control of cleansing and park management
- How to get people enthusiastically involved and not off-putting engagement
- Lighting on Langside Halls, facilitating areas for purposeful graffiti art space
- More installations such as gym equipment

Key outcomes from the stakeholder workshop include:

- More purposeful greening, including biodiversity measures within the park and outwith the park
- Reclamation of community assets and buildings (Langside Halls, Glasshouses, Bothy, etc) and adding to the offer of public and community spaces
- Enhance public realm offer, activities and lighting
- Improving maintenance, incl. rubbish and planting
- Traffic calming along busy roads and pedestrian priority crossings to and around the park
- Strive for better engagement with businesses, young people and community groups to improve sense of community and place

Gregor Henderson (KMA) covered the **next steps** to follow the stakeholder workshop:

- Wider public consultation, including surveys and drop-ins throughout June & July
- Analysis of feedback
- Develop a vision, themes and ideas throughout August & September
- Consult with stakeholders and wider community
- Develop a draft plan throughout October & November
- Revise and develop a final plan

4. Online Survey

Alongside in-person engagement, an online survey was developed to gather baseline information on how local people feel about the area and some of the key issues and opportunities at present. A copy can be found in Appendix 1.

The survey was promoted across social media platforms, on banners and posters throughout the site area and via business cards with QR codes. Paper copies were also widely available in order to ensure that the survey was accessible to as many people as possible. It was open throughout summer and received 309 responses.

Within the survey, respondents were asked to assign a rating out of five to a number of themes, depending on how important each theme was to them. Across the seven themes, the average scores were as follows, with public realm and maintenance and care denoted as the most important to people.

PUBLIC REALM	4.48
MAINTENANCE AND CARE	4.42
ENVIRONMENT	4.20
SAFETY	4.15
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES	4.04
ACTIVE TRAVEL	4.00
TRAFFIC	3.86

Within each of these categories, respondents were given the opportunity to comment, which were then coded against recurring themes, with outcomes as follows:

Public Realm

Langside Halls – concern around a lack of progress and a desire for it to be restored to use, with a particular keenness for community uses. The square is seen to be bare and hard, with a desire for a softening and greening, and greater use and events.

There is a strong feeling that pavements are not fit for purpose and are particularly challenging for those with mobility issues (or prams), and that investment in good

pedestrian access and connections is important, rather than prioritising cars. There are also concerns around poor road surfaces.

Existing play areas are seen to be of poor quality or badly maintained, with a will to explore more creative and imaginative possibilities for play.

Cleanliness is an issue for many, with problems around litter, graffiti and dog waste.

Green space was identified in many instances as a priority – both in terms of protecting existing areas and expanding/increasing provision. This includes possible greening initiatives through the streets, and a consideration of biodiversity in planting and management.

There is a desire for increased and improved public space, which encourages people to stop and spend time, with more activity, linking to building a sense of community. More seating would be welcomed, including sheltered areas, with a desire for drinking fountains.

Traffic

There are clear concerns around driving behaviour in the area, with a sense that traffic calming measures may mitigate some of the speeding.

A number of people feel that there are issues with crossing times at lights with longer required for people of all abilities to safely cross.

There is a sense that pedestrians should be prioritised in the area, and that many drivers' attitudes don't reflect this.

Several problem areas were identified, including Langside Avenue, and the roundabout at the monument; Pollokshaws Road (including the junction at Minard Road); with Sinclair Drive and Camphill Avenue also mentioned.

Access to Queen's Park was an issue, with a demand for more crossings, and ensuring that these are safe and that traffic is slowed.

Parking is a problem, although more from a perspective of poorly or dangerously parked cars – on corners and pavements – and a feeling that this could be better policed.

Active Travel

While feedback is mixed, sentiment around existing cycle lanes – particularly on Victoria Road – is largely positive, although there are concerns about the maintenance of the routes.

There is some demand for increased cycle lane provision in the project area, with Pollokshaws Road identified in particular as an opportunity. There is some feeling that the

routes being constructed currently may not be in the most useful locations and that there could be a lack of joined up thinking in the cycle lane strategy.

Having well-lit routes (including through QP) was identified as important, while general care of roads, pavements (including managing hedges) and parking was again identified as a problem area.

Other suggestions included increased access to next bikes, greater cycle storage provision and tracks and trails, particularly for young people to learn.

Community Facilities

Langside Halls and the Glasshouses were repeatedly identified as key community assets which are unused and underused respectively, with opportunities for community use and to act as hubs for local people.

There is evidence of reasonable demand for public toilets in and around the park.

A general desire for more sporting facilities – whether new or improvements to existing – was repeated, including better access to swimming pools and cycle tracks.

A lack of dedicated community facilities was shown, although there are a number of churches and bowling clubs. There was also a desire for flexible community space and ensuring that community-based organisations don't lose current facilities.

A number of suggestions were made including food growing spaces and low-cost community space.

Maintenance and Care

There are a number of issues around litter, including: littering, overflowing bins, particularly in the park, fly tipping in back lanes, limited access to recycling points for non-car owners. While there is frustration with GCC there is also recognition that this is largely a people problem and the education and community action are likely to be the most realistic way to deal with this.

There is a feeling that GCC have cut resource and staffing to the point that maintenance in the park and surrounding streets is suffering. The pond in particular is identified as being dirty and unkept.

For some, more responsibility has to i.e. with business owners – small and large – in keeping their premises tidy.

Environment

People see the environment and sustainability as a priority, with a willingness to try and innovate where possible, including exploring options around green energy, with the community possibly taking the lead in some cases. There is also a will for the softening of some of the streets through greening.

There is a largely positive impression of existing rewilding through the park, with people keen to see an emphasis on promoting biodiversity, although not necessarily at the expense of existing, more formal areas.

There is broad support for increased growing and planting, with many people expressing an interest in community gardening.

Improving the local environment through discouraging car use and increasing access to recycling facilities also featured.

Safety

Lighting is a clear issue in and around the park, with many people avoiding it entirely outwith daylight. There is a feeling that if main routes through the park are lit, it must be done in such a way as to have minimal impact on wildlife.

Road safety is a recurring concern.

People generally feel safe around the area, with the exception of walking through/being in Queen's Park at night time.

Respondents were also asked for their 'big idea' for the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods. While wide ranging, responses included:

- Proposals for Langside Halls
- Proposals for the Glasshouses
- Promoting and catering to pedestrians
- Community led cleanliness drives
- Greening and planting
- A safe, welcoming and equitable neighbourhood
- Events and activities
- Sports provision
- Public toilets
- Shared and activated civic space

5. Community Drop-in Events

Following the stakeholder workshop, two community drop-in sessions were held.

The purpose of these sessions was both to inform local people of the LPP process and to further explore some of the key issues which had already been raised. While stakeholders have expert local knowledge and in many cases are informed by a range of first- and second-hand experiences, local people are unconstrained by organisational obligations and are the group who are most directly impacted by the outcomes of these processes.

On Thursday 1st August, GH and EC were in attendance at the Shawlands pier event, organised by MyShawlands. This was part of an initiative which ran across ten days and featured a sand pit, giant deck chairs and a series of games and activities for local people, as part of a longer-term programme for enlivening Langside Square and increasing footfall throughout the local centre.

A stall was set up in front of Langside Halls, with banners promoting the Local Place Plan and maps for people to use as discussions points and to identify key assets and spaces.



KMA set up for consulting at Langside Halls

Footfall across the day was fairly slow and steady, with a mix of people who were aware of the LPP and others who were curious. Throughout the day, GH and EC also distributed LPP cards with QR codes throughout the area, engaging with people – particularly parents and families – who were in the vicinity but had not approached the stall.

Feedback was largely concentrated around Langside Halls and the need for them to be restored and brought into community use, but the Waverly Tearooms were also mentioned as a significant local opportunity. People were generally positive about the LPP and keen to see community feedback turned into action.

On Sunday 1st September, a public drop-in was held at the Queen’s Park Glasshouses, at which a number of other local stakeholders were also invited to promote their organisations. Prior to the drop-in, a paid Facebook ad was run and printed flyers were distributed at venues around the park promoting the event.

KM, EH and GH were in attendance from KMA and were supported by members of the QPN steering group and community council members. There were four pop-up banners on display outlining the purpose and scope of the LPP and presenting feedback gathered throughout stage 1, shown below.

There were also two A2 maps showing aerial views of the site area, which attendees were invited to identify on one anything that they viewed as a community asset and on the other anything that they regarded as a priority for improvement. There was also a table for children to illustrate their ideal version of the neighbourhoods.



Assets (left) and priorities (right) maps

Throughout the day there was a steady stream of people, some of whom were previously aware of the LPP and some who had not previously contributed. The feedback presented on the board was generally viewed as accurate and prompted lively conversation amongst those who were there.



Community Drop-in at the Glasshouses

Key comments were captured throughout the day via post-it notes and thematically grouped following the event. Recurring comments included:

- A need for (accessible) community space, with the Glasshouses a suggested venue
- Repurposing of grey space for green
- Support for growing space and allotments
- Improved maintenance and cleanliness
- Demand for investment in play spaces
- Concerns around poor and unsafe pedestrian experience surrounding the park
- Demand for increased cycle storage
- Improved recycling options
- A need for public toilets
- Concerns around lighting in the park, but also the impact of any lighting on wildlife

Also noted were:

- The importance of venues being accessible
- Community spaces being deliberate, with activities/infrastructure built in
- Improved pond maintenance
- The importance of supporting and retaining Langside Library
- Opportunities for public art
- Drainage and flooding concerns
- Parking concerns, particularly around the new Victoria development
- Storage space for community equipment, with the rec ground suggested as a possible location
- Support for looking after/maintaining woodland outwith the park i.e. between tenements

On the maps, attendees identified a number of key community assets, including:

- Glasshouses, as an iconic building and space for local people
- Langside Halls, as a key building in the heart of the area, which in many ways is tied to people's perception of it
- Allotments, which people felt were a valuable asset in an urban area
- Tennis courts and bandstand, seen as important leisure facilities and generally well used
- Langside Library, as a key community space which must not be lost

Areas for improvement were clustered around:

- Langside Halls, which people wanted to see restored to community use
- Battlefield Monument roundabout, with prohibitive layout and traffic for almost everyone trying to access the park, but also connecting across neighbourhoods
- Glasshouses, with a desire for increased access and community provision
- Disused QP bowling greens, although many recognised that there is current informal use
- Play park, which people felt is outdated and in poor condition
- Battlefield Road, with issues around traffic

1

QPN LPP Introduction

What is QPN?

This Queen's Park Neighbourhoods project is a collaborative initiative by the neighbouring Community Councils for Shawlands & Strathbungo and Langside, Camphill & Battlefield. QPN is about local people taking initiative and leading in uniting the neighbourhoods surrounding Queen's Park.

Our ambition is to develop a Local Place Plan (LPP) by the community, for the community, to create a locally-driven vision for our neighbourhoods and park.

To stay and touch and learn more, visit www.qpn.org.uk.



What is an LPP?

Local Place Plans are a way for local people to influence how their places develop over time. They can map important local assets and services, and outline future projects.

Now is an opportunity to identify the needs of the local community and put them into a cohesive plan. This plan will be owned by the community and available to any service providers and community members interested in new opportunities for QPN and taking them forward.

By showing a clear strategy, planned and supported by the community, this plan can help in applications to win funding for local projects.

Imagine QPN in 20 years' time... what improvements have been made that make it a better place to live?




2

Feedback & Priorities

Traffic

The Stage 1 survey responses revealed a sense that pedestrians should be prioritised in QPN and there are concerns around driving behaviour, with suggestions that traffic calming measures may mitigate speeding. There are also comments about poorly maintained roads and issues with parking, stating that this could be better policed.

Access to Queen's Park could be improved, with a demand for more crossings. Respondents also suggested increasing crossing times at existing lights, allowing for pedestrians to have ample time to cross safely.




Active Travel

While there are mixed sentiments around existing cycle lanes, feedback has been largely positive with demand for more, although there are comments about the maintenance of pavements and routes. Some voiced concerns for how routes are being chosen and constructed. Respondents stated having well-lit and well-kept routes is important, both for walking and cycling. Other suggestions included increased access to Next Bikes, greater cycle storage provision and trails, particularly for young people.

Safety

People generally feel safe around the area, apart from walking through Queen's Park at night. Lighting is a clear issue in and around the park, with many people avoiding it entirely when dark. There is a feeling that if main routes through the park are lit, it must be done with minimal impact on wildlife. Additionally, in line with comments regarding traffic, road safety is a recurring concern.

What projects could be done to make improvements to traffic, active travel & safety in and around the park?




3

Feedback & Priorities

Public Realm

The first survey revealed a desire for increased and improved public space, which encourages people to spend time, with a wider variety of activities available. This includes the square at Langside Halls, which is underused. Investment in good quality pedestrian access and connections (for all ages and abilities) is important, rather than prioritising cars.

People voiced a need to upgrade play areas, with more creative options for play. Green space is identified in many instances as a priority, including greening throughout streetscapes.



Maintenance & Care

Respondents raised issues around litter, such as overflowing bins, fly-tipping in back lanes and limited access to recycling points. Education and community action are seen as likely to be the most realistic ways to deal with this.

Many comments stated cuts to GCC resource and staffing are reflected in maintenance and cleanliness in the park and surrounding area. Some commented there is an obligation for local people and businesses to keep things tidy.

Environment

People see the environment and sustainability as a priority for the LPP, with a willingness to explore options around green energy. There is a generally positive impression of rewilding through the park and broad support for increased growing and planting, including to soften streetscapes, with interest in community gardening. Many respondents are keen to promote biodiversity, although not at the expense of existing, more formal civic areas.

What projects could be done to make improvements to public realm, maintenance & the environment?




4

Community Assets

Respondents to the survey feel that despite there being several churches and bowling clubs in the area, there is a lack of dedicated community facilities. There is a desire for flexible community space, and it is important to ensure that community-based organisations don't lose current facilities.

Langside Halls and the Queen's Park Glasshouses were repeatedly identified as key community assets that are unused and underused respectively. Both present opportunities for community uses and have scope to act as hubs for local people.

Some people feel the area is missing access to public toilets in and around the park; adequate sporting facilities, whether new or improved, including better access to swimming pools and cycle tracks; food growing spaces; and low-cost community space.




Next Steps

There are three stages of the Queen's Park Neighbourhoods project across this year and into the new year. The input to this first stage will influence plans developed over the later stages.

Therefore, please give us your ideas, suggestions and priorities if you haven't already.

We will be back in the autumn for Stage 2 to discuss the QPN vision and projects, which will then be prioritised and turned into actions for Stage 3, taking place in the winter.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing your ideas.




Pop up banners

6. Other Engagement

In addition to the above, members of the QPN steering group undertook a number of engagement activities across stage 1.

School Workshop

GH and EC attended Shawlands Academy with members of the steering group to meet staff and present the LPP. It was agreed that a group of students acting as values ambassadors would participate in a workshop with Jude Hunter

The group identified a number of key changes that they would like to see, including a focus on greening and growing, traffic calming and pedestrian priority with improved safety for walking and wheeling, community spaces including the restoration of Langside Halls, improved care and maintenance, sports and leisure facilities such as bike tracks and public toilets.



Pupils at Shawlands Academy



QPN in Strathbungo

Accessibility Visit

On Wednesday 14th August, Glasgow Disability Alliance carried out an accessibility visit of the area with representatives from the QPN Steering Group. This included a review of drop-off points, blue badge parking, signage, surfaces, furniture and toilets which highlighted a number of problems around the park, although with a feeling that if many of these were addressed the area would become much more accessible and welcoming. The full report of their visit is attached in Appendix 2, including recommendations.

7. Engagement Summary

Many people feel affection for, and pride in, the neighbourhoods included in the QPN plan area, while Queen's Park itself is seen as an important local asset. There is a feeling that this is generally a good place to live, with a range of shops and services and a strong local centre.

Within the LPP plan area there are a number of distinct neighbourhoods, all of which have various different characteristics, composition and relationships with each other.



Local shops in Shawlands (left) and housing surrounding the Park (right)

Throughout stage 1, a focus on the axis of Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue emerged, diffusing into and away from the park. There are clear issues around traffic managements and the balance between cars and other road and street users in these areas. There is also a desire to strengthen the links from the surrounding neighbourhoods to the park, with safe, legible routes that follow desire lines and are accessible to all.

There are key existing or potential public spaces around the park which could be used better, addressing people's desire for improved public realm. Similarly, a number of local assets are considered underused or neglected, and could be restored to usable condition, with an opportunity to address the lack of community facilities. Langside Halls and the Glasshouses both merged as such priorities for local people.

There is a sense that one of the key issues in the area is cleanliness and maintenance, including widespread concerns over littering, dumping, vandalism, and a need for better upkeep of public areas and infrastructure.

Concerns around cars are also prevalent, particularly speed and parking, which affect safety and the perception of safety in everyday experience.

People who contributed identified a need for:

- Community space for groups and activities
- Growing spaces (for food and plants) such as community gardens
- Additional green spaces such as pocket parks
- Sports facilities
- Public toilets
- New play areas for children and families
- Creative spaces
- Family-friendly evening spaces for socialising
- Spaces for young people

There is also a widespread desire for the QPN area to be welcoming and inclusive to all. Facilities and resources for young people were often raised, as was ensuring that public space and facilities were accessible for all abilities. This will require proper consideration of all user groups within forthcoming proposals, ensuring that the park and surrounding area caters to all demographics and abilities.

There is a desire for the LPP to be forward looking, with a sustainable approach that considers the environment and looks to future-proof wherever possible. People are keen to protect and enhance existing natural resources and to look for new opportunities to green, grow and be innovative in living sustainably.

Stage 2 of the LPP engagement process will move towards collaboratively defining the vision for QPN, with the outcomes of stage 1 presented to the community for verification and discussions around priorities, actions and responsibilities.

Appendix 1 - Survey



QPN LOCAL PLACE PLAN FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

What matters most to me and what I think will improve Queen's Park Neighbourhoods is...

Score out of 5, with 5 high priority (very important) and 1 low priority (not very important)

PUBLIC REALM

Good quality pavements, public squares, seating, green space, play areas and wayfinding

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on public realm issues/opportunities:

TRAFFIC

Reduced speed and flow of traffic, safer and quieter streets, improved crossings

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on traffic issues/opportunities:

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Connected, consistent and good quality walking, cycling and wheeling routes

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on active travel issues/opportunities:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Existing and potential facilities for local people and organisations

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Better, cleaner environment

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on maintenance and care issues/opportunities:

ENVIRONMENT

Supporting biodiversity, sustainability, climate adaption, local green energy

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on environment issues/opportunities:

SAFETY

Perception of public space and routes, lighting, road safety

PRIORITY: /5

Please provide any additional/specific detail on safety issues/opportunities:

My big idea for QPN is:

Anything else you would like to add:

We must consider how different people will be affected by the Local Place Plans, and we also want to make sure we hear from local people in QPN. Therefore, the next few questions are about you, to help us ensure we hear from a range of voices. If there are questions you would prefer not to answer, please just leave them blank. The personal information you give us will remain strictly confidential and we will not use it in a way that could identify you.

Age:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 85+ | | | | |

Ethnicity

- Asian or Asian British** (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Any other Asian background)
- Black, Black British, Caribbean or African** (Caribbean, African, Any other Black British, or Caribbean background)
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups** (White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background)
- White** (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British, Irish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Roma, Any other White background)
- Other**

Would you describe yourself as having a disability of any kind?

- Yes**
- No**
- Would rather not say**

Please provide the first four characters of your postcode

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Appendix 1 – GDA Feedback

Glasgow Disability Alliance Access visit

Venue / Location: Langside Halls and Pollokshaws Road

Date of Visit: Wednesday 14th August 2024

Below are findings and recommendations from Glasgow Disability Alliance's accessibility visit of the Langside Halls and the area of Queens park running along Pollokshaws Road. The visit was carried out by three Glasgow Disability Alliance members, with a range of impairments, supported by GDA staff members Kenny Bates and Sai Stephenson. Judith Hunter showed us round the site and inputted on the background behind the access visit.

Findings

Drop-off Points

- Taxis driving into pedestrian area at Langside Square to turn/drop people off, and park over pavements in this area.
- Rest points would be useful along park route from Langside Halls to pond.
- Dangerous crossings at the roundabout/Church on the Hill access to park.
- No crossing over to where the proposed Community Building will be in the new development at the former hospital site.
- Lack of safe, easy to use, accessible drop off points for the park in general.

Parking / Blue Badge parking

- Blue Badge parking spaces no longer in use outside Langside halls.
- No blue badge parking in area around Balvicar Street – an area the group indicated was a main drop off point for the park.

Information / signage

- Signage at all drop off points for Queens Park would be useful (Balvicar Street, Langside Halls, Pollokshaws Road entrance) indicating directions of park attractions/areas.
- Not enough signage at the Glasshouse or indicating direction of Glasshouse from other areas of the park.

Surfaces / pedestrian areas

- Langside Halls and square area noisy, doesn't feel entirely safe.
- Crossing on Langside Avenue at the bottom of the hill not safe – cars travelling fast. Perhaps lights needed here instead?
- Overgrown areas around Langside Halls would benefit from clearing.
- Uneven and broken section of pavement along Pollokshaws Road next to pond, with circular grass area breaking up the surface too.

- No drop kerbs to help navigate the pavement at the 'Goals' road entrance (across from Sweeney's on the Park).
- Broken and closed off areas of paving at main park entrance next to Balvicar Street.
- Balvicar Street pavement on park side very broken and dangerous. Poor drop kerbs here too.

Infrastructure / furniture

- There are bollards blocking the route behind Langise Halls.
- Seating in Langside Square not suitable for many – no backs to any seats. Also placed too close to the road.
- Steps and slopes at Langside Square make area difficult to navigate.
- Rest points would be useful along park route from Langside Halls to pond.
- No pedestrian crossing on Pollokshaws Road between Shawlands cross and the pond.

Toilets

- Accessible toilet at Hugs and Mugs never open.
- No accessible toilets anywhere in the area.
- No changing places toilet anywhere in the area.

Ideas / suggestions

- Make Langside Halls into a cultural centre for the area, detailing the history of Shawlands.
- Lots of useable space behind Langside Halls. However would only feel fully safe if Halls were in use and open, and if overgrown trees etc were removed to be less secluded.
- More markets and events using bright colours to attract people into Langside Square.
- Clear 'desire line' into the park at the pond, across the road from the McMillan restaurant. A proper established and accessible entrance here would be beneficial.

Recommendations

GDA members have reflected above the areas which they felt were of most importance to a wide range of disabled people. While one of the initial aims of the visit was to look at alternative uses for the Langside Halls/Square area, members fed back that these ideas were difficult to generate while the fate and future use of the Langside Halls was still undetermined. Members were clear in their interest for this area to be animated and inviting, for and about the local community. Members felt that the hall and the square have great potential for being an accessible and inviting spaces once the factors outlined above have been addressed and assuming disabled people are included throughout future consultations. Beyond this, the group were eager to reflect the current lack of safe drop-off and access routes; accessible toilets; safe paving surfaces; rest points; and Blue Badge Parking. These are factors that currently inhibit the use of the area by disabled people - important now and an important part of any future development plans.