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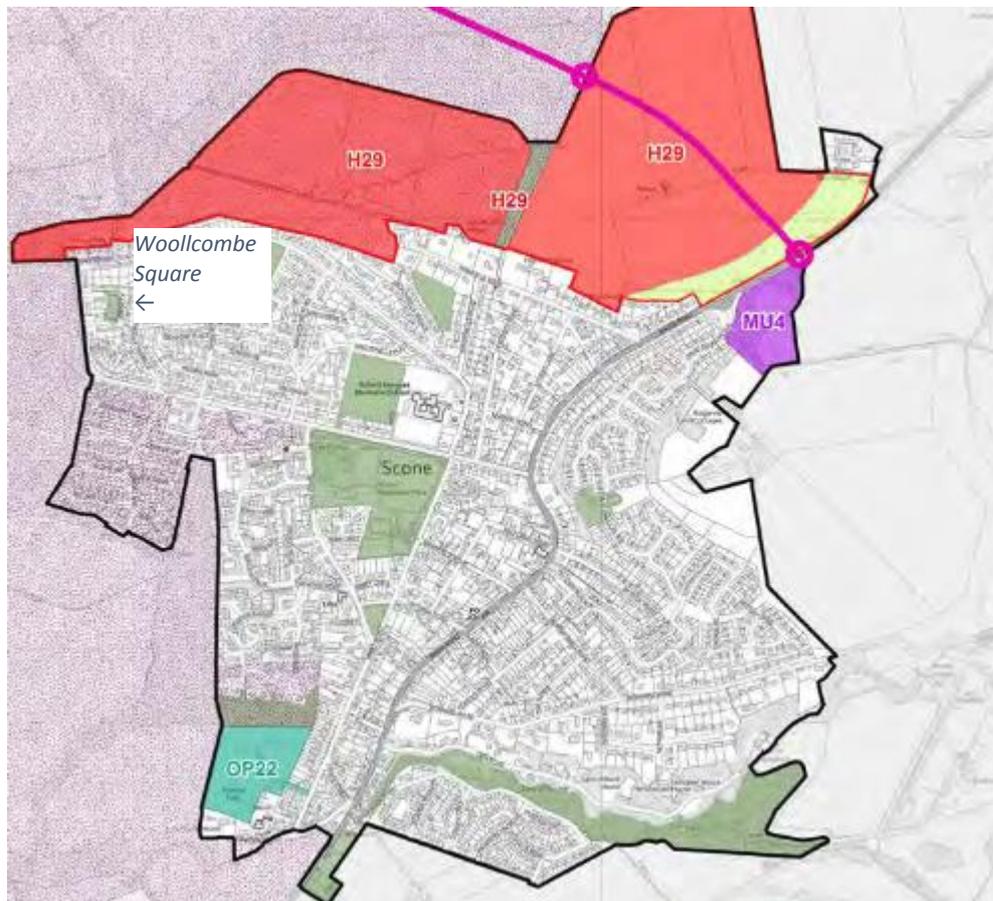
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Sustainable Development

The importance of ensuring the continued availability of green open spaces to local communities and the contribution they make to the mental and physical well-being to the local population is widely recognised as an important factor in everyday life.

This is reflected in the National Performance Framework, National Planning Framework and in is a key part of the Public Health Outcomes for Scotland.

Locally the importance of green and open space is reflected in the Local Development Plan of Perth and Kinross Council, which recognises the Woollcombe Square area as a green open space. Please map below.



This plan has four main aims, identified in Scottish Planning Policy, which are 1) A Successful, Sustainable Place 2) A Low-Carbon Place 3) A Natural, Resilient Place 4) A Connected Place. Our aim is to ensure that these four objectives are achieved by the work of the association in relation to the area. This is in direct agreement with the Scottish Government's Scottish Planning Policy which states that "Local development plans should

identify and protect open space identified in the open space audit and strategy as valued and functional or capable of being brought into use to meet local needs.”

The WSRA will ensure that the area promotes the idea of well-being for all ages by the provision of a green space for recreational and leisure use.

The local school – The Robert Douglas Memorial School – has indicated that its Autistic Unit will make use of the area and the association will ensure that planting will take place of items of assistance to the unit, commensurate with the area, that can be utilised by pupils of the unit.

The importance of an open green space cannot be over emphasised, reflected in the planning policies of the Scottish Government, where “ improved access to open space can help build stronger, healthier communities.” (Scottish Planning Policy)

The result of the ballot carried out within the area showed that there was 100% support for the community acquisition of those who voted, on a 92% turnout. Those who did not vote were not resident in the area at the time of the ballot.

The association will ensure that the trees within the area will continue to be protected and maintained under the existing Tree Preservation Orders. We will be improving access to green open space and we will be protecting and enhancing green infrastructure.