

# Results By Place Standard Questions

Within the tables, below, are the scores and all the responses we have received to the 14 questions that were considered during the workshops.

I have tried to reproduce the comments as they were written. So if there are words underlined or in capitals, that's because it's how it was written. The only deliberate changes are an occasional bit of tidying of the spelling. I have not changed the grammar.

## 1. Moving around

Can I easily walk and cycle around using good quality routes?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	5	Cycles against flow of traffic in High Street. Cycling challenging due to cobbles & state of roads. Walking impeded by quality of flags/pavement. Feel safe to walk. Quite pleasant walking through.
Table 2	6 - walking 2 - cycling	Cycling – narrow roads, cobbles, speeding cars. Walking – nice area to walk around – no reason within area to cycle. Lots of running groups use the area. Narrow pavements – bins being left on pavement. Cycling on pavements needs to be reduced.
Table 3	7	OA Heritage Society hugely influential in local decisions. Events like today are new to newer residents of the area and so indicates an accessible local community.
Table 4	5	Great for walking. I do not cycle but I would think it is not so good for that. It is important that routes are kept open through University property. State of roads and pavements very poor especially for older people and visitors.
Table 5	6	Generally good, but problems for cyclists because of setts. Pavements narrow. <u>Potholes</u> esp. Meston Walk and Chanonry. <u>Also</u> setts need re-laying – dangerous gaps between them.
Table 6	4	Need for cycle lanes to make cycling safer and to avoid them using pavements. Good walking.
Table 7	4	Traffic lights favour cars. Some areas not well lit. Nice walks for leisure
Table 8	4	Uneven pavement and road surface. Stretch of the Chanonry not owned by anyone Walking for old people difficult Not enough cycle routes or provision of cycle lanes. Accessibility is difficult for disabled people If setts were laid properly the setts would be a lot easier to negotiate. Setts are in keeping with the area
Table 9	1	Enough routes for walking but nothing for cyclists – they use the pavements! Pavements narrow and difficult for people to pass.
Table 10	4	Some narrow streets – difficult for cyclists – lots of potholes. Cobbles. Pavements uneven. Big dip approaching Lights at Morrisons. Narrow streets e.g. Spital – two buses can't pass. Is the no.20 route fit for purpose? Would mini/ smaller buses be better at off-peak times?
Table 11	3	Access only and no through traffic in certain area. Same areas pedestrianised. Dedicated areas. No cars apart from access. Routes not safe – nor crossing. Not enough seating.

Table 12	5	Walking good but uneven pavements often damaged – coaches. Cycling OK: better.
Person A	5	Some routes may be difficult for people with disabilities
Person B	3	Pavements narrow in places. Trip hazards. Cycle routes a complete mess. On-pavement cycle routes have endangered pedestrians as this has encouraged cycling on <u>any</u> pavement.
Person C	5	Loose paving slabs are too common a sight, especially around the Chanonry and pavement repair work is often unsightly and not performed to high standard. Badly/wrongly laid cobbles make cycling and crossing the road more dangerous than it should be. Better street lighting needed in some areas e.g. College Bounds
Person D	4	Walking is not too much of a problem around the area. Cycling is more difficult because of uneven surfaces, cobbles (although the cobbles are an attractive feature) the relaying of the cobbles (setts) some year ago did not really improve the situation.
Person E	6	I can certainly walk around in a beautiful environment. (I don't cycle). Restricting myself to public transport, I could easily walk to access this. I could if I so wish, walk into the centre of the city. I also love to walk along the seafront. I live in a very quiet street, so would not be happy to venture outside, walking in dead of night, but suspect this would be true of most areas.
Person F	4	Walking is a problem because of uneven, sometimes narrow, pavements and because of cyclists on the pavements. A 20mph limit on St Machar Drive at all times would be a great (safety) asset. Develop more walks (with leaflet guides) for locals and tourists alike.
Person G	5	Where it falls down – paving uneven for walking – affect people with mobility difficulties. No seating available for people who need.
Person H	4	Cobbles are a hazard to cyclists. Narrow pavements on High street hampers walkers
Person I	2	There are plenty routes available to get where you want to go...but; Most pavements in Chanonry / High St / Brig of Balgownie are totally unsuitable for buggies/wheelchairs or people with walking problems. The pavements are very uneven and too narrow & the roads are cobbled. The whole area from Kings Crescent to Brig o Balgownie is a trip hazard. On bin days the above problems are greatly increased. Getting around by bicycle is also not pleasant due to the cobbled streets.
Person J	5	-
Person K	6	Hydrogen buses ✓ Bus Gate ✓
Person L	2	It is a good idea to have cycle lanes. It's just a pity that a large majority of cyclists don't or won't use them and persist on cycling on the pavements. When I have asked them why they won't use cycle lanes provided they usually trot out the excuse 'it's too dangerous' DOH!! How do they think us pedestrians feel as they go flying past us with not a care for our safety!! Cycling proficiency test anyone?

## 2. Public transport

Does public transport meet my needs?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	4  (3-5 range)	Far too expensive – First Bus. Change of route & timetable not reliable. Need 1 price. Should the depot be re-located or not? Lack of publicity about routes.

Table 2	5	3 non-users of bus & 1 more regular user on nos 1&2 King St No 20 reduced timetable. Avoidable services – no! Not reliable. Lack of financial incentive to use public transport rather than cars. Damage to cobbles. Pollution. Smaller buses more environmentally sustainable.
Table 3	6	No.20 back again – hoorah. Timetables reliability.
Table 4	5	The survival of the no.20 service is vital. Greater frequency than the present half hour interval would be appreciated. Fares are too high for students and other wage earners. No bus to hospital (used to be one) only bus to city centre.
Table 5	5 5 3 2	Buses far <u>too expensive</u> . OK for OAPS. No.20 too infrequent – only every ½ hour. Bus stops OK. Lack of seating (public) for people to rest on (less mobile) on way down High St. etc.. LOSS OF BENCHES OUTSIDE ST MARY'S
Table 6	2	Bus very unreliable and 40 minute interval after 4pm. Expensive relative to comparable cities. Buses important, including to get to the hospital and to facilities such as Central Library.
Table 7	3	Public transport too expensive, unreliable if dependant. Transport is accessible for all with ramps etc.. Transport is clean Expensive / inconvenient if collecting from transport hubs
Table 8	5	Good provision of bus services; 1, 2, 19 Price of transport is considerable; £4.20 for a day ticket and £3.60 for a single First bus cheaper in Edinburgh and other cities Reasonably clean and safe
Table 9	1	Public transport is expensive if you don't have a bus pass.
Table 10	5	1&2 good service – good for prams and buses. No.20 – see question 1 comment ( <i>This suggested that smaller buses would be better at off-peak times</i> )
Table 11	2	Bus companies not reliable. No.20 disastrous change of route and times no punctuality for people new to the area very confusing reliance on Google. No announcements - that would be a help. Minibuses good idea – more regular service, would be easier for manoeuvring. No accountability from FirstBus.
Table 12	3	Ever changing timetables and routes, in particular no.20. No direct route to ARI.
Person A	6	-
Person B	2	FirstBus unsatisfactory. Vehicle quality low (compare to Edinburgh). Stock is old and rattley. Fares are way higher than other places – again compare to Edinburgh. There is no direct bus to ARI from Old Aberdeen, Tillydrone or Seaton.
Person C	3	No. 20 bus service is a shadow of what it used to be – too infrequent (used to be every 15 minutes during the day) and is often late, due to now going out to Balnagask.
Person D	5	No. 20 bus is a good service albeit a lot less frequent than in the past. Recent route/timetable changes were confusing and even now the printed timetable at stops proved for from accurate. The King St buses provide a good service with shelter at the St Machar Drive / King St junction useful in cold weather.

Person E	5	When using the buses or trains I have found them to be reliable (although the buses do not always adhere to their timetable). One downside of the buses is that they all head for the city centre; if you want to go outwith the city centre you then have to change buses. This means that relatively short journeys can take an inordinate time. I prefer to drive. I'm unsure of eligibilities, but would like to see free transport for all schoolchildren, the unemployed, people who have mental illness and even students. To make bus travel easier, perhaps we could have buses which lower themselves down to pavement height (I saw these years ago in Lyon).
Person F	6	If the 20 bus could be more consistent and subject to less frequent timetable changes which are well publicised when they do happen. (- and bus drivers not to leave a time tabled stop too early) - and times on bus stops to be up to date
Person G	5	-
Person H	6	20 route is fairly reliable
Person I	6	Generally feel that public transport in Aberdeen is adequate with reasonable standard of vehicle and frequent services.
Person J	4	Don't use public transport often so don't have much insight.
Person K	5	Good bus service
Person L	3	I think public transport isn't too bad. It's just a pity that they couldn't stop the bus where it's meant to stop. At the 'bus stop', not yards past it. Also some of the drivers manners are shocking and how!

### 3. Traffic and parking

Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely and meet the community's needs?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	4 (3-5 range)	Workers leave their cars in residents parking at the south end of OA so no spaces left for locals (non-restricted area). Due to some people not parking properly, you can only get 3 cars into the spaces instead of 4.
Table 2	3	Football traffic!! Balance between influx of student and no of large HMO. Not a pleasant experience given no of cars/buses and narrow streets.
Table 3	4	Kings Crescent inadequate parking. Balgownie fine.
Table 4	4	The existing traffic / people interfaces are not effective i.e. crossing locations at St Machar Drive and King St. Parking bays / double yellow line restrictions are in place for safety etc. But there is a lack of wardens to patrol and enforce the rules.
Table 5	2	Parking a <u>major</u> problem. <u>Air pollution</u> a great concern (from traffic). <u>Climate change</u> a great concern – should have fewer cars. –Maybe have community cars. Noise of traffic for those on St Machar Drive.
Table 6	4	Cars too fast on College Bounds. Allow taxis down Bedford Rd to University. Sort out bus gate on College Bounds. Pedestrian crossing near top of Bedford Rd, by McDonalds.
Table 7	1	Parking is big issue with people going to college of shopping in town who park for free in Spital or Jute St, dumping cars. Allocated amount of parking spaces in designated car parks not enough when empty. Parking on both sides of road makes access really narrow for emergency services. Bigger patrols of wardens on Jute St. Bus gate on Bedford Road really inconvenient – makes little streets rat run for traffic.

Table 8	3	Speed of traffic on the Spital is a concern. Far too fast. Police only there on football days. Vulnerable walking up Kings Crescent due to narrow pavement and high speed. Lots of noise from cars running on cobbles. Cost of parking is considerable. Parking during term time is most difficult to find spaces. Traffic calming measured not working – 20mph limit not adhered to Speed cameras at critical locations.
Table 9	1	Traffic coming up the High Street through the 'no entry'. Traffic calming measures are ineffective. Friday Parking for the Mosque is a nightmare. Cars take priority over walkers.
Table 10	3	Some streets dangerous for pedestrians- very congested e.g. Orchard St / Jute St. Mosque parking facilities not adequate for numbers attending mosque, residents feel swamped. Pinch points – St Peter's school coming out / football traffic. Yellow box – needs repainted (from Don St)
Table 11	3	Cars take priority – speeding on cobbles not safe. Yes puts people off not enough parking i.e. Don St near Bede Court would create good off-street parking. In narrow streets hard for delivery vans trades people. Traffic bumps not answer in cobbled streets. Speed cameras good idea. Lack of parking and bad bus service.
Table 12	5	Inadequate for visitors
Person A	4	High Street sometimes feels unsafe with cars and buses passing near small pavements. A lot of traffic on St Machar Drive sometimes
Person B	2	The newly opened APR has improved things overall in Aberdeen, though St Machar Drive has, inexplicably, started to see much heavier use. The strict limit on office parking in and around Aberdeen has been quite unhelpful to employees, particularly those who have to visit client or contractor offices during the day. The South end of Old Aberdeen – around Kings Crescent, suffers from inadequate amounts of parking plus, First Bus drivers and workers within the City parking for the day in a location that does not have a CPZ, to the detriment of the residents.
Person C	5	Too many cars use, illegally, the bus gate at junction of University Road and College Bounds.
Person D	4	The high Street roadway is often congested by delivery vans. Parking could be restricted on the narrowest part of the street to ease congestion since the University have the monopoly on all convenient parking around Old Aberdeen. Perhaps consideration should be given to providing some spaces for visitors, wedding guests etc. (This could be a pay to park facility
Person E	3.5	Where I live parking is adequate. Most visitors will have to use meters. As far as traffic is concerned, the 'closure' of Bedford Road and opening the Diamond Bridge has led to peak hours traffic jams in St Machar Drive and Great Northern Road. I still cannot understand why Bedford Road was closed to cars pre the dualing of Great Northern Road (unless this was as a Revenue Raising Exercise (by the levying of fines)!) It is also very difficult to do a right turn from Don Street onto St Machar Drive.
Person F	5	Cyclists should have to respect the one way system – and stay off the pavements – not safe to open a door directly on to the pavement and be met by cyclists whizzing by. University could show community spirit by formally allowing free use of car parks in evening and weekends.
Person G	5	-
Person H	5	High Street is a nightmare for traffic because it is narrow in parts. Impossible to see how this can be improved as businesses need to have deliveries.
Person I	3	Lack of proper parking space in streets around the central area means that it's difficult to get around due to narrow streets and parked cars (e.g. Don St). Traffic noise in College Bounds is very high due to cobbles and drivers not keeping to the speed limit. Perhaps the speed limit could be reduced to 15mph here?
Person J	3	Often areas where traffic cannot pass through easily and can obstruct views for pedestrians when crossing the road.

Person K	5	There's a purpose built bus terminus beside our lovely library so why do the buses kill time outside Kings. I've seen them sitting there 5 mins engines belching. (Diesel fumes on sandstone is corrosive).
Person L	2	In my street they made it a CPZ and now nobody parks there apart from residents who have to pay or have a permit. Now the problem has been shifted to other streets. With us residents still having to pay to park at our doors. And then you get the HMO parkers who think it's OK to park on the pavement. Where are the wardens?

#### 4. Streets and spaces

Do buildings, streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to get around?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	6	Generally a pleasant experience – can be peaceful. Seaton is good.
Table 2	6	Beautiful spaces & buildings – more likely to want to take care of spaces. Not feeling part of a city. Natural environment – birds, bats. Empty houses or buildings left derelict. Between Kings Crescent and Spital.
Table 3	7	Former Dunbar Halls - - no high buildings – matching other nearby buildings.
Table 4	7	The area has sufficient appeal to visitors, residents and workers. Landmarks need to be preserved / maintained to retain the unique feel of the area.
Table 5	6 6 4 2	Generally a beautiful neighbourhood. (Historic buildings). Neglected buildings spoil atmosphere. Pavements treacherous in icy weather. Noisy disturbances Kings' Crescent area. Lack of public seating.
Table 6	5	Yes during the day, but some streets and alleys scary at night e.g. Regent Walk not lit enough. Kings College beautiful, though it would be nice to have a tearoom open there.
Table 7	6	So many landmarks, buildings and history Signage doesn't point people properly.
Table 8	6	Lovely place to walk through. Too many empty properties, possibly owned by the University. Overall lovely position exp### (indecipherable) Green spaces e.g. near Kings Vacant land behind St Machar's Cathedral could be made better use of. Site of old bishop's house.
Table 9	3 7	Street lighting repairs – too dark Pot holes Granite setts and cobbles can be dangerous – slippery. Nice area to live in.
Table 10	5	Beautiful area – St Machar's Cathedral, University buildings, Seaton Park is ACE! Orchard area behind St Machar Cathedral – what will happen to this? Problem with derelict and uninhabited buildings. Communal bins might be better for some properties.
Table 11	5	Balance of (indecipherable) historic area and students' needs. Not a campus. More pedestrian places. Yes many historic buildings – important to preserve. Yes positive new cafes have improved the area. Derelict area should be improved. HMOs should be curbed.

Table 12	6	Too many empty university owned buildings on the High Street. Historic buildings, streets and parks including Seaton Park and the Cruickshank gardens all superlative.
Person A	7	A beautiful area
Person B	6	Most of Old Aberdeen is great. A few neglected buildings stand out.
Person C	5	In general, walking through Old Aberdeen is a pleasant experience. A few too many historic buildings are in a poor condition, the owners of which mainly being the University.
Person D	5	Being in Old Aberdeen is a pleasant experience in the most part. Kings College being a mainstay of this, with the lawn and trees in front. However, there are visible signs of neglect of the lesser considered buildings along the High Street, e.g. no.25 and surrounding houses. There is a lack of vibrancy pervading this area which needs to be cared for and lived in by families.
Person E	5	Where I live there are some beautiful and quaint buildings. However, the non-cobbled parts of the Chanonry are a disgrace with potholes. In addition, the little car park opposite the shop at the bottom of St Machar Drive is kept in a deplorable state.
Person F	5	Generally positive. Not easy for accessibility in some places e.g. narrow, irregular pavements in High Street. Cyclists should have to follow the one way system like everyone else. Sunnybank Park is not nice (more detail slater) – definitely not an experience outwith daylight hours (even within them?)
Person G	7	Interesting and unique Beautiful campus
Person H	6	A couple of empty buildings e.g. the former nursery on the Spital, takes the score down
Person I	6	Extremely attractive area to visit and spend some time in. The walk from Kings Crescent / Spital / High St / Chanonry / Seaton Park / Brig o Balgownie / Cottown... is unique. Perhaps this needs to be promoted more? The Cruickshank Garden should be promoted too! The walk is quite unique and is rewarding in all seasons.
Person J	4	-
Person K	5	There needs to be a proper bus gate top of university Road ASAP
Person L	3	This is a great area that is being dragged down by too many HMOs and people who don't care a hoot about the area. Broken Bottles, bins left on pavements 24-7. Noisy parties. {Dodgers- Junkies} bringing a once lovely area down to their level and it's bloody well wrong.

## 5. Natural space

Can I regularly experience good quality natural space?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	2-5 6	Yes there are nice safety. Need a ranger service in Seaton Park Sunnybank Park i.e. allotments are a haven for anti-social behaviour. Locals find it intimidating.
Table 2	6	Sunnybank Park & allotments – good space but needs help/support. Seaton Park (during the day) – well used and kept. Could this be better used by more people? Seating & garden on College Bounds opp. Mosque. Cruickshank - build better awareness.
Table 3	6	Wonderful walks by River Don. Not so much towards Mounthooly.
Table 4	6	Better at Seaton Park end than at Spital end. The access to the green spaces isn't accessible to all mobility needs i.e. pavements and roads in poor condition in many areas for wheelchairs etc.. Cobbles not kept in good condition therefore access to parks. Attention to gap sites e.g. on the right as you go up College Bounds to the Spital has been good.

Table 5	7 2	Generally excellent. Beautiful places & access to nature, watching wildlife. But at south end virtually NONE because only area of open space there (the playing fields) were taken away to build the first station and offices and new road and this is a highly, densely populated area.
Table 6	5	Shame that water was drained in Seaton Park. Hard to cross King St at this end of bridge to get to Don estuary. Get fountain going at Seaton Park.
Table 7	6	Wide variety of areas – suitable for different ages / interests. Friends of Sunnybank & Friends of Seaton Park do an excellent job. Signage and advertising.
Table 8	6	There are natural spaces for people. Insufficient seating in the High Street. Incorporate land behind St Machar's into Seaton Park. Higher route in Seaton Park could be improved (accessibility). Walking route to Grandholm.
Table 9	1	Parking barrier in Sunnybank Park prevents people using it.
Table 10	6	Less than there used to be e.g. fire dept used to be football pitches. Seaton Park is outstanding!
Table 11	6	Yes Seaton Park nature reserve river Don area. Can see wildlife. Has to be preserved in the future. Grade A listed gardens preserved. Friends of Seaton Park should be supported by Grants, Council etc.. Areas for dog exercise areas. More bins for their excrement.
Table 12	7	V. good particularly since Friends of Seaton Park was formed
Person A	7	
Person B	6	Great space in Seaton Park & Cruickshank Garden. Shame that the Seaton Park wetlands were not rectified after the water retaining layer was breached. The wee garden opposite the Mosque also worth a mention.
Person C	6	Both Seaton Park and the Botanic Gardens are terrific natural spaces. Lack of natural spaces towards the Kings Crescent end.
Person D	4	Good lighting in all areas is needed in all areas of natural spaces. The site of Dunbar Hall could be a wonderful asset to Old Aberdeen is a potentially fantastic area which could provide great walk, experiences instead of a padlocked inaccessible area
Person E	7	We are extremely lucky in Old Aberdeen with the variety of spaces on offer. Seaton Park is a joy; much thanks to the volunteers who keep it so beautiful for all. The nooks and crannies off the High Street are lovely to explore.
Person F	5	There is good variety of natural space for leisure, exercise and enjoyment. Marred by Sunnybank Park – what is it meant to achieve? Use Seaton Park as a training base for nature activities e.g. insect identification, trees in winter, wetland monitoring etc.. NESBReC recording site, etc.. Could the University be magnanimous and donate or lease the site of old Dunbar Halls for development of a wildlife area?
Person G	7	There is availability of Seaton Park and Cruickshank Gardens
Person H	7	Seaton Park is amazing
Person I	6	Seaton Park & Cruickshank Gardens are jewels in the crown. The Boardwalk in Seaton has opened up the riverside and offers fantastic areas to view wildlife. Riverside paths need to be maintained to a higher standard than present – e.g. from Seaton Park to Brig o Balgownie – which can be impassable after wet weather.
Person J	4	-
Person K	4	Let's have hydrogen only buses.
Person L	5	I enjoy walking - the Gibberie Wallie, Seaton Park, the Uni, seeing the wildlife which is very pleasant. It's just some of the residents that would be better off in cages!



## 6. Play and recreation

Do I have access to a range of space and opportunities for play and recreation?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	6	It was a shame the Sunnybank bowling green & tennis courts were abandoned – who would want to go there now? Seaton Park is great.
Table 2	5	Playparks by Sunnybank & Seaton – well used. Playing fields and tennis courts at UoA (one court left to go?) Skate park? To avoid damage to walls and kerbs – e.g. one in Westpark (Spaces at back of cathedral?)
Table 3	6	Outside gymnasiums – like in Denmark
Table 4	5 3	There is facilities in Seaton Park and opposite the St Machar Academy, but they are under-utilised. This is partly due to the lack of equipment. Botanic gardens is good place for free play. Save King's College Tennis Club!!
Table 5	7 7 7 5	Concern – not enough tennis provision – concern about potential loss of king's single tennis court. Sports village generally excellent & affordable. Not enough play area at south end
Table 6	4	Play area on Orchard St inadequate. Fencing around Seaton Park play area and enhance to standard of Duthie Park play area? (including monkey bars).
Table 7	2	No groups or anything for teenager or younger children in the area. No community centre / community workers. Not safe for children to play outside alone and no groups to facilitate.
Table 8	6	Sports village accessible and cheap. Well ( <i>indecipherable</i> ) Enclosed dog park at Seaton Park would be welcome Play park at Seaton Park is excellent Would not go into Seaton Park at night due to perceived danger. Lighting could be improved.
Table 9	1 7	Most places in the area are safe and accessible except for Sunnybank Park. Seaton Park is beautiful and lots of improvements have been made.
Table 10	6	Seaton Park. St Peters School – outdoor play. Seaton Primary School Play is a priority for council Cruickshank Botanic Gardens – play for under fives. Good links between Aberdeen Play Forum and Friends of Seaton Park.
Table 11	4	Tennis courts should be more widely available. Seaton Park achieves the rest. More cycle paths.
Table 12	6	Fantastic playpark and sports facilities nearby. Concerns about the future of the University Tennis Club. Sunnybank not properly developed.
Person A	3	Area could benefit from more services to benefit the entire community. Much of the area is tailored towards student which is good but greater focus on the wider community would help to create a more diverse and vibrant atmosphere.
Person B	7	Sports Village excellent Seaton Park provides lots of opportunities for exercise.
Person C	5	Other than Seaton Park (which is a great place for children) there are few other play areas etc. The play area on Orchard St is run down and therefore seldom used.
Person D	3	Apart from the ADV, it appears that other facilities which used to thrive and be used by residents of all ages have been shut or neglected (this seems to be a needless and intentional policy by University authorities, namely the Pavilion swimming pool and Kings College Tennis Court.

Person E	7	We are Fortunate to have Seaton Park (Mr Therm and his friends) and the Sports Village on hand. I am unsure what is the eligibility to have free access to the Sports Village and the football pitches at the Raymond Kelly building for folks on reduced income and children, but for both physical and mental health issues I would support this.
Person F	5	Some efforts going into Seaton Park – could use more frequent warden service for ‘policing’, development work and education, including evenings and weekends. (Little for your archetypal teenager). Sunnybank Park is going downhill all the way – let a community group seek funding for tennis courts etc.. – it is just a mess now, as often are the surrounding and access paths
Person G	7	Some natural play areas plus the new Sports complex
Person H	4	This is a difficult one to rate as I would give a 7 because of Seaton Park. But a 1 for the rest of Old Aberdeen. Have settled on the middle score.
Person I	6	The score relates to the facilities available in Seaton Park (first class, well maintained and very well used) – and to the Sports Village.
Person J	3	-
Person K	7	Street lighting could be better
Person L	5	I think the playpark at Sunnybank has been greatly improved, Just a pity that the underused putting, bowling and tennis courts are gone. The old train park on Orchard St has been greatly improved but I believe there has been drug dealing going on there. Plenty of green space at Kings Fields for football, rugby, tennis etc..

## 7. Facilities & amenities

Do facilities and amenities meet my needs?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	5	Pretty satisfactory. Could have night time opening of cafes (& toilets).
Table 2	6	New facilities eating and coffee shops etc. / hairdressers / betting shops. Other empty spaces e.g. St Peters Nursery building. How to encourage locals to shop local. Public toilets – Seaton Park.
Table 3	4.5	No banks, No PO, butcher. Community Centre
Table 4	4	Lack of nursery facilities Lack of banks in area to cover the size of the population. Not family friendly. Emphasis moving towards provision of homes to students rather than full time residents.
Table 5	2 5 5 ½ 4	Lack of shops – interesting – e.g. wholefood, souvenirs of Old Aberdeen – more characterful. Lack of proper dining in evening. PUBLIC LIBRARY HUGELY MISSED. Tourist info. (possibly corner in Blackwells) Also need University Museum opened.
Table 6	3	No public library. Losing primary school. More shops and cafes open at weekend. No bank or post office in centre of Old Aberdeen. More for visitors e.g. shop at weekends to buy PCs, Tearoom at Kings, etc..
Table 7	4	No library. No internet café. Quite expensive, no accessible to everyone.

Table 8	6	1 restaurant, 1 café, some pubs, <i>(indecipherable)(indecipherable)</i> . Post office is very useful Toilet facilities on High St would be welcome. Signage (e.g. accessible toilets). More public toilets.
Table 9	1 5 7	No library facilities Better variety of coffee shops Sports Village is a godsend.
Table 10	5	Lidl, Spar (corner shop), take-away, bakers, chemists. St Peters is full. No library in Old Aberdeen, no focal point e.g. community centre. Nothing for teenagers? Amenities geared towards students. Sports village is <u>excellent</u> .
Table 11	5	The Sports Village is excellent, within easy access. More open events. Quality could be better within some areas i.e. University and tennis courts. ScotFree tours are good. Health food shop.
Table 12	5	No bank, declining retail facilities in common with most other highstreets.
Person A	5	Provision of cafes etc. has improved in recent years but more independent businesses would help create a more interesting environment
Person B	5	Most of the essentials for a minor shopping area are present, but mostly at the St Machar / Kings St intersection.
Person C	3	Could do with more local shops e.g. bakers, grocers etc. for residents to use – many now university offices. Lack of public toilets. Loss of the post office and library is to be regretted.
Person D	5	There is a welcome increase in cafes and restaurants in the area which is a positive, however because of the lack of diverse population, there is a large part of the year when these shops shut, one notable exception was the Kings Conference Café which was a much loved and frequently used facility which despite being extremely well used was closed by the University authorities which has been a great miss to visitors, local residents also.
Person E	7	I can access all I require fairly easily. However, it would be beneficial to have public toilets for visitors to the area.
Person F	5	Public toilets are a necessity and other toilets which are available need to be publicised. Ample facilities and amenities nearby out with the OACC area. The University could be more of a community partner and allow use of more facilities. Shame about Sunnybank bowling greed etc. – redevelop as tennis courts, bowling and putting – current use is not acceptable (dominated by drugs and dog dirt). (Need to ‘re-boot’ the Kings College tennis facilities and the club. An appropriate local facility which is needing some work). University to recognise Kings College Tennis Club and its rights over the club court).
Person G	6	Facilities are good for university students, but less well catered for older people
Person H	7	Sufficient amenities to meet all needs. (So near to city centre where all amenities can be easily accessed).
Person I	4	There are quite a few places for socialising / coffee / meals etc. but they tend to be not too visible. Also it is not well known that the University facilities are also open to the public. Perhaps there are enough places – they just need to be better advertised.
Person J	4	-
Person K	6	Yes
Person L	6	I believe in our little oasis. We are luckier than some areas as we have Linksfield Sports Village, also Kings Sports Field. A good selection of shops – Spar, Tesco, cake & Bake, Grubb, 2 doctors, dentist, chemist. A few pubs and carry-outs, bakers, chip shop & newsagents & also a bowling club & AFC Pittodrie.

## 8. Work & local economy

Is there an active local economy and the opportunity to access good quality work?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	6	Yes
Table 2	2	It is a bi-modal distribution with academics and traders. Very few opportunities for work and employment. Area is too small in itself to support?
Table 3	4	Retain St Peters School. University main employer. Local community centre. Businesses limited by lack of people in summer.
Table 4	3.5	Hard to recruit to jobs (lots of jobs available!). But, living cost too high compared to wages. Lack of affordable childcare to support employees. Good local business networks for starting business.
Table 5	2 5 5 5	Monopoly by University & Sports Village. Little businesses should be encouraged – especially characterful shops but not at the cost of any existing homes. Try using University Offices in High St for shops or homes instead. University offices should be in their modern buildings.
Table 6	4	Local businesses seem to struggle, especially if not opening at rush hours and at weekends.
Table 7	6	Local businesses succeed and can grow opportunities for people in the area. Promote tourism to make it busier when University isn't open. Affordable childcare?
Table 8	4	Job opportunities at University and local shops Rest of Aberdeen accessible so ( <i>indecipherable</i> ) New café The Shelter is very nice. Outside seating so good views down High Street. There could be opportunities created.
Table 9	5	-
Table 10	3	University main employer (but not local). Not thriving economy for local population. Local sheltered housing.
Table 11	5	Work at University and Sports Village. 2 cafes now. City council employees in Park. University employ staff. FirstBus large but not satisfactory employer. Better advertising of jobs.
Table 12	4	University main employer
Person A	3	The Sense of a thriving local economy is stifled by the predominance of the university in terms of property. If more property was owned by private residents or independent enterprises it would create a more thriving environment.
Person B	4	There are work opportunities in the area and ready public transport into town centre. Transport into the peripheral business parks is a nightmare though. Current (permanent) oil industry downturn is affecting most of Aberdeen. If tourism was increased it would help the shops to survive the quiet summer months.
Person C	-	-
Person D	3	The University monopoly of the area, particularly the High Street has caused a lack of interesting diverse experiences / shopping which contrasts badly with other university areas in Scotland. There appears to be active discouragement of creation of an interesting economy. Even the book shop is closed at weekends. There are not many opportunities within the proximity of University for independent business start as building become yet another university dept./office.

Person E	4	I worry about the lack of opportunity and deprivation for folks living so close to us, in Tillydrone and Seaton. I would suspect that most fold living in Old Aberdeen work elsewhere. I am unaware of opportunities for people to gain skills in Old Aberdeen.
Person F	4	Few opportunities for local businesses to start up and grow. Otherwise, there are ample opportunities ( <i>text unclear</i> ) in Aberdeen. Heritage Society and others may need to be more welcoming of changes of use and adaptation in buildings.
Person G	7	University provide education & training for the community and students. Programme at University for the community can still be developed.
Person H	7	Plenty of work available at the University.
Person I	1	Apart from employment in University or local catering facilities – not aware of any other sources of employment for local people.
Person J	5	-
Person K	1	I'm not sure about this page 8. I don't think it's relevant. Finding a job is not in my view part of a community questionnaire. There are too many variables.
Person L	-	Unsure about this

## 9. Housing & community

Does housing support the needs of the community and contribute to a positive environment?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	5 4	Affordable student accommodation required. Do the 'owners' of student accom provide any financial contribution to the infrastructure – rubbish collection.
Table 2	4	Variety and range of housing? Cost? Aberdeen as a whole is expensive but in this area a number of houses have ABSENT owners left to rot. Balance of central and owned properties.
Table 3	3	HMOs – too many Restrict private landlords Council forgets OA.
Table 4	1	Proliferation of HMO and private landlords which tend to be the worst maintained in the area. Young families priced out of buying homes in the area because HMO / private landlord can afford to bid higher because the property is 'cash cow'. University not renting to families.
Table 5	3 3 2 1	Main worry is increase in no. of HMOs and other short-let properties. Loss of family homes. Housing will need to adopt to Climate Change – local strategy needed. Excess of student housing. Many properties vacant. Loss of community identity because of lack of permanent families and residents. (Over) concentration of student lets.
Table 6	2	Too many HMOs. Crombie-Johnson not being used for students. Absent landlords not attending to issues. Household rubbish accumulates in bins, especially at times when renters move out. Anti-social behaviour. Houses not properly maintained, nor gardens. Hard to buy.
Table 7	4	A lot of good quality housing. Too many HMOs. Losing family homes doesn't allow opportunities for young people to move to the area.
Table 8	2	Number of HMO properties has increased dramatically. This has destroyed the area. The properties are occupied by students who don't maintain the gardens. More balanced community is required. There are too many student accommodations in family houses. Family houses should be used for family housing. Bike shop could be in a better location.

Table 9	1 1	Too many HMOs – pushing out families, impact on business and community. Converting family homes into HMOs.
Table 10	2	Too many HMOs – saturated. Orchard St – 90% HMO – ruins community spirit. Poor behaviour. Upsets the balance of mixed- transient community population. No community events – e.g. community bonfire No focal point for people to meet because of large transient student population.
Table 11	5	Should provide incentive to renew windows which are a mismatch for building. In general plenty to purchase and to rent. Change of school St Peters to Tillydrone not good. Young families reluctant to move to Old Aberdeen.
Table 12	4	We need to retain what remains of suitable family accommodation and limit the percentage of HMO properties particularly those are suitable for families. Build family accommodation on brownfield sites (not student flats). Concerned about loss of local school
Person A	2	The area does not have a well-integrated mix of quality homes that support a range of household sizes and people of different ages and incomes. The area is dominated by university properties with many houses in university hands. This limits the number and range of households and families in the area. More residents with a long term vested interest in the area would help create a better environment for all.
Person B	2	The Council’s refusal to limit the density of HMOs is one of the main ongoing problems for Old Aberdeen. This creates a severe imbalance in certain localised areas that results in friction between students and long term residents. It also takes family housing out of the local mix.
Person C	2	Far too many HMOs all over Old Aberdeen, resulting in a loss of community feeling, due to lack of permanent resident. HMO landlords are able to bid more for properties, resulting in families etc. being priced out. Too many homes being lost, especially in High Street, due to conversion into University offices, which serve little benefit to the community.
Person D	1	Too many HMOs in area. Very much improvement needed in this area. Again it has to be said down to university property dept., policy there is sad neglect of what lies behind the doors of many university properties, despite these properties being listed or within conservation area. There appears to be an antagonistic attitude from authorities to taking responsibility for this. This has to change.
Person E	5	There are some beautiful homes here, but their occupation is very much predicated on wealth. We (& the university) should concentrate on providing family homes and not leaving domestic properties unoccupied (e.g. no. 15 High St) or the proliferation of short term lets or HMOs. What we need is a vibrant community of families living here. If the University has spare properties, it should consider renting these out to university workers and their families at a subsidised rate. I’m sure such employees would be crying out for homes closer to their workplace.
Person F	5	Although there is a good range of housing, too much is under University control and there may be a shortage of affordable properties (to buy or rent). I have no problem in principle with HMOs – they could be better monitored, however, e.g. rubbish bags being left on pavements, bins being left out too long etc..
Person G	2	Housing in Old Aberdeen is geared to students. Diversity in housing could be further developed.
Person H	6	Far too many HMOs
Person I	3.5	The area does have a range of housing from large family town houses through to sheltered accommodation for old people. <u>However</u> much of the stock is owned by landlords and converted to HMOs. There is an over provision of HMOs in this area leading to a significant loss of family homes. Also the University owns a number of unoccupied / neglected properties which are not made available for housing.
Person J	5	I don’t make a point of being aware of housing availability and pricing
Person K	5	Too many HMOs. Multiple occupancy 2 or 3 per street is enough.

Person L	4	A good variety of houses, council and private. All shapes and sizes, some nice, some not so nice but -- TOO MUCH -- FAR TOO MUCH HMOs. IT NEEDS TO STOP BUT THE COUNCIL DON'T LISTEN!!
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## 10. Social interaction

Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	5	Make better use of the Union (student) building – invite the public in.
Table 2	6	Sports village for all ages and variety of classes. Good café culture e.g. Shake s& Cakes open late. Bakery on High St – not opening evenings and weekends but what else?
Table 3	2	Community centres – none.
Table 4	5	Good sports facilities No community centre or early childcare / child activities. Community Council and Friends of Seaton provide opportunities. We feel the University could do more with community -- -? Hard to find out what's going on.
Table 5	6 6 4 6	<u>Good:-</u> Friends of Seaton Park Old Aberdeen Heritage Society – talks, outings, strawberry teas. Community council meetings and initiatives RSPB meetings – lectures Exhibitions in University Library Cakefest Organisations meeting in Dunbar Hall <u>Should be central place</u> to advertises events Churches – all kinds. Loss of library keenly felt (by all ages). Lack of dining facilities.
Table 6	4.5	Cathedral and mosque, Machar Bar etc. but no concert hall, library, evening classes, youth club – though there is Rainbows/Brownies, Boys Brigade etc. Uni museum is very small – move into ex-Bank of Scotland. Would be good to have craft groups e.g. stitching and knitting, painting etc.. including for retired people.
Table 7	2	No community Centre. No organisation to pull people together.
Table 8	4	Sports village ( <i>indecipherable</i> ) from small pubs and cafes, good park. More places to eat in cafes for children would be welcome. Brig o Doon has play area. Could be better ( <i>indecipherable</i> ).
Table 9	3	There are spaces and opportunities but not widely known about.
Table 10	5	Communal spaces. Dunbar Hall (have to pay) Seaton Park Cruickshank Botanic Gardens Heritage Society – good orgs for bringing community together. Problem is <u>No (free) Community Focal Point</u>
Table 11	5	Yes spaces but not always widely advertised e.g. Dunbar Hall. Some places seem to be student oriented. More opportunities for general public.
Table 12	5	Good social interaction due to efforts of various groups.
Person A	4	Plenty such places but many are primarily for people who work or study at the university.
Person B	5	Heritage Society, pubs, cafes

Person C	2	There are very few places or events where those in the community can meet (as opposed to student events)
Person D	2	Only in university term time there is a clear divide between student population and local residents not helped by over weening control and attitude of university authorities. (e.g. tennis court of Kings College Club).
Person E	2	I am a member of the Old Aberdeen Historical Society and attend events as I am able. This is really the only social interaction I have with the community. Not good enough.
Person F	3	A need for (public) evening and weekend 'meeting', 'socialising', 'doing' places. Develop use of the AI Toon House and University Hub.
Person G	5	Some good university facilities are opened to the community e.g. the library and sports village. But community facilities should be further developed for older people and children and families
Person H	7	Old Aberdeen residents / Heritage encourages people to meet and interact together. As does Friends of Seaton Park. Also a thriving church community.
Person I	6	Outdoor facilities as previously mentioned –e.g. Seaton Park Sports facilities – Aberdeen Sports Village. Others such as Dunbar Hall, The Mission and some University lecture halls available to the public – all good meeting places.
Person J	6	-
Person K	7	Plenty
Person L	6	Yes I go to the Sports Village & have been amazed at the amount of people that go there, I have met & spoke to. I have also met and made many friends while out walking the dog. But unfortunately a lot of people in the area are just passing through. In other words TOO MUCH HMOs!!!

## 11. Identity and belonging

Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	5	Transient population – so difficult. It's an individual thing.
Table 2	7	More here than in other places. Neighbours know each other, pass each other, say good morning etc. Events like today wouldn't happen in other places. There is a sense of community here that we need to hang on to and build & not lose. People offer to help.
Table 3	5	Heritage Society
Table 4	5	Yes – positive of view of area. BUT not good links between families as many can't / don't go to local schools & lack of child friendly pre-school activities / groups. Feeling university behaves likes 'fiefdom'- treat it as a campus rather than a community.
Table 5	6 6 3 7	Old Aberdeen has a strong positive identity. Buildings and history well celebrated. Supported by many groups who care about the heritage and history. There are some gaps where some communities who live here but don't engage much.
Table 6	4.5	Unique place – though can feel dated to younger people
Table 7	6	Perceived positively. Heritage celebrated / respected Could be more opportunities to bring community together.
Table 8	5	Transit population (e.g. students) so sense of community could be improved. Perceived positively, but students undermine community feeling. Better balance, more family houses and non-students. Capping HMO. Lovely place to live just a better balance.
Table 9	5	Good community spirit, but students don't have ownership and can be disrespectful.



Table 10	5	We love living in Old Aberdeen – history, culture etc. Near neighbours are close / positive but a more general sense of community is missing. Mosque is friendly – reaching out to people.
Table 11	4	Could be better. Lot of people out at work don't see neighbours. Churches provide a network but could be better. More reminiscence groups. Students would like more opportunity to socialise with locals. Befriending schemes i.e. meal exchanges.
Table 12	6.5	Very welcoming to diverse groups. Very positive identity.
Person A	4	A strong sense of heritage and culture but more could be done to strengthen the sense of community. Efforts to integrate university and non-university communities would help to strengthen a sense of community.
Person B	6	Old Aberdeen has a very strong self-identity, at least in the core areas.
Person C	4	In general, yes, although this feeling has gradually declined due to the loss of family homes. Could do with more community events
Person D	4	Much room for improvement. Too many HMOs in the area which is not positive in creating a healthy integrated community. The OAH society plays an active part in monitoring and attempting to protect Old Aberdeen. The Friends of Seaton Park also are appositive force in strengthening a sense of community.
Person E	3.5	The place, its history and heritage, is rightly celebrated. However, as an incomer without children at any of the Aberdeen schools, I have never felt a sense of belonging.
Person F	5	The area suffers inevitably in the identity and belonging sense through having a large part of the population (students) a transient one – but there are compensations gained in vibrancy. There is a shortage of community meeting places, even just for socialising. Could more use be made of the AI Toon Hoose, and could the University Hub be developed as an evening and weekend facility?
Person G	5	Old Aberdeen has a strong sense of identity. It is essential for the community and the major institution (the university) within Old Aberdeen to discuss and collaborate over the future of Old Aberdeen. The danger is there is a lack of understanding between these two parties
Person H	7	Heritage Society & Friends of Seaton Park encourages a sense of identity and belonging
Person I	7	Lots of people interested in this area and willing to spend some time to support it. - Community Council - Heritage society - FOSP - RSPB All well supported and active
Person J	4	-
Person K	3	Too many bins on pavement. If you turn your front garden into a car park doesn't give you the right to put bins on pavement. Can you teach civic pride?
Person L	5	I have stayed in the area for over 40 years. The people that are left that I know love this area but they are a minority. But over the years people have passed on or moved away. The biggest cause of it are HMOs – students & others who have no interest in the area and are just passing through and in the whole just don't care.

## 12. Feeling safe

Do I feel safe?

Table	Score	Notes
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Table 1	6	I think it has got better Only a problem for a week or two – freshers. Would be too frightened now to comment to people who let their dog foul
Table 2	4	Yes and no – we feel safe in this community and space. Empty and derelict buildings. Drug dealing and drunk altercations. House breaking opportunity and crime. Sense that others will help. Student noise.
Table 3	5	Question Council’s placing of vulnerable people in various locales causing fear of bad behaviour. Student noise. Seaton Park at night not safe.
Table 4	5	When anti-social behaviour happens and is reported the response is inadequate from both police and the council Anti-Social Behaviour unit. Lighting in and around Seaton Park could be improved => CCTV?
Table 5	(3.5)	Generally safe, but there have been incidents. Have to be careful walking at dusk or after dark esp. Park, Tillydrone Rd, Meston Walk, etc.. Again, (far) south of area <u>not</u> safe. Council houses sub-let to SACRO, leading to frequent disturbances, occasional raids by police (drugs) also brothels. Concentration of these contracted sub-lets are causing major problems.
Table 6	2	Old Aberdeen is thoroughfare between deprived areas and need to keep doors locked. Not all streets are well lit e.g. Regents Walk. Blind corner on road down toward Brig o’ Balgownie where path joins the road. Lack of police presence or city wardens – would be nice to see them around. Anti-social behaviour.
Table 7	3	Spital / Froghall area not safe. High rate violence / drug use. Little community support individuals and wider community. Multicultural.
Table 8	6	Generally feel safe but an issue with mindless vandalism (e.g. litter, damaging flowers in parks). Seaton Park at night is an issue. Could be better lit. High Street Safer all the time. Neighbourhood watch.
Table 9	1 1	Street lighting is very inadequate which makes us feel unsafe. Petty crimes ( <i>indecipherable</i> ) at times.
Table 10	5	Jute St not safe. Lighting is dark / subdued. Safe during day and night. Large groups of students congregating can be intimidating (e.g. outside Red Lion)
Table 11	3	Some areas of Old Aberdeen don’t feel safe. Not well lit. Some mugging due to drug misuse and squatting. Lot of drug dealing near Cathedral Chanonry. Could have cameras.
Table 12	5	In general we feel safe
Person A	4	Some areas can seem dark at night.
Person B	6	Yes. Though understand that there are some places which feel a bit less safe.
Person C	3	The crime rate in the Kings Crescent and of Old Aberdeen is a major problem – incidents involving the police seem to be almost a weekly occurrence.
Person D	5	Generally feels safe, excepting lighting in Seaton Park which is ok for day time walking
Person E	5	I feel safe at home (I have sufficient security measures). I would prefer that empty University properties are let to families. I worry, driving back home in the winter evenings, that students traverse Seaton Park alone. I live on a quiet street, I’ve already stated that I prefer not to walkout when it is dark.
Person F	6	As safe as anywhere in Aberdeen (except Sunnybank Park!). Seaton Park remains an issue whether actual or imagined. Narrow pavements in places with considerable squint, broken or rocking slabs or cassies. Sunnybank Park has the air of wasteland at times – would not let grandchildren play there – needs ‘policing’ by rangers or wardens.

Person G	4	On the whole it feels safe – but there are break-ins and some anti-social behaviour and drugs. There could be a stronger security presence (provided by the University and police). The University and police must maintain vigilance over this area.
Person H	6	Crime and anti-social behaviour creeps into every area of the city
Person I	5	Some streets are not well lit and are not busy at some times (e.g. Don Street / Chanonry). Also Seaton Park is a main route used by the students living at Hillhead. Not a good route on dark evenings.
Person J	3	-
Person K	5	Yes
Person L	5	The area is relatively safe for all. Most buildings occupied at certain times of the year. Drug dealing. Antisocial behaviour is often a problem with students and others in HMOs, who think we all want to sleep from 6am till 6pm and sod everyone else. This should not be like an 18 to 25 holiday. AGAIN FAR TOO MUCH HMOs.

### 13. Care & maintenance

Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	4	Not enough communal bins. Bins (small) left out to clutter pavements. Community Council is good! Waste disposal centre is miles away – encourages fly tipping.
Table 2	5	Public areas well kept. Littering is a problem but not unique to here. Recycling – undervalued but good.
Table 3	2	No re-cycling at all OA. No Council grants for buildings, trees, railings. Bus timetables – inadequate advertising when changed.
Table 4	2	BIG PROBLEM WITH DOG POO! (my children stand on it at least once a week). Bulky items left outside properties rather than being taken to recycling centres. HMO / Private landlord properties are main culprits. Bins left out too early which are overflowing and attract seagulls. Bins not taken in from pavements.
Table 5	4 4 4 4	University neglecting some listed buildings and leaving some empty for years. Refuse storage a problem. Bins left on street whole week, instead of being taken in to back gardens. Fly tipping & litter, High St. Litter in Park Fly posting esp. by night clubs Dog fouling esp St Machar Drive on way to Spar Several very effective residents associations.
Table 6	3	Overflowing communal bins, and rubbish left beside. Dog mess in certain areas – more bins. Some flooding e.g. corner of Meston Walk and High St. Tennis court near Hillhead is abandoned. Gutters on High street and College Bounds pour onto the pavements. Streets and pavements not cleaned.
Table 7	3	Young people not invited or encouraged to contribute to decisions, University not approachable for outsiders. Community Council not accessible to young people either.

Table 8	3	Litter and vandalism, low level but an issue. Multiple bins on the street is unsightly. Bins need to be taken off the street. Dog fouling generally good but still occasionally an issue. Bins stored properly would be welcome.
Table 9	1 1	Intermittent dumping of rubbish issues. Litter and dog fouling can be a problem.
Table 10	2	Dog fouling and litter. Black bins lying around – communal bin would be better. Recycling system is good. No local residents association. Inadequate street sweeping and too many <u>pot holes</u> (Don St and Dunbar St).
Table 11	2	University could take better care of some buildings left empty due to lack of finance. No longer grants for restoration. Factoring is a problem in some blocks of flats - no-one taking responsibility. Council should have some involvement. Advertise their services more. Not everyone knows where to go for information. Open Glover building!!
Table 12	2	Dog fouling an issue Vandalism Refuse storage – bins - inappropriate storage spaces,
Person A	4	Streets well maintained but some residential properties owned by university need repairs or improvements.
Person B	5	Most buildings well cared for. UPVC windows and doors continue to be installed in conservation area as there is no overt pressure to dissuade this, despite being against ACC guidance. University seems to have a policy to spend the absolute minimum on their property. It shows.
Person C	4	Many historic buildings, especially those owned by the University, do not receive the proper care they deserve.
Person D	3	The Council ( <i>text unclear</i> ) recycles. Litter and dog fouling are ongoing problems. It would appear that not all landlords take their responsibilities seriously – e.g. garden maintenance of HMOs. More family homes in Old Aberdeen would greatly enhance the area. Just at a glance it is quite obvious to see the difference between HMO and family home. This problem has caused a massive deterioration of the area.
Person E	5	The buildings and spaces are generally well cared for. I have a large garden and am on the highest rate o council tax. I feel it is ludicrous that I am limited to 2 brown bins. There should be more litter / dog refuse bins. I seem to spend a fair amount of time picking up litter outside my home.
Person F	4	Given current budgets, buildings and spaces are quite well cared for. There is a need for a residents association though OACC does a creditable job of speaking out. The University is not good at fulfilling its responsibilities for listed buildings (it seems as if the university tries actively to side step these responsibilities). There are single local issues which do not get adequate attention by ACC e.g. dog dirt on pavements, uneven broken paving slabs, whereas parking gets well policed (because it generates revenue?). All streets should be serviced by the pedestrian cleansing operative.
Person G	5	Some associations are actively interested in their area. Some dog fouling on streets. Bins are a problem; we use to have one bin per house, now we have three per house.
Person H	6	Bins left out on the streets can cause problems – University Road is always a mess (HMOs).

Person I	4	Refuse bins are an unsightly problem – especially in the smaller streets where they block the pavements. Suggest more use of large community bins instead of individual bins. As far as we know there are only local recycling facilities at Hillhead.  Seaton Park is well maintained by FOSP. However riverside walk to Brig o Balgownie and on to Bridge of Don needs more maintenance.
Person J	4	-
Person K	4	Would go 5 but too much dog poo.
Person L	3	Not enough street cleaning. Plenty of litter, broken bottles, dog mess not picked up especially beside chemist. Not enough poo buckets. Landlords getting the rent in & don't worry about anything – bins, noise etc.. They don't stay here so why would they care? No Resident Association to my knowledge. Again it's that old chestnut HMOs! TOO MUCH!

#### 14. Influence & sense of control

Do I feel able to participate in decisions and help change things for the better?

Table	Score	Notes
Table 1	4	OACC is great! Can contribute to the Council but do they listen – and the university.
Table 2	7	OA Heritage Society hugely influential in local decisions. Events like today are new to newer residents of the area and so indicates an accessible local community.
Table 3	2	Heritage Society / Community Council good avenues Not listened to be University /Council Officials
Table 4	6	Grateful for the work of the OA Community Council. The <u>great</u> work of the OA Heritage Society. Tension between university and community requirements.
Table 5	7 5 ½ 3 7	Bigger picture – Old Aberdeen Community Council should be more concerned with Climate Change. This form is first of kind. Want More. But OACC and OAHS communicate well with population.
Table 6	3	Young people not invited or encouraged to contribute to decisions, University not approachable for outsiders. Community Council not accessible to young people either.
Table 7	2	Local authority don't listed to community. No councillors attended today. Councillors only speak to people on local community when need re-elected.
Table 8	6	Good active community council. Good turnout at community council. Good attendance of local councillors. Local councillors respond to concerns Council could be more responsive (e.g. the pot holes on the Chanonry).
Table 9	3	Opportunities are there to be listened to, but some feel it doesn't make any difference.
Table 10	4	Yes – complaints to council / MSPs eventually get responded to (frustrating). Listened to, but action not always taken.
Table 11	3	This exercise may help. People not listened to all the time. More awareness about contacting local councillors and expressing views (techniques).
Table 12	3	Plus: OACC People are able to contribute but need more encouragement to do so. Change is possible with involvement.

Table A	4	I am aware of several avenues by which people can express their views. The dominance of one institution (the university) in the area can make it seem difficult to affect change.
Table B	3	While residents are able to contribute opinions and advice, there is little expectation of making any significant difference, even for issues that only impact Old Aberdeen.
Person C	-	- - -
Person D	5	Community Council, OAHS, Friends of Seaton Park are all positive in the area. The workings of University of Aberdeen much less so – they could and should do much better in all areas
Person E	5	I participate in the Aberdeen City Voices polling review. However, the University of Aberdeen attempted to ride roughshod over local inhabitants' views on the usage of no.15 High Street (when housing in the area is desperately needed) and this felt like fighting a long battle with our intransigent Goliath.
Person F	3	There are several opportunities to contribute but University opinion seems to hold sway, unless one is willing to persevere (e.g. recent pub application for 15 High St). Public opinions re. tree island at Cheyne Rd and Don St junction seem to be ignored. What about site of Dunbar Halls? Need to consider ways of getting all groups to engage e.g. work with St Peter's School and residents of sheltered housing.
Person G	7	There are opportunities to participate. Some active roles played by individuals to facilitate full process should be applauded!
Person H	7	Always encouraged to contribute to decisions for the area.
Person I	4	Very good opportunities for anyone to be involved in local community organisations (such as FOSSP / community council / Heritage Society) & to contribute. Local authority is not pro-active in meeting the aspirations of these local community organisations - but rather has to be 'dragged along' – e.g. the upgrading of Seaton Park to a first class facility.
Person J	5	-
Person K	6	I do
Person L	5	Everyone can contribute to the community. Everybody listens to the community but very few of them do anything for our benefit - - apart from OACC. Re. the council we are listened to but it's a token gesture. In one ear & out the other. Thankfully the OACC fights the good fight for us.