

## Text extraction of Question 10 responses

answered question 121  
skipped question 95

### Any additional comments, ideas or suggestions you'd like to make?

Shops should meet certain standards regards signage (colours, designs) which council can ask for. High St and buildings need to be properly cleaned and maintained as a priority!

A robust greenspace network and general 'greening' of both the High Street and existing and new interconnecting spaces needs to be a key delivery outcome of any future discussions/projects. I'm not talking about tree lined avenues but it is amazing the difference green civic spaces and appropriately located and protected trees can make to the visitor/resident experience.

A further fundamental issue is that the Town needs to be able to continue to grow and deliver new housing and additional population is required to support and grow a vibrant and sustainable community.

BMX track regenerated into pump track

Make sure the beach is sign posted better! A uniform car park with one entrance and one exit that doesn't present a maze to the motorist (how does one get into the fenced car park!?).

Flowerbeds in the town centre would look nicer through the winter months if they had plant cover rather than bare earth. Maybe used for growing food and herbs as well as perennials.

There is a desperate need to refurbish & have a programme of regular maintenance of the old buildings around the town. The rooms above shops that can be used to provide accommodation should renovated to do this. The electric bus can also provide a local service for residents from Lochloy, Fishertown & tradespark to the town centre & hospital

Tidying harbour area.

Old Social Work Building used for information centre and orientation.

Remove useless traffic lights and add in zebra crossings.

The police need to actually monitor the traffic more heavily and be less bias towards locals.

A dedicated cycle path between morning noon and night and the industrial estate. Discounts in local stores for people who live and work locally.

Maybe get all the stores together and issue a card to addresses in Nairn which allows a set percentage off for a monthly buy in fee but only for local stores to try an encourage keeping the money in Nairn.

A rail bridge connecting the industrial estate to lochloy avenue or Sutors Park would help many who wish to walk to work in the area.

If the local community or government could do anything to assist local first time buyers take on mortgages on existing builds and not just new builds it would be a miracle or reduce local rental prices.

Assist with the fears of locals who have secure government jobs such as Capgemini employees that they will be kept on should independence go ahead.

Improve the train station facilities for those waiting on long trains so they can do so in warmth and comfort. even just adding in a vending machine or bins on both sides of the platform instead of just one would be something.

convince the people who apparently represent us to follow suit with this survey and maybe even go as far as to introduce themselves to people locally, I couldn't tell you who the community decided would represent my local area of Fishertown but they apparently speak for me.

We need to bring back a true community spirit to the town, rather than worrying about vendors to fill the vacant shops at the moment. To coin the phrase from Field of Dreams - "If you build it, they will come".

We need to celebrate the small town spirit and embrace what's on our doorsteps rather than roll over and take what the large corporate firms dictate! Small independent shops will spring up when the footfall increases, so a dedicated open/inviting area in the centre of town is required.

Make more of our open spaces live viewfield and the showfield, taking a leaf out of other successful areas. Build bike trails in the forests to attract cyclists, create an INVITING picnic area sheltered from the open windy beaches, seek out performers for open air events (local musicians etc)!!!!

Some of the shops need to take a good look @ their buildings & do some maintenance on them as some are a disgrace.

More action taken against the seagull menace!!

Nairn is a lovely town to live in just needs life breathing into it

Good luck to you. The SNP man who suggested a distillery in the social work office is living in cloud cuckoo land, let us hope he and his like dont take us all there. Sorry, am I being political or too negative?

Better car park signage indicating that it is for the High St. The Town Centre sign for Gordon St suggests parking - and there is none. Visitors realise their mistake too late.

Enforce parking restrictions, taxis parked in the High St is a disgrace, double parking, one hour parking bays are a joke, cars parked in the road by the Post Office all day and its supposed to be one hour only - soft option parking does not work - its a free for all and dangerous

Extend The Gurn

The person(s) made responsible for championing the town centre should be given power/authority to use the Sainsbury grants to upgrade shop fronts.

How can NICE not be taking forward the notion of Disabled access to the beaches and the sea shore. Nairn has been a tourist destination for a century, yet has little or no provision for thos ein wheelchairs, put that right please?

The excellent waterbird facility on the river between the A96 and harbour bridge, is a valuable attraction and needs active support.

The car parks need trees like the successful planting at Morrison's shop in Inverness.

A safe footpath from Househill Farm shops and cafe extending northwards to the existing footpath.

Improved access from the east beach to the Culbin Forest.

Is a Tourist Information Centre needed? The I-net provides ample information,

pedestrianize the lower half of the high street and change to residential. Move shops to main part of high street.

A pedestrianised High Street might kill it off completely - as has happened in other towns.

The town needs an open "centre" badly - as proposed by NICE.

The bus station should be moved to King Street to release additional parking.

Low Income housing should be located conveniently for transport but not in a car park. We need more that can be dedicated to local Nairn demand - and not Highland demand.

How about a Zulu Drifter or similar anchored against the River quayside with an accompanying display of fishing the silver darlings on land?

Work to maintain and improve Nairn's independent identity. We want to be proud of our town.

How about a display about Cumberland's army camping overnight in Viewfield Park (even if it didn't!)?

I think that the car park at the bus station should be made into a large bus station complete with indoor seating

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Beach, street and dune pollution by dog fouling must be seriously addressed. The beach is polluted every day by scores of dogs mess, while children play in the sand and on the links.

People allow their dogs to run free, despite the prohibition on this. It is impossible to walk in the dunes, and on the links without fouling one's feet, and the problem is worst in the dune area fringing the main beach where rubbish and plastic pollution are very bad too. It's easy to pick up three or four bags of rubbish on a summer evening walk along the few hundred yards main beach. Frequent voluntary rubbish collection might be a solution, but a permanent dog warden should be definitely appointed and the currently lapsed by-law reintroduced and enforced to this effect, whatever the cost involved.

Fishertown also suffers from dog-fouling, and there is a regularly polluted spot beside the Little Theatre.

The harbour area could be made much more attractive for summer visitors, with perhaps another cafe/restaurant and a small exhibition about the fishing. There are often people looking at the little statue in the harbour and asking about it. The boards giving information about wildlife are really nice.

I feel every part of the town has its own real charm, and the main thing to focus on is a unifying, overarching presentation of this lovely old Highland spa town.

Improved pedestrian and cyclist signage required re west beach (including access via Delnies Farm, via entrance to and across Nairn Golf Course), riverside walks/cycle routes from Harbour and from town centre. Removal of the out-of-date "No cycling" markings in various locales including near the Central Beach.

Introduction of maximum time limits on parking in Gordon Street, Leopold Street, High Street beyond Leopold Street junction, and Cawdor Street designed to improve the turnover of short-term users.

Redesignation of a parking space to become a disabled parking bay near the lights in Leopold Street to contribute, when vacant, to the improved flow of traffic through the lights (two lanes).

compulsory improvement to building and shop fronts achieved by tax savings incentive i.e. the better your business and building looks the more visitors will come and spend their money e.g. Austrian model.

Nairn has many positive attributes, but simple things like the filthy pavements and poorly kept exteriors of many shops let the place down. First impressions are vital to the success of the town centre and as such the council require to be far more aware of these factors. A very good example of an exceptionally maintained town centre is Kendal in Cumbria. The town seems to have a vision which is supported by the whole community. Nairn would benefit greatly from such support which can only in turn instill a pride in the town.

A dual carriageway bypassing Nairn is essential before any development should be considered at Nairn South. And that in turn may lead to the removal of a number of sets of traffic lights.

Spending £1m on High Street pavements won't draw anybody to the town.

All property owners obliged to upkeep walls and roofs and keep frontages clean

As a family destination Nairn should have easier beach access for wheelchairs and buggys.

I would love to see our High Street buzzing.

Regular markets at the weekend. Well publicised one off markets. People passing on the A96 need to know we still have a functioning High Street.

Incentives given to attract individuals to set up local shops. Also importantly locals need to support "local" shops to ensure that they can be sustained all year round. Locals all too often don't think of cost of travelling to a bigger centre!

Increase dog wardens to stop dog fouling all over the beaches, sand dunes, play areas and parks etc.

Improved riverside paths

Major problem with seagull droppings on the pavements, and seagulls attacking pedestrians.

Must get local by laws enforced about litter and feeding birds. Target the schoolkids as well. It has got to the stage that a cull is justified.

Also we must get a share of enterprise money to encourage white collar jobs back into town. Low paid care and call centre jobs cannot provide a proper functioning economy for the town, and commuters spend their money elsewhere.

We must get back to local businesses getting public service contracts and stop parachuting in squads from Inverness on a very infrequent basis to do gardens, paths when they aren't busy elsewhere.

Dedicated local manager for Nairn not shared with another centre 50 miles away.

We need to revisit Iain Fairweather's 2020 vision and begin to but flesh on the bones

More facilities for older people needed.

Compared to the facilities in other council areas the play areas and equipment at The Links, a major attraction for families, is of a very poor standard. A visit to Crieff for example will show the kind of facility a family resort like Nairn should have.

Councillors who fight for Nairn tooth and nail. Representatives with no political allegiances to muddy the water as regards local matters.

A Traffic Warden !!!

Make Waverley / Westbury Rd a "Red Route" i.e. restrict parking between 7am and 7pm.

Additional areas for older folk to enjoy activities organised

Empty shops should be turned into homes for the elderly (possibly) with window boxes in a victorian setting with flower beds and what shops /cafes are viable continuing to trade.

I said 1 to extra parking, but this would be increased if high st pedestrianised.

We should take a lead on sustainability and not call for an increase in population, but an improvement for those living/visiting here. We must reduce energy use and travel.

The access to the High St from the car park is not clearly signposted. I am often asked by visitors where are the shops?

Streets were power washed to remove old chewing gum prior to the Walker Cup, haven't been done since!! High street looks tired, neglected and tatty, could shops be given a grant to have a facelift, lick of paint? Encourage successful outlets to move into empty retail spaces.

Why bring in yet more external consultants at further public expense, especially when current public services are supposed to lead to 'strengthened communities' and 'community development'? Nairn to become a viable place for different ages, so we don't have to go to Inverness to shop. For people who don't have transport it would be ideal.

Rethink the position and number of traffic lights!!

more community spirit is required, need the whole town behind the excitement, encourage families to enjoy their home town, recover costs with sales on the night/day /weekend, everyone put a little in and everyone will get a little out of there own town!!! no pricey fee's for entry, keep our own people interested in their own town.

Ensure all facilities are disabled friendly.

Nairn is a great place to live and visit - it is just let down by a feeling of sadness and off being a bit run down

and unloved.

Do something about the problems with seagull population

Maybe speed bumps on the High Street to stop the boy racers

Must improve appearance of high street including rules about facades, maintenance, a more coherent and historical look.

The town centre dies at 5pm and becomes a low quality drinking and takeaway hub.

The questions asked above are very directional and aimed at providing answers that suit the survey organisers. They do not appear to aim to encourage objective participation from NICE members.

None - except keep up the good work

Wish I could be more helpful but the persistence of authorities to try and build on every green space in Nairn is so frustrating I feel like leaving permanently.

Remove/refurbish and use the old arcade building beside the harbour. What an eyesore it is

Get the bypass going.

A new sports centre with swimming pool should have been built in Nairn instead of flats at the bus station.

Integrated services, sportscentre, access to town from there, indoor tennis facilities for our climate.

Owners of shops fronts should be made to keep them well-maintained and painted - the Council should enforce this.

Dave Shillabeer's comments earlier about an open square in the "library carpark area" and dedicate to someone special from Nairn such as the soldier from Cawdor who became the most decorated soldier in Canada?

Another thing - not just ONE person to represent Nairn and take it forward but a few positive, sensible and fairminded people? That's all I can think of for now!!

The whole of Nairn looks drab and unloved - it needs a good old-fashioned paint and decorated type clean up - reduce rates and attract entrepreneurs

Less cafés

More emphasis on cleanliness of outside of shops

No cycling on pavements

Cf. With a town like St Ives, also tourist town, bustling with people, things to do, nice shops, artists' workshops, able to buy buckets and spades and local souvenirs.