



Kingussie community roadshow event

Local development plan engagement report

16 January 2025

Event details

2pm – 7pm, 29 October 2024

Community roadshow drop in event

Location

The Iona Gallery

Duke St, Kingussie PH21 1JG

Google Map location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ABqGynLkJ74LPhC98>

Venue and accessibility notes

- The Iona Gallery is a few minutes' walk from Kingussie High Street and is well signposted from the main road. There is a large free carpark nearby and on street parking directly outside.
- The engagement team put an A-board out on the High Street to direct people to the event and to raise awareness that it was taking place. The venue is community owned and well used by local people, so it was a familiar space to many attendees.
- The venue's accessibility information was well publicised, and all staff were aware of the accessible toilet and accessible entrance. The engagement team provided plenty of chairs for people to sit on and magnifying glasses to read the displays if needed.
- Traybakes were provided from the Sugarbowl café and the engagement team brought fruit and herbal tea, and there was some feedback that this was appreciated as not everyone wanted a caffeinated beverage or a sugary refreshment. At least one person mentioned this was for health reasons, so providing these alternatives also contributed to the accessibility of the event.



Attendance notes

- The weather on the day was very good.
- Approximately 100 people attended in total, with the busiest period between 3-5.30pm. There were members of the public in the room from the moment the doors opened until the event finished up at 7pm.
- All attendees were local residents. Most stayed for at least 20 minutes, taking the opportunity to speak to every stall holder and explore the decorative repair activity. Several people stayed for 40 minutes to an hour.
- Emails were sent out to local community groups and community councils in advance, and representatives came from Kingussie Community Council, Kincaig Community Council, Laggan Community Council and Newtonmore Community Council. The incoming Chief Officer from Voluntary Action in Badenoch & Strathspey (VABS) also attended the event and stayed for several hours speaking to staff and local residents.
- The children's activity table was well used by families, allowing parents to speak to stall holders while their children were occupied.
- The atmosphere in the room was very positive and lively throughout the day. It worked well to have members of the engagement team in the main entrance greeting people and directing them to what they were most interested in. The flow of people moving around the event worked well.
- The engagement team used the clicker to count people coming in and kept a tally of the topics that people said they were most interested in as well as where they heard about the event.
- Most people said they heard about the event through word of mouth and on Facebook. The members of local community councils and groups heard about the event via the email that Jo sent two weeks in advance of the event inviting them to attend.
- Most people said that they came to the event 'just to see' what work was being done in the area by the Park Authority. Some came along specifically to discuss nature friendly farming, sustainable travel and work being done with the schools.

Topics covered

Officers set up stands covering the following topics:

- Climate learning in Kingussie High School
- Landscape and communities project



- Nature prescriptions in Badenoch and Strathspey
- Local Development Plan consultation
- Outdoor Dementia Resource Centre
- Sustainable travel
- Volunteering and health walks
- Nature restoration and nature friendly farming overview
- Peatland restoration
- Cairngorms Trust
- Resident and visitor surveys
- Family-friendly nature themed activities

Public comments in relation to the local development plan

The forward planning team attended the event to answer questions about the current Local Development Plan and to gather comments and thoughts from attendees about the places where they lived. Annotated maps from the Local Development Plan of Kingussie (Figure 1 and Figure 2), Newtonmore (Figure 3), Kincaig (Figure 4) and Laggan (Figure 5) were displayed, and attendees were invited to add comments via post-it notes.

Comments related to where paths, pavements or other connections were considered necessary; land where housing or economic development was thought to be possible or not acceptable; and ideas about places for community uses, including parking. Around 70 post-it notes were added.

The comments have been digitised into the following maps. Kingussie was split into two maps due to the volume of comments. This forms part of the evidence base to inform the next Local Development Plan and Community Action Plans for these settlements.

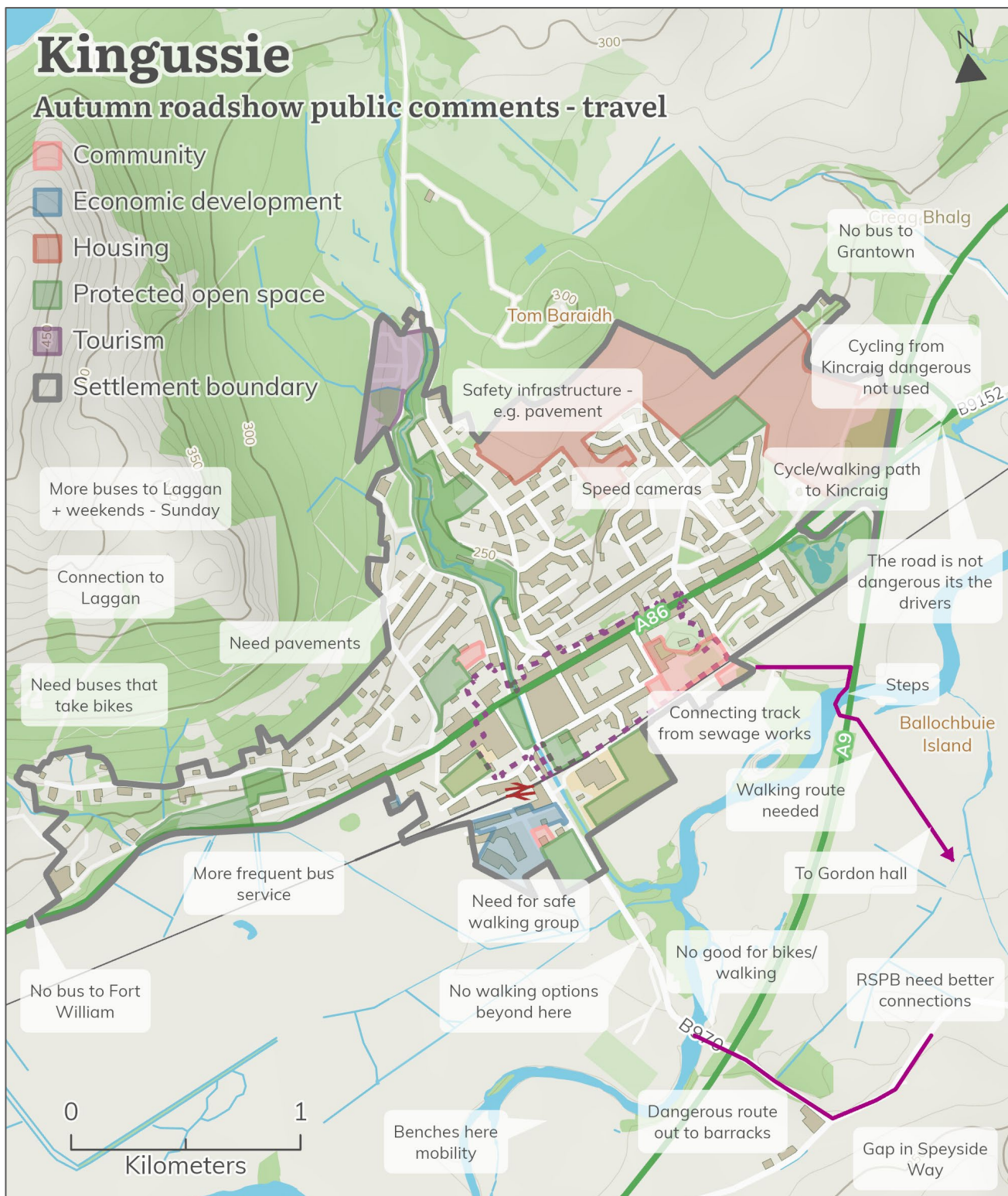


Figure 1 Comments relating to travel in Kingussie.

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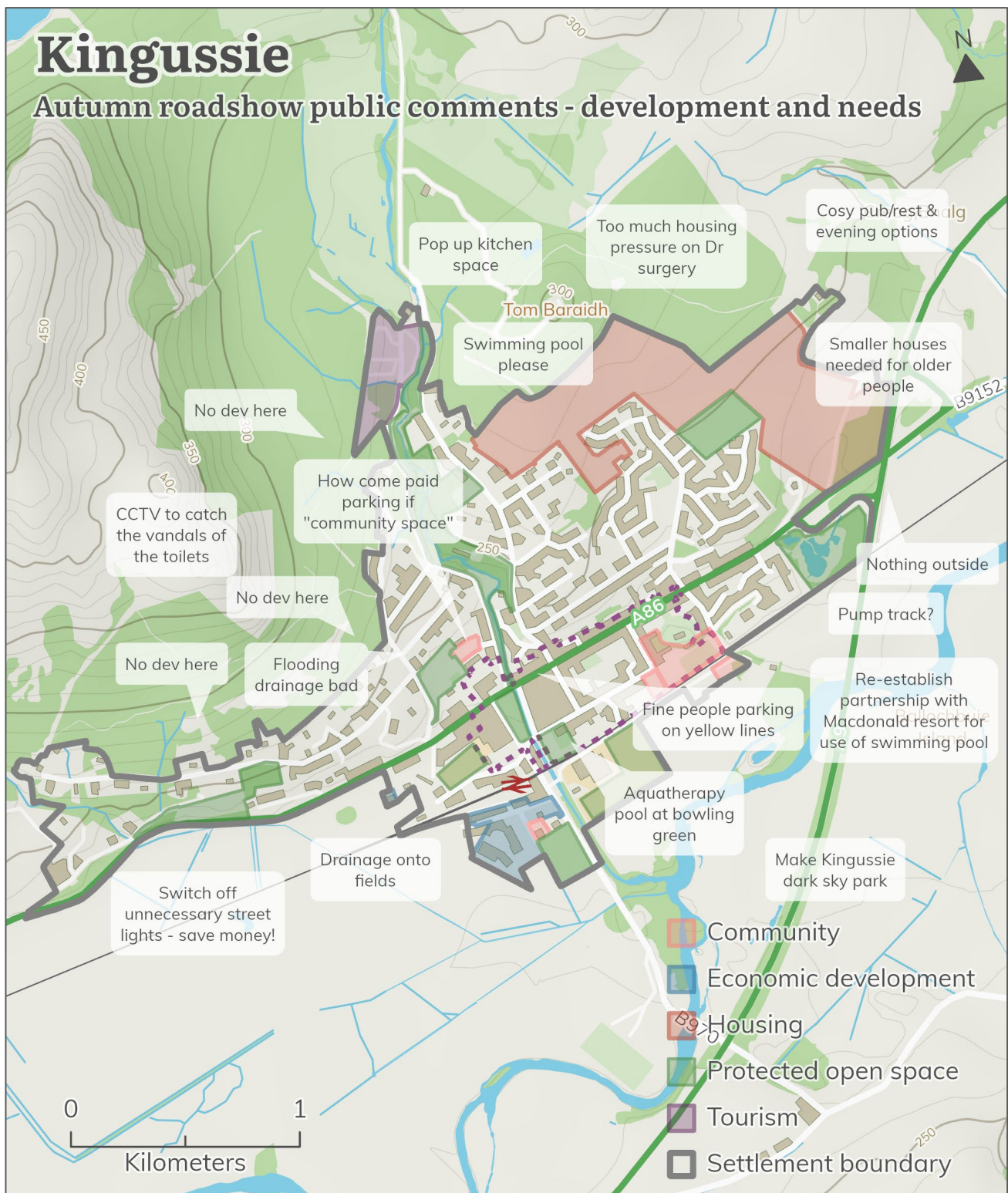


Figure 2 Comments relating to development and other community needs in Kingussie.

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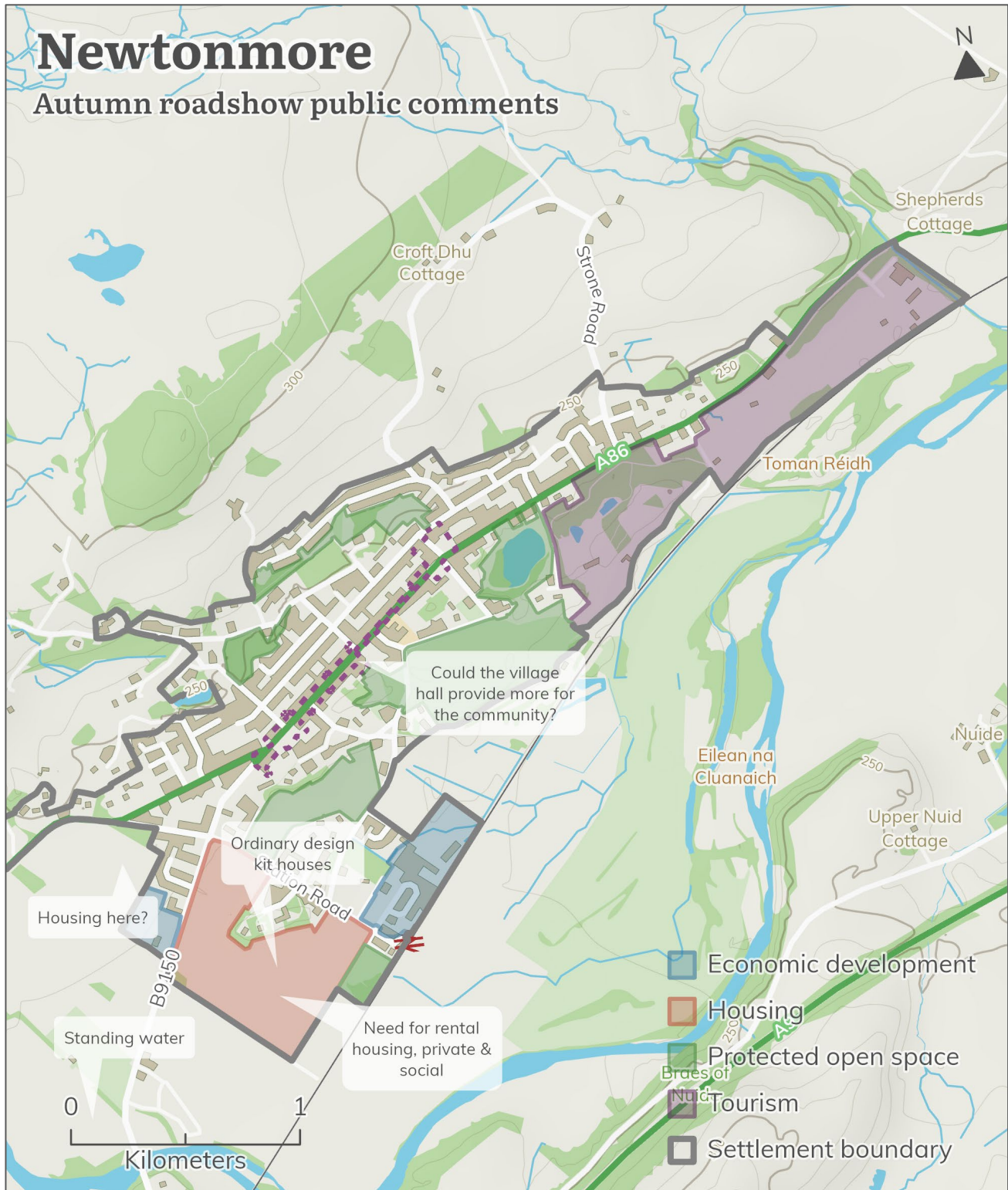


Figure 3 Comments related to community needs in Newtonmore.

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Figure 4 Comments related to community needs in Kincraig.

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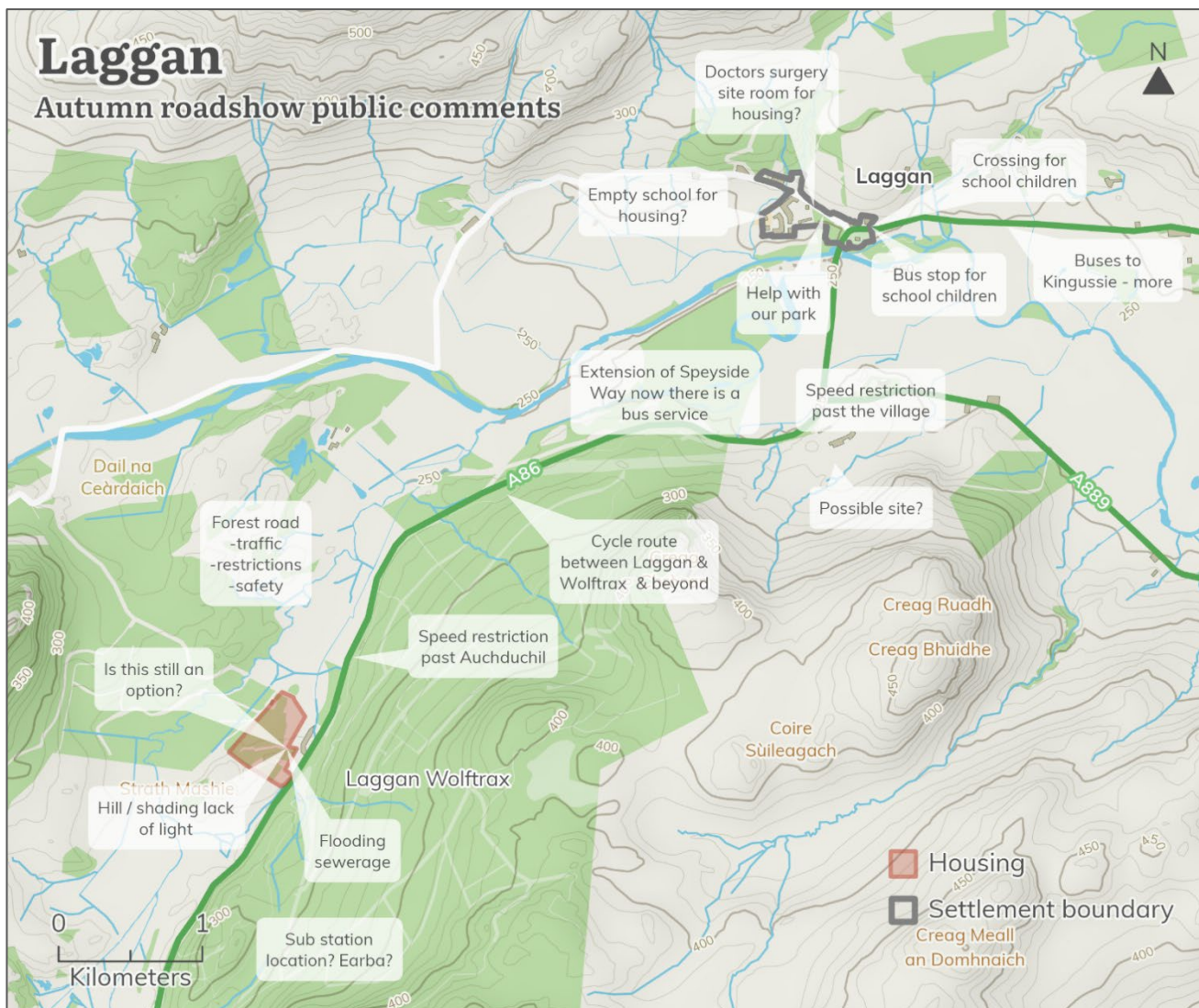


Figure 5 Comments related to community needs in Laggan.

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