

S3 Geography Students Place-Based Assessments

- TOBERMORY HIGH SCHOOL



Aim and Purpose of the S3 Geography Students' Place-Based Assessments

Aim

The place-based assessments aimed to highlight what S3 Geography students think is good about the places they live and what they would like to see improved.

The students used the Place Standard Tool to carry out their assessments.



What is the Place Standard Tool?

The Place Standard tool is a way of assessing places. It provides a simple framework to structure conversations about place, based around 14 questions.

It allows you to think about the physical elements of a place (such as the buildings, spaces, and transport) as well as the social aspects (like whether people feel they have a say in decision making).

The tool provides prompts for discussions, allowing you to consider all the elements of a place in a methodical way.



Purpose

These assessments were carried out as part of the Aspiring Places – Community Projects in Argyll and Bute initiative.

It's important to include young people's voices in community projects.

We'll share the results on the Aspiring Places website to help decision-makers understand more about young people's views on the places where they live and go to school.



Influencing Local Decision Making

We're excited for the S3 Geography Students' place-based assessments to help shape local decision-making.

Including young people's voices in community projects benefits everyone!

The United Nations Convention on the rights of the child



"I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously" UNCRC Article 12

"I have the right to find out and share information" UNCRC Article 13

Who are the local decision makers?



**Argyll and Bute
Council**



**Community
Councils**



**Community
Groups and
Organisations**



**Area
Community
Planning Groups**

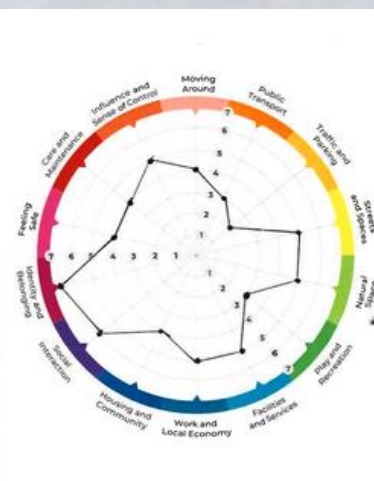


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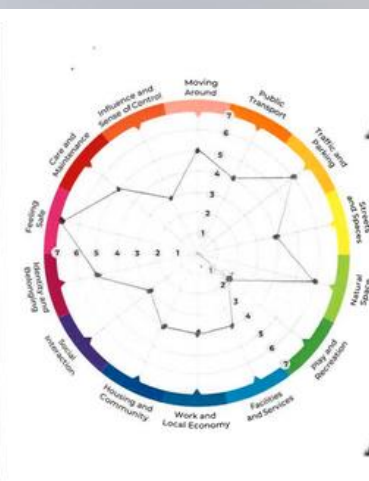


**Parent
Teacher
Councils**

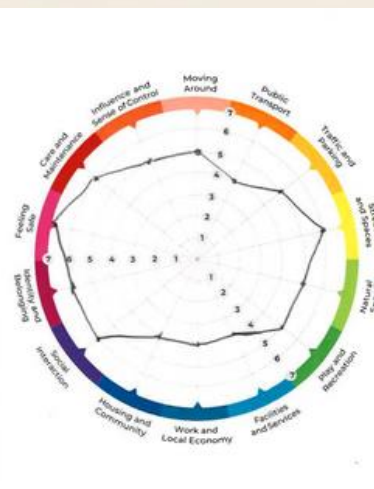
What is good now about this place?	In Tobermory we have many community events and clubs. There is also Avon Park which is a well looked after natural space. We have a football pitch, tennis court, and also park. On the mainstreet we have mainly clear paths and pavements, there are also many disabled parking spots.
How could this place be improved?	We need more public transport like buses on weekends. During Summer (music festival) there is almost no parking on mainstreet. Motorhomes/campervans very often park overnight on mainstreet although they're not allowed which is a problem. We also need a gym, more facilities, youth clubs. It's hard to get a driving test.



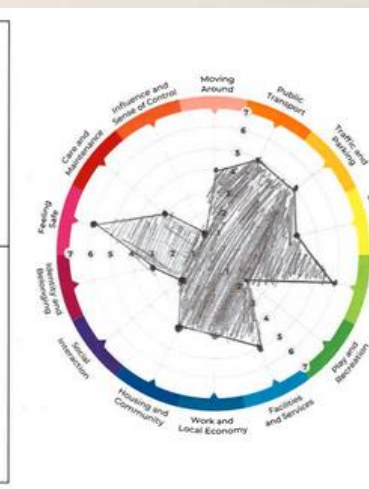
What is good now about this place?	community and nature
How could this place be improved?	cheaper shops, more shops, more activities, school bus instead of public one, sports shops, clothes shops



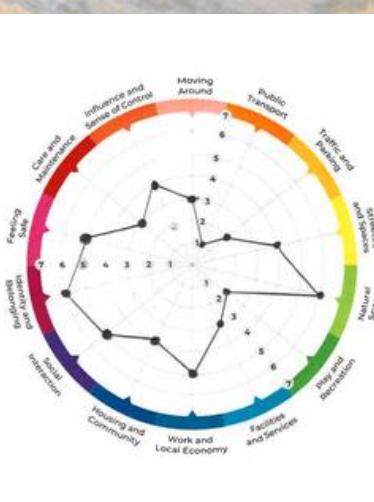
What is good now about this place?	lots of shops and places to see and nice community and lots of clubs and sports to attend
How could this place be improved?	better care for some places and more clubs and shops open in winter



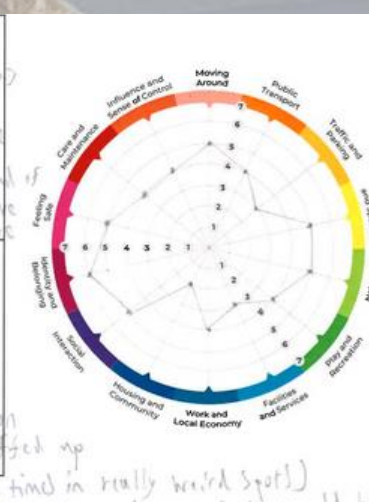
What is good now about this place?	there is family pathways safe at night, its welcoming for people to come in and transport service easy to use
How could this place be improved?	More people my age, base more shops, a nearby education and a place to do activities like a pitch and basketball court



What is good now about this place?	free parking, residents parking, natural spaces, the sports pitch, the new public toilet. Quite a few businesses letting kids work. Church, cafes, parks, at the village hall open. Friendly community. Safe at day and night.
How could this place be improved?	More social buildings, but public service at the weekends. Better pavement, play equipment, more bins placed around, the primary school education. driving tests could be more accessible, better places like gyms and social buildings. Better street lights. Cheaper/more shops, less second hand houses that hardly get used.



What is good now about this place?	there's loads of nice local events around Tobermory and the rest of the island like the pantos, the christmas light switch on, the music festival, bonfire night, etc. I especially like the pantos personally, it's really nice to see the locals who come together to these kind of things and makes me feel good that I live here
How could this place be improved?	there's a big problem around housing where many new people moving to the island have no where to stay because a lot of the houses that are there are either holiday homes or too expensive, so more houses would be nice, also during big tourist season the parking gets really stuffed up with their vehicles (some time in really weird spots) so parking regulation and more spots would help

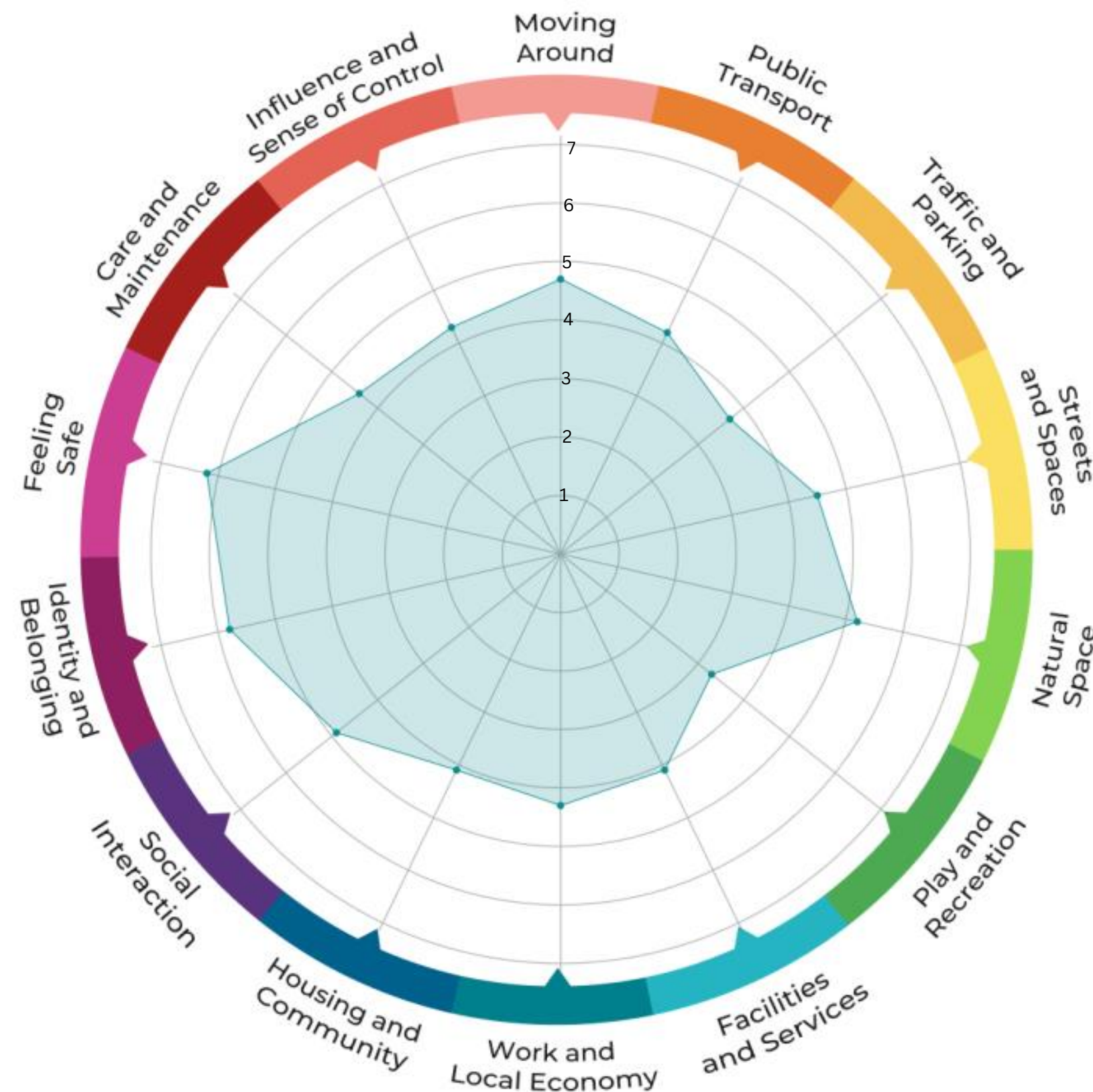


What did the geography students in Tobermory get up to?

The S3 Geography Students:

- Identified one place in their community
- Wrote down what is good now about this place and how this place could be improved
- Completed the Place Standard Tool wheel to assess the place





What did the geography students in Tobermory say?

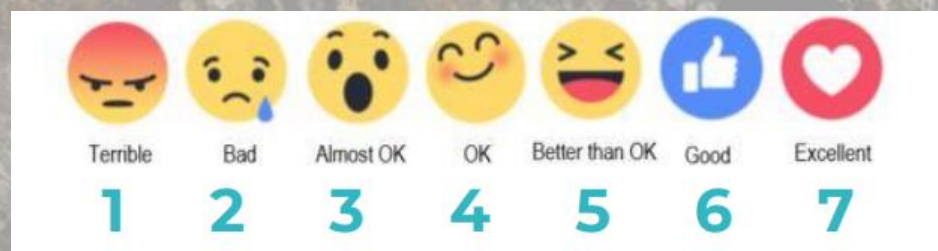
What was good?

1. Feeling safe (6.2)
2. Identity and belonging (5.8)
3. Natural Space (5.2)

What could be improved?

1. Play and recreation (3.3)
2. Traffic and Parking (3.7)
3. Housing and community / Facilities and Services (4.1)

**average score out of 7*



What's good now?

"In Tobermory we have many **community events and clubs**. There is also Aros Park, which is a well looked after **natural space**. We have a **football pitch, tennis court, and also park**. On the main street we have mainly **clear paths and pavements**, there are also many **disabled parking spots**"

"there is **friendly neighbors, safe at night**, it's **welcoming** for people to come in and **transport service easy to use**"

"**community** and **nature**"

"**quiet and small** and local area with lots of **shops, lots of parking spots** and there is a **corner shop and primary/ high school**"

"lots of **shops and places to eat** and **nice community** and **lots of clubs and sports** to attend"

"Mull is a **safe and friendly place** that has services and facilities we need such as **shops, high school & primary, dentist, doctors all very close by**. There is a lot of **tourism and kind locals**, the **streets are pretty well maintained**"

"free **parking**, residents parking, **natural spaces**, the **sports pitch**, the new **public toilet**. Quite a few **businesses** letting kids work, **church, ceilidhs, parties** at the village hall often, **friendly** community. **Safe** at day and night"

What could be improved?

"we need more **public transport** like buses on weekend. During summer (music festival) there is almost no **parking** on main street. Motorhomes/ campervans very often park overnight on main street although they're not allowed which is a problem. We also need a **gym, more facilities, youth clubs**. Its hard to get a **driving test**"

"**more people my age**, more **shops and services, nearby education**, and a **place to do activities** with a pitch and basketball court"

"more **social buildings**, public bus service at the weekends. Better **pavements, play equipment, more bins placed around, the primary school education. Driving tests** could be more accessible. Better places like **gyms and social buildings. Better street lights**. cheaper, more **shops**, less **second homes** that hardly get used"

"**cheaper shops, more shops**, more **activities, school bus** instead of public one, sports **shops**, clothes shops"

"There could be a **bigger community of people with different perspectives and views**. We could get **potholes** in roads filled in and **lines on roads** repainted, we could also **fix up pavements**"

"Needs a better **water defense**. Water can come in and cant get out. **Repaint roads and a bigger co-op**"

"better **care** for some places and **more clubs and shops** open in winter"

What's good now?

"there's loads of nice **local events** around Tobermory and the rest of the island like the panto, the Christmas lights switch on, the music festival, bonfire night etc. I especially like the panto personally, it is really nice to see the **locals who come together** to do these kind of things and makes me feel good that I live here"

"**Safe, social and welcoming** and is **easy to get around**, pretty **clean** as well"

"**Not many people** live there and also it is **very central to the shop and church**"

"**Places to eat** like the Mangochans and the Wester Isles Hotel"

"it's a great **community** like the community events such as light switch on and music festival. There is lots of **parking**, lots of **businesses** and quite a bit of **forestry**"

"the **people** and the **community** are good, the **roads and moving around** are quite good too. For example, plenty **paths** to walk around Tobermory.

What could be improved?

"Fill in **potholes**. Tourists stop **camping in car park** which happens even though there are signs to stop this. Need more **buses**, no buses to certain places on weekends"

"**more street furniture**, another place for social events, maybe more **sports** or **equipment** and more **jobs** probably"

"**street lights** and a **football pitch** for young kids"

"fix **roads** and **pavements** because they are all broken such as Rockfield Road and River side"

"**hotels** are needed and the **public transport** isn't great. We need more **buses**. For examples there's not enough buses just to get to Oban and back without a very long wait"

"there is a big problem around **housing** where many new people moving to the island have no where to stay because a lot of the houses that are there are either holiday houses or way too expensive, so more houses that aren't really expensive would be nice. Also during big tourist season the **parking gets really stuffed up** with their vehicles (sometimes in really weird spots). So **parking regulations and more spots** would help"

Key Themes:



Friendly
community

Community
events and
clubs

Moving
around

Safe

Shops and
services

Nature

More shops
and cheaper
shops

Bus services

Roads,
pavements
& parking

More activities
and clubs

Housing

Driving
tests

How did Mull compare to other island places?

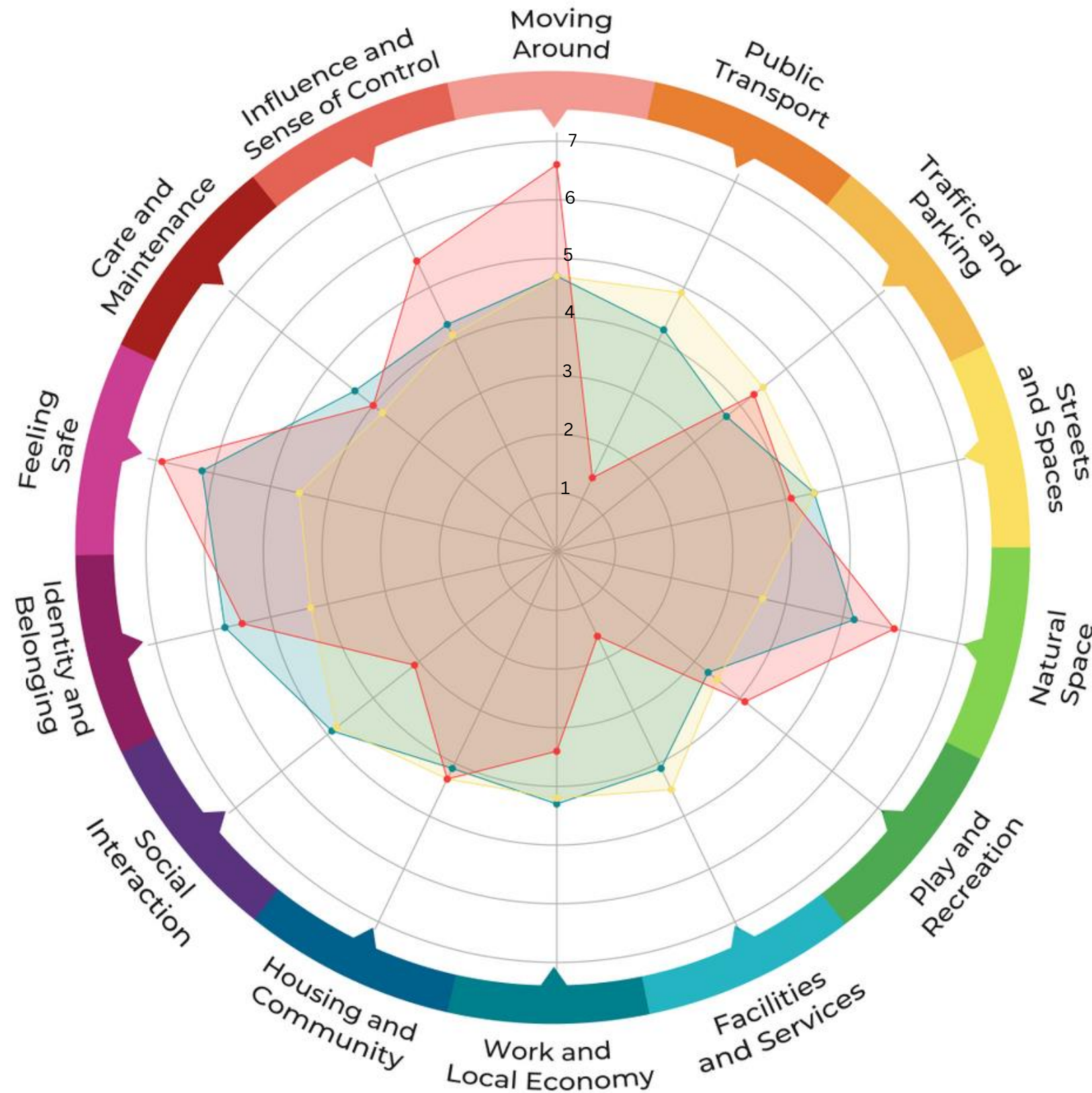


What did Mull score higher on?

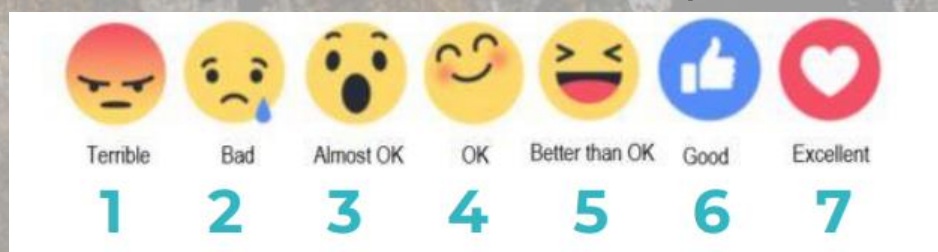
- Work and local economy
- Social interaction
- Identity and belonging
- Care and Maintenance

What did Mull score lower on?

- Traffic and parking
- Play and recreation
- Housing and communities



*The Oban Catchment Area Islands include; Kerrera, Lismore, Luing, Seil, Mull, Colonsay, Iona & Coll.



Keen to continue the conversation?

Here are some ways young people can be involved in making decisions about the places they live and go to school:

- Argyll and Bute Youth Voice Group
All Secondary Schools are represented

- Young Islanders Network
<https://yin.scot/>

- Scottish Youth Parliament
<https://syp.org.uk/>

