



Local Development Plan Place Standard

Tool engagement with Kingussie High School Highers students 15 – 17 years.

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Introduction

The Place Standard tool is a way of assessing places and was utilised as part of the early stakeholder engagement process to inform the preparation of the next Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan.

The current Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan can be accessed here:

- <https://cairngorms.co.uk/planning-development/ldp-2021/>

The Place Standard Tool provides a simple framework to structure conversations about place, based around fourteen questions. It allows participants to think about the physical elements of a place (such as the buildings, spaces, and transport) as well as the social aspects (for example whether people feel they have a say in decision making).

The tool provides prompts for discussions, allowing participants to consider all the elements of a place in a methodical way. The tool pinpoints the assets of a place as well as areas where a place could improve.

There are several versions of the Place Standard Tool available to engage different audiences. During the entire engagement with the Kingussie High School students (aged 11 – 17 years) the Place Standard tool for young people was used.

In total at Kingussie High School sessions were run with a range of classes and ages, comprising of the S1 Geography students (aged 11- 12 years), S3 Geography students (aged 13 – 14 years) and the Higher criminology class students (aged 15 – 17 years). This report focuses on the extended session (approximately 1.5 hours) with the Higher Criminology students.

The session with the Higher criminology students was conducted on the 14 November 2024 with 13 students. It consisted of a double period in the afternoon. The students



were divided into groups depending on their home location, which comprised of Newtonmore, Aviemore and Kingussie. Each group completed all four sections of the Place Standard Tool and then there was a group discussion afterwards. Each group was invited to tell the rest of the class about one issue / problem they thought was most important and the other groups were asked to comment on the concern and agree or disagree. The whole class was then invited to vote on whether the issue / problem was important, needed addressing and offer any possible solutions / remedy.

The sessions with the higher students comprised of:

- Part 1: A general introduction to the planning system in the National Park, its function, outcomes and the importance of the Local Development Plan.
- Part 2: In groups formed on the basis of where they live or spend most of their time the students worked on topics from the Place Standard tool.
- Part 3: Group discussion on key issues in the different places covered by the groups.

The information was collected on sheets printed from the Place Standard tool and the results summaries here in this report.

Respondent details

The group was assessing the localities that they live in or where they spend most of their time. The demographic of the group was 15 – 17 years male and female students at Kingussie High School located within the National Park boundary. 13 students participated in this engagement exercise. In the Newtonmore group there were five students. In the Kingussie group there were three students and there were five students in the Aviemore group.

Kingussie High School is one of two High Schools in the Cairngorms National Park. Records suggest that there has been a school in Kingussie (or the ancient parish of Ruthven) since the time of the Columban missionaries, and although today a smallish school by national standards, they maintain a long and proud academic record which precedes the 1872 Education Act. The school caters for children from the age of 11 up to 18 and has as its motto the Gaelic 'Du Dichiollach' – with diligence.

Details about the exact geography of the school's catchment can be found here:

- <https://highland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=531a30ee33564231866ff94e96607f26>



Criminology Highers student results

The results from each topic have been reported here under their respective topic headings with the question included from the Young People Place Standard tool. This section looks at the different group responses (Aviemore, Newtonmore and Kingussie) in relation to the place they live or spend most of their time.

Play, hang out, games and hobbies

'What are the spaces for play, recreation, sport and hanging out like in and around my place?'

Group 1: Aviemore

The group responded that the Burnside Park is 'good now' and they thought it was 'accessible to many people'. They also commented that the outdoor space in the woods by the new housing at Aldi (managed by the Aviemore Community Enterprise) was good.

Thinking about what could be better, the group stated there needs to be more places for 'teens to hang out', suggesting an arcade would be good. Also, they would like teen nights at the fun house (the soft play centre at the Coylumbridge Hotel) so they 'can have fun without being judged for being too old'.

Aviemore score: 4 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

This group listed the following activities as being good in Newtonmore; tennis, golf, shinty and bowling. When asked what could be better, they responded they would like to see more indoor activities, such as a cinema or tenpin bowling. They would also like an astroturf pitch and more opportunities for girls' sports in the village. The group also thought that Fusion - a teen organised hangout in the village hall could be better.

Newtonmore Score: 4 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

In Kingussie the group stated the following places / activities were good about the place; the shinty, golf, tennis, biking and walking and the Badenoch Centre. When asked what could be better, the group stated that they would like to see more indoor and outdoor sports facilities, basketball courts and a pump track in the town.



Kingussie Score: 4 / 7.

Nature: parks, woods, hills, and beaches

'How well am I connected to Nature where I live?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group reported that they think the best thing about Aviemore is that there are lots of trails for walking. Thinking about what could be better, the group reported there are 'not enough places to sit and enjoy nature' and that the 'signs aren't clear enough on the trails'.

Aviemore score: 5 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

This group stated they thought the walking and footpaths, hills, Glen Bancher and river swimming were good things about Newtonmore. When asked what could be better, they responded that the play park is unsafe and needs to be replaced.

Newtonmore score: 5 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

This group stated that they thought the fact that Kingussie was very close to nature was a good thing. They didn't have any suggestions about how it could be better.

Kingussie score: 7 / 7.

Streets, squares and buildings

'What are the streets, squares and buildings like in my place?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group stated that they thought the fact that there are lots of green spaces and it's easy to find your way around were good things about Aviemore. They also stated they felt the town has good street lighting. When asked about what they felt could be better they responded that potholes were an issue, in particular on High Burnside. They were also concerned about the derelict land at the old primary school and near Tesco. It is worth noting that both these sites have been subject to planning applications, but it is clear the young people are not aware of what is proposed.



Aviemore score: 4 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

This group reported that they felt that Newtonmore was clean and tidy, with lots of flowerpots which were well looked after. They also said they liked the Christmas lights and the shinty memories in the square. They also felt the chemist was good. When asked what could be better, they stated that there needed to be more places for young people to meet, more car parking and more parking signs.

Newtonmore score: 5 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

This group stated the Duke Gardens were good now and that the area could be improved by more housing.

Kingussie score: 4 / 7.

Traffic and parking

'How does traffic in my place affect me when I am out and about?'

Group 1: Aviemore

In Aviemore the group felt that there is good provision of traffic lights throughout the town and the fact there are lots of car parks is a good thing. When asked what they thought could be better, they responded that there should be alternative places for delivery vehicles to park instead of on the main road as they felt it was dangerous.

Aviemore score: 4 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

This group didn't offer any suggestions about what was good now in Newtonmore in relation to traffic and parking.

They did however have a number of suggestions as to how traffic and parking could be improved in Newtonmore. They listed car parking down both sides of the Main Street as a concern as it creates congestion and can lead to damaged cars. They felt there was not sufficient parking down Main Street for the residents on the Street. They are also unhappy with the constant roadworks being carried out in the village and boy racers



causing disturbances. They also felt the Ralia junction needed improving with traffic calming measures (signs) in place.

Newtonmore score: 4.5 / 7 (This group thought it was somewhere between 4 and 5).

Group 3: Kingussie

This group stated that in Kingussie in relation to traffic and parking it is safe and thought the street gritting service was good. When asked what they thought could be better, they responded that there needs to be more parking in the town, and that there is too much parking along the streets. They also stated they thought the town would benefit from a petrol station and a reduction in potholes.

Kingussie score: 4 / 7.

Public transport: buses, trains, trams, boats

'How easy is it to get to where I need to or want to go by bus, train or other forms of public transport?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group stated that the bus stops are good now and available at lots of location in the town. They also stated they felt that the free bus pass (for young learners) was a good thing. They felt the trains are too expensive. Although they felt the bus stop provision and quality was good, they did think the service could be better, as buses don't always stop and are 'never on time'.

Aviemore score: 3 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

This group stated they thought the following things are good now; Young Scot card for buses (free travel) and electric buses. They also reported the buses and trains are clean.

When asked what they thought could be better, they replied that the buses needed to be more reliable. They felt the Young Scot card should be extended to rail travel. They stated that they would like to see more buses and trains coming / going from Newtonmore and that it would be helpful if (more) trains stopped at Newtonmore.

Newtonmore score: 3.5 / 7 (This group thought it was somewhere between 3 and 4).



Group 3: Kingussie

In Kingussie this group stated they felt the train station and free buses are good now. When asked what could be better, they said they would like more buses to stop in Kingussie with more routes out of the town, including south. They would welcome buses that travelled the backroads, and a bus stop in Insh village. They also stated the buses needed to be more reliable.

Kingussie score: 3 / 7.

Walking, wheeling and cycling

'How easy is it to walk, wheel or cycle to places I need to and want to go?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group stated that they thought the walking, wheeling and cycling routes in Aviemore are easy to navigate where available. When asked what they thought could be better they stated the pavements could be smoother for scooters and heelys (shoes with a wheel on the heel). They did however state that there are no cycle paths in Aviemore, stating a need for them.

Aviemore score: 5 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

When asked what was good this group reported that there are 'loads of footpaths' and it is easy to get into nature. They felt there is good wheelchair access. They also reported that they were taught bike safety in school which was beneficial.

When asked what they felt could be better, they said there needs to be more cycle paths, in particular one going south out of Newtonmore. Although they stated wheelchair access was good, they said it could be better for young disabled people. One service they reported as missing in the village was a bike maintenance shop / offering to support cycle use.

Newtonmore score: 4.5 / 7 (This group thought it was somewhere between 4 and 5).

Group 3: Kingussie

This group reported that there are lots of good routes in Kingussie, which are of good quality. When asked what they thought could be better they responded that they would



like to see more places to put / store bikes. They also reported that there are too many cars parked on the pavements making it hard to cycle on the roads.

Kingussie score: 4 / 7.

Having our say and being listened to

'When things happen in my place, how easy is it for me to say what I think and being listened to?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group didn't offer any suggestions about what was good now in Aviemore in relation to 'having your say and being listened to'.

When asked what could better, the group responded that they would like to see the community consulted / engaged with more by Highland Council about improvements / changes to the town. They would also welcome an opportunity to talk to the rail operator about services in in Aviemore.

Aviemore score: 2 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

This group reported they did receive surveys on things happening, but that people aren't really asked for their input. They also stated that they didn't know of anyone they could talk to about changes and haven't seen any changes in their community.

Newtonmore score: 2 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

This group thought the engagement exercise was good, but didn't really feel there are any issues that can be fixed. They struggled to come up with ideas about what could be better, when prompted for further input they stated there was no need for anyone to come and talk to them.

Kingussie score: 1 / 7.



Fixed, clean and managed

'Are there spaces or buildings that need cleaning up or fixing in the area around me?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group felt the community initiative called 'Path Pirates' was a good thing. 'Path Pirates' are a community group that cleans paths and public spaces in Aviemore. When asked what could be better, they reported there needs to be some / more bins in the busy areas in the town. They also felt the back paths look messy and are not taken care of. They reported broken parks, that also looked 'messy'. They are also concerned about the derelict land near Tesco and the old school which could be improved.

Aviemore score: 2 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

The group felt that Newtonmore was 'pretty clean' at the moment, with well-kept buildings and sufficient dog bins available.

They did feel though that generally things could be improved by having more bins. In particular they mentioned that down by the Grill, were there was / is often lots of litter at the side of the road. They felt there needed to be more litter picking volunteers. They also stated the potholes needed attention and roads could be improved.

Newtonmore score: 5 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

This group felt the buildings in the town are in a good shape, with little vandalism and the allotments were good. When asked what could be better, they responded that the potholes needed attention.

Kingussie score: 6 / 7.

Feeling Safe

'How safe and / or comfortable do I feel in my place?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group reported that they felt the low crime rate was a very good thing about Aviemore. However, they did feel that there are too many drug dealers in Aviemore and that more police are needed. They would also welcome better lighting on the back road



near the Bridge Inn. They also felt the dark alleyways in the Burnside area and tunnel near the Hospital felt unsafe and could be improved.

Aviemore score: 5 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

In Newtonmore the group said, 'people are happy going out alone'. They also agreed that it was safer than other places ('we have lived' – presumably some of the group had lived elsewhere previously, no further detail was provided). When asked about what could be better, the group reported there is an issue with young underage people drinking in the park. They also stated there needs to be more places to go.

Newtonmore score: 5 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

In Kingussie the group reported there is a tightknit community that helps to prevent crime. They stated they felt the town was 'very safe'. They did not have any suggestions as to what could be better.

Kingussie score: 7 / 7.

Feeling proud and part of my place

'How proud do I feel about my place?'

Group 1: Aviemore

This group reported that things they were proud of in Aviemore included the skiing and outdoor sports provision. They felt that the fact that tourism brings lots of money for local businesses was a good thing. They were also proud of the fact that there are lots of jobs available in hospitality in Aviemore.

Thinking about what could be better in Aviemore, the group felt there needed to be discounts for local people in the shops. They also felt there should be less holiday homes, and (more) bins on the streets to stop / prevent littering.

Aviemore score: 4 / 7.



Group 2: Newtonmore

The group felt proud about Newtonmore because it is well kept and clean. They felt the fact that it was close to the mountains was a good thing. They also praised the McPherson Museum. They felt there was a strong cultural identity.

They group didn't have any suggestions about what could be better / improved.

Newtonmore score: 6 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

In relation to feeling proud of their place, this group felt the War Memorial was good now and though that Insh village could be better.

Kingussie score: 5 / 7.

Meeting and talking with people

'Are there spaces / places where I go to meet and talk with friends and other local people I trust?'

Group 1: Aviemore

Thinking about what is good now the group reported there are lots of public seating in addition to cafes and restaurants in the town. They also praised the fact that there are lots of open spaces available.

Thinking about what could be better, the group suggested there needs to be more covered warm spaces. They would welcome a MacDonalds. They also reported that there are no bins at the retail park which was a problem.

Aviemore score: 4 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

This group reported that what was good now, was the Newtonmore community Facebook page. They also reported that news travelled round the community by 'word of mouth' which they felt was a good thing. When asked what could be better, they didn't have a direct suggestion but felt that the existing established community made it hard for new people to get involved.



Newtonmore score: 5.5 / 7 (This group thought it was somewhere between 5 and 6).

Group 3: Kingussie

Thinking about what is good now the group stated that the good offering of cafes and restaurants enabled meeting and talking to people. They felt the town could be improved by having more social spaces for people to meet.

Kingussie score: 2 / 7.

Jobs and places to work

'Are there opportunities for people to work, trained or volunteer locally?'

Group 1: Aviemore

The group stated that they thought the fact that there are lots of jobs in hospitality was a good thing, however there are a lack of jobs in other sectors. Thinking about how things could be better, they responded that there are not many places hiring and a general lack of employment in other industries. They also felt the bus services linking Aviemore to Inverness could be improved as they 'are always late'.

Aviemore score: 3 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

Thinking about what is good now, the group stated that there are lots of volunteering opportunities in the community and with the Shinty. They also felt that working from home is a good thing as it keeps people in communities.

When asked what could be better, the group stated it is difficult to get a job in the village for young people. They told us that young people have to rely on transport to get jobs and that in Newtonmore there are no big opportunities to get full time jobs in Newtonmore.

Newtonmore score: 4 / 7.

Group 3: Kingussie

This group felt that the availability of local and seasonal jobs was a good thing. However, they felt that there needed to be more variety of jobs available. They also thought Kingussie would benefit from higher paid jobs and more career mobility.



Kingussie score: 4 / 7.

Homes friends and neighbours

'Does my place feel like a community?'

Group 1: Aviemore

Thinking about what is good about Aviemore, the group responded that they liked the astroturf pitch but thought it could be better with extended opening times. The group reported that at weekends the pitch closes early (12 midday) when a lot of young people would want to use it in the afternoons. Thinking about what else could be better, the group stated that there are too many holiday homes in Aviemore and not enough 'permanent homes for sale'.

Aviemore score: 4 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

The group felt that there was a good community feeling / spirit in Newtonmore at the moment and it felt like a friendly place. They liked the Shinty and the Highland Games.

Thinking about what could be better, they felt that there should be more hangout places, indoors, that could be used for teenagers and young people. They also reported that there are too many houses for sale that are beyond the reach of local people, not reflecting the local income range.

Newtonmore score: 5.5 / 7 (This group thought it was somewhere between 5 and 6).

Group 3: Kingussie

This group listed the following places as good places / activities in community that supported community living; the Badenoch Centre, the Shinty and the Sunday Market. They also stated that they felt that Kingussie was a 'friendly place'. When asked what could be better, they suggested 'dedicated social spaces'.

Kingussie score: 5 / 7.

Schools, libraries, shops and other services

'What is my place like for accessing services we need?'

Group 1: Aviemore



The group reported they thought the new Co-op in Aviemore was good now and that the school was good. When asked what could be better, they responded that they felt the swimming pool could be free, and the gym is quite small. They also stated the place could be made better with the addition of a youth café.

Aviemore score: 5 / 7.

Group 2: Newtonmore

When asked about what is good now, they group listed the following services: the Co-op, the Primary School, transport to the primary school, the Community Hall and the fish van.

In Newtonmore the students responded that there needed to be a library, which would also provide a place to study. They were concerned that there are no doctors or dentists, with accessing them via public transport being difficult. There is a lack of shops, the bank closed, and the village would benefit from more mobile services.

Newtonmore score: 3.5 / 7 (This group thought it was somewhere between 3 and 4).

Group 3: Kingussie

This group felt that the library, gym, doctors, dentist and butchers, are all good things now. When asked what could be better, they responded that there needed to be more shops in general in Kingussie, there was no veterinary services, and the town would benefit from having a swimming pool.

Kingussie score: 3 / 7.



Conclusion

The group engaged well with the exercises generating discussion on several topics which highlight concerns in the Cairngorms National Park from the young people's perspective. There were lots of positive comments from the three groups about the places they lived or spent most of their time in.

There were lots of positive comments across all the groups in relation to the public realm and green spaces, which are generally well maintained, with the exception of Aviemore.

In relation to transport all the groups felt that the free bus access was a good thing, however all groups reported problems with the services themselves, being unreliable and limited. They also reported issues with the rail services, in relation cost being a barrier or in the case of Newtonmore the trains not stopping at the station. In relation to parking all the groups felt there are issues with parking along the main streets. In Newtonmore they felt they needed more parking, which may alleviate over parking along the high street. The whole group also agreed that there are issues accessing Laggan via public transport due to limited or non-existent services.

The class wide discussion included one group putting forward the suggestion that more parking should be offered just outwith the high streets, with limited priority parking on one side to reduce parking, which led to congestion and no space for cyclists. One group suggested removing parking on one side of the high street completely would allow space for a cycle lane. All the groups agreed that in all the three settlements this would be beneficial. The group also agreed there needs to be better signposting for public / available parking in the settlements.

In relation to walking, wheeling and cycling there was a consensus across the groups that there was a good provision of routes, with the exception of cycling. More cycle parking is needed and dedicated cycle paths.

All the groups agreed there is good provision for sports and outdoor activities in all the settlements, however in Newtonmore they suggested more places for girls' sports are needed. All the groups reported an under provision of absence of sheltered / indoor safe spaces for young people to socialise and frequent.



All the groups agreed that from their respective settlements there is good access to nature, with trails and opportunities to enjoy nature. In relation to play, in Newtonmore the playpark was highlighted as requiring attention.

In terms of feeling safe, generally the students felt their settlements were safe places to live. However, in Newtonmore and Aviemore, they flagged that drinking and drug use is problematic. There were also concerns about the poor street lighting in parts of Aviemore (where they also stated there are too many drug dealers).

The student agreed that they were proud of the places they lived, with only minor suggestions put forward to reduce litter in Aviemore and address the high proportion of holiday homes. The groups felt their places were generally tidy and well maintained, however they felt there could be more bins and dog bins to reduce litter. In Aviemore they felt that the volunteer group tidying up the public realm was good, but there were issues with under maintained 'back paths' and derelict land. This topic was raised by one of the groups during the group discussion and all groups agreed this was a key priority.

There was a consensus across all the groups that there was a lack of engagement with them. Generally, they would welcome more engagement and to see tangible results / changes from that engagement.

In relation to public services and amenities, the groups felt that what was there now was generally good, but suggestions came forward depending on what was lacking in each area. Both Kingussie and Newtonmore felt there needed to be more shops generally. Newtonmore needed a library and swimming provision in Aviemore was limited and non-existent in Kingussie.

In terms of employment all the groups praised the fact that there is a good provision of hospitality and seasonal work on offer, however there is a distinct lack of opportunities in other sectors, limited career mobility and high paid vocations on offer.

The group also discussed the issues surrounding litter in the National Park, all agreeing that there generally needed to be more bins and dog waste bins in the National Park.



General suggestions for improvement agreed by most of the students in the class included the need to:

- Restrict parking along main / high streets.
- Provide cycle infrastructure, routes and cycle parking to enable uptake in cycling.
- Provide covered / sheltered spaces for young people to socialise and frequent.
- Address poor condition of play equipment. Newtonmore playpark was flagged as being in need of attention / maintenance.
- Improve street lighting, in particular in Aviemore near the Old Bridge Inn and in the Burnside area.
- Reduce the number of holiday homes, particularly in Aviemore.
- Provide / encourage more engagement with this age group from Highland Council, and the transport service providers, leading to change.
- Provide more litter and dog bins in all settlements.
- Examine the need for additional services where gaps exist, for example libraries and leisure (swimming pools).
- Encourage a more diverse business portfolio in the National Park to offer a wider range of employment opportunities.

The Place Standard scores generated for each topic / question in each locality are presented here in addition to a combined average score across all three settlements / localities. The diagram for the combined score, which represents the average for all three settlements / localities has been rounded to one significant figure.



Aviemore

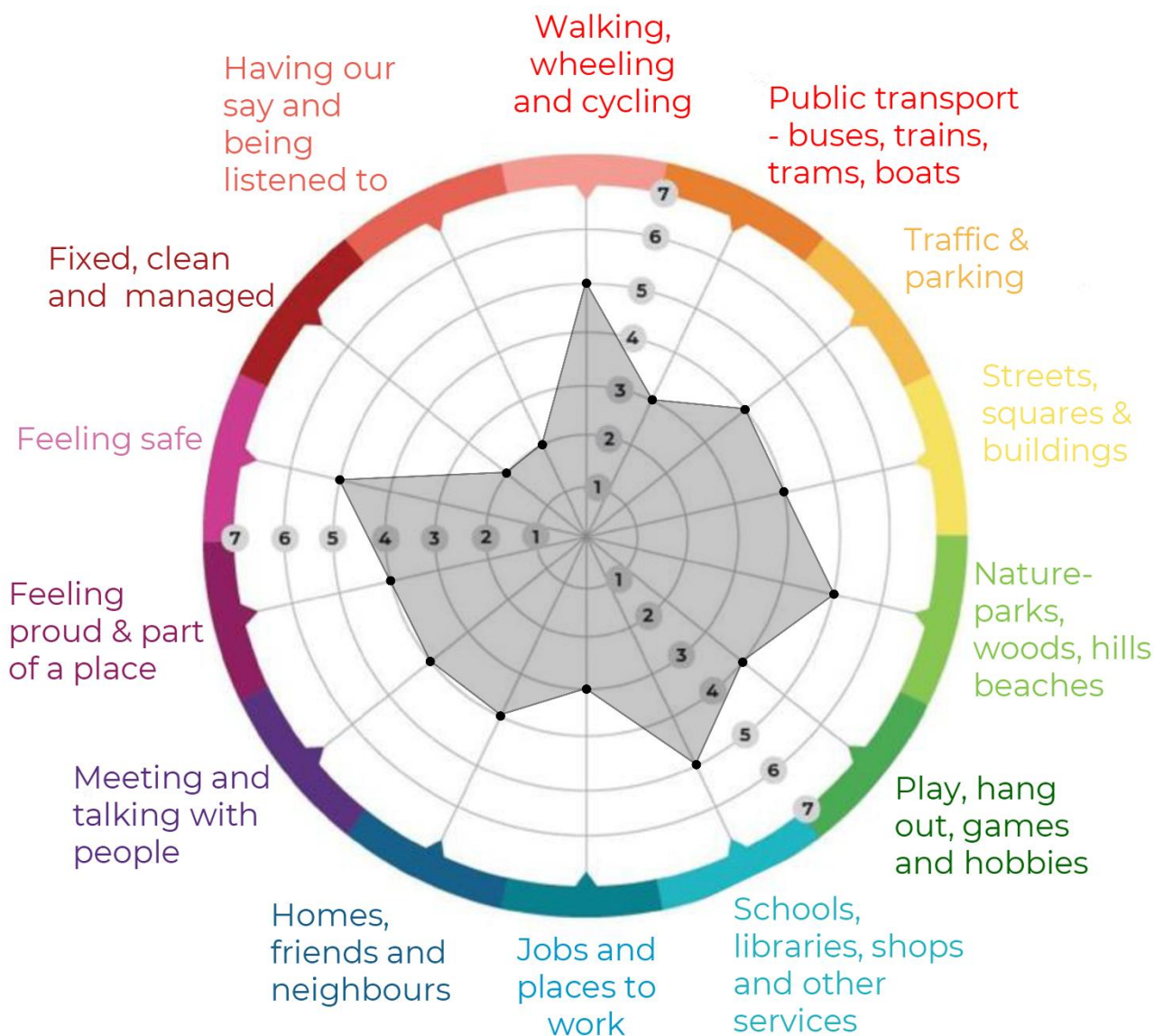


Figure 1 Compass Diagram showing the results for the Place Standard Tool scoring for Aviemore, by the Kingussie High School Criminology Students, 2024.

In Aviemore the compass diagram (Figure 1) shows that the students felt 'Feeling safe', 'Walking wheeling and cycling', 'Nature-parks, woods hills and beaches and schools' and 'Libraries, shops and other services' scored the highest with 6 / 7. 'Having your say and being listened to' and the area being 'Fixed, clean and managed' only score 2 / 7, which presented the largest potential for improvement in Aviemore.



Newtonmore

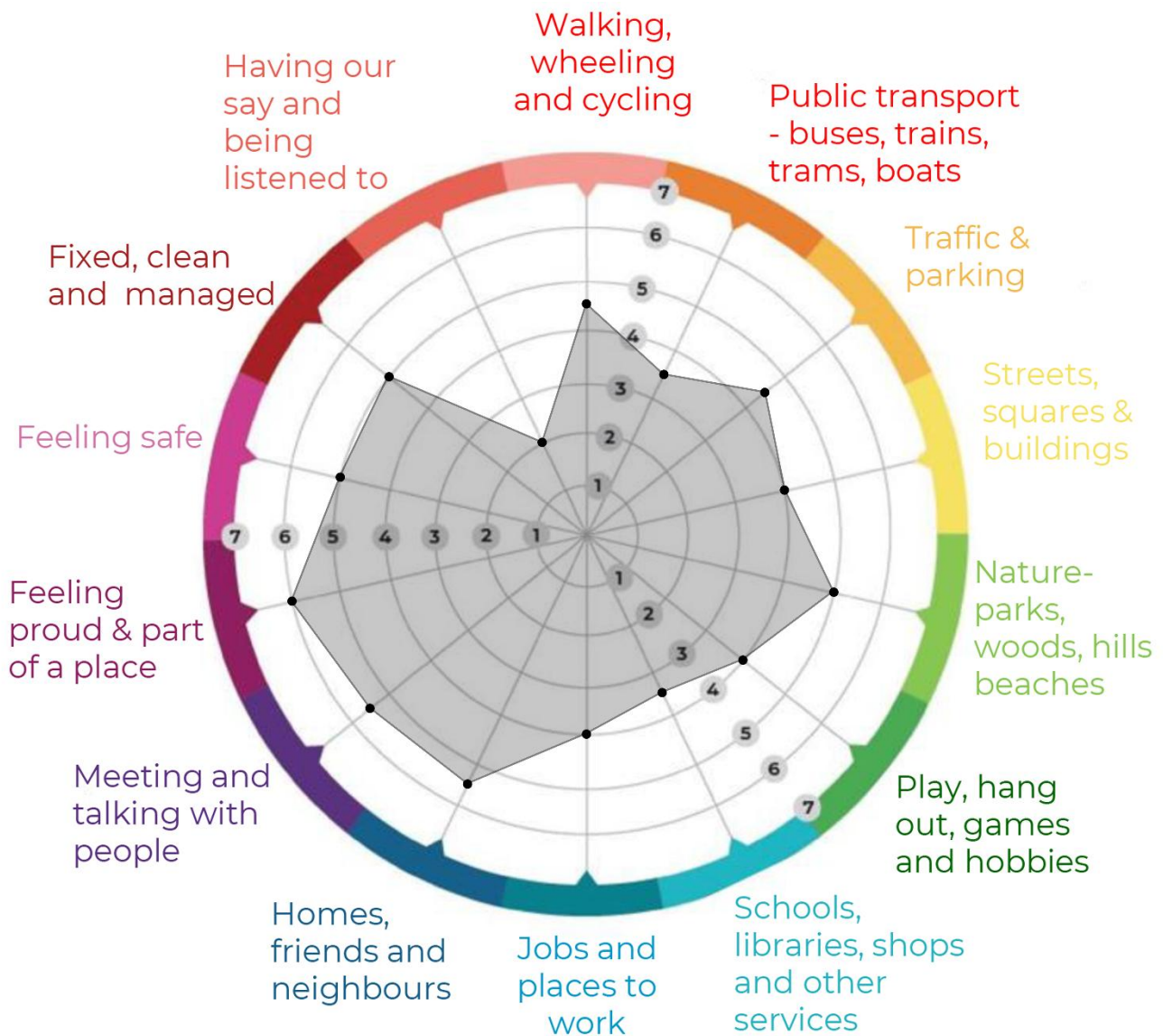


Figure 2 Compass Diagram showing the results for the Place Standard Tool scoring for Newtonmore, by the Kingussie High School Criminology Students, 2024.

The students from Newtonmore (Figure 2) scored 'Feeling proud and part of a place' the highest with 6 / 7. The 'Meeting and talking to people' and 'Homes, friends and neighbours' topics both scored 5.5 / 7. One key area for improvement highlighted by the students was 'Having your say and being listened to' which only scored 2 / 7. The next lowest scored topic was 'Schools, libraries, shops and other services' which scored 3.5 / 7.



Kingussie

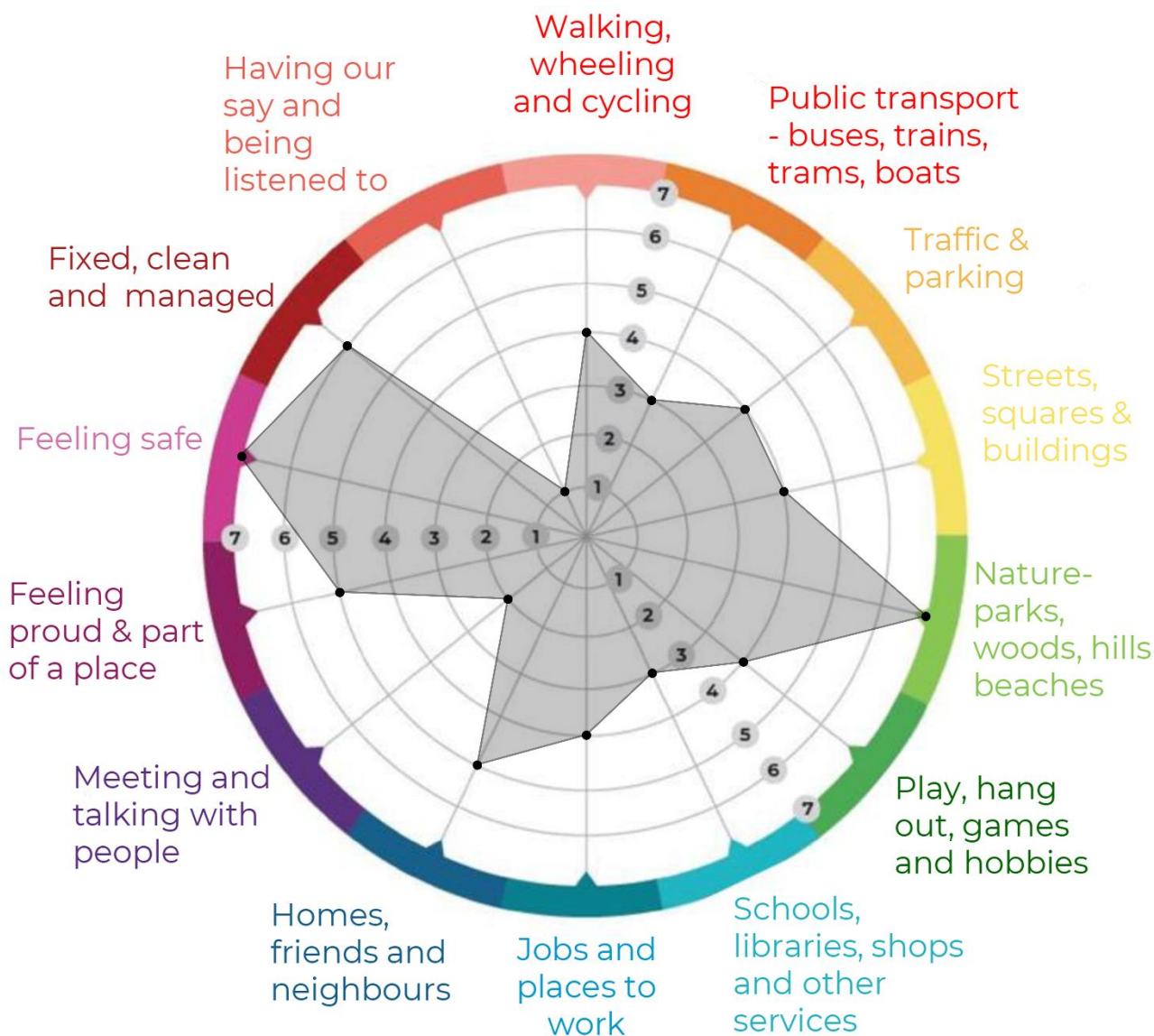


Figure 3 Compass Diagram showing the results for the Place Standard Tool scoring for Kingussie, by the Kingussie High School Criminology Students, 2024.

The group looking at Kingussie (Figure 3) scored 'Feeling safe' and 'Nature-parks, woods, hills and beaches' both at 7 / 7. The areas that scored worst were 'Having your say and being listened to' which scored 1 / 7, and 'Meeting and talking with people' which scored 2 / 7. 'Schools, libraries, shops and other services' scored 3 / 7, perhaps representing the limited services available in the town.



Combined score across all three settlements

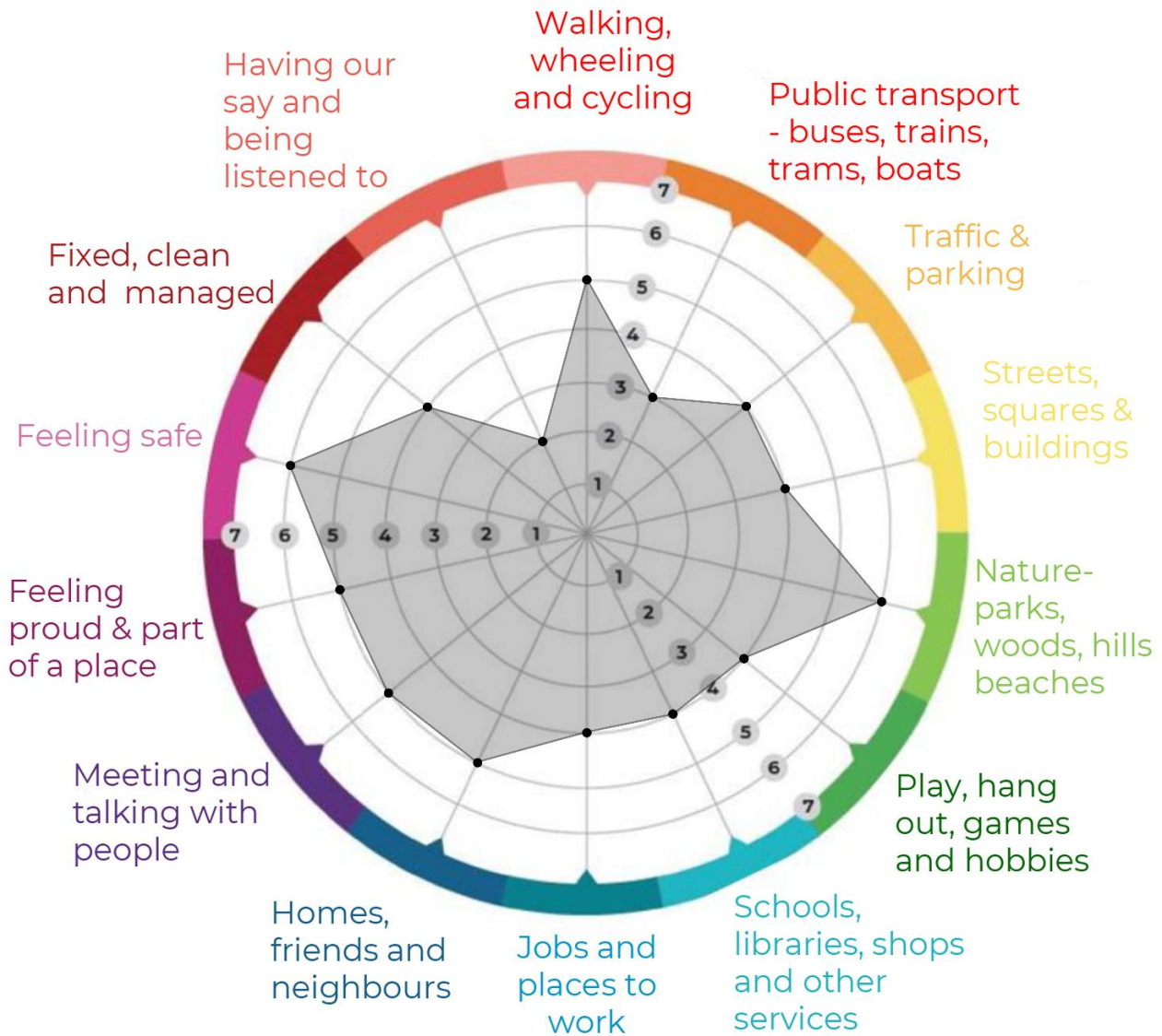


Figure 4 Compass Diagram showing the results for the Place Standard Tool average scores for all three settlements / localities combined, by the Kingussie High School Criminology Students, 2024.

Looking at the combined scores for all three settlements / localities (Figure 4); 'Feeling safe' and 'Nature – parks, woods, hills and beaches' scored highest with a combined average score of 6 / 7. 'Having your say and being listened to' scored 2 / 7. Both the highest and lowest scores represented the pattern seen in the individual's group / settlement scores. Perhaps of most interest to the work of the Proposed Plan for the next Local Development Plan is the low combined score for 'Public transport – buses, trains, trams and boats' which presents the greatest opportunity for improvement in the National Park.



Newtonmore and Kingussie (Figure 5) both scored 3 – 4 / 7 for 'Schools, libraries, shops and other services indicating there is a lack of services in these settlements. All three groups scored 'jobs and places to work' at 4 / 7 or below, highlighting potential concerns for career opportunities for young people in the National Park.

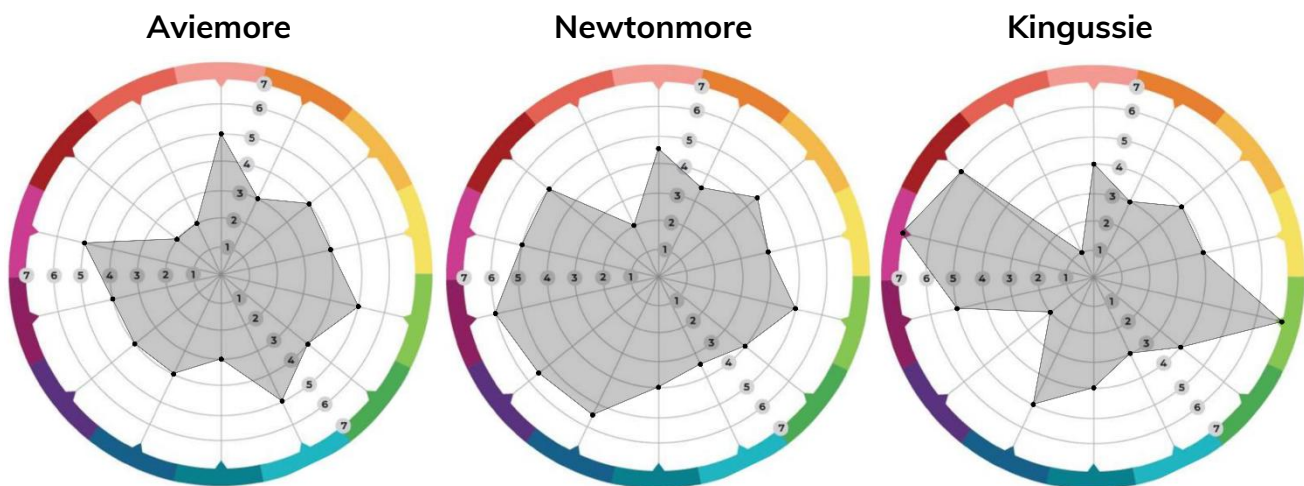


Figure 5 Compass Diagrams showing the results for the Place Standard Tool scoring for all groups, by the Kingussie High School Criminology Students, 2024

Figures 1 – 5 will be compared to similar diagrams from the other engagement activities we are currently running to give an overall picture of how the different groups feel about the Cairngorms National Park and to identify common areas for future potential improvement which the next Local Development Plan can help address.

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