



Action planning for *traditional town centres in West Lothian*

BROXBURN/UPHALL consultation



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INTRODUCTION

West Lothian Council is committed to supporting the economic prosperity and vitality of its district's traditional towns. In November 2005 consultants were appointed to carry out a 'health check' of the town centres. The purpose of the health check was to identify the main strengths and weaknesses of the town. This health check process will help to identify and prioritise future actions for improvement.

Typically a good town centre will include a range of quality shops and other services, convenient car parking, a sense of security, and an inviting pedestrian environment and public realm generally.

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

The consultants report also identified opportunities and threats for Broxburn and Uphall town centre. The council is now seeking your views on the issues that were identified by the consultants. Your views are important and we would be grateful if you would complete the attached feedback form. This will allow us to draw up a comprehensive list of

issues and opportunities in the town. To assist you coming to a view of what the priorities are for Broxburn and Uphall we have detailed below a summary of the consultants findings. The actions suggested by the consultants may, or may not, in your view be the right solution. Please let us know what you think about these proposals and any other proposals that you think would help the vitality of the town centres.

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CONSULTANT'S FINDINGS

Retailers are mainly represented by local independent traders complimented by a small number of national supermarkets (Somerfield, Co-op, Lidl in Broxburn and Spar and

Scotmid in Broxburn) and services such as a bank/post office, local library and health and medical centre. The vacancy rate is very low.

Although Broxburn does not accommodate a railway station of its own there is a station at Uphall, which lies on the Edinburgh to Bathgate railway line. Broxburn is well served by local bus services with regular services to Edinburgh, Bathgate, Armadale, Linlithgow and Whitburn. At present the town centre benefits from dedicated off-street parking as well as limited on-street parking.

Overall the environment of Broxburn town centre is in reasonable condition, street cleanliness is acceptable and levels of graffiti and vandalism are very low. However, the consultants identified a need to maintain the core of the town centre and its overall attractiveness. Continuing shop front improvements and improved signage and landscaping would enhance the character of the town. There is also a need for greater enforcement action to protect the character and appearance of the conservation area of Uphall.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

To address some of the issues that have been identified a number of projects may need to be implemented. These projects could include:

- Environmental improvements such as enhanced street furniture, pavements, street lighting and planters and hanging baskets.
- Shopfront improvements schemes to assist local businesses to upgrade the appearance of their premises.
- Improve signage and shutters within the Uphall Conservation Area.
- Improve to eastern gateway to Broxburn particularly with signage and maintenance of landscaping.

NEXT STEPS

Your views on the main concerns for Broxburn/Uphall will be used to prioritise investment from the council's town centre project budget.

