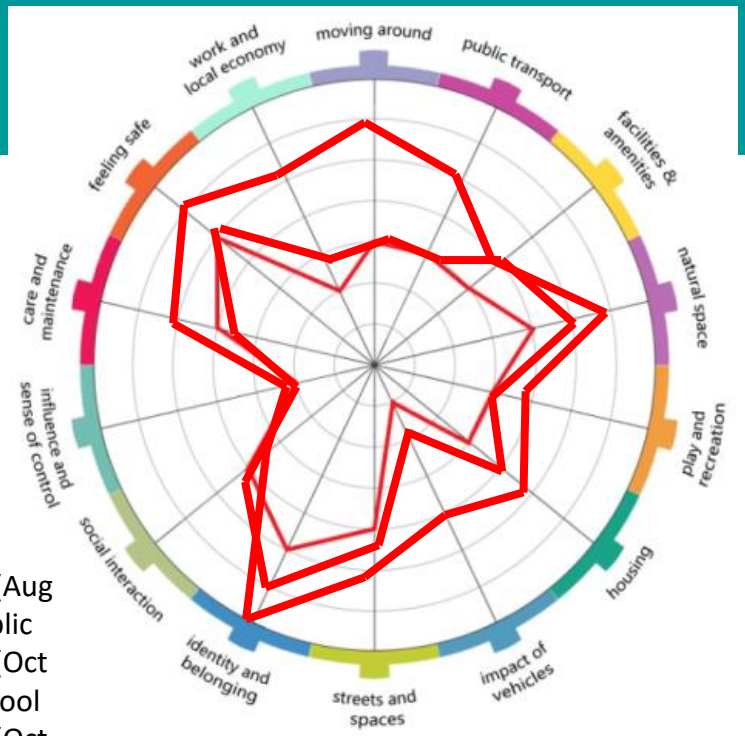
South Queensferry 2015

"I have never experienced this number of Council Services around one table talking about Queensferry and don't just welcome it, I am inspired by it"
Keith Giblet, Queensferry & District Community Council



Public responses (Aug 2015) - Public responses (Oct 2015) - School responses (Oct 2015)

Outcomes:

- In terms of usefulness 85% of participants said the event was "good" or "really good".
- Actions by a range of council services – Planning - Parks and Environment - Economic development - Education – Housing.

Learning:

- Value for council and developers.
- Documented views of different groups.
- Settlement scale more perceptual.

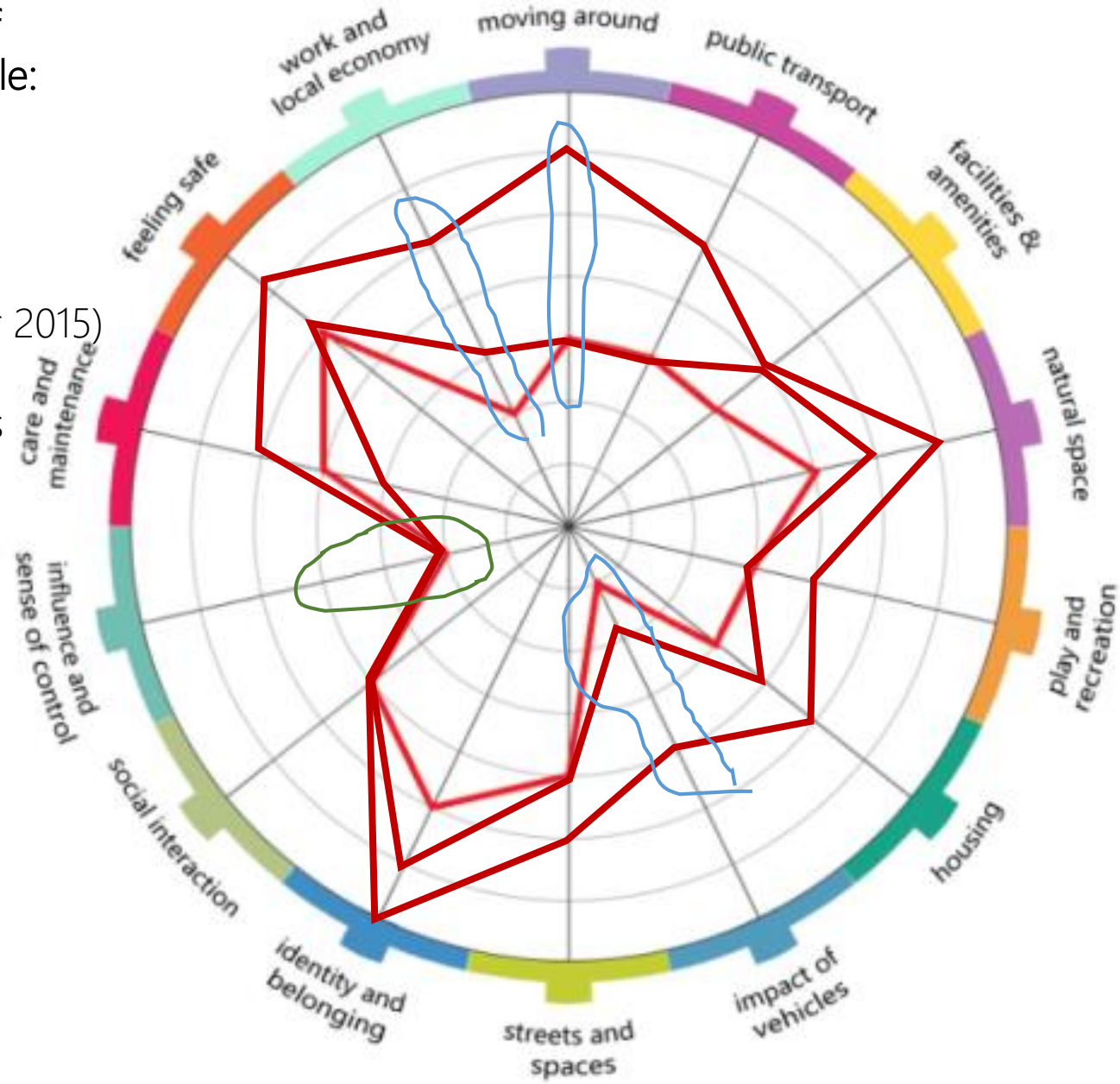
Place Standard: case study

South Queensferry (City of Edinburgh Council) example:

Public Responses (August 2015)

Public Responses (October 2015)

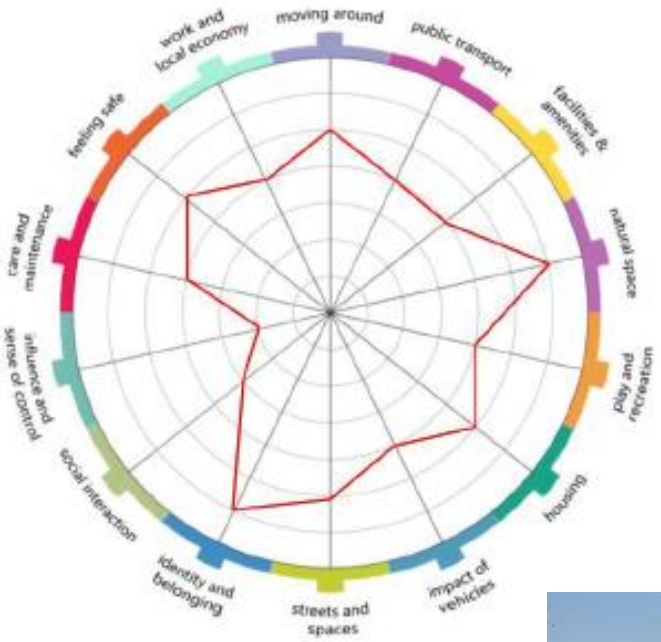
School Children Responses (October 2015)



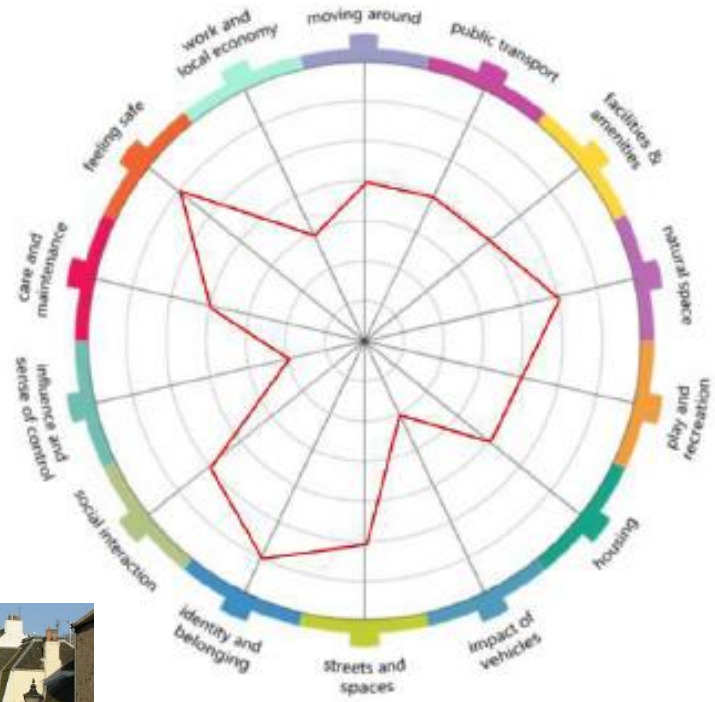
Place Standard: case study

Queensferry place standard

Queensferry Schoolchildren



Queensferry as a whole



The backstory

Feeling Safe

- General feeling that Queensferry is a safe place to live and travel around.
- However, the lack of a visible police presence was raised by a number of respondents, and seen as a concern with the rising population.
- The recent spate of burglaries was mentioned a number of times.

Work and Local Economy

- The overwhelming view was that Queensferry is a dormitory town for Edinburgh and other settlements, and that access to work in these places is good – if you have a car.
- There is an active local economy, but it is centred on the tourist trade and service sector roles – restaurants, hotels, Tesco etc.
- A number of respondents highlighted the lack of 'professional'-type jobs locally, and how big employers (eg Hewlett Packard) previously located there had left.

Moving Around

- General feeling Queensferry is easy to move around on foot.
- Most groups mentioned the poor state of the High Street.
- Views on cycle paths were mixed- some commented on their increased quality due to recent improvements and others commented on they are not well connected.

Public Transport

- Generally the bus services are seen as poor, both within Queensferry and for connections to other places. Comments centred on their prices, irregularity, and the withdrawal of services into Fife and West Lothian.
- There was also a view that some areas in Queensferry are much better serviced than others.
- Train services are viewed more positively, but are seen as expensive and overcrowded.

Facilities and Amenities

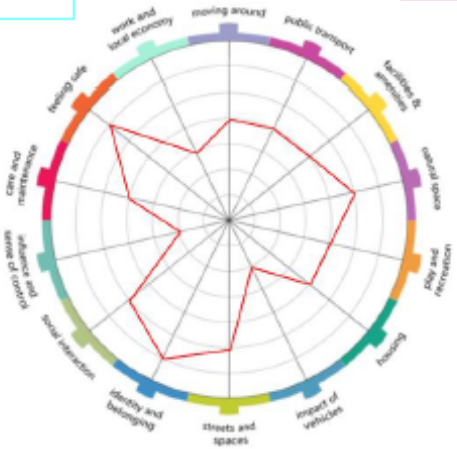
- Concern over the capacity of existing school and medical facilities being reached.
- Leisure facilities are limited, and those available (e.g. the pool at Queensferry High School) are in poor condition. Facilities are available in surrounding settlements, but usage depends on access to a car.
- The town has a fair number of shops, but they are seen as catering more towards tourists than residents.

Care and Maintenance

- Buildings are generally well maintained.
- There are problems with litter, dog fouling and graffiti in streets and parks.
- Gritting in winter can be selective
- Issues with cobbles on the High Street

Influence and Sense of Control

- Many respondents felt their opinions were lost within the system.
- There was a view that public involvement in important issues has been lacking in the past, and where their views would not make a difference.
- Generally respondents felt they had little control or influence over events (particularly young people).



Natural Space

- Although there are few natural spaces within the town, Queensferry benefits from being surrounded by publicly accessible estates.
- However, access to these is dependent on having a car.
- There is concern that access to a lot of these will be lost with the new housing developments.

Play and Recreation

- While there are play parks within Queensferry, they are not distributed evenly. Some families have trouble accessing them.
- There is a general lack of recreational facilities (e.g. bowling alley, quality swimming pool, cinema).
- Teenagers and younger people are poorly catered for in terms of activities.

Social Interaction

- Queensferry offers a lot of clubs and organisations.
- Some felt there was a lack of facilities for these organisations, e.g. no dedicated community centre.
- Others identified the High School as a good space for such activities.

Identity and Belonging

- Queensferry is seen as having a strong community identity, separate from Edinburgh.
- However, some respondents felt this was more tied to their local area than Queensferry as a whole.
- There is a fear this sense may be lost with the new housing developments.

Streets and Spaces

- Queensferry has a number of quality historic buildings, making it pleasant to walk around.
- However, the signage is quite poor in the centre, and should be improved to assist tourists with finding their way around.
- The poor quality of pavements and roads (e.g. potholes) was raised.

Impact of Vehicles

- Traffic congestion is seen as a problem across the town, especially along the High Street and the schools along Station Road. This is increased when there is an incident on the Forth Road Bridge.
- The High Street needs better traffic management, as it is constantly blocked by delivery trucks and tourist coaches.
- There is a lack of parking along the Waterfront.

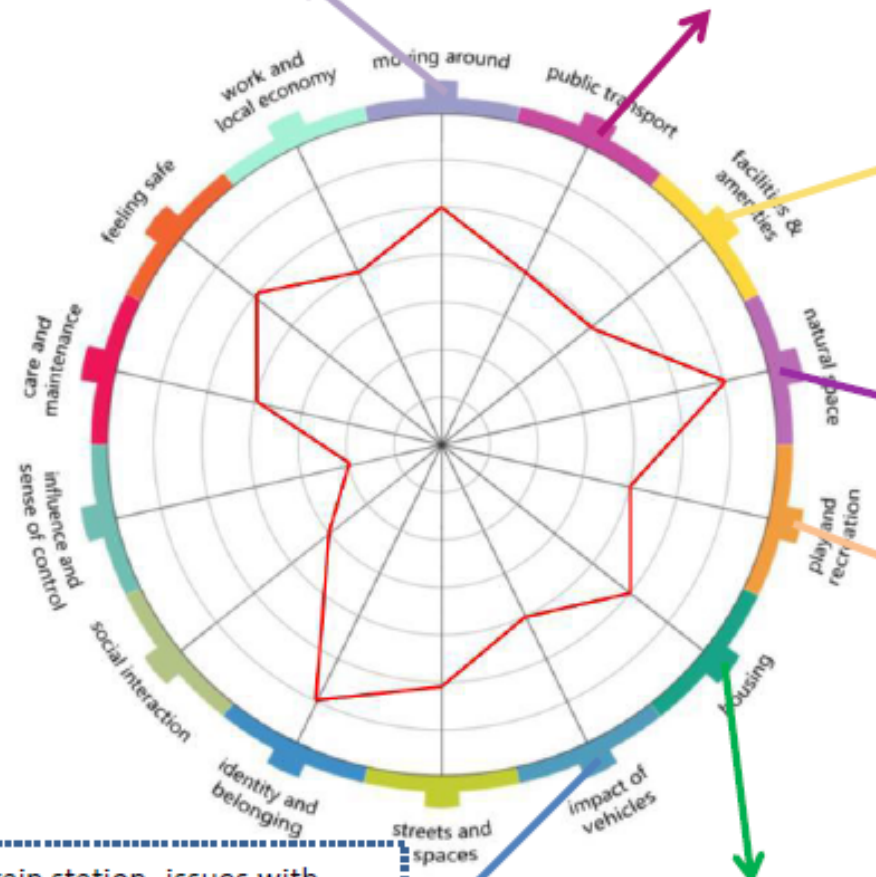
Housing

- The existing housing mix caters mainly for families, and there is a lack of smaller 1 or 2 bedroom properties for those seeking either an affordable first home or to downsize.
- Lack of a care home and sheltered accommodation.
- There was a general concern that the new housing sites will not cater towards these needs and provide more large and expensive family housing.

Place Standard: comparing outputs

- Easy to cycle and walk
- Issues with lighting
- Tescos and around bridges roads busier

- Depends on where you live in Queensferry whether use bus or train
- Issues with timetable of buses- not up to date
- Mainly use bus to go to Edinburgh/Gyle
- Bus finishes early to Kirkliston



- Range of shops poor but easy to so elsewhere so not an issue
- Shops aimed at tourists – expensive
- Swimming pool – poor quality and opening times an issue
- No cinema or bowling facility
- Hard to get doctors appointment

- Good variety
- Well maintained – litter not a problem or lighting
- Use natural space

- Spending most of the time in McDonald (convenient location, no one kick them out as the rest of restaurant and cafes do as they came in large group)
- There is a bike track but not for younger children
- The main problem is the smashed bottles and inadequate street lighting (really dark in winter)

- Train station- issues with parking – people park on side streets
- Station road and High Street busy

- Good mix of housing
- Lack of assisted living
- Not so good for young people

Place Standard: why ask kids?

Children & young people often have a very different perspective

- Parents have mix of jobs but most local
- Not many big employers in Queensferry

- Saturday nights by High Street bottom of the Loan unsafe

- Certain areas with graffiti
- Some litter
- Generally well maintained

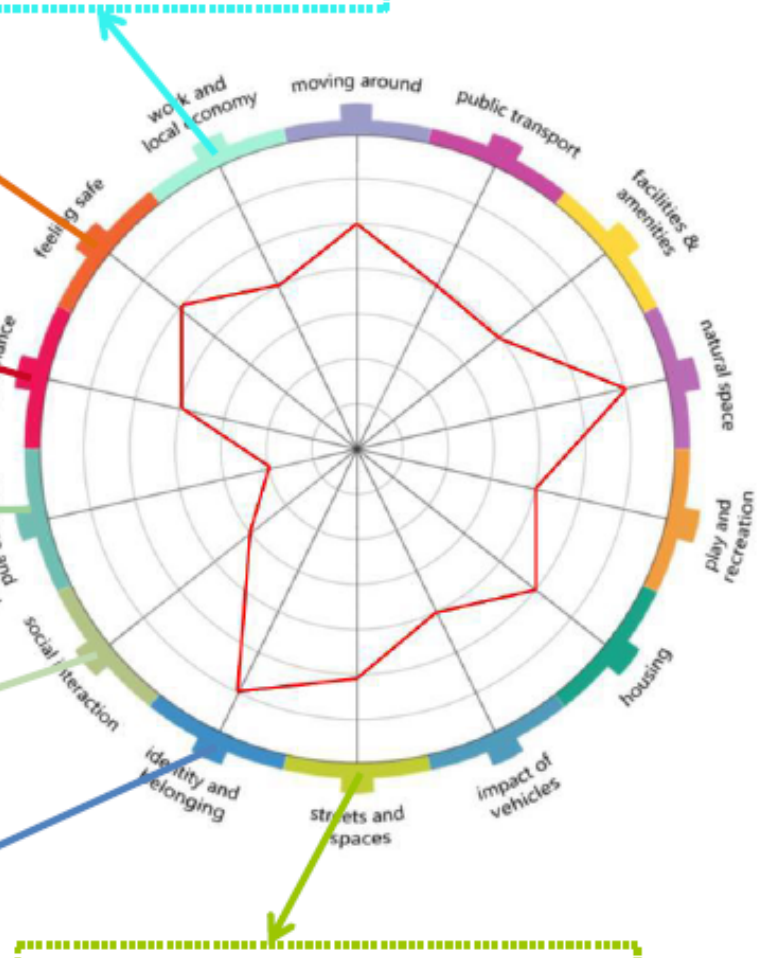
- No voice for young people – bad press
- Want more opportunities to participate in local activities and have a say!

- McDonalds where people meet up
- Hard to mix with different age groups

- Detached from Edinburgh
- Very distinctive
- Active community Very distinctive

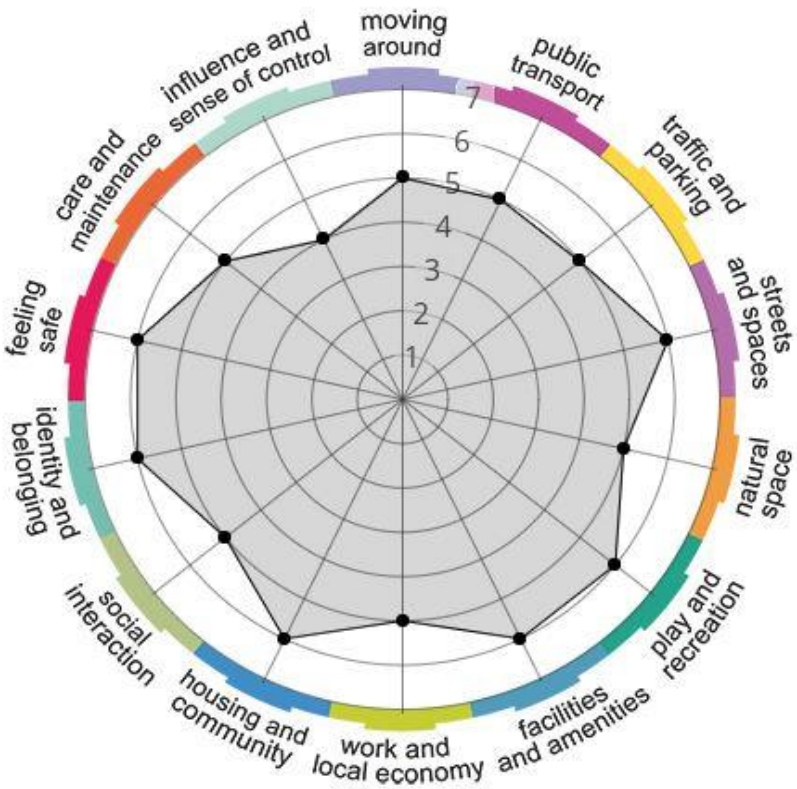
- Disused railway nice

Station road busy but aesthetically pleasing

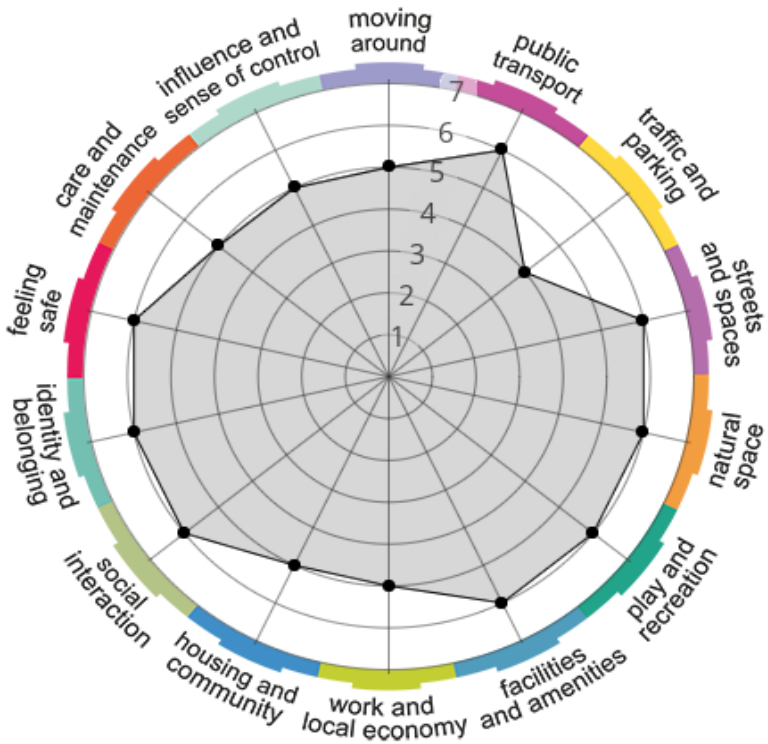


CEC- Corstorphine Place Standard

Corstorphine: Young People



Corstorphine as a whole



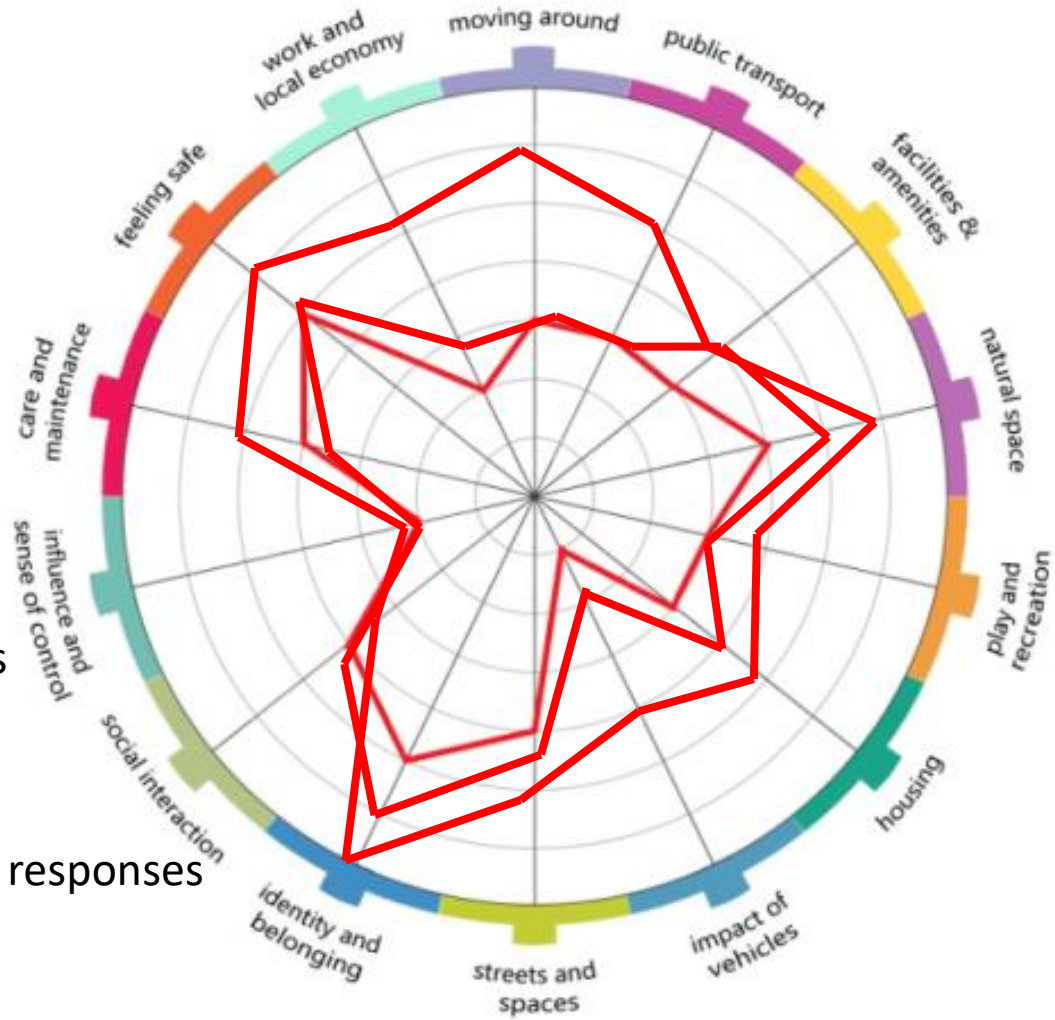
Analysis: Overlay Comparison

South Queensferry Example:

Public response (Aug 2015)

Public responses (Oct 2015)

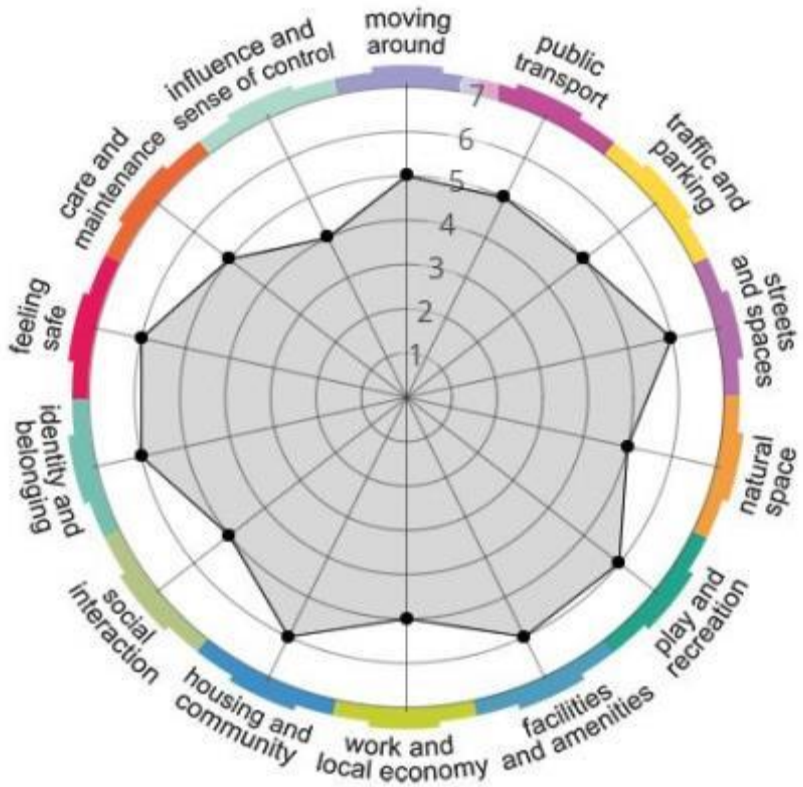
School children responses (Oct 2015)



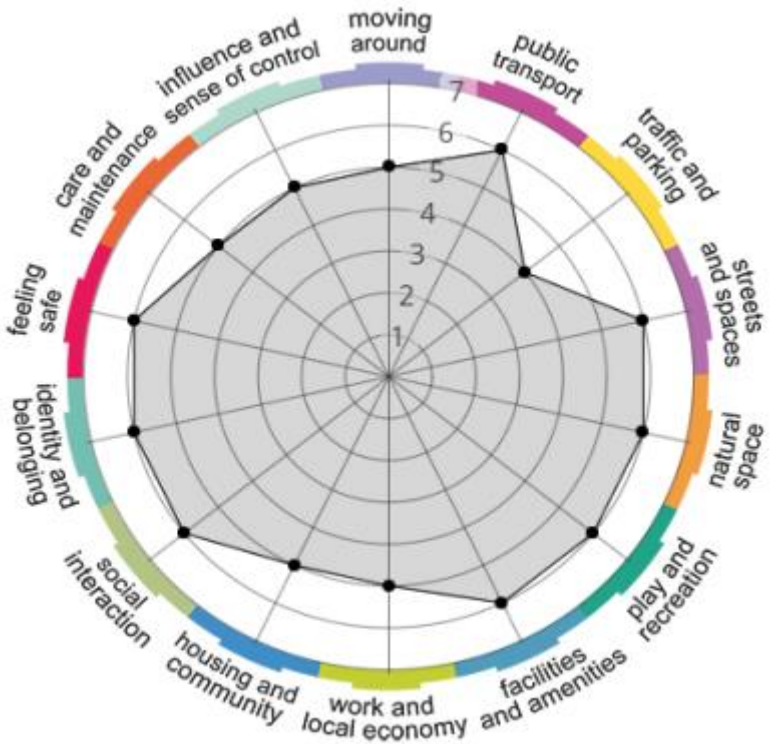
Analysis: Compass Comparison

CEC- Corstorphine Place Standard

Corstorphine: Young People



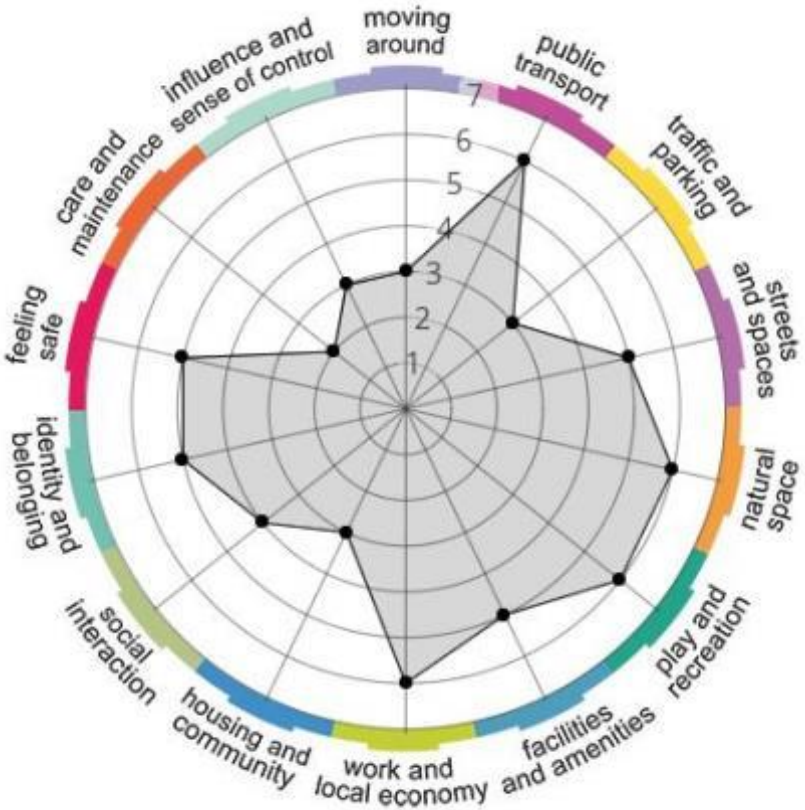
Corstorphine as a whole



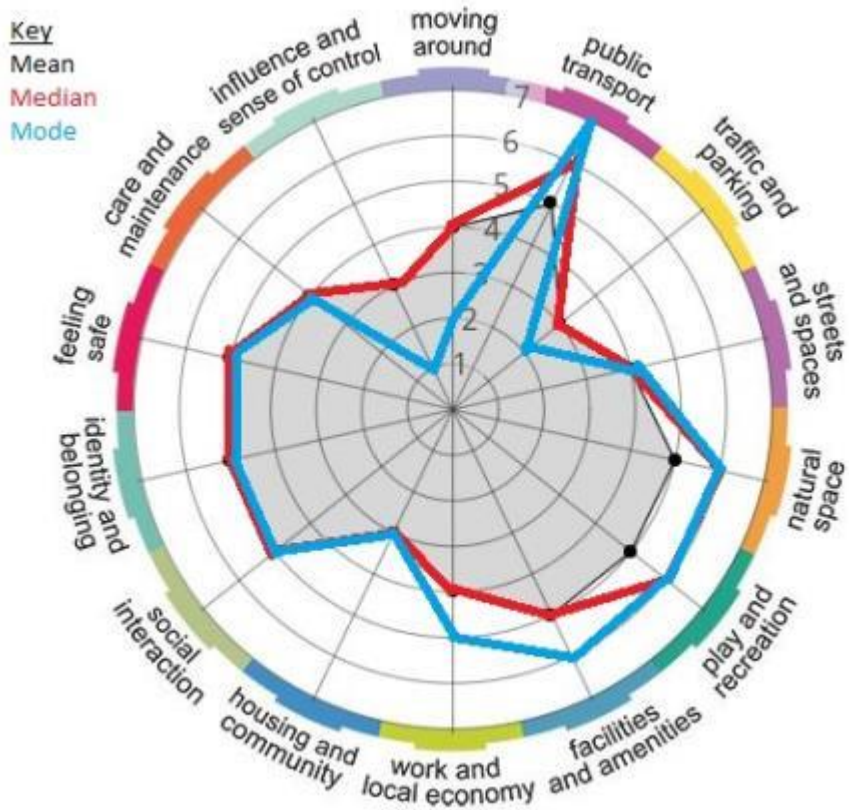
Analysis: Format Comparison

South Side Place Standard

Table discussion



On line results



Consultation July 2016- use of the Place Standard Method

Final Results Monday 1st August 2016

Edinburgh World Heritage
Published by Nicholas Hotham · 4 July

World Heritage Site public consultation - have your say

A period of consultation has now been launched inviting you to have your say on how the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site is being run. City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh World Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland have teamed up to launch the process that will run through July.

It is a requirement of all World Heritage Sites that robust management plans are in place to ensure its key values are conserved. The current plan expires at the end of 2016. The new plan will be drawn up later in the year based on feedback and suggestions from you

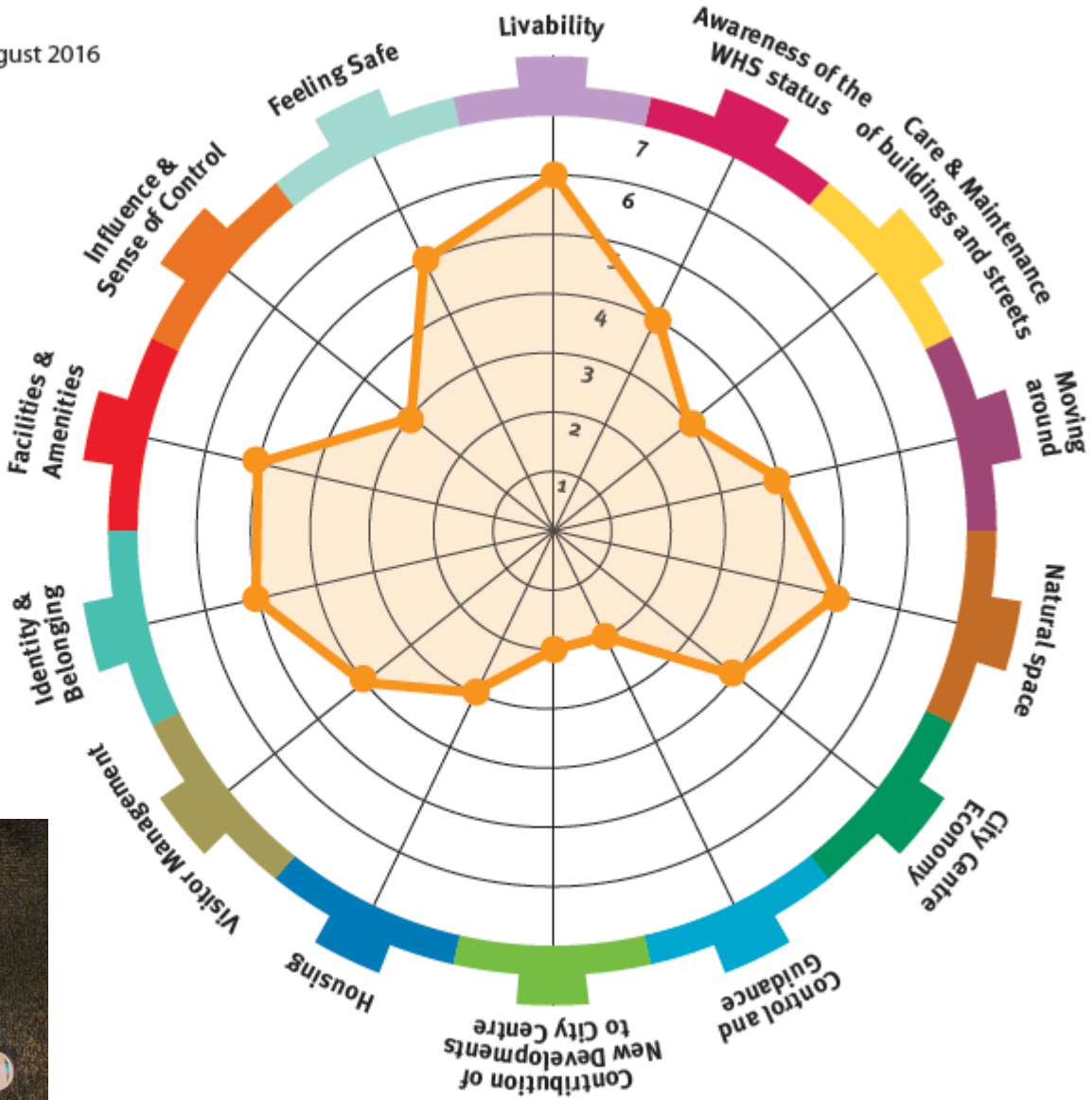
Follow this link to take part in the consultation:

https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/.../edinburgh-oldand...

See the BBC coverage here:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/.../uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-3668...

Public consultation over Edinburgh's world heritage site - BBC News

A major public consultation is launched to canvass views on how Edinburgh's world heritage site should be protected.

BBC.CO.UK