Stobswell Local Place Plan 2025



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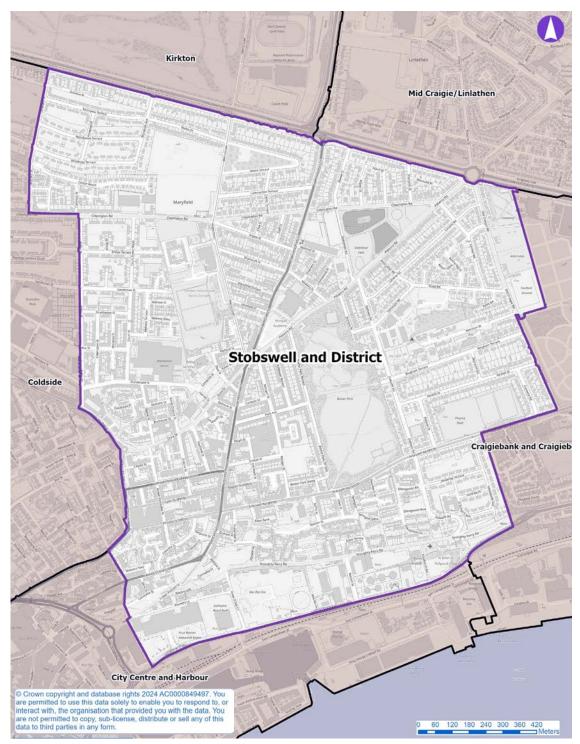
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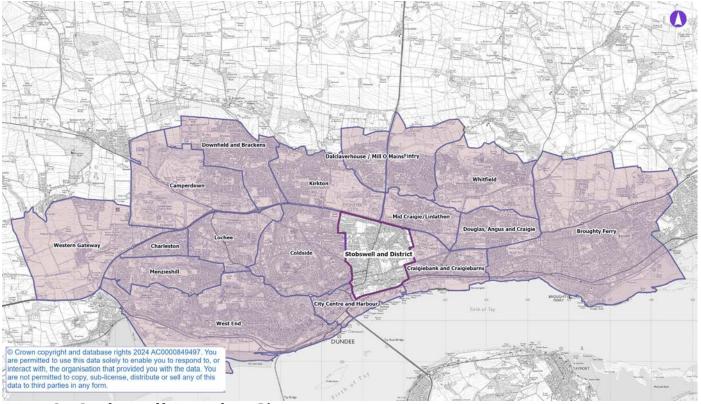
1 Introduction

This Plan has been prepared by the community of Stobswell in association with Stobswell Forum. It's our plan for our future. The Plan contains our Vision and Proposed Actions for the Stobswell and District area.



Map 1- Stobswell and District Local Place Plan boundary

It reflects our community aspirations and has been developed from significant previous community consultation over six years, culminating with extensive community engagement in 2024 (described later in this chapter) to bring all the recommendations from these consultations together.



Map 2- Stobswell Dundee City context

Our aim is to have a strong role and more control over what happens in our community in order to improve the area more. We want greater influence over how our area develops, including major physical infrastructure investment and design as well as smaller community initiatives that we can do ourselves.

The Plan shows how to keep what we like about our neighbourhood and how to shape our community for the better in the future. We want our District Shopping Centre to thrive, and we want to continue to make our neighbourhood safer, attractive and welcoming, to encourage more people to live, work and visit here. We want a thriving community which keeps our heritage and identity alive while ensuring we have sustainable services and facilities.

The Plan can be a critical link in delivering community empowerment and public service reform, rather than just another layer in the planning system. This Plan will also help to inform part of the existing <u>Maryfield Locality Community Plan 2022-27</u> in relation to the environmental and sustainability of the Albert Street area. However, it does not cover wider social and economic aspirations that are captured in other Council and community plans elsewhere.

We are aiming high and our Plan is ambitious for our neighbourhood. We realise that not everything in the Plan may happen, but it deserves to be put forward.

Stobswell and District covers a small part of East Dundee's inner urban area and has a dense feel to it – Chapter 2 contains more information about it.

Why prepare a Local Place Plan?

Our purposes in preparing this Plan are:

- To guide planning policy and decision- making, public services and investment by Dundee Council, Community Planning Partners, the Scottish Government and other public agencies.
- To provide Stobswell Forum (a Neighbourhood Representative Structure) with a point of reference to respond to planning applications.
- To guide our own community action and resourcing, including prioritising future spend by Stobswell Forum and exploring its potential to have greater positive community impact.
- To support funding bids for initiatives referred to in the Plan, whether they are led by the local community, public bodies or others.

The national, regional, and city context

The Plan is rooted in our community aspirations. It also reflects planning policy aims of creating sustainable, liveable and productive places as expressed in the two parts of the Dundee's 'Statutory Development Plan':

- National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4, 2023)
- Dundee Local Development Plan (2019) currently being revised

The vision, proposed actions and maps in chapters 3 to 8 of this Local Place Plan reflect the policies contained in the Statutory Development Plan, particularly National Planning Framework 4 and the Dundee Local Development Plan (2019) as its most recent components.

The Plan also takes account of other relevant policy documents:

- National Performance Framework 4
- National Strategy For Economic Transformation
- Tayside and Regional Central Scotland Transport Strategy 2024-2034
- Dundee Council Plan 2022-2027
- Dundee City Plan 2022-2032
- Dundee Sustainable Transport Development Plan 2024-2034
- Dundee Climate Action Plan 2019
- Dundee Biodiversity Action Plan 2020-2030
- Dundee Cultural Strategy 2024-2034
- Dundee Draft Housing Land Audit 2024

All of these documents share overarching objectives relating to **climate change**, **health and wellbeing and sustainable & resilient communities**.

This Plan seeks to deliver on those objectives, plus their subsidiary agendas including active travel, community wealth-building, community empowerment, sustainable local living, urban revitalisation, and growing local businesses.

This Plan also contains suggestions for the next reviews of local and national policy, which are summarised in chapters 8 and 9. We hope these will be taken into account by national and local governments. For the Local Development Plan, that next review is currently taking place.

Setting the Plan in motion

This ten year Stobswell Local Place Plan is revisitable after five years, as part of the development of the new Dundee Local Development Plan 3. It covers a period until 2035. Some actions may happen quickly. Other actions could take a number of years to come to fruition. All rely on funding and resources being available. The Plan builds on activities that are already happening.

Delivery of the Plan will only work if our local community, public bodies, funders, businesses and landowners work together for a common purpose. Everyone needs to pull in the same direction if the Plan is to be realised. We also recognise that any physical infrastructure changes and activities need to be linked to necessary services provision – one cannot happen without the other.

Figure 1 summarises the inputs used to create the Plan, who needs to be involved in delivery, and how the Plan should be used to inform future reviews of the national, regional, and local policy documents listed above.

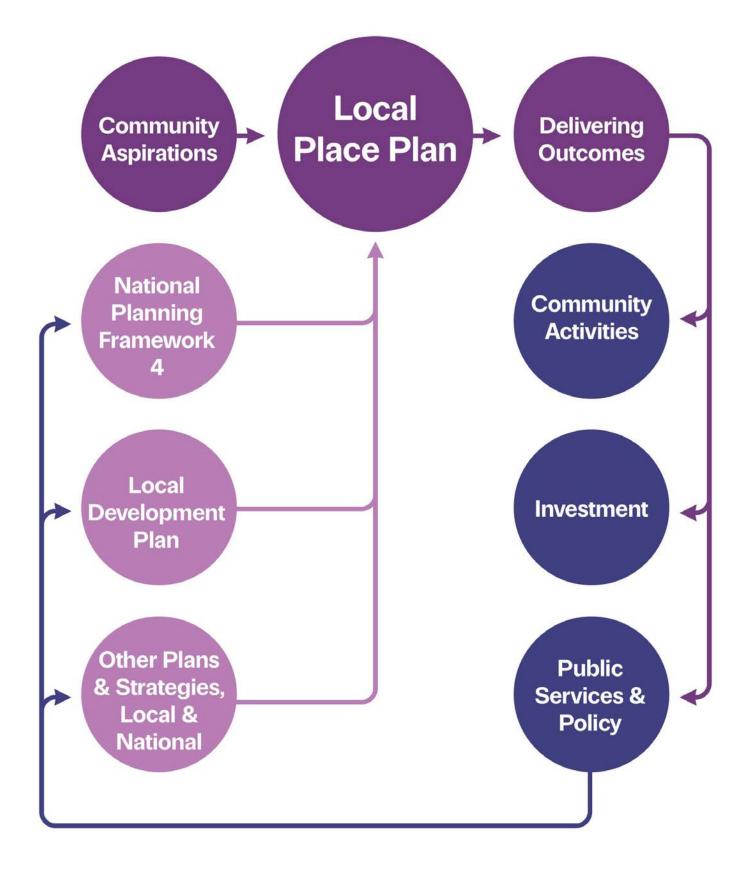


Figure 1 – How the Plan relates to other work

The final chapter of the Plan contains more information about implementation.

How was this Plan generated?

Stobswell Forum has a strong track record in its effort to improve the local environment, holding local consultations and then co-developing local solutions with the local community and other partners. Stobswell Forum initially condensed the findings of 21 community consultations that have taken place in the neighbourhood over the last six years, to avoid consultation fatigue. The resultant draft Stobswell Local Place Plan was then reviewed independently by an employed community planning consultant: "Place at the Table" and the local community.

The main stages of how the Plan was prepared with the local community are summarised in Figure 2. A flavour of the previous consultations and subsequent community engagement is shown in images and infographics in Figure 3. The appendices contain more detail.

Preparation

- Gather consultations from past six years
- Agree engagement strategy
- Local data analysis- facts & figures
- Contact stakeholders
- Analysis

Aspirations

- Theme meetings
- Compile recommendations
- Community consultations
- Develop recommendations
- Contact stakeholders

Plan

- Draw up draft
- Consultant review
- Publish LPP
- Finalise

Figure 2 – Stages of the planning process



Figure 3– Community engagement photos & figures

Appendix 1 lists all the previous 21 consultations evaluated and the outputs from the Stobswell Forum open community sessions during 2024.

All community engagement activity was undertaken in line with the <u>National</u> <u>Standards for Community Engagement</u> and the Scottish Government's draft <u>Guidance on Local Place Plans</u>.

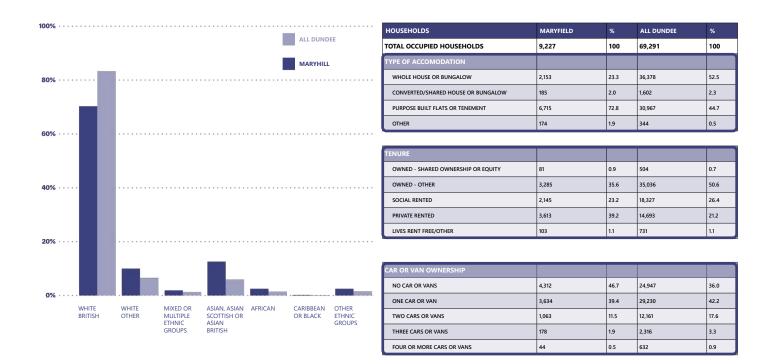


2 Stobswell today

Stobswell is a dense inner urban neighbourhood in Dundee, with around 10,000 residents. Stobswell West is within the worst 5-10% of areas of greatest deprivation in Scotland, measured as a data zone within the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). Stobswell East is a relatively well-off area next to Baxter Park and Stobsmuir Park.

| POPULATION | MARYFIELD | % | ALL DUNDEE | % |
|--|-----------|------|------------|------|
| TOTAL POPULATION | 17,968 | 100 | 148,697 | 100 |
| AGE | | | | |
| 0-15 | 2,674 | 14.9 | 29,474 | 19.8 |
| 16-34 | 7,208 | 40.1 | 40,165 | 27.0 |
| 35-64 | 5,860 | 32.6 | 53,236 | 35.8 |
| 65+ | 2,226 | 12.4 | 25,822 | 17.4 |
| LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN UK | | | | |
| BORN IN UK | 13,897 | 77.3 | 129,503 | 87.1 |
| LESS THAN TWO YEARS | 1,098 | 6.1 | 4,791 | 3.2 |
| MORE THAN TWO, LESS THAN FIVE YEARS | 811 | 4.5 | 2,913 | 2.0 |
| MORE THAN FIVE, LESS THAN TEN YEARS | 740 | 4.1 | 3,294 | 2.2 |
| TEN YEARS OR MORE | 1,418 | 8.0 | 8,201 | 5.5 |
| ETHNICITY | | | | |
| WHITE BRITISH | 12,636 | 70.3 | 123,922 | 83.3 |
| WHITE OTHER | 1,794 | 10.0 | 9,699 | 6.5 |
| MIXED OR MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS | 341 | 1.9 | 1,970 | 1.3 |
| ASIAN, ASIAN SCOTTISH OR ASIAN BRITISH | 2,262 | 12.6 | 8,806 | 5.9 |
| AFRICAN | 442 | 2.5 | 2,090 | 1.4 |
| CARIBBEAN OR BLACK | 39 | 0.2 | 187 | 0.1 |
| OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS | 450 | 2.5 | 2,023 | 1.5 |

Figure 4– Maryfield demographics

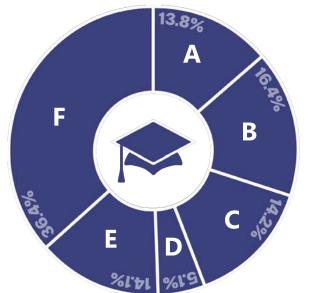


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- B LOWER SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS C UPPER SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS
- D APPRENTICESHIP QUALIFICATIONS
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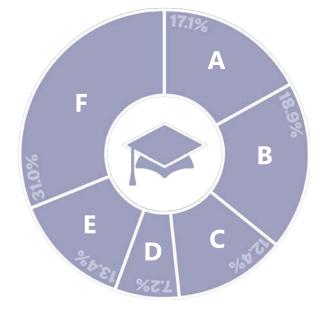
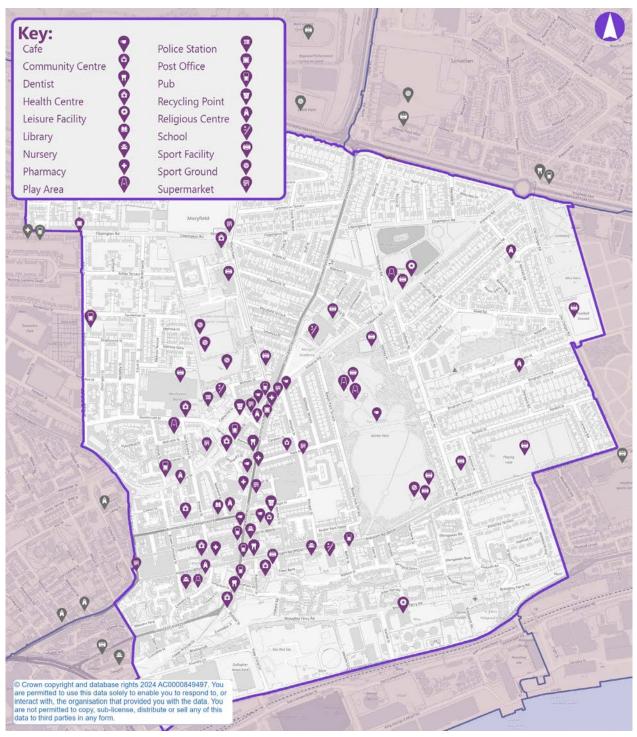


Figure 4– Maryfield demographics continued

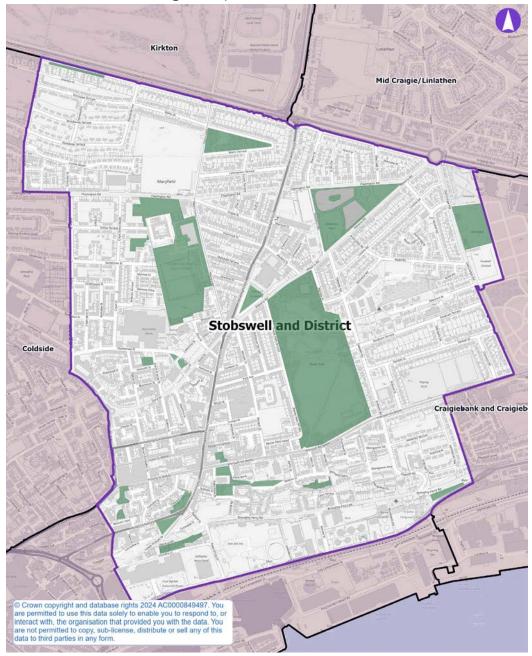
The economic heart of Stobswell is its District Shopping Centre situated on Albert Street which has a wide variety of small independent shops and businesses. Currently it is struggling with the volume of through traffic, and the cost of living crisis seeing small shops close. The area also has numerous other small businesses, light industry and two supermarkets.

Stobswell has three lively primary schools as well as a very active secondary school. It also houses the Dundee Museum of Transport, which is set to move further north within the area, and borders two major football league clubs: Dundee United and Dundee FC. The local library houses numerous community activities but is potentially under threat of closure in the future due to excessive maintenance costs.



Map 3- Community Facilities in Stobswell

Two traditional, popular Victorian public parks make up the heart of Stobswell, together with numerous other green places for leisure activities.



Map 4- Green places in Stobswell

Stobswell Forum is the Neighbourhood Representative Structure for Stobswell area and is recognised by Dundee City Council as the equivalent of a Community Council, being formally registered as a charity in Scotland. It was set up in 2001 with the mission to improve the neighbourhood and the lives of those who live there. It currently has 350 people on its weekly newsletter circulation list, about 3600 visitors to its Facebook page, and a readership of about 5000 for its quarterly magazine "Stobswell Voice". It has set up and runs a local community outreach hub, "Stobswell Connect" with a shopfront on Albert Street, that provides a "one stop shop" interface between local residents and various support agencies.

It is recommended that interested parties look closely at <u>Stobswell Forum's</u> and <u>IYNMaryfield</u> Facebook accounts to find out more about what goes on in Stobswell.

3 Our community vision

Community Goals

The graphic on this page contains the most commonly mentioned goals drawn from the community consultation and engagement (see chapter 1). These goals emerged from the consultations analysis stage. They were checked and refined during the Aspirations and Plan stages to make sure that the goals accurately reflected community views. The diagram on the next page shows how they form the basis of our vision.

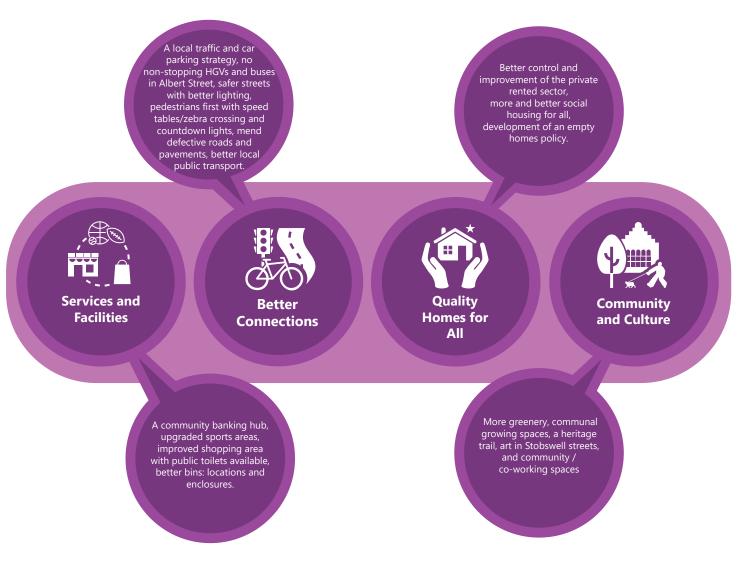


Figure 5– Our community goals

The top asks from all the consultations -

Services and Facilities: a community banking hub, upgraded sports areas, improved shopping area with toilets available, better bin locations and enclosures.

Better Connections: a local traffic and car parking strategy, no non-stopping HGVs and buses in Albert Street, safer streets with better lighting, pedestrians first with speed tables/zebra crossing and countdown lights, mend defective roads and pavements, better local public transport.

Community and Culture: more greenery, communal growing spaces, a heritage trail, art in Stobswell streets, and community/co-working spaces

Quality homes for all: better control and improvement of the private rented sector, more and better social housing for all, development of an empty homes policy.

Our community vision

Our vision is to continue to develop a **safe and thriving neighbourhood** for the people who live, work, and visit Stobswell. Figure 6 shows how the vision combines community aspirations and suggestions with national ambitions (see next page).



Figure 6– Our community vision

National Ambitions

The community aspirations shown in Figure 7 (below) closely reflect the national planning policy agenda expressed in National Planning Framework 4 (see Figure 9). This Local Place Plan helps to deliver national outcomes relating to climate change, sustainable communities, and health and wellbeing.



Figure 7- Table comparing NPF4/ LPP themes

Proposed Actions

Chapters 4 to 7 focus on specific proposed actions to achieve our vision. These actions were developed through community consultation and engagement during the Aspiration and Plan stages of preparing the Plan. Each chapter explains what we're aiming for, what's already happening, and what else needs to happen. Chapter 8 illustrates how those places which would change most would look with the proposed actions successfully implemented. Delivery of the proposed actions will depend on availability of funding and resources - the proposed actions should also assist in securing funding and resources.

4 Services and Facilities

What we're aiming for

We need to build our community wealth with access to local essential services like shopping, banking, good sports facilities and more community spaces. All these priorities are essential for us to exist as a functioning and sustainable community. The closure of our one remaining bank in 2018 highlighted the necessity of a bank to attract more traders to the area.

What's already happening

Local community-led organisations such as Boomerang, Dundee International Women's Centre and Stobswell Forum are making great efforts to improve access to social care and wellbeing services across Stobswell (West) with very limited resources to achieve meaningful improvement.

The sense of community among our traders on Albert Street and the customers who come from all over Stobswell is unmatched to anywhere else in the city. We have a passion to see our 'High Street' continue to thrive.

We want to see local people enjoying our local spaces and areas. We are bringing vacant and derelict land into more productive use, and using land as a tool to achieve net zero carbon emissions in our area. This is what **Local Living** means to us.

What else is needed

To achieve what we are aiming for, a number of proposed actions are suggested below, with relevant stakeholders. Other opportunities may emerge over time.

Play

4.1 Provide more outdoor playspaces at Woodside, Stobswell West, Stobswell Central and improve/ expand Malcolm Street play park to help young people to be able play more locally. *Community, Council*

4.2 **Provide more public indoor playspaces** for young people to use at night and during bad weather. *Community, Council*

4.3 **Provide more outdoor seating** with back and side supports along Albert Street to help weary shoppers cope with the hill and in Woodside, Stobswell West. *Traders, Council, Community*

4.4 **Upgrade MUGA sports facilities in Baxter Park** by providing changing rooms and roller rink next to it. *Friends of Baxter Park, Hillcrest, Council*

4.5 **Expand Dundee International Sport Centre** (DISC) according to needs of community. *Council, community.* 19



Image 1- Baxter Park MUGA & tennis courts

Community Facilities

4.6 **Provide publicly accessible toilets in our Parks and "Visitor Comfort Scheme" in the shopping streets** (based on Pitlochry's) whereby Traders allow visitors to use their toilet on the premises. *Traders, Friends of Baxter Park, Council, Community*

4.7 **Develop a local community hub bank on Albert Street** to enable traders and residents to bank locally, supporting the local economy. Assess the feasibility of 170 Albert Street or Arthurstone Library as the location for this. *Banks, Council, Bank Hub Scheme, Community*.

4.8 Rationalise bin locations on street by street basis, provide more rubbish bins in our streets and colourful bin enclosures to prevent overspills and street litter, particularly in Park Avenue. Relocate appropriately to avoid front doors. *Community, Council*

4.9 **Provide more litter bins in Albert Street** to help prevent street litter. *Community, Council.*

5 Better Connections

What we're aiming for

Improving the traffic and parking situation is critical for Stobswell to make our streets safer and accessible to all, also to support the viability of our District Shopping Centre.

We need our local area to be safe and easy to get to, and park nearby, for all types of transport. Our roads were designed to prioritise the car and we now need to re-prioritise pedestrians, with wider pavements, smaller junctions and better road crossings. A new comprehensive traffic management and parking plan is needed for our area as well as a bus strategy and service review.

We also need it to be safe for people of all ages to walk, wheel or cycle to from their door. This will help the 40% of people in Dundee who do not have access to a car, those getting to school and the local shops and services. It will also help locals and visitors to move towards more sustainable ways of moving around.

What's already happening

There has already been a programme of environmental and streetscape improvements, including new carparks and pavement works. Some road junction crossings along Albert Street have also been improved.

There is a major plan to introduce at least two new Active Travel Routes passing through Stobswell along Pitkerro Road and Arbroath Road, and to connect the new Eden Project to the city centre.

Dundee City Council has produced a draft Sustainable Transport Delivery Plan (2024) which includes the provision of better cycle and bus routes but reducing local bus stops to "streamline bus journeys".

What else is needed

To achieve what we're aiming for, a number of proposed actions are suggested below. Other opportunities may emerge over time.

Improved pavements, roads and parking

5.1. **Comprehensive traffic management scheme for area** to remove rat runs, restrict non-local traffic, ease congestion and improve connections for walkers and wheelers. *Community, Council*

5.2 **Develop and deliver a car parking strategy for central Stobswell** to enhance the local shopping experience, residents' convenience, deter city centre commuters, provide adequate disabled car parking spaces, and attract visitors to the area. Include appropriate limited parking times and parking permits. *Community, Council* 5.3 Rationalise Kingsway/Forfar Rd junction, remove sign at Kingsway directing "City Centre" traffic onto Forfar Road and install signage at Morrisons. This is to clarify contradictions on Forfar Road and to encourage intercity traffic to use the Kingsway to reach the Tay Road Bridge, and thus reduce traffic on Forfar Road. *Council, Tactran, Transport Scotland, Community*

5.4 **Reinstate one way south traffic flow down Albert St between Arthurstone Terrace / Arbroath Rd,** to deter non-stopping northbound traffic using Albert Street, and provide wider pavement area for activation. *Community, Council*

5.5 Introduce 20 mph speed limit on all roads within the area, including core roads Dura Street, Arbroath Road, Forfar Road, Pitkerro Road to improve pedestrian safety and experience, reduce air, road, and noise pollution. *Council*

5.6 **Reduce road width and junctions and widen pavements in Albert Street to create loading bays** to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians, ease deliveries, stop pavement parking and improve shopping experience. Introduce physical barriers, planters and greenery to separate shopping experience from traffic. *Council, Community, Traders*

5.7 Introduce speed tables/zebra crossings with count down traffic lights at key crossing points in Stobswell Cross, Eliza St, Dura St, Library, Greens supermarket, and crossing between Stobsmuir Park and Baxter Park entrances to ease crossing for pedestrians and wheelers to key destinations, remove the need for dropped kerbs, and calm traffic. Include "all stop" traffic light cross at Stobswell Cross to allow pedestrians to cross easily from Albert Street to Dura Street. *Community, Council*

5.8 **Introduce traffic exclusion measures around all parks and schools in the area** to improve pedestrian safety and wellbeing, including safe crossing on Arbroath Road for Glebelands School, and "School Streets" scheme for all local schools. *Schools, Community, Council*

5.9 **Carry out comprehensive survey of street furniture and signs and remove all unnecessary barriers** to ease pedestrian circulation and assist access for the disabled. *Council*

5.10 Devise a "Welcome to Stobswell" signage strategy to signpost shopping areas, parks, schools, visitor attractions and community venues to assist visitors and give the area a strong identity. *Community, Council*

5.11 **Introduce on street EV charging points near housing** as 53% of cars in Dundee are parked on street, probably more within this local area. All new housing developments to have 100% provision of EV charging points per parking place. *Council*

Increased and updated public transport

5.12 **Identify and add bus build outs at appropriate bus stops** to avoid pavement congestion and provide enclosed bus shelters for bus stops without them to shelter passengers from increasingly bad weather. *Council, Sustrans, Tactran*

5.13 **Public transport priority** to ensure buses are able to pass unhindered down key roads and maintain their schedules, which will make them more attractive to users. Bus routes to be within easy reach of all residents and improve public transport access from the shopping areas. *Council, Sustrans, Tactran*

5.14 All bus stops must be level, have step free boarding and be no more than **400 metres apart** to enable easy access for all and to better serve the District Shopping Centre. *Council, Sustrans, Tactran*



Image 2- Fortes cafe, Dura Street

Safety in our streets

5.15 Improve LED street lighting in Albert St, Dundonald St. Morgan St, Kemback St, Back of Greens, Foodbank etc. Review LED lighting levels in these streets with community and replace/fix where necessary to improve public safety. Improve brightness level. *Community, Council*

5.16 **Improve CCTV in key public areas.** Install CCTV for all identified " hotspots" to help reduce anti-social behaviour. *Council, Local Landlords*

5.17 **Improve lighting in Baxter Park** according to the results of the comprehensive Baxter Park lighting survey – low level lighting on path across the big field. *Friends of Baxter Park, Council, National Funders*

5.18 **Re-purpose telephone box in Albert Street.** Install defibrillator on Albert Street with health information and contacts, also consider more defibrillators across District Shopping Centre. *British Telecom, Community, National Heritage Lottery Funding*

5.19 **Improve and mend defective pavements and roads,** particularly in the vicinity of shops and businesses, to as high a standard as at Broughty Ferry Brook Street. *Council*

Cycling, walking and wheeling

5.20 **Provide new pedestrian/cycle bridge over Kingsway at Forfar Road and repair one at Cragie Roundabout** to connect communities on both sides of the Kingsway and ease traffic congestion. *Tactran, Council, Scottish Government*

5.21 Cycle storage at supermarkets and maintainence kits, more cycle racks at key local shops and facilities to encourage users to come by bike. Supermarkets, *Community, Council*

5.22 **Cycle paths and network** to be established in the area with local consultation. Any new Active Travel routes must avoid parks, and no trees to be removed for any Active Travel routes to ensure the safety of all concerned and to keep the parks' heritage status. *Council, Sustrans*

6 Community and Culture

What we're aiming for

We want to be a welcoming and attractive place for people to live, work and visit. That means nurturing our culture, heritage, businesses and natural environment to enrich our community spirit.

What's already happening

There's a lot going on in our community already, with various venues acting as social hubs for cultural activities including our local community library, community centres, as well as creative arts hubs and sports centres. We are well known for our heritage parks, street art and pocket parks. We want to enhance our environment and help our cultural facilities to develop and thrive.

What else is needed

Substantial grant funding will be needed alongside community support to help our cultural initiatives grow. To achieve what we're aiming for, a number of proposed actions are suggested below. Other opportunities may emerge over time.

Promoting Local Businesses

6.1 **Develop an environmental and economic plan for Albert Street District Shopping Centre** to support existing shops and encourage new specialist shops. *Council, Traders*

6.2 **Upgrade shops and bars in Albert Street** by developing a Shopfront Policy Guide with a Façade Enhancement Scheme and replacing shop external grills with internal ones. Renovate Albert Bar. *Traders, Community, Council.*

6.3 **Create central "village square" area opposite Greens supermarket** by providing supported seating, planters and a litter bin. *Community, Council, Traders*

6.4 **Create event spaces off Albert Street with anchor points for gazebos,** to bring more visitors to the area and help provide shelter if it rains. Explore possibility of introducing "Traffic Free Saturdays", travelling markets, pop-up pavilions and shops with promotional events and joint marketing initiatives e.g. Easter, Christmas, Summer fairs, Farmers Markets. *Community, Council*

Green Spaces

6.5 **Provide more tree, flower, hedge planting and rain gardens in streets** to enhance our environment, improve biodiversity, and reduce localised flooding potential. Create a Stobfest Garden Trail. Ensure maintainence strategy is built in – use community service orders where appropriate. *Community, Council*

6.6 **Use vacant sites and backcourts to provide more communal green and growing spaces** so that people can grow their own vegetables, fruit and herbs. This could include growing space at Morgan Academy, Kenilworth Avenue (junction with Arbroath Road), Arklay Terrace and Robertson Street, backcourts in Stobswell West, especially council owned areas. Develop a written code of conduct for these spaces. *School, Community, Council*

6.7 **Provide drinking water fountains** in our parks and pocket parks to help walkers, wheelers and picnic folk, as well as dog owners. *Community, Council*

The Arts in Stobswell

6.8 **Expand the Stobswell Art Trail** and encourage the creation of new outdoor artworks to enhance the identity of the area, including murals, mosaics, street furniture and sculptures. *Community, Funders, Council*



Image 3- Craigie Street pocket park

Our Heritage

6.9 **Complete Transport Museum conversion of Tramsheds** to establish a key tourist destination in our area. Introduce signed pedestrian links between the museum, Stobsmuir Park and Baxter Park. *Transport Museum, Scottish Government, Council.*

6.10 **Develop Arthurstone Community Library as a community hub** supporting wider events and services. *Friends of Arthurstone Library, Community, Council*

6.11 **Provide local history interpretation boards** with QR codes ,which helps visitors to get to know our area. Suggested locations include: Top of Dura Street at proposed Stobswell Cross, Mary Shelley steps/Baffin Street, Arbroath Road by the old mill conversion, and in Pocket Parks. *Dundee Museum of Transport Community, Council.*

6.12 **Create gateway signage for Stobswell area** in order to create a stronger identity for our area. *Community, Council*

6.13 **Retain and ensure the re-use of setts in roads** when they are taken up to preserve the heritage and character of our area. *Council*

6.14 **Retain and ensure use of natural/composite stone for roads and pavements** rather than tarmac to avoid the use of oil products and to create a stronger local identity. *Council*



Image 4- Arthurstone Community Library

7 Quality homes for all

What we're aiming for

Stobswell needs to improve its existing housing stock to make homes safer, more affordable, more comfortable and to improve the fabric of the buildings/ raise the standard of the buildings across the estate. It also needs more affordable and council rented accommodation to meet the needs of the majority of local residents.

What's already happening

We've seen joint actions involving the community and council to improve properties in the private rented sector to the benefit of those living in the properties, where owners have proved reluctant to take positive action.

Local initiatives have delivered improved community spaces in areas where there are the highest levels of private rented accommodation.

A new community facility, Stobswell Connect, has been established to improve access to services on a more local level. New and innovative actions are in place to reach out to those in our community who are often the most isolated and furthest from support.

What else is needed

Stobswell should be a place where everyone has access to safe, affordable and accessible homes where rents are affordable for all, with a particular focus on people with lower incomes. Housing should be seen as a human right and not to profit from other people's needs.

Social, including local authority rented, accommodation offers the best opportunity to deliver housing that will be one of the foundations to deliver improved wellbeing across the Stobswell neighbourhood.

To achieve what we're aiming for, a number of proposed actions are suggested below. Other opportunities may emerge over time.

Improving existing homes

7.1 **Develop an Empty Homes policy** with an effective multi-agency policy working across private, council and social housing sectors. *Council, Landlords*

7.2 **Upgrade housing to reduce fuel poverty,** address any sub-standard tenanted homes for example where mould, damp and condensation exists. *Council, Landlords. Owners*

7.3 Work with Council to bring private sector properties up to standard at the

cost to the private landlord. Use statutory enforcement responsibilities. *Community, Council, Landlords*

7.4 **Deliver secure entry systems** to all multiple-home properties in the area. *Council, Landlords*

Creating new homes

7.5 **Creating more secure rented accommodation** with preference to affordable housing, and affordable rented accommodation in preference to private builds and houses for sale. Sites identified for this are:

- A. Clepington Rd north end of the DISC complex
- B. Tannadice St / Court St
- C. Dundonald St / Dens Rd former Dens Rd Market
- D. Park Avenue
- E. Maitland Street
- F. Morgan St former Taybank Works
- G. Victoria St / Dens Rd former Eagle Jute Mills
- H. Wallace St former Wallace Craigie Works
- I. Constable St / Blackscroft
- J. Princes Street
- K. Constable St / Dens St Old Mill
- L. Blackscroft / Foundary Lane

Council, Landlords, Scottish Government



Image 5- Ellengowan housing

8 Where should it happen?

This chapter focuses on specific places where the proposed actions in chapters 3 to 7 are likely to have the greatest impacts in terms of land-use, including Albert Street, Stobswell West and elsewhere.

The aims are to illustrate how these places could look in the future, and to inform Dundee City Council's next Local Development Plan.

Albert Street- our community and banking hub

Albert Street is the heart of our neighbourhood and where the key physical road changes need to take place.

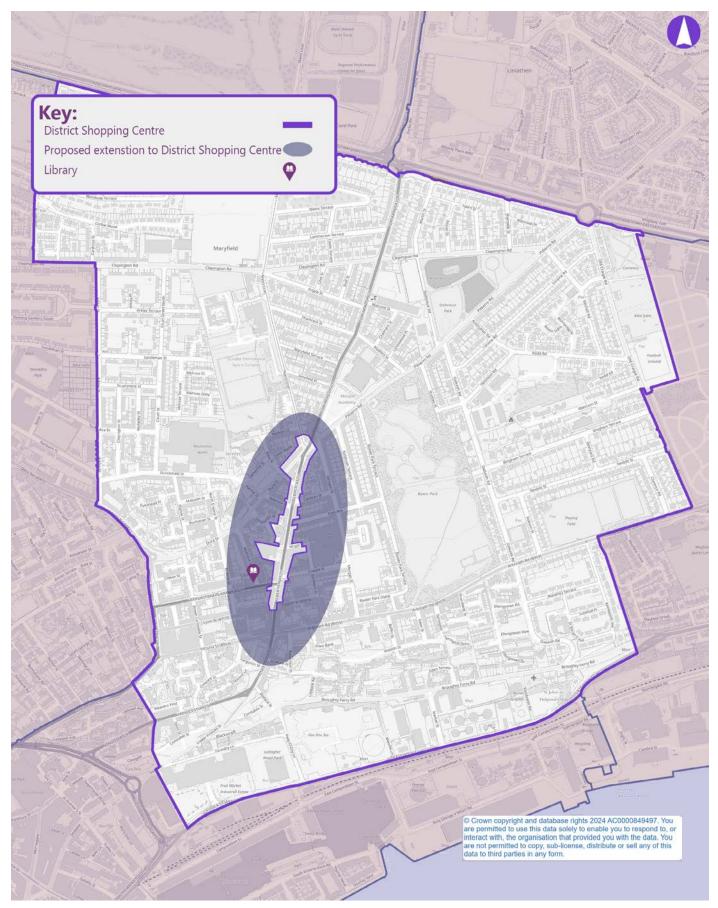
Map 5 shows the area within which our proposed expanded District Shopping Centre on Albert Street should be defined. We would like to see this area revitalised through investment. It also shows where Arthurstone Library is, which we would like to see remain as a community hub for Albert Street.

Map 6 shows our proposal for making it easier for pedestrians to get between the top of Albert Street and Dura Street, as well as to calm the traffic.

Map 7 shows how the centre "Village Square" of Albert Street could be improved with a speed table (a raised pedestrian crossing point), widened pavements, and seating by the parking area.

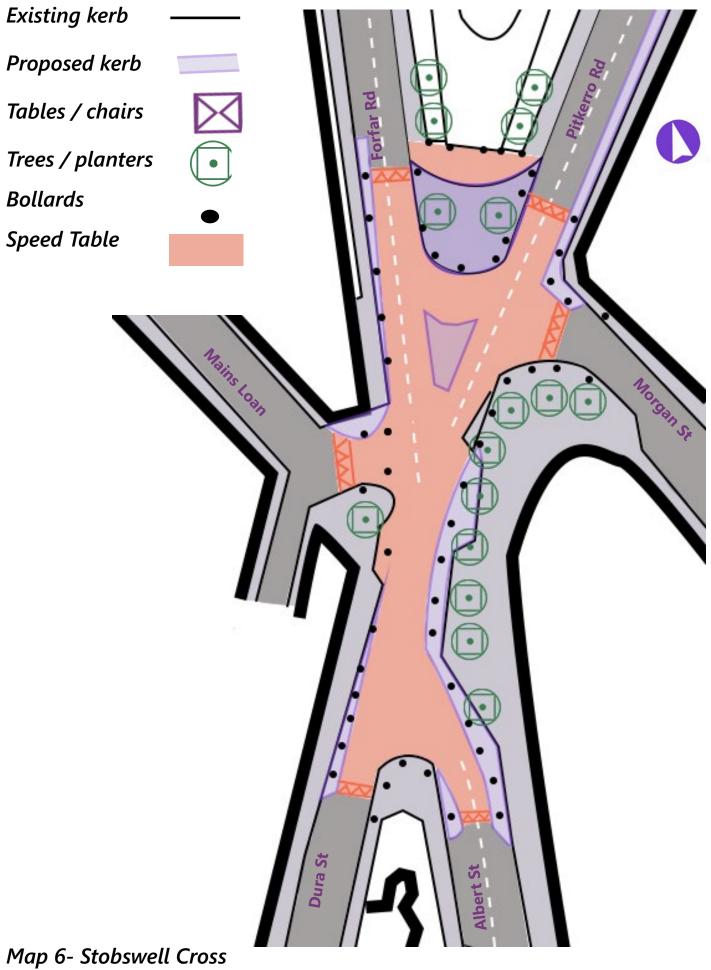
Map 8 shows how the pavements could be widened further at Arthurstone Terrace junction with Albert Street.

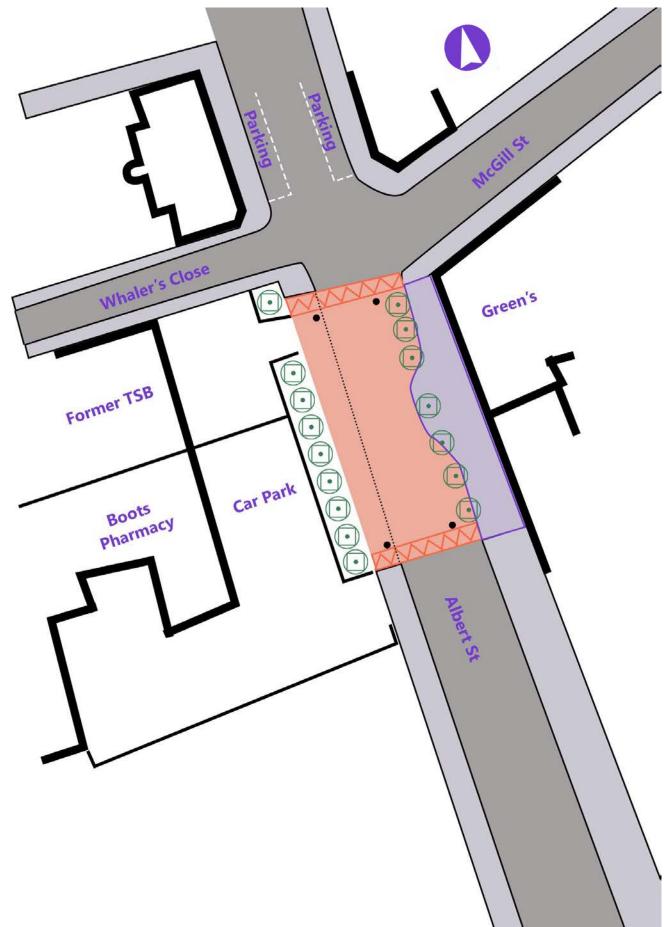
Finally, Map 9 shows how pedestrians could be given greater priority at the Arbroath Road junction with Albert Street by widening the pavements, narrowing the junction, and closing Albert Street to northbound traffic until Arthurstone Terrace, with a right turn only to Arbroath Road from Princes Street and a new right turn to Victoria Street from Albert Street.



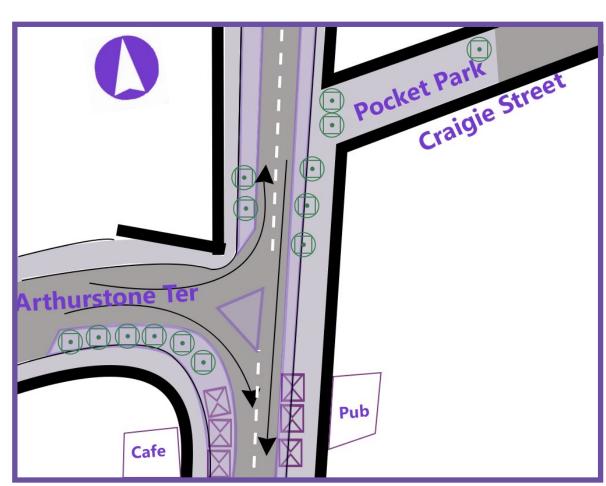
Map 5- Albert Street interactive proposals

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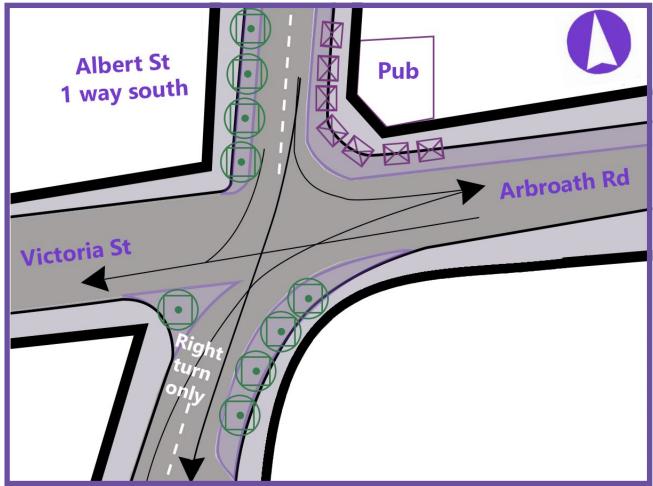




Map 7- Village square Albert Street



Map 8- Arthurstone Terrace / Albert Street



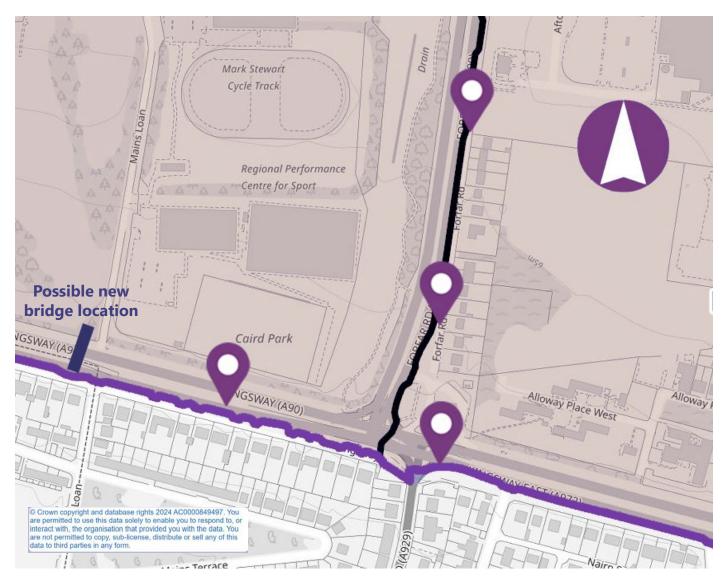
Map 9- Albert Street / Arbroath Road junction

Forfar Road/Kingsway

The Forfar Road junction on the Kingsway needs improving. New signage, from Old Glamis Road eastwards and A92 Junction at Fountainbleu Road southwards, is needed to direct main traffic away from Stobswell area. Traffic should be directed round the Kingsway to get to the city centre. There is also an urgent need for a new pedestrian/cycle bridge to enable easy access between housing on the north side and the city centre as well as access to the supermarket on the north side, as shown in blue on Map 10 below.



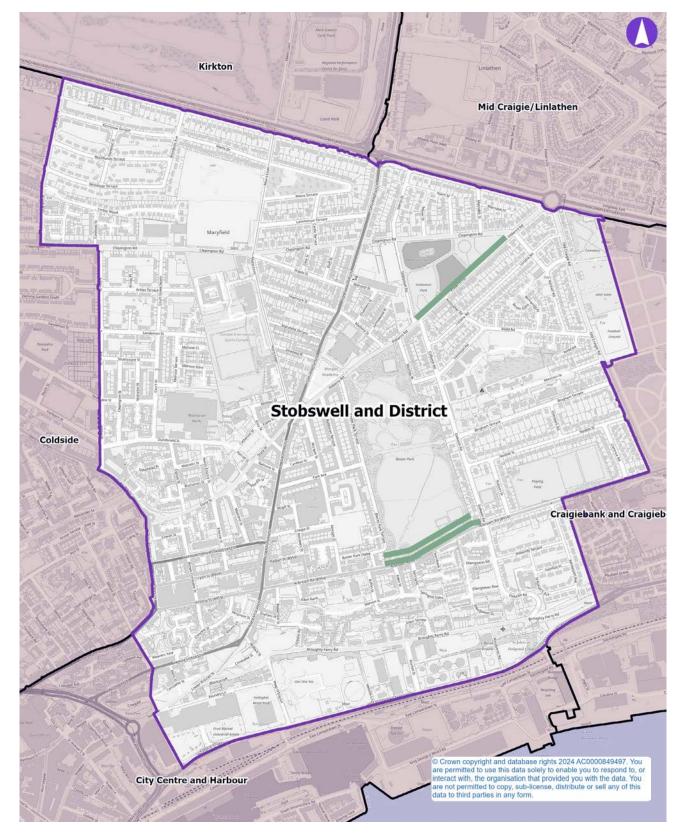




Map 10- Forfar Road junction with new bridge and signage postions

Protecting Trees

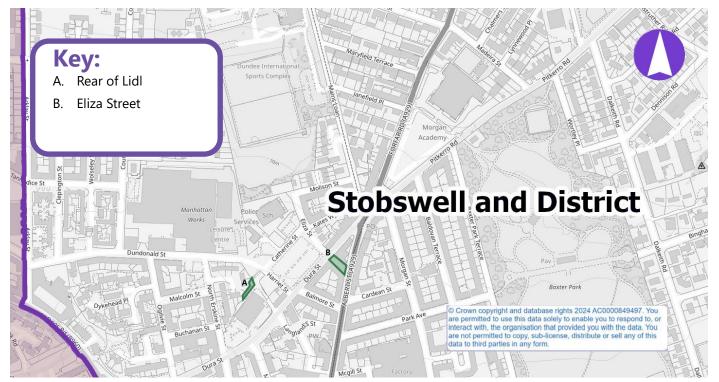
There are two new Active Travel cycle routes proposed to go through Stobswell, along Pitkerro Road and Arbroath Road. Numerous mature, heritage trees are situated along the southern edges of Baxter Park and Stobsmuir Park, and their adjacent street area are potentially threatened by this route as shown in Map 11. Tree Protection Orders are needed to ensure these trees are not removed.



Map 11- Protect trees along propsed cycle routes by Baxter and Stobsmuir parks

New Green and Growing Spaces

There are numerous opportunities within Stobswell Central area to create new green and growing spaces, including a new pocket park at Eliza Street, and more marginal food growing areas. Existing allotment areas also need supporting. These photos illustrate some recent initiatives in the area, while Map 12 shows areas, in green, where these opportunities exist in the first instance.



Map 12- New green and growing spaces



Image 7- Tayview Community Garden

New Playspace Extension

There is an opportunity to extend and improve the Malcolm Street playspace as shown in Map 13.



Map 13- Extension of Malcolm Street Playspace



Image 8- Stobsmuir Park playspace

Extension of Stobswell Art Trail

Open/Close Dundee has developed an Art Trail in Stobswell that includes murals, painted doors and street art. A map of Open/Close art trail can be viewed <u>online</u>.

Additionally, the Stobswell Forum has commissioned a number of art boards and small scale mosaics. A visualisation of possible mural locations has been included below, as sites for artwork will be identified on a case by case basis.

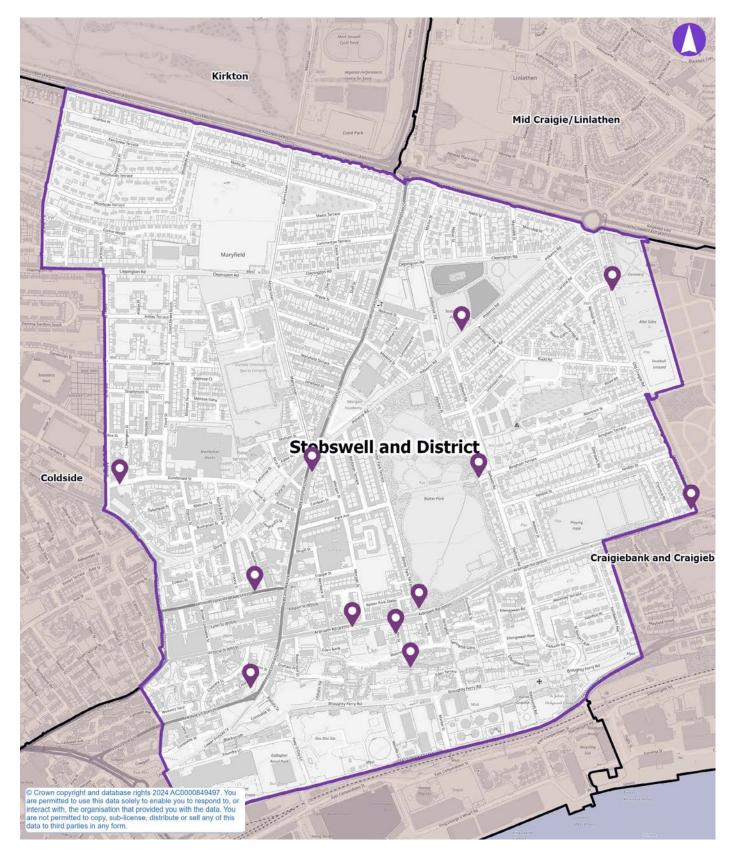




Image 9- Visualisation of art trail murals

Stobswell gateway and history boards

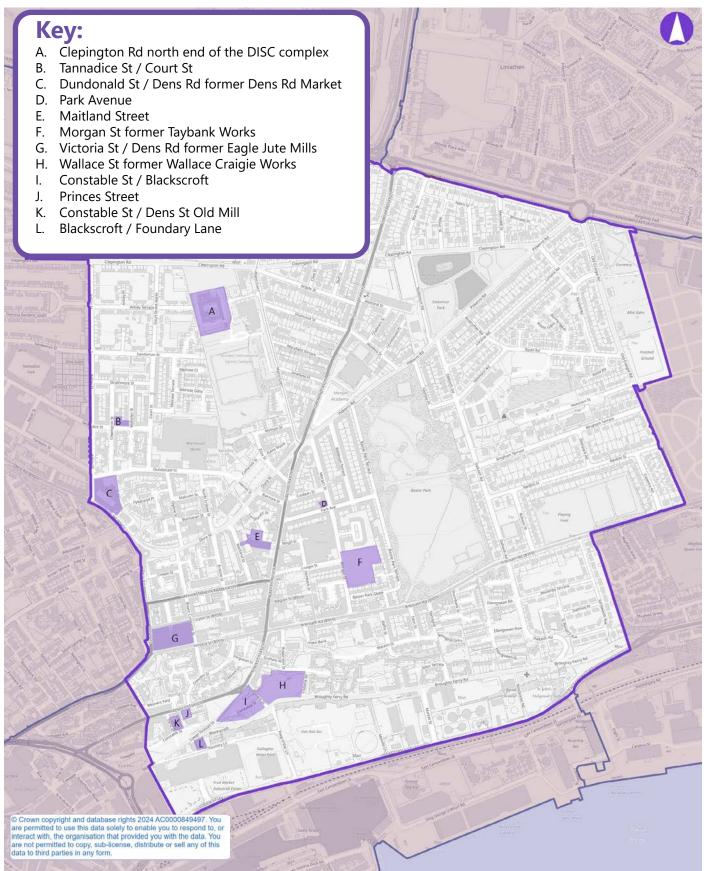
Stobswell has eight existing community noticeboards. These could be converted to dual purpose local history/ general information boards, with suggestions from the public for local history to include on the boards. Several additional gateway sign locations are also proposed in Map 14, alongside the existing noticeboards, at Old Cragie Road, Dundonald Street and Pitkerro Road.



Map 14- Stobswell gateway and history boards

Sites for New Affordable Housing

Map 15 shows a number of different sites that could be used for new and much needed affordable housing in Stobswell (see Chapter 7 for a list of these sites). These should all be included in the Dundee City Council Housing Land Audit and new Local Development Plan.



Map 15- Sites for new affordable housing

9 Making it happen

Key messages

This Local Place Plan maps out the vision for our community over the next 10 years and the proposed actions needed to make that vision become reality. Some initiatives can be started immediately by the community alone, such as using vacant sites to provide more communal green and growing spaces, or providing publicly accessible toilets via a "Visitor Comfort Scheme" in our District Shopping Centre. Most initiatives will involve a number of different organisations, and all will require funding and resources. There are two important messages about delivery. It must be:

- Collaborative: most of the proposed actions require co-ordinated action by a number of partners.
- Connected: proposed actions will only be productive if they are connected with others. For example, organising more activities in the library needs a paid worker, investment in the fabric of the library, and better public/community transport and safer walking/cycling routes to be able to get to the library without a car.

Starting Points

There are a number of fundamental starting points which need to happen in order to progress the initiatives described in chapters 4 to 8:

- A **paid development worker with dedicated time** in order to initiate and coordinate action on the various projects in the Plan, supporting local groups and co-ordinating volunteer action. This is likely to be a part-time post.
- A **comprehensive traffic management and parking scheme** for the area to rationalise pedestrian priority, public transport priority, active travel and traffic flows as coherent networks.
- A **community-owned asset or enterprise** to generate income for the community.
- Continued **community regeneration funding** from the Council and other funders to support implementation of this Local Place Plan over at least the next 10 years, managed by the community as it is currently.
- A **local housing needs survey** to assess the demand for affordable homes: who needs homes and of what type. This is an essential step to evidence need and secure resources and support to ensure we have sufficient good quality affordable homes for the future.

Roles and responsibilities

The community cannot deliver this Plan on its own. As explained, collaboration will be key and support from a wide range of other players will be essential. For example, increasing the supply of affordable homes will need support and input from the Scottish Government, government agencies, Dundee City Council's planning and housing departments and specialist developers. The next page contains more information about the roles and responsibilities of the key organisations needed to implement the Plans. Figure 8, on the next page, summarises which elements of the Plan will need support from partner organisations outwith the local community. Many of these organisations will need appropriate resourcing to provide the necessary support.

The local community

- **Stobswell Forum** as the voice of the local community in liaison with Dundee City Council.
- Landowners and property owners who can enable housing to be improved and vacant spaces to be brought into use.
- **Traders, services and other local businesses** who provide local employment and can partner in promoting environmental improvements and better traffic management.
- Local organisations who bring people together and do a lot of local development such as schools, community centres, sports, arts and play organisations, cultural and religious centres.
- Adjoining Community Councils and community organisations who can work together with the local community on larger scale projects and wider strategies.

Dundee City Council and other partners

Public sector organisations have a fundamental role in supporting and delivering the Plan and proposed actions, particularly in terms of planning and public services. other partners include:

- · Dundee City Council
- · Joint Health and Social Care Partnership
- · University of Dundee
- · Abertay University
- Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action
- Dundee Historic Environment Trust

As Local Place Plans are developed across Tayside and Dundee, we want the Council and other partners to use the combined evidence from these plans to inform and influence their own budgets and service delivery. We believe this evidence can also help them to lobby for support to empower communities to deliver their proposed actions – especially at a national level. This would include cross-cutting issues such as housing, service infrastructure, transport, jobs and business, and culture and heritage.

Other national and local organisations

These strategic organisations have important roles to enable proposed actions in the Plan:

- UK government for non-devolved matters such as energy
- Scottish government for planning, housing, and infrastructure
- Scottish enterprise for developing businesses and employment
- **Statutory authorities** such as Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue, Scottish Southern Electrical Networks (SSEN), Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) for developing integrated infrastructure and services provision
- Transport Scotland for strategic transport infrastructure
- Tactran for regional transport infrastructure
- Historic Environment Scotland for work on listed buildings and conservation areas
- Sustrans for sustainable active travel
- Housing Associations to provide affordable housing and upgrade existing housing
- Other charities and funders to take forward proposed actions

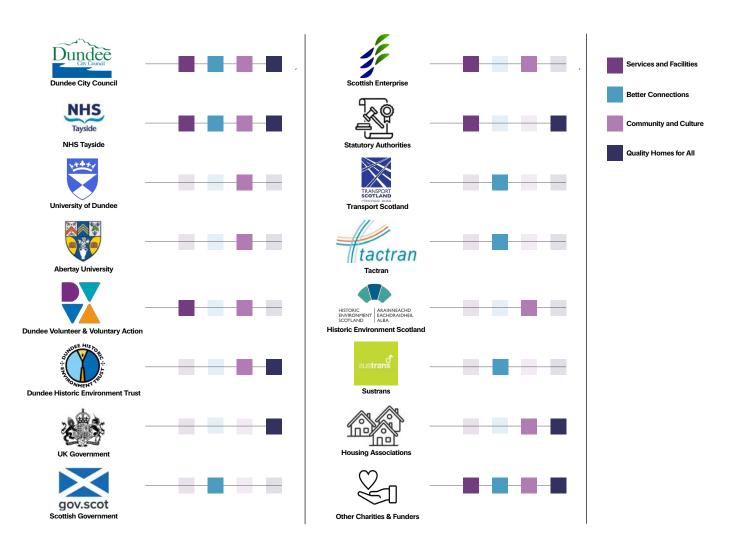


Figure 8- Partner support working with local community

Planning policy and development

Although this Plan is not solely focussed on statutory land-use planning, chapters 4 to 8 contain a number of proposals that the local community would like to see supported in the next Local Development Plan (LDP) or tackled through development management.

Since this document is a Local Place Plan (LPP), those actions that relate to land-use planning are summarised in Figure 9, together with reasons (as required by Schedule 19 of the Planning (Scotland) Action 2019 and in line with Scottish Government Circular 1/2022).

Please note that Figure 9 relates to statutory land-use planning and other place-making and climate priorities proposals that lie outside of statutory land use planning, but which require significant inter-departmental cooperation within Dundee City Council (DCC) that should be led by the DCC Planning Authority. This is not a complete list of all the actions included in chapters 4 to 8.

Local Place Plan Proposals

This section lays out a table articulating proposals and actions for our community.

The Local Place Plan Proposals Table contains 45 LPP proposals that we would ask DCC Planning Authority to assess for inclusion in Dundee Local Development Plan 3. Of these, 18 proposals (1A-1R) are vital for the revitalisation of the Albert Street District Shopping Centre. To this end, we have provided a column with policy justification against each proposal, and also grouped together all the proposals from different sections of the Plan that are relevant to the Shopping Centre. This text is designed to comply with the validation requirement to provide a Statement(s) demonstrating alignment of proposals with the existing Local Development Plan, NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan (and justification where not aligned).

We also ask that DCC Planning initiate appropriate corporate networking and governance to ensure that these proposals are clearly communicated to all relevant departments to ensure integrated and inter-departmental forward planning for delivery in our area.

Some proposals call for actions or initiatives that have relevance to the use of buildings and land within the LPP boundary but may require ownership and development by departments other than the Planning Authority (because they are not generally assessed for inclusion in an LDP). Nevertheless, as part of a holistic spatial vision for our area we consider these priorities form a critical and integrated part of delivering benefit for the wellbeing of our community. We would therefore invite DCC Planning Authority to review these (if appropriate including any elements that in fact are relevant in the LDP), and then ensure that these proposals are clearly communicated to all other relevant departments as required. These can then to be factored into integrated and inter-departmental planning for our area.

Support from our Local Councillors

We would like to ask for the kind support of our Ward and city-wide councillors in championing these proposals with all relevant departments.

Feedback justifying inclusion/exclusion of our proposals in the LDP Proposal Plan

We look forward to receiving written feedback, explanation and justification from DCC Planning at the appropriate point in the Development Plan Scheme as to why these proposals and/or priorities have or haven't been accepted for integration into the Proposed Plan for LDP3 (as assessed against all relevant policies including those laid out in the 'policy alignment' column of the Local Place Plan Proposals Table below, as per expectations laid out in the 2023 Development Planning Guidelines).

Maps

Validation criteria for LPPs require clear maps showing the locations of any spatial proposals being put forward for inclusion in the LDP. To meet this requirement, a column is provided in the Local Place Plan Proposals table indicating clearly where the map(s) relevant to each proposal can be found in this document.

|). | | Initiative | Relevant Council departments and external partner organisations | Reasons | Stobswell Forum Position | See Also | Policy alignment with LDP2 (2019), NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan | Location Maps |
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| | A | revitalisation of Albert Street District Centre (as defined and bounded in the relevant spatial designation in LDP2, but extended to incorporate missing shopping areas). | Planning and Economic Development; Parks & Environment; Sustainable Transport and Roads, SEPA | To enable people to stay locally, support Local Living, sustain our local community and tackle climate change. | Albert Street is one of six named "District Shopping Centres" in the Dundee Local Development Plan 2019, yet it does not have a strategy for development in place which would help it to thrive and support local living. The following 18 proposals (1A-R) should be taken forward as part of a comprehensive and coherent revitalisation of the Albert Street District Centre, all in consultation with the community. | Ch.6 | Relevant NPF4 policy: Policy 27: City, town, local and commercial centres: "LDPs should support sustainable futures for city, town and local centres, in particular opportunities to enhance city and town centres." Supporting NPF4 policies: Policy 1: Tackling the climate and nature crises Policy 2: Climate mitigation and adaptation Policy 9: Brownfield, vacant and derelict land and empty buildings Policy 13: Sustainable transport Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods Policy 22: Flood risk and | 5. Albert Street Interactive Proposals (p31) 6. Stobswell Cross (p32) 7. Village Square |
| | В | Develop an environmental and economic plan for Albert Street District Shopping Centre. | Economic Development; Parks & Environment | To enable people to stay locally, support Local Living, sustain our local community and tackle climate change. | We believe that the council should develop this strategy in collaboration with local businesses, services and the community who use Albert Street. We think the District Shopping Centre boundary should be extended to include the shops down to, and around the Arbroath Road/Albert Street junction. | Ch.6 | | Albert Street (p33) 8. Arthurstone Terrace (p.34) 9. Albert Street/Arbroath Road Junction (p.34) 10. Forfar Road junction with new bridge and signage positions (p.35) 14. Stobswell Gateway and Histo boards (p.40) |
| | C | Rationalise Kingsway/Forfar Rd junction, remove sign at Kingsway directing "City Centre" traffic onto Forfar Road and install signage at Morrisons. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To improve critical infrastructure and health. | The Forum has campaigned long and hard to remove unwanted noisy and polluting non- local HGVs and intercity buses that travel at speed down Forfar Road and Albert Street. Removing unnecessary traffic from these streets via better signposting by the council will make pedestrians feel safer and improve their health. It will also ensure heavy through traffic uses the correct roads. <i>See also LLP Map 10 (p35) for Forfar</i> <i>Road/Kingsway example signage and</i> <i>positions</i> | Ch.5 | management Policy 25: Community wealth building Policy 31: Culture and Creativity Relevant LDP2 policies: Policy 1 High Quality Design and Placemaking: "The design and siting of development should respect the character and amenity of the place, create a sense of community and identity, enhance | |
| | D | Reinstate one-way south traffic flow down Albert St between Arbroath Rd/Arthurstone Terrace. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To improve critical infrastructure, health and Local Living. | Albert Street previously had this section of road as one way and it functioned well. Re- instating this would enable pavement widening which in turn would prioritise pedestrians in our local high street, creating a more vibrant neighbourhood by reducing traffic noise and pollution from through traffic that would be removed. A pilot study is required in the first instance. | Ch.5 | connectivity and incorporate creative approaches to urban design, landscaping and green infrastructure, appropriate to the local context and the scale and nature of the development" Albert Street defined as a traditional hub of shopping provision LDP2 notes that it is important they are developed in a manner | |

| | | | | See also LLP Map 9 (p34) for indicative map of Albert Street / Arbroath Road junction (alt road layout) | |
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| E | Develop and implement comprehensive traffic management scheme for area. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To improve critical infrastructure, health, and tackle climate change. To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living. | An integrated and comprehensive traffic management scheme developed by the Council is urgently needed, given how difficult it is for pedestrians to move around the Albert Street area. The problem of through traffic going down Forfar Road and Albert Street cannot be resolved in a piecemeal fashion if the scheme is also to address the urgent need to mitigate the effects of climate breakdown. Public consultation will be essential. Priorities 1A-K below should be considered and integrated into this plan. | Ch.5 |
| F | Develop and deliver a car parking strategy for central Stobswell. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To improve critical infrastructure, tackle climate change, and support Local Living. | Albert Street and its surrounding area lacks a coherent council parking strategy that provides enough disabled access spaces in the right places, clearly signposts existing car parks to and from the high street shopping area, provides adequate loading areas for traders and deals with resident parking by removing unnecessary yellow lines. Poor temporary illegal parking increases pollution and this increases climate breakdown. Public consultation will be essential. | Ch.5 |
| G | Public transport priority on roads. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To improve critical infrastructure, tackle climate change, and support Local Living. | Bus services stopping locally must be prioritised in our area to support local living, service use and shopping. We are aware that the council is developing "Bus priority routes" but we have not been consulted on this. It essential that all roads on bus routes in our area are developed to give locally stopping buses priority over other traffic. | Ch.5 |
| н | Provide level, step free bus stops no more than 400 metres apart on route. Identify and add bus build outs at appropriate bus stops. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To improve critical infrastructure, support Local Living and tackle climate change | Some of our local bus stops have build-outs that enable step free access to buses, but most do not. It is vital that there is a strategy developed to put in place the necessary infrastructure to support step free bus access to support local living. Better bus access will reduce the need for car use and thus mitigate climate breakdown through reduced pollution and resource use. | Ch.5 |
| I | Expand usable public space and create loading bays by reducing road width | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local | Currently, Albert Street and it's connecting streets prioritise vehicular traffic over pedestrians. Improving the design of road junctions to promote pedestrian ease of use | Ch.5 |

that maintains and enhances their vibrancy, vitality and viability as sustainable shopping and service locations

- Policy 2: Public Art Contribution "All developments in Dundee with construction costs of £1 million or over will be required to allocate at least 1% of construction costs for the inclusion of art projects in a publicly accessible/visible place or places within the development."
- 7.35 To maintain and enhance the health of the District Centres it is important that their main retail areas retain a strong representation of key retailers and services and that their more specialised retail functions are maintained.
- 8.26 "Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are a wellrecognised method of dealing with surface water in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. SuDS manage surface water on site as near to source as possible by slowing down the water run-off and treating it naturally, thereby allowing the release of good quality surface water to watercourses or groundwater."
- 9.3 At a local level Dundee is a compact city with the opportunity to deliver high levels of accessibility and efficient transportation provision to all developments. The Local Transport Strategy for Dundee sets out three key objectives of a sustainable transportation package for the City: reducing the need to travel, promoting alternative modes of travel; and restraining the use of the private car
 to Maryfield Locality Plan:

| | and junctions, and widen pavements in Albert Street. | | facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | would also allow the provision of greenery to tackle climate change as well convivial sitting spaces. Reducing the road width in Albert Street would allow traders to flourish through the provision of essential loading bays and disabled parking spaces. | | "We need improvements to the environmental and social sustainability of the Albert Street area" |
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| J | Introduce speed tables/Zebra crossings with count down traffic lights at key crossing points. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | Key crossing points include Stobswell Cross, Eliza St, Dura St, the Library, Greens supermarket, Princes St, and crossing between Stobsmuir Park and Baxter Park entrances. Currently, traffic management prioritises vehicular use over pedestrians, when it should be the reverse according to NPF4 priorities. We accept that traffic lights need to be managed to keep traffic flowing. The introduction of appropriate speed tables would help to slow down traffic to acceptable speeds at key crossing points in our area, which will help to mitigate climate breakdown. Count down traffic lights for pedestrians would provide reassurance. <i>See also examples in LLP Maps 6 and 7 (p. 32 and 33)</i> | Ch.5 | |
| К | Create central "village square" area opposite "Greens" supermarket. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To identify land or buildings which are significant for the local community (see Planning Circular 1/2022, para.43). | Albert Street, as our local high street, has a natural area of focus at its centre where the local Greens supermarket stands opposite a recessed parking area, which is surrounded by a large pharmacy and two food takeaways. Narrowing the road at this point with a raised speed table put in place would enable easier crossing and enable greenery and seating to be provided to form a "village square" area. See also example in LLP Map 7 (p. 33) | Ch.6 | |
| L | Upgrade shops and bars in Albert Street. | Economic Development | To retain and improve critical local facilities and enable Local Living. | In the 1980s, Albert Street had a façade enhancement scheme for its shops and services. We believe such a scheme needs to be developed and funded again to support local traders and lift the area, providing a strong and coherent identity for our Victorian high street. | Ch.6 | |

| Μ | Provide more tree, flower, hedge planting and rain gardens in streets. | Sustainable Transport and Roads, SEPA | To improve critical infrastructure, and tackle climate change | Stobswell has two fine public parks but lacks greenery along many of its tenemented streets. More rain gardens, similar to existing ones off Albert Street, are needed to prevent future flooding. More green planting will also help to mitigate climate breakdown and improve the health of local residents and workers. | Ch.6 |
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| N | Create event spaces off Albert Street with anchor points for gazebos. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To support Local Living and sustain our local community | The new Craigie Street Pocket Park, proposed Eliza Street Pocket Park, and Langland Street car park would benefit from the provision of anchor points to enable pop up events and mini- markets to take place in them. | Ch.6 |
| 0 | Develop a local community hub bank on Albert Street. | Community Organisations supported by Economic Development | To identify land or buildings which are significant for the local community (see Planning Circular 1/2022, para.43). | The last bank on our busy high street closed a number of years ago. The street has an extensive cash-only economy and traders have to travel to the city centre to cash up. The cash machines in the high street often run short of cash. A fully funded community hub bank would be a way forward, but Scottish Government regulations would have to change to allow this. A feasibility study is needed in the first instance. No specific location as yet. | Ch.4 |
| Ρ | Devise a "Welcome to Stobswell" signage strategy to signpost shopping areas, parks, schools, visitor attractions and community venues. | Parks & Environment, Dundee Historic Environment Trust | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | We have already begun the process of physically signposting some key places in our local area, but this is on a piecemeal basis. We need a coherent strategy developed by the Council, in collaboration with the Forum, for the whole area, to ensure that pedestrians and wheelers can easily navigate their way. This would encourage them and help to mitigate climate breakdown. Delivering on such a strategy would build on the promise of the Sustrans Craigie Park Scheme and Albert Street improvements. We ask that installing or upgrading these facilities be considered (as opportunity arises) as potential beneficiaries of Developer Contributions related to future development in the area. <i>See also LLP Map 14 (p.40) for example</i> <i>signage positions</i> | Ch.5 |

| | Q | Remove unnecessary barriers to pedestrian circulation. Provide more outdoor | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To support | A comprehensive survey of street furniture and signs is needed to enable the removal of all unnecessary barriers to ease pedestrian circulation and assist access for the disabled. Seats are needed with back and side | Ch4 Ch.4 | | |
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| | R | seating in Albert Street, Woodside, Stobswell West. | Parks & Environment, Sustainable Transport and Roads | To support Local Living and sustain our local community | seats are needed with back and side supports along Albert Street, Woodside and Stobswell West to help weary shoppers cope with the hill in Stobswell. | Cn.4 | | |
| | | ROADS | | | | | | |
| No. | | Initiative | Relevant Council departments and external partner organisations | Reasons | Stobswell Forum Position | See Also | Policy alignment with LDP2 (2019), NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan | Location Maps |
| 2 | | Introduce traffic exclusion measures around all parks and schools in the area. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | We recognise the good work done by the Council to partly exclude traffic from one school in our area at certain times. However, we believe this exclusion principle should apply fairly to all local schools, including Glebelands and Morgan Academy. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |
| 3 | | All roads to be 20mph including "core" roads. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling and reduce pollution | The Forum has successfully campaigned for the" Core Road" designation to be removed from Albert Street, and for Albert Street to become a 20mph road in 2025. We are aware that most other roads in our area will also become 20 mph in due course. However, we understand that other "core" roads in Stobswell Central area are specifically excluded from this including: Dura Street, Forfar Road, Pitkerro Road and Arbroath Road. These should be included, along with all roads in our area, for 20 mph designation, in order to make all roads safer, less polluted, less noisy and to improve pedestrian experience. All these "core" roads have built up housing on them, which should automatically qualify them for 20 mph designation. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |
| 4 | | Improve LED street lighting. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route | LED street lighting levels have been highlighted in surveys as being perceived to | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place | |

| | | | between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | be poor in Albert St, Dundonald St. Morgan St, Kemback St, Back of Greens, Foodbank etc. A review of LED lighting levels in these streets is needed with the community to improve lighting levels and replace/fix where necessary to improve public safety. | | Policy 15: Local Living and 20- minute neighbourhoods |
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| 5 | Improve CCTV in the streets and car parks. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | Key areas in Stobswell Central suffer from anti-social behaviour which has been regularly reported, including Morgan St, Kemback St, and Craigie St and these need additional CCTV monitoring. The car park in Craigie Street also needs better CCTV monitoring. Other "hot spots" to be identified with the community and police. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods |
| 6 | Improve defective pavements and roads. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | A comprehensive survey of pavements and roads is needed to identifity where they need to be brought up to standard, and action taken to do so. There are numerous trip hazards on our streets, as well as substantial potholes. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods |

| | HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES | | | | | | |
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| No. | Initiative | Relevant Council departments and external partner organisations | Reasons | Stobswell Forum Position | See Also | Policy alignment with LDP2 (2019), NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan | Location Maps |
| 7 | Create more secure rented accommodation in the area – potential sites are indicated in this plan. Deliver a Local Housing Needs and Demand Audit (LHNDA) to underpin investment in quality homes of all types and tenures to meet the needs of the community. This should include a mix of social, affordable and private housing. | Planning and Economic Development | To tackle health, fuel poverty and climate change, and to sustain the local community. | Stobswell has significant poverty in its SIMD areas. There is a need to develop more affordable rented housing in the area. This would be subject to funding of local housing associations and other developers. We have identified a number of sites where we believe new affordable housing should be built. | Ch.7 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 16: Quality homes Chief Planners Letter 2024 on Policy 16 Requirement for Statements of Community Benefit for all housing proposals (policy 16 part b). We support this directive to ensure ease of assessment of community benefit from all new housing in our area. Requirement for improving affordability and choice of housing (Policy 16 part c): We encourage the local authority to lay out expectations for affordability and choice in our area and provide developers with clear guidance as to how submissions can gain increased support by meeting recognised community needs, not just provision of stock designed to maximise profit. Requirement to go beyond minimum affordable housing provision (Policy 16 part e): We encourage the local authority to utilise the available flexibility to take a strong stance (with clear guidance and justification) to maximise the provision of affordable housing. Relevant LDP2 policies: Policy 9: Housing Land Release "Housing land release on brownfield sites, in addition to the allocations set out in Appendix 3, may be acceptable where it can be demonstrated that it will improve the tenure mix in an | 15. Sites for New Affordable Housing (p.41) |

| | | | | | | area where existing choice is limited and would make a positive contribution to the regeneration objectives of the area." Policy 10: Design of New Housing | |
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| 8 | Upgrade housing to reduce fuel poverty. | Design and Property Services, Private Sector Housing Unit | To tackle health, fuel poverty and climate change, and to sustain the local community. | A key challenge in our neighbourhood is the exceptional age of the housing stock, much of which is Victorian or older. There is an urgent need for the council to lead on an initiative, working with other landlords, to bring existing housing stock up to standard in relation to reducing fuel poverty. | Ch.7 | Relevant NPF4 policies: • Policy 16: Quality homes Links to Maryfield Locality Plan: • "We need action on the rights and needs of tenants in `Stobswell West' | |
| 9 | Work with the Council to bring private sector properties up to standard. | <i>Design and Property Services, Private Sector Housing Unit</i> | To tackle health, fuel poverty and climate change, and to sustain the local community. | There are a large number of substandard housing properties in our area which are owned by private landlords and home owners. Currently these fall out of scope in relation to council initiatives to upgrade housing. A council strategy to encourage private sector retrofit projects is needed, working with other partners. We would like to see a more robust approach to the private rental sector with a focus on the lived experience of the tenants. We would like to see better information provided to private tenants and landlords to help them navigate the complex housing system in relation to getting retrofit measures, repairs and maintenance done. | Ch.7 | Policy 16: Quality homes Links to Maryfield Locality Plan: "We need action on the rights and needs of tenants in 'Stobswell West' | |
| 10 | A requirement for the Dundee Housing Land Audit to include an assessment of empty residential properties, as one part of developing an interdepartmental | Planning and Economic Development, Design and Property Services | To enable people to stay locally, support Local Living, sustain our local community | Stobswell has a number of empty homes at any one time. The council and other landlords need to develop an Empty Homes policy which ensures that empty homes are brought back into use within 3 months. | Ch.7 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 16: Quality homes Links to Maryfield Locality Plan: "We need action on the rights and needs of tenants in 'Stobswell West' | No Map required |

| | integrated Empty Homes policy. | | and tackle climate change. | | | | |
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| 11 | Introduce on-street EV charging points near housing. | <i>Planning and Economic Development, Sustainable Transport and Roads</i> | <i>To tackle climate change</i> | Our local area has a very high percentage of housing without driveways. The Forum acknowledges council efforts to introduce some EV charging in public car parks, but to really tackle the climate breakdown, EV charging points must be introduced directly adjacent to tenements and other housing without driveways. These must come with a guaranteed maintenance strategy. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 1: Tackling the climate and nature crises Policy 2: Climate mitigation and adaptation Relevant LDP2 policies: 9.20 "Where car parking is provided it is expected to provide for the charging of electric vehicles." | This would be too complicated to create a map for. |
| | ENHANCE OUTDOOR PLAY AND SPORTS FACILITIES | | | | | | |
| No. | Initiative | Relevant Council departments and external partner organisations | Reasons | Stobswell Forum Position | See Also | Policy alignment with LDP2 (2019), NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan | Location Maps |
| 12 | Upgrade sports facilities in Baxter Park. | Planning and Economic Development, Parks & Environment | To retain and improve a critical local facility and enable Local Living. | It is essential to have toilets, changing and safe storage facilities available for the tennis courts and multi-pitch area, which is well used. The original pavilion adjacent to the sports area is currently used by Hillcrest and its repurposing would have to be negotiated. Additional sports facilities could also be useful, such as a roller rink or additional 3G playing pitch. A feasibility study is required in the first instance. | Ch.4 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 21: Play, recreation and sport Policy 25: Community wealth building Policy 30: Tourism Relevant LDP2 policies: Policy 7: Tourism and Leisure Developments "Proposals for visitor attractions and facilities capable of strengthening the appeal and attraction of Dundee to a wide range of visitors will be supported." "Proposals for major leisure uses will be directed firstly towards the City Centre and the District Centres" 8.58 "The future survival of historic buildings depends on viable uses, effective maintenance and repair and minimising the impact of | 3 Community facilitie in Stobswell (p.14) |

| | | | | | | adaptation and modernisation on historic fabric. Generally, where the existing use of a listed building has ceased, new uses giving rise to the least impact on historic fabric will be encouraged." Links to Maryfield Locality Plan: • "We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities" | |
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| 13 | Provide Publicly Accessible Toilets in our parks and streets. | Sustainable Transport and Roads, Parks & Environment | To retain and improve a critical local facility and enable Local Living. | Currently, the only toilets in Baxter Park have restricted hours and are often not open. We need publicly accessible toilets in our Parks and "Visitor Comfort Scheme" in the shopping streets (based on Pitlochry's) whereby Traders allow visitors to use their toilet on the premises, with suitable security and maintenance measures in place. | Ch.4 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |
| 14 | Improve lighting in Baxter Park. | Parks & Environment | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | Safe lighting was identified as a top priority in the local consultations we have held as a Forum. This will encourage use of local facilities in the winter and evenings, supporting local living, and encouraging active travel rather than car use. The consultation for Baxter Park led to over 700 responses, the vast majority of which asked for improved lighting along key paths in the park, but not to disturb local wildlife. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |
| 15 | Improve/ expand Malcolm Street play park. Provide more outdoor play- spaces at Woodside, Stobswell West, Stobswell Central. | Parks & Environment if delivery unrelated to new development. Planning and Economic Development if enabled for delivery through future developer contributions | To retain and improve a critical local facility and enable Local Living | Good progress has been made with provision for play in our area but more is needed, particularly in the Stobswell West SIMD area indicated. Council should consult locally to devise and deliver these with the local community. We ask that installing or upgrading these facilities be considered (as opportunity arises) as potential beneficiaries of Developer Contributions related to future development in the area. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 21: Play, recreation and sport Play Sufficiency Regulations 2023 Links to Maryfield Locality Plan: "We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities" | 13. Extension of Malcolm Street Play-space (p.38) |
| 16 | Expand Dundee International Sport Centre (DISC). | <i>Leisure and Culture Dundee</i> | To retain and improve a critical local facility and enable Local Living. | It is recognised that adult evening classes are needed alongside other classes, as well as a social space. A review of the current use of DISC is needed, alongside consideration of additional accessible sports. The | Ch.4 | Relevant NPF4 policies: • Policy 21: Play, recreation and sport | |

| | | | | Forum would support such a review by the Council. | | | |
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| 17 | Provide drinking water fountains in our parks and pocket parks. | Parks & Environment | To support Local Living, sustain our local community and tackle climate change | Drinking water is vital for good health and should be readily available in public places. This will also encourage use of these public spaces. We support any moves to install public drinking water fountains in Baxter Park and Stobsmuir Park as well as Cragie Street Pocket Park and the forthcoming Eliza Street Pocket Park. | Ch.6 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |
| 18 | Use vacant sites to provide more communal green and growing spaces e.g. at Lidl in Dura Street, Arklay Terrace, and Eliza Street. | <i>Planning and Economic Development, Parks & Environment</i> | To identify land or buildings which are significant for the local community (see Planning Circular 1/2022, para.43). | Dundee has a number of successful community gardens. We would like to see more food growing in Stobswell and would support any initiatives to bring vacant land into productive use for this purpose, working with local businesses and the Council's Community Gardens officer. | Ch.6 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 9: Brownfield, vacant and derelict land and empty buildings Policy 20: Blue and green infrastructure Policy 21: Play, recreation and sport Relevant LDP2 policies: 8.13 "Community-led green infrastructure projects such as community growing areas will be supported where these are appropriately located and managed." Links to Maryfield Locality Plan: "We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities" | 12. New Green and Growing Spaces (p.37) |
| | HERITAGE, ARTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES | | | | | | |
| No. | Initiative | Relevant Council departments and external partner organisations | Reasons | Stobswell Forum Position | See Also | Policy alignment with LDP2 (2019), NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan | Location Maps |
| 19 | Provide local history interpretation boards. | Parks & Environment, Dundee Historic Environment Trust | <i>To support Local Living and sustain our local community</i> | Stobswell has some astonishing local history and we would like to capture this using our existing eight community noticeboards and reworking them with Dundee Historic Environment Trust so that they are part information and part history boards. We ask that installing or upgrading these facilities be considered (as opportunity arises) as potential beneficiaries of Developer Contributions related to future development in the area. | Ch.6 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods Policy 31: Culture and Creativity Relevant LDP2 policies: Policy 2: Public Art Contribution | 14. Stobswell Gateway and History boards (p.40) |

| | | | | | | 1% of construction costs for the inclusion of art projects in a publicly accessible/visible place or places within the development." | |
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| 20 | Expand the Stobswell Art Trail. | Parks & Environment | To support Local Living and sustain our local community | Stobswell already has an Art Trail highlighting existing artworks in its streets. We would like to update it to include the more recent artworks that have been created, and indeed see more artwork commissioned for the area. This would be subject to public consultation. See Image 9 Visualisation of Art Trail Murals (p39) | Ch.6 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods Policy 31: Culture and Creativity Relevant LDP2 policies: Policy 2: Public Art Contribution "All developments in Dundee with construction costs of £1 million or over will be required to allocate at least 1% of construction costs for the inclusion of art projects in a publicly accessible/visible place or places within the development. | |
| 21 | Introduce signage for pedestrian links between the new Transport museum, Stobsmuir Park and Baxter Park. | <i>Parks & Environment, Dundee Historic Environment Trust</i> | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | There will be a new Transport Museum built in the old tram-sheds off Forfar Road. It is important to signpost a visitor route between this venue, the local park next to it and the main park opposite it, Baxter Park. We would support a funded application to see this introduced. | Ch.6 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |
| 22 | Develop Arthurstone Community Library as a Community Hub. | <i>Planning and Economic Development, Leisure and Culture Services</i> | To retain and improve a critical local facility and enable Local Living. To identify land or buildings which are significant for the local community (see Planning Circular 1/2022, para.43). | Arthurstone Library was the first Carnegie library to be completed in Dundee in 1905. It is Grade B listed and is a well-loved and well used community asset. It is potentially under threat of closure. We support the development of a feasibility study to establish how to renovate and sustain this building as a key local community hub, working with the council and Leisure and Culture Services. The provision of co-working space would add value to the local economy. | Ch.6 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 15: Local Living and 20 minute neighbourhoods Policy 25: Community wealth building Policy 27: City, town, local and commercial centres Policy 31: Culture and Creativity Relevant LDP2 policies: Policy 18: Community Facilities "Proposals for new community facilities should be in locations convenient to the community they serve and readily accessible, particularly by public | 5. Albert Street interactive proposals (p.31) |

| 23 | Retain and re-use cobble setts and composite natural stone setts in roads. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To support Local Living, sustain our local community and tackle climate change | Stobswell has a significant number of streets with cobble setts and composite natural stone setts in them. These should be retained or re-used, to reduce new resource use and to maintain the heritage of our neighbourhood. They are stronger than tarmac and help to slow down traffic. | Ch.6 | transport, pedestrians and cyclists. Joint developments with other agencies providing diverse but integrated community facilities will be encouraged." Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |
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| No. | Initiative | Relevant Council departments and external partner organisations | Reasons | Stobswell Forum Position | See Also | Policy alignment with LDP2 (2019), NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan | Location Maps |
| 24 | Provide new pedestrian/Cycle bridge over Kingsway at Forfar Road. | Planning and Economic Development, Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | There is poor active travel linkage between the Stobswell District Shopping Centre and local services, and communities north of the Kingsway. In addition to Craigie Roundabout Bridge this new bridge is vital for better connections to support local living and will help to reduce car use, which in turn mitigates climate breakdown. We ask this infrastructure be considered (as opportunity arises) as a beneficiary of Developer Contributions related to future development in the area. | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 13: Sustainable transport Policy 18: Infrastructure first Relevant LDP2 policies: 9.7 "Active travel is a key means by which people can build physical activity into their everyday lives, bringing with it significant health and well-being benefits Reducing the volume of motorised transport can also reduce congestion and road accidents, and improve air quality." | 10. Forfar Road junction with new bridge and signage positions (p.35) |
| 25 | Repair pedestrian/cycle bridge at Cragie Roundabout | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | There is poor active travel linkage between Stobswell District Shopping Centre and local services, and communities north of the Kingsway – this bridge is vital for better connections to support local living and will help to reduce car use, which in turn mitigates climate breakdown | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 13: Sustainable transport Policy 18: Infrastructure first Relevant LDP2 policies: 9.7 "Active travel is a key means by which people can build physical activity into their everyday lives, bringing with it significant health and well-being benefits Reducing the volume of motorised transport can also reduce congestion and road accidents, and improve air quality." | |
| 26 | Provide cycle storage at supermarkets and maintenance kits, more cycle racks at key local shops and facilities. | Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting | There has been good provision of cycle storage near tenements, but none at local supermarkets. Storage is needed at Lidl on Dura Street and Greens supermarket on Albert Street. Bike maintenance poles should also be | Ch.5 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 13: Sustainable transport Policy 18: Infrastructure first Relevant LDP2 policies: 9.7 "Active travel is a key means by which people can build physical | |

| | OTHER PROPOSALS | | <i>Local Living and tackling climate change.</i> | provided. This needs to be done in consultation with the community. | | activity into their everyday lives, bringing with it significant health and well-being benefits Reducing the volume of motorised transport can also reduce congestion and road accidents, and improve air quality." | |
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| No. | Initiative | Relevant Council departments and external partner organisations | Reasons | Stobswell Forum Position | See Also | Policy alignment with LDP2 (2019), NPF4 and the Maryfield Locality Plan | Location Maps |
| 27 | Protect and conserve streets trees and trees in Baxter and Stobsmuir Park. Assess all street trees in these Parks and along key routes (including Arbroath Road) for designation with a Tree Preservation Order. | Planning and Economic Development, Sustainable Transport and Roads | To create a safe walking and cycling route between local facilities, supporting Local Living and tackling climate change. | New Active Travel cycle paths and networks must avoid Stobsmuir and Baxter Parks and not remove any trees. We have been alarmed by Sustrans proposals to cut down street trees in Active Travel schemes. New Active Travel cycle paths in our local area must avoid tree removal and must not take up pedestrian space in our local parks, where cycle routes will run into conflict with dogs being exercised and young children at play. | Ch.4 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 1: Tackling the climate and nature crises Policy 2: Climate mitigation and adaptation Policy 3: Biodiversity Relevant LDP2 policies: 8.3 "To address specific environmental issues the Local Development Plan contains both proactive planning measures which seek to reduce the City's impact on the natural and built environment and make better use of these assets, and also reactive planning measures which adapt or respond to the environment's impacts on the City." Links to Maryfield Locality Plan: "We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities" | 11. Protect trees along proposed cycle routes by Baxter and Stobsmuir Parks (p.36) |
| 28 | Rationalise bin placement and provide enclosures. | Parks & Environment | <i>To improve a critical local facility and enable Local Living.</i> | Bin locations and bin numbers need to be decided on street by street basis with resident and business participation. More rubbish bins need to be provided where necessary in our streets and with colourful bin enclosures to prevent overspills and street litter, particularly in Park Avenue. Relocate appropriately to avoid front door entrances. | Ch.4 | Relevant NPF4 policies: Policy 14: Design, quality and place Policy 15: Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods | |

Monitoring and review

Any plan becomes out-of-date as projects are delivered and circumstances change. We will assess progress on delivering the plan at least annually, and expects to review the plan after around 5 years (approximately 2030).

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