

A9 Co-Creative Process – Children and Young People's Engagement



Summary

Children (age 5-11)

Vision for the Future

"All Ages Together"

Remembering that we will all be the same age one day. We think that the young and old working and playing together make our community a better community. Enjoying the achievements of the past and not putting limits on what we can do at any age - young or old.

"A Brighter Birnam and Dunkeld"

Let's make sure that Birnam and Dunkeld continue to be a warm, safe and eco-friendly community that people will always want to live in and visit. Make sure that there are always safe places for everyone to cross and that the centre is well lit so that we can live happily in this lighter, brighter and happier Dunkeld.

"Nature's Future is in our Hands"

Ensuring that this beautiful place with all its nature is not only here for us but for our children. So we have to focus on the future and take care of what we have for others. Engaging the community with the natural world.

"We Love You for who You Are"

Whoever you are - this is a place we will accept and support you. Be yourself and have respect for others and who they want to be. Have respect, courage and resilience because here there is space for everyone.

"A Place to Be Creative and Express yourself"

A celebration of the importance of expressing yourself through the creative arts and sport. Not being afraid to try new things or show the world who you are and how you feel.



Worries

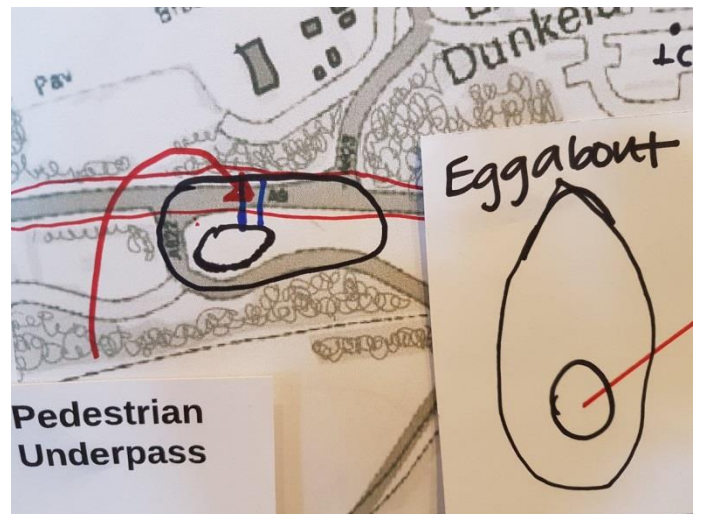
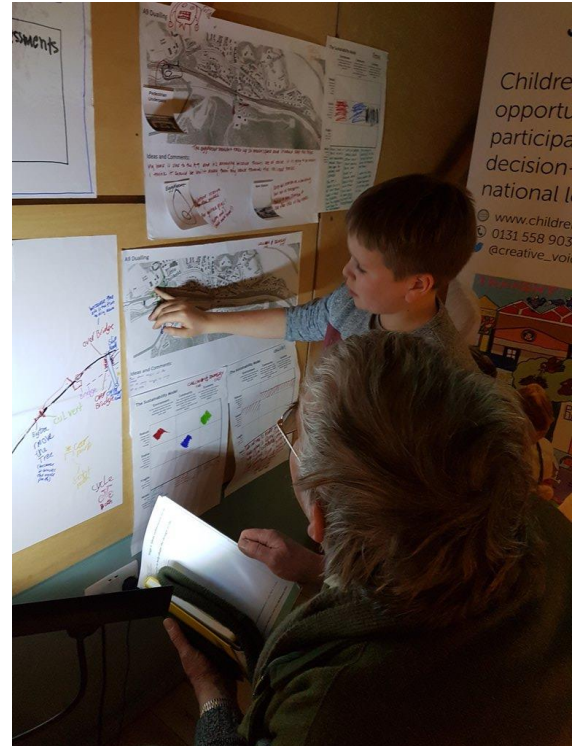
- Noise – proximity of new road to houses, more traffic, etc.
- Preservation of natural environment – looking out for trees and animals
- More lorries going through Dunkeld & Birnam
- More traffic/tourists in Dunkeld & Birnam
- Road taking up more space
- Less to do because some buildings/spaces are knocked down
- It might not look as nice as Dunkeld is with all it's trees!
- Pollution from the car engines on the A9
- Landslides along the A9

Opportunities

- Make a safer junction for children who have to cross the A9 to get to school
- Fewer traffic jams so children don't get bored sitting in the car
- Bring more tourists to Dunkeld
- Encourage more people to use public transport
- Develop more parking within Dunkeld because there's not enough for residents and all the tourists

Ideas

- "I want the footpath along the road to be safer. I really like to cycle and I could get better at cycling if the path to Dunkeld was safer."
- "An eggabout wouldn't take up as much space and it would keep the trees. And it has a guinea pig reserve in the middle!" [For the Dunkeld Junction]
- Build a roundabout where the A923 meets Perth Road to slow down traffic coming off the A9 and into Dunkeld – it would be safer for children walking to school
- Widen the road to the south so that it isn't any closer to the houses



- Make sure there are well-lit, accessible pedestrian underpasses beneath the new road
- Link the A822 and A923 with an underpass/overpass
- 50mph speed limit around the curve between the Dunkeld and Dalguise junctions
- Regular maintenance to the foot/bike path
- Keep the old train station as a community building but build a new station on the other side of the tracks away from the road with a bigger carpark
- Widen the under pass to the station and make sure it has disabled access
- Make sure the gritter is the first vehicle on the A9 on icy days
- Lorry park along the A9
- More signs for people using the foot/cycle paths

Young People (age 12-17)

Worries

- Impact on the environment, animal habitats being destroyed, trees cut down, etc. - "My concern is that it may be a threat to current thriving wildlife and scenery and my hope is that it causes minimum disturbance to the community."
- People being evicted and their houses being flattened
- Visual eyesore
- More traffic/disruption to traffic during construction
- Cost of new road
- It has divided the community
- Memorial Hill being flattened
- Dunkeld & Birnam won't be a 'cute little village' anymore
- "That I didn't get a choice about it but it's happening. Why didn't you take kids' opinions before deciding to build it?"

Opportunities

- Easier and faster travel
- More tourism
- Safer/fewer accidents
- More jobs getting created
- New opportunities in Dunkeld - "Would there be community grants for local projects like when the Griffin Wind Farm was built?"



Ideas

- Hedges and trees planted between the road and the land – although "the short-term impacts are extremely negative. It will take a long time for it to look nice all the replanting etc."
- Relocating the tennis courts/rec centre
- "Dunkeld thrives off tourism and if the A9 is dualled it will perhaps make Dunkeld more accessible. The proposed plans (e.g. the tunnel) could damage economy by making it less attractive/accessible. If the road is changed to go behind Dunkeld it makes it less easy to get to."