Respondent Id	Consent to Publish Contribution	What changes would you like to see in how land is owned and used in Scotland and what difference would that make to you, your community or your work?	When you think about land in your area, what's most important to you?	Age range	Gender Self-description	Interest Self-description	6-Fold Urban-Rural Class	8-Fold Urban-Rural Description
1	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	41-50	Female	Interested Citizen	2	Other Urban Areas
2	Yes	Land use change (particularly 'wild' land and farmland) must be done in the genuine interests of the communities it affects (directly and indirectly). For example building a wind farm which alters ground water flow to residents on the hill and those downstream from it should have power of veto - at present landowner say it's not their issue (developer reimburses landowner for loss of rent) and developer trucks in water and/or connects residents to mains water (rather than well water). A more joined up approach considering a holistic view is needed.	Maintaining character - not developed for housing and windmills	51-60	Male	Interested Citizen	3	Accessible Small Towns
3	Yes	Making more land available to new entrants to farming who will bring in different ways of working and managing land - current situation does not work, no incentive to landowners to make land available other then on short term agreements which don't allow people to grow a business. Education for people using land for recreational purposes - loss of organised activities for young people mean we have a generation of young adults who don't understand how to responsibly enjoy the outdoors and do not feel the connection to the long term	Resilient landscapes, used and accessed by all who want to	51-60	Female	Land manager	1	Large Urban Areas
4	Yes	I would like to see more land in public ownership. I am concerned about land being sold off in smaller plots as this could result in piecemeal development which damages the environment as everyone wants to create their own haven. I also deal in my workplace with undevelopable land being sold off in small 'affordable' plots at auction, inexperienced people are buying this land and then discovering they can't do any of the things they want with it. This is a real problem where unscrupulous people are enriching themselves through a legal scam. I would like to see more of a burden on land sold at auction to be sold honestly.	Public ownership and space for nature to recover and flourish.	31-40	Female	Local government or public sector	2	Other Urban Areas
5	Yes	I want a cap on the amount of land one person can own and to see more land under community ownership. And penalties for poor land management which includes a carbon tax. And a tax for failing to manage deer sustainably, whilst this could be incentivised we need to stop supporting the rich and explore other options. For example, this land could be made open to community deer stalking initiatives and community larders. Deer should be owned by government as they are in other European countries, North America and Canada. So there is a solution that benefits community and means government does not have to incentivise the rich. Renewable energy should stay in Scotland if our land is to be used to provide it.	Functioning ecosystems which brings community benefits.	41-50	Female	Interested Citizen	7	Remote Rural Areas
6	Yes	Absent landowners taxed on their landbanking. Compulsory purchase on lands where communities identify opportunities for sustainable development	Being unable to restore peatlands in private ownership	51-60	Non-binary	Community group or development trust member	3	Accessible Small Towns
7	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	61-70	Female	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
8	Yes	Land in my area is generally unavailable and if and when it does become available it is way too expensive. So I'd like to see it much more available and the price come down. A good start would be removing all the subsidies - agricultural, forestry, carbon, etc. which distort the market, maintain the status quo and keep land prices high. The owners of land should live and work there. Absentee-ism drives detachment from the real challenges and opportunities facing our communities. Transparency of land ownership should be free and much easier to access. Including landowner plans for the future that are consulted on with local communities. These and other changes would make a huge difference to the availability of land for local and affordable housing, land for small enterprises and farms, which in turn would make our community more resilient and self-sustaining.	Nature, landscape, access, a say in how its managed	41-50	Male	Business owner	7	Remote Rural Areas
9	Yes	I'd like to see the country having a much better understanding of the productive value of the land, what is produced, where that is produced, what happens to the raw stuff , who benefits and what the local value to PLACE is and can be in future. I'd suggest that the majority of the population have no idea what the agricultural land produces. And even less so in less visible 'productive' areas. I'd like to see much more primary/ secondary school interaction with our productive landscapes to understand place and their role in that- or at least what happens around them. Looking back to look forward- we're on a track of general acceptance of 20 min communities- (common-sense) where building in the chance to work where you live is part and parcel of that ambition. Stitching in the land that surrounds places must be part of that conversation so the land can be viewed as part of the wider place and interrogate how that can support communities/ places.	Recreation space- green/blue, semi-wild, open	51-60	Male	None of the above	1	Large Urban Areas
10	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	51-60	Male	Farmer or Crofter	6	Accessible Rural Areas
11	Yes	A balance of privately owned land and also public spaces for community and areas of productive land for food production (arable nd livestock)	Space and vast areas of outstanding natural wilderness with the right to roam	51-60	Male	Landowner	8	Very Remote Rural Areas
12	Yes	Introduce Land Value Taxation (LVT), initially as a replacement for Council Tax. Then systematically increase reliance on LVT while reducing distortive taxes on employment and enterprise, such as income tax, to make use of Scotland's devolved tax powers.	That we should never forget that ultimately it is a common asset.	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	6	Accessible Rural Areas
13	Yes	I'd like to see a public register of who owns every bit of land in Scotland, down to the smallest plot size. I would also like to see communities having equal rights of appeal when it comes to decisions about how land is to be used in their area.	More balance between development, leisure & recreation & nature & biodiversity	61-70	Male	Community group or development trust member	2	Other Urban Areas
14	Yes	The very concept of 'land ownership' is fundamentally flawed. Historically, it is an artificially created legalistic formula to enable those with power and monetised wealth to control other humans and nature. The consequence is the climate and nature crises with which we are currently faced. However, because of the way our ownership and economic systems and products have been designed we perceive our future personal security being dependent on a form of unsustainable growth that ensures profits from that system go into our pension pots. This myth seems to paralyse us from taking the actions that are needed to protect our land, minerals, water, ecosystems, etc. for future generations. Although cumbersome, land use should be determined collectively, supported by the best possible scientific evidence, i.e. by evolving various forms of Citizens Assemblies and protecting these from the corrupting influences of those with wealth and power - large fossil fuel and food industry corporations, etc.	Shared ownership of renewable energy generation.	Over 70	Male	Community group or development trust member	7	Remote Rural Areas
15	Yes	Ecosystems and special areas need protecting and landowners and farmers need to be given the financial incentives to do this. People need to be encouraged to access the land - for their appreciation of our precious environment and their health and well-being. Improved access for all abilities including disability trikes, wheelchairs etc. Paths organised so that farmers are compensated, not inconvenienced and don't feel in conflict with the public. Access needs to be safe from stock that might be aggressive (cows and calves, bulls...). Information (wildlife, history, land use) needs to be given with boards and QR codes. Art projects encouraged.	The beautiful, ancient ecosystems need to protected and celebrated.	61-70	Female	Interested Citizen	7	Remote Rural Areas
16	Yes	We are in a biodiversity and climate crises, yet conversations around land reform rarely focus on this. Land reform should be about much more than diversification of ownership - it should also be about compelling those who DO own large amounts of land to use it in the public interest to a much higher degree than is currently happening Land reform bill is a key mechanism for this yet the obligations set out for large landowners compel them to do absolutely nothing really when it comes to driving up environmental standards	To be used in a nature positive way	Under 30	Female	Environmental or nature group member	2	Other Urban Areas
17	Yes	In the Highlands there's an absurd amount of absentee landlordism happening. Land needs to be controlled by people living and working in situ - and harsher penalties need to affect those that don't use land. Land is the basis of economic growth and activity. Keeping land aside for sporting is a feudal, outdated practise. All land should be used for the benefit of the many - either communities or nature. This means large estates ought to be broken up and put into community hands.	Housing! Land should be used for people to have space to build livelihoods	31-40	Female	Tenant	7	Remote Rural Areas
18	Yes	Scotland should be like Denmark and Norway, where only citizens can own land. Land Value Tax should be instigated like Denmark, where you have to pay tax on any land you own as a Citizen, this would be transformational. We tax income not assets and this needs to be fairer Inheritance laws must be changed in Scotland, so like Europe there is an equal right to inherit land for all children A national database where citizens can see who owns land around us. We are surrounded by huge estates that refuse to sell land to our community to build affordable homes. We have only 3% of unconstrained land for housing & 203 people locally (ref. 2022 housing needs survey), who need homes. The lack of land is the biggest issue stopping us as a remote rural community building homes for locals & younger folk who want to return. Taxation must change to stop people buying land to avoid paying inheritance tax, this has grossly distorted land values in Scotland. A modern democracy shouldn't allow its land to be bought and sold as a commodity. We have the highest concentration of land ownership in the world & that is shameful in 21st century Scotland	Ordinary local people being able to buy land not shadow companies based offshore	51-60	Female	Community group or development trust member	7	Remote Rural Areas
19	Yes	Owners should be identifiable and able to be held accountable. I'd prefer them to be Scottish residents, or if a company, to have its main office here. There should be real and enforceable limits to how much land anyone can own, and anything above that should be excepted only according to certain criteria, mostly to do with community empowerment. The surrounding or estate residents should have a REAL say in what goes on on the land. Any kind of industrialization should go through rigorous trials - social, environmental, financial - before being allowed to progress. If the land is sold, the community would have an equal right to bid at FAIR prices for it. All of the above would benefit our communities and our future immensely.	The environment, social justice, culture and cultural history.	61-70	Female	Farmer or Crofter	7	Remote Rural Areas
20	Yes	Land ownership should be taxed, in Scotland, in a fair and equitable way.	No more buying-up of productive farmland for 'carbon offset' planting	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	2	Other Urban Areas
21	Yes	Land should be used to maximum efficiency, not necessarily financially. Public and Private sector should have equal responsibility. Public Sector always seems to be 'top-heavy' with staffing. Scotland's problem of depopulation can only be remedied by making housing and employment available.	see last para of 1 above	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	3	Accessible Small Towns
22	Yes	I struggle at some fundamental level with the concept of 'owning' land, beyond being free to use a small section reasonably exclusively for home and garden. The hoarding of large areas of Scotland as a commodity for speculative gain removes its use from our communities and incentivises landowners to infringe on freedom to roam. I can see a use for agricultural land during the transition to more sustainable food sources with less pollution, a.k.a. vertical farming. Most traditional farms engage in food-destruction by using four times the land-yield in calories to rear animals rather than crops for human consumption. From this perspective, I think that my family, community and I would be best served with a universal land tax solely based on area. This would benefit the poorer members of my community who don't own any land, push farmers to increase their yield by growing crops for human consumption in smaller plots and lower the price of land to make housing more affordable.	Safe roads to cycle on and affordable housing for my children.	61-70	Male	Landowner	2	Other Urban Areas
23	Yes	Best to keep land ownership the same as Scottish farmers do an excellent job of stewarding the land & no need to break it up, unless it's by market forces	Keeping it farmed and looked after by our excellent farmers	51-60	Male	Business owner	7	Remote Rural Areas
24	Yes	remove right to roam wherever people think they can go. Leads to lots of problems. Make private farm land private again. Stop helping communities buy farm land. Let farm land be farm land.	That people can do what they want with their own land	41-50	Female	Farmer or Crofter	8	Very Remote Rural Areas
25	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	Over 70	Male	Landowner	6	Accessible Rural Areas
26	Yes	The beneficial owner of the land must be public making it easier for them to be made accountable for the land's management. There should be a public interest test regarding land ownership and management and the beneficial owner he' d responsible. Public subsidies should only be granted to landowners who recognise and implement public rights and interests.	Public access is most important and land management practices impact flood risk.	Over 70	Male	Community group or development trust member	2	Other Urban Areas
27	Yes	Owned by Scots for the benefit and enjoyment of people living in Scotland.	Public ownership and stewardship. Green initiatives.	61-70	Male	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
28	Yes	The changes I would like to see are based around a straightforward vision: that the main purpose of land Scotland should not be for visiting or gazing upon, but for living. To 'repeople' Scotland should be the main goal of land reform, as it is the only path that leads to a sustainable future for the country. Traditions, the economy, and nature are reliant on communities to maintain. Tourism is not a sustainable or desirable alternative. To maintain (or create) thriving communities in Scotland will require significant infrastructure investment and a reform of land ownership. This would not only transform the lives of many who currently live in isolation and poverty, but bolster Scotland's national identity and grow it beyond a destination for a week long holiday far from society. I would like to see: - Taxation on second homes and property in Scotland based on property value - Regulation on building of tourist-only destinations - Significant public housebuilding in the Highlands and Islands - Infrastructure investment including incentives for businesses to move to the Highlands and provide jobs - Better public transport for residents	Building communities, 20 minute neighbourhoods, green space	31-40	Female	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
29	Yes	All land nationalized. Private property restricted to one's home (and immediate policies), small shops and businesses. Ownership would become unimportant. The issue would then be control of the land. This should be under a complex system of community, regional and national cooperation with community and regional governments decisions determined by direct democracy. [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL]	Restoration of natural beauty carefully integrated with farming and forestry.	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen		
30	Yes	I'd like to see expanded community ownership opportunities through strengthened mechanisms like the National Forest Land Scheme. [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] is working to establish woodland crofting that would preserve habitats, create sustainable housing and develop local employment. Communities face substantial barriers when attempting to acquire land - from complex funding requirements to lengthy bureaucratic processes. Simplifying these pathways would allow more communities to take ownership of local resources. The extension of crofting to Arran presents exciting possibilities, but we need stronger support for new woodland crofts that integrate traditional practices with environmental knowledge. These changes would address our critical affordable housing shortage, create meaningful employment connected to the land, enable more sustainable land management, and help reverse population decline by giving young people viable options to remain on the island. Most importantly, they would empower local people to shape the future of our landscapes.	Balancing ecological restoration with needs in housing and sustainable work	31-40	Male	Community group or development trust member	8	Very Remote Rural Areas
31	Yes	Ownership is not so much the issue, it's about how and for what it is managed. Local ownership can be as narrowly managed and damaging as large private or public ownership. This survey however due to our distribution will likely not reflect a broad response though. I would like to see, and this would benefit my local community as well offering diverse jobs and economy, a biodiversity landscape used for multiple benefits managed by people with expertise more than opinion.	Biodiversity	51-60	Female	Interested Citizen	7	Remote Rural Areas
32	Yes	It should be an achievable dream for a person of average means to live and work sustainably in any part of Scotland. It should be easier for more people to own or rent land in small and medium-sized parcels. I would like to see support for people to build an ecologically (and economically) sustainable life and livelihood on the land. I would like to see more communities benefit from the opportunity presented by the land surrounding them. I would like to see all layers of governance supporting sustainable communities in all parts of Scotland. I would like to see thriving small and medium-scale farms and agricultural businesses be genuinely supported to adopt more sustainable practices, and to serve the needs of their community. I believe it is wrong that a small number of people or companies have power and control over most of the land in Scotland. I would like to see that imbalance redressed to create a fairer and more balanced pattern of ownership and use.	Diverse space for nature, in harmony with thriving local communities	51-60	Female	Land manager	6	Accessible Rural Areas
33	Yes	I would like to see abuse of the privilege of land ownership being punished, so that land owners with the right plans and intentions can engage with their community and go about their business without all the criticism that a minority deserve.	Free and easy access to the countryside is key.	51-60	Male	Landowner	8	Accessible Rural Areas
34	Yes	I would like to see private land ownership in Scotland's biggest estates broken up to serve the best interests of the wider public and especially in local communities.	That land is shared responsibly with those that live in Scotland	Under 30	Male	Tenant	1	Large Urban Areas
35	Yes	It's over 2 decades since Scotland's world-leading access rights were introduced by the first Land Reform Act in 2003. Since then the demand for recreational access has grown so it's time to consider how best to build on the 2003 Act and how well the institutional framework facilitates and broadens access.	Recreational access: mainly walking and mountain-hiking	51-60	Male	Environmental or nature group member	1	Large Urban Areas
36	Yes	I would like to see more access to beauty spots we see on road trips. Having travelled around our region in NE, there are so many lovely places we go past, often along rivers etc, where there is no access to stop by for a picnic or a walk. The popular curated spots are often full of people and I dont see that changing, but access to more places just off the road would really be great.	Accessibility to rural areas, both in infrastructure or just natural beauty	31-40	Female	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
37	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	7	Remote Rural Areas
38	Yes	Big estates like [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL]'s broken up. They take up a huge percentage of Scottish land and deprive individual farmers, crofters and communities from the chance of running them. Lots of young people would like the opportunity to farm. Lots of communities would like to build housing and derive income directly from renewable energy developments.	Being able to walk anywhere in the country and by the sea.	Over 70	Female	Interested Citizen	4	Remote Small Towns
39	Yes	I would like to see that Land is used in a way that is sustainable for the long-term, both for the people that live and work on the land, the communities that exist and also for the environment and biodiversity crisis that exists. I think there is too much emphasis place upon who is delivering rather than making sure that the outcomes are achieved.	The richness of the landscape	51-60	Male	Farmer or Crofter	6	Accessible Rural Areas
40	Yes			Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	2	Other Urban Areas
41	Yes	All land should be under the control of Scottish citizens and not private landowners. Ultimately, land (perhaps above a certain acreage) should be owned by the nation and leased out. The control and regulation of the way land is managed and the policies and objectives for land should be decided by citizens assemblies with a significant input from local residents. There should be no access to assemblies by paid lobbyists. We need to ensure land is used for the benefit of all citizens and not for the personal whims of a few very rich people. The politicians job would be to implement the decisions of the CA and not to create policy. While our land access rights are good, until we have full public control we need to streamline the process for dealing with the few landowners who try to limit access and deal with them on a strict liability principle and a presumption in favour of access.	Productive use, high environmental standards, good paths and tracks for all.	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen		
42	Yes	Focus effort and investment to community planning and enabling legislation to enable those to implement	That it contributes to implementing local plans	51-60	Male	Business owner	6	Accessible Rural Areas
43	Yes	Big changes are desperately needed. Vast areas/estates in the ownership of one individual or family should not be acceptable in this day and age; a limit on size/area is required.	People are most important, greedy landowners who only want to keep people out.	61-70	Male	Community group or development trust member	8	Very Remote Rural Areas
44	Yes	I would like to see more land for sale to the Community in particular for Cohousing which is a Community of people who live in individual flats but share some communal space and support each as they go into their older years. Land is always been sold to developers and the community is unable to get it at an affordable price or even have the opportunity to buy it.	For Cohousing and land that the community can buy for the community.	61-70	Female	Community group or development trust member	1	Large Urban Areas
45	Yes	I don't want to see Scotland's land continue to be used' (read abused). I want to see it respected, restored and supporting all biodiverse life again. I want Scotland to have her identity back so that our country isn't just continually ground down into an increasingly ugly, polluted, barren, pathetic copy of the worst of the USA. A lifetime bearing witness to our country being erased to satisfy an insane pursuit of relentless over population & over consumption has eaten away all respect for politics, business, the state and judiciary. Future generations will despise us.	The sad & tiny remaining fragments of unspoiled ancient woodland & meadows.	51-60	Female	Community group or development trust member	2	Other Urban Areas
46	Yes	Briefly ... only citizens of Scotland will be able to own land. This would be limited to, say 1 hectare. Everyone else may have the 'Right to Use' for determined lengths of time. Larger areas would be occupied by Companies for agreed determined terms. Such as agricultural holdings would be treated as Companies. Scottish Government would have rights to take shares of non-National investments.	A must is a basic right as a Nation that Scotland owns it land, air pand waters	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	6	Accessible Rural Areas
47	Yes	I would like to see Scotland's land 'owned' by a far greater number of people and entities; that in many cases that ownership would be held by communities in stewardship and/or for the common good; that land would be understood as place and responsibility rather than as any form of 'capital'.	To see a rich, biodiverse, healthy ecology of home, resource, re-creation.	Over 70	Female	Community group or development trust member	8	Very Remote Rural Areas
48	Yes	The land of Scotland firstly should belong to all Scots not just a few rich enough to afford ownership. There needs to be more urgency reducing the size of large estates than is currently planned. Access to land on estates should be a right of Scot's to build homes and repopulate Scotland, not just the Central Belt. The very essence of growing and prospering our country relies on access to good quality housing, private or rented, being available to all when required, not to offer this means that areas of low population will never grow, businesses will lack staff as the young are forced to leave, schools will shut, social events and and emigration ensues, sounds familiar? The highlands and rural areas of Scotland should be better served by Government.	20 min neighbourhood , already substantial house building	61-70	Female	Interested Citizen	2	Other Urban Areas
49	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	41-50	Female	Tenant	7	Remote Rural Areas
50	Yes	Land is 'Green Gold' . It is the most secure investment . It is better than gold . More secure , affords capital growth and can provide an income . It can be written down at an unrealistically low value for tax purposes , Tax can be used to help our economy and to redistribute land ownership by reducing the investment advantage of land holdings . Further untold advantages to the population and the economy would come as a result of land becoming available for development .		NA	Male	Business owner		
51	Yes	The complete reform of Secure Tenancies if not the abolition of said completely outdated concept. Large land owning holders of secure tenancies especially those who are absent from the tenancies do not deserve protection. This would allow me to actively farm my own land and produce food for my community and country.	That it produces food first and foremost and isn't industrialised by turbines.	51-60	Male	Landowner	8	Very Remote Rural Areas
52	Yes	I would like to see a register of land ownership so those who own land are accountable for its up keep. I would also like to see opportunities for communities to have a say in how land is used , be it for housing development or energy production, with those communities benefiting in some way from that development. I'm in my later years of life, these changes are for the benefit of my children and grand children. Too much of our land is held by "Green washing " individuals and companies. Time to change that.	Ownership	61-70	Female	Interested Citizen	2	Other Urban Areas
53	Yes	Learning from Wales' One Planet Development planning policies would open up opportunities for people to build low impact housing, helping to retain young people in rural areas and attract those who are potentially stuck in urban areas and wish to return. Scotland's Hutting and Crofting policies may be another area where reform could see genuine advancements in small and low impact housing.	Access to affordable housing	31-40	Male	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
54	Yes	I believe that having more land under public control as opposed to private would mean less chance of private sector interests having any say on how green our country is or if that space is used for private profit. Natural green space IS a resource and one that is easily overlooked as such, we take great pride in Scottish Water as a publicly owned asset, why not our land space?	Nurturing biodiversity properly.	Under 30	Male	Tenant	1	Large Urban Areas
55	Yes	I should like to see a reduction in the power held by large corporations inflicting large development projects such as 'wrong tree in the wrong place' commercial forestry, inappropriate windfarms and other devastating changes, with an often very negative impact on communities, land-use and the environment. These entities are becoming famous for holding 'tick-box' so called 'consultations' with locals without any intention of modifying plans, which are more around corporate greed and enriching share-holders than benefitting communities and the environment.	Loss of countryside/local agriculture to commercial forestry and windfarms	61-70	Male	Interested Citizen	6	Accessible Rural Areas
56	Yes	I would like to see more land in community or small holder hands. This would lead to less inequality, better stewardship, and possibly better environmntal and health outcomes though a more regenerative approach to land use	That it is managed regeneratively	61-70	Male	Environmental or nature group member	6	Accessible Rural Areas
57	Yes	I think Land in Scotland should return to the hands of the people and communities. I understand that previous land reform has hoped to go in this direction, but most of the land in Scotland is still owned by a few rich land owners. If everyone had ownership over this land, we could use it for things that benefit communities. I would like communal ownership to look like increased nature restoration, increased local growing, and increased social housing. It is currently incredibly undemocratic that land of the country that we all live in, that we all look after, that we all experience, is only in the hands of the few. If communities had stewardship over land, connection to local nature and local food would begin to come back. I would love to see land that is moved from private to community ownership - with the requirement that communities, people, groups, are stewards of the area, and not for this land to be used for commericial gain.	Biodiversity, Agroecology	Under 30	Male	Environmental or nature group member	1	Large Urban Areas
58	Yes	Inspired by the examples of Norway and the Netherlands, I believe Scotland should take bold steps to ensure fair and transparent land ownership. In particular, I urge the Commission to consider: Implementation of a Land Tax – A progressive tax on land ownership could deter excessive accumulation and encourage fairer land distribution. Community Ownership Expansion – Strengthening legal frameworks that support cooperative and community-led land ownership would empower local groups. Restrictions on Second Homes – Like Norway, Scotland could introduce measures to curb speculative second-home purchases that drive up property prices and disrupt local economies. Enhanced Transparency in Land Registry – Adopting a clearer and more accessible land registry system, akin to the Netherlands, would improve accountability and limit monopolization. Sustainable Land Use Policies – Promoting environmentally responsible land management would ensure long-term benefits for both communities and the natural landscape.	Proper usage; access; economic considerations; wellbeing and access.	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
59	Yes	Land ownership rights need to be reformed so that land management is being carried out in the interest of the nation as a whole. Land ownership is a privilege that many can't afford. Large land holdings being managed in the owners sole interest (e.g. grouse shooting) at the detriment of wider public interest should not be tolerated and along side incentives to change, there should be a binding obligation to change, with ownership rights being curtailed if change does not happen. Nature restoration such as afforestation and habitat restoration creates wider downstream benefits, such as water management and at present the public purse is picking up the cost of the impact of poor/sole interest land management.	Delivering accessible transparent economic, social and environmental goals	41-50	Male	Environmental or nature group member	6	Accessible Rural Areas
60	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	51-60	Female	Interested Citizen	6	Accessible Rural Areas
61	Yes	Action, action, action. not more consultation. If Ministers do not wish to follow the Commissions recommendations, they must explain why. It appears that they simply ignore. This is not acceptable, I cannot do better than endorse [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] To emphasise a couple of points. 1. Communities cannot be expected to do all the heavy lifting on land reform, principally because a) the monies are not there to afford purchase and 2. taking on land is a challenge beyond the abilities of many communities. Allied to a), it's a nonsense that land is valued having regard to it's ability to attract public funds for tree planting. The public funds lose out twice - once to help fund community buy outs (£ms) and secondly by making grants for planting! The land's existing use value should be the basis of valuation.	Unknown ownerships in village. Need for clear register.	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	6	Accessible Rural Areas
62	Yes	More community purchases of land. The compulsory purchase of deer & grouse estates for rewilding & biodiversity regeneration (it's unconscionable that we're asking farmers/crofters to do more for nature & the climate when they produce our food and we DONT address hunting estates, which don't produce food and actively degrade the environment).	I live in a city, so access to green space is important.	31-40	Male	Local government or public sector	1	Large Urban Areas
63	Yes	I would like land to used by communities and localities as a basis for their strength and self-confidence. For example, take community-run-and-owned renewable energy schemes. They depend literally on ownership to, or license of, land. There must be preference built in for communities driving such projects, not corporates. Access to land is vital. We need to deploy laws and regulation to tilt the patterns of land ownership in Scotland, in favour of the citizen over moguls and large commercial interests. We also need a vision for its use that relates intelligently to major trends. How does land help us in the transition to a carbon-zero, post-consumerist lifestyle? What pioneering experiments in eco-civilisation might it support? How can work on, and connection to, the land be a ballast against the excesses of the virtual and the computational? Land is finite - and thus we need a rich culture of deliberation meeting regulation, utility beside futures-thinking, to figure out how its power can be unleashed. As an independence supporter, I now firmly believe that small-i indy is the best preparation for large-I indy. And land controls an essential component of the former.	Land in the Leith area to be more subject to civic, eco and social goals	61-70	Male	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
64	Yes	Repopulation of Highlands by actual communities not just tourism (yes tourism is an important industry but people should actually be able to live there and do what they want job wise)	Community spaces and litter	31-40	Non-binary	Interested Citizen	3	Accessible Small Towns
65	Yes	push to community ownership is misguided. more attention needed seeing how existing community owned land performs over decades. resource to crofting commission to carry out enforcement of land abandonment more resource to naturescot for species management - specifically gees eagles, to reduce the impacts on those in crofting counties Let policy be led by those who know the land, not academics and environmental protestors in cities. incentivise private property owners and landowners to seek tenants - to create affordable housing, and to have security within their asset property regulate the ridiculous "carbon credit" industry - and stop the greenwashing. using our land managers kudos for peatland to offset a continual pollution habit of large corporations. revisit access laws as these are causing so much damage and conflict through "wild camping" , fires, and dog worrying. instruct procurator fiscals to follow up on dog worrying convictions - allow those having stock injured killed confidence that new laws work. ensure taxes and money raised by local authorities is spent in the area these are generated to help deal with the over tourism and lack of infrastructure.	proper land management - species, predator, ground.	31-40	Male	Farmer or Crofter	8	Very Remote Rural Areas
66	Yes	Any land that lies derelict/abandoned and has no obvious traceable ownership should be advertised as available for purchase. The land should belong to Scots, and that proviso should be included as a condition of sale.	Removing the ugliness and shame of allowed/acceptance of dereliction.	61-70	Male	Interested Citizen	3	Accessible Small Towns
67	Yes	More support for communities once they actually have the land , there is so much focus of the acquisition and not the sustainability of the land often communities don't have the expertise to do this	Access and sustainability, plus knowledge who owns what , what can be done there	41-50	Female	Community group or development trust member	6	Accessible Rural Areas
68	Yes	I think a solution needs found for the maintenance and use of communal areas in housing estates. In light of PNP and Marriott v Greenbelt developers and factors are selling off these areas often at auction and often marketed as housing plots. The right to buy legislation doesn't seem to work for these sort of areas as often no development is sought by the community just good maintenance of them.		31-40	Male	Interested Citizen	6	Accessible Rural Areas
69	No	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	[REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION]	31-40	Male	Environmental or nature group member	7	Remote Rural Areas
70	Yes	I'd like to see changes ensuring land ownership in Scotland—especially in rural and island areas—directly benefits local communities. Too often, land is held by people or entities with no real connection, leading to depopulation and missed opportunities. We need a meaningful local residency requirement. Living in Stirling shouldn't allow someone to buy land in Ulva say. Ownership should prioritise those with a genuine local presence—via primary residence or long-term community ties. Large estates often contribute little in tax and hold land unproductively. If land generates no meaningful taxable activity, it should trigger a review or restructuring toward more active local ownership. Developers and councils also hoard land for future gain. As after the Great Fire of London, a 'use it or lose it' rule should apply: develop land within a set time or forfeit rights. A generation clause—reviewing landholding every 30 years—and a duty to notify communities of upcoming sales would promote transparency and stop indefinite, inactive ownership. Communities should not need to pre-register an interest to be consulted.	Land should serve locals, not distant owners. Prioritise community use.	61-70	Male	Landowner	1	Large Urban Areas
71	Yes	Apart from MOD property the public must be allowed to roam free. The land of Scotland must belong to Scotland. If bought by foreign people the owners must live on their property unless legitamit business reasons means they have to be abroad. As with other countries a set number of minimum days must be spent in the country.	replanting where natural habitat has been damaged or destroyed.	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	2	Other Urban Areas
72	Yes	Please just read and implement all the ideas and suggestions from [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL]. Many of these have already been agreed at Conferences. There is no need for more consultations. We need action before the next election to give voters and supporters something to celebrate.		61-70	Female	Interested Citizen	5	Very Remote Small Towns
73	Yes	I 100% endorse [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] Scotland's gross inequality of land ownership is getting worse. Urgently need effective land taxation and compulsory purchase powers over derelict land. Why is it taking so long?	Derelict land & land banking. We have the powers to fix this.	Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	1	Large Urban Areas
74	Yes	I will show you mine if you show me yours first!		Over 70	Male	Interested Citizen	3	Accessible Small Towns
75	Yes	Reduce the number of very large owners by more community ownership and allowing small farmers to own their land rather than just be tenants. This would give our community more control over what is being done in our area.	Wider ownership and public accoss being maintained and indeed encouraged	61-70	Male	Local government or public sector	2	Other Urban Areas
76	Yes	Any incentive or requirement for landowners adjacent to population centres to engage meaningfully with the town or village for the positive development of both groups. Owning land in Scotland in perpetuity must have responsibilities notably in rural areas.	positive access. diversity of land use. enagagement.	61-70	Male	Community group or development trust member	7	Remote Rural Areas
77	Yes	Land is an extremely valuable, irreplaceable resource, but Scotland doesn't treat it with the respect it deserves. We need to diversify our major monocultural land uses - grouse moors are over-burned for one bird, Sitka spruce plantations are low-quality timber factories, hill land is overgrazed by sheep, malting barley fields are run over by heavy machinery and sprayed with too many chemicals that pollute watercourses. In the 21st century, we need land managed to provide multiple ecosystem services, not just economic returns to the landowner. We need land to provide good quality food for people, we need good quality timber, we need land for homes and food for wildlife, we need soils that capture and store carbon, we need our uplands to capture and store water. We need land for cities, for recreation, for wind farms and for reservoirs. We need much better land-use planning. We need more respectful land management. We need fewer absentee foreign landowners owning large tracts of land. We need those who care to make an informed contribution to the way we own and manage our precious land. We should no longer rely tradition, we need radical new thinking to manage land for the future.	To enjoy countryside responsibly without being harassed by land-owner/managers.	61-70	Female	Interested Citizen	6	Accessible Rural Areas
78	Yes	I would like to see Scotland's land being important, enjoyable and a passion to more people, in Scotland. I want it to be an important part of everyone's life. Whither it be the vast swathes of hills and moorland, or a tiny corner of urban greenery. Scotland's land should be a benefit to all, whither it be economically, educationally or to the benefit to our health and wellbeing. It is such a huge asset. It needs to be brought into people's lives to raises people's awareness, and therefore instill a pride and passion in our land.	The land in my area should be of benefit to the local community, and beyond.	Over 70	Female	Landowner	6	Accessible Rural Areas
79	Yes	I think that land should be owned by more people. Maybe put a cap on the percentage of Scottish land any one person is allowed to own. This would reduce the monopoly that very few have on land managment decisions over vast areas. Deer numbers should be reduced so that deer fences everywhere are no longer needed. This would allow trees to regenerate naturally which would create a much more natural, biodiversity and enjoyable landscape. It should also be compulsory for land with drainned peat to be restored and for rhododendron and other inns to be eradicated. Landowners who claim not to have enough money for this while owning over 1%of Scotland is frankly ridiculous. Muirburn should be banned to stop nocif air pollution and biodiversity damage. Reducing pheasant and deer numbers would also reduce the tick infestation and benefit public health.	Restoration, water, trees, peat	Under 30	Female	Environmental or nature group member	2	Other Urban Areas