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| 898 | Yes | Less private and more public.<br>More arable farming<br>Less sheep<br>More rewilding<br>Absolutely no land management for 'sport' shooting.<br>Reintroduce wolves and beavers<br>Limit cars<br>Limit car park spaces | Ecology | 31-40 | Male | Interested Citizen | | |
| 899 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 900 | Yes | I'd like to see a fundamental shift in how land is owned and used in Scotland—moving away from concentrated private ownership toward more democratic, community-led models. Land reform should prioritise public good over private gain, enabling communities to own, steward, and benefit from the land they live on. This would support local resilience, environmental sustainability, and economic justice. For my work in Community Wealth Building, such changes would be transformative. Land is a foundational asset—its ownership shapes power, opportunity, and wellbeing. If communities in places like Oban could own renewable energy land or repurpose vacant sites for housing, enterprise, or food growing, it would unlock inclusive economic development. It would also strengthen local democracy and deepen the structural reform needed to tackle poverty and inequality. Ultimately, land reform is not just about ownership—it's about dignity, agency, and building a fairer Scotland from the ground up. | Community and local ownership of it | 51-60 | Male | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 901 | Yes | The U.K. needs more natural flood resilience and more forward, long term strategies/ thinking in regards to climate change and its impacts on housing and farming due to increasingly unpredictable weather events. These issues are at the core of a more stable, continually productive society. | More modern and efficient flood management (regeneration), farmer accountability | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 902 | Yes | I would like to see more balanced biodiversity with sustainable low impact tourism and local access. | Biosiversity | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 903 | Yes | The land should be looked after by the existing farmers who have generations of knowledge of how to farm land and produce food. | Lovely green fields and up lands filled either quality livestock. | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 904 | Yes | All schools should have access to green spaces for play. I am a headteacher in a rural village surrounded by green fields and the school has no grass spaces only a concrete playground. The church directly beside the school is unused and has a large expanse of grass attached to it. This doesn't make sense as they don't use the grass space therefore it's purely decorative. | Spaces for people to sit and enjoy the outdoors or come together | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 905 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | NA | | | | |
| 906 | Yes | None. Leave it alone. | Historical custodians looking after land, with appropriate access to the public. | 31-40 | Male | None of the above | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 907 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 908 | Yes | that land in towns in villages are left unkept and overgrown , vegetation should be maintained at roadsides and cycle paths irrespective if the land is owned by Local Authorities or individual or property developers. | Used to keep our natural landscape and prevent overdevelopment in green spaces | Over 70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 909 | Yes | I'd like to see land in Scotland owned and managed in a way that prioritises communities, sustainability, and fairness over concentrated private interests. Too much land is currently owned by a small number of individuals or large estates, which limits opportunities for local people to build homes, start businesses, or develop community projects.<br><br>More community ownership and empowerment: Support for communities to buy and manage local land, especially for housing, renewable energy, and public spaces.<br>Stronger regulation of absentee or large-scale landownership: Transparency around who owns land and incentives for responsible stewardship.<br>Support for sustainable land use: Policies that encourage biodiversity, rewilding, and climate resilience, while also supporting farming and forestry.<br>Affordable access to land for housing and local enterprise: To tackle rural depopulation, housing shortages, and create thriving local economies.<br><br>These changes would give communities a stronger voice, create jobs and affordable homes, and help Scotland meet its environmental goals. | Access, sustainability, and fairness: land for nature,housing, and community use | 31-40 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 910 | Yes | Less dense forestry so that there is life in it. Plantations are silent - no birds, no insects, very little wildlife. We need to have time in nature for string mental health. When trees are cut down, more could be done to clear debris and start the process of land healing itself - it looks like a post apocolyptic landscape, so depressing. A few native trees planted on a tiny percentage of land amongst great swathes of pine and spruce is not diversity. The industry is very greedy. These huge areas of forestation should not be behind fences and locked gates but open to public especially when established footpaths cross through them. Planting should not be allowed to cover established footpaths which may be on maps but they just disappear. | Access. Wildlife. Variety of species. Consideration for the landscape. | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 911 | Yes | More land for allotments and community gardens as well as playgrounds and parks in areas where there are none. Use brown field sites for social housing. | Trees and parkland for wild flowers. | Over 70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 912 | Yes | Land should be owned by people who actively look after it, for example farmers. Investment groups/foreign owners should be made to actively look after land, limits should be made on% of land owned which is planted in trees.<br>Whilst forestry is appropriate for some areas, good productive agricultural land should not be planted. | no more change from farmland to forestry | 31-40 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 913 | Yes | A little more community land, whether its fir a natural park, more cycle lanes, forest restoration for walks, and more importantly allotments. We live in a very rural setting and there is always queues for allotment space. | Improving/maintain the natural beauty of the Scottish Borders | 31-40 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 914 | Yes | It would be good to see much more community ownership/management of land. | Access for walking, biking etc. | Over 70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 915 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | Under 30 | Prefer not to say | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 916 | Yes | More and more greenbelts are being gobbled up for housing, fast food ans generally things that just aren't helping people day to day, houses are built yes but they're extremely overpriced and local facilities are not upgraded with the increase in population, fast foods such as [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] pop up and destroy limited sections of green space that could be used for kids parks, outdoor gyms or even just a bit of greenery, it feels like the local councils care more about short term profit than actually helping people long term and want to destroy the local environments.<br>South Lanarkshire council and larkhall/surrounding areas is what i have been referring to today. | Green space and somewhere for kids to play | 31-40 | Male | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 917 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 918 | Yes | Owning land should carry a tax liability and a liability to the local community. Land taken out of agricultural production should be moved to a higher tax bracket. This to help prevent the land banking practice. | 80 characters has proven to be too curtailing. | Over 70 | Male | Business owner | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 919 | Yes | We need much higher tax on unearned wealth and land hoarding, especially for land used for environmentally damaging activities (i.e. grouse shooting estates) and to close the legal loopholes which mean that these estates can avoid the taxes that poorer people are subject to, and remove any form of state support and subsidy. | We need integrated land use planning | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 920 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | Over 70 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 921 | Yes | Land should be owned by trusts for the use of the public or made available for residents of Scotland to buy, but this should be limited to small areas to stop wealthy foreign investors buying large areas of land as assets. | The right to roam and being able to use the land for the good of the public | 31-40 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 922 | Yes | I would like to see greater stability in land ownership and land use in Scotland. Greater stability would lead to greater investment, particularly from outwith Scotland, which is desperately needed for the future of rural communities particularly. At present there is too much uncertainty and the continual threat of change puts off those wanting to invest. Investment in land is usually a long term venture and requires confidence.<br><br>This current threat, which has been continual for over 25 years, also puts people off letting out land on a long term basis. New letting data evidences this. This in turn limits new entrants to existing and potential new land uses and is restrictive to both capital and communities therefore.<br><br>In essence, the threat posed by continual land reform is detrimental to the economy, the evolution of communities and the aspirations of future generations. | The diversity of land type and use. | 51-60 | Male | Land manager | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 923 | Yes | We must use more of our land for productive purposes. Too much of it is laying idle and empty. | Make more use of fields dominated by reed grass with only a few sheep grazing. | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 924 | Yes | From a bioregional perspective, land in Scotland should be owned and used in ways that are locally rooted, ecologically informed, and democratically accountable. This means shifting away from absentee or corporate ownership towards community trusts, cooperatives, and shared stewardship. Land use should follow the natural patterns of watersheds, soils, and habitats, with decisions guided by ecological limits rather than short-term profit. In practice, this could mean supporting agroecology and regenerative farming, restoring peatlands and wetlands, and replacing monoculture forestry with diverse, mixed woodlands. It also means recognising land as a common good that provides food, water, climate stability, and belonging. For communities, such a shift would bring greater access to land for housing, food growing, and nature, while strengthening local economies. For work, it would create livelihoods in farming, forestry, and ecological restoration that are sustainable and dignified. Overall, reorienting land ownership and use around bioregions would make Scotland's landscapes more resilient, just, and life-supporting. | Living within local ecosystems' limits: healthy soils, water, and community. | 61-70 | Female | Environmental or nature group member | | |
| 925 | Yes | Land should be nationalised as publicly owned land | Publicly owned | 51-60 | Female | Community group or development trust member | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 926 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Male | Land manager | | |
| 927 | Yes | 1200 characters is not a lot of space to articulate the benefits to me, my community or my work that could be accrued from a sensible land value tax, a limitation on the size of private estates and a moratorium on future private estate sales. | Access, development and community control. | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 928 | Yes | No land in Scotland should be sold to private landholders or developers. This would mean that we put an end to the concept of land as a commodity. | That folk have places to live, grow food, and make lives. | 31-40 | Male | None of the above | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 929 | Yes | A more nuanced approach, which starts to move beyond a restrictive binary notion of ownership, and begins to look at what communities need and want, and finds ways to support their use of land without simply saddling them with responsibilities related to ownership which they are not always necessarily equipped to deal with or manage.<br><br>Leases in perpetuity as a way around this? More emphasis on notions of 'stewardship' or 'custodianship' which facilitate the possibility of being 'possessed' by the land(scape) rather than possessing it?<br><br>Finding ways to really centre the discourse around land reform in the popular national conversation?<br><br>More progressive leadership from Scotland's biggest landlord (the government) in terms of modelling best practice and leading the conversation?<br><br>A recognition that research has shown clearly and repeatedly that continuing to entrench current inequalities actually heightens the very real risk of societal collapse as the climate crisis deepens.<br><br>Limits on private landownership as matter of urgency. A move towards not seeing land as a resource / capital. | how it reveals the histories which have led to extractive ways of thinking land | 51-60 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 930 | Yes | Much more transparency and accountability in land use decisions - and not just for massive highland estates! In Angus, estates are much smaller but often very wealthy. I am witnessing how a single landowning family can reduce rented housing on their estate to near nothing without any scrutiny, and use the land solely for private gain apart from providing a handful (and less and less) local jobs. Lack of affordable housing - notably family size rentals - has huge implications for local village facilities such as shops, medical facilities and schools. Nothing that the Land Reform Bill will do about this with the >1000ha threshold showing a geographical bias (it is about power and control not scale alone).<br><br>In addition, small-scale land opportunities incl. ownership need to be created and adequately supported (e.g., through agricultural policy), for communities but also for individual use. Especially for food production! The crofting model provides opportunities beyond the counties - and new croft creation can exist alongside improving the current system. But it needs leaderships and creative thinking. | Affordable rural housing (to buy or to rent) | 31-40 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 931 | Yes | Land needs to be thought of as more than a financial asset - it is leading to more extraction and sucking wealth out of Scotland. There needs to be much more community ownership of land. The ownership of land in Scotland needs to be tightly regulated, with presumed limits on ownership and the compulsory sale/purchase of land not being owned in the public interest. This would help reduce land prices, make it more viable for communities to own more land and ensure our land is fighting the climate and biodiversity crises. | Housing crisis, vacant and derelict land, absentee owners | 31-40 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 932 | Yes | The majority of land in Scotland should be owned in common - through community and public ownership. There should be a maximum amount of land that any private individual or company can own (e.g. 500ha). Noone registered as living outside of Scotland should be able to own land here. We should have 10,000 new crofts across Scotland for local food production and re-peopling of rural areas. Land prices should be capped to limit use of land as commodity investment. End area-based subsidies for land, as these give public money to the wealthy. Instead subsidise small-scale sustainable farming. Land should be taken from private owners and given to communities, rather than communities having to buy it. | Equitable access, common ownership, affordable housing, local food production | 31-40 | Female | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 933 | Yes | Make the process for communities to buy their land easier (project officers to work in and on behalf of communities) | The culture, history, language and relationships we have with the place | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 934 | Yes | Land is a finite resource and there needs to be limit on how much land an individual, and definitely a corporation can own. This would increase diversity and reduce the power and improve equity | Corporate landowners, not living on the land,community not involved in decisions | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 935 | Yes | Land should be managed in ways that benefit a majority of people, and not a few. It is a finite resource that we depend on for life itself. | Affordability of housing, green space, and transport links | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 936 | Yes | More Scottish land should be owned by the people rather than major corporations and absentee landlords.<br>Land owners should not be allowed to own land for hunting and/or shooting.<br>More should be done to improve the quality of land in Scotland rather than continue to allow it to be degraded by shooting estates.<br>We must find ways to tax land and property in a way that is fair and sustainable, and to stop tax breaks and charitable status on shooting and hunting estates. | The environment and nature biodiversity. | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 937 | Yes | None. Property rights are the basis of our Freedom.<br>All you can do is screw things up. | That it is wild, free to access and fun | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 938 | Yes | There should be serious restraints on the ability of wealthy private buyers to just buy up vast tracts of land, whole islands etc. The Scottish Government should not view land as a resource to be extracted from. The sanctity and peace of wild landscapes should be valued and protected FAR more than it is. Windfarms are about to spread over and industrialise wild places that people need to remain as they are for mental health. Land is sold off and built over for the profit of wealthy investors. This WILL NOT solve a housing crisis caused by the greed of private profit in the first place. Camping management and licenses for national parks to reduce them being wrecked. Stop advertising places as Must See places eg the NC500.<br>Forestry in Scotland is an embarrassment. Other countries manage their Forestry do that it doesn't cause wholesale devastation every few decades. | Leaving it alone! | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 939 | Yes | 1. no private landholdings above 1000 acres - where private means anything not community or public sector owned. Allowed private landholding reduced in relationship to amount of people resident. If no resident population expectation of repopulation. and then reduction in size of holding.<br>2. full transparency on ownership - default on transparency = reduction in ownership.<br>3. Planning presumption in favour of repopulation and affordable housing | people in, on and through the land - using it respectively and productively | 51-60 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 940 | Yes | I would like to see more crofts being created. This would not only benefit the land itself but also those that are eagerly waiting to 'do their bit' for Scotlands landscapes & wildlife | Having fresh water nearby | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | | |
| 941 | Yes | I would like to see legislation in place to limit the amount of land owned by private landowners. Those already in possession of large amounts of land (multiple estates for example) should create crofts and offer land for community use.<br>Any land that comes up for sale should first be offered to the local community before being put out for private sale.<br>A commitment to thousands of new Crofts being made available over the next few years, but also tighter legislation to stop land from being de-crofted for the purpose of building holiday homes. | Land being made available for Community use. | 41-50 | Female | Community group or development trust member | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 942 | Yes | Scottish land ownership is entirely skewed and predominantly remains in the hands of a few families whose wealth was generated historically by questionable methods.<br><br>Crofting legislation is also entirely inefficient from an agricultural perspective and with the crofters remaining cap in hand to the lairds.<br><br>I would personally like to see every estate sold at agricultural value to the crofters and crofting legislation abandoned.<br><br>You would then have multi ownership across rural areas and land could be traded openly and fairly without fear of tenancy issues etc. | Fair and equal ownersip without the need for crofting legistation. | 51-60 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | | |
| 943 | Yes | Increased community ownership. Local ownership ensures that management meets local current and future needs | Creating an environment that supports a thriving community | 61-70 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 944 | Yes | Please stop selling off Scotland to foreign ownership, including wind farms.<br><br>The [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] currently have [REDACTED - IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION] acres of [REDACTED - IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION] for sale on the open market. A lot of families can trace their ancestors back to before records began, Im back to 1700s so far. During the clearances [REDACTED - IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION] played a huge part in evictions. Now it looks like there will be a new owner and I don't know if any if us will be able to visit our old abandoned crofts and townships ever again if it sells to a private buyer.<br><br>The families still residing there will have their rents increased and renewal of grazing lands will cease. The Scottish historical artifacts will be lost. Its a shambles and no one seems to care very much.<br><br>How can [REDACTED - IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION] sell for profit? Needs to be community owned.<br><br>Stop people buying up land/ properties for their portfolio. Limit the number of houses a person can buy. There are no affordable private homes now for our kids.<br><br>Limit Airbnb and second homes in all areas. Offer housing to locals before selling to outsiders. | Green space | NA | Female | | | |
| 945 | Yes | The Gaelic word dùthchas describes a relationship with land that is symbiotic as opposed to extractionist. Land is not a commodity. Much of our issues with land in this country comes from how this concept of dùthchas was ignored and broken. It is only by recognising and respecting dùthchas that things can be put right. I want to see land in the Highlands back in the hands of communities in the Highlands.<br>I want to see an end to absentee landlordism, land hoarding, greenwashing, plantation woodlands, sports hunting. I want to see more community ownership, more crofts, more homes for young families in the Highlands.<br>Repeopling and ecosystem regeneration doesnt need to be at odds. Green lairds who do not care abt the history of the land they have taken and see it only as a wild canvas to play with do great harm to the movement. Gaelic crofting communities safeguard much of the ecological diversity in Scotland. And it is hunting estates like the one near my home that reduce it, by persecuting endangered wildlife. So why are entrusting rich landowners, who are often antagonistic to crofters, being trusted with the important task of ecosystem regeneration? | Access for all - Repeopling and ecosystem regeneration - Gaelic at the heart | Under 30 | Female | Tenant | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 946 | Yes | I won't pretend to be overly knowledgeable about land use is Scotland, although I do know its beauty and resources are some of our biggest assets. I would like to see our land preserved, maintained, and protected. We should not sell the fabric of our country, the highlands are not a gimmick, they are us and we are it. Foreign states and companies should never have a chance to own or control our land. | That we are free to use it as we please (within reason) | Under 30 | Male | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 947 | Yes | I would like to see the land put in the hands of those who can bring capital and resources entrepreneurial ability to make use of it and for as much as excellent quality housing of all types around the country as possible. | That it's used well for housing. | 31-40 | Non-binary | Business owner | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 948 | Yes | The creation of more crofts for people like myself to move into would bolster communities | To be able to live on the land that you work | NA | Male | Interested Citizen | | |
| 949 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 31-40 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 950 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 951 | Yes | The land should be of the people. I would suggest new crofts but the crofting commission can't cope with processing what they have. Crofting seems like the answer, but perhaps a new, simpler system that gives people opportunity to live, work and manage their own plot of land. | Productive, sustaining family and community | 41-50 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 952 | Yes | Creating more crofts will allow young people who grew up in crofting areas to return, work the land, raise families and keep small crofting communities alive. | Absentee crofters - inherited crofts that are not worked. | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 953 | Yes | Bring into community ownership protrxt space for people to use and biodiversity. Protect wild goats and water supplies from polution caused by landowners planting spruce trees. More varied woodland preferable to horrid desolate plantations of spruce trees | Biodiversity rights of different wild animals being protected | 51-60 | Female | Landowner | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 954 | Yes | 1. I'd like to see more land in community or public ownership.<br>2. Creation of hundreds of crofts on public and private land and offering these crofts at affordable rates. I'd particularly like to see crofts created on forestry commission land. | Croft land, common grazing, increasing woodland cover and public access | 31-40 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 955 | Yes | Restriction on foreign/absentee ownership of land.<br>Land to be made available to persons residing locally for purchase either as crofts or similar with a expectation of local residence. | That it is used for the benefit of people living on this Island. | 31-40 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 956 | Yes | More "large estates" to be shared and small holdings/crofts to be encouraged/supported. Make a quota on the maximum amount of land anyone person/estate can own. Give those with more incentives to gift/sell to local communities. Bring incentives for locals to own/buy land.<br>Review of land ownership historically owned and handed down from lairds and incentives for this to be passed to locals.<br>Make some sort of rule that the landowners of Scotland reside in the place they own or family there at least. I believe the Whalsay Estate in Shetland was owned by the laird, now the descendents live in America and Australia, this is ludicrous. | For the people that live there be the guardians of this to enjoywork & maintain. | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 957 | Yes | I would like to seem more land in community ownership. Land should be in the hands of the people who live in the area and not in the hands of wealthy individuals. This would mean more opportunities for local people to stay in the area they were born, opportunities for folk who want to move into and contribute to the communities. Local communities could build affordable housing in appropriate sites and avoid expensive and tiresome negotiations with selfish landowners. We could keep our communities alive with less struggle. Funding for land based activities could be used to really benefit communities rather than be tax breaks for the rich or greenwashing.<br>I'd like to see more small scale crofting. People focused on small scale local food production because we're going to need more of that in the future. It would build local resilience. More land for communities = better communities | people belong to the land. Community ownership is key | 41-50 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 958 | Yes | More focus on farming and growing our own food, no more forestry plantations | Farming | 31-40 | Female | Interested Citizen | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 959 | Yes | I would like to see land made available to the small communities in Sutherland to plant orchards, have allotments, community gardens and village greens to name but some things that are beneficial in keeping communities together and thriving, places to communicate and share. At present the vast majority of land is Estate owned with not much chance of anybody getting their 'fair share' | As in the previous answer, a chance for people to have somewhere to be creative. | Over 70 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 960 | Yes | Scottish Government acquire any crofting or potential crofting estate that comes on the market with a view to increasing working age population. Land, homes, jobs! | Need to redress age balance. Land, homes, jobs! | Over 70 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 961 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 61-70 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 962 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 963 | Yes | I want it to stay tge same except fewer wind turbines | Absence of man made intrusion | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 964 | Yes | Land in Scotland should only be owned by people who live in Scotland and pay their taxes in Scotland. | The Crofters rights to use the land, this is why they're are still people here. | 51-60 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 965 | Yes | No foreign ownership. More planting of forests. Lynx and wolves introduced | The wildness, abundance of wildlife. Requirement for people to respect the land | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 966 | Yes | Small areas available for use by people. Ensure land is used rather than just owned, crofts need to be used and rules enforced, too many crofts idle. Create more opportunities for young people in land use | It is used rather than just owned | 61-70 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 967 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 968 | Yes | Non native buyers should have to pass a residency test, like in Denmark, where a person has to actually live and work in the country for five years before being able to buy property or land.<br>They should then have to publish their land management plans and local<br>communities should have their say on whether the plans will impact them or not.<br>They should also have to pay tax on the amount of land they own. | How the land is used and the effect it has on me | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 969 | Yes | I'd like yo see mire opportunity for young crofters to obtain crofts of there own, crofts that are nor used fir stock or cultivated should be given to those who work the land. | It should be used for stock ie grazing or cropping | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 970 | Yes | I would like to see more crofts created for local families so they can produce their own sustainability. More areas put to health and wellbeing creating outdoor safe places for adults and children to work and learn skills to help them overcome challenges. Crofting skills to be introduced into out local schools. | To look after what we have . To have access to the land for mental wellbeing. | 51-60 | Female | Tenant | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 971 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 972 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 41-50 | Female | Tenant | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 973 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 31-40 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 974 | Yes | Land should be owned by communities if at all possible. Restrictions should be put on land purchase unless resident full time in the UK. Land should be used for the benefit of local people with income generation administered locally. The Crown Estate should be required to spend a high % of their income within districts. | Continuation of crofting. | 61-70 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 975 | Yes | If the land has to be owned by someone, let it be the communities who live there. I live in a part of Scotland where a billionaire is basically slowly but surely turning the area into a massive resort for the very rich, buying houses to turn into accommodation for his staff, churches etc. The community is suffering as a result. | Resilience is what's needed, everywhere. | 31-40 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 976 | Yes | First off, set a requirement from prospective purchasers of large estates (eg the [REDACTED - IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION] currently on the market) to provide a public statement of their intentions to be a 'community beneficial' landowner. Second, start taxing land like you tax income. Third, impose a premium/tax liability on non-dom/foreign owners and owners who register their landownership interest(s) in overseas tax havens. | Protecting it (Skye) from greedy windfarm developers. | Over 70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 977 | Yes | More local ownership - true community ownership. Important to make sure that the structures allow this unlike what has happened at some places where the community board have no or limited power or say in what happens and it is run by CEOs just like factors or private owners. | That it delivers biodiversity and agriculture together in balance. | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 978 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Male | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 979 | Yes | More individual crofts | Use of Croft land | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 980 | Yes | Wherever there is the DESIRE, I'd like to see land held by communites that are democratically accountable unto themselves. This opens opportunity for affordable housing, entrepreneurship, renewable energy, nature's beauty & restoration, and an enabling hand behind the young who are Scotland's future.<br><br>Privilege the "we" over the "me"! Use taxation of private land, the privileging of planning consents (incl. energy) and preferential access to public grants incl. agriculture, energy & forestry to favour community endeavours. If policies drive down the speculative value of private land, it willshift the balances of opportunity towards community agency.<br><br>Help communities to build capacity, to understand power, recognise and understand how to process conflict, and to benefit for voluntary time so those who do the most do not burn out.<br><br>Enable such common-wealth with supportive government policies and programmes, structured by subsidiarity to run, ideally, through enabling NGOs. Recognise that Scotland's future arises from the quality of its people, and this is a function of the extent to which our people are held in or integrating into communities that have structures that give life. | Conviviality, connection, groundedness, endeavour, beauty, participation & love. | 61-70 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 981 | Yes | Scottish land needs to be owned and managed by local people. Whether as communities or crofts or rural farms. It needs to be used to support the local communities and not simply managed for rich individuals abusing the land and the wildlife for their ego or entertainment. | All life deserve to be considered in the sustainability of the land | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 982 | Yes | Communities should own the land shouldn't be allowed to sell to highest bidder communities should be informed and given enough time to act | Communities should have full consultation and veto powers mandated into law | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 983 | Yes | I would like to see those born in scotland gifted or allocated at least 1 acre of land for them to build there own house and utilise the land to grow their own crops and livestock if that is what they choose. | when i see land neglected and overgrown and not used | NA | Prefer not to say | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 984 | Yes | I'd like to see much more involvement of communities in land sales and see how sales of land to large corporations can be avoided. I think landowners should engage with communities nearby on any proposed change of landuse and make use of local knowledge. We should avoid having faceless landowners who arrogantly think they know best and who are just exploiting Scottish funding and policies to make money for investers. | Access to the land, no monocultures of sitka spruce. | 61-70 | Female | Community group or development trust member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 985 | Yes | Improve the mix of public ownership sites to create a higher quality national asset. Use these sites to engage the public in a variety of land uses. On a wider point the use of land should have more diversity where possible to stop enormous tracts following one particular land management practice. Perhaps creating a maximum hectarage of land ownership per group / individual would help. Local populations should have a mandatory say in the surrounding land uses. This would help my community feel more involved. Ultimately the communities having a say is a benefit to the landowners as they will get a return from the community's positive involvement (volunteering, idea sharing, welcoming visitors, wanting to help by applying for employment etc). | Involvement of the community, consultation on the land uses and access. | 31-40 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 986 | Yes | There needs to be more collective ownership and a responsibility for Stewardship | Responsible use, enviromental and sustainable obligations | 61-70 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 987 | Yes | There is plenty of unused land in the Scottish countryside which should be made available to young couples/families to develop as crofts/small holdings or just new villages, ask the big estates what they are willing to offer and make clear that appropriation is not off the table | Land is now viewed as an investment? Makes no sense, it's desolated Scotland | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 988 | Yes | like roaming for walkers, cyclists, horsey people, runners... there should be places that off-road motorcycle enthusiasts should be allowed to use old bings, forest areas, dirt tracks and other dedicated spaces | access for everyone and especially communities and communities of interest | 51-60 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 989 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Prefer not to say | Land manager | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 990 | Yes | More local community ownership & productive use. Now the landscape is dead and unproductive. No young people are entering agriculture. Commercial forestry, rewilding & bogus carbon credits etc dominate. The village is ageing and businesses are closing. Even tourism is declining. | A mixed economy of productive agriculture & tourism. | Over 70 | Female | Landowner | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 991 | Yes | take land back from the rich landowners and give it to the people. Stop foreigners being allowed to buy up Scotland | the green patches in the city | 51-60 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 992 | Yes | Restrictions on non resident landowners. Size relevant to surrounding area, ie. 10000 acres of hill land is different management to 1000 acres arable. 10000 acre forest has nobody living there against 10000acres farmed/open can have land manager stockman, handyman for property maintenance all resident and contributing to the community 365 days of the year | Full-time community employment | 51-60 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 993 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 41-50 | Female | Local government or public sector | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 994 | Yes | I don't necessarily agree that land ownership and use are intrinsically linked and they can be considered as 2 separate things. In terms of community development I think that there are already checks and balances within the planning system to ensure that communities can benefit from the development of land where the communities are based. In addition there are already mechanisms to allow community groups to purchase land. However, there are also examples of where communities can get involved in the management of land without requiring to own that land.<br><br>I think there is more work to do to ensure public access to land, even allowing for current access rights, which in theory are fairly strong. I think there is a case for providing further incentives to landowners to improve the provision of public access through investment in improved facilities etc. Again, this does not necessarily require the community ownership of land. | Providing good opportunities for recreational access to suitable land | 51-60 | Male | Land manager | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 995 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Community group or development trust member | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 996 | Yes | I think that the land in Scotland should be owned by Scotland's people and not by foreigners who are using the estates to avoid paying taxes. I also think it should be protected from industrialisation by energy companies who are only interested in huge profits. If more crofts were created it would encourage more native people to stay in their local communities and reverse the depopulation of rural communities | Protecting it from industrialisation from all the energy companies | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 997 | Yes | Implement Land Value Taxation (LVT). Initially this could be a replacement for Council Tax and NDR. It would provide a huge and constant stream of public revenue. It would apply to all land, used or unused, with valuations based on optimum permitted use within prevailing planning and environmental constraints. It would therefore distinguish between publicly generated values (land/site values) and privately generated values (buildings and other improvements). The publicly generated values would then be recycled back into the public purse as public revenue. It would provide a powerful disincentive to land hoarding. Avoidance and evasion would be virtually impossible as land cannot be hidden, disguised or move offshore to tax havens. Economists agree that LVT is non-distortive, so there would be no damaging behavioural changes.<br><br>As to the difference it would make to society, it would be indisputably fair, as no-one built the land and ultimately we all have an equal right to it. Exclusivity of tenure, which of course we all require, would be balanced by a corresponding obligation to the rest of society in. The argument for LVT is ethically sound and unchallengable. | That it is seen as a common inheritance in which we all have a stake. | Over 70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 998 | Yes | maximum size lots, one lot only, taxed per acre | we benefit from tourism - the land is relatively unspoilt | 61-70 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 999 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 31-40 | Female | Local government or public sector | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 1000 | Yes | I would like to see an end to the single issue approach to land. Rural Scotland is a jigsaw of differing land uses, which are interdependent. Throwing away pieces of the jigsaw has detrimental consequences. Focus on single issues harms the whole. | Balanced usage. | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 1001 | Yes | Keep the right for normal working class people to roaming the land and camp responsibly. Our land should not be owned by greedy English landowners | affordable housing, not fields and farmland and forests | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 1002 | Yes | Land that a community is willing to look after to restore and improve nature and biodiversity should be transferred into community ownership by default. | Removal of the negative effects of mankind and return to nature | 61-70 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 2 | Other Urban Areas |