A Vision for NORTH LANARKSHIRE TOWNS

A Vision for CUMBERNAULD

Welcome to our online consultation event in relation to North Lanarkshire Council's draft Town Vision for Cumbernauld as part of 'The Place The Vision' Ambition Programme to transform our towns as more appealing liveable and successful places.











Welcome

North Lanarkshire Council are developing Town Visions to inform the long term future and transformation of its towns. So far, the initial thinking has been shared with some of our partner agencies including Scottish Government, NHS Lanarkshire, Police Scotland, Fire & Rescue, Colleges and with Council members and officers.

We are committed to local engagement. Community input and support is a fundamental part of building a shared vision and future plans. This initial community engagement will help us develop the plans and gives you, the community of Cumbernauld, an opportunity to look at the high-level proposals and have your say on what should be the future of your town.

The consultation sets out some initial thinking. This engagement will run online for 6 weeks, representing the start of local consultation and engagement. We look forward to receiving your thoughts. All feedback will be recorded and considered in developing the Vision.



What is a Town Vision?

The Town Vision is a high-level strategy it is not a traditional plan or masterplan but rather a concept as to how the town could develop over time.

In looking to the future, we believe our Towns need to be:

- places for people to live, learn, work, invest and visit
- places that are valued, appealing and liveable
- places that embrace challenges and our responsibilities to the future
- places that are dynamic and creative
- places that support successful and thriving communities

Importantly the Vision needs to consider how to help support, strengthen and re-build our towns beyond the COVID pandemic and continue to support communities in an open, sustainable and inclusive way.

The need for change

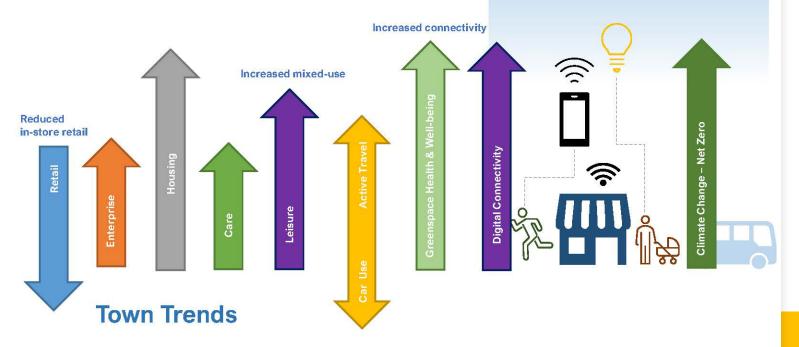
Our towns and how we use them is changing and change is happening evermore quickly. Planning for change will help to ensure our towns remain attractive places and are better able to meet our future needs as a great place to live, learn, work invest and visit.



What is happening in our Town Centres?

The needs and purpose of our towns are changing and to be successful, towns need to develop and adapt to people's needs. The key changes are captured in the diagram which shows that uses will decline and expand. The town visions seek to anticipate, address then reflect these trends to show how they will impact on the physical fabric of the town.

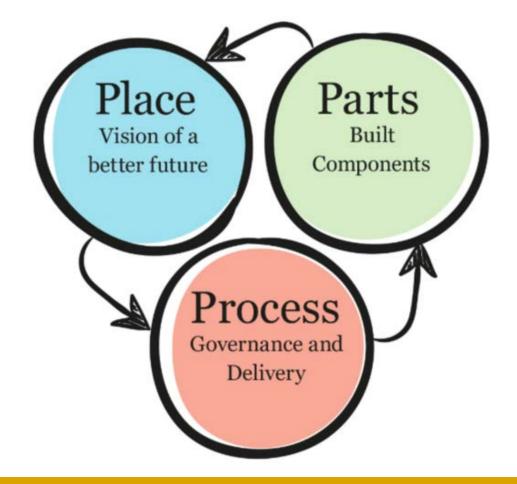
- National Trends impact on Regional/Local Centres
- COVID is accelerating Trends
- Change needs a Plan



The Key Principles of Change

Planning a Vision for future change is built around 3 key issues:

- Special Qualities of Place
 What are we seeking to retain and build upon, the qualities / character/ role and functions that are important to the towns future success.
- Agreeing Building Blocks for Success Identify the important key changes to address what is missing/needs to be provided for now and into the future.
- Supporting Partnerships and Participation Recognise that change can only be delivered through partnership between the Council, the private sector and the community.



Liveability – an attractive place needs to be:

Well Connected

- Active Travel Investment
- Public Transport Partnerships
- Digital Investment
- Urban Mobility

Greener & Sustainable

- Climate Change Zero Carbon
- Housing Stock Investment
- Infrastructure
- Recycling & Circular Economy

Vibrant & Multi-functional

- Re-structuring Town Centres
- Re-balancing Retail change
- Town Centre Living
- Whole Town Economy
- Investment











Inclusive & Meeting Community Needs

- Supporting Communities
- Creating Jobs
- Accessible Services (20 min Zones)
- Participatory

Appealing Places

- Safe and welcoming
- Easy to move Around
- Distinctive Place Qualities
- Protecting/Enhancing Heritage
- Building Destinations

Adaptive & Forward Looking

- Flexible
- Resilient
- SMART
- Empowered Communities

Building Blocks for Success:

Regional Centre

- Strengthening the Centre
- Enhancing Centre's Appeal
- Renewing Core Facilities & Services
- Making stronger Connections

• Rebuilding a New Sense of Place

- Remodelling of the Centre
- Town Centre living
- Better Linkages to Neighbourhoods
- New Education/Community Hub
- Stronger Greenspace Network

Developing Regional Economy

- Regional Economic Centre
- New Link NL Orbital Road (North-South)
- Building on Employment
- New Parks / Greenspace



Vision

Cumbernauld is Lanarkshire's largest Town.

It now has an opportunity to re-define itself as a '21st Century New Town' and further develop its commercial, industrial and regional retail role as a sustainable, green and net zero - low carbon regional hub.



Ambition

The intent of the vision and forward planning is to:

- Re-model and develop a 21st Century Town Centre
- Improve access and connections to Public Transport & Active Travel with a new 'Street Boulevard'
- Improve quality of life, health, wellbeing and urban liveability
- Deliver new affordable homes within and close to the town centre
- Strengthen green links and town greening
- Build active partnerships with communities



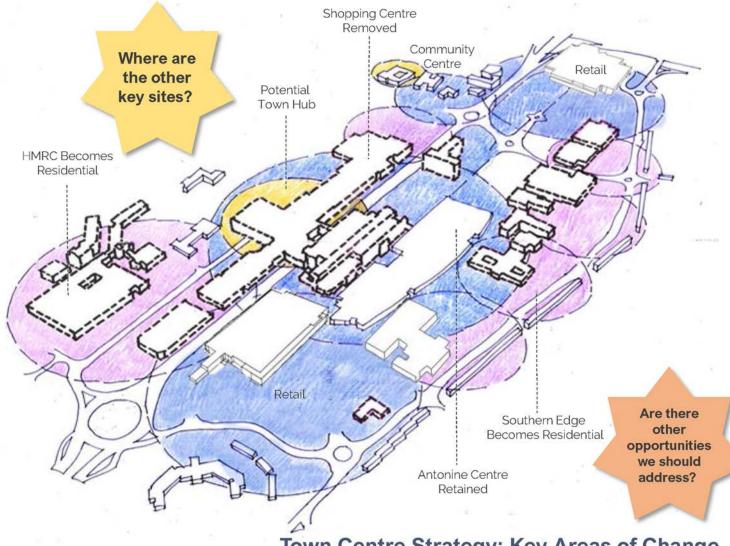
Areas of change:

Key Site Opportunities are:

- Re-structuring of the Core of the Town Centre
- A8011 Corridor
- HMRC Site,
- Cumbernauld Centre, Tryst, Fleming House,
- New College Campus,
- North Carbrain, St Mungo's Road

Partnership Opportunities are:

- Major Partnership for Centre
- Partnership Model for College / Health Centre / Sports / Services
- Residential & new models for town centre living
- New Town Centre Quality of Place



Town Centre Strategy: Key Areas of Change



Next Steps

We look forward to receiving your comments and feedback. Comments should be noted via the "Have your say" post it note icon to the right of the screen, click on this and type your comments. An officer of the Council will provide a response. All comments will be considered in developing and finalising the Vision for Cumbernauld.

We will be reporting back to Council in the summer of 2021.

Thank you for your participation.



short survey.