

Aberdeen City - How Good is our Place?

Community Planning Aberdeen, including Aberdeen City Council, NHS Grampian, the Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership and ACVO, would like to invite you to take part in a Place Standard public consultation.

The **Place Standard Tool**, developed by NHS Health Scotland, the Scottish Government, and Architecture Design Scotland is used to assess places. It can evaluate places that are well-established, undergoing change, or still being planned. The tool can also help people to identify their priorities for a place. It consists of **14 questions** which cover both the physical and social elements of a place, to paint a picture of a local neighbourhood area.

Why are you asking us about the place we live?

Research shows that the places where we spend our time have a big impact on our lives. The way a place looks, functions and feels can influence our health and wellbeing, and the opportunities we have access to. Improving the quality of places can help to tackle inequalities.

Understanding the existing and potential strengths of a place can inform good decision making, allowing resources to be targeted to where they are most needed. This approach can deliver better results over the long term.

The Place Standard Tool can also support the design and delivery of successful places, creating quality development where people want to live.

Your Place

Please answer the Place Standard questions with your **local neighbourhood** in mind. It is important to let us know **where** you are telling us about by giving a **full postcode**. The tool allows different sizes and types of places to be assessed. By using the postcode we can look at results for the whole city, as well as defined areas such as neighbourhoods and Community Council Areas.

Everyone will have their own idea about what a local neighbourhood is – but it is usually regarded as anything within a 15-minute walk from your home.

Thinking about your own local neighbourhood, please complete our Place Standard consultation here https://www.placestandard.scot/start/aberdeen-city-place-standard

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or queries.

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