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Submitted to Local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods: draft planning guidance  
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### Questions

1 How helpful is part 1 of the guidance in furthering the understanding of local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods in a Scottish context?

somewhat helpful

Please explain your response by adding what else could be helpful:

It is very helpful as someone who works within a policy context and takes cognisance of the policy alignment well. It would be too long and complex for many audiences, which may be worth considering.

It is very ambitious, which is good, but unfortunately there is much history of policy ambitions becoming stifled by continued budget cuts. Perhaps it would be wise to preemptively consider the current and future economic context, where there may be hurdles to implementation and how to move around them to stop ambitions falling flat.

Many of the planning and delivery ambitions will need strong links with the third sector if we are to work with people in a community-based way with organisations who are trusted and already have local relationships formed, especially with those 'hard to reach'. More understanding of this crucial aspect should be included in the guidance if ambitions are to be truly realised, especially around local democracy. I see no mention of the third sector in part one.

2 How helpful is the framework diagram in encouraging flexible, place-based approaches to support local living?

somewhat helpful

Please explain your response adding what else could be helpful:

Firstly, this diagram is not in part 2 of the guidance document other than a description. The links also do not take you to this diagram.

The diagram is illustrated nicely and is clear. It is much more meaningful with the key. Access to the key and to supporting guidance should always be made available at the same time as displaying this diagram.

3 Looking at part 2 of the draft guidance: how helpful are the 'categories' and 'key considerations for local living' that are captured within this part of the document?

somewhat helpful

Please explain your response adding what else could be helpful:

The categories and key considerations are useful.

Spaces seems to refer to outdoor spaces only, with indoor spaces regarded as resources - this is a touch confusing.

In resources, community development spaces (where those trained and skilled in the discipline are employed) are crucial for social cohesion and are more than just 'local groups'. Their role (usually third sector) should be included here to encourage parity of esteem and acknowledge their importance in part of realising the vision.

Civic and stewardship cover local participation well. Again, more could be thought through about what makes meaningful participation, what happens when there is no funding and how to make community dialogue ongoing.

It would be worth noting the importance of looking through different 'lenses' to promote better inclusion in design, and how these categories and key considerations will vary widely depending on the lens.

4 How helpful is the proposed 'structured approach' for use?

very helpful

Please explain your response adding what else could be helpful:

These seem well considered.

As we have already seen, the application of the place principle can sometimes still be done in silo. The importance of cross-sectoral working, boundary-spanner roles and multi-agency partnership working should be stressed in the implement and review section.

5 Does part 3 of the guidance clearly communicate the importance of both qualitative and quantitative data in establishing a baseline for a place?

very useful

Please explain your response adding what else could be helpful:

Yes it explains this well - nothing more to add.

6 How helpful is the 'collaborate, plan, design' section of part 3 in supporting collaborative practices?

somewhat helpful

Please explain your responses adding what else could be helpful:

As mentioned before, the importance of non-siloed and cross-sectoral working can be stressed by more emphasis on the boundary-spanner role, multi-agency partnership and parity of esteem for the third sector.

Again, it would be worth noting the importance of looking through different 'lenses' to promote better inclusion in design and how this lends itself to cross-sector working and collaboration.

7 How helpful is the 'implement and review' section of part 3 in assisting the delivery of collaborative approaches to support local living?

very helpful

Please explain your response adding what else could be helpful:

As mentioned before, the importance of non-siloed and cross-sectoral working can be stressed by more emphasis on the boundary-spanner role and multi-agency partnership. It is good to see the parity of esteem for the third sector and importance of community development work emphasised here.

Again, more could be thought through about what makes meaningful participation and pre-empt what happens when there are inevitable funding cuts.

8 Looking at part 4 of the draft guidance: do the case studies provide a useful and appropriate range of examples of good practice?

Yes

If yes, please tell us about it:

They do, but we are aware some of these have been stopped or changed due to funding cuts. What happens to the aspirations at this point? How is this future-proofed?

9 Looking at the impact assessment update report: do you have any views about the initial conclusions of the impact assessment update report that accompany and inform this guidance?

no

Please tell us here:

10 Additional information: please provide any further comments on the draft guidance document.

Please let us know here:

As the working from home culture takes further hold, the 20 minute neighbourhood is ever more important. Nevertheless, it needs acknowledged that for many, work and higher education will continue to be outwith the 20 minute neighbourhood and wider transport links are still incredibly important to meet health and wellbeing outcomes.

Again market forces and the economy may well get in the way of some plans (e.g. what we have seen with exponential growth of student housing and holiday homes in communities) and there should be provisions and accountability that these forces do not necessarily take precedence over bigger ambitions.

There has been much criticism of the 20 minute neighbourhood from those who feel it is being imposed on them and their communities by their local authority. It feels as though more meaningful participation in the early stages may require further effort still.

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