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Positives and negatives of the town centre and canal area

Groups discussed the town centre and canal, and what they saw as the current positives and negatives.

Q: Do you agree that these are the main ones?

Q: Do you have any more?

Positives



- Good footfall in the area through the shopping centre and people using the canal towpath for cycling and walking
- Good transport links to Glasgow
- Some local gems –
McMonagles,
Awestruck Art

Negatives



Credit: Gillian Sweeney

- There isn't the diversity of shops that there could be. Even with a full shopping mall a lot of the shops feel the same.
- Canal isn't used nearly as much as it should – hardly ever see anything happening on the water.
- There isn't anything to get people passing through to stop.
- Transport access can be difficult – getting up to Clydebank Station, and too few bus stands for busier times.

Future Scenarios

Four groups worked on future scenarios for Clydebank, each thinking about how the town might change if there was an emphasis on a particular aspect of the town. The scenario exercise is used to think about the direction of change in the town, and not necessarily about a 'real' future.

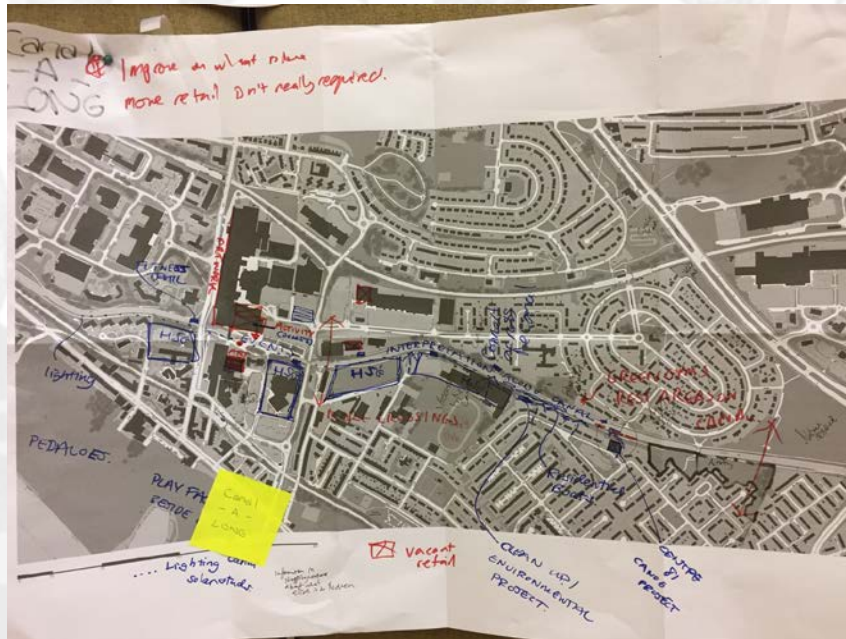
Q: Do you think the scenarios present an exciting future for Clydebank?

Q: What would you like to see more of from the scenarios?

Q: What would you like to see less of?

Canal and Community Use

“Canal Along”

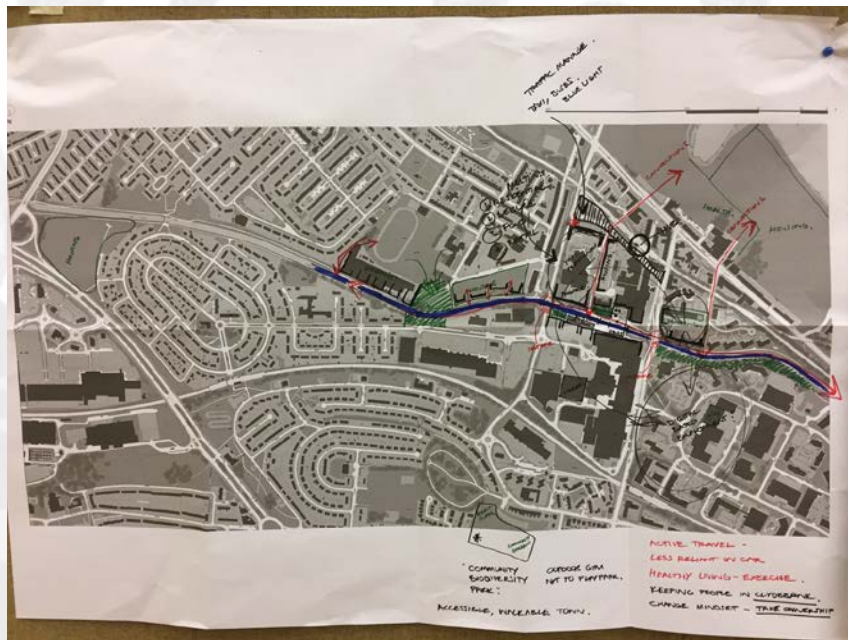


- A people and connections approach to change in the town centre
- Re-use existing buildings, divided into smaller units for workspaces and social enterprises
- Develop more housing in and around the town centre to grow the population
- Community events
- Boating on the canal

Access and activity

“Project CHAT”

(Clydebank Health Active Travel)



- A changed mind-set in the future – people use public transport or active travel to get around
- Less car parking is needed so can use this space to create new areas with small, people focussed streets with smaller scale retail encouraging people to spend time in the town centre.
- Canal has become a key link for active travel with more biodiversity
- Playdrome site is focussed on leisure, with particular focus on activities for teens and upwards
- Younger, skilled population in Clydebank town centre, so more cafes, restaurants etc for evenings.

Town Centre Living

“Roseberry Terrace”

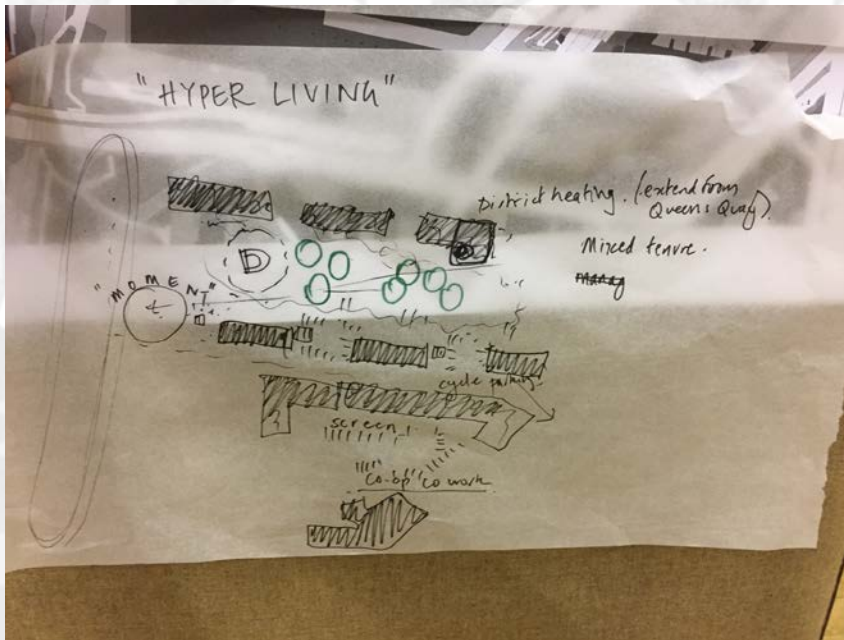


- Develop the key housing sites on the edge of the town centre with high quality housing, mixed types of homes and between private and social.
- Sites in the town centre should be residential led mixed use – South Sylvania Way refurbishment has retail above, as do upper floors of Coop building. Playdrome site is mixed use with a strong housing element.
- The retail park north of the canal over time could begin to have venues for performances and a cultural offer.
- Great connections between the town centre and Queen’s Quay

“HYPER Active”

- Playdrome site as an active park, with space for fairgrounds and outdoor events.
- Help the church to capitalise on its central location to provide a space for the community

“HYPER Living”



- New transport arrangements mean less space is needed for parking – use this space to build homes
- Tap into District Heating networks
- Develop space for small businesses in the town centre, Coop Cowork space

"HYPER Boating"



- A huge increase in boats using the canal
- A new canal basin which acts as a marina surrounded by cafes, restaurants and boating facilities
- A new green corridor leading to Clydebank Station

Principles

Working from the scenarios – these were the key principles taken from that exercise.

These principles will be tested, then used for thinking about future options for the canal and town centre.

Q: Do these principles set the right direction for change?

Q: Is there anything else you would add?

1. **An active canal** – fronts of buildings by the canal add to the activity, more water activity, more walking, cycling and towpath activity, more use of the canal for education.
2. **Make more of what exists in the town centre** – re-use empty buildings and spaces, share details of the community groups and organisations that have events and meetings in the town centre.
3. **Work to change the vehicle/pedestrian balance in the town centre** – create more space for people, make it easier to walk around the whole town centre and not just through the malls
4. **A more diverse town centre** – more than just retail, there needs to be community activity, arts, culture and an evening economy. This town centre attracts people to stop and spend time.
5. **Jobs, employment and training** – space for this in the town centre
6. **Biodiversity** – help the areas that already have good biodiversity to flourish, particularly along the canal, and introduce more biodiversity in areas that can accommodate it.
7. Create spaces and routes that promote local peoples' happiness, health and enjoyment of the town centre and canal area.
8. **Town centre living** – housing in the town centre that has a good mix of types and tenures that grows the population in the town centre. Include thinking about living on water.

Tell us what you think

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