

A community survey on behalf of Dores and Essich Community Council (DECC)

Impact Hub Inverness has been commissioned by DECC to produce a 10-year community action plan (CAP). The purpose of this survey is to find out what the community's priorities, hopes and needs are for the next decade. The results will be used to see which ideas have the best potential to progress and these will be compiled into the CAP. The CAP will also help inform the development of a Local Place Plan. Public meetings will be held in Dores Hall on Saturday 18th May (10-3) and Thursday 23rd May (5.30-8.30pm).

The survey is designed to get the views of ALL RESIDENTS in the Dores and Essich area, including children. If you would like additional paper copies for other members of your household, please contact us on 01463 715533. Paper surveys can be handed in to Ella MacRae, Cherry Cottage, Dores. Alternatively, you and others in your household can complete the survey, via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/doesandessichcommunitysurvey>

If you're able to, we would prefer surveys to be completed online but we welcome all responses. If you would prefer to speak to someone who can complete the survey for you, please call us on 01463 715533. All surveys must be completed by the end of **5th May 2024**. Please try to complete all questions - responses will be treated in confidence.

1. In your view, what's good about Dores and Essich and that you would want to be protected for the future?

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2. How would you like to see the Dores and Essich area develop in the next 10 years?

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3. What do you think the main challenges are for the area, now and in the next 5 -10 years?

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4. Are you concerned about any of the following issues locally, and if so, please say how this issue could be addressed?

Topic	Issue – yes or no?	How could it be addressed?
Affordable housing for local people		
Employment opportunities (esp. for young people)		

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Car and camper van parking		
Road safety and new speed limits		
Public toilets		
Lack of youth activities/projects		
Poor public transport (e.g timetabling, no Sunday service)		
Lack of services/support/home care for the elderly		
Lack of activities/projects to tackle higher cost of energy in rural areas		
Loch Na Cathrach (formerly Red John) Pumped Storage project and / or other renewable energy developments in the area		
Other – please specify		

5. Please specify if there are any suitable locations for the following issues

Issue	Area
Affordable housing for local people	
Car and camper van parking	
Education services	

Issue	Area
Road safety and new speed limits	
Public toilets	
Home care for the elderly	

6. If funding was available for community projects across the Dores and Essich area, what facilities and services might you like to see? Please tick below which 5 you think are highest priority and which 5 are least priority.

	Top priority (max 5)	Least priority (max 5)
Community hub (café, local craft/artist display area, tourist info, office space)		
Gardening club – Scotland specific plants		
Environmental and wildlife projects		
Footpath and cycle path network		
Road improvements and traffic calming measures		
Community transport provision		
Affordable housing for local people		
Heritage display/museum		
Youth support programme		
Community cinema		
Reinstating Dores gala		
Regular community events		
Facilities for older people		
Childcare		
Other please specify		

7. Are there issues that you feel may emerge going forward into the future?

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8. Dores Beach is a popular destination for locals and visitors alike but is in private ownership (albeit with public access). What measures might you suggest to support existing (or new) leisure uses for that area?

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9. What barriers do you perceive to community engagement? What improvements might you suggest (eg. clubs, events etc)?

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10. Please use this space to add anything else about the Dores and Essich area, or things you would like to see.

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The next questions are optional.

11. We hope to get good coverage of the whole of Dores and Essich area, so please tell us which area you live in.

Dores village	
Essich	
Scaniport	
Torbreck	
Midtown	

12. In addition, please note your postcode below.

13. How long have you lived in the Dores and Essich area?

 years

14. Are you (please tick one):

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-binary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. Please tell us which age bracket you fall into (please tick one)

Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	16-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	25-44	<input type="checkbox"/>	45-64	<input type="checkbox"/>	65 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>
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