

# IMAGINE UDNY: Community Action Plan

Developing a future vision for Udney



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This document is to be read in conjunction with the Imagine Udney Spatial Masterplan, which illustrates the actions as separate spatial/location based projects, and the Appendices document, which contains a record of supporting material and findings from the Imagine Udney Charretteplus® process.

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# 1 Introduction / Executive Summary

**The Udney Community Trust commissioned and helped realise this Imagine Udney Action Plan with the support of PAS. As a culmination of previous engagement activities this Imagine Udney charrette process, undertaken in Pitmedden in 2018, creates a shared vision and workable action plan to help address local development growth issues and community needs comprehensively.**

Imagine Udney brought together key partners such as Aberdeenshire Council, local landowners, and community representatives to help ensure that new development and initiatives happened with the community. The process inspired imagination and conversation.

The plan firstly outlines the community engagement approach taken in Imagine Udney, and the subsequent evidence base that was gathered to inform the

Imagine Udney plan (Section 2). A wide variety of ideas were gathered from the process, with these then being tested in various community forums to identify preferences and how they may be considered alongside other actions and initiatives.

Section 3 then documents a broad strategy and vision for the plan, and the various actions that were suggested and supported by the community. The action table in Section 3 serves as a comprehensive list and, where possible, these actions have been incorporated within distinct location focused projects. These 'spatial projects' are detailed in illustrative and conceptual form in the supporting Imagine Udney Spatial Masterplan.







## 2 Approach and Purpose

The Imagine Udney Action Plan outlines the aspirations of the Pitmedden and wider Udney community for the next 10 years. Local residents and stakeholders proposed the actions contained within this plan, and these were gathered by PAS on behalf of Udney Community Trust in late 2018 using the PAS Charretteplus® community engagement process.

PAS's Charretteplus® programme is where the community sets the agenda for change, it focuses specifically on aligning spatial planning with community planning. The aim of Charretteplus is to work with the whole community to find out what their priorities are, create a shared vision for their place and a realistic community plan to achieve change.

It is envisaged that this plan will be used to influence the local statutory planning process, and may be seen as a Local Place Plan, bringing together residents, local elected representatives, community groups, Aberdeenshire Council and support partners to deliver and realise a shared vision for Udney's future.



*PAS Charretteplus® Engagement Process*

### At A Glance

28 pre-engagement stakeholder discussions

2 days of school workshops

5 charrette sessions held

180 people attended public workshops







# 3 Imagining Udney

## Context Setting

### Pitmedden

Udney (pop. 2242) is a parish in the Formartine district of Aberdeenshire, and consists of the rural settlements of Hattoncrook, Pitmedden and Udney Green. The largest of these, Pitmedden (pop. 1444), is approximately 15 miles north of Aberdeen, and is notable for the extensive National Trust for Scotland owned garden and estate that surround Pitmedden House. Given Pitmedden's proximity to Aberdeen it is a commuter village with high rates of car ownership and private housing.

Udney Community Trust, who commissioned this work, had identified that there were particular challenges for the future of Pitmedden. These relate to physical issues such as two busy roads passing through the village, pressure for new development, and the disjointedness of community spaces and facilities. However, Pitmedden is closely related to the wider community of Udney, providing a wider range of facilities and services than in the other Udney villages. It was therefore important to the Trust that Pitmedden should not be looked at in isolation. In some cases the themes which emerged through the process relate to this wider Udney context, others relate more specifically to Pitmedden.

### Evidence Gathering

The context setting and evidence gathering stage of Imagine Udney involved desk based studies and research as well as stakeholder engagement with key community groups, elected members, and related planning partners. These activities helped determine key issues relevant to the Pitmedden and surrounding Udney area.

Previous engagement outcomes, planning documents, and various reports and appraisals pertinent to the area were researched. Alongside this, multiple meetings were convened with key individuals and groups to clarify and document any new or existing issues. Key findings from this stage informed the planning and coordination of the Charrette design stage and workshop themes.

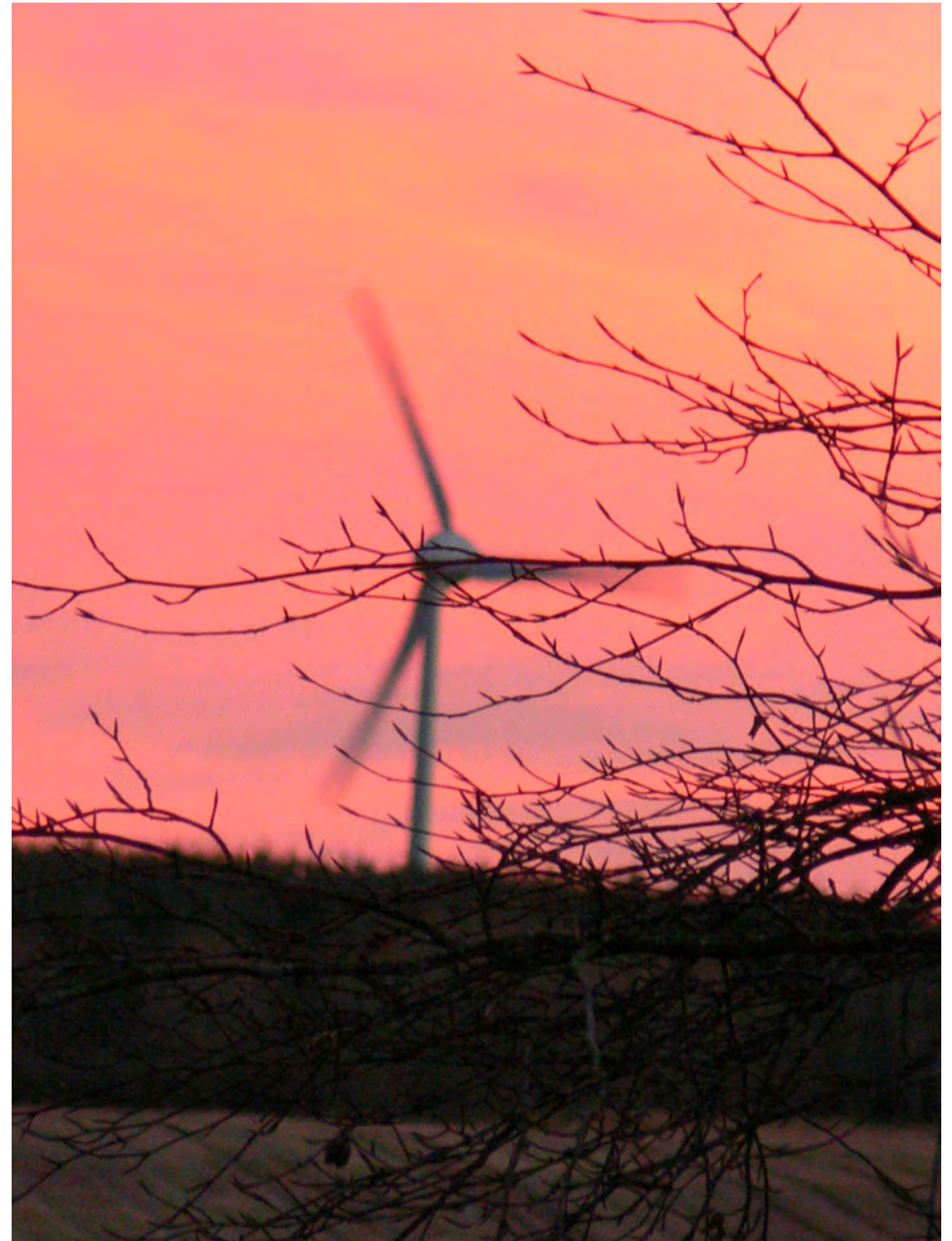


### Stakeholders Involved:

- Udney Community Council
- Elected Officials, incl. MSPs and Local Councillors
- Pitmedden and Udney Green Primary Schools, Meldrum Academy
- Aberdeenshire Council spatial and community planning officers
- Local housing developers
- Local business owners
- Udney and Pitmedden Church
- Local landowners
- Service and care providers
- Sports club representatives
- Statutory representatives









## What you said

### Connectivity

(Udny wide)

Health and wellbeing concerns and unrealised tourism opportunities were raised and these were directly linked to access to walking and cycling in the area. Possible solutions were given, including improving the condition of path networks, the connectivity/continuity of different paths, and accessibility for different path users (e.g. cyclists, walkers, wheelchair users).

Better promotion and navigation of the path network was also seen as key, along with lighting in parts to address personal safety concerns.

Congestion on roads and general road safety were seen as an issue, particularly for pedestrians/active travel users.

Insufficient parking was seen as an issue in Pitmedden village, for both cars and cyclists, and this was linked to congestion. Solutions included providing more carparks, and bike storage facilities within the central area.

There were general concerns about isolation and reduced independence for residents without private transport, particularly those wishing to travel east to west (Ellon to Inverurie). More frequent, better coordinated, and better-connected public transport were issues raised by many.

### Community Facilities

(Udny wide with focus on Pitmedden)

There was a need for a new multi-functional and multi-generational hub, to include toddler and youth provision, health and wellbeing facilities, a possible post office and pharmacy, community cinema, learn to cook facilities, church space, and a community café. The earmarked local plan site was questioned as the best location for this hub, with a need to consider other alternatives.

There was a need to better manage and coordinate the use, maintenance, and long term state of repair of existing assets such as the Pitmedden Village Hall and Church.

Issues of anti-social behaviour in Pitmedden Park were raised, and a lack of play facilities for early age groups was noted. There was a need to improve play and recreational facilities for both children and young people, and repurpose existing settlement spaces to do this, e.g. quarry, Pitmedden Hall and the skatepark.

There was a need to improve physical access for disabled and less mobile residents to public buildings such as Pitmedden Primary School.

### Your Village

(Udny wide with focus on Pitmedden)

It was felt that Pitmedden had a strong sense of community, which had helped realise significant local projects, e.g. 'Tilly'.

There was a need to improve digital connectivity to address issues such as isolation, and barriers to local business initiatives.

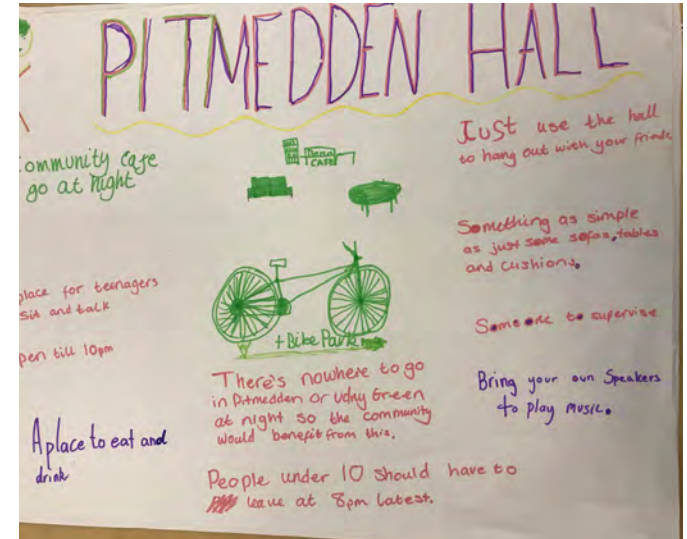
It was felt that the local economy and job opportunities could be improved through new tourism, retail, and promotion of existing attractions such as Pitmedden Garden, and local hospitality with a food focus.

There was a need to address local housing issues: the lack of diversity of house types, affordable homes, and the location of future housing development. It was felt this could be community led. There was broad acceptance of a need to develop more housing, but that this needed to be proportionate.

It was felt that the overall sustainability of the village could be improved by addressing greenspace accessibility and provision, allotment availability, and energy consumption.

There was a lack of a coherent centre in Pitmedden, with the suggestion of a central square.

There was a need to identify opportunities to take ownership of local infrastructural needs (e.g. schools, heating) and development (e.g. housing, retail) through community land ownership and development.





## Visioning

Workshops were conducted in November and December 2018. The first set of these consisted of four workshops, held at the Pitmedden Village Hall, and attended by approximately 130 participants over three days. Participants were asked to reflect on some of the broad themes that had emerged from previous engagement, and pre-charrette activities held in the two months prior. At the four workshops participants were then asked to consider proposals that had come through recent engagement exercises (e.g. The Udney Survey), offer new ideas where necessary, and lastly, to determine who would deliver any particular idea and over what time frame. This resulted in a set of proposals that the Imagine Udney team developed for further testing in a return workshop.

### *November workshop proposals included:*

- *a new community hub at one of six different potential locations across Pitmedden*
- *various new walking and cycling paths alongside signage/wayfinding and a path network map*
- *new play facilities*
- *a new central square area*
- *various traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings*
- *village gateways*
- *a recreational park at the existing quarry site*
- *a newly established green space at the southerly entrance of Pitmedden.*

The return workshop event, held in early December at the Pitmedden Village Hall, was attended by 58 residents. Participants were able to indicate their preferred location for a new community hub, with the majority showing a preference to place the hub near or around the Haddo Medical Centre. The event also offered an opportunity to comment on the proposals and ideas which had been worked up by the Imagine Udney team.

There was clear support for a focused effort to create a central Pitmedden Village area in and around the Pitmedden School and current Pitmedden Village Hall, for a new green space/wetland adjacent to the southerly entrance of Pitmedden, and for the re-purposing of the disused Quarry as a site for recreational bike use and local industry. In addition there appeared to be strong support for a better connected path network, and for the community to be more involved in the growth of Pitmedden through land acquisition and development.

The ideas listed in Section 3 are a comprehensive list of all the proposals that emerged throughout Imagine Udney. The priority projects have been developed into more detailed proposals in the Imagine Udney Spatial Masterplan which should be read in conjunction with this Action Plan.

## Action

The final stage of this process will involve the coordination and delivery of the various proposals and ideas found in the Action Plan. This will require close working between local elected representatives, the Udney Community Council, landowners, the Udney Community Trust, support partners, funding bodies, and Aberdeenshire Council.

Udney Community Trust has a clear aspiration that the Imagine Udney process and plans influence the planning and decision making of those bodies in control of the planning and development process.

The ultimate outcomes Udney Community Trust expect to see are the realisation of the vision set out in Section 3 of this Action Plan and an approach to development overall that recognises these reports are the communities' statement of intent for the future development of Pitmedden and Udney.



## 4 Action Plan

The proposals and actions contained within this section are the final result of the Imagine Udney process, as outlined in Sections 2 and 3. These initiatives may be seen as discrete actions, and they have also been combined, in some instances, to form broader spatial projects; these are outlined in more detail in the accompanying Spatial Masterplan.



# Vision and Strategy

## AIM

The aim is to grow Pitmedden in a considered and self-determined way to create a sustainable and well-connected Udney with a strong sense of community

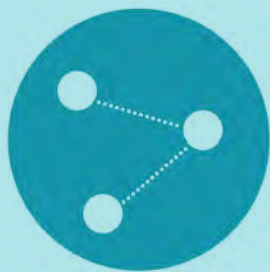
## VISION

Pitmedden is welcoming and accessible, integrated and interconnected, active and dynamic, community driven and a physically and mentally healthy place.

## SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

That Pitmedden develop and grow with a focus on two spatial nodes of activity:

1. The central Pitmedden School and Pitmedden Hall (known as Pitmedden Central)
2. The area surrounding the Haddo Medical centre, and areas adjacent to the B999 towards Milldale.



### CONNECTIVITY Objectives

To improve health and well-being, biodiversity, and access to and from the village, path network and beyond

#### PRIORITIES

- Bring together paths through a strategic approach.
- Improve accessibility for all - specifically for people with disabilities and those with dementia.
- Improve road / pedestrian safety by considering pedestrian priority and traffic calming measures; link improvements to the introduction of a new central square (traffic and public realm improvements)
- Improve public transport
- Support sustainable active and motorised travel



### COMMUNITY FACILITIES Objectives

To facilitate and encourage community/ social interaction, health and well-being

#### PRIORITIES

- Create one place/hub which is multipurpose, multifunctional, multigenerational, flexible and owned by the community.
- Repurpose Pitmedden Village Hall for all generations
- Purchase land surrounding village for the community to develop themselves – and foster relationships between business/developers and the community
- Provide adequate children's and young people's outdoor play facilities for present and future Pitmedden.
- Improve and better use existing local facilities.
- Encourage economic and social sustainability to help build community capacity, skills and resilience.



### VILLAGE IDENTITY Objectives

To enhance the village centre and surrounds, and give it a distinct identity and sense of arrival

#### PRIORITIES

- Create a new public central square 'show stopper' to make the village centre recognisable.
- Create a sense of arrival
- Develop a Green Network to improve outdoor use of greenspaces, biodiversity, flood mitigation.
- Celebrate the history of the Udney region
- Pride in place
- Promote an area identity and plan for village growth









# Action Plan


The proposals contained within this plan are detailed further in the table below. For ease of reference each proposal is attributed with the following details:



- **Projects:** A number of these initiatives were brought together to form comprehensive spatial, location-based projects, that may be undertaken in stages or comprehensively. These are detailed further in the Imagine Udny Spatial Masterplan.
- **Themes:** the drivers behind each proposal, linked to the plan's objectives, vision and aim (refer to strategic vision section).
- **Timescale:** Based on the level of priority determined by residents, and the development time required to deliver the project. Short term refers to anytime from now to 2020, medium term refers to 2020 to 2022, long term refers to 2022 onward.
- **Delivery:** Agencies and partners that may be involved in delivering any given proposal.

Spatial Masterplan				
Project	Themes	Actions	Timescale	Delivery
<b>IU1. Community Hub:</b> A new multi-functional and multi-generational hub to be located at a new site within Pitmedden.		The community has identified two possible locations for a new hub: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A site to the west of Haddo Medical Centre (Site D), currently classed as agricultural. This site sits within an Aberdeenshire Council preferred development site (FR007) and could possibly accommodate a community hub as part of wider housing development.</li> <li>2. A combination of two possible development sites. The existing site allocated for community use by Aberdeenshire Council (Site E), and an expansion site for Haddo Medical Centre (Site G). It is envisaged that the Medical Centre would then utilise vacant space northward or westward (following adjacent FR007 site development) for expansion.</li> </ol>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Community hub to accommodate the following uses:  Multi-purpose hall for sport and event space (e.g. badminton, netball, basketball, table tennis, pool, discos, dances, parties, Church Hall & facilities) / Fitness studio / Gym / Community Cinema / Youth and Family Café / Storage facilities (e.g. chairs/tables) / Changing rooms / Office space (including central info point) / Library / Kitchen (for cookery classes and hub use) / Allotments / Post Office.	Medium	




Project	Themes	Actions	Timescale	Delivery
<p><b>IU2. Central Village:</b> Low/Medium/High interventions across the central area of Pitmedden - defined as 'just south of the entrance to the medical centre, next to Trust office, and just beyond the pedestrian crossing at the Co-op'</p>		<p>Introduce public realm improvements with a focus on area from B999 junction to Pitmedden School, Co-op:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Low interventions: pedestrian crossings (opposite the primary school, and between church and medical centre), disabled access, bike lockers, seats/benches, electric charging points, coloured surface changes opposite Co-op, bins, move recycling bins to car park opposite Co-op, loading bay only outside Co-op, organise school parking better, provide disabled car parks, improve disabled access to school, improved lighting for public/personal safety, improve existing pedestrian crossing by Co-Op (coming from south parked cars obscure Co-op side of crossing).</li> <li>2. Medium Interventions: provide new parking at the 'hub' (by Had-do Medical Centre), reduce parking at school, BBQ, provide village centrepiece (bandstand idea), raised table at three-way junction + most of the above.</li> <li>3. High Interventions: remove school (and reconfigure whole area where school used to be), provide parking behind new buildings + most of the above.</li> </ol>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>• Living Streets</li> <li>• Central Aberdeenshire Access Panel</li> <li>• Sustrans</li> </ul>






Project	Themes	Actions	Timescale	Delivery
<p><b>IU3. Connectivity Path Network:</b> A comprehensive and connected path network, with way finding, and a navigation map. Identification of various independent path network improvement projects.</p>		<p>Create a path network map (listing local attractions) and use websites/apps/QR codes to promote it.</p>	<p>Short (Quick Win)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Web owners</li> <li>• Sustrans</li> <li>• National Trust for Scotland (NTS)</li> <li>• Landowners</li> <li>• Nestrans</li> <li>• Scottish Natural Heritage</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Access Panel</li> </ul>
		<p>Introduce comprehensive and improved directional signage (produce wayfinding strategy and implement). Old signage may need expanding/maintained</p>	<p>Short (Quick Win)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> </ul>
		<p>Establish formal path between Milldale and Udney Green, prioritise Mill Bend section.</p>	<p>Short/Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> </ul>
		<p>Connect North Mains Farm's path to Pitmedden Garden (via Formartine Football Club)</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> </ul>
		<p>Improve access for those with mobility issues on path beginning from westerly extent of Pitmedden Village, off Oldmeldrum Rd, to Pitmedden Garden.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> <li>• NTS</li> </ul>
		<p>Improve path between Pitmedden and Formartine United Football Ground (North Lodge Park)</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> </ul>
		<p>Transform the informal path at SW corner of Pitmedden Garden wooded area into a formal path and tidy up destroyed wall</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> <li>• NTS</li> </ul>
		<p>Create a new path from Pitmedden to Formartine &amp; Buchan Way through Milldale (Old Drove Road)</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> </ul>
		<p>Create a path to Logierieve</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> </ul>



Project	Themes	Actions	Timescale	Delivery
<b>IU3. Connectivity Path Network:</b> (Cont...)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve signage between Pitmedden and Tarves/Haddo (Fisher's Walk)</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Reinstate path to Tolquhon Castle	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Maintain surface on path from South Mains to Bronie Burn	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Reinstate path from South Mains to Udney Green via Castle	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Make use of old railway routes (e.g. Formartine & Buchan Way) for walking and cycling, and seats and benches along these paths.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Create path along western side of burn, south of Milldale View site	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Utilise old road north east and create path along burn to provide path to Ellon direction, avoiding Coulliehare curves & cross roads (B999/A920)	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Create dedicated cycling trails for functional journeys and recreation.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Sustrans</li> </ul>
<b>IU4. Pitmedden Green:</b> Establishment of a new green space at the south of Pitmedden adjacent to road.		<p>Create a new greenspace on the agricultural land adjacent to the B999, at the southerly entrance of Pitmedden Village. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walkways and access from north to south, linking into existing path networks such as the Milldale to Udney Green Path.</li> <li>Seating, rubbish bins, and possible picnic areas at nodal points.</li> <li>Planting to enhance local biodiversity.</li> <li>Signage and education boards referencing local ecology and history.</li> <li>Flood mitigation measures e.g. swales, strategic planting.</li> <li>Artwork and sculpture.</li> </ul>	Short/ Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>Scottish Environment Protection Agency</li> <li>Scottish Natural Heritage</li> </ul>





Project	Themes	Actions	Timescale	Delivery
<b>IU5. Quarry Park:</b> Re-develop existing quarry site south of village for recreational and small industry use.		Develop a recreational park (e.g. BMX / mountain bike park – jump track).	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Develop storage and community facilities at quarry site to east of B999. To include PUT environmental group storage area/shed and community business use (to be approx. 20x10m with 3 separate access points)	Short / Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
<b>IU6. Central Parks:</b> Create new facilities across both Pirate Park & Pitmedden Park, and improve transition between the two spaces.		New and improved play equipment for Pirate Park.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Improved connection between parks through selective removal of existing trees. Tree buffer planting along north easterly boundary.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
		Consider upgrading Pitmedden park for improved year round football use (e.g. drainage, levelling of land). The further development of this proposal could include the construction of a 4G pitch with lighting.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Sport Scotland</li> </ul>
		Establishment of a new footpath between Wheatland and existing footpath in Pirate Park.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
		Develop a new skate park (e.g. like Oldmeldrum skateboard park)	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
<b>IU7. Repurposed Village Hall:</b> To re-purpose Pitmedden Village Hall as a start-up space to encourage local initiatives.		Refurbish Pitmedden Village Hall.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
		Repurpose Pitmedden Village Hall for all generations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create (short term) an indoor open activity space (Wi-Fi hang out / music space / pool tables / tables tennis – youth)</li> <li>Consider providing a 're-makery' business use club</li> <li>Consider providing a men's shed/carpentry studio – perhaps linked to the 're-makery' idea.</li> <li>'Start-up' facilities and advice centre (in conjunction with Scottish Enterprise)</li> <li>Use the current Pitmedden Hall as office space to lease back to the council. Possibly construct a mezzanine.</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>




Project	Themes	Actions	Timescale	Delivery
<b>IU8. New Community School:</b> Develop a community led new school facility on community acquired land.		Explore the possibility of a new enlarged community run school (perhaps linked to the new community hub). Old school building could then be re-purposed for WASP artists, business units.	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
<b>IU9. Pitmedden Gateways:</b> To establish gateway/identity installations at the three entrances to Pitmedden.		To establish gateway/identity installations at the three entrances to Pitmedden. This could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Producing a 'Welcome to Pitmedden' sign (local school competition).</li> <li>Improvement of the approach through tree and seasonal planting, which may include shrubs, flowers and spring bulbs along roadside verges.</li> <li>Use of artwork and sculpture to create visual interest on arrival.</li> </ul>	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
<b>Other Projects</b>				
<b>10. Traffic Management</b>		Enforce 20mph speed limit through Pitmedden Village.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Consider 30mph speed limits at each end of village and traffic cameras to enforce.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Provide safer road crossings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create new pedestrian crossing opposite Linsmhor Hotel</li> <li>At the A920 (Pitmedden Garden to Lime Kiln)</li> <li>At the intersection of B9000 and A920</li> <li>Stretch of B9000 between abandoned house and eastern extent of Pitmedden</li> <li>Half way along Udney Green /Milldale Road</li> <li>From Pitmedden Garden to Fishers Walk</li> </ul>	Short / Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>NTS</li> </ul>
		Make the entrance to the new Milldale View development safer	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>






Project	Themes	Actions	Timescale	Delivery
<b>10. Traffic Management (cont...)</b>		Improve the north junction at the end of the village – road to Ellon (e.g. roundabout/controlled crossing/painted roundabout). Measures may include a 30 mph speed limit at junction, and the prioritisation of the A920 road over the B999 road at junction.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Create more village car parking overall, with an emphasis on encouraging park and walk solutions. Possible locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend car park on farmland currently used by football club</li> <li>Haddo medical centre</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Consider traffic management measures in central Pitmedden: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lights at Craft Bar, 3-way junction to resolve issues with HGVs turning onto the B999</li> <li>Put traffic lights opposite school to resolve turning issues from carpark.</li> </ul>	Medium/Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
<b>11. Public Transport &amp; Sustainable Travel</b>		Investigate the frequency and timings within the existing bus timetable – and promote on-line	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>Formartine Partnership</li> </ul>
		Lobby to establish a better local bus/transport service to Ellon and Inverurie – and wider to Aberdeen	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>Formartine Partnership</li> <li>Local Bus Companies</li> </ul>
		Clarify where buses stop and publicise/advertise these.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Establish a local car share scheme. Investigate a locally coordinated community transport initiative, such as dial-a-bus or taxi.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>Sustrans</li> </ul>

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<b>11. Public Transport &amp; Sustainable Travel (cont...)</b>		Establish a local bike sharing scheme.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Sustrans</li> </ul>
		Investigate existing educational cycle safety schemes (e.g. Bikeability) and develop initiatives suitable for school and youth groups.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Pitmedden, Udney Green Schools</li> <li>• Meldrum Academy</li> <li>• Udney Youth Group</li> <li>• Sustrans</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>• Formartine Partnership</li> </ul>
		Provide car park charging points for electric vehicles outside central Pitmedden (e.g. in car park opposite Formartine United).	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
<b>12. Community Assets, Infrastructure and Amenities</b>		Investigate energy reduction initiatives (e.g. oil heating group) .	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Encourage new community allotment site (e.g. field opposite North Lodge Park).	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Landowners</li> </ul>
		Consider re-starting the local composting group.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> </ul>
		Consider and further develop community co-op/brewery initiative (micro-brewery / distillery using local produce).	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> </ul>



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<b>12. Community Assets, Infrastructure and Amenities (cont...)</b>		Explore the possibility of the community providing affordable housing and co-housing – perhaps jointly with a Housing Association	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Housing Association</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Establish P.U.T. community orchard.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
		Improve digital connectivity across Udney	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Infrastructure Agency</li> </ul>
		Repair and redevelop church frontage. Wall/dyke to be re-built. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessibility to be addressed, wheelchair access req.</li> <li>Bus stop to be moved</li> </ul>	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
<b>13. Play &amp; Recreation</b>		Further develop programmes encouraging the use of Udney Tennis Club and promote community use of newly established Udney Tennis Club club rooms.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Pitmedden, Udney Green Schools</li> <li>Meldrum Academy</li> <li>Sports Scotland</li> </ul>
		Conduct a comprehensive play and recreation audit across Udney. To assess existing play equipment for primary and secondary ages. Be ambitious about future requirements	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Develop and improve the jump track at Raits Hill (south of Tarves).	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
<b>14. Landscaping &amp; Village Appearance</b>		Introduce horticulture/rare breeds into the National Trust for Scotland designed landscape.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>NTS</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Create artwork features for parks and path network	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>

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<b>14. Landscaping &amp; Village Appearance</b>		Consider accessible raised beds, better landscaping, seating across wider Pitmedden, and a community orchard.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Housing Association</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Provide more bins across wider Pitmedden (with cigarette butt repository).	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Introduce more appropriate lighting in greenspaces, streets, paths. Ensure this is proportionate so as to retain rural feeling of village, and mitigate any potential light-spill / light pollution issues.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> </ul>
		Help create a 'green buffer / honeycomb' in fields adjacent to Pitmedden to plan for future development.	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Scottish Natural Heritage</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
<b>15. Local Culture and Identity</b>		Establish a central display facility for historical books (glass cabinets, etc.).	Short (Quick Win)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
		Draw together a study about the natural heritage of the area.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
		Produce a fresh historical/story book.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
<b>16. Future Direction and Growth</b>		Produce a village design statement.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>
		Establish a business association to better promote the area.	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> </ul>
		Prepare a settlement statement (including placemaking priorities) to feed into the Local Development Plan.	Short (Quick Win)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Aberdeenshire Council</li> <li>Landowners</li> </ul>



This plan should be seen as the start of the Imagine Udney process, with its success dependent on the continued enthusiasm and support of the Udney community. If you want to help realise and deliver any of the ideas or proposals detailed in the action plan then please contact the Udney Community Trust and get involved!



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