

# ALEXANDRIA TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN / 2030 VISION

## REPORT OF JOINT ONLINE CONSULTATION MAY-JUNE 2021

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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This draft report is a brief summary of responses to an online public consultation on [www.alexandria.town](http://www.alexandria.town) which took place over a three week period between Friday 28 May and Sunday 20 June 2021. The

The joint consultation covered two related topics, as explained on the website [home page](#):

- [Draft content of the Alexandria town centre masterplan](#) being prepared by a consultant team commissioned by West Dunbartonshire Council.
- [Draft priorities for the Alexandria 2030 vision statement](#) being prepared by Alexandria Community Action Network in order to inform preparation of a draft community-led plan for the town as a whole.

This report summarises the comments on the town centre masterplan (chapter 3 and appendix A) and 2030 vision for the town as a whole (chapter 4 and appendix B).

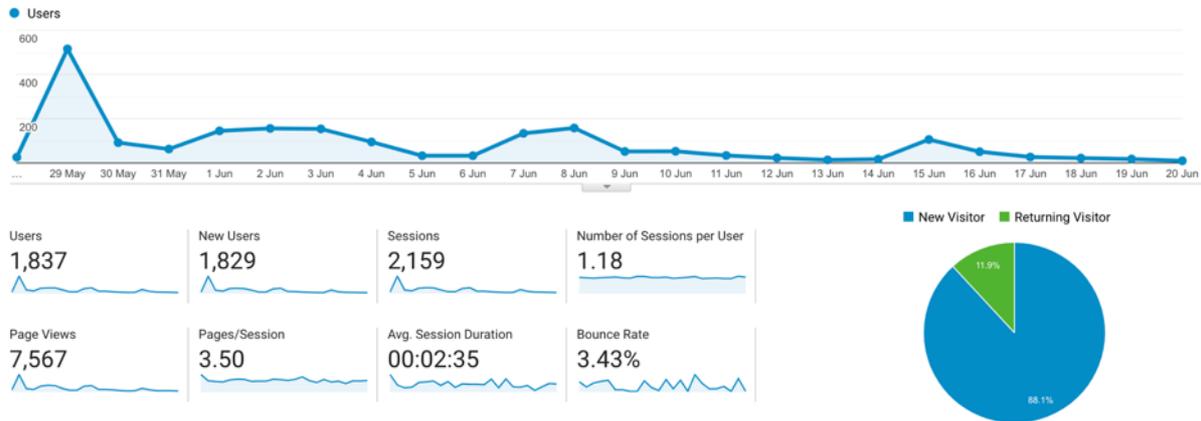
The consultation responses are of course a very important influence on how the masterplan, vision and individual projects will be taken forward, and we are grateful for all those who gave their time to participate. Please note that the masterplan and vision statement need also to reflect other relevant opportunities and constraints such as current local and national policy agendas, likely funding, technical issues, general deliverability and land ownership.

The consultation materials and summary information from this report can be seen online on the consultation website by clicking on the weblinks above.

The consultation and this report were prepared by the town centre masterplan consultant team led by WMUD.

## 2 WEBSITE HITS

The graphic below shows the level of interest in the website during the four week consultation period. 1,829 separate users visited the website over the period, with approximately 12% returning to the site for another visit.



### 3 TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN RESPONSES

The town centre masterplan section of the website contained 12 future projects for the town centre, briefly described in words and images as you can see [here](#). People were asked two questions for each project:

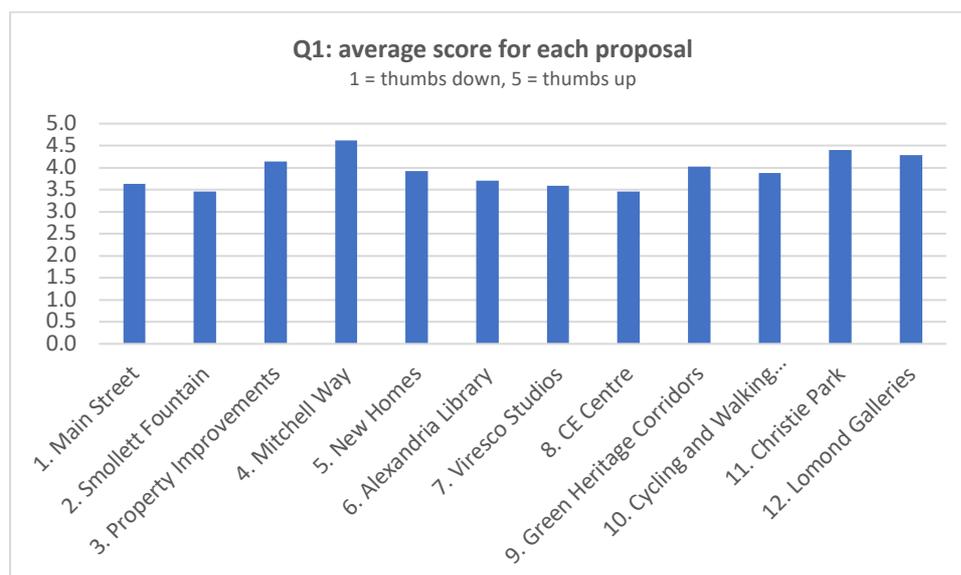
Q1: How important do you think this project is? (slider from 1-5, ‘thumbs down’ to ‘thumbs up’)

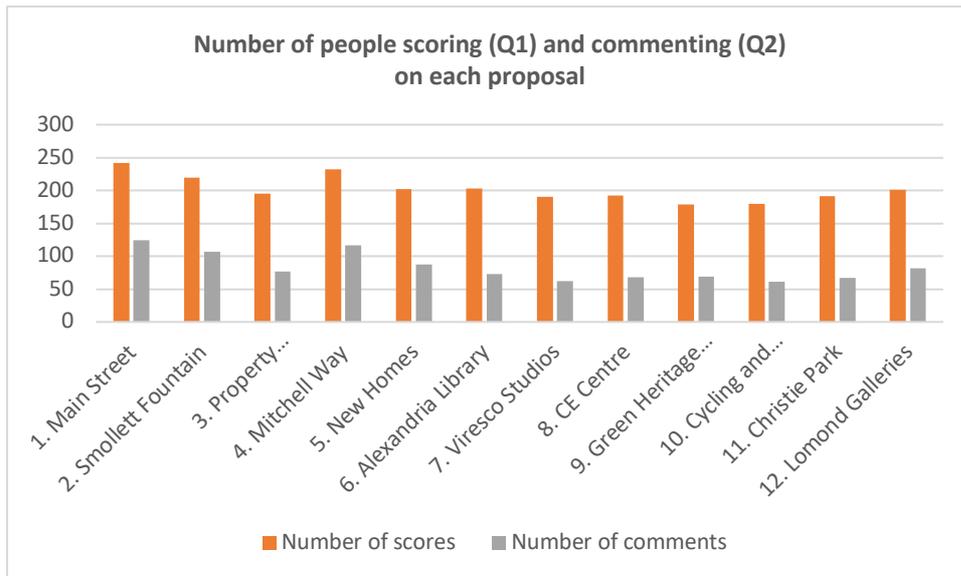
Q2: Any other comments to help us take this forward? (text box for comments)

An overview of responses to the 12 projects is contained in the table below. It is worth noting that all projects scored above average in terms of popular importance – between 3.5 and 4.6 out of 5.

Ref.	Project	Q1: Average slider score	Q1: Number of people giving slider score	Q2: Number of comments
1	Main Street	3.6 out of 5	242	124
2	Smollett Fountain	3.5 out of 5	219	107
3	Property Improvements	4.1 out of 5	195	77
4	Mitchell Way	4.6 out of 5	232	117
5	New Homes	3.9 out of 5	202	87
6	Alexandria Library	3.7 out of 5	203	73
7	Viresco Studios	3.6 out of 5	190	62
8	CE Centre	3.5 out of 5	192	68
9	Green Heritage Corridors	4.0 out of 5	179	69
10	Cycling and Walking Network	3.9 out of 5	180	61
11	Christie Park	4.4 out of 5	191	67
12	Lomond Galleries	4.3 out of 5	201	82

The same information is shown graphically in the graphs below and overleaf.





## COMMENTS

Generally, between 30% and 50% of people who answered question 1 (How important do you think this project is?) also chose to respond to question 2 (Any other comments to help us take this forward?).

All comments can be seen in Appendix A, project by project. There are no redactions other than from two people's comments to avoid them being personally identified.

The following table contains a brief summary of the main points made on each of the 12 projects. Please note that, although it aims to be impartial, it is inevitably subjective and is no substitute for reading the actual comments in Appendix A.

### 1. Main Street

- Mixed views for and against.
- Concerns that narrowing Main Street will result in traffic blockages from illegal parking, deliveries and buses, and cause increased traffic on Middleton Street.
- Concern expressed about creating another situation like the centre of Balloch.
- Parking enforcement will be essential to avoid the road being blocked.
- The road needs to be wide enough for buses to pass.
- Maintenance will be important.
- Pedestrian crossings and disabled access essential.
- More greenery and the better pavements are not enough on their own - need to attract wider range of businesses in order to attract more people.

### 2. Smollett Fountain

- Concerns about traffic flow, road width and long vehicles turning. Many comments referred to the impact of the current temporary works, such as inconsistent lane widths and queues.
- Comments on details included locations of planters and details of road layout.
- Good to restore heritage and get the Fountain working again.
- Some people support improvement of the Fountain but are concerned about the road changes.

### 3. Property improvements

- Many buildings are very rundown and need attention.
- Good to support business, high rents are an issue too.
- A more uniform look and restoring heritage would be good.
- Need to work with owners and businesses.

- Should public money be spent on this?

#### **4. Mitchell Way**

- Major eyesore and an urgent priority.
- Mixed views on the need for another supermarket.
- Need to see more detail of how the public space would look, how the redevelopment would attract more businesses, and how the supermarket would support the existing town centre.

#### **5. New homes**

- Widespread support for new homes, although some negative views also.
- Affordable homes are needed especially to keep young people in the area.
- Proposals need to include parking, roads, schools, shops, green spaces and play areas, including '20 minute neighbourhood' concept.
- Homes should be houses rather than flats, eco-friendly, high quality and good design.
- Mixed views on removing the roundabout around the station: some suggest it will improve access from Bonhill to the town centre, others are concerned about impact on traffic flow.

#### **6. Alexandria Library**

- General support for improving and making more of it, good for the community.
- Lots of ideas for how to use the new community spaces inside the building.
- Limited support for proposed changes to the road outside.

#### **7. CE Centre**

- Support for more markets, local music events etc.
- Concern about reduction in parking, especially because it is a busy car park with disabled spaces.
- CE Centre needs a makeover to.

#### **8. Viresco Studios**

- Good to have something creative like this, especially for young people.
- Needs to be accessible and open to the whole community.
- Need to conserve the historic fabric of the church, graves and so on.
- Need to coordinate with other initiatives like the CE Centre, library, and Lomond Galleries.
- Questions over use of public funding for a project on property currently in private ownership.

#### **9. Green Heritage Corridors**

- Mixed views, but widespread support for improvements like this.
- Some concerns about future maintenance.

#### **10. Cycling and walking network**

- Welcomed by many.
- Some concerns about impact on traffic and future maintenance.

#### **11. Christie Park**

- Much support, the park is seen as a great asset.
- Popular improvement ideas include toilets, café, kiosk, bandstand, potting green, improved toddlers area, better maintenance, path link to hospital, community activities, less antisocial behaviour.

#### **12. Lomond Galleries**

- A beautiful historic asset for the Vale but underused.
- Great scope to attract visitors and locals for events, arts and so on.
- Bring back the former car boot sale!
- Conversion to flats suggested by some people.
- Some suggest that the Council should step in, others say not

Please refer to Appendix A to read individual comments in full.

## 4 2030 VISION RESPONSES

The [2030 vision section of the website](#) asked people what they thought the community's priorities should be in the future, to help flesh out a draft community-led action plan for Alexandria 2030.

People were presented with five themes, each of which contained three potential priorities – so, 15 potential priorities in total, all of which can be seen in a table [here](#). People were asked this question: if you had to pick three priorities, which would they be? The numbers of people who picked each priority are shown below.

ECONOMIC VIBRANCY	<b>Create economic development plan</b>	<b>38</b>	Examples: Visitor destination   Vale Loves Local campaign   Living wage town   Community wealth building   Community enterprise startup hubs   Green recovery: horticulture, green energy, tourism and outdoors   Skills and training strategy   Tourism plan
	<b>Establish 'Linger Longer in the Vale' initiative</b>	<b>14</b>	Examples: Year-round events schedule   Evening activities   Barrier-free access   Signposting in English and Gaelic   Visitor information and hub   Incentives to visit and stay
	<b>Get people involved</b>	<b>5</b>	Examples: Town centre business association   Youth Council   Partnership working arrangements: Council and community
INFRASTRUCTURE	<b>Transform Mitchell Way</b>	<b>59</b>	Examples: Attractive buildings   Vibrant spaces   Green Heritage Corridor
	<b>Make Main Street the heart of the Vale</b>	<b>40</b>	Examples: Safe, comfortable, attractive streets & pavements   Cleaner, more attractive buildings & canopies   Better street lighting   Restore Smollett Fountain   Accessible public toilets & baby changing   Green Heritage Corridors   Improved signage to car parks & from A82   Effective parking controls
	<b>Encourage cycling and walking</b>	<b>8</b>	Examples: Safe, signed walking and cycling networks for all ages   Regular walking and cycling activities and events
GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE	<b>Develop community green energy</b>	<b>5</b>	Examples: Green energy projects to create new jobs   Play our role in tackling climate change   Feasibility study for community hydro and solar energy supplies
	<b>Become West Dunbartonshire's walking capital</b>	<b>7</b>	Examples: Network of safe, attractive, signed community walks   Annual walking and cycling festival for residents and visitors
	<b>Clean Alexandria</b>	<b>22</b>	Examples: Regular litter campaigns and Spring Cleans   Reuse and recycle campaign
HEALTH AND WELLBEING	<b>Create more social activities for all ages</b>	<b>23</b>	Examples: Busy year-round events programme   Community "what's on" information and events calendar, online and offline   Remove barriers to joining activities
	<b>Improve community spaces and buildings</b>	<b>10</b>	Example: Signposted network of community spaces and buildings
	<b>Increase community participation</b>	<b>8</b>	Examples: Leadership: new opportunities for young people to lead community action   Participation: more opportunities for all residents to be more active and involved
OUR HERITAGE	<b>Develop heritage hub in Library</b>	<b>7</b>	n/a
	<b>Create Green Heritage Corridors</b>	<b>6</b>	Examples: Community-led heritage activities and events   Connect Alexandria to the National Park by river and road   Heritage and arts trails
	<b>Protect and enhance historic buildings and structures</b>	<b>34</b>	Examples: e.g. Lomond Galleries, Christie Park, Bingo Hall, Main Street, Bank Street, Argyll Motor Works, Gilmour Street, etc   Establish Alexandria heritage society

## APPENDIX A

### COMMENTS ON TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN (ORGANISED BY PROJECT)

<b>1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
If narrowing the road WDC need to employ a traffic warden to ensure cars aren't parked the way they currently are. Also ensuring that there is sufficient space within the car parks and building containers/skips etc are not kept within car parks as this puts users off
While it would be lovely to see this and would make walking more enjoyable to shops, people will still park on the street or up on the kerb to access the shops. It will also make Middleton st more dangerous and busy with traffic bypassing the main st.
Would like to see more shop front improvements and not just hanging baskets. Some continuity of the facade would be much better
Great ideas especially the landscaping including planting of trees and flowers
This is beautiful but UNFORTUNATELY this is going to be a nightmare with traffic causing long delays. How are emergency vehicles meant to get passed?
Throwing a few plants and new paths isn't going to bring shops to the town. The money could be put to far better use.
Complete and utter waste of time and money all this will do is cause congestion in other areas and push cars and large vehicles into surrounding streets that can't cope with extra traffic. The proposed plans as has been seen in other areas will not help local businesses but have the opposite effect and drive customers elsewhere
I personally like the larger pavements, which will allow a higher footfall in Alexandria and encourage residents to walk around the town. I would consider adding bicycle mounting racks next to the new build closes on Main St, along with separate cycle lanes to improve accessibility whilst reducing our carbon footprint.
This is a main bus route and a "drive through " for many to get to other areas of the Vale. Anyone who has travelled through here at rush hour will see how congested it already gets, making the road narrower is ridiculous and will cause chaos. Seating areas should be made in Mitchell way which is already pedestrian, surely that makes more sense
Don't think it will work for traffic congestion,buses,heavy loads etc,Middleton street already being used as alternative..
Concerns over the amount of traffic that will either head down bank Street with tail backs heading towards the fountain as well as waiting to get onto the roundabout. Also cars heading up Middleton Street will be a nightmare and a waste of money.
Terrible
I think it's important to do something with main street. But do we need trees in middle of the pavement? The congestion on the road is a joke already with cars parked on both sides so making the road smaller is again a joke as it will not stop people parking on the main street! The vale needs business to open up in the area!
Narrowing the road will cause serious problems for other drivers when buses stop on Main Street for passengers, allowing no space to pass safely. This will push traffic on to the residential streets behind, which are not equipped for extra traffic!
Long overdue but given the council cut backs on looking after green spaces will this be kept up or are they just paying lip service. They can't keep the current green spaces neat and tidy.
Complete waste of money regenerating an area that is behind houses and nobody sees.
I think traffic flow is the priority rather than reducing road capacity, the shops are not that busy that we need wider footpaths and not likely to change... and no one wants to sit on seating beside a road!
I would love to see these improvements might make people think about opening up new shops and more people visiting them
Bring in better shops and either make it a pedestrian area only or not, a mix only causes accidents and confusion as in Balloch...total waste of money there

**1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?**

Looks good and may help improve footfall in the Main Street businesses and get rid of the appalling parking situation

Planting trees in the main St is a joke the council don't brush the pavement that often and when the leaves fall and they get wet they will become a health and safety issue

The problem with widening the paths means narrowing the roads. Now when a bus stops the road will get congested very quickly as you simply cannot pass. Love more trees and greenery and getting the fountain working again. Balloch has become a nightmare as they widened the paths. Tourists have the whole of Balloch to walk round. Cars only have the roads. If the roads are constantly congested its a fumey street and not pleasant to be caught up in. Please keep the roads as wide as they are but am pleased with other proposals.

These proposals look great. Would really improve the look of the town centre.

You have got it all wrong. Lower rent rates for shop units, allow more bars and restaurants in Mitchell way. Widening paths and narrowing roads are going to cause congestion. Not enough parking in the surrounding area to cope with no cars parked on mains street. You can make it all look nice but there is nothing in the vale to keep people here for the day. People will still be in and out once they get what they need. Bars and restaurants keep people here, make people stop on their way north or south. Rant rates lower so that independent businesses can thrive.

Do not narrow the MAIN ROAD. Narrowing of the MAIN road in Alexandria will only re route traffic through side streets. Middleton street is getting too busy and has a school and school traffic to contend with already. This is a massive issue at busy times of day as the street can't cope with the extra traffic of the school never mind people passing through Alexandria. Residents have noticed a steady increase of vehicles using Middleton street any time there are roadworks taking place, and while these changes were made. Removal of a filter lane is causing bigger tail backs and is a ridiculous move, most places are putting in filter lanes to help, you take them away! Emergency vehicles are struggling. Busses are struggling. You have put a random bumpy pavement into the road at a corner making it harder for cars to pull out at an already narrow part of the road at the fountain junction. Putting pedestrians at risk. Delivery vans and post vans are often at the junction for the shops and post office so any narrowing of the road will increase congestion. This is a main route from Balloch to Renton and beyond and hundreds of people pass through at different times of day... going to work. Schools and shops. You cannot expect local people to just not go through Alexandria and make it pedestrianised when it is used as a connector. The bypass is often unreliable with delays and accidents. Jamestown/Bonhill is often slow as full of traffic so this is a busy route because its a main one of 3 to leave the area or arrive. If you focus on Mitchell way and improve parking I am sure the footfall would improve but allow traffic to flow freely through rather than cause tail backs. I am not at all happy about any of the changes made so far. They are ridiculous. I live in middleton street and at times I am unable to turn my car or park in a difficult space because of a steady stream of traffic coming both ways....and the pot holes have got way worse because of it. My children are stressed about the increase in "noisy traffic" [personal details redacted]. There are people who see the tailbacks in Alexandria caused by the changes and come down middleton street to Miss the que. Re-Employ a traffic warden and you wont have people parking in the main street. There are literally no shops to bring people to the area anyway. What a waste of time and money and the locals are struggling with the changes on roads WE NEED TO USE EVERY DAY. The road is wide enough to allow busses to pull in safely and allow traffic to carry on flowing. A traffic warden would stop people parking. Make the road narrow and busses stopping will cause huge problems. It's a terrible thought and worrying someone thinks its a good idea.... clearly not from the area.

Pedestrianising the Main Street will drive away business. The car parks are shambolic so perhaps upgrade those and stop on street parking. Please do NOT replicate Balloch's road layout which is a disaster! The new road layout at the fountain is fine with the exception of how narrow the road is outside Tungs, where people still insist on parking outside. One car causes a bottleneck...and what's the point of the part of the road with yellow lines on the curve across from Tungs? Agree that changes need made but not just change for change sake, they need to be purposeful

Looks better but not practical. There will still be people parking and holding up traffic.

I do not see a pedestrian crossing, where is it? Narrow roads would hamper emergency vehicles and reduce the flow of traffic. Are you making the high street one way?

<b>1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
Allow bus access .Shop owners must maintain their shop fronts.Allow street parking after 5 to Allow fast food purchase
I like the idea of widening the paths, there is too many cars parked on each side of the road. It would be better if these could be some improvements carried out in Mitchell Way
Don't narrow the road it will cause chaos. More planting yes. What is really important is what is happening to empty shops? Also having a limit on charity shops carry out food shops, bookies, tanning salons. We need really shops to attract people to stop. encourage Independent shops . Places to eat inside where quality food is served. More seating landscaping encouraging people to sit and chat. Help keep the character of the Vale help to maintain the red sandstone Victorian buildings.
Leave it as it is and get the lights back to normal.
The idea of adding more greenery brings a bit of life to the Main Street. I love the ideas of making the pavements wider, creating more space to assist disabled pedestrians and a more eco-friendly environment by encouraging walking instead of mechanical transport.
Plant more trees. Make all trees planted Fruit trees to let people pick them and help support wildlife.
The Main Street road needs to be wide enough to accommodate a bus one side van the other, anything else will cause traffic delays.
It would certainly be an improvement but until you can teach folk to respect their environment it would be a waste of time.There are enough shop premises in the town but unfortunately no decent shops to go in them. Do we really want a town full of bookies and charity shops? It would be lovely to see some 'real' shops but I believe the rent and rates are too high for small businesses to keep going. You seem to have missed the eyesore that is Mitchell Way - surely this is a priority, the whole place needs to be demolished, it's a total danger walking along there what with falling masonry and scaffolding.
The proposed improvements look great-my main issue with this area is the poor condition of the pavements-far too narrow and full of bumps/holes, making it difficult to move around freely with a pram.
Mitchell way should be the priority as footfall on main st is high and the path/ lane is used by a minority. The lanes leading to Mitchell way are used more and in worse condition.
to make a real difference there would need to be a proportionate amount of seating. Its not so much the shopfront facades, its activating the space and the shops inside that will make people come back and visit time and time again. The back path access; would be nice to see this space used for something different. The flower beds and greenery will need maintained throughout the year and I expect season dependent that in winter it wont look visually as nice.
I think that it is extremely important to give the town a much needed facelift and make a more pleasant and desirable place for residents to visit and shop and to reinvest. However, one of the largest issues and reasons for people avoiding Alexandria is the loitering of drug and alcohol abusers - particularly on 'methadone day' . It would be a colossal travesty if all this project achieved was a nicer environment for the undesirables to loiter and make local, hard working, law abiding citizens uncomfortable and afraid to visit.
Well needed improvement to Alexandria
Narrowing Main Street is crazy.This street needs a traffic warden at a fraction of the cost of these half baked ideas.
Where will we park our cars as the vale is not easily accessible for most people, people drive to get to it... if we can park, people are more likely to go to Balloch or Dumbarton. Increasing pavement area is good as long as the extra space can be used for out door seating area for cafes ..etc ... make it a friendly place for people to meet up for coffee outside and socialise
Improve the pavement and roads
Disabled parking spaces should still be available on Main St. The road needs to be wide enough to accommodate buses stopping and vehicles being able to pass. Shops will still require deliveries from large vehicles which will require space. The car park will be limited if not able to park behind shop back exits.
The Main Street improvements are a start! The wider doorway and narrower road moving priority to the pedestrian is welcome. It would be nice to see these develop in time and with maybe grants and other budgets the actual landscape design developed to include better street materials, granite or Caithness setts and more trees. The future of high streets is in local shops, cafes and restaurants. Giving more space to people will create a thriving hub at an area already pretty central for pedestrian activity.

<b>1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
Absolute waste of money. It's a back alley. Doesn't need flowers & a tree. How about renovate the empty flats here for affordable housing??
Waste of time and money no thought given to what happens if the A82 is shut for road works during the night as has been seen in recent times the large vehicles need to use the main street to get through this makes it impossible and already a death trap with the change of lights at the fountain buses cannot access main street from bank street without having to cross right over to the post office side to make the turn. Back to the drawing board no common sense
I try not to even go into Alexandria so this would encourage me to go in when it looks attractive
Looks like money going into planting, trees etc, no real change except wider pavements, surely there's something better???
I live in Middleton Street, just behind Main Street, whilst the renovations of Main St look very good the traffic would then increase in Middleton St which is already a very busy Street which I do not want.
I think the wide pavements and narrow road are a good idea. However, in order for that to work there MUST be car parks added to the town centre.
It would make better economical value to plant in the existing parks and maintain the existing greenspaces rather than facilitate new planting areas which will require additional costing and maintenance
Why would you make road narrower and stupid crossings look at Balloch a nightmare council won't be happy until someone is killed fix buildings and decent shopping but this poll won't make a difference their minds are made up already
Need better shops than hairdressers and takeaways. Affordable clothing shops would be ideal for the younger generation to encourage them to the main street.
The new plans shown I don't think will work, they look very similar to the current set up of Balloch High Street which is a nightmare
This plan would enable a better shopping experience and nicer environment
Widened pavement and improvement to shop fronts would improve aesthetics. As a tenant, the canopy/guttering is a major issue that requires total replacement rather than patches.
The proposals look great, however, I am concerned that two issues seem to have been overlooked firstly removing all on street parking will make it very difficult for my brother and many other disabled drivers to visit Alexandria whilst there is disabled parking in the car parks it is too far away and my brother like many other disabled people will simply go elsewhere. Also if the road is narrowed how will you deal with the congestion caused by buses stopping?
It is vitally important that the Main Street changed.
I see no increase in off road parking so from this you intend to turn Main Street into a pedestrian only area
Given the use of current seating by day drinkers and daily methadone users this will just encourage more of the same while discouraging tourists and locals from using the area. As seen in Balloch recently, narrowing the roads creates a bottleneck and creates congestion.
Don't think seating is necessary and would certainly surely be cost effective to employ a traffic warden
If you can help people walk along the pavements without going on to the roads. Taxis and people will still park blocking the road
Making roads narrower will not stop people from parking illegally, all it will do is increase frustration and do NOT make the same mistake as Balloch if its a pedestrian area make it that, if its a road make it with different materials not same as pavements...making roads narrower will not stop the boy racers, only a police presence/traffic wardens will be able to control that. I am all for the area looking nicer but it also has to be practical and safe for all to use.
Agree with narrowing the road, especially since its double yellow lines anyway, but please leave wide enough for an LGV or HGV to pass a bus. Narrower yes, but not as narrow as a housing scheme road.
Just double yellow road now and ENFORCE it
It's more shops we need keep the rent and rates lower
Vale town Center is a dangerous area gutters falling off concrete falling of the walls trees growing on roofs just a complete mess the vale is a dump shops fronts total mess.

<b>1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
Fantastic! Such a depressing place at the moment, these plans would certainly give an aesthetic improvement, however investment to maintain must be considered and secured by WDC to ensure this effort is not wasted, and maintained for years to come.
All you are doing is moving heavy traffic to back streets. Try fixing the roads in the area
Store frontage needs a massive uplift, min standards set for store owners once complete.
I think it's a backwards step to narrow the road. It will be detrimental to the shops that need cars to stop and spend money in their shops. Wider footpaths will not encourage more pedestrians to Alexandria
All very well tidying the place up but widening the pavements is totally ridiculous as this means narrowing the road and with the best will in the world you will NEVER stop illegal parking, nor can you as shops must be allowed access to accept deliveries and Buses have to stop to pick up passengers. This kind of lunacy is already causing havoc in Balloch. The first priority for any potential new business in Main Street Units is ease of access for themselves and their customers. Delivery vehicles have to stop outside. Cars will stop regardless of yellow lines as they did even when there was a Traffic Warden on duty. Narrowing roads creates anger and frustration for those trying to drive through the town. For this idea to work there would have to be an alternative route or one way system and Middleton Street is not an option. There are some good ideas in these plans but so called Traffic Calming is not one of them. This part should be consigned to the waste paper basket.
From image road looks very narrow for buses. How would you propose stopping car owners switching to Middleton Street and making residential street less safe?
Have you not learnt the lesson from Balloch. Narrowing the roads is NOT the thing to do, especially when from view of pictures it is almost single lane - people will park on double yellow lines no matter what!
Stop narrowing the roads. There is no need.
As much I enjoy looking at images of what the future for Alexandria, I feel like it's not gonna last long. Kids these days are disrespectful and will destroy these plants that you're thinking about planting.
I would be concerned that with reduced traffic space and more crossings, traffic will transfer to Middleton Street. I think that the change is basically wider pavements but without decent shops no one is going to shop there, why not renovate properly Mitchell Way and not allow another cheap supermarket like LIDL.
Main Street with smaller roads will be a nightmare
It is important but your proposals are at best tokenism little thought or imagination to create a vibrant retail or visitor space. This is stock in trade pulled from a portfolio of similar schemes across Scotland
there's no need for this nonsense
More greenery is nice, however just look at what happened in Balloch with road narrowing, dangerous and reckless.
No plans to make people stay in the area except for the planting of flowers and trees.
New Main Street design missing something very important, there is no bus stops or are you using they same disgrace of a design that you used on Balloch Road. Cars have to stop behind the bus polluting the environment or take a chance overtaking the bus. Why don't the council just employ a traffic warden to enforce illegal parking. It would save thousands instead of wasting money on this project.
Alexandria needs input to encourage people into the Main Street , make them feel better about their town and hopefully encourage investment. These plans are excellent
The flowers and planters won't last a year before they are full of weeds and rubbish.
Learn from the mistakes in Balloch and ensure that there is NO parking on Main Street at all. Invest in plants as these will really help. It's a shame there aren't more stringent rules on shop fronts to try and give a more cohesive look and better feel to the street.
So infrequently used this is a waste of money.
I predict that the erection of dozens of flats in the vale town centre over recent years and plans for more in the future the vale town centre will rapidly descend into little more than a housing scheme. Seating for people to hang around outside shops and the removal of a local police station added to this will no doubt lead to an increase in antisocial behaviour in the town centre.
Any improvements greatly welcomed

<b>1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
Why narrow the street? Causing traffic chaos. The buildings need upgraded and shops opened before we need planters. Mitchell way should be number one priority
I really think you should consider pedestrianisation of Main St between The Fountain and what looks like an extension of Bridge St. We already have issues with people parking on Main St in the area of the shops. If you have plenty of nearby parking, then make that bit of Main St for loading only
Wider footpaths is a great idea especially for prams and wheelchairs, I just worry about traffic management with narrower roads especially when the Main Street is busy with buses. Better pedestrian access, i.e crossing at car parks is always a great idea but again will this hold up traffic and create queues meaning more fumes from exhausts etc?
Please do not mess up the main street by narrowing the road. This doesn't work in any area the pavements are fine as they are. Make Mitchell way the wider free following area for people to walk/congregate/ sit. No one I know what's the road ruined like Dumbarton. Worst thing to ever happen to Dumbarton and the reason why people started to avoid it.
Would really make appearance of main street a lot nicer, brighter, however no point in narrowing street unless someone can police the street parking. It's hazardous enough with it's current width. Be nice if shops got a grant to revamp their shop fronts, hanging baskets etc
I don't think there is enough foot fall in the town centre to warrant the wider pavements.
Avoid "crossing areas" on road without lights
Areas to sit outside during warmer days+ maybe a option for shops to bring their goods out on display during summer also.
The widening of pavements is welcome, as is the greening - trees, planters, hanging baskets. It would be good to see this covered in more detail, possibly by an additional piece of work such as Design Codes or Manual that would detail the expectation around quality and materials and consistency of this across other areas. I would like to see more greenery - more street trees can provide a natural canopy and sense of enclosure and together with more planters and benches can prevent ad hoc parking on pavements etc. This main street has the potential to really offer something special if priority is given over to the pedestrian.
Stopping parking in this area is important. There are plenty of car parking space surrounding the main st which is poorly utilised.
The Vale currently looks completely depressing and in its death throes it needs to be revived desperately
Trying to prevent cars parking, when will you realise this is a car world, people just don't want to walk. Lovely wide pavements with pretty flower boxes, looks great but narrow roads no parking illegal or will decrease trade. Good luck
Any progress on tempting more branded retailers to the main st? Can wider pavements encourage outdoor seating in food outlets? Eg cafes
You will absolutely without doubt encourage people to shop elsewhere with this plan as the traffic flow will be massively affected and no one will want to come near the Vale.
Would no parking on the main street actually be enforced? As Balloch is completely chaotic now it has been narrowed. No need for extra crossing, there are already two.
At the moment the illegal parking makes it hard to navigate along the main Street, was bad enough before but since lockdown it is impossible because selfish People can't walk from the carparks that sit half empty. It's impossible for ambulances to get along safely and buses can't get access to the bus stops
I think the addition of more greenery and planters is excellent, but the narrowing of the road will cause congestion problems, especially with the works at the fountain. The narrowing of the road in Balloch serves to illustrate what kind of congestion problems may arise from narrowing the road, and as a driver it makes me feel nervous and unsafe.

**1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?**

It is going to take more to improve Alexandria than widening pavement and put in a few boxes with trees in them. You need proper investment in the buildings and businesses. Have you done an impact study on what this means for traffic. Where are all the cars that park on main street going to park? What effect will that have on passing trade? Some of the buildings virtually have trees growing out of them ffs. Stop fiddling about at the edges wasting money. This area needs a huge amount of money thrown at it to make it pleasant. Not to mention wasting money on these stupid surveys and 'consultations'. This must be the third one I've filled in within five years. If you had the money and will you wouldn't have to keep 'consulting' like this, you would just get on with improving the lives of the people who live here.

What's the point in seating, fliers etc if there's no shops in the town to visit? It all needs maintained and the Council are cutting back now in what little they do in our green spaces. Where's the economic development plan to go with this so a considered opinion can be given

does not look as if you could get two vehicles along the main street never mind two busses passing each other.

This project looks similar to Dumbarton high st and i would give that a 2/10.

Re Introduce traffic wardens or you could get the police that are based in Mitchell way to patrol now and again,i'm sure this would help with parking on the main st. Also make it gross misconduct if a council vehicle parks within the bus stop because at the moment they don't really care.

making roads narrower is not in my opinion useful for business in the area.As we run a family business in Alexandria for 45 years its clear people need to be able to park IN the town when they want quick drop of or pick ups.They'll go elsewhere rather than find a parking space outside Main St

I think some of the suggestions are ridiculous and money could be much better spent elsewhere. The Vale town centre works as it is and with your proposals, there is no chance that a two vehicles (especially buses) would be able to pass one another comfortably. I have started using the shops more since lockdown, however there is no way I would have any intention of sitting on a bench next to a road in Alexandria and I can't think of anyone that I know who would ever do so.

The changes that have been made so far to the fountain area road is extremely poor and adding to congestion. I was given a fright when waiting at the traffic lights to head straight on and a bus came towards me from Bank Street. I was almost hit by the bus due to narrowness of the road since the changes were made. This was never an issue previously.

Questions need to be asked about planning of this in the roads department.

Flowers and trees albeit are lovely, but narrowing roads will discourage people to stop in the Village. We need good shopping experiences not just charity shops, chemists and hairdressers.

Make the shopfronts uniform as they were when built, restore the town to original style and add period lamp standards. Promote and enhance its 18th, 19th and early 20th century buildings.

Narrowing the road will take custom away from the Vale. Planting of trees cracks pavements please look at areas that have this all the pavements are cracked/ risen around them & not being fixed!

I don't think the narrow roads are a good idea. The road at Balloch now is far too narrow with very narrow parking spaces outside a few shops too. Also, that crossing looks similar to Balloch too, I live close to Balloch park and it's a nightmare to get across there as hardly anyone stops to let you cross as it's not a proper zebra crossing - so I don't think spending the money adding one of those to the vale is worth it either. I don't think spending money narrowing the road is a good idea. I think adding greenery is a good idea.

Can't decide from photos if Main Street is one way. If not, what street is being used to go north from Overton Street to the fountain? Where are the taxis going to park? Is there a bus stop? If so, are cars going to have the same wait they have in Dumbarton High Street every time a bus stops to let someone on or off? Not a good idea. Who is going to maintain the lovely flower beds? Hard enough for council to find money to do beds in Christie Park.

Get started as quickly as possible!

**1. Main Street: Any other comments to help us take this forward?**

The ideas being proposed are good. Only issue is removing the crossings could pose an issue for partially sighted or the blind. Elderly may find it difficult to cross. The narrow roads may cause congestion due to the new traffic light set up and buses stopping in the main street. More parking will be needed. Could outdated signage be updated to tie in with others on the main street. More ways to promote new business to the area to take away empty shops. Freshen peeling paintwork but keep the artistic ones and the ones painted a colour as this brings much needed colour.

Traffic lights are really needed on this busy road with the amount of kids crossing and traffic. Personally I never park here as enough car parking nearby so prefer wider footpath option.

An attractive and inviting main street is important and the ability for cafes to have outdoor seating would encourage people to stay and give a feeling of vibrancy

Won't make a difference without attracting new businesses, a reason to be there

Making roads more narrow will cause too much traffic. New traffic lights layout at fountain is already causing trouble. Cars are still parking and causing blockages. It will be like Balloch main road aka disaster!!  
No need for flowers at the back of shops, waste of money.

<b>2. Smollett Fountain: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
Not sure about the planters the ones at the shops are full of weeds
The proposed works at the fountain are positive, although more needs to be done to minimise disruption for all.
This junction has become dangerous now at the Tungs section with the narrowing of the road leading from bank st into main st towards Tungs. Large vehicles may struggle with the narrowing. Plus the bus stop stops the traffic from flowing if a bus has stopped. People will still stop here fo access the Chinese which has been seen. Traffic is heavier on Middleton st which has made it more dangerous for my own children cycling on the road to school.
In one image the shop fronts are painted white and in one brown. I would prefer a colour that will not age with weather and traffic fumes. Also the current width of the lane heading toward chriatie park is way too narrow. Also what will make the traffic use an alternate route to allow that number of pedestrians to us the area? Overall i like it
The stop line in the middle lane should be moved back to allow vehicles such as buses and fire engines to turn safely now that the inside lane coming from bank street has been narrowed.
The new changes are very dangerous and have been reported to the police
I think the proposal looks great, but as a business owner I would object to seating on the planters right outside my shop front as it narrow enough, the pavement isn't wide enough for this. As for the empty shop next to my building, it's so run down and such a mess I have took it upon myself to clean it up on a regular basis so getting this done would be fantastic
The road/traffic changes already at this area are an absolute nightmare, bring nothing positive to the area
How is this going to help business to come to the area.
The Smollett Fountain is a mark of history here in the Vale, and it's about time that it was refurbished to full working condition. In my opinion, we should take pride in our historical landmarks. We should consider adding some light features to the fountain which would look amazing at night. Maybe having a sort of "wishing well" where passers by and residents alike can toss a coin and make a wish would be a nice touch.
This will cause even more Congestion - think about emergency services or lorries trying to get through in the middle of summer - WDC need to think about this
I think work should commence on tidying up fountain,clearing gutters and most definitely have traffic management in place as gets very congested,plus now houses on bank street have to think about air quality for residents
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The new traffic system is an accident waiting to happen!!! I have been crossing when the green man is on and traffic from Mitchell way is coming despite the green man. This needs to be sorted before someone is killed
Another waste of time and money the current alteration are causing Gilmour street to be blocked by buses and other traffic when lights are red. The wide swing from bank street to the town centre is causing buses, bin lorries and all other large vehicles to swing across the full width of the street to make it round the bend and bank street to main street head for balloch the narrowing of the balloch bound lane is far to narrow especially if there is a large vehicle waiting to go straight through the town centre. Each of these issues is at some point going to cause an accident or a pedestrian to be run over another badly thought out change that is unnecessary. Requires reset to the original setup
I feel the fountain needs to be maintained and refurbished. With regards to the road you have made an already congested stretch of road 100 times worse. Great long queues of traffic in both directions at all times of day and night!
With the temporary work done, the road markings on Main Street on the Christie Park side of the fountain just don't seem right. The left hand lane appears too narrow, most cars are now cutting across the road markings that are approaching from Bank Street. This is not to mention HGVs and buses. If the road is to be narrowed further to accommodate a wider foot path this will have to be addressed.
The fountain area would certainly benefit from a revamp, but narrowing the road on a corner where large buses and vehicles need to pass through is nothing short of stupid and dangerous.
New facades would make the place look clean again. The place looks so filthy and run down, anything would be good at this point!

**2. Smollett Fountain: Any other comments to help us take this forward?**

You refer constantly to widening footpaths. Do not forget that traffic needs to use these routes. If the A82 is blocked which has happened on several occasions this is the only route through to rejoin the A82 at Stonymullan roundabout. If roads are made to narrow this will restrict the flow through and make the area dangerous to both traffic and pedestrians. If you are having a pedestrian crossing, follow what is laid down in roads and highways markings. Not like the abomination in Balloch where pedestrians think the raised road at Moss of Balloch is a crossing, Which it is not and never has been.

No need for wider footpaths the shops are not that busy, traffic flow is essential and this will only divert traffic to smaller back streets and past Christie park school which is a risk

It would help improve our town centre

The changes to traffic management have proven to be dangerous and counter productive. Large tail backs, dangerous changes which has put pedestrians at risk due to strange new configuration without any warning to drivers. Widening two lanes, when not required, reducing the one with bus stop, bottlenecking at bus stop. If the plan is to divert people away from Alexandria- Aim achieved. I am sure the local business will be happy that the foundation upgrade means loss of trade, only WDC could makes it worse for local traders after COVID. Absolutely astonished at how awful these changes are. Shame on the design team.

Flower beds where the money coming from the council cut the amount of flower bed in parks

Restore the original traffic flow to avoid grid lock.  
New layout is dangerous

It's important to restore the Fountain it's an iconic landmark. Consultations need to take place speak into the wide range of local people including children elderly the wider the demographic how they use the space ?

I have driven through this area at the fountain. The road markings are too narrow. Money already wasted on improving filter lane going down Bank street. For traffic coming up Bank street especially buses it is too narrow. No need for wider pavements not that many people using pavement. Now with change, bigger queues. When it is difficult for vehicles to move, then eventually no one comes. Helensburgh improvements dropped shop takings by 20%. Is this the same people that destroyed Balloch road. Can't find anyone that disagrees. If it ain't broken don't fix it.

At the moment, the current temporary layout of the car filter lanes are appalling. The council have made a shambles of it. Coming from Balloch, the lights at the fountain do not have a filter arrow, creating large amounts of backed up traffic. The lanes are not spaced well, with one lane wider than the other! The wider lane also creates a problem for buses as the oncoming traffic lane is too small. However, from the digital recreation, the plans look amazing. Bring back the filter arrow, make the lanes equal size and introduce the cobbled road (as seen in CGI). This would be amazing!

Plant more trees. Make all trees planted fruit trees to let the people pick them and to support wildlife. Make sure the fountain is fully operational not just refurbished externally as such

I'm not convinced it will look any better when it's finished - cars and buses will just whizz by as usual and no-one will really care what the fountain looks like. It would be much better to re-site it in Christie Park.

Wider pavements will be good, as will the traffic slowing idea.

The wider pavements are unnecessary as footfall here is minimum given there isn't much on bank st. The road changes already done are causing chaos and road is worse for it. The bus stop on main st now causes issues for people coming from bank st and delays getting through the lights as no room to overtake

Spending money on road layouts and resurfacing is something West Dunbartonshire seem to do a lot of, especially in Clydebank. The local community voiced their disapproval of the unnecessary spend back a few years ago when it could have went into social regeneration and community empowerment, amongst other things. The inconvenience it causes also makes it not worth it.

The new road layout today is shockingly unfunctional and not sustainable (as seen in the top image). Coming through those lights at the Fountain is treacherous, and the lanes need to be redone to allow buses to turn right as they approach from Bank St. There are still idiots parking there too to use the Chinese or other shops, thus causing traffic issues, anger and frustration. This needs to be rectified as part of the next phase. The plans as shown look much improved - assuming the lane issues and road markings are rectified.

<b>2. Smollett Fountain: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
I hate to say it this is a very busy junction and traffic flow is more important to the community. Can HGV and PCV turn left from bank street onto Main Street? Turning right from Main Street onto bank street must allow for unrestricted flow of cars heading straight on towards the hospital.
The taking away the filter light from Main Street to Bank Street and the widening of the 2 existing lanes has resulted in the creation of a narrow northbound lane. This is an accident waiting to happen and looks as if it has been thought up by a person with limited intelligence.
Improving shop facade absolutely important ... it makes such a difference when all shops use the same style... this project is a must as the place looks really run down and stuck in the 70s decor.
Having used the new layout as a pedestrian and driver I feel it is very limited and will cause major congestion all the way along Main St. in both directions and Bank St. The way the traffic was managed with a filter lane was ideal and managed well and should be reinstated.
I think the pedestrianised areas could extend further along the streets they touch as opposed to being just in the middle wider junction. It would be ideal if the main bulk of the traffic could be redirected so that this space could become a real civic space that celebrates the fountain.
Narrowing high street roads ruin them. So much business will be lost due to folk not being able to park for several minutes, like work vans stopping to collect a quick bit. This was the down fall of Dumbarton high street. Concentrate on tidying up the paths we've got the now and fixing the roads. Empty buildings particularly shop fronts are a blight on the area and need the face of them paired or the old rotten signage removed. The lights at the fountain have already been wrongly marked as the lane coming of the lights towards Balloch is for to narrow, accident waiting to happen.
Waste of Time and money death trap road narrowed to much. this is going to cause accidents and possibly pedestrian injuries with vehicles having to try and squeeze through lanes that are to narrow
Turning this area into the same idea that has been done in Balloch is a nightmare, pedestrians think it is an area to freely cross, surely seeing how bad Balloch is now you wouldn't duplicate the same mistakes
Open up Bank street all the way down to Bonhill Bridge and rearrange the current system of going all around the vale the only people who benefit from this are taxis due to increased fare costs.
Personally I don't think Alexandria needs any new cobblestone on the roads.
Widening the pavement, and therefore making the road smaller is not a good idea at this junction. It is already tight as it is, and making the pavement wider outside of what is currently partners/the post office will lead to road accidents
The road is extremely busy so Ban parking at all times and attract better shops
Changes to Main Street needed first but would be safer for pedestrians here
A lovely project.
The current changes with NO FILTER means traffic is already backing up to the pedestrian crossing. It's the loss of traffic to man street due to its apparent pedestrianisation means that there will be constant traffic jams
Fountain 100% yes. Road layout is dangerous and way too narrow and dangerous for vehicles heading towards the hospital especially those turning right from fountain.
Just utter chaos as the trial is now , you also want to replicate the mess that's currently ongoing in Clydebank.
Definitely do not think traffic lights or road markings are safe as the turning point from bank st to main st is too tight
All very well adding plants etc but you have to look at the volume of traffic, policing the traffic and have the money to maintain the area
Not enough room for buses or big lorries to exit Bank St into Main St . Colour change fountain / heron is a tacky idea
Ridiculous change. 20 seconds is all you get to get through the lights - the idea of putting planters on the road ridiculous. More people drive than walk therefore we need to make it accessible for cars.
Not convinced on road layout. Not enough room passed the Chinese carry out shop going north. Double yellows should be all the way down to the bus stop and ENFORCED.

<b>2. Smollett Fountain: Any other comments to help us take this forward?</b>
Turning right onto main street, please add a right turn arrow as some cars don't realise they have priority now where the filter has gone. The lane outside Wm Hill and the Hairdressers is too narrow for large vehicles coming from vank Street. It either needs widened with the centreline restored to its original position, of the stop line for the crossing needs staged back in the centre lane
Do you have to paint the buildings brown? The vale is dark and dreary enough as it is, topped with the dull Scottish weather. A light colour would help make it more welcoming looking.
now when someone parks outside Tungs (because they will) the whole road will back up threw junction as it did last week.
Fountain working huge improvement
Once again this idea of traffic calming must have been drawn up by someone who does not drive as a necessity if they indeed have a licence! HGV's and PSV's turning right from bank street will struggle trying to make that turn and what of emergency service vehicles trying to get through from Balloch towards Dumbarton. That section of road is regularly gridlocked by school traffic. Interestingly, on the occasions when the traffic lights have failed at Bank St and Bonhill Bridge the traffic moves freely and easily.
New road layout already causing confusion with cars stopping at second set of red lights on both Main St/Bank St.
think it is important to make Fountain more prominent and focal point. Concerns re narrowness of road
And now that junction is an accident waiting to happen. I hope the council have very good liability insurance when peoples cars get hit at the lights!!
Road too small now for larger vehicles that use it this way eg buses, lorries
Narrowing the roads helps no one. Nothing to shop in the vale for so why the need for wider footpaths.
Its basically a roundabout ..... I would move the fountain to the Christie Park where it could be better appreciated.
What a pile of rubbish? Put the slip lane back down bank Street, don't widen the pavements, get rid of the planters, improve the shop fronts and leave the rest well alone!!!! How the hell can buses stop on a narrow two lane road and how do the shops from the estate agents to the fountain offload? They don't have back access, who's going to maintain the plants, as with balloch, the locals hate the narrow roads and the planters are full of weeds, get Mitchell way sorted and leave the vale how it is, rant over
Get the fountain working again with water for cake show piece
Narrowing the roads for more pedestrian access ha unnecessary and will end up causing more issues and expense in the future. Similar work in Balloch causes confusion for both pedestrians and drivers and will likely result in an accident when the town is busy with visitors. The plans look lovely but are impractical.
stop spending money on this sort of stuff
Are you going to pay for my car suspension? Build a new road, stop altering current ones to deal with LESS traffic it's already atrocious as is.
Learn from the mistakes made in regenerating Balloch. Going to be more issues when buses are using the bus stops!
Improved facades for empty shops or charity shops, why would I want to stay here?
Absolutely no need to change the current road layout. Stop wasting council money on this needless project
A complete waste of money changing the layout around the fountain. It achieved and improved nothing. Was there a point to it?
New layout for the road & traffic lights is terrible. Lorries & buses are struggling to turn out of Bank street on to Main Street as the road is now to narrow
Instead of just doing up shop fronts get the council to re-categorise some of the empty shop units so these can be turned into residential properties. The current economic outlook is not going to revitalise these units so housing would be a much better option

**2. Smollett Fountain: Any other comments to help us take this forward?**

As it stands the trial phasing on the traffic signals appears to be increasing the incidence of standing traffic during peak periods which in turn will be causing a greater environmental impact from vehicle emissions and also pushes additional traffic onto subsidiary streets. Reinstatement of the filter traffic light phase to Bank St would assist in easing this impact, allowing for an improved traffic flow. The amendments to the carriageway layout is an improvement and can still work well with a return to the original traffic light phasing

I do not [word missing] a traffic free Main Street, it will impact on local businesses and send more to St James Retail Park.

This is a total waste of money already! The green man signal has no sound & lasts for 5 seconds I timed it! This is the busiest junction in the vale and it worked fine before the temporary changes that I fail to see how this was improvements. The new crossings are unfinished & a risk assessment hasn't been done as there are trip hazards everywhere along the edges of the pedestrian crossings and corners are exposed!!! Driving up bank street passed the fountain and that right turn along main street is absolutely ridiculous that turn on the road needed widening not more narrow - the oncoming lane needs to recede a little to let large vehicle through at least.

Need to attract more shops, give incentives for small, local businesses to sell their wares, local entrepreneur's and new start businesses get support from their local council

Is a slower speed environment necessary when there is a traffic light system here?

I don't [word missing?] changing the road layout is a priority. The fountain could be cleaned up and maintained - sand blast to clean, plants and stuff to brighten up. Changing the road layout as a pre-requisite/trial as you have done I don't think has been good. When turning towards balloch, I've no idea how an HGV will get round there without clipping the nose of a car waiting to go through main street.

Totally unremarkable design, where is the ambition and design in keeping with a country village?

Improve facade and increase opportunities for small local business to open in units

This is a critical junction within Alexandria and I feel that you've made it very confusing. Placing the pedestrian ahead of the traffic in terms of priority is a great way to begin, but I feel that this requires more than just a raised table. The table itself while unlined will cause genuine confusion as commuters and tourists try to navigate their way through Alexandria, this will lead to frustration and potential dangers to the public trying to use the table to cross.

Additionally tables themselves (especially one of this size) lead the public to believe that there may not be traffic allowed within it - and at quieter road times may make people drop their guard, as they are still essentially on a carriage way.

I think there is a smarter way to address the issue with increased pavement widths, new high quality, hard wearing materials to keep the traffic flowing, public safe and make an engaging area.

In Main St the middle lane needs the white line to stop earlier than at the left hand lane (going south ),so as to prevent buses coming up Bank St inadvertently clipping the wing mirrors of cars waiting at the traffic lights in Main St.

Traffic warden to stop people parking outside Tungs as the new layout can't accept this.

As per my previous comment all this will do is encourage people to go elsewhere and avoid the Vale at all costs.

Again nothing really wrong with it. Just a face-lift required

At the moment there the timings for the lights is not correct resulting in not enough cars getting through the lights, which is causing traffic jams which could lead to people getting frustrated. Also there's no filter for traffic to turn left/right which also restricts the number of cars proceeding through the lights. The workmanship is deplorable, the fountain area was left in a complete mess after work was finished. There are also trip hazards at the new lights, did notice someone has put a cone at one of the worse area.

From what I have seen of the works so far, and having driven past on numerous occasions, I think this is an accident waiting to happen.

The fountain needs tidied up but I don't see the point of the road improvements

Good on you for tidying up the fountain. What was wrong with the road layout as it was ?.The way the double yellow lines have been painted makes our town a laughing stock.

**2. Smollett Fountain: Any other comments to help us take this forward?**

traffic has been very congested while the temporary measures are in place, not a good idea to make this permanent. The Bypass almost killed the Vale, this might finish the job

I was sitting at the traffic lights and was almost hit by a bus due to the narrowness of the lane coming from Bank Street, heading towards Christie park. The road layout seriously needs questioning. It is dangerous since the recent changes and the odd layout of the lines when making a left turn. The road worked well as it was before with the filter lane towards Bank Street, Although it may look very pretty to have new planters everywhere. Previously the council have tried to withdraw funding for flowers and maintenance in the local parks which I believe these are more suited to. WDC also struggle to maintain local parks and grass verges in the local area. It would be a better idea to spend the time and money in trying to maintain and improve existing areas of greenery.

Remove the unsightly modern concrete fittings, they are not in character for a 19th century fountain across from them, replace with traditional benches and lamp standards.

Waste of money very few people walk this way most walk Mitchell Way

The new changes seem ok, I don't think they were super important though and would have thought cycle lanes would have been considered?

Improved facades are essential. Even more important at Fountain Area is to get the shop spaces rented out. The closed florist and car accessories shop looks awful. Have you considered dropping the rent? I jest not!

Get started as quickly as possible!

Increasing the size of pavements is a huge mistake and will cause so much disruption to traffic

A nice to have on the monoblock, junction seems to operate fairly well as it is.

Guided road crossing places would be helpful. The fountain better looked after and as a focal point for the area and waymarker for walks and trails is good idea.

It works as it is, put the filter lane back to bank st

Turn from bank st to main st heading towards balloch, road is too narrow especially as people still insist on parking on road outside the Chinese takeaway. Is filter lane still necessary coming the other way as it's all managed by the lights now?

Just leave it alone

<b>3. Property improvements: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
I think this should lie with building owners. This should be the last job for the council to be worrying about
I would love to see the buildings on better state of repair and in use by local companies. I would love to be able to open a business here but it looks disgusting and higgly piggly
Id love to see the newer part of the town centre to be focused on. Its so very run down looking
Some of these buildings bred demolished
This is where money should be spent, helping business owners.
Local businesses desperately need support to redevelop their shop units to look appealing to customers, especially after the Coronavirus pandemic. Alexandria has a lot of competition against other main population centres in and around the Glasgow area, and to make Alexandria cleaner and nicer would improve people's opinions of the area and make them more likely to shop and eat here.
Make sure that all shops have no steps in front of them for disabled access !! Hardly any shops have no ramps for wheelchair access. Discriminating the disabled
Most properties have some character, this should be encouraged to reflect culture and age if the vale, signage could be improved, no billboards on pavements
Love how you use a shop front which already is at a high standard! This should be used as a bench mark for the rest of buildings that are nit up to scratch!
It's a good idea to make the buildings more attractive, but in my opinion they should be kept as original as possible as too much of the old Vale has already disappeared.
It's important to make the town look appealing to new businesses and customers, but more important to make rent/rates affordable to ensure new businesses can afford to lease a unit.
All the building are in a mess. Trees growing out of the building where IDL car spares was at one time. Such a waste of resources and decaying every day, costing more and more in repairs. New render on all the shops in the street would make a huge difference to the look of the place too. Wouldnt it be nice to have a mini Callander style town centre. somewhere to be proud of at last!
The one shown is looked after but there are several properties many Council owned which are not.
I think a more uniform approach to shop fronting having specific guidance on what is allowed would improve the look of the place
Anything that can improve the area and help businesses can be good
Some stores are badly in need of repair or compulsory purchase
Any improvement to shopfronts and especially the flats above will be an improvement on the run down condition some of them are in.
Owners need help to maintain the iconic red sandstone Victorian buildings. Need to look at using their upper floors in the Victorian buildings restored into flats so using social housing. What is badly needed. No more pulling down old buildings we need to hold onto our historic buildings. Not replacing them some ugly badly designed modern buildings which last 20 to 30 years if you,Ãre lucky. Newbuildings have to fit in with the local vernacular.
Lower the rent
Keep the old signage style. This gives the town back its heritage.
The whole main street looks old, tired and run down. It would be far better to be brave and knock the whole lot down and start again with fresh new buildings that are energy saving and attractive. Why not be the first town in Scotland to take this approach? Give us something to be proud of.
The majority of the shops look really shabby-it would be great if they could be upgraded.
Much needed in some areas.
Absolutely! I am relieved to see that the ghastly pink shop at the fountain has been repainted and is now visually more palatable. There needs to be a binding set of guidelines and rules on how buildings are painted and maintained such that the appearance of the town becomes and remains consistent and is maintained.
Keep WDC out of any improvement to properties. The existing properties supposedly looked after by them are a disgrace

<b>3. Property improvements: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
If only the vale had restaurants and pubs that local people would be proud to go to and spend money!( current pubs have no windows and not family friendly)
Important if it is to the business owners requirements and not forced upon them.
Flexible working spaces will be vital going forward. People will be working from home as a matter of course now and going forward so why not create comfortable, flexible coworking spaces that people can use to get away from home working a little, or if someone is on holiday locally in Loch Lomond, having somewhere to work would be ideal. Good coffee shops! The town already has character, removing Mitchell way is a real prospect if the Main Street is improved for pedestrians.
Some empty buildings and shops are an eyesore
Yes priority should be given to sorting crumbling buildings
A very good project but not top priority
If the owners of the property do not maintain heir building you have the right to make them and not use public money
Having the buildings brighter and more appealing to business interests is a great idea as long as the rates don't go sky high within 2yrs and drive business away. (Jaconellis being a prime example)
The shop fronts are disgraceful
Lick of paint etc wouldn't go amiss
Get on with it
Some shop fronts are fab and have clearly had investment before, but nobody is clearing weeds and bushes growing in gutters. Its no wonder canopies are getting waterlogged and the lights are shorting out.
If all shops has this type of signage and style it would help make the place look less tacky. The take away shops ie Mr Noodle shouldn't be allowed to have flashing signs. It doesn't keep with a nice town centre look.
Try dropping your rents
All shop frontage needs set to min standard and needs to be maintained
Improving the look of the town centre shops is vital and in every ones interest. In truth some of these properties should have been demolished years ago. I believe I am well qualified to say as much in any debate as I was a tenant in the unit marked you shop here in your picture for some 13 years. There was no floor nor even Joists on the ground floor when I moved in and it was possible to put your foot through the ceiling from the upper level. That entire block was over run with Rats despite my best efforts to cull them. A fire in the adjacent unit then caused me to lose insurance cover for fire for the last six years as there was no firewall between the units. I believe these shops were not demolished as the Council discovered they did not own some of them which meant they would have to pay large sums to purchase those.
If these are privately owned properties why are my taxes being used to pay for it?
The shops need some uniformity and proper branding that ties them all together ... encouraging independent bakers cheese shops and candel stick makers and less charity shops bookies and takeaways.
Hard to achieve as owners will not want to pay for this
If these are landlord issues the make then landlord pay for the improvements it should not be taxpayers. The problem is the whole synergy of the street a 1980s scheme does not work with the sandstone buildings
The town needs the correct kind of business to become sustainable and thriving - NOT more take away food premises, nail bars, betting shops and sinned salons. For the town to change and improve there needs to be higher expectations and investments in business opportunities.
As long as the shop owners are not burdened with the cost of renovation. It's disgusting if you force the shop owner to pay
If you own a building you should keep it be keeping it safe and habitable, why should public money be making private landlords more money. make this compulsory for them to do or take it from them.
Great idea . Some shops have made a real effort and it encourages people to go into the shops
Whole of the centre needs an upgrade

<b>3. Property improvements: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Fantastic. Just echos my other comments. There is no point in spending money on lovely landscaping if the surrounding buildings look terrible and aren't maintained. This is nearly the most important aspect of the entire project as these buildings and shopfronts are the things you see first and they set the tone
The look of the shop fronts is depressing and snacks of an impoverished area
Yes! This is where the funding should go to improve already existing businesses buildings ect.
Having support and help from the local council, as well as commitment from the businesses to stay and grow in the area can only be beneficial
Great idea, hopefully help the town centre look more attractive and much less depressing.
Properties are tired
Focus on dilapidated areas such as Mitchell Way. These areas do not feel safe after drak
The 'modern' shops on main street and Mitchell way should be torn down.
The above is a picture of my business more than 2 years ago and is not an accurate representation. Is using this a comment on our shop front is good or needing improvement?
Make people more aware of the history of the main st. Eg photographs,information etc displayed around the main st (what the town used to look like,old shops photos)
The council own most of the buildings and have allowed them to go into this ruined state over a number of years. The shame that is WDC
Susies wool shop looks great so I don't know why you're using it as an example. You can't really face-lift empty shops... And you won't fill them while smaller businesses are being given ridiculous rates.
I think attractive shop fronts and use of upper floors are an excellent idea. Alexandria is situated in a beautiful area with many tourists passing through on their way up the loch side, which the council should capitalise on. However, there are numerous entrenched socio economic problems in the Vale and surrounding areas, which really need to be addressed as well, otherwise the same old problems remain. At the moment Alexandria is a ghetto and I avoid the main street as much as possible, but if it were repainted with new businesses and shops then I would consider shopping and eating there.
The town centre is an eyesore
You can make the buildings and general area all looking nice but if the rents are not affordable you won't get any tenants.
Maintenance of property is vital to the towns image ,where the owners aren't maintaining their shops/offices the council should enforce improvement.Sadly because of the pandemic many will be unable to afford this at the moment ,so it may be necessary for the council to offer grants or loans to get work done
Attracting more business to the area is paramount
A facelift is required for quite a number of the shops in the town centre.
Set standards with grants to replace unsightly fascias with traditional slim signage above plate windows. Do not permit corporate signage to dominate. Encourage the fitting and use of traditional canopies to create attractive uniform shelter, as was provided when most shops were built.
Buildings need to be repaired & used
The shop owners should be consulted and their ideas considered on improvements, upper floors could be repurposed as council housing or bookable club space?
Someone should check the colours of the properties. Taxis operate at night and their colour needs to be visible, but eg that lurid pink that used to be on the beautician at the fountain was awful - very unattractive.
Get started as quickly as possible!
A lot of gutters have large amounts of vegetation nearly perminantly. Haven't seen them clear on years. This could improve the run down look and benefit footfall to shops.
Many of the shop are independant and have made efforts to look after their shopfronts so support to bring remaining shops up to standard would help. Half the street is bright, vibrant and individual and more of this would help form a stronger indentity for the street.
Need to attract people into the town centre - more variety of shops
Leave it to companies/shop owners. Wasting money

<b>4. Mitchell Way: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Redevelopment of Mitchell way has been put on the back burner for far too long and needs to be prioritised. Once the building is knocked down then the whole town centre will look better and be more attractive to businesses
Demolish the eyesore blocks as quickly as possible. Flat, open space is better than the outlook there now!
Something has to be done with this space as a matter of urgency. This is a disgrace and gives no one pride in where we live. I think we should look at a playground or a court yard park place that is a nice place to sit. I hate the fact the access road through here is blocked as it means that coming from round the roundabout there is less direct access to the Vale and might mean people bypass completely. I use this road often to access the shops on way home. If it was shut I would be directed closer to home so would probably just not go to Vale.
Rip it all down
This is fab but the shops need revamped
Better parking facilities. The roads are in very poor condition
This the most important aspect of the redevelopment
Deffo needs demolished but do not need another supermarkrt.
I do not think we need another supermarket in Alexandria, however we need to encourage more retail into the area and get people spending local!
Mitchell way is an eyesore and an embarrassment it need to be demolished and replaned
Mitchell way is in desperate need of tlc, the old flats need to be taken down as they are an eye sore and have been laid empty for too long.
In all honestly it can't get any worse! Mitchell way is falling apart and has been for years
Need to remove the derelict houses ASAP
Ensure shops have disabled access !
Having another local supermarket is a good idea but we should also allow for hospitality/bar opportunities to arise on Mitchell Way, with outdoor seating areas. Also, instead of just having commercial units on Mitchell Way, the Council should re-explore the mixed residential/commercial use of the area. The old flats on Mitchell Way were plagued with problems but having brand new build 1/2 bedroom flats could help rejuvenate the area along with shops, bars, cafes, restaurants, smoothie bar, etc. This could bring a much-needed boost to the local economy and people who are allocated flats on Mitchell Way will be inclined to shop locally as they can access everything they need within a few footsteps of their homes. This is shown in places such as Amsterdam and Barcelona, albeit our approach would be on a much smaller scale. It would improve accessibility and socialization opportunities for residents, visitors, and tourists. I also theorize it would attract customers away from restaurants in Balloch if there were better options in Alexandria. Improving the greenspace and planting bedding flowers and plants is a beautiful way to regenerate a town centre, it improves the look and makes the town centre more appealing.
I went to Lidl consultation, they knew nothing about heritage of the vale,would not consider revamping derelict properties,completlt out of place,Mitchell way should be first priority, no housing above shops,does not work ,try shops abive shops with lifts and accessible innovative travel mobility option,might work with shared tenancy 're rents
Mitchell way is a disgrace and all you do is talk talk and nothing happens. Knock the while thing down and start again! We don't need another supermarket.
Should never have got to the stage it is now, total disgrace
It is long overdue and we will wait and see if it comes to fruition or if it's pie in the sky. The current council have been promising improvements to this site since they become council leaders and WE ARE STILL WAITING. No more excuses will be accepted.
Imperative. Its a slum and Alexandria residents are embarassed by the mess of this area. I wouldnt bring anyone here to visit, i always take visitors to Balloch. Lets hope you can get this done as a matter of urgency considering the fact its literally falling down now and make us feel proud of Alexandria again.
Mitchell Way is currently dangerous and a complete eyesore. This is by far the first area that needs attention in Alexandria!

<b>4. Mitchell Way: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
This should be the priority for and funds as will have the biggest impact and will not reduce traffic flow
It's a mess it really does need improvement it's an eye sore at the moment everyone jokes about the state of it
Dreadful looking place currently
Improve parking to encourage customers. Think about a market again
Mitchell way is very dead and run down, any improvement is a great
I would like to see a sort of courtyard style with the shops around it with seating to foster a community spirit which seems to be lacking at the moment. The addition of yet another supermarket when we have two already in Mitchell Way plus Aldi across the street seems very excessive. These new style supermarkets are utilitarian at best and an eyesore. The recent suggestion of a market is a great idea but needs to be managed properly. The condition of the roads and current parking facilities are so bad just now so this needs to be looked at now.
Anything that involves demolition has to be an improvement on the utterly shameful and embarrassing current state of Mitchell Way.
URGENT
We don't need a Lidl we have a similar store across the road!!!!Can the space not be developed as a community space to hold markets town Square events can happen
It's not safe
Just knock the whole thing down, it's a total eyesore and a danger to shoppers and workers. The more 'sitting' space there is, the more the undesirable folk will hang about with their unsociable behaviour and dangerous dogs. Until this area is safe I don't believe anyone will visit.
This is very important-currently Mitchell Way looks dreadful and recently it appears to be a place for all the local druggies to meet, making people feel quite vulnerable if they're needing to go that way.
More should be done to make use of empty units on other side of Mitchell Way and units for shops like home bargains which is greatly needed in this area.
This needs to be a priority. It is a disastrous eyesore and the shops therein provide very little by way of community needs. I refer to my previous comments on the loitering of aggressive drunk and drug influenced degenerates that use this area as their own hang out, toilet and bin. More has to be done and invested into, not just infrastructure, but actually cleaning up the streets such that people feel safe to visit and spend their money locally.
I would like to see a complete demolition of both sides of Mitchell way, start again.
The current state of the buildings mean they are required to be demolished. Additional parking will benefit the area. Another reasonably priced/competitive supermarket will bring increased footfall and will be welcomed by most.
Consideration should be given to contracting the shopping offering to the Main Street. Does it need to be a supermarket? If so, can it be embedded in the town, not in an island of car parking. Put them on a level footing (and importance of you will ) as the Main Street shops. Improved public space/ service access? What is this? It would be good to see proposals moved forward. (I get that this is for future work/commissions). This proposal could work, if you can be sure of filling this many shop units. The 20minute neighbourhood idea would help to target certain retail offerings. Local people willing and able to take on those types of businesses could be supported to do so.
The development of Mitchell Way is crucial to the town centre. This is the biggest eyesore in West Dunbartonshire. All the other developments would be for nothing without the improvements to Mitchell Way
Good idea, although with Aldi and the Co-op already there do we really need Lidl ?
Having lived most of my life in Mitchell Way, then being moved out over 10 years ago as it was to be developed, to now see it may be finally done by 2030! 20 years is way too long and overdue for this area, which is the heart of the town and has been left to decay for far too long

<b>4. Mitchell Way: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
This is a great idea. However there is still a great deal to consider in terms of interface with St Andrews churchyard (including conservation of the Smollett Mausoleum in particular), service vehicle movement along the very narrow Church Street etc. The improved public space could be great for outdoor events, cafes etc. The "proposed supermarket" has a drastic level change to be considered. The whole "back area" / east side has great potential of which the current proposals will just provide the formative connectivities and outline suggestions.
Don't think you will get a better offer from anyone else .So the plans from lidl should be given the the go ahead. Brings more jobs to the area .
This area definitely needs improving
Encourage more diverse shops as the Vale is sadly lacking them, bookies and charity shops aren't going to encourage people to shop here, it's also a disgrace that old people who don't drive have to travel further afield if they need a new pair of shoes, most don't do internet shopping and so need to travel on bus or train to buy them, it's not something I wouldn't even be comfortable with as the trains are full of neds with regular trouble on them. We need more than bookies and charity shops but unfortunately town centres all over Scotland are plagued by them as the rates are far too high for other types of businesses, charity shops get a free pass, and bookies take in the money from the poorer in society. Make the rates more affordable encourage business to come to the Vale, maybe then we could have a vibrant town like we used to have in the 70's/80's again.
Provide a covered walkway to accommodate incimate weather conditions approach larger supermarket chains ie Tesco, Sainsburys to encourage competition.Provide food and drinks court to facilitate use of are in evenings.
Absolutely embossing how bad Mitchell way is. WDC have paid so many front line workers off that you can't even maintain the new bit outside the Coop. Never been swept absolute disgrace.
More shops would be good here
I that this area is upgraded
I don't think there is a sufficient population to warrant two major supermarkets to be opposite one another
We need individual shops with character and real shops to keep people local . A fresh produce market would be great
This has been blabbed about for over 5yrs and yet nothing has came of it. Wdc need to field the site out to other retailers in the hope they see the area as commercially viable. If there's no takers then that's your answer.
This is the first project which should be tackled At the moment Mitchell Way is like a 3rd world country
In my opinion we do not need another cheap supermarket
Mitchell Way has been a disgrace for years now , knock down the flats , then the shops can relocate to other empty units
I don't see any planned parking in this section
Area is a disgrace, buildings left to rot. Better shops etc required and a police presence to ensure its not a waiting room for drug users and dealers not a pleasant feeling shopping there with those folk having about
Urgent need to demolish the flats that are an eyesore . Been years and refurbishment was done around them .
Entry to train station should be on this side.
Mitchell way is a mess. It is very badly lit at night time. Again we need affordable shops - farm foods and savers are a big help to the community due to the low cost so would be sad to see these go if they do. Even having a cafe down there might encourage more people.
Mitchell way needs to be knocked down and started again with fresh upmarket shops and cafes.
Get on with demolishing these terrible looking buildings.
Number ONE priority. Knock down that side of Mitchell way. On the proposed plan is church Street Road gone? The road looks like it stops in a dead end. Terrible idea as this will make bank street and main street busier at both ends.
The whole of Mitchell way should be demolished and rebuilt with decent shops not more supermarkets why not offer to small independent stores

**4. Mitchell Way: Any other comments to help take this forward?**

The town centre is an utter disgrace as it is, and not only that, it's a danger! No wonder we can't get a half decent shop to open here. Do we really need another supermarket. Between Dumbarton and the vale, we have just about every supermarket brand you can get. Would be amazing to have better choices to bring people to the town centre to shop and eat.

This is absolutely vital and actually an absolute disgrace that this part of the town has been allowed to fall into such disrepair! Absolutely outrageous and embarrassing as a resident of this town.

been hearing it for years but I'd rather you fixed local roads

Better Aristan shops i.e. local independent original shops

Why not use a commercialisation partner such as Mall Solutions who work with St Enoch Centre, St James in Edinburgh, thistle in Stirling to attract new businesses.

Best hope of bringing new business to the town. Doubt the CO OP will stay if another supermarket opens up but that area desperately needs new business, investment and improvement. Those of us who are of a certain age remember how busy the town was when the Big Co op store brought people from all over the area for Christmas shopping etc.

Whatever is done the vacant flats are an eyesore and make town centre look unwelcoming and ?dangerous

The information provided is very limited. What will the public space look like? What commercial premises or community facilities are proposed?

Place is a bomb site. Know the whole thing down and start from scratch.

Mitchell way needs the biggest improvement. Getting rid of the old homes which are an eyesore would be welcomed. As would a Lidl.

This must be top priority for the Vale.

This is a ready made space for shops and where a character can be reintroduced .... this should be the heart of the vale ..... it does not need another low level supermarket ..... its need a world class park and hotel etc etc.

Needs to be high quality development with shops that are filled , more retail space required within development. house of good idea as well but not sure about another supermarket.

You should pull down the lot eyesore at best with little to commend it two similar discount stores is going to do little to enhance the town

Providing affordable options for shopping within close proximity to local communities is essential.

It's either this or we start renting it out as a movie set for zombie/post apocalypse flicks

Mitchell Way is the biggest eyesore in the town.

Mitchell Way has been allowed to stagnate for decades, there is nothing aspirational in these plans.

Bulldoze the lot. It's an eyesore. Planners got it wrong in the first place. Looks like continuing with the same theme.

It's an eyesore. Anything would be an improvement here

The sooner this strategy is implemented the better, the current area is a dreadful eyesore and is bringing our town down.

Very important. This sets the tone as the buildings in Mitchell Way are horrific. It creates a ghetto in this area and they should all be removed and replaced with buildings in keeping with the rest of the sandstone already used

Something needs to be done quickly as the whole area is a mess

We don't need a LIDL! Build more social homes or open green spaces.

**4. Mitchell Way: Any other comments to help take this forward?**

This plan shows an exceptionally large public space. The proposal shows the demolition of the existing derelict building does not show a visual representation of what will be replaced. On looking at the map the new supermarket will be on the site of a very unused piece of land. What about access by traffic? What about creating an aesthetically pleasing shopping area with the authority encouraging independent shops? A place people want to go to. We have limited shopping facilities or small shops. Are you just demolishing a dreadful design and replacing it with empty spaces? Why have residential property in this design, this proved unsuccessful in the last design. Where would the residents outside space be? Their privacy or silence? We need shopping units and the authority make these available to small unique shops. Dreadful plan!

This part of town is derelict and depressing

This should be the absolute priority in the Alexnadia redevelopment as the place is an eye sore and doesn't feel safe

Further to my comments on the pedestrianisation of Main St, you could make Mitchell way itself a covered area, this would give the option of additional seating for people as well as shelter from the elements

Would be useful to know what support current businesses will get. The buildings are a disgrace right enough and would love to see them gone with modern, well used buildings in their place.

Social housing here

This area needs something both Mitchell Way and the whole of Alexandria, however bringing in Lidl just brings this area another supermarket. Not the best idea to dilute the funds going to current shops however I'd rather have that than see it remain in it's current state

What will the public space be? If more slabs and concrete then you are wasting your time. We need greenery to soften the area

Consider other options rather than LIDL but Mitchell Way needs significant work

Mitchell Way needs to be knocked down as a matter of urgency. It is an eye sore and no tourist will stop and such an unsightly destination. This is the main issue holding Alexandria back. A green space or a modernised commercial development is needed.

This area is in drastic need to renovation!

Main public square would be a good idea. Weekly markets? Dare i say.....wetherspoons? Branded fast food outlets? Small water feature/small kids play park if there is space. Another way to walk from the train station apart from walking up by aldi?

This has been a long time coming but again Mitchell Way is WDC's shame. It has been left to rot for way too long with no way back. We shouldn't have to live in this hovel.

How about informing the two businesses still in the south side of Mitchell Way of these moves to demolish and what will happen. People working there have no clue about what is actually going on.

This has needed dealt with for years. However please ensure that the shops which are still surviving there are given help to continue

Mitchell way is a disaster and a complete mess and an accident waiting to happen meaning people just don't want to be there. Instead of talking about demolishing this area for years why not just go ahead and do it?

We do not need another supermarket. You have already sold one of the most promising pieces of land in Dumbarton to Lidl - that area beside the castle could be beautiful! Pop up shops, cafes, independent businesses could line that area, but instead it's a car park for Lidl. Appalling. Broaden your horizons, think long term and invest in the area to attract businesses other than yet another discount supermarket.

Mitchel way needs improved but the last thing we need is another supermarket in the area

Please ,IMPROVE this ,dont just do as previous councils did and leave it with the potential to become a slum very quickly.A covered shopping mall might make a difference to people using it and encourage more shops ,quality shops to the area

The empty flats in Mitchell Way are eyesore and riddled with vermin. This area is in great need of development and it has been for years. I would be interested to know what would be contained in the proposed new development.

This definitely looks like an improvement. It's an eyesore just now

**4. Mitchell Way: Any other comments to help take this forward?**

Keep building line, do not increase public space beside co-op, this will create only a windy street.

Mitchell Way needs to be updated to welcome shoppers into the Vale not spending money to walk around the outskirts of the shopping area

Seems like a great use of money.

The back of Mitchell Way, ie seen from station side, looks like a slum! Improvements from Main Street side are very good, until you look up. That needs to be dealt with ASAP. Why would anyone want to come into the Vale Shopping Centre when it looks like it currently is?

Get started as quickly as possible!

Please demolish the eyesore that is currently there. Bring more greenery to this area that will be maintained and not left to grow wild

This could improve this space immensely and add value to a link that is used regularly by many.

Mitchell Way is an eyesore, the sooner something is done with it the better

<b>5. New Homes: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Continuing to redevelop the town is important but I don't agree we should be adding that many new homes. The amount of extra vehicles this would increase and there is limited parking available. If new homes are built then need to have car spaces available
We are obsessed with flinging flats up everywhere and not actually dealing with the issues faced by the residents here already. Let's just make the place more congested and more empty retail units. Let's bring another big company in to compete with smaller ones. Yeah I'm not impressed and I actually need a bigger home.
Love this but will local. Infrastructure be improved to meet needs. Specifically new schools and the reopening of the Vale Hospital
Housing is needed but so is activities for young people has this been considered!
Removing the roundabout for homes is a stupid idea, who wants to live ON an intersection, be truthful
This is important and a necessity, however houses that are already there should be fixed. The new builds at McAllister Road are lovely but the long building is an eye sore. That has unfinished work from 5 yrs ago. No point in putting a plaster on if it is going to fall off.
The area needs new homes but shouldn't only be affordable homes for tenants, they should be affordable to young people who wish to buy helping them to get on the property market at a reasonable price and helping them to want to stay within Alexandria instead of moving outwith to find cheaper homes and then taking their business else where.
Need more affordable homes
You need to make sure there are enough shopping facilities & the roads are suitable before thinking about more homes .. total greed
Be careful not turn the vale into a dormitory, all for more good housing, however have to get blend right, think about first time buyers, students, housing hubs for vulnerable adults, green affordable housing
Green spaces are a great idea. Maybe considering small plazas around certain parts of the new houses with benches and tables for eating, chess tables, kids playgrounds etc. also having plenty of space for hospitality opportunities to arise.
I think care should be taken on this one regarding more homes, getting the balance right and not just turning it into another residential area.
New housing would be very welcome.
Nice idea, but improvements in other existing areas should take priority over new buildings.
Never will understand why the road layout in that area was ever changed it has been an abomination since it was changed and never was safe for pedestrians or traffic. It's about time councils understand that if it ain't broke don't try and change it. Change in some instances can be good but changes for changes sake of for individuals to glorify themselves never works.
It is needed we can't be proud of the vale the state it's in now
New homes are ok but infrastructure needs to be able to accommodate it
Affordable homes have to be affordable for people living in the community and not just for the well heeled. Working class folk should be given the opportunity to buy a home, even if the Council subsidises purchases. The Council have a lot to answer for - the concrete jungle which became Alexandria and hasn't been rectified in all these years since it been built. It must be fit for purpose and not just the notion of the Council, as was the 60's/70's abomination.
What about houses for disabled people, not everyone can live in a flat.
Affordable housing essential
Sounds good but we don' need more flats like the new ones on Bank Street and at the fountain. These are high density monstrosities and really awful aesthetics.
In urgent need of upgrading

<b>5. New Homes: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Needs to be social housing young people can't afford to get on to the property market, mixed sizes of housing with decent gardens. Plenty of green spaces and open spaces speak to people how to travel back forward to the school if you're walking to the train station how do people use the space look at good planning and design. Speak to the community!!! It's our spaces! Not perceived needs.
More bungalows would be great.
My only concern would be the long term maintenance of this area - expectations on residents to take care of their own garden . etc.
All very well having a 20 minute neighbourhood but what is there to go to? A dilapidated swimming pool/gym, no proper shops, no bars or restaurants. The only good thing is a train that goes to Glasgow.
Good quality housing would be welcomed in the town centre.
Again, extremely important - and i particularly like the idea of removing the big roundabout around the railway station and reinstating the old direct routes of Bank Street and Chapel Street. I have a concern over the term "affordable housing" though. Is this not just veiled speech for providing nice new housing for the unemployed vagrants that are actually the main problem? If you were providing housing that would attract professional people, utilising the proximity of the train station and the A82, rather than just giving the junkies and the work shy malingerers nicer houses at the tax payers expense, I would absolutely get behind that. But I will vehemently protest against more publicly supported housing for the very vermin that have run the area down and currently make it a filthy disgrace and force local people to avoid the area for fear of being abused or worse..
Plan sounds good ... investment in the vale is long overdue
Any upgrade to the area would be good, although if this means social housing and bringing in people from surrounding areas will this mean more unwanted individuals or families, that maybe can't be housed in their current area as this seems to be happening a lot
New homes will be welcomed by a lot of locals, good family sized homes with 3+ bedrooms are required. Creating 2 way traffic will improve the link from Bonhill especially by bike and will avoid non-locals going around the roundabout the wrong way. This work and change of rd will need good advertising on local billboards and WDC social media.
Aha! 20 minute neighbourhood. Good to see this being considered here. The housing will be a welcome addition to the town. But it is important to get things right; the greenspace, community gardens, amenity areas, PLAY opportunities and inclusion of young and old will mean an equitable landscape for all. Teens also need to be provided for. There are lots of excellent examples to draw from relating to inclusion of teens, boy and girl suitable spaces that give a sense of freedom, ownership and civil responsibility because they're part of the wider community. Alexandria loses their young to the cities, that could change. The infrastructure change to integrate the railway station and improvements to cycling links and green infrastructure are wider, strategic objectives that support the town scale level, thus could be supported by a finer grain of detail. Design codes, landscape strategies, community planning etc.
As long as the term affordable means affordable to be people who already live in this area and deserve a better standard of housing which is accessible to everyone
Affordable homes, which no doubt will be bought and rented out as private let's as are the majority of affordable houses..
New homes are important but not if the infrastructure can't handle it , ie the roads
It's a very ambitious project which [word missing?] be very acceptable but there are other projects which should take priority.
No comment I tried to give this a thumb down but for some unknown reason it wasn't accepted
Too many people and not enough facilities. Plenty of new homes already without extra facilities.
Traffic on the roundabout works fine, a traffic flow study needs to be done to see how/if the traffic moves freely in the area then adapt plans to accommodate that. Without proper vehicle access the area will die .
No more flats
Get Started , been discussed for years now , as shops close down

<b>5. New Homes: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Don't think the infrastructure can cope with more people/homes. Fix that first, removing the roundabout isn't enough. Upgrade A82 more than 1 road out of the shire, a fully functioning hospital and a proper police station with alot more local cops would be priority. The moment there are any road works/crashes / tourists in summer within vale or bypass it's gridlock
Squeezing houses in to small spaces with very limited parking is a waste of money. Spend money cleaning up the empty council homes first before building more.
The area needs no more houses,as it stands there are not enough jobs or school places to go around the current population.
Changing the roundabout and using Bank Street more would be really good. Won't affect cars much but opens it up for folk walking into town from Bonhill and cyclists too.
I think a mix of quality private housing as well as some social housing would help lift the area. More residential properties will mean more people around the town centre to use it. But if the town centre doesn't look like somewhere you want to go to spend your money then people will go else where to shop and eat. A big improvement aesthetically would help attract both commercial as well as people to the town centre. Can you offer local businesses help and support and funding to locate to the town centre? Decent office space, nice shop frontages, affordable prices, to bring footfall and employment to our town.
Sitting on the fence on this one.
Think increasing housing stock is a good way off revitalising Central Alexandria. Would not like development in front of Croft Sheltered housing. This houses many people who are virtually housebound and removing pleasant outlook would impact on their quality of life and availability of out door space.
Very important for local people to feel that their town centre is a desirable place to live and attractive to visitors as currently it looks like a Third World War zone after a bombing
Fine, build "affordable" new home, but how about fixing the access to and from the area before adding more traffic to it. One road in and out is a NIGHTMARE.
no houses above shops doesn't work
Good idea
The railway and roundabout are an eyesore it needs to be updated but putting housing here I do not think is a solution.
Mitchell Way was probably "good quality affordable housing" in its day, make them future proof, continue to invest.
I think it's a good idea as long as the houses are well thought out and don't encourage anti social behaviour
Adding more housing is going to contribute to more problems with traffic build up as the road infrastructure is poor going out & in
Absolutely fantastic. The sooner the carbuncle of a roundabout is removed the better. This will create the right flow around the centre and by including good quality housing will generate the renewal of the area. Go for it!
There is sufficient residential property in Alexandria. Restore the older sandstone buildings instead.
More people living in the town centre isn't the key to more footfall. Shops that people actually want to use is. The current selection of bookmakers, charity shops and chemists isn't exactly screaming for people to visit
Pleased that empty spaces would be used, but, this is a town centre not a residential estate!
Whilst affordable housing is very important for local people, we also need a decent, clean, safe town centre. Look at incorporating some of the elements for the housing and closely merge it with the town centre and you could be on a good track.
This would be so beneficial for the community, particularly the proposal of more safe play facilities.
We need more social housing. The 20 minute neighbourhood is a great model.
20 minute neighborhood model seems good if we prioritise green accessible spaces and social housing.
Reduce the greyness and add greenery
20 minute neighbourhood with green spaces, quality affordable housing and job opportunities is essential

<b>5. New Homes: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
There needs to be more properties for first time buyers in the area. Too many are either social housing or landlord owned in this area.
Build more houses but neglect the infrastructure? Classic. Give us some nice info-graphics detailing the 'community' but zero actual detail. What about increased traffic on Bridge street? Literally shoving housing into any free space between Bridge Street and Main Street. Disappointing lack of planters though.
Our local schools and doctors surgeries are too busy to cope at the moment and you want more people to live here. Where will they go to get health care and education?
It is time the roundabout went....far too much wasted spaced around it. Old bank st road opened up.
Why would we want to bring more affordable council housing into the area? We want the area to prosper so should be encouraging private housing builders instead.
Takes away car park to use for park and ride as well as the school. The roundabout is fine, you would see the same traffic issues at school times if you took it away. I drive this route all the time. I don't think this project would benefit the area. I walk this way all the time and it doesn't take me long anyway? Spend the money elsewhere.
Think it's more important to get the shopping area of Alexandria to a better standard, get decent shops into the area to encourage local people to shop locally rather than traveling to Clydebank, braehead etc.
More footfall to the town centre would be a good thing. However, I hope you have considered the impact of so many new homes on the area - schooling, health services, congestion. Again, the socio economic problems in the area need to be seriously addressed, otherwise the problems remain but in newer houses.
When you say homes?, you mean flats, no doubt, plenty of one bedroom flats to push people into isolation with no front of back garden therefore no social life and life to sit in a garden in the sunshine, but never mind you wont be living in them.
Affordable housing is sadly lacking these days
Looks as if you would be taking away spaces from the train station . Also what you are saying this will take 5-10 years to come to fruition so that would be 5-10 years of inconvenience for road users with all the road works planned.
this seems like a good proposal though I dont know where "Chapel street " is,I assume you mean Bridge St and Bank Street? Thats how it was originally .
Ensure no building is allowed to follow worst design practices of the past fifty years, all designs and materials must come from the stone and slate pallet. If stone is too expensive, use good quality mockstone cladding, but aim for stone wherever possible. Not blond, but red, Alexandria was never built with blond stone. DO NOT ALLOW BLOND BRICKS!
If more houses are getting built more services need to be provided. See a lot of houses being built but hear about cutbacks on services. New homes would be great but additional services should be funded? New play spaces are important, but not pitches that are fenced off and locked up for hire. Can the play spaces have equipment for older kids, especially swings. Levensgrove has had a fortune spent but only has 2 "big" swings for example. My child gets a bit bored in Levensgrove as most equipment is for younger kids apart from the zip slide, 2 swings and nest swings (which has recently been removed). The playpark at the meadow centre actually has some great play equipment for example.
It is not a problem to walk from Bonhill Bridge to the Town Centre. Cyclists won't bat an eye at using the current roundabout (the station) layout. That could cost a fortune removing that road structure - not a priority.
Get started as quickly as possible!
Not sure on the quantity of new housing needed. This proposal looks like it would link up the area well. A lot of this space is not optimised and with good transport links already there this would make an good residential area
No more houses!

**5. New Homes: Any other comments to help take this forward?**

Great Idea. The roundabout cuts the main street off from the river and feels disconnected to the rest of the area. Housing would be a good addition to encourage and make use of the Scottish Governments 20 min neighbourhoods. although the other aspects of the 20 minute neighbourhoods need supported too like leisure, flexible working, growing spaces, appealing architecture, design layout etc....Housing needs to be more than bricks and mortar so considerations should be given to building in from the outset a community energy project (solar and biogas) to lower utility bills, greenspaces are priority and the current block formation of the plan above feels like it is following traditional house building templates. If Alexandria wants to be a forward thinking town then it has to be bolder in its choices and build for the future and for the younger generation who will wonder why we didn't future proof our living, working and playing spaces against change in weather, technology and effects of a changing global marketplace. Examples include <https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2016/jul/12/eco-village-hi-tech-off-grid-communities-netherlands-circular-housing-regen-effekt>. The current redevelopment of Sighthill and Dundashill in Glasgow taking inspiration from European housing. Findhorn Eco Village have set out on the right principles but feels a little disjointed in how the new builds clash with the initial village dwellings. The walkways to the river and main street need to be much more appealing and encourage exploration and stopping points - a reason to get out and socialise with neighbours is important now. Supporting small independant organisations, social enterprises, community organisations and the cultural sector to fill the gaps in creating 20 minute neighbourhoods should be a priority and not lost in this process.

As a long term objective there is much merit in this. Really need to rejuvenate the Main Street and shopping area first

New houses yes, unsure of plans

<b>6. Alexandria Library: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Yes the library is understated and underused and it should be a bigger focus in everyone's lives but narrowing the road here is another waste of time which will still result in people parking stupidly.
Aye, good idea. Not so sure about the museum but if it brings tourists down from Balloch it's a great idea
Roads should remain the same
Area needs good community facilities
Don't think this is really what the area needs.
Maybe a few bins round this area to help keep the area tidy, a few picnic benches somewhere could be useful and nice
Needs windows, coffee station, access, staff mix, librarians are doing everything at the moment, more accessible computer suites for community learning and space for community learning teams to be on site to deliver classes, skills training etc
More trees in pavements some more stupid ideas! Again widening pavements and making the road smaller when there is so many issues with traffic passing each other on these roads!
All positive.
Improving the library building itself is a good idea to benefit the local community, but using funds to narrow the road and change the road surface is a waste of money and doesn't benefit library users in the slightest. The existing roads in Alexandria are a complete mess and full of potholes, this should be addressed before proposing such changes.
All sounds good but do not forget that the building was gifted to the community as a LEARNING INSTITUTE and the Library needs to REMAIN as an integral part of this building. We do not want the council trying to take over buildings by stealth and changing their use leaving the town without it, the library.
I would love to see this a museum could and would be a great thing for the kids and adults to visit to see and find out the historical values in the area
Great proposals for the library!
The presentation of exhibits inside the museum need to be very attractive for visitors to recommend visits to friends and colleagues. Good footfall is essential. The museum needs to justify its existence and needs to be run by dynamic professionals who can create maximum interest for visitors of all ages and be responsible for creating engaging events to attract audiences of all ages. Local people like my good friend, Billy Scobie could give engaging talks about the Vale and all other matters. He is a walking encyclopedia and very talented.
Changing the road surface makes it difficult for wheelchairs. I think you need a pedestrian crossing here.
Should be done at the end of other improvements
We don't have enough culture so the heritage plans are great
Libraries are an essential part of a community
Again really important to keep the library another iconic building and local landmark. Yes community spaces have a museum celebrating the social history of Alexandria have exhibitions have gallery spaces have created spaces. Including Cafe. Have space for local artist to exhibit and sell their arts works. A place to have pop-up cinemas and other cultural events
Do the library improvements. But Why all the road changes.
To make sure we keep this beautiful building and make it a space everyone wants to visit.
This would be a great improvement-when I first moved to the area I visited the library, hoping to find historical information about the area to be told I'd have to go to Dumbarton for that! It would be good if the library could become a community space, with events and regular activities taking place in it.
Great idea but town centre should be priority
the future work sounds way more impactful than the work proposed above
Very good - like it.

<b>6. Alexandria Library: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Knowing the building I think community space upstairs will greatly improve the community, a museum in the building would be costly and not sustainable for the size of the building. The garden area would be a good community space but it is very small for larger community activities.
Sorry to say but Libraries are old hat. People now google info so adding something different might make better use of the building. Oh adding a few people into the after photo doesn't make it look any better.
Again with the crazy road designs and planting! Money should be better spent on other ideas
All of the widened kerb will be parked on. This may look great, but does not indicate controls, further parking etc. The adjoining parking is insufficient. Avoid brash signage, There are many other ways to celebrate and publicise such facilities as well as the area
Think is a beautiful building and the more it can be utilised the better
This is a very good project and would greatly enhance the area
Again the narrowing of all roads in Alexandria point to a no car zone as the does not appear to be any provision for off road parking.
There are more pressing priorities
Absolute waste of money. Just a council building vanity project.
The way forward is certainly to utilise the existing building
Other things a priority , but good idea , lovely old building , but needs access and help to use to its best
Money could be better spent, outside this area is fine
This is a nice idea, but I do not think it will be used as to what the goal is
This would be nice but won't make a huge difference unless all the other parts were done first. I don't see this making a huge improvement.
This part of Alexandria is very dark at night time. More lighting to make it feel safer would be ideal. If you'e putting hanging baskets up around the shops in the Main Street, carry them up here so it feels attached to the Main Street and brightens the place up, as well as being some colour.
Any improvement welcome
Quite like the look of this one, Absolutely support the Library project.
Introducing younger people to the value of books and increasing community spaces is important.
Wonderful proposals especially by making it an activity hub
Can't see any difference
The library inside of more importance,
Waste of tax payer money as won't make much improvement
I am all for increased use of libraries but this is not thought out there is currently a plan to develop the church in Alexandria for this type of. Use what is the point of leisure centre just not thought through
more nonsense
Leave the roads alone but the rest looks fine
Another excellent idea . This would allow access for all and encourage a community spirit
Lovely idea. It would be great to create a community garden and kitchen as well
Yes!
Why?
Another important project, too many building under local government control have been left very underfunded and almost forgotten, working on community projects which actually involve the community is long overdue.
Planting trees and widening footpaths are always good.
Always good to see plans for more trees
A sign and flag is the best you have?

<b>6. Alexandria Library: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
A good proposal but more pressing would be the removal of the disused buildings in Mitchell Way and improvements to the main street.
Museum would be a great idea. Helensburgh have a cinema.....why can't Alexandria,considering closest is Clydebank! Need to make people spend more than the length of a short shopping trip in the town. Needs something to keep them there for 1 hr +?
Not sure where all of the proposed visitors will park?
Good ideas.
Any improvements and I mean improvements, not just spending money on cosmetics will be good for people of the Vale
Excellent idea
Apart from wider pavement and landscaping what's different
Go back to the drawing board with this one.
Given the plans to narrow main street would this area still have parking facilities? As well as museum I think an area where people can find their roots,Scots who go worldwide are always keen to find out about the ancestors to left,so a heritage centre offering computer records and information about the area where their great great Grandparents lived and worked would be something visitors to Alexandria would most likely be keen to use
Do not plant trees near pavements areas you have already done this the pavements are cracked & risen around them you will waste more money please get out of your offices & look at other areas you have tried your plans & failed
Sounds great, this is a great building in need of sprucing up and realising its full potential.
Wider pavements look nicer.
Get started as quickly as possible!
Like the idea but don't think it's the best location for a museum. If people are going to travel to visit it then it has to be a location that will keep them there for a significant period of time. Something by the river talking about it's vital role in the vale - dye works, etc. Hands on & interactive is what will bring folk in
Doesn't need fixed

<b>7. Viresco Studios: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
This should be left to the company to deal with, with WDC focusing on other work
So so so needed. Something young, new, fresh, community participation of a cool standard. Yes 100% behind this
The space should be utilised by something other than arts - there are more important things that Alexandria needs access to
Waste of money and privately owned. The church should be returned to a church
It is a great space and important to have community projects especially for young people
Will be good for area as nowhere or anything to do.
Better than it lying empty.
This would be a great asset if delivered and managed correctly, should consider the graves and history there,also this building should be considered in the wider plans,access to Mitchell way and new road systems..
This has so much potential. Look forward to seeing it transformed
Nice idea, but our council shouldn't be putting funds in to a private company.
A good idea
In this area it's only tags or drawing on walls that influence the younger generation
For goodness sake, 2030? Why not start now, leave the street width and employ a traffic warden to stop illegal parking and concentrate on knocking down Mitchell way first? Sick of looking at the state of the buildings there, you'd be better helping the shop renters by redecorating the buildings on main Street and forgetting about tree planting, it's just another place for folk to dump their cigarette ends, if you narrow the street you will incur the wrath of residents in Middleton street as it will then be used as a bypass.
Not really for this area is it
Great idea.
I'm not an artsy crafty person but any use of this beautiful old church building is welcome
Good idea to keep a lovely building in existence
Needs to reflect the community's needs and aspirations. Community involvement and consultation again not receive needs. It would be great to have an art centre for cultural events social events
Already have an art studio , will be under used
Keep the beautiful structure and wonderful grounds
Much needed in the area
A tourist attraction like Viresco Studios that can link with the development of the motor works (Lomond Galleries) is the key to socially activating the rest of Alexandria.
The exterior has to be maintained and continue to look like a church, if for no other reason than to respect the graves and the families of those buried there. I am glad that something productive is being done, but the preservation of the building's exterior appearance must be a priority
I think this could be a good asset to the area if funding is available for a long period of time. It is an old building that will require upkeep as money drains it would be sad to see it again fall into disrepair.
Welcomed idea for getting locals involved in activities
There is a lot to consider here. Interface with the proposed square beyond. Use as a park. Conservation of the building, the gravestones and the Smollett Mausoleum. Improved service movement along Church Street may need widening and that in turn could impact on the churchyard.
This a lovely building & needs to be renovated and put to good use
retaining the architecture of the area is good and grants should be provided where individuals attempt to complete this
It's a good idea but not top priority.
So what's the community centre for? Great if it is an up market arts and craft centre to attract visitors but not another space that no one wants to visit
Pointless

<b>7. Viresco Studios: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Anything to restore the building which will keep a bit of character about the place
Hope it does become inclusive , we don't need two art studios in The Vale , so the Library could be a History Centre
Building should be restored but used for something better like community centre for kids/entertainment sports etc
Someone does need to utilise the church however could be another failed business once funding runs out. Utilise the community centre first.
This will be good if they can keep it going for a few years. Good for kids and adults and the vegan cafe will draw a few folk in too.
Don't know enough about this one to form any opinion as yet.
Creativity is important but local people need help with jobs and poverty first
General reuse of Churches is good idea..... the big problem is how to tie the christie park torpedo factory mitchel way all together into a coherent whole ... where is the heart of the vale.
Good idea not sure how will work
This is a private venture what funds will they bring to the table what is the links with the leisure centre etc and library all doing the same thing
Bring back scalliwags
Great idea to encourage community spirit
More needs to be done for the youth in the area
Wonderful
This should be entirely in the private sector without council tax money being spent on it.
This building will lie empty not long after reopening if this is what is planned for it. Art lessons? Really?
Unsure why this project is specifically linked with the town regeneration.
Great idea if it is used and managed properly.
This is a beautiful building which needs to be at the heart of the community, as I have previously mentioned, involving the community and actually working with and for them, is long overdue.
Prioritise community access and engagement.
The vale/Alexandria is very poor, For this church to be repurposed and for the library to be upgraded to a museum we need to be able to bring people for these to be successful. There should be a clear link between these areas, the outlets and Lomond Shores. Tourists flock in their droves to Balloch but are never encouraged to visit other facilities which are only approx 1 mile away. If done correctly, any coalition with tourism in Balloch could give the surrounding area a boost
Could incorporate museum?
Great idea for community, just ensure access. May also help to run therapy groups here.
The church has been in a delapidated state for too long and now the grass is not even being cut so again any improvements will be good.
Sorry, I don't see this being successful
Funding has been in place for over 4 months the building is getting worse by the day and there has been no attempt to make the building wind and water tight. All very well getting initial funding but what are plans for future funding? From my research my opinion is that this is going to become a great big white elephant for somebody. Also for clarity it would be nice if ALL correspondence (from the original proposal to present) for this project was made available to the public online and with the accounts .
Perhaps a small venue for music, theatre. There's one in Letterkenny Donegal that we have visited where world class acts perform and people come from far and wide .Good revenue for local business
Council should be more involved to allow local arts and culture groups subsidised spaces.
Sounds great.
Get started as quickly as possible!

**7. Viresco Studios: Any other comments to help take this forward?**

Waste

<b>8. CE Centre: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
This is a fantastic idea. A weekly or fortnightly market for local businesses would be amazing and this is a perfect space
This is taking away disabled spaces which are used a lot currently and will be needed more than ever with your new main st proposals
Great idea for markets etc. The vale has ample parking just not at great access points
Increase parking available Reducing will cause more problems
Bad idea and shouldn't go ahead
Be good to have markets etc in this space also
So removing already limited parking is nonsense
This is a good idea, a proper crossing would be good there also.
Need to offer something
This car park is always full therefore clearly needed! You are proposing narrowing roads in other areas and removing parking in this area, clearly whoever is planning this knows nothing about the Vale and hasn't ever spent time there!
Reinstate the band stand in Christie Park and have a small Cafeteria close to play area.
Keep this area simple and flexible, consider traffic flow as quite tight junction between Overton road and Middleton street which is currently in a state of disrepair, would need to be mindful of parking for these events as would not want parking on Overton road residencies, blocking access and route to cemetery
At this rate you will be driving people out of the shopping centre, no need for parking as they will go elsewhere.
Removing car parking spaces, no parking on Main Street and attracting more visitors. Is there a plan for the existing car parks in the Vale to more attractive to park in?
The C.E Centre does need a makeover, but again, wasting money on changing roads and carparks really isn't acceptable when the rest of the roads in Alexandria need repaired/resurfaced as a priority!
Think the money could be spent on better things not so important just another open area that won't get used
Good idea but if main street is pedestrianised, this car park will be needed
Need to increase footfall. CE Centre is so run down
So important. Maybe bring in some local bands and now and again, some pro bands to play in those spaces, especially in summer. There's a lot of musical talent in the Vale.
You seem to be replacing a lot of parking with pedestrianised areas - just an observation. The outside of the CEC could do with a makeover as well
The parking will be need especially for easy access to Viresco Studios. CE Centre is a eye sore needs pulled down
Get it to a community hub for children's clubs and old folks clubs
A great space for the community, it should be kept but up-dated. Prices to hire should be lowered to make it more accessible to all.
Would be great to see it used more
Not sure what the 'multi-functional' space will achieve - would you not be better maximising parking rather than losing spaces, to provide that option to the new people you strive to attract to the new town? Lighting is needed, for sure - i may have previously mentioned the loitering and the junkies that deal in this very area, making it a no go area on foot for the majority at night
Removing car parking spaces in this area will cause illegal parking. I don't feel the limited use of the area will outweigh the sacrifice of lost parking.
Badly needs upgrading and we could have an area the community could use for summer events.
Better parking facilities at Christie park might attract more people, woodland around the park could be utilised better. As I know the school next to it uses it as a forest class sometimes. The fence at the top of the woods behind park needs fixed as kids are able to access the A82 as I have personally witnessed this.

<b>8. CE Centre: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
No real change and would be a waste of money!
Opening up an inner square behind the CoOp will negate the need to turn this into streetmarket and event space. Do not reduce the parking. Do improve the pedestrian crossing, desire lines etc.
I agree this is important. However if you want people to use the town centre there NEEDS to be parking. Especially when the redesign for Main Street is going to remove parking along there. The above plan halves a significant large car park.
Looks excellent as long as car parking is going to be provided elsewhere to discourage the street parking
I'm sorry but I don't understand from the images provided you seem to be removing the already very scarce disabled parking surely this must be an error?
Great if it lets a market operate
So.... in trying to encourage visitors to the area you reduce parking facilities ? Not a smart move.
Restore Christie Park to some semblance along the lines of Levensgrove Park
Reducing parking spaces isn't a good idea, especially if you're narrowing all the roads
It would save using The Pawn Car Park as a Community meeting Space for events
Car parking is needed especially if you are adding more houses into the area
Alexandria needs more parking and by doing this, even more will be taken away
This seems very low impact. Its already fairly open space and events and fundraisers with gazebos take place often enough (not during covid obviously)
Looks pretty good
Would be good to have more outdoor events
traffic jams in Middleton Street
Taking away parking would just incentivize me not to go into Alexandria. If the buses were reasonably priced I'd take them but that's just not the case.
Good idea
You have managed to run down the CE Centre to date why will this be any different
"Multi functional space" far too woolly, what do you envisage this space to be - be specific.
Why would you remove disabled parking area and make it into a multi function area. If cars are to be legally parked and not illegally parked on the Main Street then surely more parking spaces are required not less. Is this designer the same dumpling who designed Balloch Road, if it is then they should have been sacked long ago.
Why would you reduce parking after making the road narrower?
This area has long been a wasted space
Great idea!
More people will come to the town centre if there are decent shops!
Whilst not what you would call an attractive building, it is a needed building and anything that works to bring the community together is welcome, also we have lots of tourists every year from far and wide that the CE centre may be able to put events on for, to give them insight into the Vale and surrounding area's
Would need to understand the purpose of the community centre. To be fair it's extremely accessible. Unless there are plans on what it will host / be used for, I'd find this cost/benefit analysis difficult to support
Totally unremarkable design, where is the ambition and design in keeping with a country village? All concrete no greenery
Another space for market? Gala days? Summer festivals? Not just the yearly xmas lights switch on.
Face-lift maybe but that car park is constantly busy. You're just going to decrease footfall when people can't get spaces. This car park and the one directly behind the shops are the two which are used most frequently by workers and customers.
Nobody uses this car park, they just park across the junction.

<b>8. CE Centre: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
All you seem to be doing is adding more pedestrian space. Where do folk park their cars when they come into town for your events? What type of events?
This is not worthy of comment.
Better use of land is to restore shops to this space, Alexandria was a tight attractive town, too much open space makes for windy desolate conditions in poor weather. It looks good only on sunny days, we don't have many.
Spend money upgrading the CE to be used again get youth clubs set up OAP clubs before thinking of paths flowers for the outside
If the car park behind the main street is upgraded this looks good. I tend to use that proposed car park often as it's in good condition, if half the spaces were removed I'd prefer the other car parking spaces in and around the vale centre to be renovated.
Utter madness to reduce parking space here. It is often nearly full.
Get started as quickly as possible!
Unsure about combination of reduced car parking on road as per previous proposal and the reduction of spaces here. In principle the idea may make the centre more inviting. The centre is used for a lot of children's activities and would be interesting to know what functions could be held here as still near busy road.
Interesting change of use of carpark and entrance way to make the building more inviting. Building is well used but needs modernisation to make full use of the space and a much wider programme of activity that compliments the wider recreational potential of other venues.

<b>9. Green Heritage Corridors: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Important but not a top priority
This is needed as we want people to enjoy living in Central alexandria who are in flats. It would also encourage people to actually spend more time here
Amazing. It will lift moods and help our local area immensely
Great idea
This area needs a purpose. The proposed look will encourage the community to spend some time in town and encourage local shopping
Not really important . If you're putting in these seating areas ,etc will you have public toilets for the people.
This is a fantastic idea, so much better than what is there just now.
The first image gives me the fear I have been down to the new play park and have been told its for the blue triangle. This is a ridiculous place to build a kids play park right in front of this type of housing. The is other areas that could have been used for this.
Anything would be an improvement, however community involved with this would be helpful as property housing at the moment tenants don't seem to take pride in this once lovely wee area
At least that's an improvement.
Anything to lift the area's run down image would be very welcome. A space for local workers to sit and eat lunch or the elderly residents to have a sit down while out shopping.
It would be nice to see more green in the town, but again wasting so much funds changing road and pavement layouts with no real benefit from this. Maybe try repairing the pavements that are already there, as most of them are in a terrible state!
Long overdue
This would be a big improvement and a lovely place to sit and look around
Looks good - it's an eyesore at the minute
Good idea so long as cutbacks don't mean the are not pruned and maintained
Can the cycle path from the Leven be more accessible to the town centre with a green corridor
Please make all trees planted as fruit trees so people can pick them and for the benefit of nature
It would be lovely if you can get folk to respect their surroundings.
Would make the area more appealing
The areas you show are in desperate, desperate need of a facelift, so yes - any improvement would be very welcome
Great!
Promoting greenspace is invaluable, creating communities with shared values and encouraging foraging in a safe setting will widely benefit all involved.
Definitely. We need more trees and plants. Also some wild flowers and rural grass areas. This so far has been the one we totally need. Look forward to this
Would look really nice making the place feel more village like. Cycle path at the level needs work as when cycling along some parts of the path have fallen into the river. Making it more kid friendly as it is very nerve racking when you are with kids on this part of the path.
Definitely needs improving this area , but don't think these plans go far enough to improve it
More and more sensible parking balanced with landscaping
No one to maintain them after a year or so, nothing will be done to stop the illegal drinking involving youths and vandalism
WDC can't even maintain the ugly black 3 tier planters you placed a few years ago ie outside the CE Centre. The worst thing to happen to the Vale was moving the leisure Trust in there & cutting off the community centre from the community
An excellent project and should enhance the area and the footfall to the town centre.

<b>9. Green Heritage Corridors: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
I see that this is a take over attempt by the gardens and roads departments to become the largest user of tax payers money for no real return
If you keep a control of who uses the benches and police the area. Don't want them to be a hang out making streets to scary to use
I do appreciate the need to tidy up currently unused grounds In the area but tarting up barely used streets with little to no footfall is ridiculous
Good idea but much more needs to be done before a flower or tree can fix the problems that exist
Waste of Money
This would be nice if money is there but murals etc doesn't look nice on walls etc, not everyone thinks this is art
More greenery is welcome but I'm not sure it will make people wander away from town centre.
Quite like this picture of Bank Street
many areas of Central Alexandria look abandoned and neglected. Improving green spaces and revitalising unused land will make a huge difference
Good idea, gets the whole nuclear apocalypse vibe away from the town
This should be a big priority as the town centre is drab and depressing in appearance
all about better jobs better jobs then better shops will come.
Not sure can be achieved and at what cost , money could be better spent
You cannot maintain green spaces at present why would this be any different
laughable nonsense
Plant a tree and maybe we won't think on how poor the living environment is.
Good for the environment and improving the surroundings
Very important. Stop the Vale looking like a derelict site
These areas are in such a poor state. I don't think some planters are going to quite work the magic that it is expected from these plans
I feel the large trees at the the CATRA building are misplaced. Regenerating the unused space on bank street by the old public toilets area is a great idea! More if this please!!! More open spaces to sit are needed.
Anything that improves the look of the town centre and the immediate area is a must
We are absolutely needing these empty areas upgraded and maintained. Increasing green space is a great idea.
Looks lovely but future maintenance would concern. me ie., it will fall by the wayside, not be maintained and end up overgrown. If there are plans and budget to allow for maintenance, it would certainly be easier on the eye
A token gesture, Alexandria will turn in to the same as Dumbarton town centre, which looks like the result of a nuclear accident
more planters
When you run out of money and can't maintain the trees then they will be left overgrown blocking drains and making a mess of the streets in high wind
Brilliant idea
Good luck with this one, the council have spent so much money on cosmetic projects like this before and the end result is what's in the vale just now....
Apologies for the language but the expression you can roll a sh*t in glitter comes to mind
just use the effort to put the free public toilet back.
Again, too much open space is not what a town is for. we are surrounded by feilds and have a river and parks....Bank Street should be a prime street as it once was, do not allow land that has been bulldozed just to become greenwashed derelict land...its nice on sunny warm days and pictures, cold and desolate three quarters of the year...build more houses / shops on street.

<b>9. Green Heritage Corridors: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Please spend some money in the gardens in your park flower beds are a mess all year round
This sounds good, be good if CCTV was also installed to ensure safety on these walks.
Anything would be an improvement here. Currently looks awful. Like the benches. A pond??? Far too many H&S issues!
Get started as quickly as possible!
Proposed idea look excellent
Huge improvement to the general look and adds kerb appeal.
Ambitious but achievable project that could have long lasting visual impact as well as addressing climate change and bringing people closer to nature, food growing and care for the environment. A mix of formal and informal greenspace would be an asset.
More pathways less traffic

<b>10. Cycling and walking network: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Would be nice to see consideration of the back streets for cycling and not on the main roads. I don't feel confident to take the children on main st especially from fumes and lack of addiquate space
Life expectancy and health are both low in this area. Improving the cycling/walking routes is a great idea. Also will reduce fear of crime
Not bad idea
Encouraging the community to get active ! Great idea
This would need better lighting and maintenance, not just for groups but also individual users
More disabled access !!
Tidy up area,lighting, bins,few benches
Just now walking from Albert street into Alexandria shopping area is completely depressing. Anything you can do in these walking areas would be very welcome.
It's a good idea to encourage cyclists on route to Balloch to have the opportunity to cycle through the Vale.
Complete waste of money, people have already been using the routes that are there for hundreds of years. Using funds to fix things that aren't broken doesn't benefit the residents of Alexandria.
Long overdue
This would need policing, if WDC can't keep it tidy just now what hope is there in the future crack down on crime would need to happen first
Looks good
Only if cyclists stick to designated cycle paths, am fed up dodging adults on bikes while walking on pavements.
Needs to be more linked up. Also look at historic signage - information about United Turkey Historic walk/paths
Just need cyclists to use it
Extend the green corridors to connect local parks such a dillichip and haldane etc planting lots of different fruit trees for local people and wildlife. Include the river leven pathway as a green corridor between balloch and dumbarton including rebuilding the footbridge where the old black bridge was between Bonhill and Vola.
If the toilets are to be reopened could we not utilise the old wardens messing facility to include a small local and fair priced convenience shop selling things such as juice, Crisps, ice cream? Perhaps install some much needed tables that could function for disposable BBQ's to encourage usage for longer?
Very important
YES! there simply is not enough cycleways in this area. Needs to be much, much more.. This will also encourage more tourists to venture out of Balloch...
Amazing!!
Not required
Having cycled a lot during lockdown with my young family this would definitely benefit the area.
Encouraging exercise and improving locals health will always be encouraging
Fixing up paths and being more child friendly around the river as some parts are very dangerous if a kid falls of their bike
Widening of lanes within Main Road in the commercial area will automatically improve it for cyclists.
Cyclist don't use cycle paths, but the extra wide pavements will be a godsend to them.
Not sure how this would be viable unless special cycle lanes are made.
As a pensioner who is not able to ride a bike instead of taking my car for shopping doubt that and of the above concerns me
Already good route in place
Glasgow City has created a lot of cycle paths on main roads over the last year which mainly go unused. I see more and more damage to vehicles from poor road maintenance or badly signed lane restrictions due to cycle paths.
Please don't call it a cycle track Enough problems trying to walk along riverside

<b>10. Cycling and walking network: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Would be great and would be nice to use it if it weren't for the constant crime that goes on
Do the most that car drivers will tolerate, it will take time but it has worked in many towns and cities.
Anything keeping cyclists away from main roads is a good idea in my book. People are not going to give up their cars no matter what the Greens, Tree huggers and Greta Thunberg supporters do, maybe sometime but certainly not in the next 20 years. Motorists are the people who spend the money, they also make up the majority of the voters!
If able to reduced car travel through centre would improve quality of life for town centre residents.
Doesn't matter how many cycle paths you put in, they will still use the roads and you want to make those even narrower!!
This is a poor area and a lot of people including infirm and disabled should have better outdoor access. Safe cycling will encourage cyclists not to cycle on pedestrian pavements which is very common now and a real nuisance
Very important ..... but will impact traffic flow eg along Middleton Street
As long as it doesn't incentivize cycling on the roads it's a good idea
Cycle route through the vale main Street, honestly? You propose to narrow the existing road which is a mental idea and still have a route for cyclists on the same road, honestly? You do realise folk will start using Middleton street, half of which has a single lane as it is and the other half has parents parking all over the place for the Christie park school? Does the architect of this plan even know the vale?
The Vale does not need more cycling routes
Why didn't you provide any cycle lanes on West Balloch Road when you designed the new layout which is at the end of the cycle route. Cycle routes on Balloch Road are more important than around Alexandria. Obviously the designer doesn't live in the area.
Encourages people to travel through the town. Great for environment and encourages people to get healthy
Would be good to encourage people to get out without using vehicles to travel 2 minutes
Essential
Lighting on the existing cycle routes are a must
As long as it's safe to walk and cycle 100% agree with it
These can be developed and finalised after the main work of improving the town centre is near completion
Much needed and long overdue. Please include street play equipment for children, spaces for creatives to perform, recycling facilities ect.
Given roads are narrower in Alexandria, Balloch and surrounding areas, cyclists, for their safety must be encouraged to cycle off road
Bikes should be kept to cycle paths rather than causing an obstruction to drivers on the road.
They are only safe when the anti social behaviour is actually dealt with. However I do feel there is a lack of cycle safe places unless you are by the leven/canal route
Pedestrians can't walk along the pavements just now, they have become cycle tracks and cyclists think it's their right to be there so, again an accident waiting to happen, if this can be stopped it will be a great help.
I don't think there are safe walking areas in the vale & it forces parents to drive their kids everywhere
This would be nice but you are really kidding yourselves on if you think this is a good proposal.
Far too many people use their cars from adjacent areas to nip to the shops, largely without good reason, only convenience. Taking the car to the shops is too easy, make it harder, encourage walking, provide a free local bus service that simply feeds round the towns streets to the centre.
Sounds good as long as the roads are not narrowed down. Going back to the balloch example, it's very tight on that new road with oncoming buses, hgvs, people towing boats etc.
Walking on the towpath is currently a major problem because far too many cyclists don't let you know they're about to come up behind you. Have heard several people complaining about this.
Get started as quickly as possible!
Security & safety need to be factored in

<b>11. Christie Park: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Christie park has always been an amazing place for local families to gather. With the local school using the park for many events, I think investment in the parks including reopening of the toilets is a brilliant idea
Having good toilets would be great. We use this park a lot
Its a good idea but last on the list
It's a great community space to spend family time . Eating areas would be great
Get park transformed to the way it was years ago with fully functioning toilets, putting green wee shop for juice,ice lollies, etc
This is definitely needed
If WDC had not made cuts in grass cutting and flower beds this is a beautiful space if maintained prior to all the cuts !!!!!!!
Agree with all suggestions, have small cafe in park, mix of seats and an area for dogs separate, then humans can have better access.
A path link is a great idea. All the locals walk across the hospital grounds and over the small burn in the trees as a shortcut just now so this would improve the situation and make it a lot safer.
The park is in much need of improvement. Especially the 'toddler' area, which is unsafe for little ones and always very dirty. Regular checking and cleaning of kids play equipment should be budgeted for.
The war memorial definitely requires attention, sadly in my opinion it has been a bit of an eyesore since the fence was erected round it. It would also be good to see the fountain in the park back to its former glory.
Reinstate the band stand and putting greens. A small cafe by the play area.
As a child I spent many years in the park on the putting green picnics on the bandstand if it rained and the play park was an adventure ground for us
Good
Bring back the putting green and a cafe like they got in levengrove park
This is wonderful asset. This space could hold concerts and other events. It need to be a space which brings folks in to enjoy the full potential of this little treasure.
As long as the council has the funds to carry it out properly - past few years there has been a huge reduction in planting in the park due to cost cutting - this is not the council's fault though as they have had their funding cut
Park is a great asset that should be preserved. Wasn't memorial refaced a couple of years ago?
Reinstate the band stand in the park for events to take place. Will help with the suggestions. Also needs the toilets
Excellent ! Need toilets at a kid play park should be the same as levengrove
Extend the green corridors to connect a number of parks in the area for example dillichip, haldane balloch and Christie parks
To respond to the 5 bullet points you list; Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes and YES..
Wonderful park used by many but shouldn't be used for any kind of political meetings. This should just be for families to use as a safe space.
Park is used by many so facilities are needed. Would be great to have a pavilion like they do in levengrove
The park is fine as it is as is the war memorial.
Reopening the toilets is always beneficial to any green space. Levengrove park should be considered as a model for improving Christie Park.
Bring back the putting green fenced off at the back of the bowling green.
Defo, since the upgrade of the kids play area it has been greatly used although the toddler area is badlh needing looked at. Plus the buildings running down the side of the park ! What are they used for as no one knows.
Christie Park used to have lots to do, mini golf, bouncy castles, lots of community activities could be centred around the park

<b>11. Christie Park: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Beautiful park years ago but WDC scaled back staff to the bare minimum great guys in there do the best they can on limited time
The park could do with more play equipment, like Dumbarton park and a wee cafe with tennis and football ground and a nature hub too
An excellent project.
Need to get rid of teenagers hanging around making it uncomfortable to walk in in the evening
Path link to the hospital serves no purpose from Christie Park, that's what the pavement is for.
What an asset on our doorstep and been allowed to just become a nothing
Good idea but again the toilets were closed due to the lack of upkeep and undesirables hanging about
Christie Park is already good, but refurbishing and opening the old toilets would improve the park and nearby surrounding areas too
Reopening the toilets should be a priority part of this project I think, Christie Park is widely used by all age groups and it is very inconvenient that there are no toilet facilities there. We would also enjoy taking part in activities there.
Really need these toilets open again especially in the summer time
This park, while still nice enough, has become somewhat neglected over the years. It would be lovely to see it back to its former glory!
Lovely, go right ahead with this one.
Path link to hospital would be a great addition. Although would like as much of woodland preserved
Community activities is a great idea and a path through the woods to and from hospital will take pedestrians off the main road to enjoy the woods
Make people only areas and put fence round dog areas, put a cafe in and reopen the putting green etc.
Great asset to Alexandria and should be used more with more activities within park
I would support any improvement of the park most important get rid of the dogs
Good idea, I have bowel issues so more public toilets makes public places more accessible to me
I don't think there should be a path to the hospital as encourages anti social behaviour
Opening the toilets again is a great idea
It's a beautiful park so increase the amenities. Reinstate the tennis courts and putting green
A crackdown on antisocial behaviour in public spaces is what is also required
Yes! Absolutely yes!!!
Especially opening the toilets
Christie Park has been badly let down by local government for far too long, toilets should be open, a walking path to the hospital is a must. Making the area safe from anti social behaviour is also a must
Yes to opening the toilets and community activities. Lets not waste more money on glorifying war.
Build newer toilets closer to the play park. Community hub like Levensgrove? Food outlet??
It's a shame that until now all of the time and investment has been in Levensgrove Park. You need a coffee kiosk in the park which would do a great trade.
Reopening the toilets is a great idea.
Toilets are def required so families can enjoy this wonderful park.
Christie park is great but recently is getting a reputation for antisocial behaviour so anything to reduce this would be a benefit
re opening the toilets is about the most sensible thing i have read with these plans. The war memorial has recently been refurbished (twice) so shouldn't need it. A path to the hospital? The hospital has been there for decades and you are just thinking of this? A wee bit late to the party with that one.
The toilets are a must and a kiosk selling drinks and snacks would be fabulous. I see people taking their kids away from the park to walk into town to use the toilets and buy something to eat/drink.

<b>11. Christie Park: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Most emphasis should be on it being the decorative jewel of Alexandria.
Excellent, sounds great, would be good if the pathways could be resurfaced for kids scootering as some of the pathways are in very poor condition.
I thought the War Memorial had money spent on it relatively recently. A proper path between the park and the hospital/Tullichewan is long overdue. This park is currently well used - nice play area and lots of comfortable metal benches.
Get started as quickly as possible!
Christie Park is a great asset to the area, well used and a green oasis for walking, resting and meeting up with others. Does not get the same level of resource as Levensgrove Park but could match this with investment and creative thinking of how best to utilise the space.

<b>12. Lomond Galleries: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
I am one of the business owners in the Galleries. We all love and care about the building. Previous plans for change were met head on by problems with planning consent which in turn led to the change of ownership.(Not the whole story) The owner we believe would love to make improvements but his pockets are not bottomless. I personally believe that using the heritage of the place to promote it is the way to go. Very few realise just how important this place was. I really like some of these drawings and would be very keen to be involved in any events leading to promoting the Galleries, Motoring events in particular. I already know the network of people to organise such an event. It would be truly wonderful if WDC does intend to finally make long overdue improvements to a very neglected area. I won't hold my breath but would be happy to give time to helping. Final thought, Main Street is just that, The main way through the town for Traffic. Please do not make it harder for those of us who have to drive through it every day. The pavements are wide enough!
It should be used more often and the car park needs relaid
Great ideas but 2nd last in priority so far for me
Waste of money and time. There is other preposals in the pipeline
Monthly Outdoor markets for local businesses, building and parking needs updated
Get building back to full potential and get shops in it and markets etc
Used to be great going here to the car boot sale, but shame that there are so many empty shops inside.
Important to maintain this listed building
Bring back the car boot
The council should buy this from current owner in order to facilitate development, attract national shops,visitor attraction for wet weather days,forecourt and back grounds need intensive upgrade for parking..be creative in its use
Let's hope this works
Fantastic space for a regular market or local events. Anything that will bring Balloch visitors along and generate some income for the town. Seems a shame that people only visit Lomond Shores market when there could be a way to tap into that, on the alternative weekends maybe.
It is one of the biggest assets that the Vale has left and would be great to see it go to better use and attract visitors.
At the moment, this is a total waste of a beautiful building. The rents need to come down to encourage some decent shops inside. And the carpark is a disgrace, due to badly needing resurfaced. It puts people off coming in, when the first thing you see is how bad the carpark area is.
Resurfacing to front, trees and planting, Farmers markets to front. All ideas are good.
How about forcing the landlord to take care of the building
Terrific ideas for a wonderful building. Should be used for events and arts projects.
I visited this space during a visit in 2018 and was totally unimpressed. It lacked everything to attract people in. Businesses had moved out. A bit of a disaster really. Needs a complete overhaul to bring businesses back in and attract folk in to achieve a full carpark, rather than the now open space. A farmer's market every week is a possible start. We need someone in charge of this project, who can inject enthusiasm into the mix to assure it's success.
Looks good
Parking area in need of re surface. Would be great if they could attact more companies to the units
Needs different shops again to attract visitors when they visit Balloch people bypass Alexandra on the way to Balloch. When it first open it was a great Asset. Helps to employ local people too.
It's private owned let them do it
All exceptional ideas. Why not try to bring a farmers market also!
This all sounds very interesting as it is such a beautiful building needs to be put to better use and enhance the potential.
Turn it into flats. There is enough retail space in Alexandria without this.

<b>12. Lomond Galleries: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Yep - totally wasted space and feature. So, so much more could be done with this asset. I appreciate the listed building status presents some restrictions, but the rear of that building is an eyesore - common sense must prevail here and a transformation for the greater good of the area and the economy is desperately needed
Building is wasted as it is. So much space at the rear and heather Avenue side that could be put to better use. Community spaces would be great something for kids that can be hired for birthday parties would be ideal
Every person I have showed this building to just falls in love with its potential. its heritage deserves to be preserved and cherished by the local community and tourists.
Demolish it no ones interested, sorry to say.
Good use of it, it's such a shame that an historic building like this isn't getting used more.
Leave well alone
The after picture looks great compared to the current view of the building. A more inviting front with modern amenities will encourage locals and tourists to visit .
Farmers markets weekly events such a large space under utilised.
Eh?? I live next door and I never go in the place, as there is nothing in there I need. Attracting more business to fill the place would be money better spent. Better gym or small cinema in the area
Attracting better shops into the galleries would be a better idea
Having said it is important does not mean that I agree with the proposals as shown. This is an extremely important listed building. Creating a large aggressive modernist intervention on the front northern end is indefensible. The intervention to the front MUST be historically and architecturally sympathetic! However the lodge and gatehouses could feasibly be removed and substantial extensions could be placed at the rear.
Let the property be made into flats, poor variety of shops in there
Beautiful historic building about time
Need major improvements in the lomond galleries! Was once a great shopping centre, now has like 4 shops and not inviting for young people! Pot holes everywhere and just looks dull from the outside
The inside of the building needs to be used and promoted with more shops inside to make a nice small shopping place, it it needs to be knocked down
Massive building going to waste. Need big brand shops in here to attract people. Next, M&S etc
It would be fantastic if a car boot sale could be reintroduced.
I really do hope that the owner can be persuaded to accept this excellent project.
But again the loss of car parking. Suppose everyone will have to cycle there
Would be great to get visitors here and have usable shops for locals
I doubt the owner wants to spend money. No doubt "grants will be found" to pay for it all then it'll go up for sale again.
I hate to be defeatist but will be surprised if anything comes to fruition with the building
We all enjoyed the weekly car boot sales which brought the Community together . New owner never interested in Community just customers
Shocking that this has been left to rot. Owners should be forced to rebuild it with assistance from the council. It's embarrassing
This is a good idea, I remember attending the flea market/car boot sale there, it is a beautiful building with a great history, definitely one of the towns best assets.
So you are removing all the parking at the front of it then - great idea = NOT!
It's a beautiful building and that should be showcased. An open market place and local events with local clubs and small business showcasing as well as through routes for pedestrians and cyclists
Council needs to buy this brilliant building before it falls down and include in heritage trail ..... M&S and cinema ..... a museum the history of the vale from viking onwards, museum ..... art gallery. Or the University Of Loch Lomond specialising in Knowledge Engineering - The Future of 95% of Jobs

<b>12. Lomond Galleries: Any other comments to help take this forward?</b>
Best building and space within Alexandria as this is under private ownership will have to get council to front cash for and development as will be hard to persuade owner to,.... had planning for something like this in the old end of building declined a few years ago.
Why would you spend any money supporting a landlord who spends zero on the property
Is this sustainable?
Who are we trying attract? What is the purpose of this proposal.
Beautiful building needs a lease of life
Lowering the rates would attract more business
Again careful not to go too far down the route of shops etc as there are already too many empty ones in the town centre. Public amenities etc would be wonderful and like you have shown a place for a proper weekly farmer,Ãs market
There are no attractive businesses in this shopping precinct and parking spaces are a mess
Yes!!!
It would be nice
Again this was a beautiful building that has been let down by a number of owners, landscaping in the front car park area, utilising the space for local shows, basically all of the ideas you mentioned above, but can they be implemented without some pressure/support from local government.
Do not think this space is used to its full potential. Would love to see events such as food markets here which may help increase footfall and bring more business to the shops here.
Lovely building and under-utilised. Can we not make this like a McArthur Glen / gretna type outlets? Bring bus loads of people to the area. On either side people would have Balloch and Alexandria to visit. It would make a worthwhile visit to the area
It's a huge asset in our community. The space could be used really well and upgrades at Heather Avenue end would make a big difference
Make it into a venue where local + tourists want to come
Amusements?
This building is crying out for investment and proper use of its space. Why not have an upmarket supermarket eg Waitrose, Sainsburys or M&S
Needs car parking area redone. market would be a good idea. More shops inside again would be encouraged by more feasible rates. The rates are extortionate, and also the hoops you have to jump through as well as all the unclear building advice when you start up. Planning permission etc. It's a completely chaotic process.
This is such a wonderful building but is not being used to it's potential, anything the council can do to help the owners with this project would be fantastic.
I would develop it into flats.
As you say this building has nothing to do with us. Pity you didn't have hindsight as this building was sold for-£230K a few years ago, that is less than half of the grant awarded to a unknown group who are intending to transform an abandoned church at the other end of the main st. The farmers market used to be in the galleries car park but it disappeared just as quick as it appeared.
This is an excellent idea bringing the space to life

**12. Lomond Galleries: Any other comments to help take this forward?**

Hmm, it's been said for years that the end part was going to be renovated, I remember at one time when I was a child there their was talk of it being a Morrisons or a Waitrose. Before the new owners took it over there was a great car boot sale that was busy and there were things like a mobile butcher too, that all stopped when it was recently took over. The new owners said at first it was going to offer a farmers market type environment, not heard anything else about it.

For a while, they had a young guy sanding the fence and changed it from its unique green to plain black. It's a nice building but not sure what could be done with it. I often wonder why they don't offer the empty units at a tiny rent, at least that way footfall might increase. I've been in a handful of times over the past 5 years. Been into the works the most and the dance shop occasionally.

I don't think spending money on a big glass construction is going to make a difference. It needs good shops inside for people to actually go inside on a regular basis. It doesn't need to be high street name shops, independent ones like in Helensburgh for example.

Open air fruit market would be great. Put a decent sized supermarket in it! There's lots of parking available.

Get started as quickly as possible!

Bring back markets here

Personally I love this building and think think it could shine bright. I use some of the businesses in it and think there is definently untapped potential, though the investment cost could be high. This building deserves a glamorous make over and could be a draw for tourists.

Whilst Lomond Galleries is in private ownership it is a wasted resource for the area. All of the ideas mentioned above would be great to make better use of the building and its surrounds. WDC must use its existing powers and wider resources to force change at this site or at the very least find a way of changing the ownership to an entity who actually cares about its importance and heritage.

This building is poorly maintained and utilised. External ideas look great but this is where a local history museum should be. Sell the area and its history here then encourage people to go and explore the places it would highlight. Have bike hire facilities to reinforce the green plan

**APPENDIX B**  
**COMMENTS ON THE 2030 VISION**

<b>2030 Vision: Any other comments to help us focus on the right things?</b>	
1	Either a complete new community centre or extensive upgrade of existing centre as it is looking very rundown and every bit its 40 + years.
2	Make Alexandria Town centre an attractive place to visit. Make a town centre that we can be proud of.
3	A more diverse range of independent retailers and more rigorous policing of cars parking on double yellow lines.
4	<p>You need to allow the traffic to flow through the main street freely. Stop people parking on the main street yes but allow cars and other vehicles to drive through it. It is one of only 3 routes in and out of the whole area. People have started using Middleton street to avoid the traffic that has been building up in the Vale (since the changes, or when there are restrictions like roadworks) as a resident in Middleton street this is causing me problems. At times I have an issue even turning my car in the road or getting parked at my house as the traffic had increased so much. My children are finding it stressful when it's busier and my cats are in a much higher danger of being hit by a vehicle. It is busy enough with increased school traffic. When there was a traffic warden present very few people parked in the main street so it flowed freely and had very few issues.</p> <p>Please DO NOT restrict the flow of traffic through main street. You will only pass the overspill to local residents in surrounding streets which includes a school and at their busy times of day will be ridiculously dangerous for all children.</p>
5	A public square between Mitchell Way and the station to host a market and community/ social events.
6	Reduce rates in shops to encourage new business.
7	Open consultation whereby comments and suggestions are listed, discussed, interpretive models made for inclusiveness to enable people to visualise easier..get remedial work started immediately, Mitchell way is awful, look at it from Alexandria station from visitor point of view.
8	Do it sooner than 2030!!!! Place is a disgusting mess and to leave for another decade???
9	The vale is an eyesore and has to be improved Mitchell way is a joke and who would want to open a business in such a depressing area
10	Knock Mitchell Way down asap
11	The community has had to endure an Alexandria destroyed in the 60s/70's, when the council decided to build a concrete jungle in the town centre, which was an abomination. The population need reparations from the council for the destruction of their town, their heritage and for the depression of their community. 2030 is too far away. The folks deserve better and perhaps the target should be 2026.
12	I am a 70 years old Valeman now living in Los Angeles. I have been involved in the entertainments business for all of my life and I am married to a Hollywood screen actress. We have been involved in projects such as the Alexandria project and we see the value of using the right people to succeed in such projects. People who take responsibility for the success or failure of the project. Failure is not an option with this project. I try and visit the Vale every 6 months or so, to see friends and family and I am in constant contact. I have also been a civil servant in the the UK for 32 years, with responsibilities up to ministerial level. If there is anything we can do to support your efforts in this amazing project, we would be only to pleased to assist.
13	Look after the old buildings we already have and demolish all Mitchell Way. Places to sit plants and green spaces. Keep the place clean and make it a welcoming area.
14	The roads and pavements need urgent upgrades they are a disgrace years of neglect and temporary fixes are a false economy.
15	<p>The infrastructure is an absolute priority, including rectifying the current shambles that is the road system around the fountain.</p> <p>The place has to look like a small and friendly town in order to attract people, both local and from outside. This means not only providing the much needed facelift, but maintaining the look, and helping business owners meet and maintain the standards and criteria, ongoing.</p>

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	This includes finding a solution to the junkies and other workshy vagrants that have made the town centre their own cesspool, thus not only making the place look disgraceful, but scares away local citizens and visitors.
16	Do not let what has been carried out in Balloch Road and Balloch centre be inflicted on Alexandria
17	Put pride back in the vale, make it a vibrant place for people to eat out and drink and socialise with families and friends. Why should balloch and Dumbarton have these go to places but not the vale.
18	<p>The Vale is a busy and popular place yet there is no real space where people can meet and enjoy the surroundings.</p> <p>The dire 1970s car parks that lie empty and the useless flyovers of Bank Street (did they think it was going to be the new London?!) destroyed easy access and walking through the town e.g how easy is it for pram, cycle, mobility scooter users to get about?</p> <p>They also created a silly one way traffic system where there was no need and disconnected the town. I'd like you to focus on creating good walking access. Thank you.</p>
19	No point in Gaelic signposts as no one in area speaks it.
20	If the town centre could be made more attractive and turned back into a shopping destination with wider variety of retail and hospitality and additional housing it would make a huge difference. Smaller retail units might attract smaller or pop up retailers. Developing the Argyll Motorworks in the manner suggested in the plan would provide a 'link' between Balloch and the Vale town centre attracting visitors/shoppers towards the Vale.
21	<p>Main St, Alexandria is crowded and not very safe for a pedestrian with buses, vans and cars squeezing through, crowded pavements and cars flying in and out of spaces to get to cash machines.</p> <p>Buses block the traffic on Main St. when they stop and passengers don't have a good spot to stand getting in the way of shoppers -better hub for buses? Train station is rather cut of from town centre and unsafe getting across even with traffic light crossing with speed vehicles come flying down and round one way system and lighting in tunnel makes it harder from them to see a red light - also many pedestrians can't see what's coming in time and they often cross without a green man.</p> <p>A lot more one bedroom, affordable rented housing would be desirable.</p>
22	One of the most beautiful buildings anywhere, the old Argyll motor works building. Huge potential here.
23	Think Big ..... monorails, universities,50m swimming pool , knock down mitchel way think again
24	Engage with actual residents asking what they want to happen in their area not implementing silly vanity projects like random planters on people by people who do not live anywhere near them.
25	<p>Stop narrowing roads, we don't have the traffic capacity as it is, look at the shambles Balloch was when the other bridge was closed and people passing inches away from each other's cars.</p> <p>Artic lorries were going down that road, considering how frequent the roadworks at Alexandria are this could end in disaster. I would rather Mitchell way get sorted out and made to look reasonable.</p>
26	<p>3 priorities when the area has been neglected for so long is a joke.</p> <p>New improved shopping is a priority, the vale has been vastly neglected for many years. Mitchell way is an absolute disgrace and needs torn down to attract more shops to the area. The vale has little to attract any footfall. Aldi is constantly busy but people rarely venture up the street, we need more clothes shops and less bookies and takeaway places. We have numerous chemists, bookies and charity shops but nothing to attract younger people to the shopping centre...if you can call it that. We need a few decent new clothes shops, a restaurant and play area, at this would attract people for a day out rather than just for necessary bits and pieces.</p> <p>The vale has many open areas that can be utilised better. The old co-op was a great big shop selling a verity of things and the vale was greatly impacted when it closed. Planting flowers everywhere will be a waste of money, that's been done and failed in the past and why spend money at the back of buildings, spend it in Mitchell way and the main street which is more visible. Don't ruin the high street but changing the road in any way. This destroyed Dumbarton and Balloch leave the road as it is so that people can easily park in the main street, as well as alternative parking areas.</p>

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27	No Main Street parking would be an idea as my family have a lot of issues when it comes to people parking or stopping at bus stops, I have a wheelchair user in my family and it makes it really difficult for him to get on a bus because of this.
28	The Vale has been neglected for far too long, it is dirty, run down, unsafe and not very welcoming. The area needs to be revitalised, not only does cash need to be injected but it needs to be planned. Whilst money will help, you need the help of the community to let them guide you, to make them proud of their town, to encourage local start up businesses to stay local, sell locally made items and produce to local people, to encourage visitors to stay and come back, too many things to list in one rant :)
29	I personally feel bringing more small, independent and local businesses to the Vale is very important. More community is badly needed!
30	If a 'Greener and Sustainable' vision is what you have in mind why are you planning to build houses on every available plot of land between Bridge Street and Main Street. Several of those areas are already 'green belt' and could be converted to community gardens....with planters!
31	Put the money towards the Vale Hospital and get it back to busy hospital it once was
32	The heart of the Vale was ripped out of it by local government reorganisation in the seventies and has been going downhill since then .
33	Please put the roads back as was, before the shambles now at the fountain, just an accident waiting to happen. Stop parking on Main St, double yellows mean No Parking, with no police on the beat and traffic wardens none existent lazy and selfish motorists just park where they like. So bad trying to cross the road for any pedestrians but those with mobility issues, wheelchairs or prams really struggle. Demolish Mitchell Way and start again, it's a disaster zone.
34	Museum of all the important aspects of the vale/dumbarton should be opened. Look at the history of the place, historical and modern. Gateway to the highlands, drive through to the highlands at the moment. Get the roads fixed, too many roadworks and most roads in and out of the district are a disgrace.
35	Focus on the amazing history of this once vibrant area. Make it look cleaner & energised, hopefully in turn it will make people want to spend time there. Think also about young people - what will make them take pride in the area? Think big especially in terms of a museum, library is not going to draw people in! You've got to make a visitor's journey worth it in terms of time! Interactive and worth spending a good few hours!